

# Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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## Hello and welcome....

to the latest edition of your parish newsletter. I was pleased to be re-elected as Chairman at the May Council meeting. I hope you enjoy reading the Parish Council Annual Report within this newsletter. Some of the key events of the year have been the formation of the Newhampton Federation, the granting of a planning application for an extension of Wood Lane Quarry and an opportunity to look afresh at the management of Colemere Countryside Heritage Site. We also welcome Councillor Mike Dinsdale who brings extensive experience to the role.

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

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### Colemere Countryside Heritage Site

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council, the Councillors discussed Colemere Countryside Heritage Site. Concerns were raised about the impact ever increasing visitor numbers were having on the flora and fauna of the site. The Councillors voted unanimously to adopt a suggestion made by Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams which was to call a meeting involving representatives of the following bodies: the Parish Council, Shropshire Council, Natural England and the Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership. The meeting was very positive. The various bodies agreed to liaise in order to take action so that visitors to Colemere could continue to enjoy a very beautiful place without posing a threat to the birds, plants and animals which make the place so special. The Parish Council will give you updates through this newsletter.

### New Councillor, Mike Dinsdale

I moved to Holly House, Welshampton with my wife Ruth in January 2014. We are totally in love with our home and the area. I do have experience in governance, negotiation and management which I am delighted to serve the parish with and, as they say "a fresh pair of eyes". I have served on Cross Party Committees at Westminster, Chamber of Commerce Transport and Environment Committee. I retired in 2009, and not wanting to "get bored", I have taken on voluntary work and am currently Chair of Curriculum and Standards Committee, at Tameside College of FE.

I became aware of a vacancy on the parish council for Welshampton and Lyneal. I wanted to become more involved with the community in which I now live and so decided to apply. I am extremely pleased to have this opportunity and I will give this role my very best efforts.

*Mike Dinsdale, Holly House, Welshampton.*

### Shropshire Council Services in the Parish

Currently, Shropshire Council is reviewing the services it provides, including its Outdoor Partnerships service which manages sites around the county, including Colemere Countryside Heritage Site. Shropshire Council intends to continue managing the site but in the context of the budget cuts it is making, it has asked the parish council for help in funding the running costs. There is over a year to consider this in more detail and the Parish Council will keep you posted and seek your views in due course.

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### Parish Council Meetings 2016/17

All meetings are held in Welshampton Parish Hall and start at 7pm. The public may attend & speak in the public session

#### 2016

24th August 2016  
28th September 2016  
26th October 2016  
23rd November 2016  
14th December 2016

#### 2017

25th January 2017  
22nd February 2017  
22nd March 2017  
26th April 2017

# Welshampton Parish Hall News

Many of you will be aware that during the last Cajun Festival in August 2015 we had a severe power surge that caused damage to all of our electrical equipment (and that of those performing at the festival). After several protracted battles by our secretary Jenny Wright, it is only recently that insurance claims have been finalised. Our thanks go to Graham Tipping for his help and support restoring all of the damaged electrical systems.

We are now back up and running, and the last few months have been busy. Our new kitchen is almost completed. We have begun fund raising for new doors for the cupboard and then the job will be done. The auditorium has been painted (thank you Tony Boys). At present we are also applying for grants to upgrade the car park and replace the wooden windows, which will cost significantly more than the cupboard doors.

As well as our regular hall users, who provide us with such consistent financial support, the hall has also been used for children's parties, a polling centre, and other such events. Most recently we had the primary school rehearsing and performing "The Pied Piper of Hamlyn". Our congratulations to the children and staff of the school. Their hard work produced a wonderful result.

In May we had our second Ceilidh – with the band Devil's Chair and caller Hillary Evans. We are planning to have two Ceilidhs each year. These are opportunities for local residents of all ages to come together and have some fun. You need no prior experience or skill, and we do a great supper. The next one is October 15th and we would love to see you all.

For those of you who enjoy singing, Mary Keith is resuming her singing evenings. Again, these are evenings to enjoy. Mary introduces singers of all ability levels to old and new songs, the evenings then continue in the pub. They are on the 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th August. You don't have to come to all of them.

It is also Mary who organises our Arts Alive performances. These are always successful and well attended. The next one is 26th November and publicity about this will be available closer to the event.

The annual Cajun festival begins on 12th August – see the advert at the back of this newsletter. Again there are musicians from USA, Belgium, the Netherlands and all over the UK playing. **Tickets are available at [info@northshropshirecajun.co.uk](mailto:info@northshropshirecajun.co.uk)**

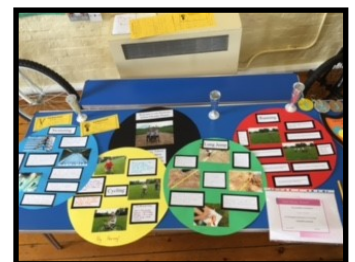
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## Newhampton C of E Schools Federation update

Under the Education Act 2002, schools and local authorities can propose that between two and five schools join together to form a federation. A federation is a group of two or more schools with a single governing body. It is a way of bringing schools closer together. The schools then combine their governing bodies into just one governing body for the federation. This allows the federating schools to pool resources and leadership and teaching expertise.

