

Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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Hello and welcome....

Firstly, may I welcome Councillor Kathryn Holland who was co-opted to the Parish Council in September representing Welshampton Ward. Kathryn brings many skills and talents to the council; we are delighted to make her appointment and receive her support.

Much has been achieved since our last newsletter, including; repairs to some of our worst potholes and road surfaces, securing the community use of Stocks Lane carpark for 10 years, ongoing work to have the boardwalk at Colemere completed and the rebuilding of the bus shelter in Welshampton. In addition to the installation of traffic calming measures reported in our last newsletter the volunteer Community Speed Watch scheme has also achieved excellent results. The council extends its support to them in what ever way we can and would encourage anyone who can spare an hour or so a month to join them in this most important activity.

At this time the parish council makes its annual budget preparations. There are many duties, schemes, and projects we must cover, and additionally some funds are available to our community. We welcome suggestions that would benefit the parish. If you have something we should consider please submit it to our Parish Clerk. One such idea we are now considering is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Celebration in June 2022. Taking place over an extended June bank holiday, there will be opportunities for the parish, our churches, our community groups, and organisations to come together in celebration of Her Majesty's lifetime of achievement and public service. In short, party time. The council is planning a working group early in the new year to organise events that fit in and meet with parishioners' ideas. Again, if you or your organisation wish to express interest in this celebration, please contact the Parish Clerk.

As part of these celebrations, the Queen's Canopy is a national scheme to plant trees in celebration of the jubilee. Though details are awaited we do intend to join in and plant some trees in the parish. Any thoughts about what and where please submit to the Parish Clerk.

Rural Gigabit Broadband Scheme. I regret to report we have been unable to make any progress. The Parish Clerk and I have had numerous communications, negotiations, and Zoom meetings with the authorities and providers, but the size, complexity, and cost, of the scheme offered to the rural areas of our parish is currently not viable. Details are indeed complex and would need this whole newsletter to explain, I or our Clerk would be happy to inform anyone who requires further explanation. Please note some Colemere residents have received a separate offer and that project is being progressed. We will continue to look for a solution as new schemes are being launched, we will investigate each thoroughly.

Finally, as this is the last newsletter of 2021 may I take this early opportunity, for myself and on behalf of your parish council and our Clerk, to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Michael Dinsdale

Chairperson of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Community Speed Watch - can you help?

After a enforced delay in starting by Covid-19, the Welshampton Community Speed Watch team are in action. There are currently six active volunteers but the team is looking for more volunteers

How does Community Speed Watch work?

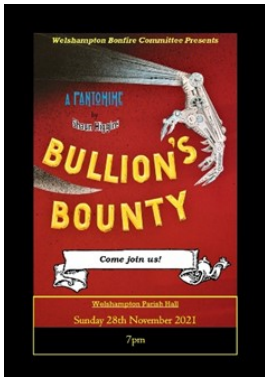
At 4 agreed, safe locations in the village, once a week subject to weather and daylight, volunteers monitor the speed of passing vehicles with a hand-held speed detection device. Vehicles driving in excess of the speed limit are recorded on a log sheet. The log is passed to the Police who follow up either by letter or a visit. On average, 30

vehicles are checked per hour of which 10-12 are currently in excess of 35mph. The aim of Community Speed Watch is NOT to catch as many speeding drivers as possible but to encourage motorists to drive at a safe and appropriate speed.

Please volunteer

If you are interested in helping Welshampton Community Speed Watch Group please contact the Clerk. Contact details are on the back page.

All volunteers are vetted by the Police who also carry out full training.



Welshampton panto's back...ohhh yes it is! And here's how you can play your part...

The incomparable Welshampton pantomime makes a welcome return in the New Year and the **Welshampton Bonfire Committee** extends a warm welcome to anyone wanting to get involved. Maybe you've watched our previous panto triumphs and felt a secret yearning to take on a role, make costumes or build one of the incredible props? Or perhaps you're new to the area and looking for friendship and laughter throughout the winter months...

Well, here's your chance! Pop down to the parish hall on **Sunday 28 November at 7pm** and join us for the first read-through of the script or to find out how you can join in. All ages welcome, including children accompanied by an adult.

Rehearsals start in December for '**Bullion's Bounty**', an original pantomime by Shaun Higgins. Prepare to be wildly entertained by this Bugsy Malone-style caper featuring a host of colourful characters madly racing to defeat the dastardly Professor Ironclaw. There are cops, there are robbers, a squad of baddies, plus...a faithful (and familiar) cantering companion! But will our heroes prevail? Or will Heath, Cliff and lovesick Kathy be thwarted by pure evil?

There's only one way to find out! Email director Shaun, happy_pringle_bar@hotmail.co.uk, for more information or to offer a helping hand with the show.

And look out for the ticket release early in 2022. Performance dates are **February 18th, 19th and 20th**. Have a look at our website www.welshampton.org.uk and our Facebook page Welshampton Bonfire Committee Presents for more information.

Shropshire Rural Communities Charity

Shropshire Rural Communities Charity (RCC) is committed to making life better for people. Below are two services they offer to help with this winter's challenges

Bulk oil buying scheme

The scheme started in September 2011 and is now the largest scheme in Shropshire.

With a support network of 30 local volunteer coordinators RCC make ordering oil hassle free and better value for money. Once a month they collate oil orders from right across Shropshire on a specified date. They then contact the oil companies to ask for their best price for a bulk order (typically 100,000 litres a month).

All you need to do is join, send RCC an order then sit back and wait for the price and supplier info. You will then pay the supplier direct following your oil delivery.

