

Commemorating 100 Years Since the Armistice

Poppies on Lamp Posts

During the first half of this month you will have noticed large poppies appearing on the lamp posts of the main routes through the Parish – even on the dual carriageway approach from J27! (One is visible in the background of the photograph of 'Our Tommy' at the bottom of the page.)

To commemorate the Centenary of the End of WWI the Parish Council decided to buy 160 display poppies. 130 poppies came from the Royal British Legion – for these we sent the RBL a donation of £390 on your behalf. The remaining thirty came from other sources, because the RBL had run out of stock. Thanks go to Parish Council staff who spent quite a few hours in all weathers attaching the poppies to the street furniture - the poppies will remain in place throughout November.

Appley Bridge Remembers

On Sunday, 4 November Appley Bridge Community Association held an Afternoon Tea at the village's Community Centre. They had an amazing turn out and a lot of hard work went into the displays and other elements of the event, so a special thank you to all the volunteers that put lots of time into it.

WWI Display in Shevington Library

As part of the Centenary commemoration the Parish Council's WWI Committee are preparing a display in Shevington Library. They are also writing a book about residents of the Parish who lost their lives during the Great War. As part of their researches they identified seven new service men who had died between 1914 and 1918 and whose names had to be added to the plaque on the War Memorial. This led to the replacement of the plaque by a new one.

'People's Procession' in London

Gill and Paul Rigby, two residents of Shevington, were chosen by ballot to take part in the procession on Remembrance Day. Gill writes: "It was a humbling and memorable occasion for my husband and me. 10,000 people gathered along the Mall as we watched the main procession on big screens. As we started to walk through Admiralty Arch towards the Cenotaph there were thousands lining the streets, and leaving our wreath to represent the people of our area, we remembered the words that the children at St Bernadettes school had written on it, '...we remember the ultimate sacrifices you made so we can receive the greatest gift - life.' I wore the WWI medals belonging to my great-uncle - my inspiration. The power of remembrance should never be forgotten."

Our Tommy's Travels

In our last edition we told you about how Shevington Parish Council had purchased a six foot version of 'Our Tommy' on behalf of the Parish as part of this year's Centenary commemoration of the end of WWI and arranged for the figure to be put on display at churches and schools and several other locations in the area. Many thanks go to all of those who agreed to act as host to 'Our Tommy' – they all appreciated being given the opportunity to take part and some have even invited him back for a return visit. A very big 'thank you' to Cllr Joe Calderbank, whose idea this was, and Cllr Chris Horridge, his chauffeur, who, over a period of two months, dutifully collected him from one venue and delivered him to the next without fail.

End of WWI Centenary Tree Planting

'There but not There' ...on Friday, 9 November 'Our Tommy' played a really poignant part in the final commemorative oak tree planting in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the 1914-18 war. This final planting was in Standish Lower Ground ... a beautiful finale to the commemorative tree plantings in all 5 areas of Shevington and District. Special thanks go to Jim and Veronica Maloney, whose project this was in conjunction with Shevington Community Association. Children from local schools took part also. They will watch the tree grow and remember.

There but not There....

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Scam Mail

Royal Mail are raising awareness of scam mail. Royal Mail never knowingly delivers scam mail. They understand the distress it can cause. This type of mail is illegal, involves professional fraudsters and targets the most vulnerable in society. Royal Mail want to put a stop to it.

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- Emailing scam.mail@royalmail.com

Shevington Luncheon Club

Like some company? Or just feeling peckish? Shevington Luncheon Club meets every Wednesday, 11am to 3pm at Shevington Youth Club. The weekly subscription is about £5, which includes a two course hot lunch, tea or coffee. There are Dominoes and Prize Bingo every week and several outings each year. Pop in to order your next week's lunch or call **Rosemary Woolner** on **01257 402158**.

A Focus on Parish Footpaths



Digital Learning in Shevington

A group of volunteers are determined that no one is left out in the cold when it comes to email, writing letters, online bookings, social media and computer safety. So, working with Wigan Ward Councillors, Shevington Library and community groups, 'Digital Learning in Shevington' has been launched with regular friendly, helpful sessions taking place locally. This has proved to be just what is needed and the autumn sessions are already fully booked. But there's more in the pipeline for 2019.

Wigan Council's Brighter Borough initiative is supporting the scheme. Peter Gower, expert tutor from 'Wigan Digital Learning' is leading the sessions and volunteers are on hand to help.

A small crisis hit when a four week closure of Shevington Library was announced (17 September to 15 October, for a new roof). Shevington Methodist Church stepped in to ensure the project would not be delayed and Dist Cllr Paul Collins worked with Wigan Council IT officers to upgrade WiFi accessibility at the Church so that some sessions could take place there.

Lifelong Learning is the name of the game in Shevington. For information about future Digital Learning Sessions (an initiative supported by Dist Cllrs Paul Collins, Marlane Whitham and Janet Brown), please contact **Shirley Lusher** (Digital Learning in Shevington volunteer) on **07502 153484** or email **Dist Cllr Marlane Whitham: M.Whitham@Wigan.gov.uk**

West Lancs Local Plan Review

West Lancashire Borough Council need to make sure that they maintain a good supply of deliverable sites for development over coming years. They also need to be able to take advantage of opportunities such as the new 'Liverpool2' deep water terminal and to keep up with changing national policy. Therefore, whilst the current Local Plan is by no means out-of-date, WLBC are working on a 'review' of the Local Plan.

In connection with this WLBC are consulting on their Local Plan Review Preferred Options for 9 weeks. Some may impact on this Parish. The consultation ends on 13 December 2018. To read the preferred options document or make comments online, please search for 'West Lancashire Local Plan Review'.

Vicarage Lane Allotments - the latest

The very muddy entrance to the plots has recently been improved through the laying down of a short stretch of roadway. Work is still carrying on to obtain sufficient funds to extend this and provide firm access to all the plots. At the same time Shevington Gardening Club and Vicarage Lane sub-committee are working to get a water supply onto the site. Thanks to the efforts of one of our plottolders, Andy, the piping on site is in situ and we are simply waiting for United Utilities to connect us into their system.

Meantime we have been visited by representatives of one of our funders, City Health Care Partnership, who seemed to be impressed by the progress made, and we are expecting to welcome the Allotments officer for Wigan Council in the next 2 weeks.

Planting Trees in Vicarage Lane Fields

Early on a Saturday morning, 10 November, about 80 people in wellies, brandishing spades and stakes gathered at the Vicarage Lane site to plant 300 saplings awarded by the Woodland Trust. A fantastic turn out and in two hours all shrubs and trees were planted. Thank you to all who turned up to help!! Thanks go to Eileen Longmore and Andrew Moakes and their gang of allotmenters and to Steve Bates and the young (and not so young!) rugby and football guys who joined in with great enthusiasm ... some of our volunteers were taking part in The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. Our thanks and good wishes to them also. Thanks too to members of Shevington in Bloom and the Community Association who came to give a hand. The Friends of Shevington Memorial Park served refreshments provided by the Parish Council. It was a fun community activity. Thank you everybody.

Ira Whiteley
Chair - Shevington Parish Council
Even Joe Burgess (Wigan Warriors and England RL international) came along to help!!!



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