

# Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

Issue 23 - October 2015

## Hello and welcome....

Well parishioners, autumn definitely seems to be here. I would like to introduce myself as the new chairman of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council. My name is Andrew Haydon and I was elected at the September meeting. We were all very sorry about the resignation of Caroline, for personal reasons, after her tireless efforts in the community.

My first meeting as chair, although daunting, was helped along by the appointment of our new clerk, Rebecca Turner, and the election of Chris Symes as Vice Chairman. At this point I would also like to say thanks to our previous parish clerk, Carole Warner, who has worked tirelessly for us and will be greatly missed by us all. We wish her all the best for the future.

About a week before each meeting, the agenda appears on the noticeboards and on the council website. The dates of these meetings can be found in this newsletter so for any parish concerns you have please come along to our meetings to voice them or just to listen.

We look forward to seeing you.

*Andrew Haydon, Chairman of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council*

### Councillor Vacancy

Following Councillor Caroline Hamilton's resignation, there is a vacancy for a councillor for Welshampton ward.

This is a great opportunity to represent your community.

The Parish Council has notified Shropshire Council of the vacancy. If 10 electors of Welshampton ward request that the Returning Officer hold an election, one may be called. The deadline for doing this is 23 October 2015 (see posters on noticeboards/website).

After 23 October, if there has been no request for an election, the council will seek to fill the seat by co-opting a willing volunteer.

Please contact the clerk if you are interested in applying for the vacancy.  
clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk or 01743 741611

### New Clerk

My name is Rebecca Turner and I am very pleased to have been appointed as the new Clerk to the Parish Council. I am also clerk to several other parishes in Shropshire and hope that my experience will be valuable to the parish.

I enjoyed attending my first meeting of the Parish Council and am proud to have the opportunity to be clerk to a parish with a real sense of community.

One of my first tasks has been to compile this newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading it. If you have any articles or features you would like to see included, please let me know.

My contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

### Speeding

As many parishioners will be aware, speeding is a serious concern in the parish. The Parish Plan identified this as an issue that needs to be addressed.

The Parish Council was pleased to welcome PC Crump and his colleague to the September Parish Council. Concerns were expressed about the high speed of traffic, large vehicles and motorcyclists driving dangerously.

PC Crump answered questions on this ever present problem and will help the Parish Council consider the avenues we can pursue to try and curb this anti-social behaviour, such as increased speed monitoring. Hopefully the more noise we make the more chance we have of getting something done about it.

## Walking for Health

On a Monday morning at 10am, a small group of people meet at Edinburgh House, Wem, and go for a walk. They walk for about an hour before going to a local café for a drink afterwards. These people do not see themselves as walkers, but just someone who wants to get out of the house for an hour or two, meet up with other people and have a chat. These walks are for those who know they need to get out and do a bit more exercise but have not yet done anything about it. By coming on a Monday they are taking the first step to being more active without having to wear specialist clothing, and getting the chance to talk to other people. So, if this sounds like you, why don't you come and join them?

There is also a walk on Wednesday morning, starting at the canal wharf in Ellesmere, 10.00am. Two walks are on offer here, one lasting an hour which is good for people who like to walk and chat, whilst the 2 hour walk is more challenging. Both walks finish at the Red Lion in town.

If you would like more information on any of these walks please contact Liz Evans on 01743 255068, or [Liz.Evans@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Liz.Evans@shropshire.gov.uk)



### Volunteers Needed!

The Parish Council adopted the red BT Phone Box on the Balmer as part of the "Adopt A Box Scheme".

We have purchased a kit to repaint it and are looking for community volunteers to carry out this task.

Please let the clerk know if you may be willing to help with this.—  
[clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk) or 01743 741611

## Welshampton CE Primary School Drama Challenge and Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support

As Local Authority School Governor I was asked to judge the school Drama on Friday 25th September. The three house teams each performed so well, making it very hard to decide which would be the winning team. Grayling's drama, "The Enormous Turnip", was the first to be performed. I thought that the turnip was brilliant and having watched it grow throughout the drama I was sad when it was put in the stew. The group all pulled together, not just to lift the turnip out of the ground but as a team and the audience quickly became involved.

