

LILLESHALL & DONNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Newsletter

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GARDEN COMPETITION 2005

There was a great response to the Parish Council's Garden Competition last year. Once again, the standards were extremely high and included a high proportion of entrants for the Children's Container category.



Pictured is Mr Ted Lowe from Donnington who, for the second year running, was the Overall Winner.

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Garden Competition 2005

The photo shows Emily and Sophie McKevitt from Lilleshall receiving their certificate and trophy as winners of the Children's Container category. Councillor Mrs P A Green was kind enough to donate the trophy for the Children's category.

Due to the increasing popularity of the Garden Competition, the Parish Council is again planning to hold one this year, so get those bulbs and seeds planted and look out for the entry form listing the categories in future newsletters.

Cash prizes are on offer to the winners and runners up.

Further information can be obtained from the Clerk at the Parish Office or phone 608001.



Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours?

ELLIOTT BRIDGMAN SOLICITORS

We are delighted to announce that we have now opened an office in Donnington. This will enable us to advise and assist clients in North Telford. The need for an additional office confirms the firm's reputation as a provider of quality legal services.

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- Administration of Estates

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TF7 5EB
Tel: 01952 684544

3 The Parade
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TF2 8EB
Tel: 01952 607750

We are always there for clients on:-

24 hr Criminal Defence helpline: 07831 828629
24 hr Domestic Violence helpline: 07773 349540



Citizens Advice Bureaux

Telephone advice: Monday & Tuesday 10 – 3.
01952 585824/223232/291101

Madeley CAB (open door)
Tuesday: 10 – 3 & 6.30 – 8.30
Fridays: 10 – 3

Telford Town Centre CAB (appointments)
Wednesday: 10 – 3 Thursday: 2 - 7

Wellington CAB (open door)
Monday: 10 – 3 Thursday: 10 – 3

Donnington

Funded by Donnington Fair Share Trust, providing advice and support for *Donnington residents*. Sessions held at:

Wrekin Housing Trust Shop Donnington
Mondays 9.30 – 12.30, (appointments)

Lifelong Learning Centre

Thursdays 9.30 – 12.30 (drop in) 01952 401422
donningtonproject@yahoo.co.uk

Newport

Funded by Newport Town Council
Outreach drop in session Friday 9.30 – 11.30 (drop in) at the Guildhall Newport providing advice and support to *clients from the Newport area*.

NB Donnington & Newport, only single adviser present.



Operation Rose

Briefing on results – outcomes.

With a budget of £1,000 Operation Rose took place on 8 nights in the areas of Donnington and Donnington Wood. Police Officers and Community Support Officers were assigned uniformed foot patrol between 6pm to 10pm. Prior to the operation analysts statistics showed 38 calls for criminal damage for the month of December 2005 and the first two weeks of January 2006, in the hotspot locations of Cordingley Way, James Way, Park Road, East and West Avenue, The Parade, and Winifreds Drive, Donnington.

During the course of the Operation these calls have reduced to there being ZERO calls received in any of these hotspot locations and only four calls in total for criminal damage received outside of these hotspot locations.

You will see from the statistics there were some 50 encounters, 22 of these were encounters with priority offenders. There were seven person-searches carried out, four of which were on priority offenders.

Seven National Intelligence Reports were completed and covered issues connected with drugs, suspicious behaviour, absconding and suspicious motor vehicles.

Confiscation of cigarettes and lighters were to the fore and even a can of diesel fuel!!

Five young people (priority offenders) were taken home for being in breach of their ABC contracts, whilst a number of addresses were continually visited to re-enforce curfews. There were several others on the periphery who were also taken back to their home addresses to prevent further anti social behaviour.

There were no arrests. On occasions operations are judged ON the number of arrests but this Operation was never brought about by the need to arrest. There has been a large reduction in the number of calls to the police for criminal damage and in fact..... A considerable drop in acts of anti social behaviour.

Most, if not all of the officers assigned to this operation have stated that where contact was made with members of the public there were very strong feelings of reassurance and support for the operation.

