

LILLESALL, DONNINGTON & MUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council - standing as a candidate

Have you ever thought of having a say in the decision making process that influences your community? If so, why not stand for election as a Parish Councillor in the forthcoming elections on 5th May 2011.

To stand for election to a Parish or Town Council, there are a number of criteria that you must meet.

Full details can be found on the Electoral Commission website.

In short, to qualify to be a candidate for a local election, on the day of nomination and on the day of the election you must be:

- aged 18 years or over
- and either a UK or Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the Irish Republic, or a citizen of a member state of the EU.

In addition, you must meet at least one of the following:

- on the day of nomination and on the day of the election you are and thereafter you continue to be registered as a voter in the Parish
- for the whole of twelve months before the day of nomination and the day of the election you have occupied any land or other premises as owner or tenant in the Parish
- for the whole of twelve months before the day of nomination and the day of the election your principal or only place of work has been in the Parish
- for the whole of twelve months before the day of nomination and the day of the election you have resided in the Parish or within three miles of it

You will be unable to be elected and to serve as a Councillor if:

- you are a paid employee of the Parish
- you are subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order
- you have within five years, before the day of the election, been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of not less than three months without the option of a fine

Under related downloads you can access a selection of forms and documents that a candidate would need to complete to enable you to stand for a Parish or Town Council election.

Alternatively you can contact the Electoral Services team at Telford & Wrekin Council, for a full nomination pack, on **01952 383201**.

Allotments

Documents regarding the lease of land in Donnington and sale of the Lilleshall site are now with the Parish Council's Solicitors. When these documents have been finalised and signed (hopefully this will have been completed by the time this newsletter is distributed) then a planning application for the Donnington site will be submitted to Telford & Wrekin Council for change of use to allotments. Once permission and funding has been granted, work will commence on the sites to comply with planning consent. It is not known how long all these processes will take but the Parish Council is hopeful that the allotments will be opened in the second quarter of 2011 barring any setbacks.

Parish Council Change of Name

As a result of the Community Governance Review recently undertaken on this Parish Council an Order was made stating that as from 1st December 2010 the Council will become known as **Lilleshall, Donnington and Muxton Parish Council**. As from this date the Parish Council web site address will be available at www.ldmpc.org

Sensory Garden

Work is now well underway on the Chairman's project for a Sensory Garden to be located at Barclay Gardens, Donnington and grant funding of £1,000 toward the costs of setting this up has also been received from Fair Share Trust. It is planned to provide benches, raised beds, "bug hotels", plants and fruit trees from which members of the public and children will benefit. The work is being undertaken by the Greenwood Trust and Green Gym who have helped create the Sensory Garden in Lawley. It is planned to work with the local schools in giving on-site education lessons to children about various aspects of nature.



Pensioners' Vouchers

Last Christmas 1,063 pensioners residing within the parish boundary collected the Christmas vouchers provided by the Parish Council.

Donnington Recreation Ground

Consultations have been ongoing between this Parish Council and Telford & Wrekin Council with regard to improvements to Donnington Recreation Ground. The main aim of these discussions is to implement the Management Plan for the area which was undertaken two years ago. The Plan is aimed at improving the facilities and look of the Recreation Ground with children and young people in mind.

Due to funding, new facilities will be introduced over the coming years commencing with an improved ball court and better/new apparatus within the children's play area. This will then be followed by a skate park.

The **ball court** proposed for the Donnington Recreation Ground has recently been granted planning approval. The order has now been placed and it is anticipated that it should be complete by the end of February.

The **play area** was delayed due to the weather but is nearing completion and should be completed by the time this newsletter has been published. Unfortunately, the graphics will not be put in until the weather has improved.

A consultation with the skateboarders has already taken place and funding for the **skate park** has been secured from Fair Share Trust (Via Donnington Partnership).

Our thanks go to Derek Owen (T&W) for all his hard work organising contracts, obtaining funding and dealing with all the issues regarding the above.

