

# LILLESBALL & DONNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL *Newsletter*

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*Granville Canal Basin*

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### Chairs and Spares

Donnington has, since 2005, been home to the highly successful furniture reuse project, *Chairs and Spares*. Based at Donnington's St Georges Industrial Estate (contact details below), the project operates as a social enterprise and charity, accepting donations of good quality, unwanted furniture and electrical white goods and offering them out for resale to members of the public. The scheme particularly aims to make decent quality recycled household goods affordable to those on low incomes. Suitable donated items are collected free of charge from households all over Telford, after which they are checked, cleaned where necessary and sold in the warehouse. A home delivery service is also available.

In addition to the valuable service already offered by *Chairs and Spares*, which allows the residents of Telford and Wrekin to 'do their bit' and keep useful items out of the ever-increasing waste stream, the project has also recently expanded to include the *Community RePaint* initiative as part of their recycling effort. *Community RePaint* is a non-profit national strategy to encourage the donation of unused household paint to others who might make good use of it, including community groups and individuals. Leftover paint cannot be added to everyday waste because of its toxicity, and must be disposed of responsibly. Anyone wanting to purchase donated paint is welcome to visit the unit, and is asked only for a 50p donation per litre to cover running costs.

Mandy Edwards, a Donnington Wood resident who has been involved in several recycling initiatives within Telford, has recently joined the *Chairs and Spares* team and is keen to promote the work that the scheme does. She comments: "*Chairs and Spares* is providing a much-needed service across Telford, especially now with the inclusion of *Community RePaint*. I am thrilled to be involved with this enterprise and will be happy to help anyone wishing to know more about the project."

*Chairs and Spares* are based at Unit 2, St Georges Industrial Estate, Donnington, TF2 7QZ and can be contacted on Telford 619197. Their website is [www.chairsandspares.co.uk](http://www.chairsandspares.co.uk) and they can be emailed at [enquiries@chairsandspares.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@chairsandspares.co.uk) Open Mon to Fri, 9am to 4pm. Some proof of benefits are needed to access reduced prices.

### Quarterly Estate **The Wrekin** Walkabouts Housing Trust

The Wrekin Housing Trust has introduced a series of Estate Walkabouts every three months in response to tenant suggestions that regular 'inspections' of their estates are carried out.

Everyone is welcome to get involved in the Walkabouts and residents can attend as many or as few as suits their commitments.

Walkabouts allow Trust officers and residents to work together to identify areas of concern that we are able to resolve, such as general external repairs and identify tenancy related issues, which need attention.

The Trust will also be working closely with other agencies in the area to address issues such as litter, graffiti, vandalism, abandoned vehicles, road and pavement improvements and lighting.

The Donnington walkabouts are currently well attended by our partner agencies, for example, the Local Policing team, and we would welcome support from residents. Residents who come out on the walkabouts will be 'rewarded' with coffee and biscuits after the walkabouts at the Trust office as a thank you for their time and effort.

If anyone wishes to find out more about the routes we take or to confirm their attendance at any of the walkabouts then please contact the Donnington Team on 217390.

The next round of walkabouts are as follows :

**Donnington west** – Tuesday 29th July at 1.30pm. Meeting at Winifreds Drive/Leonard Close.

**Donnington east** – Tuesday 5th August at 1.30pm. Meeting at junction of Hayward Avenue/New Road.

**Donnington Wood** – Wednesday 13th August 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 20th August at 2pm. Meeting at the front of the Community House. To visit St Matthews Rd, The Common, The Glebelands

## Policing the Borough of Telford & Wrekin



### TELFORD & WREKIN POLICE COMMUNITY MESSAGING SYSTEM LAUNCHED

Telford & Wrekin's Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Peter Robinson has given his full support to the launch of the Telford & Wrekin Police Community Messaging System.

The system, which is also known as a Ringmaster Community Messaging Portal, went online just over three weeks ago and is now being launched publicly.

The main aim of the system is to provide up-to-date information and crime prevention advice to members who have signed up to the service. Initially Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and key figures within a community are being asked to register, but in the future anyone will be free to apply for membership.

Chief Superintendent Robinson said:

"West Mercia Constabulary is extremely supportive of the work done by Neighbourhood Watch schemes. In Telford we are fortunate to have almost 600 in operation at the present time.

"Our ongoing support of Neighbourhood Watch is demonstrated by our recent investment in the Telford and Wrekin Police Community Messaging System.

"This new system will allow Telford's Neighbourhood Watch administration team to phone, text or e-mail people such as the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators quickly and directly to warn them about any incidents taking place that might affect the area where they live.

"It will also provide an immediate warning to members so they can be on the look out for suspicious individuals or vehicles, or even just offer them up-to-date crime prevention advice or information.

"We are confident that this system will help to offer local residents even greater reassurance and also reaffirm the feeling of 'community' with the town."

Telford's Neighbourhood Watch administrator Anne Walker continued:

"We are very excited that the new system is now online and being used for the first time.