Free energy saving advice

Energy price hikes and a rise in the energy price cap mean that households are more at risk of not being able to heat their homes this winter.

As part of the Big Energy Saving Network, RCC's energy champion Nickie Long is offering free and impartial advice via a pre-booked telephone or Zoom call to anyone who is looking to save money on their energy bills or who is generally struggling to heat their home.

RCC can help with:

- ♦ hints and tips on how to save energy in your home, and
- ♦ where you can access support you may be entitled to, such as the Warm Home Discount scheme, Priority Services Register and The Green Homes Grant.

If you are interested in booking a free advice session with Nickie, contact RCC using their contact form on the website and they will be in touch within three working days to arrange a convenient time. www.shropshire-rcc.org.uk/individuals/free-energy-saving-advice

You will also receive a free energy pack with information toolkit to help keep your home warm this winter.

If you have any queries or questions, please call RCC on 01743 360641

Community Grants

Every year the Parish Council puts aside an amount of funds to help local community groups. There are agreed criteria and an application form which can be obtained from the Clerk.

Completed applications must be submitted by Friday 3 December and will be considered at the December Parish Council meeting.

All applications will be considered on their individual merits.



**Submit
Application**

New Shropshire Local Mobile service brings support closer to rural communities

Following the successful launch of Shropshire Local Ludlow, Shropshire Local is now adding a mobile service to rural communities across the county. Shropshire Local Mobile utilises some of the existing mobile library bus routes and will stop at locations across rural Shropshire. The trial scheme plans to extend to more locations in the near future and follows the opening of the Shropshire Local Ludlow.

The mobile service will provide access to more remote and rural parts of the county without libraries or similar facilities, where residents may otherwise struggle to connect to council services. Shropshire Local Mobile aim to make the council more accessible to people, and make it easier for those in rural communities to find out more about local support services and how best to access them.

Friendly and experienced team members will be on hand to provide a listening ear, advice and information to residents. Staff will talk to people about how people can access services from the council and other organisations, and can also offer advice on how to access these online. To check when the mobile library visits our parish go to www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/



Defibrillators in the Parish

The Parish Council has installed 4 defibrillators in the parish and we are often asked how they are looked after. The Council funded them with a grant from the National Lottery and works in partnership with Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) with the on-going management. CHT is a charity whose aims are to help and support communities in the correct provision of defibrillators, but in a sustainable, resilient and governance led manner. The defibrillators are located at Welshampton Parish Hall, Welshampton Primary School and the telephone kiosks along B5063 and in Lyneal. There is also a defibrillator at Colereme car park managed by the Lyneal cum Colemere WI.

CHT ensured the Council obtained the correct defibrillator equipment for its location and task and conforms to the various legislative requirements, such as disability laws. They also review and ensure the storage cabinets meet the right requirements for the need, this means storage that will minimise condensation, is heated with the right type of heater, conforms to health and safety, as well as electrical safety requirements, and meets disability recommendations. Suitable cabinets are branded as meeting the 'ShockBox' standard.

All defibrillators are registered onto the WebNos Governance system which ensures the local ambulance service is aware of the location and status.

There are a number of videos on the CHT website which explains their work, basic life support and how to use a defibrillator. www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/tv

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



During the summer months, you may have noticed the hall has had more of a facelift including:

- Redecorating of the WC blocks
- Digi-locks to all doors
- Wall-mounted hand sanitizers
- Pressure washer cleaner to outside paths

And finally but not least the installation of a super noticeboard to advertise regular and ad hoc events.



Regular events include:

Monday evenings – Sequence Dancing
2nd Monday of the month – Parish Hall Committee meeting
Thursday mornings – Singing with Mary

Free Charity events, an opportunity to sell/display items for sale with proceeds for donation to charity, dates to be announced, please contact committee members for more details.

welshamptonphcontact@gmail.com

Welshampton Parish Hall Committee

Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings are held in Welshampton Parish Hall and start at 7pm, unless otherwise stated.

Wednesday 10 November
Wednesday 8 December
Wednesday 12 January
Wednesday 9 February
Wednesday 9 March

Shropshire Rural and Business Crime Team

The Shropshire Rural and Business Crime Team are based in Shrewsbury within the Problem Solving Hub. The team consists of two police officers, PC Darren Jukes and PC Phil Nock, and Graham Donaldson, police staff. Our primary function is to liaise with victims of rural and business crimes, particularly repeat and vulnerable victims, to provide reassurance and to promote and encourage crime reduction information and advice to help communities protect themselves. We work with partner agencies and policing colleagues to identify and reduce threat harm and risk to our rural communities and attend meetings with our rural communities to promote crime prevention information and advice. The team



are available to attend any community meetings within the county to discuss rural issues, and can be contacted at
ruralcrime@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

West Mercia's Independent Advisory Group needs you.

Do you want to:

Live in a safe community?

Help to police your neighbourhood better?

Advise on police operations and strategy?

Share your experience and expertise to help build trust with diverse communities?

Work with people from a wide range of backgrounds, lifestyles, cultures, ages and interests?

If you can answer YES to any or all of these questions, then West Mercia's IAG needs you.

For more information search online for West Mercia Police IAG or contact:

Katrina Gilman on

katrina.gilman@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

07792787480 or

Adrian Symonds on

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Sheila Stringer

Guy Wellsbury

Lyneal Ward

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Chris Symes

Martin Withington

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

Shropshire Councillor

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Parish Council Meetings

All meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month and start at 7pm. 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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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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