

Dear Romsley Resident,

Welcome to our latest edition of the Parish Council Newsletter in which you will find updates and information about the many things that your Parish Council is doing to improve our Parish.

On June 10th we will be holding another Romstock music festival. Romstock has become a very popular community event with record numbers attending in 2016. Everyone on the Parish Council is working hard to ensure Romstock 2017 is equally successful and we have a collective fingers crossed for dry weather. Community events are a vital way of strengthening our community spirit and the Parish Council is committed to providing a diverse range of community events. Last autumn we organised an outdoor movie night to support St Kenelm's School with over 170 people of all ages enjoying the latest version of Disney's Jungle Book. From this more than £400 was contributed to school resources and we are looking to run a similar event this coming September. This year we also want to celebrate the unique history of Romsley so this July we will be reviving the St Kenelms Day celebrations, which had been part of Romsley tradition for many hundreds of years, please see the article on **page 3** for details of this event.

Improving the area in which we live remains an important focus for the Parish Council. During the past year we have successfully applied for several grants to improve facilities. We have also employed a dedicated maintenance person who has started to address a backlog of issues within our Parish and the articles on **pages 3** and **4** provide more detail on these efforts. We are also continuing to work with Worcestershire County Council to identify and resolve the defects on our roads. This is a slow process because of limited County Council budgets, but it is pleasing to finally see a number of roads in the Parish now being repaired.

Unfortunately across the Parish we are currently experiencing many incidents of anti-social parking where cars are being left in dangerous locations or are being parked across people's drives. This is particularly bad around the shops and we are currently lobbying the County Council to make physical changes to the road at this location to help improve the parking and traffic flow. In the meantime, please do not park across St Kenelm's Court when visiting the shops as it is preventing residents from pulling on or off their drives. I am particularly disturbed that the residents of Kenelms Court are frequently being verbally abused and threatened when they ask drivers to move the cars blocking their drive. Frankly I am appalled and embarrassed that this is happening in Romsley. Please ask yourself how you would feel if it was your drive that was repeatedly blocked and you were then abused for asking to pull off your own drive?

As this newsletter goes to press, details of a planning application for several new houses at the top of Dark Lane has emerged and many residents have contacted the Parish Council and raised concerns. Whilst the Parish Council is a statutory consultee, the responsibility for all aspects of planning sits with Bromsgrove District Council and sadly we have no direct authority to stop or influence any planning application. However in situations such as this the Parish Council will capture the concerns of residents and formally present them to the Bromsgrove District Council Planning Committee. To strengthen our ability to influence the Planning Committee it is vital for all residents to log their concerns directly with Bromsgrove District Council by logging on to the planning control website at <http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-on-applications.aspx>

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to participate in the forthcoming Parish Questionnaire that will be delivered to you in the next few weeks (**see page 6**). This questionnaire covers all manner of topics and issues about your community and all responses are vital to help us lobby and influence the County and District Councils with regard to the services they provide to us. We will also use the information to support the development of a robust Parish Plan which will help to ensure that the community's voice is more effectively heard within the planning process as well as any decisions that are taken over future development within our green belt. I recognise that we all have busy lives, however, the more responses we receive the louder our community voice will be and I ask you all to find 45 minutes to complete the questionnaire and support the future of Romsley.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Jayne Holloway who has decided to step down as a Parish Councillor. Parish Council work is entirely voluntary and is always on top of work and family responsibilities. Despite Jayne having many other commitments she has always worked hard to protect the interests of residents and has made an important contribution to the future of Romsley through her work around the Severn Trent pipeline project and her interest in the precious environment that surrounds our Parish.

I look forward to seeing you all at Romstock 2017 or around the Parish in the coming months.

Kind Regards

Richard Arrowsmith

Romsley Parish Council Chairperson

Romsley Parish Council update

Spring 2017

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**SmartWater® protecting
Romsley from summer 2017**
(see page 2)

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Protecting our community from crime

Over the past few months the Parish Council have received a lot of correspondence from residents concerned about an apparent rise in the number of burglaries and thefts within the Parish.

