



Shipston Forum



August 2024

Proms sets the town buzzing

'Fight for the right...to party!' screamed the lead singer from the DropOuts at the Launch Night of the Proms, as dancers pumped their fists into the air to the energetic chords of the Beastie Boys' cover in Townsend Hall.

Shipston doesn't need an excuse to party – as always, there was a great community buzz to the town during its annual Proms, with festival-goers able to access an eclectic mix of performers and music, all within a 15-minute walk. The Shipston Proms experience means listening to an evening of classic show songs at Townsend Hall and then minutes later being in the thick of an Ibiza rave at the Hub. Enjoy these photos and a full report on page 8.



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The day we went to...

The sun shone all day, the tide was in for those who fancied a paddle, and fish & chips and ice cream were the order of the day. A group of forty thoroughly enjoyed their day at Weston-super-mare and on their return gave a big cheer of thanks to Shipston Rotary for arranging the annual trip.



New vehicle for First Responders

The First Responders has a replacement response vehicle, thanks to successful fundraising by Stour Valley Lions, Shipston Rotary, The League of Friends and Shipston Home Nursing. They all came together at the beginning of this year to coordinate an appeal with an initial target of £35,000. Thanks to generous support from the public and local businesses, they raised over £50,000. The vehicle was handed over at the Shipston Beer Festival in July.

Honorary Patron of the appeal, Doctor Sarah Jarvis MBE, said: 'A fully functional first-responder vehicle is crucial to the life-saving work of this fantastic group of volunteers in our community. We all hope we will never need their help, but every day someone does.'

Shipston Community First Responders are volunteer medics, certified, trained and regulated by West Midlands Ambulance Service to attend the most serious medical emergencies in the Stour Valley area.

The Lions have promised another sizeable donation to the First Responders from the proceeds of the Beer Festival, their joint event with Shipston Rugby Club.



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Mayor's column



Dear Shipston,

I think I am starting to settle in now, with the help of connection with nature. I continued Great Big Green Week with a tour of Blackdowns Regenerative Farm, the Wonderful Weeds Walk led by Katie Beswick from the Little Bird Herbalist Shop in the newly named Ashley's Alley, and a visit to Cornmill Meadows, our local wildlife site.

I was encouraged to see over 200 people from Shipston and the surrounding area at the public meeting to hear Josh Dickin, Mayor of Bishops Castle, Shropshire, speak about their successful campaign to reopen inpatient beds in their local community hospital. Many attendees stepped forward to help organise our local community campaign to regain inpatient beds at the Ellen Badger Hospital.

I was delighted to get an invitation from the Primary School Council to attend one of their meetings and see its communication and decision-making role within the school in practice. It was good to see the confidence with which these young people put forward their ideas and suggestions for improvement. I later visited their school fete to see them enjoying themselves in a rare piece of sunshine.

Then we were into the excitement and activity of Proms Fortnight. Launch Night with the DropOuts was stunning. The Town Band performances in the High Street and with the Brass Band of Central England were the highlights for me. I am sure everyone could find excellent performances from jazz to opera to suit their tastes. It all culminated in an epic Last Night in the best of all venues, our High Street.

I also met guides, brownies and rainbows from all over Warwickshire celebrating 40 years of Hardiman Field campsite. All were enjoying a range of activities from archery to pioneering as well as cake.

As a follow-up to last month, I was pleased that three representatives of the Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board attended the July Town Council meeting. Their report that the public consultation on the removal of inpatient beds from the Ellen Badger Hospital was further delayed, with an expected decision in May of 2025, was not so welcome. However, at least they have come to see us and commenced a potentially useful dialogue. We can but hope.

As we are approaching the holiday season, I wish you all an enjoyable vacation. Whether you are sunning yourselves on a foreign beach, pursuing some adventure or quietly staying at home, have a good 'un.

Your town Mayor,

John

John Dinnie, Mayor, Shipston Town Council

Here comes the sunflowers!

Get out the watering can, call on the sunshine and encourage your sunflower to reach for the sky! The tallest sunflower competition will be judged on Saturday 10th August, with sunflowers measured in your garden. A reminder that there are three classes: under 11, under 16 and over 16 years of age. There's an Amazon voucher up for grabs for the winner of each category. Contact Fay Ivens to enter on 01608 662133/ 07792 358917. See ad on page 7



News from Shipston Town Council's July's meeting

Events

Cllr Cooper proposed a thanks to the Proms organising committee for another successful series of events which are a real asset to the town. Cllr Kelly reported that the Proms was well-attended, especially the last night.

Green environment

A survey by Treotech has shown one tree needing to be dealt with as a safety priority. Council agreed that the proposal by a householder in Hawthorn Way to have a mature ash tree removed should be referred to the Council's insurers.

At Cornmill Meadows, a solution to create a more stable surface for the entrance track is being investigated for environmental suitability. Training is being planned for volunteers helping with hedge maintenance.

At Riverside, council has approved new dog and waste bins and the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust plans to plant wildflowers this autumn.

A meeting will be held with Lawns2Mow with a view to monitoring its work more closely.

Volunteers

Following the Beds for the Badger meeting in June, a number of people have come forward to volunteer for roles in the campaign. New recruits have also joined the Flood Action Group at a recent induction meeting.

District council update

Cllr Passingham is investigating funding and reasons for delays to footpaths on new estates, in particular Bailey Road to Webb Road. He is also looking into delays for promised bus stops on Bailey Road and London Road. Meanwhile, residents' associations are getting under way on the new estates. The energy efficiency reports on the sports centre and the Hub have come in, and he will seek out funding options for the recommended improvements.

Blue light

There were no updates from either the fire or police service. Cllr Booth reported that the First Responders had 32 call-outs in June, and that the busiest day of the week is Tuesday. Following more requests from around the area for First Responders to look after defibrillators, they are seeking a volunteer to take on this job. A plaque will be put up outside Thirst Edition to mark its immense support for the First Responders.

