

# LILLESHALL, DONNINGTON & MUXTON PARISH COUNCIL *Newsletter*

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*The Canal Basin at Granville Country Park*

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### **Report by outgoing Chair, Councillor Pat Green**

The May election 2011 saw seven new Councillors elected to this Parish Council. They were Councillors Mark Bolam, Mrs Carol Baker, Mrs Pam Millard, Mrs Lisa Dugmore, Nigel Dugmore, Jeremy Haigh and Adrian Lawrence. I have enjoyed working with them over the last 10 months and look forward to the contribution they can bring to discussions at the Parish Council meetings. At the same time I would like to thank Mrs Rose Gregory, John Hockin, Mrs Brenda Mason, Graham Platt, John Thompson and Keith Watkins for the work and contribution that they did whilst Councillors and wish them well for the future.

This Parish Council held its first ever Christmas Festival in December 2011 to celebrate the switching on of its Christmas lights. I am delighted that it was such a great success and would like to thank all those that helped organise it and contribute to it. The Parish Council had its own Tombola stall at the event and I am pleased to say that it raised £100.65 which went to my chosen charity, the Severn Hospice, Telford.

It is not often that a Parish or Town Council can boast of providing a new allotment site for its residents but I am extremely proud of the fact that last year saw the opening of two sites by this Parish Council, one in Lilleshall and one in Donnington providing 62 plots in total of various sizes. Grants totalling £30,000 were successfully obtained to help offset the cost of setting them up.

This year saw the appointment of Christobel Cousins as Head Teacher of Lilleshall Primary School and I would like to welcome her to the area. I would also like to congratulate all the pupils, head teacher and staff at Lilleshall and Muxton Primary Schools in achieving 1st and 2nd place respectively in the latest Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) for the Borough of Telford & Wrekin as well as Donnington Wood Infants School for receiving the Most Improved Persistent Absence Trophy as it has considerably reduced the number of children being absent from school.

On 4th March 2012 I held a Civic Service at St Matthew's Church, Donnington. The service went extremely well and I would like to thank all those that attended especially Lord and Lady Grocott, The Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin, representatives

from 83 St George's Squadron Air Training Corps and the Chairmen of adjoining Parish/Town Councils. I would also like to thank Reverend Paula Smith and her team of staff at the Church who helped make it a most enjoyable morning together with those that provided the refreshments after the Service at the Lifelong Learning Centre. The collection was split between the Church and, again, my chosen charity the Severn Hospice, Telford.

Community Engagement Meetings (CEM): I am delighted to see that the CEM's in Muxton are still well attended and also pleased that the number of issues being raised at these meetings has dropped. My thanks go to CSO Wayne Jervis who has continued to attend these on behalf of the Police since the departure of PC Duncan White to live a new life in France. I, and the Parish Council, look forward to working with his recently appointed replacement WPC Vicky Mansell. However, due to virtual non attendance of residents at the meetings in Donnington, it has been decided to cancel the evening CEM's but to continue with the Donnington Partnership lunches at which residents can raise any issues they may have with those officers from the Police, Telford & Wrekin Council, the Parish Council and the Wrekin Housing Trust. The Parish Council also continued to help financially support the local Donnington Beat Managers Vehicle and I would like to thank WPC Nikki Scott and her local policing team, CSO Amanda Hall and John Bowen for all their hard work.

I am pleased to say that a new children's play area has been created on Donnington Recreation Ground and that it has maintained the strong links this area had with mining through its design. Recently a new skate park has been built which is proving so popular that skaters are coming from as far afield as London. It has already had great reviews in the national skateboarder's magazines and can even be seen on You Tube.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all new residents into the parish especially those in the new development, Regents Crescent in Muxton.

Funding was obtained from the Community Foundation for Shropshire and Telford for the Parish Council to employ a Youth Project Development Worker. I am delighted to welcome Jessica onto our team and look forward to working with her in the future.

I would like to thank all the Councillors, the Parish Clerk Ralph Morgan and all the staff, Angela (Assistant Clerk), Derek (Estate Manager) and Helen (Caretaker) for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Councillor Mrs Pat Green.





