

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

"Flicks in the Sticks" have completed yet another successful season of films selected from the "Arts Alive" programme. Items for the 2016 / 2017 season are currently being considered.

Films are in HD format and are shown on our new 3.7 m x 2.7m screen each month in the Village Hall.

Start time is 7.30 pm Entrance £4.

Coffee and tea are served at the interval.

Thank you to everyone who has supported 'Flicks' over the years.

Have you a film that you would like to see or one that you can recommend?

If so contact Sue Parsons 01952 505888.

Theatre and Concerts.

An occasional programme of excellent live theatre and musical concerts is organized in both the village hall and St Lawrence Church.

Both residents and visitors are welcome to attend.

The next scheduled event will be :

A Spring Concert in the Village Hall on **Saturday 23rd April 2016 at 7.30 pm**

Abraham Darby Jazz Band, Radio Octave (Nottingham University A 'Capella Society)

Plus local soloists

Proceeds to Pulmonary Hypertension Support

Ticket £7.00 including interval glass of wine.

Contact Howard Betts 01952 505547 Or see the Parish Website at "littlewenlock.org"

Other events and films are planned for later in the year but there is insufficient room here to list them.

Please visit the Parish Website for details.

Thanks for your support and "See you on the night".

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS

If you wish to enquire about anything in the Parish or raise an issue at a future meeting, please contact:

Jayne Davidson (Chairman)	503613	Juliet Esp (Vice Chairman)	503800
Ray Drakeley	503184	Sheila Hutchison	505181
Alan Lees	503021	Sonja Davidson (Clerk)	07716 832711

All parishioners are welcome to sit in on Parish Council meetings which take place in the Village Hall, usually at 7.30 pm on the second Monday of each month except August. There is a regular agenda item at the start of each meeting when members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda.

The date and agenda for the next meeting are always placed on the parish notice boards in the bus shelters at Little Wenlock and at New Works the week prior to the meeting. Minutes, once approved, are on the notice boards and on the community website. Parish Email—clerklwpc@gmail.com

The Community Newsletter is published and funded by Little Wenlock Parish Council.

The next issue is due out in August/September 2016, and articles are welcome no later than 1st July 2016

Spring 2016

TELFORD and WREKIN COUNCIL WARD GRANT SCHEME

In the last financial year a grant of £500 to be used on "environmental projects" was allocated to the parish. This has been used to install steps and a handrail at the exit of footpath 186 onto Willowmoor Bank which had become a danger to the public due to the steepness and state of the ground on the bank. An improvement in access and egress at this point had been requested by a number of residents. We are pleased to say, It is well used and appreciated by local residents and visitors to the area.

NEW PARISH CLERK

We received 12 applications for the role of Parish Clerk. A short list of 4 was drawn up and interviews were held in the Village Hall on March 21st. We are pleased to announce that our new Parish Clerk is Sonja Davidson. She can be contacted by email on clerklwpc@gmail.com or by telephone on 07716 832 711.

We all wish Sonja success in her new role.

PARISH OPEN MEETING—7.30 pm April 25th 2016

The Open Meeting is a chance for parishioners to come along and find out what the Parish Council have been busy working on over the last 12 months. It is also your opportunity to have your say or raise any issues within the parish. Please do come along.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Jacky Whittle is the new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Little Wenlock, having taken over from John Marcham. If you need to report any incidents/suspicious activity that you feel might be of interest to others her contact details are - 01952 502354 or 07811176711. If you would like to be added to her mailing list to receive updates of interest from the West Mercia Police then please send her your e-mail address.

e-mail : jacky@littlewenlock.freeserve.co.uk

LITTER PICKING and FLOWER BOXES

It has not gone unnoticed that certain individuals in New Works take pride in the general surroundings of the village. Apart from keeping their own property in good order they go out of their way to collect litter and maintain the planters at the side of the road. I will not embarrass these residents by naming them but would like to say thank you, and well done, on behalf of New Works and the parish council. Cllr Drakeley.

TELFORD WEST WILDLIFE GROUP

A representative of TWWiG will be attending the village hall prior to the parish council meeting to give a short presentation of the work already carried out at Smalley Hill and how they see the future for this newly created Wetland Wildlife Reserve.

7.00 pm 9th May 2016.

