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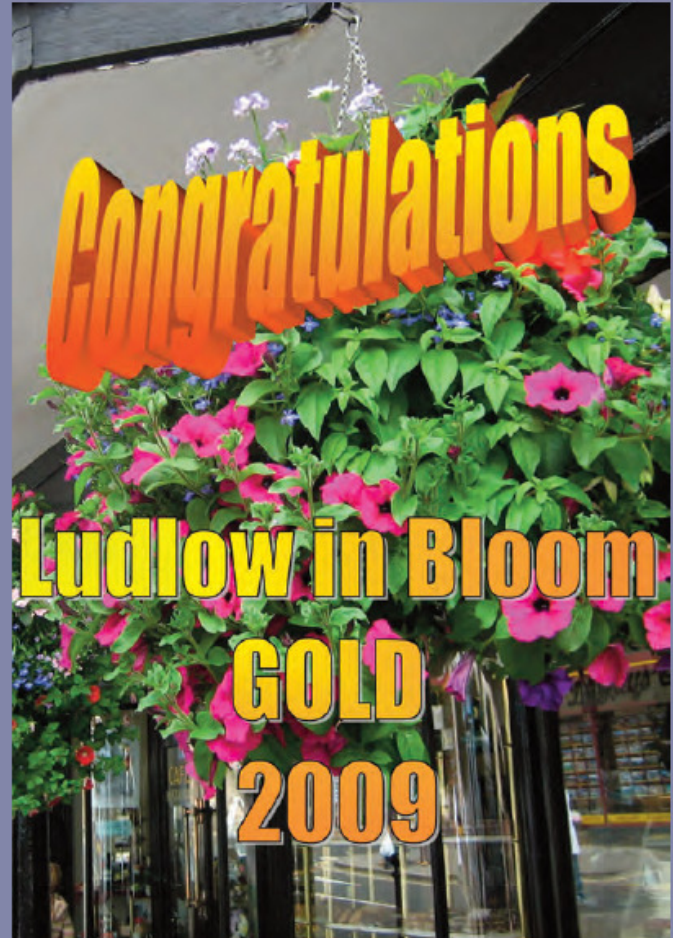


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Mayor's Welcome

Welcome to the third issue of the Buttercross Bulletin and my first as Mayor of Ludlow. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute Cllr Graeme Kidd, who worked tirelessly for the benefit of Ludlow. Much of his spare time was devoted to the promotion of Ludlow, particularly projects associated with the Ludlow Marches Festival of Food & Drink, Cittaslow, and Slow Food. In addition he was directly involved in the successful production of the first two issues of the Buttercross Bulletin. Chair of the Newsletter and Website working Group, Cllr Amanda Pope said, "Graeme gladly offered his professional expertise to help us". Everyone at Ludlow Town Council will miss his energy and kindness.

At our annual meeting we acknowledged the need for our Council to engage more effectively with local residents and businesses. This will include updating the 'Town Development Plan' and progress over the next year with major improvements to the Buttercross, Market, Castle Gardens and a funding application for the Linney. We will also be focused on achieving 'Quality Council' status.

As part of my Mayoral duties, I am delighted to nominate the local charity, Working Together as my charity for the year. This excellent voluntary organisation, which provides support, training, work opportunities and recreational activities for people with learning disabilities, is based in Fish Street, Ludlow. The 'Working Together Tea Dance' fund-raiser held on Sunday 19th July at Ludlow Castle was a great success, raising over £1,300.

Very best wishes,
Cllr Martin Taylor-Smith,
Mayor of Ludlow

TRIBUTE TO COUNCILLOR GRAEME KIDD



Ludlow Town Council was deeply saddened by the sudden death of Graeme, who was a former Mayor of Ludlow and actively involved in many aspects of Ludlow life.

Mayor Cllr Martin Taylor-Smith said, "Graeme was a good friend and someone who did a great deal for Ludlow. His death is a great shock and he will be sadly missed"

TRIBUTE TO DAVID LLOYD



Ludlow Town Councillors were deeply saddened to hear of the unexpected death of celebrated historian, and former mayor, David Lloyd MBE.

His wonderful knowledge and enthusiasm will be greatly missed by all in Ludlow.

Councillors are currently considering appropriate memorials to commemorate the individual work and achievements of both former mayors.

NEW TOWN CLERK

The recent appointment of new staff members (more p.3) heralds positive changes for the Town Council.

In May, Councillors and staff welcomed Veronica Calderbank as Town Clerk. Ms Calderbank, who was formerly the Monitoring Officer at Shropshire District Council, said "I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with Councillors and help them achieve some key improvements for the benefit of everyone in Ludlow."

