

St Georges Recreation Ground and Public Hall

The Management Committee & Trustees responsible for St Georges Recreation Ground & Public Hall, a registered charity, would like to thank the Parish Council for this opportunity to outline what is available on the Ground. We oversee the upkeep of the whole Recreation Ground, including the Social Club building (bar & hall), 2 cricket pitches (also used for junior football in the winter), 3 cricket nets, 2 bowling greens, 1 all weather pitch (used for hockey and football), changing rooms, toilets, car parks etc. A children's playground maintained by T&W Council and memorial gates maintained by the Parish Council are also located on the Recreation Ground.

The facility on Church Street is often referred to as the "Cricket Club" or the "Sports & Social Club" but is in fact much more than this. The Management Committee delegate responsibility to a Social Club Committee that is responsible for running the bar & hall with the aim of generating a profit that is used to maintain the Social Club buildings and the upkeep of the extensive grounds. The Social Club has a "members only" bar (family membership is £16 a year including children) and members can sign guests in for £1 each visit. This is a requirement of the legal licensing regulations. The Hall is available for hire and is a popular venue for parties, weddings and wakes as well as being used by various local organisations for activities such as old time dancing, blood donor sessions. slimming clubs, etc.

St Georges Recreation Ground is also home to affiliated Bowls, Cricket, Hockey & Pigeon Flying Clubs each with their own committees, providing a range of recreational activities and volunteering opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Qualified volunteers provide coaching for boys and girls. The sporting clubs themselves maintain their playing areas almost entirely through the voluntary input of their members. The Management Committee is also grateful for the occasional support arranged through Telford & Wrekin Council to help maintain the boundary hedges and the playground.

As well as sporting activity, the Recreation Ground is used for many and varied activities. There is a Children's Playground well used by

local young children. Dog and recreational walkers use the cricket fields every day of the year, most respecting the need to clean up afterwards to ensure the fields can be used for sport without risk to health. In total over 2500 events take place every year, with over 18,000 people using the facility, amounting to over 100,000 episodes a year. These events include various sporting fixtures but also for example an annual fireworks display, summerfest and monthly quiz in aid of local charities, providing leisure opportunities and entertainment for the whole family.

There are also links with the Parish Church next door. The Armistice ceremony takes place annually on the Recreation Ground where the Parish's Memorial Gates are located, commemorating the lives of those who died supporting their country during World War 1, World War 2 and subsequent conflicts.

You can find more information about the Recreation Ground and the affiliated clubs in a Prospectus available through this link:

www.sgeorges.clara.net/Stgeorgesclub/library/St%20Georges%20Recreation%20Ground%20-%20Prospectus.pdf or visit the:

Social Club website: stgeorgesclub.co.uk

Bowling Club website: sites.google.com/site/stgeorgesbowlingclub/

Cricket Club website: www.stgeorgesscc.org.uk

Hockey Club website: www.telfordhockeyclub.co.uk

Pigeon Flying Club website: www.facebook.com/Stgeorgespigeon/

The Social Club welcomes new members and function bookings. Please enquire directly by visiting the social club or ringing 612911. If you have any general questions or comments or would like to find out more about any of the sporting or volunteering activities that are available please make contact with myself, Paul Taylor and I will pass you on to the relevant contact in each of the affiliated clubs. You can contact me by email paulbentaylor@gmail.com or phone 07890 326679.

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A Word from the Chairman...

Autumn has always been been one of my most favourite times of the year, it can be so exciting for local children starting a new School or a new School year, a fresh start and time to get organised and prepared for new challenges. We see new parents anxiously dropping off their children, it always reminds me how very fortunate we are in our Parish to have four very good Schools plus a number of great Pre-schools and Nurseries to choose from.

This time of year does allow us to get back into some routine, and staff at the Parish Council are already drawing up a list of improvements for the Winter ahead – including Christmas!

I can't believe I have just mentioned Christmas but I have already noticed the dark nights starting to draw in, we can't believe where the year has flown here at the Parish Council – but they do say that 'time flies when you are enjoying yourself'!



Don't forget if you have any concerns on local matters please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Parish Office.

Cllr Richard Overton



Welcome to Audrey

The Parish Council are delighted to welcome a new member of the team, Mrs Audrey Atkinson. Audrey has recently been appointed as the Parish Community Projects and Events Officer. Chairman Cllr Richard Overton said 'The appointment of Audrey demonstrates the Parish Councils commitment to working and engaging with our local community, we can now begin to push forward an ambitious programme of projects and events to enhance and celebrate out Parish. Audrey can be contacted at the Parish Office on 567700 or by email: Audrey.Atkinson@stgeorgesandpriorslee-pc.gov.uk

Speeding Matters – an Update from your Parish Council

Priorslee Avenue

For some time now the Parish Council have continued to express concerns to T&W Council Traffic Management Team about the volume of speeding vehicles along Priorslee Avenue. We were delighted to receive news that the matter was discussed at a recent Safer Roads Partnership Forum. The SRP have collected their own data and this area has now been added to their list of sites for enforcement, as and when they have capacity. Unfortunately we cannot influence when SRP will enforce but I'm sure you'll agree that this is great news and them having a presence there will hopefully slow speed down.

