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Mayor's Welcome

Time is marching on. My Mayoral Year ends in May, so this may be the last time I have this opportunity speak to you.

I have enjoyed the wonderful opportunities I've had to meet residents and support local businesses and charities in Ludlow.

Each year the Mayor nominates a charity for the year – my charity is Age Concern – which I think you'll agree, is something that affects us all – one way or another.

The recent honour of judging the photographic competition gave me an opportunity to, literally, do what Ludlow Town Council always aims to do – see Ludlow through the eyes of the residents of Ludlow. It was a difficult choice because all the entries were of a high standard – well done to you all.

Cllr Jim Newbold
Mayor of Ludlow

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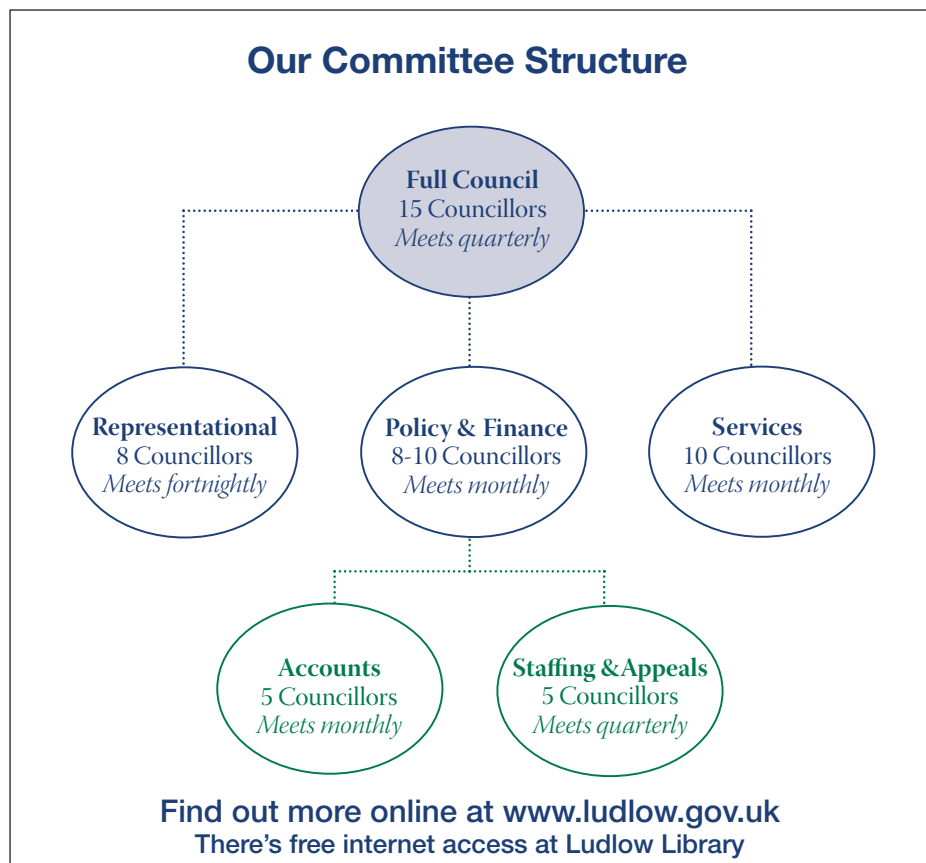
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Council Committees

All our committee meetings are open to members of the public. This issue we focus on the **Services Committee**



The Services Committee

The Services Committee has 10 members, and is chaired by Cllr Tony Pound. The vice-chair is Cllr Mickey Bradley. The following councillors are members of the Services Committee: Cllrs Callender, Glaze, Kidd, Mitchell, Newbold, Pope, Smithers & Taylor-Smith.

All councillors can attend all meetings and join in debate, but only members of a committee can vote during meetings.