The May elections saw each Parish Ward contested resulting in the election of seven new Councillors. There are not many Parish/Town Councils that can boast of having a 100% elected membership. Donnington saw one new Councillor elected, Lilleshall two and Muxton four.

The Council has dealt with a number of events and issues this past year a brief summary of which is as follows:

### **Allotments**

Work preparing the Lilleshall allotment site was completed in May and plot holders immediately began the difficult task of working their plots. In a short space of time an allotment committee was formed and together with the Parish Council soon identified and resolved the teething problems expected of any new site. Work is still ongoing to improve the site which, in such a short space of time, is proving to be a great asset for this Council and the plot holders.

The work preparing Donnington allotments was completed in September and opened to plot holders at the beginning of October. It is hoped that an allotment committee can be set up here also to help the Parish Council manage the site and deal with any issues that may arise.

Lilleshall allotment committee held a Christmas Party at Lilleshall Memorial Hall which plot holders from both sites attended and had a thoroughly enjoyable night.

Grants totalling £30,000 were successfully obtained from the National Lottery Awards for All and the Community Foundation for Shropshire and Telford to help finance the creation of both sites.

### **Christmas festival 2011**

The first ever Christmas Festival held by this Parish Council to celebrate the switching on of its Christmas lights was an outstanding success. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone that attended and participated in making the event the success it was. Children from local primary schools joined together in singing carols as well as Newport Brass Band, Hadley Steel Band and stalls offering various fayre. Father Christmas visited and the Christmas Lights were switched on by characters from Oakengates Theatre. Paul Shuttleworth compered the evening as well as providing music between performers. The event was



opened by the Chair Councillor Mrs Pat Green and Mr George Whyte who was recently awarded the Freedom of The Borough by Telford & Wrekin Council. It is planned to hold the event again this year. The Christmas Festival helped raise £100.65 which went to the Chair's Charity, the Severn Hospice Telford. The Pensioners Christmas Vouchers again proved to be popular with 964 £5 vouchers given to those that were 65 years of age and over that reside within the parish.

### **Path at Saltwell's Drive, Muxton**

In response to a request made regarding the reinstatement of a path on land between Thornton Park Avenue and Saltwell's Drive, Muxton, this Parish Council agreed to cost share the project with Telford & Wrekin Council. The path leads through onto Telford & Wrekin land adjacent to St John's Church and therefore the Parish Council made a contribution of a quarter of the total price as the path on Parish Council land is approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the total length. The cost to the Parish Council was £800.

### **Internet Banking**

This Parish Council is now able to access its bank accounts via the internet. The accounts have been set up so that they can be viewed only, as current legislation dictates that Parish/Town Councils are not legally allowed to carry out any financial transactions via this media. The Government is currently investigating the best way in which legislation can be created to allow Parish/Town Councils to use this method in which to manage its accounts whilst maintaining the necessary safeguards required when dealing with public money.

## Skatepark, Donnington Recreation Ground



Shropshire's newest and best skatepark was officially opened on 13th February 2012. Featuring Shropshire's only freeflow skate bowl, the new skatepark contains a 1.2m Quarter pipe with 1.8m tombstone, flat bank, wedge bank, hubba ledge and handrail, pole jam, grind block, double set stair set and Shropshire's only concrete bowl (2m deep with clam shell and 2 hips). The new skate park is attracting pro skaters / riders from across the country and has received great reviews in all the skater's magazines and can even be viewed on YouTube. Councillors attended the official opening of the skate park on Donnington Recreation Ground. The Parish Council would like to thank Derek Owen from Telford & Wrekin Council for all the hard work in obtaining funding for this and time spent consulting with various organisations and skaters regarding its design.

A new ball court has also been built on Donnington Recreation Ground.

### Parish Council Newsletter

The Parish Council has changed the way in which future newsletters will be made available. Newsletters will still be available to be viewed via the Parish Councils website [www.ldmpc.org](http://www.ldmpc.org) but will not be delivered to every household within the parish. Instead, newsletters will be placed in the library, dentists, medical centres,

community halls, churches, schools, post office, Lifelong Learning Centre and the Parish Council office. Should any resident wish to have a hard copy of the newsletter then this can be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk on 608001. It is estimated that the Parish Council will save approximately £5,000 over a year using this method.

