



Shipston Forum

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Shipston Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to referendum

Shipston's draft Neighbourhood Plan has been given the green light to proceed to a public referendum. Following close inspection by an independent examiner, and a six week consultation period, the plan is on course for a public vote in the early summer.

The inspector raised a number of points which the Neighbourhood Plan team is working through. As a result, some policies and graphics in the plan are being amended or removed to ensure the considerations are taken on board.

Following completion of the updates, Stratford District Council will begin the process of organising a public referendum. The referendum is a simple yes or no vote regarding whether the town should adopt the Neighbourhood Plan. All adults registered to vote within the town will have the opportunity to have their say.

If adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan will become a material consideration in any new development proposed for the town. In addition, the town will receive 25% of the new Community Infrastructure Levy funds sourced from future new developments of over ten houses built in the town.

Look out for a more detailed insight into the key policies in the Neighbourhood Plan which will be published in the Forum prior to the referendum.

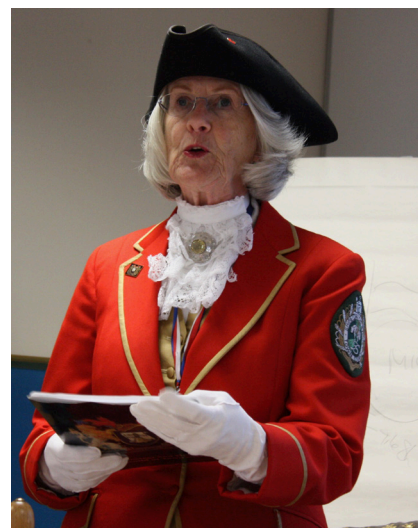


Shipston's neighbourhood plan
Our town, our plan, our future.

Residents encouraged to attend Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting takes place on the 19th April from 7pm at Shipston High School.

The Annual Town Meeting provides a snapshot of all the services and key projects completed across the financial year, from April 2017 to March 2018. Many of the town's clubs and societies produce annual reports, and Shipston's district and county councillors will also be on hand to share a review from the wider area.



Residents are given the opportunity to ask questions and share their views on the services

and decisions of the council.

Mayor, Dan Scobie, said: "All councils are required to hold an Annual Town Meeting. It's an important opportunity for residents to hold us to account and share their ideas, suggestions and views. I hope to see as many people in attendance as possible."

Town Crier, Marion Lowe (pictured left) will formally open the meeting



Shipston voted best place to live in the Midlands - again!

Shipston has been designated the best place to live in the Midlands by The Sunday Times for the second year running. See the town council's Facebook page for more details.

Mayor's column



Just when you think we've seen the worst of winter past, nature has its way of catching us out. In March we saw two significant weather events in Shipston, and as I write this there are warnings of another.

When the snow hit Shipston it really demonstrated how well the town pulls together. There were some fantastic stories circulating at the time. I understand that a nurse at the Ellen Badger stayed at the hospital overnight to ensure that there was nursing cover the following morning, an act that's both generous and shows huge commitment to patients. There were numerous reports of people clearing snow from the pathways of neighbours, and of shopping being done for those who are less mobile.

The thaw and rain that followed brought about a sharp increase in water levels. This shows how we need to continue to work to reduce the risks of flooding.

In amongst the snow I also learnt an important lesson. One of our neighbours is an older person who lives alone. She's still very active and has good friends so I presumed she would already have been asked about anything she needed. My wife called as we were in town anyway, and she did need a few things. It made me realise how important it is to ask if someone needs help.

Finally, I want to thank all the staff, workers, carers, and people of Shipston who work so well at these times. I know there are an awful lot of people that are very grateful for everything that's done.

Dan Scobie

Applications invited to help fund healthcare projects and equipment

Shipston residents battling ill health or injury are being urged to apply for financial assistance.

The call comes from the WPH Charitable Trust – a body of trustees made up of medical and non-medical professionals – which distributes some £250,000 of financial aid every year.

Individuals and organisations who work towards preventing, relieving and curing ill health are also among those urged to apply. Grants are also given to community and private projects in the area which aim to improve the lives or quality of life of people battling ill health or injury.

Recent grants include £1,500 for a mobility scooter for a 51-year-old mother who would otherwise find it difficult to get out and about, and £1,500 towards a project teaching people with mental health issues how to cook and eat healthily. Shipston residents are among those who have previously benefited from WPH Charitable Trust.

David Holt, Chairman of the WPH Charitable Trust trustees, said: "If you think you may qualify for assistance, the WPH Charitable Trust actively encourages you to get in touch."

The Trust was established in 1994 and since then thousands of people across the area have benefited directly or indirectly from Trust funds. For further information, or to make an application, visit the WPH Charitable Trust website on <http://www.warwickshirehealthcharity.org.uk/>



Zoe Ball zips through Shipston on her Sport Relief Challenge

Many Shipston residents were lucky enough to catch a glimpse of Zoe Ball as she sped through the town during her epic cycle in aid of Sport Relief.

Zoe completed a gruelling five-day ride from Blackpool to Brighton, finally coming to a finish at Brighton Pier having travelled over 350 miles. Her aim was to raise awareness and funds for those with mental illness, following the loss of her boyfriend, Billy Yates, in 2017.

At the time of writing, "Zoe's Hardest Road Home" challenge had raised over £500,000.

To find out more about Zoe's challenge, visit: <https://www.sportrelief.com/news-and-tv/zoes-hardest-road-home>. Photo courtesy of Will Davies



Seeking help from Drugs Action Shipston

Drugs Action Shipston (DASH) was formed over a decade ago to help tackle what was then a significant drug problem in Shipston. It is supported by local police, the district and county councils, Shipston Town Council, The Medical Centre and local schools.

Hundreds of young people have received education, counselling, and support through DASH and there is no longer the drugs problem there once was. However, the group is committed to its motto "Prevention not cure" and is keen to ensure young people can continue to access services and support when needed. Here are the numbers you need:

Local Medical Centre:
01608 661845

Text your School Nurse (11-18 year olds):
07507 331525

Compass:
0800 088 7248 (in confidence)
compasswarwickshire@compass-uk.org
www.compass-uk.org

ESH Works (Parental support):
01926 889356
info@eshworks.org
www.eshworks.org



News from Shipston Town Council's March meeting

Hot topics:

Floral display: Following concerns raised last month about the changes made to a flower bed on the Stratford Road, Shipston in Bloom has explained that the tubs are more appropriate for that area as water hadn't been reaching the plants properly in the past due to the bed's position. This will be discussed further at the next General Purposes Working Group meeting.

