

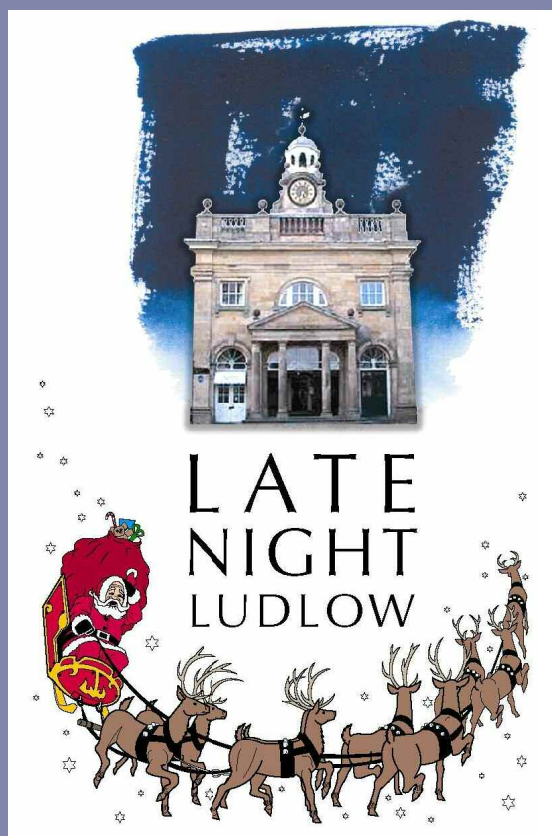
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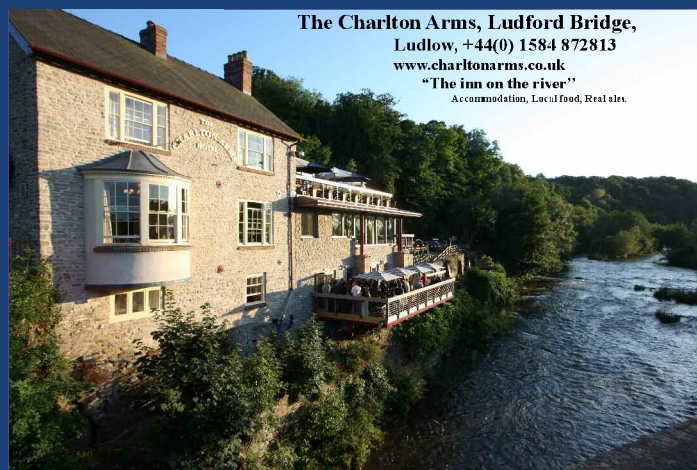


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MAYOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to issue four. I hope you agree that the Buttercross Bulletin is a good way to keep in touch. The newsletter will help us achieve Quality Council Status, but more importantly it is a way of building a positive dialogue with the residents of Ludlow.

I'm delighted to tell you that Ludlow Town Council's refurbishment of key historic buildings and public areas is creating improvements at the Buttercross, Market and Cemetery (more details on p. 4). However, as are probably aware a large section of ceiling plaster recently crashed to the floor without warning at the Buttercross.

Luckily, no members of staff were in the building at the time, but further inspection has confirmed that all the Buttercross ceiling plaster needs attention. I would like to thank staff at Shropshire Council, who in our hour of need, responded rapidly and found the Town Council temporary accommodation at the Stable Block. Town Council staff moved from the Buttercross in mid November. The move has led to other changes, namely a revised meeting schedule with new venues (please see p.7)

So with the immediate crisis managed, Councillors and staff are currently busy working on next year's budget, and a five year Town Plan for Ludlow (further details in a future issue), which will consider life in Ludlow from a variety of perspectives including tourism and youth, both of which are issues close to the heart of Town Council.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Buttercross Bulletin. Very best wishes for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Martin Taylor-Smith, Mayor of Ludlow

THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US...

Ludlow Town Council would like to recognise the dedication and hard work of two well-respected figures who, although both continuing their vocations elsewhere, will be greatly missed in Ludlow. Town Councillors would like to express heartfelt thanks to Rev Preb Brian Curnew, who has acted as Town Council's Chaplain leading prayers before Council meetings, and given many inspiring sermons at St Laurence's Church, which have been enjoyed by Councillors and staff.

Ludlow Town Council would also like to express their continuing support for a recent recipient of the Ludlow's Civic award, PC Anthony Sewell, whose friendly face will be missed on the streets of Ludlow.

Ludlow Town Council would like to wish them and their families all the very best for the future.

