



Spring/Summer 2018

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**Pride in Our
Community**

Horsehay Pool, Old Bridge Road Development Update - April 2018

STOP PRESS - we are pleased to announce that this development has been awarded a £70,000 Telford & Wrekin grant to enable work to commence.

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council Lead Councillor for this project says:

Plans are still progressing and there has been very positive support from Telford & Wrekin with a promise of funding to help with this project.

Discussion has continued and a plan to incorporate some extra parking near the Loco Shed has been added. Probable next steps will be to draw up some more detailed plans for the site to provide information and assist with decisions of what can be done and in what order.



The photo shows the landscaped area that is between the old and the new roadway.

Many people hardly know this space is there and one part of the plan is to link this with the roadway and open up views to the pool.

If you would like to know more please contact:

Councillor Dave Hopkins

hopkinsdph@gmail.com or 01952 502466.

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council
Senior Citizens' Summer Picnic in conjunction with



12pm for 12:30pm Friday 8th June 2018 at Horsehay Village Hall
Entertainment by Dave South.

The Parish Council will once again be holding a free Summer Picnic 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

..... Postcode

I am a senior resident in the Parish of Dawley Hamlets and I would like to be invited to the Parish Council Free Summer Picnic. Please send the form to:

K Ewence, Parish Clerk, 3 Southwell Close, Priorslee, Telford, Shropshire, TF2 9UT
OR alternatively e-mail clerk@dawley-hamlets.org.

Parish News

Telford Steam Railway News

Do you believe in Father Christmas? We do at Telford Steam Railway and that is why we are proud to have hosted an exciting magical experience like no other. THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride was staged by the Telford Steam Railway this December, where families experienced the magic of the 2004 motion picture. The popular Polar Express story was originally written by Chris Van Allsburg and made into a motion picture by Warner Bros in 2004.

This was the second year that the Telford Steam Railway, have staged this event. Last year was a great success attracting 15,000 visitors; this year was even more popular with additional train capacity meaning we could carry a massive 20,000 passengers.

Railway volunteers have been busy all year preparing for the event which included restoring 3 coaches to add to the one they restored last year. All the coaches were named after famous reindeer. The railway hired in a classic American style S160 locomotive from The Churnet Valley Railway in Staffordshire to pull the 4 coach train on its journey from Horsehay and Dawley Station to the North Pole at Lawley; experiencing the Northern Lights as it travelled through Heath Hill tunnel. At the North Pole, visitors saw Father Christmas on his sleigh, pulled by life size reindeer, he then joins the passengers on the train. The whole experience takes an hour as passengers are entertained on the journey by 3 dancing chefs in each coach, who tell the story, sing songs and serve the tasty hot chocolate and scrumptious cookies. They are joined in each coach by the conductor, unfortunately not Tom Hanks who plays the conductor in the film (perhaps next year !!), who also entertains the passengers and clips their initials into special souvenir golden tickets.

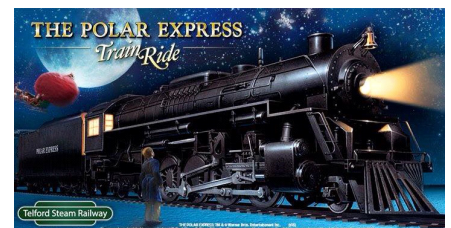
With 250 passengers on each train and 4 trains per night, the railway was carrying 1000 passengers each day. Visitors came from all over the country with many travelling several hours to enjoy the magical experience. The Ironbridge park and ride car park was used to prevent congestion in Horsehay. When passengers arrived at the Horsehay and Dawley Station they had the opportunity to enjoy children's entertainer PJ, in a specially erected heated marquee, as well as view the model railway and make use of the various food outlets available. Passengers are then invited onto the Horsehay and Dawley platform where the real magic starts. Specially erected speakers, a light show, snow machines and projectors start to begin to tell the story. At the point in the story where the little boy is having a dream about a steam train, the real thing arrives into the station, sounding its impressive whistle and all the passengers many dressed in pjs and dressing gowns, are invited aboard by the conductor, to begin the journey to the North Pole and back.