### Included in strategic vision of the Federation for 2017

The newly formed single Governing Body of Newtown C of E Primary School and Welshampton C of E Primary School includes members who bring a set of skills and expertise that enables each of the schools to fulfil part of their strategic vision of our schools – ensuring that each pupil is given the opportunity to reach their full potential within an environment of excellent education and care; according to their very own aspirations, unique needs and abilities.



Parents / carers have been supporting their children to produce a project this half term

# Walking for Health



## Supporting you to get active and stay active

If you find it difficult to get active, why not start walking? It's really easy to get started, you don't need any special equipment - and best of all it counts towards your recommended amount of physical activity. Walking can improve your health, your happiness and, if you join one of our groups, it will give you the chance to explore the outdoors, get to know your local area and meet new people. Sometimes a walk alone in the fresh air is just what we need. But if you're just getting started and you're not sure that you want to do all your walking alone - or if you like the idea of having other people around to help you stay motivated - then walk with us.

For lots of us, when we hear the word 'exercise' we conjure up visions of the gym... maybe a fitness DVD... or perhaps a competitive sport like athletics, cycling or tennis. We don't often imagine a stroll around the park or a brisk walk to the shops. But we should – because walking is exercise too. Walking is a normal, everyday activity – and that's partly why we forget it's actually exercise at all. It's good for us. It can help us stay healthy and watch our weight. And it gives us energy (which makes us feel great). There's really no other exercise like it! And with walking, you don't have to do a lot to reap the rewards. The minimum recommendation from doctors to keep your body healthy and prevent illness such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes is 150 minutes of activity a week. So you could look at that as just 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week – and you can break that down into chunks of ten or fifteen minutes at a time if you like.

You don't have to walk for a long time or at a brisk pace from day one. You can build up as you go. And it won't be long before you start to see the benefits. Walking can help to keep your mind and your social life healthy too, so why not make a start and find a walk near you today. They're a friendly bunch and they'd love you to join them.

The group meets every Wednesday in Ellesmere at 10.00am at the Canal Wharf, Ellesmere, and they welcome all abilities of walkers, and particularly those who may be less able, slower walkers. If you live in or near Wem they meet at Edinburgh House every Monday morning at 10.00am. If you live near Whitchurch they meet at the Civic Centre every Wednesday at 10.00am. They walk for about an hour before going to a local café for a drink afterwards and of course, a chat.

If you want to join them you can just turn up and start walking. They will ask you to fill in a form, but you only have to do this once.

If you want more information please contact Liz Evans, either on 01743 255068 or email [Liz.Evans@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Liz.Evans@shropshire.gov.uk)



# Shropshire Council News from Councillor Brian Williams

Shropshire Council is planning to spend £18 million on new IT equipment at a time of budgetary pressure on its Council tax funded services. Why? Well the Council's existing IT systems are so old and out-of-date that they could crash at any time leaving the Council without communications and records, effectively shutting down essential services. By investing £18 million in up-to-date technology, over this year and next, the Council will save £35 million over a five year period, by the delivery of much more efficient and cost effective services. This will help to offset the ever rising costs of elderly people's services, such as care homes and supporting them to keep living in their own homes.

## Connecting Shropshire Broadband News

As part of the government's commitment to provide every property with access to a basic broadband service of at least 2mbps, Connecting Shropshire is operating a Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme (funded by Broadband Delivery UK). The Scheme provides support towards the cost of the installation of a broadband connection so that a basic broadband service can be purchased for a first year cost of no more than £400 (taking account of any up-front costs and the 12 month service charges). You can apply by going to <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/basic-broadbandsubsidy-scheme/>

**5TH NORTH SHROPSHIRE**  
**BIG WEEKEND**  
A JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF CAJUN & CREOLE MUSIC, DANCE & CUISINE

**12th - 14th August 2016**  
**Wayne Singleton & Harold Guillory**  
Louisiana, USA  
**Lisa Trahan**  
Louisiana, USA

**The Flatville Aces + The Bearcats**  
**Joe Le Taxi + Joli Blon + The Rosellys**  
**Jock Tyldesley & Vera Van Heeringen**  
**The Rip Roaring Success + Bakerfield**  
**Sarah Savoy's Cajun Kitchen**  
**Dance Workshops + Swamprock DJ's**  
**Jam Sessions + Festival Campsite**

✦ **Weekend tickets still only £55!** ✦  
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