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#### £150,000 RAISED SO FAR !!

£150,000 has been raised in just over a year for Shirebrook's Colliery Memorial.

The cost of the project is around £180,000, so everything is still on track for the installation and unveiling of the monument, celebrating Shirebrook Colliery and Shirebrook's heritage, on the 30th anniversary of the closure of the colliery, in the Spring of 2023.

Pictured are committee members Bruce Towers and Alan Gascoigne with the five foot model of the proposed monument, which can be seen at the Shirebrook Miners Welfare.

A community project for and by the people of Shirebrook and District!! See page 3 inside.

#### 2nd MINISTERIAL VISIT IN 6 MONTHS

Housing Minister Christopher Pincher visited the Town recently to check on the progress being made on the First Homes Scheme.

Bolsover District Council Leader, Steve Fritchley, who welcomed the Minister said: "It is always good to welcome government ministers to the area to see what we are doing and how they may be able to help us regenerate and develop the District."

The Scheme is part of the government's wider pledge to build one million new affordable homes in the current Parliament and help put home ownership within reach of people across the country.

See page 12 inside.





#### SANTA BEATS STORM ARWEN

Santa and Mrs Claus made sure they beat the bad weather, to get to Shirebrook Town Council's Christmas Market recently, to have a chat to the children and give them a small pre-Christmas present.

Although the event had to be moved from the Market Place up to the Village Hall, there was still a good stream of visitors throughout the day, and it seemed that those who did attend had a good time, especially the more younger ones.



#### **POLITICAL COMMENT**

Reduction Schemes: We still seem to be living in strange times, even the prime minister is having a melt-down.



Rail reduction scheme:- The eastern leg of the much lauded

High Speed 2 rail infrastructure scheme; which was to be the saviour of the North and part of the great 'levelling up' programme, has hit the buffers. *But not everyone is upset.* 

There are great sighs of relief in some areas along the route that have been blighted and would have been damaged over the build schedule; at least for the next few decades. The levelling up has become a levelling down or even a level crossing.

Now is the time to release all the property bought up by the HS2 team to begin to breathe life back into the affected communities.

You can still see the remains of the track reductions in the 60's after Beeching wielded the axe on branch lines throughout the country. The government would be better investing public money into reopening some of these branch lines.

It would mean fewer cars on the roads fewer articulated road trains and less damage to the roads and, of course, much less pollution in these environmentally conscious times.

**The Carbon reduction** schemes much talked about recently at the COP 26 conference in Scotland, where governments set targets and made pledges, may be seen as rather ambitious.

The environmentalists though even then thought these targets too loose and were critical of the whole conference. The phasing out of gas boilers for homes and petrol and diesel engines for cars may not be as easy to achieve as it is to say. I suppose you can't please everyone.

Pension reduction scheme:- Another renege on their rock solid manifesto pledge is the state pension triple lock which has now become the double lock or even the double cross. The Tories picked up votes after promising to pensioners they would have a decent standard of living after 50 years of working hard, paying taxes and national insurance and would maintain the triple lock formula to ensure this.

Likewise the miners' pension scheme with all recommendations ignored and the fund raided each year.

Energy companies:- There's been a big reduction in the number of energy suppliers. I've lost count of the numbers gone to the wall. I'm not really surprised tough, are you?

I've mentioned a few times in these pages that all the necessities in life should be provided by the state; we all have to bail out these companies anyway. **And its not just energy is it!** 

In a bygone time most suppliers were private companies. Gas, electric, coal, health service, rail, water, steel and so on. One by one these companies collapsed and were bought up by the state because of their importance to the welfare of the public. They were nationalised!!

The public thought it went too far though when car manufacturers were bailed out too. The public were convinced that the constant fight between government and workers was detrimental to society. It looks like history is repeating itself don't you think?

Following the privatisation programme of the Thatcher years, remember the 'yuppies', and with public money constantly being used to prop up these private companies, and in some cases took into state ownership, it shows that its time to have a look again at taking essential services back into state control!!

Further reductions in local County Council Care Homes are being considered and our County Councillor Christine Dale has already indicated that she will be looking closely at the developments, and if necessary, along with her colleagues, will take up the fight.

S.W.F.



#### **COLLIERY MEMORIAL UPDATE**

Everything is still on track to raise the sum of £180.000 to commission and erect a monument celebrating Shirebrook Colliery and Shirebrook's heritage. To date £150,000 has been raised !!

Around a thousand names have been submitted to the committee to have their names or the names of a loved one inscribed on the finished monument

A five foot resin model of the monument was on show at the Shirebrook Miners Welfare on the night of the recent 'Abba' tribute night, and was reextremely ceived well by everyone who saw it. £855 was raised on the night towards the memorial fund.



The model is and is to remain in the Miners Welfare and John Thomas and Len Tipple are to make a cabinet and plinth to give the model a permanent home.

The model is only a 'simulation' of the end product, which will be around five metres high, made of bronze and will have the features of the three models chosen earlier in the process, depicting the miner, wife and child.

The project has always been intended to be a 'community project' for and by the people of Shirebrook District and the response from exminers and the local community has been tremendous.

As well as the £100 contributions ( to have a name inscribed on the monument) there have numerous donations along the way, the more recent being:

Steve Oscroft's memorial night £1240 raised, Dougle Adam's retirement do £189, donation of £151 from Graham & Kerry Wilcox following Sam Watson's funeral and £240 raised by Jane Hunt at the T.S.B. who did a 'Baz Henderson Memorial Walk' in Northumberland.

There is still time to have yours or a loved ones name on the monument, but there will be a cut off date next year to finalise the complete list. Committee members are available at the Welfare every Thursday from 9.00am till 12noon, or you can call one of the numbers at the end of this article.

