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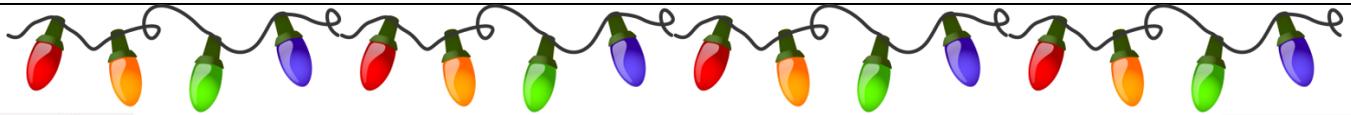
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Oakengates Matters

Oakengates Town Council

Winter 2017



Oakengates Celebration of Christmas Saturday 2 December

**Christmas Market Fun Fair Live Music from 9am
Christmas Lights Switch-on at 5.30pm**



Message from the Mayor of Oakengates



*Cllr Hilda Rhodes
Mayor of Oakengates Town Council*

2017 has been a busy year for Oakengates Town Council. The move to The Wakes, the new Town Council offices and community venue for the local resident, dominated the summer months and we are now settled in to our new surroundings and working closely with lots of new partners. The Town Council would like to hear your ideas for the new

venue and suggestions on what kind of events you would like arranged in the venue in 2018. To keep up to date with everything that is happening at The Wakes, the Town Council and within the local area, see our website, twitter and Facebook pages or contact the Clerk on tel. 01952 567500 or email

townclerk.oakengatestowncouncil@telford.gov.uk.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Window Treasure Hunt. The Mayor of Oakengates has also arranged a Christmas Raffle in aid of her 2017-18 Mayor Charity, the 'Alzheimer's Society'.



The Wakes

COMMUNITIES COMING TOGETHER

If you haven't already, pop into The Wakes in Theatre Square, Oakengates and take a look around this vibrant new community venue, sample food prepared by Forge Urban Revival or attend one of the many community events and classes taking place in the centre. The Wakes is also ideal for parties and get togethers - for more details telephone 01952 567500.

Oakengates Celebration of Christmas



Oakengates Celebration of Christmas is arranged for Saturday 2 December 2017. The Christmas Market along Limes Walk and Theatre Square is open from 9.00 am and the Fun Fair and a stage for local acts to perform from 12.30 pm along Market Street. The grand finale Christmas Lights Switch-on will brighten up Oakengates from 5.30 pm. We hope that you will join us in this year's celebrations.

The Town Council will be judging the 'Best Dressed Christmas Shop Window' for all businesses in the town centre and will also be hosting a Christmas Shop



A Warm Welcome!

Oakengates Town Council is pleased to welcome the new co-opted Councillor for Oakengates, Cllr Amrik Jhavar, who took up the position at the Full Council meeting on 3 October 2017..

Oakengates

History Group

A new local group has been formed - it is Oakengates History Group who meets bi-monthly at The Wakes, theatre Square, Oakengates and is a group for anyone interested in the history of Oakengates, Ketley Bank, Wombridge and surrounding area. Residents are offered an annual membership of £5 per year. A programme of events and talks is currently being put together. All details will shortly be on the Oakengates History Group and Surrounding Areas Facebook page.

Artisan Fair

Held on the first Saturday of each month – this event brings excitement for all; every age can find something interesting, because this fair will include



- * stalls for talented local crafters
- * craft workshops
- * live music
- * delicious food from a range of local producers
- * art work
- * handmade jewellery and other gems
- * yummy cakes and many more!

Junk to Jewels



Junk to Jewels is held the last Saturday of the month. This exciting event helps to avoid many items going to landfill includes a 'Repair Cafe'; Clothes Swap; recycled items for sale; and swaps from unopened toiletries, produce, plants and so much more. If you recycle goods, involved in food banks and or can offer your services to the repair café, please get in touch at communications@forgeurbanrevival.co.uk.

Get Creative



Come along to Get Creative on the second Saturday of every month at The Wakes - a chance to learn and/or share your craft and meet people who love, talk and do sewing. Just drop by – no need to book - for people of all ages and abilities.

