

FOCUS on Gnosall

County Council Election Special - From Cllr Barry Stamp



County Council Elections - May 5th

On Thursday May 5th residents of Gnosall will have the opportunity of voting for a County Councillor to represent them for the next 4 years. **Barry Stamp** is pleased to say he will be a candidate in that election. **Barry** is already the County Councillor for the area, having been elected three years ago at the by-election caused by the death of the much respected Cyril Jones. Since that time **Barry** has relentlessly fought for a better deal for the area. In that time he has amongst other things:-

- ✓ helped establish the Gnosall Community Speed Watch Group.
- ✓ obtained a commitment from the County Council to open a permanent library in Gnosall.
- ✓ pressed the County Council to fund the rebuilding of the Gnosall to Church Eaton Road.
- ✓ persuaded the County Council to carry out much needed resurfacing work on the whole of Audmore Road.
- ✓ pushed the County Council to install the new drainage system to stop flooding in the High Street.
- ✓ urged the County Council to carry out the A518 route strategy.
- ✓ gave help to St Lawrence School, Gnosall Memorial Institute, and Gnosall Age Concern to help them get a grant from the County Council's Local Members Initiative Scheme.
- ✓ ensured the County Council carried out reinstatement work on the Greenway following damage by contractors.
- ✓ arranged numerous meetings between local residents and officers of the County Council to ensure the views and concerns of residents are heard at first hand by the people that take the decisions.



Barry Stamp has helped to establish the Gnosall Community Speed Watch Group that is making a real difference to road safety on the A518

However despite these successes there is still much to be done to ensure Gnosall gets an even better deal from the County Council.

What the papers say



On May 5th vote for a Councillor who is experienced, hardworking, and does not just appear when the election is on.

Barry Stamp  

Fighting for a better deal for Gnosall

Turn Over To See The Latest News On Gnosall's New Library



Gnosall's New Library Unveiled



A few days ago Staffordshire County Council told **Barry Stamp** they had identified a room at St Lawrence's Primary School which could be turned into a new permanent library for the Village. The room in question is located on the top floor next to Stafford College's IT facility. Up until a few weeks ago it was used by the Youth and Community Service, who have since vacated the space. As many people will know this part of the building has its own entrance and is served by a lift. Work on the conversion of the room and improvements to the entrance and lift to ensure ease of access is planned to start soon.

Barry has been working for sometime on this project. During the last twelve months he has chaired an advisory group made up of library users and representatives of Village organisations, which helped the County Council develop its plan. It is envisaged that the new facility will include a wider range of books, DVDs, videos and CDs than currently carried on the mobile van and enhanced IT facilities. Already £8000 of new books have been purchased and put into stock awaiting the opening. The new library will start by opening 10 hours a week, but the exact timing is yet to be worked out and could include weekend and evening sessions. **Barry** believes this should just be a starting point and he will be fighting to get these hours extended when the demand for the new library is known.

However **Barry** is concerned that residents, especially the elderly, who live in the Monks Walk area will have a long way to travel to the new library. He is already talking to the Library Service to see if the mobile library can be kept



Barry Stamp has been campaigning for sometime to get a permanent library in this area

for residents from that end of the Village to use. He is also keen to see if a bus service, perhaps operated by Rural Link could provide a link to the new library when it is finally opened. **Barry** will keep everyone fully informed of progress on the issue but would like to hear your views on what is being planned. Ring him on 822723.

Got a problem? Contact your Stafford Borough and Staffordshire County Councillor BARRY STAMP

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Ashbrook Close Water Pressure

Residents living in Ashbrook Close are suffering from low water pressure to their homes. The problem appears to be the old water main which runs through the back gardens of the houses. **Barry Stamp** has discovered that this, and other water mains, in the Greenfields were once private and belonged to the Council and not Severn Trent. So now no one wants to take responsibility for them. **Barry Stamp** is backing the residents campaign to get a replacement main installed. He has already arranged a meeting with the Borough Council's Head of Legal Services to see exactly what the law says about the lack of service these residents are getting. He will then be putting pressure on both the Borough Council and Severn Trent to carry out the work. He will report back in a later edition of Focus. Severn Trent intend to spend £2.5 Billion over the next five years improving the water supply across the Midlands so surely a new water pipe in Ashbrook Close is not too much to ask for!



News in Brief

Rural Bus Services

At a recent County Council meeting **Barry Stamp** raised the problem of the poor bus services in Gnosall Division. **Barry** told the meeting that despite the increased use of the 481 Rural Line service along the main road, other villages were missing out, and that residents, especially the elderly and young mothers with children, could not be expected to walk to the main road to catch a bus! The Head of the County Council's Passenger Transport Section agreed to carry out a full review of bus services, but warned that funding was limited and buses could only be provided where there was a need. **Barry** will continue to fight for improved bus services for this area

On May 5th Vote

Barry Stamp

