

Cameo meets SinB

Shevington in Bloom (SinB) were invited to give a talk at the January meeting of St Anne's Cameo Group. Two members of SinB had a lovely two course hot meal with the group. Some of SinB's awards were on display and portfolios were shared with the group. The talk began with an introduction about how SinB started, the awards they have and what they do in the Village. Then each Committee member gave a short talk about how they joined Shevington in Bloom and their role on the Committee. Everyone appears to have had a good time.

Cameo is a group for Widows and Widowers and meetings takes place on the third Thursday of each month at 11:15am in the Parish Centre - all are welcome. For further details you can contact **May Spicer, 01257 422085**.



Come & Join Us in Bowling at Forest Fold

Tucked away in Forest Fold (off Miles Lane, Appley Bridge – near Broadriding Road) Shevington Parish Council have a bowling green. For a small membership subscription of £20 per person for the season you may play there over the weekend and during the week, when it is not being used for team fixtures or other events. Anyone under the age of twenty may play for FREE.



The bowling green is open from 8am till sunset daily from 1 April till the end of September. On site facilities provided include toilets and some shelter from rain. If you bring a packed lunch, we provide litter bins for your refuse. If you are not playing with a team, you will need to provide your own bowls.

Membership forms (with instructions) for 2018 can be downloaded from the Parish Council website, collected from Shevington Library or obtained by emailing the Clerk.

Teams are welcome to book the green for their fixtures. The subscription for the 2018 season remains unchanged at £100. The pavilion is furnished and has tea and coffee making facilities. It can be used for team fixtures and other events by arrangement with Shevington Village Bowling Club. The Club are always looking for new team members. If you enjoy competition, why not join the Club? There are two ladies teams, a mixed team and a veterans team. More are always welcome.

If you would like to use the bowling green for a single session event, we ask you to make a contribution of £30, payable in advance. For more information, please contact the Clerk.

Bowling is a good form of exercise for people of all ages. As an activity it fits in with many of the principles of The Deal with Wigan Council. Why not join and give it a go?

Shevington in Bloom Returns to Competition

Shevington in Bloom, after a two year break, would like to announce that they will enter the North West in Bloom Competition in 2018. The Judging will probably take place in July. It will mean extra work for the volunteers to prepare the Village to Judging Standard.

We would like to take this opportunity to appeal for more volunteers. If you feel you can help you can contact us on our Facebook page or by e-mailing shevingtoninbloom@yahoo.com. We are also having a stall at Shevington Fete at the end of June to raise funds. We need prizes for our game - unwanted gifts, toiletries, chocolates, wine etc would be welcome. Donations can be left at Shevington Library.



New Diabetes Support Group

You could be just our type

Due to the increase in Diabetes within the nation and the number of patients within our area who have diabetes, your Patient Participation Group from Shevington Surgery has set up a Diabetes Support Group.

This is an opportunity for people with diabetes to come along and share/discuss the way they deal with diabetes as well as getting support from other patients. We will be inviting guest speakers/specialists to our meetings who work within this area along with representatives from Diabetes U.K., as well as help from our surgery's NHS professionals. *Come Along for a Chat and a Drink.*

Venue: St. Anne's Parish Centre, Church Lane, Shevington
Meet On: The First Monday of the Month (except Bank Holidays) - we will be meeting on 7 May which is a Bank Holiday - from 7pm to 8:30pm
For further information contact **Jane** on 07818 641052



Shevington Parish Council has small grants available for local community groups. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for an application form.

Your Parish Council meets Wigan Council Officers

On 19 January a delegation from the Parish Council met with several of Wigan Council's senior officers to talk about how the two councils could work together to try to improve services for residents of the Parish. We discussed matters such as the frequency of bin collections, the availability of doggie poo bags and food caddy bags, car parking provision, road surfaces and repairs to potholes, the quality of play area provision and its maintenance, the provision of advice in relation to the further development of the Vicarage Lane Fields site and, of course, the future of the former Shevington



Parish Cllrs Chris Horridge, John Ball, Ira Whiteley and Carole Miles and Clerk Krystyna Pilkington with Wigan Council's CEO Donna Hall and other senior officers: Karl Bannister, Joanne Wilmott and Christine Charnock-Jones after the meeting.

Community Primary School site. Also under discussion were improved communications between the two councils.

That meeting has already borne fruit. Wigan Council's Education Department have agreed to open the car park previously used by Shevington Community Primary School staff for use by the staff of Shevington Surgery and Clinic. This will make more space for patient car parking within the Surgery and Clinic car parks and, hopefully, reduce the amount of on-road parking along Miles Lane. The sand surfaces in the play areas in Shevington's Memorial Park, which had remained untouched over the past year, have been rotovated and grass and weeds have been removed. Meanwhile, Staff from Wigan Council have met with members of the Vicarage Lane Fields Working Party to advise on aspects of landscaping at the site. All part of The Deal.