

Keeping YOU Informed

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council's Local Newsletter

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Hello and welcome.... to the winter edition of the Parish Council's newsletter!

The Parish and Church Benefice gave a very warm welcome in November to our new vicar, the Revd Gareth Ingham, at a lovely service at St Michael and All Angels. I'm sure he will be taking the opportunity to meet you all at one of our churches or at a different community event.

Speeding through Welshampton has been a 'hot' topic for many years. The Parish Council and residents have tried to reduce the speed traffic flows through the village by installing Vehicle Activated Signs and the Community Speed Watch Scheme. There is now a new initiative from Shropshire Council for 2024. They are planning a lower speed limit of 20mph past Welshampton Primary School. As soon as we have more details about this scheme we will share them with you.

The Parish Council appreciate that there are lots of different ways that we can communicate to you all, with this newsletter and also frequent updates to our website. You are also welcome to attend our monthly meetings (an earlier start of 6:30pm from February, every second Wednesday of the month). However this year we have set aside three Saturday mornings for special 'Meet Your Parish Council' surgeries at Welshampton Parish Hall. Dates and times are on page 3 and we would like to invite you to these informal sessions where we look forward to talking to as many people as possible about issues that matter to you, and ways that we can help our community. Please come along to say hello, there will be tea and cake, everyone is welcome.

A reminder to those who are part of the Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group — we will be organising a meeting soon. If you would like to join the Working Group, please contact the Clerk.

Finally, I hope everyone has managed to secure tickets for the panto, best of luck to all involved, it will undoubtedly brighten up February for many.

Karen Bland
Chairperson, Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Community Service Award 2024

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

Closing date for nominations 31 March 2024.

For further information: www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk
or contact
clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk or
01948 710672



Welshampton Parish Hall News

***Happy new year from all at the Parish Hall
Committee!***

Business within the Parish Hall at the start of 2024 has been busy again with recommencement of bookings from our regular users and currently Pantomime rehearsals and our charity coffee mornings have taken full swing

For details of our regular bookings and events please see the roadside notice board outside the Hall and our facebook/web site.

Firstly, as with all private and commercial buildings soaring utility costs presented quite a challenge for the Committee last year and although it remains a charity we are required to pay commercial tariffs for utilities. There are always repairs and improvements to be done and last year repairs included the car park boundary and installing improved carpark lighting.

During 2023, the Committee received very generous donations from the 300 Club, Pantomime Committee, The Sun Inn and Parish Council which has enabled us to begin looking at replacing some of the chairs. In particular we are seeking to purchase stackable chairs with arm supports to offer more comfort to all those looking at hiring or using the facilities available.

On behalf of all involved, hirers included, we are so grateful for the enormous efforts and free time given by our trustees and associated members to ensure the Hall runs every day.

Welshampton Parish Hall Management Committee

Lyneal Trust

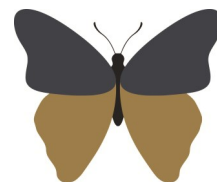
Lyneal Trust is a charity which provides canal-based recreation for people with disabilities, vulnerabilities or long-term illness and their families, friends and carers, at discounted prices. The charity is based beside the Llangollen Canal at Lyneal Wharf and is operated by a team of enthusiastic volunteers, many of whom live in the parish.

Last year was the most successful the trust has experienced when nearly 2000 guests used its facilities, including our now traditional Santa Cruises which are particularly enjoyed by local residents with younger children or grandchildren.

So now we are planning for 2024, first of all with a grand spring-clean and maintenance, and refresher training, ready then for our first guests who will –

- stay at Wharf Cottage and enjoy the wonderful

Welshampton Church of England School



We are thrilled to announce that Welshampton Church of England School is now providing Nursery provision for children aged 3! We are delighted to extend our educational offerings to the youngest learners in our community.

Our Nursery not only offers a nurturing and stimulating environment for your child to flourish, but we also provide wrap-around care from 7.45am until 5.30pm. This means that working parents can have peace of mind knowing their child is in safe hands before and after the traditional school hours.

At Welshampton Church of England Nursery, we believe in providing a holistic learning experience, where every child's unique abilities and interests are valued. Our committed team of qualified professionals will guide your child through a range of activities designed to promote their social, emotional, and cognitive development.

We understand the importance of a strong foundation in early years, and our Nursery curriculum follows the 2014 National Curriculum in England. This ensures that your child will be introduced to key skills and concepts while having fun in a supportive and friendly atmosphere.