As readers may already know the names of the miners who worked at Shirebrook Colliery who sadly lost their lives at the colliery or who died later from injuries sustained at the colliery will be inscribed on the monument itself. All the other names will be on the sides of the plinth of the monument.

Since our last edition the name of another miner who sadly lost his life has been found. He is Martin Carney who died in February of 1961 aged 53 years. His name will be added to the other 73 names listed in the last issue of the 'Post'.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE !! If you would like to have your name or the name of a loved one inscribed on the memorial, it's not too late, but there will be a closing date !! For more information call: Bruce Towers on: 07587 052656, John Thomas on: 07814 042560, or Mark Hill on: 07423 059100.



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We're rapidly approaching Christmas!! Thank goodness its beginning to feel more 'normal' compared to last year's lockdown, when the pandemic was fully upon us.

We still have to be cautious though as we go

about our day to day activities. COVID is still very much part of our lives and probably will be for some time to come.

In October I was invited to present prizes in one of the Categories at the Brass Band Championships held in Shirebrook Academy.

Fifty Brass Bands took part in the competition and what a wonderful event it was.

Having been in lockdown for eighteen months it was the first time the musicians had the opportunity to play live music to an audience. It was a joy to listen to their vibrant and lively performances full of energy and life.

I attended a moving Remembrance service at Derbyshire County Council in Matlock on the 11th of November and laid a wreath on behalf of the County's Labour Group alongside the Vice Lord Lieutenant of the County, the High Sheriff, the Chairman of the County Council, British Legion Representatives, Tory and Liberal Councillors, staff and Union representatives, in memory of those who lost their lives in the first and second world wars in the County of Derbyshire.

This year an additional wreath was laid in memory of the horses who were sent over to France in the first world war never to return

28,000 horses were requisitioned from Derbyshire for war duties in Europe.

It's good to see the Scouts and Guides back in action. They were able to take part in the Remembrance Parade and Service in Shirebrook this year and have now started regular weekly meet-

ings again in Holy Trinity Church Hall.

I've recently donated £1,000, from my Leadership Allowance, to the Scout group at Holy Trinity which is made up of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to purchase camping equipment used in their outdoor activities.



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I've donated £800 to SAFFA so they can carry on their good work in our community helping former personnel from the armed services, who have previously served and defended our country.

SAFFA are a Charity who support veterans from all wars and help with hospital visits, offer companionship when needed and support for those in crisis.

I visited the Christian Centre on Main Street, in Shirebrook recently and met with Lynn from Citizens Advice. Lynn is stationed at the Christian Centre every Friday between 10.00am and 2.00pm. She is there to offer help to any one requiring assistance and advice with benefits.

Lynn is also available for benefits advice at the Community Hub, on Rotherham Road in New Houghton on Wednesdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm

I stayed for coffee and a chat and was given a guided tour of the Centre. I was informed that anyone coming along for a cup of coffee will always be made to feel welcome and won't be left on their own. Someone will always come over and have a chat!!

So, as winter sets in, and the days draw close, and if you're feeling those wintery blues and need friendly company, somewhere warm and

cosy to meet and have a chat then you'll be made very welcome at the Coffee shop in the Christian Centre.

**The Christian Centre** also runs a reduced price 'Supermarket' for those who are struggling with their finances. Its £5.00 membership to join and then it's £5.00 a visit to purchase food and household items at considerably reduced prices.

On behalf of Shirebrook Neighbourly Allotment Group, I would like to thank all Co-op Members in Shirebrook and surrounding villages for selecting it as your chosen charity. The award received from the Co-op Community Fund this year was over £2,000.

The funds have gone to support students from Adult Education, Shirebrook Academy, and SNAG family members with gardening projects on the SNAG allotments this year. I sampled some delicious soup the other week at the 'Hole in the Wall' on Carter Lane made by one of the students, Lewis, who was involved with the SNAG gardening project in summer. The soup he made was from vegetables he had grown himself.

Young students from adult education are continuing with their gardening projects and in the past week they have been busy making containers and planting them with daffodils and tulips as well as tidying up the allotment and preparing it ready for growing next year's vegetables.

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Well I've been busy washing and drying empty crisp packets, generously donated by Angie, Jane and the cleaners at Bolsover District Council. The crisp packets are made into blankets and act as a life saver for the homeless particularly during the winter months and help to prevent hypothermia for those sleeping rough.

Deb and Simon make the blankets with the help of a group of volunteers at Holy Trinity Church Hall on Tuesdays. Donations of empty crisp packets are always gladly received.

After a hugely successful summer festival of events, BLAST were busy with running activities and trips for children during the half term holidays followed by a party for Halloween. BLAST hold regular weekly craft workshops and activity sessions at Hole in the Wall, and all are welcome!!

I have recently donated £1,500 to BLAST'S furniture project to help families struggling financially and assist in providing basic furniture and equipment for the home.

BLAST is now planning it's Christmas Celebrations Part of these is 'Gift a Child a Smile' Campaign which delivers presents to children in Shirebrook and surrounding areas.

If anyone would like to contribute to this they can message BLAST on facebook or visit their new website www.blastcic.com or

We've registered our Neighbourhood Watch Group in Model Village for the 'snow warden' scheme at County. This scheme is open to all community groups in the County

We will receive a free delivery of salt and essential training as snow wardens. Our volunteers are looking forward to helping make the pavements safe for elderly residents and young families.

I'm about to do a sortie to identify the many missing and faded line markings on local roads and iunctions in and around Shirebrook.

My report will then be forwarded to the Highways Authority for them to attend to renewing the line markings on these roads in the new vear.

