

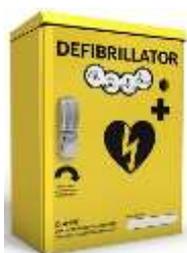


Lapley, Stretton
& Wheaton Aston
Parish Council

News & Views

2019 – Issue 3

CCTV on Marston Field – The Parish Council has been given an installation date of early October for the CCTV to be installed at Marston Field. The main purpose of the CCTV is crime prevention, however, the system also offers the reassurance that should an incident take place, the offender will be identified and the recorded footage can be used to assist in bringing a prosecution. This decision has not been taken lightly. There has been an ever increasing rate of damage to Council owned property at the location, we simply cannot afford for this to continue.



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

The Parish Council is currently working with Wheaton Aston Community First Responders and AEDdonate as part of the Staffordshire 1000 project (to install an additional 1000 defibrillators in Staffordshire) and will initially be installing AEDs in the telephone kiosk in Lapley and a yet to be decided location in Stretton for the safety of residents and visitors.

The Parish Council wish to thank Wheaton Aston First Responders for their overwhelming support with this project. They have already committed two defibrillators to the Parish for LSWA PC to install at Lapley and Stretton and have offered more support going forward. Thank you!

The Parish Council has also engaged in a longer-term project with several businesses within the parish to fundraise and install another 4 defibrillators.

St Marys First School are the first to sign up with this project and will begin fundraising immediately. Details of where to donate will be in the next edition of News and Views, available from the school and on social media very soon.

Wheaton Aston Christmas light Switch on

This year we are joined by members of the cast from Jack and the Beanstalk from The Place Telford as well as all the usual fun and entertainment



Save the date!!
Saturday 23rd November
4-6pm

Allotments - Would you like to see allotments in the parish? If so then let us know! The PC will investigate should there be sufficient interest. It will be a long process as land will need to be sourced, which we would seek to source within the Parish in the first instance and a Committee set up to oversee the process. Equally, if you don't think it's a good idea then let us know why. Call the office on 01902 842556 or email office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Citizens Advice South Staffordshire – This has now been taken over by the Citizens Advice Staffordshire South West. Contact 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 doctors 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. 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. A voicemail service is in operation outside of office hours.

Potholes - The quickest way to report potholes/ damaged pavements / problems with lighting columns and road signs is to call Staffordshire County Council Highways on 03001118000 or email highways@staffordshire.gov.uk or download the “My Staffs” app, which lets you send in photos and locations straight from your phone.

Brewood Community Managed Library – The library is open: 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 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. 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

Civil Weddings - The Ceremonial Suite at the District Council Offices at Codsall has now been completed. The suite offers an elegant and relaxed setting for civil weddings and partnership ceremonies, renewal of vows and naming ceremonies.

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 and you can purchase lottery tickets by telephoning 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 for ways 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 - 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 Open 7 Days A Week Free Health checks and Fitness Programmes, 14-day advanced booking, Free public swimming* , No joining fees, No long term contracts, Free Health checks and fitness programmes, 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

Lapley Green Renovation Project - A great deal of work has been done to improve Lapley Green. There is still more to be done, we will be planting the holly hedge, investigating extending the chain link fence, installing a defibrillator in the telephone kiosk, repainting the kiosk and attending to the thistles and patchy areas. In the future we look to installing a new bench

Ditton Services have now taken over the maintenance of the area and will be using their great wealth of experience to improve the Green further. Please feel free to ask James any questions, he is very partial to a cup of tea!

We hope that there will be Christmas lights this year on the Christmas tree. We are waiting for the tree to be replaced.

All of these improvements are on-going and take time to complete.

The Parish Council are also working with Staffordshire County Council to register the Green onto the Register of Village Greens. A Scheme of Management is in progress to ensure that only certain activities that enhance the Green are permitted.

Consultation - The Parish Council would like some input from residents in order to decide if there should be additional trees planted at the Green, and if so what species.

Suggestions have included pink and white flowering cherries, Guelder Rose, Rowan, Hawthorne and a Wayfaring Tree. Up to four more trees maybe planted

Your suggestions are important to us so if you have any other suggestions please email them to office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

All residents are invited to meet with the Council ahead of the full council meeting at **6.30pm-7.00 pm** on **24th October 2019** to discuss further

A final decision will be made following this consultation. If you are unable to attend but would still like to have your say then please email the office.

Lapley Church Gates - Could you make a donation to help replace the gates of Lapley Church? With thanks to local tradesman offering the work for free the cost of the materials which will be £1000.

The gates have been deemed beyond repair and a number of parishioners have set up a crowdfunding page to raise the funds.

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ray-cowley-1

Please support this beautiful historical Church if you can.

All Saints and St Mary's Church - There is plenty going on at All Saints and St Mary's this autumn and we would love to welcome you. Please check out the Grapevine, Facebook or Noticeboards for specific details, or contact revrachedale@gmail.com.

Remember that St Mary's is open for coffee, chat, computer support and pre-loved books from 10-12 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and that there are regular Sunday and midweek services at both churches. There are regular long and short walks leaving from St Mary's too.

Work to install the toilet and kitchen at All Saints will begin in September and finish on the first week of December. Entrance for services during this time will be via the Priests' Door on the side of the church.

October

Wednesday 2nd Bible Study
Thursday 3rd School Harvest Service*
Friday 4th Harvest Messy Grown-ups*
Saturday 5th Harvest Messy Church*
Sunday 6th Harvest Services*
Wednesday 9th www.cafe (evening)
Saturday 12th MacMillan Coffee Morning
Tuesday 15th Dying Matters
Wednesday 16th Service of Healing
Pm-Saturday 19th Cafe Church
Thursday 24th www.cafe (afternoon)
Sunday 27th Confirmation Service

Early November

Saturday 2nd SACRED
Sunday 3rd All Souls Memorial Service
Wednesday 6th Bible Study
Sunday 10th Remembrance Service at Lapley Cenotaph
Sunday 10th Talking Jesus Course Begins
Wednesday 13th www.cafe (evening)
Saturday 16th Cafe Church
Tuesday 19th Dying Matters
Wednesday 20th Service of Healing

*Please remember that we collect items for the foodbank all year round, with a special collection at harvest time.



South Staffordshire Council

Annual Canvass of Electors

YOUR VOTE MATTERS
MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



Household Enquiry Forms have been sent to all properties in South Staffordshire and require your response.

You can respond via:



Report no changes online at:

www.householdenquiry.com/southstaffs saving the council 25.5p per registration



Report changes online at:

www.householdenquiry.com/southstaffs saving the council 73p per registration



Apply online at

www.householdenquiry.com/southstaffs and add other people in your household, including an email address.

They will be sent a link to complete their registration at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote saving the council 80p per registration

Contact Elections on:



01902 696121



www.sstaffs.gov.uk/elections/canvass-2019



Do you need assistance with Digital Skills?

Come and have a chat with us!

Perton Library

Every Tuesday 11am to 1pm

Penkridge Library

Every Wednesday 10am to midday

Codsall Library

Every Thursday 2pm to 4pm



For more information or to reserve a place call **0300 111 8000**

Your Council

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www.staffordshire.gov.uk
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Crimestoppers
Highways

0800 555 111
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www.crimestoppers-uk.org
highways@staffordshire.gov.uk

2019 Parish Council Meetings are to be held on the following dates (Thursday) at Wheaton Aston Village Hall: **24th October** (Preceded by a joint Parish Council/Police surgery at 6.30pm), **5th December (Precept 2020-21)**

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.