

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT 7.00P.M. AT GREAT WYRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 10th MAY, 2023 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Present:-

Cllr. J. Jones (Chairman)

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. A. Newell Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE	Cllr. R. Perry Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor
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There were six members of the public present on this occasion and an attendance list is attached to the minutes for information.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier.

2.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting which had been held on 11th May, 2022 were accepted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman at the June, 2022 meeting of the Parish Council.

3.0 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Assembly and thanked them for their attendance. The Chairman then delivered the Parish Council's report. A copy of the report is attached at **Appendix A**.

4.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE presented her report on behalf of Staffordshire County Council a copy of which is attached at **Appendix B**

5.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Mrs. J. A. Johnson gave a verbal report on the activities of South Staffordshire Council. A copy of the District Council Round-up is attached at **Appendix C**.

6.0 REPORTS FROM SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

The Clerk presented a report on behalf of St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School a copy of which is attached at **Appendix D**.

7.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS VOLUNTARY BODIES

The following reports (a mixture of written and verbal) were received:-

- 1st Great Wyrley Scouts

- Great Wyrley Guide District
- Great Wyrley Senior Citizens Welfare Centre
- Great Wyrley Carnival Committee
- Townswomen's Guild
- Great Wyrley Local History Society
- Wyrley Indoor Sports (WISP)
- Friends of the Memorial Gardens
- Harrisons Recreation Ground & Welfare Institute
- Landywood Voluntary Help Centre
- Great Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church

Copies of the written reports received are attached for information at **Appendix E.**

This completed the business before the meeting.

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Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

10TH MAY, 2023

I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed my role as Chairman of the Parish Council and I would, of course, like to thank all of my fellow councillors for their support during my time in office. I would also like to thank the Parish Council staff for managing to achieve business as usual under some quite challenging times.

I have been more than pleased to see the Community Centre get back to normal and I am now really pleased to see so many of our clubs and societies back with us and delighted to note that the Community Centre could be booked three times over at weekends if it was possible.

The municipal year 2022/23 saw some massive changes for all of us, with the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II following on so quickly from her Platinum Jubilee and, of course, the Coronation of King Charles III which took place last weekend.

Onward and upward now for all of us.

Cllr. J. C. Jones

Chairman

10th May 2023

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

10TH MAY, 2023

Hopefully we have all enjoyed the Coronation weekend which has now drawn to a close and I am so pleased that so many Staffordshire residents have been doing their bit to lend a hand to help voluntary organisations.

I can honestly say that it has been so encouraging that so many people took part in the The Big Help Out, charities and groups across the county were opening their doors and promoting themselves to volunteers who might want to give a little of their time to see what was happening in their communities.

In Staffordshire activities included charities promoting their work during a celebration in Stafford's Victoria Park, The Brampton Museum in Newcastle announcing a whole series of initiatives including befriending and developing a wildlife haven on the museum's doorstep, a litter pick in Stretton, community gardening and clean-up in Whiston and Staffordshire Young Farmers donating food collections to Stafford's House of Bread.

Staffordshire's 'Coronation Day babies' have also now been claiming their unique memento of their special day. Staffordshire County Council is offering special commemorative mugs to the first 10 Staffordshire children it hears have been born on Saturday, May 6th.

Of course, mixed in with all these celebrations, the work of the County Council has been business as usual and I am also delighted to advise everyone that although, throughout the last twelve months it has seemed that so much of the outstanding works to our local road and footpath networks still need to be attended to there is light at the end of the tunnel and quite a lot of these works are scheduled to take place very soon and I am delight to advise that there is a scheme in the progress to help with the parking situation at the end of Bentons Lane .

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry
Staffordshire County Council

10th May, 2023

Council and district news

**The elections are next week!
Elections voter ID: Are you ready?**



The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections.

This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday, May 4th, 2023.

Find out which forms of ID you can use and more information [via this link](#)

Landmark smashed and brass plate stolen from beauty spot



A landmark toposcope which has been in situ for almost 30 years at a Staffordshire beauty spot has been smashed and its large brass plate stolen.

The toposcope at Baggeridge Country Park is believed to have been targeted by thieves overnight on Friday (April 21st), with the extensive damage having been discovered by park rangers on Saturday morning.

