

Hello and welcome....

Welcome to the autumn edition of our newsletter. After what I think we can all agree has been a beautiful summer for most people, troublesome for gardeners and downright challenging for farmers, autumn is well and truly upon us. I have had to dust off my jumpers and consider lighting the log burner already.

It has been a relatively quiet time within the parish for most of our normal workload but very busy for everyone working towards our First World War memorial weekend that has been named Our Gallant 35. This event will remember the many brave people from our tiny villages who gave their lives to protect ours. The glimpses I have seen so far promise a wonderful and fitting weekend (9th - 11th November).

As part of the Saturday's event at the Parish Hall, the first Community Service Award will be presented. This is the last chance for nominations! Please see page 2.

There has been one large planning application that has been approved this summer. A campsite and farm shop at Corner Farm (Breadon Heath junction A495) which should bring in tourists and therefore money and employment to our area and I personally am looking forward to being able to buy local produce on our doorstep.

Inside is an update on the Council's Action Plan — would you like to join us and make a difference? We are still looking for a Councillor to represent the Welshampton area. Please give it some thought if you can spare one evening a month and are interested in contributing to your local community.

Read below about 'Our Gallant 35' and I look forward to seeing you at the Hall and Church Services.

Andrew Haydon

Chairman of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council



Our Gallant 35

When travelling along the A495 you will see a Silent Soldier standing near to Welshampton Parish Hall. He stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made during the First World War.

Over the weekend of 9th, 10th and 11th November there will be events taking place in the Parish to ensure the Great War Centenary is commemorated in a fitting way. The events commence with a special Remembrance Service organised by Welshampton Primary School at St Michael and All Angels Church at 2pm. The School is extending an open invitation. You do not have to be a parent or connected to the school to attend. This will be a very special service.

On Saturday 10th, 'Our Gallant 35' will centre on the lives of the people of Welshampton, Lyneal and Colemere who never returned. It will be held at the Parish Hall starting at 11am. There will be an exhibition of information on all 35 of our fallen soldiers and what life was like 'at home' during the War. Loaned artefacts and Parish maps from the era and today to compare will also be on display.

'A Tribute in Words and Song' will commence at 2.45pm. This production will include a specially written poem composed by local poet, Ted Eames, a short play, a poem by one of the fallen soldiers remembering Colemere, and a specially written song, 'The Place We Called Home'. Admission will be free and refreshments will be available to purchase.

On Sunday 11th there will be Remembrance Services at St Michael and All Angels, Welshampton at 10.30am and at St John the Evangelist, Colemere at 4pm. The Services will give everyone the opportunity to lay a wreath or cross in remembrance of all who have lost their lives in war.

It is not too late to add artefacts to the collection to be on display. If you have something you believe others will be interested to see, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01948 710672.

The organisers are appealing for people to help on the day. Could you spare an hour or two to help steward the event? Please contact the Clerk.



Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum

A trip to the National Memorial Arboretum is being arranged for Saturday 20th October. A coach will be leaving Welshampton at 8:45am prompt and a seat will cost £12. Entry to the Arboretum is free. Why not come along?

Wheelchairs and electric scooters are available to hire. It is advised that should you need one, it should be booked in advance. A charge of £5 applies of the hire of a motorised scooter and a donation is requested for a manual wheelchair.

The Arboretum has a land train, an easy way take in a large proportion of the site's fascinating memorials. Each train has wheelchair access and a seat costs £5 for a pre-booked place.

For more information and to book a place phone Beth Marsh on 01948 710242.

Community Grants from the Parish Council

Within this year's financial budget, the Parish Council has put aside a small amount of funds to help local community groups. There are agreed criteria and application form which can be obtained from the Clerk.

The aim of the scheme is to benefit the residents of the parish. All applications will be considered on their individual merits. The final decision on assessment of applications and the level of any grant offered lies with Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council.

Local voluntary organisations, community groups and sports/recreational clubs can apply. All must be non-commercial, have a constitution, set of rules or documented aims and objectives and have a bank account with at least two signatures. Individuals may apply for grants if submitted by an organisation to which they belong. The organisation is responsible for ensuring the grant is

used for the purpose for which it was granted.

Grants can be used for capital projects or for revenue purposes but only for the purpose specified in the application.

Completed applications must be submitted by 30 November and will be considered at the December Parish Council meeting.

Parish Council 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 10 October
Wednesday 14 November
Wednesday 12 December
Wednesday 9 January

Final reminder for nominations for the 2018 Community Service Award supported by the Parish Council and Tudor Griffiths Group

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



Broadband Update

Faster fibre broadband is now available in Lyneal. The upgraded cabinet serves around 50 premises in and around the village. **To make the switch to fibre broadband, you will need to contact your chosen internet service provider to upgrade your broadband package, the broadband speeds won't increase automatically.**

Residents can visit:

<https://www.homeandbusiness.openreach.co.uk/fibre-broadband/when-can-i-get-fibre>

to check the availability of fibre broadband. The fibre network is open to all internet service providers, so it is recommended that you shop around to get the best deal for by using a comparison website, such as: <https://www.uswitch.com/broadband/compare/fibre-optic/>

Some residents may have received a letter from Airband, the company Shropshire Council has contracted to provide wireless superfast broadband to those properties which can not have fibre broadband. The Parish Council would like to hear about your experience with Airband. For example, what was the result of the site survey to assess suitability? Did the packages on offer meet your needs? Please contact the Clerk or your local Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council is aware of the particular issue with some properties in Colemere, where part of the infrastructure required to provide fibre superfast broadband has been installed but has not been completed. The Council would take this opportunity to reassure those residents it is lobbying Shropshire Council for its completion.

