

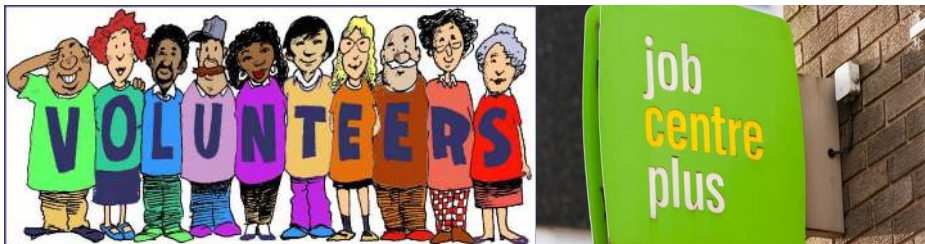


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Summer 2017
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The newsletter of the
Friends of Telford Town Park
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Get active with FOTTP



*We always welcome more volunteers to assist with gardening, hedge laying, scrub clearing and other general maintenance tasks in the 450 acre Town Park. This could also help you if you are job seeking and wish to add skills to your CV. Just look online or leave your contact details with the Visitor Centre or ring **01952 382340**. www.friendsoftelfordtownpark.org*



JAPAN

Do you have any connection or knowledge of any Japanese organisations in Shropshire or the West Midlands? We are looking for groups to take part in a Sakura Festival next April 2018 in Telford Town Park as part of the fiftieth anniversary celebrations. If so please get in touch via our website or leave your details on **01952 382340** and we will contact you.

We are very grateful to **Telford & Wrekin Council's Park Management Team, Great Dawley, Oakengates & Madeley Town Councils, Stirchley & Brookside, Hollinswood & Randlay, Lawley & Overdale, Donnington & Muxton, St Georges & Priorslee Parish Councils and Southwater Event Group** for their ongoing support of the Friends of Telford Town Park. Thank you all very much.

Cover picture: New musical fountain Chelsea Gardens

Charity Fancy Dress Fun Run



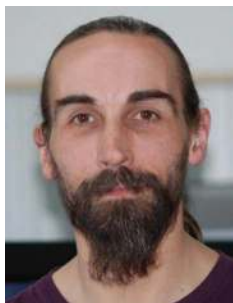
Sunday 3 December 2017 will see Telfords 11th Charity Fun Run in aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. Last year you raised a staggering £3,500 and I am sure you can do even more this year.

All you have to do is register online and turn up in fancy dress. Let your imagination run riot. Pixies, elves, santas, fairies, gorillas, your favourite TV cartoon character, whatever !

Registration will be open from Saturday 15 July at the Carnival of Giants (free) in Telford Town Park's Q.E.2 arena.

Registration is only £6 for adults and children accompanied by a registered adult are free. You will agree to try and raise at least £20 each from friends, neighbours and work colleagues. When you tell them it is for the **Midland Air Ambulance Charity** we are sure they will be very generous in sponsoring you to run round the park and part of Southwater in fancy dress. You do not have to run, as prams, pushchairs and dogs on leads are welcome too. Go to: **www.friendsoftelfordtownpark.org** and follow the links. It's that easy. So don't delay, do it soon, after the 15 July.

News round up



Introducing Creed, our PR Manager. Creed became a member of the Friends last year and is passionate about keeping our park the very best we can. He lives locally and also works much of the year for one of our partners, Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council. To contact Creed use our website or leave your details on 01952 382340.

As you can see on our front cover the fountains in the Chelsea Garden have been restored. It has taken many hours of laboriously filling out application forms but eventually the park received grant funding from SUEZ of nearly £50,000 for the restoration.



The other pond next to the gazebo has had its fountain put in place also. In addition the waterfall is now running again in the Maxell Garden. All in all the formal gardens are now looking better than they have been for some time thanks to the efforts of the Friends with of course considerable help from the park staff and TWS the contractors. Except see below. Very sad !



Sad to say but our beautiful fish sculptures in the Sensory Garden were smashed some time on Thursday 22 June. If you saw anything suspicious or know who did this we would like to hear from you. Call the park on **01952 382340** or anonymously to the Police on **101**. This also applies to anywhere in the park, **please** report **ALL** anti social behaviour.

Telford's 50th Anniversary



This is one of the 3 logos suggested by Telford & Wrekin Council for Telford's Fiftieth Anniversary. The final decision will be known at the Carnival of Giants on Saturday 15 July. Look out for loads of special events throughout 2018.



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***Saturday
21 April 2018
Sakura Festival***



**Visit the Friends at 'Telford Festival' for details.
Town Park QE 2 Arena on 2 & 3 September 2017**

Maxell Europe Ltd were the first Japanese company to set up a factory in Telford and still have a presence at Hortonwood. They will be the main sponsor of the FOTTP Sakura Festival next year. Since Maxell arrived in Telford many more Japanese companies have followed, including Epson, Ricoh, Makita, Denso and several others. Keep an eye out for other special events around Telford during 2018, Telford's Fiftieth Anniversary.

Chelsea Garden NEWS



Recently the north west corner of the gardens has been greatly enhanced and renewed. Fresh gravel has been laid with a new weed suppressant material underneath, along with the decking repainted with anti slip coating, a new trellis made and the seat painted a cheerful red colour. 2 climbing plants will finish the area.

Next to the new fountain this area has been totally replanted including an Acer tree planted in memory of Austin Cannon (Ozzy) by TWS members. The Friends have done a remarkable job here as it was extremely overgrown with very old planting.



