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A COMMUNITY SHOCKED AND SADDENED !!



As news of the terrible and tragic events of Saturday January 15th began to circulate, our community stood united, shocked and appalled as to how someone could brutally attack a much loved and well respected elderly couple in their own home !!

As we all know now the appalling and barbaric incident led to the death of Freda Walker (86) and the hospitalisation of her husband Ken (88) with life threatening injuries.

The Police immediately descended into the area and committed resources and man-power into investigating the case. Less than a week later, 33 year old Vasile Culea of Church Warsop was arrested

and appeared at Derby Crown Court recently, accused of murdering 86 year old Freda and the attempted murder of Ken. He will go on trial in October.

As we go to print, Derbyshire Police have announced that Ken's condition 'has improved and although he remains in hospital, his condition is considered to be stable.' Our prayers and thoughts are with Ken and with Ken and Freda's family, friends and loved ones !!

COLLIERY MEMORIAL UPDATE

A deadline date of October 1st 2022 has been set for names to be submitted for the colliery monument.

NO names will be taken after this date as all names / information etc has to be collated and sent for engraving.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE !!

If you would like to have your name or the name of a loved one inscribed on the memorial, contact: Bruce Towers on: 07587 052656, John Thomas on: 07814 042560, or Mark Hill on: 07423 059100. Alternatively you can pop into the Welfare on a Thursday between 9am and 12noon.

The next Colliery Memorial Fund Night, a Drifter's tribute night, will take place at Shirebrook Miners Welfare on Saturday April 2nd. Tickets will be on sale soon !!

CCTV SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED

Shirebrook Town Council are to install a CCTV system covering the Town Centre and other identified anti-social behaviour 'hot-spots' in the Town.



Something that many have been asking for, for some time, the work on the installation of the, upwards of 25 cameras, scheme will start soon !!

See Chairman's report pages 10 & 11.

CITY DISTRICT of BOLSOVER

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, towns, authorities and regions, including from Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories, have been invited to apply for city status, and Bolsover District have taken up the invite !!

See middle pages for details.

POLITICAL COMMENT

It's not been a great start to 2022 has it !!

Economically we are beginning to see the start of paying back the cost of 'lockdowns' and 'furloughs' due to the ravages of the corona virus and its variants.

But the most shocking event was the murder of Freda Walker and the attack on her husband Cllr Ken Walker. Derbyshire Police and the East Midlands Serious Crime Squad had, within a week, arrested and charged a Church Warsop man with murder and attempted murder. At the time of writing eighty eight year old Ken was stable and conscious. **Let's hope the killer gets what he deserves !!**

Back to the economy. Rising prices and shortages are adding to uncontrolled inflation which will probably be with us for many years to come.

Is inflation a good thing ? Not for those of us on fixed incomes such as pensioners, workers on low pay and even those in reasonably well paid jobs will not find the pound stretching as far as it used to. Having said that a certain amount of expected or controlled inflation enables an amount of unearned income to be reinvested or used to make the 'money go round'.

Interest rates are mainly used to start or stop the economy. Banks lend out your money and charge x amount of interest from the borrower, they keep a few quid to pay for their continued existence and pass a few pence in interest on to the saver. Low interest rates and increasing prices means your savings are reducing. Hence the expression 'savings are lagging behind inflation'. **Either way those on fixed incomes suffer the most !!**

The Labour Party has urged the Government to take sensible measures to protect the vulnerable and those on fixed incomes but the majority will suffer if the Tories 'carry on regardless'. The only winners in periods of high inflation are those people and firms that receive a yield from solid assets.



So why are prices rising ? Gas, electric, petrol, diesel, water and food all going up in price. Some will argue that increased transport costs are a major factor, others will say it's the cost of or scarcity of raw materials or the exchange rate or wage rises; the shortage of lorry drivers is a good recent example of supply and demand. It's a fine balancing act.

If people stop buying/spending either through not being able to afford it or there being nothing on the shelves to buy then the economy starts to stagnate; the Keynesian economic philosophy of someone's spending becomes another's earnings (and savings) is even more recognisable.

Nothing is straight forward !! Not even the growing problems in Ukraine. Can you remember a few years ago there was talk of a European armed force when France and Germany, the big hitters in Europe quite fancied a United States of Europe ? Well it isn't straight forward when a Russian gas pipeline is introduced into the economic equation.

I have previously commented on the reliance of essential imports and warned that 'Putin could turn off the tap'

The UK relies on both gas and electricity and oil from the rest of the world including Russia and electricity from France. All Europe imports more energy than it produces. **It's a dangerous position to be in.**

Some Tories are threatening to stand as Independents because they see their re-election chances disappearing, these are the same people who willingly supported the government over the past two years. Following the same old dogma built around the conservative philosophy. The recent defection of one Tory MP to Labour won't cut any ice with the electorate either.

On 'Levelling up', I remember telling 'Politics Today' that no one really knew what it meant least of all the Government - just weasel words. Now it's being cut back no one should be surprised really; the government has pumped unearned billions into the economy these past few years so it's got to raise cash from somewhere. **S.W.F.**



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We have recently returned to the government's 'Plan A' in the fight against Covid-19, but what a couple of years it has been !!

The number of infections and deaths, lockdowns, social distancing, the wearing of masks, a global vaccine programme. ***Who would have thought this would have been on the horizon in the summer of 2019 !!***

Not being able to go out of our homes, not being able to travel, having to work from home if possible, unable to get married, unable to visit loved ones in hospital or in care, unable to have family gatherings or to have parties, (unless you were in Downing Street that is).

All have had an impact on the way we have lived our lives !!

