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WELCOME...

to the new newsletter for Oswestry Rural Parish. It is designed, written, edited and produced by Oswestry Rural Parish Council to keep you informed about matters of local and county interest. The newsletter together with the new website, oswestryrural-pc.gov.uk, is part of the Parish Council's aim to improve communication with residents and businesses in the Parish.

You will read inside that the Council currently has a vacancy due to the resignation of Val Edwards who has recently taken on other voluntary work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Val for her years of service to our community and wish her well in the new role she is undertaking. If you believe you would make a good Parish Councillor please contact our Clerk, Carole Warner, and she will tell you the latest position and what action to take.

I hope you enjoy the read

Robert Milton
Chair, Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Trefonen
Treflach
Nantmawr



Village
Design
Statement

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Over the last 9 months a group of residents have been working hard with updating the 2006 Trefonen, Treflach and Nantmawr Village Design Statement. (VDS). Key to the decision to review the VDS was that legislation, particularly planning, had changed potentially affecting it and local opinions and thoughts may have changed.

It is imperative with any community led initiative that it reflects local opinion. Initially the Steering Group asked for input from the original contributors and a cross section of local residents and produced an updated VDS for public consultation. This consultation took place during March and April this year. Comments were considered and included where appropriate. The resulting document is currently being reviewed by the Parish Council with the intention that the policies contained within the VDS are adopted. The next stage is to submit the document to Shropshire Council for their review and adoption.

To view the updated VDS go to www.ttn-vds.org website.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016

On Tuesday 24 May the Annual Parish Meeting was held at Morda and Sweeney Village Hall. It was held on a different night to a Council meeting so to allow more detailed presentations to be given. The Chair of Parish Council, Matt Lee, opened the meeting with his report on the Parish Council. Because this has been a busy year Matt had many topics to report on. The Council has campaigned on behalf of residents on local issues, there have been changes in personnel both with the Clerk and Councillors and, more recently, collaboration on

joint issues with Shropshire Council. Overall, the Council believes it now has the structure in place to assist and represent the Parish more effectively.

Three main presentations were given by the West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership, Shropshire Council and the Trefonen, Treflach and Nantmawr Village Design Statement Steering Group.

The meeting was attended by more than 30 people and concluded with an informal question and answer session.

COMMUNITY FUNDS

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing (STAR) has a budget set aside each financial year for community based projects in areas where they have housing stock, this includes Oswestry Rural Parish. You can apply for funding up to a maximum of £500 by simply completing an application form.

Examples of eligible projects include: Educational workshops, setting up a residents group, leaflet drops, training and/or diversionary activities.

Your project should fall under at least one of the following categories:

- Safer - such as extra security lighting
- Greener - such as planting of shrubs/plants
- Cleaner - such as litter bins/removal of graffiti
- United - such as projects that encourage better relations between neighbours.

Contact Lindsey, Emma or Lauren on 01743 210206 for more details.

Automated External Defibrillators

We are very fortunate to have 3 AEDs located in the Parish. The AEDs in Trefonen and Rhydycroesau are supported by volunteers within their communities which means they can be used anywhere within 5km of their location. The Morda AED currently can only be used in public places. The Parish Council is looking to set up a group of volunteers to support the Morda AED. If you would like to be part of a support group please contact the Clerk.

The Navigation Inn is currently fundraising for an AED in Maesbury Marsh. Contact Mr Brett Ellis on 01691 672958 for details.

IN MEMORY OF MR VERDUN MORRIS

Last year a special service was held in the closed Trefonen Cross cemetery. Mr Frank Morris from Wrexham unveiled a plaque within the family memorial. The plaque was in memory of Mr Verdun Morris who lived in Trefonen and served in the Royal Berkshire Regiment. Mr Morris is laid to rest in Taukkyan War Cemetery Rangoon.

Those attending included members of The British Legion Oswestry (standard bearers), a bugler from the Light Infantry (Telford), Cllr Cheetham (Parish Council) and Mr F Morris' family and friends.



COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Do you want to help get things done in your neighbourhood? Are you already active in your community? As a councillor, you can make a difference. There is currently a vacancy for a parish councillor in the Trefonen with Treflach Ward so what is involved in being a councillor?

Being a councillor is a rewarding form of public service that puts you in a unique position where you can make decisions about local issues and improve the quality of life for people within Oswestry Rural Parish. It gives you the opportunity to help your local community and be part of a dedicated team influencing and providing key services for your area.

The councillor's role takes in:

- Representing the parish ward
- Decision making
- Policy and strategy review and development
- Community leadership and engagement

Being an effective councillor requires some work. The primary role of a councillor is to represent their ward and the people who live in it. Community Leadership is at the heart of modern local government and councils are taking on new responsibilities for working in partnership with other organisations, including Shropshire Council and the voluntary and community sector, to improve services and the quality of life for citizens.

For more information please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk. Contact details are on the back page.

THE BIG CONVERSATION

The Big Conversation, initiated in autumn 2015 by Shropshire Council, represents the beginning of a five-year conversation, with the people of Shropshire. Like all local authorities, Shropshire Council faces the challenge of needing to make substantial savings in the coming years due to the national effort to reduce overall public sector indebtedness. This means that Shropshire Council will not be able to deliver the same services to the same extent as they do now and there is an urgent need to prioritise how the budget will be spent in future.

Phase 1 of this initiative has been completed and key areas where funding should be protected and the importance of the voluntary sector and town and parish councils taking on greater roles have been identified. Oswestry Rural Parish Council will ensure it plays its part in seeking to protect services important to its residents and will be seeking your opinions at the appropriate time.

To follow progress of The Big Conversation go to:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/big-conversation/

RURAL CRIME UPDATE

Melissa Bebb has been appointed Rural, Business and Cyber Crime Coordinator for Shropshire. The purpose of this role is crime prevention – to stop crimes happening, to make people aware how to prevent themselves being victims of crime, either businesses or rural communities.

This is a new role, and although employed by Shropshire Council the position is funded by the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner). Melissa is based between Shirehall and Monkmoor police station and her usual working week is Tuesday-Thursday.

If you believe Melissa can help you please contact her on
Tel: 01743 253983 or
Email
melissa.bebb@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or
Melissa.Bebb@shropshire.gov.uk

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES REVIEW

As part of their planned financial savings Shropshire Council is consulting on a reductions of opening times for all libraries to reflect changing patterns of library usage and the way people are accessing library services.

The consultation closes on 6 July 2016. To understand more about these changes and to make your views known go to:

<http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/library-opening-times-review/>

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

There are 15 Councillors representing the 5 wards.

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SYCHTYN WARD

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TREFONEN WITH TREFLACH WARD

Pam Broomby 01691 653479 Dolwen, Pit Lane, Treflach, SY10 9HB
Tony Cheetham 01691 655673 The Old Malthouse, Trefonen, SY10 9DQ
June Middleton 01691 655216 Trefarclawdd Lodge, Trefonen, SY10 9AT

VACANCY

Councillors invite members of their ward to contact them to discuss any issues or matters of concern.

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You can also contact the Parish Clerk, Carole Warner, Orchard Cottage, Rowe Lane, Welshampton, SY12 0QB 01948 710672 or email clerk@oswestryrural-pc.gov.uk

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday 28 June
Rhydycroesau

Tuesday 26 July
Trefonen

Tuesday 30 August
Trefonen

M E E T I N G S

Oswestry Rural Parish Council meetings are held at 7pm on the last Tuesday of the month. Please check the website for locations.

Agendas for all meetings are available on the website and are placed on notice boards around the Parish at least 3 days before the meeting.

Members of the community are welcome to attend all meetings and there is time set by at the start to allow you to address the Council.

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