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CREDIT TO EVERYONE INVOLVED !!

It was standing room only on Shirebrook Market Square on Sunday April 30th, the thirtieth anniversary of the closure of Shirebrook Colliery, as residents of all ages assembled for the unveiling of Shirebrook's Colliery Memorial.

The hard work and dedication of the Colliery Monument Committee should be applauded, in delivering, what can only be described as a 'true community' project !!

The monument, created by sculptor Peter Walker, will stand, pride and place for years to come, and will remind future generations, of Shirebrook's heritage, standing as a memorial to those that worked, and to those that sadly lost their lives, at Shirebrook Colliery.

The memorial was unveiled by Alan Gascoyne and Bev Henderson, wife of one of the founding committee members Baz Henderson, who sadly died before his dream became a reality.

If you haven't seen it yet, why not have a wander down the market square one evening and see what can be achieved through hard work and dedication.

Again, to those involved, a massive THANK-YOU for your dedication and perseverance over the past few years, from the people of Shirebrook !!

DEVELOPMENT TO CONTINUE !!

The development of new council bungalows off Portland Road is progressing well.

Properties are in various stages across the site and are part of BDC's 'Bolsover Homes' project, that is to see upward of 400 modern and affordable properties, built in a four year period.

The newly elected Bolsover District Council have re-affirmed this commitment and to 'finish what they've started !!'

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POLITICAL COMMENT
It was a good result locally and nationally for the Labour Party last month.



The Labour Party won seats and control of authorities up and down the country and at the same time, the Conservative Party lost more than a 1,000 seats.

However, the Party cannot rest on its laurels, I want Labour to win and form a government based on sound policies and ambitions not because the Tory Party are imploding, so now's the time for us to show a strong and united front. Then and only then will the electorate have the confidence to vote in large numbers for us at the next General Election, and return a Labour Government !!

Just like Bolsover District Council the National Party needs to demonstrate its ability to govern and produce what people want !!

I've been proud to have led Bolsover District Council for the past four years and even more so recently when I was elected Leader for another term. Bolsover have always been a forward thinking Council and has put measures in place to maintain and build on our services, protect jobs and create security for our workforce, created an in-house building company and started a programme of building affordable homes for today's generation and for generations to come.

Flexibility and the ability to react quickly to changes in legislation and society is essential to stay ahead.

We have spent more than £10million on refurbishing our Independent Living Centres at Creswell, Clowne, Hillstown, Shirebrook and Pinxton, to ensure our elderly and vulnerable have somewhere decent to live.

We have also extended the Ashbourne Court complex in Shirebrook by an additional 14 flats to meet the growing demand for top quality independent sheltered housing.

We spent £10million on renovating New Bolsover

Model Village and over £1million on ensuring all our tenants live in warm and energy efficient properties as we continued our programme of installing external wall Insulation in council properties.

We will continue with these types of investments with projects such as new roofs, soffits and facias on council properties, new kitchens, and wet rooms where appropriate, all to ensure our tenants have a good quality home to live in and we continue to be the perfect landlord.

Re-purposing land and garage sites in all areas has paid dividends and removed eyesores. Over £2,000,000 has been generated through the sale of surplus land over the past 4 years.

We have maintained a balanced budget for each of the last 4 years and have secured financial security for the authority for the coming term.

Over the next four years we want to continue the policies we've established over the previous four years. Projects for future include (locally):

Identifying opportunities for growth and improving connectivity across the district. Continue working to create a new road link between J.29 and Shirebrook. Delivery of 2,000 new homes and 30 hectares of employment land.

Through Dragonfly, (the Council owned Company) to build and buy properties for private sale and rent and council stock, which will generate an income, provide much needed rental accommodation for the district and fill a gap by the diminishing number of private buy-to-let landlords. To build commercial properties with the aim of providing business opportunities and generate a revenue income for the council.

Pleasley Vale - An ambitious multi-million-pound redevelopment of mill buildings and improved visitor attraction and leisure facilities.

And finally, to continue working with Parish Councils to improve or to provide facilities.

Earlier this year Bolsover Constituency Labour Party members selected their candidate, Natalie Fleet from Huthwaite for the next General Election,



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I recently met up with Natalie and asked her about her views and what she would like to see in the future. She told me:

"When Labour lost in 2010, I was gutted and knew I needed to get involved. Since then I've been active at every level, knocking on doors and motivating members in my branch and constituency, getting elected to East Midlands Labour Regional Board to make members' voices heard, and creating education policy on the National Policy Forum.

"My focus has always been fighting to regain and retain power at all levels, so we can make the most difference to our communities.

"I've spoken up passionately for our party and our area in local, national and international print and broadcast media. It's not in my nature to walk on by when I see an injustice.

"My Priorities, I have a few but the main ones are:

***"Education* - Bolsover's schools lost over £200 per pupil between 2015 and 2020. That's the equivalent of 60 teachers across our towns and villages.**

"A third of pupils in Bolsover receive free school meals, but reversing the progress made with a Labour government, the attainment gap has been widening for these pupils under the Tories. I'll keep fighting for our schools and early years to be invested in, and for good quality, affordable and available childcare right across the constituency.

***"NHS* - Twelve years of Tory cuts have hit hard. Their new promise of a GP appointment in two weeks is a slap in the face to residents who used to be able to access a same-day appointment. I'll push for more investment in our local NHS, bringing down waiting times and working to reverse the stagnating life expectancy.**

"I'll fight for rapid access to mental health support, making sure Labour's new national target - guaranteeing mental health support within a month for those who need - is rolled out promptly across Bolsover.