Nothing can replace the loss of a loved one, no matter what the circumstances, but what about those who have missed hospital appointments for non-covid ailments, those who have been scared to seek medical treatment fearing the threat of Covid and those, many of who may not admit it, with mental health issues brought on over the past couple of years.

Our health service, as always, has done a fantastic job throughout the pandemic, and I understand that the health service had to be 'protected', but they have been stretched beyond belief and it will take years, more recruitment and massive amounts of money to 'catch up'.

Financially, tax rises and other increases will be inevitable !!

The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in very high levels of public spending and current estimates of the cost of government measures so far range from £315 to £410 billion. ***This is equivalent of about £4,700 to £6,100 per household in the UK.***

Official figures show that spending in 2020/21 was about £167billion higher than had been planned before the pandemic for that year alone.

Mistakes have been made along the way. Only recently, government accounts show that nearly £9billion spent on PPE during the pandemic had been written off. Huge amounts had been spent on useless equipment and getting out of contracts. £2.6billion went on items 'not suitable for use in the NHS.'

As we all know public spending is eventually paid for by taxes and other government income, so it is inevitable we will be hit in our pockets for years to come.

We can all have our own opinions as to what has been implemented over the past couple of years,

and most of us agree that some were correct but with others couldn't understand as to why !!

Confusion and disparity have been at the forefront. Remember at the beginning when boundaries were drawn down the middle of roads meaning one-side of the street was in lockdown and the other could get on with life as normal.

Being able to go into a packed pub without wearing a mask but having to wear one when entering a shop. And more recently, people crossing the 'border' into England to celebrate the New Year !!

Individuals in 'control' have lost their jobs or have had to step aside because they have 'broken' the rules they have asked us to follow, and I would imagine there's more to come. There is constant disagreement amongst politicians as to which path should have been taken or not and too much public 'point scoring' amongst themselves.

One thing's for sure, we **DON'T** want to be forced into future lockdowns, we cant afford it both financially and mentally, we **HAVE** to live with it !!

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Councillor DALE'S DIARY



Dear Readers,
'Turn from Evil and Do Good' vs 17 Psalm 37

The beginning of this new year has brought with it a great cloud of sadness over the community with the murder of Freda Walker and the life threatening injuries inflicted on her husband Cllr Ken Walker.

It was stomach churning and we experienced a whole host of emotions, shock, horror and revulsion at such a dreadful and cruel act towards an elderly vulnerable couple, combined with fear and terror for ourselves and families and their safety, and anger at the evil act of the perpetrator who committed such a deed.

We are all relieved and thankful to the police that a man has been arrested in a short space of time for the murder and attempted murder and brought before Magistrates and Crown Court to ensure justice will be done.

Sadly it won't bring Freda back, her friends and family and the whole community are grieving. Freda and Ken were gentle folk serving their community for most of their lives. Freda had been actively involved in the church and enjoyed baking and had a talent for flower arranging.

She loved helping with the flower festivals and events held in the local churches. She was a lovely, personable, friendly lady.

Ken during his working life had been the 'Inspector of Mines'. He had a very keen interest in politics because he firmly believed in working to improve the lives of the people he served. He has been a Town councillor and District Councillor for many years and retired from the district at the last election.

He was held in high esteem by his colleagues on the District Council and served as Chairman of the Council for over ten years. A month before the incident took place Ken at the grand age of 88 years was made an Honorary Alderman by the District Council in recognition of his long service in the community.

Karen is a volunteer adviser with the Unemployed Workers Centre in Shirebrook and I accompany her to the Community Centre Hub in New Houghton on Thursday mornings. She gives free advice sessions on benefits and also assists people to fill in claim forms.

It can be daunting for many people when having to face the prospect of completing one of these time consuming forms on their own and often times many give up before they start.

Karen is patient, kind, and calm just the sort of person you need to support you when you have a

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downturn in your life and you require assistance.

In the short time these sessions have been running she has successfully helped Gordon claim Attendance Allowance. This is a benefit for over 65's who have long term health conditions, for example arthritis or anything which is making life harder. Gordon didn't know he was entitled to anything until he met Karen at The Hub.

He has been awarded the highest rate of Attendance Allowance £89.70 per week and was also awarded a back payment of around £530.00 for the six weeks it took the claim to be processed. ***As you can imagine he is very pleased with the result.***

When you consider the increases in living costs for this year alone, utility bills, food, petrol, Council Tax, National Insurance. Those on low incomes have an almost impossible task of managing their household budgets without getting into serious debt. Karen is more than happy to do benefit checks to make sure that your receiving all the benefits you are entitled to or if there has been a down turn in your circumstances to ensure you are receiving the correct amount of benefit to help make life a little bit easier.

40 million pounds a year goes unclaimed from pension credit alone in Derbyshire which if it was claimed and spent in the County would considerably help the economy and help keep people in jobs.

Karen is available on Thursday mornings between 10am and 12noon at the Hub Community Centre on Rotherham Road in New Houghton. All are welcome to drop in for a cup of tea and a chat to see if she can help with claims for benefits or a benefits check. She is there to help with free advice and assistance with all benefit claims - Universal Credit, PIPS, Employment Support Allowance now merged with Universal Credit and Pension Credit Attendance Allowance etc.

The County Council is currently spending on the refurbishment of Bassett House Residential Home on Park Avenue in Shirebrook and I welcome this because they are addressing the needs of the residents in my division.

County is presently experiencing a crisis in home care and residential staff recruitment, and there are insufficient numbers of care staff at present time to run the service which has been fuelled partly by the pandemic and staff needing to isolate with COVID and also low recruitment levels as care staff earn lower wages compared to the National Health Service.

The solution of course is simple, increase the wages of care workers so they are level with the others and then there is more chance of attracting staff, but alas, this is very much dependent on government resources.

