

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2009

Produced by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

Summer Picnic Proposed



Residents of Dawley Hamlets enjoying the Parish Christmas Party 2008

Following the continuing success of the Parish Senior Citizen's Christmas meal the Parish Council would like to provide a similar social occasion in the summer for residents of Dawley Hamlets who are of pensionable age.

If we receive positive feedback in sufficient numbers to make such a project viable it is proposed to hold a social buffet at Horsehay Village Hall at midday on Friday 19th June 2009. There would be no charge. If you are interested in attending and feel that you may qualify please reply to the Parish Clerk before the end of April 2009 using the form at the bottom of this page.

If there are sufficient replies to make it a viable occasion applicants will receive a formal invitation nearer to the date.

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council Senior Citizens Summer Picnic 2009 **Horsehay Village Hall 12.00 midday Friday 19th June 2009**

Name

Address

I am a senior citizen and resident of the Parish of Dawley Hamlets and I would like to be invited to the Parish Council's free Summer Picnic for senior citizens.

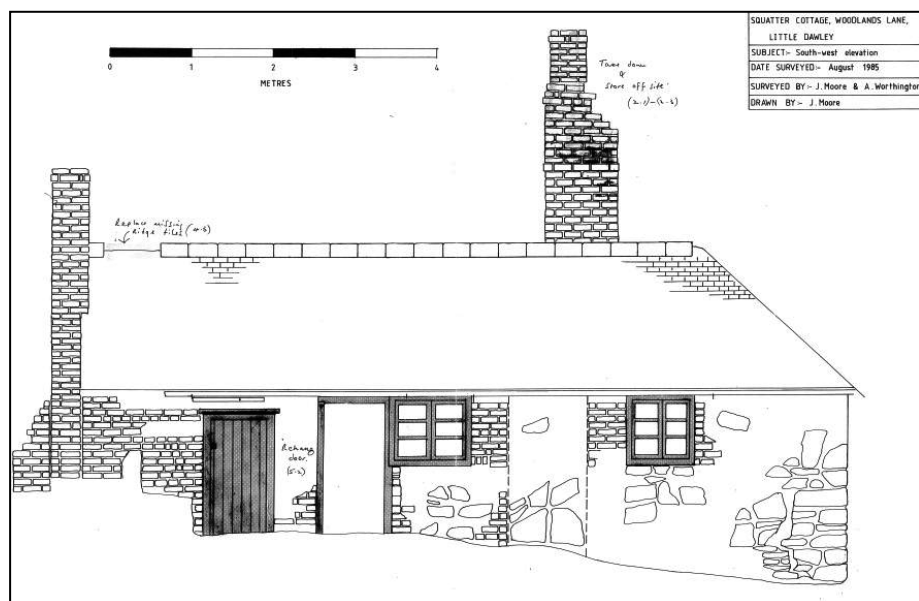
[I understand that priority will be given to those who have previously expressed an interest and I will be notified if my application is successful]

Please send this form to: M. Goldstraw, Parish Clerk, Regent Villa, London Road, St. George's, Telford, TF2 9LH

Contact details for all features are on the back page.

Squatters Cottage, Holywell Lane, Lightmoor Village

Does anyone have an idea of use for this cottage? Please contact the parish council before 30th March 2009.



The cottage was built in 1794/5, at the same time as the adjacent short lived branch of the Shropshire Canal was constructed. It was originally a single room (later identified as the living room / bedroom), but extensions added a kitchen and bathroom / washroom.

In the 1920's the cottage was known as 8 The Stocking. Vacant since 1963, the cottage was acquired by the former Dawley Development Corporation in 1965, as part of Stocking Farm.

The Holywell Lane squatter community cottages were demolished in the late 1970's, leaving Squatters Cottage as "a rare and little altered example" of such a property. The cottage was surveyed by the Ironbridge Gorge Museum in 1985 and listed (Grade 2) in 1992. The condition is noted as "very bad" and the risk (of losing the cottage) as "extreme". The Museum has an example of such a cottage; the value of Squatters Cottage is in situ – in the location next to the former canal and the historic lane.

In 1994, the Commission for the New Towns (CNT, the successor body to the Dawley and then Telford New Towns) worked with the Conservation Officer of the Wrekin Council.

The main aim seems then to have been to make the building safe and to prevent further deterioration. As the cottage is next to a public highway, there were concerns about public safety. There has also been theft of materials and damage from vandalism, leading to CNT erecting a security fence around the cottage.

The cottage is within the area of Lightmoor Village – the 800 home sustainable development being promoted by the Joint Venture of the Homes and Communities Agency (themselves the successor body to CNT) and Bournville Village Trust.

The JV received outline planning approval in September 2003 for a phased development over many years. There were no specific conditions about the old cottage but the JV has stated an intention to seek to retain the building and bring it into productive use if at all possible. Suggestions have been made as to possible uses as a small visitor or interpretation centre or a community facility – possibly connected to a guided walk related to local history or the natural environment.

Woodlands Lane is closed to vehicular traffic but the cottage is accessible on foot down the lane. The building is secured. No-one should attempt to take entry without prior, specific approval from the owner (the HCA) and proper equipment and personal protection.

Kevin Webb BSc FRICS, BVT Project Director for Lightmoor Village, 2nd February 2009.

Dog Fouling Awareness



At the last two PACT meetings dog fouling has been one of the topics discussed.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that Telford and Wrekin supply free poo bags: currently the nearest stockist is Dawley library. If you are interested we can try to get a supply nearer to you.

More dog waste bins have been installed, which make it easier to dispose of your poo bag. If you know of anywhere where a bin would be an asset please let us know.

Lots of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs, but as anyone will tell you there are still owners who think it's okay to let their dogs foul anywhere and do not "scoop" and give all dog owners a bad name.

Every time you walk your dog, please remember

to take a poop scoop bag. It is every dog owner's responsibility to 'bag it and bin it'.

It is now illegal to allow your dog, or any dog you are in charge of, to foul in a public place.

Under the The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 it is your responsibility to clean up after a dog you are walking, whether a bin is available to deposit the waste in or not.

Anyone who fails to clean up can face a £50 on the spot fine and costs of up to £1000 if the case goes to court. Don't let it be you!

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!!**

Email the Clerk:
clerk@dawley-hamlets.org

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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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.

March	2nd Monday Planning Committee	18th Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
April	6th Monday Planning Committee	22nd Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
	22nd April Wednesday ANNUAL PARISH MEETING		
May	4th Monday Planning Committee	20th Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
June	1st Monday Planning Committee	17th Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
July	6th Monday Planning Committee	15th Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting

There are no meetings during August.