

Time Now to Judge Appley Bridge in Bloom

Appley Bridge Bloomers were out in force very early on Thursday 30 June, waiting for their 2 projects, Edible Appley Bridge and Appley Bridge in Bloom, to be assessed by the RHS. The assessor was very pleasant and seemed impressed, particularly on the tidiness and lack of weeds



on the beds and in the planters. The Bloomers now face a long wait until the end of October before they will find out about the outcome, but meantime local people seem very pleased, which to them is more important.

Have Pride in Your Parish
DON'T Fly Tip
Take it to THE Tip!

A Gentle Reminder

Off-road biking and horse riding are not permitted on the green open public spaces or in woodland in the Parish.



Shevington Fete 2022

Giant bubbles were seen floating across a village playing field as children played during a vibrant community celebration. Shevington's annual community Fete took place on 18 June, attracting visitors from across the district and beyond. Local traders sold everything from cakes to crafts, and local charities and community organisations spread the word about their causes.

The live music tent featured acts including young singers from Katie Belle's singing school, Big Neil who is a local pop singer, Aaron Turner the saxophonist and vocalist, Local Vocals community choir, and a Motown and Northern Soul Duo called Reflectionz. The Chicago Teddybears Jazz Society strolled through the village playing their brass instruments with gusto.

Councillor Vicky Galligan said: "This event has been absolutely fantastic for the community. We were supported in our fundraising by Wigan Council and the National Lottery Community Fund. Shevington's Community Association and Parish Council have also chipped in, and local businesses and visitors to the Fete were keen to support the event by donating money, goods or their time.

Every year the Fete surpasses expectations and entertains the whole family as there is something for everybody to do. We had some cracking weather and just a bit of cloud later on, but it stayed dry. The committee makes sure that the event is as accessible as possible ... it was also dog friendly and it was great to see so many animals out on the field - from puppies and owls to goats to sheep - at the mobile farm!

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly all year round to make this event special, all the stallholders for coming along and to everyone who visited during the day." If you would like to take part next year, please email shevingtonfete@outlook.com.

Shevington Photographic Social Club

In future years Shevington Fete may well be remembered for giving birth to a new club. It was a roller coaster of emotions for its founder, as 6 days before that Shevington Photographic Social Club did not exist. After a conversation with Cllr John Whiteley from Shevington Parish Council she became convinced that there was a need for a photo social club in Shevington. From there it snowballed. So, after some frantic designing and printing during the last few days before the Fete, Shevington Photo has been born. They don't officially have a meeting in Shevington Youth Club until 3 August, but after that the club will be meeting there every Wednesday at 8pm. The owner would like to thank everyone who has been so helpful and supportive, because without them she would never have had the confidence to take this forward.

Forest Fold Tenants Association Plays Host

On Thursday, 16 June, Forest Fold allotments welcomed some visitors from Vicarage Lane allotments, who seemed pleased to see some established, traditional allotments. The evening was finished off by refreshments at Forest Fold Bowling Green. Many thanks to the ladies who supplied refreshments at the bowling green. We at Forest Fold Allotments now look forward to a return visit to Vicarage Lane.

Shevington Garden Club Annual Show

This exciting annual event is coming up on Saturday, 6 August. It will be held at the Methodist Church in Shevington, WN6 8EA and will be open to the public from 1pm. Due to the generosity of our sponsors there will be many extra prizes, including a number of goodie bags for children's entries, sponsored by Shevington Community Association. Prize presentation and raffle will be at 3.00pm. An auction of produce will follow. For details on how to enter the show or any other queries, please contact **Andrew** on **07710635075** or email carolmoakes@hotmail.com or **Eileen** on **01257 402097** or email brileenjongmore@blueyonder.co.uk.



Anti-Social Behaviour Issues?

See it
Report it
Get it LOGGED!!!!



To contact the Police, please ring:
999 (emergency)
or 101 (less urgent)

Rosemary Woolner (died 7 May 2022)

Few who did not know her would have guessed that the slim, elegant, well-spoken lady who lived by herself in an upstairs flat in Randall Avenue, had, in her early life, also lived in Germany, Australia and the extremely plush Weybridge in Surrey. Although born and raised in Southport, Rosemary aspired to the bright lights of London as a professional dancer. That was not to be, but at least she was able to follow her first husband to Germany, and then to Australia where she enjoyed the dinner parties, social occasions and 'barbies' on the beach - not to mention going shopping in a bikini!

The family's memories of Rosemary are of a lady who was always well-dressed and beautifully made up and who never lost her childhood love of music and dancing. Even in recent years she could bop all night at the nightclub in Germany where her son was a DJ. And flying by herself to Germany or the USA where her daughter lives held no fears for Rosemary. Right to the end, if she couldn't fly out to her families abroad she could happily Face Time them from home. In Shevington she was a leading light in the Luncheon Club, organising the trips, dealing with the finances, getting prizes for the raffles and arranging in-house entertainment for the members. In recognition of her work for the Club Rosemary was given an Achievement Award by the Parish Council in 2019.



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

Anyone for a Duck?

Appley Bridge CA held the Duck Race on Sunday, 22 May. It was last held in 2019 - before Covid. A DJ got everyone in the mood before the crowds made their way over to the 2,000-strong rubber duckie race which took place on the canal at Herons Wharf.

Other attractions included a fun-fair, food and drink stalls and a licensed bar. Later on there were live performances by different acts and a band to keep everyone entertained. Organisers made a conscious effort to "go green", asking the public not to travel by car but to go by foot, cycle or public transport instead, as parking spaces were limited."

The money raised on the day will be used to help the local village schools - Shevington Vale and All Saints Primaries - and the event itself was good for the local businesses recovering from the pandemic's economic effects.