"It is something we have been looking at for some time and we feel that its introduction will have huge benefits for the residents of Telford & Wrekin.

"Local residents can log on to the website or send us their details to apply for membership, and, if their application is successful, they will then start to receive up-to-date police information and crime prevention advice.

"The users can choose to receive information in any

number of ways – by text, e-mail or voicemail for example – and will then be able to pass on the information to their neighbours and friends.

"This will be particularly useful in rural areas should police become aware of any developing trends in terms of criminal activity and want to advise the public how they can help prevent further problems.

"For example, should a distraction burglary take place in a part of Telford, a message can be sent almost immediately via the system, warning people to be on their guard. Descriptions of offenders and their vehicles can be circulated to the community and people are encouraged to call the police if they see anything matching the description. This message can be sent to everyone registered on the system, or to just a specific group of members that are most likely to be targeted, for example in a particular street.

"This would give the NHW administration team the ability to send a message to the Scheme Managers at sheltered accommodation in the town so that they can pass the details on to their residents to ensure that they are being vigilant.

"An example of the system in action was in relation to the series of tack thefts and burglaries that we had recently in the Borough. We were able to contact farms and stables directly to warn them about the thefts, to advise them to be aware of the issue and to make sure that had taken precautions to guard against becoming a victim themselves.

"To make best use of this system, if your community or village does not yet have a NHW scheme, I would encourage you to look into the possibility of setting one up in the very near future. If you live in an isolated area or have different security requirements you also have the option of joining Telford Business Against Crime or Rural Watch if you are unable to join an ordinary NHW scheme.

"I believe that the benefits of this new system will be enormous and can go a long way to making your community feel safer and much more secure."

To apply for membership to the Telford & Wrekin Police Community System please log on to <http://www.twpcm.org>.

Alternatively, Anne Walker can also be contacted by phone on 01952 214 796.

For more information, or to organise an interview, please contact Telford Police's PR Manager Chris Ammonds on 01952 214 639.



## Community Engagement Meetings

### Have Your Say!

Come along and tell us what **you** think.

Meetings start at the following dates and times:

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Turreff Hall, Donnington</b> | <b>St John's Church, Muxton</b> |
| Monday 14th July 7pm            | Thursday 10th July at 7pm       |
| Thursday 25th Sept. 11.30am     | Thursday 18th Sept. 7pm         |
| Monday 27th Oct. 7pm            | Thursday 20th Nov. 7pm          |
| Thursday 11th Dec. 11.30am      |                                 |

If you can't make it along to these meetings, please let us know what you think by speaking to a member of your Local Policing Team either in person, or you can leave a message on our voicemail box on:

**01952 216542.**

[www.westmerciapolice.uk/localpolicing/telford/telford.htm](http://www.westmerciapolice.uk/localpolicing/telford/telford.htm)

Fiona Moore, Neighbourhood Coordinator:  
**01952 382245** or [fiona.moore@telford.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.moore@telford.gov.uk)



## Community Houses

The Community Houses are based in the heart of Malinslee and Donnington, two of the most deprived wards in Telford. The aim of them is to engage with vulnerable groups by making services more accessible within a safe environment and help to raise confidence for them to attend wider services/group activities.

The Houses offer local residents a wide range of services which include:

- Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Counselling
- Citizens Advice Bureau drop in sessions
- Why Weight Plus – GP referral scheme offering practical weight loss advice and support.
- Health Trainers – provide free, personal service to motivate, encourage and support individuals to make changes to improve their health.
- The Bump Club – provide support and information to pregnant mothers and those who have recently given birth.
- Job Junction Scheme – supporting those on long term benefits to get back into work.
- Various courses: confidence building and personal development and essential skills.

The Community Houses are available for free use by health professionals and community groups working with clients in the Donnington and Malinslee area.

Donnington Community House is at 26/28 The Glebelands, Donnington Wood.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Community Houses, please contact **Bally Kaur** on **01952 686340/07814 634306.**

## Donnington Partnership Arts and Craft Show October 8th 2008, St John's Church, Muxton 10am - 3pm

### Theme: 'I Remember When' Categories:

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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>A Arts Class</b>       | 1 Painting or crayon picture, max. 50cm x 80cm   |
|                           | 2 Photography                                    |
|                           | 3 Poem (no more than 1 A4 page)                  |
|                           | 4 Prose or story (max. 2 A4 pages)               |
|                           | 5 Card making                                    |
| <b>B Cookery Class</b>    | 1 Five fairy cakes      2 Sponge cake            |
|                           | 3 Jar of preserve/jam or marmalade               |
|                           | 4 Five shortbread biscuits                       |
| <b>C Handicraft Class</b> | 1 Sewing: any item      2 Creative stitching     |
|                           | 3 Knitting: any item      4 Crocheting: any item |
| <b>D Miscellaneous</b>    | 1 Dressed or knitted doll                        |

- The competition is open to all residents, of any age, who live, work or attend groups in the parishes of Lilleshall, Muxton and Donnington.
- Entry form to be returned by 1st October to Lifelong Learning Centre or Turreff Hall.
- Entries to be received at 10am on 8th October, judging at 12 noon.
- Craft sale starts at 1.30pm, exhibition open until 2.30pm.

