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SHAVINGTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
Shavington Village Festival
Saturday June 28th

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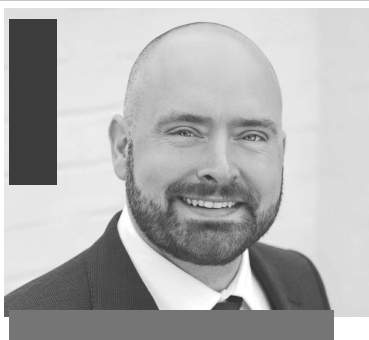
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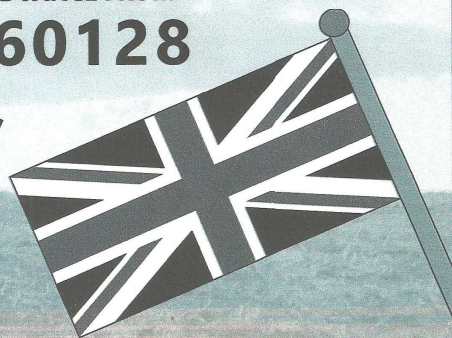
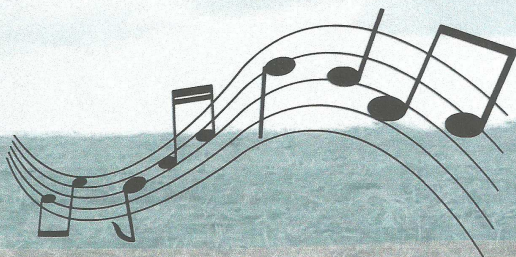
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SHAVINGTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

This years pantomime, Rapunzel, was yet another success for the Festival Committee. This year we had the largest cast ever with many new faces joining us and many friendships were made, and others renewed. Our children and teenagers were a joy, and their enthusiasm singing, and in dancing routines was a pleasure to see and hear.

Every effort goes into producing an annual pantomime, ensuring that each performance is as good as the last and you, our audience laugh, boo, and shout and ultimately has a wonderful family evening.

So many people to thank from our Sponsors Whitegates Estate Agents, the entire cast, everyone in each department (and there are lots) our Choreographer and Director all of whom live and breath pantomime for months. Most importantly thanks to you our Audience who support us loyally each evening to encourage and support and without who this pantomime would not continue.

VE Day Celebrations

As part of the memorial events in the Village to remember the end of World War 11 The Festival Committee will be holding an afternoon concert in St Mark's Church, on May 10th.

As part of this event the Committee would love to hear from anyone who remembers the celebrations held in 1945 or have memories from family members who were present during that time. The committee would like to use these memories as part of the afternoon's concert.

Please contact Rene Hancock 01270661592, renehancock@btinternet.com if you can help us.

Summer Festival

Shavington Village Festival Committee are holding their annual festival day on Saturday 28th June.

Do you have your own business that you would like to showcase or are you part of a volunteer group that would like to raise funds for an organisation?

Then come along and join us on the day with your own stall.

There is always a good mix of stalls, in the past people with their own business have been selling candles, cakes and jewellery and volunteer groups have run games stalls, guess the weight of the cake and balloon making to name but a few.

So, if you would like to find out some more information and join us this year please contact Julie at festivalstalls2025@outlook.com

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On 20th February, Jackie Atkinson is giving a talk about how she became a Reiki practitioner raising £206 for St Luke's Hospice, and in March Della Farrington entertained us giving a Facial to one of our ladies in the audience using Tropic Products, that evening raised £257. Following the event Della very kindly donated another £40 from a percentage of her sales on the evening.

On 15th May Dr Linda Craig is giving a talk about the Silk Museum, this is followed on 19th June with a Strawberry Fayre and the SAS (Singers at St Mark's) will be entertaining us. Both events will commence at 7.30pm and entry fee is £5.

