



NEWSLETTER

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Birdwatching on the Cockshutt (A Walkabout Wrekin event)

The Parish Council were approached by Mr. Alec Connah seeking support to have the Cockshutt declared a local nature reserve. Mr. Connah was born locally and has previously worked as a senior warden in a local nature reserve. He is keen to see this area of ecological value retained and assured us that in having the Cockshutt declared a nature reserve, it will not mean putting a fence around it or making any major changes, but it would give it statutory protection. Whilst there are no short term plans to change the site, it is not known what will happen in the next fifty or more years. As a nature reserve the Cockshutt would be protected for many years, it would be outlined in red on the map so planners would not allow any development of the site. This Parish Council along with St. Georges & Priorslee Parish Council, who have a large section of the Cockshutt in their parish, agreed to support Mr. Connah and help in any way they can with this initiative, to ensure the Cockshutt will be protected from any development for years to come. To date Mr. Connah has started work on a consultation document that is required to make an application for the site and has met with an Ecologist on site, who is giving his services voluntarily, to look at the boundary. Members of the two councils are due to meet with Mr. Connah shortly to discuss further progress and we will keep you updated through this newsletter. Please contact us if you are interested in supporting us or would like more information.

*****New Courses*****

FREE!!!

SIGN LANGUAGE

Friday 11th Jan 2013 for 10 weeks

9.30am – 11.30am

at the Parish Council Centre

Contact Jaz Sandhu at TCAT

Tel: 07824 464048

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JEWELLERY MAKING

Friday 19th April 2013 for 10 weeks

9.30am – 11.30am

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Parish Environmental Team – 2 for 1 initiative

You are probably aware that Telford & Wrekin Council are facing difficult times with their budget and need to make cuts. One area where they have been forced to make savings is litter picking frequencies. As we receive many complaints regarding litter, the state of footpaths and overgrown bushes etc. we are considering entering into a 3 year agreement with Telford & Wrekin Council to establish a local team that would deliver over and above the baseline service' and would work exclusively for the parish of Wrockwardine Wood & Trench for the benefit of the local community and environment. The team would consist of a full time operative and an apprentice. Telford and Wrekin Council would work closely with the Parish Council to ensure community requests were addressed appropriately.

The Service elements where the team can add value are:

- **Cleansing**
 - (i) Litter picking areas & features that are not currently litter picked, e.g. plantations around playing fields, along roadside embankments, ditches, wooded areas, drainage channels.
 - (ii) The team can complement litter picking frequencies by visiting local sites where litter is more prevalent e.g. weekly litter picking near to schools, district centres, playing fields etc
 - (iii) Sweeping footpaths and parking bays to remove detritus (not part of the existing service)
- **Landscape Maintenance**
 - (i) Removal of weeds from hard surface areas and attention to detail.
 - (ii) Local improvement schemes such as planting around gateway signs
 - (iii) Hedge pruning along formal and informal footways
 - (iv) Ragwort pulling
- **Seasonal Work**
 - (i) Leaf sweeping key sites in the autumn
 - (ii) Local gritting e.g. district centre car parks, footpaths at key sites etc.
- **Local Environmental Quality and attention to detail**
 - (i) Environmental improvements of alleyways, steps, hard surface features
 - (ii) Painting/staining street furniture, bollards, benches, trip railing, fencing, litter bins etc.
 - (iii) Minor repairs to block sets, slabs, fences, trip railing etc.
- **Eyes and Ears for the Parish and Community**

Reporting incidents e.g. Fly tipping, Graffiti, Potholes, Missing drains, Vandalism, ASB. (In future could have powers to serve FPN's for dog fouling & litter). Monitoring grit bin levels and use.

The list is not exhaustive and can be altered or added to in order to meet local needs. Landscape feature enhancements could also be carried out including refurbishment of shrub beds within estates, bulb planting, tarmacking paths, gate way signs etc.

The Parish Council are consulting with residents to find out your views on this proposal. We have not increased the precept for the last six years and it has remained at £106,000. When we consider the precept in January for the financial year 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014, we intend to make certain savings so that we can keep any increase to the absolute minimum when entering into an agreement with Telford & Wrekin Council.

In the Parish Plan Questionnaire that we sent out to residents several years ago, results showed that a major concern in our area was the problem of litter and in our resulting action plan we agreed to provide for extra litter picking in future years. We are very pleased that we now have the opportunity of fulfilling this promise to our residents.

If you would like to comment on this proposal you can email us at parishcouncil@btconnect.com, visit our website at www.wwtpc.org.uk, telephone us on 01952 616363, write to us at The Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood, Telford. TF2 7AH or call in at our office between 9am and 4pm.

