

Just a Few More Things That Your Parish Council Does for You

Publishes a newsletter six times a year and runs two websites - all carry community news.

Provides benches in Memorial Park & Garden and at other locations for people to sit on - we even have one on the border with West Lancashire at the top of Back Lane!

Provides notice boards at six locations in the Parish where we display community notices.

Shevington Village Bowling Club Open Day

We are delighted to say that the Fun Day at Forest Fold Bowling Green on 20 July was a great success. Representatives of all the Shevington Bowling Club teams came together to welcome bowlers and non-bowlers alike to take part.

A big 'thank you' to everyone who donated raffle prizes and items for the craft stall. At least half of the funds raised will be donated to Team Lincoln. Lincoln is a young lad from Millbrook School who has neuroblastoma, so is receiving treatment. Glad to say Lincoln and his family came along and they all had a go at bowling.

Quite a few people had tuition and all seemed keen to continue playing. The tuition was followed by a knockout competition for teams - each one composed of one adult and one child. The day was finished off by a couple of games of Spider.

For anyone who missed the day, but would like to have a go at Crown Green Bowling, Shevington Garden Club team hire the green on a Thursday evening during the outdoor bowling season from 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us. We are happy to teach you the art of our sport and there is always a cup of tea and a biscuit. Interested? - Contact **Andrew** on **07710635075**.



Shevington Fete

The biggest and best event in our village was a huge success for another year! The weather made it again, it was lovely to see so many people supporting the Fete. We started the morning early doors setting up with a little rain but by 11am the rain had stopped and the sun came out. With successful funding bids we were able to put on some low cost activities for the children including a giant bubble display, petting farm and under 4s play area in the Methodist Church. The recreation ground and surrounding buildings were filled with some amazing stalls with homemade items, tombolas, cakes and much more. We were joined by the Mayor of Wigan, Debbie Parkinson, who thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the families having fun together. We had live entertainment throughout the day from Old Hall Brass and Supreme Starlights Cheerleaders.

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise the event - without our volunteers the event simply wouldn't happen. For more information about volunteering please email shevingtonfete@outlook.com or contact us via our social media.



Shevington Garden Club Show

40 years ago a group of people in the Shevington area got together and organised a horticultural show to be held in the village. This show was a great success and improved as it grew over the years. On Saturday, 3 August 2024 the Garden Club celebrated by holding their 40th Shevington Annual Show. With enormous support from all of our generous sponsors and the continued dedication from our hard working committee and other supporters, the day was once again a great success.

With backing from R Banks and Son Funeral Directors SGC were able to hire the Youth Club and the Methodist Church and book Pemberton Youth brass band. The weather was fine, so the band played outside and were enjoyed by many more people.

Many thanks go to Golden Days Garden Centre for their continued support. This year is also Golden Days 40th Anniversary, so, to help us celebrate, they awarded a £500 prize to the primary school that created the best garden related project at the show. This was won by All Saints Primary School in Appley Bridge. Christine Evans, one of the proprietors of Golden Days, presented All Saints with a giant cheque on the day.

The craft stalls on the grass in front of the Methodist Church all did a roaring trade. One of the stalls was our own Chris and Gill Hodge with their tombola and bric-a-brac. Chris and Gill do this every year and donate all takings to the Garden Club.

One of the highlights of the day involved a visit from Stephen Lowe of BBC Radio Lancashire. Stephen really enjoyed chatting to stall holders and exhibitors during his walkabout. Stephen is a Britain in Bloom judge and was quite impressed by what he saw and by the community spirit that was so evident.

So now, as always, we are planning for next year's show and looking forward to celebrating our 50th Anniversary - the committee are not getting any younger, though. If you are interested in getting involved to ensure the future of the show you could come to one of our talks on the second Monday of every month at St Annes Parish Rooms starting at 7:30pm. Alternatively, contact **Andrew Moakes** via email: carolmoakes@hotmail.com.

The Friends of Stockley Park

would like to thank everyone who attended the opening ceremony of the gym equipment on Thursday, 1 August. It was a fantastic event and the turnout was amazing. A massive 'thank you' to our special guest, Daniel Bibby, twice silver Olympian, for opening it and cutting the ribbon. This was the Friends first official event and we look forward to hosting more family and community fun days in the future. Anyone wanting to join the Friends group and volunteer, please contact us on Facebook or via or email: stockley-park@hotmail.com