Now onto Highway matters. I recently reported the crossing lights out on Main Street close to the

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Christian Centre. The Highways authority repaired them and they are now in working order.

Residents have recently raised concerns in Shirebrook of illegal parking on pavements. This prevents pedestrians and people on mobility scooters from using the pavement for access and puts them at high risk if they have to walk on the road itself especially mums with toddlers, pushing prams and buggies and the elderly and disabled on mobility scooters.

I have passed on two matters brought to my attention by the public to the enforcement team at the District Council who liaise directly with the police to resolve these issues. ***Obstruction of the highway is a criminal matter and the pavement is part of the highway.***

The roads in which I requested resurfacing in Shirebrook have now been resurfaced by the Highways Authority. However many of you have noticed the lack of white lines. Some have faded and others disappeared altogether on our busy main roads in the Town.

I submitted a report to Highways requesting white lining in November and have now received confirmation that white lining is in the budget for Shirebrook in the new financial year and will be carried out on the following roads:- Central Drive, Main Street, Carter Lane, Portland Road and Langwith Road.

I recently reported street lights out on Portland Street in New Houghton, and a damaged safety barrier at the Colonnade shops in the model village. Temporary repairs are put in place to make it safe and County have confirmed they're getting a quote for a replacement safety barrier.

If you see any lights out, damage to signs, traffic crossings not working or potholes then contact me by email with details and the location at Christine.Dale@derbyshire.gov.uk

I'm writing a little bit about the new Snow Warden scheme introduced this year by Highways for community groups and schools. I applied to the Scheme on behalf of our Neighbourhood Watch Group in the Model Village.

There were plenty of forms to complete providing contact details of the group and to cover us for insurance purposes. We had to submit a simple street plan of the pavements we were going to grit.

The rock salt is delivered free of charge and came bagged up to be distributed to the five volunteers in our group. We are now prepared in advance should the snow come.

Well its cheerio for now readers, Cllr Christine Dale - Telephone: 07811 995612. Email Christine.Dale@derbyshire.gov.uk

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.

"Most of our community will be aware of the tragic incident that took place between the 14th and the 15th of January, which involved well respected and well known residents Freda and Ken Walker.

"Many police officers have worked tirelessly on this case since, and will continue to do so, and yesterday (January 21st) a man was charged and remanded into custody.

"Although this must be reassuring to the community, the investigation into this terrible incident will continue !!

"Detectives still want to speak to anyone who was walking or driving on Station Road (Langwith Junction) between 4.30pm on Friday January 14th and 9.00am on Saturday January 15th and ask you to come forward as soon as possible !!

"Anyone who may be able to help detectives with their enquiries are asked to contact Derbyshire Police using any of the methods listed below, using reference 240-150122

Facebook - send a private message to / DerbyshireConstabulary

Twitter - direct message our contact centre on @DerPolContact

Website - complete the online contact form on Derbyshire.police.uk/ContactUs

Telephone - call us on 101

Major Incident Portal - Public Portal (mipp.police.uk)

"You can also anonymously contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0200 555 111 or by visiting www.crimestoppers.uk.org

"I'd like to offer a massive personal thank you to everyone in the community who have helped in any way that they can so far !!

"Please continue to show kindness to each other by looking out and supporting others as you gave been doing since this tragic incident took place. A lot can be achieved when people work together !!

"More generally speaking, my Team work in close partnership with Bolsover District Council and I would like to mention and inform you of the following email address asbteam@bolsover.gov.uk

"if you have any concerns about any anti social behaviour or would like general home security advice from one of the Community Action Network (CAN) Rangers, then please feel free to make contact with them using the email address above.

"I appreciate that the elderly in our community may not be used to using computers or smart phones so please look to assist and to offer your support to elderly family members, friends and neighbours.

"It's quite right that there should be increased reassurance patrols in the Town, so also feel free to speak to a police officer or PCSO if you have any concerns, or would like police advice, or would like to be signposted to a more appropriate agency."



Sergeant Mark Church

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.*

Crime statistics are used, unfortunately, to assess police levels. So it is essential to make sure that ALL crimes are reported to the Police.

101 is the 'non-emergency' number, but if you are being threatened, or there is a risk of you or someone getting injured, or there is a crime being committed, don't hesitate phone 999.

And, as Sergeant Church says opposite, you can also anonymously report crimes by contacting the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0200 555 111 or by visiting www.crimestoppers.uk.org



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WORDSEARCH COMPETITION

Our Queen, Elizabeth II, celebrates her Platinum Jubilee this year commemorating her seventy years service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

Elizabeth succeeded to the throne on February 6th 1952 following the death of her father George VI. Prince Charles, her eldest son, is her heir apparent but who's next in line to the throne ?

Listed below are the names of the next 17 royals in order of succession (as of today that is). Simple find their names in the wordsearch opposite, and send your completed entry to: Studio 160, Station Road, Shirebrook, NG20 8UG.

- CHARLES** (Queen's eldest son)
- WILLIAM** (Charles's eldest child)
- GEORGE** (William's eldest child)
- CHARLOTTE** (William's second child)
- LOUIS** (William's third child)
- HARRY** (Charles's second child)
- ARCHIE** (Harry's eldest child)
- LILIBET** (Harry's second child)
- ANDREW** (Queen's second son)
- BEATRICE** (Andrew's eldest child)
- SIENNA** (Beatrice's child)
- EUGENIE** (Andrew's second child)
- AUGUST** (Eugenie's child)
- EDWARD** (Queen's third son)
- JAMES** (Edward's eldest child)
- LOUISE** (Edward's second child)
- ANNE** (Queen's daughter)

DID YOU KNOW

Succession to the British throne is determined by descent, sex, legitimacy and religion. Under common law, the Crown is inherited by a sovereign's children or by a childless sovereign's nearest collateral line.