Any crime is awful and though the Parish Council has no statutory responsibility or authority around Policing or crime prevention we fully recognise the concerns of the community with regards to these matters. For this reason we monitor the crime statistics on a monthly basis, look for opportunities to reduce criminality in our community and maintain a regular dialogue with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Community Safety Officer at Bromsgrove District Council. As a result of this, the Police are aware of residents concerns and have worked constructively with us to increase patrols in the area.

During the past year we have put a lot of focus on protecting our young people from the drug dealing

problem that has been going on in the vicinity of the park carpark for several years, especially during summer evenings. The Police have increased their patrolling and a limited CCTV solution has been agreed with the Police to capture the vehicle registrations and intelligence on the known dealers. We have also gated off certain parts of the car park to ensure there are no

“out of sight “ areas that are the preferred location for the dealers and we have asked local residents to pass any information on to the Police or ourselves in confidence. It is our hope that these measures will deter these individuals from coming to our community in the first place and we also hope the measures will help protect the area from trespass by travellers.

The Parish Council have also allocated money to re-establish and support the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. To be truly successful the Neighbourhood Watch will need to be run within the community and requires a number of volunteers to act as coordinators. This is a great way of supporting Romsley. Would you like to get involved? Please contact Ruth Mullett, the Parish Clerk, who will put you in contact with Zhara Chaudy who is working hard on behalf of the community to get the Neighbourhood Watch reestablished.

Going forward the Parish Council recognises more can be done especially to deter burglary and theft. Working with the Police we have studied a number of other communities to identify the actions they have undertaken to successfully reduce these types of crimes.

The one solution that stood out as being a successful and affordable solution for a Parish Council to roll out was the community wide use of SmartWater®.

SmartWater® is an invisible, none toxic and none removable substance that can be applied to anything you own without damaging it. It can be easily detected by a special pen that is carried by most Police and enforcement officers. Each bottle of SmartWater® produced is absolutely unique to your address allowing your items to be traced back to you. There can be no doubt as to an items ownership and criminals and those dealing in stolen items stay clear of SmartWater® marked items as prosecution is almost guaranteed.



The most successful SmartWater® schemes are those where every home in a community uses a unique kit registered to them. This community wide roll out is then publicised widely in the media as well as through signs across the community. Thieves hear about this widespread use and simply avoid the area as the risks are far too high. This approach proved very successful in places such as Cleobury Mortimer where burglaries have fallen by more than 60 percent after the SmartWater® roll out.

To ensure success everyone in the parish needs to participate. As such, the Parish Council have purchased enough SmartWater® kits to supply every home in Romsley without charge.

The roll out of SmartWater® is seen as such a useful tactic for reducing crime that we have received the full support of West Mercia Police. The Police have helped us purchase the SmartWater® kits at a reduced rate and they will be working with us in the summer to distribute the kits and complete the necessary registration documents. We have also received the support of the Crime Commissioner who has provided a grant to help reduce the cost of this initiative.

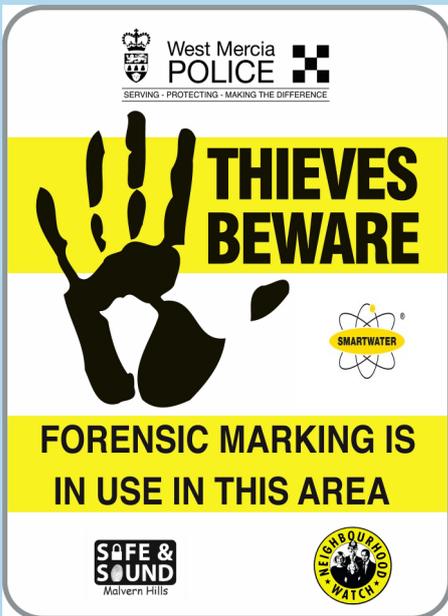
More details about the distribution and use of SmartWater® will be provided closer to the roll out date which we currently believe will be July 2017.