Ludlow Town Council is looking to the future and will work to strengthen its links with the community and focus on achieving the best for Ludlow.

NEW COUNCILLORS

In May, Councillor Susan McCormack and Councillor Roma Jackson joined the Council and in June, former South Shropshire District Councillor, Viv Parry became a Town Councillor. All councillors and staff would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members.

Councillor S J McCormack, Gallows Bank Ward

"I am happy to return to Ludlow TC, to work with others who have a vision for Ludlow, to ensure that residents' council tax is wisely used to provide real value and services to residents, while promoting tourism, business opportunity and the market, which create prosperity for us all."

Councillor R Jackson, Whitcliff Ward

"I feel I have been privileged to live here and, soon to retire, I will have time to give something back. I believe the town's heritage must be celebrated and treasured, but the welfare of the community – every resident no matter what age or ability, creed or culture – truly defines the health of the town"

Councillor Vivian Parry, Corve Ward

Viv is a very experienced and popular Councillor, who has a proven track record of working for the benefit of Ludlow. Viv is holding monthly Corve ward surgeries with fellow Corve ward Councillor John Aitken - details are available at www.ludlow.gov.uk.

Full councillor contact details available on the back page

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2009 Projects Update

Buttercross

Town Council has appointed Nick Joyce Architects and a building contractor for the urgent repairs to the Buttercross cupola.

Renovation work on the Grade I Listed Buttercross is expected to cost in excess of £70,000. The Town Council has received a £25,000 grant from English Heritage and will apply to other funding sources; the remaining monies will be provided by

Town Council. The project is expected to take until next year to complete.

The Buttercross 'covered market place' will be painted during the refurbishment work and painting will be phased around essential scaffolding and works.

A celebrated landmark, the Buttercross is said to have been constructed in 1743, during the reign of George II, for the sum of £1,000.



Castle Gardens



Ludlow Town Council is scoping an imaginative project in conjunction with Lord Powis to enhance Castle Gardens and various walks around the Castle. This will entail repairs and improvements to the general layout and include the fountain and cannon, as well as, hopefully providing an area for the town band to



perform.

Colin Richards MBE, Head of Historic Environment for Shropshire Council and his expert team, which includes arboriculturalists, have been advising on many aspects of this project including the best species should the trees in Castle Gardens be replaced.



The fountain in Castle Gardens was presented to the Ludlow by George Woodhouse, prominent businessman and former Mayor, in 1908.

Ludlow Market making positive changes

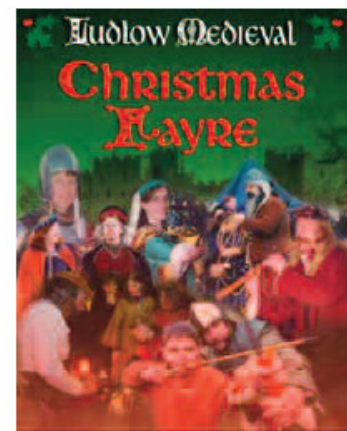


NEW MARKET OFFICER

At the end of July, Town Council ratified the appointment of Market & Project Officer Christopher Bayliss. Chris will manage day to day running of market and work with Councillors, the Town Clerk and traders to promote Ludlow Market for the benefit of all.

REFURBISHMENT OF STALLS

will take place in time for Ludlow Medieval Fayre, and be supported by a LIGHTS FOR LUDLOW advertising campaign promoting the market, the Christmas Lights Switch-On, which will take place at 5pm on 28th November 2009, and the Medieval Fayre in Ludlow Castle and Market Square on 28 – 29 November 2009



2009 ADDITIONAL PROJECTS UPDATE - HENLEY ROAD CEMETERY



Drainage work along the lowest part of the cemetery has been completed, and Town Council has commissioned a test dig to assess when the land will be ready for burials.

Further works will include repairs and improvements to the Chapel; improvements to toilet facilities, including disabled access, and repairs to pathways.

As requested at the Annual Town Meeting, the cemetery extension will be progressed this year.

Ludlow In Bloom Judge's Visit Blooming Marvelous!



Ludlow in Bloom Committee with the judges

Heart of England Judges arrived in Ludlow on Tuesday July 7, and began their busy day with a presentation at Ludlow library. After this, they enjoyed a tour of Ludlow in a vintage car owned by Jonathan Wood. The judges then attended a lunch at Palmer's Hall, Mill Street where they were able to meet and talk to Ludlow residents.

In his speech, Heart of England Judge, Les Goodman thanked members of Ludlow in Bloom committee for their hard work and hospitality – and suggested that everyone would be happy in the end! Heart of England will give their decision on Ludlow in Bloom 2009 in September.



