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WELCOME...

to the seventh newsletter for the Wem Rural Community and 'Happy New Year'!

2013 will be a year of change for Wem Rural Parish Council with local elections planned for 2 May 2013. Have YOU ever thought of being a parish councillor? It can be a most rewarding and interesting experience...read all about it in the enclosed leaflet.

Communication with parishioners is extremely important and to add to the newsletter and the 3 new noticeboards in the parish (Tilley, Coton Oaks and Wem Library) the new improved Wem Rural website will soon be online. Watch this space!



I would like to highlight articles about two potential projects which could have a long-lasting impact on our community...firstly the installation of Automated External Defibrillators within the Parish (public meeting on 22 January at Edstaston Village Hall) and secondly the Community-Led Housing project (public meeting on 29 January at Edinburgh House)

Peter Broomhall (Chair, Wem Rural Parish Council)

Daffodils for Prees Station

Janet Nowill has been the official Station Adopter of Prees Station in Wem Rural Parish for more years than she can remember. She spends a considerable amount of time making sure the station is kept in good order, reporting any problems to Arriva. She also plants up the floral tubs on the platforms each year.

Janet's work doesn't go unnoticed. This summer Wem Rural Parish Council sent her a letter of thanks for her beautiful floral displays. For some time Janet has wanted to enhance the approach to Prees station with a planting of spring bulbs so in November a host of councillors turned out to help. Look forward to seeing a verge full of daffodils in spring!



Janet Nowill pictured with Wem Rural Parish Councillors Angela Neame, Peter Broomhall, Len Staines, Bev Horsley, Jon Murgatroyd and Shropshire Councillor Chris Mellings

Janet is looking for an assistant to lighten her load...if you would like to help her please contact the Parish Clerk on 01948 710672 or email wemruralpc@hotmail.co.uk

TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS

7.30pm on Tuesday 22 January 2013 at Edstaston Village Hall

A new life-saving AED scheme for Wem Rural (see page 2)

7.30pm on Tuesday 29 January 2013 at Edinburgh House

Community-Led Housing development Soulton Road (see page 3)



Automated External Defibrillators can save lives



Each year, 135,000 people in the UK die from Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The condition can strike anyone at any time - young or old, fit or not. Earlier this year, the high profile experience of Bolton Wanderers footballer Fabrice Muamba helped bring this to the public attention - and the life-saving value of an Automated External Defibrillator or AED.

It is estimated that 85% of sudden cardiac arrest victims could be saved by rapid access to an AED. For every minute a patient is delayed in receiving defibrillation - their chances of survival drop by 10%.

All emergency frontline ambulances are equipped with defibrillators and are manned by staff trained to use them. But even though they're likely to provide the best first response to an emergency, time is of the essence when someone suffers a cardiac arrest. So the need for volunteers to be trained to use these vital machines couldn't be greater.

Only basic training is needed with the Modern portable Automated External Defibrillators being specifically designed to be used by members of the public with step by step guidance and built-in safety devices to prevent unnecessary use.

Following the example of the Clun Valley AED scheme in South Shropshire and Myddle HeartBeat in North Shropshire, Wem Rural Parish Council is

THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF A PARISH CLERK

A good clerk is an essential asset to every council. Wem Rural Parish Council is very fortunate to have a highly motivated and fully qualified Parish Clerk, Carole Warner.

Carole supports the parish council in carrying out its various functions by researching and providing invaluable and objective information to help councillors make decisions. She implements decisions of the council, dealing with administration and finances and keeps up to date with new legislation and changes that affect parish councils and the communities they serve. Carole also keeps our website up to date and displays notices and community information on our many noticeboards.

hoping to set up a Local Community Voluntary Group. The aim is simply to save lives in Wem Rural Parish and the surrounding area.

The Group will need to be a properly constituted management committee comprising at least 5 member volunteers to set up and manage the scheme, including a Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer. There will also need to be a number of trained volunteers to provide rapid response in the event of an emergency - supplementing the response of the 999 ambulance service.

As well as providing full training to volunteers (including CPR training) West Midlands Ambulance Service will also organise and fund the necessary CRB checks. (The training sessions can be arranged on a Saturday morning - and at 6 week intervals if required for refreshers and new recruits.)

If you would like to play a part in this vital service please come to a public meeting at Edstaston Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd January. Alternatively please contact the Parish Clerk to express your interest.

WEM BUSINESS FAIR

The first Wem Business Fair was held on 17 October in Wem Town Hall. Over 60 local business people attended to take advantage of the 15 stands offering advice on setting up a business or becoming self-employed, one-to-one business clinics, information on grants and training.

There was also a competition to win a marketing-related prize which was won by Wem Rural resident Sue Vernon to help with her new business venture.

Wem Rural Parish Council is pleased to have supported the Fair and encourages Wem Rural businesses of all sizes to keep in touch with each other through the new Wem Business Forum (the next meeting is in January). To find out more contact the Clerk or email wembf@hotmail.co.uk.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

2 May 2013

On Thursday 2 May 2013 there will be local elections in many counties, towns and parishes in the United Kingdom. It will be the first election at county level since Shropshire disbanded its district council in 2009 and became a Unitary authority.

