

# DAWLEY & MALINSLEE NEWS



The newsletter of Great Dawley Town Council Spring 2015

## Budget Special

### Council Tax Freeze for Great Dawley

#### We are continuing with:

- Parish Environmental Team
- Footpath Sweeper
- Dawley Day, Malinslee Day, Christmas Light Switch On etc.
- Christmas Parties for over 60s
- Gardening Service
- Grants – £10,000 in the budget
- £50,000 budget for regeneration

#### We are adding value to the community with:

- A dedicated CSO for Great Dawley
- Improved Community Buildings
- Entertainment in Dawley Park

## Great Dawley Town Council's budget and precept have now been agreed at a Full Council meeting

The freeze in council tax will enable the Town Council to continue with all the events, projects and work within the community of Great Dawley. The budget will still be able to deliver the following:

- ▶ Dedicated CSO for Great Dawley
- ▶ PET Team to continue their valuable work
- ▶ The Sweeper to also continue its work cleansing our pathways in the local area
- ▶ Continue with the local events, including Malinslee Day, Dawley Day, Dawley Lights Switch on and Malinslee Lights Switch on
- ▶ Christmas Parties for the over 60s
- ▶ Gardening Scheme for local residents to continue
- ▶ Grants will continue to be offered to local groups and charities
- ▶ Help Dawley Park to stage events
- ▶ The Town Council to continue to run Community buildings in the local area
- ▶ Continue with the Hanging Baskets in Dawley High Street
- ▶ Roundabout signage
- ▶ Budget for new public toilets in the High Street

## PET Team and Sweeper

The PET Team and Sweeper will continue their valuable work in our community, keeping our environment clean and tidy.

You will see them out and about picking up litter, putting down salt in the winter, cutting back bushes and small trees, keeping our underpasses free from graffiti and rubbish, repairing our street furniture, emptying our litter bins and looking after the beautiful planters in the High Street, to name but a few.

The PET team is led by local man Arthur Brown and he has two apprentices to help him out and learn all about environmental maintenance.

Keeping our streets clean is the sweeper driven by Dave Morgan.



*Dave Morgan, Parish Sweeper*

*Arthur Brown, PET team*



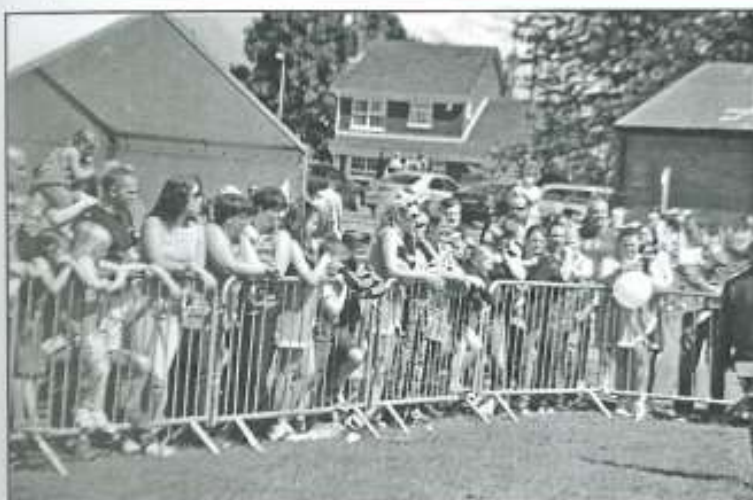


### Dedicated CSO for Great Dawley

Great Dawley Town Council are pleased to welcome a dedicated Community Support Officer (CSO), thanks to working in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership.

The new dedicated CSO will be covering Great Dawley and in particular the current issue of parking in Dawley High Street and surrounding areas.

From April 2015, the new 37 hour post will be in place and will be filled by a newly recruited CSO who will conduct patrols and will work closely with officers who already have a strong knowledge of Dawley and the issues affecting its communities. This will allow the CSO to concentrate on key areas of Great Dawley, tackle some local issues identified, as well as developing links with the public, local businesses and partners.



