

Clive & Grinshill Newsletter



Grinshill V.E Day Celebrations

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To all Contributors please note the date for inclusion in the next newsletter will be the 15th July and we can only include items that include your name.

WHAT'S ON IN CLIVE AND GRINSHILL IN JUNE & JULY 2025

JUNE

- 5TH Clive Church Concert See Page 25 for details 7.00pm
14th Clive V.H. Coffee Morning@ School Fete
10TH Grinshill V.H. W.I. A Shropshire Lass (Dame Agnes Hunt)
7.30pm
26th Clive History Group Guided Tour of Battlefield Site and Church
7.00pm
26TH Clive V.H. Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

JULY

- 8TH Clive V.H. W.I. Social Evening -BBQ in Village Hall Garden
6.00pm
18th Clive V.H. Coffee Morning 8.45 -11.45am
19th Picnic on Renshaws Field See Poster in Newsletter 3.00pm
24th Clive History Group Feedback on Preston Brockhurst Road
7.30pm

AUGUST

- 30TH Clive Village Show Details and Schedule in next Newsletter

PLEASE – PLEASE - PLEASE

CAN YOU LET ME HAVE NEWS ITEMS AND UPCOMING
EVENT DATE AND DETAILS, WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO
LOCAL RESIDENTS, FOR INCLUSION IN FUTURE
NEWSLETTERS. IT'S FREE TO USE.

I CAN ONLY PRINT IT IF YOU INFORM ME OF THE DETAIL.

THANK YOU

NEWS IN BRIEF

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Sadly, the weekly Post Office service at Clive Village Hall is coming to an end. Due to unforeseen circumstances Ruth's family are having to close their shop and post office and so are now unable to provide an Outreach service to our village and nine others. Ruth's last day at CVH will be Wednesday 11th June. Ruth is very sad about the closure and says that she has much enjoyed her weekly visits to Clive. CVH would like to thank Ruth for the great service she has provided over the last few years.

Clive Surgery will be closed from 1pm on Thursday 5th June 2025 for Staff Training . The surgery will re-open as normal on Friday 6th June from 8am. If you require medical attention during the hours we are closed you can contact 111, Seek advice from NHS Direct or attend a walk in centre"

CLIVE CONCERT this coming Thursday, 5 June at 7pm at Clive Church.

Talented young musicians from Ellesmere College will be performing a wide-ranging and varied programme in aid of Cancer Research UK and Clive Church. A few tickets are still available, book at buytickets.at/cliveconcert or email cliveconcert@gmail.com or call 07386 893123 for assistance. Come to hear wonderful music in this beautiful setting, enjoy a glass or two of fizz and support a worthy cause. Looking forward to seeing you there.
(see details on page 23)

INFORMATION ABOUT MAJOR WORKS TAKING PLACE AT RAF SHAWBURY

RAF Shawbury is currently undergoing significant refurbishment works to maintain and enhance its capabilities both for the ongoing helicopter training requirements and the wider strategic requirements of the RAF, known as Agile Combat Employment (ACE). ACE is a strategic approach that enables air forces to operate from a variety of locations, enhancing flexibility and resilience. As with roads, runways and taxiways require regular maintenance to ensure that aircraft can operate safely, runway surfaces typically have a life of 20 years but this can vary with use and local conditions.

This significant project, covering runways, taxiways, dispersals and supporting infrastructure is taking place over some 18 months. You may have seen some of the associated works as you pass by on the B5063. To reduce road movements, e.g. bringing in concrete, a batching plant has been established to produce materials required for the work on site.

The main contractor Lagan Aviation & Infrastructure have also developed a traffic management plan to reduce impact on local roads, deconflicting where possible with peak times. While at RAF Shawbury Lagan Aviation & Infrastructure will also work closely with neighbouring businesses to create beneficial relationships and support the local economy wherever possible. This will include, employing local staff and companies and renting accommodation for their workers. The site is also registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme, which will ensure compliance with considerate construction practices and also provide another avenue for support for local people.

GARDENERS. Please remember that you can obtain Alpaca Poo to improve the soil in your garden by contacting Clivewood Farm. Please ring Caroline on 07946 433448 to arrange collection. A donation in the Severn Hospice box is much appreciated.

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CLIVE PARISH COUNCIL

News Report – June 2025



Local Elections

Shropshire Council (unitary) election results

At the May local elections a new Shropshire Councillor was elected for the Shawbury division. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the outgoing Shropshire Councillor for Shawbury, Simon Jones. Simon has served the local parishes continuously since being first elected in 2009(!), and has been incredibly supportive of the Parish Council during his time in Shirehall. He has shared his extensive knowledge, experience, and connections to help us navigate some very challenging times, and often helped expedite solutions to a variety of local issues. Thank you for all your hard work Simon, and we wish you all the very best for the future!