Cllr Jim Smithers and Mayor Martin Taylor-Smith



Old Street, Ludlow

WORKING TOGETHER TEA DANCE 19TH JULY 2009

Mayor of Ludlow, Cllr Martin Taylor-Smith and Mayoress Rosanna Taylor-Smith were delighted with the successful event. The Mayor and Mayoress of Shrewsbury and Kidderminster were in attendance with the Mayoress of Hereford and her consort, who are photographed with Thomas Geuter (centre front) from Working Together. The leader of Shropshire Council Keith Barrow was also in attendance with his wife Cllr Joyce Barrow.

The event was held in the Beacon Rooms at Ludlow Castle. Music was played by Bill 'the Piano Man' Holzinger, who had flown in from America to attend the wedding of Lucy Taylor-Smith to James Barrow the day before, and delighted dancers with a wide repertoire.

Over a hundred tickets were sold and due to the kind donations of raffle prizes from generous retailers (and a well-known Inn Keeper) the raffle was a great success.

A good time everyone was had by all enjoying the many delicious homemade cakes and tea prepared by members of Working Together. All in all, with bar sales and cakes, in excess of £1,300 was raised for Working Together.

Working Together Website:
[http://www.working-](http://www.working-together.me.uk/html/home.html)

[together.me.uk/html/home.html](http://www.working-together.me.uk/html/home.html)



CORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2009 /10

Committee membership changes at the beginning of the Civic Year in May

Committees	Chair	Vice-Chair	Members
Full Council	Cllr Taylor-Smith	Cllr Davies	All Councillors
Policy & Finance Committee	Cllr Taylor-Smith	Cllr Pope	Cllrs Aitken, Davies, Glaze, McCormack, Mitchell, Newbold, Pound & Wilcox
Services Committee	Cllr Pound	Cllr Newbold	Cllrs Callender, Davies, Glaze, Hunt, Parry, Pope, Smithers & Taylor-Smith
Representational Committee	Cllr Wilcox	Cllr Hunt	Cllrs Aitken, Callender, Jackson, McCormack, Parry & Smithers
Accounts Sub-Committee	Cllr Pope	Cllr Mitchell	Cllrs Davies, Glaze & Newbold

PUBLIC MEETINGS

more info at www.ludlow.gov.uk (free computer access @ library)

Most of our meetings are open to the public, although as is usual, staffing and financially sensitive matters are discussed in closed session.

Ludlow Town Council holds evening Council and Committee meetings at Ludlow Conference Centre (LCC) (formerly Bishop Mascal Centre) at Lower Galdeford, Ludlow for public and disabled accessibility. Accounts Sub-Committee meetings are held at the Buttercross (BX).

COMMITTEE	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Representational	Tuesday 11th August 2009	7.00pm	LCC
Accounts Sub	Wednesday 19th August 2009	2.00pm	BX
Representational	Tuesday 1st September 2009	7.00pm	LCC
Services	Monday 7th September 2009	2.00pm	LCC
Policy & Finance	Monday 14th September 2009	7.00pm	LCC
Accounts Sub	Friday 18th September 2009	7.00pm	BX
Representational	Tuesday 22nd September 2009	7.00pm	LCC
Council*	Monday 28th September 2009	7.00pm	LCC
Representational	Tuesday 13th October 2009	7.00pm	LCC
Services	Monday 19th October 2009	7.00pm	LCC
Accounts Sub	Tuesday 20th October 2009	2.00pm	BX
Policy & Finance	Monday 26th October 2009	7.00pm	LCC

*This meeting will feature an extended half hour public question session

NEW COMMITTEES

Ludlow Town Council has recently (re)established the following Sub-Committees:

MAYFAIR SUB-COMMITTEE

A public meeting was held on 5th August 2009 to discuss future developments in terms of footprint, type of rides and costs. A further meeting of interested parties will be held in October.

LUDLOW TOWN DEVELOPMENT

SUB-COMMITTEE

In partnership with other community organizations, Councillors will develop a multifaceted Town Plan for Ludlow looking forward to 2010 - 2015 (the current plan, which covers the period 2004 - 2009 can be downloaded from the bottom of the 'toolkit' page) <http://www.ludlow.gov.uk/Contents/Text/Index.asp?SiteId=817&SiteExtra=1562671&TopNavId=825&NavSideId=13324>

MARKET SUB-COMMITTEE

This sub-committee has been re-established at the request of Ludlow market traders and will meet quarterly, supported by monthly trader meetings with the Market Manager.

LUDLOW CIVIC EVENTS MAYOR'S SUNDAY

celebrating the Mayoral Year 2008/09...

