

Ironbridge World Heritage Festival 25 September 2010

The sixth annual Festival starts at 10am

The Wharfage will again be closed for the day for this popular festival, which grows larger every year.

The street market has 60 stalls with a wide variety of crafts, antiques, sweets, gifts and a range of food stalls. This year some of the stalls will be open until 8pm.

There will be entertainment on the street with magicians, troubadour and balloon artists. In the Square we have the ever popular Lord Silkin School band, Coalbrookdale School Choir and Band and for the finale Jackfield Band.

The aim of the Festival day is to provide a family day out, with something for the whole family to enjoy, from colourful stalls, children's entertainment and involvement in our past heritage, which is known throughout the world.

This year the emphasis is on our children with a workshop of arts and crafts in the Museum of the Gorge car park, where there will be a choice of arts and crafts that the children can try.

The Bridge will be illuminated again this year on the Friday and Saturday nights; this is very popular with photographers of all ages who take the opportunity to get some spectacular pictures.

The day will close with a spectacular firework display, kindly donated by The Gorge Parish Council. Last year this went on for a good fifteen minutes and was watched by around 3000 people.

In the week before the Festival commencing on Monday 20th there are four evening talks on the Heritage of the Ironbridge Gorge – a full programme is inside this Gazette. The fun also continues on Sunday at Maws Craft Centre Jackfield.

Remember these are FREE events for the people of the whole of Telford & Wrekin, so why not come and experience a fun day out for all the family, and attend the evening talks to increase your knowledge of the outstanding contribution that this area made to the world.

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The Gorge Parish Council Grants 2009 and 2010

Each year the Parish Council encourages applications from local organisations for small grants to help them with their work and activities. The Grant policy has been written to encourage groups, charities and organisations who meet and work in The Gorge Parish Area to apply.

Amongst the groups the Parish Council has helped in the last two years is the new group '**Ironbridge Angling**'. They have been set up to promote and encourage angling in Ironbridge, in particular along the River Severn. The photograph below shows Councillor Alan Taylor presenting the grant to the chair of the society.



Other organisations the Parish Council has helped with their work are:

Friends of Coalbrookdale Arboretum

A grant helped them set up a committee and administration of the Friends Group. The grant has helped the group go on to apply for further grants to preserve the wonderful Arboretum.

Jackfield Newsletter

The newsletter is a free publication to members of the Jackfield Residents Association. It is also purchased by "expats" and sent all over the world. A grant has meant printing equipment could be updated and helps cover the cost of printing the newsletter.

Ironbridge Rowing Club

For the last three years the Parish Council has given a grant to Ironbridge Rowing Club to help with their costs of the annual Regatta.

Coracle Regatta

This year for the first time the Parish Council has given a grant to help with the organisation of the Coracle Regatta, an event jointly organised by the Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions and the Greenwood Centre.

Gorgeous Walks Festival

The Gorgeous Walks Festival is also supported annually with a small grant to help with the publication of the information leaflets.

The Church organisations in Coalbrookdale and Jackfield both maintain their own churchyards. The Parish Council has a power to help with the maintenance of churchyards. You will see a thank you letter and information about the work carried out by volunteers in Coalbrookdale elsewhere in the Gazette.

Small grants were also given to the **Monday Club** in Jackfield to help cover the costs of their community outings, the **playgroup at Coalbrookdale School** and **Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge School**, help with costs of the **Community Play Area** and **Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions** bulb planting scheme to name but a few.

The Parish Council also supports the four **Community Centres** in the Parish with a small grant each year.

These are examples of the type of grant the parish council will consider and is not an exhaustive list.

For more information contact the clerk or look at the website. Contact details on the back of the Gorge Gazette.

Welcome to Ironbridge Society of Artists

We are a new group established in 2010 and we welcome new members.

The aims of the society are to facilitate and encourage the practice and appreciation of drawing and painting in all media as well as sculpture, ceramics, and all other arts.

All ages (over 12 years) and abilities, styles and media are welcome.

We aim to provide support and a warm and friendly environment.

We will be organising events, exhibitions and trips.

Come along to regular sessions where you can meet likeminded people and have the time and space to sit and work together.