In the meantime if you are suspicious that a crime is being committed in Romsley please help your community and contact West Mercia Police to report it. In an emergency use 999. However for less urgent matters for example; if your car has been stolen, if your property has been damaged, if you suspect drug use or dealing; or to give the police information about crime in your area please ring 101.

You can also contact Hagley and Rubery Safer Neighbourhood Team at,

Email: hr.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Twitter: [@HagRuberyCops](https://twitter.com/HagRuberyCops)



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FOR POLICE
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101

IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999

Community Defibrillator at the Telephone Box

A number of people have contacted the Parish Council about the condition of the telephone box on St Kenelm's Road. The kiosk is looking rather dilapidated and needs some TLC, however, because of the rise in mobile phone ownership and the significant decrease in pay phone usage, British Telecom (BT) are unwilling to spend money on maintaining these distinctive and much loved landmarks.

The Parish Council has approached BT and asked to purchase the telephone box with the intention of installing a Community Heart Defibrillator. BT have given preliminary approval for this as well as giving permission to the Parish Council to refurbish the kiosk itself. This refurbishment has now been completed and we are hoping to have the defibrillator installed during the summer.



Defibrillator units are now appearing in many shops and public areas and are proven to save the lives of people who suffer heart related emergencies such as heart attacks. The defibrillator we will install will be simple to operate and specifically designed for safe use by untrained members of the public. It is important to keep this life saving device safe and secure so the unit will be stored in a locked cabinet only accessible by inputting a code obtained by telephoning 999.

The cost of the defibrillator, the storage equipment and refurbishments of the kiosk will be around £4500 with the money coming from a number of sources. As well as a direct Parish Council Grant of up to £2000, all profits from community events such as Romstock will be going towards this project, with £550 pounds already raised from Romstock 2016. The Hillside Ladies community group are also going to raise funds during the coming year. We would like to thank them in advance for the important contribution they will be making. Finally the Council Chairperson will be purchasing the telephone kiosk itself and gift it back to the Parish.



Before making the decision to locate the defibrillator in the telephone box we examined a number of other locations around the Parish particularly by the shops. We chose the telephone box because it already has a power supply in place which BT will provide for 7 years from the date of transfer thus removing the need for us to undertake significant electrical works at any other location. In addition the telephone kiosk is in a highly visible and well known central location which is free from the traffic congestion that surrounds the shops. Finally it puts the telephone kiosk to good use in support of the wider community.

Though the defibrillator will be easy to use in an emergency and will not require any specialist training, we are also planning to hold some familiarity and training sessions for community leaders and members of the public who are interested.

St Kenelm's Day celebrations

Romsley is fortunate to have a rich local history stretching back many centuries. One of the most interesting events surrounds the Mercian King Kenelm (or Cynehelm) who was murdered by an assassin very near to the church at the turn of the 8th century. There is much uncertainty over the events that occurred as well as his true age when he died. However, following his death he was quickly canonised as a Saint who was venerated in Anglo-Saxon and Medieval England and mentioned in Chaucer's Canterbury tales. St Kenelms Feast Day is traditionally celebrated on July 17th.

King Kenelm is a fascinating and important part of our community's history that is unique to Romsley. For centuries the Parish has traditionally come together in July to celebrate these events and Romsley Church continues to hold its flower festival at this time of year. The Parish Council would like to ensure that these traditions are strengthened and we want everyone in the community to have the opportunity to become involved in this historic celebration.

On Saturday July 15th you are all invited, free of charge, to a fireworks display at the Park. Prior to the fireworks we have arranged for a "Last Night of the Proms" concert with the Stourport on Severn Brass Band and there will also be a bar and fish & chips.

We hope you and your family will come and join us in reviving our community's traditions and celebrating our unique and very special history.

Saturday 15th July 2017

St Kenelm's Day celebration concert and firework display

Romsley Park from at 8pm

Free admission

It is estimated that the celebrations will end by 10:45pm, For pedestrian safety no parking will be available at the park or on surrounding roads.

