

NEWSLETTER

SPRING / SUMMER 2023

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WELCOME to your Spring / Summer 2023 Newsletter

LOCAL ELECTIONS 4TH MAY 2023

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) completed a review of Telford & Wrekin Borough Council's electoral wards this year. As a result of the review there were changes to most Borough wards and also to the Parish Council wards in Dawley Hamlets. As a result of the changes, it may be that the name of the Parish ward you vote in on the 4th of May is different and/or you may vote at a different polling station than previously. Keep an eye out for your polling card which will arrive around the 21st of March for details of your polling station.

The government is implementing Voter ID at this election. This means that everyone who wants to vote in person will have to provide suitable photographic ID at the polling station on polling day. Alternatively, you can apply for a postal vote.

Full details can be found on the Telford and Wrekin Council website: telford.gov.uk/elections

Gardening Service

Residents of the Parish who are over 70 years of age or in receipt of disability living allowance are entitled to receive a free gardening service between April and October.

If you are interested in receiving this service, please contact the Clerk on 07941 212311.



DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL SENIOR CITIZENS KING'S CORONATION SUMMER PARTY at HORSEHAY VILLAGE HALL 12PM FOR 12:30PM FRIDAY 19th May 2023

The Parish Council will be holding a free Summer Party for senior citizens who reside in the Parish in celebration of the King's Coronation. If you would like to be invited to attend, please return this completed slip 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. This event is partly funded from Telford & Wrekin Council's King's Coronation Celebration Fund.

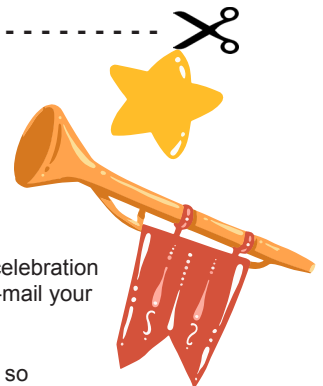
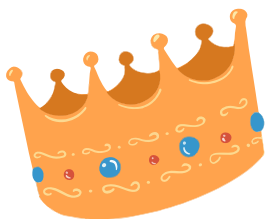
Name:

Address:

Postcode:

I am a senior citizen and a 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

Following the success of the 2022 Telford Polar Express we are pleased to announce that tickets for the 2023 version are already on sale. See our website for details. We do hope that last year's event did not cause too much disruption to local residents.

Work that has been going on in January and February at the railway has included continued restoration of the BSO coach (the one usually nearest the buffers on Spring Village platform), when finished this will offer us the opportunity to use the double doors and invite wheelchair users to travel on our railway. The weekend volunteers have also been busy bringing old rail from the section of the line towards Doseley. This rail will be sorted into that which is re-useable and that which will go for scrap. They have also been busy cutting back overgrown track side sections of vegetation from Lawley down to Doseley.

Our own locomotive 5619 which was on hire to Llangollen Railway has returned home to Horsehay for some repair and maintenance work.

A large number of exciting activities are planned for the Spring and Summer, full details can be found on the TSR website:

telfordsteamrailway.co.uk/events.html



Actors rehearsing for the Easter Alice event 2023



Steam locos ready for the Polar Express Dec 2022

FRIENDS OF HORSEHAY POOL AND ENVIRONS LATEST NEWS

At long last the new Sewerage Drainage Works have been completed. This is a major improvement and will boost the quality of water and ecology of the area. The temporary fencing has come down and that area of the pool opened up again after many years.

We are also pleased to see the snowdrops planted last year popping up along the water inlet into the pool. In the same area we have just planted the English Oak Tree purchased to commemorate the late Queens Platinum Jubilee. It will be magnificent, a real legacy in the area. Many thanks to DHPC and Horsehay and Lightmoor Borough Councillors for providing Pride Funds to support this project and to Clive Hancox, the local Tree Man, for planting the tree and maintaining it over the next few years. It's well worth a walk around the Pool to see these enhancements. You should also be able to see a couple of Grebes and some Tufted Ducks.

We have also learned that Horsehay Pool and Simpsons Pool have been designated Local Nature Reserve Status by Telford and Wrekin Council. We will be investigating to see what this means and see how we can be involved with this.



As a Friends Group, we are full of ideas on how to make more improvements: further dredging of the inlet around the island; planting of small natural trees around the new inlets and purchasing and planting reeds around the reinstated island.

This will improve the habitation and encourage wildlife into the area. We are always looking for new members, just visit our website: membermojo.co.uk/fohpe, its free to join and you will be the first to hear about what's going on.

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

2023 has already brought some rapid changes to the Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve with two exciting projects. Firstly, a project with Severn Trent Biodiversity (with Smallwoods) where funding will allow work on cutting down invasive species, thinning of some tree areas, dealing with dead wood piles and hedge work.

Our second project is with Buglife and details of this can be seen in the poster below. We are also working on improving our social media and website- watch this space at facebook.com/dawleyhamletslnr or at www.dawleyhamletslnr.co.uk.

Our Friends group is going from strength to strength but we are always looking for volunteer help, both with our events and ecological projects. If you are

interested in signing up to our Friends group, please email enquiries@dawleyhamletslnr.co.uk for a membership form.

After another successful winter event of fairy houses and lights in December 2022, our volunteer events team are looking forward to creating an Easter trail through the Easter school holidays (from 3rd April) and Royal Adventures in Nature on Saturday 15th July which will celebrate the King's Coronation along with the Queen's Green Canopy.

As we move into Summer, don't forget to look out for grass snakes – swimming in the ponds and looking for heaps of vegetation where they can lay eggs. We are also hoping to see baby toads as they leave the ponds en masse after finishing their tadpole stage.



Get the Marches Buzzing project: Wildlife work in your area

Where?

Manor Road pitmound

Who?

This Buglife-led project seeks to restore wildflower-rich habitats in order to help wildlife, in particular pollinators. We are working with Telford & Wrekin Council on a number of their sites to restore habitat.

Why Manor Road?

The Manor Road pitmound has become densely overgrown with tall, leggy gorse dominating the top, and non-native pines shading out the ground flora on the slopes. There are patches of Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) clinging on amongst the scrub but they need help to survive and to spread.

The works will hopefully attract the rare Dingy skipper butterfly to the site



What will you be doing?

We will be clearing the overgrown gorse and taking an area on top of the mound back to bare ground. Patches will be sown with Heather seed and we will be plug planting other wildflowers to increase the food supply for insects like bees, butterflies and moths. Some areas of bare ground will be left as it provides nesting habitat for solitary bees and basking spots for other invertebrates. We'll also be thinning out and pushing back the woodland edge away from patches of Heather and Bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*). The resulting wood will be used to create log piles providing valuable habitat for mammals, invertebrates and reptiles. The end result will be a much more open site with lots of flowering plants.

When?

Works are set to start very soon in order to complete the tasks before bird nesting season begins in April. We are hoping that contractors will be on the ground in late January/early February 2023. Access will be restricted on areas of the site during the works for safety reasons.

Can I help?

Yes you can, we'll be running volunteer work parties to help clear scrub, stack log piles, plant plug plants and sow seed.

Where can I find out more?

If you have any questions please email Project Officer Kate Jones at kate.jones@buglife.org.uk

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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.

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council logo and bunting graphic.

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
INVITE THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH
TO ADD TO OUR:**

*King's Coronation
Time Capsule*

We are looking for letters, pictures, poems and anything else you think will capture the memory of King Charles III's coronation.

Please email your entries to clerk@dawley-hamlets.org or get in contact for delivery address by 12th April 2023.

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