Certificate of Higher Education

The Parish Clerk has recently successfully completed the Certificate in Higher Education in Community Engagement and Governance in conjunction with the University of Gloucestershire.

Councillor Surgeries

Over the last number of years attendance at the Councillor Surgeries run by this Parish Council has been extremely poor. This may be due to modern communication methods whereby the electorate can contact the Parish Council through email or via its web-site. As a result, this Council will no longer be holding Councillor Surgeries.

Bus Shelter, St George's Road

A new bus shelter has been installed on St George's Road, near to the "Four Ways" junction opposite the brick bus shelter. This is as a result of requests received from local residents.

Parish Housing Need Survey

A survey asking residents for opinions on housing needs within the rural areas of this Parish Council will be delivered as part of a consultation exercise being undertaken by Telford & Wrekin Council and this Council. Residents in the rural areas of Lilleshall and Muxton are asked to complete these surveys as they will ultimately affect how developments in your area are considered in the future.

Donnington Local Policing Team

This is the Local Policing Team that serves you.



Meet your Local Policing Team for Donnington that are committed to improve your quality of life for the area you live and work.

As a Local Policing Team we provide reassurance patrols in the area. Whilst on our patrols we deal with a range of quality of life issues which affect the community in Donnington. This could be with regard to nuisance neighbours, crime, Anti Social Behaviour and tackling nuisance.

We also visit schools in the area to provide talks on safety, including internet safety, the STAR drugs programme and bullying. We provide support and information to residents on any issues they may raise, this could include personal safety, crime prevention and vehicle crime.

How do we tackle Anti-Social Behaviour?

A) Early Intervention

We deal with Anti Social Behaviour by using Early Intervention Measures. We send Anti Social Behaviour Letters, and also visit parents, advising them what their son/ daughter has been involved in and what will happen if the young person continues to cause Anti Social Behaviour in the community. The Donnington Local Policing Team look at different strategies to prevent the behaviour continuing, this could be joint meetings with parents, bringing agencies onboard to work with the young person or looking at Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and Anti Social Behaviour Orders.

By using the intervention model this has helped many young people change their behaviour and understand the harm they are causing in the community and the impact it has. Residents who are affected by the Anti Social Behaviour can have their quality of life restored.

B) Working with others / Joint work

To help work alongside us we work very closely with the Donnington Partnership. The Partnership consists of many partner agencies from Local Authority, housing, education and Parish Council (as well as local resident representatives).

As a group we coordinate a range of activities and actions to help resolve your issues and concerns. These are often raised and actioned at Community Engagement Meetings (also known as PACT meetings – Partners and Communities Together). We then address your issues and report back at future meetings. Since Partnership Community Engagements Meetings have been running in Donnington we have had successes with the following.

- 1) Incidents of Anti Social Behaviour including trespassing on properties, criminal damage to vehicles, use of illegal motorbikes, under age drinking.
- 2) Speeding traffic
- 3) Vandalism to areas in Donnington i.e. parks
- 4) Condition of roads and pavements
- 5) Irresponsible parking

Over the recent months as a Local Policing team, we have tackled Anti Social Behaviour in areas which experienced a high number of Anti Social Behaviour incidents. This required working alongside members of the Donnington Partnership and local residents in order to help reduce the problems. A number of actions took place resulting in young people causing the Anti Social Behaviour being dealt with robustly.

An alleyway at the centre of the anti social behaviour is also to be temporary gated. With the Partnership work that took place incidents reduced and restored to residents the quality of life they are entitled to.

C) Bringing back Community Spirit

Residents of the area then wished to come together as a street and expressed a wish to generate and bring back some community spirit. To help them come together we organised for TCAT (Telford College) to come in and do a series of workshops. This proved successful in building relationships between several residents and service providers.

Part of this was to improve awareness of house fires in the home, and promote the use of smoke alarms. Donnington has experienced a number of fires in the area.