New Shropshire Councillor, Alison Williams elected

The Parish Council is also looking forward to meeting and working with the new county councillor for the Shawbury division, Cllr Alison Williams. She will be there to introduce herself at the Annual Council Meeting (15th May), and will attend the regular Parish Council meetings moving forwards.

Clive parish election - uncontested

The local election in Clive parish was uncontested so all 7 candidates were elected unopposed. All elected Councillors took up their seats at the Annual Council Meeting on 15th May so your Council is made up as follows:

Cllr Rob Dennis r.dennis@clive-pc.gov.uk	Cllr Ian Donoghue i.donoghue@clive-pc.gov.uk
Cllr Sandy Goldwyn s.goldwyn@clive-pc.gov.uk	Cllr Mark Haines-Eynon m.haines-eynon@clive-pc.gov.uk
Cllr Lisa Morgan l.morgan@clive-pc.gov.uk	Cllr Andrew Rushworth a.rushworth@clive-pc.gov.uk
Cllr Peter Slark p.slark@clive-pc.gov.uk	<i>Vacant seat</i>

Vacant seat: Be the change!

There was one vacant seat left on the Council after the election which the PC can fill by co-option. The deadline for applications has been extended to 9pm on Sun 22nd June 2025.



- Do you ever think about how life in Clive could be better....?
- Do you want to help others at a local level...?
- Do you want to be part of something bigger than yourself...?

If so, don't just complain.... Be the change!

For an informal chat, please contact the Clerk or your Councillors. More info and application forms available at [**www.clive-pc.gov.uk**](http://www.clive-pc.gov.uk)

Another successful Parish Council audit

Clive PC is committed to best practice in governance and managing the public purse responsibly. We have completed another successful internal audit, with all objectives met and no concerns raised by the independent auditor. We are exempt from external audit, so will be adding the full Annual Governance and Accountability Return to our new gov.uk website, after approval at the Annual Council Meeting (15th May).

Next meeting date – June 26th 2025

Please note the June Council meeting will take place later in the month than usual, on Thurs 26th June, and the agenda will be published early due to staff holidays. If there is anything you would like the PC to consider or discuss in June, please contact the Clerk **before Fri 6th June.**

Reminder: New gov.uk email addresses

Clive PC switched to a gov.uk website and email address a few months ago. Please remember to update your address books with our new email address [**clerk@clive-pc.gov.uk**](mailto:clerk@clive-pc.gov.uk) as the old Hotmail address will no longer be checked. New email addresses for your councillors are also listed above. Please don't hesitate to contact them if you have any suggestions or concerns about parish matters.

Highways safety: Damaged school crossing sign High Street

Initially reported by a member of the public after the January storms, Clive PC and former SC Cllr Simon Jones have since pushed SC Highways for urgent replacement of this important piece of safety signage. We understand that Highways are planning to install a replacement sign in a slightly different location to make it easier to maintain, and were sourcing a quote the last we heard. Your new SC Cllr Alison Williams has been brought up to speed and will help get this sorted for us as quickly as possible.

Community Speed watch – you can play a part too

The Community Speed Watch plays a vital role in monitoring and reporting speeding vehicles to the police. A regular presence of volunteers with their high-viz, speed camera, and clip boards (and warning letters from the police) sends a clear message to drivers that speeding is not acceptable in Clive. If you are interested in volunteering, and helping the CSW run more regular speed watch sessions, please contact the Clerk on clerk@clive-pc.gov.uk.

Dog fouling

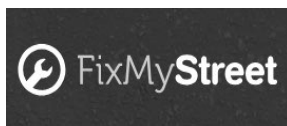
Please do continue to report dog issues to SC via the channels below.

What can concerned residents do?

Please report dog-related issues directly to Shropshire Council; this will demonstrate the extent of the problem and will help the dog warden plan appropriate enforcement action in Clive.

Quickly and easily report concerns via:

1. FixMyStreet mobile app
2. Shropshire Council's website: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/street-care-and-cleaning/environmental-maintenance/dog-fouling/>
3. Customer Service Centre by calling **0345 678 9006**.



**Call 0345
678 9006**

Next Council meetings: Thurs 26th June, 17th July, 18th Sept 2025

Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month (no meetings in Aug/Dec), at 7.30pm, in Clive Village Hall. All are welcome to attend and there is an Open Forum at the start where members of the public have an opportunity to speak on agenda items.

