



Lapley, Stretton  
& Wheaton Aston  
Parish Council

# Wheaton Aston Community Spirit



**Best Kept Village entry 2024  
supporting documents**

**Showcasing what our community  
does**

# **What events and groups our community holds**

- **16TH Stafford Wheaton Aston Scout Group-Cub section and Beaver section. Both clubs meet at St Mary's School- Cubs on Thursday and Beavers on Monday**
- **Hartley Quiz - A popular local quiz held every two weeks at the Hartley Arms**
- **Coach Quiz - A popular quiz held every week in the Coach and Horses**
- **Wheaton Aston Book Club - A monthly gathering of like minded individuals who enjoy reading and discussing the topics that arise from the monthly chosen book. There are two book clubs, one ran from the village hall and one from the Coach and Horses**
- **Wheaton Aston Cheese Club - A very well attended meeting held once a month at the Hartley Arms. For individuals who enjoy Cheese or a social gathering. Typically you can expect to see and taste between 18 and 35 cheeses each month**
- **Wheaton Aston Junior Football Club - Restarted just over a year ago by some local volunteers after an absence of 20 years for children of all ages and abilities. After some hard work there are have 3 teams with more planned for next year. Training is well attended with over 40 local children attending each Saturday morning. They also hold 3 Football camps per year where the training is run by Stoke City, this regularly attracts over 45 children per session.**
- **Village Hall Exercise classes - classes held weekly (Fridays) in the village hall for all ages and experience.**
- **Wheaton Aston Dog Show - Held annually at the Sports and Social Club. A very popular event and is very well attended and fun for the whole family. It is run and manned by volunteers and all proceeds go to Birmingham Dogs home**
- **Brewood Car share scheme- the PC financially support this group and there are volunteer drivers from out of the parish who assist**
- **Creation Station Summer Scheme is held at St Marys Church over the summer holidays to offer craft and play sessions. Last year it was utilized to share out food from the share point.**

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- **Wheaton Aston Carnival - A great event for the whole village. Organised by volunteers it has floats from local organisations, stalls , displays in the central ring and also music from various groups.**
  - **Wheaton Aston Harvest Festival Charity Auction - Held annually at the Coach and Horses, another very popular event which raises money for local Charities in the region of £2,500 each year thanks to the generosity of local residents**
  - **Christmas Day Charity Fundraiser - Annual event organised by local volunteers who all dress up in Christmas themed costumes and collect money in the Hartley and Coach and Horses for local charities. This is very well supported by local residents.**
  - **Wheaton Aston Golf Society - Very well supported society enjoyed by all ages and abilities. Monthly golf days are held at different local courses, all organised by local volunteers**
  - **Church activities - Various activities including coffee mornings, wellbeing sessions and IT sessions taking place at the local church, St Marys, on a weekly basis, all welcome.**
  - **Open Mic nights held at both local pubs including monthly at the Coach and Horses**
  - **Monthly karaoke nights held at The Coach and Horses**
  - **Badminton Club - Weekly Badminton club taking place at St Marys First Academy School**
  - **Tavern Lane Studios - Multiple clubs held here including Cubs , Photography Club , Metal detecting club and local art exhibitions.**
  - **The annual Christmas light switch on event, ran by the PC and joined by all community groups, particulars St Marys Church**
  - **The 'Bunting Babes' who sewed miles of bunting!**
  - **St Marys Church run themed 'Messy Church' activities for children to partake in craft activities**

- **Community Drop in Morning at St Marys Church**

St Marys Church in Wheaton Aston is open every Wednesday morning. Volunteers provide tea, coffee and biscuits and somewhere to sit and chat. There is a second hand book, dvd and jigsaw table and a quiet area in the church for reflection. In the winter it acts as a warm hub and soup and toast is often available.

- **Tinies toddlers and toy's**

On Monday morning in St Marys Church volunteers run a parent and babies group for new mums who often feel isolated when they are at home with new babies. It is very popular as it gives new mums chance to chat and meet up and build friendships. There is a toy and baby cloths swap table.

- **Beer Festival**

The PTA hold a Beer Festival at The Sports & Social Club, this year it will be in September run by volunteers. Beers are sponsored by local businesses and there is live music and various entertainments during the day and evening. It is very popular in the parish and beyond. They raised over £6000 for cancer charities last time it was held.

