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The Newsletter of Fradley and Streethay Parish Council

Helping to make Fradley and Streethay greener

Welcome to the Spring edition of our popular newsletter.

At this time of year we are thankful that so many people in our villages want to see the parish filled with colour and new life.

Last year the Fradley Open Gardens group organised a fantastic community daffodil planting programme, and now we are seeing hundreds of flowers springing up across the village.

Following on from that, beavers, cubs and scouts from 1st Fradley Scouts planted more than 260 trees across the village. They used free trees donated by the Woodland Trust as part of the



New trees planted in Streethay and (below) daffodils in Fradley.

Plant Britain project launched by BBC Countryfile.

This has contributed to the

Parish Council's aim to replace all of the post and rail fencing around Fradley South with hedging. This will not only encourage more birds, mammals and insects to the village, but will save the Parish Council the expense of replacing this fencing.

In Streethay, the newly refurbished Burton Road Park incorporates bird boxes and a bug hotel in the woodland area, to encourage more wildlife to the area. Further tree planting on the new Streethay estates is welcomed and will contribute to the village's biodiversity over the coming years.



Fradley and Streethay Parish Council work in partnership with the local community to make our parish a great place to live, work, visit and enjoy.

£600k award for new community centre

Celebrations are taking place after the council was awarded £600,000 to create a new community centre in Streethay.

The money has been awarded by Lichfield District Council for the project which - once terms and conditions are agreed - will hopefully begin later this year.

The centre will be a meeting place for local groups, and will also increase provision for children and young people in the village.

Parish council chairman Simon Roberts said: "We are overjoyed that the district council has agreed to help fund the community centre, which will be a fantastic asset to the parish.

"A Section 106 agreement has already committed £250,000 from Miller Homes for the building of the centre, and the extra £600,000 means this project can finally be given the go-ahead. We spoke to residents about what they would like to see at their local community centre and new sports amenities, a bar and a café were among those at the top of the list. We will now



The new play equipment on Burton Road play park.

work with architects and builders to help create a centre that will be enjoyed by the whole community."

Exciting changes are taking place across Streethay with the start of work to replace outdated play equipment and upgrade the Burton Road park. There are several new pieces of equipment planned for the park, and these include a zip wire and a wheelchair accessible roundabout. There will also be a range of exercise machines and a cleared area for ball games. The

funding was awarded through a scheme set up by HS2 Ltd, the company building the UK's new high speed rail line.

Simon added: "We want people to get the most from this fantastic recreation site, so there will also be an eco-area which will give young people a chance to see local wildlife. There will be bird houses, insect hotels and bat boxes so that we can encourage local wildlife and provide shelter for birds and bugs."

Council wins top award for community engagement

Fradley and Streethay Parish Council has received a prestigious award as part of a national scheme, which focuses on the very best local authorities.

The achievement, from the Local Council Award Scheme, recognises that the parish council stands out from the crowd when it comes to engaging with the local community as well as governance and improvements.

Judges were impressed with how the parish council goes above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve.

Chairman Simon Roberts said they were delighted to receive the award.

"Fradley and Streethay Parish Council has been transforming its processes and policies over

the last three years," he said. The judges highlighted the council's areas of strength, including the community newsletter and the Project Tracker, which shows updated progress on specific projects, and was seen as a good way of keeping residents up to date on local work.

The award scheme is run by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).



Runners set the pace at record-breaking Fradley 10k

Around 800 people took part in the Florette Fradley 10k on Sunday, March 13, with a new course record being set by Andrew Heyes who completed his run in 29:34. The women's race was won by Abigail Halcarz who finished in 36:23.

KP events director Keven Wilson said: "Ideal weather saw plenty of personal best times and lots of very positive feedback from everyone involved. Thank you to the Fradley community who have been supporting this event for over 25 years now."

Have your say on parish split proposal

Fradley and Streethay Parish Council could split in two after the latest community governance review by Lichfield District Council.

Residents have until April 25 to make their voices heard in the first round of the review which could see Fradley become a parish in its own right and Streethay either absorbed into the Lichfield City Council or made into a standalone parish council. Any decision will take into account comments from a public consultation which began on February 22 into the future of all 25 communities within LDC.

Draft recommendations will be published in July when they will be subject to a second round of consultation with local councils, groups and interested parties before a final decision is made in December. The outcome may affect the annual precept which is the amount of money that residents contribute from their council tax to the parish council. This money funds projects, services and facilities including the refurbishment of play areas and major projects.

At a meeting of Fradley and

Streethay Parish Council last month, councillors discussed the implications of a potential split and agreed to recommend that Fradley becomes a parish in its own right, given that the village has expanded dramatically.

Simon Roberts, chair of Fradley and Streethay Parish Council, said: "It's important that local people have their say in this process because the outcome will affect them for many years to come."

