



Lapley, Stretton
& Wheaton Aston
Parish Council

News & Views

Summer 2014

Another Chance To Influence Housing

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.

The Community Council of Staffordshire are carrying out an independent consultation, on behalf of South Staffordshire Council at the carnival on Saturday 12 July. If you haven't made your feelings known yet look out for their stall at the carnival. Graham Wright and his team will be on hand to guide you through the options and help you to make an informed choice.

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)



A New Councillor for Wheaton Aston

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Alan Richardson, who was co-opted on to the council on 5th June 2014 to represent the Ward of Wheaton Aston. Alan replaces Jacqui Squire who resigned in May due to work commitments. The Parish Council would like to thank Jacqui for her service and wish Alan well in his new role.

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 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
- ✓ Encouraging your children to respect our play areas
- ✓ Reporting vandalism to the police by calling 101



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NEWS FROM THE CHURCH



First of all, and most important, we want to congratulate our Rector, **Rev. Rachel Livesey and her fiancé Crispin Dale on their wedding on July 26th**. 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.

The Bellingers, who rang a Quarter Peal to celebrate their engagement, will be marking the occasion once more, so even if you can't get along to see the wedding, listen out for the bells! We wish Rachel and Crispin good luck and every blessing, both for the big day, and for their lifetime together.

As reported in the last 'News and Views' the Lapley Church Restoration Fund are working very hard to raise enough money to install a toilet and small kitchen in All Saints' Church. Over the past few months there has been a second Tractor Run, with tractors large and small as well as delicious lunches, a superb lunch in a beautiful marquee in the grounds of Lapley Castle and a fundraising 'Night in the Dorm', also known as Rachel's hen night; we thank everyone who has supported these events. If you would like to offer help to this small, but extremely hardworking team, 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. If you would like more information about LCRF, please contact Janet Fox (840334) or Margaret Holmes (840241) or, of course, Rev. Rachel.

There is a booklet of Local Walks in the area and one of Cakes and Puddings recipes on sale in both churches. They are both great value and each sale adds a little more to the Restoration Fund.

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported the

Church Fete in St. Mary's School, Wheaton Aston in early June. We were dismayed to wake to grey skies and heavy showers, but all the stalls squeezed into the School Hall, and even managed to leave space in the middle for some excellent dancing from the schoolchildren! Despite the rain the hardy folk of Wheaton Aston and Lapley were undeterred and turned out to make the day a financial as well as a social success.

We would also like to thank Kathryn Sharratt who gave us another 'Evening of Songs' a couple of weeks ago. Kathryn's lovely voice is always a big draw, and we had to print extra tickets above the original 80 in order to meet demand. Well done too, to the catering team for a great buffet. The concert raised over £800 which was divided between Cancer Research and Church Funds.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

On **Sunday July 27th, from 11.30am-6.00pm** there will be **Cream Teas and Sweet Peas in All Saints' Church, Lapley**, so that everyone can have a good look at the church decorated for Rachel and Crispin's wedding with arrangements of sweet peas, mostly grown in gardens around the villages. A great opportunity to relax and chat with friends and enjoy a cream tea in the summer sunshine. Proceeds from the day will go to the Lapley Church Restoration Fund.

Messy Church's next event will be celebrating Big Ted's birthday with a Family Picnic again this year, but not until after the school holidays. Watch the Grapevine and Church Notice Boards for posters giving more information nearer the time. If you haven't been to a Messy Church event before, do come and join in - you will be made most welcome, and we look forward to seeing as many people - and bears - as possible.

For more information about any services, events or other matters please contact
Rev. Rachel Livesey on 01785 840395,
rachel.livesey@googlemail.com

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.

Nursery & Out of School Care

St. Mary's First School have a nursery, out of school club and breakfast club located within the school.

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.

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.

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.

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

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!

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.

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

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.

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.

Broadholes Lane Play Garden

Work is underway to prevent water gathering at Broadholes Lane Play Garden. The Parish Council hope to open it in the near future. As soon as it is safe to do so.

Vandalism Strikes

Marston Road Playing Field is being plagued by vandals yet again. Fires have been set, gate posts removed from the ground, wooden gates kicked in, tree branches ripped off, bark stripped from trees, litter left, school books burned, equipment damaged and containers made to explode.

The damage so far this year has cost over £1000 to repair. If you have any information as to who has been causing the damage, please call the police on 101.

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
2.35pm-4.00pm

14 July, 4 Aug, 15 Sept, 6 & 27 Oct, 17 Nov, 8 & 29 Dec, 19 Jan, 9 Feb, 2 & 23 March

Lapley

Vaughan Arms
1.25pm – 2.10pm

16 July, 6 & 27 Aug, 17 Sept, 8 & 29 Oct, 19 Nov, 10 & 31 Dec, 21 Jan, 11 Feb, 4 & 25 March

Brewood Library

Storytime (0-4yrs)

Tuesdays (term-time) 2.15pm

Health Walk

Alternate Thursdays 10.00am

Walk & Talk

Fridays 10.00am

Chatty Readers (7-12yrs)

2nd Wednesday in month 3.30pm

Reading Group

1st Thursday in month 3.15pm

Work Club

15th & 29th July 10.00am

Summer Reading Challenge Launch

12th July 9.30am to 1.00pm

Call 01902 850087 for more details

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning at Joy Machin's house, The Blades, Pinfold Lane, on Thursday 31st July, which will be open from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

The stalls will include cakes, jams and preserves, books, DVDs, and toys, along with a White Elephant stall and a raffle. Refreshments will be available.

All proceeds are for the Old People's Welfare funds. Come and enjoy a sociable morning!

Your Community Needs You!

- *Are you over 18 years of age?
- *Do you have a full driving license?
- *Are you fairly fit?
- *Do you want to do something to help your village, friends, neighbours and local community?
- *Do you like the idea of helping to save someone's life?
- *Do you have a few hours a week to spare?
- *Are you able to maintain a patient's confidentiality and not share privileged information with friends and relatives?

If you answered yes to all of the above questions have you considered becoming a Community First Responder (CFR)?

Community First Responders are volunteers who have been trained by the Ambulance Service to respond to life threatening emergencies and provide care until an ambulance arrives.

Full training is given, including learning CPR - cardio pulmonary resuscitation - and how to treat other medical emergencies such as choking, serious bleeding, difficulty in breathing and suspected heart attacks, to name a few.

Many deaths from these incidents can be prevented if the victim receives prompt help.

YOU could make that difference, not only when on call as a Community First Responder but in your everyday life. If a colleague, friend or family member were to be victim of one of the above medical emergencies, just imagine how you would feel being able to help and possibly save their life.

Being a CFR is a very worthwhile pastime that only requires a few hours a week commitment. You can be on call whilst still doing your household chores, gardening, ironing, housework, washing your car or even while you are in bed asleep. You would just be required to be in the parish and able to respond quickly when needed.

Training is provided by the experts at West Midlands Ambulance Service and takes place over several consecutive weekends. Newly trained CFRs get to go out with one of the experienced members of the team until they are happy to go solo. You can even respond as a pair with a relative or friend who is also a CFR.

If this is something that you might be interested in please contact David Leaper, Wheaton Aston First Responders Co-ordinator on 07971 191786 for more information.

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