Classes at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre (classes are held weekly unless stated otherwise)

MONDAY	Health Trainers Free Appointments. For support with Weight loss, getting more active, healthy eating, stopping smoking and drinking alcohol in sensible amounts. Contact Ruth or Katie today on 01952 382582 or email Healthtrainers@shropcom.nhs.uk	1pm – 4pm Appointment Only
	Brownies (7 – 11 years). Telephone Mrs Howard 615283	6pm – 7.15pm
	Body Blitz Classes Hi Energy Fat Burning Class to suit all abilities. Telephone Cheryl Jauncey on 371325 (1st class FREE)	6.15pm – 7.15pm
TUESDAY	Toddler Group Parents, grandparents, child minders welcome Telephone Tracy: 528150	9.15 – 11.15am
	Art Class with Bob Spendlove Telephone Bob: 412918 for details	7pm – 9pm
WEDS.	Art Class with Stuart Mann Contact the WEA: 614451 or just turn up.	10am – 12 noon
	Slimming World Class (runs all year) Contact Donna: 461049 or just turn up.	5pm & 7pm
THURSDAY	Art Class with Pauline Jones Phone the Parish Council on 616363 to book.	9.30 – 11.30am
	Youth Club for 6 – 11 years	5pm – 6.30pm
	Local History Club (Monthly) Second Thursday of every month.	7pm – 9pm
FRIDAY	Afternoon Tea (Monthly) Telephone 616363 for future dates, next date 11th January.	1.30am – 3.30pm



Other Clubs in the Parish

TUESDAY	Trench Tuesday Club at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Labour Club 1.30 – 3.30pm. Raffle, bingo, outings and lots more. New members welcome. Contact Carol Perry on 616274 for more information.
WEDNESDAY	The Friends & Neighbours Club at Wrockwardine Wood Trench Labour Club at 1.30pm. Bingo, raffle, competitions, flower arranging, monthly outing. No age restriction. Cost 50p per week. Contact Mrs. Jean Davies on 603556

Body blitz classes Try us for free!!!

Come along and join in our High Energy Fat Burning Class

To suit all fitness levels.

Every Monday at the Parish Council Centre

6.15pm – 7.15pm

First Session is free, then £2.50 per class

Sessions are delivered by a fully RSA Qualified Instructor

For more information please contact Cheryl Jauncey

E-mail – cheryljauncey@yahoo.co.uk

www.cjshealthandfitness.co.uk

Tel: 01952 371325

Trench Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Society

Would like to thank all residents for their support at our events throughout the past twelvemonths and to pass on thanks from Midlands Air Ambulance who received a cheque for £110, being the proceeds from our Produce Show Auction in August.
The Secretary – Anne Watkins – Telephone 228539

Update on the Traffic Lights at St. Georges Road/Wrockwardine Wood Way

We are very pleased that the new traffic lights are now working.

There was a long delay between the installation of the lights and the time they were switched on that we understand was caused by a cable that required rerouting to make the traffic lights independent of the street lights and then a wait for Western Power to connect them.

We would like to thank our fellow member Cllr. Les Brayne for tirelessly campaigning for these lights for more than ten years, his hard work has finally paid off!

If you notice any problems with the lights being out of order please contact us on Telford 616363 or Telford & Wrekin Council.



Chairs & Spares

Chairs And Spares is a charity set up to sell on household furniture and electrical white goods for reuse by people on benefits and low incomes living in the Telford and Wrekin area.

We have a warehouse in Donnington which is open Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm. Our shop is at Meeting Point House Telford Town Centre which is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10am – 3pm.

We collect, free of charge, from homes of the people who donate items to charity, provided the items meet Trading Standards requirements: all fabric items must have fire labels that meet the standards introduced in 1988. All fabric items are vacuumed and steam cleaned before they are sold on. All electrical goods must be in working order, fridges should be no more than six years old. We test and certificate all electrical items before selling them on to people in need. Unfortunately we are unable to accept gas appliances and televisions.

Items selected from the shop or warehouse can be delivered at a charge of £15 within the Telford area.

We AIM to collect and deliver within a week of items being donated or selected. If in doubt call 01952 619197.

A MESSAGE FROM REV. RICHARD WALKER-HILL, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Dear Friends,

Following his period of extended study leave, we welcomed Revd Matthew Stafford back on Sunday 2nd December at the 11.00am morning service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood.

As we approach the Advent and Christmas seasons, we look forward to welcoming you all to the many services that will be held in church for our schools and community groups in the coming weeks.

Dates and times of services are

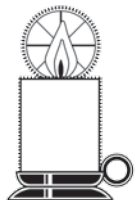
Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood		Holy Trinity Oakengates	
Sunday 23rd December	4pm Parish Carol Service	Sunday 23rd December	6pm Parish Carol Service
Christmas Eve	6pm Crib Service <i>specifically for children</i>	Christmas Eve	4pm Crib Service <i>specifically for children.</i>
	9pm First Communion of Christmas		
Christmas Day	8am Parish Holy Communion	Christmas Day	9.30am Parish Holy Communion

With every good wish for the Christmas Season

Richard Walker-Hill (Revd)

Curate

For any pastoral or church matters please contact Revd Richard Walker-Hill on 01952 608086 or e-mail r.walkerhill@skycom



Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2012

This statement of accounts formed part of the annual return that was submitted to the external auditor in July 2012. If you would like to inspect the full annual return which includes the internal and external auditors reports, please telephone us on 616363 to make an appointment.