Maintaining our Parish

We are fortunate to call Romsley home. It is a desirable place to live, being surrounded by Greenbelt, and we all want to protect the financial investment we have made in our homes. It is well recognised that communities with a strong sense of civic pride have fewer problems with anti social behaviour and local crime.



For all of these reasons the Parish Council believes it is important to protect and where possible improve the Parish and the way it looks. Many of you will have seen our new maintenance person, Nigel Williamson, around the Parish and, along with his colleague Steve Tromans, they are working hard to improve many aspects of our Parish.

Over recent months we have undertaken a lot of work in and around the Park to cut back vegetation, clear drains, replace the bark in the children's play area and refurbish the parking area. A lot of work has been undertaken at the Parish allotments and work has also started around the village to clean, repair or replace many items of street furniture such as corroded sign posts, benches and fences. At several locations in the Parish we have removed a number of nuisance or dangerous trees whilst pollarding many more to make them more manageable and more aesthetically pleasing.

Going forward we will continue this work and will also start replacing a number of the damaged concrete bollards around the entrance to the gullies and replace a number of the broken and scruffy litter bins that are located around the Parish. We will also start working on improving the wild flower verge on the Bromsgrove Road opposite The Sun which is a very visible gateway to our Parish. (please see article below)

Due to reasons of affordability we can't deal with all the maintenance issues straightaway, but we are making progress and, over time, the Parish Council team will be continuing to improve the village. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on maintenance issues please contact the Parish Council.

The Village Gateway

During the summer we will be starting work to improve the appearance of the area on the Bromsgrove Road opposite The Sun public house which is one of the main "gateways" into the Parish.

Working with the County Council's ecology unit we have identified that this area contains a number of rare wildflower species including snakes head fritillaries and orchids which must be protected. To do this we will be replacing the white plastic posts with timber bollards more in keeping with the rural location.

We will also be spreading hay cuttings from other Worcestershire wild flower meadows on the site. This introduces appropriate wildflower seeds to increase species diversity but also helps suppress the growth of none wildflower and weed species. This process will take several years but it will help protect the special flowers we already have whilst increasing the sites diversity. Finally we are looking at introducing some habitats for bees and other pollinators.

At the same time we will be installing a new sign post of heritage design. We will be removing some of the smaller trees and repositioning the benches to help improve driver visibility around the apex of the bend. On the opposite side of the road we will be replacing the metal bus shelter with a timber design which is more suited to a rural village. This replacement bus shelter is being paid for through a grant from the County Council.



Grass cutting

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents who are helping our community by cutting the grass verges in front of and around their houses.

As the pressure continues to grow on the budgets of the District and County Councils we are seeing changes in the way services are being delivered.

In Bromsgrove grass cutting is one such service that has had to change, with the grass now being less frequently cut around every 4 to 6 weeks. This results in the grass cuttings forming unsightly and messy clumps.

Several residents have contacted us about this problem and the Parish Council has raised this with Bromsgrove District Council to identify ways in which the service could be improved whilst still remaining affordable.

Going forward, the Parish Council may undertake additional cutting on the larger areas of grass in the Parish. However due to affordability we are never going to be able to cut all the grass verges as often as residents would like.

As such we would encourage everyone in the community to help. If you have a grass verge in front of or around your house, please feel free to cut it at the same time as you cut your own lawns and help us to keep Romsley beautiful.

Car Park resurfacing, new outdoor gym and family picnic Area



During 2016 as part of our improvements to the park we were successful in applying for a number of grants to pay for new facilities. We were successful applying for a grant of £8000 from the Tesco's "Bags of Help" community grant scheme to install a small outdoor gym and safety surface. This money has come from the 5p charge for plastic carrier bags and the Parish Council would like to thank Tesco's for their generous help and support.

In addition we received a £1000 grant from Rachel Jenkins, the former County Councillor, for the purchase and installation of the family picnic tables which have been positioned close to the play area. Once again we would like to pass on our thanks.