### Talbot Centre Tennis Courts



Floodlights have now been installed at the tennis courts in Lilleshall. An opening ceremony was held on 23rd February 2012 to celebrate this event. Thanks must go to Lilleshall Village Tennis Club for raising the funds to purchase and have them installed.

### Councillor Surgeries

Over the last number of years attendance at the Councillor Surgeries run by this Parish Council has been extremely poor. This may be due to modern communication methods whereby the electorate can contact the Parish Council through email or via its website. As a result, this Council will no longer be holding Councillor Surgeries.

### Veolia Composting Facility

The Parish Council originally objected to this at its Planning Committee meeting held on 6th June 2011 and again raised concerns when given a presentation by Veolia at its full Council meeting on 5th September 2011. These comments were submitted to the planning officer Telford & Wrekin Council for this application. Having just spoken to the planning department they have confirmed that no decision has been made yet as more technical information has been requested from them which has not yet been received and still waiting for the results of

consultation with the environment agency. It is expected to go to T&W plans board in the spring.

## **Conclusion of Audit**

The Parish Council's Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2011 has been concluded and signed off by the auditors Mazars LLP who had thanked the Council for the way in which its accounts had been presented.

## **Bus Shelter, St George's Road**

A new bus shelter has been installed on St George's Road, near to the "Four Ways" junction opposite the brick bus shelter. This is as a result of requests received from local residents.

## **Public Toilets, Hawthorn Road**

This Parish Council is currently having negotiations with Telford & Wrekin Council with regard to the refurbishment of the public toilets on Hawthorn Road, Donnington. Both authorities are working hard to obtain funding to carry out the extensive work required and it is hoped that work will begin in the future.

## **Youth Project Development Worker**

This Parish Council has recently employed a Project worker whose aim is to establish a youth forum so that the voices of young people can be heard. The project worker also aims to increase awareness of available activities and increase membership of those groups/organisations currently providing activities within the area.

## **Grit Bins, Muxton**

Grit Bins have been purchased and installed at strategic locations around Muxton funded by Telford & Wrekin Council's "Your Money, Your Projects" Scheme. Thanks goes to Councillor Nigel Dugmore for his work in achieving this.

## **Finance**

The Council's precept for 2011/2012 was set at £193,500 (an increase on the previous year). This meant a cost of £43.61 an increase of 97p on Band D equivalent houses within the Parish as part of the Council Tax. This figure was set according to the number of Band "D" properties in the parish which was given at 4436.60.

## **Income 2011/2012**

Precept	£193,500.00
Turreff Hall	£20,110.00
Cordingley Hall	£6,790.00
Environment	£20,625.00
Miscellaneous	£22,324.00

## **Expenditure 2011/2012**

Admin and General Purposes	£95,861.00
Grants	£11,949.00
Turreff Hall	£25,246.00
Cordingley Hall	£1,122.00
Environment	£80,409.00
Street/Christmas Lighting	£40,642.00

Grants totalling £11,949 were awarded to 20 groups and organisations that benefit the inhabitants within the Parish.

The Parish Council, working in partnership with Asda and the Wrekin Housing Trust, has again jointly sponsored the Donnington Police Beat Manager's Vehicle.

The Parish Council has received its Annual Return for the year ended 2011 back from its Auditors, Mazars LLP based in Southampton which, once again, has been successfully signed off. Notices of when the accounts are available for inspection are displayed at the Parish Office and in the local press.

For the ninth year running the Council has provided vouchers at Christmas for the pensioners residing in the parish which continues to increase in popularity every year. Last Christmas (2011) 964 pensioners claimed their vouchers.

The Parish Council recently decided to have a Financial Scrutiny Committee whose objective is to monitor, oversee and review all matters relating to Council finances and its use of resources and to ensure the efficient and effective management of those resources and make recommendations to full Council as appropriate.