Before a change in 2013 (Succession to the Crown Act 2013) the monarch's male offspring, no matter of their age, came before female offspring in the line of succession, hence why the Queen's three sons and their children are ahead of Prin-

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



When news started to break on Saturday the 15th of January, as regards to the shocking and unimaginable incident on Langwith Junction, I, like the majority of us, was shocked and saddened.

The incident, as we now know, led to the death of Freda (Walker) and the hospitalisation, with life

threatening injuries, of Ken (Walker), a much loved and respected couple throughout the area.

Ken has been an active Town Councillor for many a year and was a District Councillor for about twenty years. During his time as Chairman of the District Freda accompanied him on many occasions. Both have always put others before themselves and worked hard within our community.

Our prayers are with Ken, their family, friends and loved ones at this very difficult time.

At our recent meeting members agreed (majority) to increase our share of the Council Tax for the coming financial year by £10.61 for a band 'D' property.

With the majority of properties in our Town being band 'A' or band 'B' this would see around a £7 to £7.50 increase per property.

A £7.50 increase would see a weekly increase of less than 15p a week. This small increase would enable us to carry out our normal operations and to, hopefully, get back our full programme of community events.

As I have previously said it would be the easiest thing in the world to cut back on our share of what we receive through our council tax bills, but at what cost. Lost jobs, closed leisure centre and village hall, closed market square.

As a council we will strive to deliver, at the best value wherever possible, services that we believe our community deserves.

The increase will also go towards delivering a CCTV system in the town centre and other identified 'hotspots' of anti-social behaviour in the Town.

The system, which many have been crying out for for some time, including ourselves, will see upwards of 25 cameras and will replace and improve the system that we had previously which wasn't the Town Councils.

For the system to work to its potential some trees will have to be lopped for a more clearer sight line. At the same time, some trees on the square, which are causing damage to the walkways and pavements, will be removed.

Shirebrook Town Council continue to have talks

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with Bolsover District Council and other agencies as to the revamping of the market square itself, which will include the proposed colliery monument, and we will keep you updated to any progress.

Again, talks continue with BDC and Alliance Leisure (specialists in improving leisure facilities) as regards improvements and regeneration of our Town Park and Leisure Centre. Numerous ideas have been suggested and once we have settled on various proposals we will offer them to you as part of a public consultation.

Whilst talking about the Town Park, we are looking at a programme of works to repair and paint perimeter fences of our recreation parks. Some are looking a bit shabby and haven't been addressed for a number of years.

The last two years, up and down the country, have seen many plans shelved or even cancelled, but as I have said we will strive to make our Town a place for us all to live, work and play.

Bolsover District Council have carried out some investigative work on land adjacent to our cemetery as part of a feasibility study as regards the proposed new crematorium.

Initial talks between the District and Town Council took place a few months ago, but no final decision has yet been made. Once the feasibility study has been completed discussions will again take place as to which path the two authorities would like to take.

I understand that amended plans for the bungalow development on Portland Road are to go before the Planning Committee at Bolsover sometime in February. This venture, if successful will see much needed retirement properties for our aging community. *Again, we'll keep you informed of any developments !!*

Just a reminder of your elected Town councillors are:

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Work on the extension of Ashbourne Court, which will see a further 14 units added to the complex, is well under-way, but what is an 'Independent Living' complex ?

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The scheme is split over two levels with first floor accommodation accessible by stairs and a lift.



As we reported in our last issue the development currently being undertaken will provide an additional 14 one or two bedroom apartments.



Additionally there are a number of communal areas which include a TV room, resident's lounge, laundry facilities, buggy parking and an outdoor seating area along with parking facilities for residents and visitors.

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Pictures show a typical wet room and kitchen of a unit following the 'Safe and Warm Programme' refurbishments.



All units also now have their own independent heating system having been previously under a communal heating system.

Bolsover District Council have an open waiting list and welcome applicants of 60 years and above from across the District.

Details of how to apply for accommodation are on the Bolsover District Council website - www.bolsover.gov.uk

PORTLAND ROAD DEVELOPMENT

The reality of Bolsover District Council's building of much needed centrally located bungalows in the Town is on the horizon !!

Earlier plans have had to be tweaked a little and the application for around 27 bungalows is to be submitted to Planning sometime in February. The development of the former recreation ground will also include the garage site on Portland Road (opposite Wight's Garage).

As we have previously reported these bungalows will offer purpose built, modern and energy efficient homes that will appeal to those that want to stay in our Town and are looking to plan for older age or move out of the family home because it's too large and expensive to run.

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100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY BUT TIME FOR CHANGE !!

The largely publicly funded British Broadcasting Corporation, the BBC, celebrates its 100th anniversary later this year, but is it now time it stood on its own two feet !!

The principal means of funding the corporation is through the television licence, which currently stands at around £160, something, with a few exemptions, we all have to pay !!

Last year, 2020/21, 74% of the BBC's income of over £5billion came via licence fees revenue, the remaining 26% coming from commercial and other activities such as grants, royalties and rental income.

The TV licence was first introduced on June 1st 1943 at a cost of £2 which covered reception of the then single-channel BBC television service. ***That may have been okay then but today it's a completely different story !!***

Today we have access to hundreds of channels from across the globe, but we have to pay for this via subscriptions to Sky, Netflix and Amazon etc., so why, on top of these subscriptions, should we have to continue to pay a TV licence that is solely paid to the BBC.

These other programme providers survive via subscriptions and advertising so why can't the BBC follow the same line ??