***"Cost of Living* - Too many people tell me they will have to choose between heating and eating last winter. The Tory answer is to crack for gas under our homes, but I'll stand against this and highlight the detrimental impact this would have to our area. Instead, Labour's Great British Energy Company will establish the UK as a clean energy superpower, guaranteeing long term energy secu-**

rity, bringing down energy prices for residents across our area. In the meantime, I'll fight for energy companies making huge profits to face a wind-fall tax that subsidises bills, rather than taxpayers subsidising their profit.

***"Housing* - Bolsover District Council have shown how Labour in power can make great things happen. The amount of social rented housing across Bolsover is higher than both the regional and national average, and private rented housing is lower.**

"I'll support the powerful ambitions to keep finding innovative ways to extend the social housing offer.

"The next Labour government will set a target to ensure 70% of residents own their own homes; I'll work to make sure new developments are genuinely affordable, with the cost linked to local incomes."



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LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

Labour candidates who stood locally, both for Town/Parish wards and District wards, mirrored the success of the Labour Party nationally at last month's local elections.

Nationally, Labour saw a net gain of 537 councillors and 22 councils and became the political party with the most members elected to local government for the first time since 2002.

Of the 23 who stood for Shirebrook Town Council and Langwith Parish Council, and the six who stood for our three District Council wards, all were returned to take a seat on the relevant authorities.

Results for Shirebrook Town Council and Langwith Parish Councils were as follows:

SHIREBROOK & LANGWITH WARD (2 seats)

Uncontested	
Steve FRITCHLEY	LAB
Fred GOBEY	LAB

SHIREBROOK NORTH WARD (7 seats)

Pauline CHAPMAN	LAB	410
Shaun CHEESEMAN	LAB	363
Terry CHAPMAN	LAB	355
Paul HARFORD	LAB	346
Brian MURRAY-CARR	LAB	335
Nicola SMITH	LAB	332
Chris KANE	LAB	316
David DOWNES	IND	279
Keeley HOWSON	CON	255
David TAYLOR	CON	250

SHIREBROOK SOUTH WARD (7 seats)

Christine DALE	LAB	401
Sarah BROOKS	LAB	382
John LEWIS	LAB	355
Jen WILSON	LAB	351
Dale SMITH	LAB	350
Vicky KIRBY	LAB	344
Marian STOCKDALE	LAB	321
Sylwester ZWIERZYNSKI	IND	232
Adam HIND	CON	224

Therefore the political 'make-up' of Shirebrook Town Council is sixteen (16) Labour Councillors.

LANGWITH BASSETT WARD (4 seats)

Uncontested	
Kevin CHAPPELL	IND
Amanda CARTWRIGHT	LAB
Steve FRITCHLEY	LAB
Pam BROWN	N.P.P

LANGWITH BATHURST WARD (4 seats)

Sandra PEAKE	LAB	86
Brett ELLIOTT	LAB	81
Lisa FRITCHLEY	LAB	62
Yvonne MATHER	IND	58
Kath SHARPE	IND	51
Ana ROZYNSKA	IND	33

LANGWITH POULTER WARD (4 seats)

Christine DALE	LAB	137
Salena BERRY	LAB	131
Stewart BROADLEY	IND	124
Janet SMITH	IND	123

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James **KERSHAW-DICKSON** CON 46
Deborah **FROST** N.P.P 29

Therefore the political 'make-up' of Langwith Parish Council is seven (7) Labour, four (4) Independent and one (1) of 'no political party' Councillors.

The results for Bolsover District Council wards were far different to the 2019 results. Back in 2019 Labour only won eighteen of the possible 37 seats available, but continued, with independent support, in control .

However, this year's election saw Labour return 31 Labour councillors giving them a massive majority and retaining overall control of Bolsover District Council. **Locally, the District Council results were as follows:**

LANGWITH WARD (2 seats)

Sandra PEAKE	LAB	500
Steve FRITCHLEY	LAB	457
James KERSHAW-DICKSON	CON	138
Carol PATERSON	CON	127
Gillian BREFFIT	LIB	64
Steve RAISON	LIB	52

SHIREBROOK NORTH WARD (2 seats)

Jen WILSON	LAB	411
Chris KANE	LAB	330
Keeley HOWSON	CON	210
David DOWNES	IND	202
David TAYLOR	CON	187
Martin GIBBONS	GREEN	62
Ronnie ROGERS	TU&SC	62

SHIREBROOK SOUTH WARD (2 seats)

Jane YATES	LAB	422
Janet TAIT	LAB	412
Adam HIND	CON	185
Sylwester ZWIERZYNSKI	IND	159
Dave MANTON	CON	111
Helen OAKTON	LIB	54
Dean EGGLESTON	TU&SC	39

The political 'make-up' at Bolsover District Council is now thirty-one (31) Labour, three (3) Conservative and three (3) Independent Councillors.

Steve (Fritchley) says: "The results in May, go a long way to the rebuilding the so-called 'red wall' that somewhat collapsed at the last General Election.

"Labour, both locally and nationally must restore confidence in the electorate, continue to fight against government cut backs, and fight hard to deliver what the people really want.

"If they can do this, the red wall will be re-built 'brick by brick' and perhaps even higher and longer, at the next general election, and return a Labour government !!"

DID YOU KNOW

The next General Election is scheduled to be held no later than January 28th 2025, so more than likely it could be held sometime time next year, 2024. This will be the centenary year of Labour's first government. **Could it be an omen ??**

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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.

