

PARISH POST

The newsletter of Great Dawley Town Council Autumn/Winter 2013



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Christmas Events 2013

Christmas Lights Switch-On at the new Malinslee Centre

Friday 22nd November 3pm – 6pm

Santa's Grotto, Music for all the family, ending in a spectacular Firework Display



Dawley High Street

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Friday 29th November 4pm to 6pm (tbc)

at the Bandstand &

in the Dawley Christian Centre



Entertainment, trade stalls, Lantern Parade and Children's activities – time to be confirmed



David Wright MP

will switch on the lights at both events at 5pm.

For further details please contact the Town Council on 01952 567910



Over 60s Christmas Parties 2013

Once again we will be holding the Senior Citizens' Christmas Parties for residents from the Dawley Ward and Malinslee Ward (inc. Dawley Bank) on

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th

December 2013

at the Park Inn Hotel,
Telford Town Centre

12 noon – 4.30pm

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Town Council Backs Plan to Improve our Town

The Town Council agreed at its first ever Town Council meeting that action was required to improve the community we live in. It was agreed that a 3 year action plan was required to deliver change: although much of the details are to be decided, the Town Council agreed the following...

- The Town Council to fund up to 20 free market traders' spots to encourage market holders to come to the High Street market. This will only be available to market holders and not car-booters.
- Install car park signs in the local car parks in Dawley and Malinslee;
- Have Street entertainment in the High Street on Fridays and in Dawley Park.
- Help secure the future of Dawley Social Club.
- Further cash to help Dawley Town Hall refurbishment.
- Events with the Dawley Branch of Royal British Legion to mark World War 1.
- Plans to improve Malinslee and Dawley Job Junction.
- A marketing budget to promote the High Street as a destination to visit, shop and spend money.



A Message from David Wright MP

One of the great strengths of Telford is that the town is formed around the older market towns of the former East Shropshire coal field. It is worth remembering of course that the new town was designated as Dawley New Town before it became Telford. I have always felt that it is important to preserve the identity of the towns that make up what is now Telford and key to this objective is the retention of vibrant High Streets and local markets.

The opening of Dawley High Street to vehicles a number of years ago meant that the Friday market was moved to the Meadow Road car park. Over recent years the number of stalls has dwindled and in the winter months the market is often very quiet. A number of traders have been very loyal to Dawley and I thank them for their commitment. We do need to grow the number of stalls and the variety of produce and products available on the market. The fact that the market has been on the car park has meant that there is no central focus for retail activity on a Friday in Dawley. Over the last few years there has been a growing feeling that the market should be relocated into the High Street on a Friday, with many shop traders believing that they will secure spin off trade from market activity in our main commercial street.

Over the summer, as your Member of Parliament, I worked with local traders and local councillors to pull together a petition calling for the return of the Friday market to the High Street. The petition was signed by over a thousand people and I presented it officially to House of Commons on 12th September. It was no surprise to me that the petition generated so much support because I have my constituency office in the High Street and people regularly stop me to ask when the market will be coming back into the street.

There have now been further developments on this issue and I am pleased to say that the council have decided to bring the market back to the High Street. I believe the size of the petition and the work of local traders and local councillors has secured this new policy decision. We now need to ensure the market is well used so that we can make it a success.

I understand that Great Dawley Town Council will be providing extra support to attract new market stalls into the town. If we can get more market traders into the town we can grow the customer base and this becomes a massive benefit for our High Street shops and the wider community.

I feel there is a great buzz around the Dawley area at the moment with the building of the new Phoenix School which includes a new leisure centre and library, the refurbishment of Dawley Town Hall, the ongoing success of the Dawley Park events programme, and the community celebration events across Dawley, Malinslee and Dawley Bank.

The return of the market to the street is another major step forward for our community – please make sure you use it!



David Wright MP

**Dawley Market to return to the High street on
Friday 11th October 2013. The Market is set to grow over the
upcoming months as long as residents support it and buy locally**

Page 4 Improving Our Area

Playing Fields Protected Forever and Refurbishment of Changing Rooms

Great Dawley Town Council were delighted that Telford & Wrekin Council ring-fenced over around £45,000 to benefit our area. The money, which was as a result of local development, will be used for:

- Improvements to the changing rooms at Doseley Road football pitch, totalling about £20,000. The work has now been completed by the contractor and the football team. Telford Juniors are working on painting the changing rooms themselves. An official opening is coming soon.
- General leisure improvements within the local area including Malinslee and Dawley Playing fields (behind the Church wickets public house). The rest of the money, about £25,000, will be available over a three year period to deliver improvements which can be agreed between the Town Council, Malinslee Ward Councillors Shaun Davies and Kuldip Sahota, residents and Telford & Wrekin Council.