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone no.:.....

**Categories entered**, no more than one in each category (please circle):

A    1    2    3    4    5

B    1    2    3    4

C    1    2    3    4

5    1

**Age Group** (please tick)

Under 3       4 to 13

14 to 35       36 to 60

over 60

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### Summer fun - Activities for children and young people in Donnington

| Date  | Activity  | Venue & Time  | Contact  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> July  | <b>Junior youth club registration for trips</b>   | Methodist Church hall, Wrekin Drive   | 6 – 7pm<br>Lesley Postle<br>07800 671747                                   |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b>Playscheme registration</b> (5-11yrs)  | Turreff Hall  | 4 – 5pm<br>Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606                                |
| Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | <b>Playscheme registration</b> (5-11yrs)  | Lifelong Learning Centre  | 3 – 4pm<br>Sandra Mullinder  |
| <b>Week 1 of school summer holidays; Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>       |   |   |  |
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | <b>Junior Youth Club</b> for 10-13yrs (Years 6 to 8)  | Methodist Church hall, Wrekin Drive   | 5.30pm - 7.00pm<br>Lesley Postle<br>07800 671747                           |
|   | <b>Young women's group</b> (13-19yrs)   | Donnington Wood Youth Project (next to St Matthews school)                                  | 7 – 9pm<br>Shamim Bhatti 385323  |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July  | <b>Open youth club</b> (13-19yrs)   | Donnington Scout Hut (next to Aldi)   | 7 – 9pm<br>Shamim Bhatti 385323  |
|   | <b>Youth Matters Mobile bus</b> for 14-19yrs  | The Parade, Wrekin Drive  | 7 – 9pm<br>Shamim Bhatti 385323  |
| Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b>Trip to Stottesdon activity centre:</b> track & trek, aerial runway & gladiator jousting.                    | Reserved for Donnington youth club members (13-19yrs)                                       | All day<br>Shamim Bhatti 385323  |
|   | <b>Open youth club</b> (13-19yrs)   | Donnington Wood Youth Project (next to St Matthews school)                                  | 7 – 9pm<br>Shamim Bhatti 385323  |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b>Coffee morning drop-in</b> for parents & young children 50p  | Silver Threads Club, Off Lawndale, Wellington Rd  | 10.30am – 12pm<br>Laura Newhill<br>Sharon Watkins                          |
|   | <b>Trip fruit-picking and Lilleshall walk</b> for 10-13yrs  | Registration for this event is on Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 6 – 7pm at the Methodist Church | Lesley Postle<br>07800 671 747   |
| Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b>BMX coaching</b> by fully qualified coaches (weekly) FREE  | Leegomery BMX track<br>*Malinslee BMX track   | 11am – 12pm<br>*1 - 2pm<br>Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195                     |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b>Mini moto track day</b> for 6-16yrs. £5. Must bring own legal mini moto, protective gear & Parent/'guardian. | Phone to check venue: D'ton Rec or AFC Telford car park or Telford International Centre.    | 11am – 2pm<br>Mike Jones<br>07976 100399<br>CSO Rob Hughes<br>01952 216546 |
| <b>Week 2 of school summer holidays; Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b> |   |   |  |
| Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b>Summer playscheme</b> (5-11yrs). Cost 40p  | Lifelong Learning Centre<br>10.05am -12pm & 1.05-3pm  | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606   |
|   | <b>Junior Youth Club</b> for 10-13yrs (Years 6 to 8)  | Methodist Church hall, Wrekin Drive   | 5.30pm - 7pm<br>Lesley Postle<br>07800 671747                              |
|   | <b>Young women's group</b> (13-19yrs)   | Donnington Wood Youth Project (next to St Matthews school)                                  | 7 - 9pm<br>Shamim Bhatti 385323  |
| Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> July  | <b>Summer playscheme</b> (5-11yrs). Cost 40p  | Turreff Hall  | 10.05am -12pm<br>Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606                          |
|   | <b>Summer playscheme</b> for 5-11yrs  | Meet at Turreff Hall / check venue. 1.05pm - 3pm  | Sandra Mullinder   |
|   | <b>Open youth club</b> (13-19yrs)   | Donnington Scout Hut (next to Aldi)   | 7 - 9pm<br>Shamim Bhatti 385323  |
| Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b>Youth Matters Mobile bus</b> for 14-19yrs  | The Parade, Wrekin Drive  | 7 - 9pm<br>Shamim Bhatti 385323  |
|   | <b>Summer playscheme</b> (5-11yrs). Cost 40p  | Lifelong Learning Centre<br>10.05am -12pm & 1.05 -3pm                                       | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606   |
|   | <b>Story-telling sessions.</b> All welcome (young children must be accompanied by an adult). FREE for 3-11s.    | Donnington Library  | 10.30-11am<br>Donnington Library<br>382905                                 |
| Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> July   | <b>'Barge &amp; walk'</b> trip for 10-13yrs. 10am-2.30pm. Please book at registration                           | Registration for this event is on Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 6 – 7pm at the Methodist Church | Lesley Postle<br>07800 671747  |

