



NEWSLETTER

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Wrockwardine Wood Infant School & Nursery Eco Schools Green Flag Award We've done it!



Eco-Co-ordinator, Wendy Whittington with members of the Eco Action Team receiving their International Eco Schools Green Flag Award and Gold Certificate

At the start of 2011, Wrockwardine Wood Infant School & Nursery is celebrating after receiving the prestigious Eco Schools Green Flag Award in recognition of its environmental efforts. This is a great achievement after three years hard work.

The Eco Schools programme, which leads to this prestigious international environmental award, is a learning resource that raises awareness of environmental issues through activities that are linked to many curriculum subjects. It also links in well with the government's Every Child Matters, Healthy Schools and School Travel Plan initiatives. Through the Eco Action Team, the school has tried to raise environmental awareness of topics such as biodiversity, litter, waste, energy, water, transport, healthy living and schools grounds. This has been achieved through Eco assemblies, an Eco notice board, school newsletters, competitions, etc.

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Led by the Eco Action Team, the children have devised their own Eco Code which is on display in every classroom. The term 'Recycle, Reduce, Re-use' has involved children in a variety of projects over the last three years. They have taken on the responsibility for keeping the school grounds litter free with regular litter picks and by raising money to buy litter bins. They have even written to the local council about the problem of litter outside school.

While working towards the Green Flag, children have had the opportunity to work with and learn from other adults through its involvement with outside agencies such as Telford & Wrekin Council's Waste Education Support Programme (WESP). Children helped to carry out several waste audits to help our school to reduce the amount of waste, mainly through recycling. They now recycle fruit waste, vegetable peelings from the kitchen and staffroom waste, as well as recycling paper, card and plastic for the fortnightly red bin collection. Printer ink cartridges are collected and the children have helped with the recycling of clothing and mobile phones. They have also been involved from the planning stage in our project to improve our school grounds by building an adventure playground and with the development of our 'outdoor classroom'. Children now grow vegetables using compost from their own compost bins and water from their own water butts.

The Eco Action Team is also keen to save energy and have made their own labels for display around the school. These have had a positive effect and staff and pupils are now switching off lights, making sure taps are turned off and closing more doors and windows.

Eco-Schools is an international award programme that provides a framework for schools to help embed sustainability principles into school life. It operates in 46 countries worldwide involving more than 21,000 schools and 4,000 local councils – this represents more than six million students!

Green Flag status is awarded to schools that secure high achievement in the programme and is a recognised and respected eco-label for environmental education and performance. Success in the programme is a huge achievement.

By making sustainability and environmental issues part of the educational process at Wrockwardine Wood Infant School & Nursery, a sense of responsibility is embedded into the young people of our local area and shows that their actions can make a difference and will be recognised.

Once a school has been awarded the Green Flag it has to re-apply every two years. We are now committed to working towards our second Green Flag and the Eco Action Team is already formulating an Action Plan to take us forward in 2011.

Wendy Whittington, Eco Co-ordinator

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We would very much like to thank the local businesses who once again contributed very generously towards our Christmas Party held on Saturday 4th December 2010. We would also like to thank all those who gave to the raffle and everyone who helped out on the day.

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Teagues Crescent, Trench. TF2 6RE

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teaguesbridgepre-school@hotmail.com

We are a charity run pre-school, with a 'Good' Ofsted rating, situated in the school grounds of Teagues Bridge Primary school. We have two daily sessions 8.45am to 11.45am and 12.30pm to 3.30pm

TRENCH ALLOTMENT & LEISURE GARDENERS SOCIETY Stanmore Drive, Trench

Members of the above Society would like to thank all residents who supported their events in 2010 and would invite you to 2011 events as follows :-

Saturday, 30 th April	-	St George's Day Barbecue
Saturday, 25 th June	-	Mid Summer Barbecue
Saturday, 20 th August	-	Produce Show & Barbecue
Saturday, 29 th October	-	Firework Display & Barbecue

Thanks to your generosity, a cheque for £50 was sent to The Air Ambulance from the proceeds of the Produce Show Auction.

We hope you enjoyed our events and look forward to seeing you during 2011

NEW CLASSES! FREE TASTER COURSES WITH TELFORD COLLEGE

LOCAL HISTORY COURSE:

Telford College of Arts & Technology would like to hear from anyone who is keen to attend a Local History course at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre.

If you would like to attend a free 5 week taster course starting on Wednesday March 2nd, 12.30 – 2.30, please contact Jaz Sandhu on 07824 464048 or student services 01952 642237

INTERIOR TEXTILES:

Are you interested in Interior Textiles? TCAT would like to hear from anyone who is keen to attend a free 15 week Interior Textiles course starting on Thursday 3rd March 12 – 2pm also at the Parish Council Centre. Please contact Jaz Sandhu on 07824 464048 or Student Services 01952 642237.

Jaz is also keen to hear your views about any other courses you would like to attend at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre. TCAT have held successful Computing courses at the Parish Centre in the past and they can offer a range of new courses including British Sign Language, Languages, Art, Craft, Cake Decorating, Counselling, Computing and much more. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact Jaz.

