



Ludlow Town Council

Buttercross Bulletin Free Newsletter

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From the Mayor of Ludlow



Mayor of Ludlow
Cllr Smithers

Welcome to the Spring edition. 2014 marks the centenary of WWI and time for commemoration and reflection. The focus is mainly on service personnel, although, the unseen jobs such as ammunition factories, and working on the land to provide food for the nation, should not be forgotten. The Town Council is currently involved in several projects namely the restoration of the WWI memorial boards and you are also invited to contribute photographs and family memories

to add to the forthcoming interactive display on the Town Council website.

I am delighted to say that the new Boxing Club at Wheeler Road is due to open shortly and will be used not only as the new home for the Boxing Club but as a community space for everyone to enjoy.

With spring upon us, the garden seeks more attention and this year sees the Town Council supporting Fair Trade in Ludlow with the round bed in Castle Gardens planted up in the Fair Trade logo.

Best wishes, Councillor Jim Smithers

Ludlow in Bloom 2014



St John's Gardens 2013

Preparations have commenced for Ludlow in Bloom 2014. The garden competitions will be open to residents in Ludlow. Entrance forms can be collected from Ludlow Town Council. The children's plant competition this year will be trailing begonias. Judging for Ludlow in Bloom 2014 is on the 10th July.



WWI Commemorations

The above photograph (courtesy of Shrewsbury Museum) was taken four days after war was declared. WWI commemorations will happen throughout 2014-2018. A Service at St Laurence Church will be held on 3rd August 2014. An open air commemoration of the role of horses in WWI is planned for 2015.

10th & 11th May 2014 - Inside Ludlow Castle

Beer

Food & Drink

Ludlow Food Spring Festival
Beer, Burgers, Bread & Classic Cars
£1 off

Cars

Music

www.ludlowspringfestival.co.uk
£1 off full paying adult - use this advert, or book online using code BUTTER, or phone 01584 873057

Use this voucher to get £1 off your ticket for the Spring Food Festival



Ludlow MARKET

A cornerstone of our community for over 800 years

Better Choice
Better Value
Better Atmosphere

www.ludlowmarket.co.uk



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Award Winning Local Authority Market

To book a stall, or for more information, please contact the Market Officer on 01584 871970

www.ludlowmarket.co.uk



Free what's on guide for Ludlow

NEWS

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Cemetery/Admin Officer

The Town Council is delighted to welcome Stephanie Williams to the post of Cemetery/Admin Officer. Stephanie has been in the position temporarily for some time and her duties include working as the Committee Officer for the Representational Committee, Twinning Sub-Committee and Civic Events Working Group. She joins the office staff in covering reception and sharing the preparation for civic events.

Admin Assistant

Sarah Hughes is welcomed to the Council in the role of Admin Assistant. Sarah joined the team in April having previously worked in a local theatre company. Following her induction she will answer queries and assist with a wide variety of admin duties.

Direct Labour Force Grounds Persons

David Caswell and Gavin Kynaston join the Town Council's Direct Labour Force in time for the busy season. Both David and Gavin have experience of grounds work and are used to working with machinery to a high standard. David has experience in building and landscaping and Gavin in landscaping.

Thanks to Oliver - Thanks goes to Oliver Smith who left the Town Council last October to take a job in an architects office. He originally started at the Town Council as a temporary member of staff gaining experience in planning matters. Oliver's skills meant that he was able to help the Town Council with its listing building applications and graphics.



PRECEPT

Ludlow Town Council resolved to make a 5.2% precept increase for 2014/15.

The increase in Band D property Council Tax bill is 9 pence per week.

The Town Council continues to provide the following services to local residents which includes the Market, Henley Road Cemetery, Public Toilets, Play Areas at Wheeler Road, the Linney, Houseman Crescent and Weyman Road. Allotment provision and Christmas lights also fall under the umbrella of the Town Council. Ongoing projects include the Buttercross Interpretation Centre and the Henley Road Cemetery.



WWI Commemorations



2014 marks 100 years since the start of WWI. During 2014-2018 commemorations have been arranged throughout the country.

With assistance from the Local Joint Committee, the Town Council is in the process of refurbishing 24 boards naming all those who served in WWI and those who fell during this period. The boards will be exhibited at the Guildhall.

Henley Road Cemetery, also commemorates 100 years since opening and details of those who were buried 1914 will appear shortly at www.ludlow.gov.uk in an interactive display of life in Ludlow in 1914. This project covers weather events, the Ludlow Union Workhouse, professional people in Ludlow and military personnel who served and died.

Four days after war was declared the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry paraded through Ludlow, (photograph on the front page) many on horseback. It is anticipated that a smaller horse parade will take place in 2015.

