

Ludlow Town Council

Buttercross Bulletin Free Newsletter

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Local Charity Focus

South Shropshire Access Group



South Shropshire Access Group has been instrumental in working with Shropshire Council to provide drop kerbs through the district.

And with funds provided by Shropshire Council, awarded grants for the provision of toilets, ramps, hand rails; hearing loops.

www.ludlow.org.uk/access

FROM THE MAYOR

It is an honour to have been elected to continue in the role of Mayor and to be able to report that the Council is in good shape. The approach of 'back to basics' has created a sound foundation on which to build. It is becoming clear that in the current difficult economic climate there are many challenges ahead but, at the same time there will be opportunities for the Town Council.

Ludlow has a Council that is becoming more effective in what it does. Councillors bring experience, skills and knowledge in many areas, and give of their time.

Councillors are here to serve all local tax payers. We want to demonstrate in Ludlow that we are inclusive and that our interests are those of everyone in Ludlow. We need to be more outgoing and seen as such, getting out and about in all parts of Ludlow so that residents are more aware of who we are, what we do and how we go about doing it. Communication has to be two way and we need to spend more time listening and giving residents the opportunity to tell us what they expect.

During the coming year, we will be revisiting the 5 year plan in order to focus our priorities and actions. This 'work in progress' includes a number of exciting projects:

Bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for conservation, training and tourism

Linney Riverside Park – the bank stabilisation and new play area

Buttercross and the Guildhall – to decide on the future uses

Boxing Club – community youth project

Waste recycling with SS Furniture Scheme and other partnership ideas

We all know of Ludlow's uniqueness and what a fabulous place it is – we need to ensure others appreciate it too. I should like to reiterate that, as Mayor, I will work with my fellow councillors to serve Ludlow to my best ability.

Best wishes, John Aitken, Mayor of Ludlow

Mayor's Charity 2011 – 2012



Ludlow Foyer is dedicated to providing housing and a supportive environment for young people, aged 16–25, moving towards independence.

Staff at Ludlow Foyer provide support six days /evenings a week for up to 15 young people and provide help to access training opportunities, job hunting or continuing in education; and when appropriate, help to move on and set up home.

www.ludlowfoyer.co.uk - helping young people in Ludlow



Image by Lillian Tomlinson



Local Authority Market of the Year 2011

Ludlow MARKET

The Best Market is here in Ludlow

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

Specialist Markets Most Thursdays and Sundays

www.ludlowmarket.co.uk

To book a stall, or for more information, please contact Ludlow Market Manager on 01584 838 014

www.ludlowmarket.co.uk



Essential what's on guide for Ludlow

Ludlow in Bloom 2011

The Heart of England judges visited Ludlow on 18th July 2011 and were given a tour of Ludlow by the in Bloom Committee. The route took in this year's glorious flower displays including Castle Gardens, Old Street and the wonderful flower beds in St John's Gardens. The tour also included wildlife habitats at Gallows Bank, Millennium Green and Ludlow's award winning market was the subject of one of the informative talks en route, which also included the plans for the revitalisation of The Linney Riverside Park. Delightful entertainment was provided by St Laurence's School choir and a female acapella group. The Ludlow in Bloom Committee, Ludlow Town Council's grounds maintenance team and Shropshire Council Street Scene work together each year to make sure Ludlow looks its best. In 2009 and 2010, Ludlow won Gold and

hopes are high for repeat success in 2011. Results will be known in September.



Castle Garden



New for 2012 – The Town Council will be growing plants for the beds and borders of Ludlow in a new poly tunnel.

