

# NEWSLETTER

**Spring 2015**

**Produced by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council**

## **Family Fun Day at the Telford Steam Railway      Sunday 19th July 2015**

The Parish Council has agreed to sponsor a Family Fun Day at the Telford Steam Railway, Horsehay, on Sunday 19th July 2015. Family tickets (two adults and two children) will be available, free of charge, upon application, to those parents or guardians of children who reside in the Parish of Dawley Hamlets.



**Telford Steam Railway**

Full details of the attractions offered by the Telford Steam Railway can be found on their website:

<http://telfordsteamrailway.co.uk>

This new initiative by the Parish Council is designed to encourage an awareness of the history and facilities available for families with young children to enjoy within their own Parish. The history of Telford Horsehay Steam Trust (THST) can be traced back to mid-1972 when, as part of the Spring Village landscaping scheme. Telford Development Corporation (TDC) formulated the idea of purchasing and restoring a steam locomotive for display in the former Horsehay Company's loco shed.

It took until 1976 for the chain of events to take place that led to the formation of Telford Horsehay Steam Trust. Work soon started on restoring locomotive 5619 to working order and eventually several open days were held at the loco shed. When BR closed its rail link to the adjoining AB Cranes factory, TDC purchased the line from Lightmoor to Horsehay, leasing half the half-mile Horsehay to Heath Hill section to THST. The steam railway was opened to the public in 1984. Since then, THST has changed its name to Telford Steam Railway and consolidated its site, adding more rolling stock, a narrow gauge tramway, model railway and many site improvements.

## **Dawley Hamlets Parish Council Family Summer Event**

**Sunday 19th July 2015**

The Parish Council will be sponsoring a free Family Summer Event for families with children who are residents 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 parent / guardian of children resident in the Parish of Dawley Hamlets. I would like tickets to the Parish Council's sponsored Summer Event at the Telford Steam Railway.

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



## Then and Now

When I found out that the Parish Council had decided to hold a family day at the Steam Trust, I thought of the phrase "It was never like that in my day". How often do people, of more senior years, use such expressions?

I was lucky enough to be brought up close to the coast and during summer holidays from school we would cycle the 14 or so miles to the beach just to swim, play and lie in the sun. Do you remember the knitted swimming togs? Then the girls wore the more refined knitted swimming costumes. Oh dear! They caused a lot of innocent laughter.

We would dine on soggy tomato sandwiches slightly toasted from being in the sun. Otherwise it was egg sandwiches. These again were slightly toasted and warm from being out in the sun. We drank orange squash or lemon barley water again warmed by the sun. How delicious it all was! Some days we might have had the luxury of a bar of melted chocolate. Of course they were the small 2d bar. Now for all you clever ones I challenge you to convert that to our present currency.

We had strict instructions to be home at a particular time. Rarely did we push the boundaries to find out what would happen if we were late. However, it happened that my younger brother got severely sunburnt on the back of his legs and it was too painful for him to ride his bike. And so we virtually walked all the way home. It made us very late, incurring Dad's wrath. In hindsight it was an expression of relief that we were safe. One of the rare times that I challenged Dad. Yet my challenge calmed him.

Am I dreaming or is it true that those summer days were hotter and longer?

Then there were those lovely summer Sundays when the family went on the excursion train to the coast. Wonderful because Dad could be with us. His only day off. One of us would always stick our head out the carriage window and get soot in our eyes from the engine fire. My memory is that it was very painful. Once again we would have a picnic on the beach. Never to be forgotten is the sand in sandwiches. Nowadays we would travel by car and our picnic and drinks would be in a chilled "Cooler Box". Such luxury.

I also remember the summer visits to a friend's farm. Great fun days playing in the meadows and the orchard. I have never tasted apples like them since. Watching the cows being milked and then putting the milk through the separator to extract the cream. Then churning the cream to make absolutely delicious butter.

Sometimes we would be given a block of butter to take home for Mum and Dad.

The fantastic farmhouse teas before we set off for home, very tired but deliriously happy.

Today we simply go to the corner shop or the supermarket.

I visited the Acton Scott Farm Museum with my children some years ago and saw in use the farm equipment and tools of my youth.

