

Hello and welcome....

to your Parish Council newsletter, the first issue of 2012. Since the last issue in November, the Parish Council has completed the budget process to set the precept for the next financial year and you will have already received your Shropshire Council Tax statement showing this. You may have noticed a small increase in the precept, equivalent to 2p per week per household, which is entirely due to Shropshire Council passing down some administration costs to the Parish Council so that Shropshire can show no increase in its Council Tax demand. The finances of your Parish Council are forecast to finish this year slightly better than budget and a full explanation of this year's expenditure and next year's budget will be included in the Annual Parish Report which will be issued in a couple of months. I'm sure that when you received your Council Tax information you will have checked and seen that the precept per household in this Parish, in comparison with other Parish and Town Councils in Shropshire, shows good value.

Previous newsletters have given a full explanation of the Parish Council's approach to the Planning Application to extend the life of the land fill site operated by Tudor Griffiths at Colemere. In January, Shropshire Council granted permission for the site to continue tipping operations until 2030 but, as a result

of pressure by the Parish Council and the residents of Colemere, a number of conditions are being applied, including the establishment of a liaison group of interested parties, and fencing to improve rubbish control. We are waiting Shropshire Council's confirmation that all the appropriate licences are in place which will enable the liaison group to commence, and both the Parish Council and Colemere residents will be represented.

In Spring 2013 there are to be local elections and this is for Parish Councillors as well as Shropshire Councillors. If you are considering becoming a Councillor, now is the time to start the process by coming along to the Council meetings, to see what happens. Of course, you can keep informed as well by visiting our web site.

Finally, everyone knows that it is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this year and there will be celebrations around the world to mark the occasion. These celebrations include here a service in Welshampton Church at 3pm on Sunday 3rd June followed by tea on the vicarage lawns, and in Colemere beside the mere, a Jubilee party on Monday 4th June. Let us hope that the weather joins in the celebrations!

Chris Symes



Diamond Jubilee River Pageant

The Thames River Pageant on 3rd June is at the heart of this summer's celebrations marking 60 years of the Queen's reign and the Lyneal Trust is honoured to have had both its boats accepted in the flotilla, having been nominated by the Lord Lieutenant to represent the County.

The Shropshire Lass II and the Shropshire Lad set off to London from Lyneal Wharf, the Lass

being crewed by groups who regularly use the Trust's facilities and the Lad by Army personnel, including some who have sustained injuries on operations and who will be using this experience as part of their individual recovery programme.

Lyneal Trust has proudly agreed to participate in the River Pageant not only for the privilege of doing so but also to bring the facilities the Trust offers to people with disabilities to the attention of a wider audience.

Watch out for the boats on TV!



Visit us on
Facebook

The Parish Council has set up a Community Page on facebook for the Welshampton, Lyneal and Colemere Community so that local groups and residents can keep up to date with local events and topics of general interest.

So now anyone in the Parish can place comments on the facebook page and it can be used to promote any and all activities in the Community.

Go to -

www.facebook.com/welshamptonlynealandcolemerecommunity

News from the Parish Hall Committee

We have recently taken delivery of some lovely new (to us) chairs. Regular hall users will already have seen them, and so far all reports are positive. We have been approached by Reels on Wheels with a view to using the Parish hall as a venue to show films. How does the Parish feel about this? The committee are very interested in this scheme as it will save people having to travel to either Wrexham or Shrewsbury to see movies. Please leave a message on 01948 710817 with your thoughts.

Are there any plumbers in the parish who want to quote for the improvements to the Ladies' toilets that we are planning? If so then please contact Lorraine Jones for access and details of the improvements we want to make. Lorraine is on 01948 710687.

We have been asked by the licensee to point out that if you book the Parish hall and the bar, you are not allowed to bring your own drinks. Notices to this effect have been put up and the booking form will have this added as well. **All** profits from the bar go towards the upkeep of our Parish hall.

There are lots of things planned for the coming year and information about them can be found on flyers in and around the parish hall. Remember the Parish hall can only survive if we keep using it, and any ideas for any more events are most welcome.

John Pittaway
Parish Hall Committee Secretary

Meeting Dates

Council Meetings

Wednesday 25 April	7pm
Wednesday 23 May	7pm
Wednesday 27 June	7pm

All meetings are in the Parish Hall

The Parish Paths Partnership Group

The Parish Paths Partnership Group P3 group continues to walk the footpaths once a month in the parish and also using paths in neighbouring parishes to make a circular walk. The canal is very useful for making a circuit and the birds and wildlife are very busy along its course now that Spring has arrived.

During January the group walked from Wellfield Farm in Lyneal to Northwood along a well maintained path with only a couple of minor problems with stiles. Unfortunately once across the border all trace of paths vanished and the group had to improvise to reach Bettisfield and the canal back home!

On the last day of February the group walked from Welshampton across the Crimps to Ellesmere, partaking of a cup of tea while searching for a lost member. We were wondering if some wandering female had proposed marriage to him!! Many thanks Andrew for the tea. The day was sunny and left us all looking forward to lots of walking during the coming months.