"With the longer days and shorter nights its natural that teenagers are staying out longer, so I make a simple appeal to parents to make sure that you know that your children are safe and well. Just as importantly please set them a good example and encourage them to avoid being becoming involved in antisocial behaviour.

"For anyone who is unnecessarily having to suffer from antisocial behaviour, don't suffer in silence !! Feel free to report this matter either directly to my team or via 101 or online reporting. The council also should be considered for the reporting of antisocial behaviour.

"PCSO Evan Mason and PCSO Sam Fellows, have been doing some excellent work at Model Village Primary School.

"Evan and Sam are working in the school on a project called 'Mini-Police', but I thought that it would be better if I asked Evan to share a few words about the Mini-Police Project. **Here is what Evan has to say."**



"My name is PCSO Evan Mason and I, with the rest of Shirebrook SNT Police, help run and organise something we have called mini police.

"Mini police is currently being conducted at the Model Village Primary School here in Shirebrook and was in its infancy when I first joined the team in August of 2022.

"In co-operation with the students and teachers at the school, members of Shirebrook SNT deliver educational seminars around issues that we believe are facing and troubling the young children of Shirebrook. These lessons include education on road safety and speeding, fire safety and cyber-

crime as well as sessions that revolve more about the police and what we do.

"Mini Police isn't just about education and lessons delivered in a classroom, but a key fundamental part of Mini Police are the 'reward sessions', which, as one would expect, are the days the students most look forward to.

"The rewards session includes visits from the drone, dog and armed response units and to see first-hand and up close the vehicles and equipment used by these segments of the police as well as more active reward sessions such as solving their very own crime scene.

"Although, as mentioned, Mini Police is in its infancy stage, I have nothing but praise for the outcome of the Mini Police sessions. Not only have we at Shirebrook SNT noticed the children now engaging with us more outside of school hours, but we have also found that the students and the families will often approach us and know us by name, which makes community engagement more rewarding. I look forward to seeing the Mini Police flourish in years to come as more schools will be delivering these sessions."

"Early intervention is essential in deterring crime and starting with students who are going from year 6 to year 7, I believe, is one of the most impressionable years for children, what with the threat of peer pressure and the fears of going into secondary school.

"Mini Police allows us at Shirebrook SNT to offer that supporting shoulder for the students and helps us to deliver what we hold dear to all our hearts – **Shaping the future, doing the right thing and making a difference."**

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.

101 is for 'non-emergencies', but if you are being threatened, or there is a risk of you or someone getting injured, or there is a crime being committed, then call 999. You can also report crimes by contacting Crimestoppers on 0200 555 111 or by visiting www.crimestoppers.uk.org

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MODEL VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Model Village Residents Association have been active for the past 25 years. Their aim is to help support their community in any way they can.

They meet once a month at the Victoria Inn on Acreage Lane, located in the Model Village with the meetings taking place on the first Tuesday of each month and usually starting at 6.30pm.

Until their recent AGM meeting, held last month, their constitutional boundary only covered the Model Village area, but because of the new housing developments in and around the area, they voted to now include any home in the 'Shirebrook South ward' and their constitution was amended accordingly.

The areas now covered include: the Leen Valley estate, Bracken Road estate, the new Meadow Lane estate, and also the area around Station Road and Portland Road.

Therefore, they would like to invite anyone interested to join them, and are also looking for new members to keep the Association going, and to bring new ideas and opinions to the group. **They have a Face Book page if you would like a little more information about them.**

So, if you live in the Shirebrook South Ward and would like to get involved you will be most welcome to join them at their next meeting which will take place on July 4th, at 6.30pm at the Vic. **They hope to see some of you at their next meeting !!**

FRIENDS OLD & NEW

Loneliness and the lack of companionship especially amongst our more senior residents, has been proven to have a massive affect on our mental health and wellbeing.

Before the pandemic we had numerous local groups who met regularly offering a place to meet friends 'old and new'. Some of these have sadly fallen by the wayside, but others, and some new ones, are back up and running and are always on the lookout for new members.

Today we have a wide range of groups that meet at places including: Shirebrook Village Hall, Langwith Village Hall, the Salvation Army, the Hole-in-the-Wall on Carter Lane and at the Library on Patchwork Row.

If you would be interested in learning what groups are active and looking for new members, or you would be interested in starting up your own group, then why not give Shirebrook Town Council a ring on 01623 742475 or Langwith Parish Council on 01623 746498. **I'm sure they will point you in the right direction !!**

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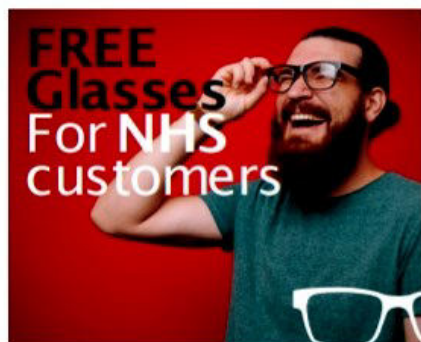
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Charles III coronation in early May saw him crowned the 62nd (numbers vary depending on differing historical accounts) 'monarch' of England the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms. But who came before him ?

Listed below are the names of our last 16 monarchs dating back to 1625. Simply find their 'regal' names in the wordsearch opposite, and send your completed entry to: Studio 160, Station Road, Shirebrook, NG20 8UG.

