

Hello and welcome....

to the latest edition of the Parish Council's newsletter. I hope you have all had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful sunshine recently!

Firstly, it is a real privilege to become chair of the Parish Council, I am very much looking forward to working hard for you all over the next year. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mike Dinsdale for his dedication and commitment to local issues and to our community during his tenure as chairman. Under Mike the council retained it's 'Quality Gold' Status which is an enormous achievement and we are the first council in Shropshire to not only achieve but retain this standard. We are all very pleased that Mike remains a member of our Parish Council.

The next Parish Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th June. If you would like to attend we start at 7pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

The Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group are busily organising some upcoming events—a 'Swish' on Saturday 8th July (read on to learn more!) and a Big Green Day on Saturday 30th September. If you would like to get involved in the community group or any upcoming events, please don't hesitate to contact our Clerk for more details.

At our Annual Meeting in May, all Councilors agreed the areas which they would like to focus on over the next year. Please see details on page 2 for a breakdown of roles and responsibilities in the Council.

Wishing you all a super summer,

Karen Bland
Chairperson
Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Community Service Award 2023

At a recent meeting of the Welshampton Bonfire Committee, 2 members of the Parish Council gate-crashed their meeting. The Committee were surprised but thrilled to learn why! Cllr Mike Dinsdale explained: "We are here this evening representing Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council. The Council started an annual Community Service Award back in 2018. Residents of the parish are invited to nominate persons that have made a significant contribution to our communities. The Parish Council then judges the nominations and we make the award. This evening it is our privilege and pleasure to make this presentation, not to a single individual but to an amazing group of talented people, that have served and entertained our communities for many years. I speak of course of non other than the Welshampton Bonfire Committee."



Who does what on the Parish Council?

As our new Chair of the Parish Council has explained, Councillors take on different roles to represent the Council on outside bodies or a special area of responsibilities. At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in May the following appointments were made:

Shropshire Association of Local Councils:
Cllr Kathryn Holland

Emergency Planning Officer:
Cllr Martin Withington

Helicopter Noise Liaison Group:
Cllr Andrew Haydon

Welshampton Parish Hall Management Committee:
Cllr Karen Bland. The Parish Council thanks Bob Richards who also represents the Council.

Wood Lane Quarry Liaison Group
Cllr Martin Withington

Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group:
Cllrs Karen Bland, Kathryn Holland, Chris Symes and Martin Withington

Welshampton Verges

The Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group have identified several verges in Welshampton which are suitable for creating mini or linear meadows on. We have taken advice from Marches Meadow Group and the Restoring Shropshire Verges Project and hope to restore some of our verges from very short mown grass to lovely wildflower havens for wildlife very soon. We will ensure that visibility is maintained at junctions and may mow the edges of verges for safety. If you would like to get involved in planting or helping, please contact our Clerk for more information.



Welshampton Parish Hall Update

As we head to one of the busiest few months at Welshampton Parish Hall I wanted to say thanks again for the enormous effort of our Parish Hall Management Committee who like many committees/teams and groups across our parish are all volunteers who offer so much of their valuable time with ensuring the day to day running of the hall, managing the bookings, advertising, baking, offering prizes and working evenings and days behind the bar.

Sadly this month we are saying Goodbye to one of our Committee members – Mike Dinsdale who will remain as a very valued member of our community team but has stood down from his role as a Hall Trustee. Thank you Mike for everything but luckily we still get to keep you in our community team. We do want to welcome some new members and members who have been a bit longer with us who we have forgotten to acknowledge but value so much their help at the hall, so welcome to Liz & John Oldfield, Katie Hayes, Jan and Ian Fletcher. We also welcome to our committee as representative from the Parish Council - Cllr Karen Bland.

The Hall has received very generous donations from the 300 club, Pantomime Committee and Parish Council which has enabled us to replace the

blinds throughout the hall with colourful blackout blinds and new carpark lighting.

Finally I wanted just to remind you of all the regular events going on at the hall which can be seen on our internet pages, facebook pages and of course on our newly 'lit up' noticeboard outside the hall.

Monday and Wednesday Evenings – 'Fitness Flo' Classes

Thursday mornings – Morning Sun Singers

Thursday Evenings – Tai Chi and Qigong

Wednesday Evenings – Dance HQ

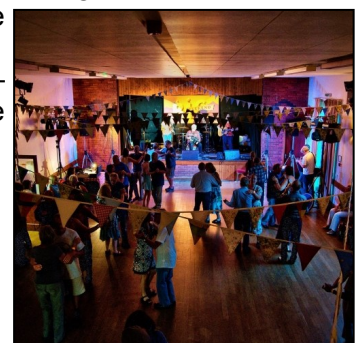
2nd Wednesday of the month – Parish Council meeting

2nd Monday of the month – Parish hall management committee meetings

3rd Wednesday of the month – Afternoon club

Some Saturdays – Supporting Charity Coffee Mornings

Tracey Eccles
Chair of Welshampton
Parish Hall Management
Committee



Swish on Saturday 8 July 2023!

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council through its Working Group on Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity would like to tell you more about their forthcoming SWISH event. Some of you will know the word Swish; others will never have heard of it! It's a Clothes Swap, a fancy clothes swap at that! Or maybe you might liken it to a bring and buy. Whatever, if you come you will surely take home something you will want to wear in exchange for something you will never wear ever again.

Please bring women's, men's and children's clothes including accessories, for example shoes, hats, fine scarves, bags, belts and fashion jewellery. Items should be dropped off at the Parish Hall in Welshampton between 9am and 12 noon. Items should be clean and in good or better than good condition. They really need to be the things that you would never throw away because they are too good but that you know are just languishing in your wardrobe. We all know that situation. Oh and no underwear please! To help us organise the clothing on the day please bring hangers with each item. You will be able to take other hangers away later in the day.

Tokens will be exchanged for items brought to the Parish Hall with an additional token being given for any 'designer' items brought in. So, five items brought in two of which are designer items would result in 7 tokens.

As items are delivered they will be sorted appropriately and then the Swish will begin at 2pm. No tokens can be exchanged for clothes/accessories until after 2.30pm to give everyone the opportunity to browse. One token per item save for designer which will require two.

If you wish to attend but haven't dropped any items in during the morning then that will be perfectly fine provided an entrance fee of £6 is paid and for which you will receive one token. For everyone else dropping off clothes and accessories in the morning there will be a nominal entrance fee of £2 to help cover the costs of hiring the Parish Hall and afternoon tea and cakes on the day.

Severn Hospice are our chosen charity for this event. Any items not claimed will go to Severn Hospice in Ellesmere.

The Seven "R's" of Sustainability: Reduce, reuse, recycle, rethink, refuse, repair, repurpose. This is precisely what this day is about. We will be helping our Carbon footprint enormously if we can make this day the success that it should be. It will in addition be fun and enjoyable for all. Please do come and join us.

Thank you!
Cllr Kathryn Holland

Where were you when King Charles III was crowned?

The Parish Council worked with Welshampton CofE Primary School to mark the coronation of King Charles III in a different way.

A photograph was taken of the pupils, teachers and support staff during the week leading up to the coronation on May 6. It was printed and presented in a suitable folder to all pupils, teachers and support staff

The Council hope the pupils in the photograph will look back in the future and remember where they went to school at the time of the coronation and the memories of friendship made at a wonderful village school.



Would you like to keep your community safe?

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Karen Bland (Chair)
Mike Dinsdale
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

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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.

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