



Lapley, Stretton
& Wheaton Aston
Parish Council

NEWS & VIEWS

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Its a new council!!

Following the election on 3rd May 2023 we have welcomed some new members to the council. Congratulations Cllr Jeff Ford, Cllr Dave Hodgkiss and Cllr Daphne Weate. We look forward to working with you. Many congratulations to our Councillors who have stayed on another term with us. We are very happy to have you back. Details for all Councillors can be found later in this edition.



Thankyou and goodbye Cllr Noblett

For 28 years Ted Noblett has been a member of LSWA PC and has been part of some fantastic projects during that time. Broadholes Lane nature area, Lapley Green renovation and the remodeling of Marston Field play area to name a few. He has been passionate about planting trees, filling pot holes, installing defibs and Christmas lights. For the Clerk his knowledge and expertise has been second to none, as were the garden cup of teas during covid so we could catch up. He led the council through the pandemic as Chairman and adapted to zoom meetings very well. LSWA PC has been blessed to have a member for so long (currently the longest serving member to our knowledge)

Thankyou Ted for all of your support and thankyou to Heather for the zoom guidance and putting up with the phone calls!!

We do have plans to mark this amazing reign of volunteering (Ted has had so much input to many village organisations) so watch this space!

Parish Meetings - All meetings will be held at Wheaton Aston & Lapley Village hall at 7:00pm unless other wise notified:

9th March 2023

20th April 2023

18th May 2023 Annual Parish Meeting of electors at 6.30pm followed Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7pm

13th July 2023

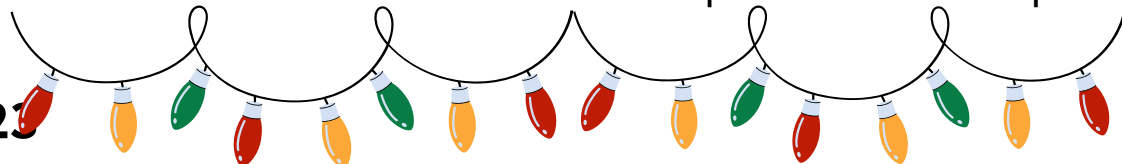
7th September 2023

19th October Full Council plus Community Meeting at 6.00pm

7th December 2023 (Precept)

A Representative will be available from 6.30pm for a drop in surgery

CHRISTMAS 2023



We love our Christmas event and we think you do too!! Can you help us make it bigger and better? We are looking for more stalls, if you would like one then fill-in the google form or contact the office for more information . This year we welcome back Wildwood alpacas , the children of St Marys, Dangerous Sheep events, The Salvation Army and Daniel James Acoustic. If you joined us for our Coronation event you will have heard Daniel sing for us then as he entertained us throughout the event.

Save the date!! Saturday 18th November 3-6pm



Police contact details

The PCSO's who look after our area are PCSO Gareth Lloyd Gareth.Lloyd2@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk and PCSO Adrian Price Adrian.Price@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk. Both welcome emails and will respond when they are on shift but please be aware that there could be a delay in response of several days due to shift patterns. In the first instance please use 101 or 999 dependent on the issues.

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Climate Change

Net zero future: The UN Campaign for Individual Action

To preserve a livable climate, greenhouse-gas emissions must be reduced by half by 2030 and to net zero by 2050. Bold, fast, and wide-ranging action needs to be taken by governments and businesses. But the transition to a low-carbon world also requires the participation of citizens – especially in advanced economies. ActNow is the United Nations campaign for individual action on climate change and sustainability.

Every one of us can help limit global warming and take care of our planet. By making choices that have less harmful effects on the environment, we can be part of the solution and influence change.

What can we do at home?

- **Raise awareness- talk about it, share content on social media**
- **Use a smart meter**
- **Boil only as much water as you need**
- **Use washing machines and dishwashers only when they are full**
- **Draught proof your home**
- **Turn down your thermostat by one degree- think smart!**
- **Walk when you can instead of driving**
- **Maintain your car in good condition**

Can you walk to school or work?

