

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The April Council meeting was again held on line and virtually a full complement of Members accessed it dealing with the following topics:

Election: The Elections Officer at Shropshire Council had reported that there was no call for a Parish Council election as only eight nominations had been received for the twelve available seats and those eight people would automatically be elected. This means that there are four vacancies and an attempt will be made to co-opt people to fill those seats. So if you were too late with your application; failed to see the advertisement or were not sure what to do, now is your chance. Just get in touch with the Parish Clerk who will tell you what is involved and how to apply and any applications received will be considered at the Council meeting in June.

Outreach Post Office: Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones reported that the telephone had now been connected to the Village Hall and plans were in hand for the project to start in the first week in May and it is understood that the office will operate for three hours on one day of each week.

RAF Shawbury: A report had been received from Lt. Matt Peters, who attends Council meetings as a representative from the base, which asked for the Community to be thanked for their continued support of the recent night flying phase and the essential training activity being undertaken under Covid restrictions. He also reported that the Gliding Club intend to fly every Saturday and Bank Holidays throughout the summer. From September 1st. to February 1st. flying will take place on Sundays.

Playing Field: The Council has given agreement for the Football Club to resume holding junior matches on the marked area and dog owners are reminded that dogs have to be kept on leads on any area designated for this type of activity. This is to ensure it is a safe area for children and the Council will be erecting appropriate notices.

We have also been given an assurance that before the end of April Shropshire Council's Outdoor Partnership will be carrying out repairs to the footpath which runs from the car park to opposite the school entrance.

Vote of thanks: Before the meeting closed it was noted that Councillors Dave Roberts, Sam McIntosh and Robert Pinches had not sought re-election to the Council and the Chairman, on behalf of all the Members, expressed sincere thanks for the valuable contributions they had all made in supporting the Council and the Community over many years and wished them good health and happiness. His comments were supported by all the Members.

Other News: The meeting planned for May will be the Council's Annual General Meeting with the election of officers and representatives and we are planning to hold it in the Village Hall under the strict regulations issued by the Government. This means that if members of the public want to attend they will have to contact the Clerk beforehand so that the necessary arrangements can be made. By the time we hold the July meeting we expect that if the road map progresses as outlined by the Government meetings will be held as normal.

Just to remind you that if you want to attend or have any issues or comments please make contact with the Clerk who will be more than happy to help. You can telephone 01743 236810 or email shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net and that there is plenty of information on the Council's web site www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk.

Please see page 3 for information on the future distribution of the Shawbury Newsletter

Local Church Information

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or email revrichcresswell@gmail.com

Mr C Corbett (Reader) 01939 220312

St Mary's Services

May 2021

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Thur 6 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 9 th	11am Holy Communion
Thur 13 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 16 th	11am Morning Worship with our Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Thur 20 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 23 rd	11am Holy communion for Pentecost
Thur 27 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion
Sun 30 th	11am 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 14th May 2021,

0930—1030

Car Park next to the Church

In line with Government guidance, the Mobile Libraries restarted on the 12th April, offering Ready Reads (click and collect). 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

LOOKING BACKWARDS, LOOKING FORWARDS

Like all Church of England churches, St Mary's is required to hold an annual meeting, where reports are given and members of the PCC (the church council) are elected. There is a formal report, which must contain the information required of us by the Charity Commission, but I also have the opportunity to offer a vicar's report. I like to use this as a time to reflect on the previous twelve months and to look ahead to the future.

I'm sure my report will mention the storm that COVID has caused during the year. But, in the church, our faith in Jesus means that we can weather the storm. Indeed, we believe in a God who can calm the waves and still the wind, just with the sound of his voice.

But times are changing, the Church of England is changing and St Mary's is changing too. We have challenges to face and opportunities to embrace. In all of it we'll be looking to Jesus Christ, our strength and our Redeemer.

If you're looking for strength and support in the changing storms of life, I would love to encourage you to look to Jesus.

And if you haven't been to church in years, why not come along and find out how we've changed!

May God's blessing rest upon you.

Rich

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Friday 7th May

The Future Distribution of Shawbury News

Having had a year without newsletter delivery the time seems right to consider other options. Over the coming weeks each household in Shawbury will receive a small flyer asking for your response as to how you would like to access the newsletter.

You will be able to respond by:

- Phone - 01939 250024
- Email—shawburynewsdelivery@gmail.com
- Posting—Village Hall mail box

Your four choices of how to receive the newsletter will be:

1. I would like the newsletter delivered (we require the first line of your address)
2. I will access it on line at www.shawbury.me.uk
3. I would like to receive it via email (provide an email address)
4. I would prefer to collect one from the village outlets (these locations are to be confirmed)

The newsletter has been running for many decades, and provides a vital link to many in the village as to what is taking place, along with updates that have an impact on the village community.

When you receive your flyer, please take a couple of minutes to respond.

Thank you

Nine-year-old Little Trooper from Shawbury wins charity bravery award

A nine-year-old military child from RAF Shawbury has been awarded by military children's charity, Little Troopers, for showing bravery and determination in the face of ill-health and change at home.

Kayden Royle, who's Dad serves in the Royal Air Force, was named 'Little Trooper of the Month' after being diagnosed with alopecia and undergoing treatment at the same time as moving home and coping with his Dad serving overseas.

At the beginning of 2020, Kayden was living in Cyprus when he suddenly lost 75% of his hair due to the onset of alopecia. His hair began to grow back in the summer but when the family moved back to the UK Kayden found the transition difficult after 4.5 years in Cyprus and in the autumn he lost all of his hair and eyelashes again. Further impacted by the lockdown restrictions and home-schooling; Kayden withdrew completely, wearing a hat all the time and refusing to leave the house.

Kayden started receiving treatment in February and whilst his hair hasn't grown back yet, his family say he is slowly getting his confidence back and is enjoying being back at school. Kayden and his family are now facing another challenge with his Dad now deployed overseas until July, but Kayden's Mum says that he is taking this in his stride and is just focused on getting back to playing football at Wem Town Football Club when games resume.

She explains: *"I am so proud of Kayden and how he has dealt with all the changes he has faced this past year; alopecia, moving back to the UK, home-schooling, lockdown and now deployment. There's been tears and smiles but I can see my happy boy returning now and his confidence is growing more and more every day."*

Kayden will receive a special medal, certificate and prize as part of her award.

Louise Fetigan, founder of Little Troopers, comments: *"This has been a particularly difficult year for lots of military children who have faced house moves and deployments alongside home schooling and lockdown, but it's been especially hard for Kayden to cope with the sudden onset of alopecia as well. Our Little Trooper of the Month Award scheme is about lifting military children up and helping them realise just how special they really are. We hope this award helps Kayden to see just how amazing he has been and how proud his family are of him."*

Little Troopers is a registered charity supporting children who have parents serving in the British Armed Forces. The charity has a number of resources that parents can use to support children at home including the Little Troopers Treasures story recording app for military parents to record themselves reading stories for their children to watch while they are away. For more information visit www.littletroopers.net



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