

# NEWSLETTER

Spring 2010

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## Notice of Summer Picnic



Residents of Dawley Hamlets enjoying the Parish Christmas Party 2008

Following on from the success of our 2009 Summer Picnic we would like to do the same this year for residents of Dawley Hamlets who are of pensionable age.

If we receive positive feedback in sufficient numbers to make the picnic viable it is proposed to hold a social buffet at Horsehay Village Hall at midday on Friday 18th June 2010. There would be no charge. If you are interested in attending and feel that you may qualify please reply to the Parish Clerk before the end of April 2010 using the form at the bottom of this page.

If there are sufficient replies to make it a viable occasion applicants will receive a formal invitation nearer to the date.

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**Dawley Hamlets Parish Council Senior Citizens Summer Picnic 2009**  
**Horsehay Village Hall 12.00 midday Friday 18th June 2010**

Name .....

Address .....

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I am a senior citizen and resident of the Parish of Dawley Hamlets and I would like to be invited to the Parish Council's free Summer Picnic for senior citizens.

[I understand that priority will be given to those who have previously expressed an interest and I will be notified if my application is successful]

Please send this form to:

M. Goldstraw, Parish Clerk, Regent Villa, London Road, St. George's, Telford, TF2 9LH

## Local History

### Demonstrations

This newsletter advertises the Dawley Hamlets parish picnic on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010. It follows on the tradition of the Demonstrations and Anniversaries which were organised by the local churches in each area. Dawley Sunday School's Demonstration was held on August Bank Holiday Monday, with brass bands, an open air service, and a parade as William Kent recalled.

*And on August Bank Holiday, when we had the Demonstration, we had a procession from Doseley Church that joined up with the Dawley people, and had the service in the Park. When we came back again to Doseley there was a field by the side of the Church, we used to have sports and games in. And Joe Ball would also have a stall with sweets, and when he'd practically finishing, when things were ending, they'd have no more on, Joe would just get hold of this box of sweets and flick the little things all the way round the field and we children would go and scramble after them. He was very good-natured was Joe Ball.*

Q. You mentioned the Dawley Demonstration. This was an event very much looked forward to by all the local people every August Bank Holiday?

*A. Oh yes, they'd come from a long way to see the Dawley Demonstration, especially those people who'd emigrated to different parts of the country. And Dawley Demonstration that was their enjoyment to come back and meet old friends, and see – enjoy - the walking, and the processions. That was really a grand time, people today, the youngsters today miss the happy days we had.*

Q. Could you describe the form this demonstration took, Bill?

*A. It was a procession with children dressed up in their best clothes, and carrying baskets of flowers, the girls carrying baskets of flowers, and the boys were really behaving themselves. But they'd all walk in a procession, there would be 100 or more in a procession led by a band - the Jackfield Band, the Coalbrookdale Band, the Dawley Band, and I think there was a Madeley Band at the time as well. They were all brass bands – it was really enjoyable to hear them, thumping, thumping away with the drums coming out. There was on, I remember one drummer, well he was a drummer for the Dawley Band, was William Ball, he was the drummer with the big bass drum we had. And also I think he played the double bass as well. But you'd really enjoy it, you'd stand there watching the procession, really enjoyable.*

Q. You processed up to Dawley, and then you had a service did you?

*A. Had a service sometimes in Dawley Park, and then later years,*

*I remember, it was on the old football field by the side of the Park. The ground, as I mentioned earlier, was where it was filled from the clay from the Horsehay Pool. That's where they had the service. The hymn they always had was 'All people that on earth do dwell'.*

Not quite what we had in mind for Dawley Hamlets Parish Picnic.