During last summer work was also undertaken to resurface parts of the park carpark, repair fencing and replace the entrance gate. These areas were originally damaged in 2012 by Severn Trent contractors during their installation of storm drainage on St Kenelms Road. The Parish Council raised these outstanding matters with Severn Trent during discussions about the Birmingham Resilience Project and were successful in securing agreement from Severn Trent to put these matters right. Along with the additional works they undertook to re-turf grass verges in St Kenelms Road we estimate the value of work secured from Severn Trent was in excess of £15000.

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| Dayhouse Bank, adj Farley Lane | 0716 | 0814 | 1022 | 1222 | 1422 | 1547 | 1654 |
| Romsley, adj The Sun Inn | 0722 | 0821 | 1029 | 1229 | 1429 | 1554 | 1701 |
| Hunnington, adj Blue Bird Park | 0724 | 0824 | 1032 | 1232 | 1432 | 1557 | 1704 |
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For the latest timetables please go to –

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20021/buses/1001/bus_timetables

147 Bus update

The Parish Council is continuing to try and protect the 147 bus route which is vital to many people in our community. We are maintaining a dialogue with the County Council and continue to suggest ways the service may be enhanced such as extending the route to Bromsgrove.

We are also encouraging the County Council to invest in the service and we have been successful in obtaining a grant from the County Council specifically to replace the village's main bus shelter. We hope this investment by the County Council is a clear demonstration of their commitment to sustain our Bus Route.

However the service is currently attracting around 950 users per month and is heavily reliant on subsidy. We need many more users to ensure it is commercially viable and secure into the future.

Please consider using the bus if you have to travel to Halesowen as every journey matters. You can hail the bus at any point in the Parish and you will find it a quick journey, the driver friendly and the company enjoyable.

“Please use it or we'll lose it”

Romsley Parish residents questionnaire

Over the next month the Parish Council will be delivering a Parish questionnaire to your home.

The answers obtained from the questionnaire are really important to the future of Romsley and we would ask you to take some time to answer the questions and return the document to us as soon as you can.

The questionnaire asks a wide range of questions about our community and the services that are available within it. We will use the information to help populate our Romsley Parish Plan but, perhaps more importantly, we will share the results with the District and County Councils to try and influence the decisions they make about the services they provide to us.

We have tried to make the questionnaire easy to fill in and we estimate it should take around 45 minutes. We can only accept one questionnaire per household but we urge you to participate as the more responses we receive the more impact and influence the results will have.

Please return your completed questionnaires by **Friday 21st July 2017** to the collection points at either the Co-op, the St Kenelm's School reception or you can bring to any Parish Council organised event such as Romstock or the St Kenelm's Day celebrations.

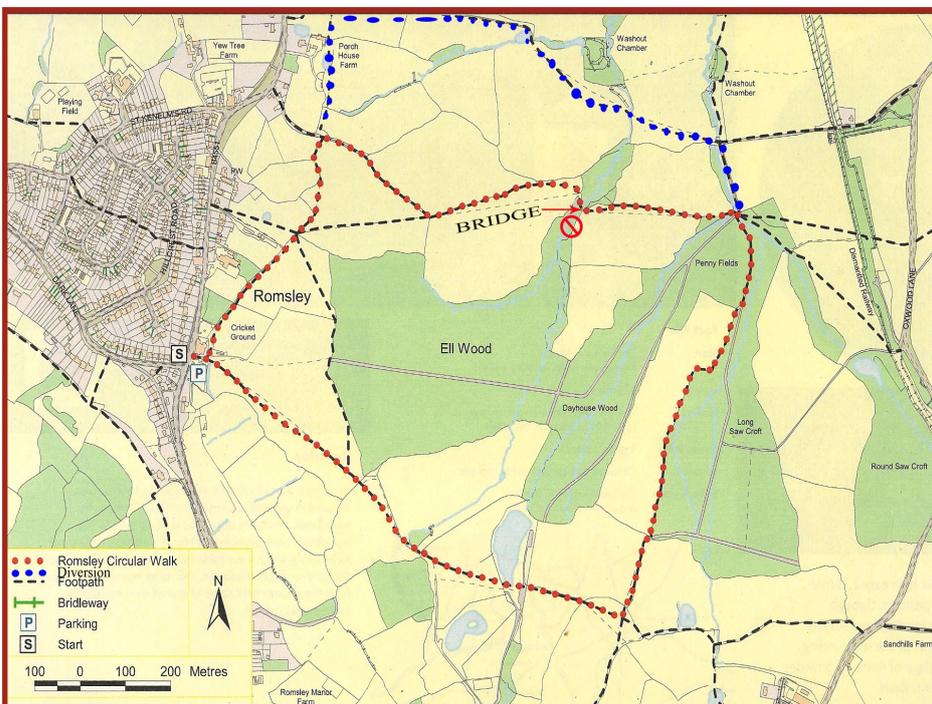
Thank you for your time and support.



