

Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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Hello and welcome.....

to the newsletter from your Parish Council, which is issued three times per year to keep the residents of the parish in touch with the activities of the council. After the last issue, which coincided with the annual report so that made space available to devote the whole issue to Shropshire Council's strategic development framework proposals, we return to a more traditional format.

There is a lot of media coverage on the "cuts" associated with the state of the nation's finances and, not surprisingly, this affects the Parish Council. The focus at the most recent Local Joint Committee (LJC) at Ellesmere was youth, and indeed those who attended will know that happened, with some enthusiastic presentations from adults about what is going on, and from youth about what else should happen. However, the chief executive of Shropshire Council had also asked to attend to specifically advise the audience of the seriousness of the financial situation facing Shropshire Council, and spoke of restructuring and consultation about service changes.

How does this affect the Parish Council? Well, in the short term we have already been advised that there will be no monies available to resolve our speeding vehicle concerns on Balmer and on the A495 through Welshampton, although some money has been allocated to amending the dangerous junctions on the A528. Thereafter, we wait and see, but rest assured that your Parish Council will do its utmost to ensure that we do not suffer any more than our "share" of financial pain.

At the LJC meeting mentioned above, the Bonfire Committee was successful in obtaining a grant. The next LJC meeting is in Cockshutt on 20 October.

There have been a large number of Shropshire

Council consultation documents in recent months, and the Parish Council responds to them all. Two worth reporting are the winter highway service, where we responded by proposing that if not all roads can be gritted every day, at least grit the school bus routes before the buses do the morning run; and another school consultation, where once again we insisted that a clear and transparent approach is adopted by Shropshire Council when it reviews the future of Primary Schools, with particular points being made regarding rural schools like Welshampton School. We have been given an assurance that Welshampton School will not close.

On the planning front, there is one major issue, in that a planning application has been submitted for 18 affordable properties on what has become known as the Penstemon site in Welshampton. Timescales dictate that whatever is written here is likely to be overtaken by events but your Parish Council undertakes to keep you fully informed about progress and give all an opportunity to express their views.

On personnel matters, the Council regrets to have to announce that Mrs Peggy Evans has decided to stand down as a Councillor, for personal reasons. Mrs Evans is well known throughout the Welshampton community and has been a dedicated Councillor for many years. On behalf of the community, the Parish Council thanks Mrs Evans for her significant contribution and wishes her well in her "retirement" from the Council.

I hope you find that this issue of your newsletter does keep you informed and, as always, remind you that your comments about it, or any other Parish matter, are welcomed on our web site, or in person at one of our monthly meetings.

Chris Symes

Parish Hall

The Management Committee held its AGM on 13 September and it was pleased to report that a number of improvements have been carried out over the year. However, there are still areas the committee wish to bring up to date so fund raising ideas will be very welcome!

Since the last AGM, 3 new members have joined the committee, Glo Wright, Ruth Evans and James Cross. Also this year, there was a change of

Chair with Caroline Hamilton taking over from Bob Daniels. Grateful thanks go to Bob and Caroline. Thanks also goes to James, treasurer; Derek Morris, secretary; and Lorraine Jones, caretaker, for their continued support.

With fund raising in mind, there will be a Quiz Night on Saturday 22 January at 7pm. Tickets include supper, with wine and beer available. In addition there will be a 'Brain of Welshampton' competition. January does seem a long way ahead but note the date now! Look out for tickets soon!

Councillor Vacancy

As Chris has mentioned above the Council is looking for a new Councillor for Welshampton Ward. Full details are on the notice boards, the website or contact the Clerk.

Dates For Your Diary

Council Meetings

Wednesday 27 October	7pm
Wednesday 24 November	7pm
Thursday 16 December	7pm

All meetings are in the Parish Hall

Welshampton Fire Festival

It is that time of year when Welshampton hosts a spectacular Bonfire and Firework display. The Welshampton Bonfire Committee has accepted the Parish Council's offer of making some details available through the newsletter. This will allow owners of pets and livestock to make the necessary arrangements for the safe keeping of their animals.

The Chairman of the Committee, John Pittaway explains; "Our ninth annual bonfire event is being held again this year on Saturday, October 23. The gates open at 5.30pm and the show starts at 7pm. It will last approximately one and a half to two hours. The finale will feature fireworks and, of course, the burning of the bonfire. There may also be sound checks and rehearsals on the bonfire field from 2pm on the day of the event.

As in previous years there will be a rehearsal on the previous evening from approximately 4pm. This will not feature fireworks although the rehearsal will involve testing the show's public address system. Disturbance to the peace and quiet of the immediate area will be kept to a minimum and your forbearance during this annual community event is very much appreciated."

Welshampton Planters

Anyone visiting St Michael's Church, the Parish Hall or just driving through Welshampton would have noticed an added splash of colour this summer! Thanks to the pupils of Welshampton Primary School planters were placed around the village. The pupils raised around £70 from a car wash held at the school and chose flowers that attract wildlife like bees and butterflies. The Parish Council was pleased to be involved in the initial stages of the project.

The youth bus is on

Mondays at 6:00 to 7:30. We can be found on the Village hall car park.....come and see us!

youth bus

The youth bus is fun and lets us do fun things with other young people our age 😊

Alice Morris, 13

The youth bus is for ages 11-21 year old its great fun and we do lots of activities.

