

## **CRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Post Office Services for Cradley** – at its October meeting the Parish Council was addressed by Neil Jenkins, Field Change Advisor for Post Offices Ltd. His job is actually to work with communities such as ours to find ways to provide a Post Office service. It was a relief to know that he is clearly prepared to work proactively with various village organisations to suggest options for the parish. Various models of providing a service would be looked at, depending on the hours deemed necessary for the area. Also, different venues would be considered in all this.

**Cluster Meeting** – Councillor Brian Gordon reported that a meeting of the Ledbury area group of Parish Councils had been held recently. It was believed that pressure from the group regarding traffic/speed issues was having some effect. Colwall was proceeding apace with its Neighbourhood Development Plan.

**Cradley Neighbourhood Development Plan** – by the time you read this, there will have been a consultation meeting at Cradley Village Hall (16<sup>th</sup> October) to move things forward in our parish, as well as look for volunteers. Do consult our Cradley NDP website for further information <http://www.cradlevndp.com>. In addition, the next issue of the **Parish Council Reporter** will cover the NDP in some depth.

**Bye Law Signs** – these have now been prepared for the recreation areas.

**Pot-holes** – this is a problem everywhere in the country of course, but every pressure must be put on the highway authority when there are problems. We should all report problems individually to the County Council of course, but if there are particularly dangerous or indeed very long-standing issues anywhere, then can I encourage you to contact Mary Barnett, our Parish Clerk, as this can sometimes add extra leverage to sort out matters.

**Sand Bags** – with visions of our lovely summer still just about in the memory, it pains me to have to mention...sand bags! This year Council sand bags are to be found at the 'Red Lion'. They are free to parishioners, so please help yourself if you feel they will aid you in the forthcoming winter.

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