

Hello and welcome.... and I trust you are all keeping safe and well.

You may be surprised to receive this summer edition of the Parish Council's newsletter but it is a reminder that although the Council is not meeting at the moment, it is still functioning and progressing community projects where possible. Early on in the crisis, the Government passed emergency legislation to allow Councils to adapt to the situation. One example being, not to hold the Annual Meeting this year, including the election of the Chair of the Parish Council. So I will continue in this role and Mike Dinsdale will continue as Vice Chair until May 2021. The Council is well placed to operate during this strange period for, as part of the Council achieving Quality Gold status, it had to adopt a Scheme of Delegation. This means that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair can take emergency actions on behalf of the Council and most essential tasks continue as previously.

One of the early decisions made under the Scheme was to set up the Community Support Group. You will remember the postcard that was issued publicising this initiative. The response was fantastic, with over 30 residents coming forward — thank you to you all. Requests for help from those shielding were received but now arrangements for homedelivery of prescriptions and shopping are in pace by the pharmacies and supermarkets, requests have dwindled. Shropshire Council has now set up a non-medical help line — full details are on the back page.

Consultation requests on planning applications within the Parish continue to be received from Shropshire Council and the Parish Council is responding to these based on the feedback of past consultations with residents. The Council will only support appropriate development, of any kind, and will strongly object to inappropriate development.

When you turn the page you will notice a difference in content this edition. All our community groups have had to stop meeting and in this and future editions, we will include updates from them. Please contact the Clerk, if you would like your group to be included in the next newsletter.

Finally, a request to you all. We hope, when the next newsletter is published, we will be back to some kind of normality. Remember local businesses will have suffered through this time. We ask you to support them where you can. We remember the time when The Sun was closed. I'm sure you will agree we do not want that to happen again, nor for any local business to fail.

Andrew Haydon

Chairman of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Community Public Access Defibrillators



Just before lockdown, we managed to organise the installation of the last of our Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPADS) in the phone box in Lyneal (left).

We had planned to install it at the Lyneal notice board but this was not ideal. So when, late in 2019, the phone was listed to be removed, it was agreed to change location. It took a little time for BT to transfer ownership and good weather for the installation to take place but all was completed just before lockdown.

Observant residents will also have noticed the new signage on the old Hampton Bank kiosk. We have now completed the cPADS project.



Benefice of the Meres and Meadows

The Coronavirus is still bringing many changes to our world and to our personal lives.

My love and my thoughts are with all our brides and grooms who've had to rearrange their weddings. This year we were going to have a lot of happy wedding days, now it looks as if 2021 will be an even busier year with weddings now re-booked alongside our 2021 weddings.

June was going to be a very special month in the Benefice because on the first Sunday, 7th, I was going to baptise Ted at Welshampton. On the second Sunday, 14th, we were having the wonderful celebration of the 150 years of Lyneal with Colemere Church. Bishop Sarah was joining us all for the Eucharist and afternoon tea. On the third Sunday, 21st, Revd. Diana was going to preside at the Eucharist for the very first time following her Ordination as Priest the day before. On the fourth Sunday, 28th, I was going to baptise Joy at Lyneal with Colemere. There were Banns of marriage to be read on the first three Sundays, what a wonderful, celebratory month it was going to be!

There is a lot of disappointment as 'lockdown' continues BUT all these celebrations are only on hold for now, new dates will be decided once we can gather in our churches again. Then we will rejoice! For now we continue with our Facebook Live-streamed Eucharist on Sundays and Daily Morning Prayer through Zoom. If you want to join us please let me know and I can include you in the email invitations.

Lyneal with Colemere Church will now open on Wednesday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm for individual prayer, please follow the guidelines.

With my love and my prayers
Revd. Maureen

Revd. Maureen can be contacted by telephone 01939 270759 or by email maureen.read09@btinternet.com

Community Service Award 2020

We want to reassure everyone that the Council has not forgotten about the Community Service Award. The very last decision made at the last Council meeting before lockdown, was to agree this year's recipient.

The well deserved person will receive the Award as soon as public meetings are allowed. Keep looking at the notice boards.



Welshampton Methodist Church

You will have heard on the news that the Government have given permission for Churches to re-open for private prayer. We are waiting for the Methodist church leaders to discuss this, and will then decide locally whether this is possible for us to do here in the village. However, it may be considered that we, and other Churches, should wait a little longer to reopen the building, for the safety of the public and ourselves.

I am sorry not to more specific, but we all feel that despite the reopening of some businesses, schools and recreation areas, we have not yet seen the end of this virus.

On a more positive note, I am hoping that our free Coffee morning at the end of November will be a time when we CAN all celebrate together, maybe the end of the Covid-19 virus, and certainly the start of Advent! I remain hopeful.

Gill Cartwright

More information from Gill 01948 710481 or Zena 710281.