Clerk: Miss Lydia Bardsley
11 High Fawr Close, Oswestry, SY11 1TE

clerk@clive-pc.gov.uk
01691 674742

RAF Shawbury report for Clive Annual Parish Meeting May 2025 - Night Flying

The next period commences on 9 June and is planned to 25 July. Night flying periods are usually for seven weeks with three weeks in between periods. There will be posts on the RAF Shawbury Facebook/Twitter advising on the night flying periods and we are grateful for the tolerance of this essential training. There is also information on the RAF Shawbury webpage with contact details for complaints or concerns. Night flying will commence typically 30 mins after sunset and may continue until 02:30.

Helium Balloons

There has been a recent occurrence where party type helium balloons drifted across the airfield. Such occurrences could endanger aircraft as well as ultimately being a hazard to wildlife. We would ask that if events are being held locally involving helium party type balloons that precautions are taken to prevent their inadvertent release.

Upcoming Events

Landowners' and Rider Awareness Day will be held on 22 May. Invitations have gone out to the supporting Landowners and Horse Riders Groups.

Airfield Works Programme

The airfields work programme is progressing well. These works will maintain the airfield operating surfaces for many more years to ensure our flying training continues. Where possible the main Contractor is sub-contracting local companies to bring benefit to the local area and lower the carbon footprint wherever possible.

Hi-Viz for Horse Riders

Watch our social media posts (Facebook and X) or RAF Shawbury website, for information on our High Visibility Campaign for 2025. Our next delivery is expected in May.

Drones

If anyone flies a drone/model aircraft locally we recommend checking the Drone Code which is available on the CAA website. There are legal restrictions near all airfields, civil and military, regarding the flying of drones and model aircraft.

Aries Magazine

The Spring Edition (2025 Edition 1) is available online at RAF website.

Course Community Projects

We are always interested to hear about ideas for Community Projects. Usually our trainees are available to help for a day and will provide a willing workforce, but tools and equipment would need to be provided. Please be flexible with dates as time for course projects is timetabled.

PC Officials

We would be grateful for names and contact details where PC Chairs and/or Clerks have changed.

RAF Shawbury Contacts and Website

Email for Low Flying Complaints:

Low Flying Complaints Telephone: 01939 251712

Email for Engagement and Media general enquiries

RAPTORS
ACTON REYNALD CC

Ladies SOFTBALL Cricket

**ACTON REYNALD CC.
GRINSHILL
WEDNESDAYS 7PM-8PM**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING LADIES
SOFTBALL?
NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!
COME ALONG TO OUR TRAINING SESSIONS,
STARTING ON WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY.**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
ARCCRAPTORS@OUTLOOK.COM**

Renshaw's Field Association

It is time for the community to get together and
celebrate the 10 year anniversary of Renshaw's Field

Field Picnic

Saturday 19 Jul 25
15:00 onwards

It's a simple plan - bring your own food, drink, chairs and
blankets and enjoy a fun community afternoon together.

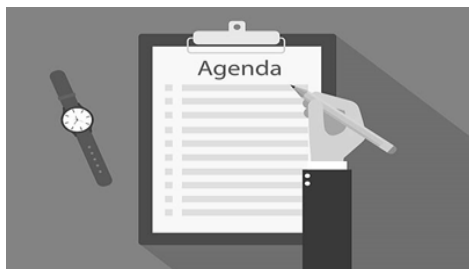
Own BBQ's, games and musical instruments are
welcomed.





Grinshill Parish Council May 2025 updates and more.

The Parish Council held a Parishioners meeting, Annual meeting and regular bi-monthly meeting as normal at Grinshill Village Hall from 7pm on the 12th May 2025. This article will highlight a number of actions the Parish Council will be following through with and number of partners and **urgent help required from Parishioners.**



1. Parish Council Information:

The Parish Council continues to engage at a series of levels on behalf of Parishioners with a number of partners to improve the local area. The meetings held on the 12th May 2025 received reports from the new representative from RAF Shawbury Matt Williams from UK Military Flight Training at the base and the new Shropshire Councillor for the Shawbury Division Alison Williams who can be contacted at Alison.Williams@shropshire.gov.uk,

The Parish Council also elected Councillor David Walker as Chairman/ Environmental Co-ordinator, Councillor Gail Long as Vice Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Simon Kelly to co-ordinate the website /IT and co-opted Councillor Tom Wycherley to lead on any planning applications. These details will be updated on the web site in due course.

