

Baby Clinic

1.30pm Alternate Thursdays at
Wheaton Aston Surgery
New Parent Group Mondays 1.30pm to
3pm at Coven Memorial Hall
Call Health Visitor on 01902 850682

Old Peoples' Welfare

Every Monday, the Wheaton Aston and Lapley Old People's Welfare run a day centre in the village hall for housebound/disabled residents, where a meal and entertainment is provided. If you can spare some time on Mondays, the Wheaton Aston and Lapley Old People's Welfare would like to hear from you as more cooks and volunteer drivers are needed. There is a 4 - 5 week rota of cooks in operation which means that each cook only has to be available from 10.00am until 2.00pm once every 4 weeks. Again there is a rota in operation for the volunteer drivers who are needed to collect local residents at 11.00am to bring them to the village hall and to take them home after 2.15pm. If you can help please call Angie Hassell on 841024.

Inter-Parish Games

A new Coordinator is required for our parish. If you don't feel that you can offer to coordinate the whole parish, could you organise just one team in the games? Contact the Clerk for details.

Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council is trying to forecast its expenditure more accurately and ensure that any grants to local groups are distributed fairly and offer added value to the community. In order to achieve this grants have been capped at £300 per year per organisation and a grant application form (available from the Parish Council Clerk) must be completed. Deadlines for applications for the 2010-2011 financial year are 30th September 2009 and 31st December 2009. Please contact the Clerk for more information and/or an application form.

Electric Blanket Testing

This will be carried out as follows:
Mon 14 Sept Gosnall Fire Station 1400-1600
Mon 21 Sept Codsall Fire Station 0945-1200
Tue 22 Sept Penkridge Fire Station 1400-1600
by Staffordshire Scientific Services.
The testing is free but all blankets that are tested and fail will not be returned. Everyone over 60 will be offered a single or double under-blanket as a free replacement for a failed test.
Residents in the Parish can have their blankets collected & returned as above at no cost by ringing Chris Guy on 01785 840710 before 21 Sept.

Old People's Welfare Committee Christmas Drop-in

The Christmas Drop-In held by the Lapley and Wheaton Aston Old People's Welfare Committee will be on Thursday 10th December from 1.00pm - 3.30pm in the village hall. All pensioners are welcome to come. Refreshments will be served and there will also be a raffle.

Responders Needed

Wheaton Aston Community First Responders (CFRs) are looking for new members. CFRs are volunteers trained by the Ambulance Service to respond to 999 requests for medical assistance in their locality.

New recruits should be reasonably fit and well and aged between 18 and 70. They will complete 64 hours of training with West Midlands Ambulance Service and receive the First Person on Scene intermediate level qualification. After gaining experience they may then undertake a further 64 hours of training to bring them up to advanced level.

David Leaper, scheme coordinator, is hoping to hear from people who live or work in the area and agree to book on call for a minimum of six hours per week.

Anyone interested is invited to contact David on 840967 for more information.

Carnival 2009

The Carnival Committee would like to thank everyone who took part in this years carnival on July 4th.

The parade left St Mary's school, lead by Youth Club dancers and musicians and was followed by the Carnival Queen Katie Fletcher and her two attendants, Harriet Robotham and Laura Salisbury who were in a carriage pulled by Shire Horses. There were floats by Rainbows & Brownies, the Carnival Committee, Guides and Penkridge Round Table. The floats were judged by Phil Elson and Ray Cowley and Rainbows & Brownies won this years best float.

Entertainment included the Staffordshire Knights, a Bird of Prey display and various stalls from local organisations. There was a funfair, donkey rides, quad bikes, Punch & Judy, archery, tractor rides and a tug of war competition.

The Carnival Committee are open to suggestions for next years Carnival. If you have any new ideas or suggestions or would like to get involved in next years event, please contact one of the Committee members below.
Richard Bateman 01785 840170
Jean Jones 01785 841136
Rod Foxall 01785 840035

Church Events

Back to Church Sunday

Back to Church Sunday has been happening across Britain for the last five years. This year it is happening on September 27th at 10.30am in St. Mary's church.

Many people have simply got out of the habit of going to church, whilst others have occasionally wondered what it was all about, but have been hesitant to come on their own. Back to Church Sunday is an opportunity to come along on a morning when you know there will be a special welcome, as well as other people who might be feeling a little unsure of themselves.

The Morning Praise service that is used has lots of modern and traditional music and easy to follow words on the screen, so you won't have to worry about losing your place in the service book! Coffee, tea & biscuits are offered after the service, so there is an opportunity to chat, catch up with friends and make new acquaintances..

This year's theme is "Come As You Are" - you don't need to wear your best clothes, be from a particular denomination, or even be a believer - just come as you are - and see what the church in the twenty first century has to offer.

If you would like to go but don't want to go on your own call Joyce on 840554 or Hilary on 840728 and they will ensure that you get an invitation as well as someone that you know to go with.

Services of Healing & Wholeness Sept 16th, Oct 21st & Dec 16th

Many get battered by the trials and tribulations of daily life. St. Mary's holds an informal service of prayer and praise.

Harvest Banner Making Workshop Sept 19th - 9am-12pm - Village Hall

All are welcome to help make banners to decorate the church for Harvest Sunday. Children are welcome but must be accompanied throughout by a parent/guardian. Call Margaret 840035.

Harvest Morning Praise

Sept 20th - 10.30am - St. Mary's church
Harvest Evensong
Sept 20th - 6.30pm - All Saints church

Kids' Clubs

Noah's Ark, KFC, C Club and J Team will all be starting again in September.

Cheese & wine 4 Fentonhouse Lane on 25th September at 7.30pm. Proceeds to St. Mary's Development Fund.

Coffee Morning 22 Fentonhouse Lane on 1st October 10.00am-12noon. Admission £2, coffee, cakes and raffle.