The Linney Riverside Park Update

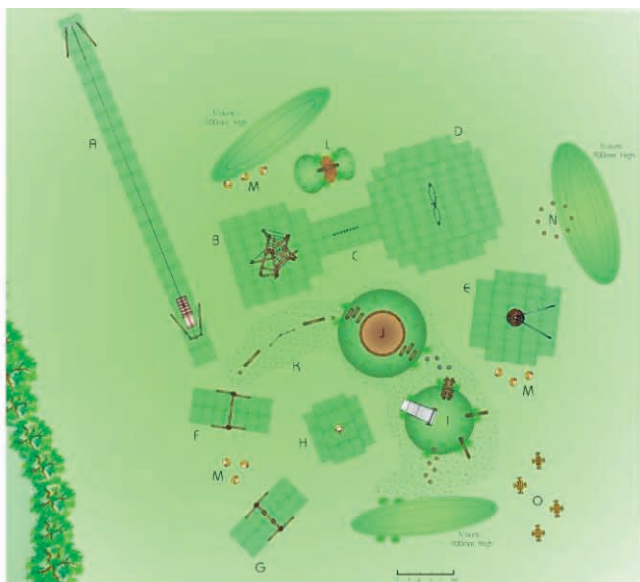
Congratulations to the Friends of Linney Riverside Park and everyone who has supported their efforts on a successful £50,000 bid, which is a huge step towards the revitalisation of the Linney. Town Clerk Veronica Calderbank and Projects Officer Chris Bayliss assisted the Friends in making their successful bid.

The project is also supported by S106 funding allocated for recreational facilities in Ludlow by Shropshire Council.



Mayor of Ludlow & Friends of Linney Riverside Park

The first stage of the Linney project is stabilising the bank erosion. The design for this work has been approved by the Environment Agency and work began in early August. The Linney is and always will be a flood plain, and the bank works will prevent further erosion so that play equipment (proposed layout pictured left) can be installed. Other facilities include picnic tables, toilets and a car park. Expressions of interest are also invited for a boating and refreshment concession.



Houseman Crescent Play Area

In excess of £10,000 has been allocated to refurbish existing swings, see-saw, slide and the introduction of safe play surfacing and new multi-function climbing equipment.



Ludlow Boxing Club

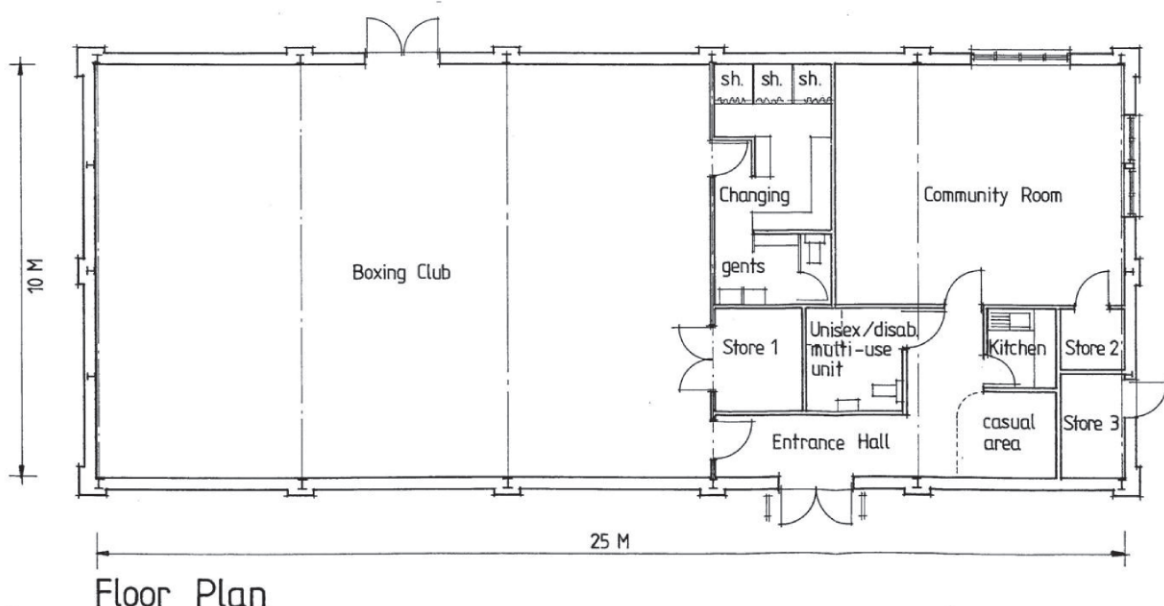
The Old Boxing Club (pictured right) on Wheeler Road Recreation Field is in such a bad state of repair it has been condemned. Working with members of the Boxing Club, Ludlow Town Council (LTC) has led the way to build a



The old dilapidated boxing club

replacement to ensure that this valuable and worthwhile resource remains available for young people in Ludlow. LTC applied for £50,000 funding for a new building, but only received £30,000. A further £7,000 has been grant by Ludlow Joint Area Committee for kitchen and shower facilities and Shropshire Housing Association (SHA), Total Response Ltd, Travis Perkins and Stephen Weaver amongst others are providing generous assistance to help make this project a reality.