*Dawley Day*

### Events will continue...

The Town Council will be continuing with the valuable community events for the next year.

These events will include Malinslee Day, Dawley Day, Malinslee Christmas Lights Switch-on, Dawley Lights Switch-on plus many more.

On the first Friday of each month the Town Council will be holding special themed events in the Band Stand in Dawley High Street. These will include local bands, music, street entertainment, plus much more.

We hope to have your support and look forward to welcoming you to these events.

If you have any feedback you wish the Town Council to consider please contact the Town Council at Dawley Town Hall, New Street, Dawley, Telford, TF3 4JR or email [clerk@greatdawley.com](mailto:clerk@greatdawley.com)

### Dawley Market

Great Dawley Town Council will continue to support the Market within its budget.

### Malinslee Action Together

A new action group has been set up to celebrate what is great about **Malinslee** as well as addressing key problems and challenges; making the area an even better place to live.

Following on from meetings in **St Leonards Church**, Councillor Shaun Davies has joined residents, community groups, Ward Members, schools and others to form the group.

The Malinslee Action Together (MAT) group are looking for new members, especially residents, to get involved.

If you would like to get involved or just want to know a bit more about what is going on in your area, please call Sandra Boyd on **01952 382 201/07815004700** or email [sandra.boyd@telford.gov.uk](mailto:sandra.boyd@telford.gov.uk)



## Green light for £400,000 scheme to complete Dawley regeneration

Telford & Wrekin Council has approved a £400,000 scheme to complete the regeneration of the centre of Dawley! This is great news for Dawley as the wide-ranging scheme will address a number of remaining issues in the town following the successful completion of the Phoenix Academy, leisure facilities and associated highways improvements.

Original proposals for a supermarket with additional retail units on land to the rear of the derelict Lord Hill pub have been reviewed because of a lack of market coverage and consumer need.

New plans have now been drawn up for residential development as well as the following regeneration proposals to help to further revitalise this important borough town:

- Housing to be built on the former retail development site to the rear of the Lord Hill pub, with the unsightly plot to be temporarily hoarded until the site can be sold and development commences.
- Part demolition of the Lord Hill public house to assist in connecting the existing High Street with that of the new Phoenix Academy. This will occur

prior to the sale of pub for a restaurant.

- Demolition of the redundant toilets following their relocation into Dawley Town Hall.
- Creation of a 75 space public car park on part of the former retail development site as well as improvements to Duce Drive to alleviate illegal parking occurring during sporting events at the Phoenix.
- Public realm improvements to complement those already completed on the High Street.
- Improvements to the drainage system around the school.

**Andy Burford, a director of Dawley Regeneration Partnership,** said: "This is excellent news for Dawley – it is an imaginative scheme.

"The regeneration work that has so far taken place including the opening of the new Phoenix Academy has been fantastic but everyone felt there was clearly more to be done to make the town centre viable.

"This will go a long way to finishing the job and guaranteeing a bright future for Dawley."

