

# NEWSLETTER

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## Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner



**Dawley Hamlets Parish Council**

**Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner**

**12.30pm for 1pm Friday 9th December 2011**

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 .....

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 this form to:

M. Goldstraw, Parish Clerk, Regent Villa, London Road, St. George's, Telford, TF2 9LH

# Telford Steam Railway



## An Introduction to Telford Steam Railway

Telford Steam Railway is based at "Horsehay and Dawley" station and goods yard in Telford, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Originally on the Great Western branchline from Wellington to Craven Arms via Ironbridge.

The site at Horsehay has a longer history, being at the site of one of the Coalbrookdale Company's first blast furnaces. A narrow gauge tramway served the surrounding ironworks and mines, originally wooden railed, but replaced by some of the first iron ones in the world.

The furnaces gave way to steel works and eventually becoming a crane manufacturer who utilised rail transport until the early eighties.

The through rail link from Wellington to Craven Arms had been closed in stages, beginning with the Craven Arms to Much Wenlock section in 1951. Horsehay and Dawley saw its last passenger train in 1962 but the route from Lightmoor to Horsehay was kept open for the transportation of bridge sections, the last regular shipment leaving in 1979.

Telford Development Corporation purchased an ex GWR 56XX tank locomotive number 5619 in 1974. Telford Horsehay Steam Trust was formed in 1976 with the objective of restoring 5619.

The goods yard at Horsehay and Dawley was acquired in 1983 and along with the goods transshipment shed dating from 1860, is now the operating base of Telford Steam Railway, with easy access car and coach parking available.

Since then much has happened, regular trains

operate on all Sundays and Bank Holidays from Easter to the end of September along the original line as far as Heath Hill Tunnel. The line is being extended in both directions, under the heading of "Steaming to Ironbridge", planning out the eventual return of the railway to the World Heritage Site of the Ironbridge Gorge. This is a phased project with the initial focus of work on a new terminal at Lawley which is scheduled for opening within a short timescale.

Our season now includes many enthusiast and family "special events", such as Easter Bunny, Teddy Bears Picnics, Model and Collectors shows and Transport Galas.

We operate a unique narrow gauge steam tram, built for Telford Town Park, but now based at Horsehay, giving rides around the edge of Horsehay Pool. There is an extensive model railway display and the affiliated Phoenix Model Engineers operate ride-on miniature railway.

During your visit, take a break in our café, 'The Furnaces Tea Room' and sample our home made cakes and simple refreshments. Our souvenir shop also has much to offer including Thomas toys, new and second hand books and items to interest older railway enthusiasts!

Father Christmas visits us every year for his traditional visit on the last three weekends before Christmas. The train transports children of all ages on a magical journey to visit Santa in his grotto. Little children are then given a present while their parents are able to have free refreshments.

To get more details or book tickets for any events, call our sales line on 07816 762790 or visit our website at [www.telfordsteamrailway.co.uk](http://www.telfordsteamrailway.co.uk)



### "Steel Magnolias" – the latest production from Horsehay A.D.S.

For nearly seventy years Horsehay Amateur Dramatic Society have been staging plays in Horsehay Village Hall. The next production will be STEEL MAGNOLIAS, by Robert Harling, directed by Susan White. Set in a beauty salon in Louisiana, the action takes place over 3 years. The play starts with a wedding; the bride is a young woman who is diabetic.

She, her mother and other regular customers form the focus of the play. This close group of friends and neighbours are joined by a young hairdresser called Annelle who learns to enjoy life with their support. The play is about friendship and love and encompasses comedy as well as tragedy.

Production dates: 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay. Time: 7.30pm each evening. Admission £5 (Concessions £4).

Box Office Tel: 07967 662 185 (Richard Harris).

Postal bookings Richard Harris, 14 Bartlett Rd, Dawley, Telford TF4 3LU or Walkers Shop, Woodhouse Lane, Horsehay Tel: 01952 505018

Tickets can also be reserved on the Society's web site: [www.horsehayamdram.co.uk](http://www.horsehayamdram.co.uk)