To help raise the community's awareness of the danger of fires and about fire safety and working

smoke alarms a house fire demonstration was planned in an empty property with the support of Wrekin Housing Trust. The demonstration was very well supported, with the attendance of over 300 people, which resulted in high take up of smoke alarms and home safety checks.

Another success is that over recent months we have carried out drug warrants on properties for which we as a team have received information on supplying drugs in and around the Donnington area. From using this information, we have successfully dealt with people for supplying and cultivating drugs in the Donnington area.

Together with Donnington Partnership, Donnington Local Policing Team have projects underway and are currently robustly dealing with the use of illegal motorbikes in the area.

So to summarise ...

What's good about Donnington Local Policing Team and its work with Donnington Partnership?

- There is good communication between organisations, community groups and local residents. This helps to prevent duplication or the wasting of resources on something that has been tried and not worked.
- The pooling of ideas and sharing of resources makes it possible for complex problems to be resolved, and also can trigger a bigger and better response to an idea or problem raised because more people know about it. The collective strength that can come from working together in solving a problem can achieve results that would have been beyond one agency working alone.
- Reliable intelligence and information enable the partners to "get it right first time" when finding solutions to problems
- Working together seems to help partners take a more proactive response instead of individually tending to be more reactive.

Finally, by working together, and operating the public sessions that we do, we can far more easily communicate this out to the community and continue to develop and find new ways of working.

If there are issues in your community you'd like to see addressed through the PACT (Partners and Communities Together) process, your Local Policing Team can be contacted by any of the following means:

By e-mail at donnington.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

By phone on their Message Line number - **01952 216 542.**

Log on to the West Mercia Police website for further details and dates of future meetings We can be seen out and about in the community of Donnington, or at the Asda Surgery the last Thursday of every month or come along to the next Community Engagement meeting which is held on Thursday 10th March at 11.30am at Turreff Hall and Wednesday 27th April at 7.15pm at Turreff Hall. Come along and meet the Donnington Local Policing Team and Partner agencies.



Community Engagement Meetings Residents

The meetings will be held at:

Muxton Primary School, Muxton: Thursday 10th March 7pm

Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington: Thursday 10th March 11.30am (lunch included)

For further information please contact:

Local Policing team: **0300 333 3000** donnington.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or
Fiona Moore, Priority Action Coordinator 01952 **382245** fiona.moore@telford.gov.uk

Ralph Morgan, Parish Council Clerk **608001**



Lifelong Learning Centre

Volunteers and home recipes required



Volunteers required for the Community Café at Donnington Life Long Learning Centre, St Matthews Road, Donnington.

Tuesday 12 – 3

Wednesday 9 – 12

Plus other times to cover staff training. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Rose on **382203** or call in at the centre for further details.



The café will be producing a cookbook in September and we are looking for people's favourite recipes that are easy to make.



If you have a recipe you would like to share, again call Rose on **382203** or call in at the Life Long Learning Centre.



“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”



Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 20th May 2011

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2011 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5 means you will raise at least £35 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In 2011 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.

For more information or to request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

Telford & Wrekin CVS are working in partnership with Fare Share in Donnington to develop learning and good practice in Volunteer Management.



On offer are two **FREE** half day workshops which will help participants to develop key knowledge and skills in managing volunteers. Both workshops are aimed at agencies and groups which operate within the Donnington area.

Workshop 1: Recruiting and Selecting Volunteers

Friday 11th March 9:30 – 12:00 at Donnington Life Long Learning Centre

Workshop 2: Supporting and Retaining Volunteers Effectively.

Friday 18th March 9:30 – 12:00 at Donnington Life Long Learning Centre

For further information or a booking form please contact Beverly Harris on **01952 291350**.

beverlyharris@tandwcvcs.org.uk

Lilleshall Relief in Need (Registered Charity No. 216246)

The Lilleshall Relief in Need Charity is able to give financial assistance to persons who live in the ecclesiastical parishes of Lilleshall, Muxton and Donnington Wood. If the application is for a child (i.e. under 18) the form should be completed by an adult, preferably a parent or guardian. Grants cannot be given for educational purposes.

If you would like to apply to the charity, then please contact either Mrs Gill Whorton on **01952 677667** or Mrs Pat Green on **01952 606681** for further details.



Age Concern Seeking Volunteer School Mentors.

Age Concern Shropshire Telford & Wrekin is again looking for Volunteers to work with children in local schools in the Telford area. Patty Wilkinson the **Intergenerational Projects Officer** said, "Following on from the success of last year when volunteers were trained to work as school Mentors I am now seeking more people to come forward to attend small and friendly training sessions with a view to working in local Primary Schools. These sessions will be held shortly at Age Concern's Telford HQ at Halesfield 17 and will run for one session per week for 6 weeks. Volunteers can then work in school from one half day per week upwards, as much or little time as they can spare", she continued.

"All volunteers should be over the age of 50, and have an interest in working in schools to help support youngsters in the classroom. No experience is needed as full training will be given, just a real desire to befriend a young person and make a positive contribution to their life, by supporting them emotionally and academically."

This volunteer opportunity is subject to a CRB check, informal interview and references and is open to all local people over the age of 50.

"The work was enjoyed so much by last year's volunteers that many have opted to do extra hours this year and everyone felt a great sense of achievement having helped a young person to gain confidence and move forwards," she concluded.

For further details please call Patty on **01952 587821** or email: patty.wilkinson@ageconcernshrops.org.uk.

Telford Sea Cadets

Telford Sea Cadets meet on a Tuesday and Thursday evening 6.45pm to 9pm. We have a junior section from 10 to 12 year olds and a senior section from 13 to 18 year olds.

We are a uniform youth organisation with a nautical themed training program. We meet at our HQ on Wellington Road, Donnington, Telford (next to the "Little Theatre") TF2 8AW.

Telford Sea Cadets are also looking for volunteers to fulfil roles on the committee. Anyone interested in their children joining or volunteering for a role on the committee in the first instance contact PO (SCC) Kevin Hoyles 07831 134 233.

At present we have spaces in both age groups for children wanting to join as cadets.