WI

In response to a request made by the WI during the public session to find a more central venue for its craft stalls and other events, it was suggested that they make contact with other charities in the town and explore the use of vacant shop premises.

Shipston Charities

The Shipston Charities organisation, which donates money locally, is seeking to appoint a committee member nominated by the council. Council will take this forward.

Planning

Council agreed to object, on a number of grounds, to a proposal for retirement housing on a reserved piece of land near Webb Road. Cllr Tesh is also checking with the planning department on the situation over approval for signage in the town's conservation area.

Integrated Care Board

The Town Council meeting was attended by Laura Nelson, Chief Integration Officer of the Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board, along with Rose Uwins, Head of Communications, and consultant Amy Danahay. Their visit was as a result of repeated requests from John Dinnie and the Council for information on the progress of the promised public consultation on the removal of beds from the Ellen Badger Hospital.

Laura Nelson explained that the ICB takes decisions for the area, taking into account the financial, clinical, workforce and community factors across the whole of Coventry and Warwickshire. She also set out the likely timetable. Her team is currently assessing the viability of a range of possible options for the provision of community beds in South Warwickshire and its wider impact. After satisfying NHS England, they can move to a pre-consultation business process, which involves a great deal of governance, between September and December, where they will be engaging in understanding what is needed, working with organisations such as the Consultation Institute and the Clinical Senate. Any public consultation period will take place between January and March, with a decision to be made in May 2025.

They were questioned by councillors about delays and the lack of communication, and were made aware of the concern within the town that the hospital had been closed for five years, with its future – and the use of the new building – still uncertain, as well as over the lack of medical provision in a town which has grown considerably.

Next steps for review of Ellen Badger by ICB:

September 2024 – assessment of viable options completed

December 2024 – pre-consultation business process

Jan-March 2025 – potential public consultation

May 2025 – decision



Sun and shelter for Rainbow Fields residents

Age Concern Shipston has replaced a dilapidated gazebo at Rainbow Fields with a new solid shelter to keep the sun and rain off residents as they take the air outside, writes Gill Roache, Chairman of Age Concern Shipston. Buying it was the easy bit, but who would erect this substantial structure? With the help of Rainbow Fields manager Sharon Hall, Shipston Lions were approached and promptly agreed to undertake the heavy lifting and erecting. The finished result is a true example of local organisations working together for the benefit of our elderly residents. Many thanks to Paul Macpherson for organising and recently retired president Duncan for coming along for the photo. Age Concern has also purchased two new planters for Rainbow Fields, with beautiful planting by another kind person.

Age Concern continues to provide three Lunch Clubs, two weekly and one fortnightly, at Rainbow Fields and Stour Court. We also offer trips on Shipston Link once a month in the summer. There is also our grant scheme for those needing assistance. Check out our new website for more details: www.ageconcernshipston.org

We are always looking for extra volunteers to boost our wonderful team – they need a day off sometimes! So, if you can offer a couple of hours on a Tuesday, Thursday or every other Friday please get in touch. gillyr@buzzinternet.co.uk.



Could you be a Samaritan?

By a local volunteer

It is hard to believe that the Samaritans organisation we know today was founded by one man, Chad Varah, in 1952 and that the need for our service is still as relevant today as it was over 70 years ago.

Appalled at the suicide rate, Varah offered a free service for anyone in his parish who needed to have a confidential ear into which they might talk through the troubles in their lives that may have brought them to the edge of suicide. He was very quickly inundated by people who needed to talk.

He invited some women from his pastoral connections to volunteer their time, and to talk to those who needed somewhere to offload what was weighing them down, to let light into the darkness within which they were trapped. These women were the first Samaritan volunteers. They listened and listened and

listened, without interrupting. They had no message and did not preach or judge. They had nothing to sell.

The Samaritan Freephone line – 116-123 – is manned 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and last year we received over five million calls. A Samaritan will answer a call for help every seven seconds, and this is particularly true at Christmas when the lonely feel their situation more acutely than ever.

We still follow the principles set down by Chad Varah of listening without judgement. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Samaritan, please give us a call on 01789 332545. If you would like to help us in other ways through fundraising or awareness-raising, then please do not hesitate in contacting us on the Stratford number above. We also provide talks to schools, community groups and services to business.

Samaritans are ordinary people, just like you. Doing extraordinary things every day.



Medical Centre update

Looking after our mental health

It is important to look after our mental health as well as our physical health. At the surgery we have the MIND active monitoring service: an early intervention service which uses guided self-help tools to support mental wellbeing. We can also refer on to talking therapies.

Other tips for looking after your mental health and wellbeing are:

- Keep active. Regular exercise is not only good for your physical health, it can help you sleep better, improve your concentration and make you feel good
- Watch what you eat. Eating healthily can help your mental health. Reducing the level of alcohol consumed also helps. Alcohol is a depressant and whilst the first drink or two can make you feel good, after that alcohol starts to have a negative effect on how you feel.
- Talk to other people. Make time to spend time with friends and family and enjoy their company. Talk about your feelings as sharing your concerns can also help you manage them.
- Do something for someone else. This might be helping out those close to you, or volunteering. Either way you will feel the benefits.
- Do things you enjoy and that you are good at. We are all good at something. Make time to do those things that make you feel good.
- Ask for help. You may turn to someone close to you for help, or it might be that you need a different type of help. There are lots of places to go:
 - If apps are your thing, check out the NHS mental health apps at <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/category/mental-health/>
 - If you are looking for a different kind of support, then have a look at the Directory of Mental Health Support for Warwickshire at <https://www.wcava.org.uk/directory-of-mental-health-provision> which includes helplines, counselling services, websites and other resources.

