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Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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Hello and welcome....

to the summer issue of your Parish Council newsletter, although summer seems hardly the right word. Whilst as we go to print there is an indication that perhaps the weather is improving, the Parish Council is very aware of the hardship which the rainfall has caused to weather-related businesses, and the difficult flooding of roads, no worse than in Lyneal Lane. The Highways are aware of the issues but quite what can be done in a time of tight expenditure and such heavy rain, is not at all obvious.

Despite the weather, residents have been enjoying the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and as this is very much a once-in-a-lifetime event, this issue contains reports of the various activities which residents of the Parish have been involved with.

Perhaps the most significant subject dealt with by the Parish Council since the April newsletter is the consideration of its approach on Shropshire Council's SAMDev consultation (future housing and commercial development in the County) when, as the result of there being no further responses from any residents, the original response, put together after our public meetings in previous years, has

been confirmed. This is to have up to 20 residential properties built within the existing development boundary in Welshampton and up to 5 residential properties built in Lyneal together with the re-instatement of the development boundary. All this to take place up to the year 2026. However, the issue of the potential extension of the quarrying at Wood Lane is now in the public eye, although there has not yet been any planning application.

Also you will find included the Annual Report 2012. The fact that we distribute a newsletter three times a year and that all meetings and correspondence are all available on our web-site, means that the Annual Report need only be a report on how the Parish Council has performed against the objectives it sets, rather than being a repeat of information about what it has been doing.

This newsletter is produced as the direct result of your request for more information, during the formation of the Parish Plan, and as you read through the following pages I hope you find that it achieves this objective. In addition, there is always a welcome for any resident at the monthly Parish Council meetings.

Chris Symes

Parish Hall Update

I wish to thank everyone who supported the Parish Hall Hog Roast event. As usual the weather was not the best, but the atmosphere was wonderful. There was a live band, which was made up of young musicians who practice at the hall, under the supervision of Brian Stone. There was the usual Raffle with excellent prizes, which were donated by The Sun Inn, WOW the hairdressers, Brian Stone and others. The money raised will be used on updating and maintenance. If you have any ideas on what you would like doing I am making a wish list, so please let me know.

Our next event is a Ceilidh and Promise Auction, being held on 13th October at 7pm. Tickets will be available from committee members. For any more information you can contact me (01948 710407). For booking and general information you can contact Lorraine Jones 01948 710687

Once again, I would like to say thank you all for the support given.

Caroline Hamilton.

The Sun Inn

By the time you read this, The Sun Inn will be open and re-establishing itself as a focal point of the community in Welshampton. Readers will remember that during the

Severn Trent Water

One of the more difficult tasks for the Parish Council has been to report and ensure repairs to any water related issues are carried out. The Council has recently been given access to a dedicated contact point, so hopefully things might improve!

preparation of the Parish Plan the Inn was suddenly closed and it was therefore no surprise that the re-opening of the Sun was a very popular 'action point' of the Parish Plan.

The Council wishes the new operators, Dave and Fletch, well for the future and thank them for ticking the 'completed' box against that item of the Parish Plan!

Parish Council Annual Report 2012

At the Annual Parish Meeting in May, the agenda for the meeting set the basis for a review of the performance for the year, as follows –

Major objectives

Parish Plan – there is a full summary of progress on our web site under “Annual Meeting 2012”

Strategic development and neighbourhood plans – again, there is a full summary on our web site under “Annual Meeting 2012”

Planning issues – there were three particular issues outside of the usual building applications, which took a lot of resource to deal with. Firstly, the Council’s objection to the long timescale extension of the landfill licence at Tudor Griffith’s was not agreed by Shropshire Council, although the approval does come with some operating restrictions on rubbish control and the formation of a Liaison Group. Secondly, and triggered by an application in the Parish, the Council’s concerns about Shropshire Council’s management of the single plot affordable housing scheme has caused a review of the scheme, and subsequent changes. Thirdly, the Council’s objection to the conversion of the sheds beside the canal at Colemere into a residential property was also over-ruled by Shropshire Council.

Finances – with this newsletter you will find a simple breakdown of last year’s budget and expenditure which shows that the Parish Council operated within the budget. This money is the precept element of the Council Tax we all pay to Shropshire Council, and is

the equivalent of 53p per week for a Band D household.

Personnel – there has been no change of Parish Councillors this year, the current nine continuing to work voluntarily for the community, without financial reward. Next year may well be different, as there are elections for all Parish Councillors in May. The Parish Clerk is still Carole Warner, and the Councillors thank Carole, on behalf of the community, for her contribution to the Council.

Issues for 2012/2013 – at this stage, it looks likely that the following matters are likely to be the focus of attention for the Council for the next year- Parish Plan, particularly speeding in our area.

SAMDev – the next stage and enactment after formal acceptance by Shropshire Council.

Potential extension to quarrying operations at Wood Lane.

Broadband – improvement in service through the Shropshire Broadband initiative.

There are other activities in progress, all which can be seen on our website.

In conclusion, the Parish Council believes that this year has seen good progress on a number of issues affecting the community and has entered the new year confident that it will be able to continue to have an influence in helping to achieve the aspirations of the residents of the Parish.

Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Reports

Welshampton Primary School

On Wednesday 30th May hundreds of people, including all the children from our school, crowded into the streets of Shrewsbury to watch the famous Olympic torch pass through. Many arrived very early in the morning to guarantee a good place to see the torch bearer. The torch followed a colourful parade of police cars, floats, coaches and trucks. The excited crowds began inching their way forward with anticipation to see the torch and had to be reminded several times to step back by the police. After a busy morning the crowds began to leave, their heads full of happy memories.

On Thursday 12th July, Welshampton School along with

thousands of people flooded into RAF Cosford, all desperate to catch a glimpse of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The day included fun activities such as rock climbing and paint balling. We then took part in a colourful parade of amazing floats, bands, cadets, schools and even a corgi or two! All of this was watched over by the Queen.

By Willow Turner Year 6

Colemere

Almost 100 residents and friends from Colemere, Lyneal and Welshampton enjoyed the best weather of the Diamond Jubilee weekend at a special event on the

Mere bank on Monday, June 4th.

There was entertainment, refreshments, games and even a tug-of-war competition throughout the afternoon. The crowds were entertained by music spanning the 60 years of the Queen's reign from Keith Egerton's mobile disco. A grant from the Parish Council enabled all the children to enjoy free soft drinks and everyone else benefitted from a barbecue at not quite 1952 prices!

Thanks also goes to everyone who was involved with organising the event and to the Parish Council for making it possible.

Barbara Platt

Jubilee and Olympic cont'd

Welshampton

The Community Celebration for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Welshampton was a wonderful event. The afternoon began with a beautiful service, conducted by the Rev John Vernon. Children from the school processed into Church carrying the Cross, the new School Banner and Log Book and flags they had made for the occasion. More than 120 people were in the congregation.

Although the weather was very disappointing and our plans to serve afternoon tea in the garden of the Old Vicarage had to be

abandoned, everything was re-arranged in the Parish Hall which was transformed in a few hours with balloons and bunting. The people poured in all with contributions for the tea table, such a wonderful variety, everything from 'Friendship Cake' to Haggis!

Many thanks to the Welshampton Players who entertained us with 'A Right Royal Rumpus' which was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the whole community for making this such a very special occasion.

Glo Wright

Meeting Dates

Council Meetings

Wednesday 22 August	7pm
Wednesday 26 September	7pm
Wednesday 24 October	7pm

All meetings are in the Parish Hall



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The Lyneal Trust

Those of you who receive the Church Magazine may well have already read this article from Chris Symes.

The Shropshire Lass and the Shropshire Lad set off from Lyneal Wharf on 29th April, in the most atrocious weather, on their three week journey to London. The Lass was crewed by three separate families, regular disabled customers of the Lyneal Trust, and the Lad was crewed by WIS (the Army term for Wounded, Injured and Sick soldiers). The boats travelled together to London, helping each other through the nearly 200 locks and lift bridges, and then stopping at local canal-side pubs (often at the landlord's expense) and rattling the fund-raising tins amongst the customers, with the huge sum of £2000 being raised for Help for Heroes, the Royal British Legion, and the Army Benevolent Fund. The boats reached Limehouse Basin (where the canal network joins the Thames) in glorious weather which stayed for the rehearsal during the weekend before the Pageant. And we all know what happened to the weather then!

The following weekend the boats were moved down the Thames and moored in West India

Dock for scrutineering and the final spit and polish. At 7.30am on Pageant Day, the boats came back out onto the Thames to head upstream to our mustering mooring at Chiswick and it was wonderful to see so many thousands of people already on the river bank, cheering and waving their Union Flags, and there were still another six hours before the Pageant was to begin!

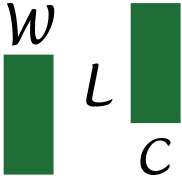
We took up our position in the flotilla before noon to wait for the signal to start, which in our case was 2.28pm precisely, and off we sailed. The narrow boat squadron was towards the rear of the flotilla, following one of the music barges. By now every inch of river bank, every garden, every house, apartment and office was packed with (apparently) between one and two million cheering, singing, flag waving, horn tooting spectators, creating an amazing atmosphere. After just over two hours we passed through Tower Bridge and there on the left was the Spirit of Chartwell with the Royal Family on board, and the Queen gave us a wave. In return, we sang the National Anthem and waved our flags with all our hearts, and motored on through the avenue of sail.

Our day didn't finish then as there were several hundred boats

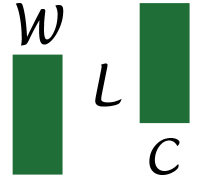
ahead of us in the flotilla and we had to take our turn in getting back into West India Dock, so we convoyed along, kept well in order by the Port of London boats and the River Police, finally mooring up at 9.45pm. Yes, soaking wet, cold and tired, but exhilarated by such an awesome, once in a lifetime, experience.

It was straight back to reality the following morning as by 7.30am we were moving the boats back into the canal system ready for their journey home to Lyneal, where they will return to their more sedate life on the Llangollen Canal.

On a personal note, the high spots of the day were firstly when we were motoring upstream to the muster point and sailed between the other boats already in place, particularly the Dunkirk Little Ships, close enough and slow enough to be able to talk to the owners. Secondly was the moment when we passed the Queen and Prince William lent forward and said "let's give those Lyneal boats a special wave, I recognise them from when I did my helicopter training at RAF Shawbury and used to fly over them". Of course, I might have been mistaken!



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