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WELCOME to the Autumn edition of the Rural Review.

I am very proud to report that Wem Rural Parish Council has been awarded the Gold Quality Mark following attendance at the Local Councils' Award Accreditation Panel Meeting at the Shirehall. I attended with Carole, our wonderful Clerk, to give a presentation and answer questions. The panel recognised our Council for being outstandingly proactive, highly committed and motivated to achieve improvements for our community. Our work with Wem Town, the Wem Economic Forum and Shropshire Council gained particular recognition for which Carole must be thanked. The panel felt that the Emergency Plan work has been outstanding!!

On Saturday 10th August I attended the opening of the Animal Au Pair in Northwood. I was invited by Linda Williams who must be congratulated for her hard work and enthusiasm for her new business. She also invited the Northwood community into her garden to share the event and use it as an opportunity as a fund raiser. £200 pounds was raised to spend on the future projects in the Northwood Community.

I would like to draw your attention to five events that will be happening in September, October and November in Wem Rural Parish. There is something for everyone I think! The 'Peace Picnic' to be held at Newtown on Sunday 15th September. I am looking forward to seeing the exhibitions, demonstrations and performances and sharing this event with local people. In Edstaston Village Hall, there will be a Quiz (14th September) a Comedy evening (8th October), a Beer Festival (26th October) and a Wildlife Talk (8th November). The committee are very busy raising funds for the Village Hall extension and I can guarantee you will enjoy these events!

I want to say a big thank you to all who organise community events – they are all volunteers and make tremendous efforts for us.

When was the last time you visited the Marches Mosses, the collective term for Fenn's, Whixall, Bettisfield, Wem and Cadney Mosses Special Area of Conservation? In this edition we have inserted a Restoring the Marches Mosses booklet produced by the BogLIFE team who are doing this restoration work. It explains why the work is being done, why the Mosses are so important and how you can enjoy their unique beauty. Please complete the questionnaire attached to the booklet and send it back in the stamped addressed envelope to be entered into a prize draw. The prize will be a guided tour of the Mosses led by someone expert in the amazing wildlife and plants in this wonderful landscape.

Finally, I know there are people who are awaiting news about the Wem Rural Parish launch of SmartWater. This will help you identify your belongings but importantly, will help secure safety in our local area. We all know that rural crime is a problem. The launch event is on Saturday 21st September at Edstaston Village Hall 10am - Noon where you can collect your kit and gain advice from the police and local councillors on how to register your premises. The SmartWater kits have been purchased with the help of a grant application by Wem Rural Parish Council. All residents and businesses are eligible for a kit!

Liz Vernon,
Chair
Wem Rural Parish Council

Cllr Liz Vernon
and
Wem Town Mayor
Phil Glover
opening Animal Au Pair



SmartWater

What is SmartWater?

SmartWater is a sophisticated security system that protects property, deters thieves and helps the police to convict criminals. It can be directly applied to valuables or it can be used to spray criminals committing a crime.

SmartWater contains a unique forensic code that is registered to an address or location. Anything marked can be traced back to where it came from, allowing the police to identify stolen property and link criminals to crime scenes. SmartWater is almost invisible in natural light but glows brightly under ultraviolet (UV) light.

Why Do Criminals Avoid SmartWater?

If a criminal is marked with SmartWater or caught with SmartWater-marked property, they face an increased risk of prosecution. SmartWater has helped to convict hundreds of criminals and has a 100% conviction rate. Police Forces nationwide, along with many second hand dealers, scrap merchants and recyclers are all looking for SmartWater.

Make Wem Rural Parish a Don't Buy Crime Area

If we can distribute SmartWater kits to over 70% of households in the Parish, the Council can claim a grant to fund the kits and provide signage.

Make sure you collect your SmartWater kit!

WEM RURAL PARISH WE DON'T BUY CRIME EVENT

Wem Rural Parish Council
is launching their new
SmartWater initiative

EDSTASTON VILLAGE HALL

SAT 21 SEPT 2019

10AM TILL NOON



Find out how SmartWater can protect your belongings and the wider community, meet the local West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and

COLLECT YOUR FREE SMARTWATER KIT

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NEWTOWN & NORTHWOOD AREA COMMUNITY 'PEACE PICNIC' WITH VINTAGE FUN AND ACTIVITIES

A Community Get-Together - to Celebrate the Centenary of the 'Official End of WWI' in Summer 1919. Come along and join us for a day of local celebration and family fun.

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2019 1pm – 4pm

A FREE EVENT

at NEWTOWN CHURCH and NEWTOWN PARK
(The event will be inside/under cover if bad weather)

Vintage Games and Activities for Children and Adults

WWI Uniforms, Medals, Equipment and Memorabilia

Whitchurch WWI Society Volunteer Demonstrations

Display of Local WWI Information

Hand Weaving Workshops for Children

Refreshments and Ice Cream

Gifts, Crafts and Produce for sale by local suppliers

Displays, Demonstrations, Presentations and Performances including:
Vintage 1917 Steam Roller, Hemispherical Bell Ringing, Music and more !



