# **Ludlow Town Council**

## **Buttercross Bulletin Free Newsletter**

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## Spring 2012 Town Council

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### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May Ludlow Castle

#### Locals Save 50p on Festival Entry

With a fabulous mix of over 60 local food drink producers, live music and classic the Ludlow Spring Festival (May 12-13) something for everyone.

The festival pub is the heart of the weekend with over 140 finely crafted local ales to try. You can also 'Meet the Brewer' at a special preview evening on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 5-9pm when admission is just £2.00.

There's plenty to see and do outside the festival pub too. The region's finest artisan producers will be attending with an abundance of tempting food and drink.

Festival organisers are also putting together a list of cookery demonstrations and workshops, so check the website for up to date details www.ludlowspringfestival.co.uk

And there's the Marches Transport Festival where you can get up close to some of the best classic cars in the UK with over 200 vehicles attending.

As a local resident (SY8) you can get 50p off your ticket price into the castle (excluding 'Meet the Brewer preview). Bring along the advert below with you to the castle gate and we'll deduct 50p off the full adult price with each advert.

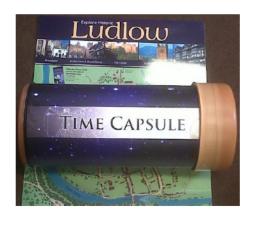
Award Winning Local Authority Market

To book a stall, or for more information, please contact Nadeem Samari on 01584 838 014

www.ludlowmarket.co.uk



Free what's on guide for Ludlow



HELP TO CHOOSE ITEMS FOR THE BUTTERCROSS TIME CAPSULE!

Suggestions, please!

Email townclerk@ludlow.gov.uk with your suggestions





#### FROM THE MAYOR

Much of the hard work at the Town Council behind the scenes is beginning to show with two major projects nearing completion. The new boxing club is taking shape and you may have noticed the new play area at Linney playing fields which will be opened when the grass mounds are more stable. These are important improvements to the facilities in the town for young people.

In February, the budget for next year was approved with no increase to the precept. This is good news for Ludlow and has been made possible by the effective management of our resources and through the success of our market.

We look forward to progressing the Heritage Lottery Fund Bid to enable us to make improvements to the town walls, Castle Gardens, the walks around Ludlow Castle and developing the Buttercross to provide a new interpretation centre.

The Olympic torch passing through the town will be celebrated with a special celebration in the Market Square. Then in early June we will enjoy the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with many events taking place across town. The Council will be supporting street parties and other events residents organise.

We look ahead with eager anticipation to these special events in the summer.

Best wishes, John Aitken, Mayor of Ludlow

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS CATCH-UP - December 2011 Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

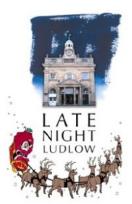


Over 100 guests enjoyed festive cheer at the Town Council's Senior Citizen's Christmas Party at the Harley Centre on 8 December 2011. Many thanks to Ludlow College catering students, led by tutor Sylvia Middleton, who gained valuable 'hands on' catering and serving experience and drama students put on an amusing playlet based on 'Downton Abbey'. The Get Back Duo also performed a medley of great songs from the 50's - 70's

#### Late night Christmas Shopping Market & Pantomime 2011







High winds and seasonally cold weather did not deter some late night Christmas Shoppers who were duly rewarded with a great performance and dance workshops from members of the cast of Cinderella including songs from 'Prince Charming'. Rotary Club members catered to keep out the cold with mulled wine. There was also a children's fairground ride and Santa in his grotto with free presents.



#### Christmas Lights Switch-On

Cheer leaders from Fuzion Dance (far right) helped Cllr John Aitken (left) lead the countdown to switch on Ludlow's lights. Later the same evening, John Challis switched on the Tree of Light in the Garden of Light.





LUDLOW" TWINNING

**Ludlow French Town Twinning Association** has been twinned with La Ferté-Macé in Normandy since 1986, when a group of intrepid pioneers from Ludlow ventured across the Channel to make contact. From those initial steps the twinning associations of Ludlow and La Ferté-Macé have worked closely to build lasting bonds of friendship, organise regular visits and develop common aims. These aims are supported by the towns' respective local authorities and include economic cooperation, school exchanges, cultural events, social and family exchanges, and sporting activities.

2012 is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the twinning and will be celebrated in Ludlow when members of La Ferté-Macé Twinning Group visit from **Thursday 17**<sup>th</sup> **to Sunday 20**<sup>th</sup> **May 2012** 



### Saturday 2nd - Tuesday 5th June 2012

Ludlow's Diamond Jubilee Committee chaired by Alan Poulton with Vice Chair Jenny Vaughan and a dedicated team are planning fun & festivities for all!