Lorry frustration: Marianne Westwood reported that lorries have been accessing the new Orbit site via Angela's Meadow despite promising not to do so. The Town Clerk will contact the developer and housing association.

Flooding: Councillors raised concerns about flooding caused by recent rainfall and melting snow which may have been exacerbated by work on development sites on the Campden Road. The council will seek advice from Stratford District Council as to the appropriate next steps.

No parking: Alison Henderson raised the no parking signs that have been put up around the Pettifer's Garage site. The signs don't look official and have alarmed people with threats to tow vehicles away. It is unclear who has put the signs up. The Town Clerk will check who owns the land and try to contact them.

Pothole reporting: A number of new potholes have appeared following recent bad weather. Residents are reminded that these can be reported online on the county council's fault reporting system. Once reported, repairs to the most serious potholes often take place within 24 hours. For details, visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/potholes>

Late buses: County councillor, Jo Barker, will look into reports of the late running of the 906 bus following a complaint raised by Jackie Warner.

Campaigning for Shipston:

Neighbourhood Plan: The Inspector has recommended that the Neighbourhood Plan proceeds to referendum (see page 1). The council has set aside up to £1500 to cover all remaining costs to take the plan to referendum stage.

Progress on the Crest Nicholson site: The Town Council will decline ownership of open space on the Crest Nicholson

site (Campden Road South, adjacent to Oldbutt Road) as it would be an additional cost to the council to maintain. Councillors have recommended that a path be installed to link the new site to existing developments and will look into ways to ensure boundaries are maintained.



Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) wish list: Marianne Westwood has begun to put together a wish list of projects the CIL money could be used to fund. CIL replaces s106 as the system used to secure money from developers to mitigate the impact of new housing on a local area. The CIL wish list is designed to capture large scale projects the town may wish to pursue in the long term. No decisions will be made about individual projects until funds become available.

Car park report: Shipston Town Council has formally adopted the parking survey. In the absence of specific parking provision, councillors will look to object to applications in the town centre, although each will be judged on a case by case basis.

Support for SAFAG: Following the comprehensive report provided at last month's meeting, councillors have approved a grant of £5,000 to Shipston Area Flood Action Group to help fund some of the group's flood prevention work.

Town Council business:

Civic Service date announced: This year's Civic Service will take place at 3pm on 13th May 2018 at St Edmund's Church. All welcome.

Community Speedwatch update: The team is expecting to have access to the speedwatch equipment in July and will report results to the September town council meeting.

Churchyard repair: The Town Clerk is looking into costs to repair the Churchyard wall.

Shipston Award Guidelines: The Communications Working Group has updated the guidance for the Shipston Award which states that the award is intended to be awarded to an individual or organisation for exceptional services to the community of Shipston. These are likely to be of a voluntary, not-for-profit, or charitable nature.

Heritage Centre funding application considered

In her role as temporary chair of the Heritage, Amenities and Leisure Projects working Group, Marianne Westwood has begun looking into a possible application for European funding to pay for a new heritage centre in Shipston. The centre could be based at the former council offices and would house the artefacts from the current Shipston Museum (such as those pictured), as well as providing additional activities and heritage assets for the town and visitors.

Although there was a huge amount of support for the proposed scheme, concerns have been raised about its long term viability and the role of the town council in maintaining any new facility.

In recognition of the tight deadline set to apply for European funding, the HALP working group will continue to work on the application and associated proposals with a view to presenting a robust plan at an extra meeting of Shipston Town Council on 23 April.



Busy month ahead for Shipston Home Nursing

From fashion to fitness, it's all happening for Shipston Home Nursing this month.



With spring finally here, Shipston Home Nursing is holding its annual 10k run or walk at Walton Hall. An event suitable for all the family, participants are invited to enjoy the stunning surroundings of Walton Hall, whether they're trying to beat a personal best or enjoy a leisurely stroll.

Adults and children are welcome (£5 and £3 respectively), while dogs are also welcome on leads. Refreshments will be available to purchase.

For something a little less energetic, the popular Designer and Second Hand Clothes Sale returns on Saturday 21st April at the Sheldon Bosley Hub. Entry is free and there are bargains to be had – all in aid of a good cause. The sale opens from 09:30am – see the ad on page 16 for details.

And if that doesn't satisfy your fashion fix, why not treat yourself to the Dice Spring Fashion Show on 25th April at The Bower House. Tickets cost £30 and include a cocktail, two course dinner and coffee.

For more information or to book any of these events, please contact Rebecca Mawle on 01608 674929.

Scout breakfast draws the crowds

An incredible 130 breakfasts were served at the Scouts Jamboree fundraising breakfast last month.

The community responded to the offer of a full English – an ideal way to warm up after the wintry weather that had set in that weekend.

Approximately £540 was raised, thanks to breakfast sales, book sales and donations. The money will be used to help fund the forthcoming Jamboree in America in 2019, which three Shipston scouts will be attending.



The next fundraising event has already been planned. A family quiz night will be taking place on 12th May at 6:45pm at the Scout Hut. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for under 13s, including a burger, nachos and dips. Maximum 8 per team. For details and to book, email 24thwsjamboreefundraising@gmail.com.

Photo left to right: Town Mayor, Dan Scobie with scouts Tom, Cameron, Rebecca & Kate.



Shipston Proms line up takes shape

The line-up for the Shipston Proms fortnight festival is shaping up to offer a fabulous selection of music.

Too Fat To Kidnap and Mr. Ben will be headlining the Launch Night on Friday 15th June. At the other end of the fortnight, UK No. 1 Tribute Act 2017, Badness, and popular beat box trio, Duke, will be performing at the Last Night, alongside many more artists.

Sandwiched in between will be a rich variety of performers, including music from the popular Stratford Chamber Choir

who perform a wide variety of choral music locally, nationally and internationally, directed by the renowned musical director Stephen Dodsworth.

Alongside the more traditional concerts will be a pub trail for those who enjoy a pint or glass of wine



with their music.

More acts will be announced as the Proms get closer. Keep an eye on the Shipston Proms website (www.shipstonproms.org) and social media sites for the latest updates.

If you are able to help at any time during the fortnight please get in touch at shipstonproms@gmail.com – the team would love to hear from you.



Sweet tooth? Shipston's newest shop has plenty of treats in store

Last month saw the opening of a brand new shop on Church Street called Bee Sweet. Run by Brenda Upton, the shop is ideal for those in need of a sugar fix.

The shop was officially opened by Mayor, Dan Scobie, on 3rd March. Despite the heavy snowfall, the shop was very busy with customers of all ages.