It is said that the licence fee allows the broadcaster to remain independent and distanced from government initiatives etc., ***but is this really true !!***

Change, we understand is on the horizon but the sooner the better. Why should we be held to ransom and threatened with prosecution to purchase a TV licence.

A report in a national newspaper in July 2021 stated that one million UK households have stopped '**paying**' for BBC services in the past two years. The corporation blamed the 700,000 drop last year on changing audience habits and said that its '**enforcement operations**' had been restricted by the pandemic.

I wonder what would happen if we all stopped paying overnight ? ***The monopoly the BBC have with our money must come to an end !!***

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CITY DISTRICT of BOLSOVER

The Queen is to award 'city status' as part of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

A competition for local authorities to apply for city status for their town or district was launched last year to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, with a closing date of early December.

For the first time, the competition was also open to applications from the Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories.

Applicants had to outline why their area deserves 'city status' by highlighting heritage, distinct features and links to royalty.

District Council Leader Steve Fritchley said: "Bolsover needs to be nationally and internationally recognised for its history and heritage and our ambitions to continue to develop it as an area of economic growth.

"We have the royal connections as Charles I and Queen Henrietta Maria were entertained at Bolsover Castle in the 17th century, and Bess of Hardwick was one of the most notable figures of Elizabethan English history.

"This is an excellent opportunity to put Bolsover on the map and I will look forward to welcoming people to the 'City District of Bolsover' in the future."

Bolsover does have its history & heritage !!

Bolsover is mentioned in the Domesday Book, named as Belesovre, where it is described as the property of William Peverel (or Peveril). Bolsover became the seat of the Peverel family, and in the 12th century a keep was built.

The first structure of the current castle was first erected in 1613, built on earthworks and ruins of the 12th century medieval castle, by Sir Charles Cavendish. The tower, known today as the 'Little Castle' was completed around 1621.

The District has had numerous Royal visits

throughout history, none more so than Bolsover itself, with King Charles 1 entertained at Bolsover castle on at least three occasions.

There is Hardwick Hall, an Elizabethan Country House and its companion property Hardwick Old Hall, a Tudor Mansion.

Both properties are pioneering examples of 16th century grand house buildings.

Creswell Crags at the heart of the District is a world renowned location. Tools and remains of animals found in the caves provide evidence of life during the last Ice Age between 50,000 and 10,000 years ago.

Pleasley Vale Mills date from the 18th century, being established in 1784. Vivel-la, a blend of wool and cotton became one of the first branded fabrics in the world

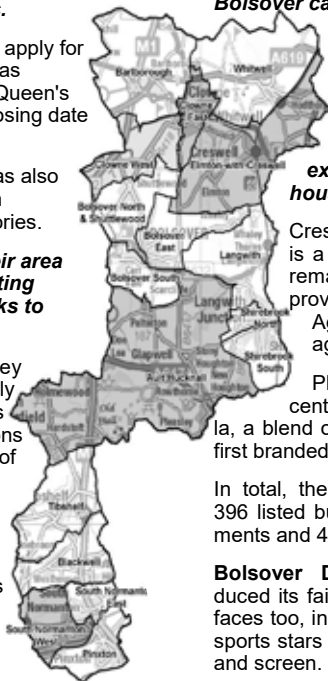
In total, the District has 27 conservation areas, 396 listed buildings, 14 scheduled ancient monuments and 4 historic parks and gardens.

Bolsover District has produced its fair share of famous faces too, including politicians, sports stars and stars of stage and screen.

Bolsover District has grown economically following the series of pit closures some thirty years ago.

The District is centrally located, next to the M1 with four junctions within its boundaries.

Close to the A1 and neighbouring airports, good bus and rail links and the planned extension of the Robin Hood Line, all makes the District the ideal location for inward investment and business opportunities.



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Council Leader Steve Fritchley went on to say: "I've been interviewed by the national press on numerous occasions regarding this issue and asked why has Bolsover District applied and what do I expect from this application.

"And my answer has always been the same. To raise the profile of Bolsover District, and to emphasise the skills and ability of the District's hard working residents with a view to inward investment with more and better job opportunities.

"Even if unsuccessful with the bid the fact that Bolsover's ambitions are being reported, on a national scale, is a success in itself !!"

All applicants will know if they have been successful around the time of the four-day bank holiday weekend, celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, in early June.

BOLSOVER'S SKILLS AUDIT

With reference to the hard working and skilled

residents of Bolsover, the initial results from the District's recent 'skills audit' has come up with a few interesting results.

- a strong appetite to improve skills and learning
- a miss-match between skills and jobs
- and a desire for more jobs locally

Details are yet to be analysed but these three things are readily apparent.

Once the information from the Audit is fully collated it will be used to help inform the development and shape of the future economic policy and publicity surrounding inward investment.

It will also be compared to a previous Skills Audit of twenty five years ago to see how things have changed, as over this period the local economic landscape has moved from a more heavy industry towards a more service, technology and light engineering driven industries.

STOP PRESS

Following County Councillor Christine Dale's submission of highway improvements in the area the following has just been agreed and time-tabled:

Common Lane / Main Street - **Replacement of staggered junction with traffic signals.** Victoria Street to Market Street, parts of Shirebrook B6407 Station Road, Sookholme Road, Common Lane / Meadow Lane round-a-bout, Fir Close, Leen Valley and Slant Lane - **Resurfacing of roads.**

Pleasley Road safety improvements A617 / B6407 Common Lane round-a-bout - **signing, high friction surface and lining scheme.**

Robin Hood Line stations within Bolsover District will receive a variety of work to upgrade the station projects including better information provision and local environmental improvements.