Members of the Services Committee make decisions regarding the services that the Town Council provides, which include Ludlow Market, Henley Road Cemetery, the Amenity Areas, which include play areas, and a stock of 500 street lights.

All Town Council committee meetings are open to members of the public, who have a right to speak and address the meeting and, as Chairperson Cllr Pound says, "we are a listening committee".

Decisions made by the Services Committee, which are ratified by the Full Council, become the policy guidelines for Town Council staff in delivering services.

Delivering services

The day-to-day management of Town Council services is undertaken by members of staff.

The Services Committee meetings are serviced by the Assistant Town Clerk, who also passes minutes-to-action lists to the Community Services Officer and the Market Manager.

The Direct Labour Force undertakes regular maintenance of Henley Road Cemetery; thirteen Amenity Areas including Wheeler Road Skate Park, the Linney, and Castle Gardens; and the Market Square.

The role of volunteers

Some ongoing tasks such as cemetery maintenance provide opportunities for volunteers. Please contact the Town Council's Direct Labour Force Supervisor, Stephen Gregory, in person at the Cemetery on a Tuesday if you would like to help out. Or drop in to the Council's Buttercross offices.

Services Committee Projects

Ludlow Town Council's share of your Council Tax bill this year will increase by 7.1%. This is to fund some one-off urgent projects, for which we are also applying for grants.



The Buttercross, a Grade 1 Listing Building owned by the Council, needs major repairs. Phase One is urgent work on the cupola.



Sections of the retaining wall in Dinham Gardens are collapsing and damaging the fence. Repair work is clearly needed.



The Henley Road Cemetery, which is operated by the Town Council, includes a chapel and a toilet block.

Long-standing drainage problems need to be addressed in two areas of the cemetery, sections E and F in the plan reproduced above. This will involve groundworks.

The Cemetery chapel needs a door refitting and the external woodwork needs some minor repairs and to be painted.

The Cemetery toilets need refurbishing.

New Lifebuoy

Cllr Taylor-Smith, acting at the request of residents of his Gallows Bank Ward, has led Ludlow Town Council's successful efforts to install a lifebuoy along Temeside.

As Cllr Taylor-Smith points out, "There was a clear need for a lifebuoy. I have been approached by a number of residents, including the wife of the gentleman who was rescued from drowning by improvised use of a garden hose."

The Town Council has agreed to look after the new Lifebuoy and has arranged to include it on the Council's insurance policy. The Direct Labour Force will also keep an eye on it, checking the equipment periodically.

The equipment was purchased with the help of grant funds provided by the Ludlow Joint Committee, which will be a forum for local views when the new Shropshire Council comes into being on 1st April.



Down by the river: Cllrs Taylor-Smith, Pope, Bradley.

Linney Park

Tell us what you want

Largely owing to the current conditions at the Linney and, with regret, the Town Council has decided to suspend, temporarily, boating activity on the Linney this year.

The car park area is about to be improved, and the £1 a day charge collected will be reserved for projects at Linney Park.

Please take this opportunity to let us know what you think about the Linney...

How often do you and your family visit the Linney?

Which facilities do you use?
Boating Y/N Playground Y/N Pitch and Putt Y/N Picnic Area Y/N

Would you recommend The Linney to visitors? Y/N

Which attractions should remain?
Boating Y/N Playground Y/N Pitch and Putt Y/N Picnic Area Y/N

Are the toilet facilities useful? Y/N Are the parking facilities useful? Y/N

The play area, in its current position, is subject to frequent flood damage. Would you like to see a refurbished play area sited on slightly higher ground? Y/N

Are there other activities/facilities that you would like to see at The Linney?