Can you turn the light off as you leave a room?

Can you raise awareness?

YES YOU CAN!

A small action can have big consequences



Garden Waste Collections

If you haven't already signed up to the new 2023/24 garden waste subscription year, now is the time.

- The 2023/24 scheme year runs from July 3rd, 2023 to June 30th, 2024
- Permit cost frozen at £43.60 per bin
- Upgraded online booking form

Sign up here:

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/gardenwaste>

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Update from The Watershed Benefice

Our open church activities continue through the summer:

Tinies, Toddlers and Toys, Mondays 10-12 St Mary's Wheaton Aston
Drop in (for all ages!), Wednesdays 10-12 at St Mary's Wheaton Aston
Places of Welcome 10-12 Thursdays at All Saints Lapley

Also - although final details are still to be confirmed - we will have an exciting NEW weekly outdoor activity for children throughout August. Watch this space.

If the weather is very hot, we will open occasionally as a cool space - check facebook for details

www.cafe - our space to talk about anything and everything - is now at Old School Court - usually the fourth Thursday of the month at 2pm

Special Events and Services

Sunday 2nd September Pet Service @ 2pm, outside St Mary's Wheaton Aston. All creatures great and small welcome.

Saturday 9th September Scarecrows and Cream Teas, All Saints Lapley

Saturday 16th September Quiet Day, St Mary's Wheaton Aston

Saturday 30th September, Messy Harvest, St Mary's Wheaton Aston

Sunday 1st October, Harvest Festival, All Saints Lapley

Sunday 8th October, Harvest Festival, St Mary's Wheaton Aston

Friday 13th October, LCRF Autumn Quiz, St Mary's Wheaton Aston

Sunday 31st October, Light Party, St Mary's Wheaton Aston

Sunday 2nd November, Remembering Loved Ones Together, St Mary's Wheaton Aston

Regular Services

Wednesdays, 9am, St Mary's Wheaton Aston Morning Prayer

Thursdays, 9am All Saints Lapley Morning Prayer

1st and 3rd Sundays, 9am, All Saints Lapley

2nd and 4th Sundays, 10.30am, St Mary's Wheaton Aston

2nd Sunday, 6.30pm, Facebook (Quiet Service)

4th Sunday, 6.30pm, St Mary's Wheaton Aston (Quiet Service)

2nd Wednesday 7.30pm, St Mary's Wheaton Aston (Midweek Communion)

Please see noticeboards, Grapevine or website/facebook for more details - or email

watershedbenefice@gmail.com

We continue to collect items for the Foodbank throughout the year

New benches

We plan to install new benches at Sunnybank, Badgers End and Marston Field. These will replace current benches that are now worn.

Sadly the 'leaf' bench at Marston field is no longer viable for repair after many repairs from our village orderly. We plan to install the new bench at this location on a concrete pad and will be sinking in the plaque to mark the Queens Green Canopy



People and Skills

creating brighter futures



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“ Creating Brighter Futures is a programme that provides 1-2-1 support for residents of South Staffordshire to overcome barriers to employment, or if they are already in employment, providing guidance and support for them to develop their careers. We provide support around training, debt management, mental health, employment skills as well as help in applying for roles, updating CV’s and interview preparation.

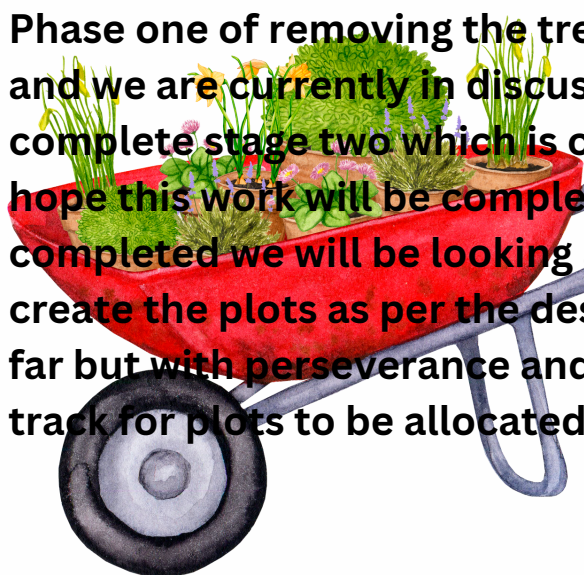
We are also able to support businesses to overcome any barriers to recruitment by finding people for roles and facilitating any training that may be required to undertake these roles. Funding can be provided to upskill any existing staff who are looking to progress within the organisation.

