



# NEWSLETTER

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Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council

## Senior Citizens' Christmas Party



On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012

At The Sutherland School, Gibbons Road, Trench

1pm onwards (Doors open at 12.30pm)

**Tickets will be available – FREE OF CHARGE – from the Parish Council Centre on:**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 : 10am – 12 noon & 2pm to 4pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 : 10am – 12 noon & 2pm to 4pm

Please call in between the above times to collect a ticket.

To qualify for the party you must be of pensionable age  
and reside in the

Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish.

Please provide proof of status.



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### Your Health Trainers...

Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Parish Council welcomes the NHS Health Trainers to the local area. Health Trainers Ruth Thorne and Katie Rymer will be offering FREE Health Trainer appointments to local people at the Parish Council Centre every Monday afternoon.

If you need support with:

- Weight loss
- Healthy eating
- Getting more active
- Stopping smoking
- Drinking alcohol in sensible amounts

Then contact Ruth or Katie today on 01952 382582 or email [healthtrainers@shropcom.nhs.uk](mailto:healthtrainers@shropcom.nhs.uk)



## Parish Council Meetings

All our meetings are held at The Parish Council Centre on the second Tuesday of every month except August. Meetings are not normally held in August unless there are any urgent items for action. 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 9<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

### Parish Council Contacts: (616363 is the Council Office phone number)

Les Brayne	616363 – Vice Chair	Charles Smith	615266 – Chair
Karen Hanmer	07904 421 173	Helen Smith	605645
Michael Hanmer	07976 025 367	John Thompson	606363
Derek Plant	620274	Anne Watkins	228539
Shirley Reynolds	380274	Keith Watkins	228539
Steve Reynolds	380274	Yvonne Taylor	616363 – Clerk

Email us at [parishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:parishcouncil@btconnect.com) or visit our website on [www.wwtpc.org.uk](http://www.wwtpc.org.uk)

### Borough Councillors for Wrockwardine Wood (part) & Trench:

Charles Smith	380223	Shirley Reynolds	380274
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### Borough Councillors for St. Georges which includes Wrockwardine Wood East Ward and most of Wrockwardine Wood Parish Ward:

Richard Overton	380215	John Minor	380214
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## Useful Numbers:

Abandoned Cars	384 384	Oakengates Leisure Centre	382 810
Age Concern	587 749	Oakengates Theatre – The Place	382 382
Blue Badge	383 838	Police (new non-emergency number)	101
Chairs & Spares	619 197	Princess Royal Hospital	641 222
Childline	0800 1111	Refuse Collection & large items	384 384
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 146 1554	Samaritans	256 161
Council Tax/Housing Benefit	383 838	Shropdoc (24 hours)	08444 06 8888
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	Street Light Repairs	616 363
Dentist (emergency 9am – 5pm)	606 450	Telford & Wrekin Council	380 000
Domestic Violence	0800 783 1359	Wrekin Housing Trust	217 100
Drugs Helpline – FRANK	0800 776 600	<b>Schools:</b>	
Electricity (loss of supply)	0800 328 1111	St. Lukes RC Junior School	388 222
Gas (if you smell gas)	0800 111 999	The Sutherland School	387 800
Litter/Dog Fouling & Strays	384 384	Wrock Wood Arts College	388 300
Neighbourhood Watch	214 796	Wrock Wood Infants & Nursery	387 860
NHS Direct	0845 4647	Wrock Wood Juniors	387 880

