

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	ACTIVITY
Saturday 5th April	Keep Britan Tidy Event - meeting at Priorslee Academy 10am – this is the first of our community litter picks for 2025, equipment provided.
Monday 21st April	St Georges Partnership Fun Day – held at St Georges Primary School playing fields free family fun for everyone 1pm – 4pm
Thursday 8th May	VE DAY 80 - The Parish Council will be celebrating this momentous occasion look out for more information nearer the time on the 2 events happening on this date.
Friday 23rd May	Prom pop up – free gown or suit – drop in and choose your free outfit at the Parish Centre between 3:30 – 6:30pm
Wednesday 28th May	Coach Trip to Barmouth – open to residents of any age who live in the parish - for more information and tickets please call the office: 567700
Thursday 5th June	The Big Lunch – join us for cake at the lake! Good company, cake and chatter at the Flash (weather permitting) Everyone invited 12- 2pm meeting at the picnic area. Bring a picnic if you like.
Thursday 7th August	Coach Trip to Llandudno – over 60’s, veterans or serving members, and care leavers. Tickets are available from w/c 16th June
Thursday 14th August	Guide Dogs Coffee Morning – Selection of stalls to raise money for guide dogs for the blind. Four legged friends welcome 10:00 – 12noon come and say hello to ambassador guide dogs and hopefully puppies!
Thursday 25th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning – Drop in for some coffee & cake and a chat while raising money for this superb cause.

Please see each Event poster or Parish Council Website for more information



We are now taking donations of pre-loved & new ballgowns, suits, shoes & bags for our Prom Pop-Up Events across Telford.

Prom pop-up gives young people the opportunity to choose a free outfit to wear to their Prom.

If you are able to donate please drop them off at Jubilee House Madeley.

Thank you

Pre-loved Ball Gowns & Suits

Drop-in and choose your free Prom outfit

- ★ 18 March 5:30-8:30pm ~ The Guildhall, Newport
- ★ 31 March 3:30-7:30pm ~ The Wakes, Oakengates
- ★ 3 April 3:30-8pm ~ Sambrook Centre, Stirchley
- ★ 5 April 9am-12:30pm ~ Sambrook Centre, Stirchley
- ★ 10 April 3:30-6:30pm ~ The Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill
- ★ 17 April 3:30-6:30pm ~ Lightmoor Community Centre
- ★ 22 April 1-4pm ~ Lawley Community Centre
- ★ 25 April 12-4pm ~ Arleston Community Centre
- ★ 1 May 3:30-6:30pm ~ Ketley Community Centre
- ★ 8 May 3:30-6:30pm ~ Brookside Central
- ★ 12 May 4-6pm ~ Leegomery Community Centre
- ★ 13 May 4-6pm ~ Hadley Community Centre
- ★ 16 May 3:30-6:30pm ~ Turreff Hall, Donnington
- ★ 23 May 3:30-6:30pm ~ St Georges Primary School
- ★ 28 May 1-3pm ~ The Park Lane Centre, Woodside
- ★ 30 May 1-4pm ~ Dawley Town Hall

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All of the above can be contacted via the Parish Centre at Grove Street, St Georges TF2 9LJ

Parish Council office opening times – Monday to Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm • TEL: **01952 567700**

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Newsletter

Chairman's Report

As we step into 2025, it's certainly been a cold start! However, with lighter nights returning and a forecast for warmer temperatures ahead, I'm sure many of us are looking forward to the change.

Looking back, our Christmas lights were bigger and better than ever, receiving fantastic feedback from residents. A huge thank you to the Working Group and LightWire for their efforts. Our two Christmas events were also a great success, thanks to the dedication of St Georges Partnership, the Priorslee Residents Association, and their volunteers.

This year, we have another exciting programme of activities, including our ever-popular trips, community litter picks, and a range of events supported by Parish Council funding.

2025 is also a time for reflection and celebration. We will see the official opening of the Mining and Industrial Memorial site, a project made possible with support from the Borough Councillors' Ward Pride Fund, the Parish Council, Telford & Wrekin Safer Stronger Communities, and volunteers from HMRC who planted new trees on the site.

Additionally, we mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe and Victory in Japan, with communities across Telford & Wrekin commemorating these significant milestones through events and legacy projects.

In a step forward for inclusivity, the Parish Council has proudly become the first in Telford & Wrekin to sign up to the Care Leavers Covenant, building on our existing commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant. This ensures care leavers and members of the armed forces—both past and present—are considered in our policies moving forward.

This year will also see the Parish Council move into a new office within the refurbished Gower building—a major redevelopment bringing homes, apartments, and a new community space. This will allow us to do even more for our residents and provide a valuable venue for the whole community. The project also supports the expansion of St

Georges C of E Primary School, recently rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. A huge congratulations to Headteacher Sally Sixsmith and her team for this fantastic achievement.

Let's make 2025 a great year for our community!

Cllr Richard Overton



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Do You Need Priority Water Services?

