

A Borneo Adventure!

During the last 2 - 3 years several local young adults have spent 4 - 6 weeks abroad serving to improve life for those living in communities in such countries as Cambodia, Ghana and Borneo. With having to help fund these trips they applied to the *Shawbury United Charities* fund, the Trustees of which have been most impressed with their undertaking such a venture and raising the funds required.

Leah, who recently went to Borneo, writes "It was an adventure of a lifetime in Borneo, travelling to our first camp called Bongkud, sleeping in longhouses and enduring bucket showers. We helped the community by digging trenches for their drainage systems before leaving on a 5 day hilly trek and having to put our hammocks up each night. Then on to a tea plantation site and the next jungle camp travelling by boat seeing crocodiles, kingfishers and orangutans in the wild. Here the project work consisted of cutting down overgrown areas with massive machetes then planting trees. We set a record of planting 251 trees in 24 hours. We then left for 2 nights in Sepilok a sanctuary for orangutans and sun-bears (smallest in the world). Here we were educated on major issues such as extinction and the risk it currently has for those in the wild. We left for a 6 night stay at Camp Tambunan to try basket weaving, lake fishing, making cement, sieving sand, digging holes, weeding and teaching children. We had karaoke nights and played card games. Camp Rang Bulan, our last camp, had beautiful beaches and a nearby jungle. Here we learnt about coral, wind chimes, local shells and helped make a playground for the local kindergarten.

To have experienced all of this, the travelling, helping others, loving the trekking and wonderful jungle, bonding with others through the shared experiences, having the motivation and positive mindsets, has helped me become a better person. Borneo was way more magnificent than I could have possibly ever imagined."

These are just a few excerpts from her full manuscript that came with some lovely photos. Leah should be proud of herself and is a credit to her family, as indeed are all the others who have done likewise. It is heartening to know we have such sensible, responsible 15 - 18 year olds amongst us.

Church Christmas Fayre ! Ho, ho, ho..... (ok, maybe a little early for the ho...!)

We're coming up to that time of year again and it will be the Church Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 7th December 2 - 4pm** in the Village Hall. We hope to have craft stalls in the old Library room and need to know of any interest. If you would like to book a table for £10 please phone 01939 250343.

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Sat 5 th	10am-12, Coffee Morning
Sun 6 th	11am, Harvest Festival
Thur 10 th	10am, Holy Communion
Sun 13 th	11am, Holy Communion
Thur 17 th	10am, Holy Communion
Sun 20 th	9.30am, Stanton Holy Communion
Thur 24 th	10am, Holy Communion
Sun 27 th	11am, holy communion, followed by Bring and Share Harvest Lunch
Thu 31 st	11am, Morning Prayer

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Shawbury Parish Council

Chairman—Mr Paul Sharp.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Shawbury Village Hall 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

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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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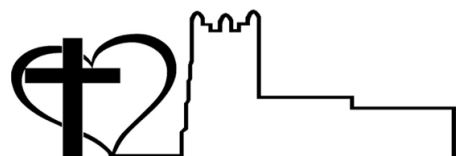
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Walkers 1000	diddi Dance 0915–1000	Toddlers 1000	Senior Club 1400	Post Office 0930–1130
Whist 1930	Buzz in Café 1030–1200	Slimming World 1830–1930	Bingo 1930 for 2000	Fitness Boxing 1100–1200
WI–3rd Monday 1915	Flower Club–1st Tuesday 1930	Ju Jitsu 1800	Gardeners–4th Thursday 1930	Watercolour Painting– alternate Fridays 1000–1200
Fitness Boxing 1900–2000	Parish Council–2nd Tuesday, 1900			

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The latest meeting of the Council took place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th. September when a wide range of issues were debated including:

The Playing Field Fencing: Members were disappointed to hear that the appointed contractor was unable to start the work on the planned date and has indicated it would now start in early October. The Chairman had advised him of the urgent need to get this work completed as more posts were continuing to rot away.

A53 Re-surfacing: It was noted that work was progressing and we were still being assured it would be finished by the stated date. The Chairman raised concerns over the alleged repair carried out in the road by the Co-Op shop and his concerns were shared by other Members. *Post Meeting Note: The repair did fail and the resulting works by Severn Trent caused significant disruption on top of the already planned works. The Chairman was particularly disappointed as the Parish Council had written to Shropshire Council Leader, Lezly Picton, on 27 July, highlighting our concerns with the work that was required by Severn Trent ahead of the Resurfacing work. On 30th August we were sent a note that stated Severn Trent Water have completed their works in advance of ours, both to their mains leak and to their waste water network. On the first day of the resurfacing the Chairman spoke to the Foreman of the Works and said that the Parish Council was deeply concerned that Severn Trent had not completed to proper repair on the water leak and had not broken ground in the area. He said he had been assured the work was complete.*

Council Vacancy: No requests had been received from members of the public interested in being co-opted onto the Council to replace Brian Lyon who had to resign as he was leaving the area. If you are interested it is not too late - just give the Parish Clerk a call and he will be happy to discuss the process with you.

Vandalism: It was disappointing to discuss two acts of mindless damage with the recently re-painted picnic table having graffiti drawn on it before the paint had fully dried. Then someone decided to trample down the new autumn flowers in the floral gateway on the Council car park. The police have been informed and have promised to patrol the area but any help from the Community in identifying the culprit would be appreciated.

Mid-Year Financial Statement: Members considered a Statement prepared by the Clerk which showed that there were no concerns over financing this years planned activities and that the Council was in a sound financial position. The Statement will be placed on the Council's web site or a copy can be obtained from the Clerk.

Report from Shropshire Councillor S. Jones: Mr. Jones had been unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a written report which was considered by Members. It included full details of the decisions made regarding the collection of garden waste and accessing the Household Recycling Centres. He also provided details of the Ofsted Focused visit to the County, to survey the Councils arrangements for looked after children and young people. Overall there was a favourable report and the Council was addressing areas that needed improving.

Dog Waste: Concern was expressed about an increase of dog waste in the Parish and owners are reminded of the need to pick up and dispose responsibly of dog faeces. It is an offence not to do this and a fine for non-compliance has been raised to £100. By the way Shropshire Council are seeking members of the public who would like to train as volunteer wardens.

Grass Mowing: Each year it is necessary to flail cut the grass and vegetation in the Glebe and Moat areas as this allows the areas to stay healthy and the smaller plants to survive. Last year we got caught out by a very wet spell of weather, so the contractor has been asked get the work done whilst it is still relatively dry.

As always the full minutes of the meeting can be found on the Councils web site—www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk and the Clerk can be contacted on shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net or by 'phone on 01743 236810.

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