The dancing and music performed by pupils in Peacock was excellent, their use of props and costumes was very imaginative and every one was involved in telling the story of "The Native American Harvest". The poetry was beautiful and narrated with real feeling.

After a lot of discussion the judges decided that Brimstone

was the winning team. Just like the other two teams, every pupil was involved, the story was clear, the use of props and costumes was good and there was both dancing and singing. We were very impressed by the number of children who had speaking roles during the tale of "The Cherokee Harvest" and how clearly and confidently they performed.

I congratulate the pupils again and thank them for giving me such a lovely afternoon. It was a real pleasure for me to see pupils of all ages and abilities working so well together. What they achieved was outstanding.

After the performances I enjoyed relaxing in the sunshine with coffee and delicious cakes which were served to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was another great opportunity to talk to parents, children, staff and fellow governors at the school. I thank all those who were involved.

*Helen Withington, Local Authority Governor*



## Meres & Mosses Landscape Partnership Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to support staff at The Boathouse, Ellesmere, especially during weekends.

If you are outgoing, friendly and have a reasonable knowledge of north Shropshire then please have a chat with Cath or Amanda at The Boathouse or ring 01691 622981 so they can tell you what's involved.

Or have a look on the Shropshire Wildlife Trust website or contact Diane Monether on 01743 284296 or [dianem@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:dianem@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk)

## Parish Council Meeting Dates

### Council Meetings - start 7pm at the Parish Hall

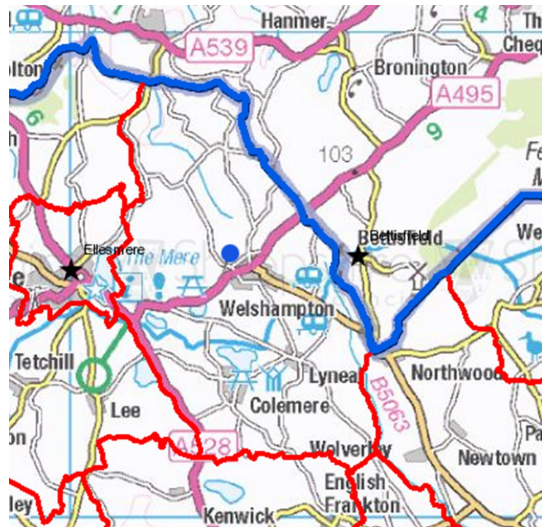
Wednesday 28 October  
Wednesday 25 November  
Wednesday 16 December  
Wednesday 28 January  
Wednesday 25 February



# Connecting Shropshire Broadband

Connecting Shropshire is a multi-million pound programme to bring fibre broadband to the parts of the Shropshire Council area where private companies are not going to provide it as part of their current commercial plans. To date the programme has delivered fibre broadband to many homes and businesses connected across a range of exchange areas, from Albrighton to Alberbury, and St Martins to Clee Hill. More than 40,000 premises are now within reach of the new network that we've built. The programme is due to complete in winter 2018.

## Map of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish



Premises in Welshampton & Lyneal parish are served by a number of exchange areas, including Bettisfield, Ellesmere & Hanmer. About 75% of premises in the parish are connected to the Bettisfield exchange.

Bettisfield cabinet 1, located in Welshampton, went live in June providing around 100 homes with access to fibre broadband.

Bettisfield cabinet 2 serves around 120 premises in the Northwood area (not all in the parish) and is planned to be upgraded late in 2016.

Bettisfield cabinet 3 serves around 90 premises in the Hampton Bank area is planned to be upgraded early in 2016

Ellesmere cabinet 6, located in Ellesmere, went live in July and serves premises in the west of the parish (e.g. the Oteley area).

