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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

As has become the norm, this month's Council meeting was accessed by Members online using Zoom and a full range of issues were considered, including the acknowledgement that this was the last meeting of the current Council before nominations had to be made for the **Parish Council elections taking place on May 6th**. Current Members have to stand for election alongside any other residents who feel that they would like to serve the community. With very few exceptions anyone in the Parish over eighteen years of age can stand for election, so if you have plenty of energy and enthusiasm this is your chance. If you are interested, look out for information in the press or give the Parish Clerk a call and he will advise you what you need to do. Failing that you can apply to the Elections Officer for an application form - 0345 678 9015.

During the meeting the following topics were considered:

Projects: Disappointment was expressed that planned projects had been delayed either because of the lockdown regulations or the inclement weather but it was hoped that by the time of the April meeting the upgrade of the children's play areas, the replacement streetlights in Millbrook and Bridgeway and repairs to the footpath on the playing field from the car park to opposite the school entrance would all be completed.

Highways: It was noted that repair work had been carried out on the A53 in the Edgebolton area but that there were still outstanding problems and concern was raised that little effort had been made to clean the road after the repair work, with debris left which could cause danger to cyclists and motor cyclists.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones stated that repair work on the B5063 had been delayed because of Issues with Kier Contractors and following an inspection additional repairs had been included in the project. It was planned for action to be undertaken within the next few days.

The Chairman congratulated Shropshire Council on its effort to keep the road behind RAPRA clear of litter and it was noted that they were planning to clear litter from the sides of the A53 between Shrewsbury and Shawbury.

Post Office: Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported that although the Post Office was closing on March 10th. it was unlikely that the Out Reach Office would be opening until the end of April because there had been a delay in connecting a telephone for the office which was essential, as well as unforeseen staffing issues. Because of a reduction in a Government grant the new office would only be open on one day each week.

RAF Shawbury: Lt. M. Peters who regularly attends Council meetings reported that Night Flying would be resuming on March 15th. and will last for six weeks and that the Aries magazine published by the base could again be accessed on the web site. He had been asked to pass on thanks to the community for their continued support of planned activities.

Correspondence: Since the last meeting over forty items of relevant correspondence had been received by the Clerk and forwarded to Members for consideration. These messages included complaints, praise, requests for information, up-dates on the virus and legal reports and when necessary had been responded to in appropriate ways by the Clerk acting on advice from Council Members.

Next Meeting: The next Council meeting is planned for April 13th. and as always details will be published on local notice board and on the Council's web site www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk where you can find details of all the Council's activities.

We continue to publish online only — Please share this newsletter with those who are unable to access the internet. We will of course communicate any changes that impact on the distribution of the newsletter

Local Church Information

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Contact Rev Rich Cresswell on 01939 250990
or email revrichcresswell@gmail.com
Mr C Corbett (Reader) 01939 220312

St Mary's Services April 2021

Thur 1 st	6pm—Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Fri 2 nd	2 pm—Hour by the Cross at St Bartholomew's, Moreton Corbet
Sun 4 th	11am—Easter Day Holy Communion
Thur 8 th	10am—Morning Prayer
Sun 11 th	11am—Holy Communion
Thur 15 th	10am—Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 18 th	11am—Morning Worshp
Thur 22 nd	10am—Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 25 th	11am—Holy Communion
Thur 29 th	10am—Midweek Holy Communion

For weddings, baptisms and other matters, please contact **Reverend Rich Cresswell** on 01939 250990 / revrichcresswell@gmail.com to arrange to meet. For further information go to www.shropshirechurches.uk

Shawbury Parish Council

Chairman—Mr John Kennedy.

Meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday** of the month normally in the Shawbury Village Hall (presently via Zoom) at **7.00pm**. There is a short public session prior to the start of each meeting. Council details are on the website: www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk

Jack Wilson Parish Clerk contact details

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Local Shropshire Councillor

If you have any issues or concerns please contact **Simon Jones** on 01939 250067 or email: simon.p.jones@shropshire.gov.uk

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Mobile Library Friday 16th April and Friday 14th May 2021, 0930—1030

Car Park next to the Church

In line with Government guidance, the Mobile Libraries will be back on the road from the 12th April, offering Ready Reads (click and collect) only to begin with, where borrowers pick up a bag of staff selected books at their normal stop. They will be doing two weeks on the road, two weeks off for the first eight weeks. We will make a decision in May what will happen after that. The drivers will be contacting all their borrowers to let them know and to take orders for their Ready Reads.

