



# Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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**Hello and welcome....** Much has happened since our last newsletter and we have many preparations for 2022 underway so I will press on.

Since our last newsletter we have experienced several extreme weather events. Storm Arwen brought damage to trees and property across the parish and caused a prolonged power outage for many. Thanks must be expressed to all those impromptu volunteers that supported the parish and its most vulnerable residents. These extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and more disruptive and represent a new challenge to our existing emergency planning strategy. Add to this the ever present threat of pandemics and indeed many other issues it is clear we must review and update our existing emergency plan. Therefore we are studying and rewriting our plan to incorporate our recent experience in order to improve our local resilience. Although we must rely on the utilities and blue light services to respond to major incidents, as we have seen, volunteers can make a great difference when supporting our residents. If you would like to be included in our planning and/or volunteer to help during such emergencies please email our clerk, and we will invite you to join a future planning meeting.

The Parish Council is also working on Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity and the opportunities and challenges that these topics represent. We will be holding a public consultation meeting as soon as our preparations allow and we will invite all interested residents to join our working group in due course. We will begin with work on biodiversity this year and all who are interested in helping with this are welcome to join in. Meeting date to be announced soon.

Please note the two leaflets included in this issue for your information. 'Join the celebrations!' is about Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council working with our community to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are planning to make this a very special weekend, a definite date for your diaries. Please read and respond as requested. I can also announce the Parish Council is joining in with The Queen's Green Canopy tree planting scheme, more information soon. The leaflet, Community Service Award Scheme 2022, invites nominations for Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council annual award. Please read carefully and submit your nomination in accordance with the rules.

Lastly, rural broadband. As I mentioned in our last news letter we had been unable to make any progress towards our contributing to the community fibre scheme. Well, two infrastructure providers have made significant progress installing fibre without our needing to contribute! Though information is sketchy we are lead to believe that very soon residents will be offered 21<sup>st</sup> century broadband connection. I live in hope.

**Michael Dinsdale**

Chairperson

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

## Community Service Award 2022

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 form enclosed and available to download at [www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk](http://www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk)

**Closing date for nominations 12 April 2022.**



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



# Bullion's Bounty

Welshampton's pantomime returned after a two-year absence to a rapturous reception recently. A representative from the Welshampton Bonfire Committee said 'It was always going to be a risk to stage a community show in these uncertain times, but the gamble paid off 100%! All four shows sold out and we're so grateful to the appreciative audiences who came along to enjoy our fantastic spectacle over the course of a stormy February weekend. It was very heartening to see the appetite amongst cast and crew to contribute unique skills and abilities – including writing, costume-making, props creation, set design, acting and musical accompaniment – in a shared community endeavour.'



The resulting, uniquely Welshampton-styled show was enjoyed by all, as seen in this sample of comments: "Well done to the folk involved in putting together 'Bullions Bounty'. It was very entertaining and engaging throughout. The script was local and witty, costumes colourful and the cast whipped up enthusiasm from the audience. The music (delivered by convicts from the scrapyard) was cleverly woven into the story line and toe tapped us all into singing at the end. The little Welshampton police children and the love between the panto horses were a delight. Costumes, scenery, tech and back stage truly brilliant - what a cast! Well done everyone."

"Family trip to the panto last night - and what a fab evening! I couldn't quite shake the feeling that I was in a dream - just sitting in a hall with lots of other people, enjoying an evening of fun and entertainment, everybody chuckling away and applauding like mad. I have so missed this!"

"We thoroughly enjoyed it and laughed so much. It was easy during Covid lockdown to stay isolated, but things like the pantomime remind you how much nice life is in a small community that works so hard to make others smile. Can't wait for the next one!"

Left: The full cast of the panto, written and directed by Shaun Higgins.  
Top: Doombiscuits and his new love interest, Sergeant Felicity Fetlocks!



## Time to get walking again

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

### Walking in Shropshire

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/shropshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, for free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Shropshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

[www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)  
[john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)



Find out what's really happening in your area and keep in touch with West Mercia Police through the free messaging service.

The Neighbourhood Matters messaging system enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can receive updates on crimes, latest information on on-going incidents and learn more about what we're doing in your community.

Once signed up as a registered recipient you will receive messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work by email, text or telephone. You can choose exactly the type of alert you wish to receive so you won't be bombarded with every alert.

Sign up at: [www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk)

Please note that this service is not for reporting crimes or incidents:

To make a report please contact West Mercia Police on 101 or dial 999 in an emergency.





