

Hello and welcome.... to the Autumn edition of the Parish Council's newsletter.

As you will see below, the Parish Council is proud to announce the publication of a book to record last year's very special Remembrance weekend. It contains the profiles of the fallen 35 parishioners plus all the poems the Primary School children wrote, not just those which were displayed over the weekend. We have priced the book to cover our costs, but should there be any 'profit', it will be donated to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

As the newsletter is full of news, I've been asked to briefly update you with the following.....

I reported in the Summer edition that the Council had been successful in its Lottery application to install 4 defibrillators in the Parish. Unfortunately, there has been a delay in the installation due to adverse weather and sickness, but hopefully, they are installed by now! Part of the arrangements with Community Heartbeat Trust is that they hold an awareness session for parishioners. Please come along on Saturday 7 December and find out how you can be prepared in case you ever need to use a defibrillator.

Driving into Welshampton, you will have noticed the white gates which have been funded through the levy Shropshire Council collects from housing development in the parish and passes onto the Parish Council. As additional funds become available, other calming measures will be considered, not just in Welshampton but at other locations too.

Calling all community groups! The Council's Community Grant Scheme is open for applications. Applications should be submitted by Monday 2 December for consideration at the December Parish Council meeting.

2018 saw the inaugural Community Service Award being presented to Keith Egerton and the late Tommy Lindsay. The Council will be launching 2020's award in the New Year. Start thinking who you will nominate!

Lastly, we have enclosed a few flyers with the newsletter. Please keep these where you can refer to them, maybe pin them to the family notice board. Please support these community events: Colemere Church Christmas Fayre, Lyneal Trust's Santa Cruises, Read-through and sign-up for the annual Pantomime, Burns Night and the Community Defibrillator Seminar. Hopefully we will see you at all or some of these.

As I write this introduction the rain is falling. Winter is approaching, the nights are growing longer and all our thoughts are turning to the festive season. I hope you don't think it's too early to wish you, on behalf of the Parish Council, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Andrew Haydon

Chairman of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council



**First the
exhibition,
now the
book!**

This time last year, final arrangements were being made to the weekend of events to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I. The Parish Council has published a book to record the profiles of the 'OG35' and the song and poems composed by our community.

The price of the book is £10 (plus postage costs where applicable). Contact any Councillor or the Clerk for a copy.



Blue Badges — new expanded criteria

Some of you will be aware that the Blue Badge scheme helps those with severe mobility problems who have difficulty walking longer distances and are unable to easily use public transport to access goods and services by allowing them to park close to their destinations. The scheme is open to eligible people irrespective of whether they are travelling as a driver or as a passenger. Blue Badge holders are provided with a number of on-street concession. The scheme allows holders to park without charge or time limit in otherwise restricted on-street parking environments and allows them to park on yellow lines for up to three hours, unless a loading ban is in place.

The Government has changed the way of assessing who is entitled to a Blue Badge to make the process clearer and align it with wider disability benefit reforms. It now means that people with non-visible 'hidden' disabilities, as well as visible disabilities, are eligible to apply for a Blue Badge.

The scheme will now include those with learning disabilities, autism and mental health conditions. The changes were introduced under the expanded Blue Badge eligibility criteria for non-visible disabilities on 30 August 2019.

The new criteria have extended eligibility to people who:

- * cannot undertake a journey without there being a risk of serious harm to their health or safety, or that of any other person
- * cannot undertake a journey without it causing them considerable psychological distress
- * have very considerable difficulty when walking (both the physical act and experience of walking)

Full details of the Shropshire Council application process are available on the council's website at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/parking/blue-badge-parking-scheme/>.

Further details on the process and how a person demonstrates their eligibility are available on the GOV.UK site at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blue-badge-can-i-get-one/can-i-get-a-blue-badge>.

We have been told an application is likely to take at least 12 weeks to process, and potentially significantly longer where the applicant is 'eligible subject to further assessment' (previously known as 'discretionary' entitlement) as this will require assessment by an 'expert assessor' who will be one or more medical and/or healthcare professionals. Previous 'automatic' entitlement is now referred to as being 'eligible without further assessment' and will normally be determined by Council officers through documentary assessment.

Defibrillators in the Parish

We hope, by the time you read this newsletter, 3 defibrillators will have been installed at the Parish Hall, the School and The Balmer phone kiosk. It will take a few weeks for the necessary notifications to work their way through the emergency services before the defibrillators become operational.

A couple of things to note:

The Balmer phone kiosk: once installed, the kiosk will be re-painted and signs attached to make it clear there is a defibrillator within the kiosk.

Lyneal defibrillator: the original plan was to install the defibrillator to the notice board, similar to the one installed at Colemere by Colemere cum Lyneal WI. However, there is a possibility that the phone kiosk next to the notice board could be converted to hold the defibrillator and an emergency phone. We are waiting to see how these discussions develop before deciding which location is best.

Community Defibrillator Seminar

As part of the joint working with Community Heartbeat Trust, they will provide a community defibrillator awareness session. This is being held on Saturday 7 December at the Parish Hall at 10am. The session will last no more than 2 hours.

