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Shavington Village Festival

Saturday July 1st

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The cost to produce and stage the event totals approximately £16000 each year, quite an eye watering figure considering everyone involved are volunteers. (and there are many unsung heroes)

To hire the academy alone costs approximately £4000 for the week, lighting and sound another £4000, rehearsal rooms £700, costumes £500. In addition to those costs there are make up, props, advertising, posters, leaflets, performing and video licenses and scripts plus insurance.

The pantomime is a village tradition, the first one being staged in 1978 and it was only during the pandemic that one was missed. So thank you once again to you our loyal supporters and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

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ST MARK'S CHURCH

The arrival of Spring is always welcome after the long and dark winter months. For us, the signs of new life we see in the world around us reflect the message of Easter that Christ came into the world that we might have life in all its fulness. This promise of new life has been especially important over the past few weeks as we have said goodbye to a much loved member of our church family, Chris Neufeld, who passed away after a short illness in March. Many of you will know Chris not just as the tallest person you have ever met (he was just shy of 7 feet tall) but also as a talented musician. Chris loved music and shared this passion generously with others. He was a member of Audley Brass, he conducted the Audley Community Band and he was musical director of our community choir, Singers at St Mark's. Chris played the piano for us every Sunday and his quiet, gentle presence among us is greatly missed. Members of Singers at St Mark's felt that Chris would have wanted the choir to continue: rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in church and new members are always welcome. We hope there will be a concert in memory of Chris on Saturday 20th May. Further details to follow.

Church services and regular activities

1st Sunday of the month – Sunday Celebration – all age worship with a light breakfast available

2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month – Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month – Morning Praise

Our Sunday morning services from St Mark's are also streamed on our Parish Facebook page for the benefit of those unable to attend in person.

Children's groups: Toddlers meet on Tuesdays at 1.30pm followed (biweekly) by GLOW (God Loves Our World) at 3.30pm; both in the church hall during term time.

Singers at St Mark's (SAS) meet to rehearse in church at 7.30 pm every Tuesday. SAS is a Community Choir and new members are always welcome.

Craft & Chatter meets in the church hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1.30 pm.

St Mark's Bingo is held in the church hall at 2.00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

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On the 16th February we had our first event of the year a Beetle Drive which proved to be very popular and one to be repeated another year, we made £197 for the Hospice at this event.

This was followed in March with a talk and power point by Neil Smith and assisted by Peter Bloor showing pictures of The Galapagos Islands. Neil and his wife had been on one of the specialised cruises that visit the islands and it gave an insight into what we would see if we went there. We raised £195 for the hospice that evening.

By the time you read this report we will have had our Easter Quiz at the Vagrants Sports Ground. Many thanks to Steve Linde who not only is our quiz master for the evening but also very generously donates some of the prizes for the quiz.

On 20th April Sam the Gardener is coming to give us a demonstration and talk about creating a wonderful display in your gardens for a Hanging Basket, I am sure lots of you will enjoy that evening.

On 18th May, Sharon Burrows who is a personal fitness trainer will be giving a talk “Move It or Lose It”. She will put us through our paces and explain how important it is for us to keep fit. Some of the committee have volunteered to help her show some of the exercises that we can do at home.

In June the refreshments will be a Strawberry Fayre, and whilst we work up an appetite for this Clare Wolff will be giving us an up to date talk on life at the Hospice and the new services that the hospice is providing.

All of these events cost £5.00 payable on the door, except the quiz and that is only £2.00 plus the usual raffle. We do hope you will come along and support our events.

Should you need further information regarding any of the events then please contact either Shirley Bailey 662519 or Elizabeth Davies 662536

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SHAVINGTON DRAMA GROUP

The drama group has had a great start to the new year. At our AGM we saw regular and new faces joining our committee which is always a pleasure.

March saw us hold our first fund raising event of the year with a Quiz at Willaston Club. It was a sell out event and a great evening was had by all with plenty of prizes along the way as well as the main prize for our top quizzers. Thank you to all our supporters and helpers, without you we would not be able to continue.