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- longer walks, often further afield, typically 8-10 miles in length, at weekends and during the week;
- shorter and more local walks (up to 6 miles), usually at weekends;
- monthly mid-week walks (5-6 miles) followed by a pub lunch
- pub walks, especially on the longer evenings.

We offer short trips away (in the UK) a few times per year, this year in Scotland and Shropshire Hills. We've also got a walking trip on the Lycian Way in Turkey planned for later in 2025.

May to July we have programmed 2 walks per week, most weeks. Many are chosen to enjoy the glorious Spring / early Summer countryside. Some will involve a pub lunch. And we're really looking forward to our regular summer Pub walks, every Tuesday evening from May 13th to the end of August!

See the Links below for further details of SCR and our Walk programme

- <https://www.ramblerssouthcheshire.org.uk/>
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Phone: 07733132113 (Chairman, Trevor Park)

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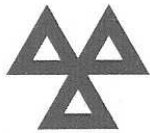
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'I moved into the area 3 years ago after losing my wife and u3a has been a life saver, enabling me to meet so many new people. '(Member)

In April, members of Crewe and Nantwich u3a will celebrate their 30th anniversary and a small group of committee members have spent the last year planning several events to celebrate this landmark, to ensure we live up to the u3a motto 'Learn, Laugh, Live!' Since its official opening in April 1995, Crewe and Nantwich u3a has grown from an organisation comprising several small but popular groups, to one where members have the choice of over 95 groups, covering subjects ranging from Art Appreciation to Yoga Fit. (We do not have a Zoology or Zen group, but we would welcome anyone who wants to start one!)

Members pay a yearly fee (currently £14) then choose to join those groups which cover their interests, such as painting, listening to opera, fitness groups at Shavington Gym (charge set by the gym), pickleball and table tennis, various Bridge groups, reading, Book Chat, local history, crafts and needlework, a team quiz, languages, choirs and many others. Groups meet weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Our walking groups cover distances between 2 – 8/9 miles and some of them combine walking with a meal in a pub near the location of the walk. Venue-based groups attract a £1.50 levy to cover group and room hire costs. Outdoor groups, where there is no cost to candnu3a to hire a venue, attract no levy.

There is a monthly Medieval History group which meets online and we also have a face to face IT Help group which can be accessed weekly. We are always keen to speak to members who would like to start a new group and share their interests with others.

'I was sad to think of the group closing as we all enjoyed it so much. I decided to offer to lead the group after the group

Shavington Drama Group

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Following tradition, January was a social evening with laughter and knowledge-testing quizzes. Later in the month Enid Robinson formally presented the Parish Textile Map to Benjamin Gibbs, Chairman of the Parish Council. Both the original map, which was completed 30 years ago by WI, and the new one, now hang side by side in the village hall. To mark the occasion, the WI arranged a buffet lunch for councillors and those who contributed to the project.

At February's meeting, members heard about a head teacher's comical anecdotes of his time in the classroom, at Chetham's School of Music and Manchester inner city schools.

As it is the 150-year celebration of Shavington Primary School, WI contacted head of school to offer help for teachers and children with school projects. A number of members have asked to be involved with this, which will start after Easter Holidays.

In March we had a demonstration of how to produce celebration balloon displays. By using an online pack, a balloon arch and table display were made at a fraction of the cost. In addition, we were given highlights of their unexpected experiences relating to their work.

Members can join history talks online, enjoy a river cruise in Shrewsbury and visit a Hydro Electric plant in Holmes Chapel. All arranged by Cheshire Federation.

Helen Lea has led our walking group for 25 years and continues to do so. She has noted that over the past year between 4 and 17 members who join her regularly, have completed 48 Tuesday walks, covering 161 miles in total. In addition, Helen has organised 10 Parish Walks.

Diners enjoyed lunch at The Red Cow in Nantwich and Eleanor hosted our newly formed Book Club who discussed popular Murder Mysteries.

