

Bagnall Parish Newsletter

Autumn 2009

Hello & Welcome

This quarterly Newsletter is brought to you by Bagnall Parish Council.

A number of residents have suggested that they would find a Parish Newsletter a useful means of keeping up with local news and activities. We hope you will agree.

Along with this Newsletter you will also find two copies of a Parish Survey—an adults version and a children and young persons version. Please take time to complete and return the surveys to us. We hope to have the results collated and published in the next edition of the Newsletter. Surveys can be returned to:

- Moorlands Village Hall—please post through letter box
- The Stafford Arms—and receive a complementary tea or coffee
- The Rose & Crown

Please return surveys by Friday 4th December. If you have any questions about the survey please get in touch with a member of Bagnall Parish Council.

You may have already completed a pilot copy of the survey at the Chestnut Queen Fete. If this is the case, please do complete and return the survey again, as the Chestnut Queen Survey was a test run.

Thank you very much for your help.

Bagnall Parish Council

Volunteers Required to kick start the Parish Council's endeavour to secure the long term future of the School Playing Field.

Many of you will already know that in 2003 we successfully negotiated a 20 years lease from Staffordshire County Council for the use of the Playing Fields by the residents of Bagnall.

Contained in the lease is an option to purchase the Playing Fields and we are determined to exercise this right and to secure the use of the Playing Fields in perpetuity for the residents of Bagnall.

We therefore need your help to establish a Charitable Trust specifically designed for this purpose and would welcome your suggestions/ donations towards this aim.

Please address your enquiries to The Parish Clerk.

Moorlands Village Hall, School Road

As many of you may already know, the hall is on the site of the former Moorlands County Primary School (hence School Road) and the idea for a village hall came about in the months following a terrible fire on March 15th 1969, which completely destroyed all but the Headmaster's house.

The front part of the now Village Hall is the original grit stone Headmaster's house, which was first renovated in 1975, with the larger hall being added over the next two years. The name 'Moorlands Village Hall' was chosen as, like the school did, it serves the communities of Light Oaks and Baddeley Edge, as well as Bagnall.

Funds to both run and develop the hall are only raised through the hire fees that are charged and the now annual Bagnall Chestnut Queen Fete in June each year, along with the sterling fundraising efforts of our annual Chestnut Queen.

The hall is used regularly by our Parish Council, local community groups, commercial ventures and is also available for private hire for functions or events.

The Hall committee would welcome anyone who would be interested in helping to develop this community facility, either as a full member or as a 'friend'.

Our next meeting will be held at the hall at 7:30 PM on Thursday 10th December so please just come along and take a look



Please Support Queen Megan

This year's Chestnut Queen, Megan Sargeant, (ably assisted by her mum Julie) is busy preparing for a number of fun fundraising events to support the Village Hall.

Come along, full of Christmas cheer and enjoy the harmonies of fantastic (well maybe) Christmas Carols on Friday 18th December (7 PM) at The Stafford Arms and around the village.

Also, the very popular quiz night is back on Friday 12th February 2010. More details from the Queen mum, Julie on 01782 503109

Chestnut Queen Fete

The Bagnall Chestnut Queen Fete will take place on Sunday 27 June 2010. The Fete raises funds for the Moorlands Village Hall (registered charity no 500639) and features the crowning of a village Chestnut Queen following a procession from St. Chad's Church around the village.

The fete has grown in size over the years and in 2009 income was up by 20%, it attracted a crowd of around 600 people and it was listed in *The Times Weekend* supplement as one of '20 great fetes' in the UK! A successful, traditional village fete should rightly be a source of pride for the local community. Many people enjoy attending the fete but it is only made possible - and successful - by the hard work of the volunteers on the fete committee and those who help on the day.

The Fete Committee organises fete day activities and welcomes new members. Joining the committee is a great way to contribute to your community and to meet other local residents. We would also be pleased to hear from anyone who is willing to help out on the day of the fete with setting up, staffing a stall or clearing up at the end of the day. You don't have to do all three and even an hour on the day would be helpful to us! The Fete Committee meets in the upstairs meeting room at the Moorlands Village Hall at 7.30pm for around 1.5 hours on the following dates: 18 November, 3 February, 14 April, 19 May, 16 June and 23 June. Please do come along and join us. If you want to volunteer to help on the day or would like more information about joining the committee please contact Sam Calvert, Chair of the Fete Committee.

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Worship at St. Chad's

Welcoming Community-Reflecting Jesus

Sunday Services—Reflecting our desire to enable all ages to worship God

First Sunday: 10.45 am All Age Holy Communion

Second Sunday: 10.30 am Praise and Prayer

Third Sunday: 9.00 am Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer, 10.30 am Family Service

Fourth Sunday: 10.30 am Morning Prayer

Fifth Sunday: 10.30 am Joint Service with St. Luke's, Endon - alternate venues

Open Doors

Every Wednesday: 10.45 am to 12.15 pm

We welcome everyone to call in for a chat and free coffee/tea/biscuits, or just to have a quiet time.

There is a "Book Exchange" available and original hand-made greetings cards for sale.

All proceeds to Church Funds.

Forthcoming Services

8th November: 10.30 am Remembrance & Memorial Service

28th November: 2 pm Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall

13th December: 3 pm Carol Service

24th December: 3 pm Crib Service

24th December: 11.30 pm Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion Service

25th December: 9.30 am Christmas Day Holy Communion Service at St. Luke's Church, Endon

Bagnall Parish Council seeks your views.....

Your Parish Council is totally opposed to the introduction of wind turbines in the Bagnall countryside and the manner in which this has been allowed to happen.

Further representations are currently taking place.

Your Council would welcome your views. Please address them to the Parish Clerk.