SHWP can continue its free activities



Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership (SHWP) is proud and delighted to have gained further funding to continue its many activities in Shipston on Stour and the surrounding villages. Amid fierce competition, it has successfully secured another round of funding from the Inclusive Communities Fund, a £9 million initiative inspired by the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Rowena Webb writes: If you are not already aware of SHWP, the charity was founded in 2019 by local residents keen to establish more partnership working with charities and public bodies. It aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Shipston and the Stour Valley residents through a series of FREE activities. You can attend anything from seated exercise, tai chi, Pilates, indoor curling, strictly fitsteps and pickleball – all currently free in Shipston and nearby villages. The details of these activities can be found in the What's On section of the Forum and on our website, www.shwp.org.uk.

Also conscious that rural and social isolation is a huge issue affecting many in this area, SHWP created the Warm Hub at the Scout Hut in Shipston on Thursdays 10am-12pm. At this weekly session you can get a cuppa, chat with friends, and have the resources of the frailty nurse, social prescriber and a MIND practitioner on hand. VASA offers community transport services to anyone who wants to attend the Warm Hub and there is also a hardship fund available if people do not have the means to pay for it. Details can be found at <https://www.vasa.org.uk/services/community-transport/>

Warm Hub, in partnership with Shipston Home Nursing and Thomas Franks catering company, hosted a two-course community lunch for 45 residents of the town and local villages which was such a huge success we are hoping to replicate it this in the autumn.

Boxercise

SHWP is now diversifying to include the younger generations within the area. We have launched an exercise class specifically for teenagers. At the Townsend Hall in Shipston, starting from 5th September, there will be a weekly boxercise class teaching the skills of martial arts where young people can get fit and have fun. Monthly, straight after the boxercise class, we are also hosting a series of workshops specifically for young people, covering topics such as exam anxiety and road safety. All information and booking details can be found at www.bookwhen.com/shwp88



Regular Events

Monday

Seated Exercise Class:

10am Rainbow Fields and 11am Townsend Hall

IT Help:

10am-12pm Shipston Library (appointment only)

Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club:

6:50pm for a 7pm start.

The Church Room, Darlingscote Road, Contact Matthew Hunter: 01608 684499

Shipston Knitting and Crochet Group:

7-9pm, Low Furlong

Tuesday

Rhyme Time: 10.30am, Shipston Library

Dementia Café: Shipston Lodge, 10.30am-12:30pm

Community Hub: Shipston Methodist Church, 10-12pm

Lego Club: Shipston Library, 3.30pm

Strictly Fitsteps Fab: 10am, Townsend Hall

Age Concern Lunch Club: Stour Court 12pm. Contact Jill Case 01608 662226

Wednesday

Seated Tai Chi:

9.30am, Townsend Hall. Free Admission

Standing Tai Chi:

10.30am, Townsend Hall. Free Admission

GLOSS Coffee Morning:

11am, The Garden Room, The George Townhouse

Indoor Kurling: 2pm, Townsend Hall

U3A weekly scrabble: 2-4pm at the George Townhouse. Free for all U3A members

Stour Valley Stitchers: 10am-1pm, 1st & 3rd Wed, The Hall, Stourton, CV36 5HG

Thursday

Shipston Community Warm Hub:

Every Thursday 10am-12pm, The Scout Hut, New Street.

Story stomp: 10am, Shipston Library

Scrabble Club: 2pm-4pm, Shipston Library

Age Concern Lunch Club: Rainbow Fields 12pm. Contact Christine Grant 07939 595600

Community Social Prescriber drop in: 10am-12pm, Scout Hut, New Street

Boxercise:

5-6pm Townsend Hall, Yr 9-11 & ages 16-18. Every other week from 5th Sept

Friday

Pilates for Complete Beginners:

9.30am Townsend Hall

Walks with a friendly group:

10am Mill car park. Call Marleen 01608 663616

Shipston Stitchers:

Every fortnight at The Church Room, Darlingscote Road. Contact Anita Spencer on 01993 832665

Age Concern Lunch Club: Fortnightly, Rainbow Fields, 12pm. Contact: Maryann Dobbin 07779 730774

Shipston Knitting and Crochet Group - Friday afternoons in Mrs. Browns from 2-4.30pm

Club Night at Shipston Sports Club: 6pm-9pm, London Road

Saturday

Lego Club: Shipston Library. From 10am.

Shipston Food Bank:

10:30am-12pm, St Edmund's Church, Shipston. No referral or voucher needed

What's On Calendar: August 2024

2nd Shipston Library Reading Group: 2pm-3pm first Tuesday of each month.

1st. 'Dance for Joy' Monthly Circle Dance Group in Stretton on Fosse 2.30 – 4pm. First Thursday of each month. Dances from around the world – all taught from scratch. Please contact Geri Hunting geraldinehunting@icloud.com or 07968 338848

3rd. Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick: All welcome. Meet at New Clarke House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Children's equipment available

6th. Shipston Library Reading Group: 2pm-3pm first Tuesday of each month.

7th. Stour Valley Stitchers: 10am-1pm, The Hall, Stourton, CV36 5HG

7th. Shipston Widows: the first Weds each month at the George. Coffee from 11 and stay for lunch. Contact: Barbara Bean 6632304

7th. Singing Down Memory Lane: the first Weds of each month, 2.30pm-3.30pm, Shipston Lodge. See ad on page 10

11th. Town Council Meeting: 7pm, New Clark House

13th. Shipston Flower Club presents 'It's all in the Stars' – a demonstration by Bridgette Manton. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start at Shipston on Stour Primary School, Station Road, CV36 4BT. Visitor entry £6. There will be a raffle of demonstrated flower arrangements. Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month.

15th. Drop In Clinic: For the over 65s. 10am-12pm, Scout Hut. Every third Thursday

16th. Royal British Legion Social Evening: The Shipston on Stour Branch of the Royal British Legion meet on the third Friday of each month for a social gathering. We meet in the White Bear Inn from 7.30 pm onwards. Do please come and join us and share your stories with like-minded people. For further information contact Alex Black 07789 968733 or alblack32@hotmail.com.