Sadly, at the time of writing it has been reported that Shropshire Council's target to provide all homes in Shropshire with superfast broadband by 2020 will not be met. The Council has said it expects to achieve the target over the course of current contracts – but no longer by 2020. This is extremely disappointing to rural communities like ours.

An officer's report to Shropshire Council states, "In all cases where commercial commitments change we will continue to lobby the providers and influencers to reconsider these frustrating and impactful decisions." The report confirms other long-term opportunities will be reviewed to enable full fibre in the county. It adds: "We recognise the importance of full fibre as an enabler, most notably to support the long-term evolution of 5G technologies. As a result, we intend to review further long-term opportunities working with partners and Government."

What has your Parish Council been doing?

Residents occasionally ask, "We know the Parish Council meets monthly but what exactly happens at those meetings?" Well, there are a number of 'routine' matters; reviewing planning applications, receiving reports from Councillors who have represented the Council at meetings and functions and monitoring the Council's finances.

However, the most important discussions centre on the review of the Council's Annual Action Plan. The Council has agreed a four year Business Plan which is a statement of the Council's vision for the Parish, its purpose, values, objectives and key priorities. The Action Plan is used to monitor the projects and work for the current year. The Business and Action Plans are available for all to review on the website:

www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk/aims-and-objectives/

One of the major projects for this year was the conversion of our street lights to LED. This has only

recently been completed and although there have been a couple of issues with the change of light the response from the vast majority of residents has been positive.

Together with broadband, the other major lobbying exercise carried out by the Council this year has been to have repairs carried out on the lane from B5063 to Lyneal. We ignored comments of 'no funds available' and persevered until we met with the most senior Highways Manager who immediately acknowledged the problem! Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter, the lane will be having those repairs carried out.

A current project is the provision of a defibrillator in Welshampton. There are various options: purchasing, leasing and outsourcing the management. The Council is making sure the best option for the use of public money is chosen. An update will be given in the next newsletter.

Specific concerns are sometimes raised by residents and we work, where possible, to resolve them. The most recent is the flying of drones over residential properties by people not local to the area. We will be asking caravan sites to promote the 'Drone Code'. There is a concern that drones could be used to identify potential targets for criminal activity so the Council is asking all residents to be aware and report anything suspicious to the Police (phone 101).

This year, the Council has subscribed to the Tree Charter — look out in future newsletters for work on this theme.

Why not come along to a meeting and see for yourself the range of work being done on your behalf?

If you are interested in making our community a better place come and join us! We have a vacancy for a resident to represent the Welshampton area of the Parish. It is interesting and rewarding work!

Welshampton Parish Hall

Looking at our diary dates up to the end of 2018 and on into 2019 we realise it continues to be a busy season at the Parish Hall. We have some additions to our regular events, for further details look up our website, the notice boards or email the hall, details below under Community Contacts.

As always, the hall remains available for private bookings, see below for contact details. Please note we are already getting really busy so book early to avoid disappointment.

Regular events:

Modern Sequence Dancing - Every Monday 7.30pm

Craft and Laugh - First Wednesday monthly 7pm

Whist - First Saturday monthly 6.30pm

Bingo - Third Wednesday monthly 7.30 doors open 7pm

Afternoon Club - Fourth Wednesday monthly 1.30-4.30pm

Special Events:

Soundbath and Meditation with Bhanu – Friday 26th. October, Friday 23rd November, Friday 14th December. 7.30 — 9.30pm tickets £10

Charity Tractor Run

Sunday 28th October. 8am – 4pm

World War 1 Centennial Commemoration, 'Our Gallant 35'

Saturday 10th November 11am – 4pm
Free admission.

Advent Coffee Morning

Sunday 2nd December

Can you help?

The organisers are appealing for people to help on the day of 'Our Gallant 35'. Could you spare an hour or two to help steward the event? Please contact the Parish Clerk on 01948 710672.



Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Welshampton Ward

Andrew Haydon (Chair)
Mike Dinsdale (Vice Chair)
Sarah Jefferies
Sheila Stringer
Guy Wellsbury
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Lyneal Ward

Lawrence Houghton MBE
Chris Symes
Martin Withington

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

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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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Emergency Contacts

In most emergencies you should dial 999 or 112

For non - emergencies

West Mercia Police	101
Shropshire Fire & Rescue	01743 260200
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