

MAY NEWSLETTER

Shrewley Parish Council

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The Annual Meeting saw Cllr Tilley and Cllr Wesbury unanimously voted in to the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. We also welcomed Richard Curtis as a Councillor. Richard has a special interest in arboriculture and hopes to help maintain the parish's rural character.

Adrian Harvey (Suburban Inns) the new owner of the Durham Ox attended our meeting on Tuesday 2nd May. He plans to restore the "Ox" to the family friendly community pub it once was. Details can be found on the WDC website, planning application W/17/0481.

WCC Report - OFSTED are carrying out an inspection of WCC's Childrens Services. WCC's Annual Meeting takes place on the 23rd May in Shire Hall. The new County Divisions (electoral areas) had caused some confusion in the run up to the local elections. It was Cllr Compton's last meeting due to retirement and she thanked everyone for their presents and tributes and said she would miss her involvement with the community. Cllr Tilley said she will be missed and thanked her for everything she has done for SPC.

WDC Report – The Local Plan consultation on the Inspector's amendments closes on 5th May and the plan should be in place by September. WDC ended the financial year with a modest surplus. Central government funding has fallen and the 2% increase in council tax will help with the medium term financial strategy. Utility companies have caused delays in the development of the District's Leisure Centres. The proposed relocation of WDC offices from Riverside House to Covent Garden will be submitted to the Planning Dept. shortly. The plans will include new offices, car parking and apartments.

WDC will **NOT** in future post Planning Site Notices for most rural Planning Applications with the exception of listed buildings and large developments. Therefore, the Parish Council will now display notices on yellow paper on the notice board nearest to the application.

Friends of Hatton Station – Volunteers to water the planters and the shrub border are desperately required. Watering cans and water provided! Contact Cllr Tilley to volunteer.

Shrewley Parish Parents will be holding a 'Stay & Play' session at Shrewley Village Hall on Saturday 13th May 10am-12noon. Art and craft activities will be available, £5 entry per family. For more details contact Eliza 07891871297 or shrewleyparents@gmail.com. Details of future events will be advertised on Notice Boards and Shrewley website.

Neighbourhood Watch – Residents are warned that burglaries of shed/outbuildings in the parish are on the increase. Please ensure you have adequate security in place. Low cost shed alarms are a good deterrent.

Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair – Nunhold Road edging and draining will take place during the May half term holiday. A list of road faults scheduled for rectification can be viewed on www.shrewley.org. A Public Footpath Report is also available detailing the current state of parish footpaths. If you know of any paths that require clearing, please let us **AND** the landowner know!

Village Hall – The field behind the Village Hall is to be dug out and drained. Work will commence on the 14th June and the area will be seeded ready for Shrewley Show (September 3rd 1.30pm). For all Village Hall events see Parish/ Village Hall notice boards and website www.shrewley.org.

Reduced price caddy liners for residents of Warwickshire. Food waste wrongly placed in the **GREY** wheeled bins costs Council taxpayers more than **£2,000,000** a year! WCC is working in partnership with Biobag Ltd to offer residents of Warwickshire compostable caddy liners for a discounted price of **£7.95 for 150 liners** including postage and packaging, available online at www.biobag-uk.com/warks. As well as using them for the **GREEN** bins, they can also be used in home compost bins. **PLEASE PUT YOUR FOOD WASTE IN THE GREEN BIN.**

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Next Meeting – Monday 3rd July at 7.45pm
All residents of Shrewley are welcome