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SHAVINGTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Festival Committee held its Annual General meeting in November and elected a new committee:

Chairman - Erica Wood

Vice Chairman - Rachel Anderson

Treasurer - Carole Jones

Secretary - Angela Snell

The Festival Committee is a community organisation whose aims are to help local charities and organisations to raise money and to provide entertainment for the people of Shavington. The Committee also makes small donations to local individuals and organisations for special projects. If you would like to apply for a donation please contact, Erica Wood tel. 07969499440.

Shavington Pantomime

We are now only a few weeks away from performing our 46th pantomime. The cast and crew are really looking forward to seeing full houses throughout the week.

They have all been busy during the last few months rehearsing, making props, painting scenery, making costumes and preparing all the technical elements in order that we produce a first class show.

Over the last few years as members of NODA, (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) we have been fortunate to have been nominated for awards and to have actually won awards for Best Pantomime in the North West.

This year we have been nominated by NODA Region 8 in twelve separate categories for last year's pantomime 'Red Riding Hood' by Norman Robbins. The award's evening is on Friday February 28th.

WOODNOTH CUM SHAVINGTON WI

At our social evening and A G M, Eleanor Anderson, decided to step down as President after 8 years in post. Members thanked her for her sterling work and welcomed Enid Robinson to take up the presidency.

It was also an ideal opportunity for members to preview The Parish Textile Map, which is now complete and ready to be presented to The Parish Council.

In October, we hosted the Mercia meeting, when 72 members, from 7 local WI's, gathered to be entertained by Gina Kirkham, a crime writer, and in November a cookery demonstration provided members with hints and tips on using a microwave oven.

Members also attended the Cheshire Autumn meeting at The Story house in Chester, whilst others competed in a Cheshire Federation Jigsaw race and achieved second place. Our walkers enjoyed a walk around Chester City walls followed by a visit to WI house.

Supporting the Parish Wellness Wednesdays, Remembrance Day and Carols at Christmas provided an opportunity for WI to support our community.

A busy December involved a Mercia Christmas get together at Church Lawton. Our diner's group had a meal at The Elephant, members visited Packwood House and we all enjoyed our Christmas meal and party.

Come along and join us at our meeting and find out what we do in our WI.

Next meeting February 6th I never left school

March 6th Balloons and Banter.

April 3rd. How I ended up in Prison

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Our Beetle Drive held in October was a huge success, 40 people took part and requested another Beetle Drive be on the events calendar for 2025.

Our annual Cheese and Wine Evening raised a magnificent £846, it was a great night with approximately 60 people in attendance. Our thanks to Corinne, Michael and Family from Inside Paradise, Nantwich for sponsoring the evening and putting on an excellent buffet and wine which everyone enjoyed.

Our Christmas Quiz held on 4th December was well attended, and our thanks to Steve Linde for organising and printing the quiz. Sadly, Steve couldn't be there on the evening as he was poorly, but the evening raised £348 and our thanks to Andy who stepped in to be question master.

Overall, from last April to the end of December our Support Group has raised approximately £9,000 which is a great achievement for our village.

To commence our events programme on 20th February, Jackie Atkinson is giving a talk about Reiki commencing at 7.30pm in St Mark's Hall.

A full list of our events will be available after our AGM next Thursday in St Mark's Church Hall, and posters will be placed each month in the notice boards around the village.

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- longer walks, often further afield, typically 8-10 miles in length, at weekends and during the week;
- shorter and more local walks (up to 6 miles), usually at weekends;
- monthly mid-week walks (5-6 miles) followed by a pub lunch
- pub walks, especially on the longer evenings.

We offer short trips away (in the UK) a few times per year, this year in Scotland and Shropshire Hills. We've also got a walking trip on the Lycian Way in Turkey planned for later in 2025.

February to April we have programmed 2 walks per week, most weeks. Many are chosen so as to enjoy the glorious winter / early Spring countryside. Some will involve a pub lunch. And we're already preparing for our regular summer Pub walks, every Tuesday evening from early May to the end of August!

See the Links below for further details of SCR and our Walk programme

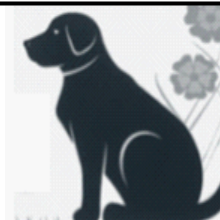
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Church Services

1st Sunday of the month – Sunday Celebration – all age worship with a light breakfast available from 9.15am. This service is informal and interactive and usually includes something to make or do.

2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month – Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month – Morning Praise

Our Sunday morning services from St Mark's are also streamed on our Parish Facebook page for the benefit of those unable to attend in person (@allsaintsandstmarks).

Regular Activities

Children's groups: **Toddlers** meet on Tuesdays at 1pm followed (biweekly) by **GLOW** (God Loves Our World) for children of primary school age at 3.30pm; both in the church hall during term time.

Craft & Chatter meets in the church hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1.30 pm. Make new friends, share ideas or just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

St Mark's Bingo is held in the church hall at 2.00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. A fun filled afternoon with money raised supporting our work with children and families.