Title	Time	Main Contact	Basic Details
Monday			
Messy Mondays, Children's Centre, Hadley Learning Community (HLC)	9.30am – 11am	Anna, Adam, Sara & Teresa Tel: 387183	Creative session for parents/carers and children aged 0-5 years. Very popular group, please arrive promptly to avoid disappointment.
Under 1s, Hadley Health Clinic	10am – 11.30am	Liz Law 248262	Health visitor led parent & baby session for under 1's and parents/carers.
Minis Donnington medical practice	10am – 11.30am	Julie Hughes Tel: 616284	A drop in for parents/carers and their children aged 0 - 6 months. Weaning and other early years information. Term time.
Stay and Play St Georges Primary School	1.30pm – 3pm	Berni & Hannah Tel: 387183	A play session for parents/carers & their children 0-2½ yrs. Sure Start Outreach support available on first Monday of the month.
Messy Mondays for Donnington Donnington Children's Centre	1.15 – 2.45 pm	Sara & Andrea Tel: 387183	A creative session for parents/carers & their children aged 0-5 years.
Tuesday			
Baby clinic drop in Salvation Army Hall, Oakengates	9.30am – 12pm	Health Visitors 621309 / 223463	Health visitor led clinic, giving parents/carers the opportunity to have their babies weighed & discuss any health related issues.
Minor and Majors Silver Threads Hall, Donnington	10am – 11.30am	Anna & Sara Tel: 387183	Play session for children aged 6 months to 3 years and their parents/carers. Suggested donation of £1 per family.
Cheeky Monkeys Salvation Army Hall, Oakengates	1pm – 2.30pm	Berni & Josie Tel: 387183	Teenage parent/carer drop in. An opportunity to chat and play with their children aged 0-5 yrs.
Wednesday			
Childminders Network Meeting, Children's Centre, HLC	9.30am – 11am	Tel: 387183	A drop in for child minders.
NHS stop smoking clinic, HLC	9.30am – 12pm	Rachael 07979 540 498	A stop smoking clinic for adults. Children welcome in the clinic room.
Musical movers, Silver Threads Hall, Donnington	10am – 11am	Anna Tel: 616284	A song and dance session for children aged 0-5 years and their parents/carers. £1 per session per family.
Butterfly Babies, Under 1s group, Children's Centre, HLC	1pm – 2.30pm	Sara Tel: 387183	A play session aimed at under 1s and their parent/carer. Breast feeding support for expectant and new mothers.
Asian Parents Group, Children's Centre, HLC	1pm – 2.45pm	Anna & Rabena 07800 671 701	A play session for any Asian family and children aged 0-5yrs. Term time only
1's and 2's Club, Salvation Army Hall, Oakengates	1pm – 2.30pm	Berni & Andrea Tel: 387183	A play session for 1's and 2's and their parents/carers. £1 suggested donation.
North Telford Childminders Network Drop In, Donnington Wood Infant School	9am – 12pm	Marjie Tel: 605108	A drop-in for child minders. Carers and toddlers welcome. 50p per session (term time only)
Thursday			
Donnington Bumps to Babies Silver Threads Hall, Donnington	10am – 11.30am	Anna, Katrina, Karen, Monique & Nikki 387183	Ante- and Post-natal healthy living information group for parents/carers and their children 0-12 weeks. See a midwife without an appointment, breast feeding support..
Oakengates Under 1s Salvation Army Hall, Oakengates	10am – 11.30am	Jose, Berni & Louise 387183	An informative session for parents/carers of children under one with talks and singing. Health and breastfeeding help & advice.
Toddler Safari Jungleland, Trench Lock	Session begins 10.15am	Sara, Adam & Sam 387183 or 07967 631 772	£1 per child and 50p per adult. Breast feeding support. Babies and older siblings welcome. Help to quit advice and support.
Friday			
Donnington Wood Family Group, Donnington Wood Infant School	9.15am – 11.30am	Anna and Berni Tel: 387183	For parent/carers and their children aged 0 -5 yrs (Term time only). First session free, 50p per family there after.
Stay and Play Children's Centre, HLC	9.30am – 11am	Sara and Adam Tel: 387183	A play session aimed at children aged 0 - 5 yrs and their parents/carers. A very popular session, please arrive early to avoid disappointment.
Family Talk and Play Silver Threads Hall, Donnington	10.30am – 12pm	Carla, Sam, Kerry & Sarah 387183	Coffee morning for parents/carers and their children aged 0-5yrs. £1 per session.
Breastfeeding Support Group Salvation Army Hall, Oakengates	11am – 12.30pm	01952 621309	Breastfeeding Support group for breastfeeding and expectant mothers.
Telford Twins or More Group Children's Centre, HLC	1 – 3pm	Sarah: 07779 828665 Emma: 07854 713619 Laura: 07876 752555	A play and support group for expectant mums, parents and carers of twins and more, aged 0 - 5 yrs.
St Georges Singing and Dancing St Georges Cricket Club - NEW GROUP!!!!	1 – 2pm	Phaedra Tel: 387183	A singing and dancing group for children aged 2 - 5 years and their parents and carers.
Saturday			
Donnington Family Fun, NEW GROUP!!!! Donnington Life Long Learning Centre	11am – 12.30pm	Shelly 07407718877 387183	For parent and carers that have concerns about their child's speech and language development. Please ring for an appointment time.

Grants

Lilleshall "Mums on the Run"

Lilleshall residents, Wendy Hill, Helen Holdroyd and Jan Locke, otherwise known as "Mums on the Run", were thrilled to receive £500 from Lilleshall, Donnington and Muxton Parish Council to enable them to again put on the "Lilleshall Monumental 10k run". The team of mums and Phil Hill (honorary member!) are being supported and guided by Newport and District running club to ensure the event is professionally staged and all safety aspects are met. They said "having received this money will help enormously to meet the overheads when putting on such an event."

