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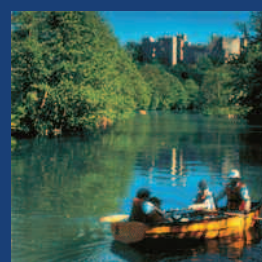
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MAYOR'S WELCOME

A warm welcome to the fifth issue of the Buttercross Bulletin.

I'm pleased to say that Councillors have agreed the budget for the forthcoming financial year, and delighted to say, there will be no increase in the precept, which means Ludlow Town Council will not be increasing Council Tax in 2010/11.

We shall, of course, be continuing with our scheduled projects at the Buttercross, The Linney, Castle Gardens and Henley Road Cemetery. Ludlow Town Council is leading the initiative, and arranging meetings with partner organisations, to develop a new Town Plan 2015. We need your views and ideas on how you would like Ludlow to develop in the future. Please let us know what you think! Consultation meeting dates and contact details are on p.3. Very best wishes to you all, Martin Taylor-Smith Mayor of Ludlow

COMMUNITY POLICING



Ludlow Town Council welcomes newly appointed PC Dan Wood, who as it turns out is no stranger to Ludlow. "I was posted to Ludlow in April 2007 so I have got to know the town and its people pretty well. It's a lovely part of the country in which to live and work. I will be closely involved in combatting anti-social behaviour. I am very keen to build on the foundation laid by PC Sewell in developing partnership and youth diversionary work, particularly with schools."

PC Wood is a member of the Ludlow police team, lead by Inspector Mackaill and Sergeant Preece, and works closely with PC Sara Perry and CSO Siobhan Wrigley, who are all committed to working with the community, listening to people's concerns and working to resolve them.

Ludlow's police team recognises that effective policing is about getting information into the community. They support Shropshire Community Messaging www.safer-shropshire.org, which is a computerised communication system run by Shropshire Division of West Mercia Police. It offers local residents, neighbourhood watch co-ordinators, businesses, farms, schools and partnerships information and alerts about crimes, incidents and events in their local area. For more info contact Dave Riley on 01743 237499.

PUBLIC MEETING

On 21st April 2010 at Harley Centre, Ludlow College from 4pm, Shropshire Council Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD are holding an Issues and Options Consultation Event - have your say on where development should take place in Shropshire.

LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL'S SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009



Festive fun, games and afternoon tea were enjoyed by one hundred guests, who were greeted with a festive glass of sherry & port at Ludlow Assembly Rooms in December.

Santa was on hand to reward the fantastic choir from St Laurence's School, Ludlow (pictured above) with sugar mice.

Local businesses had donated masses of prizes for the free raffle, and prizes for a line and house in free bingo; which was followed by a fun sing-a-long led by Cllrs Parry & Smithers.

Santa made sure that everyone, young and old, left with a goody bag and a smile.

Councillors and staff were delighted that the event was a success, and invite you to look out for 2010 invitations in November's local papers and Buttercross Bulletin.



LUDLOW HOSPITAL CONSULTATION

Following Shropshire Council's Local Joint Committee public meeting 2nd March, there will be a further presentation at Full Council meeting at 7pm on Monday 15th March at Ludlow Conference Centre.

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LUDLOW FUTURE

We need your views to help shape Ludlow's Town Plan

In consultation with local organisations & residents, Ludlow Town Council wrote a Town Plan 2004-2009. We are now looking at what has been achieved and what needs to be done over the next 5 years to 2015, so we need the views of local residents & organisations. We will be writing to all schools and holding public meetings in order for you to see what has been suggested already and for you to add your own suggestions.

There are some projects, which have already been identified, such as improvements to Linney playing field area, and also to the Castle Gardens and walks. We need your help - point us in the direction of what you would like us to do - to create a Linney Riverside Park and to recreate the environment you would like to see in Castle Gardens and surrounding walks. After completing these plans, the Town Council will be able to consider

others. What would you like us to do?

Our new 'Ludlow Future' Plan is important as all local Parish & Town Councils are working on their plans, which Shropshire Unitary Council will use to form their Local Joint Committee plan for the area. Many things, which you might like to happen in Ludlow, are outside the power of the Town Council, but we can work to encourage other Councils or organisations to carry them out. For example, changing speed limits, providing more affordable homes, providing a coach & bus interchange near the station, etc. We can promote these ideas and support other organisations. Ludlow Town Council needs to know what major projects you favour, so that we can lobby for them on your behalf.

