

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Newsletter August 2019**  
**CHAIRMAN'S NOTES**

Several items of good news this month.

As of 23 July we have a post office service back in the village. From 8 to 10 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays there will be a hosted postal outreach service in Cafe Twenty Five.

We have had an early look at the BANES 2018 air quality data for Nitrogen Dioxide at the two monitoring sites in the village. This shows an improving position. The standards are annual average readings of less than 40. The sensor in the High Street was installed in 2016. Over this period the levels have fallen from 31 (2016) to 26 in 2018. The other monitor is on the Warminster Road. Levels at this fell from 36 (2017) to 30 in 2018.

The contract to support the number 11 bus was due to end this month. We have been told by BANES that the contract will be extended to August 2020.

We understand that BANES council are now "on course to implement the clean air zone as previously announced, by 2021." This means that private cars will not be subject to the charge. Our understanding, as advised in last quarter's newsletter, is that the only likely impact on the village could be an increase in light goods vehicles (LGVs) but this increase is not likely to be material.

The final piece of good news is that Tony Purpuri has now joined us as a councillor bringing our numbers back to 7. Tony has agreed to take on the communications role and for those of you who follow us on Twitter @bathamptonpc, he is actively tweeting local news.

There are still 2 positions vacant on the council. If you are interested come along to our next meeting on 19 September in the village hall.

We are also likely to be recruiting for a new clerk. This is a paid position of 10 hours per week. It would ideally suit a retired person or someone returning to work after child care. If you are interested keep an eye on the noticeboards or email Ali our current clerk.

Finally the Village Show takes place on Saturday 14 September. Included with this newsletter is the show schedule and lots of information about how you can get involved.

**Moira Brennan**

Follow @bathamptonpc on Twitter to get updates on events and issues affecting the village.

For the minutes from our regular Parish Council meetings and contact details for all our councillors you can visit [www.bathamptonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.bathamptonparishcouncil.org.uk)

You can contact Kate for village hall bookings at [bathamptonvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:bathamptonvillagehall@outlook.com).

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|                | <b>Clerk:</b> |                                                                                      |
| George Ardrey  | 424270        |                                                                                      |
| Moira Brennan  | 313503        |                                                                                      |
| Jan Helps      | 336656        |                                                                                      |
| Lin King       | 460998        |                                                                                      |
| David Mayo     | 466875        |                                                                                      |
| Tony Purpuri   | 335978        |                                                                                      |

## **Highways Group**

**Stuart Andrews**

There have been two accidents by the canal bridge, the more serious involving our vicar, Jonty Frith, who is now recovering after a very nasty cycle crash. If anyone in the village witnessed or saw this incident please make contact with the Parish Council or with the vicar himself. The other involved, we think, a red removal lorry which drove off after having destroyed a section of the churchyard wall. We believe someone was able to note its number plate but if you do have information please contact us. Residents will have appreciated the new tarmac along half of the top half of Bathampton Lane; a shame that the bottom of the lane and the High Street are still in need of attention.

There is a possibility of more double yellow lines appearing in the village; please look out for information on how to respond to the proposals attached to the lampposts at the top end of Down Lane and the section opposite Devonshire Road. We have also raised a concern with BANES about parking in Trossachs Drive.

You may well be aware of the change in parking rules and regulations in the two pub car parks in the village. It is a shame that they have had to regulate their parking but the current situation is a response to their car parks being used by people travelling on to work etc. We appreciate the efforts The George have made to minimise the impact on the Church and School.

As ever, if you have an issue concerning the streets of the village your first port of call should be the FixMyStreet part of the council website <https://fix.bathnes.gov.uk/>. If the roads are the responsibility of Highways England they will pass on the information.

## **Leisure and Amenities**

**Jan Helps**

### **Allotments**

A section of boundary wall has been repaired by the Cotswold Wardens to whom we have made a donation.

### **The playground and playing field**

Some minor repairs will be made to items in the playground in the coming months.

Some people may have noticed that the nets are not attached to the goals this summer. Sadly, one net was removed and cut into pieces and the net nearest to the playground has been used as a climbing net by some younger children. The attachments are not strong enough for such use and it is also unsafe so we decided the safest option was to remove it.

For some unknown reason, some older children have recently taken to removing large boulders of stone from the bank of the playing field. The holes left expose tree roots and the boulders have been left on the drive causing a nuisance for people driving down to allotments. We would politely ask parents to ensure that their children desist from continuing with this activity.

### **Road junctions and hedges**

If you have hedges or trees which border pathways or junctions, please would you ensure that they are not blocking pathways or junctions so that pedestrians and drivers have safe access. Thank you.

### **Check your sheds and garages**

As you set off for your holidays, please could you check any garages and outbuildings before you go to ensure neighbourhood cats are not accidentally locked in.

