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# Oakengates Matters

Oakengates Town Council

Summer 2018

## Message from the Mayor of Oakengates



Mayor Cllr Stephen Reynolds

"I am honoured to have been elected as Mayor of Oakengates Town Council for 2018-19 and will take on this role with enthusiasm and pride. I am proud of our town and will continue to work tirelessly to promote everything good about Oakengates, Ketley Bank, Wombridge and Trench. The work of the Town Council has expanded over the last 2

years and the role of Councillors has become ever more important; developing and supporting our community is our number one priority. Oakengates is on the up!"

At the meeting on 5 June Andrew Bennett was co-opted as a Councillor at Oakengates Town Council.

Over the past 12 months we have welcomed Esther Barbera Sabate, Frank Crombie, Gary Insell, Helen Briscoe, Katie Ellis and Ian Cook who have joined the Town Council's Admin and Support Team.



Book your family party, get together or celebration at The Wakes @ Theatre Square, Oakengates. Room hire from as little as £18 per hour with licenced bar and on-site catering available.

The Wakes is 1 year old on the 1 July! To celebrate our birthday we would like give all visitors to The Wakes between 2-6 July a free shortbread biscuit with every tea or coffee purchased in the Forge Café. Don't forget to bring the voucher on page 3 with you!

Forge Café is open Tuesday –Saturday from 9am-3pm for speciality tea and coffee, homemade cakes, sandwiches and light lunches. A perfect place to meet, eat and chat.

A big thank you to all those who joined us at the first Wakes Fair on Saturday 19 May in Theatre Square – a great day was had by all!



## Over 60's Summer Day Trip – 7 August 2018



The Over 60's Summer Day Trip to Llandudno is arranged for Tuesday 7 August, leaving Telford at 9am and returning from Llandudno at 5pm. Anyone wishing to attend needs to collect their free ticket from The Wakes, Theatre Square, Oakengates between 10am-2pm on Wednesday 18 July. When collecting your ticket you must bring with you proof of age and address and you will be asked to select one of 3 pick-up points around Oakengates and Ketley Bank. A coach with disability access will also be provided. The Town Council will also be donating £5 towards lunch.



## 23RD JUNE 2018

The team are very busy organising the fun-filled day that thousands of visitors have come to expect! Spectacular arena entertainment, live music, an array of stalls, bars, funfair and food court, and subject to weather, a Spitfire Flyover!! There is still time to join in the Carnival Procession - walking, riding a bike, pushing a buggy, – as long as you are dressed up and your transport is decorated you're welcome to take part! To join us email [clairemckeown@blueyounder.co.uk](mailto:clairemckeown@blueyounder.co.uk) or Facebook message our Oakengates Carnival 2018 page.



TELFEST takes place in Hartshill Park over the August Bank Holiday weekend (25 & 26 August), bringing you some top-class tribute acts over the two days. Early Bird tickets are now available £6.00 for a day, or £10.00 for a weekend pass (under 12's free. Visit [www.telfest.com](http://www.telfest.com) or the TelFest 2018 Facebook page for more information.



Sunday 24th June is Oakengates Telford @ 50 Family Picnic and Heritage Day at Hartshill Park to recognise the important role that Oakengates has played in the development of Telford. A fabulous display

will consist of Oakengates Heritage information and photographs, accompanied by live on-stage entertainment. Please join us and bring your picnic (no alcohol please) for a relaxed afternoon & evening in Hartshill Park – there will also be a competition for the best 60's costumes!!

# Wedding Fair

Sunday 24 June

10.30 am – 3.00pm

The Wakes, Theatre Square, Oakengates



Everything you need for your wedding day and more...

For more details contact:

Christine's Florist or Alison Hinks  
55 Market Street The Wakes@Theatre Square  
Oakengates Oakengates  
Tel: 01952 274871 Tel: 01952 567500



## Oakengates welcomes Coffee Aroma

Borough Councillors for Oakengates & Ketley Bank were delighted to be invited to the opening of Coffee Aroma, a new business in Market Street, Oakengates.



## Oakengates Pubwatch Scheme

Sgt Ram Aston is pleased to announce the re-launch of the Oakengates Pubwatch. The main objectives of a Pubwatch scheme are to:  
-tackle and prevent Anti-social Behaviour through effective communication and prompt reporting of anti-social behaviour and criminality

-to promote a sense of security for customer and staff  
-to improve police / licensee liaison  
This scheme is another way the Oakengates ICM is working in partnership to keep people safe and protect our most vulnerable.

Thanks to everyone involved in the re-launch of the scheme which includes, licensed premises, Telford and Wrekin Council Staff, Oakengates Town Council and the Safer Neighbourhood Team. If you are a licensed premises from the Oakengates area and not already a member please contact ram.aston@westmercia.pnn.police.uk for more details.