Did you know that Severn Trent offers a Priority Services Register for residents who may need extra support? If you or someone in your household has:

- ✔ A medical condition or chronic illness (including dementia)
- ✔ A disability, such as restricted mobility, sight, or hearing loss
- ✔ Young children (aged 5 and under) or are pregnant
- ✔ A reliance on water for medical or care need

You can register for free to receive priority assistance, including faster support during supply issues and tailored help when needed.

For more information, visit Severn Trent’s website or call 0345 7500 500 to discuss your needs.



Become a Telford & Wrekin Snow Warden!

Snow Wardens are volunteers who help keep their local community safe by clearing pavements and pathways of snow and ice during winter. This vital role supports neighbours and vulnerable residents who may struggle in severe weather.

As a Snow Warden, you can assist on your own street, housing estate, or local area. When you sign up, Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC) will provide:

- ✔ Training & guidance on safe snow clearing
- ✔ Essential equipment – high-vis vest, gloves, snow shovel & rock salt (to be stored at home)
- ✔ Weather alerts so you can be prepared

Want to make a difference this winter? Sign up today on TWC’s website!



Veolia Grant & Volunteering Opportunities

Great news! The Parish Council has secured a £1,000 grant from Veolia to create a herb garden and wildflower area at the Workers Memorial site - a space accessible to all.

This location holds special significance, as it was once used by the St Georges and Oakengates Women’s Institute, which celebrates its 95th anniversary this year! Although their former meeting place fell into disrepair and was recently removed for safety, the land will soon be revitalised into a beautiful community space.

Bordering a well-loved nature spot, the site has been transformed into a Workers Memorial, with a steel sculpture already in place and plans for seating and formal planting underway. The herb garden is a tribute to the WI’s legacy, where many pickling, jam-making, and baking sessions once took place.

Want to get involved?

We’re looking for volunteers to help with planting, ongoing care, and maintenance. If you’d like to be part of this exciting project, contact Catherine at 01952 567700 or deputyclerk@stgeorgesandpriorslee-pc.gov.uk.



HMRC Volunteers Plant 300 Trees!

In February, a fantastic team of HMRC volunteers braved the cold to plant 300 tree saplings at the Workers Memorial (formerly the WI site).

The saplings, a mix of native species, were chosen to support wildlife and add year-round colour and blossom. A friendly robin even kept a watchful eye on the team as they worked!

A huge thank you to Ithiel Kong, Ducky, Elaine Edwards, Nikki Roadley, Dell Hill, and Andy Harrison for their hard work.

The trees were generously provided free of charge through a successful Woodland Trust application by the Parish Council, who will maintain the hedge as it grows into a thriving habitat.



Scoop the Poop

Parish Councillors Paul Thomas and Rachael Tyrrell recently presented Ajuni Kaur Goraya with a certificate and prize at Redhill Primary Academy for her winning design in the ‘Scoop the Poop’ poster competition. Her design has now been turned into signs installed around the area, serving as a reminder to all residents to clean up after their dogs.

Free dog waste bags are available from the Parish Council office (located inside St. Georges Primary School). As an additional initiative, to support the poster campaign, new dog poo bag dispensers are being installed around Priorslee. These dispensers have been funded through the Councillor Pride Fund from Telford and Wrekin Council, thanks to Cllrs Thomas and Tyrrell.



Garden Service

The Parish Council provides a free lawn mowing service for residents who need extra support. To be eligible you must have no friends or family available to help plus fit one of the following criteria:

- ✔ Residents aged 70+
- ✔ Those receiving disability benefits
- ✔ Veterans & Armed Forces members
- ✔ Care leavers

We offer a simple grass cut every couple of weeks (around 10 cuts per year), running from April to September.

For all enquiries, please contact **Jess** on **01952 56 77 00** or email: parishsupport@stgeorgesandpriorslee-pc.gov.uk



Spaces are limited - apply quickly to avoid disappointment!

New Groups Bringing Joy at the Parish Centre

Finding My Voice

We’re excited to welcome Finding My Voice, a new group at the Parish Centre (inside St George’s Primary School).

This group provides a safe and supportive space for those struggling with mental health and their carers. Through music and singing, members can find peace and connection.

Meets **fortnightly** on **Wednesdays**

7:00pm – 8:30pm

For more info: findingmyvoice.telford@hotmail.com



Coffee & Craft / Knit & Natter

Due to the success of the Age UK Coffee & Craft Group, a new Knit & Natter group has been launched!

- Coffee & Craft – Once a month (£3.50 per session)
- Knit & Natter – Twice a month (£2 per session)

Tuesday mornings

10:00am – 12:00pm

Small fee to cover materials & refreshments



Come along, meet new people, and enjoy a relaxed, creative session!

For more info, call **01743 233123**

Model Making

The free Model Making group, designed for former and current Armed Forces & Emergency Service personnel, has had a fantastic start!

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Free!



A great way to relax, connect with others, and enjoy a creative hobby.

For more info, call **01952 567700**

Email: gary.morris@modelsforheroes.org.uk

