

# WHIXALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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This is Whixall Parish Council's fifth newsletter. The Council aims for it to reach every household in Whixall to inform the whole community of some of the work it does, things that have happened in the community in recent months and of upcoming events that may be of interest. We hope you find it useful and informative. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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## WHIXALL PARISH COUNCIL

All parishioners are invited to attend an informal  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING**

about Whixall's

Site Allocations and Management of Development  
(SAMDev) Plan

**DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR  
SAY ABOUT DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARIES AND  
'CLUSTERS' IN WHIXALL**

Please 'drop in' any time between 7pm and 9pm  
on

**TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

**AT WHIXALL SOCIAL CENTRE**

Parish Councillors will be there to listen to your views  
and answer your questions

## Connecting Shropshire

You may remember an article in our last newsletter about a project to bring superfast broadband to Shropshire.

*Connecting Shropshire* aims to ensure that every household and business will have access to the industry-standard level of broadband, with as many properties as possible having access to a superfast broadband service, by the end of 2015.

The Government has ploughed £8.2 million into the *Connecting Shropshire* project, with the same amount being invested by Shropshire Council.

It is absolutely crucial that as many people and businesses as possible **register their interest**, because we need to show potential investors that Shropshire communities and businesses want superfast broadband.

**You can show your support by registering your details by clicking on the link on the**

**[connectingshropshire.co.uk](http://connectingshropshire.co.uk) website.** By registering you are not signing up to anything, just showing that you would consider having superfast broadband if it became available.

**The closing date for registering your support is 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

### Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee (LJC) meeting

To be held at  
**Whixall Social Centre on  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 @ 7pm**

Public meeting  
Everyone welcome!

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**Come and join in  
with the Queen's  
Diamond Jubilee  
Celebrations  
At Whixall's annual  
Dog Show  
On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
at the Social centre**



## Chairman's report

Firstly, I wish to express sincere gratitude to Mr Graham Murphy for all his hard work as a Whixall Parish Councillor who resigned in January having moved away from the area.

Secondly, I would like to welcome two new Councillors: Dr Jeremy Phillips and Ms Di McNeish. We hope that they enjoy the experience of being members of the Parish Council.

Two new notice boards have been erected in the Parish; one at the Social Centre and the other at Moss Villas aka Moss Cottages.

The notice boards will be used to display various notices such as the Council's meeting schedule, Councillors contact details and meeting agendas.

With regard to the Council's financial matters; I can confirm that the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 have been presented for internal audit and following inspection will be sent to the external auditors Mazars. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to inspect the accounts which will be advertised on the aforementioned Parish Council notice boards.

The Council have recently donated £400 towards a new cycle shelter at Whixall

School and have also offered to make a contribution towards a proposed 'picnic and play' area at the school site which the whole community can benefit from.

The Senior Citizen's party in December was reported as a big success and I would like to thank all those who attended.

Finally, the Queen's Diamond jubilee celebrations will be incorporated into The Social Centre's Annual Dog Show which will be held on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at the Social Centre.**

*Cllr David Edgerton-  
Chairman*

## 'Your Natural Heritage' Project- Restoring Whixall Marlot (The Marl Allotment)

Last Summer the **Whixall Natural Heritage group** was begun under the leadership of Dr Gareth Parry from Shropshire Council's Natural Environment Team. Within the project there is funding available for local habitat management.

In our parish we have a plot of common land known locally as the Marlot which in the past was used for the extraction of marl (rock or soil consisting of clay and lime). The site is situated next to the Llangollen canal at Roundthorn Bridge.

The Marlot has been home to a range of interesting flora and fauna as recorded previously but in recent years the site has been degrading due to a lack of resources for management. It had become overgrown, the pools were slowly drying out and many of the open habitats had been lost.

Our local survey group and the Parish Council asked for funding for regeneration of the plot and the application was approved. With the help of some match funding from Natural England an extensive restoration plan has been undertaken to restore the mosaic of habitats, clear paths and install bat and bird boxes. The work has created a network of pools that were immediately inhabited by breeding frogs.

If you are interested in joining the local group and getting involved in the next project please **contact Jen Spenser on (01948) 880818 for more details.**