## Donnington Young Peoples Panel

### Giving a Voice to Young People in Donnington

#### What is the Young People's Panel?

- The Donnington Young People's Panel is a group of young people who live in the Donnington area who are helping me, Jessica Wilkes-Reading, to decide what activities the funding we have received from Fairshare should be spent on.
- The money can be used for things such as sports, drama, beauty, fashion, dance, DJ skills, trips, Cinema Club and anything else you can think of until March 2013

#### What do the panel members do?

- Represent the voice of young people in the Donnington Area
- Make decisions about activities, for example choosing what type of activity, venue, day & time
- Monitor and evaluate the activities by carrying out creative consultation with other young people and finding out what could make it better
- Organise the end of year evaluation and celebration

#### What have the panel done so far?

The panel and I have been to PGL in Shrewsbury and took part in a variety of activities including a zip line which travelled at 52mph! The panel also came up with a name 'DL0L' for the panel, a list of ground rules and a plan of activities for the next few months.



We also held a street party at ASDA on Jubilee Tuesday and we have also been at Dfest at the Sutherland School face painting!

#### You can still get involved!

If you are interested in coming onto the panel and you live in Donnington please email [donningtonlol@gmail.com](mailto:donningtonlol@gmail.com). You can also contact me, Jessica Wilkes-Reading with any questions on **01952 608001** Mobile **07967 057304** or email [donningtonproject@gmail.com](mailto:donningtonproject@gmail.com)

#### Volunteers also needed!

If you are 16 and over we need YOU to help out on our summer activities. You will have a free CRB checks, access to free youth work training, food hygiene and first aid training.

EMAIL Jessica Wilkes-Reading on [donningtonproject@gmail.com](mailto:donningtonproject@gmail.com) or phone **07967 057304** to get involved!

#### Donnington Cinema is OPENING SOON!

Donnington Cinema will be open for the first time on Monday 13th August at Turreff Hall.

All films will be free to come and watch, we will be selling popcorn and refreshments on the night and there will also be a raffle for the DVD we are showing. We will also be asking you to give us suggestions for other films you would like to see.

Starting at 6.30pm and finishing by 8.30pm the film will be a latest release for you to enjoy.

This film is open to anyone aged 11 and above, parents/guardians are welcome to stay for the film.

We will be showing other films later in the year for children under 11.

To find out what film we are showing you have to join our mailing list by emailing [donningtoncinema@gmail.com](mailto:donningtoncinema@gmail.com)

Or if you are 13 and over you can join the Donnington Cinema Mailing List group on Facebook.

All staff have CRB checks, first aid certificates and food hygiene qualifications.

On the opening night we will be asking people to fill out a membership form. Membership is free as are all the film showings.

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Donnington Summer Activities – July and August

- Street Sports – Football and Basketball
- DJ workshop (1 day)
- Art workshop (2 days)
- Beauty Evening
- Bushcraft Sessions
- Day Trips

Places on these activities may be limited. To find out how to register and for more information about of dates and venues visit [www.ldmpc.org](http://www.ldmpc.org) and click on Donnington Project.





Donnington Wood Community café recently celebrated its 10th Birthday! We held a party at the Lifelong Learning Centre, where we are based, and the day was formally opened by the Pam Bradburn and Meryl Afia, Deputies for the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire. A fabulous birthday cake, made by Elizabeth from the café, was the centrepiece and glasses of fizz were raised with local residents to toast the birthday in style. Local residents, volunteers and special guests were then entertained with live music from the Blue Tuesdays, dancing by Jitterbugs, sampled several yummy tasting delights cooked at the café and spent a few pennies and pounds on the various craft, raffle and tombola stalls.



Pictured are the two deputy representatives for the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire with café volunteers and local residents.

The community café has this year begun some new ventures. With the new kitchen funded by the Donnington Fairshare Fund and the arrival of our first employee, Elizabeth, we have started some new services:

- Tasty Tuesday special meal deals
- A weekly hot meal delivery service to High Mount and Lawndale sheltered dwelling schemes
- Meals on wheels delivery service to a number of individuals who have mobility difficulties in visiting our café
- Lunchtime sandwich and snack delivery service to local businesses in Donnington

All these new ventures are in addition to our Monday to Friday café operation and external buffet catering service.

It's very exciting BUT we could really do with some extra pairs of hands to come along and join our existing volunteers at the café...

## Volunteering with us...

Volunteering can open up a whole new world of interests and opportunities for you. Not only does it give you the chance to meet people and make new friends, but you can also become aware and involved in what is happening in the local community.