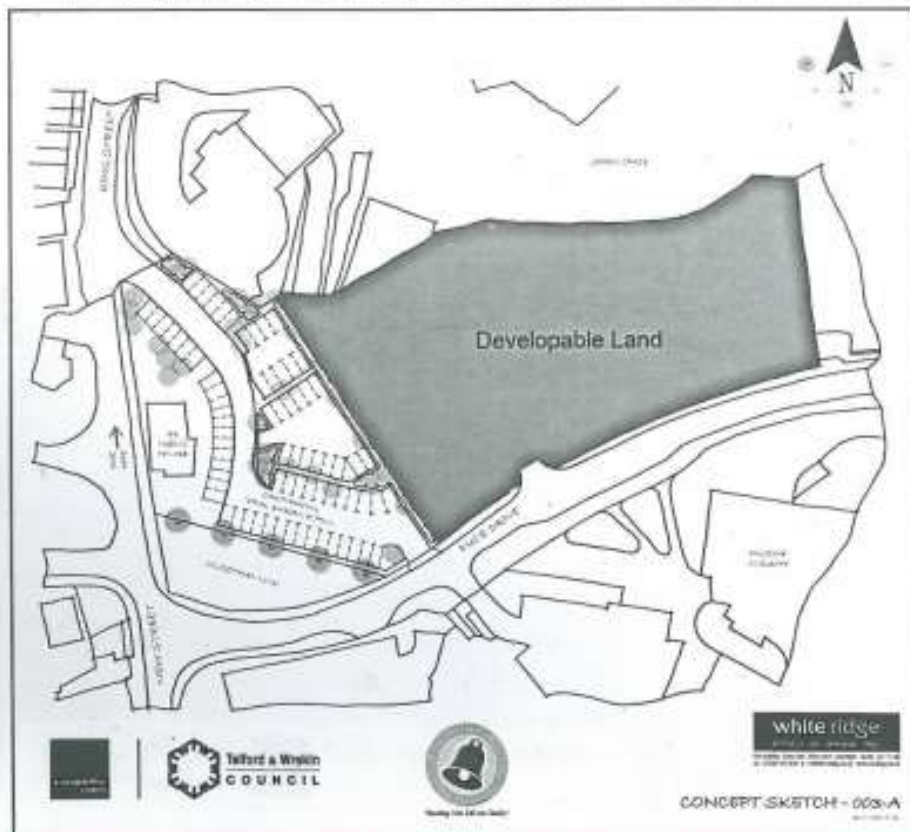
**Councillor Jane Pinter, Vice Chairman of Great Dawley Town Council,** said: "As a council, we have embraced Telford & Wrekin's Pride in Your

Community programme and I am delighted that Dawley will continue to benefit with this new regeneration scheme."

Telford & Wrekin Council's cabinet approved the regeneration scheme when it met on January 29th.

Previous discussions regarding the regeneration have included approaching supermarkets about the possibility of opening a supermarket in Dawley.

Unfortunately the major supermarkets are not developing and building new stores currently and are in fact looking at rationalisation and even store closures, i.e. the Morrisons in Donnington.





# Page 5 Public Toilets

## Public Toilets

Work has now started to take down the old Public Toilets in King Street.

At the "Dawley is Great" consultation event held in February 2015, the Town Council received feedback from a number of residents with regard to lack of provision of toilet facilities in the local community. The Town Council have listened to your concerns and are looking for an alternative solution.

The old public toilets in King Street are currently being taken down because of the astronomic running costs and immense refurbishment costs investigated. The Town Council was paying an annual amount of £17,000 for staff costs and cover to open, close, maintain and clean these toilets. Telford & Wrekin Council identified that to refurbish the existing toilets would cost about £80,000, and in view of current budget reductions, it was felt that it was unviable to spend this large amount of money.

## Next Steps....

The Town Council is looking into having a modern toilet facility and an alternative site to house this.

Your views are important to the Town Council and we would welcome your input into this future decision.

We would be grateful if you could complete the form below, detach from the newsletter and return to the Town Council offices



## Public Toilets Consultation

Name: .....

Address: .....

Would you like to see a Toilets provision in Dawley? Yes / No

Please suggest a location for the toilet provision:

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Other Comments: .....

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Please return to Great Dawley Town Council, Dawley Town Hall, New Street, Dawley, Telford TF3 4JR or email [clerk@greatdawley.com](mailto:clerk@greatdawley.com)

## Page 6 Grants

### Grants

Every year Great Dawley Town Council sets aside an amount in the budget to help fund local organisations, charities and voluntary groups which provide services to and/or benefit the residents of Great Dawley.

This year the Town Council has set aside a total of **£6,500** for organisations to apply for.

The Town Council provides two different types of grants: regular grants and annual grants.