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Please return your completed questionnaire to The Buttercross by 30th April

MARCH

- 1st & 15th - Antique & Flea Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 5th - Craft & Country Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 12th - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 22nd - Wedding Fayre**
Free Admission,
Ludlow Castle, *10am - 4pm*
- 22nd - Sunday Craft & Country Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 26th - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*

APRIL

- 2nd - Craft & Country Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 2nd & 3rd - Mystery Plays**
St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, *7.30pm*
- 4th - Ludlow Choral Society**
Handel's Messiah. Tickets £15, £12 & £8 from 01584 873788 or tickets@ludlowchoral.org.uk
Information from VIC
01584 875053
St Laurence's Church,
Ludlow, *7.30pm*
- 5th & 19th - Antique & Flea Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 8th - Ludlow Castle**
Have-a-go-Archery, Living History & Guided Tours. Fun for all the Family. Archery all day. Guided Tours at *11am, 1pm and 3pm*
Ludlow Castle, *10am - 4pm*
- 9th - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 12th - Book & Craft Market**
Castle Square, *10am - 4.30pm*
- 13th - Easter Egg Decorating Day**
Explore the Castle to find a "Nest" of eggs, decorate your egg in the "Egg Tent" with glitter and jewels, yours to treasure!
Ludlow Castle, *10am - 4pm*
- 15th - Ludlow Castle**
Have-a-go-Archery, Living History & Guided Tours. Fun for all the Family. Archery all day. Guided Tours at *11am, 1pm and 3pm*,
Ludlow Castle, *10am - 4pm*
- 23rd - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 26th - Garden Fair**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 26th - Sponsored Fun Run/Walk**
Information from the VIC, Ludlow Library or 01584 874444
Dinham, *9am - 10am*
- 30th April to 4th May - Ludlow May Fair**
David Wynn presents Ludlow May Fair, including Bank Holiday Town Centre, *2pm - late*

MAY

- 7th - Craft & Country Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 9th - Ludlow Orchestra Concert**
St John's Church, Ludlow, *7.30pm*
- 9th to 10th - Ludlow Marches Food & Drink Festival, Spring Event**
Beer Bangers & Bread, with live music. www.theSpringEvent.co.uk
Ludlow Castle, *All day*
- 10th - Marches Transport Festival**
Ludlow Castle & Square,
10am - 4pm
- 14th - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 16th - Ludlow Choral Society**
Mendelssohn's Elijah Workshop Performance £17.50. Audience tickets for evening performance £10 from 01584 873788 or tickets@ludlowchoral.org.uk
Information from VIC
01584 875053
St Laurence's Church,
Ludlow, *7.30pm*
- 17th - Craft & Country Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 17th - M.G. Octagon Car Club**
Afternoon gathering of old M.G. cars all made before 1956
Events Square, *from 12 noon*
- 24th - Antique & Flea Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 24th & 25th - Ludlow Castle**
Birds of Prey, Have-a-go-Archery, Living History & Guided Tours. Fun for all the Family.
Archery, *All day*
Flying Displays, *12 noon and 3pm*
Guided Tours, *11am, 1.30pm and 4pm*,
- 28th - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 30th - Gala Organ Concert**
Thomas Trotter. Tickets £8
St Laurence's Church,
Ludlow, *4.30pm*
- 31st - Garden Fair**
Castle Square, *All day*

JUNE

- 4th - Craft & Country Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 7th & 21st - Antique & Flea Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 11th - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 14th - Book & Craft Market**
Castle Square, *10am - 4.30pm*
- 14th - Ludlow Secret Gardens**
Chance to see Ludlow's best gardens not normally open to the public
Ludlow, *1pm - 6pm*
- 18th - 3rd Tour de Ludlow**
5-mile fun cycle ride, part of National Bike Week.
Ludlow 21 event
Castle Square, *6pm*
- 20th to 5th July - Ludlow Festival**
Box Office 01584 872150 or www.ludlowfestival.co.uk
- 21st - Mini Magnalona**
Family stroll around town with food stops.
Tickets: 01584 875548 or rosemariefleming@yahoo.co.uk
- 23rd & 30th - Festival Craft Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 25th - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 27th - Ludlow Choral Society**
Vivaldi's Gloria and Larkley's In Praise of Music. Tickets £12, £10 & £6 from 01584 873788 or tickets@ludlowchoral.org.uk
Information from VIC
01584 875053
St Laurence's Church,
Ludlow, *7.30pm*
- 28th - Garden Fair**
Castle Square, *All day*

