



# TOWN TALK

Broseley Town Council's Newsletter

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## **Town Council moves into Library**

Following alterations to the interior of the library, Town Council staff are expected to move into their new office within the library building in early April. The Town Council will be responsible for the management of the library and adjacent car park from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

Telephone numbers for the library and Town Council will remain the same, as will the opening hours of the library. The customer service point will no longer be staffed by Shropshire Council. A dedicated computer and telephone will be provided and Town Council and library staff will provide support to members of the public as required.

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## **Power Station Artefacts come to Broseley**

We are very pleased to report that a number of artefacts from the Ironbridge Power Station will be finding a new home in Broseley. Uniper have donated the items to the Town Council following a successful bid by a team of local enthusiasts including Paul Taylor (Chairman of the Heritage Centre Project), Gill Pope (Local History Society), Graham Hollox and Town Councillors.

The items include four large, metal sculptures by Gerry Foxall, which will be sited around the town for all to see. The sculptures depict workers, horses and wagons, as used in the coal mining industry. The other, smaller pieces include Coalport china figurines, signage, prints, commemorative items and a visitors' book dating from 1933. It is planned to display these artefacts in the proposed Broseley Heritage Centre, within All Saints Church.

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## **Everybody Active Broseley**

Residents, community groups and organisations in Broseley are invited to be part of a new initiative to address physical inactivity in the town. The scheme is part of Shropshire's Everybody Active Every Day Community fund project, which is being piloted in just four towns across Shropshire.

An Everybody Active Broseley working group is being set up to launch the scheme in the town. The group will engage and work with the local community to come up with ideas for projects. Organisations in Broseley and Barrow will be invited to submit their projects to encourage physical activity, in particular amongst less active groups. The projects can be targeted to any or all ages,

from early years to later life. The projects will then go out to a public vote in the town to determine which ones will be taken forward and funded.

The maximum amount available to each of the four pilot towns is £30,000, but this will be adjusted according to community response and to ensure a genuine competition can take place. The response to this competitive process will indicate the level of successful community engagement.

If you are interested in joining the working group, please contact Kerry Rogers, Community Enablement Officer on 07990 085206 or email [kerry.rogers@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:kerry.rogers@shropshire.gov.uk)

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## **Bus Service Update**

With cutbacks at Shropshire Council, there have been concerns that local bus services might suffer. However, the General Manager at Arriva in Telford has confirmed that service 9, which connects Telford, Ironbridge, Broseley, Bridgnorth and Wolverhampton is, in the main, a commercial operation with no changes planned for the foreseeable future. Service 18, which is subsidised and operates a limited number of trips per day between Telford and Much Wenlock, has a contract which is not due to expire until 2020.

The bus route through Broseley includes many narrow roads. If you are parking your car on one of these roads (particularly Barber Street, Duke Street, King Street), please remember to leave space for the bus to pass.

## BMX Track for the Birchmeadow

With all necessary permissions now in place, arrangements are being confirmed for the construction of the BMX Track on the Birchmeadow Park in the spring. Once the ground is dry enough, work will start on site. Look out for details of an opening ceremony and BMX showcase event in the coming months.

## Planning Matters

Two planning applications for Broseley have recently been determined at appeal. The application for a residential development of 21 dwellings on land south of Coalport Road was refused. Planning permission was granted for a residential development of six houses on land adjacent to Park View.

Information on planning matters and details of all planning applications for Shropshire can be found on Shropshire Council's website at <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/planning>

## Broseley in Bloom

Broseley in Bloom are gearing up for the coming summer when the town will once again be displaying its range of colourful tubs and hanging baskets. They will also be holding an **Open Gardens Day** on the afternoon of **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**. Arrangements for this are well in hand, but should any enthusiastic gardeners in Broseley like to open their gardens on that day the committee would be delighted to hear from them.

This year will also see the return of the Garden Competitions. These will be held in three categories – best tubs and baskets, best business/organisation garden and best private house garden. Judging will take place in July and entrance forms will be available around the town in due course.

In the meantime, there is plenty of work needed to keep the town neat and tidy. The small band of volunteers who do the work would appreciate an occasional offer of help. If anyone can spare time on the odd Saturday morning, please contact Carol Cooper on 01952 882715.

## Broseley Camera Club

Broseley Camera Club will be holding an exhibition of their members' photographs at the Birchmeadow Centre in Broseley from **1st March to 30th June**. The theme for the exhibition is Black and White.

Broseley Camera Club is a small, informal group of enthusiasts who meet at 7.30 pm on the last Monday of the month at the Birchmeadow Centre and new members are always welcome. There is no membership fee but members are asked to pay £1.50 per meeting which they attend to defray hire costs. Contact Jan Lancaster, 01952 884766 or email [malmxuk@aol.com](mailto:malmxuk@aol.com), for more information.

## Council Meetings

Full Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Birchmeadow Centre at 7.00pm. Public participation is from 7.00–7.10pm. Forthcoming dates are 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May (the Annual Meeting) and 14<sup>th</sup> June. Agendas for all meetings are available from the Town Clerk and are displayed on notice boards and on the web site.

Town Councillors		Town Clerk
Mr Michael Burton	07980 419032	Mrs Trudi Barrett
Mr Roy Childs	883510	Town Clerk
Mr Andrew Cooke	884083	Unit 6,
Mrs Lyn Garbett	883412	The Instones Building
Mr Michael Garbett	883412	The Square
Mr Simon Harris	882003	Broseley
Ms Jean Jones	882650	TF12 5EW
Mr Ian Pickles	882505	Tel: 01952 882172
Mr Dilwyn Scott	884673	e-mail: <a href="mailto:broseleytc.clerk@btinternet.com">broseleytc.clerk@btinternet.com</a>
Mr Peter Smith	884769	web site:
Mr Alan Taylor	07889 939398	<a href="http://www.2shrop.net/BroseleyTownCouncil">www.2shrop.net/BroseleyTownCouncil</a>
Members may be contacted directly or via the Clerk.		The office is open to the public on Tuesdays, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

## Visit Broseley

The Visit Broseley website, [www.visitbroseley.co.uk](http://www.visitbroseley.co.uk) continues to develop. The website includes information about what's on, where to stay and eat, places to visit, local history, clubs and activities and more. Do visit the site and take a look. To add information about your organisation, club, group, business or event visit the website or e-mail [visitbroseley@gmail.com](mailto:visitbroseley@gmail.com)

## Made in Broseley

Totally Locally will be showcasing Broseley artists, crafters, photographers and ceramic artists at the Victoria Hall on **Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**, 10am – 3pm. There will be around 20 different exhibitors as well as refreshments. Admission is free. For further details contact Julie Owen at [julieowen@uwclub.net](mailto:julieowen@uwclub.net) or on 0789 1288 348.

## Broseley Festival

Make a note in your diaries of the date for this year's Broseley Festival. The weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June will see the town alive with music, stalls, entertainment and fun. Headlining on Sunday will be The Superskas, a "super cool, high octane, 9 piece SKA tribute band."

## Shropshire Councillor Surgeries

Forthcoming surgery dates for Councillor Jean Jones are 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June. Surgeries are held at the Victoria Hall between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.

David Turner, Shropshire Councillor for Much Wenlock and Broseley Wood will hold surgeries on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April at Willey Village Hall and Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June at Much Wenlock Museum, between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon.

## Birchmeadow Centre

For information about the wide range of events, entertainment and facilities at The Birchmeadow Centre, visit the website: [www.birchmeadow.org.uk](http://www.birchmeadow.org.uk)