Look out for more detailed information in local press ...

funded by



Castle Square
JUBILEE MARKET

St Laurence's Church FLOWER FESTIVAL

Ludlow Assembly Rooms LUDLOW IN TAPESTRY By Jack Andow

Harley Centre Ludlow College CRAFT FAIR

Ludlow Mascall Centre Past – Present – Future

## Castle Square & Gardens STREET ENTERTAINMENT

Sunshine Radio Big Bus Kicking Alice Appalachian Dancers Ludlow Waites Medieval Musicians Apple Tree Theatre - Punch & Judy St Laurence's Church DIAMOND JUBILEE PROM CONCERT

Castle Square
ANTIQUE & COLLECTORS FAIR

St Laurence's Church
CIVIC SERVICE & PARADE

Ludlow Mascall Centre 1950's THEMED DINNER

Rockspring Centre
THE BIG LUNCH & STREET
PARTY

**SCOUTS & GUIDES FUNDAY** 

Ludlow Mascall Centre
CONSERVATION
Demonstrations, Talks. Films,
& interactive workshops
with Colin Richards & Glynn Barratt

Dinham Millennium Green
MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT BRASS BAND
followed by
"GRAND DIAMOND JUBILEE STAKES"
DUCK RACE

#### NATIONAL BEACON & FIREWORKS

Ludlow Assembly Rooms
SENIOR CITIZENS "GARDEN PARTY"

Castle Gardens
CHILDRENS PICNIC PARTY



Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2nd - 5th June 2012

OLYMPIC ORCH RELAY
is coming to Ludlow
24 May 2012

Join the celebrations at the Olympiad Market

Ludlow's vibrant Olympiad Market will showcase every aspect of this great market including crafts, jewellery books, collectables, clothing, household goods & local food.

Plans include magicians, dancers, banners designed by Ludlow's school children, a civic reception, Ludlow Concert Band and other street entertainers to create a street party atmosphere to celebrate the day the torch comes to Ludlow on its way to London

FAIR
Thurs 3 May –
Mon 7 May
2012

Annual fun fair in the centre of Ludlow





Watch out for more info at www.ludlowmarket.co.uk

#### Ludlow San Pietro Italian Twinning Association

Ludlow formally twinned with San Pietro in Cariano in April 1992. The two towns are quite different in some ways - San Pietro is a collection of five villages, San Pietro being the biggest, there are also similarities such as the size of populations in predominantly agricultural/rural communities. San Pietro is in the heart of the wine-growing region of Valpolicella. Each year wine and artisan food producers attend Ludlow Food Festival.

2012 is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the twinning and members of the Ludlow twining association will travel to San Pietro at the end of April to celebrate during their wine festival.



### **LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL**

### Staff



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## Councillors (full contact details on back page)



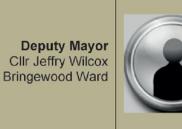
Mayor Of Ludlow Cllr John Aitken Corve Ward



Cllr Jennifer Leyton-Purrier Gallows Bank Ward



Cllr Vivienne Parry Corve Ward



Vacancy Whitcliffe Ward This could be you



Cllr Graeme Perks Gallows Bank Ward



Cllr Linda Callender Bringewood Ward



Cllr Susan McCormack Gallows Bank Ward



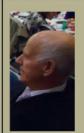
Cllr Mandy Phillips Clee View Ward



**Cllr Derek Davies** Clee View Ward



Vacancy Rockspring Ward This could be you



Cllr Tony Pound Rockspring Ward



Cllr Phil Hunt Hayton Ward



Cllr Jim Newbold Hayton Ward



Cllr Jim Smithers Whittcliffe Ward



From left to right Supervisor Sean Turgoose sean.turgoose@ludlow.gov.uk

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Assistant Groundsperson Daniel Richards

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Sidney Brown

Tree Consultant Peter Norman

Ludlow is represented by 15 Councillrs respresenting seven wards and

collectively making decisions that effect all the residents of Ludlow

Find out more about being a Councillor ... www.ludlow.gov.uk



In 2013, there will be an election for 15 new councillors to represent Ludlow.