JULY

- 2nd - Craft & Country Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 2nd - Housman Anniversary Concert**
Schubert Ensemble & James Gilchrist (Tenor)
St Laurence's Church,
Ludlow, *7.30pm*
- 5th & 19th - Antique & Flea Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 9th - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 11th - Grand Summer Fete**
St Laurence's Church,
Ludlow, *All day*
- 12th - Book & Craft Market**
Castle Square, *10am - 4.30pm*
- 19th - Brass Band Concert**
Dinham Millennium Green, *3pm*
- 22nd, 29th July & 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th August**
Ludlow Castle
Birds of Prey, Have-a-go-Archery, Living History & Guided Tours. Fun for all the Family. Archery *All day*
Flying Displays *12 noon & 3pm*
Guided Tours at *11am, 1.30pm and 4pm*
- 23rd, 30th July & 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August**
Ludlow Castle
An interesting day full of activities for all the family. Guided Tours, Craft Workshops, Painting Competitions and Storytelling
- 23rd - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 26th - Sunday Craft & Country Market**
Castle Square, *All day*

AUGUST

- 1st to 15th - Contemporary Art Festival**
Nationally recognised artists submit works from all over the country, competing for the £1,000 Bitterley Underwriting Prize
Ludlow College, Lower Mill Street, *10am - 4pm*
- 2nd & 16th - Antique & Flea Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 6th & 20th - Craft & Country Market**
Castle Square, *All day*
- 9th - Book & Craft Market**
Castle Square, *10am - 4.30pm*
- 9th - Magnalona**
A leisurely walk through Ludlow's countryside, with stops to enjoy the views and a 5 course lunch of local food and drink. Booking essential, www.foodfestival.co.uk or 01584 873957
- 13th - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 23rd - Charity Market**
Castle Square, *9am - 3pm*
- 27th - Ludlow Local**
Produce Market
Castle Square, *9am - 2pm*
- 29th - Gala Organ Concert**
Simon Preston. Tickets £8
St Laurence's Church,
Ludlow, *4.30pm*
- 30th - Green Fair**
Stalls, street entertainment, talks, displays, children's activities.
Ludlow 21 event
Castle Square, *10am - 4pm*
- 31st - 'Fun Day' & Duck Race**
Dinham Millennium Green, *from 2pm*

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The 2009 Ludlow Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

3rd - Craft & Country Market

Castle Square, All day

6th & 20th - Antique & Flea Market

Castle Square, All day

10th - Ludlow Local Produce Market

Castle Square, 9am - 2pm

11th to 13th - Ludlow Marches Food & Drink Festival

A feast of mouth watering events including competitions, cooking demonstrations, produce market, sausage trail and marquees bursting with the very best regional food and drink producers. Ludlow Castle and various other venues around town. www.foodfestival.co.uk or 01584 873957. Park & Ride

24th - Ludlow Local Produce Market

Castle Square, 9am - 2pm

27th - Book & Craft Market

Castle Square, 10am - 4.30pm

OCTOBER

1st - Craft & Country Market

Castle Square, All day

4th & 18th - Antique & Flea Market

Castle Square, All day

8th - Ludlow Local Produce Market

Castle Square, 9am - 2pm

11th - Book & Craft Market

Castle Square, 10am - 4.30pm

22nd - Ludlow Local Produce Market

Castle Square, 9am - 2pm

24th to 25th - Showing Off Exhibition

Contemporary craft show by Shropshire Guild of Contemporary Craft and Worcester Guild of Designer Craftsmen, Ludlow College. **10am - Sat 5pm/Sun 4pm**

