

# Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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## Hello and welcome....

to this issue of your Parish Council newsletter, the 11<sup>th</sup> since its introduction in June 2008 in response to your suggestions within the Parish Plan. This parish is one of the first to have created a Parish Plan (there are still Parish Councils in the county without one) but times move on and there are now two new "plans" in the frame – the Neighbourhood Plan (part of the Government's Localism Bill) and Shropshire Council's Place Plan. Both assume more community involvement and, whilst there is a process to go through involving government inspection and a local referendum, in the neighbourhood plan there is much more opportunity for the community to dictate the development strategy, including housing, in the parish. We will keep you informed as both plans progress and there is obviously going to be lots of consultation.

In addition to the routine issues addressed by the Parish Council, and since the last newsletter it has been particularly busy responding to planning applications, once again consultation papers from Shropshire Council have needed due attention, with an extensive list covering the

Local Transport Plan, Polling Review, Joint Housing Strategy, Local Planning Regulations, Local Government Resource Review, Wastewater Planning Process, Localising Support for Council Tax, National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Site Allocation and Management of Development (SAMDev). As far as the last two are concerned, there has been a lot of publicity about them as the consultations have progressed and we await the response at both national and county level.

Somewhere in all this fits the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), a fund raised from new developments to be spent in the community as the community has recommended through local organisations. So, if you are involved in any local group activity and haven't heard from the Parish Council about submitting your suggestions, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed about the activities of your Parish Council and after reading through the following pages I hope you find it achieves this objective.

Chris Symes

## Broadband in Shropshire

It is generally accepted that an effective, reliable and secure communications infrastructure is increasingly essential to life in both rural and urban communities and it is important that all of our communities and businesses are able to benefit from the convenience online services provide.

Shropshire Council together with Telford and Wrekin Council recently submitted a bid to Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), a 'vehicle' created by Government to deliver Broadband across the country, and secured funding of £8.2

million. Shropshire Council plans to use this funding to achieve 3 aims:

1. Allow 100% of Shropshire access to a minimum of 2mbps.
2. Deliver superfast broadband to as much of the county as possible.
3. Future proof broadband. The growth area in broadband is mobile — Shropshire Council is keen that any technical solution addresses the poor broadband coverage as well.

The next steps are to finalise the scope of the project and obtain approval from BDUK on the broadband plan.

Another key aspect is to identify a technical partner so Shropshire Council has to prove

that broadband is wanted and will be subscribed to. This assessment of demand will also include being aware of those people who may not feel confident in using the internet or the opportunities it provides.

What can we do to help? The Parish Council has already sent a letter supporting the project which will help with the evidence base that broadband is wanted by Shropshire residents. YOU can also help by completing the questionnaires at [www.connectingshropshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingshropshire.co.uk)

Shropshire Council intend to issue quarterly updates to the Council on progress with the project and this will be passed on through the newsletter.

## Welshampton Wednesday Afternoon Club

Ladies of a certain age in Welshampton will be aware of this Club which meets most fourth Wednesdays in the month. The Club has approached the Parish Council to publicise a request for help.

17 years ago, Anne Wood and Jean Davies agreed to try to organise a monthly meeting for 12 months and it's still going! The Club was initially set up with the assistance of grants but is funded by annual subscriptions and is financially sound.

Unfortunately, age and ill health has caused the two present organisers to step down. The Club is now looking for someone (or two or three people) to take on the role of preparing the Programme for 2012 and organising the meetings. There are presently 23 members who all regularly attend.

The programme of meetings covers talks, an annual lunch, outing and social meetings. During 2011 invited speakers have enlightened members on subjects including 'Droving across Australia', 'The best of Andrew Lloyd Webber', 'The Ellesmere Workhouse' and 'Scams in general and postal Scams'.

If you can help in any way to ensure this Club continues please contact Jean Davies on 01948 710308 for further information.

## Local Joint Committee Grants

If you are looking for a grant to support a local project the Local Joint Committee (LJC) is a good place to start. Shropshire Council's Community Action Officer, Julie Ruler, will help with the process. Just give her a phone call on 01691 677301. Deadline for the next round of grants is 10 February 2012.

## Welshampton Parish Hall

The Parish Hall Management Committee recently held a cheese and wine event which incorporated its Annual General Meeting. Thank you to all those who attended and for the interest shown in the work the Committee carries out.

2012 will see a change of faces on the Committee. James Cross has decided to stand down as Treasurer so we would like to thank him for his hard work managing the Parish Hall's finances. James organised many different successful fund raising events and was helped by Angela, his wife, whose hard work behind the scenes was not missed. Thank you to you both. During the meeting two new members were elected so welcome to John and Rachel Pittaway. At the next Committee Meeting, John and Rachel jumped in at the deep end and have taken on the positions of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Thank you!

For those who may not know Rachel and John, here is a brief introduction. Rachel has lived in Welshampton since August 2005 and will be known to some through the Church and the Bonfire Committee (where she was treasurer until recently). You may also have seen her walking her dogs around Welshampton and Colemere. John was rescued from Telford by Rachel, and has been living in Welshampton since August 2007. Until recently he was also a member of the Bonfire Committee, although you may know him better as one of the panto's ugly sisters - using his own hair! If you need to contact John or Rachel, you can do so on 01948 710817. There is an answer machine should they not be in, so do leave a message.

The Parish Hall has had a successful year mainly due to the income from the fundraisers and from key repeat hirers. This has enabled the Hall to be redecorated and new crockery and cutlery purchased. The Hall has also received two new fridges, kindly donated by Ellesmere Round Table.