My conclusion on Operation Rose is that we were able to reassure the general public. We were able to confront the unruly youths of Donnington and as a result reduced criminal damage and anti social behaviour which is in itself a plus.

Clever Anagrams

See what you get when you rearrange the letters

Dormitory	Dirty Room
Presbyterian	Best in Prayer
The Morse Code	Here come dots
Slot Machines	Cash lost in me
Mother-in-law	Woman Hitler
A Decimal Point	I'm a dot in place
The Earthquakes	That queer shake
Eleven plus two	Twelve plus one

Good aren't they?

Did you hear about the man who wouldn't pay for an exorcism?
He got re-possessed.

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?



Scoop that Poop

Did you know there are 7.4 million dogs in the UK and each day they produce 1,000 tonnes of excrement? Apart from the disgusting mess on footways, landscape areas, sports pitches etc, a single dog mess can contain up to one million eggs of the *Toxocariasis canis* parasite. If these eggs get into the human system the resulting parasitic worm can damage the retinal artery in the eye, causing blindness. The majority of cases recorded in the UK are in children between the ages of 18 months and 5 years as there is more risk of small children coming into contact with dog excrement on footwear and pram wheels etc.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, allows the council to designate publicly accessible land as poop scoop areas where owners **MUST** clean up after their dogs. The problem of dog fouling has grown in the Borough of Telford & Wrekin in recent years. Many streets and recreational areas have become dog toilets with irresponsible owners failing to clear up after their dogs.

The scale of this anti-social problem means that the council has had to introduce new initiatives to reduce the amount of dog waste on the streets and open spaces throughout the Borough. It is no longer acceptable to allow dogs to foul and leave the problem for others. Many responsible dog owners already dispose of bagged dog waste in public litter bins. To encourage this, the council has, in partnership with Town & Parish councils started a programme of installing new litter bins on streets and open spaces throughout the borough. For example, Wellington Town Council is committing a major investment to the initiative. You can now get free dog waste bags from local libraries, leisure centres, Wrekin Housing Trust Shops, Veterinary surgeons and some local newsagents' inc. Stars News shops, Walkers Newsagents and some Spar branches (see below). Contact customer services on Telford 617171 for the nearest outlet to you. There is now no excuse not to clear up after your dog. The bags are produced from bio – degradable plastic film but recycled supermarket bags also offer an alternative to help you scoop the poop

Fines for Irresponsible Dog Owners. The Council is issuing fixed penalty fines of £50 to owners who allow dogs to foul public areas and do not clean up afterwards. Non payment of a fixed penalty fine can lead to prosecution, costing the offender up to £1000. Signs have been installed throughout the borough and Community Support Officers, Dog Wardens and Council Enforcement Officers will be on the streets taking action against offenders. There are currently 1300 litterbins throughout Telford & Wrekin and this is set to increase. Just because there is not a bin, there is no excuse not to clean up. Please use the free bags to make sure you do not break the law. You have been warned! If anyone witnesses dog fouling and wants to report it or make a statement to a council enforcement officer then please contact us on Telford 617171.

Get your dog waste bags from:

Libraries: Oakengates, Wellington, Madeley, Dawley, Stirchley, Newport, Telford Centre, Donnington, Hadley.

Wrekin Housing Trust Shops: Dawley, Donnington, Hadley, Madeley, Newport, Oakengates, Stirchley, Wellington.

Star shops: Dothill, Hadley, Newport, Trench, Brooklands, King Street, Dawley, Woodside

Sports/Leisure Centres: Madeley Court Centre, Newport Swimming Pool, Oakengates Leisure Centre, Wellington Leisure Centre, Stirchley Sports Centre

Spar Shops: Shawbirch, Overdale.

