



NEWSLETTER

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Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

On Saturday 13th December 2014

At The Sutherland School, Gibbons Road, Trench
1pm onwards (Doors open at 12.30pm)

**Tickets will be available – FREE OF CHARGE
from the Parish Council Centre on:**

Monday 10th November 2014 : 10am – 12 noon & 2pm – 4p
Tuesday 11th November 2014 : 10am – 12 noon & 2pm – 4pm

Please call in between the above times to collect a ticket.
To qualify for the party you must be of pensionable age and reside in the
Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish. Please provide proof of status.



PACT
PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Community Engagement Meeting

Wednesday 10th December 2014 at The Parish Council Centre, Church Road,
Wrockwardine Wood at 7.15pm. Preceded by a Surgery at 6.45pm

If you have any matter you wish to privately bring to the attention of the local police team or a Telford & Wrekin Councillor or Parish Councillor, you can attend the surgery at 6.45pm before the start of the public meeting at 7.15pm.

Panel Members: Cllrs. Anne Watkins & Les Brayne (Parish Council); Cllrs. Shirley Reynolds & Charles Smith (Borough Council); WPC N. Scott, PCSOs R. Harrison, A. Hall, C. Stevens & J. Bowen (Local Police Team); Yvonne Taylor (Parish Council Clerk).

How to contact your Local Policing Team:

Based at: Donnington Police Station, Wellington Road, Telford TF2 8AE
Email: wwtd.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk Message Line: 01952 216 558 (non emergency)
Visit us at: www.westmercia.police.uk
Non emergency: 101 – the number to call when you want to contact your local police and when it's less urgent than 999.

Trench Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Society

Saturday 1st November Firework BBQ
at Stanmore Drive Allotments

All Welcome

Telephone the Secretary on 228539 for further details



Parish Council Meetings

All our meetings are held at The Parish Council Centre on the second Tuesday of every month except August. Meetings are not normally held in August unless there are any urgent items for action. There is a 15 minute public session near the start of the meeting for residents to tell us about any problems or issues they have. All meetings begin at 7pm unless stated.

Full Council:

Tuesday 14th October; Tuesday 11th November; Tuesday 9th December; Tuesday 13th January

Parish Council Contacts: (616363 is the Council Office phone number)

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| Les Brayne | 616363 – Chair | Charles Smith | 615266 |
| Karen Hanmer | 07904 421 173 – Vice Chair | Helen Smith | 605645 |
| Michael Hanmer | 07976 250 367 | John Thompson | 606363 |
| Derek Plant | 620274 | Anne Watkins | 228539 |
| Shirley Reynolds | 380274 | Keith Watkins | 228539 |
| Steve Reynolds | 380274 | Yvonne Taylor | 616363 – Clerk |

Email us at parishcouncil@btconnect.com or visit our website at www.wwtpc.org.uk

Borough Councillors for Wrockwardine Wood (part) & Trench:

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| Charles Smith | 380223 | Shirley Reynolds | 380274 |
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Borough Councillors for St. Georges which includes Wrockwardine Wood East Ward and most of Wrockwardine Wood Parish Ward:

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| Richard Overton | 380215 | John Minor | 380214 |
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Parish Council Office Opening Times

The Parish Council office is open Monday to Thursday 8am – 4pm and Friday 8am to 12 noon.

Please note that the Clerk is our only member of staff so the office may be unmanned when the Clerk is on leave or on occasion if there is a meeting outside the office. Before visiting you may like to ring us on 616363 to check that the Clerk is available. During holiday times a message will be left on the answer machine with an emergency contact number.