POSTIVE CHANGES CONTINUE

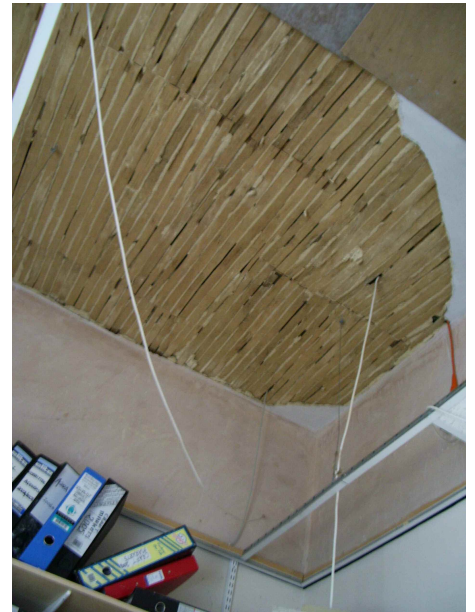
This year, Ludlow Town Council has welcomed a new Market Manager, a new Town Clerk and three new councillors, and would like to warmly welcome the newest member of staff Lucy Morgan, who has recently accepted the key post of PA, Secretary, Receptionist and Admin Assistant. Starting work in December, Lucy will welcome visitors, assist Town Clerk, Veronica Calderbank and primarily oversee the Council's information retrieval systems. Veronica said, 'Lucy's experience and skills are a perfect fit for this core role.'

EMERGENCY MOVE!

The bare ceiling laths (pictured below) tell the sad tale of the Buttercross. Unfortunately there was no option but an emergency relocation of staff and essential equipment because of the remaining plaster throughout the Buttercross is unsafe.

Ludlow Town Council office staff have temporarily moved to the Stable Block at Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow SY8 1AW. We will continue to provide the same level of service including the Ludlow Market, Cemetery, Amenity Areas and ongoing projects.

There will be some changes to Committee meeting venues (full details of meetings on p.7)



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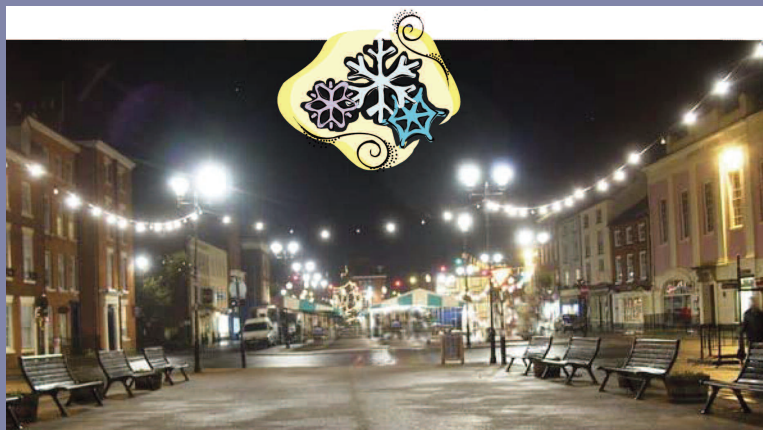
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CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - Saturday 28th November 2009



This year, Mayor of Ludlow, Martin Taylor-Smith switched on Ludlow's Christmas Lights. The Town Council has made environmentally beneficial changes to lighten up and brighten up the Town Centre including 1,300 new coloured LED lights and new festoon cable.

LED lamp post motifs adorn Corve Street, Old Street and the Bull Ring, and small fibre-optic Christmas Trees decorate shop windows in High Street and Corve Street, and a new 'Double Clef' banner hangs from The Buttercross. The Market Square Christmas tree is illuminated by white LED lights, and coloured strings of lights will glow in

Tower Street, High Street, Market Street, Church Street, and Quality Square. Ludlow Town Council funds the provision and installation of Ludlow's Christmas Lights financial support and donations from businesses and individuals are always very welcome.

Ludlow Town Council wishes you a happy Christmas and prosperous 2010.