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EDWARD VIII	GEORGE V
EDWARD VII	VICTORIA
WILLIAM IV	GEORGE IV
GEORGE III	GEORGE II
GEORGE I	ANNE
WILLIAM III	JAMES II
CHARLES II	CHARLES I

DID YOU KNOW ?

Charles acceded to the British throne on his mother's death on 8th September 2022. He was the longest-serving British heir apparent, having surpassed Edward VII's record of 59 years on 20th April 2011.

When he became monarch at the age of 73, Charles was the oldest person to do so, the previous record holder being William IV, who was 64 when he became king in 1830.

Arguments are made for a few different kings, thought to have controlled enough Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, to be deemed the true first king of England, but for many, Alfred the Great, who initially ruled Wessex, one of the seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, is listed as the first.

Charles's mother, Elizabeth II, is our longest reigning monarch, having been on the throne for seventy years. Lady Jane Grey is remembered in British history as the monarch with the shortest reign, just nine days in July of 1553.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that turned out and voted at last month's local elections, and especially to those of you who voted for your local Labour candidates.

Of the fourteen Labour candidates that stood for the Town Council, and the six who stood for our three district council seats, the results couldn't have been any better, with all Labour candidates being returned to serve on the relevant authorities. ***We must be doing something right !!***

We had our first meeting, since the May elections, recently and it was good to see the new faces as well as those who have served Shirebrook for a number of years.

It's a difficult task sometimes, being a local councillor. We all like to have a moan and a groan, we all have our own opinions, and sometimes we have to accept criticism, but I'd just like to, following continued misinformation on social media sites, put the record straight !!

Shirebrook Town Council is NOT run as a 'secret society' with 'deals done under the table', and anyone is welcome to attend council meetings !!

As well as 'Full Council' meetings, which take place every two months, we have 'Leisure Committee', which looks after our leisure and events programmes, meetings, and 'Operation Committee', which looks after our estates and operational programmes, meetings, which are normally held alternately between the Full Council meetings.

Meetings are advertised on the Council's website, which is www.shirebrooktowncouncil.gov.uk, along with agendas and previous meetings minutes, but like most things in life, dates and times may have to be changed or meetings may have to be cancelled.

At the Council meeting we allocate a ten minute slot where members of the public can ask questions relating to Town Council issues. Residents can also submit more in-depth questions, prior to a meeting, which then can be put on the agenda for further discussion.

Unfortunately, the law states that members of the public have to leave the meeting if there are items that we called 'exempt' items. These are more than likely contractual issues or personnel issues. These items are identified as such on the agenda.

Members of the public are also entitled to book an appointment at the office if they would like to discuss the Council's practices, why a decision was made or our plans for the future etc.

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The recent **Car Show**, which was held on the Market Square was, yet again, a great success. As well as the vintage / classic vehicles that were on show, there was something for the youngsters too.

Our second Classic Car Show of the year is to take place on Sunday September 24th.

Our Annual Town Show will soon be upon us. Acts booked for the day include: a tribute to Freddy Mercury from Joseph Lee Jackson and an Ed Sheeran tribute from Jack Bowater.

There will also be an abundance of side shows and activities including: Segways, Destiny Cheer, Adoptive Gaming, Helter Skelter, Giant Hungry Hippo, Pleasley Canoe Club, S&G Inflatables, Rides and Stalls and much much more !!

All the fun, something for all the family, will be taking place on the Town Park on Sunday July 16th from 11.00am to 5.00pm.

During the summer holidays, the Leisure Centre will be hosting their '**Summer Programme**' for our younger residents. Six weeks of fun and activities Monday to Friday throughout the holiday period. Details are available from the Centre.

Also there will be the weekly 'day trips' with visits to such places as Alton Towers, Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Drayton Manor Park. As always its anticipated that these places will be booked up quickly, so act fast to avoid any disappointment !!

Later in the year, **Friday November 3rd**, we will be hosting our 'spectacular firework display' on Park Road recreation ground. *Again, a date not to be missed !!*

As a Town Council we are proud of our programme of 'community events' and we hope that there's something for residents of all ages. If you would like to see something different then why not lets us know !!

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At the time of writing this, contact details of all councillors is being collected and will be posted on the Town Council's website as soon as possible.

In the meantime contact can be made via the Town Clerk on 01623 742475 or by calling into the office on the Market Square.

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STILL HIGH ON THE AGENDA !!

The newly elected District Council still have building new and affordable council properties, across the District, high on its agenda !!

Bolsover's 'Bolsover Homes' project will hopefully see upwards of 400 new properties over a four year period, built across the District with Shirebrook and Langwith benefiting from around fifty odd, already built or in the process of being built, new properties.

Sites are continued to be identified across the District, that may be suitable for housing, and the Council will continue to build in-house to make the target of 400 achievable.

As readers may know the Council's previous developer, Woodheads, ceased trading last year, and Bolsover created its own development company, 'Dragonfly Development' to pick up where Woodheads had stopped, securing work already undertaken, jobs and further developments already in the pipeline.

The homes being built will be efficient and affordable and have been described as 'some of



the best council houses there's ever been'.

The development of twenty odd bungalows off Portland Road is well underway, with properties at various stages of build across the site.



The first development on the Woodlands, 'Willow Close' (opposite East View) is virtually complete and tenants have moved in.

Progress is now being seen on a smaller site at the end of West Street, and the site on Moorfield Lane is being prepared for building work.

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The demand for housing is as high as ever. In Bolsover District alone 2,000 are on the waiting list, and 90 to 100 are bidding for each property as it comes available.

