

# Madeley Matters



Drawing by Maggie Humphry

## Madeley Green Day Sunday 20th September 2015

1 – 4pm

Madeley Park (off Legges Way)

**JOIN** in the **SNAILYMPICS!**

**TRY** your hand at our Drumming Workshop

**BUILD** a Bird Box

**FLING** yourself at the Velcro Wall

**RIDE** a Donkey

**EAT** some good food

**HEAR** the African Drummers

**GET** eye to eye with the Owls

**BUY** some Plants & Rustic garden objects

**PRESS** your own Apple Juice

**MAKE** lots of things at the activity stalls

and more ...                      ... Come & Enjoy!



Charity Fundraisers



**“Madeley Money-Makers”**

**Charity Fundraisers Market**

**Sunday 16 August**

**10am – 2pm**

Alongside Tesco Madeley

Variety of fundraising stalls with lots to offer.

Demonstration from  
Coalbrookdale Tai Chi Group

**Also, Tesco Car Boot Sale**  
(on their car park)



## Walk for the Anstice!

Do you like a good walk?  
Sunday 13 September  
(9.30am starting from the Anstice)

Why not get yourself some sponsors and help raise money for the Anstice? On the same day as the Telford Trail and using the same route (but in a slightly different order!), this walk will start from the Anstice - there are shorter options such as finishing at the Iron Bridge, Telford Town Park or the full circle back to The Anstice.

For more information contact Julie  
on **01952 567 280** or email  
[julie@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:julie@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

## STROWP Telford Trail 12

**Sunday 13 September 9.30am –**  
**Registration next to visitor centre at**  
**Telford Town Park**

This annual challenge walk is an approx 12 mile circular walk (option of a shorter distance) through some of the most beautiful and historic urban countryside in South Telford.

The Telford Trail provides the opportunity for participants to complete a walk for pleasure or as a way of raising money for charity.

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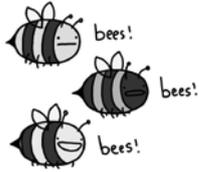
# LOCAL SUMMER EVENTS

### **Fire Walking! Saturday 15 August (from 7pm) – Chillcott Gardens, Bridgnorth Road, Madeley**

It's our 15th Anniversary and to celebrate and fund-raise we have organised a huge event, the main feature of which will be a fire walk. Fire walking will take place at 8pm. All the proceeds will go towards trips and events for the residents of Chillcott Gardens and to providing activities to keep them active and, most importantly, happy.

### **Sutton Hill Allotments Open Day Saturday 22 August (10am – 3pm) – Allotment Site, Bridgnorth Road**

Fresh Produce, Home Bakes, Refreshments and more.



### **Bee Day Sunday 23 August (11am-4pm) – Green Wood Centre, Station Road, Coalbrookdale TF8 7DR**

A celebration of all things Honey Bees and their products. Lots of classes to enter, demonstrations and information. Free to the public (parking in Dale End Pay and Display please – just 5 minutes walk). For more information go to the Shropshire Beekeepers Association website [www.shropshirebees.co.uk](http://www.shropshirebees.co.uk) or email [sbkabeeday@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sbkabeeday@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Community Produce Show - Sunday 13 September (12.30-4pm) - Green Wood Centre, as above**

Following last year's successful inaugural event, this year's show will have more classes for all ages and level of experience, children too – just come and have a go. For a schedule email: [produceshowatgwc@yahoo.com](mailto:produceshowatgwc@yahoo.com)

Tel: **01952 435857** Email: [info@cherryrealsfood.co.uk](mailto:info@cherryrealsfood.co.uk) [www.cherryrealsfood.co.uk](http://www.cherryrealsfood.co.uk)

### **Free Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Festival Saturday, 19th September**

At the FREE Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Festival, which is supported by Telford & Wrekin Council, there will be heritage talks, a high quality craft and food market, live street entertainment and family activities from 12 noon until 5pm. Any organisation interested in having a stand should contact Katie Tusel for details on **01952 435900** or email [katie.tusel@ironbridge.org.uk](mailto:katie.tusel@ironbridge.org.uk)

