



# Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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**Hello and welcome....** and best wishes for 2020 to everyone, albeit a bit of a soggy one.

I would like, first of all, to say how sad it was to lose an absolute pillar of the community from our parish, Keith Egerton. We have included in the newsletter a tribute from St Michael's PCC. Keith's involvement with Welshampton was not just the church, he was a Parish Councillor, also taking on the role of Chair, a passionate supporter of the school and one of the driving forces behind the fund raising and construction of the Village Hall in the early 1990s. Keith was a great supporter of the community, both events and individuals and last year his unceasing commitment to Welshampton was recognised with the Community Service Award. We will all miss Keith.

Having referred to the Community Service Award, nominations are now being accepted for this year's Award. I would like you to start to think about who you feel has gone above and beyond what is expected in the community. Nominations can be made for anyone, any age and in relation to anything; please give it some thought. The presentation will take place at the **Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 8 April**. — make a note of the date in your diary!

Having been one of the wettest winters I can remember, with water lying in places I have never seen it before, I would like to explain that this is why the Parish Council seems to "bang on" about drainage and percolation tests for new build planning applications. When it is dry it seems like we are managing but this winter proves a point. The verges and lanes are suffering from the wet weather and the Parish Council would ask all users to drive carefully and avoid cutting up the verges.

A couple of updates from the Parish Council: Please take a look at our website, we have recently updated it to make it more accessible. Secondly, in recognition of leading the activities around the 'Our Gallant 35' the Council was runner up for the Jan Snell Award. Which is an award presented to Town and Parish Councils in Shropshire in recognition to their work in the community. The Council thanks all those residents who helped us achieve this.

Spring will be here soon and hopefully some better weather, something to look forward to.

**Andrew Haydon**

Chairman of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council



Mr Keith Egerton, left, with some items belonging to his great-uncle, Gordon Egerton at the 'Our Gallant 35' exhibition 2018. Gordon was killed in action in France in June 1918.

## Community Service Award 2020

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.

Nomination forms available from Welshampton School, The Sun, Churches and Welshampton Parish Hall.  
Available to download at [www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk](http://www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk)

**Closing date for nominations 1 March 2020.**



For further information:  
[www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk](http://www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk)  
or contact [clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk) or 01948 710672



## Defibrillators update

The three defibrillators in Welshampton and The Balmer are now fully installed and ready for use, if needed. The phone kiosk along The Balmer has been painted but the final coat and the new signage will have to wait for the warmer weather. On Saturday 7th December over 20 residents met for Awareness Training on defibrillators. It was a very informative and enjoyable session with a great trainer.

### What next?

#### Lyneal Defibrillator

There is one more defibrillator to be installed, in the phone kiosk at Lyneal. This is planned for early to mid March.

#### 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. Please see the enclosed flyer and contact the Clerk or your local Parish Councillor if you would like to help out in the community.

Parish Clerk, Carole Warner, carrying out the weekly checks on the defibrillator at the School.



## Tribute to Keith Gordon Egerton

With the permission of the Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Church, we re-produce their tribute to Keith.

It was with much sadness that we heard of the death of Mr Keith Gordon Egerton on 30th November 2019. Keith had been for many years, and still was at the time of his death, a member of the Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Church, Welshampton. He had also been a Churchwarden. He always worked tirelessly for all matters relating to the Church and was very much appreciated.

Whenever anything needed fixing, such as the electrics or the central heating, the question was immediately asked – ‘Where’s Keith?’ and as soon as possible Keith would arrive in his red van and the job would get done.

Keith had connections with people in the locality and further afield through his interest in music, and consequently the Church and the village benefitted financially when he organised a musical event. Having been born in Welshampton, attended the village school and worked at the Station Road Garage, he had always been involved in the life of the village, in fact was fondly known as “Mr. Welshampton”. For his work and commitment to Welshampton he was presented with a Community Service Award in 2018.

Keith had been a member of the Parish Council and had served a term as Chairman. He was also an instigator, working hard helping to raise funds and was involved in the construction of the new Parish Hall.

Both Keith and his wife, Doris, had many friends. This was reflected in the large attendance at Keith’s funeral, when many came to pay their respects. He will be sadly missed by all who were fortunate to have known and worked with him.

The PCC send their sincere condolences to Doris, Carey and Graham and their families at this sad time.

## Plant Sale — Sunday May 3rd 2020

There is a change of day for this year’s Welshampton Plant Sale. It will take place on the first Sunday of May. This is due to the Spring Bank Holiday moving from the normal first Monday.