Enrolment is now open, and we encourage you to visit our Nursery and see the wonderful learning environment we have created. Contact us today to book a tour or request further information. We look forward to welcoming your child into our Welshampton Church of England Nursery family!

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Newhampton Church of England Federation



- north Shropshire countryside and attractions, or
- hire either the 6 berth Shropshire Maid or 8 berth Shropshire Lass canal boats for a week sailing the Llangollen Canal, including crossing the world heritage site Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, or
- have a day's trip on the canal on the 12 passenger Shropshire Lady.

If you want to learn more about Lyneal Trust to make a donation, or hire the facilities, or get involved as a volunteer, have a look at our website, send an email or telephone.

www.lyneal-trust.org.uk
bookings@lyneal-trust.org.uk

01948710708

Making Waves

Tickets are now on sale for Welshampton's spectacular pantomime on February 16, 17 and 18. The entertaining show Making Waves is a true community creation with a cast and crew of more than sixty people from the village and surrounding area.

Chairman of Welshampton Bonfire Committee Mick Higgins urged people to book tickets early. "Our shows have sold out in recent years due to our reputation for high-quality productions with original scripts, stunning costumes, inspired 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 or by contacting 01948710117

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

WELSHAMPTON BONFIRE COMMITTEE



MAKING WAVES
A PANTOMIME

SHAUN HIGGINS

Welshampton Parish Hall

February 2024

<u>Friday 16th</u>	<u>Saturday 17th</u>	<u>Sunday 18th</u>
7.30pm	2.30pm & 7.30pm	2.30pm

For tickets visit:
www.welshampton.org.uk
Or phone: (01948) 710 180

Adult £9.50
Seniors £7.50
Under 16s £5.50



Making Waves is an extravaganza of family-friendly fun, with a script written by Oswestry playwright Shaun Higgins. It features the dastardly Captain Codseye, who is searching the watery depths of Ellesmere in a bid to pull out the plug and ruin the town. Fortunately, a heroic team of locals is determined to scupper the Captain's evil plans...

Shaun, who is also directing, said: "Rehearsals are currently shipshape and Bristol fashion, and I'm delighted with the number of people – from pre-schoolers to seniors - who have come forward to perform or to join the production crew. Making Waves really does promise to take our audiences on a fantastic and colourful voyage so don't miss the boat – book those tickets now!"

Full details are available on the website and on the 'Welshampton Bonfire Committee Presents' Facebook page.

The Shropshire Carer Support Team

From the week beginning Monday 15 January the Shropshire Carer Support Line has been operating extended hours. The support line is now staffed on Tuesdays from 9.00am to 7.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am to 12.00 noon.

They have extended the hours so carers have more opportunity to use the support line for the support they need. Carers often have busy lives and many are working.

The Support Team can be contacted by telephone: 01743 341995 or email: shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk

Meet Your Parish Council

Come and meet your Parish Council at surgeries at Welshampton Parish Hall.

Dates:
Saturday 2 March,
Saturday 29 June
Saturday 7 September

Time: 10am to midday.

Do you have a concern or suggestion about life in the parish? Come and share with your Parish Councillors and enjoy some cake and tea/coffee at the same time!



CrimeStoppers

CrimeStoppers are an independent charity that gives you the power to speak up to stop crime, 100% anonymously:

- whoever you are,
- wherever you live,
- from communities to companies.
- by phone and online, 24/7, 365 days a year.

CrimeStoppers also share advice on how to protect the people you care about from crime, so everyone can feel safe.

After receiving your call or a completed anonymous online form, CrimeStoppers create a report that brings together all the information you gave them, making sure it doesn't contain any information that could identify you.

Your report is sent to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to investigate crimes, make arrests and charge people in order to bring them to justice. This could be West Mercia Police or an

agency such as the UK Border Agency or HM Revenue & Customs.

Some of the reasons for people not speaking out include:

- I do not want to talk to the police
- I need to report someone I know
- I am worried that others will know if I speak out
- I am not sure if what I know will help
- I do not want to get involved with courts

You can give information to them using their online form or by calling CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111. CrimeStoppers cannot track your IP address or your phone number and they have no way of knowing who has contacted them.

CrimeStoppers are not the police, they are a charity. You will not be contacted by the police after passing information on to CrimeStoppers as the police have no way of knowing who the information has come from.

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless/give-information-anonymously>

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Welshampton Ward

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

Shropshire Councillor

Brian Williams 01939 234198

Parish Council Meetings

All meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month and start at 6.30pm. 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 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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