

# NEWSLETTER

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PRODUCED BY DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS!

Since our last newsletter we have had our Parish Council elections which are held every four years. We would like to congratulate all our Parish Councillors who were elected in May. Please turn to the back of the newsletter for full details.



### CHRISTMAS TREES IN DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH

Our Christmas trees are fast becoming a Parish tradition, they will be back once 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 Road
- Little Dawley: at the junction of Holly Road and Corbett Close



They will be lit between 4pm and midnight from Thursday 16th November 2023 until Friday 5th January 2024.

### AQUEDUCT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL STONE

We are pleased to report that the Aqueduct Primitive Methodist Chapel Stone has been restored and is now back in the plinth at the junction of Chapel Lane and the Silkin Way, Aqueduct.



### NEW PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD IN LITTLE DAWLEY

We have a new notice board in Little Dawley, located on Corbett Close. Our other notice boards are located outside the Costcutter, Majestic Way and the Britannia Inn, Aqueduct.



## DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY at HORSEHAY VILLAGE HALL 12PM FOR 12:30PM FRIDAY 1st December 2023

ENTERTAINMENT BY TOM BYRNE

The Parish Council will once again be holding a free Christmas party for senior citizens (65+) who reside in the Parish. If you would like to attend, please return the slip below or e-mail your name and address to [clerk@dawley-hamlets.org](mailto:clerk@dawley-hamlets.org) by 1st November 2023. If the event is oversubscribed names will be selected from a hat and if you have been unsuccessful, we will let you know immediately. Tickets will be posted out two weeks before the event and admittance will be by ticket only.

Name: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

I am a senior resident in Dawley Hamlets Parish 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](mailto:clerk@dawley-hamlets.org).



## AN UPDATE FROM THE TELFORD STEAM RAILWAY, HORSEHAY

With an ambitious programme of events, the railway has attracted large numbers of visitors this summer. It all started at Easter with an entertaining day featuring 'Alice's Adventures to Wonderland.' Other events have included a Coronation Special, a Princesses Day, Fish and Chip Specials with food purchased from the Codfather, a Vintage Day including a triple fly-past by a Lancaster bomber and a Model Railway Day with Horsehay Village Hall being used for the railway layouts.

Meadowdale Garden Centre in Horsehay kindly donated plants, compost and bark, so we could develop one of the flower beds at Spring Village Station.

We have launched an appeal to restore the narrow-gauge tram that we operate around the yard at Spring Village. The steam tram, was initially operated on a short track in the Telford Town Park in the TDC days before being moved to the Telford Steam Railway.

Drainage work that was carried out from Horsehay and Dawley Station to the footpath crossing from Pool Hill Road has been completed, laying new track should start soon.



*Picture courtesy of the Telford Steam Railway*

Tickets are selling well for our popular Polar Express Train Ride this coming Christmas, some nights are already sold out, details are available on our website; <https://www.telfordsteamrailway.co.uk/Wit>

## FRIENDS OF HORSEHAY POOL AND ENVIRONS LATEST NEWS

We are pleased to say that some further improvements to the Pool are under way. We have worked with Telford and Wrekin Council and some long awaited and much needed reeds are due to be planted at the North end of the Pool around the top edge of the island this Autumn. This will have a significant impact on improving the habitation for wildlife. The inlet around the island will also be re-dredged so that the water level around it should be maintained all year round. TWC have installed new safety signage at the Pool entrance and we have requested that all existing rusty signage is removed.

We are very grateful to DHPC for a grant towards pool improvements and to Cllrs Raj Mehta and Ian Preece for their Pride Fund support.

We have been busy bolstering our own fundraising by selling refreshments at Telford Steam Railway Model Railway Exhibition last month.

On the 3rd September we hosted a fantastic Scarecrow Festival with 20 scarecrows positioned around the Pool, including Donald Trump and Barbie, it was a glorious day and everyone enjoyed the event around our beautiful Pool. Please go to our Facebook page: 'Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs' for more details.

There is still a lot of work to do around the Pool so please get involved if you are able to. As a Friends Group, we are always looking for new members, just visit our website, its free to join and you will be the first to hear about what's going on.



*Picture courtesy of FoHP&E*



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

Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve has had a very successful Summer and Autumn with lots of nature spots across our 38-hectare site; a Cormorant, Kingfishers, Little Grebes, grass snakes, slow worms, common lizards, newts and lots of types of bees, dragonflies, butterflies and crickets. Don't forget our site covers from Parish Mount, Top Yard Mount right through and down to the Little Dawley Pools and Furnace Pools - why not have a walk around this Autumn and Winter to see what nature spots you can see? You can also see some of the fantastic work done by both Bug Life and Smallwoods/Energize with the cut back work they have been doing. One fantastic project this Summer has been the installation of new perch benches by The Sump and on Top Yard Mound which were made and fitted by Smallwoods and funded by DHPC. On the horizon, we are due to have new throw lines fitted and improved signage across the LNR.

Successful events last season included a pond-dipping event and our Summer event 'The Royal Adventures in Nature'. We were also delighted to welcome Shropshire Wildlife Trust to the site to complete activities with the children over the Summer holidays, Smallwoods to complete a Bat walk and several events from Bug Life such as identification and seed harvesting. Next up will be our popular Winter event

where you can see the LNR receive a magical make-over with fairy houses and lights; keep an eye on our Facebook page and posters in the LNR for details. We are always looking for volunteer help, particularly with making fairy houses for this event, so please contact [enquiries@dawleyhamletslnr.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@dawleyhamletslnr.co.uk) if you can help or if you would just like to sign up for free membership to our Friends group.



*Picture courtesy of Joanna Grindrod*

## HORSEHAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY FLOWER VEGETABLE AND CRAFT SHOW

This year's show took place on Saturday 2nd September in Horsehay Village Hall. The event is sponsored by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council whom we thank greatly, this sponsorship allows us to put on this show which has been a village event for many years. We would also like to thank Horsehay Village Hall for the use of the hall and Meadowdale Nurseries for their continuous support.

The Event had a great turn out supported by 95 exhibitors (10 more than last year), there were many new faces entering the show this year which was wonderful to see.

Many visitors came in the afternoon to view the 441 exhibits in the show and were impressed with the quality of the entries. Presentations were made by the Mayor of Telford & Wrekin Council, Councillor Arnold England, who we thank for his time and his humour.

Anyone interested in next year's show can join our Facebook page: 'Horsehay Horticultural Society', where the schedule will be added nearer to the time or contact the show secretary Deb Tovey [debtov@icloud.com](mailto:debtov@icloud.com).



*Pictures courtesy of the Horsehay Horticultural Society*

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm (excluding August and December). Meetings are held alternately at these venues:

- Aqueduct Primary School, Castlefields Way, Aqueduct Telford TF4 3RP
- Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay, Telford TF4 2NF

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 its residents.

## THE FOLLOWING SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2023

### 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



## Keep in touch with your Parish Council

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