Parish Council Meetings

All our meetings are held at The Parish Council Centre on the second Tuesday of every month except August. Meetings are usually attended by the Police and local Borough Councillor. There is a 15 minute public session near the start of the meeting for residents to tell us about any problems or issues they have.

Full Council Meetings, all at 7pm:

Tuesday 8th February Tuesday 8th March Tuesday 12th April Tuesday 10th May

Parish Council Contacts:

Les Brayne	616363 (via Council office)	Charles Smith	380223 – Vice Chair
Karen Hanmer	07852 477 987	Helen Smith	605645
Michael Hanmer	07873 288 355	John Thompson	606363 – Chair
Derek Pearce	279181	Jhalman Singh Uppal	670127
Derek Plant	620274	Anne Watkins	228539
Yvonne Taylor	616363 – Clerk	Keith Watkins	228539

Email us at parishcouncil@btconnect.com or visit our website on www.wwtpc.org.uk or join in our blog at www.wwtpc.org.uk/blog

Borough Councillors:

Charles Smith 380223 Bob Groom 380200

Borough Councillors for St. Georges which includes Wrockwardine Wood East Ward and most of Wrockwardine Wood Parish Ward:

Richard Overton 380215 John Minor 380214

Useful Numbers:

Abandoned Cars	384 384	Oakengates Leisure Centre	382 810
Age Concern	587 749	Oakengates Theatre – The Place	382 382
Chairs & Spares	619197	Police	0300 333 3000
Childline	0800 1111	Princess Royal Hospital	641 222
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 146 1554	Refuse Collection & large items	384 384
Council Tax/Housing Benefit	383 838	Samaritans	256 161
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	Shropdoc (24 hours)	0844 06 8888
Dentist (emergency 9am – 5pm)	606450	Street Light Repairs	616 363
Domestic Violence	0800 783 1359	Telford & Wrekin Council	380 000
Drugs Helpline – FRANK	0800 776 600	Wrekin Housing Trust	217 100
Electricity (loss of supply)	0800 328 1111	Schools:	
Gas (if you smell gas)	0800 111 999	St. Lukes RC Junior School	388 222
Litter/Dog Fouling & Strays	384384	The Sutherland School	387 800
Neighbourhood Watch	214796	Wrock Wood Arts College	388 300
NHS Direct	0845 4647	Wrock Wood Infants & Nursery	387 860
		Wrock Wood Juniors	387 880

Classes at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre		
MONDAY	Brownies (7 – 11 years). Telephone Mrs Payne 289698	6pm – 7.15pm
	Young Stars Football Academy Book now by calling Dan on 07952 733240 or Nick on 07971 025623	5pm – 6pm
	Aerobics for Everyone Hi/Lo Aerobic Classes to suit all abilities. Telephone the Parish Council for further information.	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
WEDNESDAY	Art Class with Stuart Mann Contact the WEA: 614451 or just turn up.	10am – 12 noon
	Slimming World Class (runs all year) Contact Donna: 251140 or just turn up.	7pm
THURSDAY	Art Class with Pauline Jones New class starts 3rd March Phone the Parish Council on 616363 to book.	9.30 – 11.30am
	Youth Club for 6 – 11 years Run by the local Police Team	5pm – 6.30pm
FRIDAY	Coffee Morning. Every four weeks. Future dates: 4th February, 18th March & 15th April. All welcome. The coffee morning is attended by local councillors and a member of the local police team Telephone Yvonne on 616363 for further details.	10am – 12 noon

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

CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB IN OUR NEWSLETTER.

Rona Harris continues her story on her memories of the local area.

My Story (January 2011)

Well here we are again, and may I begin with an apology for a spelling mistake in my previous article. I mentioned the pub in Wrockwardine wood as the 'Whitehouse', this of course should have read "The White Horse", my apologies for this error.

I will move on a little now with my memories, and I hope that some-one may have the same or similar to mine. As I told you, at the age of around eighteen to twenty I continued with my dancing nights, and we were at this time living in Ketley Bank, (Sunnyside Road to be precise). But I was still within easy reach of the buses, both to Wellington and also Brown's to Donnington.

The time came when the powers that be decided to close our office in Oakengates, it was 1949 and I was transferred to a recently opened Ministry of National Insurance Office in Ironbridge, this of course was long before "The Gorge" and the Victorian Town became so popular. I must confess that it was not my favourite place then. In the job I was doing, we did see so much poverty in that area, but so many good things have come out of the Gorge and the Victorian Town.

So much for all of that, my parents decided to sell the house in Ketley Bank, and they purchased one in Roseway in Wellington. At that time, my father was employed in the Ministry of National Insurance in the grade of Executive Officer, and he was always based in Wellington. My sister Sheila also worked in Wellington, so this was obvious to all to move and to live in that town.

I was loving my life at this time, I was out two nights a week dancing at the Majestic Ballroom in Wellington, and Sankeys' Ballroom in Hadley, we spent some nights at cinemas, and on lighter

spring and summer nights on walks, or in cafes in Wellington and Oakengates, and of course The Cartwheel Café in Donnington-----Oh Boy! All types of military personnel came there and it was great too.

