

# Whixall Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn/Winter 2019

## Chairman's Report

Welcome to our latest report.

Firstly, I would like to welcome Jen Spenser back to the parish council after what seems like a short break. In addition we have a new councillor in Alan Rawlinson who brings experience of running a business and carrying out a similar role in France. Both Jen and Alan are contributing to the work of the council.

Sadly, due to pressure of work, Darren Farrington has recently resigned from the Council. I would like to thank Darren for his input and wish him well in the future.

A lot of the Council's time this year has been spent on the various proposals and meetings around the Boglife Project and it is hoped works will receive the relevant permissions and start shortly.

Flooding continues to be a significant issue for a number of residents and we are working with all parties to try and find, as much as possible, a sustainable solution.

For some time now the council has been identifying its assets, mostly land it holds on behalf of the community, and putting in place management systems and budgets for the future.

Sites of particular interest are: the Marlot, the land in and around the bowling club, the old graveyard at the Social Centre, the playing fields opposite Moss Cottages and the green in Hollinwood.

I would urge you all to visit the Marlot, which is adjacent to Roundthorn Bridge, and spend some time walking around the site that has a number of diverse habitats. The Marlot is managed by the parish council which is indebted to Martin Spenser and Graham Turnbull who arrange and manage the upkeep of the site. In fact they also do most of the work! I would like to thank anyone else who has spent time down there.

If anybody would like to get involved in volunteering to work on the Marlot please contact the Clerk.

We will be running the Senior Citizens' party again this year and I hope to see as many as possible of you there.

I have been Chair for 4 years now and I want to thank the Clerk and all the members for their help and support.

Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Ian Mercer, Chairman



### Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Friday 13 December

6.30 for 7pm

Whixall Social Centre

All Whixall's Senior Citizens are invited to supper, drinks and entertainment at this year's Christmas Party.

Children from Whixall Primary School will once again start the evening by singing Christmas songs and carols.

## Would You Like to Become a Parish Councillor?

The Council is looking to fill the vacancy that has recently arisen. This will shortly be advertised on the Parish Council website and on notice boards across the Parish. If you want to know more about what being a parish councillor involves, please contact the clerk (you will find contact details are on the back of this newsletter).

The Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday every month except August and December. The agenda is posted on our website at least 4 days before we meet.

Did you know that members of the public are welcome at all Parish Council monthly meetings? There is even a slot in the meeting for members of the public to speak.

## Your Community

### Whixall Social Centre

The social centre is available for hire.

Contact [simeonbeer@gmail.com](mailto:simeonbeer@gmail.com) for further details.

The Community Christmas event will be held at the Social Centre on 16 December at 5pm.

### Whixall Primary School

The school opens its doors to the community and provides a two course lunch on specific dates. For more information contact the school on 01948 880330

### Whixall Community News

Details of all local groups and activities can be found in this monthly magazine which covers Whixall, Tilstock, Edstaston and Coton.

Contact Annie Shakeshaft on 07590 474 859 to get a copy.

## Your Parish Councillors

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Whixall is also represented by two Shropshire Councillors:

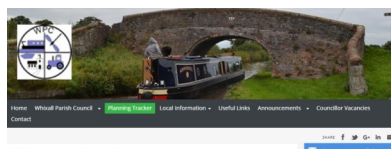
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For information about the services provided by Shropshire Council go to [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

## The Parish Council Website

[www.whixallparish.org.uk](http://www.whixallparish.org.uk)



Our updated website now features all current planning applications as well as information about the parish and the work of the Council.

We are always looking for local photographs (old or new) to feature on the website. If you have any that you're willing to let us use, please email them to the clerk.

## North Salop Wheelers Community Bus

North Salop Wheelers is a voluntary organisation supported by local fundraising as well as donations from town and parish councils, including Whixall Parish Council.

They are always on the lookout for volunteer drivers so if you can spare just a few hours now and then you could help to provide this vital service.

For more information ring 01948 880037 or go to [www.northsalopwheelers.co.uk](http://www.northsalopwheelers.co.uk).

## Whixall Marl Allotment (The Marlot)

A team of volunteers carries out year-round work including cutting back the overgrowth in the pond and meadow areas and dealing with fallen or damaged tree branches. This ongoing work often carried out with hand tools, despite the dense vegetation which returns year after year. Ditch maintenance work will be required this winter.

There is a great sense of achievement and satisfaction among the volunteers, knowing that their work helps the survival of wildlife. Without the support and guidance of the Natural England staff and volunteers, the current small local band would struggle to cope and so we are looking for more volunteers from the local community.

If you can spare some time to assist with the maintenance work, then please contact the parish clerk (details below) or Martin Spenser on 01948 880818 or 07784 907523 [m.spenser@btinternet.com](mailto:m.spenser@btinternet.com).

Our Parish Clerk (Mandy Roberts) can be contacted on 01939 234830 or [clerk.whixallpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clerk.whixallpc@hotmail.co.uk)

