



Lapley, Stretton
& Wheaton Aston
Parish Council

News & Views

Spring 2014

New Homes for Wheaton Aston

South Staffordshire Council's Local Plan states that Wheaton Aston has to have a minimum of 21 new homes built within the next 16 years. Permission has since been granted for 9 properties on land at Greyhouse Farm, leaving a potential requirement of 12 properties. South Staffordshire Council have asked for local landowners to put forward plots of land that they would be prepared to sell for development and they are now looking to local people to tell them which site they would prefer the houses to be built on. They also want local people to help them decide which plots of land should be identified for more housing needed after 2028.

An exhibition took place on Thursday 27th March 2014 at Wheaton Aston Village Hall. from 2pm to 7pm. If you couldn't make the exhibition, you can view the options online at www.sstaffs.gov.uk by clicking the links for Site Allocations Consultation and Locality 2. The Parish Council urges as many local residents as possible to look at the options and make their thoughts known. These homes *will* be built and if the local community doesn't say where they should go, South Staffordshire Council will decide. The deadline for comments is 19th May 2014.

The sites put forward so far are:

- Land off Badgers End (28-35 homes)
- The Paddock, Hawthorn Drive (12-15 homes)
- Land at Brooklands (8-10 homes)
- Back Lane/Mill Lane (32-40 homes)
- Land off Primrose Close (47-59 homes)
- Land east of Back Lane (18-22 homes)
- Land off Broadholes Lane/Badgers End (75-94 homes)
- Land off Back Lane/Ivetsey Road (44-55 homes)
- Trevett House (4-6 homes)
- Land at Bridge Farm (12-18 homes)



Parish Council Meetings

Please see below for the dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings.

All meetings begin at 7.30pm with public participation, where members of the public have the opportunity to ask questions of the council and raise issues. After this they may stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

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| • 03 April 2014 | Village Hall 7pm |
| • 01 May 2014 | Village Hall 7pm |
| • 05 June 2014 | Village Hall |
| • 03 July 2014 | Village Hall |
| • 04 September 2014 | Village Hall |
| • 02 October 2014 | Village Hall |
| • 06 November 2014 | Village Hall |
| • 11 December 2014 | Village Hall |

BKV 2014

The Parish Council is once again entering all three villages into this year's Best Kept Village competition. You can help by:

- ✓ Not parking on grass verges (especially at Leeke Way where the grass verge has been destroyed by people parking cars on there)
- ✓ Picking up your litter
- ✓ Picking up after your dog
- ✓ Keeping your front garden and/or driveway tidy
- ✓ Taking part in the Community Tidy Up Days

The Community Tidy Up Days take place as follows:

Lapley:	10am, 26 th April & 10am, 24 th May
Stretton:	10am, 27 th April & 10am, 25 th May
Wheaton Aston:	10am, 26 th April & 10am, 24 th May



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News from the Church

Lots of you will already have heard the wonderful news that our Rector, Revd. Rachel Livesey is getting married this summer to her fiancé Crispin - if you have been to church recently you may well have met him! The Bellringers at Lapley rang a special Quarter Peal - which takes about 45 minutes - to celebrate their engagement. The marriage service will be at All Saints' Church, followed by afternoon tea at St. Mary's, and it will be a day of great celebration.

Now that we have good kitchen facilities and a toilet at St. Mary's, we are able to have more social and community events in the church, so the Lapley Church Restoration Fund are now working very hard to install a toilet and small kitchen in All Saints' Church too. If you are interested in the future of All Saints', please consider becoming a member of LCRF - wider membership and support are vital to the success of applications for funding, as well as the ongoing life of the church as a centre for both worship and community events.

There is a wide range of fundraising events coming up, something to suit everybody, so please do support us if you can. If you would like more information about LCRF, please contact Janet Fox (840334) or Margaret Holmes (840241), or, of course, Revd. Rachel.

Some of you may have purchased booklets produced by the two churches before - there was a Recipe Book and a book of Wartime Memories, both of which helped to raise money for the work at St. Mary's, and now there is a booklet of Local Walks in the area, on sale in both churches in aid of LCRF. In addition, the same editorial team are compiling a new recipe book of Cakes and Puddings, to be on sale at this year's Church Fete. If you have a recipe you would be willing to share, please email it to Janet on fox.lapley@btinternet.com or to Barbara on bmholt.11@gmail.com.