Great Dawley Town Council provides grants for Christmas parties as part of the annual grant scheme. These annual grants have in the past been awarded to local sheltered housing schemes but this year it is also being opened to local and voluntary groups. This is in addition to the Christmas Parties held for the over 60s held at the Town Hall and previously at a local hotel.



### How to apply for a grant:

Please contact Great Dawley Town Council for an application form, **01952 567910** or email [clerk@greatdawley.com](mailto:clerk@greatdawley.com).

The following information should be included with your application:

- Income and expenditure details, ie annual turnover, main sources of income and items of expenditure, supported if possible by your last year's audited accounts and a copy of your most recent bank statement
- A copy of your organisation's constitution
- If you received a grant from the Town Council in the last financial year, evidence that the grant has been used for the purpose for which you applied

Great Dawley Town Council will consider any applications at regular Town Council meetings.



**Let's Get Together (pictured left)** are a local group that meets every Tuesday at Dawley House. The group benefits from Great Dawley Town Council's annual grant scheme.

This year, the group has used the grant to help them go on two trips, one being to the National Memorial Arboretum.

The group has also had various speakers in to visit the group amongst other activities.



## Page 7 Gardening Service

### Gardening Service

Great Dawley Town Council is about to start the 2015 Garden Service which runs from April to October. This is a free gardening service that the Town Council provides to help improve the look of our parish area by carrying out simple gardening improvements such as hedge trims, grass cuts and garden tidies.

Last year we were able to provide a gardening service to over 90 residents from within the Great Dawley area and this year we are hoping to add a few more.

All residents who received the service last year will be contacted to see if they wish to enrol again this year. Anyone interested in the gardening service who meets the following criteria:

- Residing in the Parish of Great Dawley *and*
- 70 years of age or over *or*
- Have a disability

can contact the Town Council either in person, over the phone or via email and we will endeavour to get you included on the service for this year. If we are unable to, we will put your name on a waiting list until a space becomes available.

We hope that by supporting the local residents in this way, we are able to inspire others to take pride in their gardens and the areas in which they live.



*'I am very pleased with the service as I can't do it myself and it takes a weight off my mind knowing that my garden is being looked after'*

*'I really appreciate having the service as I am over 80 and have severe arthritis and there is no one nearby who can look after the garden for me. It gives me peace of mind that my garden is being looked after'*

### Did You Know ...

There is a new Community Garden project at Dawley Town Hall where people can come and volunteer to help grow and look after a small vegetable and flower garden.

For more information contact Yvonne Hill at Dawley Town Hall **01952 567 200**.

## Elections 7th May 2015

Before you can vote in local or national elections you need to register to vote.  
Your name and address will then appear on the electoral register.

**To register to vote visit [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)**

You can vote in a UK parliamentary **GENERAL ELECTION** if you're registered to vote and:

- aged 18 or over on polling day
- a British citizen, Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Irish Republic
- not legally excluded from voting (eg because you're in prison)

As long as you are not a member of the House of Lords!

**European Union citizens living in the UK can also vote in LOCAL ELECTIONS only.**

### Why should I vote?

- We live in a democracy – we have the right to vote for whoever we want to in free and fair elections, many other countries do not allow its citizens this right
- To make your voice heard on issues that matter to you – everything from roads and recycling in your area, to education and planning
- One Voice, One Vote really does count! – one vote can truly make a difference. If you don't vote for what you believe in, others will – and you may not like the outcome

There are three ways you can vote:

- at a polling station
- by post
- by proxy (getting someone else to vote for you)

### Polling Stations in Great Dawley

Aqueduct Primary School	Porta cabin off Beechwood Road
Community Room at George Chetwood Court	Web Youth Centre
Dawley Baptist Church	Old Park Primary School & Children's Centre
Dawley Christian Centre	

### Standing as a candidate?

As a councillor you will need to:

- Act selflessly – care about getting the best for your community
- Have a willingness to represent your electorate
- Want to make a difference
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct
- Register your interests
- Attend meetings when summoned
- Be committed and enthusiastic

**If you are interested in becoming a councillor visit  
[www.telford.gov.uk/info/20107/elections](http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20107/elections)  
for more information**





## Did you know?

Great Dawley Town Council runs a community building, Dawley House, on Burton Street, Dawley?

