

# NEWSLETTER

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## Listed Buildings



Dawley Hamlets has a number of listed buildings; arguably the best known of these is The Aqueduct, (situated near to where Silkin Way crosses Chapel Lane, Aqueduct Village), which is presently feeling a little neglected but has received structural surveys with a view to the possibility of obtaining grants for its renovation.

At the time of going to press it is understood that the Borough Council has held a meeting with local residents of Aqueduct, but Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has not been informed of the content or results of the meeting.

It is hoped that the Parish Council will be kept informed at some point in time as there are grave concerns over the future of this historically significant bridge.

The edifice is described on the British Listed Buildings website as a

“Canal aqueduct now a footpath bridge. Circa 1788 by William Reynolds engineer for the Shropshire Canal Navigation. Sandstone ashlar. Single elliptical arch with ashlar arch ring and abutments on either side in deep cutting for the track below. The canal above has been filled in and is now a footpath (Silkin Way). *[Correction: the footpath is near the Silkin Way but not part of it]*. Note: The Shropshire Canal was a tub boat *[canal]* authorised in June 1788 from Wrockwardine Wood to Coalport on the River Severn. It was converted to a railway line in 1857-61.

Source: Hadfield C, Canals of the West Midlands, pp 152-9, 237-8, 250-1”

A complete list of all the listed buildings in the parish of Dawley Hamlets can be found online at:

<http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/england/telford+and+wrekin/dawley+hamlets>



## Dawley Hamlets Parish Council Senior Citizens Christmas Buffet



**12.30pm for 1pm Friday December 5th 2014**

The Parish Council will once again be holding a free Christmas Buffet for senior citizens of the Parish. If you would like to be invited to attend please return the slip below. Admittance will be by ticket only and places are limited so applicants are advised to return their slips as soon as possible.

Name .....

Address .....

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

Please send the form to: M. Goldstraw, Parish Clerk, Regent Villa, London Road, St. George's, Telford, TF2 9LH

### The Consequences of War

As my thoughts turn to the Anniversary of my Dad's birth it reminds me that this year also sees us remember the outbreak of the Great War in 1914.

Dad was born in County Limerick, Ireland towards the end of the 19th century. He was born into a family who served Crown and country, his father being a member of the RIC. Two of his brothers also served in the RIC. On the outbreak of WW1 one of them transferred to the British Army and served in Mesopotamia. He was discharged from the Army because of horrendous injuries he received and after hospitalisation in Basra he was declared unfit to serve. Dad on the other hand served in France and saw service in the Somme. History tells us that young men were quickly propelled into officer roles and so it was with Dad. Indeed in March 1918 he was commissioned as an officer in the regular army for the Cheshire Regiment and served at Cannock Chase.

Here was a young man ordering troops into unspeakable situations. The carnage of war lived with him all his life. As a young child I remember crying in bed because of my Dad's screams coming from my parents' bedroom. I was born in 1941. It was after my Dad's death in the 1970s that my eldest sister told me that Dad suffered nightmares throughout his life because of what he witnessed during WW1.

I was brought up in a very loving and happy home in which love served all of us. Now in my 70s I reflect on my mum's role in caring for us all and in particular the loving way in which she dealt with dad's nightmares. At the time there was very little help available to combat the stresses in the lives of ex service personnel. In many cases, such as Dad's, men and their families had to simply grin and bear it. Even less was available to people like Dad because they returned to their homeland. Now what happened to Dad is not unique. I have no doubt that countless families throughout the realm can relate to what I am saying about the consequences of war.

Nowadays there are numerous charities who support our former service personnel. Each has a unique role in the rehabilitation and care of our former service personnel. Each and every one of the charities deserves our support. So this year try and give just a little more to the charities. Your support does not have to be financial, sometimes just a cheery wave will do, or clearing litter from a garden. Above all we must each strive for peace. No I, alone, cannot change the various conflicts in our world, what I can influence is peace in my own heart and then in my family, amongst my friends, then in my neighbourhood. Can you try for such peace in your life?

Anonymous

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### The Britannia Aqueduct Historical Society

<http://aqueductlocalhistory.wordpress.com>

You are invited to join us at the Aqueduct Bridge, Chapel Lane, Aqueduct, Telford for a short service of remembrance to honour the war dead of Aqueduct, at 2.30 on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Meeting dates for Britannia Aqueduct History Society for 2014/2015

Tues. 28th Oct 2014

Tues. 16th Dec 2014

Tues. 24th Feb 2015 (AGM)

All meetings are held at the Britannia Inn, Aqueduct, Telford at 9pm.

Meeting dates subject to alteration. Please check with Tel 593968 or Tel 595864.

**Visit our new on-line photo gallery:  
<http://dawley-hamlets.org/gallery>**

## Local News

### Chairman's Chunterings



Well it's nice and sunny as I put pen-to-paper or rather finger-to-key. I am willing to bet that it isn't by the time you read this!