All Welcome

Just bring along your own picnic, and enjoy the activities on offer.

'Peace Picnic'

This is a joint Community Event, organized by Newtown Area History and Heritage Group; Newtown Church; Northwood Chapel; Newtown Community Recreation Association (NCRA)

In the summer of 1919 huge celebrations were held throughout the country to joyfully mark the signing of the Versailles Peace Treaty that finally brought the Great War to an end. People remembered those who had fought, and those who died, but also celebrated 'the Peace'. The King granted a 'Peace Day Holiday' throughout the Country, and schools, including Newtown School, were granted an extra week onto their summer 'harvest holiday'.

The end of World War 1 would also be an important turning point in British history and society, bringing about many changes in the 20th century and beyond.

Just turn up! Bring along your own picnic, and perhaps a chair/picnic blanket and join us for a community day.

A chance to look back, and also a chance to look forward .



Community Speed Watch coming to Northwood!

First Community Speed Watch Group in the Parish

West Mercia Police have agreed that Northwood can set up a Community Speed Watch (CSW) Group. They have reviewed traffic speeds and agreed safe locations. Now we need the volunteers! There needs to be at least 6 volunteers come forward to set up the Group.

How will monitoring by the CSW Group be carried out?

The safety of all road users is paramount in any CSW area. The following rules must be adhered to at all times:

- ◆ Volunteers must not stand in the road at any time or obstruct the footpath.
- ◆ Volunteers must always work in group if three, with one operating as a 'safety lookout'.
- ◆ Checks should only take place during daylight hours at locations which have been agreed and approved.
- ◆ High visibility jackets must always be worn.
- ◆ At least one volunteer must be in possession of a mobile phone.

Volunteers will be covered by West Mercia Police public liability and personal accident insurance policies.

Can anyone become a volunteer?

CSW volunteering is open to anyone aged 18 or over.

Volunteers will only be accepted onto a Group once appropriate checks have been carried out.

Police National Computer Check Consent Forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Volunteers must be able to make regular commitment to carry out monitoring and must adhere to the CSW scheme's safety rules at all times. Although reasonable adjustments can be made, volunteers should be mindful of the physical nature of the role.

Training will be provided covering areas such as health and safety, legislation and how to use the speed detection equipment.

West Mercia police reserve the right to withdraw permission for an individual to participate in a Group.

Although Northwood CSW Group is the first in the Parish, the Parish Council hopes that it will not be the only one. If you are interested in setting up a CSW Group in your area of the Parish why not talk to your neighbours? If we can assure there are 6 volunteers ready to step up it helps the case for West Mercia to review the location. Please contact your ward Parish Councillor or the Clerk. Contact details are on the back page.

EDSTASTON VILLAGE HALL
 Saturday 14 September at 7.30pm
 £10 per person / teams of 4

BAR
 Tickets from Elaine Brown / Bev Horsley / Sandra Price /
 Anna Thomas / Neale Sadler / Don Gregory / Carolyn Shingler /
 Corrine Brown / Ruth Williams / Trevor Gough / Hazel Rees /

includes HOTPOT SUPPER
 (vegetarian option available)

Raising funds for the Edstaston Village Hall Extension Project / Charity no. 1095886

Edstaston Church and Edstaston Village Hall proudly present

THE LIVE SHOW
ALFIE MOORE
IT'S A FAIR COP / WORK IN PROGRESS

BBC R4's Alfie Moore returns to Edstaston Village Hall to 'swear in' the audience as police officers and take them through a real-life scenario from his 'casebook'. He playfully challenges them with moral dilemmas, that police officers face every day, and invites them to contribute the real-time policing decisions they would make - with often unexpected and entertaining results!

"Brilliantly funny.... genuinely hilarious" David Mitchell
 "...offbeat, revealing and very funny" Daily Mail

FRIDAY / 11 October 2019 / 8.00pm
EDSTASTON VILLAGE HALL

Tickets £10 in advance / £12.50 on door
BAR (with snacks available to purchase)

Tickets available from Bryn Thomas 01939 232505 / Bev Horsley bev@ryebank.co.uk / or any Edstaston Church or Edstaston Village Hall committee member



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PARISH COUNCILLORS

12 Councillors represent the 3 wards

EDSTASTON

Liz Vernon	01939 234896	The Park, Edstaston, Wem, SY4 5RF
Ruth Williams	01939 233389	Pool Cottage, Poolhead, Wem SY4 5QY
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		
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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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LOCAL COUNCIL
AWARD SCHEME
QUALITY GOLD

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

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday
1 October 2019

Tuesday
5 November 2019

Tuesday
3 December 2019

Tuesday
7 January 2020

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