



SHROPSHIRE LIEUTENANCY

SHROPSHIRE TOWN AND COMMUNITY LINKS NEWSLETTER

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In this edition I am delighted to share with you some of the planning for the Coronation weekend. Once again history is in the making as we prepare for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. It is the first time we have had a Coronation in this country for more than 70 years. There is a full itinerary of suggested activities for the Coronation bank holiday weekend that we can all get involved with. Preparation has been at maximum capacity in London since Her Majesty the late Queen's funeral. I anticipate a high level of engagement for the Coronation itself because we were all so impressed by the outstanding spectacle of the skilfully organised funeral.



For myself personally, I eagerly await the Coronation and have booked, at an enormously inflated price, a hotel room for the night before. I want to enjoy every single moment of the build-up, atmosphere in London, pomp, uniforms, ceremonial dress, and service.

For the funeral, Lord-Lieutenants sat together for two hours in advance, we chatted whilst we waited and then just before 11:00 am we could hear in the distance the beating of the drum as Her Majesty's coffin approached The Abbey, a total silence fell, there was the feeling of privilege and honour for being one of her servants, a profoundly moving moment in life.

Their Majesties will arrive at Westminster Abbey on the morning of Saturday 6th May 2023 in a procession from Buckingham Palace. After the service they return to Buckingham Palace and accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will appear on the balcony to conclude the day's ceremonial events.

On Sunday 7th May it is anticipated that many churches in Shropshire will organise a special Coronation Thanksgiving Service during the morning, followed by "The Coronation Big Lunch" where neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together. Parks, Streets, Village Halls, Community centres and other public places will host parties for us all to get to know each other.

In the evening of the 7th May, a special Coronation Concert will be staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle, there are several thousand pairs of tickets being made available via public ballot and also some being allocated to deserving people nominated in each county.

Monday 8th May is The Big Help Out, local events will take place to highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. This is to encourage people to try volunteering, to learn of the many different possibilities and help to bring communities together bringing a lasting legacy from the Coronation Weekend.

Do join in the Coronation Celebrations and mark this historic occasion!



LIST OF DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS WITH AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



ENGAGEMENT WITH SHROPSHIRE LIEUTENANCY

Across Shropshire I currently have 33 Deputy Lieutenants, most of whom act as official lieutenancy links with their local communities. I have added the current list of deputies against the town / community with which they link; the easiest way to contact them is through the assistant clerks to the lieutenancy either by email or phone:

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Deputy Lieutenants are very happy to help with a wide variety of requests including school presentations on the Monarchy, Awards ceremonies, Remembrance Sunday events, fetes and any other celebrations.

PRESENTATIONS FOR SCHOOLS

In this very special Coronation year I am aware that many schools will spend time teaching children about the role of the Monarchy in our society. The Lieutenancy has specially prepared presentations for both primary and secondary schools. The presentations cover; His Majesties King Charles III and Queen Consort, the line of succession, some of the initiatives covered by the Royal family e.g. The Queen's Green Canopy, Prince's Trust and Duke of Edinburgh's Award. If you would like your link DL to come and share this presentation please do get in touch via Emily or Shelley.

Sam Brettell
Oakengates

Claire Brentnall
Much Wenlock

Robert Bland
Dawley

Tavie Boyne
Diton Priors / Burwarton

Claire Crackett
Shrewsbury / Shawbury / University Centre Shrewsbury / Cadets / Reserves and Royal Irish

John Crackett
Shrewsbury / Shawbury / University Centre Shrewsbury / Cadets / Reserves and Royal Irish

Josh Dixey
Shrewsbury

Edward Dugdale
Broseley

Clarissa Daly
Church Stretton

Diana Flint
Ellesmere

Katherine Garnier
Cleobury Mortimer / Clun

Gavin Hamilton
Bridgnorth & Highley

Gill Hamer
Baschurch

Peter Holt
Wrockwardine

Bunny James
RAF Shawbury & RAF Cosford

Rupert Kenyon-Slaney
Shifnal

Nicola Kershaw
Craven Arms

Veronica Lillis
Oswestry

Tullis Matson
Whitchurch

Nichola Peers
Wem

Fiona Rogers-Coltman
Bishops Castle

Tony Morris-Eyton
Newport

David Stacey
Minsterley & Pontesbury

Martin Stevens
Market Drayton / Woore / Norton-in-Hales

Rhoddy Swire
Ludlow

Katy Tanner
Shrewsbury

Edward Tate
Wellington

Mandy Thorn
Ironbridge

Warren James
RAF Cosford and Shawbury

Gareth Williams
Madeley

Jenny Wynn
Albrighton / Shifnal / Telford & Wrekin



SPECIAL CORONATION COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES FOR SHROPSHIRE TOWNS

We are very lucky to have the British Ironworks based in Oswestry. Many people will know of their successful community projects such as the Knife Angel and the national anti- violence Manchester Bee “The Bee of Peace”. Both projects initiated in Shropshire have been created to support anti- violence programmes and police forces across the country. Clive Knowles, owner of the ironworks has generously offered to make a beautiful Coronation plaque, to be unveiled in unison at 12 noon on Sunday 7th May, to all towns with a mayor, who wish to participate.

100TH BIRTHDAYS AND SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The King will send a message of congratulations to a couple celebrating their Diamond Wedding (60th), 65th and 70th anniversaries and every year thereafter and to someone on their 100th and 105th birthdays and every year thereafter. We are told that notification of birthdays is handled automatically by the Department for Work and Pensions (the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland); but wedding anniversaries will be marked only if someone draws The King’s attention to the date.



