

Who's Who on the Parish Council?

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Upcoming Parish Council Events—all at The Cock Inn Function Room

Monday, 22nd April—Council 7pm

Monday, 22nd April—Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm. An open meeting for all parishioners and groups to give reports or raise issues of relevance to the parish.

Monday, 20th May—Annual Council Meeting, 7.30pm

Monday, 24th June—Council, 7.30pm

Thursday, 18th July—Council, 7.30pm

Hanwood WI - meets at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month in The Cock Inn Function Room.

Thursday, 4th April at 7:30 p.m. Clun WI 'Days for Girls'

Thursday, 2nd May at 7:30 p.m. Ann Lloyd 'Fleece to Fibre'

Thursday, 6th June at 7:30 p.m. Social Evening

Thursday, 4th July at 7:30 p.m. Caroline Wright 'Miss Chitty'

Thursday, 1st August at 7:30 p.m. Social Evening

For further information please contact:

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You can also look us up on [Facebook](#)—Hanwood WI



GREAT HANWOOD NEWS

The newsletter of Great Hanwood Parish Council

Issue 6 —Spring 2024

Welcome...

To the Spring 2024 edition of the parish council newsletter! We hope you enjoyed the previous editions of the newsletter. We hope you will find the newsletter a useful source of information and would welcome contributions from any community groups/organisations. The newsletter is also available online via the parish council website.

We would like your opinions on if the newsletter should include adverts for local businesses, for a small charge? If you are a small business or run a group/classes locally, would you want to advertise? Please email the clerk, greathanwoodpc@gmail.com, to express an interest or opinion.

Last but not least, welcome to our new councillor, Richard Greenwell, a longstanding Hanwood resident.

Please contact the clerk if you'd like to forward an article for the Summer 2024 edition, which will be published late July. The deadline for articles is 16th June 2024.

D-Day 80 Year Anniversary June 2024

This year, 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day in Europe. To commemorate this important event, the parish council is planting a time capsule in the Memorial Garden, which is adjacent to war memorial and The Cock Inn. We are also going to be placing a D-Day flag on the outer fence of the garden.



Speed Reduction

The parish council is committed to working with our partners to reduce speeding.

The ANPR cameras continue to be successful in reducing speed in the parish, and the partner parishes of Pontesbury and Minsterley. So far this quarter, from 1st January to mid March, the average speed is 30.5mph at Hanwood.

Shropshire Council has recently consulted on reducing the speed limit at the Edgebold end of Hanwood. The parish council supports this, although we would prefer to see the lower speed limit start further back towards the roundabout. We will be paying for VAS signs to alert drivers to their speed and encourage them to slow down,

We are also pushing for further traffic calming from Weir Road area towards the school, to enhance safety further.

Chairman's Report— Shropshire Council & Great Hanwood Parish Council

Report on current issues from Shropshire Councillor Roger Evans & Great Hanwood Parish Council chairman

PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES AND UPDATES



It is good to see how the spring and the daffodils welcome everyone to our village and hopefully better weather with some dry days will soon be with us.

With the change in our climate several areas have suffered from water problems. Repeated requests have been made to Shropshire Council as the Highways Authority to take action. As in many other areas action is terribly slow, whilst in some areas no actions at all have been taken. Some of the areas where problems have occurred and requests for help asked for were highlighted and listed in the last newsletter.

The parish council have several times also asked Shropshire Council for an indicative timetable for when the new speed limit of 40mph on the road leading into the village from the A5 will be put in place. Again, no reply has been received concerning the request. All the necessary legal processes have been agreed including the removal vegetation on the path so residents can safely walk along this section of road. The Parish Council is also hoping to have another speed activation sign (VAS) erected when the work is carried out.