But then my parents seemed to have "itchy feet" and it was decided yet again to move, so the house in Roseway had to go.

Now back into the Oakengates area, and my Dad bought a house on the Holyhead Road, it was not a particular favourite of mine and I never really did get used to living there. Anyway, time marches on, and my life was still good despite the fact that the house was the kind of a property that had a "forbidding" feeling about it, I think that maybe the lay-out of it reminded my Mum of the house in Derbyshire where she was born, and I detested that house so much also. So far as that goes it was a move and I think, doomed from the start. But you know, when I stop to think of my life in these times, as compared to today, we were happy with our cosy little cinemas, such as these in this area. I know the Grosvenor in Oakengates, and yes even the little Regent in Wrockwardine Wood were just something a bit special, and yes, I agree! The "back rows" were something a bit special too.

Back to reality, it is amazing really the difference in things we did and places we went and all in the name of enjoyment. It is a bit scary to me today to know just how today's youngsters "NEED" everything, but are so "NOT" prepared to do things for themselves, everything has to be done for them.

Please give me my time back again, I loved it and all that went with it, we made our own entertainment, and in turn really enjoyed all of it.

DOG FOULING!

We would like to appeal to dog walkers to **please** clean up after your pet. We have received many complaints recently regarding dog fouling on footpaths, particularly on Church Road and in Holy Trinity Church Yard, Wrockwardine Wood. The footpaths in Church Road are heavily used by parents and children walking to school and by the Walking Bus from the Infant to the Junior School every weekday morning. Unfortunately we do not have the usual free dog bags at the moment because there is a backlog of orders from the manufacturer. We hope to have them in soon and you are welcome to ring us and leave your details and we will contact you as soon as they are available. The dog warden has agreed to pay particular attention to our area over the next few weeks to help resolve this problem.



Tel: 01952 613865 Email: oranconall@aol.com

A very happy new year to one and all. Holy Trinity is very excited about the year ahead as we endeavour to make our building more accessible to the wider community now that we are enjoying having a new re-ordered building which is fit for purpose.

We were delighted by the attendance at the Rededication Service with Bishop Jonathan in October and were thrilled to see the church full to capacity at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

In the coming days we plan to start a monthly Family and Toddler Service both before and after school and full details of this will be on the church notice board.

Many thanks for all the positive feedback we have had concerning our re-ordering works. It is still not too late to make a donation! We are at present inviting people to buy a new church chair in memory of a loved one and details of this can be found below.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHAIR APPEAL

Many in the Parish will know that we have purchased new seating for Holy Trinity. If you wish to donate a chair in memory of a loved one please fill in the form below. It is our intention to have Roll of Honour in Church to commemorate the names of loved ones whose families have purchased a chair in their memory. We would be grateful for a donation of £75. Thank you for your support.

Holy Trinity Chair Appeal

NAME OF LOVED ONE _____ NUMBER OF CHAIRS _____

DONOR'S NAME _____ TELEPHONE NO _____

ADDRESS _____

PLEASE TICK BOX IF YOU ARE A CURRENT UK TAX PAYER AND WISH TO GIFT AID YOUR DONATION []

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EASTER SERVICES 2011

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Liturgy of Palms and Holy Eucharist at W Wood 11am.

Walk with the Donkey 3pm

HOLY WEEK

Monday

Compline and Meditation at W Wood 7.30pm

Tuesday

Compline and Meditation at Oakengates 7.30pm

Wednesday

Mass and Meditation at Oakengates 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday

Sung Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar and Watch at Oakengates 7.30pm

Good Friday

Ecumenical Service at W Wood 3pm.

Reflections for Good Friday at Oakengates 6pm

Easter Day

BCP Holy Communion at W Wood 8am.

Family Mass for Easter Day at Oakengates 9.30am

Parish Communion for Easter Day at W Wood 11am.

Easter Evening Praise at W Wood 5.30pm





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Tuesday 22nd February

at The Parish Council Centre at 7pm
Preceded by a surgery at 6.45pm

Issues raised at the most recent Community Engagement Meeting were: speeding vehicles at Stanmore Drive, Trench and vehicles ignoring the red lights at Trench Lock Interchange.

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)
West Mercia Non emergency: 0300 333 3000
Or visit us at: www.westmercia.police.uk



Have Your Say – Wrockwardine Wood & Trench PACT

The local PACT Panel is gathering information about local issues in this neighbourhood so that we can work with you to take action to tackle them. Please help us by writing down what you feel to be the biggest local issue / concern on this form and returning it to us.

How to return:

- 1 Complete form, without giving any personal details, and place it into a sealed envelope, addressing it to - LPT Wrockwardine Wood & Trench, Donnington Police Station, Wellington Road, Telford TF2 8AE
- 2 Without an envelope - hand deliver to Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre (during school hours).

WHAT is your issue? (Please be as specific as you can)

WHERE is this happening? (E.g. street name / specific location)

WHEN is this happening? (Please provide times and days)

THANK YOU

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