I have one announcement - To bring a bit of Christmas cheer to Shirebrook Market Place the Unemployed Workers Centre Staff, Members of Unite Union Choir from Sheffield and with a little help from myself, will be singing some traditional carols, with slightly altered words, from 11.00am on Friday December 10th.

Well that's all for now and I wish you all a peaceful, happy Christmas and a New Year full of blessings for you and your family.

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#### POLICE REPORT

Your Shirebrook Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team led by Sergeant Mark Church, work alongside partnerships / agencies to both target and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, with the aim of keeping our area safe.

"I would like to take this opportunity to remind readers about the dangers of carrying knives in public. As I write this article there is a national 'knife crime amnesty week,' called 'Operation Sceptre'.

"People could take knives and similar weapons to local Police Stations in the knowledge that they were doing the right thing.

"I realise that the amnesty week may have passed by the time this article goes out, but even outside the amnesty week I would like to remind people that it is much better to take unwanted knives etc to a recycling plant to be safely disposed of as opposed to taking them to a charity shop for instance, whereby they could potentially fall into the 'wrong' hands.

"I would like to encourage everyone to talk openly with their neighbours, family and friends to ensure that we prevent anyone from carrying or using a knife

"Please tell your children that as well as being illegal it is not in any way 'cool' to be carrying a knife in public.

"The consequences of having a knife to hand when a situation becomes heated can be serious indeed.

"I understand that some people may feel uncomfortable reporting offenders directly to the Police, but there are still ways that this can be done anonymously.

"You can report via CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111 or via the 'Fearless' campaign website on www.fearless.org/en/giveinfo

"Please let's work together as a community and let's keep our streets safe for all of us!!

"Finally, I would like to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and a happy new year to you all!!"



**Sergeant Mark Church** 

**Editor:** As always we would encourage all residents to report all crime or anti social behaviour to the Police, no matter how trivial you may think it is.

Crime statistics are used, unfortunately, to assess police levels. So it is essential to make sure that **ALL** crimes are reported to the Police.

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Santa Claus or Father Christmas, the portly, jolly white bearded man, with a red coat and trousers trimmed in white fur, has been delivering presents and sprinkling his magical dust to 'good' children for many a year, and while English speaking countries know him as FATHER CHRISTMAS, SAINT NICK or good old SANTA, he is known by other names across the world!!

Listed below are the names of Santa from twelve countries across the world. Simple find them, along with the three names above, and send your completed entry to: Studio 160, Station Road, Shirebrook, NG20 8UG.

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HOTEIOSHO (Japan)

JULENISSEN (Norway)

PAI NATAL (Portugal)

#### **DID YOU KNOW**

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280AD in Patar in modern day Turkey.

He was much admired for his piety and kindness and it is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and travelled the countryside helping the poor and the sick.

Over the years his popularity spread and he be-

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#### **CLERK'S REPORT**



As you will be aware, over the past eighteen months or so, we have, like other authorities and businesses up and down the countrv. been unable to host our annual events.

But that was the past and we are now able to. unless we are told otherwise that is !!

The Car Show in late September was well attended as usual with car enthusiasts of all ages turning up to see the splendid vehicles on show.

There was something there for the youngsters who were, perhaps, 'dragged' along, to keep them occupied and food and drink outlets were also available

The 'Festival of Brass' which took place at the Academy in early October, was again a tremendous success, although numbers of those attending were down on previous years due to restrictions on indoor events.

Our Annual Fireworks Display on

Park Road has always been one of the most attended events of its kind in the area, and this year was no exception.

The numbers who attended this year was definitely up on previous years and what's more, the maiority staved to enjoy the atmosphere long after the fireworks had finished.

We supported the Royal British Legion and Holy Trinity Church with the organising of this year's Remembrance Parade, and, as what has become the norm, printed the service books and laid on refreshments in the Church Hall following the service

Due to the threat of storm Arwen over the weekend of November 27th / 28th, we took the decision to move the Christmas Market from the market square up to the Village Hall.

We didn't want to just cancel the event and we wanted to make sure that delivered some Christmas cheer to our residents.

There was plenty of arts and crafts stalls, a bubble show, a circus show, face painting, kiddies fair rides,



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Shirebrook Miners Brass Band, singer River Hopkins, and Santa and Mrs Claus made sure they beat the bad weather to have a chat to the children and give them a small pre-Christmas present.



There was a good stream of visitors throughout the day, and it seemed that those who did attend had a good time, especially the more younger ones.

It was especially nice to see them with a smile on their faces!!

At the time of writing this article we have two events planned for mid-December, and after watching the news this weekend, I hope they still take place.

After all we were promised a better Christmas than last year weren't we!!

On Thursday 16th & Friday 17th of December is scheduled our Senior Citizen's Christmas Meal. A three course festive meal, entertainment, bingo and a gift from Santa. If numbers demand we have earmarked Wednesday the 15th as an additional day.

On Saturday December 18th we have our Children's Christmas Party for 5 to 11 year olds. Planned, is a disco, games, bouncy castle, arts and crafts, festive lunch and a visit to Santa in his grotto.

Tickets for the above events went on sale on November 29th and they were expected to go fast. So when you read this, and if you haven't already booked, and if its not too late, give the Leisure Centre a call on 01623 748313.

**Just a reminder** Shirebrook Leisure Centre will be closed: Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th of December.

They will be open Monday 27th to Thursday 30th of December from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Closed Friday 31st of December and Saturday the 1st of January and re-open as normal from Sunday January the 2nd 2022.

Finally, on behalf of our Councillors, myself and the Town Council staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!!