Many of our volunteers have gained some great friendships, several have gone on to part or full time employment and all have gained new skills and grown in self-confidence and self-esteem.

Each volunteer is provided with training to learn new skills, with the view of helping the volunteers to return to work, or helping them overcome isolation by interaction with other members of staff or customers.


If you would like to know more about volunteering at the cafe contact:

Rose or Elizabeth: 01952 382202

Email: [rose.gregory@taw.org.uk](mailto:rose.gregory@taw.org.uk)

Or [elizabeth.fundell@taw.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.fundell@taw.org.uk)

[www.donnington-wood-community-cafe](http://www.donnington-wood-community-cafe) or find us on Facebook



**DONNINGTON WOOD COMMUNITY CaFe**

**A Telford-based community cafe social enterprise business and providers of:**

- Freshly-made, low-cost healthy meals and snacks served Monday to Friday 9.30am – 3.00pm
- Lunchtime delivery service for local businesses
- External catering buffet service for events and parties
- Valuable training, support and work experience for volunteers



## Planning Committee

Committee Members: Chair P Norton, Vice-Chair A Baker, Mrs C A Baker, M Bolam, B Green, A Lawrence, C Mason, Mrs E P Millard.

The Parish Council is a statutory consultant on planning applications. This means that it has the right and responsibility to give an opinion on all applications made to the Borough of Telford and Wrekin that occur within its parish boundaries.

Planning Committee meetings are scheduled as and when the Clerk and Chair of Planning consider necessary. It is left to their discretion whether or not to call a planning committee meeting when there are a large number of applications to consider. Otherwise the Clerk places planning applications on the agendas of the next available full Council meeting for discussion, to enable the Parish Council to respond within the time limit of two weeks given by the Borough Council. The Planning Committee met eight times during the year 1/4/11 to 31/3/12.

The Committee's objective is to make every effort to ensure that decisions on all planning matters and other matters referred to the committee balance the wishes of the applicants against the effect of the plan on other residents of the parish and the character of immediate surrounding areas whilst preserving conservation areas, Green belt and local amenities. From April 2011 to March 2012 the Council received a total of 82 planning applications for discussion and comments, up 8 on last year. These were made up as follows:

**Donnington** 44 applications (up 3 from last year)

**Lilleshall** 18 applications (up 1 from last year)

**Muxton** 20 applications (up 4 from last year)

Whilst the majority of applications received were for single or two storey extensions to dwellings there were some applications of specific interest.

**Donnington:** Allotments at The Fields; A composting facility on land adjacent to Woodhouse Farm; A Residential Development off St Matthew's Road and the demolition of Rainbow's End flats and shops; A residential development of approximately 25 houses on the site of the Coddon Club; A skate park on Donnington Recreation Ground; A recently approved replacement farm shop at Wyevale Garden Centre; The demolition of the existing medical centre and the erection of a new two storey medical practice.

**Lilleshall:** The proposed development by Shropshire Homes at Hill Farm.

The Council's decisions regarding all applications can be found on its website [www.ldmpc.org](http://www.ldmpc.org) or can be obtained from the Clerk at the Parish Office.

## Quarterly Estate Walkabouts

## The Wrekin Housing Trust

The Wrekin Housing Trust has introduced a series of Estate Walkabouts every three months in response to tenant suggestions that regular inspections of their estates are carried out.

Everyone is welcome to get involved in the Walkabouts and residents can attend as many or as few as suits their commitments.

Walkabouts allow Trust officers and residents to work together to identify areas of concern that we are able to resolve, such as general external repairs and identify tenancy related issues, which need attention.

The Trust will also be working closely with other agencies in the area to address issues such as litter, graffiti, vandalism, abandoned vehicles, road and pavement improvements and lighting.

The Donnington walkabouts are currently well attended by our partner agencies, for example, the Local Policing team, and we would welcome support from residents. Residents who come out on the walkabouts will be 'rewarded' with coffee and biscuits after the walkabouts at the Trust office as a thank you for their time and effort.

If anyone wishes to find out more about the routes we take or to confirm their attendance at any of the walkabouts then please contact the Donnington Team on 217390.

