



# Rural Review

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## WELCOME to the Summer edition of the Rural Review.

This Rural Review is packed with information so I hope you enjoy reading about things that are happening. We were sorry to lose Councillors Geoff Glover and Georgia Bruce who will be pursuing retirement activities and business commitments respectively but we are pleased to welcome Huw Edwards for the Edstaston Ward and Julia Goode for the Newtown Ward. Huw and Julia are keen to get involved with projects in their wards in the coming months. If you have a community project or issue you wish to pursue, please contact them! We still have a vacancy in the Roden ward, so anyone who is interested please contact Carole Warner, our Clerk.

At our May Annual Meeting, where we review appointments I was re-elected Chair of the Parish Council. There is a change in Vice Chair; Cllr Tim Wilton-Morgan now holds this position. I would like to thank Cllr Peter Slack who was Vice Chair for the last 3 years. Pete has been a great support to the Chairs during those 3 years.

Well done to the Northwood Community Group for getting together to discuss what they would like to see in their area and then sharing it with the Parish Council. I was pleased to hear that you had been litter picking which contributed very well to our event for the National Litter Picking Week we held in March. They have also been busy discussing traffic calming for their area and with the Parish Council's assistance this is hopefully moving forward. Thank you to Cllr Stella Whyte for providing guidance to the group.

I recently attended the launch of the Wem Area Emergency Plan which was an event planned by the Wem Economic Forum, a joint initiative between Wem Rural Parish Council, Wem Town Council and others. Please see the article inside. The leaflets are very informative and I would like to thank Carole Warner for her hard work on this project.

Probably our most pleasing news this newsletter, is the grant we will receive from the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, John Campion. Together with a contribution from the Parish Council's funds, this will enable us to provide Smartwater kits for the Parish residents. Smartwater will support our safer communities challenge. A Working Group is currently planning the roll out of the kits. More information to follow early in September.

Finally, Edstaston Village Hall Committee is inviting businesses and the Community to join them for the project information evening on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 5pm to 8pm. Refreshments will be on offer!

### Liz Vernon, Chair Wem Rural Parish Council

**Wem Area Emergency Planning Launch**  
(left to right) Sherry Woolgrove (Emergency Planning Officer, Shropshire Council), Carole Warner (Clerk, WRPC), Cllr Liz Vernon (Chair, WRPC), Cllr Phil Glover (Mayor, Wem Town Council) and Shropshire Cllr Chris Mellings (Chair, Wem Economic Forum Working Group)



## Wem Area Emergency Planning

On 6 June the Wem Area Emergency Plan was launched. The aim is for the area to become more resilient in the event of an emergency. The Wem Area Emergency Plan Team will act as the link between Emergency Services, who will be dealing with the emergency, and the local community, both residents and businesses.

At the launch Shropshire Cllr Chris Mellings, who is leading the project on behalf of the Wem Economic Forum, said "This initial pack of booklets and flyers explain the project but more importantly, give residents valuable information about the action to take in an emergency. The leaflets tell you how to prepare, what to take if you need to evacuate your home and even includes advice about pets. Flyers cover how to cope with severe weather covering heatwaves, high winds, winter weather and thunderstorms. I recommend every household ask for one of these free packs."

If you would like to receive a free Emergency Planning pack, find out more or become involved in any way please contact the Clerk.

### Community Plan Refresh

Thank you to all who completed the questionnaire enclosed in the March Rural Review. The questionnaire was designed to review and refresh the 2013 Community Plan. The Council with the help of Shropshire RCC is in the process of analysing the results. These results will be used by the Council in planning for the future of the Parish and will be published in the Autumn edition of the Rural Review.

### Tilley Conservation Area

Shropshire Council recently agreed to designate Tilley as a Conservation Area. A Conservation Area is an 'area of special architectural or historical interest the character or appearance of which is desirable to preserve or enhance' and the village of Tilley has been given this recognition.

The formal legal process to implement Shropshire Council's decision will now take place.

## Edstaston Village Hall Extension Project

Following the generous donation of land adjacent to the hall by the Price family, the Edstaston Village Hall committee has worked hard with local architect Ian Jamieson of Bleazzard & Galletta to devise a cost-effective extension plan to make the best use of the land and create a village hall which is more widely useful and appealing to ALL members of our community. Plans have now been approved to extend the hall to provide a disabled toilet, new entrance lobby with good disabled/buggy/elderly access, a well organised kitchen/bar area and a stage, together with plenty of storage. The remaining land will be used as a multi-functional amenity area for summer events as well as much-needed space for overflow parking.

You can see more details of the plans on our facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Edstaston-Village-Hall-522954747846862/>

## YOU ARE INVITED



to the  
**EDSTASTON VILLAGE HALL**  
**Community Open Evening**  
**and launch of our exciting**  
**new extension project**

**Wednesday 3rd July**  
**from 5 - 8pm**

Drop in to view the plans, find out about our funding drive, meet the committee and show your support for this community project.

Refreshments will be served.