S106 funding is a contribution from a developer.

New BMX track at the Phoenix Academy

British Cycling has welcomed the opening of a brand new National standard BMX track which has been built as part of the new Phoenix Academy and Sports and Centre, and will become home to Wrekin Riders BMX club.

The BMX track is a facility capable of entertaining national sized BMX race events, but is more aimed towards facilitating regional race meetings whilst the BMX club gets established.

Kieran Edwards Chair of Wrekin Riders BMX club, said:

"The BMX club have been steadily rising up the club rankings over the last 5 years, even though we did not have a race track to train on; so who knows what we can achieve with such a good facility. Facilities like this are vital for ensuring the future success of local BMX riders and giving more people the opportunity to get involved in the sport. I'm sure so many young people are going to want to take up BMX and I'm proud that Telford has such a great track that will provide many opportunities for people to take part. We look forward to putting on an official opening, coaching courses, regular come and try sessions and aim to hold the Regional BMX Championships in September 2014."

Nick Yarworth, regional development manager for British Cycling, said:

"British Cycling is very pleased to assist Wrekin Riders BMX club and their partners to build this fantastic new cycling facility. The new BMX track will allow many more young people to participate in BMX, and we are looking forward to working with the club and the local community to deliver British Cycling Go-Ride sessions."

"The sport of BMX has seen a huge growth in interest since the London Olympics and this National Standard track will allow people at all levels to enjoy BMX. I'm sure that some will go on to compete at the highest level."

Phoenix Academy Principal Neil Stonehouse added:

"Just over a year ago we were all amazed by the talents of some of the world's greatest athletes during the Olympic Games. We're proud to be able to continue this legacy with a first class BMX track; one of the few of this standard in the country. The BMX track comes alongside facilities at the Academy for young people in order to assist in the progress of their sporting careers."

For those who wish to use the facility, Wrekin Riders can be contacted on 07976 100 463 / facebook / www.wrekinriders.co.uk



Great Dawley Town Council – Member Profile – Frances Bould

Frances was born and brought up in Dawley; she attended local schools including the Phoenix Secondary School and then went on to TCAT where she obtained shorthand/typing/business qualifications.

She worked at Glynwed Foundries as trainee secretary/receptionist and later had various employment as a secretary in commerce and industry including Halifax and Britannia Building Societies and Sperry Vickers where she worked as secretary for the Publicity Department.

Later on Fran attended Sheffield Hallam University as a mature student, where she took 4 year BA Hons Degree course in Applied Social Studies and obtained a qualification in social work. On completion she gained experience as a hospital social worker and worked in community mental health then as a social worker for many years working with adults and people with a disability. Since then Frances has undertaken part-time studies at TCAT where she obtained a Floral Art and Craft Diploma/Floristry and CLAIT computer studies Diploma.

Currently Frances is a Great Dawley Town Councillor, Vice Chair of Executive Committee, on Entertainment and Personnel Sub Committees, Borough Councillor for Dawley Magna Ward and a representative for Telford & Wrekin on the Fire Authority. She has recently been involved in many projects including the lottery funded Park events and Dawley Town Hall Sub Committee.

Fran lives in Little Dawley with husband Graham and springer spaniel Megan. She is close to a large extended family, including three sisters who all live locally. She enjoys going for walks with Megan, current affairs, travelling, music, art, attending family gatherings/outings, gardening, flower arranging /craft activities and reading.



Christmas Events 2013



22 November 3pm to 6pm – Malinslee Centre

Programme:

Start	3.00pm
Old Park School Choir and Orchestra	3.15 – 3.45
Phoenix School Rock Band	4.00pm
Sundial Classic Singers	4.30pm
Christmas Lights Switch on	5.00pm
Fireworks display	5.10pm

Other activities:

Clown & balloon modelling and mascots • Face painting • Tea & Coffee stall • Santa's Grotto
Free chocolates for everyone • Activities from children & young people and other partners
and much more!

29 November 4pm to 6pm (tbc) – Dawley High Street.

The experimental pedestrianisation of the High Street to be extended
from 4pm to 7pm (*to be confirmed*).

Lantern Parade Sundial Theatre Company (*Timings to be confirmed*)

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Page 6 Dawley Town Hall

Dawley Town Hall – open for Winter 2013!



Progress at Dawley Town Hall is continuing as planned. The outline building design and technical specifications have been prepared and distributed and, as we go to press, the team at Telford & Wrekin Council are evaluating the tenders which have been submitted.