New for 2015 is a fantastic painting competition. To celebrate how the Iron Bridge has been represented by artists over the centuries the organisers are running a competition for local artists to create a work of art which depicts the Bridge and its surroundings in their own particular style. The work must be completed on-site during the five hours of the Festival and be ready for judging on the day. The winner will be awarded a prize of £200 and their masterpiece will be exhibited at Telford & Wrekin Council's main office until the end of the year. For further information and an application form please contact Barbara Taylor on **01952 435900** or email [barbara.taylor@ironbridge.org.uk](mailto:barbara.taylor@ironbridge.org.uk)

As there will be road closures in central Ironbridge and car parks will be for Festival Permit holders only, all visitors should use the fast and frequent Ironbridge Park and Ride Service that operates from the top of Jiggers Bank (Sat Nav TF4 3QE) into the heart of the event for a small fee. Station Road car park in Ironbridge will be available for accessible parking only.

For information about the event call **01952 433424** or email: [tuc@ironbridge.org.uk](mailto:tuc@ironbridge.org.uk)

**Tesco Car Boot** – On the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month there is a regular car boot sale on Tesco car park. Set up from 8.30am. There is a small pitch fee of £5 which is donated to the Tesco Charities of the year, British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK. For more information contact Val the Tesco Community Champion on **01952 426486** or [tescomadeley5853@gmail.com](mailto:tescomadeley5853@gmail.com)

**Also at Tesco Madeley** – come and meet 'Boycie' of 'Only Fools & Horses' fame. John Challis will be at the store on Saturday 19 September from 9am to sign his new book 'Being Boycie' along with other 'Only Fools' attractions. Look out for posters nearer the time.

*If you have an event coming up and would like to get the word out – let us know and we'll include it in Madeley Matters. The next issue will be distributed 19 November – to include information in this issue we need to receive it by 12 October.*



## THOMAS PARKER DAY

10th October 11am to 4.30pm

The Valley Hotel

Buildwas Road, Ironbridge, Shropshire, TF8 7DW

**Speakers:**

**“Engineering & Transport—The Technical Achievements & Legacy of Thomas Parker”**

*By Roy Bowdler*

**“Thomas Parker – Early Years, Family & Community”**

*By Janet Doody*

**“Awake my Muse! The world of the early electrical engineering contractor”**

*By Dr Ian West, University of Leicester*

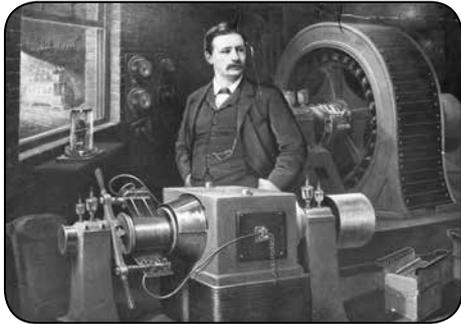
**Tickets £14**

(cheques payable to Madeley Town Council)

**Price includes welcome refreshments and a buffet lunch**

Tickets available from Madeley Town Council, Jubilee House,  
74 High St, Madeley, Telford TF7 5AH

**T: 01952 567280**



## School's Thomas Parker Project

The pupils from the John Fletcher of Madeley primary school rounded off their project on Thomas Parker by putting on an display of their artwork, poems and models at the Footprint gallery, Tile Museum, Jackfield. Teachers Dawn Burrows and Lynsey Gladwin organised the event with support from Martin Phillips of Historic England and the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust who provided the venue.



**HOLD THE DATE - Friday 11th September**

**For a Special Concert “AUTUMN TONES”**

The Parish of the Good Shepherd presents

**The Jackfield Elcock Reisen Band with  
Soloist Louise Williams**



**St Michael's Church, Madeley – 7.30pm**

An uplifting concert with a varied programme and  
Refreshments available in the interval,  
plus Tombola and a Raffle.

Tickets cost £7.50 available with further information  
from

St Mary's Catholic Church, High Street, Madeley.

Telephone **01952 586118**

**All proceeds in aid of the Good Shepherd Church  
Refurbishment Fund**

**Our grateful thanks to Rev. Alan Walden and Church  
members for the use of their beautiful building.**

Do come and enjoy the music at this Friday evening  
concert.