The shop combines traditional sweets sold by weight, along with penny sweets and chocolate gifts. From sweet peanuts and pear drops to Pontefract cakes and chocolate limes, there are many old-fashioned treats in the store, alongside classics such as jelly babies and flying saucers.

Best of luck to Brenda with her new venture.

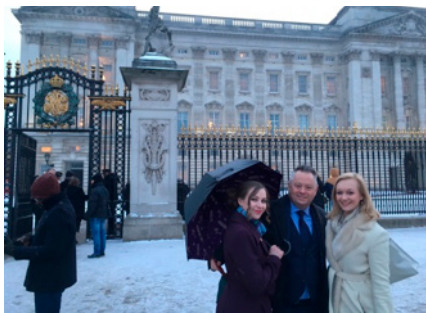


Photo courtesy of the Shipston Bugle

A right Royal occasion for Fran Stary

Stour Valley Lions President, Fran Stary, had the pleasure of attending the Centennial Celebration of Lions Club International at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday the 28th February.

The event was hosted by Lions Club International Patron HRH The Countess of Wessex. The reception was held in recognition of the contribution made by Lions Clubs International and each individual Lion over the course of the past 100 years. Fran said "What an honour to have been a part of it and meeting many like-minded people".



Shipston resident nominated for volunteer award

Local resident, Oliver Highway (pictured right), has been nominated by the Brain Tumour Charity for its 'Volunteer of the Year' award.



Oliver is an enthusiastic supporter of the Brain Tumour Charity, which fights brain tumours on all fronts through research, awareness and support to save lives and improve quality of life.

Oliver has been involved in numerous fundraising events and regularly attends meetings and support groups to raise awareness of the condition and help improve early diagnosis.

If you're quick, you might still have time to register your vote before voting closes on 31st March. To find out more about Oliver's work and that of his fellow nominees, please visit www.facebook.com/thebraintumourcharity/ and click on the 'Volunteer of the Year' video.

A packed agenda at the forthcoming SCAN Meeting

The next SCAN meeting for Shipston and surrounding communities takes place on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour.



The meeting will feature two speeches:

- Moore & Tibbits Solicitors – Planning ahead for later life (power of attorney, wills, paying for care)
- Tales & Pictures of Shipston "Yarn Bombing"

Admission is free. Please arrive from 10.00am for free refreshments, for a 10.30am start.

A PA system is in place for those who are hard of hearing. If you would like to attend SCAN meetings but have any difficulties such as personal mobility or lack of transport please telephone Jane Pearce on 01608 663491 to discuss.

For details, contact Marie Darwen on 01789 260108 or email marie.darwen@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Big Bandana Bake raises funds despite the weather!

Despite sub-zero arctic conditions and swirling snow last month, many residents braved the wintry conditions to attend the Hi-Tea at the Townsend Hall in support of The Brain Tumour Charity.

Organised by Jenny Glover, the event offered a decadent escape from 'The Beast from the East'! Around 70 people attended, raising a grand total of £1500. Thanks go to everyone who took part, including the many businesses who generously supported the raffle, cake and plant stalls, and cook book bring and buy.

Special thanks go to all those who contributed to organising the event and decorating the hall.



MONDAY

Citizens Advice Bureau: Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136

Shipston Duplicate

Bridge Club: 6.45pm for 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Rd, Shipston-on-Stour. Penny Law 663871

Shipston Badminton Club:

Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

Shipston Baby & Toddler

Group: Mondays term time only. 9.30-11am, Scout Hut. Contact shipstontoddlers@gmail.com or Facebook/shipstonbabyandtoddlergroup

Knitting & Crochet Club:

7-9pm at Low Furlong. Contact Julie Pardoe 07956 180989 or Facebook 'Shipston knitting and crochet group'.

TUESDAY

Yoga for all abilities: 9.30am-11am Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscott Road. Contact Leigh Figures 665995

Stroke Club: Fortnightly 10am-12pm The House of Bread Retreat at The Mill,

Burmington

Rhyme time for under 2s:

10.45am Shipston Library. Free. **Age Concern Lunch Club at Stour Court.** Stella 686224 **Silver Surfer Computer Lessons,** Shipston Library 2pm. Booking essential. 0300 5558171

Bingo: Alternate Tuesdays.

Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. 661886

Shipston on Stour

Rotarians: The White Bear, High Street, Shipston 7.30pm. Adrian Ramskill 07976 566525 **Cantamus:** 7.30-9.30pm, Catholic Parish Hall. Richard Emms 01608 662163.

WEDNESDAY**Coffee at St Edmunds**

Church: 10:30am – 12pm. All welcome.

U3A Chicago Bridge:

Social Bridge 2pm-4.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Roger Smith on 01608 238400.

Stour Valley Probus:

alternate Wednesdays at 10am, The George in Brailles. Roger Smith on 01608 238400. **Singing for Lung Health:** 11am, Scout Hut. Contact Rose Smith on 07905 884151

THURSDAY

Little Fishes: 9.45-11.15 am, Townsend Hall. Baby and toddler group for local families run by Stour Valley Baptist Church. £2 per child. 50p siblings. (Term time only)

Shipston Stitchers:

alternate Thursdays 10am 3pm. Catholic Church, Darlingscote Rd. Contact Kath Cheshire on 01608 663486.

Active Memory Group: First and third Thursdays, 10am - 12noon at St Edmund's Church. Alyson Spence 01608 661703 or 07725 892087

Story Stomp: Shipston Library, 10.45-11.15 am.

FREE For children aged 2-4.

Age Concern Lunch

Club: Alternate Thursdays. Gill Roach on 01295 680309

or Pauline Carr on 01386 700703

Safer Neighbourhood

Team: Fortnightly. Public surgery, 2.30pm to 3pm. New Clark House.

Exercise for the elderly:

£5. Alternate Thursdays, 2:30-4:30, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Ann Smith on 238400

Stour Singers - Richard Emms' Choral Society:

7.30 - 9.30pm Primary School Hall. Yvonne Ridley 01789 269587.

Shipston Badminton Club: Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

FRIDAY

Walks over fields with a friendly group. Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616

Shipston Probus: alternate Fridays.

Age Concern Lunch Club at Stour Court. June on 684218

Knitting & Crochet Club: 2-5pm, Rainbow Fields.

Contact Julie Pardoe 07956 180989 or Facebook 'Shipston knitting and crochet group'.