Our team will continue to provide advice and support during the first 6 months of employment, to overcome any issues that may occur and ensure a smooth transition into the workplace”

For more information please ring – 01902 696228 or
Email: peopleandskills@sstaffs.gov.uk

Broadholes Lane Platinum Jubilee Allotments

Phase one of removing the trees at the allotment site has been completed and we are currently in discussion with various companies for costs to complete stage two which is clearing the site of brash and tree trunks. We hope this work will be completed over July and August. Whilst this is being completed we will be looking at costs to complete the final stage which to create the plots as per the design plan. Its been a little bit bumpy to get this far but with perseverance and support we are progressing and are still on track for plots to be allocated early 2024.



Tree planting

In preparation of removing the trees at Broadholes Lane play area the PC engaged with the Forest Of Mercia to create a tree planting scheme at Marston Field to offset those removed. Sadly within days of planting a number of trees had been pulled up, snapped or disappeared. The Forest of Mercia will be helping us replant once again once the time is right and we ask you all to help us to take care of this area. One of the reasons why we have added more trees at Marston is to aid with the drainage issues we have there in the hope that the field can be a more usable space. We also plan to install a hay meadow area at Marston to encourage wildlife in a biodiverse area.

Images of those responsible for damaging and removing the trees have been passed to the police for further investigation but we would rather we didn't have the issue so please help us keep our open space safe by looking after it



Congratulations Pete Whittingham

A very heartfelt congratulations goes out to Pete for being honoured with the British Citizen Award, 'The People's Honours'. We understand Pete has been awarded this honour for his service to the community.

As milkman for the community for 46 years Pete has cared for and served the community by going above and beyond. It is a wonderful achievement and rightly recognised. Congratulations from all at LSWA PC

Office hours

As we head into the summer holiday's the office hours will vary, please leave us a message or email us and we will get back to you as soon as possible

Aspire Activity camps



South Staffordshire Council's leisure centres are working in partnership with Aspire Sports to provide children's school holiday activities which will be available this summer for young people aged 5-14 years old. Sports-themed activity camps will be available at the leisure centres during the following dates:

- Cheslyn Hay and Penkridge Leisure Centres (Mondays-Thursdays) from Monday, July 31st to Thursday, August 24th.

Codsall and Wombourne Leisure Centres (Mondays-Fridays) from Monday, July 24th to Friday, September 1st.

Bookings for active camps and HAF can be made at <https://www.aspire-sports.co.uk/active-camps>

For more information on the HAF scheme, visit

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/Holiday-activities-and-food/Holiday-Activities-and-Food.aspx>

Holiday Activities and Food Scheme (HAF)

The HAF scheme provides children who are living in South Staffordshire and eligible for free school meals, to free activity camps and hot food. Local schools will be providing eligible families with discount codes to book the free sessions.

HAF will be available at the leisure centres as follows:

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Codsall and Wombourne leisure centres (Mondays-Thursdays) Monday, July 31st – Thursday, August 24th)

Staffordshire Space Scheme – Discounts for 8-17 year olds available this summer

This summer, South Staffordshire Council's leisure centres will be providing discounts off activities thanks to funding from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The funding will enable local children to access leisure centre activities at hugely discounted prices.

Swimming sessions will be available for £1 per swim; gym sessions will be available for £1 per session; and 3G pitch hire reduced to just £10 per hour.

Age restrictions apply. Full details will be released in due course via the website and on South Staffordshire Council's leisure centres Facebook pages.