The intention of the race is to encourage people, young and older, to come along and enjoy taking part in a sporting activity. The team are only too aware of the increasing rates of heart disease and obesity and in a local effort to address these frightening trends felt it was a good way to take action. Last year was the first time they put on the event and they had overwhelming support from residents of Lilleshall, Donnington and Muxton seeing in excess of 250 people take part. This year's date is Sunday 27th March. There will be a fun run at 10.45am, followed by the main race at 11.30. Please bear in mind it is the first day

of summer, so as you spring forward to the event so too must your clocks! Councillor Andrew Eade (Telford & Wrekin Council) has again agreed to open the race on the day. He shares the sentiments of the group and is delighted there is an initiative to focus on exercise locally and a fun day that encourages community cohesion. The day is ideal for all the family to attend, with a barbecue being held at Lilleshall cricket club following the run.

For those wishing to take part an application form can be obtained from Newport and District running club at www.newportrunningclub.co.uk

Several members of the running club live in the Lilleshall and Donnington wards and new members are always welcome. Club running night is a Wednesday and all abilities of runners will be made to feel welcome and can be catered for. It's never too late to set yourself a challenge and the running club would be delighted to support you to feel confident to do a 10k run.

Pictured receiving the cheque just before a training session are (from left to right): Jan Locke, Toby Hill, Chairman Councillor Clive Mason, Archie Locke, Helen Holdroyd, Councillor Andrew Baker, David Holdroyd and Wendy Hill.



Other groups/organisations awarded grants at the same Council meeting held on 15th November 2010 totalling £6,300 were:

- St Matthew's Church, Donnington
- Lilleshall Youth Centre
- Family Talk and Play
- Lilleshall Memorial Hall
- Newport Carnival Committee
- West Mercia Police Crucial Crew
- Wrockwardine Wood Junior Football Club
- Wrekin Quilters
- Kids Crazy Club
- Donnington Friendship Club

Useful Numbers to cut out and keep

Abandoned Cars	384384
Broken Street Light Reporting.....	608001
<i>(Please Note the Number on the Light)</i>	
Chairs and Spares and Community RePaint.	619197
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 146 1554
Childline.....	0800 1111
Council Tax/Housing Benefit	383838
Crimestoppers.....	0800 555 111
D.I.A.L.....	210202
Domestic Violence Helpline.....	0800 783 1359
Donnington Library.....	382905
FRANK (National Drugs Helpline)	0800 776600
Litter/Dogs Fouling & Strays	384384
Neighbourhood Watch	214796
Parish Council Office.....	608001
Police.....	0300 333 3000
Princess Royal Hospital	641222
Refuse Collection	384384
Samaritans (Telford Branch)	256161
Telford & Wrekin Council	380000
Wrekin Housing Trust	217100
Schools:	
Burton Borough.....	386500
Donnington Wood C of E.....	386660
Donnington Wood Infants.....	386640
Lilleshall Primary.....	388430
Muxton Primary	387690
St Matthews C of E	386260
The Sutherland School.....	387800
Wrockwardine Wood Arts College.....	388300
Wrockwardine Wood C of E	387880
Wrockwardine Wood Infants	387860

Quarterly Estate Walkabouts

The Wrekin Housing Trust

The next round of walkabouts are as follows:

Donnington west: Wednesday 13th April 1.30pm. Meeting at Winifreds Drive/ Leonard Close.

Donnington east: Wednesday 20th April at 1.30pm. Meeting at junction of Hayward Avenue/New Road.