Shropshire Council has finally produced its Place Plans and can now be seen on its website. These are documents prepared by Shropshire Council which identify the current and forecast infrastructure needs of our area. Place Plans have been a core feature of Shropshire's infrastructure planning for several years, and over the last 12 months there has been a comprehensive review of these documents. There seems however to be several projects that the Parish Council asked to be included missing. Information as to why they have been missed off is being sought and updates put in place. What is included however are measures to reduce speed of traffic outside the school and provide a safe crossing point across the busy A488.

The monitoring of speeding traffic along the main road, using the parish council paid for Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera, continues both here in Hanwood and in our sister villages of Pontesbury and Minsterley. These photograph the registration numbers of cars that exceed the speed limit. My and our thanks go to those who download the information and pass it on as appropriate.

As referred to in the last newsletter the review of Parish Boundaries by Shropshire Council is now nearing completion. The only affect for our area is that the area off the A488 and north of the A5 is moved and placed into the Shrewsbury Town Council Area from May 2025. A fuller review of all boundaries is promised to take place later in 2025.

Progress on installing lighting on the footpath between the Village Hall entrance and the shop is delayed due to problems, including talking with Network Rail concerning the land they own in the vicinity. The council have agreed to collaborate with our school and bury a time capsule in the memorial garden to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day. Footpath work between Oaklands and Oaklands view has now been completed.

Using our Environment Maintenance Grant, it has been agreed to weed spray the village, clear the leaves, and dog mess off the pathway to the Village Hall and cut the grass including that down Church Lane. The Dog Warden has been asked to visit the area since children are picking up the mess left by our pets on their shoes.

Local Plan. This long running saga continues involving increased delays. The Inspectors have now asked for more information and a further limited consultation is now required. This is expected to take place during May and June. There is a likelihood that there will also be a need to increase the target number of houses that will need to be built in Shropshire during the period covered by the revised plan.

Community Organisations and Groups

St Thomas and St Anne's CE Primary School

Email: admin@hanwood.shropshire.sch.uk

Web: <https://hanwood.shropshire.sch.uk/>

Tel: 01743 860400

Mary Webb School & Science College (Secondary)

Email: admin@marywebbschool.com

Web: <https://marywebbschool.com/>

Tel: 01743 792100

Hanwood Youth Club

Meet every Thursday night during term time at Hanwood Village Hall from 6:15pm

Email: lee@sya.org.uk.

Tel: 07741 885025

St Thomas Church, Hanwood

Contact: Revd. Graham Phillips

Web: <https://www.stthomashanwood.org.uk/>

Tel: 01743 861003

Hanwood Village Hall

Contact: Elaine Heighway

Web: <https://hanwoodvillagehall.godaddysites.com>

Email: hanwoodvillagehall@outlook.com

Tel: 01743 860484

Hanwood Bowling Club

Contact: John Baxter

Email: jebaxter1@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 07948376035.

Pontesbury & District Gardeners Association

Contact: Rob Dixon

Email: robedixon@btopenworld.com

Tel: 01743 791901 / 07949 644177

Great Hanwood WI

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/HanwoodWI>

Meets at The Cock Inn, Hanwood on 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30pm

U3A Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

Web: <https://u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley/groups>

Pontesbury Thursday Night Badminton Club

Contact: Nigel Oakley

Email: naoakley01@gmail.com

Tel: 07821643685

Shropshire Council

Web: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/>

Tel: 0345 678 9000 (General)



The aim of the GHCIC is to provide a community hub (Pub, Function Room & Bowling Club) that can be accessed by all local residents, and we continue to support The Cock Inn and Hanwood Bowling Club. Our main objective over the last 24 months has been to make improvements to the pub, ensure it remains financially viable and continues to be at the heart of the community. It has been a very challenging 12 months due to high utility bills and inflation levels, which have resulted in a sharp rise in the running costs of the pub. Jackie and her team are doing a great job managing the pub and working hard to ensure prices remain as low as possible with the level of service remaining high. The pub can only continue to trade if it is supported by you, so if you have not visited the pub before or if it has been a while since your last visit, why not give it a try. It is your local and needs your support.