To have your say, visit: www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/custom/consultations/view/51



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There's something for everyone

From baby massage to scouts, opera and even a pop-up pub – between Fradley Village Hall and Fradley Youth and Community Centre (FYCC) – our village has something for everyone.

The village hall reached its 20th anniversary just as COVID lockdowns hit in 2020 and, in

September this year, the youth and community centre will be ten years old.

To celebrate, we've put together an easy-to-view list of all the activities, clubs and meetings that have been able to resume post-lockdown.

All of these are fantastic assets

for the village but it's important to remember that, without the kindness of our local volunteers, the facilities they use would be lost to the community.

Both buildings are run by volunteer committees, and each is seeking support from people in and around the village.



Fradley Players in action during a festive panto in Fradley Village Hall.

Fradley Village Hall

Lynn Beaumont, acting chair of the Fradley Village Hall Committee, explained that £50,000 worth of refurbishment plans for the building have had to be put on hold due to the dwindling number of committee members.

"We managed to get the flooring redone in the foyer and the meeting room," said Lynn. "But the building is more than 20 years old now. The kitchen facilities are worn out, we need a new hall floor, and the toilets need upgrading.

"It's still a great facility and it's well used but with our COVID cleaning bill taking up more than half of our income we've had to think about making savings."

Lynn said that the committee were hoping to put in a bid for HS2 funding to complete the works but that they were short of people with the expertise to take it forward.

"The deeds of covenant for the building were drawn up for the previous hall back in the 1950s so anyone with legal experience

who could give advice on updating that would be very welcome," she added. "We're just a small committee of four so what we really need, more than anything else, is for people that can help take the refurbishment forward."

The Village Hall will be holding its Annual General Meeting in May and anyone who would like to go along is welcome.

For more information or to book visit: fradleyvillagehall.com. **To help, call Lynn on 01283 791042 or email:** mail@bisbo.plus.com

Upcoming events to include Queen's Platinum Jubilee party

On Sunday, June 5, FYCC will be hosting a fun-packed family party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Tickets are expected to cost £5 each to cover costs and will include a bar, activities and snacks. Check out the Fradley Village Community Facebook page for updates.

In other news, The Hurricane Pop Up Pub is set to restart on selected Fridays through the year at Fradley Village Hall. The Take 3 Film Club has already restarted with further events being planned – look out for film dates at www.fradleyplayers.co.uk/take-3



in Fradley's community centres



Fradley Youth & Community Centre (left) and Fradley Village Hall need the support of our community.

Fradley Youth & Community Centre

Although Fradley Youth and Community Centre (FYCC) has only been operating for ten years, the centre committee team have already made a huge difference.

Their continuing fundraising activities enabled a new porch to be added to the building in 2018 using bricks from the original Victorian school house.

Committee chair Owen Pontin

said they were now looking for local people or firms that could help to maintain the centre.

They're also looking for people who might be interested in restarting the Friday night youth club that has had to be discontinued since lockdown due to a lack of volunteers.

"It's really great to see the building providing value to the community after all the work we did to fundraise and get it built," said Owen.

"What we really need now is help with odd jobs like replacing broken cladding, repairing locks and cleaning guttering.

"We'd also love to hear from anyone keen to help restart the Fradley Youth Club."

To book the hall or offer to help, email enquiries.fycc@gmail.com

DAY	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
MONDAY	Moo music (music session for 0-5s)	09:30 - 12:00	Village Hall
	Italian for fun	14:30 - 16:00	Village Hall
	The Dance Company	17:00 - 21:30	Village Hall
	Fradley Players	17:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
	Fradley Rainbows	18:00 - 19:00	FYCC
	Fradley Brownies	19:00 - 20:00	FYCC
TUESDAY	Lichfield District Explorer Scouts	20:00 - 22:00	FYCC
	Hartbeeps (multi sensory baby class)	09:30 - 13:00	Village Hall
	Yoga with Maria	18:30 - 21:15	Village Hall
	Lichfield Karate Kids	17:45 - 18:45	FYCC
	Fradley Guides	19:00 - 20:30	FYCC
	Fradley Toddlers	09:30 - 11:45	Village Hall
WEDNESDAY	Elite Dance Academy	15:30 - 19:00	Village Hall
	Fradley Beavers	17:45 - 18:45	FYCC
	Fradley Cubs	19:00 - 20:30	FYCC
	Baby massage	TBC	Village Hall
THURSDAY	Baby Sensory Group	10:00, 11:15, 12:45	FYCC
	Theatrics stage school	16:00 - 19:00	Village Hall
	* Parish Council Meeting *every 3 rd Thu of the month	18:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
	Fradley Scouts	19:00 - 20:30	FYCC
	* Lichfield Advanced Motorcyclists *1 st Sun of the month	10:00	Village Hall
Sunday	* Lichfield Advanced Motorists *last Sun of the month	10:00 - 13:00	Village Hall

Build, build, build...