> Jennifer Jeffery Shirebrook Town Council Clerk

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#### **ANOTHER MINISTERIAL VISIT!!**

Bolsover District Council Leader Steve Fritchley recently welcomed Housing Minister Christopher Pincher to the Town to check on the progress being made on the First Homes Scheme.

As previously reported, 12 properties on Keepmoat's Meadow View development, off Meadow Lane, have been allocated to the First Homes Scheme, where local and key workers, who are first time buyers, can purchase one of the properties at a 30% discount

Council Leader, Steve Fritchley said: "It is always good to welcome government ministers to the area to see what we are doing and how they may be able to help us regenerate and develop the District."

The discounted houses are helping a provide a route for first time buyers who have a local connection. This could be someone who has lived or worked in the District and also includes people who need to stay in the District to be close to family or residents and 'key workers'.

Councillor Fritchley went on to say: "Schemes like this can only be beneficial to local residents and I would like to see it extended so more people in our local communities can get onto the housing ladder.



"This scheme has been really popular and all 12 properties have now been purchased, which shows that there is a demand for this type of housing project in Bolsover District."

The scheme compliments Bolsover District's £36million Bolsover Homes, which will see up to 400 new council homes built over the next few years for the benefit of local people and their families.

**Editor:** as we have previously reported the 30% discount stays with the property for all future sales.

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Residents across Bolsover District are being reminded that the 'green bin' collections are now suspended during the winter months. Green bin collections will begin again in March 2022.

There will be no change to the black and burgundy bin collections, but to help households with the extra waste generated at this time of year, there will be an extra black bin collection during the week commencing 11th of January.

Staff who normally undertake green bin collections will be used in other areas such as street cleansing and grounds maintenance to enhance those services.

Residents should have received their 'Refuse & Recycling' calendar for 2022, but if you haven't you can get one by telephoning 01246 242424.

The leaflet informs you of all collections, black, green and burgundy, throughout the year and also informs you want you can and what you can't put in each bin

If residents do have jobs to do around the garden during the winter, you can store and waste in your green bin ready for collection in the Spring. Alternatively it can be taken to your nearest Waste Recycling Centre.

Residents are also reminded that they can put their cooked food leftovers in their black bins during the green bin suspension period.

#### **BOLSOVER LOTTERY**

Do you like playing the Lottery ? Did you know that Bolsover District Council runs its own Community Lottery ?

Bolsover District Community Lottery is a weekly online lottery created to support local good causes across the District.

Tickets cost £1 each and when you buy a ticket you will be able to choose which good cause you would like to support, with 50% of ticket sales going to the person's nominated good cause. 10% goes into a community fund run by Bolsover District Council to benefit local good causes. The remaining 40% goes towards the prize money.

There is a weekly draw with £25,000 for a matching sequence of six numbers, with other prizes of £2,000, £250, £25 or three free tickets.

If you are a Bolsover District based club, non-profit organisation or charity looking for a reliable and free way to raise funds, this is a great opportunity.

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#### **ASHBORNE COURT**

I've been asked several times over the past couple of weeks. "What's going off at Ashbourne Court?"

As readers may already be aware, over the past months Bolsover District Council have been busy modernising and adapting their 'Independent Living' complex on Ashbourne Street.

The £2million 'project' has seen modernisation and upgrade of all the flats and communal areas within the complex as well as upgrading the heating system, a sprin-

kler system, new kitchens and the installation of a wet room.

External improvements included landscaping incorporating a new walled patio area to the front and additional security measures.

The next phase, which is currently underway is the creation of a total of 14 new flats over two floors built at both ends of the current building.

The extensions will be fully integrated with

the existing building, services and the recently upgraded fire detection and sprinkler system.



These additional flats along with the proposed council development in the immediate area will go a long way in satisfying the demand for Council owned 'retirement' properties in our Town.

As we all get a little older and perhaps not as fit and healthy as we used to be, we may want to downsize or perhaps live somewhere more suitable for our needs. The creation of these types of properties will definitely help us to carry on with our lives in our later years!!

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#### LOWER COMP - CLASS OF '73

I was sent this photo a few months ago, the class of 73, a good vintage year if I may say, at the Lower Comp, and thought it would be nice to share it with you. Allegedly I'm amongst the pictured throng.

Those pictured will have recently or will soon to be sixty years old. A long time has passed since being assembled in the hall, being told to make sure you had your blazers and ties on and being told to smile for the camera!!

The 1920's building, now listed under the Planning Act 1990 for its special architectural and of historic interest, was initially built under the ethos of a Technical School / Grammar School, perhaps for

the requirements of the Town's growing industrial base and its more 'craft' based requirements.

During the early 20th century education was a little mixed up with private and state schools, state schools with different status and single sexed establishments.

The Langwith Road School became known as the 'Lower Comp' around 69/70 and became the site for the first and second year pupils in the Comprehensive system in Shirebrook.

Shirebrook Comp was built in the early sixties and the first three or four years saw a phased intake of pupils from the surrounding schools.

Initially the Comp was designed to cope with up to 1,800 pupils and occupy the site down to the Devonshire Arms.

These plans never came to fruition hence why the Langwith Road school continued to be used to about 1990 as the Lower Comp

Before the 'Comp' and the comprehensive system, we had in Shirebrook, for Post 11 education, the Model Village Girls, the Carter Lane Boys, the Grammar School, and do you remember Miss Will's?

Comprehensive Schools were first set up after the Second World War, with the first purpose built comprehensive being built in the Colne Valley High School near Huddersfield in 1956.

The largest expansion resulted from a policy decision taken in 1965 by Anthony Crossland, Secretary of State for Education for the Labour government, requesting local education authorities to plan for conversion to comprehensive education.