19th. Holiday at Home: See ad on page 10

21st. Stour Valley Stitchers: 10am-1pm, The Hall, Stourton, CV36 5HG

24th. Stour Valley Stitchers: Saturday Sewing Day. 10am-3pm, The Hall, Cherington – see article on page 12

27th. GLOSS (Great Ladies of Shipston and Surroundings). A social group for women to have fun and make friends. 7.30pm- 9.30pm at the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, CV36 4DR. Meeting on the 4th Tuesday of every month. All ladies welcome. Entry £2.00

29th. Local Quaker Meeting for Worship: St Edmund's Church, last Thursday in the month at 2.30pm, followed by tea/coffee, biscuits & chat

28th. Citizens Advice Drop in Clinic: Warm Hub, 10am-12pm, Scout Hut

31st. Stour Valley Stitchers: Saturday Sewing Day. See article on page 13

Shipston on Stour 

Food Festival

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8th Sept 2024

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The day includes:

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- 18 hole 'Texas Scramble' at 9am
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- On-course and off-course prizes
- Two-course lunch & presentations

£40 per person - Felton Valley members
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SUNDAY 8th September

Walton Hall, CV35 9HG

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Online entry closes Friday 30th August



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A truly memorable Proms

There were some truly memorable events at the Proms this year. The top one, and probably the most anticipated, was 90's Radio One DJ Dave Pearce arriving in his silver Merc and doing a club set at the Ibiza on Stour dance night at the Hub. It was a classic dance evening with a pulsating 700+ audience; red, white and green glow sticks aloft, and lights strobing to the anthems of Faithless, Chemical Brothers and many more.

The ethos of the Proms is to provide a platform for performers who would like to get their music out to a wider audience. At the Shipston Introducing event, sixteen-year-old Grace Rushbrooke won the soloist category, having rushed straight over from her Grade 8 singing exam. Teenage local and very much up-and-coming four-piece group Mad Thingz impressed and won the band category. Last year's solo winner Honor Gerard Pickering returned to do a set at the end and showed us just how much she had blossomed into a confident and poised young singer.



Shipston Introducing winners

Illness caused some unforeseen changes in the programme, for example when the Jolly Rogers, an act at the Coach and Horses during the infamous pub trail, were without their lead singer but encouraged budding vocalists in the audience to fill in instead.



Baby Jools Jazzaholics

When our wonderful local opera singers succumbed to covid, RSC soprano Alexandra Ferrari and tenor Dominic Bevan stepped in at the Townsend Hall to provide another amazing opera night, with Dominic giving an encore of the famous and powerful Nessun Dorma. The Cotswold Choir stepped in to fill a gap after the Astwood Bank Operatic Society were forced to cancel their show.

As usual, Final Night brought Shipstonians out in their hundreds to the High St for another legendary night thanks to the sheer quality of the acts including the two competition winners. Barney Porter of headline band Wired attributed the amazing atmosphere not only to the great supportive spirit of Shipston residents but also to England having just won the penalty shootout!



Young Musicians concert, Barcheston

The Proms committee offers a massive thank you to everybody involved in this huge community event: sponsors, fundraisers, artists, venues and festival goers. See you all in 2025!



Dirt Road Band

All photos: credit Chris Roberts/Widerview Visual Media



Shipston Food Festival



Shipston Food Festival comes to town on Sunday 8th September, 10am-3pm, offering at least 35 stalls selling products ranging from fruit, veg and meat to delicatessen and bakery products, to ready-to-eat savouries and sweets. There are even goodies for pets and beautiful home ceramics – something for everyone!

The high-quality market traders snapped up all the available places in record time.

The event is put on by Stour Valley Lions with support from the Town Council, and they are looking to attract as many visitors as possible. As with all Lions' events, all profits go to local causes. Last year's proceeds helped to fund Christmas packs at the Shipston Food Hub, a free Film Party for senior residents, and benefit many local charities from Lion's Den Grants.

For a full list of who will be there, and a map to help you locate your favourite stalls, go to www.shipstonfoodfestival.org or scan the QR code.

Look out for the prize raffle ticket sales, as always with generous prizes ranging from gliding to 2,000ft at Edgehill, a Supercar experience at Shenington, Pinnock's Ultimate Gin Experience for two, a family ticket to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, a luxury food hamper at least £100 and many more.



Bookfest

Shipston Bookfest programme now live



Shipston's first-ever Bookfest is excited to announce that the programme of events is now live. Bookfest runs from 21st-29th September in various locations across the town.

The first Sunday opens with a double bill, starting at 3pm with a panel of four hugely successful female authors who all write psychological thrillers. Discussing how they write nail-biting suspense and complex characters, this promises to be a sparkling start to our season. This is immediately followed by the Bookfest launch party, featuring local authors and creatives, many of whom will be appearing during Bookfest week. Come and meet them for FREE from 5pm. Both events take place in the Townsend Hall.

There are events on throughout the week. On Tuesday, the Shipston & District Literary Society hosts actor Anton Lesser (Endeavour, Game of Thrones) as he discusses transforming the written word to the screen. On Wednesday, Shipston author Sue Law and the Shipston Amateur Dramatics Society will help bring to life Sue's book, the Dark Side of the Cut, about crimes and misdemeanours on Victorian canals. Thirst Edition is hosting a Sherlock Holmes Murder Mystery Night on 26th September. This will be a ticket-only night. Contact David at Thirst Edition for more information.

As we hit the weekend, there is a star-studded programme of events. On Friday night we welcome Dame Prue Leith to the Bookfest, talking about her incredible career including cookbooks, novels and her television roles on The Great British Bake-Off and Prue Leith's Cotswold Kitchen.

