



Events in the Village Hall

**Flicks in the Sticks: Films for the autumn**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – “Finding Your Feet”  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri”  
 All films start at 7.30. Entrance £4.00.  
 There is an interval for tea/coffee and biscuits.

**Arts Alive**  
**“George Egg”**

A health scare sees George banished from the kitchen, but relocated to the garden shed his imagination leads him to improvise instead. During an inspiring & inventive evening of stand-up, live cooking & comedy lecture George prepares a breakfast, a lunch & a dinner using the most unconventional methods.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30.  
 Tickets from Hilary Betts a £10 each. Phone 01952 505547  
 Cabaret style seating. Bring your own wine/drinks. Age 14+

**Christmas Fair**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall.  
 A joint event between the Village Hall and the Parish Church

**Burn’s Night.**

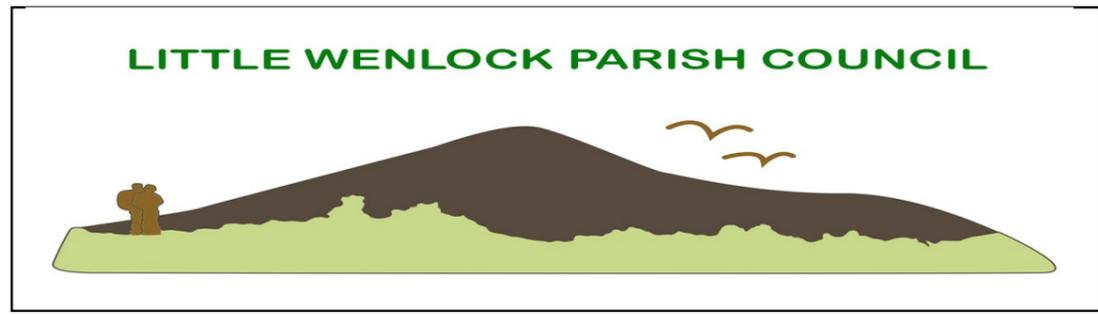
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Piper & Ceilidh  
 Starts at 7.30 & food served at 8.00  
 Tickets include a wee dram & a two course supper.  
 A joint event between the Village Hall and the Parish Church

**PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS**

If you wish to enquire about anything in the Parish or raise an issue at a future meeting, please contact the clerk Jayne Madeley [clerklwpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerklwpc@gmail.com) or 01746 785175

John Marcham (Chair)	505734	Juliet Esp	503800
Sheila Hutchison (Vice Chair)	505181	Howard Betts	505537
Ray Drakeley	503184		

All parishioners are welcome to sit in on Parish Council meetings which take place in the Village Hall, usually at 7.30 pm on the second Monday of each month except August. There is a regular agenda item at the start of each meeting when members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda.



Autumn 2018

**Parish Council Elections May 2019**

Are you interested in your community? Are you concerned about the issues that will be faced in the future, for example, future large scale development in Little Wenlock and New Works, (subject to Telford and Wrekin Local Plan amendments), more traffic, fly tipping, continued congestion at the Forest Glen, Urban Telford slowly encroaching onto the green and pleasant land of Little Wenlock Parish? Are there particular things you’d really like to see happen (or not) locally?

If you are then do think about getting involved and joining the Parish Council by standing for election in May 2019.

In recent years the Parish Council has introduced the first “Quiet Lanes” project in the locality, replaced the street lights in Little Wenlock & New Works (through the UK Coal grant), established a new working association with Shropshire Wildlife Trust to improve facilities at the Forest Glen & liaised with the police about inconsiderate parking. The Parish Council has worked with Borough of Telford & Wrekin highways department to improve Wellington Road at Willowmoor Bank and its junction with Hatch Lane. Installed a defibrillator at the Huntsman Inn, upgraded the Swan Farm Pool path, maintained benches on the “Bench walk” and worked with the planning department of Borough of Telford and Wrekin to enforce unauthorised planning actions.

So how about it? Would you consider putting yourself forward for our Council? Being a parish councillor is unpaid, but it isn’t an arduous task and can be highly interesting and rewarding. How much time you put into the role is up to you. Excellent training and support is provided by Shropshire Association of Local Councils and we have a very experienced and highly qualified clerk to give help & advice.