Changes to the Penny Fields walk

There has been concern for some years about the condition of the old cart bridge that crosses the stream in Ell Wood, that forms part of the Penny Fields circular walk. It is a very old brick built, arched bridge that many path users might not have realised was there. It was recently inspected by Worcester County Council Highways Department who have raised concerns about its deteriorating state and the safety of path users. As such, the Highways Department have decided that the Right of Way should be closed at this point.

The closure is likely to be in place for some considerable time and in order that the Penny Fields circular walk can remain open a temporary diversion route has been put in place as shown on the map below. This route will extend the circular walk by a little under a quarter mile and uses the Rights of Way through the wild flower meadow behind Porch House Farm (the big white house or Molly Vernons) and through the fields of Horsepool Farm.



Wheelie Bin Stickers

Every year many children across the country are killed or injured crossing roads! More often than not these incidents are occurring within a few metres of their home or school and, in many cases, inappropriate or excessive speed of vehicles is a major factor.

The Parish Council are committed to making the roads of Romsley as safe as possible. Please help us to protect all our families by reminding people travelling through our community that speeding is not acceptable!

Please display the stickers supplied with this newsletter on the left hand side of your grey refuse wheelie bin and your green recycling wheelie bin so they are visible to cars travelling along the road.

Notice Board



Parish Council meetings - Second Monday of the month

Romsley Parish Council will be meeting on the following dates at St Kenelm's School.

- ◆ Monday 12th June
- ◆ Monday 10th July
- ◆ **No meeting in August**
- ◆ Monday 11th September
- ◆ Monday 9th October
- ◆ Monday 13th November
- ◆ **No meeting in December**

The meetings are open to all residents and commence at 7:00pm. The meeting opens with a public forum in which any matters can be raised with the Council before moving onto the main Council meeting.

This is a good way of understanding the business of the Council and we would be glad to see you there.

Allotments Available

There are a number of plots available at the Parish allotments on Farley Lane.

If you would be interested in renting one of these and would like more details please contact Ruth Mullett Clerk to the Council Tel - 01562 712050



The Parish Council does not endorse any specific products, services or providers, including our sponsors, which may be mentioned or presented in our newsletter, website or other communications.

Severn Trent pipeline

Many of you will be aware of the plans by Severn Trent to build a new pipeline and associated water works within the Parish. This is a vital project of national importance as it will improve the resilience of Birmingham's water supply and permit maintenance on the Elan Valley Aqueduct which also runs through the heart of our Parish. This project will have a significant impact in the coming months as the pipe line is laid and as a significant water treatment works is constructed in the area of Putney Lane.

Throughout the planning and design stages the Parish Council, working with local residents, have striven to secure guarantees from Severn Trent and the relevant planning authorities that our countryside will be protected and that, during the many months of building, the impact of the construction on residents will be minimised.