Next meeting

May 1st Resolutions

June 5th NE Wales Search and Rescue

July 3rd Members Month

We meet - First Thursday in the month 7:30 at St Mark's Church Hall, Shavington

Or contact us on woodnothcumshavingtonwi@gmail.com – 01270664063 – or on Facebook

SHAVINGTON CLEAN TEAM

By the time you read this article the clean team will have completed the second group session of 2025.

At our March session over 24 people attended, with several new faces and many return volunteers including the Shavington Beaver group who continue to help ensure that we all have a clean and tidy village.

The next meetings will be on Saturday May10th and Saturday June14th .

All sessions start at 10am at the Village Hall, some of our sessions also start at Hickory's in Gresty .

For further information contact Rene Hancock at ReneHancock@shavingtononline.co.uk or 0120661592

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If you are a non-profit making organisation articles in the Village Voice are free, it is a good way to advertise your activities and to attract new members. Just contact me, Adrian Hancock, on 661592 or e-mail ahancock811@btinternet.com.



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COUNCILLOR LINDA BUCHANAN

**UPDATE RE-ENFORCEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT ON CREWE ROAD,
SHAVINGTON.**

When I was elected as Ward Councillor, I immediately became aware of waterlogging and flooding issues for residents on Crewe Road. These issues had been ongoing since 2018 following a new development. Residents will have clearly seen the flooding caused on Crewe Road from the traffic lights with Newcastle Road to Cherry Tree Park development.

As our village grows, and we welcome new residents to it, we need to understand the existing utility infrastructure is under pressure that it has not had to cope with before.

Cheshire Highways and the flood risk team have been working hard to find a solution to reinforce and upgrade our existing drainage infrastructure to alleviate the issues you can see, as well as those you can't see.

In September 2023 a Council contractor was used to clear a Victorian culverted drain from Crewe Road to Camelot Grove resulting in the removal of 70 tons of silt.

In January 2025 work commenced to alleviate the issues at the back of the houses on Crewe Road. A 150-metre length of modern plastic pipe is being laid from the rear of Diamond Close to Crewe Road, which will have to negotiate around existing :

- Water main
- Gas main
- Two low voltage power connections

The new pipes will direct water back into the water course toward Crewe Road. This will create greater capacity within the UU combined sewer reducing the risk of sewage flooding properties further down the sewer network.

If you are a resident suffering with the nuisance of flooding, please check the Cheshire East website to report a flooding <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/flooding/report-a-flood.aspx>

If there is a risk to life and you require evacuation dial 999.

If your home or business is flooding, call 0300 123 5020 and ask to speak to the flood risk team. Outside of working hours (8.30am to 5pm) call 0300 123 5025 and your message will be passed on to the most appropriate available person.

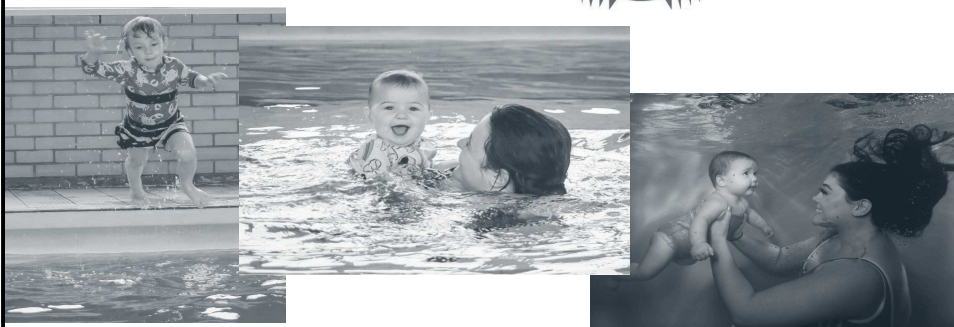
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Wellbeing Wednesdays in Shavington-cum-Gresty.