The company is owned by you, the local community and is managed by 10 local members of the village, if you would like to join the team please contact us. The day-to-day operation is managed by Jackie Cooke, who oversees her Bar Team, Kitchen, Function Room and several volunteers who help keep the Pub and the property functioning. All profits are currently being re invested in the property which has experienced many years of under investment, and with the aim of providing other benefits and support for the wider community as the business progresses.

Below is a list of the upcoming events.

Saturday, 6th April 8pm till late – Chester Riggon (Soul Singer)
Tuesday, 9th April – Single and Ready to Mingle (Function Room).
Every Wednesday 7.30pm – BINGO



Finances. As many residents will know many Local Authorities are having budget problems and needing to reduce their expenditure. Here in Shropshire due to previous decisions the need to reduce expenditure is much greater. The council budget just set includes raising the Council Tax by the maximum permitted, 4.99%. As your councillor, I voted in support of the rise in council tax but against the budget. There are other ways to make the amount of savings that are required.

The Council budget was finally agreed by a small majority of the councillors present. This involves cutting council expenditure by a huge £62m. This level of reduction puts it near the top of the most vulnerable councils in England. The cabinet have failed to deliver their proposed and agreed budget for a number of years. A number of the cuts proposed by them were not practical or achievable. The original cuts proposed for this current budget year was to be £51m but only £41m of these are expected to be achieved. Next year's budget which will begin in April and occupy 4 full pages include:

- Cuts in staffing levels, reducing staff numbers by around 300 full time staff equivalent. I expect this to involve around a reduction of between 400 and 500 staff due to many already working part time hours. Saving estimated to be around £13m.
- Third party spend of £3.7m
- Charging for the first Green Bin and so raising an extra £4m, plus closing 2 of the recycling centres.
- Various reductions to its Social Care budget by using a revised service and a care hours reconciliation scheme, saving £3.5m.
- Using what is called "Demand Management."
- The cabinet have also engaged Price Water House Cooper (PwC) as consultants to help identify these and other savings. According to the report the costs of this could be up to £6.2m.

North West Relief Road (NWRR). After an acrimonious planning meeting the final planning permission for the NWRR was recently agreed by a majority of just one vote. Following this at the February Full Council meeting more funding to help with the preparation work for this road was asked for. It was stated that as of October, £27.9m had been spent and council was asked to agree a further £17.9m be allocated to this project preparation work. This would bring the potential spend to just over £44m. Again, this was passed by a small majority. I and many others voted against this proposal as no business plan has yet been presented to councillors plus no written confirmation that the government would provide the necessary finance to build the road has been received by the council. The estimated cost at present is around £200m. Many councillors thought the council was being placed at significant risk since, if the Government decided not to finance the road, then it would have to be cancelled and Shropshire Council would then be liable to pay for all the work carried out.

Swimming Pool. The cabinet, despite receiving many requests not to, have decided that a new swimming pool, with an estimated cost of £18m should be built at Sundorne. The decision included a statement that the future of the Quarry site would be determined at some time in the future. The cabinet have also proposed that the cost of parking your vehicle on any of the councils' carparks should be increased by up to 67%. A charge would also be imposed if parking on a Sunday whilst weekday charging would now be extended to 8.00pm. Total parking income, it is estimated, would increase by £2.1m and of this, £1.5m would be paid by users of the Shrewsbury carparks. This was objected to by me and many other councillors. The Cabinet have now been told it must look at this proposal again. Planning permission for the demolition of the former Riverside Shopping Centre has just been agreed. A plan to replace the Pride Hill Centre is expected to be proposed soon. Lastly, it is understood that the council has decided to give the University occupying the Frankwell and nearby sites notice to quit their premises. Many students now do not know how and where they will complete their course.

