

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Consultation opens on i54 Western Extension**

A consultation by Staffordshire County Council and City of Wolverhampton Council is now underway over plans to carry out a major expansion on the i54 South Staffordshire business park, home of Jaguar Land Rover, Moog, Eurofins and other multinational companies. Click [here](#) to find out more and to have your say. A public exhibition showcasing the proposed extension of #i54southstaffs is taking place on Thursday 1 March 2018 between 10am and 7.30pm at Fordhouses Cricket Club, Wobaston Road, Wolverhampton, WV9 5HH.

- **Reminder - Chairman's musical charity night**

Come and join Councillor Val Chapman, who is hosting a musical evening at the Council Offices in Codsall on Friday 23 February 2018, starting at 7pm. Councillor Kath Parry will be singing a medley of classic songs from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

Tickets cost just £15 and this includes a ploughman's supper but please bring your own drinks and glasses. All proceeds will be donated to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. Tickets can be purchased from Helen Astley (h.astley@sstaffs.gov.uk) or by calling **01902 696254**.

- **Weddings in South Staffordshire**

On Tuesday 20 February 2018, the new Ceremonial Suite at the Council Offices in Codsall is holding an open evening from 5.30pm to 7pm. This suite offers an elegant and relaxed setting for civil weddings and partnerships, renewal of vows, naming ceremonies and other celebrations and the room will be dressed for a civil ceremony. Telephone **01902 696000** or email weddings@sstaffs.gov.uk with any enquiries or to arrange a personal viewing with our wedding co-ordinator.

On Sunday 3 June 2018 (11am to 3pm), the Council will be hosting its first Wedding Fayre at the Council Offices in Codsall in partnership with 'Tied with a Bow'. Come along and see the Ceremonial Suite, meet our wedding co-ordinator as well as other local wedding providers and suppliers.

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- **Money saving day**

A 'Money saving day' is taking place in the reception area of the Council Offices in Codsall on Thursday 22 February 2018 from 10am to 2pm. Come along for advice and guidance from a variety of partners on how to save money. Click [here](#) to find out more.

- **NEW - election results system on Council website**

A new election results system has gone live on the Council website allowing visitors to view interactive election results on their smartphones, tablets and desktop computers. The system is completely responsive and has interactive charts to show results. This system will also be integrated into 'My Account' in future.

- **NEW - additional green bin form goes live in 'My Account'**

You can now book additional green bins online from 'My Account', the Council's personalised service giving residents online access to council services 24/7. It's a fast and easy way to book online and it reduces the number of telephone calls to the Council. So far, the online booking forms have saved 342 minutes.

- **Work taking place next week on footpaths**

Thanks to local company Tarmac Limited, who have donated about 100 tonnes of material for repairs to the Railway Walk, we will be closing the path in Wombourne between the station and Ounsdale Road next week (Wednesday - Friday) to ensure safe working.

- **Community Lottery**

How would you like to win £25,000? Play our Community Lottery and you could win the jackpot and support the voluntary and community sector at the same time with 60% of every £1 ticket raising money for local good causes. You can help support the lottery by buying a ticket - register on the website (www.southstaffslottery.co.uk) or telephone **01902 213777**.

- **Family friendly camping**

Following the success of our family camping weekends at Baggeridge Country Park last year, the park will be offering this activity again in 2018. Family camping starts this Easter weekend and will be available over the Easter holidays. The next chance to camp out at the park will be at Whitsun and during the six-week school summer holidays. It's a great opportunity to camp out at a site close to home that's ideal for both experienced campers as well as anyone trying it out.

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for the first time. For more details, click [here](#) or to book call **01902 882605**. **ICT Help Desk update**

- **Leisure Centre memberships at an all-time high**

Figures from the end of January 2018 show that membership sales at the Leisure Centres are at an all-time high with over 3,580 members. If you're thinking of getting fit this year, why not give our Leisure Centres a try. Click [here](#) to find out about membership.

- **5 Rating**

The following companies have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Kafe Neo, St John's Primary School in Swindon and Ashwood Nurseries in Ashwood.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:

- **Planning Committee** - Tuesday 20 February 2018 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: comms@sstaffs.gov.uk