Shipston Archers: Shipston High School, indoors, 6pm till 8pm. Beginners welcome. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646

Bingo Night at Rainbow

Fields: Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.15pm. All welcome. Contact Ruth Keyte on 01608 661382

SATURDAY

Shipston Archers: Sheldon Bosley Hub, outside, 1pm till dark, weather permitting. Beginners welcome. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646

There are lots of regular classes on at venues in Shipston, including:

The Townsend Hall - www.townsendhall.com or call 07514 704057

Sheldon Bosley Hub - www.facebook.com/thehubshipston

April Diary

- 1 **St Edmund's Churchyard:** open for the summer
- 4 **Shipston Widows:** Local lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
Stratford Time Bank's Shipston Social Meeting: 1.30pm-3pm, Community Room at Stour Court. Everyone welcome
Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute: Paul Betterton – Needlemaking. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
Chronic Pain Support Group: 7:30 pm, Rainbow Fields. Contact Marianne Westwood 01608 662223
- 5 **Shipston Cancer Support Group** Drop-In Centre: 1.30pm-3.30pm, Rainbow Fields
- 6 **Shipston U3A Food & Drinks Event** – see pg 7
- 7 **Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133
- 8 **Rural Cinema Matinee:** see ad on page 9
- 9 **Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** The Children's Society, Karen Gaymond. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting: 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting: 7.30pm, The White Bear Function

Room, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact Membership Officer Lion Paul Garfield on 07828 589564 or email paulgarfield@icloud.com

- 10 **Shipston Flower Club:** 'A day at the races' demonstration. £5. Primary School. 7 for 7:30pm
- 11 **Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Fruit Growing in a Small Garden by Reg Moule. Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm. Further details from the secretary Tony Mitchell 666933
- 15 **Shipston Home Nursing: 10K Run or Walk** see article on page 4.
- 18 **Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. For further information, contact Barbara Bean on 663230
- 19 **Shipston Town Council:** Annual Town Meeting. 7pm Shipston High School. See page 16
- 20 **Stour Valley Carers Group: Supporting Dementia Carers:** 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance). Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carol Ruthven 662706 or Lizzy Feather 686013
Singing Down Memory Lane: Reminiscence Songs for people with memory problems. 2pm -3.30pm at Stour Court Community Lounge, Old Road. Contact: Barbara Smith 01608 662433
Music Society: See ad on page 7.
Norgren Bowls Green opens- any potential New Members Welcome 6.30pm
Royal British Legion: Social. A social

gathering of serving and ex-service members of HM Armed Forces at 1930 hrs in the White Bear Pub. If you miss the comradeship and friendly banter of your service days, come and take part. Open to all members, current and ex-service personnel and anyone interested in joining the RBL. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743

Rural Cinema: Breathe - see ad on page 9
Townsend Hall: Oliver Darling: See ad on page 16

21 **Shipston Home Nursing: Designer Sale** see ad on page 16

23 **Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Anaesthesia - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow by Dr David Willett. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

24 **Shipston U3A** see ad on page 7

Multiple Sclerosis Society: 'Drop in' meeting. 10.30am at the White Bear Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161

25 **Shipston Home Nursing: Spring Fashion Show.** See article on page 4

Shipston and District Literary Society: Pippa Hill - The Royal Shakespeare Company - Selecting plays and new writers. White Bear (function room), Shipston. Contact Helen Marshall 01789 74077

26 **Norgren Bowls:** Home vs Avenue Leamington 6.00pm

28 **Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group:** See pg 9.

29 **Shipston Benefice Service,** Idlicote, 10:30am

Stour Valley Carers Group

Supporting Dementia Carers

Caring for a person with memory problems?

If so, you are welcome to join our monthly support group for family carers

10.30am - 12.00 noon

Friday 19 th January	Friday 16 th February	Friday 16 th March
Friday 20 th April	Friday 18 th May	Friday 15 th June
Friday 20 th July	Friday 17 th August	Friday 21 st September
Friday 19 th October	Friday 16 th November	Friday 14 th December

Ellen Badger Hospital
Shipston-on-Stour

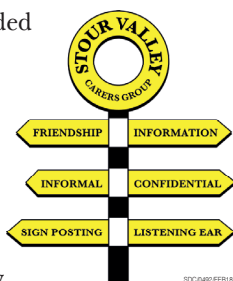
Refreshments provided

For more information call
Carol Ruthven on 01608 662706
or Lizzy Feather on 01608 686013

This group is supported by Guideposts Trust
and the Alzheimer's Society

Shipston-on-Stour

- becoming a Dementia Friendly Community



FOOD & DRINKS EVENT



For **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

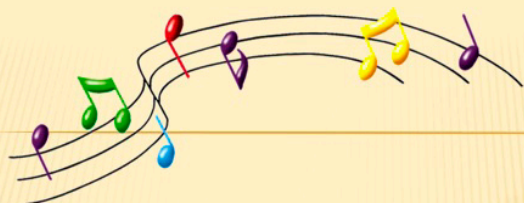
FRIDAY 6 APRIL

10 am – 3 pm

**TOWNSEND HALL, SHEEP STREET
SHIPSTON ON STOUR**

**FREE ENTRY
Tea and Coffee**

Charity Registration Number 1170969



Shipston Music Society
www.shipstonmusic.org.uk

In concert

Claire Bradshaw, mezzo soprano

Craig Ogden, classical guitar

The Methodist Church
New Street
Shipston on Stour
Friday 20th April 2018
7.30pm

Guests £6.00 – Students £3.00
Accompanied Children free
New Members always welcome
More information: 01608 662514

Registered Charity No: 1146459 (England)



Learn, Laugh & Live

**Tuesday 24th April 2018
at 2 p.m. in the Townsend Hall**



**"Music in Shakespeare"
presented by Ted Watson**



**Admission, including refreshments, £2.
Visitors are welcome**

Shipston-on-Stour Area U3A is a Registered Charity No: 1170969

Shipston Wool Fair celebrates its 10th Anniversary with an extra dose of farming fun

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Shipston Wool Fair. For those of you who don't know, this historic event was resurrected in 2009 after a lapse of around 150 years.

To mark the 10th Anniversary, a special Wool Fair Farm Day at Lower Clopton Farm, Lower Quinton, will be held on the 5th of May as a prelude to the Wool Fair itself (occurring as normal on Bank Holiday Monday 28th May).

Attractions at the Wool Fair 'Day on the Farm' will include working sheep dogs, an exhibition of vintage tractors, birds of prey on display, a farm trail, demonstrations of traditional crafts and stalls selling quality goods. Despite all this activity, entry is just £2.50 and under 3s go free.

Chair of the Wool Fair, Mrs Ronnie Murphy commented "we are delighted to be working with Lower Clopton Farm to mark this special milestone in the Wool Fair's history. This will be a memorable event and a fitting prelude to the Wool Fair itself."