	Year ending 31 / 3 / 2011	Year ending 31 / 3 / 2012	Notes & Guidance
Balances Brought Forward	129,691	98,344	Total balances & reserves at the beginning of the year.
(+) Annual Precept	106,000	106,000	Total amount of precept received in the year
(+) Total Other Receipts	8,972	21,525	Total receipts or income as recorded in the cash book, less the precept
(-) Staff Costs	(35,562)	(36,133)	Total expenditure or payments made to all employees. PAYE & NI, pension contributions & employment expenses
(-) Loan interest / capital repayments	(7,506)	(7,380)	Total payments of capital interest made during the year on councils borrowings
(-) Total other payments	(103,251)	(69,130)	Total expenditure as recorded in the cash book, less staff costs and loan repayments
(=) Balances carried forward	98,344	113,226	Total balances & reserves at end of year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
Total Cash & short term investments	98,344	113,226	The sum of all current & deposit bank accounts, cash holdings & short term investments
Total fixed assets & long term assets	436,046	485,605	The recorded book value at 31 March of all fixed & long term assets owned by the council
Total Borrowings	27,880	17,425	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March or all loans from third parties

This statement of accounts forms part of the Annual Report, copies of which are available from the Clerk.

Rona Harris wishes everyone A Very Happy Christmas and A Very Peaceful New Year.

Hello again.

Well OK! Christmas is just around the corner again, I think that time always moves along much faster the older we get, but you know as I sit here quite alone and with closed eyes, I travel back in time to my own childhood and youth when Christmas, even though there was a war on, with the 'Black-out' and no visible lights outside at all but there was still that wonderful magic of Christmas.

But how times have changed, as a child in my time there was poverty, split families, members of most being in the forces, but with all of this, I remember that we always found the time to laugh, to wake-up on Christmas mornings to whatever presents our parents could afford to buy, or were available, the choice was not wonderful either.

I now think of how my own grandchildren and how lucky and yes fortunate they are in comparison, but also I would not have wanted them to live through my times.

Now time has moved on, and of course we all have moved on too, and each Christmas that comes along brings with it all the good times, lots of eating, lots of presents and yes! lots of love shown between families, when the cost in time and money disappears until all the good things have passed.

We all can learn something from each Christmas, not only the giving of presents time, but our capacity to think of others in all parts of the world where life may not be valued or quite so good as it is for us

It does bring us back down to earth, as we realise how lucky we all are to be here in this lovely country of ours to enjoy for as long as we live.

Now just this thought in passing, since I came with my family to live in Ketley as I have mentioned before, in 1946, in that space of time so much has changed, our villages are disappearing, making room for so-called progress, most of the immediate areas are now unrecognisable from then, but we do manage to adjust and I do ask how many close knit communities and the like have we lost with all this change – Food for thought maybe.

This now brings me just to say that I hope you do enjoy reading my writings and ramblings and I must thank you and wish each and every one a Very Happy Christmas and a very Peaceful New Year.



The Local History Group is seeking new members. If you are interested in local history, family history or have local knowledge that you would like to share, please join us at our next meeting on Thursday 10th January at the Parish Council Centre at 7pm or contact the Parish Council on 616363 for further information.



The next Community Engagement Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26th February 2013 at The Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7.15pm, preceded by a Surgery at 6.45pm**

At the last meeting held at the end of October, residents expressed concerns about quad bikes riding around the Pinewood Avenue area and young people drinking cider and leaving bottles and aerosol cans in the alleyway at Courtland Drive. The local Community Support Officers will be paying particular attention to these areas in the next few weeks.

We are pleased to welcome a new Community Support Officer to the area. CSO Phil Haigh joined CSO Richard Harrison a few weeks ago. CSO Haigh has been walking around getting to know the area and he would be very happy to meet any resident when he is out and about.

How to contact your Local Police Team:

Based at: Donnington Police Station, Wellington Road, Telford TF2 8AE

Email: wrockwardinewoodandtrench.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Message Line: 01952 216 558 (non emergency)

Visit us at: www.westmercia.police.uk

Non emergency: 101, the new number to call when you want to contact your local police.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Our Senior Citizens Christmas Party was held on Saturday 1st December at The Sutherland School. It was attended by over 200 residents and guests including Lord & Lady Grocott, David Wright MP and the Mayor of Telford & Wrekin Council Councillor Kevin Guy and his consort. The Parish Council very much enjoyed spending the afternoon with so many residents. The Council has held a party every year since 1994 and we are very pleased to say that it is always very well attended.



We would like to thank the many residents who donated a raffle prize. We would also like to thank the following local businesses who contributed very generously towards making the party such a success:

T.J. Vickers, The Kitchen Depot, Pizza Hut, The Dun Cow, Pepper Restaurant, Oriental Pearl, Tasty Fryer, Golden City, Contrast in Furnace Lane, Style on Trench Road, Green Fields Farm Shop, Wyevale Garden Centre, Wombridge Co-Op, The Bridge Pub, Trench Tavern, Morrisons at Donnington, Off Sales in Donnington, The Carpet Shop in Donnington and Oakengates Theatre. Morrisons, Wellington and Tesco, Ketley also donated prizes.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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