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BUTTERCROSS BULLETIN



WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR OF LUDLOW
Cllr Glenn Ginger

Welcome to the spring edition of the Buttercross Bulletin. We're sorry to share the news that Councillor Sean O'Neill passed away suddenly in February. The whole Council is deeply saddened by his passing. Sean was a great supporter of the Mayor's Charity events. He selflessly gave his time to organise excellent pub quizzes. I and other Mayors are very grateful to him for his support.

Staff at Ludlow Town Council will be busy preparing for another year of events including Mayor Making where the new Mayor of Ludlow will be announced. I feel honoured to have served Ludlow as Mayor for two terms and hope to see Ludlow Town Council continue to make positive changes.

2024 is shaping up to be a great year. The town council is actively considering the future size and scope of influence of Ludlow in a parish boundary review. See page 3 for more details. We will keep residents up to date on ludlow.gov.uk.

The town council is actively considering how to work with partner organisation to help improve the street scene of our town. Shropshire Council are also considering proposals to support Ludlow's economic growth opportunities in the town centre and the wider Ludlow community, which will be presented for consultation. Change and progress are important for Ludlow and so are its traditions and we look forward to welcoming the May Fair's arrival on 1st May.



A NOTE FROM THE DLF SUPERVISOR

Mark Hilton

As spring arrives the DLF team will be busy with their routine maintenance of hedge cutting and shrub trimming before the birds begin nesting. We will be cleaning up flower beds and garden borders in preparation for replanting. Other duties include cleaning up play areas, completing fencing work and maintaining play equipment. Grass cutting season is fast approaching and we're looking forward to seeing the flowers and wildlife spring back.



A NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Gina Wilding

THE LATEST FROM LTC

Tribute To Councillor O'Neil



Ludlow Town Council is deeply saddened by the news that Councillor Sean O'Neill passed away suddenly on Tuesday 6th February 2024.

Councillor O'Neil was a valued member of the Town Council since joining in June 2017. During his two terms in office, he played an active part in the town's civic life.

He held the post of Vice Chair of Policy and Finance and Committee while serving as a Councillor. He also supported the work of Representational Committee, Services Committee, and Climate Action Sub Committee. His commitment to the Council did not waiver during recent periods of ill-health.

In the coming days, Ludlow Town Council will honour the service of Councillor O'Neil. The town flag will be flown at half-mast and Councillors will do all they can to support his family at this difficult time.

Installation Of Signage

We're delighted to have our historical 'Ludlow Museum' sign reinstalled outside the Museum under the archway. The sign will guide and welcome visitors to Ludlow Museum.

Simultaneously, the installation of the King's coronation plaque has been granted and installed in the Buttercross.

Budget

The budget in 2024 / 25 is an annual increase in council tax of £13.02 per year, which is an increase of 25p per week.

Ludlow Town Council set its budget following the guiding principles:

- To safeguard local services.
- To be mindful of the detrimental economic impact of the financial crisis.
- To set a sustainable budget for 2024/25.
- To set a reasonable and workable timetable to facilitate the projects.
- To set a budget trajectory for financial sustainability and resilience.

More information on the 2024/25 budget can be found online at Ludlow.gov.uk/news/council-budget-24

Boundary Review

Shropshire Council are holding a consultation to consider the Parish Boundaries for Ludlow and Ludford parishes. The area to be included in the review is the whole of the parishes of Ludlow and Ludford.

Summary of changes recommended by Ludlow Town Council:

- That newly created Rockgreen Ward becomes part of Ludlow Town Council's Hayton Ward.
- Ludlow Town Council expands to include the housing and commercial development land, and the park and ride in the newly created Sheet Ward.
- Ludford is recognised as an important historic area and a smaller parish is retained.

More information can be found on Ludlow.gov.uk/news/parish-boundary-review

Shropshire Council will release the recommendations for the consultation on the 21st March.