The brass plate - measuring around 3ft in diameter - and the toposcope on which it sat has been the site of a range of events over the years, most recently when a beacon was lit last summer to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The toposcope, which has been at Baggeridge since 1994, is also a key location for the thousands of people who visit the park each year for its range of walking routes and scenic views.

The plate bears carvings resembling a compass, showing the distance from the toposcope to a range of nearby locations.

South Staffordshire Council, which runs Baggeridge Country Park, is urging anyone who may come across the plate or anyone who may have witnessed the vandalism and theft to contact Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident number 44026423.



Vacancies

- Relief Swimming Instructor (all SSC Leisure Centres), closing on April 28th
- Relief Leisure Assistant (Cheslyn Hav Leisure Centre), closing on May 2nd

- Senior Compliance Officer, closing May 9th
- Senior Conservation Officer, closing on May 9th
- Relief Receptionist (Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre), closing on May 16th
- Director of Finance (Section 151), closing on May 19th
- Relief Leisure Assistant (all SSC Leisure Centres), closing September 30th

All vacancies can be viewed in full and applied for on our new recruitment site:

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/vacancies>

Leisure latest

Wombourne Gym Upgrade

Wombourne Leisure Centres gym is now open after it's recent refurbishment.



Partnership Updates

Staffordshire Police: 'Let's Talk Stalking'

Staffordshire Police is running a campaign to raise awareness of what stalking is and the key behaviours a stalker may display. It also aims to raise awareness of how people can keep themselves safe both in person and online.

Stalking is defined as 'a pattern of fixated and obsessive behaviour which is repeated, persistent, intrusive and causes fear of violence or engenders alarm and distress in the victim.'

Most stalking victims know their stalker, for example, they could be an ex-partner, family member or a work colleague. Regardless of the relationship between the victim and the stalker, this behaviour is not acceptable.

We want people to recognise the FOUR behaviours highlighted in our video above that are warning signs that someone is stalking you:

Fixated - being followed on your daily routine, spied on, or being watched by someone loitering around your work or home.

Obsession - being monitored on or offline, cyberstalking, the ordering and cancelling of items on your behalf.

Unwanted attention - gifts being sent or left for you; unwanted messages, letters or phone calls. Even damage or graffiti being caused to your property.

Repeated behaviour - this can be any nuisance or threatening behaviour, being approached, accosted or bullied repeatedly.

There are a few things you can do to protect yourself. Visit the website to read examples of stalking and how to protect yourself by clicking here, click [Let's Talk Stalking, Staffordshire Police](#)

We also want to encourage victims to report this behaviour to us by calling 101, reporting through our website (www.staffordshire.police.uk) or call 999 in an emergency



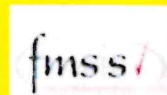
There will be no newsletter next week due to the elections taking place, but we will be back on May 12th.

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YEAR 6 SATs

Well done to all our Year 6 children who took their SATs this week. They have all worked really hard.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please can you keep in your prayers our Year 3 & 4 pupils who are making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May at St. Mary's Church in Cannock. Please come along and support them if you can. They are, Luna Chatwood, Harriet Davies, Sienna Donnellan, Toby Downen, Alex Kowalski, Sebastian Lacey, Amias Morgan, Leo Newborough John Pearce, Lottie Quince, Jaxon York, Archie Witek, Imogen Matthews and Eileen Butler.

VOCATIONS DAY

On Thursday 8th June we will be having a vocations themed day. A vocation is thinking about who God is calling us to be. Everyone has a vocation and discovering our vocation is part of our journey of faith. As part of the day the children will be interviewing family members to find out about the vocations closest to them. This could be your job, being a parent/homemaker or being a carer and the skills and attributes needed for these rolls. If any of our family members would like to share their roles by volunteering to talk to a class/es we would love to hear from you. Best of all the children may come dressed as/linked to what they feel God is calling them to be e.g emergency services worker.



CLASS TEACHERS for 2023 / 2024

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| Reception | Miss F. Harvey |
| Year 1 | Mrs H. Allen |
| Year 2 | Mr G. Postles |
| Year 3 | Mrs L. Gretton |
| Year 4 | Mrs C. Sharp |
| Year 5 | Miss A. Battison |
| Year 6 | Mr J. Sutton |



Mrs Allcock will no longer be teaching in our Reception class, but will remain in school on a part-time basis as our school SENCO, as the demands of this role are huge. Whilst we are delighted she has the opportunity to dedicate herself to this role, I would like to thank her for the many, many years she has dedicated to making the Early Years of our school such a happy and thriving environment for so many children. They all had the best start, and we know Miss Harvey will continue to do the same.