Welshampton Plant Sale Update

Our 15th Plant Sale, planned for Sunday 3rd of May, had - sadly but inevitably - to be cancelled. We had planned additional attractions in celebration of this new milestone, but it wasn't to be!

We did, however, already have sweet peas and tomato plants growing strongly, and a number of orders already placed. So plans were put in place to grow them on to order for customers on a non-contact basis, in line with Government rules at that time.

Thanks to our loyal customers and supporters, an estimated total of around £1,700 has been raised, all proceeds being divided between Macmillan in Shropshire and St Michael and All Angels Church in Welshampton. The charities will be very grateful to receive this support at such a difficult time for fund-raising.

The final figure will shortly be posted on our page at [Facebook.com/welshamptonpassionforplants](https://www.facebook.com/welshamptonpassionforplants).

Our grateful thanks to all for your continuing support.
The Welshampton Plant Sale Team

Covid-19 Update

Specialist Coronavirus Assessment Vehicle

A specialist vehicle designed to deliver coronavirus assessments for patients at their homes has been launched by Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Groups. As part of a home visiting service available across the whole county, the vehicle has been customised to provide assessments to patients who are housebound or unable to travel and have either coronavirus symptoms or are living with someone with coronavirus symptoms.

The purpose is to assess/triage people with coronavirus symptoms, helping to relieve pressure on local GP practices and hospitals, and to effectively manage the Covid-19 cases in the community. The service officially launched on Thursday, 11 June and is available for GP practices to book visits from Monday to Friday, 10am with a last visit at 4pm. The new initiative has been developed from the assessment centre model originally set up at the Shrewsbury Town Football Club and the Telford International Centre to assess patients for coronavirus and treat any other health conditions a patient may have. Tests for coronavirus will not take place at the Shrewsbury assessment centre or as part of the home visiting service.

Getting tested

If you have coronavirus symptoms, you can apply for a test straightaway. Find out more about getting tested here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>. People without internet access can order a test by phoning 119. If you get a positive test, NHS Test and Trace will contact you by text message, email or phone and ask you to share information about any close contacts you had just before or after you developed symptoms. If you are told by NHS Test and Trace you have been exposed to an infected person, you must self-isolate for 14 days. Find out more about NHS Test and Trace here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

Parish Updates

We are pleased to report progress on projects, the first two were outside the Council's control.

Colemere Boardwalk is now repaired and safe to walk on, see the photo below. Great news to residents and visitors who relied on the boardwalk to enjoy Colemere.

Lane from B5063 to Lyneal is due to have the final part of the repairs take place between 27 July and 7 August, and yes, this year!

Traffic calming measures.

The Council has been successful in obtaining a £5,000 grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner for the installation of 2 vehicle activated signs, one at each end of Welshampton. Unfortunately, although the funds are there, this has not yet be progressed due to the current crisis but hopefully soon.



Welshampton Parish Hall

As Covid-19 took over our lives during the spring months Welshampton Parish Hall closed its doors temporarily to the public, but for those wooden doors it would be for the last time.

Over the last few months the Hall Committee has continued to work to obtain valuable funds to replace all the doors and windows. As the country begins slowly and cautiously to recover from this fearless pandemic, the Committee is overwhelmed to announce that after raising an amazing £23,500 including £10,000 from Covid-19 related grants, work can commence with the



installation of replacement doors and windows. We hope the work will begin over the summer months.

Sadly, as the Hall looks to reopen the Whist Evenings will not be continuing. On behalf of the Committee we wish to thank Phil Cross for the work he did for many years in putting together enjoyable Whist nights.

Keep very safe and see you all very soon
Welshampton Parish Hall Management Committee

ACTIVAGE

ACTIVAGE is an EU-funded scheme led by Samsung. The project is being trialled in Shropshire in partnership with Shropshire Council, and aims to see how everyday technology such as smart watches, smart phones and sensors can be used or adapted to support the health and social care needs of vulnerable people.

People over the age of 55 who live in Shropshire and have a broadband connection are invited to apply. Those who care for people who fit this criterion can also apply on behalf of the person they care for. Those involved will receive a technology package worth over £600 that can help support people to stay independent, safe and active for longer, especially if their carers or family aren't close by. This includes a free Samsung watch and smartphone which will be posted to individuals. Also included in the tech package are home sensors but due to the COVID-19 crisis, these will be issued later as they require installation.

There is no cost to take part in this initiative and what's great is that you get to keep all the equipment when you complete the scheme. For more information or to express your interest, whether for yourself or on behalf of someone else, please check details on the ACTIVAGE website or contact support@activageshropshire.co.uk

Covid-19 Helpline and on-line information

For non-medical support and enquires call direct **Covid-19 Helpline 0345 6789028** or email customerfirst@shropshire.gov.uk.

On the Shropshire Council website, there is a wide range of information available to help you support the people in your neighbourhoods and beyond. Find the full range of information through this link: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-the-public/>

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

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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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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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