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| <b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>   | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p  | Turreff Hall   | 10.05am -12pm & 1.05 -3pm    | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606                             |
|   | <b>Open youth club</b> (13-19yrs)  | Donnington Wood Youth Project<br>(next to St Matthews school)  | 7 - 9pm                      | Shamim Bhatti 385323   |
| <b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>  | <b>Coffee morning drop-in</b> for parents & young children 50p   | Silver Threads Club, Off Lawndale,<br>Wellington Rd  | 10.30am<br>-12pm             | Laura Newhill<br>Sharon Watkins                              |
| <b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>  | <b>BMX coaching</b> by fully qualified coaches (weekly) FREE   | Leegomery BMX track<br>*Malinslee BMX track  | 11am<br>- 12pm<br>*1pm -2pm  | Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195                                  |
| <b>Week 3 of school summer holidays; Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b> |  |  |                              |  |
| <b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p  | Lifelong Learning Centre   | 10.05am -12pm<br>& 1.05 -3pm | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606                             |
|   | <b>Wrekin Riders BMX school</b> week for novices to more experienced. Free professional coaching. Consent forms required | Leegomery BMX park<br>A limited number of bikes and safety equipment are available if booked beforehand. | 11am<br>- 3pm                | Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195                                  |
|   | <b>Junior Youth Club</b> for 10-13yrs (Years 6 to 8)   | Methodist Church hall,<br>Wrekin Drive   | 5.30pm<br>- 7pm              | Lesley Postle<br>07800 671747                                |
|   | <b>Young women's group</b><br>(13-19yrs)   | Donnington Wood Youth Project<br>(next to St Matthews school)  | 7 - 9pm                      | Shamim Bhatti 385323   |
| <b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p  | Turreff Hall   | 10.05am<br>-12pm             | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606                             |
|   | <b>Summer playscheme</b> for 5-11yrs   | Meet at Turreff Hall / check venue.  | 1.05 - 3pm                   | Sandra Mullinder   |
|   | <b>Family Fun Day</b>  | 26-28 The Glebelands   | 10.30am -12.30pm             | Julie Millington 382201                                      |
|   | <b>Wrekin Riders BMX school</b> week for novices to more experienced. Free professional coaching. Consent forms required | Leegomery BMX park<br>A limited number of bikes and safety equipment are available if booked beforehand. | 11am<br>- 3pm                | Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195                                  |
| <b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p  | Lifelong Learning Centre   | 10.05am -12pm & 1.05-3pm     | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606                             |
|   | <b>Wrekin Riders BMX school</b> week for novices to more experienced. Free professional coaching. Consent forms required | Leegomery BMX park<br>A limited number of bikes and safety equipment are available if booked beforehand. | 11am<br>- 3pm                | Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195                                  |
| <b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>'GKN Sankey wall mural painting'</b> for 10-13yrs. 9.45am – 12.15am. Please book at registration                      | Registration for this event is on Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 6 – 7pm at the Methodist Church              |                              | Lesley Postle<br>07800 671747                                |
|   | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p  | Turreff Hall   | 10.05am -12pm & 1.05 -3pm    | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606                             |
|   | <b>Wrekin Riders BMX school</b> week for novices to more experienced. Free professional coaching. Consent forms required | Leegomery BMX park<br>A limited number of bikes and safety equipment are available if booked beforehand. | 11am<br>-3pm                 | Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195                                  |
| <b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>Coffee morning drop-in</b> for parents & young children 50p   | Silver Threads Club, Off Lawndale,<br>Wellington Rd  | 10.30am<br>-12.00pm          | Laura Newhill<br>Sharon Watkins                              |
|   | <b>Wrekin Riders BMX school</b> week for novices to more experienced. Free professional coaching. Consent forms required | Leegomery BMX park<br>A limited number of bikes and safety equipment are available if booked beforehand. | 11am<br>- 3pm                | Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195                                  |
| <b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>BMX coaching</b> by fully qualified coaches (weekly) FREE   | Leegomery BMX track<br>*Malinslee BMX track  | 11am<br>- 12pm<br>*1 -2pm    | Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195                                  |
| <b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | <b>Mini moto track day</b> for 6-16yrs. £5. Must bring own legal mini moto, protective gear & Parent/'guardian.          | Phone to check venue: D'ton Rec or AFC Telford car park or Telford International Centre.                 | 11am<br>- 2pm                | Mike Jones<br>07976 100399<br>CSO Rob Hughes<br>01952 216546 |