Saturday 28th September is packed: acclaimed author Val Bourne joins us at 11am for a talk on organic gardening, and from 12 noon Stratford-based crime author Angela Dandy will treat us to a literary lunch in partnership with The Bower House. Angela's fourth novel in her series The Silveries, Silver Lining, launches at the event. At 3pm, we are excited to bring debut novelist PJ Ellis to Shipston; his romantic comedy Love and Other Scams is funny, clever and bang on trend.

Our final Saturday event is Sunday Times multi-million copy bestselling author Adele Parks. Talking us through an illustrious career and sharing her latest novel, First Wife's Shadow, this is an exceptional event and not to be missed.

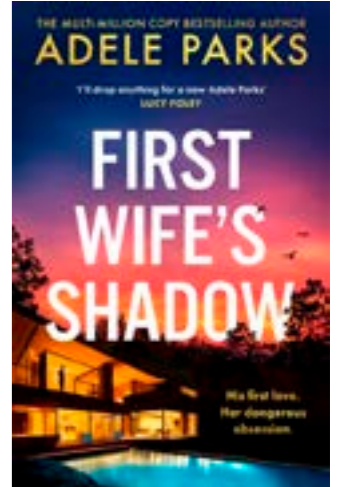
Our adult programme concludes on Sunday. Sophie Flynn, author of four novels, will lead a creative workshop on how to get published, and Oxford author Simon Mason will close the Bookfest with a talk about his crime novels. Described as the 'Morse for the 2020s', Simon's stories are sharp and poignant.

Bookfest is also running a number of children's events, all of which are FREE, with authors visiting both the Primary and High Schools and the Youth Group. We are excited to bring Emily Lloyd-Gale, a picture-book author, to Shipston Library for a special story time on Saturday 29th September, and Calypso Kids will be running a special books, music and crafts session for us on the Sunday morning. Please book a ticket for these two events via our website to reserve a space.

This Bookfest is only possible through the generous help of sponsors, fundraising and ticket sales, so please do come along and support us and make the Bookfest a new annual

feature in Shipston's amazing community.

Details of all the events can be found at www.shipstonbookfest.org or scan the QR code. A Bookfest programme will be distributed in September and available across the town, but book early to avoid disappointment as some of our events have limited capacity. You can also come and meet the Bookfest team at Shipston Lions' second-hand book sale on Saturday 21st September.



Shipston Museum takes to the field

Children at Ilmington School were astonished to see what appeared to be a Martian buggy driving round the field opposite their school and sent their headmaster to find out what was going on.

The strange rig was in fact a very sophisticated magnetometer commissioned by volunteers from Shipston Museum to search into Ilmington's Anglo-Saxon past. It carries eight caesium vapour detectors that should pick up traces of the original Norman Manor and earlier fortified Anglo Saxon 'Burh' that may have marked the origins of the village (in the ninth century by a character called Wulfgeat). The rig is made entirely of plastic and rides on skids rather than wheels as it cannot have any magnetic metal parts that would affect its sensitivity. The detectors are housed in the small white tubes on the back of the rig. The Museum is looking forward to seeing the survey results.

The rig and the all-terrain towing vehicle were provided by the local geophysics company Zetica and the access to the land was granted by Martin Taylor, to whom Shipston Museum is profoundly grateful.



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A project run by Christians Together in Shipston

Singing Down Memory Lane

Come along and join in with the singing for people with memory issues and their carers.

First Wednesday of the month.
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Shipston Lodge, Tileman's Lane
Shipston on Stour, CV36 4QG

Accompanied by Nick Nickerson on guitar

Refreshments provided
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Shipston on Stour - A Dementia Friendly Community. www.shwp.org.uk

Shipston Primary School

Reading for the curriculum week

Our Reading for the Curriculum Week is an annual event in June, enriching the curriculum with a variety of visitors and tasks. The theme for this year was religion and worldviews. Each year group studied aspects of one of the main world religions and created artwork related to that religion. Reception and Year 1 hugely enjoyed creating carnival music and staging a carnival around the grounds as part of their work on Christianity. Year 2 learnt about Buddhism. The children had great fun learning about the Wesak Festival and the story of the Buddha. They also created some beautiful artwork including lotus flowers and lanterns. In Year 3, children discovered more about how Ramadan is celebrated. Year 4 have been learning about Judaism and the celebration of Passover. The children created Matzah bread which reminds Jewish people about slavery and the freedom of slaves. They also created Afikomen bags to put their Matzah bread into. Afikomen is the middle part of the Matzah bread which is broken off and hidden during Seder. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed being creative this week and incorporating the learning of a religion into various subjects! Year 5 studied Hinduism and created Holi patterns and Year 6 enjoyed creating a model of a Sikh Temple. Everybody had a wonderful week diving into learning about the different religions. Many thanks to all our visitors who came in during the week to help us learn so much in lots of fun ways.



Meeting the Mayor

John Dinnie, our Town Mayor, and Ethan Liddell, our newest councillor with responsibility for youth engagement, came in to meet with our school council and discuss how they can work together to help make our town the best place it can be. The children learned more about how the Town Council is elected, what each member's role is and some of the reasons why we may choose to work in service of others. School Council has led superbly on our work around sustainability this year and are looking forward to closer relations with the Town Council in the future. Many thanks to Ms Young and Mrs. Chadwick for all their hard work to oversee all of the work School Council do.

3 Be's general election

On Thursday 4th July, the actual General Election day, we held our own election to decide which of our 3 Be's we consider to be the most important: Be Kind, Be Ready or Be Responsible. All staff and pupils voted. The results were: Be Kind: 180 votes; Be Ready: 56 votes; Be Responsible: 155 votes.

Shipston Proms Primary Concert

We held a Proms primary school concert as part of the annual celebration of music. Talented young musicians from across Stour Federation schools came to perform in front of a good audience turn-out. We were treated to bin drumming, guitar and piano recitals as well as a choir performance involving the whole audience. Many thanks to all the children who entertained families so wonderfully, to Kris from Top of the Rock, Jules from Longborough Opera, Mrs. Collins, Charlotte Haines (Chair of Shipston Proms) for their support and to Mrs. Roberts for all her work coordinating the event.

