THE LILLESHALL VOICE

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Lilleshall Parish Council

Welcome to the Spring edition of the parish newsletter. In this edition the parish council are providing you with important information on how Telford & Wrekin Council proposals could impact our Local Democracy and Housing Developments. Lilleshall Parish Council are working hard to ensure we protect our beautiful village and do what is right for the future of the parish. You will also see local news on events which we hope you will join us in the coming months….

Have a wonderful Spring,

Bob Taylor (Chair)

The Borough of Telford and Wrekin has commenced a full Community Governance Review.

A Community Governance Review is a legal process where Telford & Wrekin Council will consult with those living in the area, and other interested parties, on the most suitable ways of representing the people in the parishes identified in the review. This means making sure that those living in the area, and other interested groups, have a say in how their local communities are represented.

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The review can consider one or more of the following options:

- creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
- the naming of parishes and the style of new parishes and the creation of town councils
- the electoral arrangements for parishes (for instance, the ordinary year of election; a council's geographical size; the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and parish warding)
- grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes
- other types of local arrangements, including parish meetings.

Lilleshall Parish Council have submitted a response to the consultation, stating it needs to remain independent. We do not want to be merged with neighbouring parishes and believe parish councillors should be local people best serving the community's needs! The first phase of the consultation ended on Monday 14 April 2025.The second phase of the consultation on the draft proposals commence on the 19th May and close on the 14th of July 2025. You can find out more by going to Telford & Wrekin Council's website https://www.telford.gov.uk/CGR2025 or email reviews@gov.uk. Have your say and get involved in protecting our future.!!!

Telford & Wrekin Council Development Plan

The Telford and Wrekin Local Plan (TWLP) is the Development Plan for the borough. It is central to delivering plan led growth and is the starting point for assessing planning applications in the borough. The latest draft of the Plan proposes 3 sites for development within Lilleshall Parish:

1. Land off Church Road, Lilleshall. The site is located to the North East of St Michael's Church and 74 houses are proposed to be built over the next five years.

2. Land south of St. Michael's Church, Lilleshall. The site is off Church Road, Lilleshall and 10 houses are proposed to be built over the next five years.

3. A sustainable urban extension site is proposed at The Humbers, with a total housing yield of 2,700. A proportion of these will be within the Lilleshall Parish boundary.

Following approval by T&WC's Full Council, the Regulation 19 (Publication) stage of the Telford and Wrekin Local Plan review is now open for public review. This is the final opportunity for local communities to provide feedback before the plan is submitted for independent examination.

Lilleshall Parish Council has formed a Working Group and will be submitting a response by 5th May 2025. The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays between 10am and 2pm for members of the public to view the proposals. The public review runs from 17 March to 5 May 2025, and at this stage, comments should focus on matters of soundness and legal compliance. The Telford and Wrekin Local Plan along with supporting evidence are available at www.telfordandwrekinlocalplan.co.uk.

If you have any questions or require further details, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Dates for your diary

VE Day 80th Anniversary Tea Party – Free Event!

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, we are delighted to invite all local residents to a special **Free Tea Party** on **Tuesday 6th May** from **12pm to 3pm** at **The Parish Office, Hillside.** Join us for a delightful afternoon of tea, cake, and great company as we celebrate this important milestone in history. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbours, share stories, and enjoy the community spirit. As space is limited, we kindly ask that you **book your place** in advance by calling **0747 3304806** or pop in and see us at the Parish Office on a Tuesday. Don't miss out—reserve your spot today and come along to commemorate this historic event with us!

We look forward to seeing you there! Please note: Due to restrictions, places are limited, so early booking is advised.

Exciting Summer Event for Local Families and Residents

The Parish Council, in partnership with Lilleshall Cricket Club, is excited to announce the return of the much anticipated Summer Event for all local residents and families. Following the success of last year's gathering, this year's event promises to be even bigger and better, offering a fantastic day out for everyone in the community.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday 5th July,** from **12pm to 11pm,** and join us for a day filled with fun, laughter, and entertainment at the picturesque Lilleshall Cricket Club and Playing Fields. The stunning setting will provide the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable day of activities.

The event will feature an exciting cricket match, hosted by the Cricket Club, that is sure to captivate both seasoned fans and newcomers alike. Whether you're a cricket enthusiast or just looking for a fun way to spend the afternoon, there's something for everyone.