The thought went through my mind, "I am now a museum piece." Perhaps my children agree!!

**Councillor Alan Scott.**

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

### Chairman's Chunterings



Why do we criticise things? We frequently seem to think that 'we know better'. Let me suggest that it is much easier to moan about or criticise something than to be positive. Why? Could it be that it is easier to allow someone else to have ideas than to formulate one's own? All too often though, may I suggest, ideas are hatched without due consideration to the effects on other people. I have made many errors of judgement without thought for other people. Now I try not to. I say try.

If we all considered the various ramifications of (our) actions, many of the things we intend to do would be modified. I honestly believe that many of the small inconveniencing things we do could be remedied before-the-fact, if only we considered the consequences.

Consideration is the key-word. It is frequently considered, in my opinion, to be a weakness. I don't think it is; I think it's an attribute.

**Andy Chetwood**

### Elections

At the time of writing, Parish and Town Councils in the area are in the throes of elections and so no contact details have been published. If you want to contact the Parish Council please contact the Clerk. News of those who have successfully been elected to serve their community will be posted on the Parish Council's weblog.

The Parish of Dawley Hamlets is divided into two Wards, Dawley Hamlets Ward and Aqueduct Ward.

There will be no election for the Dawley Hamlets Ward (it is uncontested) so Cllrs. Beryl Onions, Mike Phillips and Kathy Salter are elected unopposed to the Council.

The Aqueduct Ward will be subject to an election and details of the candidates can be found on the Borough Council's website here:

[http://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/2698/dawley\\_hamlets\\_aqueduct](http://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/2698/dawley_hamlets_aqueduct)

### *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.

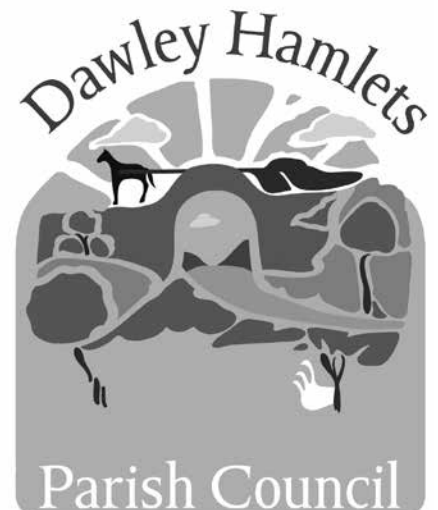
Up to date minutes are usually placed on the web site within days of them being approved, by Council, as a true record of the proceedings.  
<http://dawley-hamlets.org>

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

### Weblog

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council now has a weblog, or online journal, which can be found at <http://weblog.dawley-hamlets.org/> . Visitors to the weblog will find up to date information on the Parish Council's agendas and minutes along with policing matters, local group information and links to new planning applications which are to be considered by the Borough Council. If you have details of a local event you would like publicised on the weblog, please let the Clerk know.

### Please Note:

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council is NOT the Planning Authority; this is the function of the Borough Council. The view of the Parish Council does not carry any extra weight (over and above any other resident) nor is it guaranteed to be taken into account when any decision is made by the Borough Council. The Parish Council is simply invited by the Borough Council to give its views on planning applications. If this planning application affects you, or you have a view which you wish to be taken into consideration by the Planning Officers of the Borough Council then it is important that you convey that opinion directly to the relevant authority (which is Telford & Wrekin Council). The Parish Council is unable to "pass on" the views of others to the Planning Authority but it may take into account the views of residents of the Parish when deciding upon its own position on any particular application.

### Your Local Parish Councillors

Because of the impending elections no contact details for the members of Council have been included in this Newsletter. Full details of the names and addresses of your elected representatives can be found on the Parish Council's website and they will be updated as soon as the results of the elections are known. The next newsletter will have full contact details; in the meantime if you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk:

Martin Goldstraw, Clerk to the Council, Regent Villa, London Road, St. Georges, Telford, TF2 9LH  
01952 458006 [clerk@dawley-hamlets.org](mailto:clerk@dawley-hamlets.org)

### 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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### 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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