It's great to see your mates out of school. 😊

Megan Roberts, 12

Severnlets

Visitors to the Community Green Day in March will recall seeing Severnlets. Eleanor Evans, who helped man their stand, explains:

"I just wanted to let you know about a really great group called SevernLets. It is a Local Exchange Trading Scheme. This means that instead of using cash, we barter skills and goods between members using a local currency; in this group, the currency is called 'Shrews'. Unlike a one-to-one system, you can earn Shrews from one member and spend them with any other. LETS schemes are non-profitmaking groups run for the members by the members. The system is managed by a 'Core Group'

can use the cash saved for other things!

We would love more members, so please consider joining. It is only £5 to join (a one off cash amount) and we have some really interesting and useful things being offered at the moment. These include Swedish body massage, bowen technique, reiki, indian head massage, graphic design, book keeping, gardening, dog walking, babysitting and many more!

You can phone me on: 01743 353671

The website is really easy to use. Go to www.severnlets.org.uk and have a look! It is the Shrewsbury group but anyone in Shropshire can join and trade with each other. Plus if enough people from this area joined then you can have your own sub-group on the website. Everyone has something to offer so please consider joining!

What are the benefits?

LETS schemes offer an opportunity for people to exchange skills and goods without using money, and to meet socially. This helps members prosper - and you

Shropshire Council's Community Tree Scheme

What is it all about?

Shropshire Council's Community Tree Scheme enables parish tree wardens, schools, environmental and community groups, Parish and Town Councils, farmers and landowners to apply for native trees and shrubs free of charge. Trees are usually supplied as small bare-rooted transplants, between 40 and 90cm tall. Rabbit spirals and canes will also be included to protect the trees.

Although it is a 'tree' scheme, very short lengths of native countryside hedging may be supplied (for 'gapping up' or linking hedges or other habitats), but applications must include at least one hedgerow tree.

Applications are invited from anywhere in the Shropshire Council area. As long as the planting will have some public benefit your scheme will be considered (please see Shropshire Council's website for full details).

Requests for trees must be made on the form posted on Shropshire Council's website. Shropshire Council will be taking applications for trees from 1st October 2010 to early January 2011 or sooner if all the trees have been allocated before then. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of January, with an anticipated tree supply date of mid to late February 2011.

Please be aware that this year people must be able to collect their trees from one of a number of 'depots' across the County, on a specified collection date. Full details will be available nearer the time.

Full details are available on the Shropshire Council's website:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/emvironment.nsf. or contact

Natural Environment Team

Shropshire Council

Shirehall, Abbey Foregate

Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

Tel: 01743 252564

Volunteer to be the Parish Tree Warden!

Tree wardens don't need to be experts, only enthusiasts. The amount of time you give to the role is dependant on your enthusiasm and commitment. After all you are a volunteer!

There are lots of opportunities to get training and support, you may not know all the answers but you will soon learn where to find them. Tree wardens work closely with local communities, farmers and landowners normally within their local parish.

Among the tasks wardens have become involved in are:-

- gathering information about local trees and carrying out surveys;
- encouraging local projects concerning trees and woods;
- arranging a supply of trees for local projects (often via a free tree scheme like the Community Tree Scheme)
- local liaison, offering help and advice when necessary; and
- informing the local authority of threats to local trees, attending training events and conferences.

If you would like to know more contact:

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Conservation & Community Officer

Outdoor Recreation

Swan Hill, Ellesmere

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Register of Electors 2011

Shropshire Council is carrying out its annual canvass of households during September and November. Even if no details have changed, it is important that everyone replies, to ensure that all eligible electors' names are included on the next Register.

The Council is sending out forms that have been printed with the information that they currently have for each household. If there are no changes to that information, although you can sign and post the form back, the quickest and most efficient way of registering is by using the freephone, text messaging or internet registration services provided by the authority. Instructions on how to do this are shown on the front of the form.

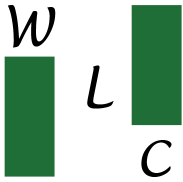
Householder details that require changing, must however be made in writing on the form and should be sent back without delay.

What some people don't realise is that paying Council Tax and Electoral Registration are not actually linked. Your local Council Tax Office usually only has details of the main account holder, whereas the Electoral Registration Officer needs to have the names of all people eligible to vote.

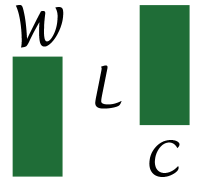
More and more people are finding out that if their name does not appear on the Register of Electors, they may have problems when they try to obtain credit or a mortgage. Even if no national

election is likely, there sometimes local by-elections, so people should always register as soon as they move house to ensure that they are able to vote.

More information about the annual canvass can be obtained from Shropshire Council's Electoral Services Team at the Shirehall in Shrewsbury (Tel. 0345 678 9015) or can be found on the Council's website - 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

Parish Council

Welshampton Ward

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

Lyneal Ward

Lawrence Houghton
Chris Symes (Chair)
Martin Withington

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Council tax 0345 678 9002
Business rates 0345 678 9003
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
Corporate fax 0345 678 9011
Dog Warden 0845 678 9018
emergencies only 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 08457 444 888
Shropshire Fire & Rescue 01743 260200
West Midlands Ambulance Service
01743 273649
NHS Direct 0845 46 47

Local Policing Teams

Ellesmere (Welshampton) 01743 264749
ellesmere.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
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Welshampton Parish Hall

General Enquiries & Bookings
01948 710687

Ellesmere Info-Link 01691 624488
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Shropshire Community Directory

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