

NHS in safe hands?

The crisis in the NHS deepens by the day. It is clear that to close services at either Telford or Shrewsbury will only make things worse. The local excuses for the closure are no more than a smokescreen; these plans are part of a nationwide cuts programme that could see up to one in six Accident and Emergency departments close.

Julian wrote to the Shrewsbury Chronicle (above) calling on Daniel Kawczynski to demand better local funding instead of attacking Telford's councillors.

MP should fight to sustain both A&Es

DANIEL Kawczynski has decided to back Future Fit to the hilt, and to accuse those who oppose it – in particular Telford and Wrekin councillors – of blackmail and intimidation.

In so doing he has chosen to ignore the six out of 12 clinicians who refused to continue with plans to downgrade a local hospital. He is choosing to ignore the warnings of NHS England, which has 'little confidence' in the wider county plans, of which Future Fit now form a part. He is choosing to ignore the wider picture of dangerous hospital overcrowding and all that this implies.

His call on the Health Secretary to force

through the closure of one A&E is like a call for a swift execution to prevent a last minute pardon or final appeal. The joint CCGs were not intimidated (I was there, he wasn't). They heard arguments from their own number and from the floor that convincingly made the case that to go ahead would be foolish and negligent. These arguments came in part from Telford and Wrekin councillors, but also from clinicians, including a former CCG member, and from well informed campaigners such as Gill George form Shropshire and Telford Defend our NHS.

If our MP really has got a group of Shrop-

shire health professionals together for a trip to London to meet the Secretary of State, it is nothing short of criminal if he uses this opportunity to call for the forcing through of Future Fit.

He should be leading these clinicians in putting the case for the extra money desperately needed to sustain both A&Es in the county and to defend the range of other services currently heading for the chop. And he should be working hand in hand with everyone and anyone in the county who is fighting to defend our NHS services, rather than accusing them of intimidation.

JULIAN DEAN, Shrewsbury

Julian continues to work with friends in the 'Shropshire Defend Our NHS' campaign to stop all NHS cuts. Julian is helping organise a fundraising Massive Pub Quiz for the campaign on Wednesday 8th March. It would be great to see you there - Wightman Theatre is at 30 Princess Street next door to Carluccio's restaurant.

**SHROPSHIRE, TELFORD & WREKIN
DEFEND OUR NHS
present a fundraising...**

GIANT PUB QUIZ

THE WIGHTMAN THEATRE £3 per player
WEDNESDAY MARCH 8 Book in advance
7.30 FOR 8 START to avoid
Bring a team or join disappointment
one on the night www.ticketsource.co.uk/defendournhs

With special guest **Charlie Adlard**,
comics laureate and Walking Dead artist.

Barracks update

Since our survey of 170 local households in December Julian has written to our MP, the Minister of Defence and to leading Shropshire councillors. He passed on local concerns that the development should be taken as an opportunity to build affordable housing and improve local amenities for the good of all who live in the area. Julian has asked that we be told about plans for extra school places to meet increased demand.

Power to the People!

We're committed to healthy local communities where people make things happen. If you are curious about some day standing for election why not come to our information event where you can hear from Green Party Councillor Duncan Kerr, and others, about what it's like to stand for election? It's at the Darwin Community Centre, 6 Frankwell on Tuesday 28 February at 7.30pm (with pancakes!)

Don't lose your chance to vote in May's elections. You can register online www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or contact Shropshire Council's democratic services on 0345 678 9015.

JULIAN IS HERE TO HELP



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Julian Dean - working for Porthill, Frankwell & Kingsland throughout the year



Green View

Frankwell, Porthill & Kingsland
with Julian Dean
your community campaigner



Safer streets

In our community survey in May 2016 many of you highlighted concerns over road safety including speeding drivers, risks to cyclists, and to pedestrians especially children. In December we also spoke to more than 170 households near Cophthorne Barracks about what you want to see from the proposed redevelopment and what concerns you have about the potential impacts on the community.

Your second highest concern (after pressure on school places) was issues around traffic, especially road safety. Your concerns are echoed elsewhere as well and the Green Party has therefore agreed to campaign for 20mph limits on all residential roads in the county. A recent report by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health recommends 20mph limits as key to reducing the number of child deaths: you are *seven times* as likely to die from a vehicle going at 30mph than at 20mph.

Watch this space for a 20's Plenty campaign round here!
www.20splenty.org/our_videos

It's official - Julian will stand for election

Julian has now been adopted as Green Party candidate for the Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council elections in May for the Porthill ward.

Local Green Party co-ordinator Emma Bullard said, 'Julian has impressed local members with his grasp of local issues and his willingness to 'get out there' to represent people over the past year or more. We're delighted to support Julian's campaign to become Porthill's next representative at Shirehall and in Shrewsbury Guildhall.'



To help provide evidence for tackling traffic problems Julian has installed an air pollution monitoring tube on Cophthorne Road. We will publish the results of this test in a later newsletter.



BEST WISHES FOR



USEFUL NUMBERS FOR 2017

- Police 101 (in emergency 999)
 - NHS 111
 - Fire 999
 - Anti social behaviour/nuisance 101
 - Bus and train times 0300 200 000
 - Concerns about a neighbour 101
 - Council Tax 0300 200 000
 - Crime support for victims 0800 585 1234
 - Fire safety advice 0800 585 1234
 - Gas leak or smell 0800 585 1234
 - Housing 0300 200 000
 - Housing Benefit 0300 200 000
 - Litter/graffiti/damage 0300 200 000
 - Quarry swimming 0300 200 000
 - Planning and building 0300 200 000
 - Register to vote 0300 200 000
 - Rubbish and recycling 0300 200 000
 - Shrewsbury Town Council 01743 257658
 - Street lights 0300 200 000
 - Unwanted calls (Telephone Preference Service) 0300 200 000
- If you experience difficulty with council services please get in touch with your local campaigner
Julian Dean
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Did you get Julian's new year card of useful numbers?

We still have a few left over - if you need another please contact Julian.

Here's an extra number for streetlights on the blink. If it's in a public park or green space contact the Town Council on 01743 257658; for all others call Shropshire on 0345 678 9000.