## New Tool Hire Group for Sutton Hill Residents

Telford & Wrekin Council and the Sanctuary Group have helped local residents to establish a new service for Sutton Hill residents who want to do a bit of DIY or gardening but don't have the tools. The Sutton Hill Tool Hire Club has been launched by the Friends Of Sutton Hill community group and has already proved a hit with residents signing up and hiring tools.

The idea to start the service came from the Vice Chairman of the Sutton Hill residents group, Jason Stokes.

Mr Stokes said that he knew a lot of people who did not have either the tools to keep their properties and gardens well-maintained or the appropriate place to store them. The council and Sanctuary worked with local residents to help them set up the service and the two organisations provided a large variety of tools for hire to kick-start the scheme.

Councillor Angela McClements, Telford & Wrekin Council's cabinet member for Communities, Regeneration and Transport, said: "This is a fantastic scheme that allows residents to hire tools as and when they need them to maintain their properties, without the added cost of buying them or the logistical problem of where they keep them afterwards.

"I am sure that many residents will take advantage of the scheme in the months to come and it should mean that the general environment in Sutton Hill is lifted as a result of better maintained properties around the estate."

Telford & Wrekin Council's Community Participation Team has embraced the project and is also offering opportunities for local residents to improve their gardening and growing skills by getting involved in a project called Let's Grow, which helps people to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

For information about either project contact [get.involved@telford.gov.uk](mailto:get.involved@telford.gov.uk) or call **01952 382131**.

Various tools are available, from mowers and hedge cutters to spades, drills, and decorating equipment.

- £3 annual membership fee
- Electrical items £3 per loan
- Hand tools £1 per loan
- 50% discount for first item borrowed!

Collection and returns: Monday 9 – 11am and Thursday 4 – 6pm and other times by prior agreement.

For more information contact Sutton Hill Community Centre on **01952 382260**



*Pictured are: Cllrs. Paul Watling and Dave Wright (1st & 4th from left), Cliff Murray, resident and new member of the tool hire club (2nd from left), Clair Holmes and Jason Stokes, volunteers for the tool hire club (3rd & 5th from left)*

### Sutton Hill Residents Meetings

Meetings take place the last Monday of each month at Sutton Hill Community Centre at 6.30pm. Please note no meetings in August and December.

Meeting dates for 2015: 28th September, 26th October, 30th November.



### Do you have a business in the Madeley Parish area? Or do you run a club, a society, a sports team, uniform group, provide a service?

If so, the Madeley Partnership would like to put a web page for you on [www.madeleyonthemap.co.uk](http://www.madeleyonthemap.co.uk) It's completely free and there's no catch. You don't need to know how to make web pages or even how to use a computer. You just need to provide some basic information, a Madeley address and postcode and a logo or photo (we may even be able to take this for you). We have almost 70 listings so far and room for plenty more. Email

[info@madeleyonthemap.co.uk](mailto:info@madeleyonthemap.co.uk) for more information, or ring **567282** (Keith) or **582874** (Kath) and we'll sort it all out for you. If you're on Facebook, please join the **Madeley Partnership** page and on Twitter please follow **@madeleymap** – let's get all areas of Madeley in touch and working together.



**Park Lane Centre**  
Business and Community  
working together

## New Manager for Park Lane Centre

My name is Jacqui Idiens and I have been employed at Park Lane Centre for the last 7 years and enjoyed every day of it, so am delighted to have the opportunity to be the next Centre Manager. During my time here I have developed a great working relationship with local groups, businesses and the community we serve and look forward to enhancing this further, as well as continuing to provide the excellent facilities and services Park Lane Centre is known for.



This is an exciting time for Park Lane Centre, with the completion of our fantastic new facility, Woody's Warren, Café and Playbarn. Woody's Warren has been funded by Telford and Wrekin Council's Community Pride Funding and will be open Monday to Friday in time for the school summer holidays. It is suitable for children up to the age of 8 and costs just £1.50 per session. The newly refurbished café will be offering family friendly affordable meals and for those not wanting to visit the playbarn, why not visit our separate, fully serviced cafe area.

The official launch date is 12th September 2015 and there will be plenty of fun activities for the whole family to get involved with, so why not come along then and join in the fun?

