

## Hello and welcome....

Hello everyone, you may be pleased to hear that it's a very short welcome from me this time! This edition is packed with information about our community, either events coming up or how you can help out by volunteering or in more practical ways. I do hope you enjoy the read.

**Andrew Haydon**

Chairman of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

## Welshampton School Clock



How many people have noticed the School Clock when they drive, walk, bike or ride by the School? The Clock has a special history.

Back in 1977 it was agreed Welshampton Village would celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee with a whole day of events. The Village Hall Committee agreed to organise the day and a house to house

collection was carried out to raise funds to pay for the entertainment.

The celebrations, which took place on the field opposite the Hall, included races and dancing for the children and a giant tea party. Six donkeys were collected from Rhyl sands and local young jockeys rode them in a donkey derby. Local publican, Fred Wainwright ran the 'book' with both winners and losers. The event of the day was a pram race with a pusher and large and small 'babies' on board. The day culminated with a dance in the old hall and 150 dancers saw the day to its end. After all the celebrations there were funds left over. A Clock to remember the Silver Jubilee day was purchased with silver livery and two small plaques.

The Clock was erected by Keith Egerton later that year and he has continued to look after it over the 41 years since. It has been calculated that Keith has climbed onto the school roof more than 250 times to re-set the time when it stops or move it on or back as required. Keith has now had to retire from this role on family advice. The Clock has now been updated with an automatic control so no-one has to climb on the roof! It is hoped that community involvement with the Clock will continue through funding this long awaited modification. Local organisations have been approached and individual donations will be accepted. Please contact the school.



## Lyneal Trust and Tesco Bags of Help

Lyneal Trust is bidding to bag a cash boost from Tesco's Bags of Help initiative. The Trust has been chosen for this wonderful community funding scheme which gives grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores.

Lyneal Trust is one of three groups shortlisted for the Ellesmere store and voting will take place between 1 March and 30 April. You can vote for the Trust by taking the blue tokens kept at the tills and putting them in the Trust's section of the Bags of Help stand near the exit.

What will the Trust do with this grant? The Trust is looking to use the grant to convert one of its buildings into a meeting room for customers to use on arrival for their canal boat holiday or day trip.

For those who do not know, Lyneal Trust provides holidays and canal day trips for disabled and vulnerable people and their family, friends and carers. Last year over 2,000 mainly local people enjoyed a holiday or day trip which normally they are not able to experience.

**Please support the Trust's application in Tesco Ellesmere. Don't forget to pick up the blue token and place in the Trust's section of the Bags of Help stand.**



## 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 April  
Wednesday 8 May  
Wednesday 12 June

## Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 10 April at 7pm in the Parish Hall will have a special speaker, local resident George Rook. George will be telling us about his work with Shropshire Telford and Wrekin Dementia Action Alliance to raise awareness of living with this condition. George also helps set up Dementia Friendly Communities. Come along to hear George and put questions to the Council.

## Parish Council Budget

Soon you will receive the Council Tax Demand from Shropshire Council which includes elements destined for other public bodies including the Parish Council. You will notice that the Parish Council has increased its Precept (the official name for the amount of tax paid through the Council Tax).

Raising the Precept is never an easy decision but having discussed plans for the next financial year over several meetings the Council considered that to fulfil its role it had to raise the Precept to £21,500. The average Band D tax payer's Parish Council component will be £58.14 per annum and equates to £1.12 per week. This is an increase of £3.57 per annum or 8p per week.

The Council is planning to continue its work exploring the Parish heritage and part of the increase will go towards those projects.

Full details of the Budget are available on the website

## WANTED!

The Parish Hall is in need of a treasurer to join the Management Committee.

This volunteer role to help us support the community is not onerous yet important to the success of the Parish Hall.

If you are interested in helping please contact any member of the committee or the hall, via the details below.

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## May Day Plant Sale

Welshampton's Passion for Plants team is planning a plant sale in the Parish Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

There will be quality plants, including annuals such as sweet peas, vegetables with a good selection of tomatoes and hardy perennials. Home-made cakes & preserves will also be on sale.

Then relax over our delicious refreshments of home-made soups and cream teas.

**Doors open at 12 noon until 3pm.**

Free entry

All proceeds to Shropshire Macmillan Cancer Support and St Michael and All Angels Church, Welshampton.