Students used to sit the 11+ examination in their final year of primary education and depending on



their results would move into a secondary modern, secondary technical or grammar school. By 1975 the majority of local authorities in England had abandoned the 11+ and had moved to a Comprehensive System.

The 11+ examination was basically unfair and tended to penalise the younger element of the 'exam year', and also determined the child's 'future' at what is such a tender age.

During those ten years many secondary modern and grammar schools were amalgamated to form large neighbourhood comprehensives, whilst a number of new schools were built to accommodate a growing school population following the 'baby boom' period after the 2nd World War.

Comprehensives became the most common type of state secondary school in England, and the only type in Wales. *They accounted for around 90% of pupils.* 

Today, most of these comprehensives, along with the majority of primary schools are academies, run by a 'not for profit' organisation, independent of the local council.

It's been a rapid transformation. In 2010 there was around 200 academy schools, today there are more than 8,000.

Do you recognise yourself? Some of the boys have a better head of hair than the girls. Those where the days of long hair. *I know, I was one of them!!* 



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#### WHAT NEXT ??

At the time of writing this we have just begun a new phase of restrictions with regards to the Covid pandemic.

Face masks have become mandatory again on public transport and in shops in England, in an effort to slow down the spread of the latest Coronavirus variant. People arriving in the UK from abroad will now have to take a PCR test and self-isolate until they receive a negative result.

There is to be a major expansion of the booster jab rollout in effort to stop a potential new wave of infections, and they are to be offered to all over 18's in the UK.

It is still unclear of the impact of the new variant and there is to be a review in around three weeks, just before Christmas. But what will be next!!

None of us want to see another lockdown but is it time we took another path to carry on with our lives as much as normal as is possible?

Throughout the pandemic we have been bombarded with information and statistics and for many its been pretty scary.

The way that countries have acted and continue to act as regards the pandemic has also caused confusion. Even in the 'United Kingdom' the four home nations have had different timetables and ways of combating the spread of Covid.

Across the World we have seen protests and riots against the restrictions imposed and even protests about the pros and cons of the vaccine programme.

Our own vaccine programme has been widely 'accepted' with over 50million having had their first dose, over 46million having their second and almost 18million already having had their booster.

Some countries vaccination programme have not been as successful and they have seen an increase in the numbers of cases, hence why some have entered or are thinking of lockdowns and even thinking of making vaccination against Covid compulsory.

Who polices the new legislation? And, how can it be right that if a person walks into an empty shop or gets onto an empty bus they have to wear a mask, but if that same person walks into a fully packed pub they don't!! Again utter confusion!!

Most can put up with having to wear a mask as we go about their daily lives perhaps, but they wont put up with lockdown after lockdown. We need to get back to normality as soon as possible, and if the vaccine programme is working, then what's wrong with having a yearly booster similar to many having their annual flu jab!



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#### **NEW CREMATORIUM**

Bolsover District Council have been looking at the feasibility of having their own crematorium in the District for a number of years and identified Shirebrook as a potential location.

Last month a presentation was made to Shirebrook Town Council members as to the proposal to build the facility on land owned by Shirebrook Town Council adjacent Shirebrook cemetery and members approved the idea in principle.



No final decision or particulars have been made or decided and further talks will be held and discussed in the future !!

The cost of building the crematorium is estimated to be around £9million and the next stage is to appoint a design team and undertake the necessary site surveys.

Bolsover have consulted with local funeral directors who have given them their support for a more local crematorium rather than people having to travel to Mansfield or Chesterfield. It will be a modern fit for purpose crematorium facility sympathetically designed to blend into the surroundings and could provide a pleasant and peaceful place for people to visit and reflect.

The proposed crematorium could include a building which provides: a tranquillity garden, service hall, lobby of light, crematory hall, administration block and vehicle service yard, a flower courtyard, gardens of remembrance, a provision for on-site wake facilities as well as car parking and landscaping.

The project would also create permanent jobs and bring about employment and training opportunities through the construction phase.



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#### LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman's Report
Autumn and Winter have always busy times of the year for the Parish Council, with events coming quick after each other, and its been good recently to see some kind of normality return.

For almost two years we have been prohibited, due to Covid regulations, in organizing and inviting the public to our usual busy time table of events.

The children's Halloween party was a sell out and it was good to see them enjoy themselves. They all received a Halloween themed lunch box.

On the run up to Remembrance Day our workforce were busy erecting displays throughout the Parish to remind us all to remember those that jad given the ultimate sacrifice for us all.

On behalf of the Parish Council I laid a wreath at Holy Cross Church and I was also invited by Nether Langwith Parish Council to lay a wreath at the memorial near the Jug & Glass.

This year we are not holding our annual Christmas Market but instead we organized a children's Christmas party which was planned for December 4th.

Our senior citizen's Christmas meal was back on the menu for December the 9th and at the time of writing this tickets were selling fast.

Our bingo and dancing groups are back at the Village Hall along with some new groups. If you run or are thinking of setting up a community group and are looking for a venue, then why not give us a call, we will always try and accommodate you.

I'm glad that planning for the proposed new council properties has been granted and hopefully it wont be too long before we some progress.

As I have previously said: We know there is a real demand for these types of properties in Whaley Thorns and the council are really excited to be delivering this scheme.





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A lot of parishioners have, on numerous occasions, bemoaned the fact that they have to leave our Parish especially for elderly accommodation. We feel that they should have more of an opportunity and choice to stay in the village.

We also hope that these new council properties will be the first of many to be built in the vicinity.

We currently have a vacancy for an office / admin position at Langwith Parish Council. The position is for 16 hours and candidates must have experience at 'minute taking'. The successful candidate will be based at the Langwith Village Hall on Portland Road.