The next round of walkabouts is as follows:

**Donnington west: Wednesday 18th July 2pm.** Meeting at Winifreds Drive/Leonard Close.

**Donnington Wood: Wednesday 25th July at 2pm.** Meeting at the front of the Life Long Learning Centre. To Visit: Barn Close, Waxhill Close, Penistone Close, Ash Lea Drive, St Matthews Rd, The Common, The Glebelands, Queens Road & Hayward Avenue.

**Donnington east: Wednesday 1st August at 2pm.** Meeting at junction of Hayward Avenue/New Road.

**Monarch Fields and Lioncourt Homes: Wednesday 8th August at 10am.** Meeting at the Play Area at the centre of Monarch Fields. To include Station Road, Highlander Drive and Dukes View.



## more than gold

Olympic Theme

Free Activity Days for ages 5 – 11

**25 – 27 July 2012**

10am – 3pm

Finishing with a big screen showing of the Olympic Opening Ceremony and a special service on Sunday 29th - families welcome to both.

Run by St Johns Church, Muxton

Booking required for Activity Days

Visit [www.stjohnsmuxton.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsmuxton.org.uk)  
for more information

## TGI on Friday

Ages 10 – 18

Friday 13th July at St John's Church Muxton  
Beginning with Sub-Zero at 4pm then BBQ at 5pm

### Quiz Evening & Fish & Chip Supper

St Michael's are holding a Quiz evening including a Fish & Chip Supper at St Michael's Church on Saturday 14th July at 7pm

Teams of no more than 6.

Don't worry if you haven't got a team, we'll find one for you! Tickets cost £6 each including supper. Bring your own drink

Tickets : **606008 or 07855 184165**

## "Turn on the tap"

Together we can end world water poverty. SAS are supporting a "Turn on the TAP" project in Africa over the next 2 years. Please join us for a Family Walk & Picnic on

**Sunday 15th July (after church)**

**at Severn Valley Country Park, Alveley**

Meet for picnic at the children's play area between 1pm and 1.30pm. Car Park £1, Walk OK for buggies.

Organised by St John's Church.

For a map and directions, just put 'Severn Valley Country Park' into a search engine.

**St Michael & All Angels Church Lilleshall  
Invites you to**

## 'Pop - In for Coffee'

between 10am and 12 noon.

On the first Thursday of each month we have Worship Lunch & Music, and on the third Thursday of the month anyone is welcome to drop into St Michael's for a cup of coffee and cake between 10am and 12 noon.

**Our next coffee morning will be on 19th July.**

## Telford & Wrekin CVS Basis

- Do you have a website that just isn't working for your organisation or community group?
- Do you need a website?
- Have you wondered how you can diversify your income and aim to become more sustainable?



Telford and Wrekin  
Council for Voluntary Service

If you have answered yes to at least one of these questions, perhaps it's time for you to join **The Telford & Wrekin CVS BASIS Project - Mix & Match.**

The CVS BASIS Project has been developed directly to help local voluntary groups and organisations to:

- Get online with a website
- Look at potential ways of diversifying their income – using the internet
- Develop Funding Plans
- Use social media effectively

This is a 5 year Lottery Funded Project that ends in 2014. *So, the sooner you join the more you will benefit from the project.*

Groups that join the BASIS Project will be asked to show a commitment to the project, by:

- Attending training organised by the project team
  - Sharing their knowledge with other groups at events
- Being willing to take part in the BASIS Project Evaluation programme.

Please contact Kath Fackrell to find out more on: **01952 291350**

Or visit: **[www.tandwcvsbasis.org.uk](http://www.tandwcvsbasis.org.uk)**



LOTTERY FUNDED



Congratulations go to the Assistant Clerk, Angela Jordan, on achieving the grade of 1st Kyu.

Angela has been training for approx 18 months at Masamune Dojo which teaches Muso Jikiden Eishin Ryu, Seitei Iaido in Birmingham, under Fay Goodman Sensei Nanadan Renshi.

Dojo leader Fay Goodman Nanadan Renshi started Masamune Dojo in 1985.

The grading stages in Iaido pass through six kyu and (potentially) eight dan grades in a lifetime of study. The pass rate in Japan for 8th dan is less than one percent!