## Footpaths

David Mayo

We have just started the process of adding some paths around Bathampton to the "definitive map" so that it will guarantee their right to remain open and accessible for future generations. These are the paths we are looking at:

- \* From Candy's Bridge at the bottom of Mill Lane, turning right (east) walking down the slope to the tow path (about 30m)
- \* The short cut from the south west corner of Holcombe Vale between the houses emerging on the road leading to Holcombe Vale (approx 80m)
- \* The short path from the edge of Hantone Hill to the old tram track (approx 100m)
- \* The Bath Skyline path on Bathampton Down overlooking Bathampton and leading to the woods (approx 1km)
- \* From the University "Westwood" accommodation along the tree line and meeting with an existing footpath that leads to Sham Castle (approx 200m)

In order to claim the paths we need to demonstrate they have been used regularly over the last 25 years by filling out a short form. If you have walked these paths for any period over that time we really need your help! We are especially keen to hear from people who were walking the paths 25 years ago even if you no longer use them. To help out please get in touch with Cllr David Mayo 01225 466875

## In Memory of Kelvin Thomas

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Kelvin Thomas just short of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Kelvin had lived in the village since 1927. Shortly after moving to Bathampton, Kelvin's family were instrumental in building the chapel that became the original Bathampton Methodist Church, now the site of the Scout Hut. Kelvin and his family gave the land on which the present Methodist Church is built. He was known for forming the Silver Ring Choir and also for writing a booklet called The Bathampton I Knew.

## Bathampton WI

Kate McDonald

Please check the parish noticeboards and the café for further details. The Bathampton branch has had a tremendous start and now has a programme of events planned. Issues and topics for the future include : Campaigns (eg mental health, plastics, food poverty, rural loneliness), Learning (crafts, gardening, recipes, arts, leisure & science), Fun (competitions, quizzes, dressing up, doing useful things and having a laugh), Getting to know the village, its people and its history.

## Bathampton Village Show

Finally a reminder that 14th September is the 50th anniversary of Bathampton Flower Show, now called the Village Show. Ron Taylor will open the show at 1.30pm and present prizes at 4.30pm. The theme of this year's under 12's Fancy Dress (1.45pm) is Flower Power. Volunteers are always needed - contact Jennie (01225 466875). they are also looking for donations for the Tombola and bottle stall and cakes / other refreshments to sell.

If you would like to book a Trade Stand or table at the Show contact [Lizlavender@rocketmail.com](mailto:Lizlavender@rocketmail.com).

Keep an eye on the website ([www.bathamptonvillageshow.co.uk](http://www.bathamptonvillageshow.co.uk)) and if you need a spare schedule you can download one or pick one up from the Café, no 25 Holcombe Lane. Don't forget entries need to be in on the Wednesday before the Show – good luck.

## What's On in Bathampton August 2019

| Organisation                                        | Meets                                                                               | Organiser | Contact |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Art Groups                                          | Monday 1.30pm<br>Monday 6.30pm<br>Thursday 9.00am                                   |           |         |
| Bathampton Village Show                             | www.bathamptonvillageshow.co.uk                                                     |           |         |
| Beavers                                             | Wednesday 6.15 - 7.15pm                                                             |           |         |
| Bell ringers                                        | Mondays 8pm Sundays 10.15am                                                         |           |         |
| Bridge Club                                         | Monday 1.30 – 4.30 pm                                                               |           |         |
| Brownies                                            | Wednesday 5.45 - 7.10 pm                                                            |           |         |
| Cricket Club                                        | Tuesday & Sunday                                                                    |           |         |
| Cubs                                                | Tuesday 6.30 – 8pm                                                                  |           |         |
| Chair Keep Fit and Body workout                     | Wednesday                                                                           |           |         |
| Dance, Ballet and Modern Curtis school of Dance     | Friday pm                                                                           |           |         |
| Dry Arch Growers. Bathampton community co-operative | Thursday mid morning and pm (while light)<br>Sundays 11 - 3                         |           |         |
| Guides                                              | Thursday 7.00-8.30pm                                                                |           |         |
| Iyengar Yoga village hall                           | Wednesday 7.30- 8.45pm                                                              |           |         |
| Mini Club                                           | Wednesday 9.00 to 11.00 term time Miller Room                                       |           |         |
| Maxi Club lunch for retired people                  | Last Thursday in Month 12 – 1.30 Miller Room                                        |           |         |
| Pilates Miller Room                                 | Tues 10.15 to 11.15 6 to 7pm 7 to 8pm<br>Thurs 6pm to 7pm<br>Thurs 7.05pm – 7.55pm  |           |         |
| Zumba Dance village hall                            |                                                                                     |           |         |
| Playgroup bathamptonplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk           | Mon, Tues, Wed, Friday                                                              |           |         |
| Scouts                                              | Friday 7.30 to 9.30pm                                                               |           |         |
| Scottish Country Dance                              | Thursday 1.30 to 4.30pm                                                             |           |         |
| Senior Table Tennis                                 | Tues mornings 10.00-12.00 Scout HQ                                                  |           |         |
| Table Tennis                                        | Every Saturday in Autumn and Spring 6 – 8pm Scout HQ.                               |           |         |
| Tai Chi                                             | Scout hall Monday 7.30 pm<br>Thursday 9.30 am                                       |           |         |
| WI Bathampton                                       | First Tuesday of month 7.30pm. Methodist hall<br>Holcombe lane Friday 12.15 – 13.45 |           |         |
| Yoga Village hall                                   | Friday 12.15 – 13.45                                                                |           |         |