25th - Halloween Market

Castle Square, All day

28th - Ludlow Castle Green Games Day

Games, Have-a-go-Archery, Birds of Prey (with flying displays); Guided Tours. A Fun Family Day Ludlow Castle, **10am - 3pm**

NOVEMBER

1st & 15th - Antique & Flea Market

Castle Square, All day

5th - Craft & Country Market

Castle Square, All day

12th - Ludlow Local Produce Market

Castle Square, 9am - 2pm

21st - Ludlow Choral Society

Haydn's Missa Sancti Nicolai and Britten's St Nicolas. Tickets £12, £10 & £6 from 01584 873788 or tickets@ludlowchoral.org.uk

22nd - Sunday Craft & Country Market

Castle Square, All day

26th - Ludlow Local Produce Market

Castle Square, 9am - 2pm

28th & 29th - Ludlow Medieval Christmas Fayre

All the ingredients of a traditional Christmas in a medieval market with costumed entertainers, musicians and traders. Park & Ride. Evening opening Saturday in the Castle. Ludlow Castle & Market, **10am - 4pm**

28th - Town Christmas Lights Switch-On

Castle Square, 5.30pm

29th - Medieval Market

Castle Square, All day

DECEMBER

3rd - Craft & Country Market

Castle Square, All day

5th - Ludlow Orchestra Concert

St John's Church, Ludlow, 7.30pm

6th & 20th - Antique & Flea Market

Castle Square, All day

10th - Ludlow Local Produce Market

Castle Square, 9am - 2pm

12th - Ludlow Choral Society Christmas Concert

Tickets £12, £10 & £6 from 01584 873788 or tickets@ludlowchoral.org.uk

13th - Christmas Craft & Country Market

Information from VIC 01584 875053

24th - Christmas Eve Market

St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, 7.30pm

Help Stop the Drop!

Ludlow Pride of Place is a group of volunteers that organises regular litterpicks around the town on **Saturday mornings**. Come and join us for an hour or so - just turn up. We gather at the **Town Council Offices** at the Buttercross at 10am. All you need will be provided - litter pickers, high-vis vests and bags.

Litterpick dates: April 25th, May 30th, June 27th, July 25th, August 29th, September 26th, October 31st, November 28th

Call 01584 874759 or 875501 if you have any questions or would like to suggest an area that needs some attention.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Ludlow Castle

A magnificent ruined Castle and fortified royal palace, dating from 1086.

Splendid castle tea room:

01584 878796

Castle:

01584 873355 or www.ludlowcastle.com

Guided Town Tours

Depart at 2.30pm from cannon by castle entrance: Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from 4th April to 31st October and daily during Ludlow Festival and Whit half term week. Call Roger Furniss **01584 874205** for special tours on other dates.

Ludlow also has a museum, leisure centre, many shops, cafes and restaurants.

Travel Bus services provide connections to other parts of Shropshire, Kidderminster, Birmingham and Hereford.

Trains

Ludlow from Cardiff, Crewe, Hereford and Manchester. For Local Travel information telephone: **National Travel Line 08712 002233**

Park and Ride

Ludlow runs a daily (except Sunday) park and ride service that is cheap, fast, frequent and runs from the Eco Park off the A49. Events marked Park and Ride are served by extra buses and the service for these events also runs on Sundays. Follow signs from the main approaches to Ludlow.