Shipston High School

What an event-filled end we have had to the academic year! With all the GCSE exams, Year 10 mock exams ending, and Year 9 options confirmed, we welcomed in our new Year 7s.

Our Year 10 and 11 students spent the day at Drayton Manor as a reward for working so hard for their GCSEs and Year 10 mock exams. Both year groups had a fabulous day on the rides - as did the staff!

Our Year 8 students visited Kew Gardens and enjoyed wandering around seeing all the exotic plants and flowers, walking the sky high bridge and taking part in workshops looking at natural environments and habitats. And we shared the day with King Charles and the Emperor of Japan who were there on a State visit.



You may have spotted some of our Year 7 students who were out collating data on traffic, building use and the environment around Shipston as part of their Geography fieldwork as they assessed the area where most of them live.

We have had an extremely full sports calendar with students out playing tennis, participating in the District Athletics along with Sports Day, Hawaiian Hockey Tournament and our usual competitive fixtures. We also ran an inclusion week in school for students to learn how no matter what disability you may have, there is a sport you can participate in and enjoy. Students played blind football, Boccia and Goalball. Thank you to the University of Worcester for running this for us.

With the election being the big event of July, we ran a mock election for students to appreciate our democratic society and how voting works. This included activities in tutor times based around the main political parties, a visit from our Town Mayor John Dinnie and Town Councillor Ethan Liddell who spoke with students about their roles in supporting the town, along with debates from different parties' manifestos.



It was wonderful to see photos of our Year 10 students enjoying their work experience week. We received some fabulous feedback from employers with two students receiving job offers for part time work.

Our Year 7 and 8 students also had visitors from several companies and industries to discuss career options. Thank you to the companies who delivered inspiring presentations.



Urgently wanted!

Volunteer drivers for the Shipston Link Community Bus

The Link is one of the town's great assets having existed for over 30 years. It operates daily services to and from the surrounding villages. All the drivers - retired, semi retired and younger - are unpaid volunteers. All enjoy driving and are greatly appreciated by passengers.

If you have a morning or afternoon to spare weekly or even monthly, please contact Link Chairman Phil Wreford on philwreford@hotmail.com or 01295 680294.

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The Link needs YOU!

Shipston Music Society

What a pleasure it was to see so many members and guests of the Shipston Music Society at the last concert of 2023/2024 season. This was held at St. Edmund's Church in Shipston and was a concert by Divertimento, a choir of 30 singers based in Leamington who are 'passionate about all things vocal from the Renaissance to the present day'.

The programme for our concert was entitled New Wine, Old Bottles and celebrated some of this year's many anniversaries. The first was Anton Bruckner (b. 1824); Locus Iste is one of his famous motets. Composed in the classic-romantic style for four part choir with a relatively simple chord structure, it is one of his most popular sacred works. We then heard a version of the same text being used by a living composer Will Todd (1970). The dissonant chords sustained by the choir with a delicate piano accompaniment created an ethereal effect.

This interesting format of an original composition followed by a present-day version of the same text was used on three more occasions during the evening. Beati quorum via by Charles Villiers Stanford (d. 1924) uses text from Psalm 119 and is for six-part choir. Janet Wheeler (1957) set the tone of her version of the same text with angelic writing of the upper voices supported by a lullaby-type accompaniment from the tenors and basses.

After the interval our third comparison was Bogoroditse Devo (Ave Maria) by Rachmaninov (1873-1943), taken from his All-Night Vigil (or Vespers). With rich harmony and distinctive dynamic markings, it is an overwhelming outpouring of praise for the virgin mother, Mary. Bogoroditse Devo by Cheryl Frances-Hoad (1980) is in eight parts with rich vocal passages and a rolling quaver ostinato creating a peaceful, calm atmosphere.

Jubilate Deo by Gabrieli (published in 1613) is another eight part work composed in the style of a Renaissance madrigal and Jubilate Deo by Peter Anglea (1988), a powerful jazz piece for mixed chorus and piano. With additional percussive elements from the choir this was a true outpouring of praise!

Also included were Summertime, The Girl from Ipanema, I Love my Love and others, which created an exciting and varied programme. To finish was The Pink Panther by Mancini (with ad lib percussion!) and Quick! We have but a Second by Stanford – bringing the audience to their feet!

This was an excellent evening's entertainment by a choir whose members all love to sing! Their enthusiasm was evident in every item; they all responded well to their conductor, they produced a confident, powerful sound but were able to balance that with some gentle, softer singing when required. We do hope they will come again in the future.

Shipston Rotary

Rotary President Fay Ivens was delighted to present Barbara Newell, a highly valued and compassionate Rotarian for over 20 years, with a very well deserved Paul Harris Fellowship at the recent handover dinner. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary in 1905.



Raising funds for Shipston Home Nursing

Shipston Home Nursing, which provides hospice care at home, has two new fundraising events. Sunday 8th September is the Walton Hall 10k run/walk, starting and finishing in the beautiful grounds of Walton Hall near Wellesbourne. This event was postponed in April due to poor weather, so we are hopeful of some sunshine in September! Enter as an individual or gather a group of friends or colleagues to enter as a team. When you register you can also set up your own fundraising page which enables friends and family to support you and Shipston Home Nursing.

On Friday 20th September, we'll be hosting our annual golf day at Feldon Valley near Brailes. It's a great day in beautiful surroundings and includes coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, 18-holes of golf and a two-course lunch. There will also be drinks available on the course, a raffle and an auction!

For further information and to enter, please visit www.shipstohomenursing.co.uk or contact the fundraising team at fundraising@shipstohomenursing.co.uk

Shipston Literary Society

From Page to Screen with Anton Lesser.

