



GMK

GNOSALL, MORETON & KNIGHTLEY

Summer 2012

Jubilee Edition



Olympic Torch & Diamond Jubilee

On the 30th May 2012, the villagers of Gnosall took to the streets to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay through our village. The streets were lined with flags, red white and blue bunting and people waiting with anticipation for the convoy to ascend on Gnosall. A number of runners held the Torch along the A518 with crowds cheering as they passed with perfect once in a lifetime photo opportunities. Local volunteers were stewards, enforcing road closures and keeping the crowds under control. Despite the rain, St. Lawrence School arranged a Village Picnic on the Thursday 31st, inviting friends and family from around the village to come together as a community. A display of memorabilia celebrating the Queen's Coronation was well attended at St. Lawrence Church during the week with many interesting and rare artefacts on display. A traditional tea party was hosted by the Gnosall Brownies at the Memorial Village Hall and the more senior and less able residents in the village were invited. This was a wonderful event which was enjoyed by all and entertainment was provided by Gnosall Players. On Sunday 3rd, a service of celebration was held at St. Lawrence Church followed by some residents having old-fashioned street parties commemorating the Jubilee.



The Acres

There have been huge changes on the Acres with the completion of the first phase of the Regeneration Project. This includes work to start restoring the Doley Brook and a series of pools created. To provide more security for the allotments, new fencing has been installed and a hedgerow planted by St. Lawrence School pupils. A new footpath now links the allotments and Brookhouse Road playground car parks – including over 300m of boardwalk across the boggy floodplain. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the route's closure during the excessive flooding this summer. The new path was officially opened in May, when the Parish Council had an opportunity to thank the various funders, volunteers and contractors who made

The Boardwalk



Cllr Mike Deegan

this £90,000 project possible. We have had some wonderful feedback from local people - particularly regarding the boardwalk & new benches. To respect other users and reduce disturbance to the pools, the Parish Council ask all dog-walkers to keep their pets on close leads on the boardwalk. We intend extending handrails to other sections of the boardwalk in the next phase of the project. Work on fundraising has already started for this phase, which we hope will see further enhancement of facilities, wildlife habitats, community initiatives and linking paths to external routes.

Finger Post Project

In 2011, following comments received from Moreton residents, the Parish Council identified 4 finger posts that were dilapidated and in need of replacement. Therefore, money was put aside in this years' budget to replace the posts. Proposals for new signs receive positive feedback from residents. This is an on-going project which will be completed within the near future.



Example of existing sign post

Drawing of proposed new sign

Village Green

The piece of land next to the medical centre, on Brookhouse Road, now belongs to the Parish Council after it was gifted to us from Taylor Wimpey. The land was granted village green status in 2010. Obviously the land comes with ongoing maintenance costs which the Parish Council now has to find from its budget. The Parish Council has applied for funds from Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields Association and also from Staffordshire Environmental Fund. The Parish Council will create a working group with local organisations who are able to volunteer some time. They will also attend meetings to focus on developing this piece of land into a simple, low maintenance open space for parishioners to enjoy. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office.



Picture courtesy of Staffordshire Newsletter

The Grosvenor Centre

At the last meeting, Cllr Keith Abbott was voted in as Chairman and Cllr Pat Alker as vice Chairman of the committee. We must thank Cllr Graham Payne for his long standing commitment as the former Chairman of the committee and for his hard work over the years ensuring the Grosvenor centre continues as a vital resource for our Parish. Currently, the committee is investigating energy usage to ensure that the centre is run in the most cost effective way. With the dedicated care from our caretakers the centre is kept in an immaculate condition and their work is of paramount importance to our committee. Keeping the centre in a tip top condition will ensure that it continues to be an excellent location for all types of bookings including birthday parties, fitness classes and business meetings. Further information, including our competitive prices can be obtained through the Booking Secretary, Jamie McLaren on **01785 822685** or email: assistantclerk@gnosallparishcouncil.org.uk

Police Information

On 31st May, members of Gnosall Parish Council met with Sargeant Kevin Parton and Constable Karl Green. This was to discuss concerns raised by residents about the lack of Police presence in the Parish. They were able to give answers to many of the issues raised and following the meeting, the Parish Council has been offered a further meeting with Chief Inspector Paul Trevor which is being arranged.

The Parish Council also had a meeting with Bill Cash MP on Friday 6th July who agreed to support the Parish Council and pursue this matter.

Ways to report -

1. Emergency calls should always be reported using **999**
2. To contact your local police for non-emergency calls, please use **101**
3. Cllr Pat Alker has kindly agreed to act as the Police co-ordinator for Gnosall. The co-ordinator's role is aimed at strengthening links with the police whilst also supporting local Neighbourhood Watch schemes. If you have any queries that you would like her to forward through to the Police, please email them to - pat.alker@gnosallparishcouncil.org.uk.



Christmas Lights 2012

On 24th November, the Parish Council will be holding the annual Lights Switch on at the Grosvenor Centre. We hope you can all join us for this wonderful family event with children's entertainment, mulled wine and festive Christmas Carols. Further details will be on the Notice Boards later in the year.

Recycling Initiatives

A number of dual-use recycling bins have been put in the village as a pilot scheme to encourage residents to recycle. The feedback we have received has been positive and the use of the bins are being monitored by Stafford Borough Council.

Planning Applications

Plans for 36 affordable homes at Lowfield Lane and Monks Walk are well under way. Residents are welcome to view any proposed plans or ask for information through the Parish Office.

We have also been made aware that the application for an itinerant settlement on land off Radmore Lane has been rejected.

The Parish Council meet every 2nd Monday of the month (excluding August) in the Brearley Room at 7.30pm. Members of both the Public and Press are very welcome to attend to raise comments during the Public Open Forum. For more information, including up to date Agenda's and Minutes, please visit our website -

www.gnosallparishcouncil.org.uk

G-fest 2013

Following the success of the first Gnosall Festival in 2011, it was agreed to repeat the event every 2 years, with the next one happening in 2013. Events will take place all around the village from 6th-14th July and if you or your organisation would like to be involved, then please contact the **Parish Office** on **01785 822685** or email -

clerk@gnosallparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Office Opening Times

Monday - **By Appointment Only**

Tuesday - **10.00am - 2.00pm**

Wednesday - **1.00pm - 3.00 pm**

Thursday - **By Appointment Only**

Friday - **Closed**

Dates for your diary

G-Fest Meeting - to discuss plans for the next G-fest which will take place 6th - 14th July 2013.	19.09.2012 @ 7.30pm in Parish Office
Civic Amenity Visit - you are able to bring excess waste that your normal collection will not take. Some conditions apply so please contact Parish Office for more information.	29.09.2012 @ 10.00-11.00am The Grosvenor Centre
Christmas Lights Switch On - free event with entertainment for the whole family put on by Gnosall Parish Council. More details to follow.	24.11.2012 @ The Grosvenor Centre (Time TBC)