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Bert Franks of Holywell Lane, Little Dawley also recalled the chapel anniversaries in Little Dawley,

*And we used to practise hard for these anniversaries, and everyone would turn up on the day of the anniversary. They'd come for miles and they'd be overflowing outside, and it was a great day for us. And I always remember that before the anniversary we'd all have to go up to Mr Ward's to get our new shoes because he was a cobbler and used to make shoes. And we'd get the new shoes off him for the anniversary, and the girls used to have to go along to Picken's and put their good dresses on there. They weren't allowed to wear them from home, across The Finney and places like that, too much muck about. And we used to, they used to go across to Picken's and put on their new dresses and hair ribbons and that. Girls would all be in white, and us boys would have our blue jumpers and these stiff collars on. And it was a great thing for us on the day of the Anniversaries. And sing, you'd never heard such singing. And on special anniversary days, old Tom Ward, he used to play the violin, and it was always one of his big days to play for the anniversary. We used to get a special organist in and a different organ, what the, we had ordinary Sundays. They'd get a good organ in, and oh, it was a great thing on the anniversary days. I can hear Tom Ward now, screech, screech, screech. He thought he was doing a good job, but we didn't think so, us kids.*

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### **Chairman's Chunterings**

I often think that when people ask for my opinion on various topics and subsequently fail to take the advice or agree with the opinion given, that I haven't been listened to, that it was a waste of time for me to help. In fact I frequently wonder why people ask (you or me) something and then completely ignore what's been said.

Is it perhaps that several people have been asked the same question and then the inquisitor, having received various differing solutions, makes up his or her mind and utilises one (opinion)?

In the past I have given my opinion on a myriad of things. The most important of these has been through the 'Ballot Box' at General Election time. Then when the selected person isn't the one I voted for and the one elected doesn't perform in the way I desired, I sometimes become disheartened and wonder if there was any point in voting in the first place!

The last paragraph epitomises the opinion of many people and I think is one of the main reasons that many people don't bother (to vote) at all. Then we are left with a scenario whereby a minority (of potential voters) elect people who claim to have a majority.

Well how about this then. Every one on the Electoral Roll has their vote counted whether or not they actually visit the polling station (or post a vote). How? Try this. If you do not vote then it is accepted that you are happy with the status quo (not the rock band). That means that you are voting for whoever is in post prior to the election. That way only if you want to change things do you actually have the need to vote and everyone has voted. Job done then.

Andy Chetwood

## Contact Us

### PACT – Aareina Local Priorities



PACT stands for Partners and Communities Together. It gives you the chance to tell your local policing team, local authority and other partner agencies about the issues that are causing concern within your neighbourhood and which ones you want us to deal with as a priority. Once the community agrees on the top priorities, we'll work together to address them.

The issues raised can vary significantly, and aren't always for the police to deal with, but common examples include:

Graffiti – Vandalism – Speeding – Dog fouling – Youth gathering – Anti-social behaviour – Drinking in the street.

PACT Meetings are regularly held at Horsehay Village Hall. The following dates are booked and you are welcome to attend:

13th April 2010; 18th May 2010; 15th June 2010. All at 6.30pm in Horsehay Village Hall.

### *Your Local Parish Councillors*

**Councillor Andy Chetwood**

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Little Dawley  
Telford TF4 3HD  
Tel: 402699

**Councillor G Onions**

9 Foresters Close  
Horsehay, Telford TF4 3BW  
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**Councillor Tansy Swain**

17 Suffolk Way  
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**Councillor Mrs B. Onions**

9 Foresters Close  
Horsehay  
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**Councillor Linda Gough**

13 Holly Road  
Little Dawley  
Telford TF4 3HA

**Councillor J W Lovett**

The Oaks  
Horsehay  
Telford TF4 2LT

**Councillor Geraldine King**

36 Malvern Crescent  
Little Dawley  
Telford TF4 3HE  
Tel: 591894

At the time of going to press the parish council is in the process of filling two vacancies. Names of the successful candidates will be notified in the next newsletter and can be obtained at any time from the clerk.

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### **DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**

Meets twice a month at Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay at 7.15 p.m.

Planning meetings are held on the first Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays) and the main meeting is held on the third Wednesday of the month. There are no meetings in August.

**All residents of the parish are invited to attend and all meetings have a 15 minute public session where Council is able to receive comments and reports from residents of the Parish.**