The project is on track with work scheduled to start during October and end in December. The actual date will be known later this autumn and a formal launch will be arranged to enable everyone to come and have a look and share their memories.

Lots of work has been taking place behind the scenes and some regular bookings have already been taken to start early next year. **Paul and Madeleine Jones** will be back by popular demand and line dancing will take place each Tuesday evening.

Ballroom and salsa dancing will also be returning to the Hall with Kevin Fletcher leading sessions on Friday evenings. We encourage members of the local community to look out their dancing shoes and come and enjoy the classes.

We are also in talks with a range of other providers for **music, events and activities** to make sure we have a full programme, if there is something you would like to see taking place, just let us know.

Work on the website has continued and it will be launched this month with photos being added as the project progresses. We have been working with our partners and Phoenix Academy has donated a range of furniture and equipment to Dawley Town Hall as part of their legacy plan and **Telford College are planning to run a range of courses** from the hall.

Project Leader, Diane Morris, commented, "Representatives from the Town Hall have attended lots of local events over the last couple of months and there is a real buzz about the hall re-opening.

We sent out the first issue of the **Dawley Town Hall newsletter** in August and the second issue has just been distributed, the response has been incredibly positive. We plan to continue this when the hall reopens and invite everyone to send their email address to dawleytownhall@gmail.com so they can receive their copy."

We have been working with other venues in Dawley to ensure that provision is not duplicated and diluted for local residents. We are liaising with **Dawley Christian Centre, Dawley Social Club, Dawley House, The Royal British Legion and Phoenix Academy** to promote all activities that are taking place in the town and work on joint funding applications that will hopefully bring opportunities for local residents.

Policies to ensure the Hall is run in accordance with all relevant legislation are being developed along with the Governance model to ensure that the hall has a community focus. The Project Leader has also visited other Town Halls in the region and is hoping to establish a Town Hall network to share ideas and attract touring shows

The **Friends of Dawley Town Hall** are continuing to meet regularly and have been fundraising to support activities in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to join the Friends group, please get in touch with Diane Morris if you would like more information.

Dawley Town Hall is also planning to take a role in the **Dawley Lights Switch On** at the end of November and we have been working with primary and secondary schools on a **Lantern Parade**. All local schools have been invited to take part in workshops and we hope that they will add lots of sparkle to the event.

We were delighted to take our **first wedding booking** for 2014 and hope that lots more family celebrations will take place at Dawley Town Hall.

If you have any ideas for activities that can take place, want to book a family occasion or just want to keep up to date with the developments taking place, please contact Diane Morris on **07712 735554** or by email at dawleytownhall@gmail.com and remember to follow us on twitter [@dawleytownhall](https://twitter.com/dawleytownhall).



Dawley library is open for business!

Staff are delighted to welcome readers into the new Dawley library which opened in mid-September in the state-of-the-art Phoenix Academy.

The library includes a full range of books, free computer and internet access and a new online tool adding to the virtual library on the council's website to help you choose reading material.

Supported by Great Dawley Town Council the library is open

Monday Closed	Tuesday 9.30am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 5pm	Weds. 9.30am - 1pm
Thursday Closed	Friday 9.30am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 5pm	Saturday 9.30am - 1pm

Councillor Hilda Rhodes, Telford & Wrekin Council cabinet member for customer services, libraries and transport, said: "I know that residents in Dawley and the surrounding area will be happy that they have their local library back and will be eager to get along to the new premises and see the fantastic facilities available to them.

For more information about Telford & Wrekin libraries visit the library website at www.telford.gov.uk/libraries, telephone Dawley Library on 382901 or pop along to the library to pick up the latest 'good read' and find out about all of the community facilities available at the Phoenix Academy where a warm welcome awaits.



Improvements to the Bandstand

Work started on the 30th September to improve the floor surface within the bandstand to stop water gathering.

This has been a historical problem since the original works in the High Street and the Town Council have worked hard to get it fixed. This will mean that events will be held in the bandstand in the coming weeks and months.



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David Wright MP's Surgeries

Fri. 1 Nov.	The Place, Oakengates	10 – 12 noon
	Madeley Town Council	4 – 6 pm
Fri. 6 Dec.	Dawley Wrekin Housing Trust	10 – 12 noon
	Hollinswood Community Centre	TBC

Borough Councillor Surgeries

Borough Councillors Fran Bould, Jane Pinter & Clive Elliott: Surgeries are held from 10am – 11am at the Dawley Christian Centre on the second and fourth Friday of the month.

