

# Hazelbury Bryan Bytes

*Parish Council Newsletter – Issue 20 – March 2014*

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## **Message from Dave Roberts – Chairman**

It's not often these days that we can report that we have money available to spend, but after scrutinising our accounts, that is indeed the situation in which we find ourselves. The Parish Council must always keep money 'in reserve' however, we believe that there are sufficient funds available to allow us to put something back into the village. Ideally we would like to consider suggestions for something of a permanent nature that is likely to benefit a wide range of village residents. If you have any ideas that you would like the Parish Council to consider, please pass them on to Matthew Mills, our Clerk.

Hopefully, we will be seeing some better (drier) weather in the coming weeks and I aim to be getting out and about on our footpaths to assess what sort of state they're in and to make a note of any areas of damage so that we can draw up a maintenance / repair plan. If you're out walking and come across something that needs attention, please feel free to contact me, either through the Parish Council e-mail system or by 'phone (details on the back page) and I'll do my best to get something done.

For all the latest news – please visit the website [www.hazelburybryan.com](http://www.hazelburybryan.com) or contact the webmaster [master@hazelburybryan.com](mailto:master@hazelburybryan.com)

## Hillside Car Scheme

In April 2014 the Hillside Car Scheme will enter its fourth year of operation. To date this voluntary organisation has undertaken over 300 journeys providing transport for the older residents of Hazelbury Bryan and the Hillside Parishes of Belchawell, Fifehead Neville, Ibberton, Mappowder and Woolland. Some of our clients have been those who, for whatever reason, have been unable to drive for a period of time or have lost the use of a vehicle through accident or mechanical failure.

Journeys have included visits to the GP surgeries in Sturminster Newton, Marnhull and Cerne Abbas; to hospital appointments at Blandford Community, Dorset County in Dorchester, the Winterbourne in Dorchester, the Yeatman in Sherborne and Yeovil District. Journeys to hospitals in Bournemouth and Poole have also been undertaken.

Other journeys have included visits to the dentist, optician, chiropodist and hairdresser in Sturminster Newton and Sherborne as well as shopping trips to Sturminster Newton, Stalbridge, Dorchester and Yeovil. Visits to the veterinary practices in Sturminster Newton are not uncommon. Our volunteer drivers have also taken clients to Sherborne and Yeovil Pen Mill railway stations and met them there on their return. In general we do not provide transport to and from airports.

Our volunteer drivers, who all live in the local area, use their own cars most of which are able to accommodate folding wheelchairs. They are fully insured and are checked with the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS).

There is an initial registration fee of £5.00 for clients (payable once only) and a suggested government approved minimum donation of 50p per mile for each journey undertaken to cover drivers' costs, the scheme telephone and stationery. There is no charge for a reasonable amount of time spent waiting before a return journey. We appreciate 48 hours' notice for a booking.

If you are interested in joining the scheme please telephone the Area Co-ordinator **on 01258 818 252**.

### **Ideas please**

The Parish Council would like ideas from residents in Hazelbury Bryan on how it could spend some money from its general reserve. It is prudent for the Council to keep a certain amount of money as a contingency for any unplanned expenditure. However the Council considers it now has enough in reserve and has thought about spending approximately £9,000 on such projects as creating a footpath, replacing stiles with gates or subsidising the Hillside Car Scheme. Before committing the money they also would like to hear from residents on what they think the money could be spent on e.g. equipment for the Village Hall or the playing field. Please send your ideas to the Parish Clerk by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014**.

### **Film Nights**

On 8<sup>th</sup> February over 50 people watched "*About Time*" at the second film night held in the village hall. At this successful evening an independent group of residents was formed to choose the films to be shown in the future.

The films will be shown on first Saturday in the month from October to April inclusive. However the last film this season will be on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** when "*Finding Neverland*" will be shown. Doors open at 6.45pm, film starts at 7.30pm. Bar.

### **Advertise your business on the Village Website**

Did you know you could advertise your business on the village website for just £20 per year. In the first year the site was visited between 400 and 500 times a month. The local businesses page was one of the top twelve pages visited and there is currently only one business on it! Don't miss this great opportunity for local people to find out about your business. Contact the clerk for more information

### **Reservation of burial plots**

Grave spaces in the Churchfoot Lane cemetery can be reserved at a cost of £100 for the burial of up to two coffins or £30 for ashes only plots. Contact the clerk for more information.

**Parish Council meetings:** Held on the first Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the Village Hall. During the meeting there is a time set aside for the public to raise matters of concern or local interest.

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