Useful Numbers:

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| Abandoned Cars | 384 384 | Oakengates Leisure Centre | 382 810 |
| Age Concern | 01743 233 123 | Oakengates Theatre – The Place | 382 382 |
| Blue Badge | 383 838 | Police (new non-emergency number) | 101 |
| Chairs & Spares | 619 197 | Princess Royal Hospital | 641 222 |
| Childline | 0800 1111 | Refuse Collection & large items | 384 384 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 0845 146 1554 | Samaritans | 256 161 |
| Council Tax/Housing Benefit | 383 838 | Shropdoc (24 hours) | 08444 06 8888 |
| Crimestoppers | 0800 555 111 | Street Light Repairs | 616 363 |
| Dentist (emergency) NEW NUMBER | 683 713 | Telford & Wrekin Council | 380 000 |
| Domestic Violence | 0800 783 1359 | Wrekin Housing Trust | 217 100 |
| Drugs Helpline – FRANK | 0800 776 600 | Schools: | |
| Electricity (loss of supply) | 0800 328 1111 | St. Lukes RC Junior School | 388 222 |
| Gas (if you smell gas) | 0800 111 999 | The Sutherland School | 387 800 |
| Litter/Dog Fouling & Strays | 384 384 | Wrock Wood Arts College | 388 300 |
| Neighbourhood Watch | 214 796 | Wrock Wood Infants & Nursery | 387 860 |
| NHS Direct | 0845 4647 | Wrock Wood Juniors | 387 880 |

| Classes at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Centre (classes are held weekly unless stated otherwise) | | |
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| MONDAY | Brownies (7 – 11 years). Telephone Mrs Howard 615283 | 6pm – 7.15pm |
| | Body Blitz Classes Hi Energy Fat Burning Class to suit all abilities. Telephone Cheryl Jauncey on 371325 (1st class FREE) | 6.15pm – 7.15pm |
| TUESDAY | Toddler Group Parents, grandparents, child minders welcome Telephone Tracy: 528150 | 9.15 – 11.15am |
| | Art Class with Bob Spendlove Telephone Bob: 412918 for details | 7pm – 9pm |
| WEDS. | Slimming World Class (runs all year) Contact Joanne: 400506 or just turn up. | 5pm & 7pm |
| THURSDAY | Art Class with Stuart Mann Phone the Parish Council on 616363 to book. | 9.30 – 11.30am |
| | Youth Club for 6 – 11 years | 5pm – 6.30pm |
| | Local History Club (Monthly) Second Thursday of every month. | 7pm – 9pm |
| FRIDAY | Morning Coffee (Monthly) Telephone 616363 for future dates. Next date 31st October | 10am – 12 noon |

Other Clubs in the Parish

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| TUESDAY | Trench Tuesday Club at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Labour Club 1.30 – 3.30pm. Raffle, bingo, outings and lots more. New members welcome. Contact Carol Perry on 616274 for more information. |
| WEDNESDAY | The Friends & Neighbours Club at Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Labour Club at 1.30pm. Bingo, raffle, competitions, flower arranging, outings. No age restriction. Cost £1 for members, free for guests. Contact Mrs. Jean Davies on 603556 |

PLEASE CONTACT US ON 616363 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Wrekin Chiropractic Clinic

91 Trench Road, Trench, Telford

Tel: **01952 872443** wrekinchiropracticclinic.co.uk

- Relieving pain
- Improving movement and mobility
- Improving quality of life

Please call today and make an appointment

Holy Trinity Churchyard

We have received complaints from several residents about the condition of the grounds of Holy Trinity Churchyard. We are currently working closely with Reverend Stafford to improve the upkeep of the grounds. Any work however will be carried out gradually as we do not want have to increase our precept to fund it as this would mean an increase in the council tax.

Our first 'project' has to be to secure the church wall that has degenerated because of the ivy that has been covering it for many years. The ivy has been removed from the church side of the wall and the section of wall that is cracked will be rebuilt around the end of October.

We will report any other work in the churchyard in future newsletters.

You can contact the Parish Council on 616363 if you have any comments or questions concerning work in the churchyard.

Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2014

This statement of accounts formed part of the annual return that was submitted to the external auditor in July 2014. If you would like to inspect the full annual return which includes the internal and external auditors reports, please telephone us on 616363 to make an appointment.

| | Year ending 31 March 2013 | Year ending 31 March 2014 | Notes & Guidance |
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| Balances Brought Forward | 113,226 | 114,260 | Total balances & reserves at the beginning of the year. |
| (+) Annual Precept | 106,000 | 89,565 | Total amount of precept received in the year |
| (+) Total Other Receipts | 28,861 | 35,205 | Total receipts or income as recorded in the cash book, less the precept |
| (-) Staff Costs | (36,609) | (37,742) | Total expenditure or payments made to all employees. PAYE & NI, pension contributions & employment expenses |
| (-) Loan interest / capital repayments | (7,254) | (7,128) | Total payments of capital interest made during the year on councils borrowings |
| (-) Total other payments | (89,964) | (97,468) | Total expenditure as recorded in the cash book, less staff costs and loan repayments |
| (=) Balances carried forward | 114,260 | 96,692 | Total balances & reserves at end of year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6) |
| Total Cash & short term investments | 114,260 | 96,692 | The sum of all current & deposit bank accounts, cash holdings & short term investments |
| Total fixed assets & long term assets | 486,885 | 542,043 | The recorded book value at 31 March of all fixed & long term assets owned by the council |
| Total Borrowings | 10,455 | 3,485 | The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March or all loans from third parties |

This Statement of Accounts forms part of the Annual Report. If you would like a copy of the full Annual Report, please contact the Clerk on 616363.

Holy Trinity Church, Wrockwardine Wood

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY

We have some exciting events planned for the autumn that we would like to bring to your attention.

Sunday 3rd October

Harvest Festival 11am Supporting the Work of The KIP Project and Christian Aid

Pet Service for Animal Welfare Sunday 5.30pm

Sunday 19th October

Confirmation with the The Bishop of Shrewsbury 10.30am. Please contact Revd Matthew if you are interested in exploring Confirmation.

Saturday 8th November

Centenary Concert for World War 1 with The Wolverhampton Orpheus Choir and Supporters
7.30pm

Sunday 9th November

10.50am Remembrance Day Service at Wrockwardine Wood

Saturday 15th November

Christmas Fair at Wrockwardine Wood 2pm-6pm

Wedding Fair

We are planning to host our first Wedding Fair in the Autumn at Holy Trinity.

Details to follow via The Shropshire Star, Notice Board, Flyers and our Facebook Page.

Holy Trinity Ashes Section

Regrettably the ground in the new ashes section at Wrockwardine Wood was more unstable than we originally thought and we are also conscious that the spaces between rows are unsightly, partly due to being misadvised over spaces by the monumental masons but also by families not adhering to the graveyard rules over additional flower containers etc. that is clearly stated on your application form.

Holy Trinity is a 'Graveyard' not a 'Cemetery.' We are working very hard with the Parish Council to seek an alternative surface to make the area more presentable and we would be most grateful if families would help us with this by only placing additional flower containers on Anniversaries and Christmas.

Unfortunately some of the graves have also subsided. Please speak to L Tranter & Son 01952 613932 if you wish to have your headstone levelled. A cost will obviously apply.

In future all Christmas Wreaths will need to be removed by **2nd February**. After this date the PCC is entitled to dispose of them for you.

Please speak to Yvonne Taylor at Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Parish Council if you have any concerns over the graveyard.

Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

A BIG THANK YOU to the above Trust for their Grant towards the Organ Loft Roof. The roof needs £3000 worth of attention and the Trust has given 50% towards the cost.

The Revd Matthew Stafford

The New Rectory, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood, Telford, Shropshire TF2 7AH

Tel: 01952 613865 Email: revmatthewstafford@gmail.com

Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Local History Group

The History Group would like to thank everyone from the community who supported the World War 1 Commemorative Service held on 28th June 2014.

Over 200 people of all ages attended the service which was specially organised by the Rev Matthew Stafford.

This coming year we hope to embark on some new projects including looking at the more recent industrial development of the area.



We hope to research the Depot at Donnington and its roll during World War II. and look at the history of GKN Sankey, Walkers and Russells.

We would love to hear from anyone with any photos or memories of any of these places.

We are hoping to book speakers on topics such as The Canal Restoration Project based at Wappenshall, Alan Frost from Wellington and invite Paul Luter to return to speak to us again.