For more details check out the current news page at: www.ludlow.gov.uk

## Committee Membership

### **Policy & Finance Committee**

#### is responsible for:

Strategic Planning; budget strategy; preparing and monitoring a business plan covering a minimum of 3 years; reviewing and monitoring the effectiveness of all Council operations; performance management systems; overseeing the process of service reviews; drafting annual capital and revenue estimates for presentation to Council; overview of the Council's finances; asset management; and crisis management

Chairman - Cllr McCormack Vice Chairman - Cllr Smithers

#### Members

Cllrs Aitken, Davies, Leyton-Purrier, Newbold, Parry, Phillips, Pound &

## **Representational Committee**

#### is responsible for:

Commenting on all matters upon which it is consulted by external bodies including planning applications, traffic regulation orders and other highway and parking matters as well as health, educational, environmental, spatial planning and policing issues in accordance with established Council policies.; participating in Local Area Agreements; and awarding Project Support Grants

Chairman - Cllr Wilcox

Vice Chairman - Cllr Smithers

#### Members

Cllrs Aitken, Callender, Davies, Hunt, Leyton-Purrier, McCormack &

### Services Committee

#### is responsible for:

All matters relating to the day to day operation of Council services including the market, street trading, public toilets, open spaces, children's play areas, Henley Road cemetery, town centre floral displays, market street lighting and street furniture and properties including the Buttercross and the Guildhall as well as other amenity areas in accordance with established Council policies; presenting annual estimates of expenditure in respect of its responsibilities to Policy and Finance Committee

Chairman - Cllr Parry Vice Chairman - Cllr Hunt

#### Members

Cllrs Callender, Davies, Newbold, Perks, Phillips, Pound & Smithers

The Council also has Sub-Committees including Twinning, Markets; and Working Groups for Communications, Christmas Lights, Civic Events, Town Plan, Mayfair, Street Trading and Staffing & Appeals



## PROJECTS Linney Riverside Park







Above: Friends of Linney Riverside Park receiving celebratory champagne from Cllr John Aitken, Mayor of Ludlow (right)

The transformation of the Linney began with vital work to stabilize the bank. Ludlow Town Council worked with the Environment Agency to create a scheme of works to preserve the flood plain eco system. A floating jetty was also installed to enable canoeist to access the river, and create an option for a boating franchise on the River Teme.

Ludlow Town Council has received £32,000 from Shropshire Council towards the £134,000 project and £50,000 towards the play equipment through a partnership with the Friends of Linney Riverside Park. The project will also include improvements to the car park and installation of a pathway.

**Opening event** on Friday 30 March a commemorative plaque will be unveiled by MP Philip Dunne and Mayor of Ludlow, Cllr John Aitken. Followed by a 'Party in the Park' opening day on Saturday 31 March organised by the Friends of Linney Riverside Park – see local press for full details

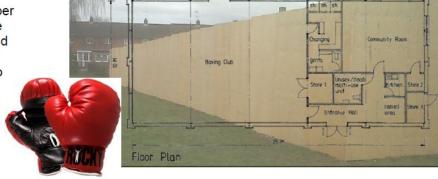


#### Ludlow Boxing Club

The old boxing club was demolished on 16 December 2011 and the site was cleared the same day. Since then the temporary safety fencing has been replaced with boarding ready for the construction of the new portal steel frame Boxing Club, which is expected to begin in March.

In the meantime, the Boxing Club is meeting every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Rockspring Centre, Ludlow





The floor plan indicates the large 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.

Ludlow Town Council is working with Shropshire Housing Association (SHA) and Total Response, who are the 'principle contractors' and without them the project would never have been completed. Colin Richards, Head of Historic Environment at Shropshire Council has agreed to be the project manager and will be seconded to SHA for the period of the build.

#### Narbeth Twinning Association

In the wider scheme of things it's relatively easy to visit Narberth in Pembrokeshire from Ludlow and vice versa. Formal connections have been developing since 2003 when the town's food festivals began forging links and resulted in formal twinning in 2005 with ceremonies in both towns.

Sharing and developing, especially young people's culinary skills, is an important ongoing process at Ludlow Food Festival in September and at Narbeth Food Festival.

Last year, Andy Thomas a former winner of Skillbuilders young chef supported Narberth's first ever young chef awards, and in March, one of Narbeth's young chefs will be spending time working in Ludlow's fine restaurants.



Ludlow's Skillbuilders young Chef Award was set up 10 years ago and Narberth's first award was presented last year.