## Find out What's on @ Park Lane Centre

**T: 01952 683700** [www.parklanecentre.co.uk](http://www.parklanecentre.co.uk)

**There are many courses and activities available to all at the Park Lane Centre, Woodside. Just call in, ring or visit our website for further details.**

### Monday – Friday:

Online learning; Internet, Email, Family Fun, Uniform Groups, Various Exercise Groups, Slimming World, Fair Share Credit Union, FREE to use Job Search, Bumps and Babies, Madeley Age UK, Woodside Walk, The Easy Weigh Group, Woodside Church, Get Knitting, Woodside Sequence Dance Club, TELSTAR Dance Troupe, Baby Clinic, Age Concern Book Club, TCAT English & Maths, Playing Together, Quit 51 - Appointment only **0800 612 4580**.

### Saturdays & Sundays:

Open for parties & events.

Also . . .

## Summer Fun @ Park Lane Centre Thursday 13th August 1pm – 4pm.

Free activities, owl experience, raffles, fire brigade, pond dipping, competitions, Woody's Play barn and lots more. Stalls available, contact Clare **07800 671757**



## Woodside on track for new bike trail

Children and young people in Woodside are one step closer to getting a BMX track and trail thanks to The Friends of Rough Park and a grant submitted by them to The Veolia Environmental Trust.

The Friends of Rough Park approached Telford & Wrekin Council and Madeley Town Council last year to assist them in getting funds to introduce a wheeled sports facility in an area of Rough Park that in the past had accommodated an old play area. This idea had been put to them by a number of young people and families using the park. A working group was formed and following a series of public consultation sessions involving 918 votes, a decision was made to apply for funds to develop a BMX track and a family picnic area with natural play space.

The Friends of Rough Park were pleased to hear in June that they have now been awarded a grant of £39,999 by The Veolia Environmental Trust to create this facility in Rough Park, off Woodside Avenue. Telford & Wrekin Council's Pride in Your Community Programme is also contributing some funding to improve a footpath leading to this facility and Madeley Town Council's Environment Team will be making sure the track is kept clean and tidy.

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# 6 More News from Woodside

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Chair of the Friends of Rough Park, Jean Edwards, says, "This grant is great news. It means we will be able to provide a facility where children and young people can safely practise riding their BMX or mountain bikes. This positive activity will encourage healthy lifestyles and keep young people engaged, reducing inappropriate use of other areas and anti-social behaviour."

The Veolia environmental trust will now start working with the Friends and the working group to finalise the details of the project so that work can begin as soon as possible.

Councillors Kevin Guy and Rae Evans, Madeley Town Councillors and Woodside ward members added: "We were particularly impressed with the very thorough process of consultation that the Friends of Rough Park have carried out with members of the public and with children and young people in particular. This news is a fantastic opportunity for young people and families to share in activities together".

Councillor Shaun Davies, Cabinet Member for Business, Neighbourhood & Customer Services added: "I am delighted that the Pride In Your Community fund has been able to step in to help the Friends of Rough Park and I look forward to seeing the area being redeveloped as a useful public amenity."

*Pictured are officers from T&W Council's Community Participation Team and the Environment and Open Space Team with students from the Abraham Darby Academy who took part in the consultation.*



## Pride in Woodside

Local residents took part in an open public meeting in March that helped draw up a plan of Pride in Your Community public realm works for 2015/2016. Results of agreed works that will take place:

- Improvements to an all-ability footpath in Rough Park (see before and after pictures)
- Street Lighting upgrades to clearer LED lighting that also reduce skyglow; LED lights will only go where they are needed. Some columns will be changed if they are concrete, aluminium or damaged.
- Re-lining of all Council owned car parking bays in Woodside
- De-cluttering of Highway signage
- Tree works are being assessed with any dead, dangerous, dying or other inappropriate trees being removed and some further tree works expected to be undertaken in Autumn 2015.
- Bulb planting in various areas of open space across Woodside with requests for residents to help identify other public land in Woodside.

In Autumn 2015 we will be hosting more opportunities for residents to engage and participate in Pride for Woodside. The Community Participation Team will be inviting residents to come along to identified 'Street meetings'.

If you are interested in attending street meetings, finding out more information about the Pride Programme for Woodside or getting involved in some practical work parties or bulb planting then please contact the team:

Telephone: **01952 382131** E-mail: [get.involved@telford.gov.uk](mailto:get.involved@telford.gov.uk)

Or call in to the Park Lane Centre and ask someone there to contact you with more information.