Building activity throughout the parish is continuing at pace

Hay End Lane – Barratts /Wilson Bowden

The Barratts estate has been temporarily named 'Fradley Manor' and the Wilson Bowden estate has been called 'Anson Gardens'.

The houses are going up very quickly and the first residents will be moving in very soon.

The additional car park to extend the existing car park on Hay End Lane and the delivery of the St Stephens Primary School playing field are expected to begin over the summer/early autumn.



Homes built on the Fradley Manor estate.

Land North of Hay End Lane – Barratts

Barratt Homes have been consulting on plans for land north of Hay End Lane, Fradley, to provide around 500 new homes along with sports pitches and a sports pavillion. Residents were invited to a public consultation at Fradley Village Hall on March 31. Further information can be found online at www.landnorthofhayendlane.co.uk

Horner Avenue – Bovis (Vistry)

FSPC objected and LDC rejected plans for 115 houses to be built behind Horner Avenue in September 2021.

However, the developer submitted a new planning application for 109 houses in January 2022 (22/00106/FULM).

FSPC commissioned planning and Highways consultants to strongly oppose this development. Most of the original objections were still relevant as the changes made to the application were very minor. We are awaiting a date for it to come before LDC Planning Committee, where FSPC will represent Fradley village in objecting to this development.



Showhomes on the new development.





The new Bowbrook Centre of Dementia Excellence.

Streethay applications – Cameron Homes

FSPC objected to a planning application for 36 houses to be built off Burton Road on the grounds of housing density, lack of amenities, lack of garaging and the danger of putting more traffic onto Burton Road.

A further application with a reduced 30 house development has also been objected to by FSPC.

Retail development – Streethay

LSP Developments have submitted a planning application for a retail development to be built adjacent to Streethay Primary School. (21/01700/REMM).

This will include a large retail centre with five smaller units, car parking and landscaping of the area. No decision has yet been made on this matter.

Dementia Centre – Fradley

The 90-bed, Bowbrook Centre of Dementia Excellence was opened in June 2021.

For more details, visit: www.bowbrookcare.co.uk

Bridge Farm – Accord

No new updates, however the whole estate is very near completion providing a further 63 houses in Fradley.

Volunteer focus on sports and open spaces

Volunteers from across the villages have come forward to be part of two exciting new groups for sports and open spaces.

The Sports and Open Spaces Working Group will help decide how parish council land can be used to ensure that it best serves the community now, and in the future. All residents are encouraged to fill-in the Sports

and Open Spaces Questionnaire coming out later this month. Please have your say on how we look to develop our open spaces. Also, a new group called AFC Fradley has been created which will see new sports facilities in the village being used to provide football training for children aged from four years old. Darren Peck, chairman of the group, said:

“Within 48 hours of launching the group on Facebook we had 136 children registered to come and play for AFC Fradley. Also, we have ten coaches and have been offered sponsorship from five different companies in Fradley. Needless to say the support we’ve had has been amazing – we will post further updates on our Facebook page.”



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Report potholes and road defects to make our streets safer

It often feels like potholes and other road problems are on the increase around our villages.

However, road defects should not be reported to the parish council as they are the responsibility of Staffordshire County Council.

We know that these defects in our roads can cause damage to vehicles and present a potential

safety hazard, especially to bikers and cyclists. If your vehicle is damaged by a pothole, you may be able to claim compensation – but your chances of being successful will depend on whether the road defect has been reported.

Councils can't be held liable for a defect they are not aware of – either because it hasn't been reported to them, or because

it's not been picked up by their own inspection and maintenance teams.

You can do your bit by reporting the damaged roads to Staffordshire County Council.

You can do this by phone on: 0300 111 8000, by email at: contactus@staffordshire.gov.uk or online at: www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Closing your street for a Platinum Jubilee party

Are you thinking of having a street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee?

If so, closing your road could be free and easy to put in place with Lichfield District Council.

If the road you would like to close is unclassified, not a bus route and not traffic sensitive, the district council only requires that a street party application form is completed – there is no charge for this service.

However, if the road is classified but not sensitive, the district council would require the completion of a temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO) application form as well as the street party application form.

Also, there is a charge of £268 to cover the cost of the legal notice.

If the road is classified as a bus route, traffic sensitive or basically a main throughfare, the district council would need to produce a full legal order and this would cost £1,228.

The majority of these events are likely to be without charge, and a few would require the smaller fee. It would not be appropriate to



consider closing a major road for a street party, but we understand that there may be other events held as part of the jubilee celebrations.

Each application is considered individually, but the district council is following these guidelines for the majority of roads.

In addition, the council is unable to provide any signs, cones, barriers or operatives for events.

While the events on unclassified

and residential streets would not necessarily require full traffic management, any road that is classified will require traffic management to be supplied by a professional contractor, who should be identified during the application process.

More details can be found on the Lichfield District Council website at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/roads-highways-pavements/organising-street-party