More Information

Ludlow Visitor Information Centre 01584 875053

or visit: www.visitsouthshropshire.co.uk

Ludlow Town Council: 01584 878437

or visit: www.ludlow.gov.uk

Useful Contacts

General Markets, Garden Fairs and Craft & Country Markets: 01584 878437

Antique and Flea Markets 01584 890013

Ludlow Local Produce Market www.localtoludlow.org

01584 872043

Medieval Christmas Fayre info@medievalchristmas.co.uk

Ludlow Festival Box Office 01584 872150

Festival Manager 01584 875070

Food and Drink Festival 01584 873957


Marches Transport Festival 01584 873957

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The Best Market is here in Ludlow

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

Throughout the Year

Visit: www.ludlow.org.uk for the most up-to-date events listings - and don't forget to check the Town Council's website at www.ludlow.gov.uk

Council Diary – draft schedule

All meetings, except those of the Accounts Sub-Committee, are held at 7pm at the Bishop Mascall Centre, Lower Galdeford. Accounts Sub-Committee meetings are held at 2pm at the Buttercross. Agendas are posted on the Council noticeboard in Church Street, and you will find agendas and minutes on file in Ludlow Library, and they are available for inspection in the Council's Buttercross offices. You are welcome to attend and to speak at all Council meetings.

Services	Monday 6th April	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Representational	Tuesday 7th April	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Policy & Finance	Monday 20th April	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Accounts Sub	Tuesday 21st April	2.00pm	Buttercross
Council	Monday 27th April	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Representational	Tuesday 28th April	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Services	Monday 11th May	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Policy & Finance	Monday 18th May	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Representational	Tuesday 19th May	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Accounts Sub	Wednesday 20th May	2.00pm	Buttercross
MAYOR MAKING	Wednesday 13th May	7.00pm	Ludlow Assembly Rooms
Representational	Tuesday 9th June	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Accounts Sub	Friday 19th June	2.00pm	Buttercross
Services	Monday 22nd June	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Policy & Finance	Monday 29th June	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Representational	Tuesday 30th June	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Services	Monday 13th July	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Accounts Sub	Friday 17th July	2.00pm	Buttercross
Policy & Finance	Monday 20th July	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Representational	Tuesday 21st July	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre
Council	Monday 27th July	7.00pm	Bishop Mascall Centre

New Town Band is set to form

Volunteers needed – to play instruments and to help generally

Philip Dunne MP, following up on his call last year to re-establish a Ludlow Town Band, recently met with enthusiasts keen to start a new Town Band.

Francis Kilby, who currently plays with Cleobury Mortimer Town Band, is working with Hannah Coleman of Ludlow Town Council, to trace players and instruments from the Ludlow's former Town Band.

Mr Dunne said: "We already have a core group of around a dozen players who want to start playing with a new town band. But they are looking for more members to join to launch a new band with a bang."

Francis Kilby said: "Four of us who currently play with other bands are willing

to form a committee to run the new band – we are hoping to locate some of the old band's instruments and players – so if anyone has any information or ideas do please get in touch."

Hannah Coleman said: "We have already heard from groups who would be keen to support a new Town Band, and engage them to play at various functions – there is clearly a demand for Ludlow to have its own band. The Royal British Legion has already kindly offered a room for practice, and storage of instruments and music."

Mr Dunne added: "Many people agree that Ludlow should be able to manage its own Town Band – sponsorship by local businesses would help make this happen."



Philip Dunne MP joins Francis and Ann Kilby, and Hannah Coleman at Ludlow's Royal British Legion. Interested in helping with a new Town Band? Contact Hannah – phone 01584 878437 or mail assistant@ludlow.gov.uk

Residents' Meeting

7.1% – a look behind the figures

At the Town meeting held at Ludlow Assembly Rooms on 27th January, Ludlow Town Council confirmed that the precept (which sets the share of your Council Tax bill that will be collected by Ludlow Town Council) will increase by 7.1% for the year starting April 2009. This increase on last year's Ludlow Town Council Council Tax will raise an extra £30,000, which has been earmarked to cover repair work.

At the Annual Town Meeting, Councillors gave details of some urgent repair projects including the Buttercross, Castle Gardens and Henley Road Cemetery – for details, see page 3 of this issue. Cumulatively, these projects will cost in the region of £120,000-140,000 to complete, and the Council is hopeful of a positive outcome to funding applications, which have been made to English Heritage and which will be made to other bodies.

