



# Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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## Hello and welcome....

Hello everyone, hasn't May been a glorious month. The people of Britain never cease to amaze me with their resilience to the weather. All that rain was soon forgotten.

This edition of the newsletter is our 30th - over 10 years of 'Keeping YOU Informed'. It is amazing to think the newsletter has been going so long. The original aim was to make sure residents were aware of key information and events that could impact our lives and surroundings. I hope you agree the newsletter continues to do so.

At the Council's May meeting I was elected to return as Chairman and Mike Dinsdale as Vice Chairman. We do still have a space on the Parish Council and would invite people to come to a meeting and see if it is something that may interest you. It is only one evening a month, the rest can be fitted around any existing commitments.

We held our Annual Parish Meeting on the Wednesday 11 April and PC Paul Crump gave a presentation on crime in our area. I am pleased to inform you that we are classed as a low crime area with most instances being "minor theft". Presentations were also made on other topics including the provision of a public sewer in Welshampton. There has not been support for the Council to make further investigations about a sewer so this project will be 'parked' for the moment.

Please note our meeting on Wednesday 11 July will be at the slightly later time of 7.30pm as there is a school production in the Hall that day as well.

Thank you for reading this and we look forward to seeing some of you at our meetings.

**Andrew Haydon**

Chairman of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

## Community Service Award

**The Parish Council and Tudor Griffiths Group are pleased to announce the launch of a new award which recognises community involvement.**

Thriving communities rely on the dedication of people who fulfil voluntary roles which keep local services going. The aim of the Community Service Award is to acknowledge and give recognition to those who have made a significant contribution to their local community.

Nominations will be accepted by using the nomination form or by a letter or email giving the same information, whichever is easiest for you. Copies of the form can be found on the Parish Council's website or from The Sun Inn, Parish Hall, and Primary School.

### Who will you nominate?

Who do **YOU** think deserves to be recognised for their good works locally? **NOW** is your chance to propose an award for a deserving individual or group working voluntarily in the Parish.

***The deadline for nominations for this year's Award is 30 September 2018***

### How will the winner be chosen?

The Parish Council will select the winner.

### How to nominate

You can nominate anyone you consider merits an award for having made a significant contribution to their local community. The person/group must live or work within the Parish boundary. If a nominee is a paid employee with a company/organisation/charity within the Parish there must be evidence that their efforts add significant contribution to the social well-being of the Parish beyond the requirements within their job description.

### Award Ceremony

The Parish Council will select the winner and the Award will be presented at 'Our Gallant 35' exhibition on Saturday 10 November 2018 at the Parish Hall.



## Welshampton Passion for Plants Monday 7 May

We would like to thank everyone who joined us on Bank Holiday Monday for your enthusiastic support of our new-format event. We are delighted that you all found it so enjoyable - your feedback has been wonderful and very much appreciated.

Our speaker, John Rippin, was so interesting and gave an excellent talk. Together with delicious refreshments, a silent auction of specimen plants and a popular plant stall with some very unusual items for sale, it made for a lovely relaxed and friendly garden-lovers' afternoon.

We would also like to thank all our helpers who worked tirelessly on the day and to Mike Dinsdale and Bob Richards of the Hall Committee who put in so much time and expertise to ensure that the new equipment worked smoothly. The hall made an excellent venue.

With overhead expenses kindly covered by generous donations from Browns of Wem and Sircar Builders Ltd (both companies with strong ties to the village), all proceeds on the day were able to be divided between the event's two charities, Macmillan Cancer Support in Shropshire and Saint Michael and All Angels Church. Overall, the total raised is some £3,200 including donations, rounding off a very successful day.

### Meeting Dates

All meetings are held in Welshampton Parish Hall and start at 7pm, unless otherwise stated. The public may attend and speak in the public session which is the first 15 minutes at the start of the meeting.

Wednesday 11 July (7.30pm)  
Wednesday 8 August  
Wednesday 12 September

## North Shropshire Big Weekend Cajun Festival



### *It's back!*

The music, dance and cuisine of Cajun and Creole culture is returning to Welshampton for the sixth North Shropshire Big Weekend. In a joyous celebration of Cajun we will be welcoming international musicians to our Parish Hall and pub on the weekend of August 17, 18 and 19.

Our visitors, musicians and campers will arrive in the village from Friday, August 17th. The festival campsite is again opposite the parish hall where there will also be a festival tent for acoustic only sessions.

We are proud to present a rich variety of music and dancing at this year's Big Weekend. Featuring our international Louisiana Cajun and Zydeco headliners, Tex Mex from Paris, the best of R&B and swing from the South coast, a lashing of Rock n Roll from our local

Shropshire Hepcats, as well as the very best of our own homegrown UK Cajun & Zydeco bands, it promises to be a hot and spicy Gumbo of dancing delight.

The festival is centred on Welshampton Parish Hall and The Sun Inn. Full details of our foot tapping line-up are available on our website at

[www.northshropshirecajun.co.uk](http://www.northshropshirecajun.co.uk)

with tickets available for the full weekend or individual events.

We hope you can join us and we are sure you will again give our visitors a very warm Welshampton welcome.

Please let us know if you would like any further information.

The Big Weekend Team

Email: [northshropshirecajun@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:northshropshirecajun@hotmail.co.uk)

### Highway Update

The Parish Council has been approached by Steve Brown, Highways, Transport and Environment Commissioning Manager and Steve Davenport, Cabinet Member for Highways. Another site meeting was arranged.

