



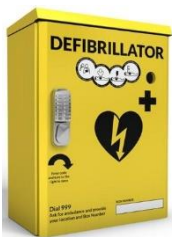
Lapley, Stretton
& Wheaton Aston
Parish Council

News & Views 2019 – Issue 4

Christmas Light Switch on – Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate the switching on of Wheaton Aston's Christmas Lights on the 23rd November. Despite the rain, it is estimated that nearly 500 people attended. Thank you to all who made this event a success and to the cast of Jack and the Beanstalk from the Place Telford, who made it a memorable evening. We hope that all organisations raised a good amount of funds and enjoyed the festivities.



Spatial Housing Review Consultation PC Decision – The Parish Council decided at the Meeting on the 5th December to support Staffordshire District Council's preferred option, option G



Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) - Early basic life support and defibrillation give the best chances of survival when someone suffers a cardiac arrest. An AED can be accessed 24/7 by anyone in the vicinity who requires it and ultimately means more lives could be saved.

Thanks to the kind generosity of the Community First Responders and well-supported fundraising events by the community, the Parish Council is very pleased to announce that we are in the process of installing five new defibrillators in the Parish. One in Lapley kiosk on Lapley Geen, one in Stretton at Stretton Lodge, one at the Bradford Arms, one

at the Sports and Social Club and one at Sunnybank Caravan Park. The Community First Responders are installing an additional defib at The Hartley Arms. Early 2020 we hope to install a further defib near to St Mary's First School. Many thanks to those who have housed a defib and cabinet

It is amazing to have life-saving equipment to hand but could you confidently use it? Whilst the defibrillator unit 'talks' you through how to use it, wouldn't it be advantageous to be fully trained by professionals? The Community First Responders have offered to organise training sessions free of charge. Please email the office (office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk) and let us know if you would like to attend.

Every second counts, [a morning of your time to train could save someone's life.](#)

SID is coming! - SID (speed indicator device) will be coming very soon to Ivetsey Road. The Speed watch group have fed back information to the PC on speeding hot spots and this area needs addressing with urgency. **Please consider your speed!!** There is a speed limit for a reason!!

Lapley Green - The Lapley Green renovation project continues. The PC has decided to add some more post and chain link fencing to the area and to paint this in keeping with the fingerposts. A pathed area will be installed outside the notice board, a beautiful commemoration bench has recently been installed, the holly hedge will be continued along one side of the green, and the phone box will be revamped with red and gold paint. Although this will need to wait until the Spring. No more trees will be planted at this time, this will be reconsidered in October 2020.

Marston Field - The CCTV is up and fully functional!! This is monitored and the PC will further any issues that occur in the area. 2019 has seen the remaining wooden fencing broken on numerous occasions, this will be replaced with metal estate fencing very soon

Citizens Advice – Contact Staffordshire South West Citizens Advice Bureau on 01902 897377

Voluntary Car Scheme - The Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme organises lifts for local villagers, usually the elderly or housebound, who have no transport but need to get to doctor's surgeries, clinics or hospital appointments. Could you help? Could you spare a few hours a week? You 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. All travelling expenses are refunded and you may be surprised just how enjoyable it is. Please phone the office on 01902 851786 between 9.30 am – 12.30 pm weekdays for more information. A voicemail service is in operation outside of office hours.

Damage to the Highway – Highways are the responsibility of Staffordshire County Council Highways Department. The quickest way to report potholes/damaged pavements / problems with lighting columns and road signs is to do it on the Staffordshire County Council website, or download the "My Staffs" app, which let you send in photos and locations straight from your phone.

Brewood Community Managed Library – Regular opening hours are: Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday 5pm-7pm; Saturdays 9.30am-1pm. Tel: 01902 850087

Community Speed Watch Volunteers still needed! - Can you spare some time to help with the 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. If you are interested please email the Parish Manager: office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you see it, report it! - If you see a crime in progress, call 999 immediately. Please report non-urgent crime including graffiti, anti-social behaviour, and damage by calling the police on 101. Officers can only investigate matters which are reported.

Staffordshire Police Smart Alert - Get free, localised crime alerts and community safety advice with the Staffordshire Smart Alert App. This can be downloaded for both Apple and Android devices at: www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk **Crime Prevention / Cybercrime** - There is a wealth of advice on the Staffordshire Police website. For more information visit: www.staffordshire.police.uk/crimeprevention, www.staffordshire.police.uk/cybercrime

South Staffs Community Lottery – You could win up to £25,000, and help support local good causes by taking part in the South Staffordshire Community Lottery. This weekly online lottery takes place every Saturday night at 8pm tickets can be purchased from 01902 213777 or at www.southstaffslottery.co.uk

Additional Green bins - You can book additional green bins and collection of bulky waste items on-line from "My Account"; the Council's personalised service giving residents on-line access to Council services.