Whilst enjoying our monthly walks we make notes of any path and stile problems. If time permits we cut back any overgrowth and tack on directional arrows to stiles. Any major problems are reported to Shropshire Council. Some of us also use the brushcutter and hooks to clear brambles, saplings and nettles where a path has become very overgrown. This is usually where a path is quite narrow and difficult to walk.

The next walk is scheduled for late April when we hope to see the bluebells along the paths towards Hanmer. For those interested please contact George Rook, Footpath Co-ordinator, telephone 01948 710456.

Ellesmere Customer Service Point

.....was formerly known as Ellesmere Infolink on Wharf Road and is now providing services in Ellesmere Library on Victoria Street.

Here are some of the Services on offer:

- **Blue Badges** – application and renewal
- **Transport information** – times of trains and local buses
- **Concessionary travel** – Bus Pass or Rail Card applications
- **Issuing RADAR keys**
- **Issuing Parking Permits** (Residential & Season Tickets)
- **Copy certificates** – births, deaths and marriage applications within Shropshire
- **Payments for some Shropshire Council services**
- **Waste permits** – for taking waste to an amenity site in a commercial vehicle or when towing a trailer

- **Reporting problems** with litter, bins, dog fouling and highways including blocked pathways.

Opening times are:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10.00am – 4.30pm
Saturday
10.00am – 1.00pm

On the days the Library is open it is situated in the reference section, and on Wednesdays when the Library is closed, it is in the room at the back of the Library (the old CAB office).

You can access Shropshire Council services at this location, on the website: www.shropshire.gov.uk, email: customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk, or by phoning the Customer Service Centre on 0345 678 9000.

Mobile Library and Bus Passes

Following the reduction in the number of Library vehicles Shropshire Council has confirmed the visit times with effect from 4th April. The Library visits alternate weeks on a Wednesday.

Hampton Wood: Primrose Cottage	9.40 am to 10.10 am
Braden Heath: Hill Croft	10.15 am to 10.30 am
Welshampton Village Hall	10.40 am to 11.10 am
Balmer: Libbyanne	11.20 am to 11.30 am
Hampton Bank: Phone Bank	11.40 am to 11.55 am
Lyneal: Anvil View	12.05 am to 12.15 am
Colemere	12.20 am to 12.35 am

Do you have a Bus Pass? Then please check the date. If it is due to expire this year you will need to apply for a new bus pass. Renewals are free but you must apply in the correct month. Forms are online at www.shropshire.gov.uk/buspass or by completing a renewal form available from the local library.

Pass Expires	Apply During	Pass Expires	Apply During
June	April	July	May
August	June	September	July
October	August	November	September
December	October		

Annual Parish Meeting

This year the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 May.

To remind you, the Annual Parish Meeting is not the Council's AGM. It is the meeting for YOU to hear what has been done on your behalf over the last year and ask YOUR opinion on future matters. There will also be an opportunity for you to express your concerns or question things that are important to you. To put it simply, it is YOUR meeting!

The evening is the ideal opportunity to meet and talk with Parish Councillors and others in the community. A warm invitation is extended to all!

The Sun Inn

Readers will remember that during the preparation of the Parish Plan the Sun Inn was suddenly closed to the shock of all in the community. It was therefore no surprise that the re-opening of the Sun was a very popular 'action point' of the Parish Plan.

The Parish Council has accordingly tracked progress and was pleased that recently residents in the centre of Welshampton received a letter of introduction from the new licencees of The Sun, Dave Laycock and Paul Fletcher. The Parish Council would like to share some of their update with residents further afield in the Parish.

"Dear residents,

We hope to open around May/June depending on completion of building works. The pub will look very different inside and out, we will be sprucing up the garden and there will also be the addition of 3 en-suite letting rooms.

We intend to offer good, freshly prepared, homemade food and will source locally as much as possible. Our aim is to provide comfortable, informal, relaxed surroundings with the best of locally brewed ales as well as wine from all over the globe. We also operate with the highest standards of friendly service and will be open all day, every day.

We are aware that the loss of the Sun Inn 4 years

ago was a harsh blow to the community. We want to return the Sun Inn to its rightful place as the hub of the village life as well as serve the needs of walkers, tourists and users of the canal. To this end, we will always have an open mind when it comes to your feedback and welcome ideas to help the success of the pub and the enhancement of the local area and people."



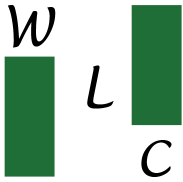
We are a small pre-school in the heart of our community, offering high quality care at competitive rates with fully qualified and experienced staff.

We offer places for children aged 2 to 5 years with a flexible package of care that can be tailored to meet your needs.

We are open term time, week days from;
8.45 am to 4.00 pm

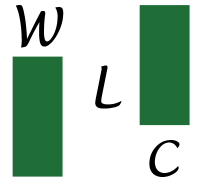
We offer a free taster session to all new children, so come along and see our quality provision.

We look forward to meeting you. Call Miss Louise and arrange your visit to Caterpillars on 01948 710123.



Useful Contact Details

For a more comprehensive list of local contacts please look at the Council's website www.2shrop.net/welshampton



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Welshampton Ward

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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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Customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk
www.shropshire.gov.uk

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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Community Contacts

Welshampton Parish Hall

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