Other shops: Downmead Stores, Ironbridge Walkers Newsagent, Dawley Bank Walkers Newsagent, Telford Walkers Newsagent

Vets: Trench Ashcroft Veterinary Centre, Shawbirch Ashcroft Veterinary Centre, Bishop, Hendry and Edwards Veterinary Surgery, Gladstone Veterinary Clinic; Haygate Veterinary Group (Madeley, Wellington, Oakengates, Donnington.) Old Pound Veterinary Centres (Donnington & Madeley); Tern Veterinary Group, Wrekin View Veterinary Surgery

...and most Town and Parish Council Offices.

Lilleshall Memorial Hall

Lilleshall Memorial Hall has now got its brand new kitchen up and running, as part of its long term refurbishing programme. Approximately £14,000 has been spent on a new "state-of-the-art" kitchen. For those living outside Lilleshall, the Memorial Hall is in fact the local village hall.

This now means that piping hot meals for up to 140 people can now be served, a lot easier than in the past. New Years Eve saw a successful party night with over one hundred partygoers sitting down to a three course meal in comfortable surroundings.

Naturally this was accompanied by the now traditional disco, fancy hats, balloons together with all the other trimmings associated with the festive time of the year, a popular event that has taken place in the village hall now for several years.

The Lilleshall Memorial Hall is always available for hire, with many wedding receptions, silver wedding anniversaries and birthday celebrations taking place.

For details of hiring and booking please contact Dot Fulwood on 01952 410502.

North Telford Childminding Group

The North Telford Childminding Group was set up in March 1983 and met weekly in the Hadley Under 5's building until the room was required for expansion by the play group.

For a short period we moved to the Council room in Hadley Shopping Centre then eventually found a venue free of charge in Donnington.

The Ex-servicemen's Club, now known as Donnington Sports and Leisure Club, provided us with a room on Thursdays from 12.45 to 2.45pm school term only. Since moving there in 1992 we have always been made welcome.

We continue to try our utmost to encourage Registered Childminders, Carers and Young Families to come and join us but of late, to no avail. Our numbers are now extremely low.

In 2005 we were awarded funding from the Local Network Fund to update toys and equipment. We very much appreciated that funding, the support from Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council and the C.V.S.

To keep children healthy and to appreciate the world around them we spend many hours outdoors exploring what is left of the countryside and green belt around us.

Leading on from the North Telford Childminders Group we set up the National Childminding Association County Group in 1987 which is now recognised as the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Childminders Association (STWCmA)

Details of our local group can be obtained from myself – Marjie Seamen on **01952 605108**, now into my 39th year of childminding or Pat Lloyd on **01952 605153** who has also been childminding for over 30 years.

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When your photo is taken for your driver's licence, why do they tell you to smile? If you are stopped by the police and asked for your licence, are you going to be smiling?

Focus on Public Transport from an Older Person's Point of View

For a long time now, questions have been raised by various residents of the community on problems with public transport in and around Donnington. Now that the Older People's Forum have their own representation on the Bus Users Group (Telford & Wrekin/Arriva/Local Councillors) with some small success, they are now asking for your views on a whole number of transport issues. Ask yourself; Are you happy with the way the different services link? Do you have difficulty in accessing transport for specific or necessary journeys?

Please send your comments via letter to the address at the end of this article.

Below are just a few problems that have already been mentioned. You might have others or wish to add to the ones already expressed.

"Permission has been obtained for the new health centre down School Road. This will cause access problems for people living in Celadine Way area."

"We would like to make more use of the Community Café and facilities at the Lifelong Learning Centre down St Matthew's Road but this is not on a bus route."

"I live in School Road and have mobility problems and I like to use the facilities in Barclay Gardens.

However, the bus travels right round the village and there is a change of service on Wrekin Drive. I find this hard to understand given that Barclay Gardens is only a couple of hundred yards from my house."

These issues may not only affect older people but also other members of the Donnington community; parents with young children for instance. Please feel free to write a letter in support of any of the above points. All letters should be addressed to:

Rose Gregory, Older Person's Working Group Chairman, Lifelong Learning Centre, St Matthew's Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.