Fix My Street is a key 'tool' to address flying tipping, pot holes and any other highway matter Parishioners are encouraged to down load the mobile app so if they become aware of the above concerns can report them directly to Shropshire Council. Grinshill Parish Council Clerk will continue to undertake an annual highways site inspection of the parish as part of the highways application from the Environmental Maintenance Grant (EMG) to undertake

improvements to drainage ditches, verges, street furniture and to reinforce pull-ins. As part of this site visit any highway defects will also be reported.

The three Parish Policing Priorities were also agreed at the meeting as speeding on the High Street, property theft and scamming. These will be reported to the Wem Neighbourhood Team so that they have a focus for their Policing within Grinshill. If Parishioners have any other Policing concerns please report them directly through by ring **999 in an emergency or 101 for all other matters.**

The local Member of Parliament for North Shropshire also provided an update on activity for the Parish Council which is copied and attached at the end of this article.

2. RAF Shawbury Contacts and Website details are set out below:

Low Flying Complaints Email: SHY-LowFlying@mod.gov.uk

Low Flying Complaints Telephone: 01939 251712

Engagement and Media general enquiries Email:

SHY-EngagementMediaTeam@modgovuk.onmicrosoft.com

Website: RAF Shawbury

3. Police Advice on Mobile Phones: How can you protect yourself?

Never leave your phone. iPad or Tablet unattended, out of your sight or visible on a table in a public place, make sure your phone is not visibly protruding from your pocket where the opportunist can grab it. Never handover your phone to anyone you do not know, who may ask to “borrow” your phone to call a taxi for example. Be aware of your surroundings and only use your phone if it is safe to do so; in public places try and keep your back to a wall when using the phone, so no one can come behind you and grab the phone. Watch out for anyone behind you on public transport “shoulder surfing” to discover your PIN. Use of stronger passwords make it more difficult to “shoulder surf”. On busy streets watch out for anyone on bikes or mopeds following you. When you have finished using it, make sure you put it away, out of sight. Never store Passwords on your phone.

4. Corbet Wood Projects:

The second phase of the wetland project at Corbet Wood has received grant support from Tesco's in Shrewsbury of £1,000 and will focus on additional tree works and the cutting back of foliage and planting of wetland plants.

The key to this element of the project is to engage with volunteers from the village to help out in a practical way, anyone interested can contact the Clerk whose details are set out below. RAF Shawbury trainees are also being recruited to complete the steps project in the wood as well and path works.

5. Public Rights of Way (ROW) Project:

Parish Councillors are still at the early stages of this project undertaking the 'walking' element the 'walk' local rights of ways (ROW) across Grinshill. Parishioners wishing to get involved please contact the Clerk on the details set out below if they would like to be involved in this project. 'report' and 'repair' local rights of ways (ROW) across Grinshill.

6. IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE:

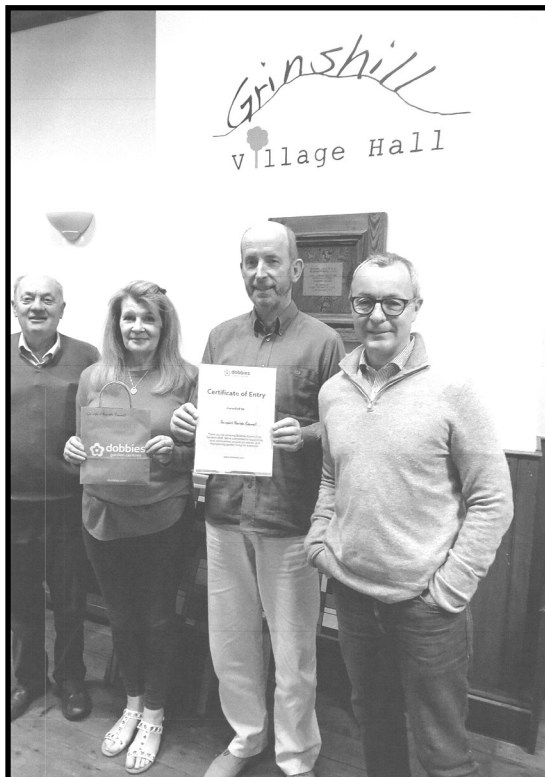
After the local elections the Parish Council is still only at 50% capacity and requires four Parishioners interested in the local community to step forward and help sustain the Parish Council. At one stage over these last few months it was 'touch and go' if the a Parish Council for Grinshill would be able to function at all. So, over the next year a 'door to door, face to face' targeted campaign will be launch to talk with Parishioners to see what they value about a Parish Council for Grinshill and ask them to step forward to help. In the meantime if you would like to find out more please contact the Clerk.