Richard and Susie Baldwyn from Lower Clopton Farm said "we are delighted to welcome the Wool Fair to the farm for this special occasion. We are committed to sharing with our visitors the importance of farming and quality home-produced food, a commitment shared by the Shipston Wool Fair."

Come and join us and enjoy a fascinating and memorable 'day on the farm' at Upper Quinton, CV37 8LQ.



Bank holiday activities continue with the Brailes Three Hills Walk

Following the success of last year's event, the ever popular Brailes Three Hills Walk is back and will take place during the Bank Holiday weekend on Monday 7th May.

Starting from Brailes Village Hall between 9am and 11am, the approximately 6-mile route takes walkers over Castle Hill, Brailes Hill and Mine Hill, some of which is private land that is opened especially for the event. Some sections are a little steep but this is more than made up by the fantastic views along the way. Afterwards you can replenish your energy levels at the delicious BBQ supplied by Paddock Farm Butchery. There will also be a bar, teas and home-made cakes available.

The cost is £5.00 for adults, £1.00 for children and dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead at all times. All profits will go to Brailes Primary School and Brailes Sports Pavilion.

For further information, please visit the facebook page 'Brailes 3 Hills Walk', or contact Richard Cheney email richardcheney@btinternet.com or Lisa Bryan on 07800 771368.



A look ahead to the Wool Fair Weekend

There's no danger of being bored on the second bank holiday weekend in May – that's when Shipston will swing into action once more to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Shipston Wool Fair. The weekend will begin with a Totally Locally Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday 26th May, when Sheep Street and The Bury will be lined with local traders selling unique treats and gifts.

On Sunday, Shipston Rotary will host the Community Songs of Praise at St Edmunds Church, to which everyone is invited.

Finally, on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th May, the town centre will be transformed into a woolly wonderland as Shipston makes the most of the opportunity to celebrate its heritage.

For more details about the Wool Fair weekend, visit www.shipstonwoolfair.co.uk or see next month's Forum.



Sunday 19th August
2.30 pm, Townsend Hall

Prize raffle

Cream teas by Shipston Rotary

Show Schedules available from:
 New Clark House, Shipston Post Office,
 Creature Comforts and John Lyne's

August may seem far away, but for your blooms and produce to be ready for show day, it's time to start sowing those seeds!



SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

New Clark House
 West Street
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STOUR VALLEY LIONS PG 13



TOWNSEND HALL,
SUNDAY 8th April 2018 2.30pm

Advance Tickets £5.00 including cake/tea.
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The true love story of Robin and Diana Cavendish, an adventurous couple who refuse to give up in the face of a devastating disease.

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'Talk on Stour Valley Barn Owl Project'

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at

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Situated between Honington & Halford

on Saturday 28th April 2018 at 2pm

Admission Free – Donations Welcome
Refreshments – Raffle



Interested in joining our Wildlife Group, please
contact Richard Gray on 07977 587911

Royal British Legion, Shipston Branch

'Why I Joined The Royal British Legion...'



I'm Richard Adams, Chairman and Poppy Appeal Organiser of Shipston RBL. I'm very ashamed I never joined the Legion before coming to Shipston in 1988 having left the Army in 1970. The Army gave me a great time during my seven years' service preparing me for life in civvy street, sending me abroad, teaching me to fly and I realised it was time to give something back and help ex-servicemen less fortunate than me. Legion membership is very enjoyable providing comradeship enjoyed by ex-servicemen that is quite unique.

When I joined the Shipston Branch, fellow members included many who had served in WW2 and a few WW1 veterans. Sadly, most of them have gone now and since the last called up National Servicemen are now in their late 70's, we are looking to add members who served post National Service as regulars. We know there are quite a few in Shipston some of whom have expressed interest in joining but have not done so. I commend all ex-servicemen and women to join. As Lord Kitchener said "We need you!" Those who have not been in the Armed Forces are also welcome should you share our objectives.

Join us and enjoy it. Unlike in the Forces, you will not be ordered to do anything. Contact me richardadams5@hotmail.com or 07961452182.

Shipston WI

The March meeting of Shipston Women's Institute was well attended to hear Alan Godfrey talk on the history of the postal service in Great Britain with particular reference to Warwickshire.



A postal service was set up under Henry VIII but this was for royal use only. Elizabeth I refined her father's system by establishing postal stations on major roads and this was available to the populace (if they could afford it). Charles I organised a public post with self-charges, and the Commonwealth carried on this system but all income went to the State. It was left to Charles II to establish the General Post Office and introduce postmarks giving the date of despatch.

As roads improved in the 17th century, the postal service expanded and became more efficient. Mail coaches carried passengers as well as post and were exempt from toll charges. In 1720 Shipston had its own Post Office. Post Offices tended to be in inns because they had the necessary stabling and

Stour Valley Lions



Lights! Camera! Action! ~ Dates for your diary

A last minute reminder of our Matinee Movie on Sunday the 8th April at The Townsend Hall. We will be showing *Murder on the Orient Express* which stars Kenneth Brannagh, Penelope Cruz and Willem Defoe. Doors open at 2pm for a 2.30pm start. Tea and cake will be served during the interval and is included in your ticket price. Tickets are £5 per adult and £3 for children. We will be 'eyes down looking' for a raffle during the half time refreshment interval. Advance tickets can be purchased from A Clarke Electrical on the High Street or from Lion Judith Jackson on 01608 661148. If you need transport to the films, please call Peter Hougham on 07530 540859 to arrange a lift.

Breathe is the true, and utterly captivating, love story of Robin and Diana Cavendish, an adventurous couple who refuse to give up in the face of a devastating disease. The film is on at the High School on Friday 20th April at 7pm. Advance tickets are £3.50 or £4.00 on the door.

For Old Times Sake ~ Final Book Sale

We have had to admit (temporary) defeat on our determined efforts to find new premises for our beloved book shop. We still have plenty of stock and we would love to turn these books into cash to share with our many local charities. We will be holding a two day sale at the Scout Hut on the 1st and 2nd June. Watch this space for more details.

accommodation.

In 1839 Rowland Hill introduced a 4d uniform cost, and one year later, a 1d payment when postage stamps were introduced and the cost of postage was born by the sender. This was the beginning of the Royal Mail as we know it today.

The introduction of railways led to radical changes and in 1846 coaches ceased to be used. Anthony Trollope introduced pillar boxes and WWI saw the introduction of women in the Post Office. Today the Post Office seems to have come full circle - dedicated Post Offices are closing and being moved into shops as once they were in inns. The internet is usurping the letter but the meeting agreed that there is nothing nicer than receiving a handwritten letter!

