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# Oakengates Matters

Oakengates Town Council

Winter 2018



## Oakengates Celebration of Christmas Saturday 1 December Christmas Market Fun Fair Live Music from 9am Christmas Lights Switch-on at 5.30pm



### Message from the Mayor of Oakengates



Mayor Cllr Stephen Reynolds

"It only seems two minutes since we were organising last year's Celebration of Christmas and what a year we have had! Oakengates Town Council and The Wakes have gone from strength to strength with a very successful community events programme running throughout the year.

The Town Council has been awarded a Telford@50 Building's & Facilities Grant to upgrade the exterior of The Wakes and Theatre Square and to also upgrade the bandstand in Hartshill Park.

I would like to thank the wider community for coming together to campaign to stop the overnight closure of A&E services at Princess Royal Hospital.

I am pleased to welcome two new co-opted Councillors for Oakengates, Cllr John Ellis and Cllr Elaine Callear.

### Oakengates Celebration of Christmas Saturday 1 December from 9am



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 and we hope that you will join us in this year's celebrations.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be judging the 'Best Dressed Christmas Shop Window' for all businesses in the town centre from 11am. Shropshire Artisan Fair is being held in The Wakes along with children's Christmas lantern making which can be displayed in the evening Light Switch-on Procession with Santa and the Panto Stars. The Mayor of Oakengates has again arranged a Christmas Raffle in aid of his 2018-19 charities – prizes greatly appreciated.



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.

### forge Café @ The Wakes

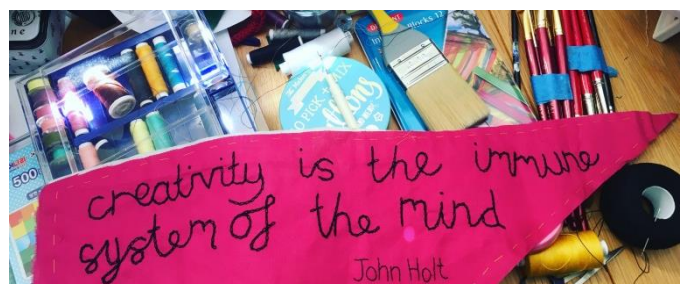
We now have a 'Chatty Table' which is easily identified in the café where you can sit and join others for a chat - so come in and say hello

**Soup Social** - every Tuesday simply come along between 12-1pm and enjoy homemade soup, a chat to find out what is happening in the local area. Pay as you wish.



**Telford Repair Café** - last Saturday of every month - so do not bin, stop wearing or cease enjoying an item and instead bring it along to the Repair Café to see if someone can repair it.

Telford Repair Café is 10-2pm and whilst there is no direct cost for repairs we do welcome donations for the equipment and time spent by volunteer repairers.



**Free Thursday** - free craft activity every Thursday at 10-2pm. Free to have a go with all materials provided. No need to book, simply drop in to suit.



Join The Wakes Film Club Facebook page and have early access to all films being screened at The Wakes. Once you have joined, you will be able to vote for your favourite kids Christmas movie being screened at The Wakes on Thursday 20 December from 5.15pm.

### Happy Diwali!



Thank you to everyone involved in the Diwali celebration on Thursday 1 November 2018. Everyone enjoyed the dancing, music, crafts and traditional food.

### Welcoming Trident Housing Association



Mayor Cllr Stephen Reynolds attended the opening of the new Wrockwardine Wood housing development on the former site of Wrockwardine Wood School, joined by Cllr Raj Mehta, Mayor of Telford & Wrekin Council and representatives from Trident Housing Association.

### Over 60's Summer Day Trip to Llandudno

On 7 August over 250 local residents went on the annual daytrip to Llandudno where the sun greeted the Oakengates day trippers! We are now arranging next year's trip, so let the Clerk know your suggestions.

### Oakengates Children's Centre @ The Wakes

Telford & Wrekin Council agreed budget saving proposals for our Children Centre Services which would see a reduction in the Council's input into children Centres. As a result, Children Centre Services have been actively working with partner organisations, individuals and community groups seeking alternative delivery.