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| Week 4 of school summer holidays; Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August |   |  |                                      |                                    |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p   | Lifelong Learning Centre<br>10.05am -12.00pm & 1.05pm -3.00pm  |                                      | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606   |
|  | <b>Junior Youth Club</b> for<br>10-13yrs (Years 6 to 8)   | Methodist Church hall,<br>Wrekin Drive   | 5.30 - 7pm                           | Lesley Postle<br>Tel: 07800 671747 |
| <b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p   | Turreff Hall   | 10.05am<br>-12.00pm                  | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606   |
|  | <b>Summer playscheme</b> for<br>5-11yrs   | Meet at Turreff Hall / check venue.  | 1.05pm<br>- 3.00pm                   | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606   |
| <b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p   | Lifelong Learning Centre<br>10.05am -12pm & 1.05pm -3pm  |                                      | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606   |
|  | <b>Story-telling sessions.</b> All welcome (young children must be accompanied by an adult). FREE for 3-11's. |  | Donnington Library<br>10.30<br>-11am | Donnington Library<br>382905       |
| <b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p   | Turreff Hall   | 10.05am -12pm & 1.05pm -3pm          | Sandra Mullinder                   |
| <b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>Trip to Alton Towers</b> for<br>10-13yrs. 9.00am -6.00pm<br>Please book at registration                    | Registration for this event is on Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> July,<br>6 – 7pm at the Methodist Church       |                                      | Lesley Postle<br>Tel: 07800 671747 |
|  | <b>Coffee morning drop-in</b> for par-<br>ents & young children 50p   | Silver Threads Club, Off Lawndale,<br>Wellington Rd  | 10.30am<br>-12pm                     | Laura Newhill<br>Sharon Watkins    |
| <b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>BMX coaching</b> by fully qualified<br>coaches (weekly) FREE   | Leegomery BMX track<br>*Malinslee BMX track  | 11am – 12pm<br>*1-2pm                | Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195        |
|  | <b>BMX fun day</b>  | Malinslee BMX track 11am - 5.30pm  |                                      | Derek Owen 382323                  |
| Week 5 of school summer holidays; Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 23 <sup>th</sup> August |   |  |                                      |                                    |
| <b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p   | Lifelong Learning Centre<br>10.05am -12pm & 1.05pm -3pm  |                                      | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606   |
|  | <b>Junior Youth Club</b> for<br>10-13yrs (Years 6 to 8)   | Methodist Church hall,<br>Wrekin Drive   | 5.30pm<br>- 7pm                      | Lesley Postle<br>07800 671747      |
| <b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p   | Turreff Hall   | 10.05am<br>-12.00pm                  | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606   |
|  | <b>Summer playscheme</b> for 5-11yrs  | Meet at Turreff Hall / check venue.  | 1.05 - 3pm                           | Sandra Mullinder                   |
|  | <b>Street Sports for all ages</b>   | The Common, Donnington Wood  | 10am -12pm                           | Joe Bates 382331                   |
| <b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>Summer playscheme</b> (5-11yrs). 40p   | L L Centre 10.05am -12pm & 1.05 -3pm   |                                      | Sandra Mullinder                   |
| <b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>  | <b>Summer playscheme</b><br>(5-11yrs). Cost 40p   | Turreff Hall<br>10.05am -12.00pm & 1.05pm -3.00pm  |                                      | Sandra Mullinder<br>07976 100606   |
|  | <b>Camping trip to Long Mynd over-<br/>night</b> for 10-13yrs.<br>Please book at registration                 | Registration for this event is on Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> July,<br>6.00 – 7.00pm at the Methodist Church |                                      | Lesley Postle<br>07800 671747      |
| <b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>  | <b>Coffee morning drop-in</b> for par-<br>ents & young children 50p   | Silver Threads Club, Off Lawndale,<br>Wellington Rd  | 10.30-<br>12.00                      | Laura Newhill<br>Sharon Watkins    |
| <b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>  | <b>BMX coaching</b> by fully qualified<br>coaches (weekly) FREE   | Leegomery BMX track 11am –12pm<br>*Malinslee BMX track *1pm - 2pm                                    |                                      | Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195        |
| <b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | <b>Street Sports for all ages &amp; wolf<br/>mountain climbing wall</b> FREE                                  | The Common, Donnington Wood  | 11am<br>– 2pm                        | Joe Bates 382331                   |
| <b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>Coffee morning drop-in</b> for par-<br>ents & young children 50p   | Silver Threads Club, Off Lawndale,<br>Wellington Rd  | 10.30-<br>12.00                      | Laura Newhill<br>Sharon Watkins    |
|  | <b>Story-telling sessions.</b> All welcome (young children must be accompanied by an adult). FREE for 3-11's. |  | Donnington Library<br>10.30-<br>11am | Donnington Library<br>382905       |
|  | <b>Trip to Laser quest &amp; bowling</b> for<br>10-13yrs. Please book at registra-<br>tion                    | Registration for this event is on Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> July,<br>6 – 7pm at the Methodist Church       |                                      | Lesley Postle<br>07800 671747      |
| <b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | <b>BMX coaching</b> by fully qualified<br>coaches (weekly) FREE   | Leegomery BMX track 11am –12pm<br>*Malinslee BMX track *1pm - 2pm                                    |                                      | Alex Fowlie<br>07791 483195        |

## Chair's Report



The elections in May 2007 saw this Parish Council achieve 100% return of elected members. It was one of a very few Councils to manage this, so I would like to thank all the electorate within this parish for taking the time to vote.