The next Branch meeting will be on 4th April at the Catholic Church Hall at 7pm when Paul Betterton will be talking about the History of Needlemaking in Redditch. This will be followed by a visit to the Redditch needle museum. New members welcome.

Farewell to Malcolm Temple, Townsend Hall Trustee

The Trustees at the Townsend Hall were saddened to learn of the untimely death of their Treasurer Malcolm Temple. Malcolm joined the board of Trustees in 2015, and quickly made his mark. His contribution was always positive.



The 'experience of life' is an expression you could use in describing Malcolm. Born and educated in Newport, Malcolm from an early age showed a great interest in football and music. His long and varied career took in a spell as a 'roadie' for Jerry Lee Lewis in America, testament to his great interest in music of that era, and he was also an excellent drummer.

Malcolm became Financial Director and later Chairman of the Gloucester Warwickshire Steam Railway. With the help of volunteer colleagues, the enthusiast-run railway raised over £1m to help restore the railway line following two major embankment collapses, together with the renovation of the spectacular Stanway Viaduct which was re-opened for the first time since 1976 to coincide with the 175th Anniversary of the Great Western Railway.

Football was another of Malcolm's interests. He was a Newport County AFC fan from the 1960's throughout the non-league and league days. Malcolm first joined the Newport AFC board in 1994 and became Chairman in August 2016. He shall be missed by all his friends and colleagues at the Townsend Hall.

Shipston Primary School



No outsiders in our school

We are teaching children at Shipston Primary School to recognise and celebrate difference and diversity through our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum. This supports our work on British values and British law, using the Equality Act 2010. We say at Shipston Primary that everyone is welcome; we welcome all people and all families and there are 'No Outsiders' here.



We have launched our 'No Outsiders' initiative this half-term, where we will be using picture books to deal with the characteristics within the Equality Act and which celebrate diversity, including: gender, race and sexuality. 'No Outsiders' has already been rolled out across every school in Birmingham and to schools across many other areas of the UK.

Royal Academy of Culinary Arts 'Adopt a School'

Year 5 children spent a morning tasting different flavours and learning about food, with professional cook and lead home economist to Quorn, Ita Nugent.

As part of the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts 'Adopt a School' scheme, the children learnt about smell and texture before moving onto testing their taste buds against the five basic tastes: umami (tomato), sweetness (raspberry jam), sourness (lemon), bitterness (chickory) and saltiness (popcorn). Then, some children took part in a blind feel and taste exercise, recognising baby cabbage and cauliflower. Learning more about the Eatwell Guide and the importance of a balanced diet, the children were

Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Spring and Easter are especially welcome this year after such challenging weather during the winter; I am sure that we all welcome the prospect of brighter days ahead. Many local families with children currently in Year 6 will also be looking forward as they will have recently found out which secondary school their child will attend in September. This is always an exciting time, and we at the school share that excitement. We were delighted to receive a huge number of applications for this year as our reputation and popularity continues to grow.

As a result of increased demand for places we are now taking more pupils than ever. The new Year 7 in September will be our largest yet and is already full. All of us at Shipston High School look forward to welcoming our new pupils to induction activities in the summer, and of course in September. I am sure they will quickly feel at home, and bring their own unique talents to our community. They will find Shipston High to be a place that encourages and celebrates success.

Families with children in the current Year 5 will already be thinking about selecting a secondary school in the autumn applications. Shipston High will host an Open Evening event in September, and interested parents are now able to book a place on our Open Morning on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 from 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. when we will present an opportunity to see the school in action. As this is a school day with students engaged in study, we do have to manage the day appropriately, so please telephone the school in advance if you would like to attend.

shocked to find out a can of coca-cola contained the equivalent of 9 cubes of sugar!

Our visitors will be returning next term, where the children will get to make a dish from the vegetables which they have grown. They all looked very smart in their chef's whites!

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day, on a snowy Thursday 1st March. Many children and staff chose to come to school dressed in some amazing costumes inspired by their favourite books and character. Popular choices included Thing 1 and Thing 2 from 'The Cat in the Hat' by Dr. Seuss, Roald Dahl characters Willy Wonka and Fantastic Mr. Fox, Auggie from Wonder, Paddington Bear and various characters from the Harry Potter series. Gangsta Granny was a popular staff choice for dressing up!



Chedworth Roman Villa by Isla and Ella (Year 4) Edited

Year 4 went on an icy adventure to the unbelievable Chedworth Roman Villa. We all had an amazing time discovering what life was like nearly 2,000 years ago. Firstly, we went into the study room and listened to the tour guide and looked at different types of archeological remains, stones and bones. To do this, we got given a box of artefacts to examine. It was amazing to handle things so old!

After, we had a tour around the amazing villa. Did you know mosaics still exist from 2,000 years ago? Additionally, we ground herbs to make medicine just like the Romans did. We also dressed up as Roman slaves with a neck chain, which was like a dog collar. These were worn in Roman times by the slaves.

Our celebration of success is linked to encouragement of high aspirations in our students. We encourage students to be ambitious in their academic work and ambitious for their futures. Careers education is an important part of the culture at the school, and in recent articles I have mentioned our work with Years 7 and 8. This spring we organised an Industry and Higher Education day for pupils in Year 9. Representatives from a range of employers, sixth forms and training providers donated their time to introduce pupils to opportunities in a wide range of careers. This was well timed, as Year 9 select their option subjects for GCSE at this point in the year. I am very grateful to all of the organisations and school staff who made the day possible.



Students and staff were recently involved with World Book Day. This is always a great day in school, with the community sharing their favourite books. Many people opt to dress up as famous characters and literary figures in impressively imaginative fashion, creating a real sense of celebration around the school. The power of books to inspire and delight is universal and truly valuable, and I thank everyone involved in making the day a success.



Shipston Fame Contest

Have you ever watched a TV talent show and thought "I could do that?" Are you looking to make a break in the music industry, like our previous competitors, Laurence Jones, Brixton Alley or Longfellow? Or do you know someone who would like to?

One of our main events is the Shipston Proms Fame Contest which this year is taking place on Sunday 17th June at 2.30pm. This also happens to be Father's Day so what better way to make your dad proud! Or your kids proud of you if you're a dad!

All ages are welcome. We have two categories - solo or group - but all the acts are scored on a number of categories so all ages and experience levels have a fair chance of winning.

The prize is to perform on the main stage on the Last Night of the Proms plus £100 for the Group winner and £50 for the solo winner.