Anyone wishing to contribute information to the projects should contact the Town Clerk – assistant@ludlow.gov.uk

EVENTS & FESTIVALS



14th June – 6th July 2014 - Ludlow Castle

Ludlow Arts Festival returns for a second year following a successful 2013. 'As you like it' by William Shakespeare will be performed daily in the Castle from 14th-22nd June. The Arts Festival has a planned programme of music, comedy and drama in the Big Top and outdoor concerts from 27th June – 6th July. See website for more details.
www.ludlowartsfestival.co.uk



Fringe Festival - 13th June – 6th July

Ludlow Fringe Festival is back for another exciting festival with events and activities to keep our streets alive. Street Theatre, Arts Trail, Comedy, Music, Dance, Markets, Writers and Poets will be entertaining us in venues all around Ludlow Town. There's something for everyone with prices from FREE to £14. For more details please visit www.ludlowfringe.co.uk and look out for the free Ludlow Fringe Festival programme.

Mayfair in Ludlow 1st May to 5th May



As usual the Mayfair will be in Ludlow to delight old and young with family favourite rides, such as the dodgems and other exciting rides.

Roads closed will be King Street, Castle Street and Mill Street to accommodate the Fair. Parking can be found at Smithfield Car Park or Upper Galdeford.

Battle Heritage Medieval Experience Monday 26th May 2014



Ludlow Castle
 Adults £7.00, Children £3.50
 Family £20 (2 adults, 2 children)
 Under 3's free.
 10.00 am until 5.00 pm
 Visit www.ludlowcastle.com

Ludlow's Secret Gardens Sunday 15th June 2014



An opportunity to visit Ludlow's Secret Gardens. These private gardens in Ludlow are hidden away

ve Street, Dinham, Mill Street, Brand Lane, Old Street and Broad Street. Tickets £6.50, available from Ludlow Assembly Rooms. Start time 12.00 noon. Wheelchair access available most gardens. No dogs thank you.

Visit www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk

Ludlow Market



General Markets – every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

May
 15th Food & Craft
 18th Antique & Collectors
 8th & 22nd Local Produce
 25th Craft & Garden
 29th Charity Market

Specialist Markets – pick up some great presents for friends, family or just treat yourself!

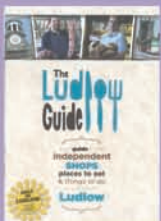
June
 1st & 15th Antique & Collectors
 5th & 19th Food & Craft Market
 7th Made in Shropshire
 8th Craft & Country
 12th & 26th Local Produce
 22nd Craft & Garden
 29th Book & Craft

St Laurence's Church Minifest 14th-21st June 2014



14th- 25th Anniversary of Snetzler Organ
 16th- Great War commemorated in song
 17th-Complete Rachmaninov preludes
 18th-Four Weddings & A Funeral or Two
 18th-Rossini's Petite Messe
 19th- Music from across Europe
 20th-A concert for 2 pianos
 21st-Fron Male Voice Choir

For more information and prices visit www.stlaurences.org.uk



Copies of the Ludlow Guide are now available

A guide to arts and crafts, food and drink, gifts and jewellery, homes and interiors, Ludlow Market, clothing, places to eat, stately homes, castles and museums, festivals and fayres all in one small publication.

Pick your copy up from the Visitor Information Centre, Castle Square and other outlets in Ludlow.....

Wheeler Road Boxing Club & Community Centre

Wheeler Road Boxing Club & Community Centre is a collaborative project between Ludlow Town Council, Ludlow Amateur Boxing Club, Shropshire Council and Shropshire Housing Association. This project would not have been possible without the generosity of local companies gifting materials and many local residents and trades people volunteering their skills and time. Thanks to all those involved.

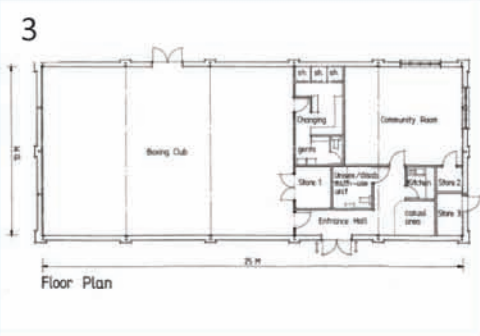


1. The project started on the 16th December 2011 when the old, dilapidated building was demolished to make way for a new, leak free home for the Ludlow Amateur Boxing Club and as a community room for local residents. ➡

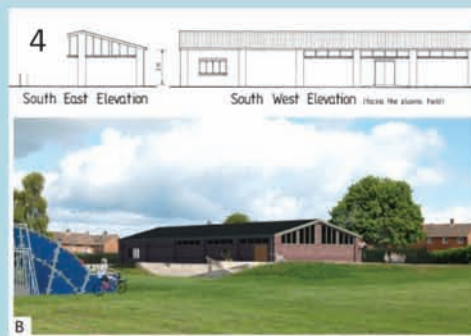


2. Both the MP, Philip Dunne and the then Mayor, Cllr John Aitken attended the demolition and lent a hand! Also watched by the Former Town Clerk, Veronica Calderbank and Councillors.

