

JANUARY NEWSLETTER Shrewley Parish Council

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At the parish council meeting on Monday 8th January we were delighted to co-opt resident Sally Lowe to the council. Sally was born and brought up in the village and has a good knowledge of the parish and good relationships with residents. We are pleased that we now have a full complement of councillors and warmly welcome Sally.

Warwick District Council (WDC) Report – Green Homes Grants available for low-income properties. Residents in private properties in Warwick District that do not currently heat their home using mains gas central heating, can apply for funding to improve the energy efficiency of their home. Free improvements include solar panels, insulation, smart heating controls and air source heat pumps. To be eligible, residents must:

- Own and live in their home; **and**
- Have a gross household income of less than £31,000 per year **OR properties within certain eligible postcodes**, for the list of eligible postcodes visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk/greenhomesgrants; **and**
- Currently heat their home with alternative fuels other than gas such as oil, liquid petroleum gas (LPG), coal, solid fuels, or electricity; **and**
- Have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G; if the home doesn't have an EPC rating then E.ON will arrange this for you if they think that your property is energy inefficient

Flooding - If residents have any flooding issues please contact a WDC Cllr (details on parish notice boards) or visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk

Castle Farm Leisure Centre – The new Castle Farm Leisure Centre has an 80-station gym, two fitness studios, dedicated group cycling studio, a six-court sports hall and new pétanque terrain. The centre also incorporates a new HQ for Kenilworth Scout and Guides.

Data Breach - Stratford-on-Avon District Council has started a full internal investigation following a data breach. The breach extended to a database of email addresses of WDC residents held by Stratford on Avon DC. WDC has made a referral to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Shrewley Parish Website – The Parish Council is updating and improving the Shrewley website www.shrewley.org. We will be looking to include photographs of the parish and also the activities of our groups and societies. If you have any photos that you think would be suitable, please forward them to the Clerk at shrewleyparish@aol.co.uk

SWEAT – Shrewley Wroxall Environment Action Team met on the 6th December. Shrewley Parish residents were joined by Claudine Pearson (climate action engagement officer for Warwickshire Association of Local Councils, WALC) and Zoe Leventhal (Kenilworth Climate Group). An idea is to establish a community orchard in Wroxall together with cooking demonstrations.

A family-friendly activity to create a wildflower bank at Wren Hall will take place at 10 am on Sunday 11th February. This activity is kindly supported by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. We will focus on creating Bee-Friendly areas within our two parishes (for example by distributing flower seeds to local households).

Contact: martinwood.fiveways@gmail.com

Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair – Warwickshire has an online Fault Report System for roads and footpaths <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

Village Hall – A pre-application for a side extension to the Hall has received a favourable response from WDC. The Hall AGM was held on the 18th October. The recent Craft Fayre and “Retro Band” night were very successful. The next movie night, ‘A Man Called Otto’ is on Friday 19th January.

For all village Hall events see the Parish/Village Hall notice boards and website www.shrewley.org.

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Next Meeting – Monday 4th March 7pm

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