The funds raised at the quiz will be going towards our production in July "Hound of the Baskervilles" which we will be performing at Nantwich Players. Our director Debbie Cornock is currently busy planning and rehearsals start in full swing at the end of April.

Tickets are now on sale and after last years sell out event we are hoping for more of the same this year so, if you fancy a good night of drama head over to our booking link www.ticketsource.com/sdg

Looking ahead to the end of 2023 we are starting to plan for the return of a firm favourite with audiences in the past "The Christmas Cracker" which we will be performing at Shavington Village hall Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December. Watch out for tickets going on sale after the summer.

Once again thanks for your continued support.

WOODNOTH CUM SHAVINGTON WI

At the beginning of 2023 members enjoyed a social gathering, with a beetle drive, a game which we had all forgotten. Later in January, our WI supported a community bingo, craft session and a beetle drive at the Parish Council's Warm Spaces afternoons.

Melanie Latham gave a demonstration of making chutney, telling jokes and funny stories of her life experiences. On a more serious subject, members were enthralled by the life history of Harold Shipman, how he manipulated and killed his victims. The lessons learned from this, resulted in changes to the National registering of doctors.

In March three members attended the Cheshire AGM in Winsford. The WI resolution for this year, which will be sent to National office, was announced, which is to "Support Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife". The guest speaker for the evening was Paul Whittaker, who has been deaf from birth, spoke of his determination to follow a career in music. He entertained his audience by signing along to songs by Michael Ball.

Cheshire Federation are arranging a variety of events, such as craft workshops, a jigsaw race, a riverboat cruise and a walking quiz, all of which members can enjoy.

Our Walking group continued to brave the elements, covering local pathways and travelled further afield to Acton, Winterly and Market Drayton. The Diners group will be arranging meals out after Easter. Next Meetings are:

May 4th. Resolutions / Hints and Tips on Beauty

June 1st. Names and Signs of Cheshire Pubs

July 6th. Members Month.

All welcome to join us at our meetings - First Thursday in the month 7:30pm in St Mark's Hall. If you require any information regarding our WI please contact us on: 01270 664063

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SHAVINGTON BOWLING CLUB.

The Bowling Club members are in preparation for the new season which will start on the 3rd of April. For those who are new to the area the bowling green is situated at the rear of Shavington Social Club on Crewe Road and membership is open to all ages, gender and ability, novice or experienced players. We play in many of the local bowls leagues and games take place on most evenings during the week and some afternoons. You are welcome to come to the green to watch the games or if interested enquire about our activities. If you have not played Crown Green Bowls before we can offer advice on how to get started. If you would like further information call the Bowling Club Secretary, Alex Hassall on 07580 002 349.



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SHAVINGTON SCOUT GROUP

As we move into the summer term, all our sections are operating pretty much at capacity, which means that we have a waiting list, particularly for Beavers.

This is good news, after the period when we had no Leaders, were meeting with Willaston and were down to 5 Beavers in total. Now we are over-subscribed, and have no places available until at least the start of 2024!

We cannot increase our capacity due to the size of our HQ, for safety reasons. This is not a unique problem across our District – most Beaver Colonies are in a similar situation where demand far outweighs availability. But we also need the adult volunteers in sufficient numbers to be able to operate.

The national census of Scout Groups, taken annually at the end of January, has shown a marked decline in the numbers of adult volunteers at the same time as a steady increase in the number of young members. This means that at some point there will be Sections which cannot continue because they have too few adults, not because there is no interest from young people.

It's a great time to join Scouting. The weather (hopefully) improves and the days get longer giving us more scope to be out-of-doors rather than indoors enjoying nature, exploring, discovering, learning and having fun with our friends!

It's fun for adults too! Otherwise we wouldn't continue to give our time voluntarily to helping young people to learn and develop in a safe and controlled environment.