Ludlow Town Council's financial records are public documents. The current Annual Return can be found on the Policy & Finance Committee page at www.ludlow.gov.uk, and copies are also available from the Buttercross offices.

At the Town meeting, updates from the Council's Committees were presented and residents were able to put questions to the Town Council. Issues raised included the provision of coach parking in the Square;

the Mayoral charity (currently Age Concern); temporary disabled parking permits; the policy for erecting new and replacement street lights (LTC is currently responsible for 500 street lights in Ludlow); market and town business plan (a copy of the current Town Plan is available on the Toolkit page of the website); dog fouling (free 'poop scoop' bags are available from the Buttercross); and the lack of grocery shops in Ludlow.



Cllr Galtress, Chair of Highways and Parking Advisory Committee, has researched one question that was raised: 'Is it possible to obtain a temporary blue badge for disabled parking?' He

found that the answer is 'at present, one must be permanently disabled to qualify for a blue badge. However, the Department of Transport is reviewing the matter and it is expected that temporary badges will become available fairly soon.'

Cllr Galtress also thought it might be useful to know that 'the blue badge applies to the person, and can therefore be used in any vehicle carrying the badge holder, even a taxi! Further information from Shropshire Council – 0345 678 9000.

Competition Winner

£50 prize goes to Angela Douglas

Cllr Jim Newbold, Mayor of Ludlow, was faced with a very difficult choice judging our photographic competition because all entries were of a high standard and presented interesting perspectives of Ludlow. He felt that the winning entry, which will receive £50 prize money, stood out as a thoughtful and beautiful early morning depiction of Ludlow.



River Steaming Early in the Morning
by Angela Douglas.

Angela said the photo was taken "from Ludford bridge last October on a really chilly Sunday morning. No-one else was

around because no-one else was silly enough to be up at that time, with it being that chilly – just me and some swans.

"This is one of my favourite views in Ludlow; it's a place I always bring my friends to when they come to visit, to show off where I live".



The Mayor felt that two other entries to the competition deserved a special commendation. *Ludlow Castle*, by Graham May (above), and *Blue*, a rooftop view by Ruth Josey.



Thursday 2 April, 11am and 1.30pm

Claytime

A play with clay for the very young, creating characters and stories with the young audience. Interactive theatre at its most engaging. Most suitable for ages 3–6 years £5.50 www.scamptheatre.com.

Friday 3 April, 7.30pm

Northern Chamber Orchestra

A programme of works by Mendelssohn, Mozart, Piazzolla and Walton, with soloist Mark Simpson winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2006. £15/£14.

Saturday 4 April, 7.30pm

Rave On – a tribute to Buddy Holly

A show full of Buddy Holly classics performed by Marc Robinson and the Counterfeit Crickets, plus a tribute to Billy Fury by support act Michael King. £13.50/£12.50

Tuesday 7 – Thursday 16 April

Easter Holiday Fun

Fun things to make and do in the holiday for ages 3 – 11. And don't forget to look out for our children's films in the holidays. Full details on the website, or ask the Box Office.

Saturday 11 April, 3pm and 7.30pm

Cinderella

Classical ballet in two acts to Prokofiev's music with the popular European Ballet. £15/£14 £8.50 children for the matinée only.

Friday 17 April, 7.30pm

BBC Radio 4's Any Questions

A limited number of free tickets will be available from the Box Office on a 'first come, first served' basis. Minimum age 14. No charge.

Saturday 18 April 11.30am & 1.30pm

Rapunzel

Theatre of Widdershins bring inspired puppetry to tell this traditional tale. Suitable for ages 4+ and up to 11 years. £5

Saturday 18 April, 7.30pm

Friends of Ludlow Assembly Rooms present

Heart of England Jazz Band

Return visit by this multi-talented band, playing in the trad and Dixieland style. Cabaret seating, bar and dance floor. £11.

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