VOLUTERS WANTED

Little Wenlock prides itself on the Community Spirit that is generated amongst residents.

At a time when funding projects is becoming more difficult to secure, this Community Spirit is more necessary than ever. There are many worthwhile small projects that are need attention in the coming months that would benefit with assistance from volunteers. Nominated tasks would tend to be relatively short duration and supervised by a Little Wenlock Councilor. Where appropriate, risk assessments would be prepared. Such arrangements have been satisfactorily completed in past years, particularly involving the younger members of our community. Participating as a volunteer does look good when compiling a CV. If you are reasonably fit and can spare a few hours on a range of tasks, your help would be most welcome.

Please contact Little Wenlock Parish Clerk on 07716 832711 or clerklwpc@gmail.com in order to register your interest as a volunteer.

QUIET LANES

The Parish Council have been working with Nick Kitchen of Telford and Wrekin Council to try and implement a quiet lanes scheme within the village. Nick came to the village hall to give details of the scheme to interested residents. Our chairman Jayne Davidson has invited him to the Open Meeting to give us another update on the scheme. As this will be the first legally enforceable scheme to be implemented by Telford and Wrekin Council there have been some delays. We are hoping Nick will be able to update us with a timescale.

PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS 2016 /17

Each year the Parish Council tries to bring to fruition a few projects to benefit the Parish. If you have any ideas for anything that we might be able to work on – please get in touch with the Parish Clerk or come along to the Open Meeting!

SPECIAL SMART WATER FOR WEST MERCIA RESIDENTS

West Mercia Police have negotiated a special Smartwater supply arrangement for all households within the Force area. Please see below for some product details and an instruction on how to purchase a pack. You will need to enter the discount code and you will be asked to register your name and address and then you can pay by credit card, or post an order with a cheque.

HOW SMARTWATER WORKS:

- Assigns your valuables with their own unique forensic code, allowing them to be traced back to you
- Makes your home less of a target for thieves
- Can be used on anything from electronic equipment to jewellery
- Easy to apply, only visible under UV light - does not leave unattractive marks or stains
- Proven to work - widely used by the police and feared by criminals
- Gives added peace of mind
- Supplied with signage to warn thieves that your home is protected
- When deployed by police, SmartWater has helped reduce burglary by up to 85%

HOW TO BUY:

Please visit: www.smartwater.com/shop

Or call: 0800 521 669

Use discount code: **WDBCRIME25**

OIL BUYERS SCHEME

With heating oil prices uppermost in everyone's mind, there has been much talk about whether joining Oil Buying Groups can save money for individual householders.

For those residents who are not already subscribers to a community bulk buying scheme for central heating fuel oil supplies, it is suggested that they look further at joining a bulk buying scheme with local oil supplier, Oakleys Fuel Oils.

This scheme provides regular top-up deliveries in January, March, June, September and November (according to agreed individual schedules) at a specially discounted price.

As well as benefiting from savings averaging 1.5 to 2.5 p/litre, dependent on amount ordered per individual. Residents have seen tanker movements cut dramatically through the village.

In addition, a further saving of 1.0 p/litre can be gained if payment is made within 7 days of delivery.

They have also had all the hassle and worry of delivery scheduling eliminated.

Anyone living in or close to the village can join the scheme at any time in the year.

For information, call **Oakleys on 01952 684600** and ask for the Little Wenlock Top-Up Service.

DOG FOULING AND PROVISION OF WASTE BAGS

A small minority of dog owners still do not take their responsibilities for their dog seriously.

Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard, and all dog owners have a legal duty to clean up after their dog (apart from blind people with guide dogs.)

There are a number of bins provided around the parish, and dog waste bags are freely available from :-

Outside The Old Hall, Little Wenlock

or from Clee View in New Works.

Please use these facilities!

Dog Mess



It's not my fault

It's Yours !!

Please clean up after me

Little Wenlock Parish Council

BENCHWALKS

The replacement bench dedicated to Dot Dixon and Tom was installed on the 31st March, a very nice sunny evening which I'm sure they would have appreciated. I went there that night to see it and when I turned and looked across the landscape at the setting sun I could fully understand why they loved that spot so much. Well done to those responsible I'm sure that it will be well used and enjoyed for many years to come.