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If you may be interested in the above position then give us a call on 01623 746498 or call into the Village Hall for more information.

Finally, on behalf of Langwith Parish Council I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year!!

Sandra Peake - LPC Chair

#### DON'T FORGET

The Whaley Thorns & Langwith Village Hall on Portland Road is available for Hire from as little as £10 per hour.

It is a great venue for Family Parties, Weddings, Christenings and Funerals, with a seating capacity of 100. Kitchen facilities and a 'bottle' bar are also available in the Village Hall.

For Bookings call the Parish Council on **01623 746498**, call in to the Village Hall, or visit our website **www.langwithparishcouncil.gov.uk** for an online booking form.

The Village Hall has regular groups that hold events on a weekly and monthly basis and are always looking for new members.

A full calendar of events at the Village Hall is always available to view on their website.

#### **DEVONSHIRE CHARITY**

The Devonshire Charity, which has been running for many years, was established to assist young people in education, primarily in the parish of Upper Langwith, but it is able to extend its assistance to young people living in neighbouring Langwith and Shirebrook.

There are financial grants available to support young people in the pursuit of a career, and the Charity's trustees are anxious that the money be used for this purpose.

So, if you are aged between 16 & 25, are in parttime or full-time education, or even training in a work environment and are looking for a little financial assistance, then contact Jeni via email upperlangwithdevonshirecharity@hotmail.co.uk

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On Thursdays they are open from 10.00am to 8.00pm for STOREHOUSE which is an in-house member/partner run enterprise.

To become a member/partner will cost £5.00/£10.00 for six months respectively. You will then be able to fill one of our Storehouse shopping bags on a weekly basis for another £5.00/£10.00 respectively.

They also offer 'Recovery Plus' another in-house service which provides one to one tailored support alongside Citizens Advice Bureau for men and women who feel isolated through a variety of circumstances i.e. mental health, debt, addictions and loneliness. Feel free to call in or telephone 01623 744371 for an informal chat.

On Thursdays they host, from 1.30pm - 2.30pm an exercise class to suit all ages and abilities. The main aims are to improve both physical and mental health. Cost is £3.00 per person per class. The classes are run by Julie Bonsall, a qualified Fitness Improvement Coach who has worked in this area for the last 25 years.

They have recently started up a Chess Club which is held on a Thursday from 10.30am. They also run a Camera Club and intend to start an Art Club for any of you out there who have a creative streak

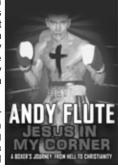
They will be hosting a Carol Service on Sunday 12th December, and a warm welcome awaits you. This will commence at 6.00pm followed by refreshments.

If you are interested in any of the above or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 01623 744371 or alternatively call in to the Centre where a warm welcome will be awaiting.

#### AN EVENING WITH ANDY FLUTE

This is YOUR invitation Guys to a 'FREE' Men's Curry Night with guest speaker 'Andy Flute' on Saturday 22nd January 2022 from 7.30pm at the Brook Community Church and Centre on Main Street. Shirebrook.

Andy Flute is a former boxer who was captain of the England boxing team. He also was a world rated professional boxer having shared a



ring with many world champions like Joe Calzaghe, Chris Eubanks and Nigel Benn, to name just a few.

His ministry is about reaching people who are very far away from Christianity and live a different path in life to most, but through hearing his testimony he can reach them.

No matter what you are or where you come from, Jesus loves everyone. Andy is reaching many in prisons and people who would never go to church or know Christianity.

Please confirm your attendance for catering purposes by no later than 15th January 2022 to Shaun Cummings on 01623 744371.

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#### **Recent Results:**

6th November - NCEL Division One Shirebrook Town 2 - Worsborough Bridge 1 13th November - NCEL Division One Glasshoughton Welfare 3 - Shirebrook Town 1 20th November - NCEL Division One Shirebrook Town 1 - Ollerton Town 1 27th November - NCEL Division One

#### Scheduled fixtures: **DECEMBER**

Saturday 4th - NCEL Division One Shirebrook Town .v. Hallam Saturday 11th - NCEL Division One North Ferriby .v. Shirebrook Town Saturday 18th - NCEL Division One Shirebrook Town .v. Clipstone Tuesday 28th - NCEL Division One Teversal .v. Shirebrook Town

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#### **JANUARY**

Monday 3rd - NCEL Division One Shirebrook Town .v. Nostell MW Saturday 15th - NCEL Division One Rainworth MW .v. Shirebrook Town Saturday 22nd - NCEL Division One Shirebrook Town .v. Rossington Main Saturday 29th - NCEL Division One Brigg Town - Shirebrook Town

We wish Shirebrook Town all the best over the coming months and hope, with just a little bit of luck, that there results go their way !!

For confirmation of future fixtures either telephone: 07983 809608 (Aimee Radford, Club Secretary) or log onto www.ncefl.org.uk

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The chemical was mainly used in sea mines, which were laid by the navy to stop German U Boats and other war ships from attacking merchant ships bringing vital food and supplies to Britain.

Construction of the site, which now forms part of Poulter Park, was started in November 1915 with the 'chemical section' opening in June of 1917.

The site was operated by the adjacent Langwith By-Product Company Limited which was a subsidiary of

the Sheepbridge Coal & Iron Company Limited.

Over 800 people worked at the factory which covered some 27acreas, and it was that big it had its own police force and special trains were laid on to get the workforce to and from work.

Workers had to sign the 'official secrets act' and were unable to speak about their work outside the factory.

They had excellent welfare and social facilities including football pitches, tennis courts, canteens, recreational halls and its own on-site medical surgery. Management and key workers even had its own dedicated housing.