## You said...We did...



Following reports from residents many roads have been resurfaced in the local area including:  
Hillside Road, Wombridge Road, Abbots Close, New Road and Maurice Lee Avenue.

Refreshing or road markings is also taking place throughout Oakengates and Telford & Wrekin Council are currently upgrading Council owned street lights with new LED Low Energy lanterns in Oakengates.

## Find It Fix It Pothole Campaign



Crews are out in force filling potholes over the coming months after the coldest winter for five years has taken its toll on the borough's roads. Report any potholes via the free Everyday Telford App - Simply download the App, report potholes, litter, fly tipping, environmental as you spot them and then use the App to monitor progress.



## 2018-19 Budget for the Town Council

Oakengates Town Council agreed their budget for 2018-19 at the Full Council meeting on 2 January 2018. A copy of the budget can be requested from the Town Clerk.

Oakengates Town Council has allocated £1,000 for local community and voluntary groups to apply for a small grant towards cost of running local project. Application forms available from the Town Clerk.



Retiring Oakengates Town Council Mayor, Cllr Hilda Rhodes, has raised £800 for her 2017-18 Mayor Charity, The Alzheimer's Society. During this time The Wakes community venue has also been recognised as a dementia friendly building.

# Oakengates History Group

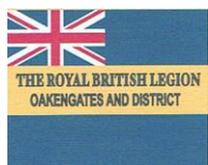
Oakengates History Group will be at Oakengates Carnival on Saturday 23rd June with a display of pictures and taking audio recordings of memories of the carnival from years gone by. We will be in The Wakes from 10am. If you have any picture or memorabilia of the carnival that we can display, please contact Gregory Vernon on 01952 567500. Oakengates History Group will be sharing this display at the Oakengates Telford @ 50 Family History Day on Sunday 24th June at Hartshill Park from 12 noon.

On 6 September at 7pm at The Wakes, Oakengates History Group will be hosting a History Quiz, costing £1 per person or make up your own team of 4, no booking required - £20 prize for the winners.

## Memorial Gates at Hartshill Park, Oakengates



The 100 years commemoration is the ideal time for local people to remember loved ones lost in any conflict. Oakengates Town Council would like families with a connection to Oakengates and the surrounding areas to get in touch if they would like families members commemorated on the War Memorial Gates at Hartshill Park. If you would like to include a name inscription, contact the Town Clerk by 30 June 2018.



In 2014 members of Oakengates and District Royal British Legion built what has become known as the Poppy Cross in Hartshill Park. The idea was developed to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the start of WW1. The sandbags represent the trenches, the soil within representing no man's land, and the cross pointing in the direction of Ypres.

Work to rejuvenate the sandbag poppy cross was undertaken earlier this year. Plans are now being formulated to have a permanent memorial completed by November 2018 to coincide with the end of WW1 commemorations. It is proposed to replace the sandbags with concrete in the shape of sandbags. Poppies will continue to be grown within the cross. A plaque is to be purchased, along with a bench. Two Silent Soldier plaques to be displayed by the Poppy Cross have been funded by the Borough Councillors Pride Fund.

It is hoped that the poppy cross will continue to be a focal point for the annual Remembrance Day service, as well as becoming a place of quiet reflection for all members of the community.

## Friend of Hartshill Park



Summer bedding being planted out at Hartshill Park, Oakengates just in time for the carnival!



## Oakengates Market

Oakengates Town Council is committed to promoting and expanding the Saturday Market and has decided from 1 April 2018 for 12 months they will not be charging existing and new stall holders for their weekly pitch. If you are interested in a pitch, please contact the Town Clerk.



## Free Summer Holiday Kids Multisport Activities

- Bank Way Playing Field, Ketley Bank every Wednesday from 25 July to 29 August from 1.30-3.30pm
- Hartshill Park, Oakengates every Friday from 27 July to 31 August from 1.30-3.30pm

## Have Your Say!

Come along to discuss any issues or concern with West Mercia Police, Wrekin Housing Trust and your local Borough Councillors

- Oakengates Residents Meeting: 10 July, 11 September, 13 November at 5pm at The Wakes
- Ketley Bank Residents Meeting: 27 June, 25 July, 22 August, 26 September, 24 October, 28 November at 5.15pm at Queenswood School
- Borough Councillor Surgeries: 7 July, 4 August, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December at 10-11am at The Wakes

## Next Edition

The next edition of Oakengates Matters will be circulated November 2018. Please let the Town Clerk know if you know of any resident who has not received a copy of the newsletter.



## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to The Wakes

This voucher entitles you to a free shortbread biscuit with every tea or coffee purchased at Forge Café @ The Wakes between 2-6 July 2018.

