

NEWSLETTER

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PRODUCED BY DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Since our last newsletter, at our Annual Meeting in May, Cllr. Bob Wennington was unanimously re-elected as Chair and Cllr. Stefan Heighway was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair for the 2024/25 term.



Cllr. Bob Wennington, Chair



Cllr. Stefan Heighway, Vice-Chair

Details of all your Parish Councillors are provided at the back of this newsletter.

CHRISTMAS TREES IN DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH



The Parish Christmas trees will be back again this year

The locations are:

- 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

The trees will be lit from Thursday 14th November 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025



Interfaith Santa will also be returning to the Parish this December spreading festive cheer. Dates and route details will be posted on our website and Facebook page nearer the time.

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL SENIOR RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY at HORSEHAY VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN 12PM FOR A 12.30PM START ON FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER 2024

The Parish Council will once again be holding a free Christmas Party for senior residents (65+) 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 the Clerk and we will post you a ticket two weeks prior to the event.

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: Telephone:

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.

THE FRIENDS OF DAWLEY HAMLETS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (DHLNR) UPDATE

Our cherished Local Nature Reserve spans 30 hectares of former pit mounds and pools, which nature has reclaimed over the past 60 years. The reserve is gradually transforming into predominantly oak woodland, a process that will take another 200 years to fully mature, however, its beauty and tranquillity can be enjoyed today by anyone who visits.

We are a volunteer-driven group, dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of this natural gem. With the support of the Parish Council and Telford and Wrekin Council, we have developed a management plan and have received invaluable help from both professionals and fellow volunteers. We warmly welcome new 'friends' to join us in any capacity, whether it's helping with biodiversity efforts, putting on expert led events like the bat walk, "adventures in nature" or pond dipping or simply helping keep our reserve litter free.

Your contribution will make a meaningful difference in keeping our reserve a special place for everyone so if you are interested in signing up to our Friends' group, please email:

enquiries@dawleyhamletslnr.co.uk.

You can also find us on Facebook:
Friends of Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve



Picture courtesy of the Friends of DHLNR

THE FRIENDS OF HORSEHAY POOL & ENVIRONS (FoHP&E) UPDATE

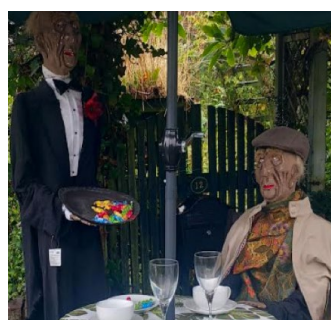
The FoHP&E continue to work behind the scenes securing improvements for the Pool and its surrounding area. We are delighted to announce that with some financial support from our local Councillors Raj Mehta and Ian Preece and also Dawley Hamlets Parish Council we are looking to improve the somewhat derelict area opposite the Codfather.

We are working on a plan with Telford and Wrekin Council for a planting scheme in the area and plans to make the edge of the water more prominent and attractive. We will use the grant we secured from Veolia earlier this year together with funds we have raised ourselves to fund the project which we hope will be finalised next Spring. We also plan to plant 14,000 crocuses around the perimeter of the Pool area and Horsehay. Again, we are indebted to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council for some funding to support this. We have also had support from Telford Central Rotary Club who are providing purple crocuses to plant on the green area outside the Village Hall. Rotary clubs support polio vaccinations around the world and like to plant purple crocuses to commemorate this. We are expecting the crocuses to arrive in October so we will be looking for volunteers to help with the planting.

Despite the appalling rain our Scarecrow Festival on Sunday September 8th attracted 23 amazing scarecrows and a non-stop flow of visitors. The rain did not seem to deter our younger visitors who, as well as enjoying the scarecrows had a great time jumping in the many puddles!

Not sure Mrs Hedgehog got her washing dry though! Thank you to everyone who supported the event and a massive thank you to everyone who made a scarecrow.

We are always looking for people to join FoHP&E and help us on the committee. If you think you could help, please contact Angela Porteous on 07715347573.



Pictures courtesy of FoHP&E

HORSEHAY HORTICULTURAL FLOWER, VEGETABLE AND CRAFT SHOW

This year's show was held in Horsehay Village Hall on Saturday 7th September and despite the awful growing season we still managed to have a wonderful display of exhibits for everyone to view.

We wish to thank everyone who has helped this show to take place including Dawley Hamlets Parish Council for sponsoring us, Horsehay Village Hall for allowing us to use their hall, Meadowdale Nurseries for their continued support, Tesco's for cake donations, Asda and everyone else who donated raffle prizes, all the committee members, judges, the Mayor of Telford and Wrekin Council, Ian Preece, for attending and presenting the trophies and raffle prizes and all the volunteers who helped. But this show could not go ahead without the exhibitors and the visitors who come to view the show.

Ninety-one exhibitors entered the show exhibiting a total of 424 items including 29 lovely exhibits in the children's classes. All children entering received a medal and a bee bag containing sunflowers seeds, pots, labels, growing instructions and a trowel, the bags were kindly donated by committee member, Pat Culling.

In the last three years we have also included new trophies for best in all sections in the Junior sections in memory of the late Councillor Beryl Onions, these trophies the children can keep, but this year a new overall trophy for the Junior section was donated by Lynda Rhodes in memory of the late Daisy Rhodes

from Lawley Village who loved children, so we thought this would be a wonderful idea. The winner would be able to look after the trophy for the year, but the best bit is it is the biggest trophy the society have, this year's winner was Ruben Tidman-Poole, who was very happy to have won it.

A list of all winners and photographs of this year's show are on our Horsehay Horticultural Society Facebook page. The show is held annually on the first Saturday in September at Horsehay Village Hall, schedules and entry forms are placed on our Facebook page. Anyone wanting to know more or wishing to receive a schedule please email: debtov@icloud.com.



Picture courtesy of Horsehay Horticultural Society

TELFORD STEAM RAILWAY

We introduced a number of new events this year, such as the Ford Model T Event, the Creation Station Crafting Coach and Rover Car Day. These have been very popular with our visitors and has seen us working successfully with enthusiasts and businesses from Telford and Shropshire. Our Fish and Chip dining trains have operated for the second year and have become very popular. We introduced our "Kids for a Quid" offer during August to assist families looking for great value entertainment over the Summer Holidays, the take up was very positive and we will be repeating this offer next year. Our 1940's event over the August bank holiday weekend was also very successful including special appearances from Winston Churchill and Field Marshall Montgomery. The railway will close briefly at the end of September so that we can prepare for our very popular Polar Express™ trains starting in November.

Major infrastructure work that has recently taken place includes the replacement road crossing installed at Spring Village which makes it much easier and safer for vehicles and pedestrians to cross the railway line. Lawley Station platform is being renovated and increased in length to accommodate longer trains and to make getting on and off easier for our passengers. The Furnaces Tearoom is being refurbished and is available for hire.

Thank you very much to all the residents of Horsehay and Dawley for your ongoing support for our heritage railway.



Pictures courtesy of the TSR

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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 10th November 2024

Little Dawley Remembrance Service: War Memorial

Junction of Holly Road / Lightmoor Road
Time 10.45am

Aqueduct Remembrance Service: Aqueduct Bridge

Off Chapel Lane, Aqueduct
Time 2.30pm

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