Following the Armistice ending the First World War, production at the site was rapidly wound down, ceasing totally in 1919. Most of the staff had left by 1920. In its final year it is believed that the site was engaged in the destruction of poisonous gases, generated from other sites in the country as part of the 'war effort'.

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grinding' facility, pictured opposite, killed a total of six workers, four of whom were women.

The November 20th 1917 flash fire killed Cicely Eady (23), Samuel Chapman (53) and George Lane (66).

The March 20th 1918 fire and explosion killed three young girls from Shirebrook, They were: Dorothy Brown (17), Elsie May Garrett (22) and Ethel Gorrill (18). They were buried, side by side, with full military honours, in Shirebrook cemetery on March 24th 1918.



These three 'heroes' were remembered a few years ago when Shirebrook Town Council purchased new headstones, which can be seen in Shirebrook cemetery.

The time of Remembrance is for those that 'served and fell' on the frontline, and for those at home, who gave the ultimate sacrifice in protecting us all. *They should never be forgotten!!* 

During the Second World War there was a 'Prisoner of War' camp between the railway bridges at the entrance to the now Dale Close, holding between 60 and 70 Italian and later German prisoners of war. The camp was of wooden huts with a barbwire fence around it.

It is said that these prisoners earned pocket money by doing handicrafts. The Germans made rope soled shoes, whilst the Italians made shopping baskets.

After the surrender of Italy the Italians were allowed the freedom of the Village including the cinema, but weren't allowed to frequent the pubs. They tendered to work on local farms.

**Evacuees,** children and their teachers came to the area from Lowestoft in July 1940, to avoid the bombing and shelling of their homes.

Some 81 girls went to the girls school, around 40 boys attended the boys school and 22 infants went into the Infants school. *They were housed with families in the Village.* 

Most had returned home by August 1944, but in 1990 a busload came back to the village in remembrance of their stay!!

Tony Warriner, A History of Langwith & Whaley Thorns

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#### **100 YEARS OLD**

The Royal British Legion (RBL) were once again at the forefront of the recent Remembrance celebrations, but did you know that this splendid organisation has been operating for a 100 years!

The British Legion was founded in 1921 as a voice for the ex-service community as a bringing together of four organisations: the 'Comrades of the Great War', the 'National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers', the 'National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers', and the fundraising department of the Officers' Association'.

The RBL is a charity providing financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants. One of the leading founders of the organisation was Field Marshall the 1st Earl Haig, who was the British Commander at the Battle of the Somme and Passchendale in the First World War.

Best known for the yearly Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Services the Legion is a campaigning organisation that promotes the welfare and interest of current and former members of the Armed Forces and make around 300,000 welfare and friendship visits every year.

There are approximately 2,500 Royal British Legion branches across the UK and overseas and act as focal points for local former and serving men and women in all kinds of ways.

The RBL has some 180,000 members, 110,000 volunteers and a network of partners and charities, helping to make sure they can provide support wherever and whenever it's needed.

The Poppy Appeal itself raises about £50million each year but saw a massive drop last year due to effects of the Covid pandemic.

The RBL continue to raise their profile and fund raise throughout the year and you can make a donation at anytime, not just in the run up to Remembrance Day.

If you're interested in more information, in becoming a volunteer or to make a donation you can get in touch by post via: The Royal British Legion, 199 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1AA, or by telephoning 0808 802 8080 or by email at info@britishlegion.org.ok

### Merry Christmas &

A Happy New Year

And let's all hope we have a healthy and safe 2022!!



#### **HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH**

Church Drive, Shirebrook, NG20 8DE

Main Services: Every Sunday in Holy Trinity at 11.00am Sundays Together every Sunday on Facebook at 8.30am

Team Rector: Rev. J. Draycott - Team Vicar: Rev. K. Bradley

Curate: Rev. E. Launders-Brown

#### Mrs KAY SAVAGE writes ...

We can easily recognise some things that make us uncomfortable, such as the uncertainty of something, for example, an item of clothing that is too tight, too scratchy or too lumpy, an embarrassing situation or person, being somewhere different, being too hot, cold, music that's not to our taste or even too much rich or spicy food!

Conversely, things that bring comfort often bring a deep sense of joy and security, like an old jumper, chocolate, a hug, friends, family, a familiar place, a handshake, a comfy bed or favourite song or meal

## These all evoke memories of security, of happy and certain times. They bring comfort !!

As we approach Christmas, we may be thinking about loved ones who have left this earthly life or those who live too far away to celebrate together. We may believe that comfort is just a distant memory!!

When Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph, I don't think the surroundings into which he was born were overly comfortable. There was the Roman occupation, the borrowed room, the journey and being a long way from home, let alone the disgrace of pregnancy before the wedding, not forgetting childbirth, which is not the most comfortable!

Yet into this, God's angels bring a message that this child will bring 'Comfort and Joy', he will bring 'Peace on Earth'. They needed comfort and joy, they needed peace and hope.

God's message didn't say all the external pressures and difficulties would go away, but rather that God had heard his people's cry. He recognised the need, he saw the pain, he stepped down into earth from heaven in Jesus to show us the depth of his saving love.

## The wonder of the incarnation is that Jesus, Immanuel, is God with us!!

Sorting through his parents' home, Steve found a small, well-kept St John's gospel. It had been given to his Dad during the war, the words from the King written inside the front cover read 'To all serving in my Forces by sea or land, or in the air, to all my people engaged in the defence of the Realm. I commend this book.'

For centuries the Bible has been a wholesome

and strengthening influence in our national life, and it behoves us in these momentous days to turn with renewed faith to this Divine source of comfort and inspiration.'

