

Village Hall Update

The past year has been a very difficult time for everyone. For those regularly using the hall all activities ceased, but the hall is now becoming available again and clubs and societies are starting to hold their meetings. Social distancing means that the capacity of all rooms is still restricted (Hall - 30, Function Room -16, Old Library -15) but the hope is after the 19th of July we will be able to open fully.

The following groups are meeting or about to start in July, Ju Jitsu, Seniors, Slimming World, Toddlers, Walkers, Yoga, Buzz In, and Bingo. We have also started to accept bookings for children's parties, Birthday and Wedding parties.

If you are interested in booking a room please contact the Booking Secretary via Email - shawburyvillagehallbookings@gmail.com and we can send you a booking form and list of charges (which have not changed in the last three years!)

I look forward to you using the hall.

Richard Bray - Chair Shawbury Village Hall Committee

Newsletter Distribution

Following the delivery of flyers to every household in Shawbury several weeks ago we now have people who would like hard copies delivered, those wishing to pick-up from the Co-op (who we are

very grateful to for stocking the newsletter), and a large number who would like it via email.

With the reduction in hardcopies being delivered, we do not need as many distributors. Those who will no longer be distributing the newsletter have been duly thanked. Many of them having been involved for decades, faithfully turning out each month to deliver their rounds come rain or shine. It has been a real commitment and a valuable service to the village for at least 40 years. We are very grateful to everyone who has helped and also very much appreciate the support of our advertisers.

The newsletter can be accessed online at www.shawbury.me.uk. If anyone would like an email version, please send your details to shawburynews@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list.

St Mary's Church, Shawbury

COFFEE MORNING




10am – 12noon

SATURDAY 3rd JULY




Bric-a-brac stall

* 2nd hand books * Cakes * Raffle *

Join us for a drink & a chat

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH

Local Church Information

St Mary the Virgin—Shawbury

St Andrew—Stanton

St Bartholomew—Moreton Corbet

Contact Rev Rich Cresswell on 01939 250990

or email revrichcresswell@gmail.com

Mr C Corbett (Reader) 01939 220312

St Mary's Services

July 2021

Thur 1 st	10am, Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 4 th	11am, Worship Together
Thur 8 th	10am, Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 11 th	11am, Holy Communion
Thur 15 th	10am, Midweek Morning Prayer
Sun 18 th	11am, Morning Worship
Thur 22 nd	10am, Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 25 th	11am, Holy Communion
Thur 29 th	10am, Midweek Morning Prayer

For weddings, baptisms and other matters, please contact **Reverend Rich Cresswell** on 01939 250990 / revrichcresswell@gmail.com

Shawbury Parish Council

Chairman—Mr John Kennedy.

Meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday** of the month in the Shawbury Village Hall at **7.00pm**. Currently under COVID-19 restrictions. There is a short public session prior to the start of each meeting—currently you must book prior to the meeting under COVID regulations. 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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**Mobile Library Friday 23rd July & 6th August
0930—1030**

Car Park next to the Church

We had hoped to restart our regular Mobile Library service, and allow borrowers back on board, from the end of June. However, this has been delayed a month following the delay to lockdown easing and the rise in COVID positive numbers in Shropshire. The service will carry on with Ready Reads until the end of July, the service schedule (with the usual COVID caveat) for the next couple of months (these dates are also on our website):

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



NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

THREE YEARS?

MORE LIKE A THOUSAND OR HIGHER!

I write this on the third anniversary of my licensing to the parishes of Shawbury, Stanton upon Hine Heath and Moreton Corbet. The last three years have been a fascinating time, as I have had the privilege of sharing in the ups and downs of life with many of you. During that time, we've also made some changes in church - things like starting the food bank, which has proven so valuable during lockdown/furlough, and starting PRAISE@3, our all-age service which will become a more frequent occurrence from September.

But my three-year anniversary pales into insignificance with the history of the church itself. The Domesday Book records that there was already a church here in 1086 (not this particular building), so it is reasonable to assume that people have been worshipping God in Shawbury for at least 1000 years. Almost all of us have had some involvement with the church in our lifetimes, whether it's being part of the congregation, Sunday School from years ago, weddings or funerals. Through all the changing scenes of life, God has been the one constant factor. I'm proud to have played my part (so far) in writing the latest chapter of the church here in Shawbury and I'm excited for the future of God's people here in Shawbury.

May God's blessing rest upon you.

Rich

Shawbury Outreach Post Office

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The June meeting was held in the Parish Hall under Coronavirus distancing regulations, which meant that members of the public could not attend without making an appointment prior to the event which is necessary but regrettable. A range of issues were discussed in the meeting including:

Co-option of additional Members: Following the recent elections there were four vacancies on the Council and we are pleased to report that Ms. S. McIntosh, Mr. R. Pinches and Mr K. Pickering have been co-opted onto the Council leaving just one vacancy for an interested resident.

Internal Audit: The Internal Audit report, which indicated that there were no concerns regarding the financial and overall management of the Council, were considered and adopted. The documents will now be forwarded to the Government appointed Auditors in London for consideration. Documents related to the audit can be obtained on request from the Parish Clerk.

Arson Attack: Members expressed anger and distress over the mindless arson attack which had completely destroyed a picnic table in the Glebe area and a suitable replacement is being considered; this will cost well over four hundred pounds to replace. The Police have been informed and it is hoped that those responsible can be identified and dealt with.

Highways Problems: Concern was again expressed about the lack of action from Shropshire Council in dealing with the many issues which have been brought to their attention. The Parish Council has no responsibility for Highways and Pavements and can only report problems to Shropshire Council in the hope that they will be dealt with.

Street Lights: A full apology is offered to the residents in parts of Millbrook and Bridgeway over the continued delay in completing the work on up-grading the lights. The problem lies firmly with Scottish Power who have to make the cable connections and in spite of continuous efforts our contractors E.ON have been unable to get a firm date for completion.

Annual Parish Meeting: The Council has a legal duty to hold an open meeting once a year but this was not possible last year because of the lockdown regulations. It had been planned to hold this year's meeting in July but because of the on-going uncertainty about the removal of the restrictions it is intended to hold it on September 14th. and further details will be published in due course.

Annual Community Awards: Each year the Council presents Community Awards to residents and others who have done outstanding work in or for the Parish. The awards are sponsored by RAF Shawbury and a Senior Officer normally presents them at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Members welcome nominations for the awards and feel sure there will be many people who have done exceptional work during the Pandemic as well as others who regularly go the extra mile in helping and supporting people and the community at large. Please get in touch with the Clerk if you wish to make a nomination.



Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin have older people who need some help in their own homes and are therefore recruiting casual, part-time home support workers to reduce their waiting list.

No personal care is involved and will be mainly practical tasks such as cleaning, shopping and collecting prescriptions, laundry and gardening.

A driving licence and own transport is preferred and the post is subject to a disclosure and barring service check. Please call 01743 233 788 to request an application form and for more information on our Help at Home service visit our website: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/shropshireandtelford/our-services/home-help/>

COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing Kits – where you can collect locally

Wem Library, High Street (Collect only) - Tuesday 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm, Thursday 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm, Friday 2pm - 4pm, Saturday 9:30am - 12pm

The Lantern Library, Meadow Farm Drive, Shrewsbury, (Collect only) - Tuesday 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm, Thursday 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm, Friday 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm

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