Borough Councillors Shaun Davies & Kuldip Sahota:

Surgeries are held on the last Friday of every month from 2.30 – 3.30pm (term time only) at Old Park Primary School, Malinslee and from 6pm – 7pm at Dawley Social & Memorial Club, King Street Dawley (except December).

They can both be found on a Sunday morning between 10am & 12noon on their regular walks around the ward.

Organised street surgeries are often held, keep an eye on your letter box for the surgery cards for the details.

Individual meetings can be requested via email or by phone.



Events in Dawley Park

Christmas Celebration Saturday 7th December 10am – 3pm:

A chance to make Christmas decorations and buy gifts from craft stalls.

To book your place on the Christmas decoration or woodcarving workshops please ring **07914 536268** or **07934 636 565** and leave your contact details.

For more information phone Carol Binnington at Great Dawley Town Council on **567910**.

Edith Pargeter Festival 29th September (completed event) :

Volunteers in Dawley Park take a minute to admire their hard work, after planting a new herb bed to tie in with the Edith Pargeter Festival.



Over 60s Christmas Parties 2013

Once again we will be holding the Senior Citizens Christmas Parties for residents from Dawley Central and Malinslee Wards of Great Dawley Town Council on

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December 2013 at the Park Inn Hotel, Telford Town Centre

Start time: 12 noon – Finish 4pm

Entertainment this year will be the Brass Band as in 2012 and performances from the Starlight Variety Show, provided by Michael Brooks which will include three performances from 2 male singers/comedy act, a female singer and a dance piece.

Please complete the application form below. You will be required to provide a completed form to receive your tickets. **Proof of ID and address will be required to obtain tickets.**

The cost is £4 per ticket (payable in advance and non-refundable) and you can only attend one party. Please note that tickets must be pre-booked as follows

Monday 28 th Oct	Dawley House	9am – 12 noon
Tuesday 29 th Oct	Dawley House	9am – 12 noon
Wednesday 30 th Oct	Ashley Court	10.30 – 11.30am
Thursday 31 st Oct	Hartshorne Court	1pm – 2pm
Tues. 5 th November	Langley Fold	10 – 11am
Weds. 6 th November	George Chetwood Court	10 – 11am
Thurs. 7 th November	Dawley House	12 noon – 3pm
Fri. 8 th November	Dawley House	4pm – 7pm

Transport will be available on request, including disabled transport from designated collection points.

Due to the contract with the Park Inn, the final number of tickets sold will need to be known on 11th November, therefore **tickets WILL NOT be available after 11th November.**

Application for ticket/s for the 2013 Christmas Parties

Name: Tel. No.

Address:

Date: 1st Choice Date: 2nd Choice

IS TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE HOTEL REQUIRED?

YES / NO

(IF YES please tick the box for ONE pick up point nearest to you.)