If you need help in these or in any other area or service please contact me at

roger.evans@shropshire.gov.uk or on Tel No **07811 992349**

Cllr. Roger Evans, Chairman of Great Hanwood Parish Council and Shropshire Councillor for Longden Division (incorporating Great Hanwood Parish)

St Thomas and St Anne's CE Primary School

Caring, Growing and Learning Together



YEAR 5 & 6 ARTHOG TRIP

In January our Year 5 & 6 students spent the week at the Arthog Outdoor Education Centre, in Wales. It was wonderful to see them enjoying a range of challenges and activities, including climbing, gorge walking and orienteering. We were all so proud of how they approached the week by working together, supporting each other and persevering when things were tough.

Book Fair

In February, we held our annual book fair in partnership with Scholastic Books. The fair was held over 5 days, giving all pupils and their families an opportunity to purchase a range of books.

We had a fantastic turnout and made over £800 in sales! This resulted in the school being awarded £400 from Scholastic to purchase books for our children.

We are incredibly thankful to all who came to support and help with the fair.

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)



As we progress along our Opal journey, we are starting to see more variation in the types of play, in our playground. Children of all ages are coming together to learn many skills. The digging area has been a huge hit with lots of children, especially now we are able to use the tyres as a pathway around the edge our digging area.

We would be delighted to show you around our fantastic school so that you can see for yourselves why this is the right place for your child to shine. Please contact us to arrange a tour.

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."



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Meet your safer neighbourhood team

We are a dedicated group of police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) who work with local communities and partner organisations to keep our residents, businesses and visitors safe and to prevent crime and tackle anti-social behaviour in your locality.

Officers can be contacted on the below numbers concerning community issues. To report a crime in progress call 999 and for non emergencies, report online at www.westmercia.police.uk/report. If you are unable to report online, you can contact us via the 101 non-emergency number.



Inspector Ben Tanfield



Sergeant Neil Ward

Shrewsbury Rural East

shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.police.uk



PC Simon Lewis
07870 150850



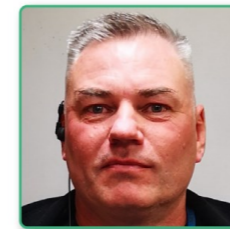
PCSO Lyn Birch
07890 545343



PCSO Stuart Roberts
07967 303856

Shrewsbury Rural West

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PC Richard Walters
07814 044875



