

THE BILBROOK BUZZ

THE NEWSLETTER OF BILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL



View of the Shropshire Union Canal from the Wobaston Road

THE BUZZ IS BACK

It's been a while but we are back with updates about events and news in Bilbrook!

LAND EAST OF BILBROOK MILL



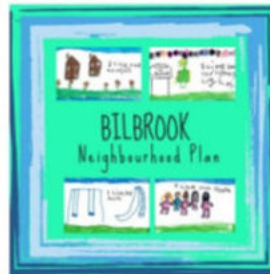
Thank you to Bilbrook Residents who added their comments to the consultation on the planning application by Bloor Developments on the land east of Bilbrook Mill, bordered by Barnhurst Lane, Pendeford Mill Lane, and Lane Green Road. Of the 47 comments left, 46 were objections to the plan. Bilbrook Parish Council has also objected to the application. The online consultation has now closed, but comments can still be emailed to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk quoting 24/00793/OUTM.

PENSION CREDIT ADVICE

Pension Credit has been in the news a lot recently. If you are unsure whether or not you're entitled to Pension Credit or any other benefits, Age UK can offer advice and guidance. You can contact the local branch on [01902 572060](tel:01902572060)



BILBROOK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



We have completed the draft policies for the Neighbourhood Plan and they have been through informal screening by South Staffordshire Council. In the coming weeks we'll be conducting informal consultations with property owners, business owners and residents

on our proposed policies to protect our neighbourhood centres and Bilbrook's heritage. Check our notice boards, website, Facebook and Instagram pages for future updates.

UNWANTED CALLERS

Unwanted knocks at the door from strangers can be a nuisance, or worse, especially if they happen regularly. You can cut out the image below and display in your window to prevent unwelcome visitors. For more crime prevention advice visit <https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Our popular Christmas Lights Switch-On event returns on Friday 29th November. Join us on the Village Green to light up Bilbrook! We'll have the fair, some wonderful stalls, plenty to eat and drink, songs and entertainment. And as always, there will be one or two special guests.

BILBROOK AT CHRISTMAS
Friday 29th November
From 6pm
on Bilbrook Village Green

SONGS ENTERTAINMENT FUN FAIR

SPECIAL GUESTS FATHER CHRISTMAS

LET'S LIGHT UP BILBROOK!

STALLS FOOD

BILBROOK
PARISH COUNCIL

WE DON'T DO POTHOLES!

Staffordshire County Council is responsible for fixing potholes not the Parish Council. You can raise road defects via their reporting portal. www.bit.ly/SCCHighways



If you think callers are bogus

DON'T LET THEM IN

should you feel in any danger,
phone **999** Immediate

BOLLARDS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

The village green has recently undergone a makeover, with the replacement of the old, rotting wooden bollards. Thanks to a successful application for National Lottery Funding, we were able to enhance this area for the benefit of the community. A big thank you to the South Staffordshire Council Street Scene team, who installed smart, new bollards. These now feature the Bilbrook Parish Council logo. Additionally, several have been designed to allow bikes to be padlocked to them, encouraging cycling..



WOODMAN INN CAR PARK

The Parish Council is delighted with the Woodman Inn refurbishment, however, we are disappointed by the decision made by Greene King, to restrict the pub's car park to patrons only. The Parish Council is asking Greene King for a grace period of two hours to allow residents and visitors to park briefly on the Woodman car park while dropping off/picking up children from school or running errands. Please join us by emailing Greene King and letting them know how important short-term parking is for Bilbrook. www.greeneking.co.uk/contact-us/customer-service

VILLAGE SIGN CLEANING

The Parish Council is very grateful to local company Bradleys Window Cleaning who have been doing their bit for the community by cleaning Bilbrook road signs for free.



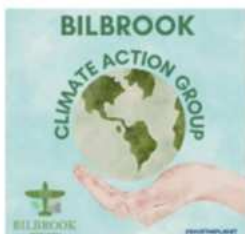
VILLAGE SIGN REPLACEMENT

We have recently replaced the signs around the village as the old ones were looking a bit worse for wear. We hope that people visiting or driving through the village will take note to drive slowly and take their litter home. We would like to thank South Staffordshire Council for installing the signs.