We shall be holding meetings with organisations and residents over the next few weeks, and you should watch the local

press, the Town Council's newsletter, the Buttercross Bulletin and www.ludlow.gov.uk for more information. The first meeting will be for local organisations on 4th March 2010.

If you have ideas that you would like to have included in the discussion you can either:

- 1) Write to the working group chairman, Councillor Susan McCormack with your ideas
- 2) Send your name address/email address and ask to be informed about public meetings times and dates.
- 3) Attend one of the information points / meetings - dates and venues listed below (there may be others)

Contact: Councillor McCormack, Ludlow Town Council, Stable Block, Stone House, Corve St., Ludlow, SY8 1DG
email: reception@ludlow.gov.uk

CONSULTATION & INFORMATION POINT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	TYPE OF CONSULTATION	VENUE	TIME
Saturday 20th March 2010	Information Point	Ludlow Market	10am-1pm
Thursday 8th April 2010	Meeting	Rockspring Centre	7pm
Tuesday 13 April 2010	Meeting	Harley Centre	7pm
Wednesday 21 April 2010	Meeting	Ludlow School	7pm

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TOWN CLERK'S PROJECT UPDATE

I am delighted with the way all Ludlow Town Council's projects are progressing, and I'm looking forward to hearing your views on the Linney Riverside Park consultation. The Buttercross is about to enter its second phase of renovation, which will include extensive works to the cupola. Unfortunately, the current scaffolding used for light inspection work will need to be removed, and replaced with scaffolding strong enough to allow the cupola to be lifted, and repositioned for the renovation work to take place. We will keep you informed and ask for your views as projects develop and we are keen for you to share your views with us.

Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk

YOUTH FOCUS SKATEBOARD & BMX TRAINING SESSIONS

Ludlow Town Council will be running a series of Skateboard, and later BMX workshops, at Wheeler Road Skate Park. From April, there will be Sunday sessions for boys and girls of all ages, with more sessions planned for the Summer holidays. Trained first aider at all sessions. Watch local press and www.ludlow.gov.uk for more details.



CONSULTATION ON LINNEY RIVERSIDE PARK

We are currently in the process of redeveloping the amenity area at Linney Riverside Park and have recently completed a feasibility study into what is possible at the site. Based on previous public consultations we have identified a number of priorities at the site and these have been supplemented by some essential works highlighted in the feasibility study. These include –

- Implementation of 'The Canoe Access Project' funded by the Environment Agency, this will include new signage, a new jetty and an electronic river level monitoring system

- Essential remedial work to combat bank erosion at the site, this will use a green bio-engineering solution, so as to have minimum impact on the river.

- A new play area, which will be constructed using the current Playscape ethos, using lots of natural elements and utilising the latest equipment.



- Improved field drainage on the worst affected areas

- The proposed restarting of boat rental operations at the site, which will utilise the new jetty and be served by a new ticket office and picnic area where drinks and ice creams may be available.

- Improved car parking facilities, allowing more spaces and an improved environmentally friendly surface.

Most importantly we need to know what your views are on all this work and whether there is anything we have missed - more detailed information is in the questionnaire. Questionnaires are available from the Ludlow Town Council Office, The Tourist Information Centre and off the website (www.ludlow.gov.uk),

Questionnaires need to be returned by the 22nd March to be noted in our grant application, so that we can prove to Shropshire Council that we do really need a new play area at The Linney, although we would be happy to hear any comments after this.



LUDLOW YOUTH FESTIVAL 24th JULY 2010

Ludlow Assembly Rooms and Ludlow Town Council are making plans for the second Youth Festival on 24th July 2010 at Wheeler Road Skate Park. Watch www.ludlow.gov.uk and local press for info.

TEAM SHIRT SPONSORSHIP

Ludlow Market would like to sponsor the shirts of a local youth team with members aged 5-13yrs - get in touch. Teams from any spectator sport can apply. Please write stating the reasons why your team should be selected to Ludlow Town Council's Market Manager, Christopher Bayliss at Ludlow Town Council markets@ludlow.gov.uk



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LUDLOW MARKET



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Ludlow market has a bountiful nine hundred year history. Market days are filled with sounds and smells that enliven the senses and create a unique marketplace buzz.

On regular market days, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays, traders sell a diverse range of fresh fruit & vegetables, plants, shrubs & bedding, fish, cheeses, bread, and locally produced cakes (heavenly chocolate brownies), ready meals, local wines, pickles and preserves, olives, cut flowers, books, handmade soaps, candles, jewellery, watches, leather goods, kitchen ware, fabric, tea, coffee, clothing, scarves, bags, hats, sunglasses and guitars, pet food, children's toys, linen and textiles.