Older Persons' Working Group

The older persons' directory of groups and activities is being updated. If you are a member of a group or run an activity and would like to be included please contact Rose Gregory at Donnington Wood Lifelong Learning centre St Matthews Road Donnington Telford TF2 7RB. This directory will cover all of Donnington, Donnington Wood, Lilleshall and Muxton. The booklet will be available from June in local centres.

Telford and Wrekin CVS Development Team is offering advice surgeries to voluntary groups and organisations across the borough on a monthly basis.

We are at Turreff Hall in the entrance lobby on Tues 7th March 2.00-3.30pm.

Please come along if you have any queries about getting funding, modernising your constitution, or any volunteering issues.

This is an excellent opportunity for consultation. If you are unable to make the Donnington venue please contact Sue, Bev or Lois on 291350 to find out where else we can meet with you.



Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council

Turreff Hall

Excellent for Groups or Clubs as well as
for Wedding Receptions, Birthday Parties, Special Occasions
Also Suitable for Business Meetings

Licensed Bar and Hall. Ideal for medium sized functions up to 120 people.

Full disabled access with PA Systems including Loop facilities.

Parking with CCTV coverage. Excellent Rates.

For information on availability and price, ring 01952 608001, or visit the Hall at
Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford.

Having Problems with Vehicles Causing a Nuisance?

- the vehicle being seized by the Police; older children may be reported for prosecution. Worst of all, children may be killed or injured.
- Think very carefully before purchasing one of these off-road vehicles, you may be your wasting your money if there is nowhere for them to be used safely and legally!
- * Exceptions to the vehicles listed on front page:
Electrically assisted bicycles and mobility scooters (disability aids) are covered by their own individual laws.
- Seizure of Vehicles**
- Anyone using one of these vehicles illegally on a road or on land other than a road without the landowner's permission can have the vehicle confiscated from them by the Police and may also be prosecuted and have to pay a fine for any offences committed.
 - Anyone using one of these vehicles, causing alarm, distress or annoyance whether this is noise, behaviour, danger to other road users or any other nuisance can have these vehicles confiscated from them by the Police and may be prosecuted and have to pay a fine for any offences committed.
 - When the vehicle is seized, a large sum of money will have to be paid to retrieve the vehicle plus a daily storage charge.

Go-ped

Moped

Motorbike

Quad Bike

Motorised Scooter

Motorised Skateboard

Any wheeled vehicle with an engine which carries a person(s)*

This concerns **You** if you have one of the above, are looking to get one of the above or are bothered by one of the above.

Contacts

West Mercia Constabulary:
08457 444 888

Crimestoppers:
0800 555 111

Your Local Beat Managers are:

Donnington: WPC Nikki Scott
Lilleshall: PC D Parry
Muxton: WPC Ollie Lawrence

Tel: 08457 444 888 Ext. No.

Your Local Community Support Officers are:-

Donnington: J Bowen and A Hall
Lilleshall: S Allen
Muxton: J Buchanan

Think - what must you have, before you use any of these wheeled vehicles:-

- decide where you are going to use it – you can only use unlicensed, untaxed vehicles off-road if you have permission from the landowner.
- Telford & Wrekin Council and English Partnerships give no-one permission to ride on any of their land.
- National Trust, English Heritage, English Nature and like agencies give no-one permission to use their land for leisure vehicles (Those listed on Page 1)
- There is no such thing as wasteland – all land belongs to someone.
- All farming land belongs to someone – you must have the farmer's permission before using their land.
- The vehicles mentioned on Page 1 are deemed to be either motor vehicles or mechanically propelled vehicles.
- These vehicles cannot be used on the pavements or footpaths.
- Apart from mopeds, full-size motorbikes and scooters (step-throughs), these vehicles are not designed to be used on the road and are only meant to be used off-road, on private land with the land owner's permission.
- To use on-road vehicles on the road you must have the following documents and items:
 - i) Driving Licence (obtainable at 16yrs of age for a moped or go-ped, 17yrs for a motorbike)
 - ii) Insurance for third party liability.
 - iii) Vehicle Excise Licence (Tax Disc)
 - iv) MOT certificate
 - v) Crash Helmet - must be fully fastened

vi) Lights and reflectors

vii) Must conform to regulations in relation to tyres, horn, speedometer etc.

viii) Rider and vehicle must abide by all of the laws for the use of these vehicles.