Some premises in the parish are connected directly to the Ellesmere and Hanmer exchanges on 'exchange only' or EO lines, not via a roadside cabinet. In some cases we attempt what's known as network rearrangement to reroute as many EO lines into a new copper cabinet, then we can connect this to a new fibre cabinet and provide access to a fibre broadband service that way. We are currently planning to carry out some rearrangement work, but we're not yet able to say how many premises in the parish will benefit.

Some premises in the parish (in the Colemere and Lyneal areas) are projected to benefit from phase 2 of the Connecting Shropshire programme with work to provide access to a fibre broadband service starting in 2017. Please note that we cannot guarantee which premises will have access to a fibre broadband service and more information will be available once the work is out of planning.

Whilst it's disappointing news for those parishioners not yet able to upgrade to a fibre broadband service, Connecting Shropshire has a commitment to provide all premises in our programme area with access to at least 2mbps by the end of 2016 (where current connection speeds are less than 2mbps).

Parishioners can visit our website: <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/when-and-where/> to check the availability of fibre broadband. A member of the Connecting Shropshire Team will be at the 28 October Parish Council meeting.

Contact Details: [www.connectingshropshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingshropshire.co.uk), [connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk), 01743 252203



## Friends of Ellesmere Library

Concerns over proposed major changes to Ellesmere's library service have led to the formation of a new group. More than 100 people have already signed up to become Friends of Ellesmere Library which is committed to safeguarding and enhancing the service.

Shropshire Council was due to launch a six- week public consultation on Friday October 2 so that local people can have their say on cost-cutting proposals affecting the library and information point at Fullwood House in Victoria Street.

The council's preferred option is to move the library to the nearby Meres Day Care Centre, with a new provider, potentially a social care charity, to run it. The alternative option is to retain the library at Fullwood House, under council management, but to reduce the opening hours from 20.5 hours per week to 10 hours per week, in order to achieve cost savings of £8,830 in the next financial year.

Members of the public and local organisations have the opportunity to make written representations or respond on-line via Shropshire Council's website. As part of the consultation, the council will consider any other viable suggestions which would assist in delivering a sustainable library service while achieving the necessary cost savings. An open afternoon and evening at the library will form part of the consultation process to give people an opportunity to find out more. The date will be announced shortly.

A spokesman for the Friends of Ellesmere Library said: "We want to ensure that there is no downgrading of the services currently provided. More than that, we hope to work with the professional library staff to improve the service by providing support and by helping to organise a range of activities for adults and children. This is an expanding community and we hope people will support us in our quest to make sure that Ellesmere and district retains a vibrant library service that meets the needs of the people.

If you wish to become a Friend of Ellesmere Library, please email your details to [libraryfriends15@gmail.com](mailto:libraryfriends15@gmail.com). Membership is free.

---

### Useful Contact Details

#### **Parish Council Welshampton Ward**

Sarah Jefferies

Andrew Haydon (Chair)      Bob Richards

Mark Standen      Jennifer Wright      **Vacancy**

#### **Lyneal Ward**

Lawrence Houghton MBE      Martin Withington

Chris Symes (Vice Chair)

Councillors can be contacted by letter, phone or email through the clerk

**Shropshire Council**      0345 678 9000  
[Customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk)

#### **Shropshire Councillor**

Brian Williams      01939 234198

#### **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

#### **Community Contacts**

Welshampton Parish Hall      01948 710687

---

#### Contact Information

Keeping YOU Informed is produced by:  
Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council  
The Old Police House  
Nesscliffe  
Shrewsbury  
SY4 1DB

For further information please contact the Clerk:  
Rebecca Turner on 01743 741611  
Email: [clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk)  
Web: [www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk](http://www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk)

The information in this newsletter can be made available in large print and audio tape. Please call 01743 741611 for further details.



This newsletter is printed on recycled paper. When you have finished with it please recycle.