Donnington Wood: Wednesday 27th April at 2pm. Meeting at the front of the Life Long Learning Centre. To Visit: Barn Close, Waxhill Close, Penistone Close & Ash Lea Drive

Donnington Wood: Wednesday 11th May at 2pm. Meeting at the front of the Community House. To visit St Matthews Rd, The Common, The Glebelands

Monarch Fields and Lioncourt Homes: Wednesday 18th May at 10am. Meeting at Wyevale Garden Centre Car Park. To include Station Road, Highlander Drive and Dukes View.

Sayings to ponder ...

You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

Donnington Toy Library

Why pay more? Instead of buying, why not hire at:

Donnington Toy Library based at Donnington Health Centre, Wrekin Drive, Donnington, Children's Clinic.

- Variety of toys suitable for birth up to 8 years of age.
- Good assortment of physical, stimulating and fun toys.
 - Story Sack 50p per week – play as you read.
- Joining Fee: £1 • Hire for 8 weeks. • Toy Hire: Small £2, Medium £3, Large £4

Toy Donations are welcome especially baby toys.

There is also a collect and delivery service.

Open Wednesdays 9 am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm. If the library is not open (holidays etc) then please speak to the Health Visitor in clinic who will help you.

For further information please contact Jean Gulliver on 07784 768894

Planning to have a Street Party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012?

If you are considering holding a street party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 then you may be required to obtain a temporary road closure for these events at a small fee set by Telford & Wrekin Council.

As a result of feedback provided to Telford & Wrekin Council by previous event organisers it has revised its procedures to provide clearer guidance to event organisers on what they need to do when planning an event and has amended its charging system which means smaller events will have reduced charges compared to the current charging system.

The key information points are:

- There will continue to be no charge for Remembrance Day Parades organised through a parish/ town council: charges will apply to other highway closure requests.
- The charges will vary according to the type of organisation applying and the size of the event.
- The notice period required to progress highway closures will be a minimum of 12 weeks prior to the date of the planned event (this will be strictly enforced). This is the same notice period Telford & Wrekin Council currently requires.
- As with existing arrangements the charges cover the administration and advertising costs associated with highway closures, but do not include the physical traffic management (i.e. cones, barriers) that may be required.
- All the necessary information, along with a downloadable form, is available from the Telford & Wrekin Council website (www.telford.gov.uk/roadclosures).

Please note the highway is not just the road. If you are planning an event that will close a footpath, verge or bridleway you should apply for a closure. If it is taking place on the highway, but doesn't require a closure (for example if it is on the footpath but pedestrians can still pass freely), you will still need to notify traffic@telford.gov.uk that the event is taking place.

Fly Tipping

Fly tipping is not only unsightly and illegal but costs you the taxpayer in excess of £250,000 per year to remove and dispose of. We have around 320 incidents reported every month amounting to over 1500 tonnes of waste per year. Fly tipping can also attract other antisocial behaviour activities such as vandalism and graffiti.

If you have waste to get rid of make sure you give it to a person who is authorised to do so. If you give your waste to someone who is not, and they dump it, you could be fined up to £5000. Ask for their Waste Carriers registration number – **if they cannot supply one do not give them your waste.** If you are not sure you can check with the Environment Agency **08708 506506**.

The council can help both rural and urban communities in stamping out this problem but we need help from the community. To be successful in stopping fly tippers the council requires good accurate reports, particularly descriptions of individuals and vehicle number plates, of any witnessed fly tips. Remember, the more information the better, so please try and provide as many details as possible.

See it. Report it. Stop it.

Call **01952 384384** or report it online at www.telford.gov.uk

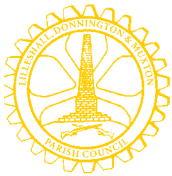
Offenders that are caught can be prosecuted and if convicted they can be given an unlimited fine and/or be jailed for up to five years.