I was elected Chair to this Parish Council on 12th November 2007 due to the resignation of Councillor Ms Cindy Mason. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the work undertaken with the Parish Council and within the community and wish her well in her new vocation.

The vacancy caused by her resignation was filled by a former Councillor, John Thompson, who was co-opted onto the Parish Council. I would like to welcome him back to the Parish Council and look forward to working with him again.

The main issue for the Parish Council this year has been a proposition by some residents of Lilleshall to break away from Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council and form its own Lilleshall Parish Council. Information is still being gathered by various groups and forums based within the village to ascertain the feasibility of such a venture.

The Parish Council has and still is working closely with these groups to ensure that the information provided is accurate and that all the residents of Lilleshall are able to make their own informed decision.

I would like to congratulate those residents of Smith Crescent, Donnington on their hard work in raising enough funds to get their road to a sufficient standard and successfully petitioning Telford and Wrekin Council to adopt responsibility for it. The early part of this year also saw work completed on the leaking pit shaft on Oakengates Road. Thanks must go to both Borough Councillors for Donnington, Liz Clare and Clive Mason, for continually raising the issue at Borough Council level and haranguing its Officers to get the work completed.

It is with regret that the provision of the Community Bus around Donnington ceased on 1st April this year. This is due to very low usage despite it being run free of charge since the beginning of this year. Funding for this was provided through a joint partnership with the Parish Council, Donnington Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and Telford and Wrekin Council.

A new Beat Manager has been appointed for Muxton and I would like to welcome PC Duncan White to the area. The Parish Council continues to hold Community Engagement Meetings with the Police, Beth Johnson Housing Association and invited Officers from Telford and Wrekin Council at Muxton. I am pleased to say that these meetings are very well attended by local residents and the issues raised have mostly been dealt with before the next arranged meeting. Funding has now been made available for highway improvements in the area and it is hoped that this work will start in the early summer.

With the resignation of the Assistant Clerk Mrs Sue Wilson, who left in May 2007, the search for her replacement was successfully completed in June with the appointment of Mrs Angela Jordan. I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Angela to the Parish Council.

I would also like to take this opportunity in thanking Councillor Phil Norton for standing in for me as Chair due to my recent ill health and thank the Councillors, Clerk and all the staff for their hard work, support and help throughout the year.

### Did You Know?

- Duelling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.
- The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with.
- If Barbie were life-size her measurements would be 39-23-33. She would stand seven feet, two inches tall and have a neck twice the length of a normal human's neck.
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

### Halls and Environment Committee

*Committee Members: Chair Phil Norton, Vice-Chair Mrs Pat Green, Andrew Baker, Mrs Veronica Brown, Mrs Rose Gregory, J Hockin, Graham Platt, Keith Watkins.*



The Halls and Environment Committee administers all buildings, bus shelters, street lights, benches and land owned by the Parish Council. Its aim is to ensure the efficient and effective management of those resources and make recommendations to full Council as appropriate. The Committee met five times during the year.

As this Committee deals with the maintenance and upkeep of the Parish Council's assets, a brief description follows of selected items of work and events that occurred throughout the parish during 2007/2008:

**Talbot Centre, Lilleshall:** Due to the poor condition of the fence surrounding the Tennis Courts the Committee applied for a grant to replace it. After applying three times the Council was finally successful and awarded a grant of £6,424 from the National Lottery Awards for All. Work installing the new fence was completed in March this year.

**Bus Shelters:** Renovation of the all bus shelters within the parish is now near completion. There are just a few shelters remaining in the Donnington and Muxton area. Work on these is scheduled for the forthcoming year.

**Street Lights:** Due to complaints of anti social behaviour in certain areas of Donnington the local Policing Team suggested this may be reduced by the installation of extra street lighting. Discussions were held and the Council agreed to install new street lights at Barn Close and Penistone Close and install a stronger light at James Way opposite the bus shelter. To date, the installation of these lights seems to have improved the problems that were being experienced at these locations.

**Muxton Lane:** As a result of Community Engagement Meetings (CEM) held at St John's Church, the Parish Council held consultations with Telford and Wrekin Council which has agreed to schedule road repairs to commence in the early summer to a sum of £30,000. Improvements to the road will occur between the junction of Saltwell's Drive and junction of Wellington Road.

**Footpath, Rock Acres/Hillside East, Lilleshall:** In August last year the Right of Way between Rock Acres and Hillside East was illegally closed. The Parish Council actively worked to re-open this footpath whilst trying to prevent any antagonistic feelings occurring between local residents. After much mediation the footpath was eventually re-opened and reinstated to its original condition.

