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Improve Your Community

Help each other

Our Association

The Housing Fayre at Shifnal
23rd August—the main “movers” in the tent “that blew away”!!!!



Left:
The “main movers” - just before the tent “blew away” -NO injuries !!
Right:
A demonstration of how to blow your kitchen up !!!!



selves. Helen

Thank you to Turley and Janet for helping on the bric et brac stall, at the Housing Fair .

Hope everyone enjoyed them-

A little “fun” was had by all when in the high winds the tent seen above blew away completely taking me with it. As I was hanging on to the tent I was

unable to take a photo !! There were no injuries except to pride and a slightly scratched car. Nigel

As seen above beware of fire!

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS—A REPORT FROM HELEN

We all enjoyed the VE day at green fields on 27 of June. I sent a letter to Sharon and Tim thanking them, from all at Wilkinson avenue. For a very enjoyable day. And I hope all that attended our VE day on the 12th September enjoyed themselves. This celebration was a joint effort between yewtree Court and Wilkinson avenue .
Helen.

The Xmas party and Xmas lunch.

The **Christmas Party** will be on the 12th December in the community room starting at 1 pm until 4.30 pm. There will be singers for entertainment—food and drinks will be served All are welcome, please tell Helen if you want to come.

Christmas Lunch

Will be held, as last year, at **the Lion** here in Broseley.

Please contact **Helen** for booking and final details.

The object of the Association is help us all help each other and to improve our basic standards of living within the Wilkinson Avenue area.

Here are some phone numbers that might help to do this:-

Police:- 08457 444 888

Broseley Doctors:- 01952 88 28 54

Bridgnorth Hospital:- 01746 762 641

Telford Hospital:- 01952 641 222

Shrewsbury Hospital:- 01743 261 000

Social Services:- 0845 678 9011

Transco- gas leaks: - 0800 11199

Power Loss:- 08457 331 331

Water Leaks:- 0800 585 940

Bridgnorth Depot:- 01746 713 200

Please remember if you need help and Helen is not on duty you can also pull your cord and Severn Side will help.

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WILKINSON AVENUE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
a **NEWSLETTER**

OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER

A Message from the chair

.Presenting our first edition of the residents Association news letter will be a regular issue (2to 3) times a year. It will contain items of news and events and any future notices of interest to our community and will give tenants the opportunity to take part . We look forward to receiving photos and import of your own personal reports of any entertainment and outings attended by residents for our future editions .

The association gives each



resident the right to attend meetings to sensibly discuss concerns on maintenance or problems arising in this area which will be carried forward to the Federation of Bridgnorth meetings which George Nash , Nigel Porter ,and myself attend. We thank Helen as Editor, Nigel for the composition, layout and photography in this first edition wishing you all well

Christa

Wilkinson Avenue Sheltered Accommodation.

This was taken on a sunny day and the grass had just been cut!!!

I think we will all agree that it is a rather pleasant location to be resident in.

The building above is also used as a Police sub station—hence we are a safer area than some others tend to be.

Wilkinson Avenue hosts some fund raising for the Friendly Bus



As can be seen above the fund raising took

the form of a sponsored “electric scooter Enduro” around the block here at Wilkinson Avenue.

All participants managed 10 laps in the “freezing cold”!!! Watched and cheered on by quite a generous crowd who then—thanks to Helen’s—participation—took tea and coffee in the common room and more donations were “extracted”!!

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- Computer Courses
- The new gazebo.
- Wilkionave-nue.co.uk
- SKYPE is here!
- Ground Maintenance.
- Stop Press.
- Some pictures of the Housing Fare at Shiffnal.
- Friendly Bus—funding

The New Laptop Arrives

The new computer is here as can be seen below—Helen & Christa—HARD AT IT !!!!

This is where your news letter put together by Helen—Christa and Nigel.

ALL contributions are welcome for future issues—the first one is the



hard-est!!

Computer courses.

Those who attended the computer courses— all tenants - have reported that they were well pleased with them.

The best venue was, as can be expected, here in the common-room at Wilkinson Avenue.

The last course was held in the Bridgnorth library and proved to be an excellent course with an extremely interesting / valuable schedule—we all left with our certificates and a good working knowledge of e-mail and WWW (world wide web)- the venue however good it may have been had the drawback of travel. This did effect the number that attended from Wilkinson Avenue.

Our thanks to the organizers and in particular to Annie our tutor.

There are to be more courses in general use of computers—we need them now that we have our own computer and we are pleased to report that they will be held here in the common-room.

Three cheers for that!!!

A series of courses (10 weeks) started on Tuesday 28th September 2007 here in the common room.

E-Mail—Now We Have It—for some of us its already in use!!!! And “SKYPE”

E-mail

Yes with the arrival of the computer we now have e-mail and with our own domain!!

For those of you who do not understand “domain” here’s a quick explanation.