We meet Wednesdays 7pm – 9pm
and Sundays 10am – 12noon
at Unit 1, Maws Craft Centre, Jackfield.

Welcome from Lena, Jackie,
Ratco and Diane.

For more information go to:
www.lenasartandcuisine.co.uk

Ironbridge World Heritage Festival 2010

'Getting to know the Ironbridge Gorge'... a programme of free talks, a walk and a ride.

Sunday 19th September

Walk: *Telford Trail Challenge Walk*

Start at Spout Farm House, Telford Town Park at 9.30am and walk to the Ironbridge Gorge. Take the circular 14 mile challenge or a shorter section. Walk for fun or to raise money for charity.

Details: Contact Julie Jones on 01952 567280 or julie@madeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Monday 20th September

Talk: *'The King's Tankard: Madeley's role in national events of the 17th century'*

Speaker: Shelagh Lewis **Venue:** St Michael's Parish Church, Madeley **Time:** 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st September

Talk: *'1709 –2009: Celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of the Industrial Revolution in Coalbrookdale'*

Speaker: Richard Bifield

Venue: Cherry's Real Food Cafe & Woodland Hall, Green Wood Centre, Coalbrookdale

Time: 7.30pm

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Wednesday 22nd September

Talk: *'Any colour you like as long as it's grey – a history of the Iron Bridge'*

Speaker: David de Haan

Venue: Cherry's Real Food Cafe & Woodland Hall, Green Wood Centre, Coalbrookdale

Time: 7.30pm

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Thursday 23rd September

Talk: *'Digging the Gorge: the last 10 years of archaeology in Ironbridge'*

Speaker: Paul Bedford

Venue: Cherry's Real Food Cafe & Woodland Hall, Green Wood Centre, Coalbrookdale

Time: 7.30pm

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Saturday 25th September

Festival Saturday in Ironbridge *For details visit www.ironbridgeheritagefestival.co.uk*

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Sunday 26th September

Ride: *WHS Cycle Ride (including free bike hire)*

Local archaeologist Paul Belford will lead a cycle ride from Telford Town Park to Coalport. The 6.5 mile route via the Silkin Way will take in a range of unusual sites and monuments from the early industrial history of Telford. Rides start at 10am and 2pm from Spout Farm House, Telford Town Park.

Numbers are limited so pre-booking is essential. Details & booking: Town Park Reception, 382340

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Information: Festival Organiser, Ken Toyne 254959 / 07957 873001 / g.toyne121@btinternet.com

Ironbridge Victorian Christmas Market

Saturday 20th November from 12noon to 8pm

IRONBRIDGE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP are organising a Christmas Market in the centre of town to coincide with the Christmas Lights Switch On.



Invitations have been extended to all local traders to participate and full information is available:

- at the I R P Info Point at Enterprise HQ in Coalport on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- by email to ironbridgerp@googlemail.co.uk
- by phoning 01952 580745
- or application forms can be downloaded from www.ironbridgeregenerationpartnership.co.uk



The marvellous Victorian Christmas Market will run from 12noon to 8pm and seasonal supplies of Christmas trees, roasted chestnuts and mulled wine will be available for visitors, as well as crafts and local foods and drinks. The stalls will showcase excellent goods from local artisans and producers.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ironbridge Gorge Community Meeting

Interested in the future of Ironbridge Gorge?

Residents and business owners are invited to attend a community meeting to help develop an action plan in response to the issues raised in July and review progress made to date.

For more information contact 01952 384187 or email bti@telford.gov.uk

When: Wednesday 29 September 2010,
6.30pm – 8pm

Where: The Glass Classroom, Ironbridge
Gorge Museum Trust,
Coalbrookdale.

Part of Telford & Wrekin Council's
Borough Towns Initiative

Ironbridge BIRTHPLACE OF INDUSTRY

The IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUMS Ironbridge Telford Shropshire

Spectacular Victorian Fireworks Saturday 6th November at Blists Hill Victorian Town

For a spectacular Fireworks Extravaganza come along to Blists Hill Victorian Town on the evening of Saturday 6th November. Gates open at 6pm. You will be able to chat to the resident Victorians in their shops, workshops and cottages before watching the colourful pyrotechnic display over the Ironbridge Gorge, which starts at 7.30pm. The new Canal Street is sure to be popular, with its Sweet Shop and Fried Fish Dealers or you can pop into the New Inn for a pint of real ale before the show.