If you want to ask for a card to commemorate such an event, please write to the Anniversaries Officer at Buckingham Palace, requesting an application form which will provide you with all the information needed in order to arrange for a message of congratulations to be sent. The application may also be made online at www.royal.uk/anniversary-messages-0. In addition and if you wish the local Deputy Lieutenant may be able to come along to present the card.

We may also be able to help with your celebration events by one of my Deputy Lieutenants attending.

ROYAL VISIT OF HM THE QUEEN CONSORT TO TELFORD

A few days ago, we were delighted to welcome our new Queen Consort to Telford. Originally planned for February, the visit was postponed, through seasonal illness. After all the rain we have had lately, we got a few hours unbroken sunshine for the visit, where HM The Queen Consort walked around Southwater Square meeting many of the hundreds of schoolchildren and adults that had stood patiently waiting for her. Children waved union flags and presented posies to her before she moved into the Library to meet eight local organisations, mainly from the voluntary sector, and heard from volunteers about the amazing work they do to support people right across the borough.

Towards the end of the visit she also unveiled a commemorative stone to be set into the Veterans Trail in Telford Town Park, and a commemorative plaque of Her Majesty's visit for the building. It was an incredibly special event for all involved and we look forward to welcoming other royal visitors to the county.



NATIONAL HONOURS

What a great start to 2023 it was with the wonderful news that nine Shropshire residents had been recognised in the New Year's Honours. The county is blessed with such amazing people whose hard work and dedication does so much to help bind our communities together. They truly are an inspiration and I am delighted that their efforts have been recognised.

Our recipients were.

Pauline Dee BEM, from Wem, for “exemplary” voluntary service to the community over 40 years

Graham Furber BEM, from Bomere Heath for services to cricket, to disability sport and to the community.

Tom Hatfield BEM, from Wellington, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Station Manager, awarded for coordinating the services response to the pandemic

Bethan Stimpson BEM for services to young people from her role as head of legacy for the Commonwealth Games

Patricia Ward-Jones BEM from Bridgnorth awarded for charitable services to terminally ill children and their families.

Claire Crackett MBE DL for voluntary and charitable services to the county for more than two decades

Professor David Mangham MBE from Shrewsbury for services to forensic science

James Partridge MBE and Elizabeth Walmsley MBE from Oswestry for services to design

BEM ceremonies have been arranged in April when I will have great pleasure in presenting their medals and the opportunity to thank recipients for all their hard work for the county.

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY



I was pleased to hear that the Queens Green Canopy (QCC) initiative was extended to the end of March 2023 to give people the joint opportunity to both plant trees in memoriam to honour Her Majesty the late Queen, and reduce their carbon footprint. The initiative also served as an opportunity for communities to come together. A recent example of this was in the village of Clive where five local charities and community groups planted trees on community land in freezing temperatures.

QUEENS' AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE

It was my pleasure to be able to award one of the last Queen's Awards for Enterprise to a company based in Telford. This was the second time they had been awarded a QAE, having also been awarded the QAE in 2021. I2R was recognised for their smoothwall aluminium foil container, i2r Ultra™. The multi-award winning design uses a new style of embossing to dramatically increase stress resistance, creating a reduction in weight, price point and environmental impact of the product.





SHROPSHIRE DAY

A lot of people may not have heard of Shropshire day which is on February 23rd. I visited the beautiful Shropshire secret of Much Wenlock Priory. As the sun disappeared in the afternoon those present enjoyed the service of supplication for St Milburga. You cannot help but mop up the glory and beauty of this historic setting, the backdrop to my first orthodox service. There is also a famous and delicious pie named the same, sold locally.



UKRAINE VIGIL

Church Stretton has embraced several Ukrainian families and I wanted to show solidarity by attending this vigil, lovely to hear how they are settling and steadily integrating. As it drizzled with rain it made me think of what it must be like to be homeless, living in makeshift accommodation, with danger of attack from Russia every living moment.

HIGH SHERIFF IN NOMINATION

We are almost at that time of year again where we have the installation of the new High Sheriff for Shropshire. This role has been around for well over 1000 years, it is a royal appointment and the role is ancient venerable and honourable. In the past the role was very much concerned with keeping law and order in the Shires as keepers of the King's peace. The role has changed considerably over the years but High Sheriffs still support and are responsible to the crown in respect of law and order; the term of office is one year. I am pleased to say that the next High Sheriff for Shropshire is one of my current Deputy Lieutenants Mandy Thorn MBE. Mandy commented:



"I am so looking forward to my year as High Sheriff although rather daunted, my predecessors have made the role their own and I hope I don't let them down. Ever since Josh Dixey asked whether I would undertake the role four years ago I have been alternately excited and nervous. I want to do the very best I can for the county which means so much to me".

We wish Mandy well in what is sure to be a very hectic year!

and finally...

I hope you all enjoy the special Coronation weekend and please do get in touch with us - via Emily or Shelley, if we can help with your celebrations

So, how can you help?

I would love to hear what is going on in all parts of the county and if you feel we can help by supporting any of your initiatives please do get in touch. The easiest way to do this is to reply to the mail address that has sent you this newsletter or email Emily or Shelley.

We are looking to link with as many schools, churches, voluntary organisations and businesses throughout the county as possible, so that we can see all the fantastic work that is taking place and, where appropriate, share your news through our own platform.

To find out more about the Shropshire Lieutenancy visit our [website](#)
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