This meeting was more successful with Steve Brown immediately acknowledging the serious nature of the hidden craters and potholes. Steve is arranging for his team to carry out a scoping visit to decide on the best approach and what the practicalities, cost and timescale of work would be. Steve has assured the Council that at the very least a temporary fix will be carried out this year with a permanent fix next.

The Council did not give up and through its good working relationships with Shropshire senior officers and Cabinet Members it

It will be a little while yet before this is resolved but agreement for action has been given.

## Our Gallant 35... their lives, their family, their community

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council have established a community planning group to commemorate the Great War Centenary. The group are looking for Great War family memories, photos and objects to add to a forthcoming exhibition.

The Parish Council plans a weekend of events on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November to commemorate the end of the Great War and, in particular, the 35 people of Welshampton, Lyneal and Colemere who never returned.

There will be church services and the laying of wreaths on Sunday 11 November. On Saturday, 10 November an exhibition of material based on the lives of the 35 will be open to all from 11am to 4pm at Welshampton Parish Hall. Admission will be free and refreshments will be available to purchase.

Mr Chris Jobson of Welshampton has, for some time, been gathering and collating information about the soldiers of Welshampton that will, in due course, be published. Mr Jobson is most generously sharing with the committee the considerable research he currently has and in turn new information we are able to gather will be shared with him

Organisers are keen to hear from anyone who may have relevant local family memories, letters or other objects which they can lend for display and would also welcome offers of help from anyone with an interest in local history, family research or exhibition organisation. In addition, there are opportunities to be involved in a programme of poetry, readings and song to accompany the exhibition.

Names of the fallen from the villages can be found here:

<http://www.shropshireremembers.org.uk/further-research/roll-of-honour/>

If you can assist in any way, contact Carole Warner (Parish Clerk) by email [clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk) or phone 01948 710672



Mr Keith Egerton with some items belonging to his great-uncle, Gordon Egerton. Gordon was killed in action in France in June 1918

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### Parish Hall News

The Management Committee would like to welcome Nikki Dawson who will join the Committee, and Lisa and Jazz Fisher who will join us as volunteers. We very much appreciate the time and commitment they are making to support the Hall.

We would also take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for a grant of £1,000 towards a new projector. The Hall is now fully equipped for conference facilities

#### Key holders please note

We will shortly be reviewing security by changing the main locks and re-issuing new keys to all who hold them officially. We will be

contacting you to arrange this. If you have any concerns about this, please contact the Hall or any member of the Committee.

#### Diary dates for the Parish Hall

The Parish Hall diary is getting even busier as we try to offer something for everyone in our agenda.

If you are thinking about a party booking, birthday celebration, wedding reception please contact us as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

#### Regular dates

Sequence Dancing, every Monday evening 7pm.

Whist, first Saturday of the month at 7pm.

Bingo, the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

#### Other dates

Craft and Laugh  
Wednesday at 7pm.  
6 June, 4 July, 1 August and 5 September

Meditation Group with Bhanu  
Friday at 6pm-10pm.  
5 June, 20 July. 31 August and. 28 September

Afternoon Club Wednesday at 2pm  
27 June and 26 September

School Play evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday 10 and 11 July.11.

The Big Weekend (Cajun Music Festival) - see article.

# Planning Applications

Planning applications can be very contentious within a community and people will often have very strong views, one way or the other. Parish Councils are one of many official consultees on most planning applications. Our Parish can generate a range of applications, from a small extension on a residential house to specialist applications on specific issues. Councillors need to understand Planning Policies to respond effectively.

Training on Planning is therefore essential for Councillors. Recently our Councillors joined with Councillors from Wem Rural Parish Council for a very interesting, informative and frank session with Shropshire's most senior planning officer, Ian Kilby, (Planning Services Manager). Although the main topics were on business related applications (start up and expansion) and conservation issues, Councillors were able to raise other matters as well.

Ian worked through a number of examples of planning applications, indicating in each case how the planning officer's report shows how the decision was reached. In the case of business applications, decisions have to be made in accordance with the Local Plan, as well as considering national policies embodied in the National Planning Policy Framework. Consultees views are important, and reasons for supporting an application are asked for as well as in cases where an objection is submitted.

In all applications, supporting documents like the Design and Access Statement are important, as well as seeking pre-planning advice. Where conservation issues are relevant, the application needs to demonstrate how it preserves or enhances the character or appearance of the building.

The two Parish Councils are grateful to Ian for his time in preparing and delivering the session, which made an important contribution to the training needs of their Councillors.

## Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

### **Welshampton Ward**

Andrew Haydon (Chair)  
Mike Dinsdale (Vice Chair)  
Sarah Jefferies  
Sheila Stringer  
Guy Wellsbury  
1 vacancy

### **Lyneal Ward**

Chris Symes  
Lawrence Houghton MBE  
Martin Withington

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

### **Shropshire Councillor**

Brian Williams 01939 234198

## Parish Council Meetings

All meetings are held in Welshampton Parish Hall and start at 7pm normally on the second Wednesday of the month. The public may attend and speak in the public session.

The information in this newsletter can be made available in large print and audio tape. Please call 01948 710672 for further details.



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www.shropshire.gov.uk

### **Emergency Contacts**

In most emergencies you should dial 999 or 112

For non - emergencies

West Mercia Police 101  
Shropshire Fire & Rescue 01743 260200  
West Mids Ambulance Service 01743 273649

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