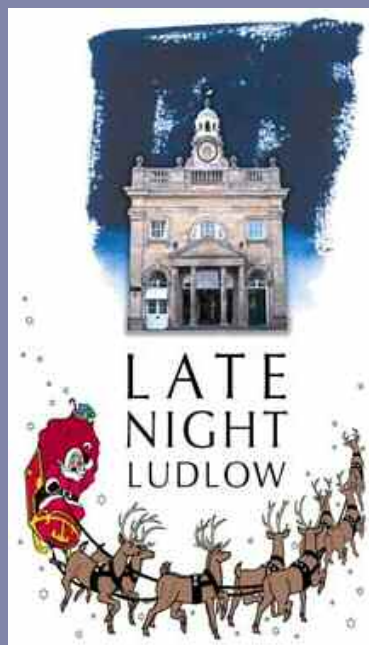


ROTARY CLUB TREE OF LIGHT on Castle Square, Ludlow

Friday 11 December 5.00 pm Official Switch-on - Mulled wine, Town Band led Candle light Carol singing & Father Christmas on a Sleigh

Saturday 12 December Nativity Scene in Events Square - Seasonal Music and Carol Singing Classic Car Display in Events Square

Tuesday 15 December 5.30 – 6.30. Ludlow New Voices Choir Concert around the Tree



LATE NIGHT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING in Ludlow Thursday 17th December 2009 until 8:30pm

Festive event organised by local retailers, which will include Ludlow Market and fifty shops:

Antony Sheppard * Arragons * Bensons Jewellers * Bentleys * Best Wishes * Broad Bean * Chichi * Chocolate Gourmet * Country House Interiors * CW Sellors * David Lloyd Jewellers * DeGrey's Café * Deli on the Square * Edinburgh Wool * Emporos * Expensive Mistakes * FJ Bodenham * French Pantry * Get Connected * Jim Smithers News * Julian Graves * Kaboddle * Material * M & Co * Myriad Organics * N Spa * Oxfam * Pepper Lane Vintage * Pitter Patter * Pot Luck * Precious Earth * Pye Powder * Red Apparel * Red Ballon Books * The Castle Bookshop * The Fruit Basket * The Fudge Shop * The Olive Branch * The Silver Pear * Tiger Lily * Unique * Value House * View * Wind Light * Worldwide Carpets * Zani Lady.



Seniors Christmas Party at Ludlow Assembly Rooms

One hundred local senior citizens enjoyed a seasonal menu including a festive sherry, port and a mince pies, a delicious light lunch followed by an assortment of cakes, tea and coffee.

Local businesses kindly donated the mince pies, and a wealth of prizes for the raffle and festive bingo, and carols were sung by children from St Laurence's Junior School. Councillors are planning to hold another free Christmas party in 2010.

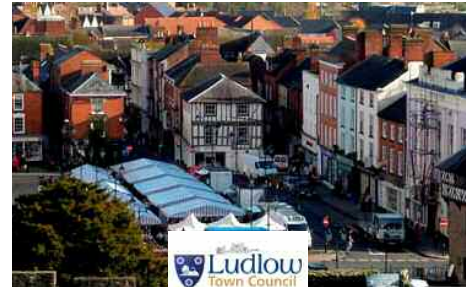
Projects Updates

FRESH NEW LOOK FOR LUDLOW MARKET

Market Manager Chris Bayliss and members of Ludlow Town Council's Direct Labour Force, lead by Steve Gregory, worked incredibly hard to meet the challenge of putting up Ludlow's new Market in two days – and as promised, it was ready for the Wednesday Market.

The new market, agreed after consultation with traders, features an extended overhang to protect customers from the weather. Market Manager, Chris said, 'The new look market has been largely welcomed by traders and members of the public have said how good it looks.'

Town Clerk, Veronica Calderbank, who was responsible for overseeing all projects including the new market, said 'it is hoped that the new market will help economic viability and generate new interest in Ludlow.'



BUTTERCROSS

Ludlow Town Council is delighted to announce that work has commenced on the Buttercross. Mayor, Martin Taylor-Smith said 'We are delighted that work has now started on safeguarding one of the town's most important historical landmarks.' The recent collapse of ceiling plaster certainly suggests that the work is very timely.



PHASE ONE:

The successful contractor for phase one is local firm, Treasures. The works will include painting and restoration work at ground level including doors and the windows, which will be rebuilt and glazed with toughened glass. The Buttercross is used as part of the regular Markets on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. During the works, traders will be housed in temporary 'pop-up' market stalls to protect the traders and stock from the elements. There will also be a noticeable revamp of the Church Street / College Street facade.

PHASE TWO:

As soon as emergency measures to evacuate staff and equipment are completed, Town Council will be going out to tender on second phase, which will involve works to the cupola. The second phase is expected to start early in January 2010.

Local firms are urged to tender and should visit www.mytenders.org for further information, and register an interest via Ludlow Town Council website www.ludlow.gov.uk.

