

ONE THOUSAND MEN ARE WALKING

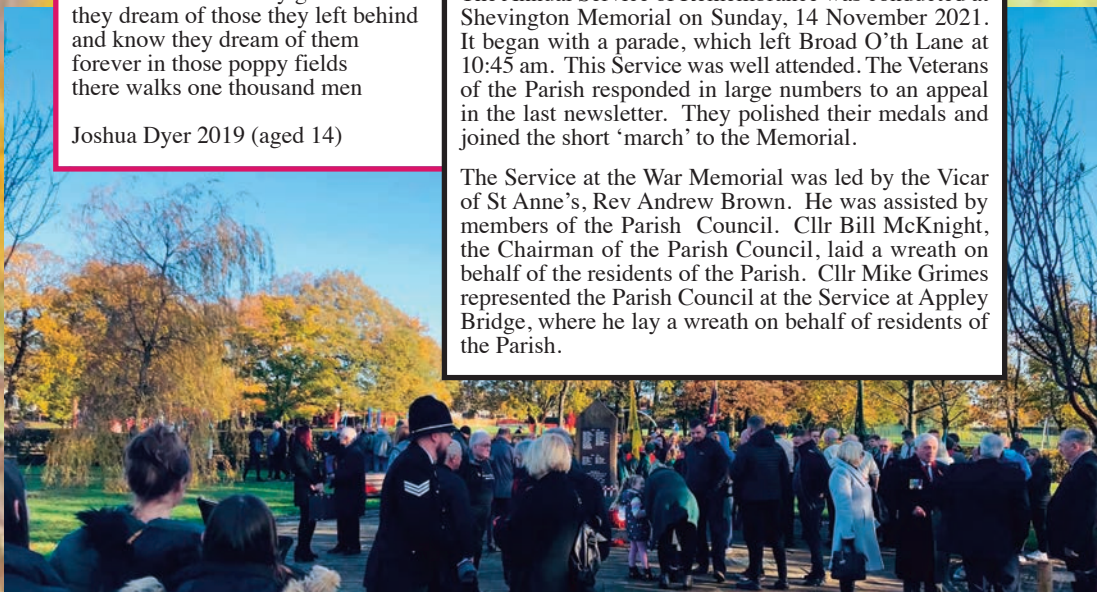
One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The Spirit as their guide
they walk toward the light milord
they walk towards the sun
they smoke and laugh and smile together
no foes to outrun
these men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved
a nation truly grateful
for the path of peace they paved
they march as friends and comrades
but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps
the meadows lit with golden beams
a beacon for the brave
the emerald grass untrampled
a reward for what they gave
they dream of those they left behind
and know they dream of them
forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men

Joshua Dyer 2019 (aged 14)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Annual Service of Remembrance was conducted at Shevington Memorial on Sunday, 14 November 2021. It began with a parade, which left Broad O'th Lane at 10:45 am. This Service was well attended. The Veterans of the Parish responded in large numbers to an appeal in the last newsletter. They polished their medals and joined the short 'march' to the Memorial.

The Service at the War Memorial was led by the Vicar of St Anne's, Rev Andrew Brown. He was assisted by members of the Parish Council. Cllr Bill McKnight, the Chairman of the Parish Council, laid a wreath on behalf of the residents of the Parish. Cllr Mike Grimes represented the Parish Council at the Service at Appley Bridge, where he lay a wreath on behalf of residents of the Parish.



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

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.

FREE Short Term Wheelchair Loan in Shevington

If you have occasions when using a wheelchair would help you or a relative make the most of the village, here's a solution.

Greater Manchester's 'Age Friendly Neighbourhood' project enabled Shevington Community Association to buy two transit wheelchairs which can be borrowed free of charge. These I-Lite chairs are lightweight but strong; safe for users up to 18stone; ideal to be pushed from car park to cafe or to a local appointment; they fold and can go in a car boot. It is important to note that they are for short term use only and borrowed at the users' own risk.

If you have an occasion when this would be useful to you, please contact **Sheila Milnes 01257 253735 / 07510556755** or **Marlaine Whitham 07806938114 / 01257 253055** or one of the stewards at Shevington Methodist Church.

We are very grateful for our partnership with Shevington Methodist Church who are storing the wheelchairs.

To provide you with a little more information about the wheelchairs that the Community Association have purchased, the following is from the retailer's website:

The I-Lite travel wheelchair is ideal for occasional use such as days out and to take on holiday. It is lightweight at only 11kg so it is ideal for taking on public transport and putting in the boot of your car. With a folding back and detachable footrests (which brings the net weight down to 9kg) it will easily fit into the back of a car boot.

The I-Lite is easy for the attendant to use, with brakes on the handles for security, as well as 2 stepper tubes allowing the attendant to safely raise the front wheels when manoeuvring up and down kerbs or uneven terrain.

With a fabric seat the I-Lite is easy to wipe clean and allows you to fit a cushion to suit your needs. This transit wheelchair also features structured sides for additional support, padded arm rests for comfort, as well as a seatbelt for additional safety.

Give Wildlife a Local Home by Dist Cllr Paul Collins

I'm sure most residents are concerned about the well-being and diversity of our local wildlife. Something I am passionate about, so I will occasionally be exploring things we can do at home (if you have a garden) that don't cost much but can have a major impact on our local environment and support our local wildlife; and if you don't have a garden, there are still options such as window boxes, etc. Aside from bird feeders and other accessories, which can sometimes be costly, there is a lot you can do or not do that can make a huge difference to our many local wildlife species. Something I have done in my garden: I have left out a couple of areas at the edge of my lawn that I leave alone and just allow to grow wild. This doesn't cost anything and saves time and effort too, so is a win-win for me and many of our little creatures. I also buried a hedgehog house in a safe area in my garden and was very pleasantly surprised (to be honest, a little excited) to see a very healthy hedgehog rummaging around when I was putting my bins out. If you have any other ideas that can help improve our local infrastructure to support our wildlife species please share and I will include them in future updates. I'm looking for things that cost little to nothing, involve little or no effort and can make a positive impact on our local environment i.e things we can all do. This is because thousands of little things provide far more overall benefits that enhance the wider environmental projects we do on an ongoing basis. I will be looking into the benefits of domestic composting and water butts soon.



Former Parish Councillor Jean Fletcher

In late September the Parish Council were sorry to hear of the sudden death of former Parish Councillor Jean Fletcher. Cllr Fletcher served on the Parish Council from 2015 to 2019. Jean did not stand for re-election in 2019 for health reasons. During her time on the Council Jean researched intensively into Shevington United Charities; she worked with other councillors and co-optees to improve allotment regulations.

Jean also brought to the Parish Council her strong need for precision in communication. No spelling mistake or inappropriate punctuation mark went undetected!

Jean Fletcher was very interested in Japanese culture. She visited the country many times. She also arranged exchange visits between Japanese and UK students. The funeral took place at Wigan Crematorium. The Parish Council has sent a message of condolence to her friends and relatives. We appreciate Jean's contribution to the Parish Council.