



Donnington and Muxton Parish Council *Newsletter*

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 IN ASSOCIATION WITH DONNINGTON & MUXTON PARISH COUNCIL, PRESENTS

Christmas Festival AND MARKET

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 12-4PM

- ★ **Nativity Farm Animals**
- ★ **Choirs, Dance Groups & Entertainment**
- ★ **Craft & Gift Stalls**
- ★ **Carols by candlelight**
- ★ **Free facepainting**
- ★ **Festive food & drink**
- ★ **Free entry**

 **MEET SANTA!**
16 INC. PHOTO & PRESENT
TIME SLOT PRE-BOOKING
ESSENTIAL

**LIGHTS
SWITCHED
ON AT 4PM**

PRE-BOOK STALLS & SANTA ONLINE:
www.caseyvenues.co.uk/tickets

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Muxton Play Areas, News in Brief

Muxton Ball Courts and Outside Gym

As a result of the community consultation to provide a modern ball court in Saltwell's Drive, Muxton and a state of the art outdoor gym in Marshbrook Way, Muxton it was decided, due to concerns from local residents, to move the ball court to Brands Meadow, Muxton. The cost for the separate projects are currently as follows:

Marshbrook Way

- Half ball court - £24,000 + VAT
- Outdoor Gym - £41,500 + VAT

Saltwell's Drive - It has now been decided to purchase a new piece of equipment (supernova) for the Children's Play Area at a cost in the region of £7,000. To help pay for this the Parish Council has agreed to contribute £4,000 toward the cost and the Muxton Borough Councilors are contributing £1,500 from each of their T&Wr Ward Fund.

Brands Meadow - Due to the size of the land available quotes for a smaller ball court are currently being obtained.

The money to purchase the ball courts and outdoor gym comes from Section 106 agreements (based on that section of [The 1990 Town & Country Planning Act](#)). These are private agreements made between local authorities and developers and can be attached to a planning permission to make acceptable development which would otherwise be unacceptable in planning terms. The land itself, rather than the person or organisation that develops the land, is bound by a Section 106 Agreement.



News in Brief

Assistant Clerk

It was with regret that we said farewell to the Assistant Clerk Mrs Angela Jordan at the beginning of September. Angela had been with this Council for just over 8 years and recently achieved the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA). This Council wishes her all the very best in her new employment. As a result of the vacancy caused by Angela leaving and the consequent search for a replacement, this Council would like to welcome Miss Katie Watson as the new Assistant Clerk to the Council. Katie comes from a finance/administration background and we look forward to working with her in her role.

"Park That Bike" Scheme — Update

The two free bike racks obtained by this Parish Council as part of this scheme have now been installed outside the shops in Fieldhouse Drive, Muxton.



Local Council Award Scheme

The Local Council Award Scheme replaces the Quality Parish Scheme (QPS) which this Council has held for many years. The scheme offers Councils the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector, assessed by their peers, and to put in place the

conditions for continued improvement. This Council was awarded the Certificate in the Local Council Award Scheme in January 2015 and as such is now working toward re-accreditation. To support transparency, councils achieving an award at any level must use an online facility for publishing documents and information. This council's website containing all the relevant information can be found at www.donningtonmuxtonpc.org

Annual Return 2014/2015

The Annual Return for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2015 has been signed off by the external auditors, Mazars LLP, and that in their opinion, the information provided is in accordance with the proper practices and no matters have come to their attention.

Grant Applications

In July this Parish Council awarded grants to Telford & Wrekin Arthritis Support Group (£100) and Telford Thai Boxing (£300). If you want to know if your group or organisation is eligible for a grant then please contact the Clerk on 01952 608001.

Muxton Notice Boards

At a recent meeting the Council has agreed to purchase two notice boards to be located one by Saltwell's Drive play area and one at Marshbrook Way play area. It is hoped to have these installed by the new year.

Security upgrade Turreff Hall

Turreff Hall has had an upgrade to its security alarm system which will enable it to regain Police response to alarm activation.

News in Brief (continued), Chairman, Community Café.

News in Brief (Continued)

Bulb Planting

The year 2017 sees the anniversary of Lions Club International. As part of the centennial celebrations they were looking to plant trees, shrubs or flowers and asked if the Parish Council had any land which could benefit from the project. As a result 4,000 bulbs were planted on land opposite and adjacent to Muxton Primary School on Tuesday 13th October 2015 with the help of the children. They planted 1000 winter aconite, 1000 woodland anemones and 2000 English bluebells. Pictured are some of the children helping the Telford Lions Volunteers.



