

Brocton Paper Chase

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FREE Basic Life Support and Defibrillator Awareness Training

The Parish Council have made arrangements for AEDdonate to run a training session, which will give all those attending the knowledge and confidence on how to use the defibrillator, should the need ever arise.

No booking required. All welcome - you might just save a life!

Venue: Brocton Village Hall

Date: Wednesday, 27 February 2019

Time: 6.30 – 8.30pm

Dates for Your Diary

Civic Amenity Lorry Visits 2019-20

The dates for visits from April 2019 – March 2020 will be confirmed in due course. Please visit the Parish Council website for the latest information.

Brocton Village Hall events

- Sat 16 Feb **Quiz Night.** Brocton Village Hall, 7.30pm. £20.00 per team of 4, to include light snacks.
- Weds 20 Feb **Coffee morning.** Brocton Village Hall, 10.00am – 12 noon. Pop along for cake and a chat with friends, All Welcome. Bring and buy sale.
- Sat 16 Mar **Disco.** Brocton Village Hall, 7.30pm. Details to be confirmed.
- Sat 13 Apr **Rummage Sale.** 1pm. Be early to grab the best bargains. Admission 20p on the door, light refreshments available.

For more information please contact Chris Allan on 01785 665466 or visit the website www.broctonvillagehall.org.uk or email info@broctonvillagehall.org.uk
Tickets can be obtained from Brocton Post Office.

Parish of Berkswich Church events

- Sun 10 Feb **Parish Valentine Lunch.** Brocton Village Hall, 12.30pm for 1.00pm. 4 course roast meal with aperitif and glass of wine. Adult - £15, Child - £7, Family - £37.00
- Tues 5 Mar **Shrove Tuesday Pancakes.** Community Hall, Baswich Lane, 12.30pm – 4.30pm. Sweet & savoury pancake plus glass of warm fruit punch. Adult - £3, Child - £1.50.
- Sat 30 Mar **Concert by Ingestre Singers.** St Thomas' Church, Walton at 7.00pm. Light supper & glass of wine. Adult - £8, Child - £4, Family - £20.00
- Sun 28 Apr **Afternoon Tea with Flower arranging demo** by Anita Wright. Community Hall, Baswich Lane, 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Adult - £10, Child - £5, Family - £25.00
- Sat 25 May **Parish BBQ.** Grounds of St Thomas' Church, Walton, from 6.00pm. With salads, desserts, bar & live entertainment. Adult - £8, Child - £4, Family - £20.00

For more information and/or tickets please contact Bob Moore, 01785 664302.

Mobile Library Visits



Mobile Library Visits in Brocton

Brocton Village Green: 10.15 – 10.45am on Wednesdays as follows:
6 and 27 February and 20 March 2019

Please support this service or its future may be in doubt.

Ladies Exercise Class

Brocton Village Hall, Thursday evening 7.30 – 8.45pm.
Suitable for all ages and abilities. For more information contact Monica Mudway on 01785
662868

Yoga Classes

Brocton Village Hall, Monday afternoon 1.30 – 3.00pm
And Tuesday afternoon 4.30 – 6.00pm

To book a place please contact diane.ralphs108@gmail.com or mobile 07709 613107

Brocton Pre-School Playgroup

Brocton Village Hall, Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri mornings 9.30am – 12.30pm.
Learning through play for children from the age of 2 – 4 years old.

Brocton Baby and Toddlers (under 5's group)

Brocton Village Hall, Wednesday mornings from 10am – 11.30am, £2.50 charge

For more information on either of the above please contact Amanda Nixon on 07875 193427 or
email broctonplaygroup@tiscali.co.uk

Neighbourhood News

PLEASE DON'T FORGET - Parish Council Elections May 2019

Just a reminder that the Parish Council Elections will be taking place in May 2019 and if you wish to become involved and support your local community then why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor. If interested please contact the Clerk clerk@brocton.staffslc.gov.uk

Make a change by becoming a local Councillor. Your local council has an overall responsibility for the wellbeing of the local community and their work falls into 3 categories: delivery of services; improvement of the quality of life for residents and giving communities a democratic voice. As a local Councillor you can become the voice for your community and make a real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve. Local Councillors have 3 main responsibilities: decision making; monitoring and getting involved locally.

To be a local Councillor you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

Parish Council meeting dates from April 2019 – March 2020

The Parish Council meeting dates are as follows:

3 April 2019 – normal Parish Council meeting

May 2019 – Annual Parish meeting * **Date to be confirmed**

15 May 2019 – Annual meeting of the Council, followed by normal Parish Council meeting **

5 June 2019 – normal Parish Council meeting

3 July 2019 – normal Parish Council meeting

August 2019 – no meeting

4 September 2019 – normal Parish Council meeting

2 October 2019 – normal Parish Council meeting

6 November 2019 – normal Parish Council meeting

4 December 2019 – normal Parish Council meeting

8 January 2020 – budget meeting only

5 February 2020 – normal Parish Council meeting

4 March 2020 – normal Parish Council meeting

***This is not a normal Parish Council meeting.** It is a meeting that is convened by the Parish Council for the residents of the Parish and is an opportunity for residents to raise current issues within the community. The Parish Council hope that the Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Project Officers will attend and provide an update on the strategies that are being worked on to improve Cannock Chase, with the focus being placed upon the area around Brocton.

****At this meeting, the Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected, along with any other specific Committee members.** This is a Parish Council meeting.