Local Community Halls

Hall	Contact No.	Size	Facilities
Turreff Hall, Donnington	608001	Holds approx 100	Mobile Bar, Small Kitchen
Cordingley Hall, Donnington	07890 069259	Holds approx 200	Bar, Stage and Kitchen
Lilleshall Memorial Hall	410502	Holds approx 100	Bar, Stage and Kitchen
St John's Church, Muxton	670033	Holds approx 150	Kitchen
Lilleshall Youth Centre	606105	Approx 50	Kitchenette
Silver Threads Club	418729	Approx 50	Small Kitchen
Scout Hut, Donnington	273845	Approx 50	Small Kitchen
Donnington Methodist Church	812900	Holds approx 100	Small Kitchen
Sports and Social Club, Donnington	676648	Holds approx 120	Bar, Function Room

Turreff Hall Small Meeting Room

A small meeting room is now available to hire at Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington. It can accommodate up to 12 people; a laptop computer and projector are available and refreshments can be provided if required. The cost of hiring the room is £10/hour; bookings can be made by contacting the Parish Office on 01952 608001.



Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council
Turreff Hall

For Wedding Receptions, Birthday Parties, Special Occasions
Also Suitable for Business Meetings

Licensed Bar, Kitchen and Hall. Ideal for functions up to 100 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.

THE LITTLE THEATRE

Productions for 2011

The Memory of Water:

a play by Shelagh Stephenson April 7 – 9

Something's Afoot:

a musical Agatha Christie spoof by Macdonald, Vos & Gerlach
 May 19 – 21

I'll be back before Midnight:

a thriller by Peter Colley September 29 – 30, October 1

Top of the Ops!

Operetta and G&S November 3 – 5

Sayings to ponder ...

A compromise is an agreement whereby both parties get what neither of them wanted.

Love your enemies. It'll make 'em crazy.

Silence is golden but duct tape is silver.

I told the Inland Revenue I didn't owe them a penny because I lived near the seaside.

Services during Easter at St Michael's & St John's

April 17th Palm Sunday St Michael's, Lilleshall

9.30am Holy Communion tbc
11am Messy Church
6.30pm Evening Prayer

April 17th Palm Sunday St John's, Muxton

9.30am Holy Communion tbc
11am Church Praise tbc

April 21st

Worship Lunch and Music 12noon at St Michael's and Maundy Thursday service at St John's at 8pm

April 22nd

Good Friday service at St John's at 11am and at St Michael's at 7pm

April 24th Easter Sunday St Michael's Lilleshall

9.30am All Age Holy Communion and
6.30pm Evening Holy Communion

April 24th Easter Sunday St John's, Muxton

11am All Age Holy Communion and 7.30pm Evening Celebration

Services during Easter at St Matthews, Donnington Wood

Further details, as they become available, on our website:

<http://stmatthewsdonningtonwood.org.uk/>

4th March 7.30pm at St Matthew's Church, Donnington Wood

Women's World Day of Prayer – a service prepared by Christian Women in Chile.

17th April 10am

Holy Communion for Palm Sunday.

17th April afternoon

Palm Sunday Donkey Walk – details to be confirmed

22nd April

Activity morning for families – details to be confirmed

24th April 10am

Holy Communion for Easter Day

Memorabilia

If you have any memorabilia from the past celebrating events in Donnington, Lilleshall or Muxton which you no longer want then please contact the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council is hoping to start collecting items of a historical nature to display them at the Parish Offices.

Parish Councillors

Lilleshall Ward:

Andrew Baker, John Hockin, Graham Platt

Donnington Ward:

Elizabeth A Clare, Brian H Green, Patricia A Green, James Lavery, Clive Mason, B John Thompson

Muxton Ward:

Veronica J Brown, Martyn Edwards, Rose Gregory, Brenda Mason, Phil Norton, 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: clerk@ldmpc.org

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“WANTED”: Articles for Future Newsletters

If you would like to include any information or article in the next newsletter, whether it is regarding your group, organisation, or school activities, then please ensure that you send the item to the Clerk before 8th April for the May issue.

Proposed Timetable of Meetings for 2011

7th March	Council Meeting
4th April	Council Meeting
23rd May	Annual Public Meeting
23rd May 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.

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.