The Pride in Your Community Programme focuses on environmental and social issues that we know are important to residents. It is an investment programme to be delivered across the borough over a period of 2 years 2014-2016.

**Find out more by visiting [www.telford.gov.uk/pride](http://www.telford.gov.uk/pride)**

**A newly improved all-ability path running through Rough Park:**



## Let's Grow – Woodside

**Let's Grow** is all about getting people together to grow, share and eat home grown fruit and veg. It's a FREE project that helps residents to grow, cook and eat more fruit and vegetables. With the support of volunteers, residents have the opportunity to develop their food growing skills and will be supported to grow in their own gardens or community growing spaces.

Let's Grow is available for local residents living in Woodside to join in with lots of great opportunities such as ...

- Support growing projects – veg growing gardening tips, companion planting etc. through organised workshops and courses
- Support with composting advice
- Help set up 'pot to plate' / seasonal and budget cookery sessions
- Help to develop and run a locally-run garden tool hire scheme.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in the Let's Grow project in Woodside, please contact us:

Telephone: **01952 382131** E-mail: [get.involved@telford.gov.uk](mailto:get.involved@telford.gov.uk)

Or call in to the Park Lane Centre and ask someone there to contact you.

### Woodside Tool Hire Club

After a successful launch of Sutton Hill Gardening and DIY Tool hire club (see the article on the Sutton Hill news page), the Community Participation team of Telford & Wrekin Council is keen to hear from local residents of Woodside who would be interested in using a tool hire scheme and also from residents who would like to get involved in setting one up for Woodside.

A tool hire club is normally run by local volunteers and consists of quality domestic electrical and hand tools. The funding and setting up would be supported by the "Lets Grow Project" being offered by the Council's Community Participation Team, as well as The Park Lane Centre who have offered to host the scheme.

If you are interested in using or getting involved in setting up a 'Woodside Tool Hire Club' then please contact the team: T: **01952 382131** E-mail: [get.involved@telford.gov.uk](mailto:get.involved@telford.gov.uk) or call in to the Park Lane Centre and ask reception if officers are available in "Residents Involvement Office" for more information.



### Anstice Community Survey

The Survey was conducted between 14th May and 18th June. Its purpose was to gather more information on people's views about how the Anstice should be used in the future. We were particularly interested in finding out what people wanted from the ground floor space.

Previous consultation had established that people want to retain a licensed premises and the survey indicated that there was the most interest in a bistro type bar that would serve alcoholic drinks and also teas, coffees and meals at lunchtime and in the evening.

The second question gave a variety of options for uses for the ground floor and asked people to rate them. The responses are listed in the order of priority:

- |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Kitchen/catering for ballroom etc | 7 Office space                      |
| 2 Tea/coffee shop                   | 8 Games room                        |
| 3 Training/craft/hobby rooms        | 9 Snooker club                      |
| 4 Meeting rooms                     | 10 Rehearsal/recording studio       |
| 5 Exhibition space                  | 11 Starter units for new businesses |
| 6 Reception area                    |                                     |

There is more work to be done! We had very few responses from the younger age group so we need to make sure that they have the opportunity to express their views. We also need to take professional advice on the viability of these ideas. A copy of the full report is available from Jubilee House or via the Anstice website which we hope will be live as we go to press: [www.theanstice.co.uk](http://www.theanstice.co.uk)



*Filling in the questionnaire at the Anstice Open Day 31st May*



### Stop Press ... Important Announcement!

The Anstice Community Team (ACT) are delighted to announce that their application to the Charities Commission has been accepted, so from now on they will be known as the ANSTICE COMMUNITY TRUST. Check out the website [www.theanstice.co.uk](http://www.theanstice.co.uk) for more details.



