



Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

Autumn / Winter Newsletter 2022

WELCOME to your Autumn / Winter 2022 Newsletter

CHRISTMAS IN DAWLEY HAMLETS

Last year we had Christmas trees in the Parish for the very first time and you told us you loved them so much that we have arranged to have them erected again this year in the same locations:

Aqueduct: At the junction of Majestic Way and Pageant Drive.

Horsehay: Next to the boundary wall of Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Rd.

Little Dawley: At the junction of Holly Road and Corbett Close.

They will be lit between 4pm and midnight from Thursday 17th November 2022 until Thursday 5th January 2023.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN AGAIN

We have been reliably informed that Interfaith Santa will be visiting the Borough on his sleigh again this December. As soon as we have the dates and routes we will publish them on our Website and Facebook page.

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY 12PM FOR 12:30PM FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2022 ENTERTAINMENT BY MR DAVE SOUTH

The Parish Council will be holding a free Christmas party for senior citizens who reside in the Parish. If you would like to be invited to attend please return the slip below or e-mail your name and address to clerk@dawley-hamlets.org and we will post you a ticket.

Admittance will be by ticket only, places are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis so applicants are advised to respond as soon as possible.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

I am a senior resident in the Parish of Dawley Hamlets and I would like to be invited to this Parish Council free event.

Please send this form to: K Ewence, Parish Clerk, 7 Earls Way, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6FA or alternatively e-mail clerk@dawley-hamlets.org.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE TELFORD STEAM RAILWAY

We are coming to the end of another busy season here at Telford Steam Railway, with lots of progress across all departments. Track and infrastructure maintenance is always ongoing. Twice this year, we have welcomed aircraft technician apprentices from the No. 1 School of Technical Training at RAF Cosford to the railway. They have worked alongside our volunteers to refurbish over 450ft of running line, and lay 30ft of new track in the yard at Spring Village.

The platform at our Lawley Station is currently being improved and the platform at Spring Village station is being extended. Our volunteers have also been busy with the restoration and maintenance of our carriages and steam and diesel locomotives are also being worked on.

Although challenging at times, with everything going on in the world, we have successfully delivered our first full season since 2019, which is something we are very proud of.

Thoughts are now turning to getting the railway ready for the Polar Express trains starting in November and a full calendar of events for 2023 is now being finalised, and will be announced onto our website and Facebook pages in the next couple of months.

For more details about the Polar Express experience, and to book tickets, please visit: www.telfordsteamrailway.co.uk/thepolarexpress



Three generations of the Davies Family, who have worked together to restore Hector!

HORSEHAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (HHS) SHOW

We held our first show on Saturday 3rd September after our two-year covid break and the sad loss of Cllr Beryl Onions and Mrs Shelia Robert both long term members of the society and well known in Horsehay and locally. The show went ahead in their memory with our new Chairperson Simon James and new Vice President Steve Lawton taking on the reins.

The Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show is a local village competition which is open to everyone, having vegetables/fruit, flowers/plants, floral art, crafts, cookery, photography and Junior sections for everyone to enter. This year we had 83 exhibitors who entered 382 exhibits beating the 2019 figure, it was a great turn out especially with the hot weather we had experienced growing the produce this year and the judges praised the quality of the entries.

Our thanks go to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council for their continued sponsorship of our show and Horsehay Village Hall and Meadowdale Nurseries for their continuous support. We would also like to thank the volunteers who arrange and set up the show without them the show could not go ahead, also the people that attend and enter the show, the show is for the community, and we need the community to support us every year.

For the first time this year we also asked exhibitors if they wanted to donate their fruit and vegetables to the food



bank and we are happy to say we had two large boxes that were donated to help the community.

To keep updated please join our Facebook page Horsehay Horticultural Society and we look forward to seeing more people entering the show next year.
Deb Tovey - Show Secretary

AN UPDATE FROM THE FRIENDS OF DAWLEY HAMLETS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (LNR)

Spring saw new arrivals to the LNR and some fantastic nature spots from our Friends' group. We saw goslings, ducklings, coot chicks and even Greylag goslings. Also spotted were a family of voles, Great Crested newts and slow-worms.