**Allotments:** The Parish Council finally identified a piece of land for use as parish allotments. After negotiating with Telford and Wrekin Council to purchase the land a disagreement has arisen regarding the exact boundaries of the field with a third party. The Parish Council is unable to progress further with this matter until this dispute is resolved. It is hoped to keep parishioners informed of any progress through the parish newsletter.

**Dog Fouling, Muxton:** Due to the amount of dog fouling in Muxton Lane, irresponsible dog owners in this area will be targeted by the dog warden. New "scoop the poop" signs will be erected informing members of the public of the fines involved if they do not pick up after their dog.

**Benches:** New benches have been purchased and placed in the bus shelter opposite the Sutherland Arms in Muxton and opposite the junction of Willmore Lane, Lilleshall. Due to the forthcoming installation of a new bus shelter at High Mount, the bench originally situated there has now been moved to its new location at Lawndale, Donnington.

**Champion Jockey, Donnington:** The Council has been working in partnership with the police, Donnington Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and Telford and Wrekin Council to pressure Punch Taverns, owners of the Champion Jockey, Donnington, to secure the site thus preventing Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and fly tipping. Unfortunately Punch Taverns ignored formal requests regarding this matter and Telford and Wrekin Council has now submitted a file of evidence to its Legal Department for the issue of a Notice under Section 215 Town & Country Planning Act (Untidy Land Notice). This will instruct them to tidy the land. Requests have also been made that they install

security fencing to prevent further problems with the deposit of rubbish and ASB. This will also help prevent access to the land.

**Litter, Muxton:** Due to complaints received regarding the amount of litter in Fieldhouse Drive and Muxton Lane the Council has managed to get Telford and Wrekin Council to increase the regularity of the road and pavement sweepers in this area.

**Speeding, Muxton Lane:** Due to reports of vehicles speeding in Muxton Lane the Police carried out random speed checks using a hand held speed gun. A certain number of local residents were cautioned in regard to this matter. The Parish Council is now considering the purchase of its own "flashing" speed sign to use around the parish to remind drivers of the speed limits. The Police will continue to carry out random speed checks within the area.

**Garden Competition:** Each year the Garden Competition gets more popular and this year another high standard of entries were judged. Overall winners for 2007/2008 were Mr & Mrs Rozzell. The winner of the Children's Container category was Miss I Slade Jones.

## Finance Committee

*Chair Mrs Liz Clare, Vice-Chair Clive Mason, Andrew Baker, Mrs V Brown, M Edwards, Mrs Rose Gregory, Mrs B Mason, J Thompson.*



The Finance Committee monitors, oversees and reviews all matters relating to Council finances and its use of resources. It ensures the efficient and effective management of those resources and makes recommendations to full Council as appropriate. During the year 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2008 the Committee met a total of 4 times.

The Council's precept for 2007/2008 was set at £180,000 (an increase of 2.8%). This meant a cost of £42.45 to each household within the Parish as part of the Council Tax. This figure is set according to the number of Band "D" properties in the parish which is given at 4,240.

Grants totalling £20,526 were awarded to 24 groups and organisations that benefit the inhabitants within the Parish. Most notably the Parish Council awarded £5,000 to Lilleshall Memorial Hall towards the maintenance and refurbishment costs and to employ a consultant for future improvements to its facilities.

The Parish Council, working in partnership with Asda and the Wrekin Housing Trust, has jointly sponsored the Donnington Police Beat Manager's Vehicle.

For the fifth year running the Council has provided vouchers at Christmas for the pensioners residing in the parish which continues to increase in popularity every year. Last Christmas 1,000 pensioners claimed their vouchers. Once again, the Parish Council successfully passed its Annual Audit Report which is made available to the public every year. Notices of when the accounts are available for inspection are displayed at the Parish Office and in the local press.

The Parish Council continues to ensure that "Best Value" is provided to the residents and electorate of Donnington, Lilleshall and Muxton.

### Income 2007/2008

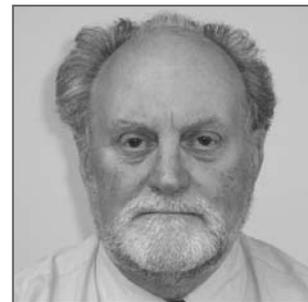
|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Precept         | 180,000 |
| Turreff Hall    | 20,605  |
| Cordingley Hall | 7,500   |
| Environment     | 617     |
| Miscellaneous   | 23,613  |

### Expenditure 2007/2008

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Admin and General Purposes | 94,472 |
| Grants                     | 20,526 |
| Turreff Hall               | 24,489 |
| Cordingley Hall            | 2,480  |
| Environment                | 46,479 |
| Street/Christmas Lighting  | 30,833 |

## Planning Committee

*Chair Keith Watkins, Vice-Chair Andrew Baker, Martyn Edwards, Mrs Pat Green, Mrs Rose Gregory, J Hockin, J Lavery, Phil Norton.*



The Parish Council is a statutory consultant on planning applications. This means that it has the right and responsibility to give an opinion on all applications made to the Borough of Telford and Wrekin that occur within its parish boundaries.

