

Shevington Fete

This year Shevington Fete was a sizzling, super success. Well done to the Fete Committee who arranged everything so well. Hundreds of families and children enjoyed the fun and colourful stalls. A variety of different food stalls provided for all tastes. Cold drinks, beer and tea were on offer to quench thirst on a very warm day. Children's games and rides for the little ones ... the climbing wall for older, more adventurous ones, plus the musical entertainment in the marquee, meant there was something for everyone to enjoy. The weather was close to perfect ... sunny and very warm but with a light breeze. A very pleasant sense of community prevailed throughout the day.

Thanks too to all those who signed the Parish Council consultation on Park Improvements. Again a great thank you to the Fete Committee for their hard work and persistence which made the Fete of 2018 such a great success!



"in Bloom" Judging Day

After taking a break from Competition Shevington in Bloom returned this year and were judged twice, as Wigan Council brought their judges to Shevington on 9 July for the first time. Other 'in Bloom' Community Groups from the Borough came to Shevington on the same day to meet Wigan's judges.

Shevington in Bloom were judged for 2 1/2 hours in their own right on 11 July. Appley Bridge in Bloom and Crooke Village were also judged on the same day, so the villages needed to be as perfect as possible on both dates.

All the "In Bloom" groups have been very busy with several new projects underway, the main one in the centre of Shevington being 5 new bespoke metal planters at Shevington Library, similar to the popular ones already there. They have replaced the green bicycle planters, which have been acquired by Appley Bridge in Bloom.

All the "In Bloom" groups always welcome new volunteers. If you would like to join Shevington in Bloom you can e-mail them at shevingtonin-bloom@yahoo.com or phone Sandra on 01257 401997. If you would like to join one of the other groups, please contact the Clerk, who will pass on your details.

We hope you will continue to enjoy the fruits of their very hard work.



Shevington Village Bowling Club Open Day

Sunday 22 July
12 noon till 4pm

Come and join us at Forest Fold Bowling Green
Just off Miles Lane,
Appley Bridge

Bowls will be provided
Light refreshments available
Free Car Park

Entry £1 each

Appley Bridge War Memorial

In the year of the 100th anniversary of the World War One Armistice, Appley Bridge Community Association has been conducting research on the war memorial sited in the garden of the Community Centre. We have focused particularly on the names from World War One and tried to build up a profile of each man. Using various sources we have been able to track down most of the names. However, many men from all over the Commonwealth were killed during the four years of WWI and several soldiers bore the same name. In some cases it is difficult to confirm that the name matches the soldier. Sometimes, it is difficult to link the name to Appley Bridge.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are keen to hear from anyone who may be able to help in our quest. Do you know anything about any of the names on the memorial? Are you related to any of the soldiers? Do you have any photographs? If you think that you can help with our research and have information on any of the names, please email us at anne.fletcher1@icloud.com or anndave39@talktalk.net.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Shevington Bowling Green

at
Forest Fold, Miles Lane, Shevington

Open Daily ~ 8 am until Sunset
(1 April to 30 September)

Individual Membership:
£20

Application forms are available from Shevington Library, Shevington Bowling Green & the Clerk to the Parish Council

For information about team and single event booking rates, please contact the Clerk on 01257 473022

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

Our Plans for Memorial Park

As residents know, the park in the centre of Shevington is held in Trust for all the people of Shevington. Unlike other parks in the Parish, which are the responsibility of Wigan Council, our park is administered and paid for by the Parish Council. This means that the upkeep is paid for by YOU through the precept.

The park has long been in need of drainage - it becomes unusable for weeks at a time during wet weather. Our children's play area is crowded and the surface is not up to modern standards. The larger pieces of play equipment are over 20 years old.

The Parish Council have come up with a plan for drainage and refurbishment. We want to raise funds for the following:

- 1. HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** - drain the park, repair the broken pathways, extend and improve the children's play area, reinstate the trimtrail and install outdoor exercise machines!
- 2. HERITAGE** - Shevington and District's agricultural and mining history is part of our heritage and is gradually being forgotten. We want to introduce a timeline of our heritage using simple line drawings in paving stones which will depict our history from Medieval times to the modern day. We will be working with local artists to help with the simple designs.
- 3. HORTICULTURE** (Hedges, shrubs and flowers) - We would like to introduce more native species of plants around the perimeter of the park.

In September the Parish Council will be sending out a consultation leaflet to ask for your opinions, suggestions and your support for the scheme. To pay for it we will be looking for funding from various sources of grant funding The Parish Council may also have to use some funds from reserves in order to provide match - funding! Thanks to the 200 of you who signed up to the plan on the day of the Fete! You will have another opportunity to do this in the Autumn.

The Informal Consultation on the Future of the Former School Site

- What Did You Say?

In November 2017 a leaflet prepared by the Parish Council was delivered to all households in the village. The leaflet launched an informal consultation on residents' views on the future of the former school site. The consultation ended in February 2018. Since then we have been assessing its outcome, which we would now like to share with you.

We received a total of 109 responses, many of which represented the views of whole households, so, in terms of individuals, the total number could be considered to substantially exceed 109. The responses showed commitment to the project and residents seemed pleased to have their say.

Below are some of the typical responses/ ideas put forward:

- 1. Mixed Community Provision** - 90% were in favour of the suggestion of an imaginative mixed development supporting the older population and including all-age provision.
- 2. Medical access** - The second largest group wanted an 'extension of the local medical centre services 'plus provision for the elderly'.
- 3. Parking** - There was a strong need for more adequate parking facilities. 90 % mentioned the difficulty of parking along Miles Lane. There were many complaints about parking on pavements to access local businesses. Many asked for an extension of car parking facilities for the medical centre. These responses often included support for sheltered housing and more imaginative provision of care across age groups.
- 4. Young People** - About 10% asked for Sure Start and Young People's facilities. 'Our younger generation are neglected', 'Not enough to do for the young!', 'Our parks are poor', 'More concentration on ageing groups means Shevington does not seem a hopeful, vibrant place for young people'.
- 5. Other** - One or two wanted an Adventure Park, a community centre / historical archive and museum plus tea gardens.

We would like to thank all those of you who responded. Thank you for the involvement and the commitment to the community demonstrated in so many of your responses.