Mrs Allen will be joining us in September—she has already spent a considerable amount of time in school as she completed two of her university placements here last year. We look forward to welcoming her back.

BLAST

Please book your children in by using our online booking system blastkidsclub@yahoo.com or contacting us on 07783942084, or grab one of our staff members before or after school. If you need to book a place you can find a quick link on our school website.



QUINTON PLAYGROUP

We have spaces available at our pre-school for children aged 2-5 years. We offer collection from St. Thomas More Nursery and also accept children who do not attend the Nursery school. Our opening times are 11.45am – 3.15pm. We accept funded and non-funded children. Contact us on 07990868774.



12th May 2023

NEW DINNER MENUS FOR MONDAY 15th May - WEEK 2

	WEEK 2 Menu For all Key Stages
Monday	Chicken Curry with Naan Bread or Tomato Pasta & Garlic Bred
Tuesday	Build Your Own Beef Burger or Vegetable & Bean Burger
Wednesday	Roast of The Day or Quorn Fillet
Thursday	Quorn Tikka Masala with Naan Bread or Selection of Pizzas
Friday	Fish Fingers with Sweet Chilli Mayo & Vegetable Noodle Stir-Fry



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	WEEK 2 Menu For Key Stage 2 Only Deli Bar
Monday	Cheese Sub Roll / Jacket Potato with Cheese
Tuesday	Tuna Sub Roll / French Bread Pizza
Wednesday	Cheese Sub Roll / Jacket Potato with Savoury Cheese
Thursday	Tuna Sub Roll / Chinese Chicken Flat Bread
Friday	Cheese Sub Roll / Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo

NUTS REMINDER

We are a nut free school due to several children having allergies to various nuts. Please don't send in any nut products including chocolate spread.



COME DINE WITH ME

Year 2 children are able to invite 1 adult into school to eat with them on Friday 26th May. You are now able to order and pay for the adult meal via Parent Pay. Please note this now starts at 12.20pm.

THIS WEEKS AWARD FOR FRIDAY 19th MAY

CLASS	SHARING CATHOLIC VALUES AWARD	GREAT WORK
Reception	Emma Jedrezejewicz for amazing maths work. Ava-Grace Dad for using her phonics confidently in her writing.	Louis Worsley for being a kind friend to others. Bella-Reign Brown for being a helpful and supportive member of class.
Year 1	Penelope Taylor for her beautiful writing in her letter to the king. Mary Pearc for her great drawing of King Charles.	Olivia Lockley for helping her peers and showing kindness. Casian Ungureanu for displaying a positive attitude towards his learning.
Year 2	Skyla Hall for working hard to create a descriptive story. Logan Noyce-Aston for always trying to develop interesting language in writing.	Ezra Bird for being kind and thoughtful to those around him. Harry Matthews for always being happy to share his ideas to help others.

Dear Lord Jesus,
please send your Holy Spirit into our lives to be our helper and to guide us, so that we can be a great help to those around us.
Amen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please note that all dates are subject to change so please keep checking the newsletter every week. MAY 2023

Saturday 13th First Holy Communion Mass at 12.30pm.
 Wednesday 17th Bike-a-bility for Year 6.
 Thursday 18th Bike-a-bility for Year 6.
 Thursday 18th No Mass.
 Friday 19th Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip.
 Friday 19th Swimming Year 5 & Year 6.
 Friday 19th Key Stage 1 Assembly. 9am.
 Thursday 25th May Procession. Year 3, Reception & Year 6 Mass.
 Friday 26th Non Uniform Day for Bottles.
 Friday 26th Bike-a-bility Year 5.
Friday 26th Year 2 Class 'Come Dine With Me' 12.20.
 Friday 26th Key Stage 2 Assembly. 9am.
 Friday 26th Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6.
 Friday 26th Break up for Half Term.