#### LUDLOW GREENER TRAVEL UPDATE

Ludlow is one of three Shropshire towns to benefit from funding to encourage more local journeys on foot, by cycle, public transport and community transport, or greener car options

#### **EMERGING INITIATIVES IN 2012**

Ludlow Car Club - a 'pay as you go' transport option for those without a car or who want to do away with a second car. Check local press for the Ludlow Car Club Survey coming soon

The Community Walk and Cycle Audit in January gave ideas for improvements to walking and cycling routes and the second edition of a Ludlow Walking and Cycling Map will be available soon

A brand new website www.travelshropshire.co.uk will be launched in April

**Cycle Parking** - A number of new sites have been suggested by the Town Council and businesses. If you would like some free cycle stands or racks for your business or community group, please contact us

Adult Cycle Training - One to one cycle training with a qualified instructor. First session is free. Contact Ray for details.

We will shortly be asking for your thoughts on getting to work in Ludlow by **public transport** and a potential new **Community Transport** scheme

JOIN THE FUN AND LEARN MORE:



Smoothie Bike - Thursday 8 March, 10am at the Ludlow Market.

A free 'Dr Bike' - Thursday 12 April 9.30 -10.30am - safety checks at Ludlow market.

Easter Family Cycle Ride Thursday 12 April, leaving at 10.30am from Ludlow market following the lovely Lady Halton Loop.

Want to find out more? Contact Ray Hughes, Travel Shropshire Manager Tel 01743 253063 <a href="mailto:ray.hughes@shropshire.gov.uk">ray.hughes@shropshire.gov.uk</a>

#### LUDLOW YOUTH MATTERS

## SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM T: 01584 874 922 Rockspring Centre, Sandford Road, Ludlow SY8 1SX



Term Time activities
Youth Club every Tuesday



Drop in session / advice and guidance: age 16 to 25 - 2.30-3.30pm

Home work Club 3.30 - 4.30 pm Junior Youth Club ages 9 to12: 4.30-6.00 pm Senior Youth Club ages 12 to16: 6.00-7.00 pm



Sessions include activities, games, pool table, I.T Suite, cooking, X box, arts and crafts

• SSYF is working with the senior youth club to investigate improvements to the BMX track on Gallows Bank.

#### **LUDLOW YOUTH CENTRE**

Lower Galdeford 01584 874723 or 873725 www.shropshireyouth.com



Open Mon to Fri (except Wed)

Facilities include: coffee bar; pool tables, computers & internet, playstation, plasma tv, games, craft and cooking resources, well equipped band practice room with DJ decks. Designated space outside to skateboard, bmx or just chill.

Activities include: homework groups, open youth club evenings for juniors up to age 16.

#### YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER'S VIEW OF LUDLOW

Grayce is a talented young photographer commissioned by Ludlow Town Council to record Remembrance Sunday







Hi, I'm Grayce Dickinson that's me on the right and I currently live at Ludlow Foyer. I was brought up in South East London until I was fifteen years old and I loved the joys of City life. I also have family and friends that live in Kidderminster. Ludlow was a complete culture shock, but since I've been here I've had the chance to follow my ambitions as a photographer and a film maker.

In November, I worked with Ludlow Town Council taking photos of Remembrance Sunday and I've made a short video about the Foyer. I'm always looking for new opportunities. As I don't have my own transport I'm very aware of the public transport problems in Ludlow, so if anyone reading this can help to make things better – that would be great! www.ludlowfoyer.co.uk



## **Contacting Your Councillor**

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Vacancy Whitcliffe Ward

Vacancy Rockspring Ward

COMMITTEE	MONTH	TIME
*Services	Monday 5 March	7pm
*Representational	Tuesday 6 March	7pm
*Policy & Finance	Monday 12 March	7pm
Council	Monday 19 March	7pm
Council	Monday 2 April	7pm
*Representational	Tuesday 10 April	7pm
*Services	Monday 16 April	7pm
*Policy & Finance	Monday 23 April	7pm
*Representational	Tuesday 8 May	7pm

#### Venues for Meetings

Council meetings are held at Ludlow
Conference Centre, Ludlow SY8 1RZ
\*Committee meetings are held at The Stable
Block Meeting Room SY8 1DG

Community Groups Rehearsal / Meeting Room Scout HQ, Station Drive

Day, Eve and W/E

Rates: £6/hr: 4 hrs/£22: 8 hrs/£44 (inclusive)

(Premises are not licensed)

Christine Hatt: 01584 872757(before 9pm)

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Annual Town Meeting – Wed 2 May, 7pm at Oscar's, Ludlow Assembly Rooms
Annual General Meeting Wed 9 May, 7pm at Ludlow Conference Centre
Mayor Making – Wed 23 May, 7pm - Ludlow Assembly Rooms
Mayor's Sunday 3 June, St Laurence's Church, Ludlow