The Dangers of these Vehicles

- There is a very high risk of serious injury for anyone who falls off any vehicle (for example - bicycle, motorbike, scooter, quad bike)
- Adults and children have :

- a) died,
- b) received life-changing injuries,
- c) injuries which have kept them in hospital for months,
- d) extremely painful injuries and
- e) injuries which have left horrible scars and disfigurements on their face or other parts of their bodies.

- Although it is tempting to use these vehicles on the road/pavement/footpath, which are made of hard material, these machines are not designed to cope with rough surfaces and can easily overturn.

- Any vehicle with an engine has its dangers - moving parts which can trap and mangle hands, feet, clothing or long hair; speed; control; explosive fuel; caustic substances e.g. battery acid and petrol; extremely hot engine and exhaust parts; heavy weight that can trap a person underneath if it overturns with the risk of hot parts or caustic liquid causing serious burns.

- Unskilled, unsupervised riders can easily lose control of such vehicles and collide with nearby people causing them serious injury or hit obstacles, causing injury to themselves.

- These are powerful vehicles and not for use by children in an unsupervised situation - the supervision should be in the form of a trained/qualified person.

- Even in your own garden or on private land with permission, riders should wear full protective gear because they can fall off just as easily, especially on rough, unfamiliar ground.

Responsibilities

- Adults must set good examples to children and young people and only use these vehicles in lawful and sensible ways - see Page 2.
- Adults must not allow children to purchase or use these vehicles unless documents, safety items, land use, supervision etc. are in place bearing in mind that to use it on a road the intended rider may have to have reached the age of 16 or 17yrs.

- Even when using these vehicles off- road, insurance may be required.
- Safety helmets should be used at all times, even when these vehicles are used off-road.
- Serious consideration should be given to wearing strong, padded or armoured clothing, knee, shoulder and elbow protectors and strong ankle or knee- length boots as well as a fully fastened helmet.

- It is unfair to children to give them a motorised vehicle to play on if there is nowhere for them to use it safely and legally. Youngsters may be tempted into unsafe and illegal use of these vehicles. This can lead to

Beginners Belly Dance Class

Starting on the 7th February there will be a belly dance class from 7.45 – 8.45 p.m. every Tuesday at Turreff Hall, Donnington.

Christine, who will be taking the class, has been interested in all forms of dance but when she encountered Belly dance she was hooked. She participated in classes for many years before pursuing a career teaching this form of dance. She then took courses, attended training in safe teaching of exercise and obtained insurance, licences and health and safety certificates. For Christine this is a complete change of career as she previously worked as a nurse in the health service for over 25 years. She originates from Donnington, went to school in the area and is now returning to share her love of this dance with local people.

Belly dance comes from many areas of the world and has differing styles. Christine will take groups through basic movements and help the participants develop at their own pace. The group is suitable for beginners and for people of all ages 14 – 94 years old! No previous experience is necessary. There is no special equipment needed but wearing comfortable clothing, which you can move around in, is important. As a dance it provides good exercise, helps you tone up muscles and can help you feel better. Although belly dance is safe, it is always advisable to talk to your GP before starting any exercise class if you have any health issues. The aim of the group is for participants to have fun and enjoy themselves.

Turn up and dance on Tuesday evenings, the cost is just £4 per session. For further information ring Christine on 07792 814607.