In the Summer, Madeley Academy students completed their work experience at the LNR as local 'rangers' where they completed clean up, mapping and ecological activities for us. Locals enjoyed the views of the balloon festival from the Mount in the LNR (behind Corbett Close). And, works continued in the LNR; the bridges and bollards have had a refurb and you may have seen our new benches with thanks to Cllr Andy Burford and the parish council for the funding of these.

As we enter the Autumn, our committee's keen ecologists have suggested we look out for more slow-worms, lizards and grass snakes. Remember to take care of any toads, frogs and other creatures such as hedgehogs in the piles of leaves and sticks/logs. If you can please record any sightings at: www.recordpool.org.uk.



Photography by Gill Bone, Michael Warville, Bob Wennington, Kate Barnes and Paul Weaver.

In Winter, we are excited to announce that the Magical Winter Event will return to the Little Dawley Pools. Save the date 17th and 18th December and if you can make a fairy house for display, please contact events@dawleyhamletslnr.co.uk.

FRIENDS OF HORSEHAY POOL AND ENVIRONS AUTUMN REPORT

The Friends Committee are continuing to work hard on improving Horsehay Pool. As many of you will have noticed the long-awaited sewer installation for properties at the North end of the Pool is well underway. This is causing a lot of disruption for everyone but it is important to focus on the improvement this will bring to the quality of the water and the pool.

The new path is installed and well used by everyone. The picnic benches have also been repaired and we are awaiting a new bench.

The island reinstatement is due to commence later this autumn and this will involve some tree felling and thinning out. Bird and bat boxes have been purchased to go on the island and there will be some reed planting on the outer poolside edge of the island. This work will bring significant benefits to the Pool's ecology. We have more ideas and plans for future developments. If you or if you know anyone who might be interested in joining our committee, we would love to hear from you.

We do not meet very often and it is not too onerous but we need more help. We also need more people to join the Friends Group, it is free and you will be the first to hear about what is going on. Please visit our web page or contact angela.porteous@hotmail.co.uk



BREAKFAST CLUB

Children of our Parish are welcome to attend the Great Dawley Breakfast Club held at Dawley Town Hall during the school holidays. Great Dawley Town Council also host a number of school holiday afternoon activities which our children are welcome to attend.

You will find further details on the Great Dawley Town Council Facebook page or Twitter [#greatdawleybreakfastclub](https://twitter.com/greatdawleybreakfastclub)

DAWLEY COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS (DCA)

The DCA is a newly-formed group set up by Cllr. Sam Deakin with a view to acquiring land and funding to set up and operate an allotment site in the Dawley area.

A committee has been established and the group is being mentored by the National Allotment Society. If you would be interested in renting an allotment, please email your name and address to: dawleycommunityallotments@gmail.com. If you would like more information, please visit their Facebook page: Allotments for Dawley Hamlets.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (excluding August and December). Meetings are currently being held in the main hall of Aqueduct Primary School, Castlefields Way, Telford, TF4 3RP at 7pm but please check our website for the latest information and meeting agenda before attending. All residents of the parish are invited to attend and each meeting has a 15-minute public session at the beginning where the Council is able to receive comments and reports from the residents of the Parish.

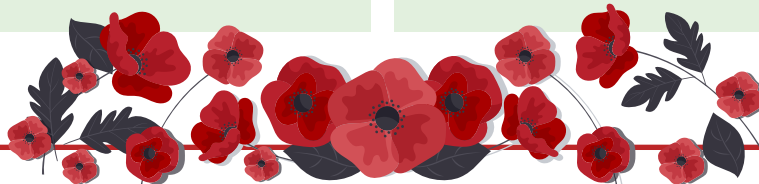
THE FOLLOWING SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2022

Little Dawley Remembrance Service: War Memorial

Junction of Holly Rd / Lightmoor Rd
Time 10.45am

Aqueduct Remembrance Service: Aqueduct Bridge

Off Chapel Lane, Aqueduct
Time 2.30pm



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