You are very welcome to attend a Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month (except August) to see the council in action. Alternatively contact one of the councillors who are listed on the last page.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

**New Parish Councillor**

After the due process earlier this year Councillor Howard Betts was co opted to the parish council. He brings a wealth of knowledge about Little Wenlock and the Village Hall, having lived in the village for over 30 years. Howard’s phone number is within the contact details.

## Highways

Wellington Road, at Willowmoor Bank, has been completely rebuilt and resurfaced. It has incorporated a number of safety features such as the chevrons, slow signs and reflectors in the road. Caution is still required in winter when descending in icy conditions

The Parish Council has set aside £2000 towards making the area around the Forest Glen a 30 mph zone to increase safety for walkers, cyclists and drivers.

The new LED street lights have now been installed. They will make a substantial saving on LWPC's electricity bill and maintenance costs

The Parish Council has recently expressed concern over the time Borough of Telford and Wrekin Council has taken to repair the very dangerous pot hole on Malthouse Bank.

## Welcome Packs

Every new resident who moves into the parish will get a welcome pack from the Parish Council. It will include the annual information sheet, the latest newsletter, a Bench Walk guide, information about Telford, Much Wenlock, Wellington and Shrewsbury. If you have a new neighbour, please let the Chairman know (01952 505734) and a pack will be delivered.

## The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the First World War

The Parish Council has paid for the war memorial in St. Lawrence's Church yard to be cleaned. The Parish Council has also purchased two standing soldiers from the Royal British Legion. One will be situated next to the War Memorial in Little Wenlock and by the bus shelter in New Works. As has always been customary the Chairman of the Parish Council will lay a poppy wreath at the war memorial in Little Wenlock on Remembrance Sunday .

## Little Worth Finger Post repair

The finger post at Little Worth is one of the original ones and unfortunately one of the cast iron "fingers" has broken off. Little Wenlock Parish Council is paying a specialist firm to have the "finger" repaired and a total makeover.

The finger post will be removed for a short while for the renovation.

## Bell pits at Little Worth

Two years ago the following article appeared in Community News:

Little Wenlock Parish Council is trying to get the site listed with English Heritage. Lance Smith, one of our former residents, did a complete survey of the site and this was published in "The Industrial Heritage of the Rural Parishes around the Wrekin" part 1 in 2008. If they were listed and had an information board by them it would be a fitting tribute to Lance.

They are probably the last remaining site of 17th century bell pits in T&W and the Parish Council would like to ensure that they are preserved for the future. Their exact location is at Little Worth (reputedly so named because the ground was of "little worth") from the pond at the foot of Malthouse Bank and along the road towards Coalbrookdale Road, on your right. There is a further one on the left-hand side of Malthouse Bank as you go down it. There was a further group by the road to Coalbrookdale, but these were destroyed by open cast mining.

The landowner has agreed to LWPC making an Application to English Heritage to see if the bell pits can be listed so long as there is no public access to the site because of animals in the field. The landowner has also agreed to an information board being erected at a suitable location.

## Sunday Papers

Would you like the delivery of your personal choice of Sunday newspaper to centre of the village? Then join the group which takes turns in collecting them from Horsehay Newsagent. We each take a month's turn to collect them but also help each other out if a member is away and do his/her collection. For further details phone John Marcham on 01952 505734.

## Borough of Telford and Wrekin Mayoral visit.

The Mayor of Telford, Cllr Raj Mehta and his wife, Poonam, attended the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. He was given one of our new "Welcome Packs" and told about what the Parish Council was doing and what its present concerns were. Cllr. Mehta kindly offered to take back to the appropriate officers some of our concerns. He is the first Mayor ever to attend a Parish Council meeting. He is the Council Member for Horsehay and Lightmoor Ward and he lives at Horsehay.

## Late Jim Roberts

Jim was brought up in Little Wenlock and farmed all his life in the parish. He had been Chairman of the Parish Council and a stalwart supporter of the 3 village halls & the community as a whole. He left a substantial bequest in his will to the Village Hall. It is the village hall committee's intention to use the money towards a project. At the moment the Village Hall has an application in for a grant to install storage batteries and it is proposed to use his bequest towards that project. A suitable plaque will be placed in the hall. Jim always felt that the environment was important and if the bid is successful this would be a suitable memorial.