Classes at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre (classes are held weekly unless stated otherwise)		
MONDAY	<b>Brownies</b> (7 – 11 years). Telephone Mrs Howard <b>615283</b>	6pm – 7.15pm
	<b>Body Blitz Classes</b> <b>Hi Energy Fat Burning Class to suit all abilities.</b> Telephone Cheryl Jauncey on <b>371325</b>	6.15pm – 7.15pm
TUESDAY	<b>Toddler Group</b> <b>Parents, grandparents, child minders welcome</b> Telephone Tracy: <b>528150</b>	9.15 – 11.15am
	<b>Art Class with Bob Spendlove</b> Telephone Bob: <b>412918</b> for details	7pm – 9pm
WEDS.	<b>Art Class with Stuart Mann</b> Contact the WEA: <b>614451</b> or just turn up.	10am – 12 noon
	<b>Slimming World Class (runs all year)</b> Contact Donna: <b>461049</b> or just turn up.	5pm & 7pm
THURSDAY	<b>Art Class with Pauline Jones</b> Phone the Parish Council on <b>616363</b> to book.	9.30 – 11.30am
	<b>Youth Club for 6 – 11 years</b>	5pm – 6.30pm
	<b>Local History Club (Monthly)</b> Second Thursday of every month. <b>New members welcome.</b> Telephone <b>616363</b> for further details.	7pm – 9pm
FRIDAY	<b>Coffee Morning (Monthly)</b> Telephone <b>616363</b> for future dates	10am – 12 noon

### TASTER COURSES

Telford College are able to provide Taster Courses, usually free of charge and for a minimum of 9 hours, normally held as one three hour session a week for three weeks. We would like to know if there is any course you may be interested in such as woodworking, holistics, digital photography, computing, drawing and painting, creative textiles, jewellery making, cake making, basic cookery, DIY for the home, DIY plumbing, family history, dressmaking, health & social care, languages, starting your own business etc? Taster courses can follow on with another 20 hour course if successful. Please ring us on 616363 if you are interested in any of the courses mentioned or with any ideas you may have.

Other Clubs in the Parish	
TUESDAY	<b>Trench Tuesday Club</b> at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Labour Club 1.30 – 3.30pm. Raffle, bingo, outings and lots more. New members welcome. Contact Carol Perry on <b>616274</b> for more information.
WEDNESDAY	<b>The Friends &amp; Neighbours Club</b> 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 <b>603556</b>

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

### My Story (September 2012)

Hello again, moving on from my last story, as I told you we went to Liverpool and then on a boat to Dublin. The fare was expensive then, considering that the accommodation was really poor, but I will not go into any details. We duly arrived in Dublin and walked up the famous 'O'Connell Street' on our way to the Iona Hotel. Dublin really was a beautiful city then, but I believe like everywhere else now greatly changed.

We hired a little car for the week, it was a "Volkswagen Beetle", and so we visited a few places around the outskirts of Dublin. That city, at that time of year with Christmas Lights, decorations and Christmas music everywhere and together with everything else, for us it was all purely magical.

All too soon, the time came for us to leave and at the end of that perfect week, we arrived back in Wellington, and then on to Teagues Bridge where we were going to live for the time being, and then of course all too soon back to work.

A few months later and loads of thoughts and considerations with regard to finding a place of our own.

Oh! I know life is not easy when a couple live with parents or in-laws, although I will always maintain that life was much easier and much more pleasant with my in-laws.

After all the aggravation and unpleasantness with my parents prior to our wedding, we really wanted to keep a distance from their home, simply because of the attitude problem, although we still visited them fairly regularly.

Can I say at this point, that so far as a family was concerned neither Dennis nor I were interested in having

children, we had such plans for our future, and none of these included a family, but thereby hangs yet another story for another time.

After looking at houses to rent and to buy, we were much undecided what

to do. So eventually after sitting night after night scanning newspapers and property details from estate agents we hit upon the idea of building our own home.

Now every night after work and once dinner was over and done with, we would sit for endless hours drawing plans with a view to possibly build, and with more paper scrapped, more ideas that we had binned, there was almost miraculously a break-through.

We decided on drawing up plans for a bungalow, and again months later we felt that we had come up with the perfect plans for our perfect home and it was going to be the last word in luxury. All that we needed now was a piece of land on which to build this dream home. In fact the drawing, with various crossings out and alterations of so many things, it all started to take its toll, and the decision was made to look for a piece of building land to buy as soon as possible.

Now all those dark winter nights seemed to be paying off and with the onset of spring, we did eventually find this piece of land and everything was totally wonderful with a future to look forward to, and I will continue with all the happenings in our lives next time.

I am enclosing a couple of photos taken on a rare break from building in 1955, and the other one more recent.