We already have some keen entrants this year so the competition is now officially up and running!

Download an entry form from our website - www.shipstonproms.org or email shipstonproms@gmail.com

Shipston Music Society

In February we enjoyed the visit of Tim Porter, who has given us a number of talks in the past. This time his subject was Iconic British songs and how poetry had been translated into songs and how in doing so composers have enhanced them. Enhancement did not mean improvement, he said, but they had been interpreted using music.

Examples of poems that Tim used to illustrate this included The cuckoo and the rainbow by W. B. Yeats which became Sweet Chance that led my steps abroad by Michael Head, Go Lovely Rose by Edmund Waller which became a song of the same name composed by Roger Quilter, Shakespeare's Where the Bee Sucks which was taken by Thomas Arne and turned into song, and Ivor Gurney's poem I will go with my father



Shipston Home Nursing Vacancies

Shipston Home Nursing is looking to fill two new vacancies.

The charity is seeking a Bank Registered Nurse (Agenda for Change – Band 5 (Enhanced rates for some shifts)) and a Bank Health Care Assistant (Agenda for Change Band 2 or 3, dependent on experience/qualifications).

Based from SHN's Shipston on Stour Office, both roles will be part of SHN's Hospice at Home Team and support the charity's Coordinators to provide excellent palliative nursing and end of life care.

These roles offer flexible hours over both days and nights, generally our patients are local to Shipston on Stour, Wellesbourne or Kineton.

Successful candidates will join a supportive and forward thinking Team and have access to staff development and educational opportunities including Clinical Supervision.

Ongoing training and development is also offered, with enhanced rates of pay for nights, weekends and bank holidays.

For further information including experience sought and/or to apply please email admin@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk or call 01608 664850.

Shipston Home Nursing is committed to encouraging equality and diversity and eliminating unlawful discrimination.



a-ploughing which had become a song with the same name by Joseph Campbell. In most cases, though not all, the songs were performed by voice with piano accompaniment which, we were told, made the words and music equal partners in range of expression. Music was often able to enhance the words, allowing the notes to shape and modulate and give expression to the words.

The songs that we listened to were mostly reflective which probably suited a February evening well: there was an air of relaxation and enjoyment about the room as the evening came to an end. We were all very grateful to Tim for once again giving us a most informative and enjoyable talk.

For details of our next meeting, see the poster on page 7.

Townsend Hall
The winners in the February 150 Club draw are as follows.



Member no 78 - £15
Member no 73 - £10
Member no 105 - £5

Congratulations on your winnings!

Subscriptions for our next year are now due, payment would be appreciated.

Some numbers are still available for new members.

Last year we paid out over £500 to winning members!

Readers' Letters

Letter from David Gunn

Our family gives a fair bit to charities of our choice each year and my wife works particularly enthusiastically for a local charity.

This morning, in Shipston's small High Street, there were no less than three collectors for charities in addition to the seller of The Big Issue who seems to be an almost permanent fixture.

This does not concern me on a personal basis but I worry for the more timid members of our community who may feel menaced into giving money that they can possibly ill afford. I wonder what other people's point of view about this situation might be?

59207 Private GEORGE PERRINS ADAMS

Born on the 22nd April 1889, George was the eldest son of Thomas Henry and Sarah Martha Adams, of Church Street, Shipston-on-Stour. In 1891 the census shows that the family were still living in Church Street and that Thomas was working for himself as a Grocer.

On the 5th March 1894, George was enrolled into Class 3 of the Infants School and on the 1st July 1896 George moved up to the Senior School. In the 1901 census the family are shown as living on the corner of Sheep Street and Church Street.

On joining the Army in Birmingham, George was posted to the 25th (Service) Battalion (2nd Tyneside Irish) Northumberland Fusiliers who arrived in France during January 1916. Later that year they fought on the Somme where they suffered casualties so heavy that the whole brigade was pulled out of the line. In 1917 they fought at Arras and in the Spring of 1918 were back on the Somme.

On 21st March 1918 the Germans launched their Spring Offensive and, outnumbering the British by nearly three-to-one, punched a hole right through the British front line. Unusually they also concentrated their artillery on the British rear areas, stopping reinforcements coming forward and wrecking communications. For four hours they rained down a mixture of gas and high explosive shells and the British were in disarray along most of their front. The 34th Division however, of which George's Battalion was a part, had made plans for their own attack and they executed these and held on. At 11:50am patrols were being sent from the 25th Northumberland Fusiliers, who had been in reserve, to find out

what was going on in the chaos.

They found that the Division's right flank was completely exposed with the 22nd Northumberlands out on their own and a company of the 25th Battalion was sent up to support their Regimental colleagues by forming a defensive flank. The three remaining companies of the 25th Northumberlands were moved to the south and formed a line facing southwest. As soon as they crested a ridge of land known as the Hog's Back they came under heavy fire from a huge number of enemy troops who were outflanking them forcing them to retire rapidly. In doing so they incurred many casualties.

The following morning in very misty conditions the Germans continued their attack and the 25th Northumberlands lost several men as they withdrew further to avoid being surrounded. Over the two days the Division was pushed back nearly 5,000 yards and lost 212 men killed, 1,061 wounded and 1,906 missing, a total of 3,179 men. The Evesham Journal of the 11th May 1918 reported that Mr and Mrs Adams had been informed George was missing after the fighting.

George was killed on either the 21st or 22nd March 1918. His body was not recovered and he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial in the Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras. He is remembered on both the Town and Adult School Memorials.

Top right: George Adams (seated) with his brothers

**210085 Lance Corporal HAROLD EDGAR BRADLEY**

Born on the 5th May 1892, Harold was the fourth son of Frederick and Harriet Bradley, Shipston-on-Stour. The records showing Harold entering the Infants School are missing, but it is assumed to be in 1897 as the Senior School register shows him moving up on the 12th July 1899.

The 1901 census lists the family as living in Station Road and just before his thirteenth birthday the School Registers show Harold leaving school on 20th April 1905.

Harold emigrated to Canada and, according to his Attestation Papers, lived at 43 Port Street, Brantford, Ontario. They also show that he was employed as a Clerk at the time of attesting on the 1st February 1916 at St Catherine's, Ontario. He is noted as being 5 ft 7 inches and to have had light brown hair and blue eyes. The Attestation Papers also show that he was in the 44th Regiment of the local Militia and had previously served in both the 38th and 19th Regiments. It was presumably in these units that he attained the rank of Company Serjeant Major as recorded on the Shipston-on-Stour War Memorial. Harold was posted to the 75th (Mississauga) Btn, Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment) of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who sailed for Liverpool in March 1916. After four months in England they moved to France, arriving on the 12th August and within a couple of days they were at the front.