**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO**  
**HELP INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF**  
**EDSTASTON VILLAGE HALL**

**ALL WELCOME**

The work has started to try and make the dream a reality and we need to raise approximately £185,000. We have already been awarded £25,000 by Wem Rural Parish Council and the Village Hall has accumulated savings of around £8,000 to add to this. Fundraising in the community is ongoing, but there is a shortfall of over £150,000. We are preparing grant applications to supply this funding and in order to support these we need your valuable input to our very short questionnaire:

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2JHGSR3?fbclid=IwAR3NZru0IEkLA9GTDc\\_gWxoXuoCNjoLWvEFf8fBXMLP\\_DOfjPzw0zLTeqpOc](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2JHGSR3?fbclid=IwAR3NZru0IEkLA9GTDc_gWxoXuoCNjoLWvEFf8fBXMLP_DOfjPzw0zLTeqpOc)

## Community Speed Watch

For many years the Parish Council and residents have been concerned about the speed of traffic in the Parish. One way of tackling this is to set up a Community Speed Watch Group. Together with the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, the Parish Council will help set up a group, if there is clear evidence of speeding, if enough volunteers come forward.

### How does it work?

At specified safe locations, volunteers monitor the speed of passing vehicles with a hand-held speed detection device. Offending vehicles' details are recorded on a log sheet, including the names and signatures of the volunteers witnessing the offence and other key information. The aim is NOT to catch as many speeding drivers as possible. It aims to encourage motorists to drive at a safe and appropriate speed, reduce speed in areas of concern, re-educate drivers about the dangers of speeding and address concerns from local residents about cars speeding through their communities.

If you are interested in setting up a Community Speed Watch Group in your area of the Parish please contact your ward Parish Councillor or the Clerk. Contact details are on the back page.

## Wem Good Neighbours Scheme

Summer is on its way and we can look forward to enjoying warmer days and lighter nights. Please spare a thought for those who live in social isolation and cannot get out and about so easily. We all have times in our lives when we need a little extra help: during an illness; when we grow older; when someone dies; when recently home from hospital or becomes a single parent etc. Having a "Good Neighbour" to call on could make life a little easier.

Wem Good Neighbours are a small group of local volunteers who are helping to fill that gap. We can offer: visiting and befriending, help in the garden, shopping/collecting prescriptions, accompanying people to GP and hospital appointments, sitting for carers, dog walking and giving someone a "good morning" call.

Please don't hesitate to request any other help as we may know someone locally who can help.

If you would like to become a volunteer or give a donation, please call for a chat and more information.

Val Grocott,  
Chairman and service coordinator  
01939 231181  
[wemgoodneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:wemgoodneighbours@gmail.com)

## Shropshire RCC Fuel Buying Scheme

*Want to save money on your heating oil?  
Read below!*

Shropshire RCC is a local charity which runs a Community Fuel Buying Scheme to reduce the heating costs of those living off gas.

By bringing communities throughout Shropshire together and making the most of joint buying power, we can make savings and pass them directly to people like you whose fuel costs are high simply because you aren't connected to mains gas.

Being a member of the scheme not only gives you great savings on your fuel bills but removes the often time consuming task of ringing round suppliers for the best price. With local coordinators on hand to help those without email, and access to suppliers who can deliver to remote properties, the scheme can cater for everyone's circumstances.

In addition to heating oil we also offer exclusive deals for members on LPG & Wood. Membership to the scheme is £24 per year and enables us to cover the admin costs for running this scheme.

For more information please contact Lizzy Thain on 01743 342167 or join online at <http://www.shropshire-rcc.org.uk/services/individuals/oil-buying-scheme>

## EDSTASTON VILLAGE HALL

### More UPCOMING events

**14**  
Sept

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
with hotpot supper

**OKTOBER BEERFEST**

**26**  
Oct

**08**  
Nov

**MICHAEL LEACH**  
(Wildlife Photographer)  
with hotpot supper

### OPEN GARDEN TRAIL

with arts/crafts, tea and cakes, garden quizzes, plant sales, live music in some of the gardens...

If you live within a reasonable distance from Edstaston Village Hall and would be happy to open your garden on Saturday 6th June 2020 as part of this fundraising event for the new extension at Edstaston Village hall we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Bev Horsley ([bev@ryebank.co.uk](mailto:bev@ryebank.co.uk)) or any other committee member.

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## PARISH COUNCILLORS

12 Councillors represent the 3 wards

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 [clerk@wemrural-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wemrural-pc.gov.uk)

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Liz Vernon	01939 234896	The Park, Edstaston, Wem, SY4 5RF
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Jon Murgatroyd	07766 106826	Honeysuckle Barn, Hollins Lane, Tilstock SY13 3NU
Huw Edwards	07834 252412	Bank House Farm, Paddol Green, Wem, SY4 5QZ
Pete Slack	01939 236990	Fairview, 7 Paddol Green, Wem, SY4 5QZ

### NEWTOWN

Julia Goode	07971 102569	3 Oakhurst Villas, Newtown, SY4 5NT
Stella Whyte	01948 710302	Grange Villa, Northwood, Wem, SY4 5NP

### RODEN

Peter Broomhall	01939 232573	3 Swains Close, Wem, SY4 5NZ
Peter Marsh	01939 232498	Aston Hall, Wem, SY4 5JQ
Vacancy		
Len Staines	01939 234415	The Hawthorns, Barkers Green, Wem, SY4 5JW
Tim Wilton-Morgan	01939 235703	Palms Hill House, Palms Hill, Wem, SY4 5PQ

## M E E T I N G S

Wem Rural Parish Council meetings are held at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem. The Parish Council occasionally holds Extraordinary Meetings to consider planning applications when the time stipulated for response to Shropshire Council (31 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.

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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### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday  
2 July 2019

Tuesday  
6 August 2019

Tuesday  
3 September 2019

Tuesday  
1 October 2019