Alternatively, write it out and leave at the Drop In at St. Mary's on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings.

On Good Friday, April 18th there will be **Messy Church Easter Eggstravaganza in St. Mary's Church from 9.45-11.45am**. Lots of fun and craft activities for children, young people and adults, ending with hot cross buns or toast and drinks. Please let Anne (840656) know if you are coming to ensure we have enough materials (and hot cross buns!) for everyone. Please note that all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

EASTER SERVICES

13th April Palm Sunday, Holy Communion at 9.00am in All Saints' Church

Family Communion at 10.30am in St. Mary's Church

17th April at 7.30pm Maundy Thursday, Last Supper and Footwashing service.

18th April, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at 2pm in St. Mary's Church

20th April, Easter Sunday, Easter Eucharist at 9.00am in All Saints Church

Easter Eucharist at 10.30am in St. Mary's Church

EVENTS

Following last autumn's success on **Sunday, March 30th** there will be another **Tractor Run at Longnor Hall Farm**. Lunches will be available, and you can bring your own tractor or just come and see them all, old and new! Tractor assemble at 10.0am for an 11am start. Proceeds divided between the Air Ambulance and Lapley Church Restoration Fund. More details from Barbara Holt on 840258.

On **April 25th at 7.30pm** there will be a **St. Georges Day Celebration in Wheaton Aston Village Hall**. Two course hot meal, followed by entertainment by Dennis Cornes, including a patriotic sing-a-long. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are available from Pearl Thorley (840602), we advise early booking as this is one of our most popular events.

On **Sunday May 11th** there will be **Lunch at the Castle**, in

Lapley, watch The Grapevine and Church Notice Boards for more details soon.

June 27th will be **Rachel's Fundraising Hen Do in Wheaton Aston Village Hall** and on **July 27th** there will be **Teas and Sweet Peas at All Saints' Church**. More details of these last events to follow.

For more information about any services, events or other matters please contact

Revd. Rachel Livesey on 01785 840395,
rachel.livesey@googlemail.com

Superfast Broadband

It is great news that Wheaton Aston and Stretton are to receive optic fibre upgrades so that superfast broadband can be supplied to the area. It is disappointing though that the plans to include Lapley. Staffordshire County Council advise that all Lapley residents register their interest in superfast broadband services, both on the Openreach and Superfast Staffordshire websites. This may assist when the business case for investment is being made in the future.

Midweek Bus to Telford

Village Agent, Jan Wright has been working hard to residents to get a bus to Telford on a weekday.

Funding is now available and the Parish Action Group are submitting a funding application but they have to be able to demonstrate that there is a real need in Wheaton Aston, Lapley and Stretton.

At 10am on 10th April 2014 there will be a meeting in Wheaton Aston Village Hall where the Parish Action Group will make a presentation to the District Council. The more people that attend, the more likely it is that the demand for the bus will be made clear.

If you would like a bus to Telford during the week please attend and show your support for the scheme. Lunch is offered at the meeting. Please let Jan Wright know if you plan to attend: 01785 242525.

Wheaton Aston Wives

Wheaton Aston Wives Group meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month (except August) in the Village Hall at 8.00pm. The cost is just £2.00.

Open to all ladies (not just wives) – speakers and events are advertised in the Church magazine each month.

For more information please contact Jean Roberts on 01785 840556.

If You See It, Report It!

If you see a crime in progress call 999 immediately. Please also report any non-urgent crime including graffiti, damage, and anti-social behaviour by calling the police on 101. Our local police officers cannot investigate matters if they aren't reported.

Voluntary Car Scheme

The Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme exists to provide lifts for local villagers, usually the elderly or housebound, who have no transport of their own but need to get to doctors surgeries, clinics or hospital appointments.

Could you help? Could you spare a few hours a week or even a month?

You really can contribute as little or as much as you like, on whatever days of the week that suit you or simply subject to your availability at a given time. Please give it some thought – all travelling expenses are refunded and you may be surprised to find just how enjoyable it is.

Please phone Tanya on 01902 851786 between 9.30am – 12.30pm weekdays for more information.