All our meetings and talks will continue to be on the 2nd Thursday in the month at 7pm at the Parish Rooms.

New members are always welcome.

For further details contact the Secretary on Telford 275278 or email lynda.madeley@hotmail.co.uk

No Time To Tend A Loved One's Grave?

Grave Tidying & Cleaning Service • Prices start from £8 and include flowers

Contact Emma at

HEAVEN AND EARTH on

07939 577 215

Web: heavenandearth.co

Universal Infant FREE School Meals

From September 2014 all children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will be eligible for a cooked school lunch at no cost to the parents.

This is a Government initiative called Universal Infant Free School Meals and is aimed at improving academic attainment for infant children and to help families save money.

All children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will be entitled to a free healthy nutritious cooked lunch which comprises a main course and a pudding.

All schools are encouraging children to have a healthy cooked school lunch and if you are working with a family or know someone with a child in these year groups, please pass on the message and get them to tell the school office that their child wants a free school meal.

Further information can be obtained www.telford.gov.uk/didyouknow

Individual Electoral Registration (IER)

Individual Electoral Registration (IER) is being introduced nationally to help tackle electoral fraud and enable online registration, which will make it easier and more convenient for you to ensure you are registered to vote.

Changes to the way you register

At present, one person in every household is responsible for registering all residents at that address during the 'annual canvass'.

From 10 June 2014, each person will need to register to vote individually, providing their national insurance number and date of birth as 'identifying information' which will then be verified before they are added to the register. If you are unable to supply this information, there are alternative forms of official evidence which can be accepted. An online service has been created by the Government to support online applications and to allow checking of applications. You can register to vote online on the GOV.UK website

What will happen if I am already registered?

To make the transition simple, electoral registration officers will match their existing electoral register against the department for work and pensions (DWP) database. Those people who match will be automatically transferred to the electoral register and will not need to do anything else. The people who can't be matched will be invited to apply.

If you don't respond

A Reminder form will be sent to any residents who do not respond. By law, we must also send a second reminder, followed by a personal visit in the autumn to all residents who do not register to vote under the new system so that their details can be included on the Revised Register to be published by 1 December 2014.

If you are a postal or proxy voter you must register under the new IER system or you will automatically lose the right to use this method of absent voting.

Find out more

To find out more about registering to vote go to the www.gov.uk
Further information about IER is available from
www.electoralcommission.org.uk



State-of-the-art new £28 million Women and Children's Centre to open in Telford

A new £28 million Centre for women and children is on course to open at the end of September. The state-of-the-art Shropshire Women and Children's Centre will open at the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) in Telford. It will be the main centre providing care for women and children for Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales. The facility will be for:

- Women who need a consultant-led birth
- Babies who need intensive and special care
- Children who need to stay overnight
- Children's Oncology and Haematology care
- Gynaecology services where you have to stay overnight

Cathy Smith, Women and Children's Care Group Director and Head of Midwifery at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said: **"The Shropshire Women and Children's Centre will be an excellent facility for the region. Thousands of women and children over the years will benefit from this centre and we're looking forward to it opening in September."**

Before doors are opened to patients at the end of September, some of our younger patients are now able to use the facilities early. The Children's Ward at PRH, which was located on Ward 14, moved into part of the new Children's Ward (Ward 19) in May 2014. It is the only part of the building which is open, with the rest of the building opening on 29 and 30 September.

Emma Woodward, a Staff Nurse on the Children's Ward at PRH, said: **"There are more spacious rooms for the patients and their families and better facilities for the staff. We have had some great comments from the parents, who have particularly singled out things like the parents' room and the play room. Everything is much better."**

YOUTH CLUB

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

The Youth Club urgently needs volunteers to help run the club which is held at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood every Thursday 5pm – 6.30pm.

The club is for ages 6 – 11 years.

Activities include Table Tennis, Air Hockey, Art, Playing on the Wii and Xbox and outside games (weather permitting)

If you could spare a couple of hours every week or every other week please contact Tracey on **07964 589904**.