In addition to the match, there will be a variety of food and drink available to keep you refreshed throughout the day. Whether you're craving a hearty bite or a sweet treat, there will be plenty of options to satisfy all tastes. The event will also feature lively entertainment, ensuring that there's no shortage of enjoyment for all ages.

This community event is a wonderful opportunity to come together, meet your neighbours, and celebrate the summer in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Last year's event was a resounding success, and we look forward to seeing even more of you there this year.

Bring your friends, bring your family, and let's make this summer one to remember! We look forward to seeing you at Lilleshall Cricket Club on **Saturday, 5th July,** for a day of fun, sport, food, and community spirit.

Don't miss out – it's a day you won't want to miss!

Free Day Trip to the Seaside for Parish Residents Aged 55 and Over

We are delighted to invite all parish residents aged 55 and over to join us for a wonderful **FREE day trip to the seaside** this summer! It's a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the fresh sea breeze, a scenic coastline, and the company of your fellow parish members.

Date: Friday, 27th June 2025
Departure: 8:30 AM from Lilleshall Memorial Hall Car Park
Return: 5:00 PM from Llandudno

To accommodate everyone, **two coaches** will be provided, ensuring there is plenty of space for everyone to enjoy the day comfortably. Please make staff aware if you require Disability access.

Llandudno, with its charming seafront, shops, and a ttractions, is the perfect destination for a relaxing day out. Whether you want to take a leisurely stroll along the promenade, enjoy a cup of tea by the sea, or simply soak up the stunning views, this trip promises a delightful day for all.

To reserve your place, please call in to the parish office on Tuesday 29th April between 10 am and 2pm to purchase a ticket. All tickets require a £5 cash purchase which will be refunded to you on the day. Please note- if you do not attend on the day, the £5 will not be refunded. Please bring proof of address and age.

This is a fantastic way to enjoy a summer day, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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 MEETING ROOM ON A TUESDAY BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM.

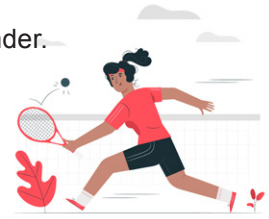
Community News...

Lilleshall Village Tennis Club

Lilleshall Village Tennis Club is busy preparing for the start of its 48th Summer Season. The courts have been cleaned and moss treated and it's all hands to the pump to clear the surrounding area of weeds. The advent of all-weather surfaces and the addition of floodlights has meant of course that we play all year round but our opening Sunday (April 6th) is always a special occasion with a lovely party atmosphere. LVTC has a solid history of social and competitive tennis with two mornings dedicated to players who have just returned to the game or are complete beginners. We are planning to attend the Summer Sizzler in July 5th and give people an opportunity to "have a go ". We are a very friendly club and will give new members a very warm welcome.

All the details of our sessions can be found displayed at the club house but here is a quick reminder.

- Monday Junior coaching 4.30pm to 7.30 pm
- Tuesday Men's morning 9.30am to 12.30pm Club session 6.30 to 9.00pm
- Wednesday Ladies morning 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Thursday Club session 6.30 to 9pm
- Friday Club session 10am to 12.30pm



Matches are played during the year but at least 7 days' notice is given. This information is displayed at the club house. At all other times the courts are available to the public free of charge. There is no actual booking system in place. Hopefully people will be generous and play for an hour or so if people are waiting. Such a wonderful facility to have in our village. If you have any queries, please contact Jilly on 01952 677050

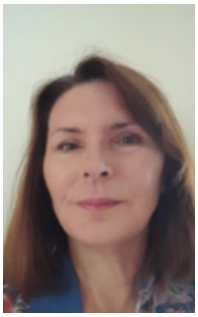
Parish Council Community Grants Scheme

The parish council were delighted to award the following local groups with funding recently:

- Lilleshall Women's Institute received £300 towards purchasing a publicity flag to help promote their group at events.
- 1st Lilleshall Rainbows received £300 towards coach travel to large scale regional events.

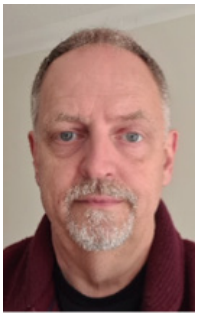
Our Local Councillors *(Please contact via the Parish Clerk)*

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

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Parish Office

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