

THE BILBROOK BUZZ

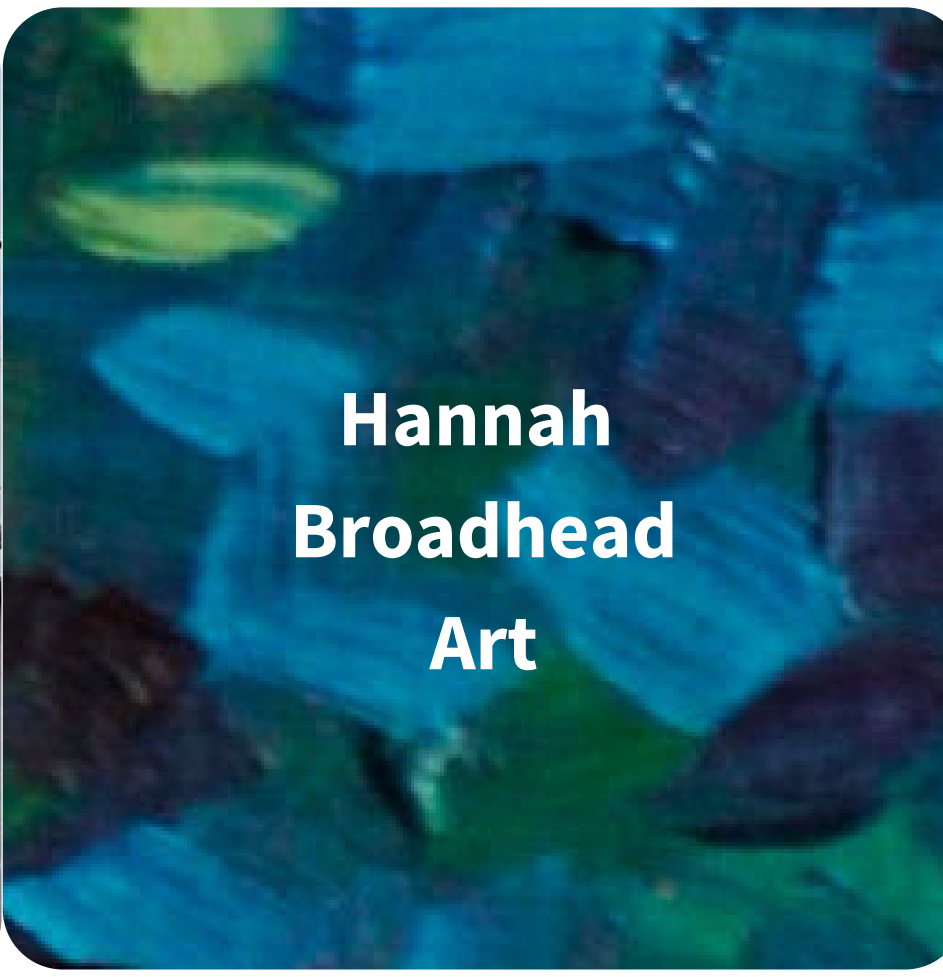
THE NEWSLETTER OF BILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL



Peppa & Sonic



KING CHARLES III
CORONATION • 6TH MAY 2023



Hannah Broadhead Art

Bilbrook Coronation Celebrations

Monday 8th May 2023 - 12:00 noon-6:00 pm

Programme of Events

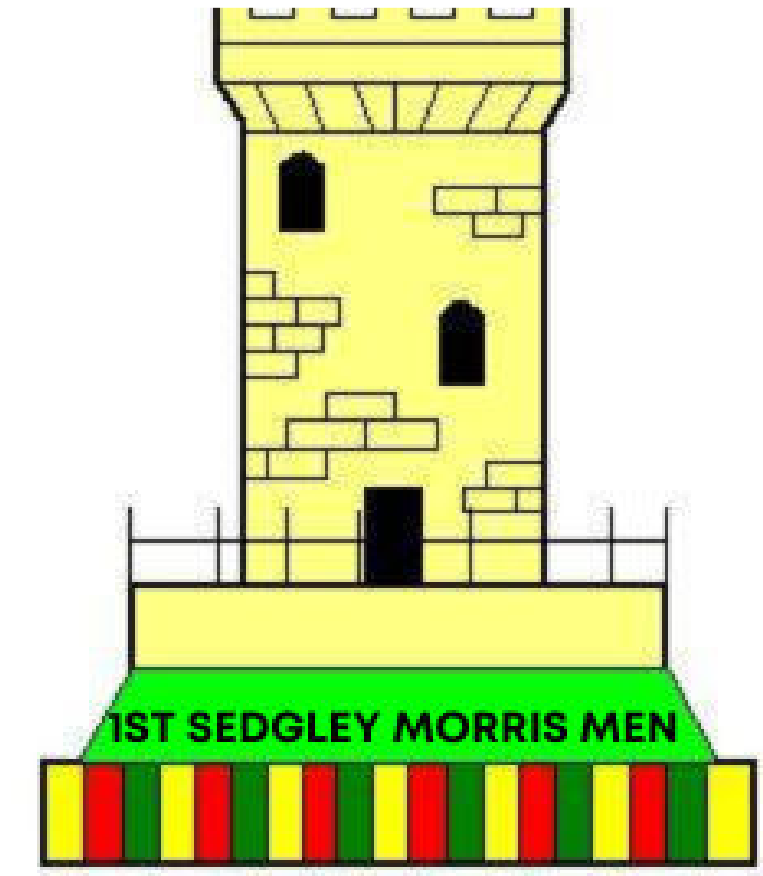
Bilbrook Road Stage - 12:00-4:00pm

12:00pm Event opening by BPC Chairman, Peppa Pig & Sonic the Hedgehog

1:00pm & 2:00pm Sedgley Morris Men

3:00pm Last Night of the Proms - Wulfrun Warblers

Link/QR Code for the song sheet
<https://tinyurl.com/BilbrookProms>



1ST SEDGLEY MORRIS MEN



Lane Green School PTFA

Holy Cross Church Hall - 12:00-4:00pm

12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm - Punch & Judy (Mr Sparkle)

Free painting, tea & coffee & Coronation-themed colouring!

Woodman Car Park Stage - 2:00pm-6:00pm

Mini Music Fest

2:00pm - Paul Gooderham

3:00pm - Sam Draisey and the Revolt

4:30pm - The Replicas



Bilbrook Village Green - 12:00-4:00pm

Bouncy Castles, Food, Drink & other stalls, Jimmy the Mower & Charles III Scarecrow

Timings may change so please follow the link / QR Code for the latest timings. <https://tinyurl.com/BilbrookCoronation>



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

"The church at the heart of our community"



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Email clerk@bilbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk
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www.facebook.com/BilbrookParishCouncil/



BILBROOK CORONATION CELEBRATIONS MONDAY 8TH MAY 2023

Not long to go until our Coronation Celebrations! We are looking forward to welcoming the community to an afternoon of music and celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III. We hope you will join us no matter the weather from 12 noon on Monday 8th May. More details can be found on pages 2 and 4 of the Buzz.

BILBROOK MAY DAY WALK

We sometimes forget how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful Parish. The Parish Council wants to encourage residents to get active and enjoy what we have on our doorstep. With the help of Bilbrook Walking Group, we are organising a walk on the May Day bank holiday. Well, it will be two walks! A long one and a short to give residents of all abilities the option to do one or both walks: Provisional timings are as follows:

- 10:00 am - a 4-mile walk to Clewley Coppice & back.
- 1:00 pm - a 1.5-mile walk to Jubilee Wood & back.

Both walks will start at Bilbrook Village Hall where refreshments will be provided following each walk. Parking is available at the Village Hall and the car park on the bend of Joeyes Lane, however, residents are encouraged to come on foot. You are advised to bring a drink, wear suitable clothing and footwear and be prepared in case of a change in the weather. Please check the final details on our website <https://tinyurl.com/BilbrookWalk>

Bilbrook Coronation Celebrations

LIVE MUSIC | PUNCH & JUDY | FOOD & DRINK | CRAFTS & STALLS

Mon 8 May 2023 | 12pm-6pm

Bilbrook Village Green & Surrounds

Bilbrook Coronation Mini Music Fest

Monday 8th May 2023
2:00pm-6:00pm

Paul Gooderham | The Replicas | SAM DRAISEY AND THE REVOLT

BILBROOK MAY DAY WALK

MONDAY 1ST MAY 2023

A great opportunity to enjoy our beautiful parish.



BILBROOK CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

CORONATION SOUVENIR

We have a limited number of Coronation keyrings to give out on the 8th May. The delightful wooden keyrings have been specially made for the Parish Council by Bilbrook company Mathias & Locke to commemorate the day.



WILDFLOWER SEEDS

At the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Parish Council gave out a few packets of wildflower seeds for residents to plant in their gardens to create more places for butterflies & bees to thrive. They were such a hit that we have decided to give out more seeds at the Coronation event so make sure you get there early to get yours!



The Parish Council would like to thank Staffs County Council for the Climate Action Fund grant to buy the seeds.



CORONATION THANKS

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Mullins and another local resident who have crocheted crowns for our Coronation celebrations; One for our Coronation Scarecrow and one for our postbox topper.



Thanks too to the Parish Clerk and the Assistant Clerk who have been making the scarecrow in their own time. Make sure you send us photos with the scarecrow at our coronation celebrations.

POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Miss Claire L Webb, who won our Coronation poster competition with a fantastic drawing of Bilbrook Village Green and the War Memorial. (You can see the poster on page 1)

YARN BOMB & BUNTING

By the time you receive this, we should have finished decorating the village Red, White and Blue to celebrate the Coronation.



ROYAL TREASURE HUNT

The Parish Council with the help of Bilbrook shops is holding a Coronation Themed Treasure Hunt in the village.