## New Year, Reuse and Repurpose

A reminder that there is a textile bank located at Welshampton Parish Hall — it is one of over 7,500 banks available nationwide managed by the Salvation Army Trading Company (SATCoL). You can donate clothing, shoes, handbags and anything textile. The bank is not just for spring cleans but all year round. It is regularly emptied and is the perfect ethical and sustainable alternative to support the circular economy.

Never has it been more important to take action and reduce our carbon footprint. SATCoL collects around 50,000 tonnes of textiles each year and thanks to members of the public, the network of charity shops, donation centres and clothing banks are able to reuse, repurpose and recycle these donations. The profits that SATCoL receives is given to The Salvation Army to continue to support the great work they do such as, specialist support for survivors and potential victims of modern slavery, shelter for those experiencing homelessness and so much more.



## New wheelie bin for recycling cans, glass and plastic

All householders in the Shropshire Council area can now request an additional wheelie bin for recycling cans, glass and plastic after Shropshire Council approved an investment of almost £3m to fund the extra bin.

The bin – which is optional and free for householders- can be requested online at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/requestmixedrecyclingbin>

The first bins are set to be delivered from May this year, starting in the south Shropshire area, before being rolled out across the county. The bin will replace the existing black recycling boxes, and help to increase the amount of waste recycled by providing households with a larger container.

It will also reduce the amount of waste lost to the recycling process after being blown out of the boxes on windy days, It will make the storage of recycling more convenient for residents, and reduce the amount of bending and lifting for residents and waste and recycling crews. Some households may not want a bin due to housing layout or the lack of storage space for the bin. These residents would be able to continue to use their existing waste containers, as will those residents who simply prefer to use boxes.

People will also be able to use their new bin as well as their recycling boxes.

Those who no longer need their recycling boxes will be encouraged to retain and reuse them for different purposes – or take them to a recycling centre to be recycled.

For more information go to [www.shropshire.gov.uk/waste](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/waste).



## Welshampton 300 Club

This is a monthly village lottery whose proceeds are split equally between the Parish Hall and the Friends of Welshampton School. We are inviting you to purchase tickets yourself, or sell them to friends and family. Tickets are £9 each for the year and are entered into the monthly draw to win a top prize of £50, or one of three £10 prizes.

If you do wish to purchase tickets please contact Ann Boskett.  
boskett\_ann@hotmail.com  
Tel: 01948 710439. Mob 07866200954.

Many thanks to all those who already participate; if you already have a ticket you will be contacted and invited to renew.

Welshampton 300 Club Committee.  
Ann Boskett, Miriam Butler and Karen Darbey.



The Parish Council is encouraging everyone to participate in the Great British Spring Clean 2022. This year's campaign, from 25 March to 10 April, asks everyone to join forces and pledge to pick a bag of litter from their neighbourhood in order to protect their vibrant communities, countryside and precious wildlife habitats.

The Parish Council Chair, Cllr Mike Dinsdale explains: "The past two years our outdoor spaces and places have mattered to us more than ever before as more people have embraced them during the pandemic. We know we have an extra battle on our hands to keep our parish clean and green so I would ask you all to do your bit!"



# Become a Community Member of The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust is delighted to already have over 2,500 Community Members, and it continues to invite anyone over 14 years old who lives within the local area to join them. Membership is free and is one of the ways the Trust can keep local communities informed and involved in hospital services.

As a Community Member you will receive a free regular member's newsletter (Get Involved) which will have information about the Trust, and all up-and-coming events and meetings that you can attend. Other benefits of being a member include:

- Being consulted on the future development of services
- Invitations to attend regular series of Health Lectures and behind the scenes tours
- Telling the Trust about the needs and expectations of your local community
- Getting involved in focus groups, workshops and special interest groups about the health issues that matter to you
- Simply becoming a member allows you to show your support for local hospital services

## Becoming a member

Members contribute to the organisation on a voluntary basis. They are counted on for feedback, local knowledge and support. You can apply online to become a Community Member of The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust.

<https://www.sath.nhs.uk/about-us/get-involved/public-participation-2-become-a-member/>

Email: [sath.engagement@nhs.net](mailto:sath.engagement@nhs.net) Phone 01743 492390

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## Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

### Welshampton Ward

Mike Dinsdale (Chair)

Karen Bland

Andrew Haydon

Kathryn Holland

Sheila Stringer

Guy Wellsbury

### Lyneal Ward

Lawrence Houghton MBE (Vice Chair)

Chris Symes

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 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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## Useful Contact Details

### Shropshire Council

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[customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk)

[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

[welshamptonphcontact@gmail.com](mailto:welshamptonphcontact@gmail.com) 01948 710964

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