7. Community Hub Project and Village Hall Lease updates:

Members of the Village Hall Management Committee joined the Annual Parishioners meeting to discuss with members of the Parish Council and others the situation with regard to the Community Hub Project and the Village Hall lease. Both the Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee members present restated position with regard to the Community Hub Project, in that it requires a significant amount of people and resource to set up a charitable trust, project fund raise and produce a business plan. This could require a five to six year commitment at least and as no one has come forward to take the project onto its next stage the Community Hub Project has been 'put on one side' until that interest and commitment comes forward from with the parish.

The lease at the Village Hall needs to be renewed in 2027 if the Village Hall is to continue as a functioning venture in the Village. Early dialogue between the Parish Council, Village Hall Management Committee and Sansaw Estate have started to explore what might be within a set of 'heads of agreements' to start the process. The Village Hall Management Committee and the

Parish Council remain committed to informing Parishioners further when there is more information on the draft 'heads of agreements' as part of a parish wide meeting which will be advised in due course.



8. Dobbies Project:

The attached picture features the members of Grinshill Parish Council on the 15th May 2025 with the certification of entry from the Dobbies Community Award recently applied for with their bag of seeds for use across the variety of environmental projects under development within the parish.

For further information, or to see how you can get involved in your local community, please contact the Parish Clerk, Graham Bould
E: gbouldparish@yahoo.co.uk M 07792300702 or one of the Parish Councillors who details are available on the website highlighted below.



Grinshill Parish Council
www.grinshillvillage.com

Visit the Grinshill Parish Council Website for village info, meeting details, planning information and more!

www.grinshillvillage.com

You can also receive information, updates and more by signing up to our email alerts on the website.



Sansaw Estate May 2025

As buds begin to bloom and daylight stretches across the beautiful Shropshire countryside, we are delighted to bring you this spring update from Sansaw Estate. It is a season of fresh beginnings and there is plenty of activity happening across the estate to share with you.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & UPGRADES

The maintenance team continues to work hard making the most of these warmer months. Roof checks, gutter clearing and repainting are well underway, ensuring homes and buildings are kept in top condition after the winter – and before the next one! After nearly a years' worth of work Hardwicke Farmhouse has been converted into three separate dwellings which will be coming to the market for rent in June.

DAIRY NEWS – SPRING 2025

It has been a bustling season at the Sansaw dairy units, spring calving this year was epic! The team did an outstanding job supporting the herd through an exceptionally busy calving period. To top it off, on an even more positive note, we have achieved excellent calf prices this season.



Milk yields have been strong and you can see the animals enjoying the bountiful fresh grass and the longer days that the spring offers. A simple reminder of the connection between good farming practise and the natural rhythms of the land.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON

I am sure you will agree that Sansaw and the surrounding Shropshire countryside is a simply stunning place in spring. A truly quintessential landscape, with trees' leafing out, the abundance of hedgerow wildflowers and of course all set to a backdrop of continuous bird song echoing through the lanes.



We encourage everyone to take a walk and explore the footpaths and bridleways across Sansaw when the estate is at its most vibrant. Download a birdsong app and find out which birds make their homes in the Sansaw woodlands.

Plans for a few community events to be held over the summer are in motion, including a farm tour and a countryside walk with our estate manager. More details to follow.

THANK YOU

Thank you for being part of the Sansaw community. Whether you work here, live here, or simply visit, your connection to the estate is what keeps it thriving.

Wishing you all a healthy, productive, and joyful spring.

The Sansaw Estate Team

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Parish Magazine May/June 2025

Our meeting in April saw Judy Mackey from Shawbury Flower Club lead members in making individual

flower arrangements on a saucer. Both beginners and those practised in floral art enjoyed the evening and were extremely pleased with their artistic creations.

A couple of members recently joined Cockshutt WI on an enjoyable 'Sip and Paint' workshop. Members and friends were guided by a local artist through the process of painting a floral landscape accompanied musically by the artist's partner.

Dr Nigel Baker gave an interesting talk to members and guests on 'Underground Shrewsbury, a County town Revealed' at our recent May meeting. Who knew that the Old Market Hall and Square was sitting on top of Gumbedtolesmere, the town's medieval Ducking stool pool?

A collection of toiletries and store cupboard food items has been delivered to the Foodbank at St Barnabas' Church in Coleham.

Our next meeting will be held on June 10th at Grinshill Village Hall where Alison Utting will talk about Dame Agnes Hunt, the first orthopaedic nurse.