You can get more details, download the entry form or use the online form by following the below for more details. <https://tinyurl.com/BPCTreasureHunt>

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LCAS - QUALITY



Bilbrook Parish Council is delighted to have achieved the prestigious Quality Award of the Local Council Award Scheme.

The Quality Award demonstrates that the council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Quality councils go above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

VOLUNTEER COFFEE MORNING

The Parish Council is inviting volunteers to join them for a coffee morning to say thank you for everything they do for Bilbrook.

We are also inviting residents to come along and find out about volunteering.

BILBROOK VOLUNTEER COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 14th May 2023
10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Bilbrook Village Hall

To thank our local volunteers and promote volunteering opportunities



BPC COMMUNITY AWARDS

Bilbrook Parish Council Community Awards celebrates members of the community who have improved the lives of Bilbrook people.. You can nominate an individual or group for an award by using our online nomination form. <https://bit.ly/BilbrookAwards> The closing date is Wednesday 3rd May 2023. Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Coffee Morning (See details above)



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Community Speedwatch is now up and running. More volunteers are always needed. Contact Bilbrook Parish Council to help keep Bilbrook roads safe.



FRIENDS OF BILBROOK REPAIR CAFE

Well done to the Friends of Bilbrook who held a 2nd successful repair cafe in March, completing 49 repairs, including bikes, jewellery, sewing & electrical repairs. Their next Repair Cafe is Sat. 17 June, 2-5 pm at Bilbrook Village Hall.

The repair cafe helps to avoid waste, thereby helping the environment. Everyone is welcome - you can even have a cuppa and a cake!



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LOCAL ELECTIONS - THURS 4TH MAY

South Staffs District Council elections will take place on Thursday 4th May. Please check your polling card for your polling station. For Bilbrook, these are:

- Bilbrook Village Hall, Joeys Lane
- Holy Cross Church Hall, Bilbrook Rd



You now need photo ID to vote at a polling station

For these and all future elections you will need to show a photo I.D. at the polling station to vote. For details of elections in South Staffs follow the link below: <https://tinyurl.com/BPCElections>

Local government election		Statement of persons nominated	
Local government election			
Local authority name:	South Staffordshire Council		
Name of ward:	Bilbrook		
Date of election:	04/05/2023		
The following people have been or stand nominated for election to this ward. Those who no longer stand nominated have a comment in the right hand column.			
Candidate name	Address of candidate	Description of candidate	Reason why candidate no longer nominated
ARMITAGE Richard Paul	57 Ringhills Road, Bilbrook, WV8 1LE	Conservative Party Candidate	
BURNETT Gary	(address in South Staffordshire)	Green Party candidate	
HILLBACK Ryan Duncan	(address in South Staffordshire)	Conservative Party Candidate	
HOPKINS Fiona	(address in South Staffordshire)	Green Party candidate	

GOODBYE & THANK YOU

Several councillors, some long-standing, have stood down at these elections. On behalf of Bilbrook residents, we thank them for everything they have done for the Parish.

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

The Parish Council Elections due to take place on the 4th of May were uncontested as ten nominations were received for the thirteen seats. All ten candidates were duly elected leaving three vacancies to be filled by co-option. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences, who are passionate about Bilbrook and want to make a difference.

To be considered please email your expression of interest to clerk@bilbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk detailing why you are interested in becoming a councillor and what skill set and experience you can bring to the role. Details of the co-option process which starts after the election can be found by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/BPCCo-option>

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



The draft Neighbourhood Plan policies are now being written by a consultant.

In the coming months we will enter a consultation period advising residents and any other stakeholders of the details of our draft policies which will look at ensuring that Bilbrook stays a great place to live now and in the future. Some of the areas we're looking at are:

- Local Green Space
- Heritage
- Place and Design (for development)

(All costs of the Neighbourhood Plan are covered by a Government Grant).

PARISH MEETINGS

Full Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm (except in August) at Bilbrook Village Hall. Due to the local elections this year, the next meeting will be held on 17th May at 7pm.

KEY CONTACTS

South Staffordshire District Council - 01902 696000
www.sstaffs.gov.uk

Staffordshire County Council - 0300 111 8000
www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Staffordshire Highways - 0300 111 8000

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Staffordshire Police - 111 for a non-emergency or 999 for an emergency. www.staffordshire.police.uk

CrimeStoppers - report crime anonymously on 0800 555111

Staffordshire Smart Alert - Sign up for Police Alerts - www.staffordshiresmartalert.co.uk

Bilbrook Medical Centre - 01902 847313

Bilbrook Village Hall bookings: 07511 339598

Holy Cross Church Hall bookings: 01902 212405

QUICK LINKS

No. 5 Bus timetable - <https://tinyurl.com/Bilbrook5>

South Staffs Council Blue Bags - <https://bit.ly/37y6AdP>

Report a pothole - <https://bit.ly/SCCHighways>

Allotment waiting list - <https://bit.ly/AllotmentWaitingList>

News on Bin Collections - www.sstaffs.gov.uk/waste

What's on Codsall Library - <https://tinyurl.com/CodsallLibrary>

BIN NOT EMPTIED?

Call **Biffa** on
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