PCSO Jacqui Baldwin
07870 511427



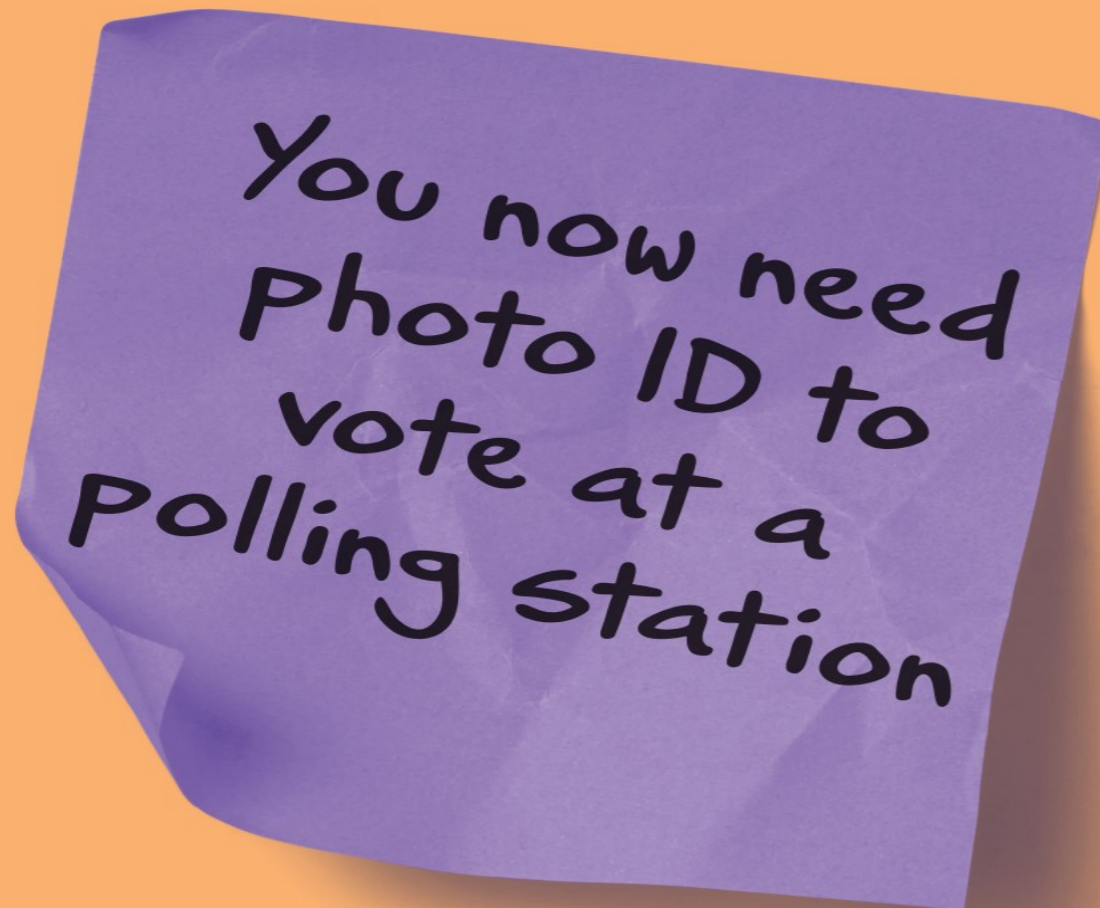
PCSO Sarah Edwards
07870 150913

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electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

or call 0800 328 0280

Flower Boxes

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to maintain a flower box.

We have a number of further boxes available and would welcome more volunteers. You will be provided with a durable flower box and compost.

Please contact Councillor Philip Jones on 01743 861253, Parish Clerk, Rebecca Turner on 01743 741611 or Ursula Longmore on 01743 860389.

St Thomas Church, Hanwood

We are approaching Easter, a major Christian festival, in fact the highlight of the Christian faith. Without Easter and the events we remember and celebrate we would not have a Christian faith. So what are the basics of this faith? Here is a brief summary.

The Christian understanding of God is that God is three persons - God the Father, God the Son - Jesus Christ - and God the Holy Spirit. Each one is unique and different yet they gel together in such a way that they always know what the other is thinking, and together they are God. They live in heaven, outside of time and yet at one point in history, Jesus Christ chose to become a vulnerable baby boy and was placed by God in the womb of the virgin Mary - we celebrate this at Christmas. Jesus grew up in the Jewish faith and followed his step father, Joseph, into being a carpenter. Then at the age of 30 he began his ministry. For three years he taught people about God's love for them and he healed all the sick. Then he, God himself, allowed himself to be killed on a cross. Out of all the thousands that the Romans killed on the cross we remember the death of Jesus and this is because he then rose from the dead, came back to life again. In his resurrection he defeated evil and death and has given us the assurance of receiving forgiveness for the wrongs we commit and of knowing God as a loving Father. His resurrection opened the door of heaven so that when we die, we can go to heaven. Forgiveness of sins, a relationship with God and the promise of eternal life are there for all of us to know and receive. This is a cataclysmic change and this is what we remember and celebrate at Easter. Do come and join the celebration.

Palm Sunday, 24th March, 11am Holy Communion at Hanwood Church with a reading of the Passion Story - the last 24 hours of Jesus

Monday, 25th March 3-5pm Messy Church in Hanwood Village Hall for families with primary age children - craft, story, songs and a meal - book in with Revd Graham Phillips 01743 861003.

Thursday, 28th March 6pm at Annscroft Church Maundy Supper - remembering Jesus' last supper

Good Friday, 29th March 3pm a walk of witness starting at Hanwood church, going around Caradoc and finishing at the Cock Inn.