Early Door Menu and Music Nights



Forge Early Doors Menu available every Thursday and Friday evening at Forge@The Wakes, Oakengates 5.30-7pm. Join us for pre-theatre food or ahead of our Forge music events. Booking is essential on 077115667975 or email communications@forgeurbanrevival.co.uk

Festive Body Mind and Spirit Fair

A festive foray to feed Body Mind and Spirit on Saturday 2 December. Free admission.



In the warm, welcoming setting of The Wakes a heady mix of therapists, readers, unique wellbeing services and beautiful decorative spiritual gifts.



Vegelicious - Vegetarian, Vegan and 'Free From' Fair 9th December 10am-2pm at The Wakes - A fabulous opportunity to be inspired, learn, eat and shop and entrance is free.

Forge Festive Party Night - 14th December

With music from the Amazing Sunflower Saxes; £5 at the door which includes mulled wine, mince pies and donation to the Hospice. Live music, festive food, bar and much more. A festive evening for all - why not make it your Christmas get together with work colleagues, friends and family. You could even treat yourself to festive supper for just £10 extra – it's going to be a great night. For more information tel. 07715667975, email communications@forgeurbanrevival.co.uk or just drop in



forge

@The Wakes, Oakengates Drop in 10am – 2pm for free art and craft: Suitable for all ages and skill levels

Free Thursday is at The Wakes every Thursday 10am-2pm and is all about free access to art and craft activity (just drop in). It's suitable for all ages and all levels of skill. We have different 'have a go' art/craft each time. November and December will include:
 23 November – Art of making rag wreath
 30 November – Making Christmas sacks
 7 December – Art of Japanese fabric wrapping
 14 December – Learn the skill of wrapping
 21 December – Making decorations
 For a full timetable of crafts call in to The Wakes or go to our Facebook page ForgeUrbanRevival

Healthy Tuesdays

at The Wakes @ Theatre Square, Oakengates



Free advice and support every Tuesday on how to achieve a healthier lifestyle



Rhythm Time courses are a wonderful introduction to the benefits of music for your child. It is only £27 for 6 weeks and is a great

way to meet new Mummy friends and discover exciting and age appropriate activities for your child. Every Friday at The Wakes, Oakengates. Book via our website <https://rhythmtime.net/franchisee/117>.



Learn new skills. Develop Strength and conditioning. Build Confidence. Self Defense Awareness & Avoidance Tactics.

Healthylifestyles

Are you looking to get healthier? Unsure of who to turn to for help? The Telford Healthy Lifestyles team can find the support you need to help you make the change you've always wanted to. You can access the service in Oakengates on the following days:

- Monday's - Charlton Medical Practice 9am-5pm
- Tuesday's (monthly) - The Place 3-7pm*
- Thursday's - Kitching's Chemist 8:30am-5pm
- Friday's - Oakengates Medical Practice 9am-5pm

For more information, contact Wendy Berry on tel. 01952 382582 or email healthylifestyles@telford.gov.uk.

Telford Job Junction Sessions

Oakengates Job Junction runs every Thursday 1pm-3pm at The Wakes for information, advice and guidance on local courses, training and employment support.

- **Courses for Adults** - A wide range of courses from craft, cake decorating and child psychology to English and Maths. Call in to a job junction for an up to date list
- **Job Box Mentors** - a service offering 1-1 support for unemployed 20 - 24 year olds
- **National Careers Service** - Offering confidential and impartial advice to help you make decisions on learning, training and work opportunities
- **Education and Employment Advisory Support Team** - Employment support for people with significant disabilities, health needs or learning disabilities
- **Future Focus** - support for 13-19 year olds that provides impartial information and advice on careers and future planning
- **Turnaround** - support for 15-25 year olds to improve skills and increase opportunity to access education, employment or training

Future Events

- **Christmas Crafts** - Thursday 14 December 1pm - 3pm. Free arts and crafts activities. Also an opportunity to find out about new courses in 2018
- **Care Jobs Fair** - Thursday 18 January 10am to 2pm, The Place, Limes Walk, Oakengates