Mayor's Sunday is an annual service with invited civic guests and dignitaries joining the congregation at Laurence's Church, Ludlow. It is traditionally held on the second Sunday in May. This year, with great regret, temporary ill health prevented Cllr Jim Newbold from attending the service on 10th May. Jim, his wife Shirley and consort Cllr Glaze worked very hard all year to raise nearly £2,000 for his mayoral charity Age Concern, to whom the Mayor's service was dedicated. Age Concern's Chief executive, Heather Osborne was invited to address the congregation and talk about the work of the volunteers, who help to make life better for older people in Ludlow and Shropshire.

After the service, a parade of youth organisations including the Army Cadets and Ludlow 2nd Brownies joined the Royal British Legions Women's section standard bearers, and the salute taken by the Deputy Mayor Cllr Derek Davies.



Mayor Cllr J Newbold & Consort Cllr M Glaze (pictured in November 08)



RBL Women & Parade Marshall



Deputy Mayor Derek Davies preparing to take the salute

MAYOR MAKING for Mayoral Year 2009/10

This year there were only three days between the Mayor's Sunday and Mayor Making at Ludlow Assembly Rooms on 13th May. Mayor Making is an official Council meeting, as well as, a civic event for the appointment of the new Mayor. Outgoing Mayor Cllr Jim Newbold, although still in great pain, was determined to participate, so with the help of his wife Shirley and other Councillors he was able to introduced the evening and presented a cheque for £1,924.00 to Heather Osborne, Chief Executive of Age Concern.



CIVIC AWARD

On behalf of Ludlow Town Council, Mayor Martin Taylor-Smith presented a Certificate of Civic Merit to PC Tony Sewell.

Tony received with the Civic Award in acknowledgement of his dedicated and excellent service to the community of Ludlow. Ludlow Town Council recognised his many achievements as a police officer and a youth leader, who has been instrumental to the well-being of the community, gaining the respect of young adults and older residents.



COMMUNITY GRANTS 2008 / 09

In 2008/09, Ludlow Town Council awarded capital funding totaling nearly £16,000, which included funding for Ludlow Assembly Rooms and Ludlow Festival.

PROJECT SUPPORT GRANTS 2008 / 09

In addition to capital funding, Representational Committee awarded six Project Support grants to local organizations from a pot of funds totaling £1,500.

Successful Applications for Project Support Grants in 2008/09:

St Laurence's Conservation Trust
To support the repair and renovation of the Chimes of St Laurence's Church

Teme Weir Trust
To support the costs of maintenance



Ludlow Choral Society
To support the 'In Praise of Music' project

Ludlow Amateur Dramatic Society
In support of Cinderella pantomime production

Marches District Girlguides
To support the 2010 Centenary Celebrations



Ludlow & District Riding for the Disabled
To support their aim of giving 'the opportunity to ride a horse to any disabled person who might benefit in terms of good health and well-being'

Ludlow College
Donated the 'Ludlow Town Council Prize for Citizenship

PROJECT SUPPORT GRANTS 2009/10

Representational Committee is able to consider funding applications for up to £200 from a total fund of £1,600 available to help local organisations.

Applicants will need grant criteria and application forms, which are available from the 'Services We Provide' Section at www.ludlow.gov.uk, or collect in person from the Buttercross offices 9:30 and 4pm Mon – Fri.



On 25th July 2009, Ludlow Mayor Martin Taylor-Smith launched the first Marches Youth Festival Ludlow Town Council's Wheeler Road Skate Park. The one day free festival was a great success, which as youth festival co-ordinator, Jaelith Mahoney said, "pressed the fun buttons of tots to 20s."

Approx. 2,000 young people enjoyed an exciting programme that included a spectacular inflatable whale guarded by a noisy fishwife, who led brave landlubbers into the belly of the whale to hear the fishy tales of a shipwrecked pirate and treasure-hoarding mermaid. There was a very popular skater competition and walkabout street performers helped the festival lived up to its promise as a superb event - the first of its kind in South Shropshire. In the huge igloo, festivities continued into the evening with bands playing surrounded by 360° projected animations.

During the day, younger tots were entertained with various activities in the craft tent and there was even a community project reenactment of the Battle of Trafalgar! The Youth Forum Talk Bus was

a strong presence with the goodies on offer as well as advice and youth leaders from the Ludlow

Youth Centre. The event was sponsored by the Ludlow Assembly Rooms and Ludlow Town Council, along with many other Ludlow based businesses. Decorations were borrowed from Sheep Music

Festival and Giant Puppets from Bishops Castle workshops.



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