JUNE 2023

Monday 5th Teacher Training Day - School Closed.
 Thursday 8th Reception & Year 6 Mass. 2.30pm.
 Friday 9th Non Uniform Day for chocolates & sweets
Friday 9th Year 3 Class 'Come Dine With Me'.
 Friday 9th Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6.
 Friday 9th Key Stage 1 Assembly. 9am.
 Monday 12th Year 6 Residential Trip.
 Thursday 15th No Mass.
 Friday 16th Key Stage 2 Assembly. 9am.
 Friday 16th No swimming.
 Thursday 22nd St. Thomas More Day. Mass - Year 3 & Year 4 Mass.
 Friday 23rd Non Uniform Day for Bottles & Sweets.
Friday 23rd Year 4 Class 'Come Dine With Me'.
 Friday 23rd Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6.
 Friday 23rd Key Stage 1 Assembly. 9am.
 Thursday 29th Year 5 & Year 6 Mass. 2.30pm.
 Friday 30th Sports Day / Fun Day.
 Friday 30th Key Stage 2 Assembly. 9am.

JULY 2023

Monday 3rd Year 6 Leavers Mass at St. Mary's at 11am.
 Thursday 6th Year 1 & Year 2 Mass. 2.30pm.
Friday 7th Year 5 Class 'Come Dine With Me'.
 Friday 7th Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6.
 Friday 7th Key Stage 1 Assembly. 9am.
 Monday 10th Pupil Parliament trip to Houses of Parliament.
Tuesday 11th Signing Assemblies 9.30am & 2pm.
 Friday 14th Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6.
 Friday 14th Key Stage 2 Assembly. 9am.
 Monday 17th 'Meet Your New Teacher Day'.
 Thursday 20th Year 6 Leavers Mass at school. 11am.
Thursday 20th Year 6 Class 'Come Dine With Me'.
 Friday 21st Key Stage 1 Assembly. 9am.
 Tuesday 25th School Closes for Summer Holidays at 2pm.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday 4th Teacher Training Day - School Closed.
 Tuesday 5th School Opens.



**GREAT WYRLEY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE
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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2022/2023

The Great Wyrley Senior Citizens Centre is being used 7 days a week now by local groups.

The original group of Senior Citizens are still using the Centre on a Monday and now have new members which has kept the group continuing. Great Wyrley Tap Class use the Centre on a Monday morning. Wyrley Indoor Sports use the Centre on a Tuesday afternoon, Great Wyrley Townswomen use the Centre once a month on a Tuesday Evening and hold a Book Club every few weeks. A Craft and Card Class use it on a Wednesday morning and afternoon. Thursdays is still the meeting day for Great Wyrley History Society and an Art Class on the afternoon. Tai Chi Classes are held on a Friday morning. Saturday and Sunday mornings private Dance Lessons are held. A Church Group use the Centre fortnightly on a Saturday evening and a Pre-School Play and Learn group use once a fortnight on a Tuesday morning. The Centre is also available to hire for private parties, committee meetings etc.

More Trustees are always required to help keep the Centre running. The Trustees wish to thank Great Wyrley Parish Council for their financial support to the Centre.

Pauline Kelsey
Hon Secretary
May 2023

Report from Great Wyrley Townswomen's Guild (May 2023)

This year we have still been recovering from the affects of Covid with several past members reluctant to re-join because of new commitments or increasing age. Pre-Covid we had 92 members whereas at present we have over 80, but numbers are increasing each month and we are feeling very positive. However, we are still without a long term Chairman but managing very well with certain members of the committee taking on the role for two months at a time – namely Pam Ball, Barbara Holmes, Pauline Kelsey, Pat Jones and Bette Webb. This has worked well, providing variety as well as some stability with the help of a hard-working committee of ten.

Entertainment throughout the year has been very much enjoyed with the story of the *Gingham Girls* of the 1960's in April, and then the more serious but very informative talk on the History of Stafford Gaol. We celebrated the Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II with a fantastic tea party at which Tim Rooney sang while we danced. In July we had a very interesting talk on Mary Quant, whereas in August, Cherie, from Wyrley Flowers, expertly demonstrated flower arranging . Then Nigel Wiggin talked about Old Hall Stainless Steel and the following month we found out more about Morcombe and Wise. In November we were informed about Christmas traditions associated with Charles Dickens while at Christmas *Mr Popple* entertained us with magic and jokes. In January Peter Holmes kindly provided a quiz and members, June Brown and Bette Webb, talked about their careers working with babies and children. For International Women's Day, two local ladies with interesting careers, Kath Perry and Diana Gunn, told us of their successful lives and we have just celebrated the Coronation with a party and the *Lavender Girls* entertaining.