It was reported back in 2021, by the Department for Levelling Up - Housing and Communities, that there were 20,874 households waiting for a council house in Derbyshire alone, and in April of this year it was reported that over 1.2million households are on the waiting list for social homes in England.

Last year, 29,000 social homes were sold or demolished and less than 7,000 were built. The gap will continue to grow and the problem will continue to get worse if things carry on as they are !!

Private Landlords up and down the country are selling up, mainly due to rising interest rates and legislative and regulatory changes, which are placing extra and significant burdens on them.

Reduced rentable housing stock and the booming demand are creating higher rents and driving many renters out of the market, so who is to pick-up the shortfall !!

During the height of 'council building' back in the 1950's, councils built on average around 147,000 homes every year, but in the past ten years councils have only averaged building around 1,400 homes a year.

Council housing's main priority is and has always been to be more affordable than the private renting market, and usually provides a more secure and long-term tenancy.

It offers stability and greater protection, and tenants can normally live in the property for the rest of their lives, as long as they don't break the conditions of the tenancy.

Bolsover District Council are 'bucking the trend', they have identified the shortfalls in the market and they are doing something about it. More council properties, for tenants of all ages and abilities, need to be built.

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Councillor DALE'S DIARY



What a thrill it was to attend the opening ceremony of the new memorial statue.

The event followed an intensive three years of active fundraising by the Miners Welfare Colliery Memorial Committee.

We mustn't forget Shirebrook's past as a mining town and the important role it played in the economy. Mining areas were a pivotal part in fuelling Britain's manufacturing industry and growing our economy as well as keeping the nation warm.

The splendid memorial in the Market Square is a reminder to future generations of Shirebrook's industrial heritage.

The Market Square was full to bursting with people at the unveiling of the Memorial on Sunday 30th April. Most of those present had close family ties with the 74 men who had lost their lives and whose names are etched on the memorial.

The Miners Welfare Band together with welfare members, carrying the repaired Shirebrook Colliery Banner, proudly paraded through Shirebrook down to the Market Square, where the band performed at the opening ceremony.

On the day, we heard some excellent opening speeches from Alan Gascoyne and Bruce Towers, members of the Colliery Memorial Committee, and the Sculptor Peter Walker. Sadly 'Baz' Henderson one of the original prime movers for the memorial and a committee member couldn't be with us as he passed away during the lock down. *His wife Bev Henderson was given the honour of unveiling the memorial.*

It was great a experience to see the former mining community of Shirebrook and surrounding villages coming together to raise an unbelievable two hundred thousand pounds for a significant memorial in recognition of the men worked at Shirebrook Colliery and to those who had lost their lives down Shirebrook pit.

I had the privilege of donating £2,000 of my leadership allowance towards the memorial at the beginning of the fundraising venture, and it was wonderful on the day to see the memorial standing magnificently at the centre of the Market Square.

Funding from my leadership allowance has recently been donated to the following community groups.

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OLD SHIREBROOK !!

As we all know, residents old and new, Shirebrook has changed dramatically over its relatively short history, and it continues to change, seemingly day-by-day.

Housing has played a major part in its development, with the creation and the subsequent demolition of the terraced rows in the town centre, to the creation of the 'council' estates and the more recent development of 'private' estates.

Other housing developments have popped up in the area too, both council and private, including the current development of council bungalows off Portland Road.

If you're like me, we all like to reminisce about the good old days and what Shirebrook used to look like and how 'it was', and we all like to see the old photos !! So I thought I'd share these two old shots of Shirebrook and Langwith Junction showing how two local areas once were !!

The first, a shot of the old 'Army Stores', which occupied one of the corners of Market Place, is from around 1961 and shows Market Street before it was dissected by Portland Road.

As our more senior residents will know, King Edward Street finished at the junction of Victoria Street and there was no through road to Portland Road.

Buses of the day had to make a sharp turn at 'Ward's' corner to enter the tight confines of the market square, a little scary for some in those days !!

The long shot shows terraces from the market through to Sookholme Road and just off camera are another row of terraces on the opposite side.

As we have reported before, the centre of Shirebrook was made up of street upon street of terraced rows which housed the vast majority of Shirebrook residents of the day

Next door to the Army Stores was Jacksons the butcher, one of around thirteen butchers in the town's heyday.

For our younger readers, the Army Stores was a variation of the Army and Navy Stores that were used to dispose of the surplus stores following the demobilisation of the conscripted forces after WWII.



The second, shows a shot of Burlington Avenue from around eighty years ago.

At first, there seems to be very little difference after this length of time. On the right hand side, from the shop upwards, the terraced houses seemingly remain the same, apart from perhaps new windows and satellite dishes that have been erected over the years.

Look on the left hand side of the photo, there's no





houses !! The Blackwell Rural District Council built semi's, didn't start to appear until around the 1930's.

Take a closer look at the photo and the horizon is different too. The far distance shows a lack of properties on Recreation Road, which, just prior to that was the main road from Langwith Bassett to Shirebrook, which terminated at the recreation ground, on the boundary between Shirebrook and Langwith.



Also the housing on the right seems to stop at the junction of Station Road. The properties on The Crescent & Chatsworth Avenue were built at the same time as the properties on Burlington Avenue.

Behind these terraced houses once stood the Langwith Junction Train Station (Shirebrook North).

The Langwith Junction Station was built in 1897 by the Lancashire, Derbyshire & East Coast Railway, as part of the line than ran from Nottingham to Chesterfield.