From wily Maester Qyburn in Game of Thrones to the historical Sir Thomas More, actor Anton Lesser has brought many book characters alive on stage and screen. He says: 'Please join me for an actor's perspective on moving from Page to Screen at the Shipston Literary Society event on Tuesday 24th September at St Edmunds Church.'

Anton has played many other popular roles, such as the chief inspector in Endeavour and, more recently, a priest in Dagleish. He says he will be happy to respond to any questions, which do not have to be limited to book-based characters.

This is the first event of the Shipston and District Literary Society's coming season. Tickets are free for members and £10 otherwise, on sale locally (Richard Harvey 28 Church Street, Shipston) and via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/page-to-screen-tickets-941815975937>

Put the date in your diary now!

For more details, contact Vice Chairman Alison Hook on alisonincherington@hotmail.co.uk or Secretary Susan Walker on shipstonlitsoc@outlook.com.

Saturday Sewing Day

Bring your machine, your project, and a bite for lunch to the next Saturday Sewing Day on 24th August, 10am-3pm at the Hall at Cherington. The cost for the day is £6, parking is free and we supply the rest. Saturdays are also our Community Sewing Days where we make use of donated and leftover fabrics from projects and turn them into something useful. This year we are making tote bags that can be donated to the local Food Bank, or used for taking personal items home from a stay in hospital. All we need are willing hands to help us make as many as we can and save these fabrics from landfill.

You do not need to sew – we need help with cutting out, pinning and ironing too. If you're able to help with any of the tasks, and even sewing, we'd love to see you. Community Sewing participation is free. Email us on stourstitchers@gmail.com for further information.



Astronomical Society News

The Stratford upon Avon Astronomical Society meets every first and third Tuesdays at 8pm in Alderminster Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. The first Tuesday club night is on 6th August. The speaker at 8pm on Tuesday 20th August is Prof Anu Ojha from the University of Leicester and the UK Space Agency, with a talk called 'Space – so what?' based on a talk he gave to the Royal Institution earlier this year and he will be bringing a real space suit.

Each month one of our members, Adrian Wakeham, writes an article on aspects of astronomical observation. This month it is the second part of his look at summer stars.

With shorter, brighter nights upon us, we have the brighter stars for naked eye or binocular observers. Three obvious stars are fairly much overhead, the summer (right-angled) triangle of Altair, Vega and Deneb. Running through this, heading towards Cassiopeia, (the W you can see in the sky) is the Milky Way (to be precise, an adjoining arm). The haziness you see is countless stars.

One of my favourite summer stars is Arcturus, (which is a continuation of the plough handle). It's one of the brightest stars in the northern hemisphere, and appears yellow. It is actually a red giant, fairly close at 37 light years. It is 25 times the diameter of the Sun, 170 times brighter, but only slightly heavier.

My other favourite is to be found towards the southern horizon and is plainly pink. This is Antares, (from Greek origin meaning the rival of Mars), and is a red giant at 550 light years away. It is 700 times the diameter of our Sun (which means it would actually stretch out to Mars's orbit in our solar system). It will end its life in a supernova in the next few thousand years. So enjoy it whilst it is still about! Happy observing!

Club nights offer more information on what to look out for each month and if it is clear we do some observing outside the Village Hall, so please join us. For more details go to the website <http://www.astro.org.uk> or contact the Chair John Waller john.waller@astro.org.uk or on 07703 192188.

Join a special year of singing

Stour Singers are looking forward to returning to rehearsals in September, for what is set to be a very special year. The choir was formed by its director Richard Emms in 1975, therefore this season will mark its 50th anniversary and, of course, it will be a Golden year for Richard in his remarkable achievement of leading the choir throughout this time.

Richard has selected a glorious pair of programmes for the season's performances. In December our Christmas concert will include Vivaldi's Magnificat and Beatus vir, excerpts from the ever-popular Handel's Messiah, plus carols for both the choir and audience. For the anniversary concert next May



Image Credit: Pete Lawrence of the BBC



we will be performing Brahms' Requiem, and are delighted that the four hands at the piano accompanying us will be the wonderful Lynn Arnold and Charles Matthews. It truly will be a concert of local musical legends!

Would you like to be part of this momentous year? You might be a seasoned chorister looking for a new challenge, but perhaps you haven't sung since school, or have wanted to join a choir for some time but have been nervous to do so. Under Richard's skilled direction you don't need to have prior experience or even be able to read music. Come along with a friend or partner (we have a number of couples in the choir – singing is a great hobby to pursue together), or just know that there'll be new friends waiting for you when you arrive. At concerts you'll experience the buzz of performing alongside professional soloists and musicians, not to mention the health and wellbeing benefits of singing together each week. We are particularly looking to increase our number of male voices so if there are any men out there who'd like to give us a go, we'd absolutely love to meet you.

Stour Singers rehearse on Thursdays from 7.30-9.30pm at Shipston Primary School, and rehearsals re-start on 5th September. For more information, check out our website www.stoursingers.org.uk, contact our coordinator Gayle on 07791 769102 or at stoursingers@gmail.com, or just come along on the night.

Rotakids

Rotakids is the junior version of Rotary. Shipston Rotarian Nigel Willis has been organising Rotakids at Ettington Church of England Primary School for nearly 10 years and explains how it works:

First the members, who are in Year 6 at Ettington, read out the Rotakids pledge. They all receive their Rotakids badges and wristbands. The officers, president, secretary and treasurer are appointed by secret ballot.

The president then asks for suggestions as to which charity the Rotakids should raise funds for. This year, after a lot of debate Cancer Research UK was chosen.

This is where it gets difficult – how best to raise the money! With a little guidance from their form teacher Mr Higgitt, they planned a day of games and sports. The classes took turns to kick penalties, throw balls at stumps, negotiate an obstacle course, among other activities.

Each activity carried a prize of a sweet for the successful participant. This excellent project raised over £500 for the charity and the treasurer took his responsibilities very seriously. President Erin was an excellent leader ensuring that everyone was involved in the whole process.