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/>



NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

MEETING IN THE GARDEN

My wife and I have just bought a chiminea and we're looking forward to using it. Not just because we like a good fire (although we do), but particularly because it will allow us to enjoy meetings outside. If the Government's COVID Roadmap has stuck to schedule, we'll have been permitted to gather with other people in our gardens from 29th March. That's a cause for celebration!

In the next few days, there will be cause to celebrate another meeting in a garden, too. On Good Friday, Jesus had been killed and buried in a new tomb - in a garden. On the third day after his death, Mary Magdalene went to visit his place of burial and found the tomb empty. Utterly confused and fearing that his body had been stolen, she sought help from a man she presumed to be the gardener but, when he spoke to her, she realised that it was Jesus, risen from the dead! Jesus Christ had triumphed over the powers of evil in this world and everything had changed for those who put their faith in him, because he had established a new relationship between God and his people.

On Sunday 4th April, 2.4 billion Christians the world over will be celebrating this miraculous event, the most important festival in our calendar. Here in Shawbury, it will be a double celebration as we rejoice that we can meet together in church again too. You are most welcome to join us, now or in the coming weeks.

May God's rich blessings rest upon you this Easter.

Rich

VILLAGE HALL

Unfortunately, in the light of the government restrictions, we are unable to open the hall until further notice.

We will let you know the minute we are able to reopen.

We have already put in place the required COVID-19 protocols, ready for when that happens.

Election Nominations—Shropshire Council (Shawbury Division)

The nomination period for candidates wishing to stand for election to **Shropshire Council (Shawbury Division)** and **Shawbury Parish Council** is now open. Anyone wishing to obtain nomination papers can either download their own copies from Shropshire Council's website - www.shropshire.gov.uk - or can contact the Elections Team by email at elections@shropshire.gov.uk or by phone on 0345 678 9015.

Full details of both elections, which are due to take place on Thursday 6th May, can be found on Shropshire Council's website.

Completed nomination papers must be received by Shropshire Council's Returning Officer, **no later than 4pm on Thursday 8th April**, and full details of who is standing as a candidate will be published on the Council's website on Friday 9th April.

If there are more valid nominations received than there are candidates, a poll will be held on Thursday 6th May. Postal vote applications for these elections must be received by 5pm on 20th April, and proxy applications must be received by 5pm on 27th April. Both application forms can be downloaded from Shropshire Council's website.

Calling all big knitters

Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin is upping its knitting game with a new selection of exciting miniature hat designs for the Big Knit campaign.

The Big Knit is a joint campaign between Age UK and Innocent drinks to help vulnerable older people keep warm during the winter. The little hats are then placed on the top of smoothie bottles and for every smoothie sold the local charity receives 25p.

The new patterns will be available on the charities website for download at <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/shropshireandtelford>. Long-time supporter of the Big Knit, Gemmipop designs is taking part again this year and despite the lockdown Gemma and her community of knitters have knitted over 1000 hats so far! It's an incredible achievement and the charity hopes you join in with her knitting efforts.

If you would like to get involved in the Big Knit, leave a message for Angela Goodman at Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin on 01743 233123 or email enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk.

Shropshire Rural Communities Charity

Now recruiting for—Volunteer Relevant Persons' Representatives (VRPR)

Can you spare an hour per month visiting people in Residential Care Homes in your community?

Everyone who is deprived of liberty must have someone appointed to act as their representative. Usually the person or an assessor will select a family member to carry out this role. When there is no one who is able to do it the Council must appoint someone to carry out the role.

The role of the Volunteer Relevant Persons' Representative is to:

- Provide regular contact and ongoing support to the person -about 1 hour a month per case.
- Help the person to voice their concerns about the deprivation of liberty by requesting a review from the Council. You will be provided with the relevant paperwork.
- Assist the person to make a complaint to the Council by using the Council's Complaints Service. You will be provided with the relevant paperwork.
- Challenge any deprivation of liberty by assisting/supporting the person to request a review or make an application to the court of protection. (further support is available from the Council with this).

We will support you in this role by ensuring that you have a key contact for day-to-day advice and guidance. In return for the time you give you will receive valuable training and gain experience and skills.

- Volunteers would have satisfactory skills and experience to carry out the role.
- Full training provided
- This role requires an enhanced DBS check and character references.
- All travel expenses are reimbursed

For more information please contact Susann Mitchell at Shropshire RCC, Tel 01743 360641 or email susann.mitchell@shropshire-rcc.org.uk



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