



# Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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## Hello and welcome....

to the latest edition of the Parish Council's newsletter. Although winter has not quite left us I'm personally hoping it will soon get warmer as the days get longer.

First a date for your diary. The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to attend we start at 7pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

Do you run a small business or work from home? The Council is looking into the possibility of coordinating a Business Network group. If you are a local business, self-employed, work from home or thinking of starting up in business for yourself and would like the opportunity to meet with others, get advice and discuss mutual opportunities and challenges, please register your interest with our Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council raises its funds through the precept, which is collected through Shropshire Council's Tax Demand. The Parish Council has not increased the precept for the last two years. The Council has met increasing costs by using some of the reserves. However the time has come when a small increase is necessary to meet infrastructure expenses, for example maintaining the community car parks, repairs to street lighting and there is the general increase of costs. As an illustration the precept will increase from £1.21 to £1.29 (Band D Average) per week per household.

Finally on the topic of street lighting, if you see a light out please report it to the Parish Clerk so that we may arrange timely repairs and maintenance.

**Michael Dinsdale**

Chairperson

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

## Open Day at Lyneal Trust Saturday 22 April 2023 11am – 3pm

Lyneal Trust invites you to an Open Day at Lyneal Wharf when volunteers will show you the charity's facilities whilst explaining what service Lyneal Trust provides to the community. You will be able to board the trust's three canal boats and inspect the recently refurbished fully accessible Wharf Cottages.

If you are interested in hiring our cottages or boats for disabled or vulnerable people, or getting involved with Lyneal Trust as a volunteer, you will be most welcome. Just come along on the day to Lyneal Wharf at SY12 0LQ.

We look forward to seeing you.  
[www.lyneal-trust.org.uk](http://www.lyneal-trust.org.uk)



## Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity

Thank you to all those who braved the elements and attended our Public Hall event on Wednesday 2 November 2022. Since then a group of parishioners have met a couple of times to agree how we can encourage and inspire others. We are working on a couple of events:

The group discussed a revival of the hugely successful 2010 'Big Green Day' and the potential exhibitors that we could ask to attend to promote things we can all do now, but also the exciting advances in technology that could happen in the future, hoping that we all leave 'informed and inspired'. Put the date of Saturday 30th September in your diary.

Swishing! Whatever you thought it means it is a fancy clothes swap! The idea is that people drop off clothes in the morning, they are sorted through and displayed nicely on racks. A few hours later people can either pay an entry fee and get a certain number of tokens towards items, or can gain tokens in return for donating clothes. Another date in the diary: Saturday 9 July.

If you would like to join the group in developing these and other events, contact the Clerk.

## WhatsApp Scams

WhatsApp provides an excellent platform for relatives and friends to communicate freely with each other but is equally used to their own advantage by fraudsters and scammers. The media and Police frequently highlight these scams but reports continue, and over half of the scams involve the victim losing financially.

Current themes used by scammers in their messages claiming to be from a family member with problems include "I have an urgent bill to pay", "I need the money now", "I do not want to impact my credit rating".

If you receive a message on WhatsApp from an unknown number purporting to be your son, daughter, friend or relative and they are requesting financial assistance to help pay for an urgent bill,

### **STOP!**

Take 5 seconds to think!

Call that person on a known number you have for them, and ask if they have changed numbers and/or have an urgent bill to pay. They will then be able to confirm if this is genuine.

## Community Speed Watch Can YOU help?

After a few months off duty, the Welshampton Community Speed Watch team are back in action. There is a small group of active volunteers and the team is always looking for more.

### **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 please contact:  
Ian Fletcher (aluco50@hotmail.com)  
or the Parish Council Clerk  
(clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk)

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

## Welshampton Parish Hall Update

December is always one of the busiest months at Welshampton Parish Hall and I want to say thank you once again for the enormous effort of our Parish Hall Management Committee. Like many committees/teams and groups across our parish they 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.

At the end of 2022 we said 'Goodbye' to our longest standing volunteer Glo Wright who is seen below with the committee putting up the Hall's Christmas decorations. Thankyou so much Glo, we will miss you so much at our meetings but will of course continue to see you with all the other volunteer work you are involved with.