Planning Committee meetings are scheduled as and when the Clerk and Chair of Planning consider necessary. It is left to their discretion whether or not to call a planning committee meeting when there are a large number of applications to consider. Otherwise the Clerk places planning applications on the agendas of the next available Council or committee meetings for discussion. This is to enable the Parish Council to respond within the time limit of two weeks given by the Borough Council. The Planning Committee met eleven times during the year 1st April 2007 and 31st March 2008.

The Committee's objective is to make every effort to ensure that decisions on all planning matters and other matters referred to the committee balance the wishes of the applicants against the effect of the plan on other residents of the parish and the character of immediate surrounding areas whilst preserving conservation areas, Green belt and local amenities.

From April 2007 to March 2008 the Council received a total of 120 planning applications for discussion and comments, up 36 on last year. These were made up as follows:

Donnington 59 applications (38 last year)

Lilleshall 32 applications (20 last year)

Muxton 29 applications (26 last year)

The majority of applications received were for single or two storey extensions to dwellings and for the erection of conservatories. Larger developments discussed included applications for around 54 dwellings at Station Road, Donnington, together with outline planning permission for a residential development at Winifred's Drive, Donnington.

One planning application which is still ongoing and proving slightly controversial is the proposal for a new medical centre to be built at School Road, Donnington. The Council's decisions regarding all applications can be found on its website [www.ldpc.org](http://www.ldpc.org) or can be obtained from the Clerk at the Parish Office.



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# Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

## Timetable of Meetings

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 21 July  | Finance   |
| 4 August | Council Meeting<br>(takes place in Lilleshall)            |
| 1 Sept.  | Council presentation evening for grants and garden prizes |
| 8 Sept.  | Halls and Environment                                     |
| 22 Sept. | Finance   |
| 6 Oct.   | Council Meeting   |
| 10 Nov.  | Council Meeting   |
| 24 Nov.  | Halls and Environment                                     |
| 8 Dec    | Finance   |

## 2009

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 12 January  | Halls and Environment  |
| 2 February  | Finance                |
| 23 February | Annual Public Meeting  |
| 9 March     | Council Meeting        |
| 30 March    | Halls and Environment  |
| 20 April    | Finance                |
| 11 May      | Annual Public Meeting  |
| 11 May 7.30 | Annual Council Meeting |

All meetings will take place at Turreff Hall and begin at 7pm **unless otherwise stated** 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](http://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.

## Garden Competition 2008

With the continuing interest and success of this Parish Council's Garden Competitions it has been decided that this year's competition will take place on Saturday 19th July. Anyone interested in participating can contact the Parish Office on **01952 608001** or email your details to:

[lill.donn.pc@btconnect.com](mailto:lill.donn.pc@btconnect.com) for an application form.

Categories are as follows:

Environmentally Friendly Garden; Front Garden; Back Garden; Prettiest Container; Patio/Courtyard; Children's Container.

**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 the next newsletter, whether it is about your group, organisation or school activities, please send the item in to the Clerk before 19th September 2008 for the October issue.

## Parish Councillors

### Lilleshall Ward Donnington Ward Muxton Ward

|              |                   |                  |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Andrew Baker | Elizabeth A Clare | Veronica J Brown |
| John Hockin  | Brian H Green     | Martyn Edwards   |
| Graham Platt | Patricia A Green  | Rose Gregory     |
|              | James Lavery      | Brenda Mason     |
|              | Clive Mason       | Phil Norton      |
|              | B 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](mailto:lill.donn.pc@btconnect.com)

## Useful Numbers to cut out and keep:

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Abandoned Cars .....                         | 384384         |
| Broken Street Light Reporting.....           | 384000         |
| <i>(please note the number on the light)</i> |                |
| Citizens Advice Bureau .....                 | 0845 1461554   |
| Childline.....                               | 0800 1111      |
| Council Tax/Housing Benefit .....            | 383838         |
| Crimestoppers.....                           | 0800 555 111   |
| D.I.A.L.....                                 | 210202         |
| Domestic Violence Helpline.....              | 0800 7 831 359 |
| Donnington Library .....                     | 382905         |
| FRANK (National Drugs Helpline) .....        | 0800 77 66 00  |
| Litter/Dogs Fouling & Strays .....           | 384384         |
| Neighbourhood Watch .....                    | 214796         |
| Parish Council Office.....                   | 608001         |
| Police .....                                 | 0845 7 444 888 |
| Princess Royal Hospital .....                | 641222         |
| Refuse Collection .....                      | 384384         |
| Samaritans (Telford Branch) .....            | 256161         |
| Telford & Wrekin Council .....               | 380000         |
| Wrekin Housing Trust .....                   | 217100         |

## New School Telephone Numbers

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| 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 |

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