

WHIXALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME. Whixall Parish Council produces this short, bi-annual newsletter to keep you up to date with fundamental council and parish matters. It also endeavours to ensure that every household in the parish has up to date contact details for their local councillors and their clerk, should the need to contact them arise.

In this issue, our eighth newsletter, we will cover topics such as your new councillors, upcoming events, our new website and the Parish Plan. If there are any issues that you would like future newsletters to address then please feel free to contact the Clerk with your suggestion. (Contact details below).

Many thanks for taking the time to read this and for taking an interest in your community.

www.2shrop.net/whixallparishcouncil

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Parish Council website

www.2shrop.net/whixallparishcouncil

Community Led Parish Plan

Every household in Whixall should have received a copy of the Parish Plan back in August. This document was produced by a committee of approximately ten parishioners and two councillors and was based on feedback from a questionnaire you completed a year ago.

The plan will be a regular agenda item at Parish Council meetings where actions and progress will be discussed.

The action plan from this document is now on the Parish Council website and will be updated on a monthly basis; following council meetings.

The plan is an ongoing, 'live' document and Whixall is your parish so please feel free to contact the Clerk or any member of the council if you would like to raise an issue in connection with the plan.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Whixall Parish Council web site

As you might have noticed we have a new web site and new address: www.2shrop.net/whixallparishcouncil

If you visit our site you will find copies of minutes, agendas, information about how to get a copy of the Community News magazine, contact details for North Salop Wheelers and, of course, contact details for all the councillors and the clerk. If you wish to provide any feedback on the site please contact the clerk; Katie, on the email address opposite.

Is litter a problem near you?

Anybody who is interested in volunteering to pick litter in the parish please contact Katie; Clerk to the Council. (Details above)

Chairman's Report

I will begin by welcoming our four new councillors: Ian Mercer from Waterloo, Susie Marlow of Cumberland Lane, Chris Platon who lives at Canal Side and our ex- Clerk to the Council; Paula Poole from Hollinwood. It was fantastic to have so much interest in the council vacancies These new members will bring new skills and experience to the table.

Thank you to those of you who have attended a council meeting. The meetings are open to the public and a schedule of meetings is available on the website. Agendas are posted on notice boards approximately five days ahead of meetings. Please contact the clerk or a councillor if you have an issue that you wish to be discussed.

Thank you to St Mary's church for hosting this year's Remembrance Day service.

With regard to financial matters; the council have recently agreed to reinstate a small annual donation towards the upkeep of the United Reformed Church graveyard which is now being looked after by a newly formed trust following the closure of the church.

Staying with the subject of finances; I am pleased to report that following the audit of our accounts, we have again, met all regulatory requirements. A copy of the annual return document was displayed on both of the council notice boards in September.

And last, but not least, I would like to thank Mrs Joan Demet for all her hard work as a Parish Councillor over the past four years.

Cllr David Edgerton

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



Whixall Parish Council invites all Senior Citizens of Whixall to come along to this year's Christmas party for a great night- free of charge on

Friday 6th December 2013
6:30 for 7:00pm at
WHIXALL SOCIAL CENTRE
 Good food, a Christmas tiple
 and back by popular demand....
 Swing singer, Dan Martino!

If you need help with transport please contact your local Parish Councillor

MERES AND MOSSES PROJECT UPDATE

The Meres and Mosses project has been doing some work in the area with Whixall 'Down to Earth' group arranging a fascinating history tour of the area. Travelling by coach we toured the area and learned about the different buildings and people and how life once was in Whixall. This tour was filmed and we hope to produce a DVD of the journey to share. We are in the process of starting a local history group, so look out for more history related activities in the area, if you are interested please get in touch with

Luke Neal; Meres and Mosses community officer. We are also working closely with the volunteers at the Marlot and hope to have cattle grazing the site next year. Whixall School will be working with our education officer on the John Muir award, discovering, exploring and explaining wild sites in the area.

Luke Neal

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 Telephone Shropshire Wildlife Trust on: 01743 284275



The Parish Council would like to acknowledge the long service and commitment to Whixall by Mr David Astbury of Garners Lane. David decided not to stand for re-election in May after 30 years as a parish councillor.

"Over the years I have represented Whixall at many meetings and have always thought it a privilege and an honour. My wife Frances and I have even had the pleasure of attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace on behalf of Whixall Parish Council."

David Astbury