This election is your opportunity to appoint the 12 people who will be your own parish councillors for the next 4 years. Enclosed in this newsletter is an information leaflet to encourage residents to consider putting themselves forward as parish councillors.

The following are key dates in the election timetable that you will need to know if you plan to either stand as a candidate or vote in the elections:

Publication of notice of election:
by Tuesday 26 March 2013

Receipt of nominations:
by noon on Friday 5 April 2013

Last date for electors to register to be able to vote in these elections:
by 5pm Wednesday 17 April 2013

ELECTION DAY
7.00am to 10.00pm Thursday 2 May 2013

**FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE
PARISH CLERK OR REFER TO OUR WEBSITE
www.wemrural.org.uk**

MAILING LIST UPDATE

The Parish Council is keen to ensure that all households in the parish are receiving their copy of this newsletter. We urge parishioners to check with neighbours and local friends and if anyone has not received a copy to contact the Parish Clerk so she can make sure they are put on the mailing list.

NEWTOWN SCHOOL BEST EVER EXAM RESULTS

Newtown School's Year 6 children achieved outstanding results in National Key stage 2 SATS - 100% achieved at least level 4 in both English and Maths!

95% of pupils improved by at least 2 levels and for Maths this was 100%.

Key Stage 1 results were also the best ever. Congratulations to all pupils and teachers!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

26 March 2013

7.30pm

**Edinburgh House
Wem**

Your chance to hear what your parish council has been doing on your behalf this year, more information about the local elections, community-led housing and future plans that affect Wem Rural Parish.



Community-Led Housing

Shropshire Council has launched an initiative to inspire communities to take part in projects to deliver affordable homes for local people.

Sevenside Housing Association has approached Wem Rural Parish Council with a plan to develop a site of up to 22 affordable homes in Souldon Road adjacent Ash Grove and opposite Church Lane. The Parish Council has voted to work with Sevenside to find out if there is a need for this development in Wem Rural Parish.

The Parish Council will receive a grant for each affordable home completed as part of Shropshire Council's Community-Led Project. This money will be used to fund improvements highlighted in the Wem Place Plan for the benefit of the whole community. However, councillors agreed that even if there were no financial incentives they would still want to be involved in this project in order to fully represent parishioners.

Leaflets explaining more about this new initiative have been hand-delivered by councillors to homes in the immediate vicinity of the planned development and a public meeting will be held at Edinburgh House on Tuesday 29th January at 7.30 to explain further and give you a chance to raise any questions.

Also if you have a housing need and are interested it is very important that you register with Homepoint (telephone 01588 676246 or email homepoint@ss-ha.org.uk)



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PARISH COUNCILLORS

There are 12 Councillors representing the 3 wards.

EDSTASTON

Owen Darlington	01948 841306	The Gate House, Coton, Whitchurch SY13 3LN
Angela Neame	01939 235492	Spode Cottage, Quina Brook, Wem SY4 5RJ
Jon Murgatroyd	01939 234384	Grange Farm, Poolhead, Wem SY4 5QY
Bryan Morgan	01948 880305	Home Farm, New Road, Coton SY13 3LR
Moya Walker	01948 880304	Bank House, Back Lane, Coton SY13 3LS

NEWTOWN

Mark Lockett	01948 710218	The Lawns, Northwood, Wem SY4 5NP
Richard Powell	01939 233289	Horton Hall Farm, Horton, Wem SY4 5ND

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Peter Broomhall	01939 232573	3 Swains Close, Wem SY4 5NZ
Don Edwards	01939 233054	Sherfield, Ellesmere Road, Wem SY4 5TU
Bev Horsley	01939 232956	Ryebank Farmhouse, near Wem SY4 5RA
Len Staines	01939 234415	The Hawthorns, Barkers Green, Wem SY4 5JW
Tim Wilton-Morgan	01939 235703	Palms Hill House, Palms Hill, Wem SY4 5PQ

Councillors invite members of their ward to contact them to discuss any issues or matters of concern.

You can also contact the Parish Clerk, Carole Warner, Orchard Cottage, Rowe Lane, Welshampton, SY12 0QB 01948 710672 or email wemruralpc@hotmail.co.uk

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday
8 January 2013

Tuesday
5 February 2013

Tuesday
5 March 2013

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
26 March 2013

Tuesday
2 April 2013

M E E T I N G S

Wem Rural Parish Council meetings are held at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month in the Council Chamber, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem. Occasionally there may be a guest speaker in which case the meeting will start at the earlier time of 7.15pm to allow time before public statements at 7.30pm.

The Parish Council also holds Planning Meetings to consider planning applications when the time stipulated for response to Shropshire Council (21 days) does not allow them to be held over to the monthly Council meeting.

Agendas for all meetings are available on the website and are placed on notice boards around the Parish at least 3 days before the meeting. A copy can also be found in reception at Edinburgh House, Wem.

Members of the community are welcome to attend all meetings and there is time set by at the start to allow you to address the Council.

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