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Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group

Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group is dedicated to preserving our local history. We meet regularly to collect artifacts and information, organise our history to keep a lasting record, and plan events that celebrate our heritage.

After our first meeting was a great success, we are planning another Heritage Group meeting.

Date: Wednesday 12 February

Topic: Childhood Memories

Time: 7-8.30pm

Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall

Come and listen to members share their childhood memories of Shavington-cum-Gresty. We will also talk about our plans to create a book on the history of Shavington-cum-Gresty. You do not need to book to attend.

For more information, contact our Community Manager at communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or call 0170 421125.

Wellbeing Wednesdays in Shavington-cum-Gresty.

What are Wellbeing Wednesdays? The purpose of Wellbeing Wednesday is to encourage fitness, reduce social isolation and create opportunities for the community of Shavington-cum-Gresty to come together.

Also, once a month, on Wednesday evenings, there will be events at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall. There will be different events for the community to be involved in. These events will happen on the third Wednesday of each month.

All events are free of charge. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish council are grateful to Cheshire East Council for the funding of this project which is from their Flourish Fund strategy.

Wellbeing Wednesdays Weekly Morning Session 10 -11.30am at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall

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After class, join us for refreshments and healthy snacks. Don't miss out on this chance to rejuvenate your body and soul!

With no need to book, all classes are completely free of charge.

Wellbeing Wednesday Evening Session

7- 8pm followed by refreshments

Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall

third Wednesday of every month

Wednesday 18 March - Craft with Nonna Glass

Help to contribute to our VE80 displays. The work will be displayed in May for the VE 80 commemorations.

All sessions are completely free of charge and there is no need to book- just turn up on the night.

We are grateful for the support of Woodnoth-cum-Shavington WI who serve refreshments at each of our evening events.

We are looking for other ideas or community groups and volunteers to be involved in the evening sessions. Please contact our community manager on communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or by phone 01270 48 25 11 if you would like to be involved

SHAVINGTON SCOUT GROUP

New Year, new term, new members! It's back to Scouts for fun with your friends, earning badges, building confidence and learning skills for life.

Our Leaders have had time off with their families over Christmas and are back full of exciting plans for our young members.

Everyone took part in a winter (indoor) camp at Tattenhall before Christmas. We haven't done this type of camp for many years, as the cost of indoor accommodation had risen, and the choice of buildings where it would be possible to segregate all our different categories had reduced. But the weather was good, and the youngsters enjoyed a hike and visit to an ice cream farm, had separate activities in the afternoon, and a full Christmas dinner to follow! This type of camp helps to show the youngest members what they can expect to be doing in the older Sections.

Before Christmas, the Scouts visited the new Alexandra Mill Care Home. They spent time listening to the residents' stories and gained insight into what life had been like for them. Because, although many of the residents have dementia and may not usually communicate very much, they can often still remember and relate tales from their very different youth. A valuable lesson for our Scouts, helping them to understand how times have changed, and how kindness can help to unlock happy memories.

This year, all Sections will take part in our District Camp at our campsite, Milldale. The theme is "Around the World", and many exciting challenges and activities are planned for all young Scout family members over the first May bank holiday weekend. All Groups in the District are invited, and there could easily be more than 1000 campers! We just hope that the weather will be kind...!

If you are looking to fill a few hours with a volunteering role, look no further than your local Scout Group! We can make use of any time you may have available, no matter how little.

Scouting is the biggest youth organisation run by volunteers, and gives many benefits to its adult volunteers too! For further information please contact Jen Wilkinson.

SHAVINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Shavington Primary School have a fantastic allotment space but after the retirement of the person maintaining it, it has become overgrown. It would make a great plot for one or two green fingered people but needs maintaining. If anyone in the community would be interested in taking this on and are willing to allow the Shavington Primary pupils to be a part of this, please contact the school office on 01270 661527.

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The Clean Team will be back in business as a group in March. During the winter months individual members have been out and about but as the hopefully better weather begins so will our group meetings.

The first group get-together will be held on Saturday March 8th at Shavington Village Hall starting at 10.00 am.

All equipment will be provided, but strong shoes are advisable and gardening gloves. Disposable gloves can be provided. The session lasts for about one hour and ends with refreshments in the Village Hall.

For further information contact Rene Hancock 01270661592 or email renehancock@shavingtononline.co.uk.

Check the notice boards or the Shavington online community pages

COUNCILLOR LINDA BUCHANAN

It has been a torrid year as the Council works hard to maintain a balanced budget. Awful decisions have had to be made regarding cuts including charging for garden waste collection and all car parks, though between us we managed to persuade the council to keep Shavington car park free.

The part of the role I enjoy most is representing residents and trying to get issues sorted. Some things I have had success with, others haven't been quite so successful and some things are out of the control of the council.

So what has been good?