The enthusiasm and commitment of these mostly 10 year olds is a joy to behold!

Nigel, accompanied by Rotarian Georgina Beaumont, was invited to attend the end of year school assembly where they presented President Erin with a Rotakids Stars certificate.

If you would like a Rotakids club in your school, please contact Rotary President Fay Ivens.

County Council

Competent, in touch and delivering for you. That's what I've been reflecting on while I'm on holiday. (I was glad I booked a holiday straight after the election - I've certainly needed it.)

As I write from a sun lounger with cicadas singing, a long way from home, I've been able to unwind. When people ask why they didn't get a leaflet, receive a visit etc I can safely tell you it was not for lack of trying, shoe leather and the hard grind of elections.

I know from many of you that staying in touch, frequently via Facebook, is a good thing. I've even got my finger on the pulse today. We seem to have had a spate of burglaries so when I'm back I'll see if Sid and I can leverage a bit more coverage (not for the first time). When I was (a lot) younger I remember having to book a phone call home from a central exchange. Now I'm on a phone with more power than my first PC. The world has shrunk and actually I think I like it. When I was first elected, I received a call about - you guessed it - Orbit, at a wind-blasted campsite in Barra, so I'm rarely out of contact or touch.

Competence and delivery really matter to me. I got into local politics sort of by accident - I was elected on General Election Day 2010 when I was standing for Parliament elsewhere - and I hope that by sticking with it, doing the job, supporting a lot of people and being part of the community, I've shown it was a happy accident for all of us. I am driven batty by bureaucracy and lack of pace in local government compared to business. But that frustration does drive me to get things done - faster and better. So I haven't had any complaints about the resurfacing of New Street, which I hope has gone smoothly (pun intended).

I've used the word hope a lot. Politicians who talk of hope can often be derided for lack of certainty. I think if we don't talk of hope then how can we expect others to have any? My hope for Shipston is that we continue as a community coming together for each other. There are too many examples to list, but it is a privilege to be a small part of it.

As a PS, I have railed against using words like emergency and crisis to describe any hard-to-understand event or activity. That for me is very anti-hope. So I'll take the example of where I am in Turkey. We have power cuts. The grid cannot keep up with demand for air con and tourists' pools! And that is with solar heating, solar panels and lots of sun to power them. In Shipston this summer has been a bit meh - without wind or much sun - how can we hope to power ourselves in winter with renewables? Some, yes, but our transition surely needs to be gentle, without reliance on imported gas and oil? In the Shipston area we have highly (and not so highly) productive agricultural land with which to feed ourselves. Balance and pragmatism. That's what we need. I'll sign off now. See you for a coffee at the George in August.

Yours ever, Jo
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Letters

Volunteer roles

Time on your hands, want to help others, gain skills, meet people?

I'm Karen, the Volunteer Coordinator at Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (CAVA) for Stratford District. I help people to find volunteer roles, and I help voluntary organisations to find volunteers. If you'd like to discuss volunteering, please email karen.minors@wcava.org.uk and I can call you, email some suggestions, meet up with you to talk about options or help you to apply for roles.

If you're a voluntary organisation needing to recruit volunteers, drop me an email.

This is a free service.

From Karen Minors

District Council

Planning permission for 34 new homes on land at the end of Webb Road has been applied for by Lone Star Developments. This includes 12 affordable homes restricted to occupation for use by over 55 year olds. Like many residents we are worried that Shipston already has an extremely overstretched infrastructure due to the surge in housebuilding in the last 10 years. The District Council Core Strategy planned for 510 homes to be built between 2011 and 2031. We have already had over 700 built and at the same time we have lost our hospital and fire station.

Many valid objections have been raised by residents, including damage to wildlife and the possible further overstretching of the drainage and sewerage systems. Another good reason for objection is that the access to the site along Webb Road was only built to a standard to service the 25 homes already built.

This site was allocated as a 'reserved site' in the Stratford Core Strategy and the Shipston Neighbourhood Plan. This meant the land will only be released for development if certain conditions are met. These are to do with a shortfall in suitable sites in other parts of the District near large employment centres like Gaydon. These conditions have not been met. Shipston has already contributed more of its fair share of houses to the District. We need much more investment in infrastructure before we build more.

The County Council has revised its plan on changes to the Fire Service and restored on-call night cover at Bidford, Henley, Wellesbourne and Southam. It's disappointing that Shipston was not included and the night cover restored here as well. The revised plan still mothballs Shipston Fire Station for the foreseeable future. We need a further public consultation on the revised plan so that Shipston can put the case to keep its fire cover.

The postponed SDC Climate Assembly is now being held on Thursday, 5th September, 10am-5pm in the Council Chamber. It marks the fifth anniversary of the council declaring a climate emergency. There will be workshops on sustainable business, biodiversity and river health, litter and waste, energy, adaptation, community action, and transport. In each workshop, the relevant officer and local stakeholders will input what is happening and the plans for the future. They are all open to the public and can be booked through Eventbrite: see this page on the SDC website: www.stratford.gov.uk/environment. Please come and get involved.

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RNLI Day

Many thanks to Sarah Taylor our financial guru, The Post Office, Turners vegetable shop, The Bower House (for loan of a chair), especially The George Townhouse and good wishes from Mayor John Dinnie, for their support in RNLI Collecting Day on 13 July. Our volunteer collectors enjoyed mostly fine weather and the kind people of Shipston and district helped us raise almost £600. Thank you all for your support. Shipston is always very generous to the RNLI. We do appreciate it.

From Jenny Plenderleith



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Highways customer services	01926 412515
Severn Trent Emergency Line:	0800 7834444
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Link (local transport)	01386 593446
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Townsend Hall	07514 704057
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
UCHW Hospital	024 7696 4000
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
Local police (non emergency)	101
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- but the sooner you can notify the editor of a potential story the better.

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