Mobile Library Service

Wheaton Aston
Hartley Arms 10.00am-11.25am
St. Mary's Church 11.30am-12.40pm
Old School Court 12.45pm- 1.15pm
Ivetsey Close 2.05pm- 2.30pm
St. Mary's First School 2.35-4.00pm
6 January, 27 January, 17 February, 20 March, 31 March

Lapley
Vaughan Arms 1.25pm – 2.10pm
8 January, 29 January, 19 February, 12 March, 2 April

Potholes

The whole parish is affected by potholes. The quickest way to get them repaired is to call Highways on 0300 111 8000. If you are unhappy with the way in which they are repaired and feel that the method used is damaging your car you should call the number above and register your complaint.

Wheaton, Illinois, USA



Are you interested in building contacts in America? Would you like to start communicating with a US family? Why not get involved in the twin relationship with Wheaton, Illinois? Contact Ray or Diana Cowley on 01785 840697 for more details.

Stay and Play

Enjoy a wide range of activities for families with children aged 0-5yrs old. Come along to Wheaton Aston Youth Centre, Marston Road. Wheaton Aston ST19 9PQ....

The group runs term time only meeting on Tuesday Mornings 10.00-11.30...Cost of £1.50 per family including a snack and cold drink. For more information please contact Ali on 07582092834

Broadholes Lane Nature Space

In order to let the natural area regenerate and some new plants establish themselves, the nature space was closed for the winter. It is currently having excess water pumped from the wetland area to keep the area safe. The Parish Council hope to open it in the near future.

Trip to Webbs of Wychbold

There is a coach trip to Webbs of Wychbold (between Bromsgrove and Droitwich) on Thursday 15th May which will be leaving Wheaton Aston village hall at 9.15am and returning for 3.00pm. It will cost £3.00 for members of the Old People's Welfare group and £5.00 for visitors/non-members.

Anyone is welcome to come and should contact Pat Horton on 01785 840675 or Doreen Wildman on 01785 840854 to book a place.

NEW IT SESSIONS

WHEN
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24 June 2014

Wheaton Aston Arts – Community Art and Crafts Exhibition

Creative arts and crafts enthusiasts from Wheaton Aston are being sought for an early summer community event which would be held in St Mary's church. Wheaton Aston Arts would welcome anyone involved in creative skills to come and exhibit their work. Margaret Bailey who is chairperson of Wheaton Aston Arts says, "We want to show how creative Wheaton Aston residents can be". Anyone interested should contact Margaret on 01785840830 for further details.

Jeremy Lefroy MP Advice Surgery

Details of Jeremy Lefroy's surgeries will soon be published. In the meantime he can be contacted on 01785 252477 or at jeremy.lefroy.mp@parliament.uk

Day Centre Help Needed

Every Monday, the Wheaton Aston and Lapley Old People's Welfare run a day centre from 10.00am – 2.30pm in the village hall for housebound and/ disabled residents or for pensioners who live alone, where a hot two course lunch is provided, followed by a game of bingo. There are currently 4 teams of helpers who cook and serve the meals. If you could spare some time to join the teams to help, you would be most welcome. If you would like more details, please contact Angie Hassell on 01785 841024.

Citizens Advice Bureau

An outreach worker now operates one day a week from South Staffordshire Council Offices. Call 01902 696000 to make an appointment.

St. Mary's First School Opens a New Facility

St. Mary's First School have opened a new nursery, out of school club and breakfast club.

Childcare is offered during term time for 3-13 year olds. For more information contact the Nursery Leader on 01785 895342 or office@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk.

Are You a Considerate Driver?

Inconsiderate parking is causing a nuisance to residents and the parish council alike. Please avoid parking opposite junctions, in junctions, on double yellow lines, on grass verges (especially at Leeke Way) or where visibility is poor, such as on a bend. Powers to issue parking fines have been extended to the police. Those parking on double yellows and/or causing an obstruction beware!

THE PARISH ACTION GROUP

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Day Centre Vacancies

Every Monday, the Wheaton Aston and Lapley Old People's Welfare run a day centre from 10.30am – 2.30pm in the village hall for pensioners who are housebound and/ disabled, or for pensioners who live alone, where a hot two course lunch is provided, followed by a game of bingo. There are currently vacancies for more people to attend. If you have difficulties in leaving your home or are disabled, or are feeling lonely, and would like to come to the day centre on Mondays, the Wheaton Aston and Lapley Old People's Welfare would like to hear from you. Please contact Pat Horton on 01785 840675 for details.

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