

Victorious Jason is Model candidate!



I FEEL congratulations are in order for Jason Hill, from Model Village, on his election victory to the Youth Council at County Hall, via the Big Vote, which was undertaken in March.

To further that, he has also been accepted to serve on the National Youth Council to represent young people from the Bolsover District and was invited to Parliament to address the House of Lords.

What a great way to spend a day and I hope it gave him a lifetime experience to remember. Well done.

It just goes to show how our young people are determined to improve their education. Jason attends Shirebrook School and like so many youngsters, is working toward a future.

Alongside governors and staff of Shirebrook School, I have been meeting with some of the partners to talk about lots of boring things that have to be dealt with before the County Council's property services and 'All Roads' the sponsors can move forward.

The tenders are in for the building work and presentation along-

Derbyshire County Councillor Marian Stockdale writes for the Shirebrook Newsletter . . .

side consultation and information will be going ahead with the two schools in the near future regarding design options and lots of other contributory things which will make for a new building.

Training and new equipment will be two of the areas which will be introduced into the existing school to ensure that the curriculum and new techniques and school planning will become as smooth a transition as possible when the new buildings are completed by 2011.

It is necessary to ensure that pupils get the very best support prior to that date linked to the progress being made to date.

This will ensure that young people are actively involved in projects outside and in the world of work before leaving education.

We are working with employers to develop training not only for those who are reaching to the realms of university, but for youngsters who want to follow the NVQ pathways to work. This will create much better prospects for the future.

At present, the County Council is working towards the Primary

Heads' cluster and both Stubbin Wood and Shirebrook School on consultation.

There will be information at intervals on Shirebrook Market starting on 16th May 2008 for everyone to feel they are able to talk about the future even if they haven't got children at school.

This will be a welcoming of all types of what we feel will be constructive comment. This is an opportunity for all to play a part in seeing Shirebrook and surrounding areas flourish for the better.

Once again I remind you that what we put into the town now for the interaction of all levels of authority, we have to ensure will remain sustainable because we won't get a second chance. I don't want to see that opportunity disappear just because we can't accept coming to terms with change.

The beginning of April saw the decisions on the Primary BSF (Building Schools Future) programme underway.

This is the building programme for primary schools' rebuild and refurbishment. Among that first wave, which could begin in the

next financial year, will be the merging of the Model Village Primary School from a split site to single site use.

The money put aside from the 106 Agreement with the developers of the new houses on Common Lane and Bolsover District Council for a brand new school is far from adequate now as the cost of building materials is rising at a rate of 18 per cent a month.

The County Council Education department working with them has met with the governors and myself and it looks very likely that the development will bring refurbishment for the old part of the school and part new build for the replacement of the nursery and reception classes all on one site.

This will ensure that small children will not have to cross a busy road during the day making it much safer for all.

Anthony Bek Primary School is targeted for a complete new build. Of course there has to be consultation with governors and staff, parents and carers before that can become a reality.

I do hope that Pleasley and New Houghton will look at this as a progressive way to developing a super school for their youngsters.

The headteacher Matt Freestone is certainly determined to get that

quality status and I'm sure parents will see the benefit of a new school at some point to accompany that award.

That brings me to Park Infant and Nursery School at Shirebrook and their building problems.

Alongside Park Junior School, despite attempting everything possible to keep the school looking respectable and inviting to parents and pupils, governors and staff realise that both these schools are past their best when looking at the wooden structures of 40 years ago.

None of it was given a lifespan of more than 25 years and they are still upright thanks to all the hard work and care.

This school will probably be in the third wave for replacement in three/four years time. So eventually the wards I serve as County Councillor will have been given a huge facelift that will carry future prospects for the communities of Shirebrook and Pleasley and other schools in the Bolsover District well into the 21st century.

Watch this space and look out for the posters advertising consultation on the Academy. We are all entering exciting times.

*Sincerest regards
Marian*

Heritage Centre to hold art exhibition

WHALEY Thorns Heritage Centre is to host an art exhibition about industrial heritage as part of Museum and Gallery Month on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th May between 7pm and 9pm.

Tickets are £4 if pre-ordered or £5 on the door. The price includes a

cheese and wine buffet.

The exhibition is open to anyone who would like to display their work, be it a sculpture, a painting or a photo.

● For more information and to book tickets contact Mansfield 747601.

Sudoku puzzle

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1			9	3	6			8
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		6			4		3	
3		8				5		2
	7		8			9		
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4			6	2	8			5
5		2			7	1		9

Floral Art Society meeting

SHIREBROOK Floral Art Society's meeting is on Thursday 15th May at Shirebrook Library at 7.30pm.

Demonstrator is Mr Robin Cobb, of Derby, and his theme is called Derby in Bloom.

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7	8	5	3	2	1	9	6	4
1	6	2	9	4	7	3	5	8
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9	1	7	4	5	6	8	3	2
5	4	8	2	9	3	6	1	7
8	7	9	6	3	4	1	2	5
4	5	6	1	8	2	7	9	3
2	3	1	5	7	9	4	8	6

● Solution to last month's puzzle.

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Place a number from 1-9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.