Aspire Active Camps - Looking to keep your children active in the school holidays? Aspire Active Camps offer holiday clubs at Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, and Wombourne Leisure Centres. www.aspire-sports.co.uk

South Staffs Leisure Centres (Penkridge, Codsall, Wombourne & Cheslyn Hay) - offer affordable memberships with the use of 4 leisure centres for 1 great price and a list of benefits including affordable prices, flexible packages, no joining fees or long-term commitment, free inductions, health checks and fitness programmes. Open 7 days a week. Discounts for Students, Apprentices and Corporates. More information about memberships can be found at www.sstaffs.gov.uk/leisure/memberships

South Staffordshire Work Clubs - If you are out of work, there are 7 Work Clubs throughout South Staffordshire to help you. Tel: Cllr Val Chapman 07718 911367 or email: v.chapman@sstaffs.gov.uk

Climate Change

Climate Change has become a matter for all individuals to consider. Very recently most parishes in the district have struggled with flooding. Something as seemingly insignificant as how you pave your drive can hugely impact on flooding.

In 2008 there was a change in legislation which governs the rights of residents to pave their front garden with hard standings without planning permission. If the surface to be covered is more than five square meters planning permission is required for laying traditional, impermeable driveways, i.e. non-porous concrete or asphalt, unless the rainwater is directed to a soakaway or border rain garden to drain naturally within the boundary of the property.

Driveways completed without the requisite planning permission could be subject to an investigation by planning enforcement. Residents should be wary of companies which provide these types of driveways who claim that the rules can be circumvented.

As the Parish continues to experience issues with flooding we are encouraging residents to consider using permeable (or porous) surfacing such as gravel, permeable concrete block paving or porous asphalt for which no planning permission is required.

Guidance issued by the Environment Agency is available on the gov.uk website via the following link: www.gov.uk/government/publications/permeable-surfacing-of-front-gardens-guidance

Wheaton Aston Harvest Festival at The Coach and Horses.

A special thanks to Sophie, Pattie, Mel, Stacey and Gary for all of their hard work putting on the event which raised a huge total of £1,563. This has been allocated towards installing new defibrillators in the Parish. This project is now well underway, the support and donations from the community are much appreciated.

Lapley Green Christmas Tree.

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Brewster for donating a new Christmas tree for Lapley Green.

Waste bin collection

The new 2020-2021 waste and recycling booklet is out now. Bin crews are currently delivering these to households in the district so keep an eye out for it on your next grey bin collection day

Overgrown Pavements

We have been getting increasing complaints that hedges, shrubs and trees are encroaching on the pavement.. Please ensure that pavements are clear

and accessible. Any issues should be reported to the Enforcement team at South Staffs Council 01902 696000

St Mary's, Wheaton Aston & All Saints.

St All Saints and St Mary's thank you all for your support during 2019 and wish you a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

All events and services are at St Mary's Wheaton Aston unless otherwise stated. Please note that there will be no drop-in at St Mary's on 24th & 25th December or 1st January.

December 2019

Tues 17th Dying Matters, 7.00pm
Wed 18th Service of Healing & Wholeness 7.30pm
Thu 19th Blue Christmas 7.30pm
Sat 21st Cafe Church for Christmas 6.30pm
Sun 22nd Lessons & Carols, Zion Chapel, 6.15pm
Sun 22nd Carols by Candlelight, All Saints, Lapley 6.30pm
Tue 24th Christingle 3.00pm
Tue 24th Carols on the Green 6.00pm
Tue 24th Midnight Mass, All Saints, Lapley 11.30am
Wed 25th Christmas Communion 10.00am
Wed 25th Holy Communion, Zion Chapel, 10.30am
Sun 29th Carol Praise at All Saints, Lapley 10.30am

January 2020

Sat 4th SACRED Brunch, 11.00am
Sun 5th Evening Worship for a New Year, 6.30pm
Wed 8th Monthly Bible Study 9.00am
Wed 8th "www.cafe", 7.00pm
Wed 15th Service of Healing & Wholeness, Blymhill 7.30pm
Tue 21st Dying Matters, 2.00pm
Thu 23rd "www.cafe" 2.00pm
Sat 25th Cafe Church 6.30pm
Sun 26th LCRF Burns Lunch, Village Hall 1.00pm

What's on at Brewood Library

All activities are for adults unless the activity specifies it is for children.

Candlelight Tales - Monday 16th December 7pm. Lichfield Storytellers bring you a feast of frosty fables to get you in the festive mood!. £5. Booking essential. Refreshments available.

Charity Event – Riding for the Disabled - Saturday January 25. A coffee morning on from 10am to 12noon. Lots of homemade cake; Raffle; "Horsey-themed" Bring-and-Buy. Ponies may appear on the day (outside the library!)

Open: Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday 5pm-7pm; Saturdays 9.30am-1pm
Christmas hours – Open until 1pm 24th Dec. Closed 25th, 26th Dec and 1st January 2020

Tel: 01902 850087 for bookings

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2020 Parish Council Meetings

are to be held on the following dates (Thursday) at Wheaton Aston Village Hall: 17th January, 28th February, 2nd April. All meetings commence at 7:30pm (unless otherwise stated) with a public forum 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.



The Parish Office will close on Tuesday 17th December at 12pm for the Christmas period and will reopen on Monday 6th January 2020. Emails and calls will not be monitored during this time.

Have a great Christmas

**and wishing you a happy and healthy 2020 from all at
Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council**