CONTINENTAL MARKET

ON THE SQUARE OUTSIDE LUDLOW CASTLE

Thursday 11th March to Sunday 14th March 2010

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Local produce markets are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Local to Ludlow promotes local food and drink - grown, reared, baked, or



processed by small-scale producers within 30 miles of Ludlow. Fruit and vegetables; meat, poultry, eggs and fish; dairy produce including raw milk and goats cheese, fresh speciality bread and home made ready meals; apple and pear juices, preserves and honey; perry, beer, cider, herbs & crafts made from local products are all for sale at the market including hot food available at lunch time.

The very popular Local to Ludlow jute shopping bags are also available from the market and from February 25th there will be a Local to Ludlow bag swap, where customers can exchange their worn out Local to Ludlow jute bags and get a new one for just £2.50! The old bags will be thrown on the compost heap.

The Local to Ludlow campaign is run



by the local environmental group Ludlow 21, which is also responsible for initiatives that engage with schools and the local community, such as the new 'Grow, Cook and Share' project and the 'easy peasy' mobile cookery classes for children. For more information please go to www.localtoludlow.org or email: info@localtoludlow.org



Ludlow's newly refurbished market has recently been celebrated in a tapestry by Jack Andow. Market & Project Officer Chris Bayliss, said 'I am delighted with the tapestry. It shows the market in the heart of historic Ludlow'. Ludlow Market Traders' Association, chaired by Mark Woodward, are planning to feature Jack's artwork on a cotton shopping bag.

Dates and details of Antique & Flea, Book & Craft and Craft & Country markets are in the Calendar of Events, which is available at www.ludlow.gov.uk and Ludlow Visitor Information Centre, opposite the market.

CELEBRATING TWINNING IN LUDLOW!



Church at La Ferté Macé

In 1986, Ludlow twinned with La Ferté Macé, Normandy, France; and then with San Pietro, Cariano, Northern Italy in 1992; and most recently in 2005 the Mayors of Ludlow and Narberth, Wales exchanged twinning certificates. Each twinning is organised separately, although they all share similar aims to encourage exchanges between families, schools and

organisations.

In May each year, La Ferté Macé Twinning Association organises exchange visits, and from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th May 2010, residents from La Ferté Macé will visit Ludlow. The association is also working with Cleehill, Caynham and Onibury schools to encourage exchanges. Please contact John French 01584 876142 for further details. The association also organises Civic receptions to strengthen the twinning, in May 2008, civic dignitaries including MP for South Shropshire Mr P Dunne attended a ceremony with the Mayors of Ludlow and La Ferté Macé at Ludlow Castle.

Not surprisingly, local food is a recurring theme throughout many exchange visits. Like Ludlow, the area surrounding San Pietro, Italy is predominantly agricultural, although

climatic differences mean that viniculture is their most important industry. San Pietro first sent a delegation to Ludlow's very successful initial Food and Drink Festival in 1996, and reciprocal visits have included Ludlow's Twinning Association visited San Pietro's Magnalonga in 2007. For more information about membership, contact Ellen Andronov 01584 873450



Pule vignete - The vineyards surrounding San Pietro

GRANT FOCUS

Project Support Grants at
www.ludlow.gov.uk

Four Rivers Sensory Garden

Shropshire Council's Four Rivers Nursing home is situated on the outskirts of Ludlow. The Four Rivers Friends Committee began raising money for the sensory garden project in May 2008 and were successful in their application for a Project Support Grant from Ludlow Town Council, although the majority of the project finances were raised from fundraising events and other sources. The garden, which was completed in 2009, features an extended patio area, pathways for wheelchair access, a sun shelter and raised flower beds and involved assistance from the wider community including members of South Shropshire Youth Forum.



Narberth's Summer Festivals

Ludlow's Food & Drink Festival, held annually on the second weekend of September, is also a strong connection with Narberth, Ludlow's newest twinned town. The Pembrokeshire town holds its own Food & Drink Festival in late September. Narberth also has an award winning butchers, a historic ruined castle, craft galleries, gift shops and antiques shops. For more info contact Graeme Perks 01584 878202