This building is open to the public as part of organised community groups or by individuals, as well as for private hire for parties and functions. Please look at the 'What's On' page on our website to see what happening here and at other local locations in and around Great Dawley. We are always looking at ways to improve both the building and the access.

If you wish to make an enquiry to book Dawley House please contact Great Dawley Town Council on 01952 567910 or email [CatherineL@greatdawley.com](mailto:CatherineL@greatdawley.com)



**Telford and Wrekin Markets** Dawley Street Market



**Fridays 8am – 3pm**  
Telford & Wrekin Markets  
working in partnership with Great Dawley Town Council

Traders always welcome | Various pitches available

For more information:  
Tel: 01952 380934 Email: [markets@telford.gov.uk](mailto:markets@telford.gov.uk)



**Thoughtless dog owners**  
**We're watching you!**

9 out of 10 dog owners clean up after their dog, are you the one who doesn't?

Bag that poo, any rubbish bin will do



### 140 Years Celebration of Captain Webb

This year marks the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Captain Webb being the first person to swim the English Channel.

Great Dawley Town Council, its partners and local organisations will be holding a month long event to mark this auspicious occasion. There will be a variety of events for all the community to enjoy. Keep an eye out for future updates on the activities and events taking place during the month of August.

To mark this occasion the Town Council will move Dawley Day to August for this year only, so that the Captain Webb celebrations can be part of Dawley Day.

On August 24<sup>th</sup> 1875 Matthew Webb dived off Admiralty Pier in Dover and began his attempt to become the first person to swim the English Channel unaided. Twenty one hours and forty five minutes later he waded triumphantly ashore at Calais, an extraordinary achievement which brought him lasting acclaim at home and abroad.

Born in Dawley, Matthew Webb was one of fourteen children. When he was still young, the family moved to Coalbrookdale near the River Severn, and it was here that he acquired the skills of a strong and proficient swimmer. He embarked upon a maritime career from the early age of twelve, and for fourteen years progressed through the ranks, eventually becoming Master with the Cunard Line. In 1874 he decided to become a professional endurance swimmer.

*Information supplied by Dawley Heritage Website*

Don't forget to look out for future information on the events and activities being held in August.

### Getting the clock ticking...

The Town Council are working with the building owner and current tenant to get the 'Old Market Hall' Clock back into working order.

If you look up to the skies at 64 High Street, the clock is keeping watch over us all. Originally on this site was the Market Hall, constructed in 1867, and part of this impressive building was a turret with bell tower and clock (*please see the photo bottom left, courtesy of Dawley Heritage website*). The bell tower and clock were a gift to the town by Lt. Col. William Kenyon Slaney. Although the building and its use have changed dramatically over the years, including the removal of the bell tower, the clock still remains today.

The Town Council is working with Smith of Derby, traditional bespoke clock makers, who have been producing and repairing clocks for over 150 years, to get it ticking again. Smith of Derby have been involved with our clock since the 1970s and they can also claim responsibility for many iconic public clocks located around the world.