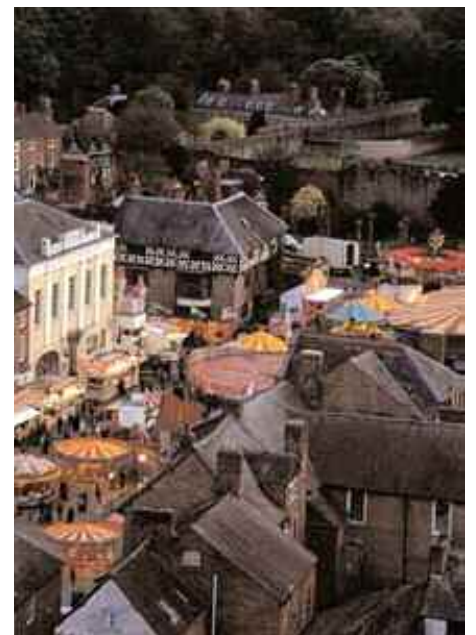


LUDLOW MAYFAIR

Following two successful meetings with Mr & Mrs Wynn, the emergency services, Shropshire Council and the Police, plans are moving ahead towards the next Mayfair. Everyone agreed that the town needed an Events Safety Advisory Group (SAG) which includes Mr & Mrs Wynn, representatives from Ludlow and Shropshire Councils, and the emergency services. Sergeant Graham Preece said, 'In the experience of this Division such groups result in far more robust and professional events.'

The first meeting was held on 12th November 2009. The first item on the agenda was to elect a chairman and Cllr J Aitken was elected unanimously. Following formal introductions, members allocated key tasks and actions such as, establishing terms of reference for the group, liaison between emergency services, and an accurate Mayfair 'footprint'. Mr Wynn said, 'I am happy to provide a new plan for the group showing where the rides will be next year, and look forward to working with everyone to carry on organising Mayfairs for the future.'

The next meeting of the Events Safety Advisory Group (SAG) has been scheduled for mid December 2009.



Youth Events

Looking back at 2009

Produced in collaboration with Jo Alker, South Shropshire Youth Forum



With the success of Ludlow Youth Festival organized by Jaelith Mahony from Ludlow Assembly Rooms and held at Ludlow Town Council's Wheeler Road Skate Park in

July, we thought it would be a great idea to look at other successful youth events in 2009.

**LOOK OUT FOR
SKATEBOARD & BMX
WORKSHOPS AT
WHEELER ROAD
IN 2010**
Further Info at:
www.ludlow.gov.uk



2009 Cricket Project

The Naim Aniar / Zeesham Ahmad Memorial Cup cricket match took place at Ludlow Cricket Club

Left: (left to right) Luke Miles Captain for Craven Arms Cricket Team, P.C Paul Sparrow & Ben Morgan Captain for Ludlow

Right: Ludlow Cricket Team (Left) Craven Arms Cricket Team (Right)



Lottery Funded Projects like REACH Personal Development Project and SSPIN Peer Information Network Project are run in term-time at Schools and Training Centres. Projects focus on team building, interpersonal skills and local community projects. Ludlow School students (pictured) took part in the 12 week REACH programme, and the created a sensory garden at Helena Lane Day Care Centre in Ludlow (pictured).



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2010 and beyond ...

it's over to you ... with the launch of the UNZIPPED Peer Led Consultation Programme Report - available at www.ssff.net

UNZIPPED aims to train a group of young people to consult with their peers in order to find out what needs and concerns

young people have within their community.

Find out more about REACH, SSPIN & UNZIPPED at: www.ssyf.net
Check out the YOUTH page at www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk



LUDLOW TOWN BAND

The Concert Band was formed to enable local players to form a band to be proud of and it's free to join, no subs to pay. The combination of brass and wind instruments will create a versatile ensemble, including a wide range of players, which will sound great too!

As the band is in its early stages, a relaxed atmosphere is encouraged to make rehearsals enjoyable, although players are expected to join in and play with the rest of the group. No dates have been set for performances yet. The main aim is to establish a core repertoire before making any commitments, however fun impromptu outings, such as carol playing, are definitely on the agenda.

Ludlow Town Band would like to

support budding musicians of all ages in Ludlow. Trumpets, Cornets (Bb and Eb), Trombone, Euphonium, and a Tenor Horn are available to those wanting to join the band or loan with a view to having lessons and joining the band when appropriate.

As founder member, Cllr Amanda Pope said, 'music is very rewarding and practice definitely makes perfect.' Whether you're a young or older budding player, Ludlow Town Band believes in promoting lifelong learning for all. Finding a good teacher is always recommended. Lessons can be booked privately www.musicteachers.co.uk or through a school www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk. The cost of private lessons could be shared

between friends who want to learn together.