The area around the Co-op continues to be a ray of sunshine even in the dark days of winter. There are three of us now who look after this patch of land. We take a month each in rotation to keep the weeds down and cut back when necessary. Please do contact me if you would like to volunteer to help.

Establishing a closer working relationship between Cheshire Police and Cheshire East Enforcement. PCSO Dan Walley and Enforcement arrange spot checks regarding illegal parking on a Sunday morning outside the Alex Soccer Centre on Crewe Road. The illegal parking has been a problem for years and whilst spot checks are not ideal, it does act as a deterrent though sadly some people continue to park illegally.

140 Rope Lane was saved from demolition when the current owner bought the building. I meet with him as I am keen to see how the renovation is progressing. He is passionate about renovating Victorian buildings and whilst the 3 homes will suit modern living, he is maintaining the integrity of the external structure of the building ensuring that part of the rich heritage of Shavington is protected.

...and what is ongoing

Flooding, partly caused by house building and partly caused by the increasing number of storms we experience year on year. There are a number of areas I have followed up on behalf of residents but two areas of particular concern where I am in regular contact with the flood and drainage teams is Rope Lane and Crewe Road to try and find out the source and solution to the constant running water from opposite to the Vine Pub up to Burlea Drive. On Crewe Road the flood team is working on a complex problem where flooding is so bad, some houses have been flooded. This is an incredibly distressing situation for the families involved. If your home or business is flooding, call 0300 123 5020 and ask to speak to the flood risk team. Outside of working hours (8.30am to 5pm), call 0300 123 5025.

Missed bin collections are the exception rather than the rule and whenever I can I will contact ANSA on behalf of residents to see if a missed road is on the “mop up” list. If you ever experience a missed collection you need to report it within two days. The best way to report a missed bin collection is by completing the form on the Cheshire East website. If you are unable to use the form, call the Waste and Recycling Customer Service Team on 0300 123 5011 during office hours, 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Developers not fulfilling their conditions, for example, three street lights opposite to Alfred Potts still don't work. Cheshire East won't adopt housing estates until all conditions are fulfilled.

There is much more going on and I continue to visit road groups in Shavington chatting to residents. On my last walk about most residents commented on what a friendly place Shavington is and how much they love living here.

Please feel free to contact me

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CREWE AND NANTWICH U3A NEWS

'I moved into the area 3 years ago after losing my wife and u3a has been a life saver, enabling me to meet so many new people. (Member)

In April, members of Crewe and Nantwich u3a will celebrate their 30th anniversary and a small group of committee members have spent the last year planning several events to celebrate this landmark, to ensure we live up to the u3a motto 'Learn, Laugh, Live!' Since its official opening in April 1995, Crewe and Nantwich u3a has grown from an organisation comprising several small but popular groups, to one where members have the choice of over 95 groups, covering subjects ranging from Art Appreciation to Yoga Fit. (We do not have a Zoology or Zen group, but we would welcome anyone who wants to start one!)

Members pay a yearly fee (currently £14) then choose to join those groups which cover their interests, such as painting, listening to opera, fitness groups at Shavington Gym (charge set by the gym), pickleball and table tennis, various Bridge groups, reading, Book Chat, local history, crafts and needlework, a team quiz, languages, choirs and many others. Groups meet weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Our walking groups cover distances between 2 – 8/9 miles and some of them combine walking with a meal in a pub near the location of the walk. Venue-based groups attract a £1.50 levy to cover group and room hire costs. Outdoor groups, where there is no cost to candnu3a to hire a venue, attract no levy.

There is a monthly Medieval History group which meets online and we also have a face to face IT Help group which can be accessed weekly. We are always keen to speak to members who would like to start a new group and share their interests with others.

'I was sad to think of the group closing as we all enjoyed it so much. I decided to offer to lead the group after the group

leader announced she wanted to step down. I love being the leader of such a friendly and interesting group.’ (member and new Group Leader)

Crewe and Nantwich u3a is completely volunteer-led, and as a charity, is run by a committee of 12 trustees. Many other members contribute by leading groups, supporting group leaders with other tasks, undertaking publicity work and compiling the newsletter, plus other tasks which assist the trustees in running legally and efficiently.

Membership is open to those no longer in full-time employment and there is no lower or upper age, although most of our members are between 50 – 90.

Have a look at our website – candnu3a.org.uk or visit our free Open Day at Nantwich Civic on Sunday 27th April, between 10am – 3.30pm

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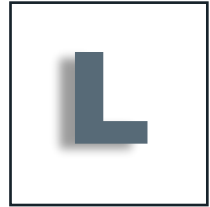
As part of the memorial events in the Village to remember the end of World War 11 The Festival Committee will be holding an afternoon concert in St Mark’s Church, more details to follow in the next few months. As part of this event the committee would love to hear from anyone who remembers the celebrations held in 1945 or have memories from family members who were present during that time. The committee would like to use these memories as part of the afternoon’s concert.

Please contact Rene Hancock 01270661592, renehancock@btinternet.com if you can help in this matter.

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