A NOTE FROM THE MARKET OFFICER

Tony Catton



Trading has been very quiet on Ludlow Market in January, and also for Ludlow in

general. However, as we look forward to spring, our Sunday spring markets will return the 10th of March and our Thursday food and craft markets will resume the 1st of April. We continue to welcome new traders including; Gurpreet Singh who makes delicious Indian street food and Jack Waller from Ludlow Cake Jar company.

We're always on the lookout for new traders to join us on Ludlow regular markets and our specialist markets. Applications are online at ludlowmarket.co.uk. Contact me on 07800 555 692 or tony.catton@ludlow.gov.uk

A big thank you to Ludlow Market traders and our lovely customers for continuing to support us in 2024.



SPRING IN LUDLOW

Lace up your walking shoes, bring your appetite and get ready to embrace the warmth and charm of Ludlow in Spring. Nestled in the heart of Shropshire, Ludlow becomes a haven for leisurely strolls, delicious dining, and independent shopping.

Enjoy leisurely walks in and around Ludlow, including the historic Bread Walk. A short and scenic 1.5-mile route that meanders around the historic castle and follows the River Teme. Other walks include; Ludlow Castle Gardens & The Millennium Green, Halton Lane to Bromfield and Caynam Camp to name a few. Why not come back in Summer and enjoy the Ludlow Magnalonga, a ramble and feast in the Marches countryside (11th August, magnalonga.co.uk).



After working up an appetite, Ludlow offers a tempting array of dining options. Choose to indulge in the culinary delights of Mill on the Green, known for its riverside charm, Vaughans for their legendary hot pork baps, or Kin Kitchen for a taste of modern and locally-inspired dishes. Whichever you choose, Ludlow's eateries will be a perfect interlude to your day.

Discover market treasures and hidden finds: Wander through Ludlow Market and find Tabitha's pre-loved wardrobe, Bobe's hand-made children's clothes or Sally's unique Nepalese felt gifts. Ludlow Market embodies the town's spirit of community and offers an opportunity to support local artisans and entrepreneurs.

Ludlow boasts a charming mix of independent shops and beloved high street stores. Explore curated collections from View, Bodenhams and Velvet Fern to name a few. You'll find unique stores selling gifts, home decor and the latest fashion staples. For those partial to familiar favourites, renowned brands like FatFace and White Stuff are sprinkled through the town.

Uncover the history of our Medieval Town with a visit to Ludlow Museum at the Buttercross (open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays).

Explore the famous ruins of Ludlow Castle or stay in the historic Feathers Hotel. Visitors can also enjoy a Town Tour with Ludlow Historical Society on Saturday and Sunday from April-October located by the canon outside the Castle.

Whether you're spending the weekend with us, meeting a friend for a coffee or just passing through, we're delighted to welcome you to Ludlow. We hope you agree that Ludlow is even more lovely in the Spring.



REGULAR MARKETS MON, WED, FRI & SAT

WALKING INTO SPRING

Parish Paths & Volunteer Wardens

A group of volunteers who help manage the 5,500 km's of Public Rights of Way within the County. They maintain rights of way, replacing stiles, gates and bridges. If you would like to get involved please contact Shropshire Outdoor Partnerships helen.beresford@shropshire.gov.uk

Walkers are Welcome

Ludlow is proud to be nationally recognised as a Walkers are Welcome town. The town offers masses of local guided and self-guided walks to suit all abilities for both residents and visitors to enjoy. walkersarewelcome.org.uk/

LUDLOW MUSEUM AT THE BUTTERCROSS

Ludlow Museum, at the Buttercross, is located in the heart of Ludlow. It's a cultural treasure trove owned by Ludlow Town Council. It serves as a hub to the town's rich history and heritage, providing an engaging space for visitors of all ages to explore and learn.

E. Walters Trouser Factory: A legacy remembered Exhibition

Ludlow Museum at the Buttercross is pleased to host a temporary exhibit exploring the history of E. Walters Trouser Factory and celebrating the legacy left behind by Ed Walters.

The exhibit pays homage to the remarkable journey of the E. Walters Trouser Factory, once the largest employer in Ludlow. The factory which was established by Ed Walters in 1957 shaped Ludlow's identity for decades.