If you are interested in borrowing an instrument free of charge, or indeed if you are an experienced musician interested in joining Ludlow's very own band, then please get in touch via the website or contact Amanda on 01584 873 418.

www.ludlowtownband.co.uk



Each year, Ludlow Town Council prints 100,000 copies of the Calendar of Events – an invaluable resource for tourists and visitors. Copies are available from Ludlow Tourist Information Centre and many other venues from December.

The extract below may help you plan your festive activities and look ahead to 2010...

DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
3rd - Craft & Country Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	3rd - Antique & Flea Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	4th - Craft & Country Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	4th - Craft & Country Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>
5th - Ludlow Orchestra Concert St. John's Church, Ludlow, <i>7.30pm</i>	7th - Craft & Country Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	7th - Antique & Flea Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	7th - Antique & Flea Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>
6th & 20th - Antique & Flea Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	14th - Ludlow Local Produce Market Castle Square, <i>9am - 2pm</i>	6th to 7th - Mega Book Sale Thousands of Books, Dvds Etc at Bargain Prices, Assembly Rooms, <i>10am - 4pm</i>	11th - Ludlow Local Produce Market Castle Square, <i>9am - 2pm</i>
10th - Ludlow Local Produce Market Castle Square, <i>9am - 2pm</i>	17th - Antique & Flea Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	11th - Ludlow Local Produce Market Castle Square, <i>9am - 2pm</i>	14th - Spring Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>
12th - Ludlow Choral Society Christmas Concert Tickets £12, £10 & £6 from 01584 873788 or tickets@ludlowchoral.org.uk information from from VIC 01584 875053 St Laurence's Church Ludlow, <i>7.30pm</i>	21st - Green Drinks at the Charlton A Ludlow 21 Event, Charlton Arms, <i>7.30pm - Onwards</i>	14th - Valentines Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	21st - Antique & Flea Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>
13th - Christmas Craft & Country Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	24th - Sunday Craft & Country Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	21st - Antiques & Flea Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	21st - Green Drinks at the Charlton A Ludlow 21 Event, Charlton Arms <i>7.30pm - Onwards</i>
24th - Christmas Eve Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	28th - Ludlow Local Produce Market Castle Square, <i>9am - 2pm</i>	21st - Green Drinks at the Charlton A Ludlow 21 Event, Charlton Arms, <i>7.30pm - Onwards</i>	25th - Ludlow Local Produce Market Castle Square - <i>9am - 2pm</i>
	31st - Jumble Sale Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	22nd Feb to 7th March Fair Trade Fortnight Ludlow 21 Event	28th - Sunday Craft & Country Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>
		25th - Ludlow Local Produce Market Castle Square, <i>9am - 2pm</i>	
		28th - Sunday Craft & Country Market Castle Square, <i>All day</i>	

PROVISIONAL COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO APRIL 2010

Subject to changes - please check the website: www.ludlow.gov.uk (free computer access @ library)

LCC – Ludlow Conference Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow SY8 1RZ

SBSH – The Stable Block, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow SY8 1DG

COMMITTEE	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Services	Monday 23rd November 2009	7.00pm	SBSH
Representational	Tuesday 24th November 2009	7.00pm	SBSH
Policy & Finance	Monday 30th November 2009	7.00pm	SBSH
Representational	Tuesday 8th December 2009	7.00pm	SBSH
 Services	Monday 4th January 2010	7.00pm	LCC
Services	Monday 11th January 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
Representational	Tuesday 12th January 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
Policy & Finance	Monday 18th January 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
Representational	Tuesday 2nd February 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
 Services	Monday 8th February 2010	7.00pm	LCC
Services	Monday 22nd February 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
Representational	Tuesday 23rd February 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
Policy & Finance	Monday 1st March 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
 Representational	Monday 15th March 2010	7.00pm	LCC
Representational	Tuesday 16th March 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
Representational	Tuesday 6th April 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
Services	Monday 12th April 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
Policy & Finance	Tuesday 20th April 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
 Representational	Monday 26th April 2010	7.00pm	LCC
Representational	Tuesday 27th April 2010	7.00pm	SBSH

WARD SURGERIES GALLOWS BANK WARD

at Ludlow Conference Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow

Councillor Martin Taylor-Smith

DATE	START	END
4th January 2010	5.30pm	6.30pm
8th February 2010	5.30pm	6.30pm
15th March 2010	5.30pm	6.30pm
26th April 2010	5.30pm	6.30pm

CORVE WARD

At The Stable Block, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow SY8 1DG

Cllr J Aitken and Cllr V Parry

DATE	START	END
10th December 2009	5 pm	6 pm

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