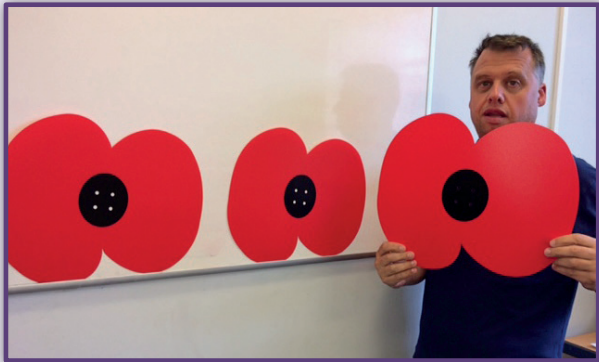
Holyhead Road/Snedshill Way

The Parish Council continue to raise the concerns for speeding vehicles along this busy road, we recently received news that T&W Council Traffic Management Team who have confirmed a Speed Indicator Device had recently been on site, and plans for a count is programmed in over the next couple of weeks to undertake a pedestrian crossing assessment Once the count is complete, they will compile a report and issue for information to the Parish Council for consideration. Any identified work will be put forward on to a future works list for prioritisation and delivery as and when funding becomes available.

We will keep you posted.....

Poppies on Lamp Posts

Parish Councillors noticed a number of our residents got behind the Royal British Legion Scheme of displaying Giant Poppies on their front doors last year. We wanted to support this initiative and are pleased to have purchased 100 poppies to go on lampposts across the Parish.



Celebrating 5 Years of PET's – Taking Pride in Our Community

It is five years since the Parish Council's first Parish Environmental Team (PET's) was set up in St Georges and Priorslee. Today, there are 13 teams in total across Telford serving the urban area of Telford, and covering around 80% of all households in the Borough.

A lot of good work has been achieved by the team during the past five years, including the apprenticeship opportunities we have offered young people.

PETs are a great example of how we are working together with Telford & Wrekin Council to provide better local services to our communities - they do such a lot of good in our communities.



Update on the Gower

Telford & Wrekin Council have been working with charitable group, Gower Heritage & Enterprise Foundation to preserve The Gower, an historic building in St George's.

In 2014 council funds of £650,000 were set aside for improvements to the former Victorian school, since then the foundation's dedicated volunteers have been working to preserve the now Grade II listed building. This has included the Council releasing money from the original funding pot to repair the roof, secure the building, develop a business plan and enable the group to gain support to secure grant funding.

A Heritage Lottery Fund bid submission of just under £2m was submitted by the group earlier this year which planned to transform the site if successful. Due to stiff competition the building lost out to the Royal Shakespeare Company and the renovation of a costume workshop. Following positive feedback, another bid is underway for 2018, the Council have supported this with the release of £25k for further work to be done on strengthening the business case and funding application.

With help from a dedicated group of volunteers, significant progress has been made to the grounds of The Gower involving Young People from the Princes Trust community programme who prepared the grounds for refurbishment of the play park and the community areas. Extensive site levelling, fencing repairs, play area refurbishment along with planting and path laying have also been carried out in recent months. This has been funded through the Council's Pride in Your High Street Fund.



In line with the group's vision, preservation of the building's history is underway with memories from residents collated into a book and work has been carried out with a local history group to create a mosaic due to take pride of place once the building is renovated.

Cabinet Member for Finance, Commercial Services & Economic Development, Councillor Lee Carter said: "Since the foundation stone was laid in the 1800s, The Gower has been intended for community use, the fact that people are still fighting for it today is testament to the value the site has for the community and how closely linked people's memories are to it.

We will do all we can to help it achieve it's intended use by supporting the new bid, and have set aside funds to support the Gower Heritage & Enterprise Foundation group with its plans"

If the Heritage Lottery bid is unsuccessful, the £650,000 set aside will go some way towards assisting with structural repairs and further options will be explored to bring the building back into use, the consultation that the council carried out in summer 2014 will be used to inform these options.

To get involved with supporting the Gower Old School Group visit www.thegowertelford.org.uk/friends

Christmas lights Switch-on Event

The Parish Council recently agreed to make further improvements to this year's Christmas lights and Christmas Trees. Members of The St Georges Partnership are busy working with its members to organise this years Christmas event held in Church Street. The Event will open at 4pm and will be opened by Stephen Reynolds, the Mayor of Telford.

The final details of the programme are yet to be confirmed but we have received confirmation that local children from St Georges Primary School will be singing at the event, also making an appearance are F1-11, Lisa Stevens, Jac Cassidy, The Jade Choir/Singers, there will be Stalls, Fairground rides and hopefully Santa will be making an appearance!! If you would like to volunteer at the event or would just like further details please contact Mr S Hanley on 07814 536715.



Improving the Parish Gateway Signs

The Parish Council have 10 new signs on order, they are due to be installed across the Parish in the next few weeks. The signs will make visitors to the Parish aware they have entered the area and hopefully continue to raise the profile of our local area – we hope you like them.

Parish Website

The Parish website has got a 'brand new' look, the improvements to the site will help us keep you up to date on Council business and Community news. You can access the site by going to www.stgeorgesandpriorslee.gov.uk If you have any community news or information you would like us to share, please contact the Parish Office, we will be happy to discuss with you how we can promote your news on the website or the parish facebook page.

Llandudno 2017

The Parish Council's annual Senior Citizens trip 2017 was held in August and what a fabulous day we all had!! A couple of snaps of the day for you to enjoy....