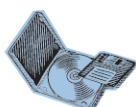
The New Boxing Club floor plan (right) indicates the enormous space that the building will provide for a boxing ring and other facilities including a community space, unisex / disabled changing room, a kitchen, and adult shower facilities.



The portal steel frame of the new building is more expensive than expected, but it is hoped that there will be enough money to build a larger envelope to be developed by the boxing club and local community using other future sources of funding. Unfortunately, the project has also suffered delays because of different constraints and health & safety regulations for new builds, and without the support of Shropshire Housing Association and Total Response who are the 'principle contractor' the project would never have been completed. Colin Richards, Head of Conservation at Shropshire Council has agreed to be the project manager and has been seconded to SHA for the period of the build. Prior to the secondment, he will undertake additional health and safety training to comply with SHA requirements. Ludlow Town Council is the facilitator or 'client' with our own health and safety expert undertaking risk assessments.



Further fund raising events will be held and your support and donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. No gift is too small or too large. Commemorative plaques acknowledging donations are available, and there is still time to sponsor equipment for this worthwhile local cause.



TALKING BUTTERCROSS BULLETIN

If you would like a free copy of this issue of hte BB on CD, please call **01584 838 010**

At the Annual General Meeting on 9th May, Councillors formally voted Cllr John Aitken, pictured left with Mayoress Pam Aitken, Mayor of Ludlow for a second term, Cllr Jeffrey Wilcox was voted Deputy Mayor.

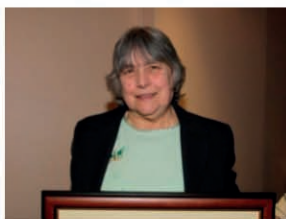
In 2010 - 2011, Cllr Aitken attended over 80 events and outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cllr Amanda Pope represented Ludlow on several occasions. Looking back over the year she said, 'the notable highlights of being Deputy Mayor were when I stood in for the Mayor at a Civic Ceremony in Shrewsbury. It was a bit damp weather wise, but the event which was a church service followed by a ceremony at the Shrewsbury Guildhall went well. At the ceremony, all the invited guests and councillors drank out of the "loving cup" to show good will and friendship to the new Mayor of Shrewsbury. It was a lovely atmosphere and there was genuine affection for the then new Mayor Mrs Kath Owen.'

At Mayor Making 2011 in Ludlow, Cllr Aitken underlined the historic significance of his Civic office stating, 'It is an honour to continue in the role of Mayor, a position established in 1835 when the title was given to the head of each municipal council.' He spoke in praise of Ludlow saying 'we all know of Ludlow's uniqueness and what a fabulous place it is – we need to ensure others appreciate it too.'

Cllr Aitken also celebrated the strong community spirit of Ludlow by presenting seven Civic Awards. Christine Hatt is pictured (right) with her award.

Other recipients were Pat Gormley, Jean Griffin, Esme Brown, and John Spittle, and ten year old Abbey Bradley. There was also a special award to retired clock winder, Philip Nash.

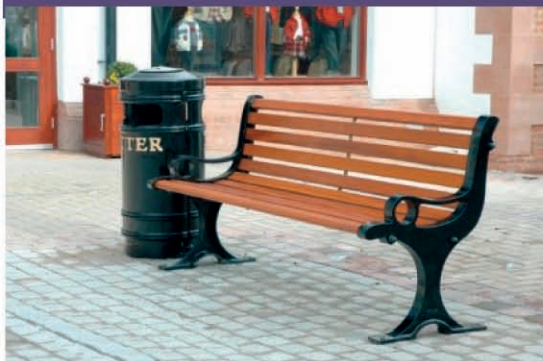
Mayor Making 2011



Clockwise: top left: Mayor John Aitken & Mayoress Pam Aitken; Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Wilcox & Claire Wilcox; Sergeant at Arms (left) John Coxill & Mace Bearer Don Meredith; and Civic Award Winner, Christine Hatt.