In 2012 the project, managed by the Town Clerk took shape. Colin Richards became the Site Manager, CDM and HSE works were undertaken before the build could begin. The Groundbreaking Ceremony took place on 27th September 2012. ↓



3. Architects drawings were drawn up and available for the public to view on the website. ➡



4. An artist's impression of how the new Boxing Club would look on completion was presented at a public meeting.



5. By February 2013 ground work had mostly been completed and the steel structure was in place.



6. March 2013 – Mayor, Councillor Pound 2012-2013 donated the Mayor's Cup for Boxing matches. ➡



7. March 2013 the brickwork is progressing nicely. ➡



8. April 2013, the brickwork was nearly completed, the roof on and the windows were being installed

Wheeler Road Boxing Club & Community Centre



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9. April 2013 internally the walls were complete.



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10. June 2013 the bulk of the construction had been completed.



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11. Staff from Total Response brought their skills to the project, from building, plumbing, electrics and plastering to name a few.....



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12. Total Response staff lending a hand.



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January 2014

13. Left to Right – PC Tony Sewell, Ludlow Amateur Boxing Club, Gina Wilding Town Clerk, Philip Dunne MP and Sean Turgoose, LTC Supervisor, who co-ordinated the Town Council's contribution to drainage work and internal decoration.....



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14. Ludlow Amateur Boxing Club on a day out to West Midlands Safari Park.

**The end is in sight
tarmac the car park
new entry gate
hard landscaping –
then we are good to go!**



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15. Boxing Event Evening 14th March 2014. Photographs courtesy of David Woodfield



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16. Cllr J Smithers with two of the winners at the Boxing Event



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17. Tony Sewell, with two of the winners at the Boxing Event Evening – 14th March



OFFICIAL OPENING SOON WATCH THIS SPACE



Buttercross Heritage Interpretation Centre



Market Town Revitalisation Programme Funding of £120,000 from Shropshire Council was granted on 27 August 2013.

The works to refurbish the grade I listed building on English Heritage's At Risk Register began immediately.

The internal timber frame walls have been constructed ready for new plumbing and electrical works. The existing poorly adhered plaster work was removed and lathes respaced and rafters strengthened to create a more robust structure

for the new plaster. It is estimated that plastering the ceiling will take up to 8 weeks to complete.

Remedial work was needed to the steps leading to the Buttercross covered market area the work was completed by Stuart Preece and Sons in March 2014.

Ludlow Town Council are currently rebidding for money from Shropshire Council to complete the refurbishment work.

Support for Ludlow Museum

The outgoing High Sherriff of Shropshire, Diane Flint visited the Ludlow Museum, along with the Mayor Cllr Jim to see some of the exhibits which could be sharing space when the Buttercross Heritage Interpretation Centre has been completed.



Above: L-R: Daniel Lockett, Cllr P Draper, High Sheriff Diane Flint, Cllr J Smithers.
Right: WWI exhibit.



Restoration of the steps



After years of good service the stone steps to the front of the Buttercross needed realignment and repair. Work was carried out by Stuart Preece & Sons and the steps were back in use in March.

Buttercross Clock

The Buttercross Clock has been a little erratic in its timekeeping recently.

Smith of Derby have been looking to bring the turret clock into full working order.

A specialist report from Smith of Derby is available to view at www.ludlow.gov.uk

The Town Council knows that the Buttercross clock is important to the town and will work with Smith of Derby to resolve the ongoing issues.



Linney Riverside Park - Project

November 2013 South Shropshire Youth Forum, in collaboration with the Friends of the Linney Riverside Park and the Town Council, constructed a living willow structure, at the Linney Riverside Park, in the shape of a Viking longship. The project involved youngsters and residents from the community who learnt new skills and as the willow will periodically require re-weaving be an ongoing project. Sadly within a week of completion the structure had been vandalised. Repairs took place during February half-term. Anyone wishing to contribute to the project should contact the South Shropshire Youth Forum on 01584 874922.



Above & Right: Viking ship under construction Nov 2013

Above: Vandalised Viking ship a week later



Ludlow Town Council has received £2,335 as the final stage of Spaces for Sports Skate Park funding.

The three year funding has facilitated skateboard coaching sessions at the Youth Festival and other activities at Wheeler Road.

The Town Council will work in partnership with SSYF and Shropshire Council to provide BMX and scooter sessions, bike maintenance and skatepark awareness, demonstration coaching at the Marches Youth Festival, Street Art and photography & video exhibition.