Present this voucher when your purchase or like our Facebook page and show at the counter!

## What's on @ The Wakes

|                                   |        |   |
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| In our Time                       | 23-Jun | Photo exhibition - a look at Oakengates and surrounding areas                     |
| Live original music               | 29-Jun | Live music - tickets £5 7.30pm  |
| Junk to Jewel                     | 30-Jun | Waste not Want Not - helping you to repair, renew and re-cycle 10-2pm             |
| Artisan Village                   | 7-Jul  | Local crafts and art people including a celebration of chocolate                  |
| Ladies Prosecco & Movie Night     | 13-Jul | Launch of Wakes Film Club 7.15pm-10pm tickets available from The Place            |
| Get Creative                      | 14-Jul | A chance to be creative, we will provide the materials you inject the imagination |
| Collectors Fair                   | 21-Jul | Vintage, retro and collectors stalls 10am-2pm                                     |
| Kids Summer Movie                 | 25 Jul | Showing Peter Rabbit 2-4.30pm   |
| Kids Gaming                       | 26-Jul | Join us for Playstation fun 2-4pm   |
| Live original music               | 27-Jul | Live music - tickets £5 7.30pm  |
| Health, Fitness & Wellbeing Event | 28-Jul | Health & Wellbeing information plus fun fitness tasters 11-2pm                    |
| Junk to Jewel                     | 28-Jul | Helping you to repair, renew and re-cycle 10-2pm                                  |
| Kids Summer Movie                 | 1-Aug  | Help us choose your favourite kids film @ The Wakes Facebook 2-5pm                |
| Kids Gaming                       | 2-Aug  | Join us for Playstation fun 2-4pm   |
| Classic Sci-Fi Movie Night        | 3-Aug  | Help us choose your favourite Sci-Fi class for our Film club screening 7.15-10pm  |
| Artisan Village                   | 4-Aug  | Local crafts and art people including a range of craft demonstrations             |
| Kids Summer Movie                 | 8-Aug  | Help us choose your favourite kids film @ The Wakes Facebook Page 2-5pm           |
| Kids Gaming                       | 9-Aug  | Join us for Playstation fun 2-4pm   |
| Get Creative                      | 11-Aug | A chance to be creative, we will provide the materials you inject the imagination |
| Kids Summer Movie                 | 15-Aug | Help us choose your favourite kids film @ The Wakes Facebook Page 2-5pm           |
| Kids Gaming                       | 16-Aug | Join us for Playstation fun 2-4pm   |
| Waste to Wonderful                | 18-Aug | Food and cooking event - to be confirmed  |
| Kids Summer Movie                 | 22-Aug | Avengers Infinity War (PG13 may not be suitable for young children )2-5pm         |
| Junk to Jewel                     | 25-Aug | Helping you to repair, renew and re-cycle 10-2pm                                  |
| Kids Summer Movie                 | 29-Aug | Help us choose your favourite kids film @ The Wakes Facebook Page 2-5pm           |
| Kids Gaming                       | 30-Aug | Join us for Playstation fun 2-4pm   |
| Live original music               | 31-Aug | Live music – tickets £5 7.30pm  |
| Artisan Village                   | 1-Sep  | Local crafts and art people, also celebrating National Organic Day                |
| Get Creative                      | 8-Sep  | An exhibition of 50 landscape images of Telford by local people                   |
| Vegeticious                       | 22-Sep | Vegan, vegetarian and free from food and products 10-2pm                          |
| Live original music               | 28-Sep | Live music – tickets £5 7.30pm  |
| Junk to Jewel                     | 29-Sep | Helping you to repair, renew and re-cycle 10-2pm                                  |
| World Coffee morning              | 29-Sep | World Coffee morning at The Wakes – raising money for the mayors charity          |
| Artisan Village                   | 6-Oct  | Local crafts and art people including craft demonstrations and workshops.         |
| Get Creative                      | 13-Oct | To mark world egg Day we will be painting eggs                                    |
| 50 Landscapes                     | 13-Oct | Art display by local artists 10-2pm   |
| Live original music               | 26-Oct | Live music – tickets £5 7.30pm  |
| Junk to Jewel                     | 27-Oct | Helping you to repair, renew and re-cycle 10-2pm                                  |
| Halloween Movie Night             | 2-Nov  | Pick your favourite horror flick for our special Halloween fright night 7.15-10pm |
| Artisan Village                   | 3-Nov  | Local crafts and art people including craft demonstrations and workshops          |
| Get Creative                      | 10-Nov | Local crafts and art people   |

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**Latest updates: [facebook.com/TheWakesOakengates](https://www.facebook.com/TheWakesOakengates)**