Other Groups that use Turreff Hall

Further information on these groups can be obtained from the Clerk on 01952 608001

	SESSION 1	2	3	4
MONDAY	Tai Chi 10.00 - 12.00	Civil Servants 12.30 - 3.30		
TUESDAY			Weight Watchers 5.15 - 7.15	
WEDNESDAY	Nifty 50's 10.00 - 12.00	Line Dancing 12.30 - 2.00	Playscheme 3.00 - 5.15	Brownies 5.30 - 9.00
THURSDAY			Dance Class 4.00 - 6.00	Friendship Club 7.00 - 9.00
FRIDAY	Sewing group 10.30 - 2.30		Dance Class 3.45 - 7.45	
SATURDAY	Kids Klub 10.30 - 12.30			

First in Telford

At Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council's meeting of 16th January 2006 the Chair, Councillor John Thompson, presented the Clerk, Ralph Morgan with his Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). He is reported to be the first Clerk in Telford to achieve this new qualification. The Certificate, sponsored by the University of Gloucestershire, replaced the AQA Certificate for Local Council Administration last year.

Ralph became Clerk to the Parish Council on 15th July 2002 upon leaving the Army after 23 years service, having achieved the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2 (Sergeant Major). Since his appointment the Parish Council has achieved many things, most notably the production of a Parish newsletter, Web-site (www.ldpc.org) and the installation of Christmas Lights around the Parish.

The Certificate in Local Council Administration is a qualification designed to examine the standard of professional knowledge of Clerks and is part of the Government's National Training Strategy for town and parish councils. By achieving the award, Ralph is deemed to be a qualified Clerk.

The next major task for the Parish Council is to produce a Parish Plan and achieve Quality Status. For this, the participation of all residents within Donnington, Lilleshall and Muxton will be appreciated.

If you have any problems, articles for the newsletters or other issues concerning the Parish then please contact the Clerk on 01952 608001, your local Parish Councillor or call in to the Parish Office at Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington. Alternatively you can email the Council on lill.donn.pc@btconnect.com



Why won't sharks attack lawyers?
Professional courtesy.

What qualifications do you need to be a
roadsweeper?

None. You just pick it up as you go along.

Christmas Lights

Pictured switching on the Parish Christmas lights in December 2005 are the Chair of the Parish Council, Mr John Thompson and Mrs Stella Brazier who was a leading campaigner in encouraging the Parish Council to start purchasing and erecting the Christmas lights. It is now in its second year and it is hoped to continue improving the display in the future. Thanks must go to the Wrekin Housing Trust, Donnington for help in purchasing the new light that was displayed on their building and to Gordon Little (Telford and Wrekin Lighting Officer) for his help and cooperation in installing them.



News in Brief

Painting of Turreff Hall

All the staff employed by the Parish Council spent a teambuilding week at the start of January when together they decorated Turreff Hall. It gave the Hall a much needed facelift and saved money in employing professional decorators.

Pensioners Vouchers

The Parish Council gave 968 £5 vouchers to pensioners living in the Parish for Christmas.

Extension Turreff Hall

Plans to build a small extension at Turreff Hall are underway to provide storage space for the equipment of the many groups that use Turreff Hall.

Bus Shelter, Wellington Road, Muxton

Plans have been received and are awaiting Parish Council approval for a brick bus shelter to replace the tin shelter situated on Wellington Road, Muxton.

The tin shelter was originally erected by Walkers and over the years has deteriorated with wear and tear. As the Parish Council own the brick bus shelters within the parish it seemed applicable to erect a more hardwearing shelter.

Church Light, St Michael's, Lilleshall

A new light has now been installed outside the main doors of the Church in Lilleshall to replace the broken lantern that was there.

Hanging Baskets

The Parish Council considered erecting hanging baskets around the parish in Spring. However, due to the costs involved the Council did not consider this to be of Best Value for the parishioners.

Tree Works, Brands Meadow, Muxton

Work has been carried out on the trees by the play area off Brands Meadow, Muxton. This was necessary to enable sustainable re-growth for all the trees situated there. The wood chippings have been used to lay a cycle track for children to use around the woods.

Grants Awarded

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee grants were awarded to the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Club Seventeen, Southall School Dawley and Lilleshall Area Play Scheme.

Neighbourhood Watch Signs

Due to the increasing number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes being started within the area the Parish Council has had to purchase another thirty signs.

