

NEWSLETTER

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Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner



Residents of Dawley Hamlets enjoying the Parish Christmas Party 2008

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

1:30 p.m. for 2:00 p.m. Friday December 4th 2009

The Parish Council will once again be holding a free Christmas Meal for senior citizens of the Parish. If you would like to be invited to attend please return the slip below. Although it is anticipated that there will be sufficient places available, applicants are advised to return their slips as soon as possible.

Name

Address

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

Please send the 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.

Local History

James Foster, a father of the village of Aqueduct.

By Raymond Haire.

Around 1791/2, when the aqueduct was built to carry the western branch of the newly dug Shropshire Canal across the Bridgnorth to Wellington turn-pike road, the village of Aqueduct did not really exist. A substantial stone building known as Aqueduct House was built, probably having some connection with the canal, followed by a small number of industrial units, located on what was known as Aqueduct Bank. None of these buildings survived beyond the 1960's.

James Foster, a wealthy ironmaster from Stourbridge arrived in the area close to Aqueduct, when he purchased Madeley Court in 1828, with the idea of exploiting the mineral resources on the estate to feed his iron works at Wombridge

Several factors eventually persuaded him to move his operation away from the Wombridge site and concentrate his efforts at Madeley Court, resulting in his erecting the Madeley Court Furnaces around 1840.



He had a skilled work force at Wombridge who could work his new furnaces at Madeley Court and to house them he built most of the housing which is still to be seen in what is now Aqueduct Road. In addition to the workers' houses, he also built a fine house for his furnace manager.

James Foster also owned a brickworks which would have provided more work in the area and it is likely that these works would have provided bricks for his house building project. The site of those brickworks is now buried under Brookside estate.

Churchgoing was much more commonplace in the nineteenth century than is the practice now and for those who attended Church of England services, James Foster built a small church at the top of the village, St. Paul's completed in 1851, thereby removing the need to walk to Madeley to worship.

This one man was responsible for much of what became the village of Aqueduct and happily most of that work is still to be seen.



Remembrance Day

You are invited to join the Britannia Aqueduct Historical Society at their Remembrance Day Service by the aqueduct in Aqueduct Village on Sunday 8th. November at 2.30 p.m.

Chairman's musings by Andy Chetwood

Well as I write this there is a real Autumnal chill in the air. Well there is outside anyway.

It hasn't been a particularly good year to look back on has it? What with all the doom and gloom that has been brought about by the 'so-called' global slow-down.

I can well remember the nasty economic slow-down that we endured during the early eighties. This one hasn't seemed quite as bad; having said that, I haven't lost my job ... yet. To those of you that have been less fortunate: I can honestly say that I do know how you feel

One of the more memorable things that has happened to me during the year, something that has really affected the way I shall treat others for the foreseeable future, was this. During late September I had a pupil from a school to work alongside me as 'Work Experience'. This young man, it became apparent, had only been living in Britain for a year, originally coming from Poland. Although his conversational skills were definitely a little less than I was used to, his appetite for work was only surpassed by his computer knowledge.

While I was talking to Alex it became obvious that there is a different lifestyle in Eastern Europe to the one we embrace here. It seems as though wasting time on street corners is something of a 'no-no' as if you want something you either earn the money to buy it or you just go without.

The family seem to play a far greater part in young people's lives than we in Britain are used to. For instance it seems that if you do not have a job, state benefits are not as generous as the ones we can receive. Young people have to depend on their families, who in turn try to find employment for others.

As the time Alex spent with me drew to a close I was fortunate enough to be asked to his house to meet Mom and Dad. Once there it was reinforced just how strong the family bond is. While I was in their company it seemed to me that they spend the time differently to us. The computer is a tool not a recreational facility and the television was not constantly beaming. I have learned an awful lot in a very short time.



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 website 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.

Nov.	2nd Monday Planning Committee	18th Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
Dec.	7th Monday Combined Planning Committee and Parish Council Meeting		

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January	11th Monday Planning Committee	20th Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
February	1st Monday Planning Committee	17th Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
March	1st Monday Planning Committee	17th Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
April	5th Monday Planning Committee	21st Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting