



Warndon Parish Council

Newsletter — Autumn 2009

Warmest greetings to the newcomers and those who have been with us for some time.

The Parish Council was 25 years old on the 1 August this year. There is a brief description of how the Parish Council was formed.

This year the autumn colours seem better than ever. Our own arboretum, and how well the Estate Warden, Trevor, has kept the shrubs in trim despite some indifferent weather. We hope that the grass cutting has also been appreciated.

There is a report on the Hanging Basket Competition. The judges knew that they would see some beautiful baskets. They were, however, surprised at the numbers. It made their job particularly taxing but enjoyable.

The Christmas Lights competition will take place again during the fast approaching Festive Season.

You will find the usual four centre pages that are devoted to the Lyppard Grange Community Centre inside.



From the Chairman

Another 3 months passes quickly and only 7 weeks to Christmas ! The grass cutting season is over and we are very pleased with the outcome of the additional grass cutting which was funded by the Parish Council.

We now go into a budget process for 2010/11 which will need us to make decisions on whether we continue to fund the additional costs for grass cutting and Lyppard Grange Community Centre maintenance, my own feelings are that this should continue but all the parish councillors will vote on the merits of these and other services in order to achieve an acceptable budget for next year. We have been financially prudent for the last few years so we should be able to cushion any additional costs to a reasonable level.

The next major issue which comes before us will be matters associated with the South Worcestershire Joint Strategy, this is the plan which includes the government's proposals to build many thousands of additional homes in South Worcestershire and this inevitably includes many plots in and adjoining the Parish. I am quite sure that given the chance developers would build on every Open Space we have but we shall continue to try and minimise any development that has a major impact on this area. If you want to make your voice heard go to www.swjcs.org and have your say on the proposals.

The Council meetings are held on the first Monday in the month at Lyppard Grange Community Centre at 19.30 hrs. Members of the public are allowed to speak in the first part of the meeting, so please come along and let us know if you have any ideas for the future.

Ray Morris
Chairman

Are you over 50 ?

Did you know that there is a very active over 50's group which meets regularly at the Lyppard Grange Community Centre ? The group has regular talks on many interesting subjects and trips to various places of interest. Their meetings take place on a Monday every two weeks.

For more details contact David Hales on 01905 29144 or just come to the next meeting and receive a warm and friendly welcome !

PARISH COUNCIL - THE BEGINNING

Newcomers who come to live here may wonder why there is a parish council within the city boundary.

It was the brainchild of several far-thinking men who lived in Heron Grange some 25 years ago. They formed an action group when they heard that Worcester City Council was planning to build houses and a number of business parks businesses on the existing farmland in the green belt. They realised that they would have more authority and a chance to influence decisions as a parish council. Parish Councils are the third tier of local government have can exert more power than any residents association might be able to. The Parish Council would have the statutory right to see the proposed plans and be able to comment on them

Thus Warndon Parish Council was born despite considerable opposition from Worcester City Council who considered that the Parish Council was unnecessary.

The first meeting of the Council took place on Wednesday 1 August 1984 in the home of the Derek Bridge, who was elected Chairman with John Wadley Vice-chairman. At the time there were three other councillors, Pat McKevitt, Peter Jones and Peter Thorpe. Neil Bullock was the first Clerk.

So began the business of setting the procedure for overseeing the well-being of the parishioners by future councils. Since then the Council has increased it's membership to eight, four representing the North of the Parish and four representing the Southern end.

Over the 25 years since starting there have been 37 members of the Parish Council, eight of who have acted as Chairman.

Hanging Basket competition

Councillor Dawn Merriman reports:

When the weathermen announced we were in for a long hot barbecue summer, little did we know that the only heat we would be getting this year was from the fiery floral displays of **red** geraniums and bizzie lizzies, **orange** begonias and **yellow** marigolds

Despite the gloomy summer weather the hanging baskets throughout the villages have shone. What a success the hanging basket competition has been, with over 40 hanging baskets being nominated! After two and half hours visiting every nominated household and judging on colour, design, size and impact the baskets were shortlisted. Ruth Curran from Blooms Garden Centre, Worcester Road kindly carried out the final judging of the top ten baskets.

Ruth had such a difficult job but finally she decided the John Downer Trophy should be awarded jointly to

Mr. & Mrs. Smith, 18 Broadfields Gardens, Great Meadow and

Mr. & Mrs. Gormley 3 Water Croft, Long Meadow

Mr. & Mrs. Howes, 2 Haze Croft, Hanford East were awarded third prize.

The winning households were invited to the September Parish Council meeting to claim the John Downer Cup (which each household will hold for a six month period) and their Blooms gift vouchers.

The Parish Council would like to thank every one who provided the villages with a glorious display of flowers, whether they were in troughs, baskets or front gardens. It is always a pleasure to see the efforts people make.

Well done to everyone for battling the weather and brightening our gloomy summer. What a green fingered lot you are!

Christmas Lights competition

We shall be judging the Christmas Lights again this year using our usual 'secret' method of touring the parish and deciding on Best Dwelling and Best Street. They do enlighten the scene and add to the Christmas feeling.

Lyppard Grange



COMMUNITY CENTRE

For more information, please contact the centre on 01905 616841

New Events

Christmas Shopping Evening

Saturday 14th November

6.30pm - 8.30pm

To sell your Christmas items at this event, please call the Centre on the number below.

Christmas Shopping trip to Birmingham Bull Ring

Saturday 21st November

9.00am - 6.00pm

Tickets on sale now!

For more information, please contact the Centre on 01905 616841

Keep
me !

For more Information, please call us at the Centre

MONDAY	Group	Contact	Number
0745-0845	Walking Bus to Lyppard School	Jane	01905 619988
0830-1530	Grange Nursery 2-5 yrs	Jane	01905 619988
0930-1200	Ladybirds Pre school 3-5 years	Dawn	07504 709034
1210-1440	Ladybirds Pre school 3-5 years	Dawn	07504 709034
1000-1200	Monday Monkeys P&T (0-5years)	Audrey	01905 28730
1100-1200	Adult Fitness	Jane	07759 555743
1230-1330	Weight Watchers	Debbie	07887 803224
1400-1600	*** Five 'O' Group (Fortnightly)	David	01905 29144
1500-1800	Cheeky Chimps 4-11years	Marie	01905 616841
1545-1615	Little Steps Ballet 4-5yrs	Debbie	01905 345237
1615-1645	Little Steps Modern and Jazz	Debbie	01905 345237
1645-1745	Rainbows 5-7 yrs	Liz	01905 613305
1800-1900	Rainbows 5-7 yrs	Liz	01905 613305
1800-1930	Brownie Guides 7-10 years	Sharon	01905 763162
1830-2030	Weight Watchers	Carol	01886 832084
1930-2130	Lyppard Grange Community Choir	Helen	01905 747827
2030-2200	Tetsudo (Martial arts)	Aruna	07980 982557
TUESDAY	Group	Contact	Number
0745-0845	Walking Bus to Lyppard School	Jane	01905 619988
0830-1245	Grange Nursery 2-5 years	Jane	01905 619988
0930-1400	Tumble Tots	Alex	01905 769296
0930-1200	Ladybirds Pre school 3-5 years	Dawn	07504 709034
1000-1130	Baby Clinic (every week)	Health Visitor	01905 20669
1210-1440	Ladybirds Pre school 3-5 years	Dawn	07504 709034
1315-1515	Art & Crafts (adults)	Chris	01905 754411
1600-1645	Ballet 3 - 5 years	Lucy-Anne	01905 454039
1645-1730	Ballet 6+ years	Lucy-Anne	01905 454039
1730-1815	Free Dance 6+ years	Lucy-Anne	01905 454039
1500-1800	Cheeky Chimps 4-11years	Marie	01905 616841
1810-1900	Tobi Tigers Katate 5-7 yrs	Justine	07793 212246
1830-2030	Youth Club	Scott	01905 616841
1900-1950	Karate-Beginners	Justine	07793 212426
1950-2040	Karate-Intermediates	Justine	07793 212426
1930-2030	Me Time Pilates	Amanda	07791 873870
2040-2130	Karate-Advanced	Justine	07793 212426
WEDNESDAY	Group	Contact	Number
0745-0845	Walking Bus to Lyppard School	Jane	01905 619988
0830-1245	Grange Nursery 2-5years	Jane	01905 619988
0930-1200	Ladybirds Pre school 3-5 years	Dawn	07504 709034
1210-1440	Ladybirds Pre school 3-5 years	Dawn	07504 709034
1300-1430	Little Steps Dance classes	Debbie	01905 345237
1500-1800	Cheeky Chimps 4-11years	Marie	01905 616841
1530-1800	Kumon Maths & English	Pamela	01684 297720
1830-2030	Pilates	Anne	01905 774858
1930-2130	Cross Stich Club (Fortnightly)	Ester	01905 613663
1930-2130	Wing Chun Dynamics	Dave	01905 28569
1930-2100	Guides 10-14 years	Sharon	01905 763162

Notes

* By Appointment only / Booking in advance
P & T (Parent & Toddler Groups)

*** Five "O" Group (Over 50s Social Club)

Kumon (Maths & English for Children)
Information correct on 30.9.09

Cheeky Chimps (After School Club)

Telephone No : 01905 616841

THURSDAY	Group	Contact	Number
0745-0845	Walking Bus to Lyppard School	Jane	01905 619988
0830-1245	Grange Nursery 2-5 years	Jane	01905 619988
0900-1300	*Beauty Therapy	Michelle	7766950936
0930-1200	Ladybirds Pre school 3-5 years	Dawn	07504 709034
1000-1100	Adult Fitness	Jane	07759 555743
1210-1440	Ladybirds Pre school 3-5 years	Dawn	07504 709034
1000-1200	Jack in the Box P&T (0-5yrs)	Audrey	01905 28730
1200-1320	Slimming World	Sue	01905 20682
1400-1500	Cheerful Cherubs	Jo	07921 462472
1500-1800	Cheeky Chimps 4-11years	Marie	01905 616841
1830-2015	Slimming World	Sue	01905 20682
1900-2030	Line Dancing	Roger	01905 20548
1830-2000	Youth Club	Scott	01905 616841
2015-2145	Yoqa (Adults)	Joy	01905 455712
2030-2115	Adult Tap - intermediate	Debbie	01905 345237
2030-2200	Wing Chun	Dave	01905 28569
2115-2200	Adult Jazz Dance Class	Debbie	01905 345237
FRIDAY	Group	Contact	Number
0745-0845	Walking Bus to Lyppard School	Jane	01905 619988
0830-1245	Grange Nursery 2-5 years	Jane	01905 619988
0930-1215	Jo Jingles from 6mths	Stella	01905 756191
0930-1200	Ladybirds Pre school 3-5 years	Dawn	07504 709034
1315-1445	Friday Friends M&B	Health Visitor	01905 20669
1500-1800	Cheeky Chimps 4-11years	Marie	01905 616841
1530-1800	Kumon Maths & English	Pamela	01684 297720
1800-1900	*Mike Foster Surgeries	Mike	01905 26504
1800-1930	Brownies Guides 7-10years	Helen	01905 754124
1900-2000	Streetwise Kickboxing	Barry	07817 957835
1900-1950	Karate-Beginners	Justine	07793 212426
1950-2040	Karate-Intermediates	Justine	07793 212426
2040-2130	Karate-Advanced	Justine	07793 212426
1900-2230	Bridge (Adults)	David	01562 888159
2000-2200	Blue Lodge Spiritualist Group	Derek	01905 21925
SATURDAY	Group	Contact	Number
1000-1100	Kickboxing 5+ years	Michelle	01594 860872
1000-1045	LA Dance- Gym 4+	Lucy-Anne	01905 454039
1045-1130	LA Dance Free dance 5+	Lucy-Anne	01905 454039
1100-1230	Kickboxing - Adults	Michelle	01594 860872
1130-1215	LA Dance Ballet 3-5	Lucy-Anne	01905 454039
1215-1300	LA Dance Ballet 6+	Lucy-Anne	01905 454039
1400-1600	Fencing for Children 8+	J Harding	01905 357628
1930-2100	Bingo (fortnightly)	Willie	01905 455773
SUNDAY	Group	Contact	Number
0900-1200	Blood Donors	See staff	01905 616841
1345-1545	Blood Donors	See staff	01905 616841
1830-2030	Badminton (Adults)	Owen	01905 21459
1900-2230	Swan Bridge Club	Fiona	01905 757592

Why not try our website:

www.lyppardgrangecommunitycentre.co.uk

Our **NEW** community project
Lyppard's 'Little-Uns' Parent and Toddler
group

Friday Mornings from
10.00am – 11.30am



Come and book your children's party with us and
just see what we can offer!

From inflatable bouncy castles to our 18ft slide;
We guarantee to have something for every child.

Call now to book your party on

New groups to L.G.C.C

- Ø Lyppard Grange Community Choir - Monday evenings
- Ø Me Time Pilates - Tuesday evenings
- Ø Tobi Tigers Karate Club (5-7yrs) - Tuesday evenings

See the schedule for details.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

We are pleased to report that the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank Lauriello has been filled. The new Councillor, Alan Feeney, was co-opted on to the Council at the May meeting. He spent many years in the Hotel and Catering industry. He is now a Professional Toastmaster and an Independent Civil Funeral Celebrant. He lives in Berkeley Beverborne. He writes

"I am greatly honoured to be given the opportunity to serve the residents of Warndon Parish and look forward to doing some great work with my new colleagues during my term in office. If you happen to see me out and about, please don't hesitate to stop me for a chat!"



A second vacancy occurred with the resignation of Rita Parry. This has been filled by co-opting Valerie Barrall. Valerie moved to Worcester some 17 years ago. After a long career in Credit Management for a major Financial institution she recently left to take up a less demanding role with one of Worcester' oldest family businesses which has allowed her the time to become a parish councillor. She says

"I look forward to being involved in all aspects of parish business but have a particular interest in those areas affecting our senior residents."

Both will serve the Council until the next elections in 2011.

BT BROADBAND

For many years Users have complained about the BT Broadband speed in the parish, At the September meeting Mr Grant Hughes raised the question saying that in the parish we were getting 1.2 to 1.5Mb. British Telecom's answer is that we should be getting 3Mb. The speed is governed by the distance from the BT Exchange, the further away you are the lesser the speed. Many residents still get less than 1.2Mb through their various Internet Service Providers (IPS), may be now is a good time to ask them if this is the best they can do ?

BT has said that there is a national programme of new exchanges. They are to trial a new Broadband Enabling Technology capable of delivering stable speed up to 7.5 miles from the exchange. The nearest to us will be at Badsey, Nr Evesham.

A few days after the meeting of the Parish Council, Prince Charles joined the battle on behalf of the rural communities. Coincidence or prescient ?

LYPPARD GARDEN SOCIETY

The Garden Society was formed in February 1993 after the late John Downer had a stall at the newly-opened Community Centre where he exhibited some plants with the idea of encouraging residents to form a garden club. It worked and he sold the plants. The money became the opening balance of the club.

The Society flourished as more new houses were built and rough ground had to be turned into gardens. The speakers were all experts and their knowledge and advice was put to good use by the members. However, membership declined when the meetings were moved to The Barn at St. Nicholas Church but it maintained a steady level until a few years ago.

Then two things happened; the cost of speakers rose but hardly any new members joined to offset the increase, thus the club became uneconomical. So the decision was taken to disband. .The last meeting was held on 3 November. A sad end to an organisation that provided information in a friendly atmosphere.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Here are some useful telephone numbers:

Tesco

The number to ring to report location of Tesco trolleys is
0800 505555

The web site address is no longer active.

Worcestershire County Council

The Customer Service number is 01905 765765. They will put you in touch with the right person or department

There is one direct number 'Street Lighting Lights out Line'. 0800 137 352

There is a web site...www.streetlighting@worcestershire.gov.uk

You need to give them the number on the lamppost

A full list of numbers can be found on the back page of the County magazine
WOW

Worcester City Council

Customer Service Centre is 01905 722233 for all departments

The web site is...www.worcester.gov.uk

There is more information in the CITYLIFE magazine.

West Mercia police

We have been advised that there is a new number,
0300 333 3000 which they say may be easier to remember. The original
number 084557 444888 is still in use

WHEELED BINS

Collection arrangements for Christmas & the New Year

Usual day of collection

Tuesday 23 December

Wednesday 24 December

Thursday 25 December

Friday 26 December

Tuesday 30 December

Wednesday 31 December

Thursday 1 January

Friday 2 January

Tuesday 6 January onwards

Revised day of collection

Normal

Normal

Saturday 27 December

Monday 29 December

Normal

Normal

Friday 2 January

Saturday 3 January

Normal service resumes

The Parish Council

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The Council meets on the first Monday in the month (except Bank Holidays), at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND SPEAK DURING THE FIRST 30 MINUTES BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Please contact the appropriate Councillor(s) or the Clerk on any matter with comments, complaints or if you just need advice or information.
Council web site: www.WarndonParishCouncil.org