All work to be carried out in the new financial year, April and onwards !!



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As of January 29th Shirebrook have 24 points and are nine points and three positions above the bottom three in the NCEL Division One table.

Recent Results:

JANUARY

Jan 3rd - NCEL Division One
Shirebrook Town 4 - Nostell MW 1
Jan 8th - Friendly
Shirebrook Town 1 - Belper Town 7
Jan 22nd - NCEL Division One
Shirebrook Town 2 - Rossington Main 2
Jan 29th - NCEL Division One
Brigg Town 4 - **Shirebrook Town 4**

Town have a busy couple of months in front of them with twelve League games scheduled to be played during February and March. **We wish them all the best for the remainder of the season !!**

Scheduled Fixtures

February 1st - NCEL Division One
] Rainworth M.W. .v. **Shirebrook Town**
February 5th - NCEL Division One
Shirebrook Town .v. Hall Road Rangers
February 12th - NCEL Division One
F.C. Humber .v. **Shirebrook Town**
February 19th - NCEL Division One
Shirebrook Town .v. Retford F.C.
February 22nd - NCEL Division One
Teversal .v. **Shirebrook Town**
February 26th - NCEL Division One
Harrogate Railway .v. **Shirebrook Town**
March 1st - NCEL Division One
Swallownest .v. **Shirebrook Town**
March 5th - NCEL Division One
Parkgate - **Shirebrook Town**
March 12th - NCEL Division One
Shirebrook Town - Dronfield Town
March 16th - NCEL Division One
Armthorpe Welfare .v. **Shirebrook Town**
March 19th - NCEL Division One
Worsbrough Bridge .v. **Shirebrook Town**
March 26th - NCEL Division One
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RETURN of the SEVEN

Seven former Bolsover District Councillors were invited back recently for a special ceremony to receive the title of 'Honorary Alderman' for their dedication and service to the Authority and its communities.



The title of Honorary Alderman can only be given to non-serving members of the Council who have undertaken 16 plus years service as a local elected member.

The seven, Pauline Bowmer (Pleasley), Ann Syrett (Stainsby), Toni Bennett (Bolsover), Malcolm Crane (Hillstown), Jim Smith (Clowne) and Brian Murray-Carr and Ken Walker from Shirebrook, accumulated over 120 years worth of service as elected members and all played their part in helping drive forward change at the Council, revitalising their local communities and helping to regenerate the District.

On the night, District Council Leader, Steve Fritchley said: "These seven former colleagues contributed so much to the District and their local communities during their time as Councillors. They dedicated so much of their lives to serving others, that we felt this was a fitting tribute to their many years of service.

"Collectively they clocked up over 120 years of service and I feel privileged to have worked alongside them. On behalf of the Council and local residents, I congratulate them all on their achievement."

Every one of the seven former Councillors has also held prestigious positions within the Authority ranging from Council Chair, Leader, Cabinet Member, Scrutiny Chair, and represented the Council on many national organisations.

The event was initially planned to be held prior

to the Covid pandemic, and unfortunately during this time former Cllr Toni Bennett had sadly passed away, and, in memory of Toni, her husband was invited to the ceremony.

Locally, Brian (Murray-Carr) represented the Shirebrook East Ward from 1999 to 2019 and during his term of office was a valued member of the Leader's Cabinet with his portfolios being Community Safety, Health and Wellbeing and Streetscene.

And, Ken (Walker) represented the Shirebrook Langwith Ward from 1998 to 2019 and was a member of many Committees including Scrutiny Committee, Planning Committee, Licensing Committee. Ken was Chairman of the Council from 2005 to 2009 and 2011 to 2017.

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Chairman's Report:
It was good to see that things were back to some kind of normality, and to see the smiling faces of people of all ages, at the Council's Christmas events.

On December 4th we held our first Children's Christmas Party at the Village Hall and what a success it was !!

Over fifty children turned up for an evening of fun, games and disco. Miss 'Smartie Pants' provided the entertainment and every child received a 'Festive Picnic Box' and a present from Santa.

This event will definitely be back on the agenda later this year !!

Our Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner was also back on the menu. Around fifty resident's sat down to a three course Christmas meal, cooked by the staff of the Lemon Tree Café, had a few games of



bingo, and were entertained with some festive songs by singer 'Rose Devine', and Santa left a few presents too. Meals were also delivered to a few residents who had booked but unfortunately couldn't attend on the day.



Council members along with the help of Santa, visited local schools in our Parish before Christmas to give every child a present. Before returning to the North Pole, Santa had to return to one of the schools as a couple of the children missed him when he first appeared. **As I**

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Our meeting of January 18th began with a minutes prayers for Ken and Frida Walker of Langwith Junction following the horrific incident that had taken place the weekend prior.

Ken and Frida have always been well respected within the area, and like the majority of our community, members were shocked and appalled by the events of that weekend.

The Parish has seen a spate of graffiti on the bus stops within our community. Even the new bus stop near the doctors, which recently cost the Council £4,000 to be installed has been 'vandalised' by these so-called artists.

We have also seen a spate of wheelie-bins being stolen, taken to the skate park area and set on fire. ***These fires have damaged the tarmac which will have to be replaced, at a cost to the Council.***

This mindless vandalism costs us all and diverts money, which we would like to spend on events and good causes within the community. If you see anyone responsible for these acts, please inform us and we will take the appropriate action.

User groups, as reported earlier, have returned to the Village Hall and Community Centre, and we always welcome new users to the Centres. Both venues are available for hire and there is space for rent in the Community Centre that would be ideal for small or start-up businesses.

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Pupils from three local schools have been working with The Harley Gallery, Welbeck, to develop an exciting new exhibition with the prestigious Jerwood Collection of modern and contemporary British Art.