The exhibition aims to celebrate the contributions of Ed Walters and his production legacy. We hope the exhibition will be a poignant opportunity for residents to reminisce and remember those who worked at the factory. The exhibition will open from Thursday 8th February until April 2024

Ludlow May Fair Exhibition

Ludlow May Fair has been an integral part of Ludlow's culture, and this year marks the 50th anniversary since the Wynn family took over the annual May Fair celebrations.

The May Fair exhibition will open From April- June 2024.



Half-Term Easter Trail at Ludlow Museum

Ludlow Museum is hosting a free Easter Trail for Ludlow's younger residents between March 22nd – April 7th. Visitors can enjoy Easter activities and a special Easter Bunny Trail throughout the museum.

Visit Ludlow Museum, Fri | Sat | Sun and Bank Holiday's, 10am - 4pm. £1.20 entry, Under 16's are free!



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THE LATEST ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

REFILL SCHEME

Ludlow Town Council is proud to be taking part in a water refill scheme and wants to encourage other businesses to join the movement. Refill aims to connect millions of people to locations where they can refill their water bottle for free. Participating businesses can sign up online at refill.org.uk or email customer.services@ludlow.gov.uk where LTC can register on your behalf. Participating businesses will receive a sticker to display in their window, alerting passers-by that they're welcome to come in and get a refill.

NO MOW MAY

No Mow May is returning this year. The initiative is Plantlife's annual campaign calling on all garden owners and green space managers not to mow during May. "Collectively as garden owners and green space managers we can have a huge impact on biodiversity by letting every patch of grass flourish throughout the summer. Whether you have a postage stamp yard or a rambling estate, we can all make a difference in our own way".

COVID TREE PLANTING

LTC have planted a memorial Oak Tree at the new Sidney Road Town green. This will serve as a poignant memorial to the victims of the Covid-19 pandemic. This symbolic gesture not only pays tribute to those affected by the global crisis but also highlights the resilience and unity of our community during challenging times.

OUR EVENTS

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Ludlow Museum Temporary Exhibitions: Feb - April | April - June

- E. Walters Trouser Factory: A legacy remembered. Feb - April
- Ludlow May Fair. April- June

Bus Shelter Consultation: March

Residents will have the opportunity to propose new locations for additional shelters in Ludlow. Further details will be available on Ludlow.gov.uk/news

Half-Term Easter Trail at Ludlow Museum: 22nd March - 7th April

Free Easter activities and trail for Ludlow's younger residents.

Annual Town Meeting, 29th April

Join us for Ludlow's Annual Town Meeting, 7-9pm. The meeting is an opportunity to meet with the Town Council, find out about their work and ask questions. More information available at Ludlow.gov.uk

Ludlow May Fair: 2nd May - 5th May

Enjoy the exhilarating rides at Ludlow May Fair located in the centre of Ludlow.

Mayor Making: 22nd May

Join us at 7pm at Ludlow Methodist Church to welcome the new Mayor of Ludlow and give thanks to the outgoing Mayor. During the ceremony, the Mayor will present the Civic Awards.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Representational Committee

7pm at the Guildhall

6th February
5th March
9th April
7th May

Climate Action sub-committee

9:30am at the Guildhall

15th February
28th March

Services

7pm at the Guildhall

21st February
10th April

Policy & Finance

7pm at the Guildhall

26th February
15th April

Full Council

7pm at the Guildhall

4th March
8th May

All meetings are held at the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow SY8 1AZ. The meetings are open to the public to attend and speak.

MARKET DATES FOR THE DIARY

ANTIQUES: MARCH (3RD, 17TH), APRIL (7TH, 21ST), MAY (19TH)

CRAFT & COUNTRY: MARCH (10TH), APRIL (14TH, 28TH), MAY (12TH, 26TH)

LOCAL PRODUCE: MARCH (14TH, 28TH), APRIL (11TH, 25TH), MAY (9TH, 23RD)

EASTER MARKET: MARCH (31ST)

FOOD & CRAFT: APRIL (4TH, 18TH), MAY (16TH, 30TH)