

NEWSLETTER

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Produced by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council



The Members of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council would like to wish all residents of the Parish a **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

In this edition of the Newsletter we are pleased to announce that once more there will be no precept raised by the Parish Council for the year 2009/10 - this means that there will once more be no charge on your Council Tax apportioned to the parish. We have not raised a precept now for the best part of ten years and we continue to use our Capital Funds; we hope to be able to do so for at least one more year.

We continue to work to promote Community Initiatives and are very proud to be associated with the community activities recently undertaken by the young people of Aqueduct as reported by our CSO Sarah Robinson on page two.

The Parish Council always holds a public session at all of its meetings where questions can be asked and concerns can be raised; you are cordially invited to attend. Contact details for your Parish Councillors can be found on the back page.

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Meets twice a month at Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay at 7.15 p.m.

All residents of the parish are invited to attend and all meetings have a 15 minute public session where Council is able to receive comments and reports from residents of the Parish.

January	5th Monday Planning Committee	21st Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
February	2nd Monday Planning Committee	18th Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
March	2nd Monday Planning Committee	18th Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
April	6th Monday Planning Committee	22nd Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting

22nd Wednesday ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Contact details for all features are on the back page.

Community Initiatives

A Community Supporting Itself

The Parish Council has recently been pleased to support an initiative by one of its Community Support Officers who has been kind enough to provide us with a report:

“Hello, I am Community Support Officer Sarah Robinson and I work the area of Dawley and the Hamlets which includes Aqueduct. After reports of anti-social behaviour in the area I looked into setting a youth project up and working with young people to improve life and community in Aqueduct. In partnership with Dawley Hamlets Parish Council, Wrekin Housing Trust, Telford and Wrekin Council and Aqueduct Primary School we set up a working group of young people who hold meetings once a month to discuss what they can put back into their community.

So far the group, who call themselves the “Aqueduct Youth Engagement Group”, have completed a litter pick on the Pageant Drive play area collecting 16 bags full of rubbish which was part of the Big Tidy Up – Keep Britain Clean Campaign. They have also done a walkabout picking any environmental issues up they see as a problem and are in the process of writing their own letter to report these to be fixed.

The group have many plans for the future including a Graffiti Mural Art project on the youth shelter, celebration days, and tea mornings for our older residents and much more. They really are a credit to themselves for being a dedicated and enthusiastic group who are giving up their spare time to make this happen for you. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their support, the partners involved for all their help but specifically the Parish Council because without them this project would not be going ahead.

If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to call me on 0300 333 3000.”



CSO Sarah Robinson can be seen on the back row of the photograph third from left.

Nostalgia (or Neuralgia)

***“When I was your age we didn’t*”**

How many times have you heard those words?

How many times have you said those words?

Are we turning into our parents?

I think it’s called Generation Gap Syndrome or GGS for short. If you have the time or the inclination to sit down and think about a few things you might surprise yourself. I certainly did.

Grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles even casual bystanders: everyone’s got ideas about the attitude(s) and behaviour of the younger members of our society. If you consider yourself to be a ‘younger member of society’ then please accept my apologies for what’s coming next. Remember however that you will probably be here in the near future.

Decades ago I tired of the lectures about ‘war-time’, rationing, and the good old days (I suppose that meant being bombed, going hungry and not being able to buy anything because either the shops were empty or nobody had any spare cash?). Anyway these little sermons usually started with “When I was” etc. etc. After the first twenty or so (of these) which almost invariably made reference to the Army and actually meant “Don’t do whatever it is that you’re doing”. I stopped taking any notice.

Being born in the mid-fifties I can’t actually remember an awful lot of hardship, well not the sort my mother and father had lived through anyway. I suppose that shows what a good job they did

Things are different today, they will be different tomorrow, next year, next century and so on. Get over it. I believe that generally, things are better today than they ever have been. Yes even with soaring utility bills etc. How many years has it been since this country conscripted its young men? Look at your disposable income compared with that of sixty Years ago. Is crime more prevalent now than it was or are our expectations that bit higher?

Complaining is a national pass time. We don’t like to tackle issues; just stand back and moan. Don’t we? When I was younger we just got on with it.....

Andy Chetwood

FREE PUBLICITY

If you help to organise a local group or event in the parish of Dawley Hamlets we will be only too happy to publish your meeting dates and times for you free of charge in our Newsletter. We aim to ensure that all households in the parish receive a copy.

All you have to do is contact either the Clerk or any of your Parish Councillors with the details and we will do the rest. Our only condition is that your organisation or event should benefit the parish and be non-profitable.

**GET YOURSELVES SOME
FREE PUBLICITY!!**

Are you a budding author, do you have memories of the old days you would like to share with us?

We would love to feature photographs of times past as well, they can be of buildings that have long gone or a community event that will set everybody guessing about the date and trying to recognise old friends.

Come on, pick up that pen (or get on the computer if you have moved with the modern age) and dig out that old photo album.

All photographs will be returned.

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Are you keeping up to date with Parish Council business?

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has its own web site where you can view its minutes which are a legally required record of its business. Minutes of all meetings going back to the year 2001 are archived on the web for all to see.

Up to date minutes are usually placed on the web site within days of them being approved, by Council, as a true record of the proceedings.

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