# As King George VI clearly suggested, can we also discover the Divine source of comfort and inspiration in God's Word?

Notice all the things I listed that bring us comfort are about physical, emotional and contextual needs. What about our spiritual comfort?

Holding onto wonderful verses from Scripture can help us be certain that whatever else is happening, we can still know God's comfort and joy.

However, we're able to spend Christmas this year, we can do so in the presence of the **COMFORT BRINGER** and the **JOY GIVER**, the New Year need not hold fear and trepidation, rather hope, because God is with us.

#### **Holy Trinity - Coming Events**

Sunday 5th December

11.00am Sunday Brunch and build your own Christingle Service

Sunday 12th December

6.00pm Tree of Light Service

Sunday 19th December

6.00pm Carol Concert with band

Friday 24th December

7.30pm Holy Communion and Blessing of the Crib Service

Saturday 25th December

10.30am Christmas Morning Celebration

#### **QUOTE for DECEMBER**

Drive carefully this Christmas. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

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#### **WE ARE HERE TO HELP!!**

During the current Covid-19 pandemic some of our services may not be available. Government guidelines for Covid-19 will be adhered to at all times.

## **HEATWAVES**

PALS which stands for 'Physical Activity and Lifestyle Sup-

port', is a continuation of Bolsover District Council's 'Wellness Programme' and is aimed at changing behaviours and finding solutions to help people face their daily challenges which will allow them to concentrate more on their health and wellbeing.

PALS will bring together different agencies and services to support individuals and families in their households and within their lives.

It helps to assess their needs, unpick situations, and provide consistent support in an effort to improves their lifestyle and become more physically active. The PALS approach recognises that there are three key elements when attempting to create behaviour change:

- Capability to change
- Motivation to change
- Opportunity to change

Alongside these, there are also five key factors that have an impact on the above: Age, Gender, Socio-economic, Ethnicity and Disability / Condition.

A PALS co-ordinators role is to help join the dots as there are many agencies and organisations working hard to provide services to the people within their community, all with the aim of improving overall community health and wellbeing.

They will create a package / personal plan to enable a path to a more active and healthier lifestyle working with other agencies to navigate through what is available for the individual or family.

Self referral forms are available from Council offices and locally from Shirebrook Leisure Centre. So if you feel that the PALS programme could be for you, pick one up, fill it in and send it off, and a PALS co-ordinator will then contact you to talk about what support is available for you.

Alternatively contact Archie Rowbottom, your PALS co-ordinator, via Shirebrook Leisure Centre, who holds classes at the Leisure Centre and at the Arc in Clowne, on: 01623 748313.

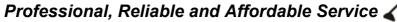
The Wellness Programme also run a 'low impact' exercise class run by experienced and qualified instructors. It is a class of various exercises for people who are looking to get back into light exercise, or if a beginner or returning from illness or

It is a group but allowances are made to accommodate all abilities, and is designed to improve both physical and mental wellbeing.

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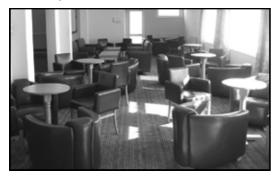
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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Young trainee in the armed forces or police (5)
- 4. Thick cloud of tiny water droplets suspended in the atmosphere (3)
- **6.** Quick cooking noodles in oriental cuisine (5)
- 8. Long and distinct period of history (3)
- **9.** Become subject to from one's actions (5) **10.** Person causing trouble or annovance (6)
- **12.** Small number of. not many (3)
- **15.** Watch chain with a bar at one end to attach to a buttonhole (6)
- 18. Journey visiting different places (4)
- 20. Done or shown openly (5)
- 21. At any and at all times (4)
- 22. Cause to flow in a steady stream (4)
- **23.** Lyric or poem typically in the form of an address (3)
- **24.** Evergreen coniferous tree of a genus that includes the western red cedar (5)
- 27. Pair of long narrow flexible material used for gliding over snow and ice (4)
- 29. Weapon that delivers a beam (6)
- **30.** Quality of sound governed by the rate of vibrations producing it (5)
- **31.** The sixteenth letter of the Greek alphabet (2)
- **33.** Social or religious custom placing restriction on a particular thing or person (5)
- 34. Long stick used in snooker and pool (3)
- **35.** Perform, carry out, to work on (2)
- **36.** Projecting pin used for hanging things on (3)
- 38. Of a great extreme vertical extent (4)
- **39.** Very dry, having little or no rain (4) **41.** Make minor improvements to (5)
- 42. Japanese school of Mahayana Buddhism (3)
- **43.** Light hearted pleasure or amusement (3)
- **44.** Natural or synthetic substance used to colour something (3)

#### **CLUES DOWN**

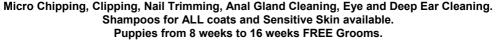
- **1.** General weather conditions prevailing in an area or region (7)
- 2. Small cubes with varying numbers of dots on each face (4)
- 3. Sparing in the use of words, abrupt (5)
- **4.** Development of events outside a person's control (4)
- 5. Pull a grotesque face (4)
- 7. Any organism that can grow in the presence of free oxygen (6)
- 11. Completely confident that one is right (4)
- **12.** Cleaving tool with a handle at right angles to the blade (4)
- 13. Value or merit of someone or something (5)
- **14.** Connected group, central or focal point (5)
- **15.** Fragrant essential oil typically made from rose petals (5)
- **16.** Bring or recall to the conscious mind (5)
- **17.** Romantic rendezvous between lovers (5)
- **19.** Give the latest information to (6)
- 25. Bring to or come to an abrupt stop (4)

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<b>28.</b> Digging implement or one of the four suits in a pack of playing cards (5)					8										
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