

# Community News

## August 2024



## Final Score...

Well, as the weather and the football conspired against us, we had to make some last minute adjustments to our plans for Party in the Park last month.

With the way England were playing, who would have bet on them progressing so far in the competition?!



Thankfully, the Community Association showed true resilience in adapting the event to meet the challenges of the day.

It was so great to see our two major events teams, Childs Ercall Club and The Community Association coming together to put on a fantastic community event.

The highs and lows of the football were watched on the

screen at the club. The thirst of the enthusiastic supporters were amply quenched from the bar, whilst outside, the Community Association kept everyone fed with burgers and sausages from their pop-up barbeque tent. The children were also treated to free ice-creams courtesy of the Community Association and with Gareth Southgate's team scraping a win on penalties, all was good with the world.

But the fun didn't end there.

Up at the Jubilee Hall, our fantastic local band 'Road to Ruin' got the party well and truly started, rocking the night away with a selection of guaranteed floor fillers. Everyone was welcome to take advantage of the free entry, to carry on celebrating the success of our national football team in the party atmosphere, and a great time was had by all. What a way to round off what, given the circumstances, could have been a disaster, but ended up being another cracking event in our very special village.

A big thank you to all involved.

## New balls please!



Not to be overshadowed by the football, tennis lovers were treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea at the Childs Ercall Club, whilst watching the men's final. Champagne and Pimms all round!



## In and around...

### Best Kept Village Community

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, our village has been anonymously entered for Shropshire's 'Best Kept Village Community Competition'.

It was heart warming to see so many people turn out for the 'Big Tidy Up' last month. Thanks to everyone who turned out and gave their time (and use of their garden tools) to get stuck in to the task of tidying up the village. As a result, the weedy pathways and unruly hedgerows have benefited from the tender care of our willing volunteers, who were suitably rewarded by James, our Parish Council Chair, with punnets of delicious strawberries.



Nettles have been chopped back, hedges pruned and sign posts have been scrubbed. Hanging baskets now decorate our previously forlorn bus shelter, courtesy of the Parish Council. Thanks goes to Claire for keeping them watered during the brief hot spells of weather.

Judging takes place at

some point in August, so I will be happy to update you on any progress as soon as we get it. It's worth bearing in mind though, that the competition is less about the aesthetics and more about the community spirit generated by the army of willing volunteers, who give their time tirelessly to put on a variety of events for everyone in our small village and beyond to enjoy.

## Coming Up...

The next community event in the Childs Ercall calendar is the annual Horse and Dog show.



This is another free entry event and an opportunity to see the very best equine and canine specimens in Childs Ercall competing for highly sought after rosettes.

From best in show to waggiest tail, the event offers fun for all the family, with refreshments being served all day and proceeds going to our lovely village church.

There are so many other dates in the Childs Ercall calendar to look out for, from coffee mornings to tribute acts. Just visit the 'events' tab on our website for details.

## Green Bin Charges



In case you have missed the notifications, in line with neighbouring councils, Shropshire Council are introducing an annual charge for green bin collection. A new garden waste subscription of £56 will be introduced from 1 October 2024 and garden waste collections will stop for anyone who hasn't subscribed by this date.

More information about the garden waste subscription service can be found on the Shropshire Council website at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste).

## Have Your Say

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Jubilee Hall on August 21st at 7.00pm.

All are welcome to attend.

An on-line version of this newsletter can be found on the website.

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