We have also had trips to theatre shows, for example, *Chorus Line* at the Prince of Wales and *Ladies' Day* at the New Vic at Newcastle under Lyme, whereas at Christmas a visit to the *Snow Queen* was arranged. Last July a visit to Piece Hall, Halifax, was enjoyed by all, as was the visit to Bishton Hall recently and there have been several Bus pass challenges and quizzes and teas and lunches at local restaurants and, of course, the delicious Christmas dinner at Olde Wyrley Hall.

Throughout the year we have tried to help with different charities and particularly to support the Staffordshire Women's Refuge by donating money and toiletries. The generosity of our members was also seen recently with the large donation to the Turkish/Syrian Earthquake Relief Fund.

The Bowls club, Book club and Choir continue to be popular and we have attended several events organised by Staffordshire TG Federation such as Quizzes, Fish and Chips Bingo, Bowls and afternoon teas.

We also try to participate in the National TG events and last year attended the AGM in Scarborough and later this year hope to attend the one in Llandudno.

All in all, we feel we provide a social meeting place for women in the locality with informative and entertaining guest speakers once a month, as well as a variety of activities in the day time during the week. It is a chance for people to meet, make friends and support each other and our community.

P. Cragg
Secretary G.W.T.G.



GREAT WYRLEY CARNIVAL COMMITTEE



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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2022/2023

In May 2022 the Scarecrow Trail weekend was held in the village. The Community joined in and the Scarecrows were very good and all enjoyed the event.

The 44th Carnival 2022 was held on Saturday 25th June 2022 on the Star Land and highlights were John Evans World Record holder "Balancing Act". This year a new addition Great Wyrley Bake Off Competition was held which was very successful. The Fun Dog Show was also very successful. The Carnival was opened by Sir Gavin Williamson C.B.E, M.P. and Mr John Jones Chairman of Great Wyrley Parish Council who also judged the Floats, Best Dressed Stall and Fancy Dress Competition. Sir Gavin Williamson also judged the entries in the first Bake Off Competition held which was very successful. The Carnival Procession was very colourful with the Theme "All Things British"

A Craft Fair was held in November 2022 which was well supported with another in the Spring 2023. A Skittles Night held at Harrisons Sports and Social Club was an enjoyable evening raising funds for the Carnival.

Great Wyrley Committee's Santa's Sleigh rode around the Village in December 2022 and sweets donated by the Self Slimming Group were given out to the Children. This event again was enjoyed by the Community.

Great Wyrley Carnival and Harrisons Sports and Social Club held St George's Day Event on 24th April 2022 with St George on his Shire Horse leading the Procession followed by St Gregory's Marching Band. Young St George Arlo Speary his English Rose Emily-Sue Ward and Rosebud Amelia Belsey on the Shire Horse and Dray, a Dragon and members of the public. The Fete was held on the gardens of Harrisons Sports and Social Club.

Another successful year after the two year break due to COVID19. Thanks to the Parish Council for the use of the Star Land and to all the Committee and helpers for making Carnival Day and other Events run well.

Pauline Kelsey B.E.M.
Secretary
15th November 2022



Landywood & District Voluntary Help Centre# Annual General Meeting

Treasurers End of Year Statement

The previous treasurer resigned at the end of 2022 and new financial controls were introduced with a view to conforming to the Charity Commission requirements.

The “Lighter Touch” audit regulations state that accounts which end a financial year in deficit do not have to be audited and as this was a year for re-establishing our services we have ended with a loss of £577 (rounded). Therefore the accounts do not need to be audited saving around £250.00 to £300. With a view to increasing efficiency we now have access to online banking and are paying a number of transactions electronically. We have also set up an Amazon Business Account, with a view to reducing costs.

We are hoping to convince the County Council to renew the property lease which, at the moment, ends in October. With that in mind we are trying to increase the hours of opening to extend our services to include offering our trips to the residents of Oak House.