Memorial Benches

Councillors have approved a new memorial bench policy that will provide pleasant seating facilities for residents and visitors. Residents may purchase an entire bench or a section of a bench with a memorial plaque to a loved one. Application forms and prices are available from www.ludlow.gov.uk on the downloads page or from the office in Corve Street.



Find further policy information, duties and powers of a town council and the role of a councillor on the downloads page

www.ludlow.gov.uk

Behind the scenes



The organisation of Civic Events is undertaken by Town Clerk, Veronica Calderbank (front right) assisted by (clockwise) Deputy Clerk, Gina Wilding; Admin Assistant, Naomi Brotherton; Finance Assistant, Lucy Morgan; Market & Special Projects Officer, Chris Bayliss; Mace Bearer Don Meredith; Groundsperson, Martin Richards; Sergeant at Arms, John Coxill; and Groundsperson, Sean Turgoose. The Council also employs two further grounds persons and two seasonal staff and recent changes mean that a property / toilet cleaner will be welcomed to the team.

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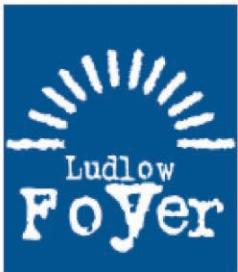
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Community Information - Whitcliffe Common Update

Shropshire Wildlife Trust (SWT) has taken on a 99 year lease for Whitcliffe Common from the Plymouth Estate. The Trust is working with the Friends of Whitcliffe Common, who bring an intimate knowledge of what Ludlow values about Whitcliffe ensuring favourite walks are maintained and views of the town retained. The Friends also provide the volunteers who carry out regular maintenance work. Local people are welcome to get involved, join the Friends or to become a volunteer go to <http://www.internet-tsp.co.uk/whitcliffe/friends.html>



Working with Young People

foyerinfo@sshropsha.co.uk

If you are aged 16–25, the Ludlow Foyer can be a great place to live.

Check out the website for info and find answers to some FAQ below:

How many rooms are there at the Foyer? 15

How much is the rent? £92.62

What would I need to bring with me? Personal belongings, towels, bedding, posters, stereo if you have one etc.

Who would support me? A key worker would regularly meet with you and support you with accessing training, and form filling etc ...

What training is available? Each person has an individual training plan so it would be up to you, your support worker and the training officer.

Find out more at www.ludlowfoyer.co.uk

Public Toilets in Ludlow



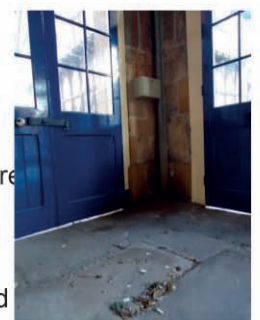
The provision of public conveniences is important to residents, retailers, visitors and the future economy of a town famous for its festivals and market. Ludlow Town Council safeguarded this essential service on 1st April 2011 taking over responsibility for the public toilets at Castle Street Car Park and Smithfield Car Park, Lower Galdeford. These toilet facilities are provided in addition to those at The Linney and at Henley Road Cemetery.



The Buttercross

Phase II works have now been completed. The final phase involves internal works which include re-plastering the internal ceiling; a grant application for the re-plastering work has been submitted to English Heritage.

Not everything is as fresh as it might be though, despite renovations the market area of the Buttercross is exposed to continual abuse as a make shift public convenience and littered with cigarette ends. Please let us have your suggested solutions to this anti-social behaviour.



Suspiciously damp corners and cigarette

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COMMITTEE	SEPTEMBER	TIME
Full Council	Monday 5 th	7pm
Services	Monday 19 th	7.00 pm
Representational	Tuesday 20 th	7.00 pm
Policy & Finance	Monday 26 th	7.00pm
COMMITTEE	OCTOBER	TIME
Accounts	Monday 5 th	2.00pm
Council	Monday 17 th	7.00pm
Representational	Tuesday 18 th	7.00 pm

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