What will it cover?

The session will explain the type of defibrillators installed in the Parish and an overview of how to use them although this is not a requirement prior to using one in an emergency. The seminar will also cover what a Sudden Cardiac Arrest is and how to recognise it in a person, what to expect when you dial 999, to handing the person over to paramedics. In summary, all you will need to know should you ever need to help a person in need.

The seminar is not a formal classroom course but designed to answer questions, give basic instruction, be interactive and create confidence in your ability to help.

Please come along and learn how to help others

Volunteer Emergency Telephone System (VETS)

The Parish Council is considering setting up VETS systems across the Parish. VETS was originally designed to support community defibrillators but the system has been expanded for other emergencies. Once the single emergency telephone number for the area is called, it goes out to a number of volunteers. If you need help as a lone rescuer this can be a way of contacting local, quick responding help. VETS is a community scheme and does not replace the 999 emergency services and should only be used after the 999 call has been made.

Do you think the Parish should have a VETS system? Let your Parish Councillor know!

What's on at Welshampton Parish Hall

There is a busy programme of events planned during the autumn and winter months. Some of them are highlighted below.

You can keep up to date with events at the Hall by viewing the website:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/welshampton-lyneal-parish-hall-10117/home/>

Ceillidh Dance Night

Saturday 23rd November

Bosun Higgs with caller Hilary Evans

Doors open from 7.30pm with dancing to 11pm

Advance tickets call 07870 281945

Advent Sunday — Free Coffee Morning

Sunday 1st December, 10am to 12 noon.

Coffee/tea/soft drinks, cakes and biscuits.

Come and read the Sunday papers!

Craft activities for children of all ages, including making a Christingle.

Details from Gill 01948 719481 or Zena 710281.

Organised by Welshampton Methodist Church.

Whist Night

Saturday 7th December

Starts at 6:30pm

Bingo

Wednesday 18th December

Eyes down at 7pm!

Songs for a Midwinter Night

Thursday 19th December 7.30pm to 9pm

This popular event run by Mary Keith is back!

Tickets £6 on the door, which includes mulled wine, candlelight, a donation to the Jatinga Valley School,

Assam and a whole heap of festive good cheer!

All voices welcome, all songs taught by ear.

Looking forward to 2020

Burns Supper and Ceillidh

Friday 24 January serving from 7.30pm

A night to celebrate the life of Robert Burns.

Haggis, music and dance!

Tickets £27.50

from Derek Cairns

derek351@btinternet.com or 01948 710117

The Rocket

Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd and

Sunday 23rd February.

A unique story of rockets, visitors from outer space and village friendship

Contact Janet Jones:

martinclan1@hotmail.com or 01948 710602

We hope to see you at one these events!

Leaders of Eastern European Folk Music to Play at Welshampton Village Hall

A band described as one of the finest and most entertaining British-based exponents of global music will play at our village hall.

She'Koyokh is a virtuosic, versatile and prize-winning band playing klezmer and music from the Balkans and Turkey. Their music brings together the stunning polyphonic melodies and intricate rhythms of Bulgaria, treasured tunes from Serbian villages and exhilarating Gypsy dances from Romania, as well as soulful Sephardic songs and klezmer music from Jewish Eastern Europe. Added to the mix is a song from south-west Turkey about wild goats and unmarried women, a love song for a Gypsy girl with penetrating green eyes and a Yiddish swing number from 1950s New York.

She'Koyokh is a Yiddish word meaning "nice one!". Recognised as leaders of their genre, the band have enjoyed TV appearances and live sessions on BBC Radio 3's In Tune and World on 3, and performed at festivals such as Glastonbury, Cheltenham and WOMAD.

The She'Koyokh Quartet are currently touring their fourth album, First Dance on Second Avenue, and will be at

Welshampton Parish Hall on Saturday 9th November at 7.30pm

Tickets: £12; 01948 710586 or www.artsalive.co.uk



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SY15 6EN

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www.artsalive.co.uk



Welshampton and Lyneal Parish gardeners support the National Garden Scheme.

Cllr Andrew Haydon would like to thank residents in the Parish and the volunteers who worked so hard for the success of their open gardens at:

Balmer Cottage
Beam Cottage
Holly House
The Hollies
and
Oteley

And thank you to all who attended and generously contributed to a splendid total of over £9,500 raised for the National Garden Scheme supported charities.

Useful Contacts

Shropshire Council has updated its useful contacts pages:

There is the contact page for its own services:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/customer-services/how-to-contact-us/>

This page allows to make contact with the Council through 'web chat' as well as report issues through the reporting form.

There is a new page with contact information for partner organisations.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/customer-services/how-to-contact-us/other-useful-contacts/>

Shropshire Council are committed to keeping these details up to date should websites or telephone numbers change. There is an option to print off the page in a user friendly format.

If you think there is an organisation that should be added let the Clerk know.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

The next 3 meetings are on

Wednesday 13 November

Wednesday 11 December

Wednesday 8 January

Also a reminder that we are looking for another councillor to represent Welshampton Ward.



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

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

Community Contacts

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