Focus in the Community The Rockspring Centre, Sandford Road, Ludlow

Rockspring – Computer Sessions

“Drop in” computer sessions are available at the Rockspring Centre on Tuesday and Thursday mornings taught by Adrian Cobley. The sessions are two hours duration, although can be flexible. Up to five spaces are available. The oldest computer user is over 80 and the youngest users are in their 20s.

Computer skills taught include; word processing, email and surfing the web. Some students are referred by Job Centre plus to improve their skills, whilst others come for one-to-one training in specific applications such as spreadsheets. Future training offered includes digital imaging and Photoshop.

Additional “drop in” computer sessions taught by Adrian Cobley are available at the Craven Arms Community Centre Wednesday morning.



Adrian Cobley
Member of Ludlow
Town Council



Above: Classes at Rockspring



Rockspring Centre, Sandford Rd

Rockspring Choir

Vivienne Parry attends the Rockspring Choir which meets on a Wednesday evening 7.15 pm until 9.00 pm. Membership is approximately at 30 members although the Choir welcomes any ages.

Chris Lacey is the Musical Director (MD) and the choir is accompanied on the piano by Jeff Thomas. The range of music covers show songs, gospel to well known ballads.

Last year the choir performed to raise funds for the Ludlow Fringe Festival, sung at a Baptist Church meeting, Christmas Carols down at the Millenium Green and a local wedding.



Above:- Rockspring Choir



Vivienne Parry
Member of Ludlow
Town Council

Food Banks/Emergency Food Parcels in Ludlow

Also available at the Rockspring Centre – Emergency Food Parcels. This service is on a referral basis from either Citizen’s advice, GP/medical worker, Housing Officer, Sure Start or a Health Visitor. If you wish to donate food to the scheme collection points are at the Rockspring Centre, Methodist Church, Broad Street and St Laurence Church.

Volunteers to pack parcels should contact the Ruth Davies on 07896706189.

TWINNING – La Ferte Mace

This year La Ferté-Macé’s Twinning Association is visiting Ludlow, Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th May. Activities include an evening civic reception on arrival at Ludlow Brewery, catering by Grow, Cook, Share and Ludlow Foyer. On Friday a day to visit Shrewsbury and RAF Cosford. Saturday is a chance to explore Ludlow with host families, followed by a social evening dinner at Brimfield Sports Club. French school children will get the chance to experience a day at Ludlow school. The AGM took place at the Women’s Centre, Church Lane on Monday 24th March. New members of all ages are always welcome.



Left: La Ferte Mace’s last visit, Odile and Daniel Le Bedel meeting Queen Victoria at Severn Valley Railway’s 150th anniversary.

TWINNING – San Pietro



Above: The San Pietro stand at Ludlow Food Festival 2013

Each year Ludlow hosts a group from San Pietro to exhibit at the Ludlow Food Festival. Festival visitors flock to the San Pietro stall to sample wines from the Valpolicella region. Members from San Pietro visited Ludlow on the 3rd March to discuss this years visit.

Ludlow members visit Italy in April for their Magnalonga, which is a leisurely stroll through the vineyards sampling local food and drink along the way.

New website available soon.

TWINNING - Narberth

2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the Anglo-Welsh twinning of Ludlow with Narberth.

Both Towns have Mortimer history going back hundreds of years and more recently both Town’s Food Festivals have continued the process of working together.

Narberth has two annual carnivals and it’s hoped that one day Ludlow’s will have a carnival again.

Ludlow has its own Welsh Society which meets three times a year with a celebratory dinner near St David’s Day with a visit to the National Eisteddfod in August and a social evening in November.



Above: Summer Narberth Ceremony 2013

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Nominations for Adult, Young Persons and Organisations Civic Award

Nominate someone, or an organisation who has undertaken voluntary work of an outstanding nature for the community. The award will be given for work that has benefitted the people in Ludlow. There are three categories, over 18, under 18 and Community Groups. Contact the Town Clerk to apply for an application form or download the form from <http://www.ludlow.gov.uk/Uploads/Site817/Files/LudlowNominationForm13.pdf> - nominations need to reach the Town Clerk by Friday 2nd May 2014 at 3.30pm to be considered by the Town Council at their meeting on Wednesday 14th May 2014 at 7 pm.

Awards will be presented at Mayor Making on Wednesday 28th May 2014 – 7 pm at Ludlow Assembly Room.

Full Council	Wednesday 14 th May 2014	7pm
Mayor Making	Wednesday 28 th May 2014 Ludlow Assembly Rooms	7pm
Mayors Sunday	Sunday 29 th June 2014 St Laurence Church	11.30 am

For more up to date information please visit our website on www.ludlow.gov.uk

Please contact Gina Wilding, Town Clerk with your opinions via email: townclerk@ludlow.gov.uk

Meetings at the Council offices at the Guildhall,
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