The WI has been in existence for 110 years and plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills and to take part in a wide variety of activities. There are 180,000 members nationwide in 5500 groups with members ranging in age from 20- 95+. It's not just about getting together, seeing friends and raising money for charity. There is something very reassuring about a group of women, spending time together, making plans to support their community at large.

Clive & Grinshill WI has been the backbone of village life for 100 years so we constantly need new, younger members to keep the institution alive and evolving to meet the challenges of our changing times. So come along and see for yourself, you will be made to feel very welcome.

Liz Griffiths, Secretary (01939 220737 lizgriffiths56@hotmail.co.uk)
Christine Thomas, President (07792113070 chrisdot1955@gmail.com)



WI Events for 2025

MEETINGS IN CLIVE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM



June 10th

A Shropshire Lass - Alison Utting

Dame Agnes Hunt the 1st orthopaedic nurse



July 8th

Social at Village Hall Garden!

BBQ - 6pm start



August (date tbc)

Boat trip on Llangollen Canal



September 9th

Do You Know? - Police & Fire Service, Age Concern

Staying Safe & Tech Savvy



October 14th

Dealing with Life's

Curve Balls - Tania West

Transform defining moments of life, in positive ways



November 11th

AGM & Chair Yoga



December 9th

Christmas

Time to Celebrate!



CVH

Clive Village Hall

Registered Charity Number 1001707

The **Coffee Shop** will be open



Saturday 14th June
at the School Fete

Friday, 18th July
Serving 8:45 to 11:45 am

Looking forward to seeing you!

A date for your diary:



Clive Village Show
Saturday, 30th August

Watch out for the schedule, which will be published soon.

There will be something for everyone!
Home grown Produce; Flowers; Arts & Craft;
Baking & Cookery; and Children's classes.
Full details and entry form will be in the next edition
of the C&G Newsletter



Clive CE Primary School – May 2025



It has been a busy start to the term. We sadly said goodbye to Ms Saunders at the end of last term. Year 6 have had an exciting adventure, travelling to Prees School to benefit from the highly experi-

enced teaching of Mr Hares as they complete the run up to the SATs in May. Meanwhile, back in school, everyone else has been busy settling into the new term with new topics to get on with. We have also welcomed 3 new members to our Nursery - Rowan, Otto and Ethan.

Dormouse Class (Nursery & Reception) will be learning about Water and Seas. Their Outdoor leaning will be focussed around the community veg garden - planting seeds & plugs, weeding and watering. This term, the Reception children will be travelling to Wem Swimming Centre for 10 weeks of lessons. We consider it a vital skill to be able to swim (potentially life saving) so dedicate time and finance to ensuring all year groups have swimming lessons during the year. By year 6, the vast majority of our children exceed the government expectation to swim 25 metres.

Red Squirrels are learning about Bees this term. Already, they have been very buzzy/busy in the garden! Later in the term they will be going to Home Farm, Attingham, where they will meet a beekeeper and his/her bees. After the half term break the Y1s will be undertaking their Phonics Check - a government assessment of phonics application.

Hedgehog Class are learning about Romans, Volcanoes and Earthquakes this term. A trip to Chester is planned later in the term - not Pompeii, although that will be discussed within the English topic! In Science they will be learning more about plants and healthy eating. Children in Year 4 will be undertaking the Multiplication Tables Check after the half term break.

Badger Class are travelling all over with their 'Where in the World' topic. They are looking at a variety of environmental issues this term and will be spending time considering the school's Climate Action Plan. At the time of writing, our Year 6 are preparing for their end of Keys Stage 2 SATs (Standard Assessment Test). We wish them well in these.

Numbers in school remain buoyant and we welcomed three new starters in Nursery after Easter and expecting one more after half term. We would always welcome expressions of interest in our Nursery which accommodates children from the term after their third (3) birthday. If you know of anyone looking for a Nursery place, please point them in our direction (admin@clive.shropshire.sch.uk or 01939 220385).

Helen Morgan Update May 2025

It's been nearly a year since I was re-elected as the MP for North Shropshire at the General Election.

Since then I have done my best to stand up for North Shropshire in Parliament and demand better for everyone in the constituency, whether you live in Grinshill or Gobowen.

Most weeks I am in Westminster for at least three days so that I am able to attend debates and vote on the laws being passed in Parliament.

Since the General Election I have spoken in the Commons 151 times on topics ranging from NHS waiting times to farming, the winter fuel allowance, rural mobile signal and access to public transport.

Meanwhile I've tabled 286 Written Parliamentary Questions to the Government. These cover a huge range of issues and help me to pressure Ministers to improve services in North Shropshire and interrogate the policies they are implementing.