Malinslee Community Centre George Chetwood Court Langley Fold

The Ley Group Dwelling Old Phoenix School site, Manor Road

Dawley House

Do you require special disability transport? Yes/No

Please confirm if using a wheelchair Yes / No

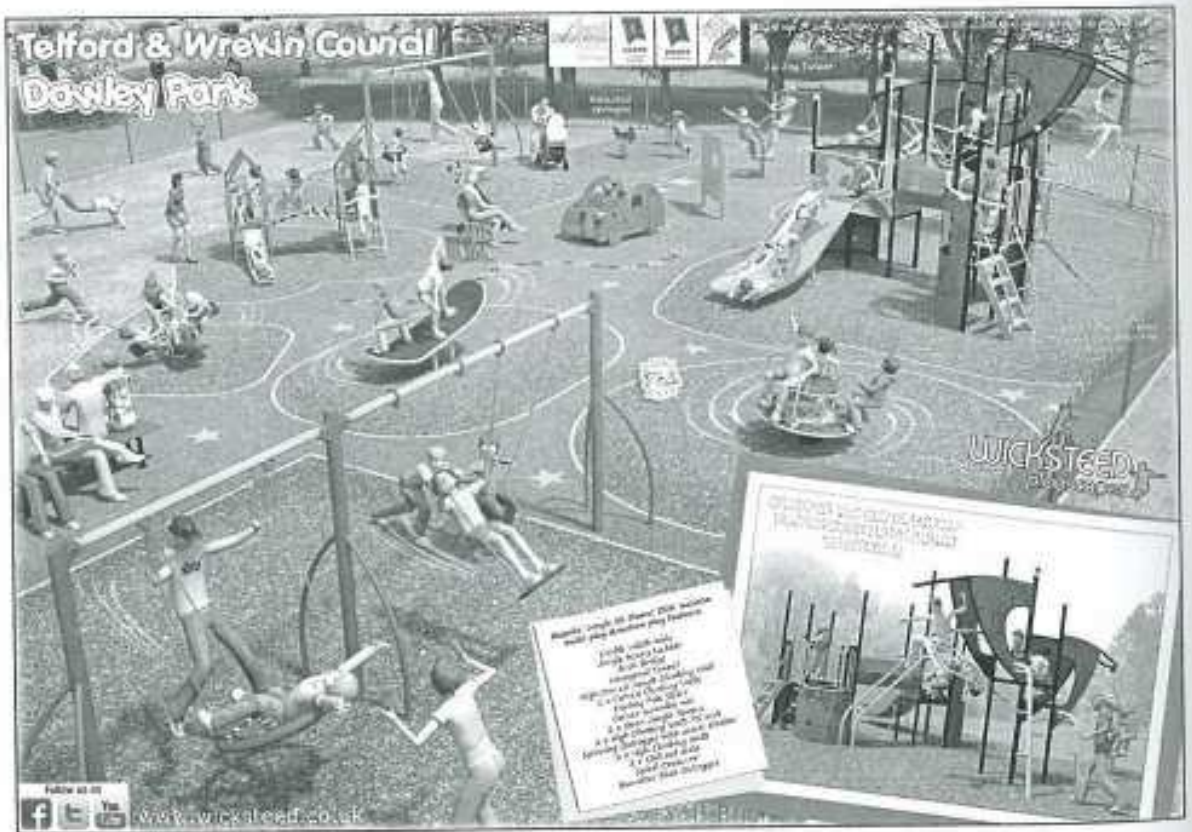
I confirm that I agree that any photos taken may be used on the Great Dawley Town Council Website or for future publicity and that I am eligible (Town Resident and over 60) to attend.

Signature:

Page 10 Dawley Park

More improvements to our area – Dawley Park

Works started on 1 October in Dawley Park to improve the children's play area in Dawley Park. The work is expected to be finished by the end of October.



Artist's impression

Asda colleagues litter pick in Withywood Drive

Colleagues from Asda's Telford store in early September litter picked a street in Malinslee. As a company each store in the country takes part in a litter pick on the same day every year. Asda hopes to make a difference in the area in which their customers live to create a nicer and cleaner environment for them



The litter pick took part in Withywood Drive/Spout Lane Malinslee, which is part of Great Dawley Town. With the new Asda store currently being built within the town, colleagues came from Asda Telford to do this litter pick as this was an area that was identified of needing a bit of TLC.

The Colleagues worked incredibly hard and collected well over a shopping trolley of waste, fly tipping and bric-a-brac.

The Telford Tommys

The Borough Council have advised they have an exciting new annual 'award scheme' for children and young people across the borough.

The Telford Tommys is recognition for those who have made a difference in their community or improved and enriched their own or others' lives.

Award categories include:

- Caring for or volunteering to help others
- Fundraising
- Triumph over personal adversity
- Bravery and courage
- Involvement in community projects
- Contribution to school, training or college
- Learning in non-formal environments
- Sports, hobbies, arts and culture
- Business, innovation and enterprise
- Acting as a 'voice' for other children and young people and
- Raising the positive profile of children and young people

The Borough ask – "Do you know a child, young person or group who deserves to be recognised? This is a big 'pat on the back for children and young people' and we would encourage you to take part and nominate."

For more information on The Telford Tommys or on how to nominate please visit the Telford.gov website – go to

www.telford.gov.uk/info/100003/community_and_living/1739/telford_tommys

The Telford Tommys



Telford & Wrokin
COUNCIL

Town Council Information

Great Dawley Town Council

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Malinslee Ward

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Please note that email contact can be made with all councillors through the parish office.

Dates for Town Council and Committee Meetings 2013/14

(6.30pm at Dawley House unless specified)

2013			Monday 10 February	Executive Committee
Monday 11 November	Executive Committee		Monday 10 March	Executive Committee
Monday 9 December	Executive Committee		Monday 31 March	Town Council
2014			Monday 28 April	Executive Committee
Monday 13 January	Executive Committee		Monday 19 May	Annual Council
Monday 20 January	Town Council			

Please note:

The new phone number for the town office is

567910

The fax number is now **567 917**.



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Great Dawley Town Council



Twitter

Our Twitter name is
@GreatDawley



In addition to the new Twitter account we will also be launching a new website.