Oakengates Town Council was approached by Telford & Wrekin Children Centre Services to discuss the impact on the local community within the Oakengates and St Georges areas. Following discussions, Oakengates Town Council expressed an interest to enable the Children Centre registered building to be at The Wakes and also agreed to develop new provision for children and families.

Following a successful consultation, it was agreed that The Wakes will make a fabulous venue. This means that current group activities will move to The Wakes in January 2019, creating more opportunities for early year's provision in the area. Look out for future news and a launch date!

### SIDs

Have you spotted the new speed indicator devices in Oakengates and surrounding areas? Thank you to Cllr Gilly Reynolds, Cllr Stephen Reynolds and Cllr Hilda Rhodes for allocating part of their Pride in the Community grant to fund this project and Trident Housing Association who have also funded a second device.



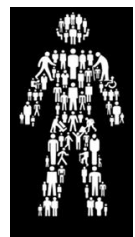
### 2019-20 Budget for the Town Council

Over the next 3 months the Town Council will be setting the 2019-20 budget. Councillors would like to hear from residents with suggestions on how the budget should be set and priorities for spending for the next financial year.



**Shropshire  
Prostate Cancer  
Support Group**

In conjunction with  
Oakengates Town Council



On Monday 22 October over 300 men visited The Wakes for a free prostate cancer screening funded by Shropshire Prostate Cancer Support Group. Another screening is arranged for September 2019 - more details to follow.



Oakengates Townswomen's Guild meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 2pm at Oakengates United Church, Stafford Road, Oakengates. New members welcome.

**Wombridge Church & Parish Centre**  
**Christmas Breakfast Bazaar**

**Saturday 8 December**  
**8.30am until 11.30am**

**Serving a freshly cooked full English Breakfast**  
**Tombola, Raffle, Books and Cake Stall**  
**Church open from 10am to 11am**



**Oakengates United Church**  
**Christmas Free Festival**  
**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December an Advent Coffee Morning is arranged, public viewing of the Christmas trees during the afternoon and a Male Voice Choir in the evening. On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December the 11 am service with a celebration of the Festival. All Welcome!

**Friend of Hartshill Park**

We are a group of local residents who have voluntarily come together with the main interest of Hartshill Park. We would like more residents to join us to promote the Park as a community facility, while involving and consulting with the local residents in working towards better facilities for users and visitors. For more details contact Cllr Ernie Dabbs on 01952 614119.

**Oakengates History Group**



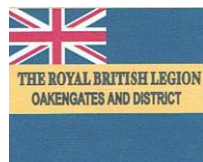
- Saturday 1 December at 10am at Oakengates Celebration of Christmas – Fundraising and information sharing – bring along your memories.
- Thursday 6 December at 7pm at The Wakes – Christmas Social Get Together. Free event with a light buffet and refreshments, a raffle and a display of pictures.
- Thursday 7 February 2019 at 7pm at The Wakes – Talk by Neil Clarke on his new book 'Industries of East Shropshire' £2 on the door. Members free.

Membership can be renewed at all these events. For more information contact Gregory Vernon  
Email: [oakengateshistorygroup@gmail.com](mailto:oakengateshistorygroup@gmail.com)



**Oakengates Market**

Oakengates Town Council is committed to promoting and expanding the Saturday Market and has decided up until 31 March 2019 there will be no weekly pitch charges for existing and new stall holders. If you are interested in a pitch, please contact the Town Clerk.



Oakengates and District Branch Royal British Legion are proud to announce that the formal handover of the newly rebuilt sandbag poppy cross in Hartshill Park took place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The final result is outstanding far better than we imagined. We hope that this memorial will continue to be a focal point for all members of our local community, and encourage everyone to enjoy the space for reflection, and personal Remembrance. Hopefully the local community will embrace the concept, and encourage future generations to say Thank You to that generation who gave their lives to ensure that we enjoy freedom.

We are deeply grateful To JN Bentley the firm who listened to the idea, saw something in it and decided it was a worthwhile project. They have funded the whole thing from design, groundwork, sourcing moulds for the sandbags, benches, plaque, labour, and re-seeding the grass!



