

Dramatic Rescue in Elnup Wood

At 09:33 in the morning of Friday, 11 December Bolton Mountain Rescue Service were contacted by the North West Ambulance Service to assist with an injured casualty in Shevington. The Service responded by sending two team vehicles and 14 team members. The injured person was in a very muddy and difficult spot to access in a woodland area. Team members provided assistance to the paramedics before moving the casualty a distance of 800m by stretcher to the road ambulance at a nearby farm. The BMRS wish the casualty a speedy recovery and would like to thank the farm owners for their assistance and cups of tea.

A day or two later the BMRS received a lovely thank-you message in relation to this incident...."Thank you to Bolton Mountain Rescue..... and the paramedics, who attended a member of our family who had taken a fall.....to the farmer who used his quad bike to help access, for the survival



blanket, hot water bottle and a warm drink, to the passer by who supported our family member for so long in the cold and mud, waiting for help to arrive, also to the lady who took care of our dog and returned him washed and safe. Thank you..... you restore our faith in human kind..... please share, I don't know all these people, but will try to thank them individually."

Christmas Hamper from Local Life

The winner of Local Life's luxury Christmas hamper draw in December was Shevington resident Vicky Little. Vicky was nominated by a neighbour for her work with Shevington Community Pantry and also for her frequent musical interludes throughout the Covid-19 pandemic which continue to brighten up the lives of those who live on Gathurst Lane.



Shevington Parish Council has small grants available for local community groups. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for an application form or download one from our website.

Have Pride in Your Parish
DON'T Fly Tip
Take it to THE Tip!



Lovely find in Elnup Woods on 17 December. Thank you to whoever left it.

Christmas Decorations

Shevington Parish Council provided all the municipal Christmas decorations in the Parish for 2020, as they always do. Now that the festive lights have all been taken down and the Christmas trees have been removed we know that Christmas is truly over and soon we will be turning our minds towards making a decision about what we will be providing in 2021.



Santa's Little Helpers

If you were out and about during the morning of Sunday, 20 December you would have spotted small groups of Santa's little helpers on horseback - like the ones in the photo - spreading Christmas cheer in the streets of Shevington and Appley Bridge.



Veronica Jane Maloney

1936 - 2020

Veronica and I came to live in Appley Bridge in October 1971. It is a community we both have loved and all that we have done together here is a way of saying thank you for giving us a life we have enjoyed. The following paragraphs were spoken by me at Veronica's funeral on 1 April, 2020. She had died on 16 March.



We have loved our life here. Veronica served the community by being active in so many things: 53rd Appley Bridge Cubs and Scouts back in the 1970s, the first life of Shevington & District Community Association when it organised the fete with vehicle processions to the Recreation Ground from the surrounding communities, and then serving as a Parish Councillor for more than twenty years. She served as a trustee of Shevington Recreation Ground Trust and was an active member of the revived Community Association. She served as a school governor at Millbrook School.

I know she was enormously proud to have helped the Community Association organise the funding and planting of the five World War One commemorative oak trees. She loved the way the community worked together for events like the fete and the quiz nights; it was a reminder of the strength and purpose of the community of which she was proud to be a part.

Jim Maloney (January 2021)

Christmas Shop-Front Award 2020

A big 'Thank You' to all of the shop-keepers in the Parish. Despite a number of them having to close in the run-up to Christmas or find alternative ways of doing business, they still pulled the stops out to decorate their windows and bring much needed cheer to all. Thank you also to Pam Powell, who once again judged the windows. Because of the lockdown regulations we have not been able to make any presentations, but we will be doing that as soon as restrictions are lifted. Meanwhile, we can let you know who won and what Pam said about them:



1st - Elizabeth Ann Hairdressers (Shevington Moor)
"A beautiful, serene window display - it feels like we are looking into Father Christmas's Arctic." (see photo above)

2nd - Wigan Hospice Shop
"Despite odd opening hours, the volunteers have managed to decorate, in real Christmas style, both windows."

3rd - Carlton & Stanley Opticians
"A tasteful winter scene along the width of the window - lots to look at and at child level."

In addition Shevington Village Kitchen, Derbyshire & Co, Hair Couture, Cut & Dried (Shevington Vale) and Muffin Man all received commendations. For pictures and the full list of citation, please visit our websites.

A New Building for the Community

It is fast approaching 40 years - my being involved with Shevington Sharks both as a player (not very good, but loved it) and general helper/Committee member.

There were some very, very difficult times and, yes, we were very close to folding at one point. I always thought that was the soft/easy option: to let the club go. Too many good people got this Club up and running and I did not want to be involved if it folded. So we fought for the Club. I could talk all night about what we did, but, basically, it worked. Yes, some of it was luck, but you make your own luck. It was also all down to a lot of hard work.

But, hey, fast forward a few years, and now the new Community building for which we have raised funds has been signed over to the sports clubs: Shevington Sharks and Shevington FC. I have been in and its superb! It's our future, and I am so pleased for everyone at the Sharks: players, coaches, volunteers, Committee, supporters, past players.....

Personally, I would just like to say thank you to everyone involved over the last 40 odd years, and here is to the next 40! There are far too many to mention, but a few are John Barrington, Derek Gibson, Barry Leahey, Henry Mitchell, Brian Murphy, Steve Bates, Ian Robinson The list could go on Tony Dillon, Frank Gaskell, Stan Blackburn See, stop me. I am very excited for the future, but the hard work is just beginning. The picture brings a huge smile to my face.



Thanks very much also to Shevington Parish Council and the residents of Shevington for providing £8,000 a year to repay the loan taken out to buy the land in Vicarage Lane for the playing fields and the allotments on which the Community Building stands.

Calling all Horse Riders & Dog Walkers!

No horse riding is allowed in Vicarage Lane Fields, please remember to keep your dogs on a lead and put your litter in the bin.