This weekend will see hundreds of Scouts hiking across Cheshire. They will have navigated their route and will be carrying with them everything they might need. They have been practicing for weeks, and those that succeed will celebrate a memorable achievement. We wish our teams well!

If you have ever been a Cub or a Scout (or a Brownie or Guide), then you will remember the types of activities that you enjoyed because you were a member and might not otherwise have had the opportunity to try.

We are currently getting ready for our District Camp which is held at Milldale, our District camp site at the end of April. There will be hundreds of young people and adults on-site for the weekend, and an exciting programme of activities is planned for them. It includes Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers and this year the theme is “Myths and Legends”. Whatever the weather does, this weekend will be enjoyed and remembered for many years.

If you enjoy outdoor activities then why not consider joining our team of adult volunteers? We have a small but dedicated team and will always welcome new members. There are a variety of roles, not necessarily working directly with the youngsters. It’s a great addition to a CV too, as Scouting is recognised for its comprehensive training programme for both young people and adults and can make a real difference when it comes to the competition for jobs or university places.

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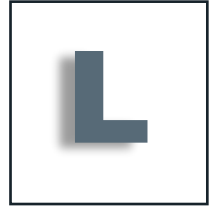


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Dedication of Rose Garden to commemoration
the Coronation of King Charles III
11am - Sunday 7 May 2023

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council would like to extend to all, an invitation to join the Rose Garden Dedication Service to celebrate the Accession and Coronation of King Charles III.

The Service will take place at 11am on Sunday 7 May at the Rose Garden on the corner of Main Road and Barons Road in Shavington.

The Service will include readings from the Chair of Parish Council and from Community group members. This will be alongside Prayers from representatives of St Mark's Church and Shavington Methodist Church. Refreshment will follow at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall.

The Dedication Service will be preceded by a Sunday Celebration service at St Mark's church at 9.45am for those who wish to attend.

SHAVINGTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Coronation Concert

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COUNCILLOR DAVID MARREN

May 3rd 2023 is the last day of the current electoral period; a day when Councillors finish their 48 months term of office.

This last term of office has been different than any other in memory. On May 2nd 2019, candidates to Cheshire East Council were elected, with the first full Council meeting being held on the 22nd May 2019. There were full Council meetings held on the 19th December 2019 and also on the 20th February 2020 and then Covid-19 struck. The next face to face Council meeting was held on the 15th December 2021; that is nearly 22 months later!!! Most Council Officers still work from home! That isn't a criticism, just an observation that there has been massive change to how officers and Councillors now work following a time of great loss.

One thing I am quite proud of, was an amendment I moved to the 2021/2022 budget, conducted over the Computer, using "Teams". I think it is the only amendment made to the budget over the last four years and it was about creating a Ward budget of £4,200 for each Councillor to spend in their own wards. No Conservative Councillors supported the amendment that I moved, (a fact that can be proven as it was a recorded named vote) but it was passed, which meant that Officers had to make it work although even that didn't happen with any enthusiasm. I don't think any Councillor managed to spend their budget in the first year, but satisfyingly, the budget from the first year rolled over to the second, 2022/2023. I spent part of my budget on a safety concern. A resident complained to me that young children could easily run out from the playpark on Needhams Grange straight into the path of traffic on Crewe road; I spent some of the money on a safety barrier. With the rest, some street lighting has been ordered and that should go up soon on the Public Right of Way between Ashcroft Avenue and Greenfields Avenue,

The idea of Ward budgets has proven so popular that the 2023/24 Budget increased the £4,200 to £10,000 per councillor, but it does have to be highways related spending.

In other news, I blocked a Toucan Crossing from being constructed at the end of the cycle path on Rope Lane as I felt it would have been £120,000 down the drain. The battle with Highways took me two years but I've now had written confirmation that a Puffin Crossing is to be constructed in the vicinity of Broomhall Drive.