The team working on the project were outstanding, and deserve a mention. Marc, RAF Reserve, James ex Army did all the building work. Sam site supervisor and Carl project manager. Thank You.

The monthly pop up stand which we hold in Limes Walk continues to be very popular. We won't be there in October as we are busy with The Poppy Appeal. See you again on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>.

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. We now have approximately 25 members. 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.

**Next Edition**

The next edition of Oakengates Matters will be out in March 2019. Please let the Town Clerk know if you know of any resident who has not received a copy of the newsletter.

## What's on @ The Wakes

Forge Food and Festive Fayre	26 Nov	10-2pm cooking demos, unique food and craft stands and free festive workshops
Live Music	30 Nov	From 7pm
Oakengates Celebration of Christmas	1 Dec	Christmas Market, Fun Fair and Live Music from 9am in Oakengates Town Centre
Shropshire Artisan Fair	1 Dec	10-4pm wonderful unique local artists, crafters, food producers and live music
Borough Councillors Surgery	1 Dec	10-11am at The Wakes
Trifle Revival – Dessert Dining Club	6 Dec	From 7pm @Forge Café
Christmas Shop & Pamper Session	8 Dec	Therapies – Natural Balance Massage Solutions & Tropic Skin Care from 11am
Forge Vegan Dining	13 Dec	From 7pm @The Wakes
Festive Soup Social – Soup	18 Dec	Join us for a, Soup, Social and Crackers from 12pm
Shropshire Artisan Fair	5 Jan	10-4pm wonderful unique local artists, crafters, food producers and live music
Borough Councillor Surgery	5 Jan	10-11am at The Wakes
Oakengates Residents Meeting	8 Jan	5pm at The Wakes
Book Club & Poetry Club	8 Jan	6-7.30pm – just turn up
Comedy Film Night	11 Jan	Beat the January Blues 7.15pm-10pm tickets available from The Place
Get Creative	12 Jan	Craft activities from 10am
Live Music	25 Jan	From 7pm
Telford Repair Café & Junk to Jewel	26 Jan	Including Table Top Sale and Flea Market from 10am
Ketley Bank Residents Meeting	30 Jan	5.15 pm at The Bungalow, Queenswood School
Shropshire Artisan Fair	2 Feb	10-4pm wonderful unique local artists, crafters, food producers and live music
Borough Councillor Surgery	2 Feb	10-11am at The Wakes
Afternoon Film	8 Feb	1pm tea and cake. Tickets available from The Place
Ladies Film & Prosecco Night	8 Feb	7.15pm-10pm tickets available from The Place
Get Creative	9 Feb	Craft activities from 10am
Book Club & Poetry Club	12 Feb	6-7.30pm – just turn up
FIFA Tournament	19 Feb	Free for under 11 year olds
Children's Film	20 Feb	Free for all the family (ticket details to follow)
Family Valentine Disco	21 Feb	Free family disco for all (details to follow)
Live Music	22 Feb	From 7pm
Telford Repair Café & Junk to Jewel	23 Feb	Including Table Top Sale and Flea Market from 10am
Ketley Bank Residents Meeting	27 Feb	5.15 pm at The Bungalow, Queenswood School
Shropshire Artisan Fair	2 Mar	10-4pm wonderful unique local artists, crafters, food producers and live music
Borough Councillor Surgery	2 Mar	10-11am at The Wakes
Get Creative	9 Mar	Craft activities from 10am
Oakengates Residents Meeting	12 Mar	5pm at The Wakes
Book Club & Poetry Club	12 Mar	6-7.30pm – just turn up
Red Nose Day	15 Mar	Community fundraising activities to be announced
Film Night	22 Mar	.15pm-10pm tickets available from The Place
Ketley Bank Resident Meeting	27 Mar	5.15 pm at The Bungalow, Queenswood School
Live Music	29 Mar	From 7pm
Telford Repair Café & Junk to Jewel	30 Mar	Including Table Top Sale and Flea Market from 10am

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