



Oswestry Rural Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

For the Parish of Oswestry Rural

WELCOME to our latest edition.

Apart from our Annual Report we have not published any newsletters since April 2018 due to a change of clerk. Carole Warner left in March 2018 and a new clerk, Sharon Clayton, was not appointed until December 2018. We would like to thank Carole for all her hard work during her time with the council and we would also like to thank Phil Smith who was locum clerk during the interim period. Sharon is an experienced and fully qualified clerk having previously worked at four parish and town councils in Shropshire. Her contact details can be found on the last page of this newsletter and on our website.

We have also seen some councillor changes. Freya Humphries resigned in November 2018 leaving a casual vacancy, which has now been filled by Cllr. Les Maguire. Shortly afterwards we received the sad news that Tony Cheetham had died suddenly in December 2018 leaving another casual vacancy, which has now been filled by Cllr. Bob Kimber. Then in June this year, due to personal circumstances, Arthur Brown resigned leaving a casual vacancy now filled by Cllr. Claire Mahoney. You will find a list of all of our councillors and their contact details on page 4 of this newsletter and also on our website.

The Parish Council meets on the last Tuesday of each month, except in December when we meet earlier, and these meetings are open to the public. You will find information on future meeting dates and venues on page 4 and on our website. We allow members of the public to speak at the beginning of each meeting so if you have anything you wish to say please come along to our meetings. Meeting agendas and minutes are published on our notice boards and on our website.

Notice Board Replacement Programme



We have a number of notice boards at various locations throughout the parish. However, many of these are in a poor state of repair and need replacing. The council has agreed that all notice boards should be able to display at least 9 A4 notices so we are installing larger notice boards which will be able to hold more information. We have recently commissioned a carpenter to undertake the work, although it will take time for all notice boards to be replaced and a programme of works has been agreed.

Traffic Calming in Trefonen

The parish council has approved a Road Safety Project and we have recently submitted a grant application to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) to be installed in the village of Trefonen to help reduce speeding. Research has demonstrated



that VAS encourages motorists to reduce their speed which, in turn, helps to reduce road traffic incidents. A 30mph speed limit is currently in force in Trefonen and VAS will remind those driving through the village to reduce their speed if it exceeds 30mph. The cost of the project is expected to be just over £5,000 and, at the time of writing, we are waiting to hear if our application has been successful.

The Tony Cheetham Community Service Award

Following the sad death of Tony Cheetham in December 2018 the parish council considered how to acknowledge the good work he had done during his time as a parish councillor. Tony was first elected in May 2007, re-elected in May 2017, and represented the Trefonen with Treflach Ward. He did a lot of work within the community and the council thought it was only fitting to put his name to the annual Community Service Award in recognition of Tony's dedication and service to the local community. This award has now been re-named the "Tony Cheetham Community Service Award" and continues to be sponsored by Stonehouse Brewery.

This year's award went to Val Smout who received her award at this year's Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Well done Val.



Oswestry and Oswestry Rural Parish Paths Partnership Group - volunteers needed

Our local Parish Paths Partnerships are looking for volunteers to help maintain the paths in our area. If you would like to join them please contact the clerk who will pass on your details to the group.



Maesbury War Memorial



The parish council has agreed to add the name of William Roland Carpenter to the War Memorial in Maesbury churchyard. It has been brought to our attention that, although he died from injuries sustained in WW2 and was a resident of our parish at the time of his death, his name does not appear.

William was born on 6 July 1906 at Monnington-on-Wye in Herefordshire. He is recorded as living with his widowed mother, two sisters and a brother at the Weobley Workhouse according to the 1911 census. He moved to Oswestry in the 1920's where he worked for Frank Davies, a local haulage contractor, for about 11 years. In 1939 he was living at Chapel Street in Oswestry and working as a public haulage lorry driver. In 1941 he married a local girl by the name of Esther Lloyd who lived at 2 The Poplars in Maesbury. During the Second World War William joined the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. On 17 April 1943 William died of wounds whilst serving in Tunisia. He was aged 36 leaving a wife and two young sons. He is buried in the Enfidaville War Cemetery in Tunisia.

CFMN. W.R. Carpenter R.E.M.E.

1906 to 1943

Rest in Peace

We will remember them.

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Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

2019

26 November at Morda Village Hall

17 December at Morda Village Hall

2020

28 January at Morda Village Hall

25 February at Morda Village Hall

24 March at Trefonen Village Hall

28 April at Trefonen Village Hall

26 May at Morda Village Hall (This is the Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Annual Parish Meeting

Next year's Annual Parish Meeting, which is for electors of the parish, will take place on 19 May 2020 at Morda Village Hall.

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