As for the Pedestrian Crossing on Crewe Road, that has been a nightmare! I was chasing this up in 2019 but it got delayed by Covid; then delayed by backlog of work and by worker shortages and other excuses. I've recently been dealing with the installer directly and we are now nearly there; if not actually there by the time you read this.

To let you know what I have been doing and what CEC has been doing, I maintained a group site called Shavington Electoral Ward and Cheshire East Councillor (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2644495902291495>) **exclusively** for those that live within Shavington Electoral Ward and who are recorded on the Electoral Roll. On this site I listed all Planning Applications, opportunities that are limited like council job vacancies and those issues I needed to post to sound out views. I posted in this group almost daily and they **would** have been about issues that affect you. There is zero nastiness on this site. I'm hoping to keep it going.

Additionally, I maintained a page on Facebook called David M a r r e n @ b e t t e r d e a l f o r s h a v i n g t o n (<https://www.facebook.com/betterdealforshavington>). Anyone could access this site. I used it to publicise forthcoming roadworks, grants that are available, Cheshire East Council issues and lots more. Again, I posted information affecting the ward and wider area virtually every day. There is also zero nastiness on this site and I'm hoping to keep it going.

SHAVINGTON CLEAN TEAM

The Shavington Clean Team was set up in May 2017 and since then the dedicated group of volunteers have been out regularly picking up litter around the Village. If you would like to be involved in the next clean up morning please contact renehancock@shavingtononline.co.uk or phone 01270661592.

Some of our volunteers commented on how relatively tidy the village was and that the biggest problem was weeds in the gutters. All residents can help to keep the village clean and tidy by:-

- ensuring that all hedges and trees do not overhang any pavement adjoining the property
- keeping the pavement outside their property free from weeds
- helping elderly or infirm neighbours to keep their property neat and tidy.

Residents on the main thoroughfares may be unable to carry out this task due to the volume of traffic, residents safety is always a priority.

As well as the group litter picking sessions there are a number of residents who go out individually to keep our Village clean.

Our next Group session is on Monday May 8th as part of the Coronation Big Help Out Day. We look forward to seeing you. We meet at the Village Hall at 10a.m. All equipment is provided, just wear strong shoes and bring gardening gloves if you have them. We do provide disposable gloves.

U3A

No longer in full-time employment? Bored? Why not join your local u3a?

u3a is an international membership organisation, whose motto is 'Learn, Laugh, Live!'. Crewe and Nantwich u3a includes groups in subjects as diverse as the members who enjoy them, from Local History, Art Appreciation, Scottish Dancing and Line Dancing to Music Appreciation, Poetry, Medieval History and Philosophy. There are groups for those who want to be active, such as Badminton, Walking, Gym, Table Tennis, Cycling and Pickleball.

For those who want to keep their brain active, there are Bridge groups, Chess, Mah-Jong, a Quiz group and language study groups. We have Book Reading groups, Sewing and Embroidery groups, Craft groups and even a Computer Drop-In session to answer any members' questions around technology.

Our popular MOTO group - for members who, for whatever reason, attend u3a events alone - provides opportunities to go out for coffee/meals, participate in local coach tours with others, or visit local NT properties/gardens etc. Our recently appointed Events Officer, Nigel Bahrani, has just started planning with the Social Activities Team, membership of which is available to any u3a member, as long as there is a place in the group. Activities so far have included meals out, theatre trips and a visit to the Bingo

The u3a has a very informal structure and is run by members for members (**all** committee members and leaders are volunteers). New members are always very welcome. The only criteria to join the u3a is that you no longer work full-time. Membership of Crewe and Nantwich u3a is a very reasonable £15 for 2023. (Attendance at venue based groups attracts a £1.50 per session room levy to contribute to the costs of room hire. (Social events are priced separately, at cost.) Why not give us a try? Visit the website to find out more or send me an email Sue Steele Chair (chair@candnu3a.org.uk) or enquiries@[candnu3a.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@candnu3a.org.uk)

For more information see our website: candnu3a.org.uk



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