When passengers returned to Spring Village they had the opportunity to visit the Polar Express shop and enjoy childrens crafts and games in the large heated marquee before returning by bus to the park and ride and the long journey home.

Feedback from passengers has been very positive with many planning to return next year. Tickets all sold out by the end of August this year, so if anyone is interested in 2018 Polar Express tickets will be on sale in the Spring. Proceeds from the event will go into the development of the railway, which are aiming to extend the track to Doseley, then at a later date onto to Lightmoor to meet the line that is already there which runs down through Coalbrookdale to Ironbridge.

The railway operates every Sunday and Bank Holidays through to the end of September. New members are always welcome from people who may just want to join to support the railway and or come along and volunteer in some way. There are always plenty of jobs to do either during the week, evenings or weekends.

Details of 2018 Polar Express tickets and how to contact the railway if you want to get involved are available from the Telford Steam Railway website: www.telfordsteamrailway.co.uk and also Facebook @ telfordsteamrailway@aol.co.uk.



The Parish Environmental Team have been busy as usual

One resident contacted the Parish Council just this week to compliment the team saying that as a result of the teams hard work their road now “looks like a road into the development that people care about.”



Parish News

It's a Breaducation

Local bird food specialist CJ Wildlife has teamed up with Telford's resident web-footed wonder Daphne Duck to help efforts to 'breaducate' us all on safer ways to feed our resident waterfowl at Horsehay and other pools in the Parish and beyond.

What's 'breaducation' all about?



In an ideal world and being wild animals, our ducks, geese and swans would not become accustomed to our well-meaning handouts and we humans wouldn't feed them anything as their main food source is aquatic and bankside vegetation.

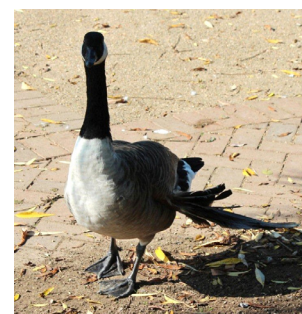
The worst-case scenario of feeding bread to waterfowl (especially their young) is that it can result in 'Angel Wing' a bone & feather deformity that prevents the birds from flying and living a normal healthy life. It can also lead to obesity making some birds more vulnerable to dog attacks as they are unable to escape. The uneaten bread leads to algal blooms, allows bacteria to breed and attracts rats and other vermin.

So, what can we do to help the wildfowl in our pools?

Please feed them any or a mixture of the following: shredded greens(f), potato peelings, halved grapes, purposely developed duck food, dried mealworms(f), porridge oats(f), defrosted peas and normal wild bird seed ('f' means these alternatives will float on water).

The campaign hopes to help improve the overall health of our regions wildfowl, and the quality of the water they rely on, it is being supported by several local charities and businesses, including Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Friends of Apley Woods, Pride in our Community, Telford & Wrekin Council and WPG.

For more information please visit www.breaducation.org.uk



Additional Parking Spaces in Aqueduct Village



The Parish Council is pleased to announce work to create these spaces has now been completed thanks to funding from the Parish Council and Telford & Wrekin Council together with contributions from the Councillors' Pride Fund from Councillors Steve Barnes and Andy Burford.

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

When: The Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month, except August and December, at 7pm.

Where: Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay.

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 the residents of the Parish.

Your Parish Councillors

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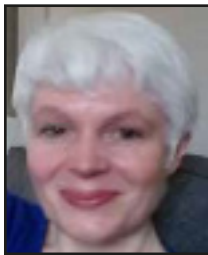


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Please keep all comments clean, civil and relevant to the Parish. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Social Media is provided by Cllr. Byron Cooke.

Also check out our website: <http://www.dawley-hamlets.org/>
and weblog: <http://weblog.dawley-hamlets.org/>