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and 12.00noon, and provides assistance, support and advice to people with debt problems and those claiming benefits. All who come along are made to feel very welcome and offered refreshments and support.

£800 to Shirebrook Neighbourly Allotment Group (SNAG), which is supported and run by Marcin Proc and colleagues at Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre.

The funding was used to purchase a new polytunnel cover, garden tools and equipment and seeds to grow produce. The group support people's mental health and wellbeing through gardening and growing vegetables and flowers, bringing people together where they can to make new friendships and prevent social isolation.

They meet on Saturdays at the allotment off Park Avenue, Shirebrook and will make you very welcome if you want to join them.

£800 to Café 101. They too support people's mental health and wellbeing and prevent social isolation and open weekly on Thursday mornings between 10.00am and 12.00noon in Holy Trinity Church Hall off Church Drive.

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£500 to Model Village Residents Association Shirebrook to contribute to King Charles Coronation to provide every child at Model Village Primary School with a King Charles Coronation badge, a memento of the occasion.

£2,000 to the Community Hub at New Houghton to support various groups at the hub. They've started a monthly Craft Club on Saturdays for adults, a Mother and Toddler group weekly on Tuesday mornings, and Luncheon Clubs and Warm Spaces are run on Wednesdays, Fridays and alternate Sundays.

£1,000 donation to BLAST towards six summer trips, four for the children's youth club in the summer holidays, a trip for the adult craft club which meets on Wednesdays mornings at Hole in the Wall, Shirebrook and a trip for the Art Group which meets at Upper Langwith Village Hall on Friday afternoons.

Highway Matters - The Highways Authority are reducing the speed limit in Upper Langwith Village, which will make it safer for the residents, cyclists, walkers, and in particular children who cross the road by The Devonshire pub walking to and from Shirebrook Academy on Common Lane.

Under the new Traffic Order, the speed is limited to 30mph the entire length of Rectory Road, from its junction with the A632 through the extent of Upper Langwith Village, and up to the junctions with Station Road at Langwith Bassett.

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Adult Care at the County Council are holding a consultation with Carers, Users of Home Care and the Public into reviewing charges for elderly and disabled people who receive home care. This consultation will commence at the beginning of July until September and the public can contribute to this consultation online.

Whatever the outcome of the consultation, charges will increase and will affect the elderly and disabled on low incomes, one of the most vulnerable groups in society.

County receive an income of £8 million pounds a year from the service users in charges, and want to increase their income, by adding between £7million to £11million on to the existing £8million they already receive in payment from the users. They are increasing their income and make savings at the same time.

The current regime has in the past six years removed many frontline services; the closure of seven residential homes, the handy man service for the elderly, closure of libraries which are on going, closure of all youth services and clubs, and removing early help social workers, who specialised in supporting struggling parents to prevent children having to go into care.

This hasn't been without cost to the taxpayer, in particular the enormous increase in numbers of children taken into care. It has been very expensive and increased our council tax, so this particular project was a failed '**money saving**' exercise, which severely affected the lives of vulnerable children and their families. However this is now being addressed as County are now re-employing early help social workers to support vulnerable families.

The thing I can't get my head around is where is the common sense in all the savings on frontline services when they are going to spend more money on creating a fourth layer of government by creating a new Combined Authority with an elected Mayor from next year !!

County have already spent half a million from reserve funds recently on the setting up of this new Combined authority.

Well just a thought it seems unacceptable in a 'cost of living' crisis, to expect us to have to pay more in council taxes when our frontline services are being continually eroded away. **Cheerio for now !!**

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Chairman's Report:
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We have improved our planting scheme, erected pole planters, joined in with BDC's tree planting scheme, added to our Christmas displays, improved and renewed equipment on our recreation grounds and increased our events budget to be able to host community events throughout the Parish.

We have continued to work with neighbouring parishes and other organisations in various events including Remembrance Day and the late Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

More recently we hosted two 'Coronation Tea' events, one at Village Hall in Whaley Thorns, and the other, at the Langwith Junction Social Club. Both events were well attended and those present tucked into a wonderful spread (catered by Lemon

Tree Café), enjoyed a game of bingo, and were thoroughly entertained by local Father and Daughter duo Colin and Connie Fletcher.

Bolsover District Council's Extreme Wheels will be hosting events throughout the summer holidays, on Recreation Road recreation ground.

And, every Wednesday during the summer holidays there will be trips to the Pleasley Vale Outdoor Activities Centre. These events are FREE but to secure places a £5 refundable deposit is requested.

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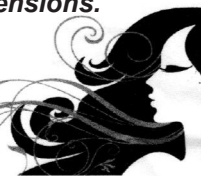
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Our Village Hall already hosts regular user groups and all welcome new members, again details can be found by giving us a call on 01623 746498 or by calling in at the office at the Village Hall on Portland Road, and if you are thinking of starting a 'community group' or are looking to re-locate an existing group, that why not give us a thought !!

A 'Resident's Bingo' group is held every two weeks on a Monday evening from 600 to 8.00pm, and everyone is welcome to come along !!

Your current Langwith Parish Councillors are:

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Upon their appointment vice chairman Martyn Snell said: "We are both delighted to have been made so welcome by everyone at the club. Shirebrook is a thriving community with great honest hardworking people and the football club is at the very heart of it.

"Building a sustainable relationship within the community is our main focus and providing the management team with the resources to compete at the top end of the table."

The Club have also agreed a sponsorship deal with local business WH Davis, and the ground at Langwith Road, is to be renamed, the 'WH Davis Community Stadium' for the 2023/24 season. WH Davis will also be the shirt sponsor for the home and away shirts for the upcoming season.