The exhibition, '**A Voyage of Discovery – Journeys with Jerwood**' is showing from 17th February 2022 to 2nd May 2022, and invites visitors to join a creative adventure.

It has been developed by children from Sparken Hill Academy and Sir Edmund Hillary Primary School in Worksop, and **Shirebrook Academy in Shirebrook**. The children and young people, aged between 5 and 16 years of age, have worked with curator Selina Skipwith to develop the exhibition from start to finish.

They have been given free rein to choose exhibits from the acclaimed Jerwood Collection of over 250 artworks, and have selected an impressive group of works to create their exhibition.

Yinka Shonibare CBE, artist and curator of this years' Royal Academy Summer Art Exhibition is among the distinguished artists that they have selected to put on show.

As well as selecting the works to go on show, the pupils have developed the labels, directed the exhibition design and created the leaflets. This exhibition gives the opportunity to see great British art through the children and young peoples' eyes.

'A Voyage of Discovery' is the closing exhibition of a prestigious year-long residency showing The Jerwood Collection at The Harley Gallery.

This exhibition follows selections by Lara Wardle, the Director Curator of The Jerwood Collection, art historian James Rawlin, and the charity '**Outside In**'.

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CLASS of 1947

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The photo opposite was recently passed to me by Mark Potter and shows his late mother's, Beryl, class photo at Whaley Thorns school of 1947.

Beryl, nee Holmes, is seated fourth from the left on the front row and would be about fourteen when the photo was taken.

Do you recognise yourself, your mother, or grandmother ??

According to Tony Warriner's 'A History of Langwith & Whaley Thorns', there's been a school of some type on the site from about 1876. The **Senior Girls School** came about when a new building was built to ease the overcrowding in the 1920's.

In 1928 the 'school in the woods' was officially opened by Mrs Jackson, the wife of the Chairman



of the Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Company. She hoped the girls would appreciate it and it would be the means of '**making them good women to face the world.**'

The new school was built in the latest design with windows on both sides of the classrooms. The grounds were some four acres and the school became known as 'Whaley Thorns Open Air Girls School.'

Miss Jones was the first headmistress and carried on in that role until 1945.

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RHUBARB FARM, LANGWITH

They're always busy down on the Farm, and are slowly but surely getting back to pre-Covid times, when they can welcome back ALL friends old and new !!



The Farm's Christmas Market was a tremendous success, and Rhubarb Farm would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the event.

Despite some extreme weather on the Saturday (December 4th) we came back on Sunday (December 5th) with a new wind and rain proof plan, stalls in the poly tunnels with the cabbages !! **A Christmas Market like no other !!**

This event would absolutely not have taken place and would not have been what it was without everyone who turned out. Again thank you to all the visitors and local businesses who helped save the day !!

An amazing £2,000 was raised for Rhubarb Farm, which has

gone straight back in to the work we do in supporting vulnerable people.

How great it was to see the local community smiling and shopping together after such a difficult and tough couple of years. **A massive thanks to all who came !!**

Rhubarb Farm is very touched to have received a donation of £500 from the Bolsover Elderly Self Help Group. The reason for this donation however, is a sad one, as the Group is closing after 47 years !!



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This summer we will be celebrating Rhubarbs Farm's 10th birthday !! We are also delighted to announce that plans are going ahead for the Annual Langwith Show, to be held the first Saturday of September.

We have missed the show, due to the pandemic, over the past couple of years, so we're making it bigger and better to make up for any lost time !!

Please keep an eye out in future issues of the 'Post' for more details, as well as Rhubarb Farm's social media site to keep up to date on our Summer 2022 celebrations !!



The Shop is open Fridays 10am to 3pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm, selling fresh eggs collected daily at the Farm, 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.

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

They're always, what ever comes their way, busy down at the Farm !!



DEVONSHIRE CHARITY

The Devonshire Charity, which has been running for many years, was established to assist young people in education, primarily in the parish of Upper Langwith, but it is able to extend its assistance to young people living in neighbouring Langwith and Shirebrook.

There are financial grants available to support young people in the pursuit of a career, and the Charity's trustees are anxious that the money be used for this purpose.

So, if you are aged between 16 & 25, are in part-time or full-time education, or even training in a work environment and are looking for a little financial assistance, then contact Jeni via email upperlangwithdevonshirecharity@hotmail.co.uk

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BROOK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Storehouse Community Food, based at The Brook Community Church and Centre in Shirebrook Derbyshire is achieving great success thanks to its local community volunteers, and partners.

Storehouse opened its doors to the public in March 2021, since then the store has seen over 400 people and businesses engage with the project. Storehouse is a shop filled with community food for all. Storehouse is also helping to save lives and our planet.

After running a foodbank for 8 years and distributing over 7000 bags of food during the pandemic the Church wanted to review its operations. With visits to projects in Bournemouth, Barnsley, and others the trustees of the charity decided on the Storehouse model, community food for all.

A model whereby anyone and those in need in the community, can shop at their store. The feelings of shame and embarrassment when entering a foodbank can be overwhelming. ***The church hopes by developing this community food for all store, that there will be a more positive shopping experience for all its customers.***

Storehouse serves the whole community, people in need and people that want to give support. People in need may join as members for **£5.00**. The membership lasts for six months, and it can be renewed after that period.

The membership includes an environmentally friendly shopping bag that is used every time you shop plus a membership card. Members may shop up to once per week for £5.00. ***That's a full bag of food for a fiver !!***

People who want to support the project may become partners for £10.00. Once partners, they pay £10.00 to shop, still very good value while helping the project to continue. All the above are minimum donations, you may donate more if you wish. This is called pay it forward.