The kyu grades are the equivalent of coloured belts in other martial arts such as Judo, Karate and Aikido. However, in Iaido no actual coloured belts are worn, new practitioners wear exactly the same clothing as high grade sensei. Also kyu grades are not seen as stepping stones that you must pass one-by-one before becoming a 'black belt'. The lower grades (6th to 2nd kyu) can be awarded within a dojo. After grading to 1st Kyu the 1st Dan can be taken, becoming a Shodan.

Iaido is a modern Japanese martial art associated with the smooth, controlled movements of drawing the sword from its scabbard, striking or cutting an opponent, removing blood from the blade, and then replacing the sword in the scabbard. While new students of Iaido may start learning with a wooden sword (bokken) depending on the teaching style of a particular instructor, many of those who study Iaido use a blunt edged sword (iaitô). Few, more experienced, Iaido practitioners use a sharp edged sword (shinken).

Seitei Iaido has become the most widely recognised form of Iaido in Japan and the rest of the world. Being an extremely standardized form, Seitei Iaido is practiced not only in Japan, but all over the world in very similar way.



## Summer Events in Donnington

- Saturday 14th July Scooter coaching / table tennis / BMX race coaching / Human Demolition / face painting and football coaching 1pm – 4pm at Donnington Recreation Ground, School Road, Donnington.
- BMX school Monday 20th – Friday 24th August 10am - 12noon at Esso field, Wellington Road, Donnington followed by Skateboard coaching 1pm - 4pm at Donnington Recreation Ground, School Road, Donnington. Face painting on first day football on last day and a choice of activities like rodeo bull / water slide (one a day) throughout the week.
- Saturday 15th September BMX Freestyle / BMX race coaching / Gladiators and football coaching 1pm – 4pm at Donnington Recreation Ground, School Road, Donnington.

All welcome. All free. See you there.

## Home Library Service volunteers wanted

We are looking for people who want to make their mark on their local community through libraries by becoming Home Library Service (HLS) volunteers. All you need is some spare time and a love of books, reading and helping people.

As a HLS volunteer you would deliver books and other library materials to people who are unable to visit the library because of age, disability or caring responsibilities. By talking to the customers about what they like to read and liaising with library staff about their needs, you can make a big difference to someone's life.

You need to be reliable, patient, and interested in people and books. You should be able to offer a regular commitment of time, typically 3 – 4 hours every 2 – 4 weeks. A car is helpful but not essential, and travel expenses can be claimed.

All volunteers will complete a Criminal Records Bureau application form and references will also be applied for.

If you are interested in knowing more, please email [libraryenquiries@telford.gov.uk](mailto:libraryenquiries@telford.gov.uk). Or check out our "Volunteers" link on our web page for more information and a downloadable application form – [www.telford.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.telford.gov.uk/libraries). Return to Senior Librarian, Adult Reading Development, Customer and Leisure Services, Madeley Library, Russell Square, Madeley, Telford TF7 5BB.

## Local Community Halls

Donnington has a number of rooms which can be hired for private functions and other purposes:

Hall	Contact No.	Size	Facilities
Turreff Hall, Donnington	608001	Holds approx 100	Mobile Bar, Small Kitchen
Cordingley Hall, Donnington	07890 069259	Holds approx 200	Bar, Stage and Kitchen
Lilleshall Memorial Hall	410502	Holds approx 100	Bar, Stage and Kitchen
St John's Church, Muxton	670033	Holds approx 150	Kitchen
Lilleshall Youth Centre	606105	Approx 50	Kitchenette
Silver Threads Club	418729	Approx 50	Small Kitchen
Scout Hut, Donnington	273845	Approx 50	Small Kitchen
Donnington Methodist Church	812900	Holds approx 100	Small Kitchen
Sports and Social Club, Donnington	676648	Holds approx 120	Bar, Function Room

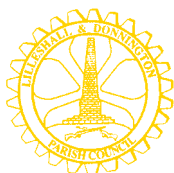
### Turreff Hall: Small Meeting Room

A small meeting room is now available to hire at Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington.

It can accommodate up to 12 people; a laptop computer with internet facilities and projector are available.