## PARCELS FOR TROOPS

We are co-ordinators for Operationsshoebox UK, an MOD approved organisation whose aim is to send a supply of care parcels to service personnel currently serving in Afghanistan.

Through contact with the general public, local businesses and community we gather either shoeboxes full of 'goodies', or cash/gift voucher donations which we use to buy suitable items ourselves. Our most recent donation was from the residents of Newfield Court.

What motivates us most is the feedback that we get from Afghanistan. Chris, a young dog handler who, with his dog Troll searches for explosives, was 'over the moon' when he received a pair of flip flops in a parcel; Shellyanne, a Combat Medic, who spends 2 weeks at a time 'out on the ground' told us how good it was to have a shower and use 'girlie stuff'.

The one thing all service personnel enjoy are the letters from contributors that are placed in the parcels, with many tough young men and women reduced to tears by young and old alike wishing them well, or as once innocent 7 year old lad put it 'keep your head up'!

If you want to lift the spirits of our service personnel, all you need do is get together with a group of friends, family, work colleagues, with each contributing at least one item, such as a packet of cup-a-soup, small shower gel, disposable razors etc, filling as many shoeboxes as you can, contact us and we will do the rest. We can supply empty boxes on request as well as a list of preferred items.

If you have any boxes to collect or want to find out more please ring 01952 400704 and speak to Colin or Sandra Wade. Full details can be found at [www.operationsshoebox.co.uk](http://www.operationsshoebox.co.uk)

## New Library Opening Times

By the time you receive this newsletter new library opening times will have taken effect, as changes will be implemented on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Telford Town Centre Library will close on 15<sup>th</sup> September to enable the next phase of the Southwater development project to proceed. An interim service will be located in Meeting Point House and available from mid-October until the new library is completed in 2014.

### Local Library opening times and contact details:

#### **Donnington**

**01952 382905**

Monday 10 – 2  
 Wednesday 1 – 5  
 Friday 10 – 2  
 Saturday 10 – 2

#### **Oakengates**

**01952 382390**

Monday 10 – 4  
 Friday 10 – 4  
 Saturday 10 – 2

Oakengates: Also open for self-service 10 – 5.30 Monday – Friday & later on show nights in line with the theatre box office

#### **Hadley**

**01952 388475**

Monday 10 – 1 & 2 – 5  
 Wednesday 10 – 1 & 2 – 5  
 Friday 1 – 5  
 Saturday 10 – 1

#### **Wellington**

**01952 382990**

Monday – Friday 10 – 6  
 Saturday 10 – 4

Wellington: Also open for self-service at other times when the Wellington Civic & Leisure Centre is open.

It is free to join libraries and free to borrow books. Books are for all ages and you can borrow up to 16 items at a time. Computers with free internet access and up to date information and advice are available. For more information email [libraryenquiries@telford.gov.uk](mailto:libraryenquiries@telford.gov.uk)

## Telford and Wrekin Community Panel

### Would you like to join us?

Telford & Wrekin Council is always on the lookout for ways to work together with residents to deliver the best it can for local people.

**One way for local people to get involved and have their say is by joining the Community Panel.**

The Telford and Wrekin Community Panel is made up of local people aged 16 and over who volunteer to give their views and ideas to the Council on a range of local issues and services.

The Council listens to local people's views and takes them into account when they are planning and delivering local services.

We try to make sure that the Panel is representative of the whole community and at the moment we are really keen to gain some new members.

**Do you have views and opinions about living in Telford and Wrekin?**

**Could you help by joining the Panel?**

There are lots of interesting ways that Community Panel members can be involved, ranging from completing surveys to being mystery customers.

It really depends on you and the time that you have to help.

**To find out how you can join the Community Panel and shape the future of Telford and Wrekin**

**Ring the Community Engagement Team on 01952 382131**

**email [yourviewsmatter@telford.gov.uk](mailto:yourviewsmatter@telford.gov.uk)**

**or go online to complete an application form [www.telford.gov.uk/yourviewsmatter](http://www.telford.gov.uk/yourviewsmatter)**

**We look forward to hearing from you.**



## A Message From Rev. Matthew Stafford, Holy Trinity Church, Wrockwardine Wood

Dear Parishioners,

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your get well cards and messages of concern after breaking my hip falling over the dog on Sunday 1st July. I am making good progress and my consultant is very pleased with the way my hip is healing. The experience has made me more considerate and pastorally sensitive towards those whose mobility is permanently affected.