What are Wellbeing Wednesdays? The purpose of Wellbeing Wednesday is to encourage fitness, reduce social isolation and create opportunities for the community of Shavington-cum-Gresty to come together.

Every Wednesday morning, there will be easy exercise sessions at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall. These exercises are good for your heart and are a good way to meet others.

Also, once a month, on Wednesday evenings, there will be events at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall. There will be different events for the community to be involved in. These events will happen on the third Wednesday of each month.

All events are free of charge. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish council are grateful to Cheshire East Council for the funding of this project which is from their Flourish Fund strategy.

Wellbeing Wednesdays Weekly Morning Session

10.00 -11.30am at Shavington-cum Gresty Village Hall

Join us for Wellbeing Wednesday mornings with AJT Dance. Experience the joy of gentle exercise to music in our low-impact dance classes. From the groovy beats of the 50's to the upbeat rhythms of today's pop hits, there is something for everyone:

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After class, join us for refreshments and healthy snacks. Don't miss out on this chance to rejuvenate your body and soul!

All classes are completely free of charge, with no need to book, just turn up on the night.

Well Being Wednesday Evening Session

7.00 - 8.00pm followed by refreshments, Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall, Third Wednesday of every month

Wednesday 21 May- Watercolour Art with Anna Lau

Wednesday 18 June-Foraging walk with Foraging for Ages(meet at Village Hall) * this is an outdoor session.

Wednesday 16 July – TBC (please see Parish noticeboards or Facebook page)

Wednesday 20 August - Dance fitness with AJT

The next session's will be advertised on our Village Hall notice boards around the village, our website www.shavingtononline.co.uk and on our Shavington Online Facebook page.

We are looking for other ideas or community groups and volunteers to be involved in the evening sessions. Please contact our community manager on communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or by phone 01270 48 25 11 if you would like to be involved

80th Anniversary VE Day Commemorations

Beacon Lighting Event

Thursday 8 May 9pm

Meeting on St Mark's Church field, all community members are invited to join us for the reading of the International Tribute and the lighting of the beacon along with other beacons around the country. This will be an opportunity to join together and reflect.

For any further information on the VE80 Event contact our Community Manager at communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or phone 01270 42 11 25 for more information.

PCSO

Update on PCSO funding for Shavington-cum-Gresty

The Parish Council would like to inform you of an important update regarding the funding of our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). After careful consideration, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council has decided to revert the responsibility for funding back to Cheshire Constabulary, this funding model has been adopted by many other local parishes such as Wybunbury, Willaston, and Rope for some time. This decision follows a detailed report by the Parish Clerk, which evaluated the cost-effectiveness of maintaining a dedicated PCSO and compared our service with that of other parishes.

Shavington-cum-Gresty has been one of the few remaining parishes in Cheshire East funding a dedicated PCSO. However, over the past four years, the cost of this arrangement has risen by more than 30%, and the additional expenditure has not had a marked impact on crime reduction.

Despite this change, the Parish will continue to have a named PCSO, ensuring residents retain a direct point of contact for policing matters. The Parish Council will remain engaged with Cheshire Constabulary to address any local issues. We also wish to reassure residents that on a day-to-day level, there will be no change in how policing concerns are handled, and the same channels of communication with our PCSO remain available.

The Parish Council will be able to focus resources on other key local projects, whilst still benefiting from the community policing model that has worked successfully in surrounding areas. More information about these initiatives will be shared in the coming months.

If you require police assistance, you can continue to contact them in the usual way:

- Emergencies (crime in progress or life-threatening situations): Dial 999.

- Non-emergencies: Call 101 or visit the Cheshire Constabulary website to report incidents online.
- Local issues and information: Visit the Cheshire Constabulary website's section on Shavington, Willaston, and Rope to view crime statistics and learn about our local policing team.

We appreciate your understanding and remain committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk

A PHOTOGRAPH

An interesting photograph of a class from Shavington School. Any ideas as to when it was taken?



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