As for matters on the pitch, it was a difficult end to the season, with new manager Stephen Bodle arriving from Ollerton Town with the sole objective of avoiding relegation.

Despite an 18th place finish, preparations are well under way for the new season, with the conformation from the FA that the Club will be remaining in the NCEL Division 1 for the 23/24 season.

This allowed manager Stephen Bodle to get to work with 11 members of last season's squad, new signings including: Cameron Hunt and Carlton Carty, who both join from Dearne & District, Nathan Watson who joins from Carlton Town, Aaron Sennett-Neilson who joins from Maltby Main, Sam Finlaw and Joe Parkin who join from Handsworth, and Owen Evans who joins from Parkgate.

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- 4th July - Selston FC (H) 7:30
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VALUE FOR MONEY ? NOT !!

Last time we briefly mentioned the continued problems of pot-holes and what would be the best and most cost-effective ways of repair.

In particular we mentioned the junction of Recreation Road and Albine Road with the top of Burlington Avenue, a stretch of road that has continued to be problematic over recent years.

In late-February, man and plant were on site, scratching out damaged areas and re-patching the offending areas. Work went into a third day and caused inconvenience to local residents and traffic alike with traffic lights in operation.

If anything, following these 'repairs' the stretch of road was in a worse state than when repairs commenced. Complaints were made, and guess what, man and plant were back on site less than two weeks later !!

Surely this is not the best way of repairing our roads and definitely not the most cost effective way of repair !!

According to a recent study it would cost more than £12billion to fix all potholes in England and Wales, an increase of more than £2.4billion in twelve months, and despite increased budgets, local authority highway teams only received around two thirds of the funding they needed to prevent further deterioration of local roads.

The report also states that the present rate of local



road '**resurfacing**' is so slow that if it were to continue, local roads would only be resurfaced every 116 years on average. ***With regards to potholes, they say that one is filled every 22 seconds !!***

In the most recent '**Budget**' we saw a further £200million for highways maintenance for this financial year, this was in addition to the existing highways maintenance funding settlement announced in the October 2021, which committed over £2.7billion of local highways maintenance funding between tax years 2022 and 2025.

There must be better ways of repairing our roads and there surely must be a more cost effective way of repairing and maintaining the said roads !! What do you think ??

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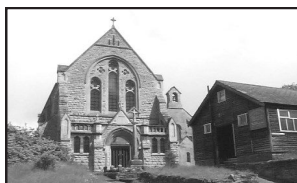
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DID YOU KNOW ?

Now a Grade II listed building, construction of the first church in Shirebrook started in 1843, and was designed by William Patterson and Thomas Chambers Hine of Nottingham, and cost £1,000.

The 'building' was consecrated by the Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt. Revd. John Lonsdale on the 9th of October 1844.

The Church was later extended with the construction of a nave to the designs of architect Hedley John Price. Subsequently, the 'old' church building became the 'south aisle', and increased the capacity from 200 to 800 persons.

The 'nave' was dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell, the Rt. Revd. George Ridding on the 30th of April 1904.

The 'brass eagled' lectern was donated in 1904 by a Mrs Harker, and was a replica of the one given by Queen Victoria to Sandringham Church. The people of Shirebrook donated to a 'shilling fund' which paid for the panelling of the high altar.

Prior to the construction of Holy Trinity, Shirebrook was part of Pleasley Parish, with no church of its own. Instead the village had a 'chapel of ease', a consecrated church that was not a parish church but fell within a parish that does have a parish church.

Former Vicars included Arnold Herbert Hurt, who was the father of the late star of the silver screen and television, John Hurt.

HOW DO I ?

Book a christening or a wedding in church ?

To book a christening, also known as a baptism, or a wedding, come along to Holy Trinity Church on the first Monday of each month between 7pm

and 8pm – we will be happy to help you book and make the arrangements for your special event.

There is no charge for christenings in church. If you are booking a christening for your child, it doesn't matter if you aren't married or if you haven't been christened yourself.

Hear my banns read ?

Banns are read for three weeks before weddings in church at our usual church service at 11am on Sunday mornings.

When you book your wedding, you will be told on which Sundays the banns will be read. It's a special time and one that you can share with the church community.

Arrange a funeral in church ?

To arrange a funeral, please speak to your funeral director. They will make the arrangements for the time in church and for an officiant to lead the service. They will explain the costs involved and help you choose things like hymns for the service.

Attend a church service ?

Services at Holy Trinity are held each Sunday at 11am. Everyone is welcome to attend – please feel free to come along. There is no dress code to attend church but please remember it is a large, stone building and can get cold.

Find Holy Trinity on social media

You can find Holy Trinity Church on Facebook @holytrinitychurchshirebrook – here you will find information about the church, services being held in church and special events.

If you would like to take part in our online worship, search for Sunday Together on Facebook. A short service is held every Sunday morning at 8.30am – you can either watch live or watch later to suit you.

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Currently they have lots of projects happening within the POV (young persons art project) which recently saw them have a huge opening for a sculpture that was created by the Volunteers and project lead, Ben.

The Community Café is doing really well on site, and every Tuesday and Wednesday from 12noon to 2.00pm 'Carol the Cook' serves a lovely two course meal.

A group recently went out to Pleasley Pit on a nature walk with our mental health worker Georgina. This was due to Rhubarb Farm collaborating with the Pleasley Pit Trust and the Bolsover Woodland Enterprise, as part of a group called the 'Social Circle', a group that helps people come together and connect with nature.



