

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Shrewley Parish Council

This newsletter is published after the Parish Council meeting. It is also available on the website – www.shrewley.org. If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter by email, please send your email address to the Parish Clerk at shrewleyparish@aol.co.uk

Due to Cllr Tilly's resignation Cllr Wesbury was nominated as Chairman and unanimously elected to the post of Chairman with immediate effect.

WDC Report – Cllr Gallagher has resigned from the Conservative Group but is still our WDC Cllr. Shrewley Parish Councillors agree with those who have condemned WDC Conservative Group's recent treatment of Cllr Susan Gallagher (Leamington Courier Your Letters, August 31st). At our meeting on September 3rd we recorded a unanimous vote of thanks to Cllr Gallagher for her conscientious efforts over many years on behalf of our parish and Warwick District, hoping that she will continue in her present role for many more years to come.

Heritage Open Days on 6th-9th and 13th-16th September. Many local buildings, gardens and places of historic interest, not normally open to the public, will be opening their doors to everyone FREE of charge.

Brochures are available from Riverside House and libraries.

Warwick Words History Festival with guest speakers is on 1st-7th October, Tickets are available from Leamington Spa Visitors Centre.

Shrewley Parish Parents – Future SPPG events are advertised on Notice Boards and Shrewley website. For more details contact Eliza 07891871297 or shrewleyparents@gmail.com.

Friends of Hatton Station – Our car park has had a visit from PCSO Paul Coleman following up on information sent to him regarding drug misuse. Several discarded canisters and balloons were discovered indicating use of nitrous oxide (laughing gas or “hippy crack”).

Paul Coleman confirmed that while it is illegal to supply this substance in large quantities, it is not illegal to consume it in public places. The litter that the users leave is extensive but they can only be prosecuted if they are actually seen dropping it! Paul will make some evening visits to hopefully discourage this misuse of our car park.

Watering continues in what has been a very long and dry summer. Thanks to local resident Dave Appleby for keeping our water butts topped up, and Mark Beaglehole and Graham Bamford for running the watering rota. Your efforts

are greatly appreciated. The wild border and the planters have suffered a little and regular attention to the plants and shrubs has been given by Daphne Tilley. Many thanks indeed.

The Customer Information Screens on the platforms have been out of order for well over a month now. Chiltern Railways have confirmed that their contractors have identified the problem and a new server is to be installed.

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.

Phone boxes in Little Shrewley and Hatton Station – Offers of help to maintain the boxes along with suggestions for use are always welcome!

The Durham Ox. The refurbishment is complete and in August there was a successful grand opening.

Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair – Shrewley Common footways have been inspected by WCC Peter Hallam and local Parish Councillors and a slurry seal has been added to the program of work.

Warwickshire Rights of Way Team has an online Fault Report System <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rowreporting>. However, fault reports which have been submitted for Shrewley remain unresolved.

A list of reported Highway and public footpath faults can be viewed on www.shrewley.org from the Parish Council page. If you know of any unreported problems, please let the Parish Council know.

Village Hall – The Hall was busy with the preparations for the very successful Shrewley Village Show. A meeting has been arranged for the Village Hall Committee and Shrewley Parish Parents Group to discuss the children's playground on 13th September. The power cable to the Village Hall phone box has been replaced and power should be reconnected after 6th October. Bookings for the Village Hall can be made with Elaine Hall on 01926 843624.

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

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Next Meeting – Monday 5th November at 7.45pm

All residents of Shrewley are welcome