The entire Parish owes an enormous debt of gratitude to the many residents who attended public meetings or passed comment to the planning authorities. With so many people being involved in this process it is impossible to thank everyone individually. However because of their exceptional effort and leadership we would like to offer special thanks to Lois Swift, Nigel Stead and Mike Buckley who, through their hard work

and determination, succeeded in getting several significant changes to the design of the water treatment works which will reduce its impact on our community in the years to come.

The main construction will be commencing in May and June and it will involve significant construction activity using heavy plant and equipment. This has a very real potential to cause disruption to our community and, in response, Severn Trent and its contractors have agreed a number of controls and mitigations with us, many of which are formalised in the planning permissions given by the District Council. The controls include specific start and finish times for construction work. A ban on construction traffic through the main village and a formalised traffic plan that regulates the movement of vehicles to and from the main construction compound. In addition a Community Liaison Group (CLG) has been established with membership drawn from residents, the Parish Council, Severn Trent and its contractors to provide an ongoing dialogue.

However despite these controls the Parish Council and the CLG recognises that there is still likely to be significant disruption to our community throughout the construction period. As such, we will need to remain vigilant and maintain a frequent and ongoing dialogue with Severn Trent and its supply chain to ensure any impacts are mitigated and problems resolved.

Dog fouling

In recent months we have seen an increasing problem with dog fouling in the Parish. The vast majority of pet owners take time to clean up after their pets and we would like to remind everyone of the importance of doing this out of respect for your neighbours and the Parish we all share. It is also important to remember that Bromsgrove District Council operate a penalty regime of up to £500 for dog fouling.

To help dog owners, the Parish Council are rolling out dog waste bag dispensers, new bins and better signage across the village.

Please remember to only dispose of the bags in bins and not throw them into nearby bushes. You are free to use any bin.

Could we also remind owners that the same responsibilities for cleaning up after your dog extends to all areas of the park, grass areas and all the countryside footpaths.



Romstock

10th June

Find us on...



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Parish
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Together we're stronger...



Paul Shakespeare as
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Featuring Julianne Bourne

**IZZY
THE
PUSH**

**BIG JIM AND THE
GUMBO SHAKERS**

Soulmania



Felicity Cox

Strictly
ABBA



Ticket Information

romsleyparishcouncil.gov.uk **AVION TSL**
EVENTS...IT'S WHAT WE DO!



Early Bird Wristbands are now on sale from Romsley Co-op - 5 St Kenelms Road, Romsley **until June 7th** (while stocks last)

Early Bird Tickets can be purchased online (you will receive a unique code which will grant entry on the day) see the Romsley Parish Council Website or Romstock Facebook page - **available until June 7th**

We only have a limited number of Romstock wristbands for sale. Purchase early to avoid disappointment

All sales are subject to the Terms and Conditions detailed on the Romsley Parish Council Website

Early Bird

Only on Sale up to Wednesday June 7th* - Early Bird tickets are NOT available on the day

£10 Adults

£2.50 Child - age 5-16 (under 5's free)

Family Tickets 2 Adults & 2 Children £20

Save £16 with a
Family Ticket

On the Day

Prices on 10th June payable on the gate. Early Bird tickets and Family Tickets are NOT available on the gate

£15 Adults

£3 Child

Romstock is a family event that we want everyone to enjoy in safety, please be aware of the following terms and conditions -
A visual inspection of the contents of all bags and containers will be undertaken on entry. You may bring reasonable quantities of alcohol for personal consumption, however excessive amounts of alcohol will not be allowed into Romstock. For safety reasons please avoid bringing glassware, glass containers or glass bottles to the event except for standard and sparkling wine bottles. Any form of drug, legal-high or items deemed dangerous or offensive by the organisers are strictly prohibited. Parents and guardians are fully responsible for their children's safety and behaviour and must maintain appropriate supervision of them at all times. No Public parking will be available at the carpark or on surrounding roads. There is a zero tolerance policy towards any anti-social or aggressive behaviour. The organisers decision on all matters is final and we retain the right to bar entry to or remove people from the event without refund.