New Benches and Picnic Table



Two new benches have been installed in Donnington. One is located at the community park area of Ash Lea Drive and one on Broadoaks Field. These were purchased by the Parish Council and Donnington Borough Councillors Ward Fund respectively, which also funded a new picnic bench which has been installed at Barclay Gardens Sensory garden. The bench was built by volunteers at TENS, Skills and Enterprise Hub, Horsehay.

CCTV The Parade, Donnington

Due to the increase in crime, especially shoplifting, over the last number of years it has long been the aim of the Police, local authorities and Donnington Partnership to have CCTV on The Parade, Donnington. As a result of a grant of around £15,000 from the Police Crime Commissioner, nine High Definition cameras will soon be erected covering all areas of The Parade.

Chairman 2015/2016



Councillor Mrs Lisa Dugmore was elected Chairman to the Parish Council at the Annual Council Meeting held on 18th May 2015. Lisa was born and brought up in the local area attending St Lawrence School Preston, Charlton School, Wellington and New College, Wellington. Lisa is married to Nigel and has 3 children. She works as a School Business Manager in a large Primary School in Telford and is a resident of Muxton.



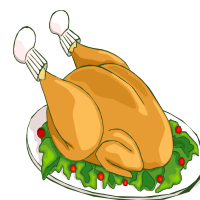
**Donnington Wood
Community Café**

**At
Lifelong Learning Centre
St Matthew's Road, Donnington Wood**

**Christmas Lunches
Three Course Meal at a cost of £4.50**

**Meals Available on the Following Dates:
Nov 30th, Dec 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th
12 noon to 2pm**

**If you would like to book a meal please contact
Rose/Sam on 382202/3 as numbers are
limited daily.**



Parish Councillors

Donnington West Ward

Elizabeth Clare
David Hayward
James Lavery
Clive Mason
John Thompson

Donnington East Ward

Rose Gregory

Muxton Ward

Lisa Dugmore
Nigel Dugmore
Jeremy Haigh
Adrian Lawrence
Victor Rainsford

The Humbers Ward

Martyn Edwards
Leslie Edwards



The next **Muxton** Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meeting will be on Wednesday **27th January 2016** commencing at 7pm and will take place at St John's Church, Saltwell's Drive, Muxton.

Office Opening Times

The Parish Council offices will be open at the following times:

Monday 9am—4pm
Tuesday 9am—4pm
Wednesday 9am-4pm
Thursday 9am—1pm
Friday 9am-3pm.

The office will be closed on week-ends.

Parish Council Website

Information about the Parish Council can be found on its website

www.donningtonmuxtonpc.org



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Dates of Council Meetings.

9th November 2015

23rd November 2015 (Grants)

14th December 2015

11th January 2016

8th February 2016

14th March 2016

11th April 2016

9th May 2016 Annual Parish Meeting

9th May 2016 Annual Council Meeting

N.B. All meetings will take place at Turreff Hall commencing at 7pm unless otherwise stated and are open to the public and press.

Planning Meetings are notified separately.

Find the agendas for these meetings on our website 5 days before the meeting.

Pensioners Christmas Vouchers

The Parish Council is once again giving Christmas vouchers to residents that are 65 years of age and older. To claim the £5 voucher Men and Women **must be over the age of 65 years and MUST live in Donnington, Muxton or The Humbers area within this Parish.**

Vouchers can be collected between:

Monday 23rd November and Friday 11th December 2015 between the hours of 9am and 1pm. If you have any queries please call us on 01952 608001.

There are only 600 vouchers available this year so make sure you get yours early. Please bring proof of home address and date of birth to the Parish Office at Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington, Telford.

Donnington Bonfire: This year's bonfire will take place on Saturday 14th November 2015 on Broadoaks Field, Donnington. There will be 2 firework displays alongside the bonfire.

Admission – £2 (under 5's free) – Parking £2.00 on field per car* Disabled parking at Aldi and Globe Bingo.

Gates and Fun Fair open at 4.00pm

**1st Firework Display at 7.00pm Bonfire lighting 8.00pm
2nd Firework Display 9.00pm**

Due to Health and Safety restrictions people will not be allowed to bring their own sparklers or fireworks. Those that do will have them confiscated.

Please note: Wellington Road, Donnington will be closed except for access to car parks from 3.45pm.

*Money from car parking fees at Broadoaks Field goes to Sea Cadets

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