## Age UK seek volunteer befrienders

Age UK Shropshire Telford and Wrekin (Age UK STW) is appealing for additional volunteer befrienders to address an increasing waiting list of older people requesting its befriending service. The Charity is particularly looking for people in the Whitchurch, Wem, and Ellesmere areas who can donate a couple of hours of their time between 9am and 5pm during the working week.

Heather Osborne, said: "Our volunteer befrienders provide valuable, confidential support to older people who may be experiencing loneliness and isolation. They offer companionship, a good listening ear and act as a link between the person and services provided by Age UK STW, as well as other local organisations. Our volunteers come from all walks of life. They may be newly retired from the world of work, in part-time work and looking to do something positive in their community, or they might have experienced the feeling of loneliness themselves, been helped through it and wish to give something back. We offer training, expenses and on-going support to ensure all our volunteers are confident and happy in their roles."

For more information, please call Age UK STW's Volunteer Recruitment Team:  
Telephone: 01743 588 570



## Welshampton Parish Hall

Already 2019 is getting booked up early and our diary is very busy with several public and private events. As always, the Hall remains available for private bookings, so if you are considering a booking, please don't wait too long to avoid disappointment, see below for contact details.

Our regular dates are listed here, for further details and last minute changes please look up our website, the notice boards or email the hall.

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/welshampton-lyneal-parish-hall-10117/home>  
Email: [welshamptonphcontact@gmail.com](mailto:welshamptonphcontact@gmail.com)

**Modern Sequence Dancing**  
every Monday 7.30 pm

**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 1.30pm to 4.30pm

2 dates for your diary from Lyneal-cum-Colemere WI

**Thursday 11th April at 7.15pm**

**WELSHAMPTON PARISH HALL**

## OLD THYME MUSIC HALL

by Ellesmere Amateur Dramatic Society

£5 entry at door  
includes a light supper

Reserve your place!  
01948 710319  
07722 353079

*Everyone welcome -  
suitable for families  
Hats and Fancy Dress optional!*



**Wednesday 15th May from 6pm**

**LYNEAL ACTIVITY CENTRE SY12 0QQ**

## COFFEE EVENING



in aid of the  
**Lyneal  
Trust**

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## Become a Parish Councillor!

Do you want to help get things done in your neighbourhood? Are you already active in your community? As a councillor, you can make a difference. Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council is looking for a person to represent Welshampton Ward on the Council.



Being a councillor is a rewarding form of public service that puts you in a unique position where you can make decisions about local issues and improve the quality of life for people within Welshampton and Lyneal Parish. It gives you the opportunity to help your local community and be part of a dedicated team influencing and providing key services for your area.

The councillor's role takes in:

- Representing the parish ward
- Decision making
- Policy and strategy review and development
- Community leadership and engagement

Being an effective councillor requires some work. The primary role of a councillor is to represent their ward and the people who live in it. Community Leadership is at the heart of modern local government and councils are taking on new responsibilities for working in partnership with other organisations, including Shropshire Council and the voluntary and community sector, to improve services and the quality of life for citizens.

Councillors are expected to take steps to keep in touch with their communities. It is hoped that they will, at least on an annual basis, attend meetings of local community groups. Councillors are also chosen to represent Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council on outside bodies (both local and county) which include a wide range of trusts, associations and committees.



## Shropshire Group Hardy Plant Society Spring Plant Fair

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 - 12 noon to 3:00 pm.

Bayston Hill Memorial Hall, Lyth Hill Road,  
Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury SY3 0DR

**Non Members Welcome**

Light Refreshments, Disabled Access  
and Toilets, Free Admission & Parking

[www.hardy-plant.org.uk](http://www.hardy-plant.org.uk)

## Shropshire's Great Outdoors Annual Public Survey

Shropshire's Great Outdoors Strategy 2018-28 sets out the strategic direction for the management and development of publicly accessible greenspace, rights of way and other access in the unitary authority area of Shropshire, aiming to inspire action to improve health, prosperity and happiness by cherishing Shropshire's great outdoors. The strategy fulfils the statutory requirement of a rights of way improvement plan, but broadens the remit to deliver across multiple policy areas and to integrate activity across local authority services and partner organisations.

To help define their services Shropshire Council undertake an annual user satisfaction survey. They would like to hear from you, even if you don't use rights of way, parks, play areas or countryside sites, so they can understand what the barriers to participation are. It will only take 10 minutes.

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shropshire-s-great-outdoors-annual-public-survey-jan-mar-2019/>

### 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](http://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

#### **Community Contacts**

Welshampton Parish Hall  
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