Mark Pritchard MP

Mark Pritchard MP will be visiting the Members of the Parish Council on 9th March 2006 to introduce himself and answer any questions that the Councillors would like to put to him.

Asda Trolleys

Asda, Donnington has erected signs around the store warning customers that they will be prosecuted if they are caught taking trolleys away from the vicinity of the store. This year Asda will also introduce sensors that will lock the wheels of the trolleys if they are taken a specified distance from the store. It is hoped that this will reduce the number of unsightly abandoned trolleys around the locality.

Weight Restrictions, Wrekin Drive, Donnington

The Parish Council has requested that the Borough of Telford and Wrekin implement weight restrictions to vehicles using St George's Road and Wrekin Drive, Donnington. Over the last few years there has been a marked increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles using this road as a short cut to Hortonwood Industrial Estate and other factories within the area.

Land opposite Muxton School

The Parish Council has now sown wildflower seeds in the flower beds on the land opposite Muxton Primary School and has also purchased two benches to be placed either side of the large stone. It is planned to plant a few small trees to attract more wildlife.

Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Timetable of Meetings for 2005/2006

DATE	MEETING
6th March '06	Council Meeting
27th March '06	Halls & Environment
17th April '06	Finance
8th May '06	Annual Public Meeting
8th May '06	7.30 Annual Council Meeting

All meetings will take place at Turreff Hall and begin at 7pm unless otherwise specified and are open to public and press. Planning meetings are notified separately. Agendas for forthcoming meetings and Minutes from previous meetings can be found on the Parish Council's website www.ldpc.org

Local planning applications: All local planning applications and plans are available for inspection at the Parish Council Office. Written comments can be sent to or left at the office for consideration by the Council's planning committee

Parish Councillors

Lilleshall Ward	Donnington Ward	Muxton Ward
Andrew Baker	Elizabeth A Clare	Veronica J Brown
Graham Platt	Brian H Green	Rose Gregory
Michael J Skelton	Patricia A Green	Phil Norton
	Cindy Mason	Rodney Pitt
	Clive Mason	Viv Verster
	John Thompson	Keith Watkins

Councillors can be contacted by leaving a message for them at the Parish Office, Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford. Tel **608001**.

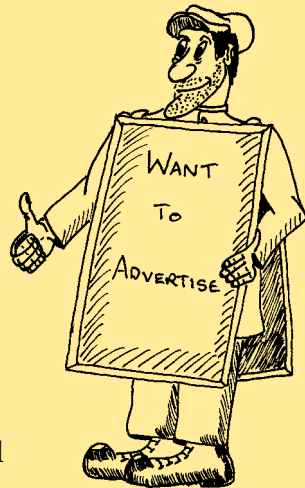
Email: lill.donn.pc@btconnect.com

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Advertising:

If you are interested in advertising in the future editions of our newsletter, please contact the Parish Office on 608001.

The Newsletter goes out three times a year, around March, July and October and is distributed in and around the Parish of Lilleshall, Donnington and Muxton.



Wanted:

Articles for future newsletters

If you would like to include any information or article in future newsletters, whether it is regarding your group, organisation or school activities, please ensure that you send the item in to the Clerk before the following dates:

September 30th (for October issue)

February 8th (for March issue)

June 8th (for July issue).

Useful Numbers to cut out and keep:

Abandoned Cars	619251
Borough of Telford & Wrekin	202100
Broken Street Light Reporting.....	524524
<i>(please note the number on the light)</i>	
Citizens Advice Bureau	223232
Childline.....	0800 1111
Council Tax/Housing Benefit	202020
Crimestoppers.....	0800 555 111
D.I.A.L.....	210202
Domestic Violence Helpline.....	0800 7 831 359
Donnington Library.....	605872
FRANK (National Drugs Helpline)	0800 77 66 00
Litter/Dogs Fouling & Strays	617171
Neighbourhood Watch	214796
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Police	0845 7 444 888
Refuse Collection	524400
Wrekin Housing Trust	217100