- **The Hartley Arms Burgers and Beers Day**

The Hartley Arms holds its annual Burgers and Beer Day in August with an outdoor stage and live entertainment. The afternoon session also has local craft stalls and games for youngsters. The evening session has outdoor tables for people to sit and enjoy the live music and fine array of beers.

- **Scarecrow Festival**

In October half term St Marys School PTA hold a scarecrow festival. Residents are encouraged to display a Scarecrow and a map is produced so that the children can walk round the village and view them all. They are very creative and often extremely amusing.

- **Remembrance Service at the War Memorial**

Parish Council Volunteers hold a memorial service near 11th November on the Village Green at the War Memorial. Cakes are baked and tea and cakes are served in the Church after the service.

- **Community Speedwatch**

Lapley Stretton and Wheaton Aston as had a CSW group for several years. There are 5 committed volunteers who meet every quarter to organise a timetable and they are out on the road every 2 weeks throughout the year. currently have 4 sites and regularly record up to 15% of speeding cars on each site. They, together with the 3 Speed Indication Devices funded by the Parish Council have made a huge difference to speeding in our parish

- **Monday Lunch Club**

A group of wonderful volunteers cook a hot meal for pensioners every Monday in the Village Hall. The group shop and cook the meal and even collect and take home any pensioners who are unable to walk to the Hall. They also hold an annual Christmas Dinner and summer afternoon tea.

- **Pilates**

A Pilates class takes place in the village hall every Wednesday which is well attended by local residents.

- **Tai Chi**

Tai Chi classes take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, this is very popular and has a waiting list.

- **Local Vocal**

The local choir meets every Monday at the village hall and the members enjoy singing to improve their well being. They perform at Christmas in The Hartley Arms and this year they will be performing at the Village Christmas Lights Events.

- **Trojan Martial Arts Academy**

A community academy designed to offer educational, recreational and competitive martial arts and boxing programmes from 4 years old and up for both genders. Classes take place in a dedicated site on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### **Community Food Share Point**

The Parish Council house a community food box at the local Spar Shop where residents can donate or take if they need. The box is emptied weekly by a Parish Council volunteer and the contents taken to the local first school for distribution.



## **What's on at Tavern Lane Studios?**

- **Monday: After school dance with Davies Dance Academy (weekly)**
- **Tuesday: Knit and Natter am (weekly)**
- **Wednesday: After school dance with Davies Dance Academy (weekly)**
- **Monday: Am Family History Club (once a month)**
- **Second Tuesday evening of every month: Wheaton Aston Photography Club**
- **Third Tuesday evening of every month: Wheaton Aston metal detecting club**

# Photos of our events

## The Queens Platinum Jubilee



# The Carnival (due again in 2024)





# The annual Christmas Light Switch on





**Friday night keep fit class**

## **11th November Remembrance Service**



*we love to sing*

NO AUDITION  
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED  
"Therapeutic too"

**WHEATON ASTON LOCAL VOCALS**  
Now at The Village Hall Mondays 7.30 pm prompt

**WE HAVE ROOM FOR MORE SINGERS**



**FREE TASTER EVENING**  
Join us for a free evening to see if you like us....We'll have you singing with us in minutes.....and enjoying your visit.

**SIMPLY TURN UP 7.30 PROMPT.**

**Local Vocal**

## **Founders of the WA golf society**



**We are currently working with The British Airfields conservation trust to install a marker to commemorate the airfield that was known as Wheaton Aston Airfield. This was just outside of the parish. We are working together to find a suitable location for the marker, this may be work in progress during judging**



**the Beer Festival**

**Christmas fundraiser**



**Dog Show fun day**





**Football fundraising**

**One of the teams**



**Harvest festival and auction**





**Cheese club**



**Book Club**



**Coach and Horses Quiz night**



# Information points

Information on how LSWA PC engages with the community can be found in the following locations:

- Notice boards
- News and Views magazines delivered to each household 3 times a year (minimum

<https://wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk/your-parish-council/news-and-views/>

- Website  
<https://wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>
- Call the office 01902327091 or 07495789051
- Suggestions boxes in each village

- Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/WAstonParish>

- Instagram @wheatonastonparishcouncil