*© Courtesy of Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust Library & Archives.*





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## Future events

- Weds. 18th March** **Winners' Wednesdays** • Elephant & Castle • 7pm. We are running a competition or quiz on the third Wednesday each month. This month, it's Rock & Roll Bingo!
- Sat. 21st March** **Friends Of Dawley Park: Spring Clean** • 10am – 12noon. For more information contact Cllr. Frances Bould on **07837 116 739** or Cllr. Jane Pinter on **07583 376 098**.
- Sat. 21st March** **80s v 90s Night** • Dawley Town Hall • 7pm. **567920** for details.
- Sat. 21st March** **Wellington Brass Band** • 7pm. A concert at St Leonard's – payment on door. For further information contact John Chetwood, Church Warden **591518**.
- Tues. 24th March** **Meeting of Friends of Dawley Park** • Elephant & Castle • 6pm.
- Fri. 27th March** **Telford Comedy Club** • Elephant & Castle • 8.30pm. For more information, see [telfordcomedy.webs.com](http://telfordcomedy.webs.com)
- Sat. 28th March** Telford Town Park presents **Spring Into The Park**, a brand new free family event, 10am – 4pm. The event will be set in the heart of Telford Town Park and will be a seasonal celebration of the great outdoors, as well as the completion of works to the park.
- Sat. 28th March** **Shropshire Wrestling Alliance** • Dawley Town Hall. Tickets available now: **07791 840 651**
- Sat. 28th March** **Telford Soul Club** is back at the Elephant & Castle, spinning some of the coolest Soul vinyl this side of Motown! 7.30pm.
- Sat. 4th April** **Live Motown Night** • Dawley Town Hall • 7.30pm. £5 per person, **567 920** for more details
- Sat. 4th April** **Easter Bonnet Competition** • Royal British Legion. Just come along on the night with your own Easter bonnet to enter
- Sat. 18th April** **Soul Night** • Dawley Town Hall. £5 per person, **567 920** for details
- Fri. 24th April** **Telford Comedy Club** • Elephant & Castle • 8.30pm. For more information, see [telfordcomedy.webs.com](http://telfordcomedy.webs.com)
- Sat. 25th & Sun. 26th April** **Shropshire Wrestling Alliance** • Dawley Town Hall. Tickets available now: **07791 840 651**
- Thurs. 30th April – Mon. 4th May** **Telford Beer Festival**, Britain's biggest cooled-hand-pulled, pub-based beer festival is back, with 12 cooled hand-pulls at the Elephant & Castle and 34 more at the Crown Inn in Oakengates! So, now there's more opportunity than ever to come and have your taste-buds tickled!
- Sat. 2nd May** **Telford Soul Club's Hot Summer Soul** at the Elephant & Castle, spinning some of the coolest Soul vinyl this side of Motown! 2pm – 10pm. Outside in the garden if the weather's good, inside if not! Free entry, all welcome.
- Thurs. 14th May – Sat. 16th May** **Lion Heart Productions** (a non-profit theatre company) • Dawley Town Hall. Contact Richard on **07980 307 742**.
- Weds. 20th May** **Winners' Wednesdays** • Elephant & Castle • 7pm. We are running a competition or quiz on the third Wednesday each month. Check nearer the time for details!
- Mon, 25th May – Fri. 29th May** **Dawley Musical Theatre Holiday Club** • Dawley Town Hall. Contact Andrew Morris on **07955 743 467** to book.
- Fri. 29th May** **Telford Comedy Club** • Elephant & Castle • 8.30pm. For more information, see [telfordcomedy.webs.com](http://telfordcomedy.webs.com)
- Sat. 30th May** **Telford Soul Club** is back at the Elephant & Castle, spinning some of the coolest Soul vinyl this side of Motown! Free entry, all welcome. Time to be confirmed.
- Sat. 30th May & Sun. 31st May** **Shropshire Wrestling Alliance** • Dawley Town Hall. Tickets available now: **07791 840 651**.

To include your event in the next edition of Dawley & Malinslee News email [LaurenW@greatdawley.com](mailto:LaurenW@greatdawley.com).

# Town Council Information

## Great Dawley Town Council

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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 2015 (Mondays, 6.30pm at Dawley House)

16 March	Town Council	08 June	Executive Committee
13 April	Executive Committee	15 June	Town Council
18 May	Annual Council	13 July	Executive Committee

### Please note:

The new phone number for the Town Council office is

**567910**

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



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**@GreatDawley**



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