Most people have an address that is the same as one of the big e-mail/www providers i.e., @btinternet.com or aol.co.uk and many more.

We have @wilkinsonavenue.co.uk—our very own—where we actually live.

So we have a special e-mail addresses that tell people our name and where we

live right off—easy for your family and friends to remember.

For example this gives Helen the following e-mail address :-

helencrompton@wilkinsonavenue.co.uk.

You see! It is very personal—her name and where she lives!!

Nice one to Neil who installed all our equipment—thank you.

SKYPE

This will need some explanation—as you require it—just ask and Nigel will help.

Basically it is an almost free method of making phone calls

Our Own “Domain” Wilkinsonavenue.co.uk

If you have anyone in say—Australia—you can talk for 1 hour for 1 euro—about 75p!!!

Video calls are possible so that you can see your relatives—that is if you want to!!!!

If your friends / family have a computer and are on SKYPE then all calls to and from them are FREE!!!!

A local call in the UK costs 0.0147p (about) per minute—this is very close to FREE also!!

COME ALONG AND TRY

for shopping—about 3hrs away.

Bingo evening runs:-

Much Wenlock -Monday’s.

Victoria Hall Broseley—Tuesday’s.

Lady Forester’s Bus runs Monday to Friday from here to the Lady Forester’s Day Care Centre.

To the centre—in the morning—returning in the afternoon.



**Phone and enquire/
book:-
01952 88 11 45**

Regular bus services by Friendly Bus & Lady Forester Bus.

The “Friendly Bus” is a volunteer service run to help getting us from A to B when we have difficulty doing so. The main advantage for those of us with mobility problems is that the service is “door to door” and wheelchairs/ scooters are lifted onboard - with us in them!!— by hydraulic lift ramp.

You have to be a member and hold a membership card which costs £2 / year. Helen will help you with this—all you have to do is ASK.

Special trips to the Doctor/Hospital

etc can be arranged by phoning **01952 88 11 45**—please give 48hrs notice as far as is possible.

A small fee is charged—basically to help pay for the fuel.

There are trips to the seaside etc—ring Liz for details of special daytrips.

There are some regular services (Friday mornings to Wellington—Morrison’s - for shopping—about 3 hrs away.

Saturday morning’s—seats available to Bridgnorth (along with the Beavers)

The New Gazebo Is Here.

Well the Gazebo is here at long last and doing the final planning and planting are :- Helen, George and Christa— all looking very important and very pleased with them selves!!!

Nigel is too busy taking this picture!!!

As can be seen the climbing plants and the soil are already to be put in place and this will have been completed by the time the newsletter is published.

A picture of the finished Gazebo—sans slabs—will be printed in another section of this News Letter.

We have all agreed that we need slabs inside the Gazebo and the Council— through Thomas Field— have been approached.

Nigel—as—treasurer— will approach B&Q with a project—the slabs!! Maybe they will fund them and lay them for us!!!

Once the project is near completion Helen is going to find a dry day and give us all a BAR-B-Q !!!!! Thanks in anticipation Helen.

We have to thank Helen and the “Comfort Club” for organizing this project and more importantly for providing the funds for it—some £200 + £75 for planting etc—WELL DONE and many thanks. Thanks also to Margaret’s family—“Wenlock Fencing”—for doing the job.



Whats Happening With The Ground Maintenance?



Some of our members—Christa / George Nigel

have attended the BDC ground maintenance meetings—in an effort to improve Wilkinson’s Avenue and the surrounding areas.

The above picture was emailed to the council as a protest at the total removal of the shrubbery that used to be covering the fence attached to the bungalow—it was declared a mistake and the remedy is being looked into.

The fence to cut off the traffic across Shirly’s garden and annoyingly passing her window (No.42) will be erected from her wall to the fence pictured above—

reportedly in July. This job would appear to be running late.

The new fence will then be planted on either side so as to break up the bareness.

This photo of our historic wall (right), was also sent to BNDC to protest a similar removal of all growth—ivy etc.

At the last meeting of this maintenance committee, held at Wilkinson Avenue it was basically agreed that:-

A wildflower area should be created along this wall.

This entails the plowing of the agreed area and then the sowing of wild flower seeds. Various areas of this nature are already in the BNDC area and are quite spectacular.

A notice board is being furthered.

Christa’s walkway saw the collapse and renewal of a section of hand rail.

At this moment in time there will be NO MORE dropped curbs as we have our “quota” already!!!!

The above mentioned continue to further our area with the BNDC.



STOP PRESS !!!!

A new factory was discovered when looking from the Iron Bridge—some 120 years ago!!!

Anyone ANY idea what the factory actually was?



October

New computer courses here at Wilkinson Avenue.

As we go to press we are already into the 3rd week of “advanced” WWW and Email courses here in the common room.

The courses are run by Telford Collage and are much appreciated by all.