This is the new water feature in the second pond by the gazebo. It was the choice of Nicola, the park manager. And we have to say it looks stunning. Pop into the gardens next time you have 5 minutes to spare.

The Friends work in the Chelsea Gardens every Wednesday from 9.15 to 1pm and every FIRST and THIRD Saturday from 9.15 till 1pm. If you think you might enjoy a spot of light gardening, pop along and have a chat with no obligation. You might even get a cup of tea or coffee !



Information

VISITOR CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Monday 1 May - Friday 1 September 10am - 5pm

Friday 1 September - Wednesday 1 November 10am - 4pm

Wednesday 1 November - Thursday 1 March 10am - 4pm

NOTE: In winter the centre is closed every Monday & Friday

Car Park charges Dark Lane Car Park

With effect from 1 April 2017

Cars up to 30 mins: £0.50p

Cars up to 1 hour: £1.50p

Cars up to 2 hours: £2.00p

Cars up to 3 hours: £2.50p

Cars over 3 hours £3.50p

Cars Sundays £2.00p



Coaches £11.00p

TOWN PARK EVENTS

Most Saturdays 9.0am

Saturday 15 July 11am - 4pm

Saturday 23 July

Thursday 10 August

Sat/Sun 2 & 3 September

Sunday 10 September

Wednesday 18 October

Sunday 3 December 11.30am

In aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity

Saturday 21 April 2018

Details at Telford Festival on September 2 & 3.

Park Run

Giants Carnival

Telford ½ Marathon

Scrub clearing

Telford Festival

Telford 10k run

Hedge laying

Telfords 11th Charity Fun Run

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The Friends of.....



The Friends of Telford Town Park started out in 2002 and were formally constituted in 2003. We will soon be in our fifteenth year and going strong with lots of projects under our belt. There is no doubt that in these days of cut backs everywhere, the Town Park included, we have made a difference to the ongoing maintenance of the park for the benefit of all the community.

Some of our projects have involved the restoration of the Crannog on Grange Pool, the replacement of the wind vane on the Queens Jubilee Monument, the replacement of the old sensory garden, doing a large amount of hedge laying and scrub clearing and currently building a large bug hotel in the Stumpery area of the Chelsea Gardens. The Friends were also heavily involved in obtaining the £49,500 grant funding from SUEZ to reinstate the 2 fountains and the waterfall in the Chelsea and Maxell Gardens, which are now complete. Just !

If you would like to be a part of this success story, contact us via our website or leave your details at the reception desk in the Visitor Centre. Membership is FREE and can carry some unique benefits.

*The Friends operate regular gardening sessions in the Chelsea Gardens. If you would like to help out, just come along any **Wednesday** or a **1st or 3rd Saturday of every month** between **10am and 1pm** and have a chat. No gardening experience is necessary and we have jobs to suit all tastes and abilities. The satisfaction of seeing your handiwork grow and bloom is a fantastic reward as well as lowering blood pressure and improving physical and mental wellbeing.*

*If you feel you could benefit from helping out, either pop in one day, go online or leave your details on **01952 - 382340** and we will be in touch.*

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The pair of Giraffes in the Maxell Garden on loan from The British Ironwork Centre

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FREE admission



Please support and visit the British Ironwork Centre who have generously loaned us sculptures for the Town Park



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FRIENDS NEW WEB SITE

*We are very grateful to Manuel Greenwood of
DAWLEY WEB DESIGN for updating the Friends web site.
Go online and have a look at our revamped and improved site.*

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More news

ASDA £200 Community Life

We would like to thank Vicky Patterson, Community Champion at ASDA Malinsgate (Town Centre) branch for the donation of £200 towards the vital work we do in the Town Park. This was from ASDA's green token scheme, so a big thank you to all who helped, by popping the tokens in.



Telford & Wrekin parks department are currently acquiring quotes to resurface all the paths in the Chelsea Gardens and possibly some in the Maxell Cherry Garden. The cost of this will be substantial, so grant funding will be sought to carry out this important repair to the paths.



Stirchley Chimney has recently had a makeover with all the brickwork checked, re pointed where necessary and preserved with oil. This is a regular exercise and costly too but it has to be preserved of course. It is frequently viewed with many pigeons sitting on top of it however if there is only one bird up there it is probably a Peregrine falcon !

**Our next newsletter will be published
towards the end of 2017**

Did you know ?



Do you know why this sculpture is situated in the Chelsea Gardens?

It is near the bronze horse and is the burial site of Telford's own time capsule. When Southwater lake was moved with the redevelopment the capsule was relocated into the Chelsea Gardens.

Not a lot of people know that !



Why are these gardens called the Chelsea Gardens? No, it's nothing to do with boots or football ! Back in the late 1970's the Telford Development Corporation entered 3 gardens in consecutive years, at the Chelsea Flower Shows in London. They won a Silver Gilt twice and one Gold medal. Afterwards, these show gardens were installed within the park. Now you know !



Why has this railway engine got Dark Lane chalked on its side?

It's because the LNWR used to run right through the middle of the park, mainly along what is now the Silkin Way. It was a branch line from Wellington to Coalport and closed completely in 1956. Traces of the fence posts remain to this day and Stirchley & Dawley platform has been restored in the south of the park. There was also a GWR branch serving the old Randlay brickworks and the concrete works near Stirchley Grange.



Volunteering for health



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Health



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