



Lapley, Stretton
& Wheaton Aston
Parish Council

News & Views

Winter 2017/18

News and Views is back!!!

It has been some time since a News and Views has been sent out. This was due to some very busy times for the Parish Council. The Parish Council offices are now settled over at the Business Hub at South Staffordshire Council, a new Clerk and Assistant Clerk are in place so its time to bring back News and Views.

If you have something that you want to share with the Parish then please email Amy (Clerk) on office@wheatonastonparishcouncil or Karen (Assistant Clerk) on assistant@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council have welcomed Cllr Anita Anderson who represents Stretton ward and Cllr Winnie Millington who represents Wheaton Aston ward to the Council. All Councillors can be contacted on the below email addresses:-

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Parish Council Meetings

Please see below for the dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings held at Lapley & Wheaton Aston Village Hall:

- 11th January
- 1st February
- 1st March
- 5th April
- 3rd May (Annual Parish meeting to begin at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm)
- 7th June
- 5th July
- 6th September
- 4th October
- 1st November
- 6th December (Precept)

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

Why not come and see your Parish Council in action?

Community Speed Watch



Volunteers required!!! Can you spare some time to help with the newly formed Community Speed Watch Group?

Would you like to be a volunteer trained by Staffordshire Police? The training will last for about 2 hours, is free and will cover all elements of Community Speed Watch.

Volunteers dictate when they will go out, for how long and at which of their chosen locations they will stand. Schemes can only operate in daylight hours and cannot be operational in the rain or snow.

The scheme will identify the locations which can be used to assess the speed of vehicles and Staffordshire Police will risk assess each location to ensure the safety of volunteers and motorists. If you are interested please email the Clerk: office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Jeremy Lefroy MP Advice Surgery

For details of the next surgery please contact the MP office direct on 01785 252477 or at jeremy.lefroy.mp@parliament.uk

Citizens Advice South Staffordshire

Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council has made a donation to 'Citizens' Advice South Staffordshire (formally CAB)

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

Youth Forum

The Parish Council have been notified that the younger people in the Parish have very little activities to engage with on an evening. Therefore it is the intention to hold a 'youth forum' with residents, young people, PSCO's, Councillors, SCVYS and Wolgarston High School.

Please follow our Social Media pages or view the minutes for more details on this.

Joint Police and Parish Council Surgery

The Parish Council will be holding a joint drop in surgery with PCSO Lloyd, or McAree and the Parish Clerk, ahead of each Parish Council meeting from 6.30pm. If you have any queries for either agency please turn up and we will do our best to assist.

Christmas Light Switch on

Many thanks to all of those who supported the Christmas Light Switch on event held on Saturday 25th November. It was a very cold and wet day so thank you for braving the elements!

An extra thanks goes to the Cannock Citadel Band of the Salvation Army, St. Mary's Church, all who provided stalls and entertainment, George Dobson, AFEB Ltd, South Staffordshire Council, St. Mary's First School, Staffordshire

Highways, Blachere Illumination, Staffordshire Police, Brewood Fire Station, Mr M Bissell, Mr R Cowley, Mr and Mrs Busby, St John Ambulance, all those affected by the road closure for their support and cooperation and the Councillors for working hard together to put on the event.

Voluntary Car Scheme

The Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme organises 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 the office on 01902 851786 between 9.30am – 12.30pm weekdays for more information.

Community Cobbles

A group of volunteers have transformed the area behind St Mary's Church with the support of South Staffordshire District Council. Mrs Margret Bailey has led this task and would welcome additional help. If you would like to help please call Mrs Bailey on 01785 840830



Broadholes Lane

Play Garden

Broadholes Lane Play Garden is now closed for the winter in order to allow maintenance and the draining of water from the wetland area. It will re-open on 1st April 2018.

New play Equipment at Primrose Play Area

After much consideration, the Parish Council have placed an order for some new equipment to be installed. This will replace the wooden equipment that was removed sometime ago. Playdale Playgrounds Ltd will be installing the equipment in early Spring 2018. A date has not been confirmed at this point.

A trim trail, gravity rider and a unit with a slide called 'Hong Kong' are the exciting new additions. All of the equipment is aimed at toddlers from 18 months plus.

Rights of Way Consultation

Residents have until the 25th December 2017 to respond to the consultation on maintenance of the public Rights Of Way. Register your thoughts at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/Rights-of-Way-Consultation.aspx

Council Budget Set

The Parish Council has set its budget for 2018/19. A budget of £108,288 has been set with a precept request of £103,088 being requested from SSC. This a 4.63% increase on 2017/18 with the average Band D tax paying £106.18

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. Officers can only investigate matters which are reported.

Details of Christmas Services and events:

Sunday 17 th at 6.15pm	Service of Lessons and Carols (Zion Chapel)	
Sunday 17 th at 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight (All Saints)	
Thursday 21 st at 7.30pm	Blue Christmas (St Mary's) <i>A quiet, reflective service with space to light a candle</i>	
Friday 22 nd at 9.45am	Messy Grownups Christmas Celebration (St Mary's)	<i>Please see Grapevine/noticeboards for booking details</i>
Sunday 24 th at 3.00pm	Christingle Service (St. Mary's)	<i>A collection will be taken for The Children's Society</i>
Sunday 24 th at 4.00pm	How Far is it to Bethlehem? (Zion Chapel)	<i>Carols and Reflections</i>
Sunday 24 th at 6.00pm	Carols on the Green (Village Green/St Mary's)	<i>Warm up afterwards with hot punch and mince pies</i>
Sunday 24 th at 11.30pm	Midnight Communion (All Saints)	

All are welcome at our services, and we ask God's blessing on each home and family this Christmas time. Thank you for your support of the churches throughout the year
Blessings, Rachel

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Staffordshire County Council	0300 111 8000	www.staffordshire.gov.uk
Police	101 (non-urgent) 999 (emergency)	www.staffordshirepolice.org.uk
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	www.crimestoppers-uk.org
Highways (To report potholes, damaged roads or pavements, or problems with lighting columns and road signs contact)	0300 111 8000	highways@staffordshire.gov.uk

Please note that the Parish Council office will be closed from 15th December to 3rd January 2018, emails and voicemails will not be monitored during this time.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year
From all at Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council.**