

WHIXALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Spring/ Summer 2015

Welcome to our eleventh edition of Whixall Parish Council's bi-annual newsletter, we produce this to ensure that every household in the parish has up to date contact details for their local councillors and their clerk. It is also an opportunity to update you on any current topics.

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



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An appeal to all drivers- **PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY**

We urge ALL drivers to please take care on our many miles of lanes.

In the coming spring and summer months there will naturally be increased farm traffic and we hope that drivers of farm vehicles will drive at a respectable speed and that all drivers are mindful of other road users- cyclists, horses and livestock- at all times. Please take extra special care around Whixall Primary School at school drop off and pick- up times. In the mornings very young children have to walk along the road due to the lack of a footpath beyond the cenotaph and many cycle to and from school.

Whixall is your parish- KEEP IT SAFE.
Thank you

Local Policing

Many of you will know that there were a number of galvanised metal gates stolen from various locations in the Whixall area before Christmas. You will be pleased to know that the police have arrested two people relating to this crime.

Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team cover the Whixall area and the Parish Council are very pleased that a representative from the team regularly attends Parish Council meetings and there is monthly feedback from the police with regard to criminal activity and safety issues in Whixall.

Remember- you, the public, are the eyes and ears of the police so please report crimes that you witness.

You can email the Safer Neighbourhood Team directly on: whitchurch.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

To report a crime that is not an emergency dial 101.

Twitter: [www.twitter.co./NorthShropCops](https://twitter.com/NorthShropCops)

THANK YOU

To all those who attended the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party!

Huge thanks also to:

**-Sainsbury's, Whitchurch and Co-op,
Wem for mince pies**

**-Whitchurch Rotary for £50 donation
towards costs**

**-Peter and Val Stokes of Coton for
salad**

Chairman's report

Firstly I would like to welcome new councillor Mrs Jo Hardiman of Post Office Lane who was co-opted in January. Jo's experience as a primary school teacher and links with the community will bring another perspective to the table.

As always, I would like to thank members of the parish for attendance at meetings and communicating views- it is so important to hear from you.

A reminder that our Annual Parish Meeting (AGM) will be held on 13th May, we have made arrangements for a guest speaker on the subject of

broadband provision.

You may have noticed that our website address has changed. This is thanks to Cllr Chris Platon who has re-vamped the website with a new host and domain name, he hopes to continue to improve its usability. If anyone has any comments regarding the website then please contact the clerk.

Go to www.whixallparish.org.uk or follow link from the old web site.

We intend to post important messages and links to our website via the Whixall Community Facebook page more often - as it appears that

it has over 270 members which is approximately a third of the population of Whixall!

Just search for **Whixall Community Page on Facebook**.

As the end of the financial year approaches the clerk will be presenting the financial records for audit. Once verified, a copy of the Annual Return for the year ending March 2015 will be displayed on the Parish Council notice boards, this is usually in August.

Finally, this year in May will see the end of my four-year term as Chairman. I would like to thank all the councillors for their support and wish the new chair person all the best.

Cllr David Edgerton

A note from The Whixall Social Centre Committee...

The Social Centre Committee is going to organise a bicycle treasure hunt around Whixall for families- it will be on a Sunday sometime during the summer holidays. It will start and finish at the Social Centre where there will be, weather permitting, some outdoor food and drink. Clues will lead explorers around the leafy lanes of Whixall, picking out places of interest on the way, and of course there will be prizes at the end for the winners.

This is an initial request to see if there is anyone willing to help out with the planning and/or on the day to help set up the course, food, drink etc. Or, maybe you have a suggestion as to a good point of interest in the village: For example, does your house have an interesting or historic feature? If you would like to get involved please call Louise Peake on 07990 708 087 or email info@whixallsocialcentre.org

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The Waggoners Inn

You may remember that the main subject of our last newsletter, in autumn/winter 2014, was The Waggoners Inn. We stated then that the Community Asset application, giving the community the right to bid should the pub become available on the open market, was unsuccessful.

The Parish Council felt that Shropshire Council's handling of the application process was poor for a number of reasons and that their grounds for rejecting the application were narrow-minded in light of 'Localism'.

The Parish Council did not have a right to appeal the decision but did write a letter of complaint. Since then, following a fairly unsatisfactory response from Shropshire Council, two parish councillors and a Shropshire Councillor have met with the Rt Hon. Owen Paterson MP to discuss the matter.

The present position is that the subject of The Waggoners Inn has been sent back to the leader of Shropshire Council for further consideration.

The Parish Council continues to be committed to supporting the resurrection of the pub in whatever way they can.

Interested in the history of your parish? Visit the

Whixall History site

www.whixallhistory.co.uk

WHIXALL COMPANION DOG SHOW

Held under Kennel Club Rules
SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2015



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