The Farm Shop is open Fridays 10am to 3pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm, selling fresh eggs, luxury jams, marmalades and honey, and seasonal veg freshly picked every day.

The Shop also has weekly 'specials' such as handmade chopping boards and bird boxes to purchase.

Following refurbishment the 'shop' will be having a **'grand re-opening day'** one day at the end of June / beginning of July. No date has yet been finalised, but during this time the shop will continue to open as normal.

Events on the horizon include:

- Open Gardens - **Thursday 22nd June**
A tour with managing director Jennie is available to book with .
- Children's Scavenger Hunt - **Tuesday 25th July** - Booking only
- Posy Workshop - **Friday 28th July**

You can also pick your own flowers / sunflowers every Friday or Saturday throughout August.

Most importantly they are already working on this year's LANGWITH SHOW which will be held on Saturday 2nd September from 12noon to 4.00pm.

They are looking for stallholders and really want to push the **'Produce Show'** this year too by getting people from local communities and further afield involved. They have added new classes this year including: A Hedgerow Wine, a Savoury Pastry and for the children's section, an animal made from a paper plate.

There will be the usual food stalls serving homemade burgers, loaded roast potatoes, Jamaican Curries and a hog roast, which will all be supplied from local suppliers.

They've not forgot about the kids, and there will be activities for children of all ages including, inflatables, fair rides, birds of prey, Go-karts from Sports4Kidz, Face painting, hair braiding and lots lots more !!



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There will also be stalls selling hand crafted items, books and natural Dog treats and accessories.

Entertainment in the show ring will include a battle from the Vikings, who have been invited back following their last appearance at the Show, performing Belly Dancers, a Fun Dog Show and live music from the 'Buddies Rock Band'.



It will be a fun filled family day out, a show based on a traditional village show, so please make a note in your diary and go along to the Langwith Show !!

Remember, for more details regarding Rhubarb Farm, be it classes, groups or future events please give them a call on **01623 741210**.

As we say, they're always, what ever comes their way, busy down at the Farm !!



DEVONSHIRE CHARITY

The Devonshire Charity was established to financially assist young people in education, primarily in the parish of Upper Langwith, but it is also able to extend its assistance to young people living in neighbouring Langwith and Shirebrook.

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PALS which stands for 'Physical Activity and Lifestyle Support', 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 improve 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 injury.

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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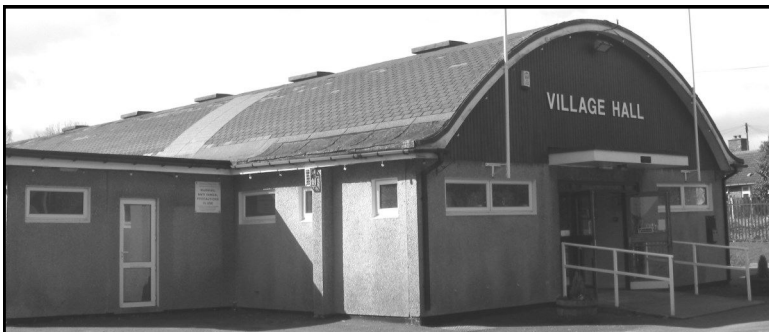
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10. Bowl-shaped frying pan (3)
11. Addictive drug prepared from the juice of the poppy (5)
12. Device that generates an intense narrow beam of light (5)
14. Indian dish of meat or vegetables marinated in a spice mixture (5)
16. Engrave on metal, glass or stone (4)
17. Denoting a person skilled in creating something with a specified material (5)
19. Asian tree with a poisonous milky sap (4)
21. Not closed, fastened or restricted (4)
23. Rise to an upright position (5)
25. Burden, duty or responsibility (4)
27. Summarize and state again the main points (5)
29. Carved or cast figure of a person or animal (6)
31. Denoting ceramics of the 16th and 17th century from north west region of Turkey (5)
32. Near or towards the rear of a ship (3)
33. Journey for pleasure visiting several different places (4)
35. Prevent the occurrence of something (5)
36. Note or group of notes to be sung to a single syllable (5)
38. Not under the control or under the power of another (4)
39. Boat built by Noah to save the animals (3)
41. Hard stoney substance secreted by marine animals as an external skeleton (5)
43. Resistant to a particular infection (6)
45. List showing number of people to do a particular task (4)
47. Short word for place of higher education (3)
48. Innermost membrane of a vein (6)
49. Unmanned aerial vehicle (5)
50. Period preceding Easter (4)

CLUES DOWN

1. Pick out one of more than one alternative (6)
2. View or judgement not necessarily based on fact (7)
3. Firm area of flesh around the roots of teeth (3)
4. Old ship stripped of fittings and permanently moored (4)
5. Young Japanese people obsessed with computer technology (5)
6. Large area covered with trees (6)
7. Satisfactory, fairly good or permissible (2)
8. Particular procedure for doing something (6)
10. Relating to yourself and others at the same time (2)
13. Fluid circulating in the vascular system of plants (3)
15. Lacking the ability or strength to move (5)
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 - 26. Used by speaker to refer to themselves and others (2)
 - 28. Leader of a company or organisation (3)
 - 30. High table of a Christian Church (5)
 - 34. Inconsiderate (6)
 - 35. Gradually pour one liquid into another container (6)
 - 37. Feel deep sorrow at the death of someone (5)
 - 38. In a wild state (5)
 - 40. Small number of (3)
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