If you are interested in reading more about what I've been saying in Parliament then you can see all my contributions on my page on the Parliament website.

Shortly after the election I was made the Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Health and Care. Improving access to healthcare is a key priority for me and therefore I was pleased to be given such an important position. Here in North Shropshire ambulance and A&E waiting times remain far too long, as do waiting lists for cancer care and many other referrals. Meanwhile GP and NHS dental appointments can be very hard to access. And I haven't mentioned the big problem of social care!

These are all topics that I push the Government and local health leaders on every week and I will continue to do so until we see the improvements we need.

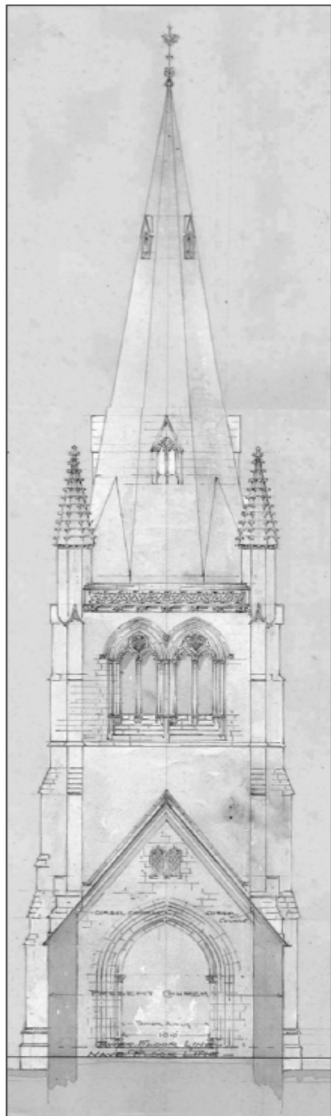
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Away from Parliament much of my time is spent helping constituents and meeting local businesses, community groups, charities, schools and other

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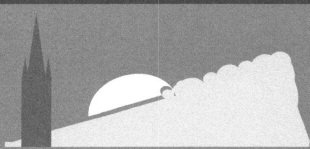
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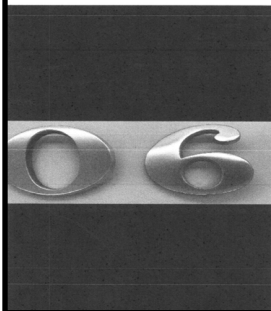
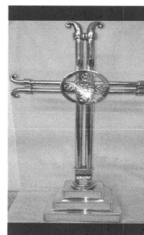
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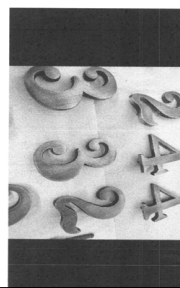
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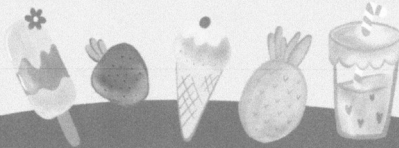
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One evening last week looking in on ITV, I heard a documentary on World War 2, the subject being people that were left to carry on back home - people that were mobilized and worked in the ammunition factory etc. I worked at the Ordnance Factory at Swynnerton (Stoke, Staffs) from 1939 - 1944.

I would like to tell you about a few of my wartime experiences. The first order was a Medical, I was 19 years old and very fit, working as a shop assistant in the Village Shop but there was a war on, and we had to obey orders. We had a choice the Land Army, Forces, or the Factory.

So, it was the factory for me, we were given a time and place, a coach would pick us up at various points in the village when we were all accounted for, off we went, we arrived at the factory. We were asked a lot of questions about the work we had been doing and selected for various parts of the factory.

I was a shop assistant, and I had some knowledge of weights and measures. I was sent to one of the shops where the Mercury & TNT powder was being used to fill the 303.55, 20 millimetres caps, this powder was very explosive and dangerous. This work was very tedious, there were about ten machines and three vibrators which vibrated the caps, onto the plates, we then had to rectify the caps which had gone in upside down, about 1,000 on each plate. If the caps were not put in correct, there would be a mighty explosion, The powder was then filled into the caps and pressed. It was very noisy, all the machines were always working pressers and varnishers etc.

Now that was a small part about my work on the production line.

King George & Queen Elizabeth visited the factory and Mrs Roosevelt the President's wife. My friend and I joined the First Aid, so we could wear our white arm band with the Red Cross, and we were able to be on the front row and get a good view. The factory covered a vast area, the trains and coaches brought the workers in from all over the potteries and villages all around.