Easter Sunday, 31st March dawn service at 6.20am at The Knapp in Pulverbatch, then 11am Holy Communion at Hanwood Church.

If you would like prayer for anything - do ask it would be a privilege to pray for you: 01743 861003, revgrahamphillips@gmail.com.

Donations and EasyFundraising

The only money the church receives is from fees for pastoral services (not much) and donations - nil from the Government, nil from the diocese. Expenses have gone up, and some church members have died and we are running a deficit budget and our electrics need upgrading (£1000) and we would like to improve the heating (£7500). Can you please help? Either by making a monthly donation - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-hanwood-st-thomas-shrewsbury/> (any amount however small would really help especially if lots of people sign up) or by signing up to EasyFundraising. This is an easy way to make money for the church with no cost to yourself!

What to do? Download the EasyFundraising app and every time you wish to renew your insurance or shop online, go through the Easy Fundraiser and if you make a purchase, then the retailer or insurers will give a FREE donation to the church - car insurance gives the highest donations, up to £15, plus you use some good search engines which gave me a good discount on my car insurance - win win. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself!

Use the link below to sign up:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stthomashanwood/?invite=AS1FXP&referral-campaign=c2s>

Blessings,

The Revd Graham Phillips, revgrahamphillips@gmail.com, 01743 861003

Hanwood Village Hall

2024 Events

23rd March – Quiz & Curry. Licensed bar! (Tickets available from Elaine on 01743 860484)

22nd June – Vehicles of Interest & Picnic in the Park. All welcome, details on our website & Facebook page.

7th September – Village Fete & Fun Day. We're currently looking for ideas for an attraction on the day. If you know of any groups that might make an interesting attraction, then please let us know!

9th November – Bonfire & Fireworks.

Village Hall Lottery

Another great way to support the Village Hall, is by joining the Village Hall Lottery. This supports the hall financially & you have a chance to win some money! Please get in touch for more information on this.

Committee

We are still looking for new committee members. It's important we try and gain new members to keep the village hall running. If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch & come along to one of our meetings. We generally hold a meeting once a month to discuss agenda items & fundraising, which is usually in the Cock Inn and have a lovely social feel about them. Please contact me (Will Hanmer) if you'd like to get involved on 07890802548.

Phone Elaine on 01743 860484

Email: hanwoodvillagehall@outlook.com

Web: hanwoodvillagehall@godaddysites.com

Hanwood Youth Club

It has been another busy term for Hanwood Youth Club. In the last few sessions we have designed a new logo for the club (finished artwork to be shown soon via Facebook), visited the Pontesbury Players to watch the Pied Piper pantomime and had a drumming and songwriting workshop at the club. The members of the club have played dodgeball, tag and capture the flag. They have tried to conquer the monkey table/ The young people have decorated biscuits, built their own pancake toppings and had burgers. On the 7th March the group are heading off to Flip Out in Telford, thanks to the funding the club received from the Co-op.

The Youth Club meets every Thursday during term time at Hanwood Village Hall, from 7:15pm until 8:45pm. Places are available. Age range is 9 years and above. £1.50 subs per week. This money goes back into the club. If your child would like to join please fill in the form via the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wsL0FhiACT>

Hanwood Bowling Club



The new bowling season will be starting during the month of April. We at the club are in a busy period preparing for the new season. The bowling green will receive various treatments to ensure it is in top condition, it is not just as simple as cutting the grass. Work also needs to be carried out on the paths and boarding around the green.

The bowling club was formed in 1924 and at the club AGM, it was decided that the 100 years would be celebrated during the coming summer, details of which have yet to be decided.

Anyone interested in joining the club, be it as a social member or as a playing member, please contact John Baxter 07948376035.

VOTER ID

Voters now need to have photo ID to vote. This means that for those without photo ID such as a driving license, they will need to apply for a Voter ID card. Voters also need to register to vote.



No ID? You can apply for free voter ID
Find out more at
electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID
or call 0800 328 0280