My Sabbatical has now officially started and I shall be returning to Parochial Duties on Saturday 1st December.

My prayerful good wishes,

Matthew Stafford (Revd)

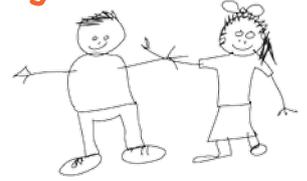
Rector

**For any pastoral or church matters please contact Revd Richard Walker-Hill on 01952 608086 or e-mail [r.walkerhill@sky.com](mailto:r.walkerhill@sky.com)**



## Wrockwardine Wood Infant School and Nursery

**Pedal, Push and Walk to School Week**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**



As part of our Eco agenda we encouraged children to pedal, push or walk to school. This involved children walking or riding their bikes and scooters to school. Children were able to leave their bikes in a designated area to keep them safe throughout the day. There were many benefits to the project including a noticeable reduction in the amount of traffic congestion outside of school. Mrs. Warren, the crossing lady, was delighted to report back on this. To promote the project, children were able to buy raffle tickets to win a fantastic scooter and other road safety prizes. At the end of the week a Road Safety Officer came into school to speak to the children about the benefits of walking, cycling or scooting to school. We also learnt how to keep safe on our journey to school. We had a brilliant week with over half the children taking part! Even children who came to school in a car understood the reasons we were promoting the project and wished they could join in too! As a consequence the Eco Action Team is looking into a permanent site for the safe-keeping of bikes and scooters and with this in mind, the school has already acquired a Scooter Pod. Who knew that you could have so much fun whilst keeping healthy and looking after our world!

**Wrockwardine Wood Infant School & Nursery**  
**(Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood)**

## Christmas Shopping Night

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

**6pm – 8pm**

In the School Hall

Stalls Inc. Threading, Indian Head Massage,  
Nails, Cards, Flower Stall, Cakes, Crafts and More!  
*Please note that this is an adults-only night*

Tickets are £3 on the door and include a drink.

### **Trench Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Society**

Would like to thank all residents for their continued support at all our events  
and invite you to our barbecue on:

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Fireworks BBQ**

at 4.30pm

Secretary – Anne Watkins – Telephone 228539

The next Community Engagement Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at The Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7.15pm, preceded by a Surgery at 6.45pm**



**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.**



**supporting blind and partially sighted people**

**Join the new RNIB TELFORD FUNDRAISING GROUP**

**Come and make new friends!**

**Have fun whilst raising funds!**

**No experience needed, just enthusiasm and energy**

**Every day, almost 100 people in the UK will start to lose their sight. You can make a difference.**

The Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB) is appealing to people in the local community to volunteer and join a new Fundraising Group in Telford. The role involves attending meetings every 4-6 weeks and helping to organise events, help with RNIB appeals and raise the profile of the charity throughout the Telford area.

Volunteers are needed to help us plan and co-ordinate events and activities to raise awareness and funds that will enable us to continue to help and support blind and partially sighted children and adults.

Liz Greenwood, Community Fundraiser for the charity said **'We are looking for enthusiastic people who have a couple of hours spare every few weeks to join the brand new fundraising group in Telford. We want this group to be social and active in their local community raising funds and also awareness of the issues faced by those with sight loss. The fundraising group raises money to support our vital work supporting blind and partially sighted people across Shropshire.'**

If you think you have a few hours spare every few weeks and would like to get involved with the fundraising group - please contact Liz on 0790 857 1836 or email [liz.greenwood@rnib.org.uk](mailto:liz.greenwood@rnib.org.uk)

**"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller**

**SHARON COTTON LLB (HONS) MCFHP MAFHP**

**Foot Health Practitioner:**

Do you have corns, hard skin, cracked heels, thickened nails?

Or do you just want your feet to look good and feel good?

Then telephone me on 01952 249258 or 07814 307848 and I will visit you at home.

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