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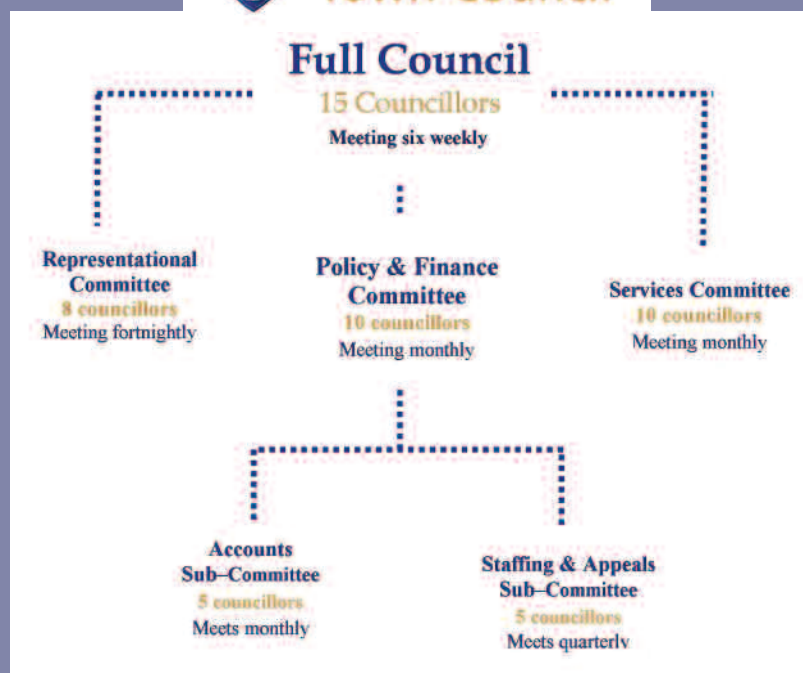


WHAT IS A TOWN COUNCIL?

Not all Councils are the same, Ludlow Town Council is a completely different legal entity to Shropshire Council.

To start with Town Councillors are volunteers - they do not get paid.

Decisions made by Council inform the work of Council officers.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Town Council's work is divided to committees. Some committee titles are transparent such as Accounts, and Staffing, but you may be wondering what Representation Committee is all about? (See below)

At any meeting, the public are able to speak during a 15 minute session at the beginning of the meeting and remain to observe the rest of the meeting, although occasionally, financial or other matters may be discussed in closed session.

The Mayor receives a small allowance to cover the expenses of civic duties, and for civic events promoting Ludlow.

Other Meetings: Councillors, staff and representatives from other organisations meet in 'working groups' to discuss Christmas Lights, Ludlow Market, the Mayfair, Town Council Newsletter, Website, Ludlow Town Plan and Civic Events.

FULL COUNCIL – 15 Councillors **Chairman: Cllr Martin Taylor-Smith**

At full Council and all committees, councillors have equal voting rights and all proposals need a majority vote to be approved (the Mayor has an additional casting vote, if the initial vote is a draw). Council appoints other committees (below) and delegates limited powers to them. Full Council sets the annual precept (amount of council tax paid to town council), and ratifies recommendations and policy from other committees, as well as Council Standing Orders

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE **10 Councillors – Chairman: Cllr Martin Taylor-Smith**

Has delegated powers for strategic planning & budget setting, as well as Council performance management and monitoring the 3 year business plan. It has responsibility for asset management and reviews & monitors Council operations and crisis management.

SERVICES COMMITTEE – 10 Councillors – Chairman: Cllr Tony Pound

Has delegated powers for operational policy and funding issues relating to:

- Ludlow Market
- Henley Road Cemetery
- Recreational Spaces and Play Areas
- Street Lighting
- Street Furniture
- Direct Labour Force vehicles and equipment

REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE – 8 Councillors **Chairman: Cllr Jeffery Wilcox**

Has delegated power to comment on planning applications in Ludlow; considers applications for small Project Support Grants to local organisations; makes representations on health, education, and environmental issues, traffic and parking regulations; and receives representations from other local organisations

ACCOUNTS SUB-COMMITTEE - 5 Councillors – Chairman: Cllr Amanda Pope

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COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

VENUE KEY: LCC – Ludlow Conference Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow SY8 1RZ
 SBSH – The Stable Block, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow SY8 1DG

COMMITTEE	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Representational	Tuesday 23rd February 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
Policy & Finance	Monday 1st March 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
Ludlow Town Council	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
Ludlow Town Council	Monday 26th April 2010	7.00pm	LCC
Representational	Tuesday 27th April 2010	7.00pm	SBSH
CIVIC EVENTS			
MAYOR'S SUNDAY	Sunday 14 March 2010	11:30am	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	Wednesday 19 May 2010	7pm	Ludlow Assembly Rooms
MAYOR MAKING	Wednesday 26 May 2010-01-27	7pm	Ludlow Assembly Rooms

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