Finally we continue to hold 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 evenings -Yoga and Pilates  
Wednesday evenings - Yoga and Pilates  
Wednesday evenings - Sequence Dancing  
Thursday evenings -Tai-chi  
Thursday mornings - Morning Sun singing with Mary

Afternoon Club is on the last Wednesday of the month  
Monthly Charity Coffee Morning (Sunday mornings)

Tracy Eccles  
Chair, Management Committee

### **Parish Council Meeting Dates**

All meetings are held in Welshampton Parish Hall and start at 7pm, unless otherwise stated.  
Wednesday 8 March  
Wednesday 12 April  
Wednesday 10 May (following Annual Parish Meeting)

### **Annual Parish Meeting Date**

Wednesday 10 May at 7pm  
Welshampton Parish Hall

## Tickets are now on sale for Welshampton's spectacular Time Trekkers pantomime on March 3, 4 and 5.

The colourful show Time Trekkers is a true community creation with a cast and crew of more than fifty people from the village and surrounding area.

Chairman of Welshampton Bonfire Committee Mick Higgins urged people to book tickets early.

"Tickets for last year's show completely sold out. Demand is driven by our reputation for high-quality productions with unique and hilarious scripts, glamorous costumes, ingenious staging and a live nine-piece band. We'd advise early booking to avoid disappointment."

There will be four shows – Friday night, Saturday afternoon, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at 7.30pm and 2.30pm. Tickets, which cost £9.50 for adults, £7.50 for seniors and £5.50 for under 16s, can be booked via the Welshampton Bonfire Committee website [www.welshampton.org.uk](http://www.welshampton.org.uk) or by contacting 01948 710180



The poster for 'Time Trekkers' features a large clock face with the title 'Time Trekkers' in a stylized, colorful font. The clock face has Roman numerals and a gear-like border. Text on the poster includes 'WELSHAMPTON BONFIRE COMMITTEE', 'BY SHAUN HIGGINS', 'AT WELSHAMPTON PARISH HALL', and the showtimes: 'FRIDAY ~ MARCH 3RD 7.30PM', 'SAT ~ 4TH AT 2.30PM & 7.30PM', and 'SUN ~ 5TH AT 2.30PM'. Ticket prices are listed as 'ADULTS £9.50 ~ SENIORS £7.50' and 'UNDER 16s £5.50'. A small illustration of a sand timer is also present. At the bottom, it says 'TICKETS: SEE OUR WEBSITE' with a blue arrow pointing to the website 'www.welshampton.org.uk' and 'OR CONTACT 01948 710180'.

Amidst the gloom of winter's end, Welshampton Bonfire Committee Pantomime Company is ready and waiting to delight audiences with zany silliness once again.

Time Trekkers is a fantastic explosion of family-friendly fun, with a script written by Oswestry playwright Shaun Higgins. It features a host of colourful characters in a race against time to outsmart the evil sorceress Ratzlinger before she wreaks her rotten revenge. The cast includes time-travelling heroes, ancient Greeks, the Time Team and the wildly chivalrous Knights of the Octagonal Table.

Director Ian Andrew said: "Rehearsals are going like clockwork, and I'm delighted with the number of people who have come forward to perform or to join the production crew. Time Trekkers really does promise to give our audiences the time of their lives!"

Full details are available on the website [www.welshampton.org.uk](http://www.welshampton.org.uk) and on the 'Welshampton Bonfire Committee presents' Facebook page.

## Community Service Award 2023

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 31 March 2023.**

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





# Updates



The Meres Safer Neighbourhood Team have recently taken part in a cross border operation.

Officers from West Mercia, North Wales and Cheshire have been working together to proactively patrol the rural areas of Wrexham, Shropshire and Cheshire counties with a view to identifying and tackling those involved in rural thefts. This operation is something that will be repeated to target criminals travelling across our area.

If you need to contact us, use 101 and only 999 in an emergency.

## Report a Highways Problem

Are you aware of an easy way to report problems on our roads and lanes? The system has been developed by an organisation called FixMyStreet. They wanted to make it easier to report problems in the community and have worked with many Local Authorities.

Shropshire Council has now integrated this reporting system as part of their process. Take a look:

[improvingyourroads.shropshire.gov.uk](http://improvingyourroads.shropshire.gov.uk)

and if you see something not right, report it!

## Lyneal White Gates

In mid February, the long awaited traffic calming white gates were installed. Unfortunately, within a few days 2 of the gates had been forcibly removed from the verges. The Parish Council has had to pay to have them re-sited, now in concrete. The Parish Council has informed the Police of vandalism.

It is planned to have planted troughs in front of the gates on the verges. Once residents have come forward to look after the plants, the Parish Council will commission the making of the troughs. Please contact the Clerk to volunteer.

## 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

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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

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