Refreshments can be provided if required.

The cost of hiring the room is £10 per hour and bookings can be made by contacting the Parish Office on 01952 608001.



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# Turreff Hall

**For Wedding Receptions, Birthday Parties, Special Occasions  
Also Suitable for Business Meetings**

Licensed Bar, Kitchen and Hall. Ideal for functions up to 100 people. Full disabled access with PA systems including Loop facilities. Parking with CCTV coverage. Excellent Rates.  
For information on availability and price, ring **01952 608001**, or visit the Hall at Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford.



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## Proposed Timetable of Meetings for 2012/13 2012

23rd July	Council Meeting (Grant Awards)
3rd September	Council Meeting
17th September	Finance Scrutiny Committee
1st October	Council Meeting
22nd October	Finance Scrutiny Committee
5th November	Council Meeting
19th November	Finance Scrutiny Committee
26th November	Council Meeting (Grant Awards)
3rd December	Council Meeting

## 2013

14th January	Council Meeting
4th February	Council Meeting (Muxton)
18th February	Finance Scrutiny Committee
4th March	Council Meeting
8th April	Council Meeting
22nd April	Finance Scrutiny Committee
13th May	Annual Public Meeting
13th May 7.30	Annual Council Meeting

All meetings will take place at Turreff Hall and begin at 7pm unless otherwise specified and are open to public and press. Planning meetings are notified separately.

**Local planning applications:** All local planning applications and plans are available for inspection at the Parish Council Office. Written comments can be sent to or left at the office for consideration by the Council.

## Office Opening Times

The Parish Council's Office will be open at the following times:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	9am – 4pm
Thursday	9am – 1pm
Friday	9am – 3pm

The Parish Office is closed on weekends.

**Advertising:** If you are interested in advertising in the future editions of our newsletter then please contact the Parish Office on 608001. The Newsletter goes out three times a year around February, July and October and is distributed in and around the Parish of Lilleshall, Donnington and Muxton.

## "WANTED": Articles for Future Newsletters

If you would like to include any information or article in the next newsletter, whether it is regarding your group, organisation, or school activities, then please ensure that you send the item to the Clerk before 22nd October 2012 for the November issue.

## Parish Councillors

Lilleshall Ward	Donnington Ward	Muxton Ward
Andrew Baker	Mark Bolam	Veronica J Brown
Carol Baker	Elizabeth A Clare	Lisa M Dugmore
Pam Millard	Brian Green	Nigel Dugmore
	Pat Green	Jeremy Haigh
	James Lavery	Adrian Lawrence
	Clive Mason	Phil Norton

Councillors can be contacted by leaving a message for them at the Parish Office, Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford. Tel **608001**.

Email: [clerk@ldmpc.org](mailto:clerk@ldmpc.org)

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## Useful Numbers to cut out and keep

Abandoned Cars .....	384384
Broken Street Light Reporting.....	608001
<i>(Please Note the Number on the Light)</i>	
Chairs and Spares and Community RePaint.....	619197
Citizens Advice Bureau .....	0845 146 1554
Childline.....	0800 1111
Council Tax/Housing Benefit .....	383838
Crimestoppers.....	0800 555 111
D.I.A.L.....	210202
Domestic Violence Helpline.....	0800 783 1359
Donnington Library.....	382905
FRANK (National Drugs Helpline).....	0800 776600
Litter/Dogs Fouling & Strays .....	384384
Neighbourhood Watch .....	214796
Parish Council Office.....	608001
<b>Police (NEW NUMBER) .....</b>	<b>101</b>
Princess Royal Hospital .....	641222
Refuse Collection .....	384384
Samaritans (Telford Branch) .....	256161
Telford & Wrekin Council .....	380000
Wrekin Housing Trust .....	217100
<b>Schools:</b>	
Burton Borough.....	386500
Donnington Wood C of E.....	386660
Donnington Wood Infants.....	386640
Lilleshall Primary.....	388430
Muxton Primary .....	387690
St Matthews C of E .....	386260
The Sutherland Business & Enterprise College .....	387800
Wrockwardine Wood Arts College.....	388300
Wrockwardine Wood C of E .....	387880
Wrockwardine Wood Infants .....	387860