CLIMATE ACTION BILBROOK

Bilbrook Parish Council wants to contribute to and promote changes that reduce the extent of climate change, and increase resilience; both within council operations and the wider community.



The Council recently voted to approve a net zero action plan, which involves the review of all Council processes to ensure that the most sustainable and carbon-friendly practices are followed. This includes the use of LED light bulbs, encouraging Councillors and Staff to use active travel to and from meetings, and ensuring that suppliers are local wherever possible, and using sustainable practices themselves. The Council is also committed to minimising waste, using recyclable materials, and raising awareness of how Councillors, Staff, and Residents can all help towards a sustainable society and a reduction in carbon footprint.

The Bilbrook Climate Action Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. The Group has so far been involved with the Staffordshire Anti-Idling Campaign, encouraging drivers to switch off their engines when stationary, tree planting along Bilbrook Road to reduce carbon and mitigate flood risk, and will be looking at domestic fuel poverty and waste in the Parish soon. New members of the group are always welcome, so if you are interested in making Bilbrook a carbon-neutral, sustainable Parish, do come along. The next meeting is on 27th November, 7pm at Bilbrook Village Hall.

NEW BUS SHELTER ON DUCK LANE



Thank you to Staffordshire County Council for installing a new bus shelter on Duck Lane. The shelter has real-time bus arrival information, to check when the next bus is due.



BILBROOK ROAD STREET TREES

Thank you to volunteers from Friends of Bilbrook, Forest of Mercia CIC, Parish Councillors and residents who planted 8 new trees; a mix of Rowan and Wild Cherry, along Bilbrook Road. The trees were free from the Trees for Climate initiative and will help reduce carbon and mitigate flooding.



PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr M Adams - West Ward
Cllr S Adams - West Ward (Chairman)
Cllr S Bailey - East Ward
Cllr G Burnett - West Ward (Vice-Chair)
Cllr B Coppola - East Ward
Cllr F Hopkins - West Ward
Cllr D Hutchinson - East Ward
Cllr P Hutchinson - East Ward
Cllr S Keogh - East Ward
Cllr S Leedham - West Ward
Cllr A Lloyd - East Ward
Cllr G Price - Lane Green Ward
Casual Vacancy - East Ward

We are in the process of issuing all councillors with councillor emails. In the meantime, please contact them via the Parish Office. (see page 4)

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.

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>

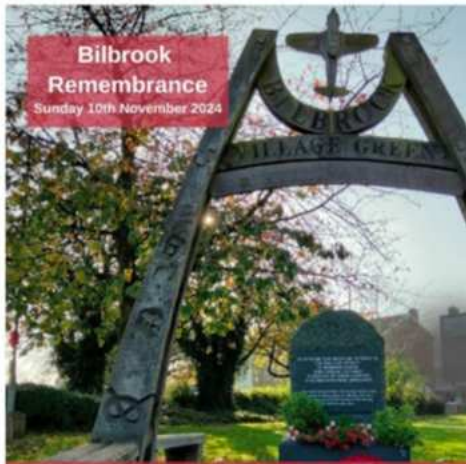
BIN NOT EMPTIED?

Call **Biffa** on
01543 578832



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BILBROOK

Bilbrook Remembrance
Sunday 10th November 2024




9:50 am for 10:00 am - Service of Remembrance at Holy Cross Church, Bilbrook
10:45 am - Procession from Holy Cross Church to Bilbrook War Memorial
11:00 am - Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Bilbrook Village Green

Anyone wishing to lay a wreath at the Act of Remembrance, please contact the Parish Clerk, tel: 01902 840007 or email: clerk@bilbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk. To purchase wreaths please email the Royal British Legion Cotswold Poppy Appeal at cotswoldpoppyappeal@rbl.org.uk

Next Meet-up
13th November
JOIN US FOR OUR

Menopause Meet-up



2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

6.30 PM - 8 PM
BILBROOK VILLAGE HALL,
JOEYS LANE

Bilbrook in a bygone age
An illustrated talk by Judy Davies
Wednesday 20th November 2024
2:00- 3:00 pm
Bilbrook Village Hall, Joey's Lane, Bilbrook, WV8 1JL



A whistlestop tour of 1,000 years of Bilbrook's history followed by slides of old Bilbrook and Lane Green.