Harold was killed at Arras, and whilst not named is thought to be one of two men killed on the night of the 29th/30th March

1918. The Battalion war diary simply reported:

The threatened Hun attack did not materialise this morning. We had two men killed and five wounded during the night.....

The Brantford Expositor of the 30th July 1918 ran the following report:

Company Sergt.-Major Harold Edgar Bradley has been reported killed in action on the Western Front on March 30. Sergt.-Major Bradley enlisted October 1915, having tried four times to get into the service, and having his persistence finally rewarded. He was employed here for three years by the William Davies Company. In going over to France he reverted to the rank of private and was promoted to lance-corporal on the field. He left Canada with the 75th Battalion.

Harold is buried in Roclincourt Military Cemetery and is remembered on both the Town and Council School Memorials. He is also remembered in the Canadian Book of Remembrance held in the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower at the Canadian Houses of Parliament in Ottawa, Canada.



District Council update

Council Tax

It's that time of year. By the time you read this column, the annual Council Tax bills will have dropped through your letter box. The District Council has kept its promise to limit its small element of the Council Tax increase to 1%. Larger increases from the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner may dwarf our real attempt to serve you efficiently, but please presume that all those included in the single bill have tried to keep down the charges levied on you, the general public.



Take time to read the small pamphlet that is included in the envelope. It contains a lot of useful information and replaces several explanatory leaflets that used to be sent out. It has been carefully put together by the communications office at Stratford and provides the background to our various budgets as well as important details of our refuse and recycling services.

Planning Policy

Our Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) for development at Long Marston Airfield has now been adopted, so developers now have clear guidance when preparing their planning applications.

Two other consultations now being assessed are the Development Requirements SPG that closes on 20 April and the Reserve Sites Allocations SPG that closed on 9 March. Both will be of interest to Shipston residents.

In the development requirements DPD, the Council is removing the automatic right for developers to presume that public car parks are available to make up for any deficiency in off street car parks in their planning applications. I believe public car parks should be there for shoppers and those who work in the town.

With the increasing Government demand for new housing, the Site Allocations SPD could well include a greater volume of new housing in Shipston. Don't shoot the messenger, but watch this space.

Chris Saint, District Councillor – Shipston North Ward

Chris Saint & Jo Barker will take it in turns to provide the content for this column.

County Council update

I wrote a note to myself this week entitled my thoughts. At least I found a moment to write but not many thoughts on the list yet. The thoughts were all motivated by how we are going to put together our family centre in Shipston and how will we enable more people in the community to reach out to one another? It strikes me that networking is key. I describe myself as an uber-networker (no not a car service) because I think that the best job I can do is put people together with the others of like mind, those who can help - or even just that they may like. In management speak - we are talking about building capacity together. As you go through the rest of the Forum this month just look at how much we do locally. However, we need to keep at it and encourage more people to join us.

I love the example of the League of Friends deciding to buy the land adjoining the Ellen Badger - we don't know precisely when or how - but Shipston is going to sort out its medical services - despite what the CCG has told us. NOW that's capacity!

In order for us to make our service work - we need to talk and share our links. I am really pleased that so many people are coming to the George on a Thursday morning to see me - all good ideas gratefully received and I will do my best to sort problems out. At the moment I am working on the bus service - I probably ought to learn to drive one as a shortage of drivers is blamed for the lax adherence to the timetable. I have had a lot of worrying calls about the length of time Orbit tenants are waiting for repairs - to loos, heating and water. I am also trying to help with the proposed Heritage Centre - as Marianne and others said at STC - people moving here as well as younger generations need to know where the town has come from. I suppose that is only fitting because we won't know where we are going otherwise.

County Councillor, Jo Barker



Shipston Medical Centre

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

When to use Urgent Care

The majority of our patients try hard to utilise NHS services appropriately. We encourage self-care for minor illnesses. There is information about common conditions on the NHS Choices website (<https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Pages/hub.aspx>), via the self-care forum, who provide a series of helpful fact sheets at <http://www.selfcareforum.org/fact-sheets/> and local pharmacists are also a good source of advice.

When you need a bit more help our telephone triage service is available. During opening hours, a GP will aim to call you back within an hour to offer advice or assistance or offer you a same day appointment. When we are closed please call NHS 111.

On occasion, it is better to call 999 for an ambulance rather than us. Examples of emergencies are:

- Symptoms of a stroke
- Loss of consciousness
- Symptoms of a fit that are not stopping
- Persistent, severe chest pain

- Significant breathing difficulties
- Severe burns or scalds
- Unstoppable bleeding
- Severe allergic reactions



Shipston Medical Centre

In a genuine emergency the time taken to access acute hospital care often makes a difference to the health outcomes for the patient. When our GPs are triaging they will advise patients to call an ambulance where appropriate rather than risking an unnecessary delay which could make a significant difference in the long term.

F.A.S.T. or Face-Arms-Speech-Time is easy to remember and will help you to recognise if you or someone else is having a stroke.
Face – has their face fallen on one side? Can they smile?
Arms – can they raise both arms and keep them there?
Speech – is their speech slurred?
Time to call 999 if you see any single one of these signs of a stroke.
 Read more at <https://www.nhs.uk/actfast/pages/know-the-signs.aspx#wOUmzCUczkl7W4Fv.99>

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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 Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Forum	01608 495955
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
Shipston Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:	01789 444670
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Something exciting to share?

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To request posts on the council's Facebook and Twitter feeds, contact Peter White or Dan Scobie (details above)

Forum copy deadline:
First Wednesday of the month

- but the sooner you can notify the editor of a potential story the better.

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Shipston Town Council Annual Town Meeting



All residents are invited to
attend the

Annual Town Meeting
on **19th April**
at **Shipston High School, 7pm.**

The Shipston Award will be
presented at the meeting.

All welcome

For more information, contact the town clerk
on 01608 662180 or clerk@shipstononline.org

All community groups are invited to submit
their annual reports to the Town Clerk for
inclusion in the meeting booklet. Please email
submissions to clerk@shipstononline.org by
6th April 2018



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WOOL FAIR FARM DAY

Saturday 5th May from 10am - 5pm

£2.50 per person (under 3's go free)

'A celebration of food and farming'

Working Sheep Dogs
Vintage Tractors
Birds of Prey

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Stalls selling local foods and crafts

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FREE PARKING



DESIGNER & 2ND HAND CLOTHES SALE

Saturday 21st April

9.30am - 11.30am

Free Entry

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