By this time, we began to think the war would never end, the powder was beginning to make our skin very itchy and some of the girls that worked in the yellow powder were worse off than us, their skin and hair turned yellow, but we all had to (grin and bear it etc). One morning in the shop, I worked in the "Blue-Band" that was the man in charge, asked if any of us would volunteer to do some training because a lot of the Mechanics and Engineers were being called up to go into the Army. He said he wanted six girls to volunteer to train to maintain the machines and become Female Fitters, so I and five others volunteered.

We were sent to train in Bolton, Lancashire, after about 9 months we were sent back to Swynnerton, we could now maintain the machines we worked for about 2 months and then we were told we had to have further training, this time we were sent to Birmingham to a Training Centre where we were taught Bench Fitting, tool making, it was very hard work.

So, when I look back and think of the danger, we were all in and the explosions that occurred, knowing that someone had lost a finger, an arm, we were all on the front line.

JOAN LUNT *(In my own words)*



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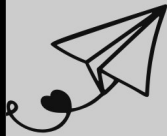
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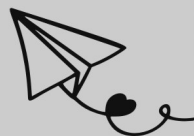
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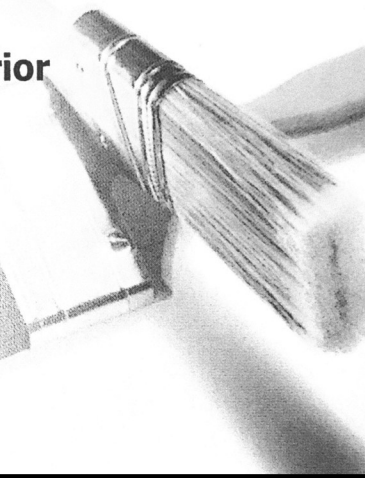
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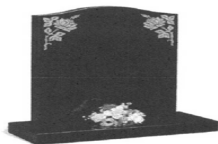


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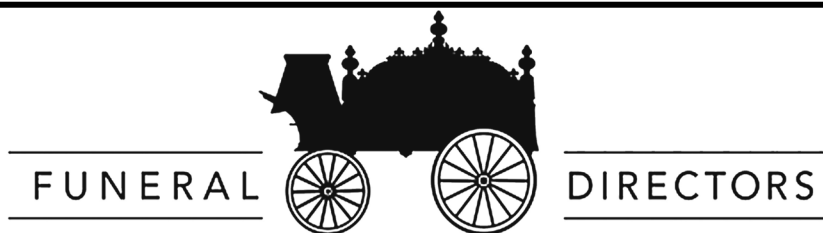
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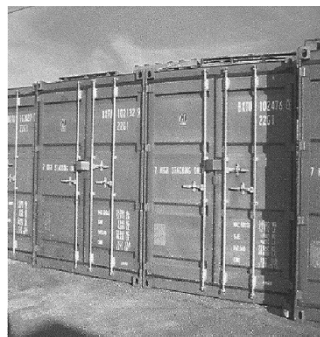
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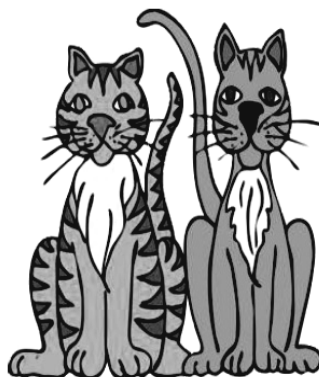
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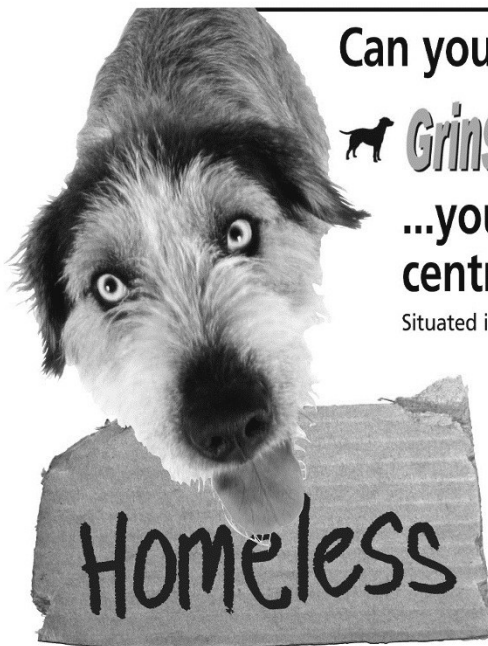
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