Please join us after the talk for refreshments and to share your photos & memories of Bilbrook.

There is no charge, however, a donation to Cotswold & Bilbrook History Society would be appreciated.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
The church at the heart of our community

BILBROOK

Regular Sessions at Holy Cross Church Hall


DAY / CLASS	TIME	WHEN	CONTACT	TEL NO.
MONDAY				
Yoga	10am - 11am	Weekly	Caroline	07748300481
Suttie School of Dance	7pm - 8pm	Weekly	Carol	07912691707
TUESDAY				
Zumba	9.30am - 10.30am	Weekly	Michelle	07745996316
Knit & Natter	2pm - 4pm	Weekly	Pat	01902844885
Sound Bath	7pm - 8pm	Monthly	Paula	07531762689
Bilbrook Folk Club	7.30pm - 10pm	2 nd Tuesday	Jean	01952 812601
WEDNESDAY				
Fit & Fabulous	10am - 11am	Weekly	Lisa	07773326373
Energise Yoga	6pm - 7pm	Weekly	Paula	07531762689
Beginners Yoga	7.15pm - 8.15pm	Weekly	Paula	07531762689
THURSDAY				
Coffee Pop-in	10am - 11.30am	Weekly	Mike	07974993880
FRIDAY				
Fit & Fabulous	10am - 11am	Weekly	Lisa	07773326373
Suttie School of Dance	4pm - 6pm	Weekly	Carol	07912691707
SATURDAY				
Suttie School of Dance	9am - 6pm	Weekly	Carol	07912691707
Holy Cross Film Night	7pm - 9pm	Monthly	Mike	07974993880

REGULAR CLASSES/GROUPS AT BILBROOK VILLAGE HALL


DAY / CLASS	TIME	WHEN	CONTACT	TEL / EMAIL
MONDAY				
Baby Sensory Class	10:00am to 11:00am 11:30am to 12:30pm 1:00pm to 2:00pm	Weekly	Leanne	07882 168495
St John Ambulance	6:00pm	Weekly	Andrew/ Angela	07887 822498
TUESDAY				
Weight Management	10:00-12:00pm	Weekly	Everyone Health	0333 005 0095
Invigorate Pilates by Nina	6-45pm	Weekly	Nina	07950 676446
WEDNESDAY				
Invigorate Pilates by Nina	9:30am	Weekly	Nina	07950 676446
Menopause Meet-up	6:30pm	2nd Wednesday	Bilbrook Parish Council	01902 840007
Bilbrook Climate Action Group	7:00pm	4th Wednesday	Bilbrook Parish Council	01902 840007
THURSDAY				
Bollyfit with Pooja	9:30am	Weekly	Pooja	07376 437753
Beautiful Flower Tai Chi	1:00pm-3pm	Weekly	Nicola	Nicolataji@yahoo.co.uk
Zumba with Karina	7:00pm	Weekly	Karina	07540 055961
FRIDAY				
Baby Sensory Class	10:00am to 11:00am 11:30am to 12:30pm 1:00pm to 2:00pm	Weekly	Leanne	07882 168495

Timings may be different during school holidays. Please call the telephone numbers above to confirm schedules and pricing.


Updated 1st October 2024



COFFEE BREAK




Coffee Pop-In



Just the place for a friendly face, a drink and a chat

HOLY CROSS CHURCH HALL EVERY THURSDAY FROM 10 o'clock



CHRISTMAS PARTY - THURS 19TH DEC

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LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY