

Council news round-up



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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Praise for the Council in the news**

News about the Council's recent LGA Peer Challenge and praise for the Council appeared in the Express & Star last week - click [here](#) to read more.

- **Another wedding for the Ceremonial Suite**

The Ceremonial Suite enjoyed more nuptials recently with a second wedding ceremony taking place on Saturday 25 August 2018. Even more weddings are in the pipeline with another seven couples booking their ceremonies here.

- **Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI)**

We are keen to clarify that in spite of comments you may have seen in the press, the application for the SRFI has not been approved by the Secretary of State, it has simply been validated, that is, the application has been found to have had the right documents, information and fees.

The process of considering whether the Secretary of State should or should not approve the actual application will now start. We expect to be notified in the next few weeks of the meeting which will set the timetable for the application including hearings on key issues. We will keep you informed of developments.

Work on the Council's response to the SRFI application continues from a number of different service teams and with our external solicitors.

- **Skills and jobs fair - less than three weeks to go!**

It's now less than three weeks until South Staffordshire Council hosts the largest skills and jobs fair in the district. If you know anyone looking for new employment, a change of career, an apprenticeship or volunteering opportunities, then the skills and jobs fair is a must. Forty exhibitors offering hundreds of jobs, apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities will be waiting to tell you more about their exciting opportunities.

Workshops to help with IT skills, CVs and interview techniques will be taking place throughout the event along with presentations from a number of businesses to tell you more about their company and what opportunities they have available. The event is free to attend and free

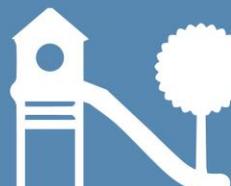
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transport is also being provided from key locations in Penkridge, Huntington, Great Wyrley, Cheslyn Hay, Essington, Featherstone, Coven, Kinver, Wombourne, Swindon and Perton. Pre-booking of transport is recommended to secure your seat. For more information, visit:

www.sstaffs.gov.uk/skillsandjobsfair

- **Tea & Teach**

Need help with your digital skills or getting online? Our next free 'Tea & Teach' session, which takes place on Thursday 27 September at the Council Offices in Codsall between 2pm and 4pm. Click [here](#) for more information and to find out how to reserve a place.

- **Wellbeing Café session - cancellation**

The Wellbeing Café session due to take place in Codsall on Tuesday 16 October 2018 has now been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience and new sessions will be announced shortly.

- **Community innovation fund**

Applications have until 5pm on Friday 28 September 2018 to submit an application to the South Staffordshire Community Innovation Fund. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for all community and voluntary sector organisations in South Staffordshire including those registered to the South Staffordshire Community Lottery. Please contact policyadmin@sstaffs.gov.uk for an application form and guidance notes.

- **Walking Festival 2018 now underway**

Enjoy a walk in beautiful South Staffordshire and take part in our walking festival, which runs from Sunday 2 September to Tuesday 25 September 2018. All of the walks are free and for more information about how to book, please visit www.walkingforhealth.org.uk or click [here](#) to see a programme. Don't forget that our regular walks on the South Staffordshire Walking Programme will continue to take place too. Click [here](#) to see more or contact our co-ordinator (tel: **07939 631131** or email: louisewalkingforhealth@gmail.com).

- **Win £250 off your next vacation**

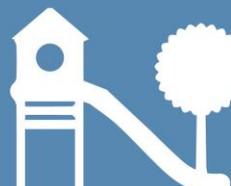
Are you suffering post-holiday blues? Thanks to Co-operative Travel, South Staffordshire Community Lottery's next super draw is giving one lucky supporter the chance of winning £250 to put towards their next vacation. To be in with the chance of winning this fantastic prize,

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become a lottery supporter before Saturday 29 September 2018. Tickets cost just £1 a week and can be bought online at www.southstaffslottery.co.uk or telephoning **01902 213777**.

- **Perton Village Show**

Perton Village Show takes place on Saturday 15 September 2018, from 12.30pm onwards. Show schedules are available from Perton Civic Centre and Perton Library and enquires can be made to the Show Secretary by calling **01902 741822**.

- **What's on**

- Heritage Open Days 2018 (6-9 and 13-16 September 2018) - Every year in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. All for free. Click [here](#) to find out what you can see in South Staffordshire.
- Autumn Plant Hunters' Fair at Weston Park (9 September 2018) - click [here](#) to find out more.
- Midland Game Fair (15 to 16 September 2018) - click [here](#) for more information.
- Wildlings at Highgate Common (20 September 2018) - click [here](#) for more information.

- **Coming up...**

- Skills and Jobs Fair at the Council Offices on Wednesday 26 September 2018 between 10am and 2pm.
- Parish Summit 2018 (Our Place - Our Challenges - Our Opportunities - 2020 and beyond) on Friday 28 September 2018 from 9am to 3pm at the Council Offices in Codsall.

- **5 Rating**

The following organisation has achieved a 5 Rating following its food inspection this week - St Benedict Biscop Primary School in Wombourne.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:

- **Council** - Tuesday 11 September 2018 - 7pm - Council Chamber- see the papers [here](#)
- **Standards and Resources Committee** - Thursday 13 September 2018 - 2.30pm - Bill Brownhill Room - see the papers [here](#)

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