

Crooke Beer Festival

Crooke Hall Inn's Charity Beer Festival have announced that a fantastic £4,250 was raised over the first weekend in September for Wigan & Leigh Hospice! A big thank you to the compere, Ken Scally, the pub's team of volunteers and everyone else who made this event possible!



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Annual Community Awards

The Parish Council 'Annual Community Awards' will be presented in March 2024 and we are now inviting nominations. If you know of someone who makes an outstanding contribution to life in our community and/or who gives unstinting support to others and would like to nominate that person, we would like to hear from you. Please send your nomination – with a brief description of the reason why your nominee should receive an award - to the Clerk, whose contact details can be found on the back page, by 16 February, 2024.

Digital Notice Board

The Parish Council and Shevington & District Community Association both put out newsletters and advertise information about forthcoming local events in other ways. An addition to these is proposed for the Library foyer. There will be a screen (think railway station or airport) with a list of community events over the next few days. An example of what the screen would look like is shown here. There would be two screens in succession, showing around thirty forthcoming events, interspersed with advertisements for local societies, clubs and events. It would be free for local organisations to be featured on this screen. There is further information in the Library window. To receive a grant from the Lottery we need local support. Please scan the adjacent QR code to send an email of support.

Day	Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Tuesday	12-Sep	09.30	Shinning World	Methodist Church	01942 247665
Tuesday	12-Sep	10.00	Sparkies	St Anne's Church	01257 469988
Tuesday	12-Sep	17.15	Youth Club	Shevington Youth Club	01257 256940
Tuesday	12-Sep	19.00	Crooke Village R A	Crooke Hall Inn	01257 268300
Tuesday	12-Sep	19.30	Karate	Shevington Youth Club	01942 256883
Wednesday	13-Sep	10.00	Stay Active	Vicarage Lane Centre	01942 588730
Wednesday	13-Sep	10.00	Zen Babes	Methodist Church	01257 244809
Wednesday	13-Sep	11.30	Luncheon Club	Shevington Youth Club	01257 255371
Wednesday	13-Sep	18.15	Weights and Abds	Vicarage Lane Centre	01942 657392
Wednesday	13-Sep	19.00	Gemini Yoga	Methodist Church	01257 446290
Wednesday	13-Sep	19.00	Photographic Club	Shevington Youth Club	01695 245088
Thursday	14-Sep	06.30	Blue and green bins	Home	n/a
Thursday	14-Sep	09.15	Toddler Group	Methodist Church	01257 244809
Thursday	14-Sep	09.45	Seated Yoga	Shevington Youth Club	01257 446290
Thursday	14-Sep	11.00	Carol Barton Dance	Shevington Youth Club	01257 255973
Thursday	14-Sep	19.00	Boogie Bouncing	Methodist Church	01257 266993

If you would like your event to be included on this screen, please send an email to: shvcad@shevvalleyorder.co.uk, or scan this code:

Google "What's on in Shevington" for our community calendar.



Crooke Village Flooding - July 2023

Heavy rainfall throughout July brought a shock to residents of Crooke Village on Sunday, 23 July. After 2 days of continuous rain on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July the Mill Brook, that runs from high ground to Standish Lower Ground and through Crooke Village into the River Douglas, overflowed into Crooke Park and subsequently onto Crooke Road by Crooke Marina. The water is backed up in the brook then overflows due to the sheer volume and incapacity of the pipes to move it quickly into the canal and river. Over the last 8 years this has happened 6 times. This was the first time it had happened in the summer months. Options for flood defences and/or a redirection of the water to keep it away from the under



road sewers, and sending it into the Marina and river, are being investigated and costed for the future.

Christmas Shop-Front Award

The Parish Council will be awarding prizes for the best Christmas Shop-Fronts for the fifteenth year running in 2023. The prizes - £60, £40 and £30 - will go to the Charities chosen by the top three prize winners respectively.

The upgrade of the canal towpath from Crooke Village to Gathurst has now been completed.

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.

Remembrance Sunday

A Service of Remembrance will be conducted at Shevington Memorial on Sunday, 12 November 2023 at 11am. A special invite is extended to our Veterans of the Parish, who are encouraged to 'polish their medals and don their headgear' and join the official party of clergy, councillors and community groups to take the short 'march' to the Memorial. Join us outside AB Hardware's store from 10:15, catch up with fellow Veterans and offer thanks to those that paid the ultimate sacrifice.

In 2023 Cllr John Whiteley will also lay a wreath at 11am on Saturday, 11 November at Whiteacre Park, Shevington Moor and Mr Charlie Neve will lead the ceremony at Crooke the same day. Cllr Jess Diggle will represent the Parish Council at the ceremony organised by Shevington Vale Primary School on Friday, 10 November and Cllr Mike Grimes will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish at Appley Bridge War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

The quality of exhibits, as always, was very high; it seems to improve year on year, which helps to make our show one of the best in the area. Both the flower judge and the vegetable judge made separate comments on the exhibits being good enough to win at national level - praise indeed.....

Next year will see the show's 40th anniversary, so it is expected that it will be bigger and better than ever. We have a few ideas up our sleeve to make the 2024 event something special - so watch this space!