You will not be surprised to hear that the Halls' running costs continue to increase year on year so the Committee will continue to hold events to help meet these costs. The monthly bingo sessions are very popular and there will be another Quiz Night in the New Year. If you have a good idea for an event which would also raise funds then please let us know. It goes without saying that the hall is available for general hire so if you would like to book a date then please contact Lorraine on 01948 710687.

Caroline Hamilton

## Bus Timetable

Do you use the local buses or would you if it was easier to find out when they run?

Shropshire Council has now launched a new on-line timetable service which makes it quicker to find out details of all bus services operating in Shropshire. Go to: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/bustimes](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/bustimes) Alternatively you can still call the Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

## Dates For Your Diary

### Council Meetings

Wednesday 14 December 7pm  
Wednesday 25 January 7pm  
Tuesday 28 February 7pm  
(note change of day)

All meetings are in the Parish Hall

### Local Joint Committee

Tuesday 13 March 7pm  
The Boathouse, Ellesmere

# The Sun - Update

Over the last few months progress has been made with The Sun. Planning permission was finally granted which allowed work to commence. The Parish Council has been in contact with Sircar Builders Ltd, the developers, and although work itself will be intermittent over the winter months, it is still planned to open the Pub in the Spring.

One of the conditions agreed with the planning permission was that the developers should make a 'contribution to the community'. Following discussion with the Parish Council, Sircar Builders have agreed to re-surface the sports court at the Parish Hall to a specification suggested by the Parish Council prior to any of the residential units also to be built on the site being occupied. The Parish Council would like to thank Sircar Builders for agreeing to the preferred surface.

The development has meant more cars parked on the main road. The Parish Council successfully requested a new warning sign on the east side approaching the Sun and also wrote to all major companies whose HGVs regularly use the A495. Guidance was also sought of the Police to safety aspects of parking and the Council has been referred to the rules/guidance set out in the Highway Code.

# Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee

Most residents will be aware that next year sees the Queen celebrating her Diamond Jubilee with most celebrations focussing around an extended weekend of 2, 3, 4 and 5 June.

The Parish Council is aware that one or two community groups have plans underway to locally celebrate this occasion. It has been suggested that to avoid any clashing of events and to have maximum take up, event organisers should be aware of what is being planned overall. Organisers are encouraged to contact the Clerk who will act as initial co-ordinator.

## New 101 Police Phone Number

101 is the new number to call when you want to contact the local police — when it's less urgent than 999. For example, if your car has been stolen, if your property has been damaged, to report a minor traffic collision or to give the police information about crime in our area.

Calls from landlines and mobile networks cost 15p per call, no matter what time of day or how long you are on the phone. If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can textphone 18001 101.

***Remember, in an emergency always call 999.***

## 'Tell Us Once'

Shropshire Council has teamed up with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to deliver 'Tell Us Once', a new service that notifies relevant government departments and service authorities of a family's birth or bereavement.

For someone who has experienced a bereavement or birth there are lots of things that need to be done. One of these things is contacting the government departments and local council services that need to be told about the birth or death. Until now, these departments needed to be contacted individually. Under the new service, a local registration officer can now, immediately after they have registered the event, support a new parent or recently bereaved person through a step-by-step process that will automatically notify central

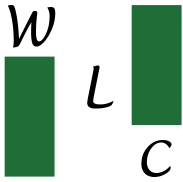
## Shropshire Council - Northern Area Director

In November the Parish Council welcomed George Candler, Shropshire Council's Northern Area Director, to its meeting. George has worked for Shropshire Council in senior positions for 5 years and is one of three Area Directors. Area Director is a new role with new challenges. George explained that with the range of new legislation like the Localism Act, Parish Councils and community groups will have the opportunity to exercise more powers to represent and provide services to their residents. George's role is to help make these opportunities become a reality by having resources within Shropshire Council available to him.

The Council welcomed the opportunity to discuss with George a number of local issues and how the Parish Council could work more effectively with Shropshire Council. Together with the local Shropshire Council member, Brian Williams, it is hoped that George will represent this Parish's needs at the top level.

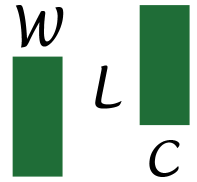
and local governments of their change in circumstances.

By notifying up to 28 different services on their behalf, Tell Us Once is a much easier way for bereaved families and new parents to report their change in circumstances to the relevant authorities. Overall, a person using the Tell Us Once service can expect to contact government agencies seven fewer times when compared to previous arrangements. For more information on how you can access this service call 0345 678 9016 or visit [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk).



## Useful Contact Details

For a more comprehensive list of local contacts please look at the Council's website [www.2shrop.net/welshampton](http://www.2shrop.net/welshampton)



### Parish Council

#### **Welshampton Ward**

Ruth Evans  
Peter Gee  
Richard Hall  
Caroline Hamilton (Vice Chair)  
Sarah Jefferies  
Ian Yates

#### **Lyneal Ward**

Lawrence Houghton  
Chris Symes (Chair)  
Martin Withington

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Benefits	0345 678 9001
Council tax	0345 678 9002
Planning and building control	0345 678 9004
Housing and social services	0345 678 9005
Streets, roads and transport	0345 678 9006
Bins and recycling	0345 678 9007
Children's services	0345 678 9008
Payment line	0345 678 9009
Dog Warden	0845 678 9018
<i>emergencies only</i>	07702 166039
Flytipping	0845 678 9009
Bulky waste collection service	0845 678 9009

### Emergency Contacts

In most emergencies you should dial 999

For non - emergencies

West Mercia Police	101
Shropshire Fire & Rescue	01743 260200
West Midlands Ambulance Service	01743 273649
NHS Direct	0845 46 47

### Local Policing Teams

Ellesmere (Welshampton) 01743 264749  
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### Shropshire Community Directory

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