## Local News

### Chairman Chetwood's Chunterings

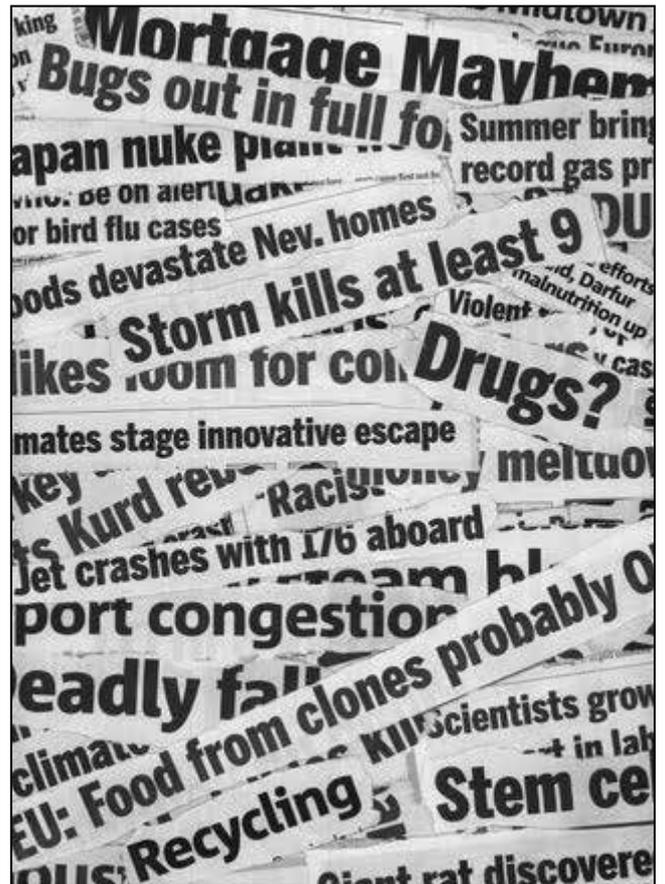
Negativity seems to be rather prevalent these days doesn't it? I think we should be more positive about things. Let's enjoy what we have instead of complaining about things we can do little or nothing about.

It's all too easy to focus one's thoughts on things we deem to be wrong; often because we are not cognizant of all the relevant factors. Frequently, may I suggest, due to much of the information that we need to make informed decisions being withheld (from us).

Occurrences are reported to us via newspapers, television, radio or by word-of-mouth. We tend only to question the accuracy of reports when they contradict the preconceived view held. Also, things are reported and little follow-up takes place.

Thus might we not rejoice in the knowledge: that we are not suffering from plagues, we are not starving to death, we are not subject to ridiculous extremes of weather, we are probably only homeless because we choose to be.

Let's be happy for what we have.



### Dawley and Hamlets Policing Team

There a number of ways to get in touch with the local policing team to let them know about any concerns or issues that you have:

**Email:** dawleyandhamlets.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk – if your email requires a response a member of your local policing team will respond to you as soon as is practicable.

**Phone:** 0300 333 3000 (in an emergency always call 999).

**Voicemail:** 01952 216543 – hone this number if you would like to leave a message for your local policing team. Only use this number for non-urgent, general queries. A member of your local policing team will respond to you as soon as practicable.

Address: Malinsgate Police Station, Telford TF3 4HW

### 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.

[www.dawley-hamlets.org](http://www.dawley-hamlets.org)

# Contact Us

## Your Local Parish Councillors

### Aqueduct Ward

**Councillor Andy Chetwood**

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Little Dawley  
Telford TF4 3HD  
Tel: 402699

**Councillor Angela Jordan**

86 Majestic Way  
Aqueduct  
Telford TF4 3SA

**Councillor Geraldine King**

36 Malvern Crescent  
Little Dawley  
Telford TF4 3HE  
Tel: 591894

**Councillor Susan Tarr**

67 Ellis Peters Drive  
Aqueduct  
Telford TF3 1AW  
Tel: 593202

**Councillor Linda Gough**

13 Holly Road  
Little Dawley  
Telford TF4 3HA

**Councillor Alan E Scott**

28 Avon Close  
Little Dawley  
TF4 3HP

### Dawley Hamlets Ward

**Councillor Tansy Swain**

17 Suffolk Way  
Horsehay  
Telford TF4 3UL

**Councillor Mrs B. Onions**

9 Foresters Close  
Horsehay  
Telford TF4 3BW  
Tel: 502473

**Clerk:** Martin Goldstraw

Regent Villa, London Road, St. George's, Telford TF2 9QD  
Tel: 01952 406410 Fax: 07050 657 982

**Councillor J W Lovett**

The Oaks  
Horsehay  
Telford TF4 2LT

### DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Planning meetings are held on the first Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays) and the main meeting is held on the third Wednesday of the month. There are no meetings in August.

**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.**