There will also be a line of burning braziers alongside the canal and a spectacular display of iron rolling in Britain's only working iron mill, when flaming red hot ingots fly through rollers using power supplied by steam engines.

Tickets, (£9 adults, £5 children under 16 & in full time education), must be purchased in advance from the entrance to Blists Hill or the Ironbridge Visitor Information Centre. They are also available by post by calling 01952 884 391 (plus £2 p&p for each postal transaction). Admission will be strictly limited to 3,000 people and all under 16s must be accompanied by an adult; tickets will not be available on the gate and Passports are not valid for this evening. No dogs will be allowed.

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Christmas Lights

Switch on

Saturday November 20th

Santa will arrive at
the Iron Bridge at 6.30pm

Special guests will be

Jim Hawkins,

BBC Radio Shropshire

Jackfield Band playing carols -
come and sing along

**Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge
School Choir**

There will be a firework display to
finish the evening

*The Gorge Christmas Lights
Partnership. 01952 883192*

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BIRTHPLACE OF INDUSTRY

The IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUMS Ironbridge Telford Shropshire
**Ghosts & Ghouls return to Blists Hill
Victorian Town!**

**Ghostly Gaslight Halloween Event: 6pm
Saturday 30th October**

Creepy crawlies, ghosts, ghouls and a spooky atmosphere will await you at the Ghostly Gaslight Halloween event at Blists Hill Victorian Town, near Ironbridge, Shropshire on the evening of Saturday, 30th October. Come dressed in your most frightening costume to ward off the mischievous sprits, which will play havoc in the dark and watch out for things that go bump in the night!

As dusk falls spooky antics are expected to replace the normal everyday activities that take place at the open-air museum. The street lamps will cast eerie shadows at every corner and weird apparitions will replace the friendly Victorians who are usually seen in the town's shops, cottages and work places. Scary supplies will be on sale at the 'Spooks Market' and look out for the village carpenter who will be nailing victims in his coffin.

This popular fun event will start at 6pm with admission strictly limited to 3,000 people. Tickets, priced at £9 adults and £5 children under 16 and in full time education, must be purchased in advance from either the entrance to Blists Hill or the Ironbridge Visitor Information Centre. They are also available by post by calling 01952 884 391 (plus £2 p&p for each postal transaction). All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult, tickets will not be available on the gate and Passports are not valid for this evening. No dogs will be allowed.

World Heritage Site Weekend Fringe Event

@ Maws Craft Centre Jackfield

Sunday 26th September 2010

Come along and watch demonstrations including

Spinning
Lace Making
Quilting

Also on show:

Miniature steam engines and a vintage car

There will be a wide range of food and craft stalls

Free Entry and Free Parking

More details:
Janet and Sandra **01952 885999**

Christmas Fayre

@Maws Craft Centre Jackfield

Saturday 11th December

Food and Craft Christmas Themed Market

Carols round the tree

Visit from Santa

Free Parking and

Free Entry

More details:

Janet and Sandra

01952 885999





THE PARISH CHURCH OF
HOLY TRINITY, COALBROOKDALE

Secretary: Mrs Ann Edwards,
'Crummock', 40 Coalport Road, Broseley. TF12 5BA.

Tel: (01952) 883882

e-mail: a.edwards563@btinternet.com

The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale are most grateful to The Gorge Parish Council for their continued support and generosity regarding the upkeep and maintenance of our beautiful churchyard:

Holy Trinity attracts many visitors throughout the year and is much admired for the way the churchyard is managed and for its conservation of wild plants etc.

The front of the churchyard receives formal mowing throughout the growing season whilst the banks and 'new' churchyard are strimmed in late summer and autumn when the wild flowers have died back.



From Coalport Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the hall was held in June. As usual there were refreshments for all and it was a pleasant, relaxed social evening. There was a review of the year as well as a look forward to the necessary tasks of the coming year. The newest member of our management team, John Hallet, is projecting us ably into the 21st Century so the evening was a good time to promote the website he has created for the hall. www.coalportvillagehall.co.uk.

The main maintenance task is the provision of a new energy efficient boiler. The parish council have provided a grant towards this but there remains £2000 to be raised. The floor also needs resanding and sealing.

During discussion it was suggested that it might be useful for the village halls in the Gorge to have occasional networking meetings. Louise Lomax said she would find out what other halls thought. There was also the idea that there could be a programme of quiz evenings, one organised and held in each venue per year.

The guest this year was Ron Miles sharing with us his knowledge of the precursors of the village hall. Although several people present knew of the coffee house on the old works site being used for church services and village social events, no one knew of the chapel in the grounds of Ivy House which was the first site.

Future activities: A book stall and games at the British Legion Fair at The Boat 29th August. Table Top and Car Boot Sale at the Hall on the Sunday of the Heritage Weekend, 26th Sept.

If any one has any unwanted items to donate either for sale or for a tombola please e-mail contact@coalportvillagehall.co.uk or phone 01952 279808.

Or book a pitch for £3.00



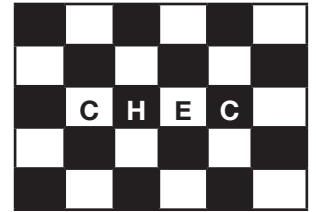
Courses and Activities at CHEC

31 High Street, Madeley, Telford, TF7 5AR

www.chec-telford.co.uk

Information: Terrienne on 583779 /terrienne@btconnect.com

or Brenda on 582659



1st Steps to Computing – FULL

Start IT C & G 4249

Mondays 9.30 – 11.30am. Starts 10th October. Tutor Bev Lightwood. 15 week follow on course from 1st steps

This is an ideal course for beginners, before doing New Clait or ECDL. Will give students basic knowledge of word processing and hardware/software. Students will gain a recognised qualification. The course is aimed at beginners but candidates should possess basic literacy and numeracy skills. This course is accredited.

1st Steps Confidence Building

Mondays 12.30 – 2.30pm. Starts 20th September, Tutor Rowan Davies. 10-week course.

Suitable for those wishing to learn new techniques, enhance skills to increase self esteem, build confidence and learn effective stress management.

Start IT C & G 4249

Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30am. Starts 21st September. Tutor Bev Lightwood. 15 week follow on course from 1st steps Details as above.

Skills for Life

Tuesdays 12 noon – 2.30pm. Weekly, continues, term time. Tutor Deb Wild.

Join this friendly session, on-going throughout term time. Brush up on your English & Maths skills. Discuss your personal learning programme with the tutor.

1st Steps Counselling

Wednesdays, 9.30 – 12noon. Starts 22nd September. 5 week course, Tutor Julia Kaya.

Giving a basic understanding of counselling & the skills required to become an effective counsellor, improving self confidence & listening skills, being aware of behaviour, prejudices & confidentiality.

Working in the Classroom

Wednesdays, 12.30 – 2.30pm, starts 22nd September, 10 week course. Tutor Paula Costin.

Introductory course for anyone interested in working as a volunteer in the classroom, or needing an introductory course before progression onto a Level 2 Teaching Assistants qualification.

Working in the Classroom

Wednesdays, 12.30 – 2.30pm, 10 week course.

Tutor Paula Costin. As above, new course starts 5th January.

1st Steps Psychology

Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.30am. Starts 23rd September, 10 week course. Tutor Lindsey Teece.

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. You will study how our behaviour links to our environment.

Taking Charge of Your Life (RELATE)

Fridays 10am – 2pm. 5 week courses, starting 10th September, 5th November.

Could your confidence do with a boost? Are you feeling overloaded or stressed? This course looks at confidence building and assertiveness and has helped many people – let the next one be you!

To book a place on this course please call RELATE on 01743 344010.

Health & Safety for Life

Fridays, 9.30 – 1.30pm. Starts 24th September, 4 week course.

Incorporating First Aid & Health & Safety. This course has been specially designed for everyday life and is an excellent chance to gain qualifications that will help gain employment.

British Sign Language Taster

Fridays, 1pm – 2.30pm. Starts 8th October. 7 week course. Tutor Sue Hall.

For complete beginners, an introduction to BSL.

Also coming in 2011:

Tuesdays 10am – 12noon, starts 8th February, 10 weeks:

First Steps in Computing.

All courses are held at CHEC, 31 High Street, Madeley

For more information please contact:

Terrienne 01952 583779 /terrienne@btconnect.com

or Brenda on 01952 582659

To enrol on any of the courses

please contact TCAT on 642237 or for

'Taking Charge of Your Life'

ring RELATE on 01743 344010

Also at CHEC:

<p>Citizens Advice Surgery</p> <p>Every Monday</p> <p>9.30am to 12.30pm</p> <p>Drop-in</p>	<p>Crumbles Café</p> <p>Run by Self Unlimited every Tuesday</p> <p>11am – 2pm</p> <p>Come in, relax & treat yourself to home-made refreshments at reasonable prices</p>	<p>Homeopathy Clinic</p> <p>Run by students with supervision from Len Marlow, a registered homeopath with over 15 years' experience.</p> <p>Phone CHEC to book an appointment (£3 – £5 donation)</p>	<p>CHEC Mates Nursery</p> <p>51 weeks a year</p> <p>8am – 6pm</p> <p>Flexible funded places available</p> <p>Phone 586 499 for more information</p>
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Council Contacts, Meeting Dates

Councillors of The Gorge Parish Council 2010

Lightmoor Ward:

Cllr Revd. Keith Osmund-Smith Chair 01952 595942 Rep on WHS strategy group, Ironbridge Regeneration Partnership (vice-chair) & Wrekin Area committee, SALC

Cllr Tom Smith 01952 432806 Rep, Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge Comm. Centre
Cllr Sarah Williams 01952 882631

Ironbridge Ward:

Cllr M Bragg 01952 433937
Cllr Liz Swift 01952 432116
Cllr Mike Swift 01952 432116 Civic Society and Severn Gorge Countryside Trust

Coalport & Jackfield Ward:

Cllr Tony Hobson 01952 580555 Rep, Coalport Village Hall
Cllr Alan Taylor Vice Chair 07889 939 398 Rep, Ironbridge Parish Room

Clerk: Mrs Jayne Madeley BA PILCM DIP HE

Office: Unit C22 Maws Craft Centre Jackfield Telford TF8 7LS.

Telephone 01952 883192. Email: thegorgepc@btinternet.com

Borough Councillors: The Parish has two Borough Council wards covering the area: the *Ironbridge Gorge Ward* (the majority of the Parish) and *Horsehay and Lightmoor* at the north of the Parish. The three Borough Councillors are:

Louise Lomax 01952 380209 Ironbridge Gorge Ward
Clive Mollett 01952 380236 Horsehay and Lightmoor
Tracy Hope 01952 380204 Horsehay and Lightmoor

Police Non-Emergency Number: 0300 333 3000

Dates of Meetings (All meetings held in the Parish Office, Unit C22 Maws Craft Centre Jackfield Telford TF8 7LS. Telephone 01952 883192.)

21st September 2010	Full Council	1st March 2011	Planning
5th October 2010	Planning	15th March 2011	Full Council
19th October 2010	Full Council	5th April 2011	Planning and Possible date for annual parish meeting.
2nd November 2010	Planning		
16th November 2010	Full Council	19th April 2011	Full Council
7th December 2010	Planning	3rd May 2011	Planning
21st December 2010	Full Planning	5th May 2011	Election: Parish Council and Borough Council.
4th January 2011	Planning		
18th January 2011	Full Council	17th May 2011	Full Council and AGM and first meeting of the new council after election.
1st February 2011	Planning		
15th February 2011	Full Council		

The Parish Council Website and Gorge Gazette.

The Parish Council manage both the website and Gazette. If your organisation, group or charity meets or works in The Gorge area it is free to advertise events and your contact details on the website. All you need to do is send the details preferably electronically to the clerk, thegorgepc@btinternet.com.

The Gazette is a quarterly newsletter sent to every household in The Gorge Parish Area. The deadline for articles is the 15th of February, May, August and November. The aim is to produce the newsletter in time for distribution around the middle of the following month.

The Parish Council will consider items before inclusion on the website and in the newsletter.

Commercial advertisements are not accepted for the website or newsletter.