THE LILLESHALL VOICE

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Lilleshall Parish Council

Small Grants

Lilleshall Parish Council has awarded a small grant to Old Ben Homes to purchase a new bench. Old Ben Homes on Church Road, Lilleshall provides sheltered housing for the elderly and vulnerable. The previous bench overlooking the lake had fallen into disrepair and was a popular place for residents to sit, admiring the swans and kingfishers. Residents are thrilled to have a new bench where they can relax and enjoy the changing seasons.

Lilleshall Parish Council have also awarded small grants to the following organisations:

Lilleshall Pre-School,
to purchase new toys for their outdoor area

Newport Cottage Care centre for funding entertainers, exercise classes and craft materials.

Pictured are the staff and residents of Old Ben Homes along with Lilleshall Parish Councillor Lawrence Harvey.

Lilleshall Parish Council has a small grant fund of £3000 available every year to help local clubs and organisations. If you feel that your local group or organisation would benefit from a grant of up to £300 please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Upcoming Community Events in Lilleshall

St Michael's, Lilleshall

Old Ben Homes

Located on Church Road, Old Ben Homes run weekly events that are open to people over 55 years and those who would consider themselves to be vulnerable.

Old Ben Homes

Coffee Morning every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm
£1 charge for coffee/biscuits/cake

Exercise 4 All on Tuesdays from 10am to 11am
All abilities seated, if necessary, small charge

Bingo on Tuesdays at 2pm
Small fee for books

Lilleshall Panto Group

This year's Panto performance of Aladdin will be held on Friday March 8th 7.30pm, Saturday 9th 2pm and 7.30pm and Sunday 10th March, 12 noon in the Memorial Hall.

Lilleshall Panto Group

Aladdin

What's on at Lilleshall Memorial Hall

Monday:
10.00am -11.00am over 60's Exercise class.
10.00am -11.00am WI (Hillside 1st Monday of each Month)
7.00pm -9.00pm Line Dancing

Tuesday:
9.30am -10.30am Yoga
1.30pm -2.30pm Tap Dancing (Term Time only)
7.00pm -9.30pm W.I. (3rd Tuesday of each Month)

Wednesday:
10.00am -12.00pm Line Dancing
1.00pm-3.30pm NHS
5.30pm -7.45pm Yoga
5.00pm -7.00pm Private Therapy Group (Hillside)

Thursday:
9.30am -10.30am Pilates (Term Time only)
9.30 -10.30am Exercise Group (Hillside)

Saturday & Sunday:
10.00am -1.00pm Tae Kwon Do
For more details contact Chris:07776156575

A Message from Lilleshall Womens Institute

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Lilleshall Memorial Hall. With speakers on various subjects, from bee keeping to crime and punishment in the Victorian era, we have craft demonstrations, outings and much more. And on top of all that we always have time for a cuppa and a chat.

We are a really friendly bunch, and you are welcome to join us. If you're not sure, come along as a visitor and try before you buy. We are a central part of our village community, and everyone is welcome.

For more information, ring our secretary Teresa Brown on 07564 517291.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Telford & Wrekin Council's Cost Of Living Crisis LED Bulb Distribution Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to target those residents most affected by the cost-of-living crisis to provide them with energy efficient LED bulbs to help lower their lighting related energy bills and carbon footprints.

LED BULBS AVAILABLE FROM THE HILLSIDE MEMORIAL HALL ON A TUESDAY BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM.

Remembrance Service at St Michaels

Telford & Wrekin Borough Councillor Andrew Eade and Lilleshall Parish Council Vice-Chairman Carol Binnington attended a Remembrance Service at St. Michaels and All Angels on behalf of Lilleshall Parish Council. In every act of remembrance, we honour the memory of the fallen and pledge to care for the living. We will remember them.

- We remember the sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.
- We pay tribute to the special contribution of families and of the emergency services.
- We acknowledge innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.

Please pick up after your dog and keep our parish clean

Lilleshall is such a beautiful area, and we want to keep it that way. When on a walk with your four-legged friend, please ensure you remember your poo bags and pick up after them

In an emergency, we have four poo bag dispensers around our parish. Please use responsibly and leave plenty for anyone else who might need them.

You will find poo bag dispensers at the following locations:

Hillside (next to the park and playing field)
The Humbers
Hillside East
Lilleshall Allotments

Update on Lilleshall Churchyard Matters

Space For Burials

Lilleshall Churchyard is a place of significant importance to many people from our community and further afield. We are convinced that the village should have a churchyard which is open for burials and the interment of ashes. Those of you who visit the churchyard will have seen that, although there is plenty of space for the interment of ashes, very few plots remain for new burials. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has, over the last 10 years or so explored a number of avenues to expand the churchyard but none has, to date, come to fruition. With the pressure on land everywhere for all sorts of uses continually growing, the option now being explored is to reuse burial land in the top section of the churchyard. This is generally permissible 75 years after an existing burial but we are advised that it is preferable to wait 100 years.

The PCC has decided to initiate a period of consultation, beginning in December 2024, in preparation for reusing land at the top of the churchyard for burials where the burial has taken place more than 100 years previously. There is no plan to disturb existing memorials or Commonwealth war graves. This article is the first part of the consultation process. Over the coming months, the PCC will endeavour to contact families who have a particular interest and will post notices in the church and the churchyard so that those who visit the churchyard infrequently will be informed of the plans. If you have any comments, please convey them to the vicar, churchwardens or PCC members for consideration. Please let us know your views.

Trees

You may have also noticed that some of the evergreen cypress trees that line the central path of the churchyard have been pruned too harshly. The PCC has consulted with the diocesan adviser and is working with the parish council on plans to remove these trees which have become unsightly.

Dangerous Headstones

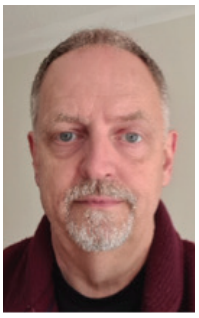
Over time, the fixing of upright memorial stones can become worn or disturbed. We regularly check these and where memorial stones are loose and in danger of falling, potentially causing injury, these have been laid flat on the ground.

Our Local Councillors *(Please contact via the Parish Clerk)*

Councillor Bob Taylor (Chairman)

Councillor Carol Binnington (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Peter Challinor



Councillor Lawrence Harvey

Councillor Thomas Hoof

Councillor Linda Parker

Councillor Phil Clayton

Telford & Wrekin Borough Councillor

Councillor Andrew Eade **07976 100002** **andrew.eade@telford.gov.uk**

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Parish Office

The Parish Office is located at the:
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Hillside,
Lilleshall,
Newport
TF10 9HG

We are open every Tuesday between 9am and 4pm.

Lilleshall Parish Council Meetings 2024-2025

MEETING TYPE:	DATE OF MEETING:
Parish Council Meeting	10th December 2024
Parish Council Meeting	14th January 2025
Parish Council Meeting	11th February 2025
Parish Council Meeting	11th March 2025
Parish Council Meeting	8th April 2025

Lilleshall Parish Council would like to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.