All support services are free. Contact the team via our website, Facebook, Twitter or tel. 01952 382888 or email telfordjobbox@telford.gov.uk

new! YOGA

with Anne-Marie

Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30pm

The Wakes, Theatre Square,
Oakengates, TF2 6EP

07734 107383

yogawithannemarie@gmail.com

£5 per session (8 for the price of 6 when booked in advance) Limited Places.
From beginners to advanced - at your own pace

dance Steps

Learn short dance routines to music from around the world



Every Tuesday from 11.30-12.30pm at The Wakes, Theatre Square, Oakengates. £2.50 per session.



2018-19 Budget for the Town Council

Over the next 3 months the Town Council will be setting the 2018-19 budget. Councillors would like to hear from residents with suggestions on how the budget should be set and priorities for spending for the next finance year

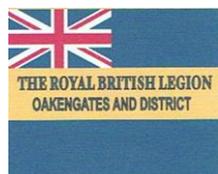
What is the ICM Programme?

The Integrated Community Management (ICM) program is a local problem solving partnership which is taking place across a number of towns in the Borough of Telford. Oakengates Town Council hosts an ICM meeting every fortnight, during which, colleagues from the Town Council, Telford and Wrekin Council and PCSO Liston get together, to identify and discuss problems affecting the local community and devise plans to resolve them. Subjects tackled to date include anti-social behaviour and animal related issues as well as problems relating to theft and similar offences in the town centre. The scheme has adopted an educational approach to parking problems in the town, so far, but where persistent drivers continue committing offences after being warned they will be prosecuted as the program continues.

You Said...We did...

Great work by Oakengates Environmental Team who cleared this footpath off Wombridge Road, Trench which is a route to school for children and young people.

Contact Oakengates Town Clerk on 01952 567500 if there are any other footpaths in Oakengates Ward that need clearing.



Oakengates and District Branch Royal British Legion held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday October 11th. The new Chairman, Paul Rushworth outlined the objectives of the Branch for the next twelve months. The main one being the renovation of the sandbag poppy cross in Hartshill Park. Local construction firm JN Bentley have very kindly offered to fund the project as part of their community involvement plan, and re-build the poppy cross to ensure it stands as a lasting memorial within the park. They have also agreed to fund a plaque and a bench. This work will all be completed before the end of WW1 commemorations

in November 2018. Further updates will be a regular feature in Oakengates Matters. The Branch remains committed to working alongside The Friends of Hartshill Park, and Oakengates Town Council with this project.

The monthly pop up stand which we have held in Limes Walk since February will be moving inside The Wakes for the winter months. We will not be holding a pop up in November or December but we will be joining in the Christmas lights switch on December 2nd. So look forward to seeing our regular supporters there.

Our monthly Beer and Banter on the First Thursday each month at The Crown Inn Market St. Oakengates 1400-1600hrs continues to be very popular.

The Branch is committed to providing befriending visits to veterans of all ages and their dependants in their homes, hospital, or care home. At present we are regularly in contact with 20 veterans.

Details of all our events and activities can be found on our Facebook page. Or for further information contact the Branch secretary on 01952 613933.

2017-18 Dates for Town Council Meetings

- Full Council: 5 December, 2 January, 6 February, 6 March commencing 6pm at The Wakes
- Finance & Personnel Committee: 19 December, 16 January, 20 February, 20 March commencing 6pm at The Wakes
- Community & Events Committee: 19 December, 16 January, 20 February, 20 March commencing 7pm @ The Wakes
- Borough Councillor Surgery: 2 December, 6 January, 3 February, 3 March commencing 10am at The Wakes
- Oakengates Residents Meeting: 9 January, 13 March commencing 5pm at The Wakes
- Ketley Bank Residents Meeting: 24 January, 28 February, 28 March commencing 5.30 pm at Queenswood Primary School

Oakengates Town Councillors

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Cllr Dianne Allen	07795 319994
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Cllr James Lavery	07909 742162
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Next Edition

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