The pay it forward donation goes towards the supported membership fund, which is money put aside for those people in financial crisis who cannot afford the membership or food. The help does not stop there, if needed, in the same location, practical support is available from Recovery Plus, Citizen Advice and other Agencies.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering or are interested in joining as a member or partner, please contact Storehouse on **01623 744 371**, on Facebook **@storehousecommunityfood** or just pop in.

'Storehouse' is open Wednesday to Saturday from 10am to 2pm and all are welcome !!



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Rev JOHN DRAYCOTT writes ...

New Year's Day has come and gone along with the parties and the holidays. Did anyone make a 'New Year's Resolution' this time?

I don't seem to hear about them so much now. Perhaps it is because they are generally broken within a few days after they have been made. Some of the most common resolutions for New Year's Day include give up smoking; lose weight, to get fitter.

I hope you all had a good time this Christmas/ New Year and the events have left you with some happy memories.

The previous year were very restricted gatherings because of that flu bug thing !! This Christmas period we were able to do those little family traditions together which makes it a particularly special time.

It might be one of those family turkey dinners, a party or meeting old mates in the pub, while some go on shopping sprees during the sales in town.

There were a lot of re-runs on TV as usual and The Lord of the Ring featured again. For many years our family went to the cinema at Christmas/ New Year time to watch the major new must-see blockbuster movie.

I remembered for three years running (2001/2/3) it was the Lord of the Rings, a trilogy. For three years we went as a family to see them in the first week of the New Year. I watched them over Christmas, it reminded me of those occasions and the final movie, The Return of the King, ended our little tradition. **Life changes !!**

There is a scene in this final movie where Gimli (the Dwarf) and Legolas (the Elf) are stood together facing, possibly, their final battle. Gimli turns to Legolas and says, ***"I never thought I'd die side by side with an Elf !"*** Dwarfs and Elves had a deep dislike of one another.

The Elf turns to the Dwarf and changes the perspective he says ***"No, what about dying side by side with a friend."*** One of the themes running through this story is friendship, working together, trusting each other.

The Fellowship of the Rings is a bunch of people from all the different walks of life in the world of

Middle Earth. They overcome their suspicions, distastes and prejudices of one another which each of them has been raised on.

It is during their adventures together they discover how unfounded those understandings are and how enriching their lives have become for the friendships they have developed.

I don't usually make New Year's resolutions but maybe I could start this year with one. Last year highlighted inherited perceptions we have of others. This year's resolution could be to put aside any suspicions or prejudices I may hold of various people, or groups of people, and make friendships with those who are not exactly like myself.

Who knows, I might find that they add to my life, and I may even add something to theirs ?

OPEN THAT WINDOW !!

Here is an easy resolution for the New Year: open your windows at home for 'short sharp bursts' of 10 to 15 minutes at a time, several times a day.

The government's public information campaign says that regular fresh air can cut the risk of Covid transmission by more than 70 per cent. So, either leave a window open, a small amount continuously, or open it fully on a regular basis throughout the day, especially if anyone has come to visit you in your home.

Coronavirus is spread through the air by droplets and smaller particles known as aerosols. They can hang in the air for hours and they build up over time.

SMILE TIME !!

A couple were going out for the evening, and carefully set the security lights and put the cat out. But when they opened the door to go to the taxi, the cat slipped back in and disappeared upstairs. Irritated, the husband followed it.

The wife waited with the taxi driver. Not wanting him to know that they were leaving the house empty, she said: "My husband is just upstairs for a quick word with my mother."

A few minutes later, the husband arrived, breathless. "Sorry I took so long" he said, "but she put up a fight ! Stupid old thing was hiding under the bed, and I had to poke her with a coat hanger and grab her by the scruff of the neck to get her out."

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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.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Hinder or prevent an action or process (7)
5. Expressing location or arrival on a particular place or position (2)
7. Sudden involuntary muscular contraction (5)
10. South African plant of the iris family (4)
12. Pleasant and distinctive smell (5)
13. An indefinite and very long period (4)
14. Continuous area of expanse which is free and unoccupied (5)
15. Representation of the external form of a person or thing (5)
16. The ninth letter of the Greek alphabet (4)
17. Large jug with a wide mouth (4)
19. Member of a people inhabiting southern Ghana (4)
21. Length of thread or yarn, loosely coiled and knotted (5)
22. Aims and fires with a loaded gun or bow (6)
24. Broad curved inlet of the sea (3)
25. Close by not too far away (4)
26. Edible marine fish of the ray family (5)
27. Male of a domesticated cat (3)
28. Refuse to admit the truth or existence (4)
30. Fruit that tempted Adam and Eve (5)
31. Naturally occurring solid material that metal can be extracted from (3)
32. A short leisurely walk (6)
35. Achieved without great effort (4)
36. Resentful longing of another's possessions (4)
38. Piece of rubber used to rub out something written (6)
40. Hat worn by bishops and senior abbots (5)
41. Remains of a building that has suffered severe damage (4)
42. Lyric or poem, typically in the form of an address (3)

CLUES DOWN

1. Existing or occurring at the very beginning (7)
2. Apparatus for lifting things off the ground (5)
3. To have propelled something with a rapid movement of the arm (5)
4. Tinned meat product made mainly from pork, or unsolicited messages sent over the internet (4)
6. Projecting piece of wood made for insertion into a mortise in another piece of wood (5)
7. Grin in an irritatingly smug or silly way (5)
8. Greek appetiser consisting of breaded or floured cheese (8)
9. Quiet, gentle and submissive (4)
11. Lack of interest or enthusiasm (6)
12. Volatile liquid used as a solvent (7)
18. Written work on a particular subject (5)
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