Don't we have some strange names for things? The 'Rush Hour' for instance. The latest one, it seems to me, is 'Food Bank'. Now I know what they are and I know what they do. However, can you open an account? Can you run up an overdraft? Can you make a deposit? Can you change a multi-pack into singles? I can't think of a dafter term for such a laudable and much-needed enterprise. Perhaps it could be renamed 'Food Agency'. Then it could be run by the Government and not volunteers. I wonder if you can get 'Traffic-jam' from a 'Food-Bank'?

We also have a lot of strange sayings that, when examined, do not actually mean anything other than complete gibberish. How often has one of us asked, "What's on the television tonight?". Well I can honestly say that if I had been asked that twenty years ago a truthful answer would have been:- 'An indoor aerial and a picture of my parents'. Now with these slim-line TVs I can't get anything to balance on it. I suppose it's really just away of expressing ourselves, safe in the knowledge that others understand. I'm off to pick up a 'Night Paper' now. I'll not buy one, I'll just pick it up, read it and put it back.

**Andy Chetwood**

**CakeSmile** was set up to provide a birthday cake for any family who may be struggling to provide a cake for their child. They can also provide a cake for a senior citizen who would love a cake but have no one to make one. There are a number of volunteer bakers who will try to accommodate a requested theme. The cake will be delivered to an agreed place, normally a public venue, and there is no contact between baker and child.

The cake is completely free; all ingredients are provided by CakeSmile and the baker; there is an online form to complete at <http://www.telfordsupport.org.uk/cake-smile/> The form tells the bakers the things they need to know like allergies and age of recipient etc.

This project is co-ordinated by Linda Gough who was inspired by the Free Cakes for Kids idea. After talking with them, Linda thought we could do something similar here in Telford & Wrekin (and Shropshire). The community project links families in need and passionate home bakers.

If you need more information or would like to be part of it drop Linda an email: [thecakesmile@gmail.com](mailto:thecakesmile@gmail.com). It's free, it's confidential and it's fun. It's cake! What's not to like?

### ***Are you keeping up to date with Parish Council business?***

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has its own web site where you can view its minutes which are a legally required record of its business. Minutes of all meetings going back to the year 2001 are archived on the web for all to see.

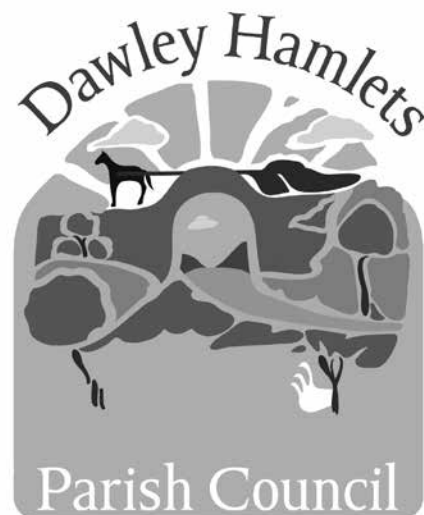
Up to date minutes are usually placed on the web site within days of them being approved, by Council, as a true record of the proceedings.  
<http://dawley-hamlets.org>

If you help to organise a local group or event in the parish of Dawley Hamlets we will be only too happy to publish your meeting dates and times for you free of charge in our Newsletter. We aim to ensure that all households in the parish receive a copy.

All you have to do is contact either the Clerk or any of your Parish Councillors with the details and we will do the rest. Our only condition is that your organisation or event should benefit the parish and be non-profitable.

**GET YOURSELVES SOME FREE PUBLICITY!!**

**[www.dawley-hamlets.org](http://www.dawley-hamlets.org)**



# Contact Us

## Your Local Parish Councillors

### Aqueduct Ward

**Councillor Andy Chetwood**

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Telford TF4 3HD  
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**Councillor Tracy Cashmore**

38 Malvern Crescent, Little Dawley  
Telford TF4 3HE

**Councillor Geraldine King**

36 Malvern Crescent, Little Dawley  
Telford TF4 3HE  
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**Councillor Susan Tarr**

67 Ellis Peters Drive,  
Aqueduct, Telford, TF3 1AW  
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**Councillor Linda Gough**

13 Holly Road, Little Dawley  
Telford TF4 3HA

**Councillor Alan E Scott**

28 Avon Close, Little Dawley  
TF4 3HP

### Dawley Hamlets Ward

**Councillor Tansy Swain**

17 Suffolk Way, Horsehay, Telford TF4 3UL

**Councillor Mrs B. Onions**

9 Foresters Close,  
Horsehay, Telford TF4 3BW  
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**Clerk:** Martin Goldstraw

Regent Villa, London Road, St. George's, Telford TF2 9QD  
Tel: 01952 458006 Fax: 08703 156 809

**Councillor John Lovett**

The Oaks, Spring Village, TF4 2LX

### BIRTHDAY COMING?

Are you struggling to provide a birthday cake for your child? Do you know a senior citizen who would love a birthday cake but has no one to make one?

We can help please contact "cakesmile" part of Telford Support.



[www.telfordsupport.org.uk/cake-smile](http://www.telfordsupport.org.uk/cake-smile)  
[thecakesmile@gmail.com](mailto:thecakesmile@gmail.com)  
07795262621

Malinslee and Dawley & Hamlets Safer Neighbourhood Team are now on



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[www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

### DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Meets at Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each 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.

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