This will be our 15th year of fund-raising, amounting to some £74,000 to date, and we are planning a silent auction of special lots in celebration. The team thanks everyone who has contributed so much to its success over the years, as donors, helpers and supporters who join us on the day.

**Sunday 3rd May 2020 12 noon to 3pm**

- **Super Plants ● Silent Auction at 1pm ● Cakes & Preserves ●**
- **Tasty Refreshments ●**
- **free entry ● strictly no dogs ●**

All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support in Shropshire & St Michael and All Angels Church in Welshampton

[Facebook.com/WelshamptonPassionForPlants](https://www.facebook.com/WelshamptonPassionForPlants)



# Welshampton Bonfire Committee

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## The Rocket

**February 21st, 22nd and 23rd 2020**

Welshampton Bonfire Committee will be celebrating a decade of its winter shows with its latest production, The Rocket, which takes place on February 21st, 22nd and 23rd at Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Hall.

The Rocket is a home-grown story of village friendship, intrigue and ingenuity featuring a visitor from outer space and the villagers' quest to build a rocket to return him to his home planet.

The production reflects reality with a cast and support team of more than 50 people from the Welshampton area spanning the generations and tapping into a huge range of local talent. The script has been written by Richard Jones and it is directed by Bob Richards – both from Welshampton with music by Trixi Field of Ellesmere.

The space visitor Alien Archie is played by 16-year-old Emily Higgins from Welshampton whose mother Sarah Barnes heads the costume team. Emily's father, Mick Higgins, is also one of the cast. Molly Maguire, who unites the village in supporting Archie, is played by Dawn Edwards of Whixall helped by Natacha Allcock as Millikins the Cat. The show also features the return of the heroic mad scientist Professor Vlad played by Ian Andrew of Ellesmere.

They help thwart the evil Lady Dorothea Spratt played by the outstanding Mary Lewery of Ellesmere and whose husband Tony Lewery has designed the stage settings. Lady Dorothea's henchmen, Hector Pike and Wally Boyle are brought to life by Derek Cairns and Jackie Jeffrey of Welshampton while the story's lovers, Gwendoline and Ned, are played by Jan Hoole of Welshampton and Howard Cooper of Lyneal. Howard's mother Becky Cooper will play the trumpet in the panto band alongside other talented local musicians, Hilary and John Evans, Jan Wheat, Peter Cartlidge, Carly Rose and Anna Hayes.

The cast of eccentric villagers is also drawn from the area – Heather Rodenhurst and Tracey Eccles are from Welshampton and Lyneal and Leslie Aspey is from Dudleston. They are joined by Jenny Wilbraham, Mirjana Garland and, in the school teacher role, Kate Westgate of Ellesmere.

Younger members of the cast range from 7 to 13 and include Ruby and Zara Griffiths, Jacob Elliot, Kaitlyn Fairbairn, Lola Stone and Jasmine Eccles.

Performances take place at 7.30pm on Friday, February 21st, 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday February 22nd and 2.30pm on Sunday February 23rd.

Tickets are available from Janet Jones on 01948 710602 and martinclan1@hotmail.com or from The Sun in Welshampton. Details are available on the bonfire committee website, [www.welshampton.org.uk](http://www.welshampton.org.uk)

So will the village succeed in building a new steam-powered rocket? Will Archie uncover the village's dark secret and thwart the evil crew? Can the village take heed of Archie's warning about the future? Join the bonfire committee team to find out and help celebrate a decade of local productions highlighting the area's amazing talents.

## Welshampton Parish Hall

Welshampton Parish Hall Management Committee are working towards necessary refurbishment of the Hall. We have improved our stage lighting, added digital projection and a wide screen and will continue by replacing windows and doors.

We have secured much needed funding and would like to thank the following organisations for charitable grants received: The National Lottery community fund £10,000, Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council £1,000, Shropshire Rural Communities Charity £1,500 in two separate grants and £500 from Twemlows Community Energy fund. Supplemented by revenue from successful events, activities and sales over the past year.

We continue to seek additional grant funding to develop the hall and its facilities for the benefit of all in the parish and look forward to improvements we will make very soon.

## Clothing and Shoe Recycling Bank

Have you noticed the new recycling facility in the car park of the Village Hall? It raises money for the Salvation Army and the Parish. Please remember it the next time you have a sort out!







**Have you a copy?**

**Just a few left!**

This book is a record of the events from 'Our Gallant 35'. It includes 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.



## **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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## **Parish Council Meeting Dates**

The next 3 meetings are on  
Wednesday 11 March  
Wednesday 8 April  
Wednesday 13 May

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



## **Useful Contact Details**

**Shropshire Council** 0345 678 9000  
customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk  
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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