# 8 Council Information

## Committee Meeting Dates:

|              |                            |        |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------|
| 7 September  | Full Council               | 7pm    |
| 21 September | Leisure & Community        | 6.30pm |
| 28 September | Environment                | 6.30pm |
| 12 October   | Finance & General Purposes | 6.30pm |
| 26 October   | Full Council               | 7pm    |
| 9 November   | Leisure & Community        | 6.30pm |
| 23 November  | Environment                | 6.30pm |

## Councillors & Contact Numbers:

### Madeley

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Gill Green (Ind)        | 07982 914 783 |
| Steve Harrington (Lab)  | 583082        |
| Sue Taylor (Lab)        | 684932        |
| Peter Taylor (Lab)      | 684932        |
| Paul Watling (Lab) (BC) | 380256        |

### Hill Top

|                    |        |
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| Robin Coates (Lab) | 433358 |
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### Cuckoo Oak

|                               |               |
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| Aaron England (Lab)           | 585532        |
| Janice Jones (Lab) Vice Chair | 380713        |
| Nichola Leeper (Ind)          | 07507 712 620 |
| Alan MacKenzie (Lab)          | 07471 501 702 |
| Sarah Chadwick (Lab)          | 07875 155 781 |

### Woodside

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Sarah Biles (Lab)          | 796345        |
| David Edwards (Lab)        | 432160        |
| Arnold England (Lab)       | 07896 124 008 |
| Rae Evans (Lab) (BC) Chair | 380273        |
| Kevin Guy (Lab) (BC)       | 07837 113 606 |
| Derek White (Lab)          | 282237        |

BC – Denotes also a Borough Councillor

### Other Borough Councillor for the Parish:

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Cllr Dave Wright (Con) | 380714 |
|------------------------|--------|

### MP for Telford:

Lucy Allan MP 290039  
Suite 1, Preston House, Hawksworth Road, Central Park,  
Telford TF2 9TU [lucy@lucyallan.com](mailto:lucy@lucyallan.com) [www.lucyallan.com](http://www.lucyallan.com)

### NEXT EDITION OF MADELEY MATTERS Nov. 2015.

**Deadline for submissions 12 Oct.** If you would like to submit an article for consideration please contact Julie Jones, Property & Events Officer, at Jubilee House or email: [julie@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:julie@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

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Web: [www.madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

Follow us on Twitter: [@madeleytc](https://twitter.com/madeleytc)

### New Website

Madeley Town Council has an updated website – check it out at: [www.madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Town Council Annual Reports

Annual Reports 2014/15 for Madeley Town Council are available on our website at [www.madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk) and paper copies are available from Jubilee House.

## Could you spare a few hours a week to help a family in need?

Home-Start Telford and Wrekin is a local charity supporting families who may be struggling with issues such as loneliness, isolation, depression, developmental or health concerns, poverty, domestic violence etc. We train volunteers who then visit each week providing friendship, advice and practical help. If you would like to learn more, please call the Home-Start office on **01952 243991** or visit the website [www.homestarttelfordandwrekin.co.uk](http://www.homestarttelfordandwrekin.co.uk)

Vikki Thomas - Home-Start

## Courses & Activities at CHEC

From August 2015

[www.chec-telford.co.uk](http://www.chec-telford.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/chec.telford](https://www.facebook.com/chec.telford)



Skills for Life – Improve your English & Maths skills. Creative Writing, Confidence Building, Taking Charge of your Life, Riding the Storm (Relate), IT for Beginners.

**Possible new courses:** Toy Making, Jewellery Making, Mask Making, Model Making, Flower Arranging, Embroidery, Candle Making, Balloon Decoration, Knitting – if you are interested in these new activities pop in and put your name down.

All courses are held at CHEC, 31 High Street, Madeley, Telford TF7 5AR  
**(Bus Routes 11, 11A, 22, 22A and 44)**

For more information please contact:

**Terriane on 01952 583779 or [terriane@btconnect.com](mailto:terriane@btconnect.com)**

## David Edwards, school governor – John Randall primary school

David has been a governor here (as a Telford & Wrekin school) for 14 years and is now retiring from the post. Before that he visited the school regularly as he owned the newsagents just down the road. As a governor he attended regular meetings to discuss plans for the school's future and agree expenditure. He always had words of wisdom to impart and his years of experience and understanding of the school's community were a great asset.

As Headteacher here for the past ten and half years I would like to thank David for his support, both for the school and for me personally. He was always very complimentary of the way in which the school was led and although at times he questioned decisions (as a governor should) he had very sensible viewpoints.

*Helen Middleton,  
Headteacher, John Randall  
Primary School*



Pictured with David at a farewell tea party are Abbie Edmonds, Oliver Reeves and Keely Pooler (all year 6)

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