Update on Brook Lane – for some time now the Parish Council has been in discussion with Staffordshire County Council about the classification of Brook Lane. These discussions have now concluded and the full details can be found on the Parish Council website www.broctonparishcouncil.co.uk

Dog fouling within the village

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in the amount of dog fouling within the village. The Parish Council would like to remind all dog owners that they must clean up after their pets. This request applies to surfaced paths, bridleways, grassed paths, fields and also to the Chase.

Once you've cleaned up after your pet, please don't leave the plastic bag on a tree/branch or thrown the bag into hedges or leave on the grass; there are a number of bins located around the village that you can use.

REMINDER - August 2019 edition of the Paperchase

The Parish Council is currently reviewing the number of editions of the Paperchase that it produces each year and is considering reducing this to 3 editions, in February, May and November. However, before any final decisions are made, we wish to inform you that the August 2019 edition will be available solely on the Parish Council website and no hard copy version will be printed. If you have any thoughts or comments regarding the publication of the Paperchase, good or bad, as well as the intention to publish the August 2019 edition on the website please inform the Clerk at clerk@brocton.staffslc.gov.uk so that your views can be considered in any final decisions that are made.

Brocton Football Club



Brocton's spectators have certainly had good value for money in the run-up to, and just after the festive period. There were goals galore in encounters with Paget Rangers, Heather St Johns, Ilkeston, Lichfield, Heath Hayes, & Nuneaton. In 9 games involving these teams there were no fewer than 66 goals! Despite the fact that Brocton scored just 24 of these, they still provided excellent entertainment, which was reflected in good attendances at Silkmore Lane, at a time of the year when they are traditionally low. Brocton stunned high-riding Lichfield City after going down 6-1 at Lichfield, they bounced back the following weekend with a fine 5-4 victory. They also played out a 0-0 draw against Cadbury, then 3rd-placed in the league, many spectators described this one of the best scoreless draws they had seen.

At the time of writing they are still in one cup competition – the JW Hunt cup in which they visit West Midlands premier side Tividale. In the Walsall senior cup they played well against Walsall FC, but in the end experience showed and the visitors returned 3-0 winners. Brocton put up less of a fight in the game at Ilkeston in the league cup, the hosts are top of the premier division, and ran up an emphatic 7-0 scoreline.

The team are comfortably positioned mid-table, which, if maintained will be just reward for some very good performances by what is basically a young side.

The fixture schedule in the U- 21 team's division left them without a game between 8th December and 12th January. They started up after the break with a creditable 0-0 draw at 3rd placed Boldmere. Like the first team, they too are currently placed mid-table with 5 wins and 5 defeats- the draw at Boldmere was their 1st of the season.

Under-18 Side:

After the Christmas break the Brocton U18 team got back into action with a win away to Chasetown, which took them to second place in the Premier Division of the Lichfield and District Recreational League.

The fixture schedule was such that the same two teams met again, this time at Silkmore Lane, the following Sunday, and the 2 – 0 result of last week was reversed with the visitors also taking away a 2 – 0 win.

The young Badgers battled well but fell to a worthy first goal from distance which fizzed into the net and then conceded with only minutes to go as they chased the game.

The Brocton lads consoled themselves with the memory of an earlier 3–1 win against the same team in the League Cup.

Following a glut of home games, there remain just three league home games for the first team this season:

Feb	9	NFK Burbage
Mar	9	Uttoxeter Town
Apl	22	Rocester

All ko at 3pm. Get the latest news at www.pitchero.com/clubs/broctonfc

General Information of Interest

My Staffs App – Advice & Support

The police are often asked for advice and support and there is often expectation from members of the public that they will provide all of the answers. Unfortunately, the police are not always best placed or the right service to answer some of the questions being raised with them.

MyStaffs is an online portal that gives access to all sorts of services – council, police, fire and voluntary services, where members of the public can report issues such as abandoned vehicles, road defects, fly tipping, noise complaints, etc., and also pay fines as well as finding all sorts of advice and information. The following are covered:

- Benefits support
- Domestic abuse service and support
- Mental health support
- Voluntary and charitable organisations
- Things to do – leisure activities, community groups, lunch clubs
- Volunteering, community, befriending groups and activities
- Health and wellbeing services
- Children's services
- Parenting services
- Keeping safe and crime prevention advice

This tool offers a multitude of services easily accessible in one place. Familiarisation and use of this application is encouraged as it can provide you with lots of information to support and services across Staffordshire. This can easily be downloaded as an App onto any mobile device. It is there to assist people access help and support for themselves at the earliest opportunity which is important for all but especially for those who are most vulnerable.

www.broctonparishcouncil.co.uk

Clerk to the Council

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Useful Contact Numbers:

Staffordshire Police Non Emergency Number: 101 www.staffordshire.police.uk
Crimestoppers: 0800 555111 you can call this number anonymously with information about crime.
Neighbourhood Watch Membership Local co-ordinator: Cllr Robin Bates – Tel: 01785 661518
Staffordshire County Council. www.staffordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 111 8000
Stafford Borough Council. www.staffordbc.gov.uk Tel: 01785 619000
Deer Casualties: Telephone Staffordshire Police non emergency number: **101**
Good Neighbour Scheme. 07599 956939
To report fly tipping; grimewatch@staffordbc.gov.uk or call 01785 619402.

Should you require any help or assistance with any matter you can contact any of the people below who will be happy to try to help

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Who do I call if there is a power cut?

If you need to speak to Western Power Distribution in an emergency, perhaps because you are experiencing a loss of power supply, you can use the following numbers:

105, from a landline or mobile or 0800 328 1111 from a landline or 0330 123 5008 from a mobile. * calls to 0330 numbers cost no more than a local rate number from a landline or mobile.

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