

Autumn 2022

TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



TEWKESBURY LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL

All pubs and venues in Tewkesbury Town Centre hosted live music from Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th July. The town was alive with music to suit all tastes along with family friendly activities in The Town Hall and Watson Hall and we hope that you had an opportunity to come and join in.

The festival was funded by Gloucestershire County Council's "Build Back Better - Market Towns Fund", Tewkesbury Town Council and the pubs and venues who have contributed by paying 25% of the bands fee.

So many people were involved, not only the team in the Town Council office but from volunteers in either initial discussions about ideas for the festival or have physically helped with the actions required to make it all happen. Thanks go to (in no particular order as they are ALL very important): Becky Blockley, Nicole Finnegan, Kate Chambers, Debbie Hill, Jen King, Emma Steger, Pip Devine, Russ Grimmett (Juice IT Solutions), Rob & Claire Morris, Ian Leaver, Julia and Dennis Cash, Carol Crilly, Trevor Steger, Sean Ditchburn, Ian Bishop, Sarah Wiggins (Wiggins Design), Neil and Chris Davis, Merv Woodward and all the pub managers and their staff (we're sure there are more!) We would also like to thank anyone who delivered leaflets/programmes, shared events online, talked about it and supported the festival by being there!

The fund that helped this happen won't be available next year, but we are hoping with donations from the public and exploring sponsorship opportunities this will enable us to do it for years to come - **the dates for the next Tewkesbury Live are 28th - 30th July 2023**

If you would like to donate to future festivals please visit the website and click the donation button. www.tewkesburylive.co.uk For sponsorship opportunities please contact Becky on events@tewkesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



What's On @ The Watson

September 2022

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| The Wurzels | 10/09/22 |
| Sanctum Sanctorium: The Darkside of the 80's | 17/09/22 |
| Tewkesbury Vegan Fair | 25/09/22 |

October 2022

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| Comedy Night | 22/10/22 |
| The Harcourt Players present Nosferatu | 28/10/22 |

The Watson Hall presents
The Wurzels



Saturday 10th September 2022
Doors open 7:00pm
Tickets: £20 tewkesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

 **WATSON HALL** 

I'm not the right kind of person to be a Town Councillor...

Is a comment we often hear when we talk to people about becoming a Town Councillor. The truth is if you are over 18 and either live or work in Tewkesbury, you are exactly the kind of person we need to be a Town Councillor. There are no qualifications required, just a genuine interest in the Town and wanting to make it a better place for all residents to live. We need councillors who represent all segments of our community, and that includes you.

"But I don't have the time.."

The Town Council meets nine times a year on the second Monday of the month. Meetings last less than two hours. Councillors are also encouraged to get involved with a Committee that interests them, this could be our Buildings & Moorings, Severn Ham, Planning or Environment & Amenities Committee. The Town Council officers then primarily carry out the actions decided upon by the Committees.

"I wouldn't know what to do.."

There is lots of great training available to help you when you first become a Town Councillor (all done via Zoom so it can fit in with your life). The office team and current Councillors are also here to answer any questions you may have.

"Okay, so I might be interested, how can I find out more.."

Come and have a (no-obligation) chat with us, either in person at the Town Hall offices, or by phone on 01684 294 639.

Meet your Mayor

Councillor Simon Raywood was elected as the Mayor of Tewkesbury Town for the year 2022-23 in May 2022 and is looking forward to serving the parish over the forthcoming year.

If you would like the Mayor to attend your community event, please email your request to admin@tewkesburytowncouncil.gov.uk.



What are we up to?

The roadside toilet doors at Spring Gardens are being replaced. Supply issues have delayed the installation, so they are now expected early Autumn 2022. Once installed, the mural will be displayed on the side of the toilet block.



New access to the river for canoes and paddleboards has been installed on St Mary's Road. We hope this will make it easier for portage around the Abbey Mill Weir.

Defibrillators have now been installed at both the Town Hall (on the High Street) and the Watson Hall (on Barton Street).

Both are available for general use whilst the buildings are open.



I want to raise an issue – who do I contact?

It's sometimes really difficult to know who does what in Tewkesbury when you have two councils that both have the words Tewkesbury and Council in the title.

In reality, we work together for the benefit of Tewkesbury but deliver different services.

Tewkesbury Town Council is responsible for the Town Hall, Watson Hall, the Tewkesbury Museum building, Public Toilets, Moorings, Play Parks (Derek Graham, Warwick Place & Mitton), Severn Ham, CCTV, the Arrivall Sculptures, the town clocks, the provision of litter bins, benches & bus shelters.

We can be reached on 01684 294 639.

Tewkesbury Borough Council is responsible for Bin Collections, Street Cleaning, Council Tax, Housing Benefit, some Play Parks, Planning, Car Parks, Licensing & Environmental Health.

They can be reached on 01684 295010.

And if you're still not sure, just call one of us, we'll always do our best to direct you to the right Council to deal with your query.