



## High Sheriff of Warwickshire presents awards for public service

Joe Greenwell, the High Sheriff of Warwickshire presented three High Sheriff awards to Shipston residents during the Town Council meeting on 8th March. This included a posthumous award to Dr Sue Pritchard, which was accepted on her behalf by her husband Michael Booth, who expressed his gratitude for the outpouring of prayers and love from members of the community following the passing of his wife.

### Sue Pritchard

Shortly before Sue passed away, she was recognised with a Fellowship of the Royal College of GPs. She was nominated for a Fellowship for her care and advocacy of the most disadvantaged patients; her ability and knowledge of the networks of statutory and voluntary sectors which enabled her to resolve or improve some of the most intractable problems. She also led a community initiative - DASH (Drugs Action

Shipston); she was the lead clinician in setting up Dementia care in the practice, including the community Dementia cafe, to support Dementia sufferers and their carers. The nomination also referenced her involvement and commitment to teaching; for supporting and developing staff members at the medical centre, as well as caring for them in a pastoral sense.

More recently, Sue had been instrumental in setting up Walking for Health – a fore-runner of the health walks that exist around the county today. Sue was passionate about encouraging movement, exercise and mindfulness and was instrumental in creating Activ08 which also occurred in 2011, to promote the various sports clubs and societies in the town and the importance of exercise in retaining our wellbeing.

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### About the High Sheriff

The High Sheriff is the Queen's representative in the County for all matters relating to the Judiciary and the maintenance of law and order; much of the High Sheriff's year is therefore spent supporting and encouraging the voluntary and statutory organisations who work in this area. In Warwickshire, this means involvement with the Crown and Magistrates' Courts, in addition to the Police, Prison and Probation Services.

Traditionally, High Sheriffs look after visiting High Court Judges to the county, although such visits are now rare in Warwickshire. However, the High Sheriff does make awards to those who, in the opinion of the Judges at a criminal trial, have been active in the apprehension of certain offenders.

The Office of High Sheriff is apolitical and as such the High Sheriff is in a unique position to be able to bring people together within the county and to support the enormous contribution made by the emergency services, the armed forces, local authorities, church and faith groups and the voluntary community.

As part of their ceremonial duties, the High Sheriff assists the Lord Lieutenant of the County with Royal visits, is the Official Returning Officer for parliamentary elections and has responsibility for proclaiming the accession of a new Sovereign.



## Enter the Mayor's Easter Bonnet Competition – see page 2!



**Entries by Midnight on Sunday 18th April**



## Mayor's column

This Easter we will all still be stuck at home confined by government Lockdown restrictions, waiting for the promised day, April 12th, when we can finally visit many more places again. We will be bored to tears having read all our books, done all our jigsaws and finished Netflix. So, to inject a bit of fun, I hope you will enter the mayoral 2021 Easter Bonnet Competition.

To be in with a chance to win a chocolate Easter hamper, make a bonnet, hat or cap as traditional or as flamboyantly 'Drag Race' as you like! We want to see just how creative and artistic you can be. We will particularly welcome entries based on recycled and repurposed 'bits and bobs'.

Prizes will be awarded to the best in each age-group: pre-school, primary school, high school and 16+. To enter, take photos of the hat and you wearing it and send them to [assistant@shipstononline.org](mailto:assistant@shipstononline.org) alongside your name, age and contact details. The final date for entries is midnight on Sunday 18th April. The Mayor's decision will be final.

All entries will be posted on the Shipston Town Council Facebook page with winners published in the next edition of the Forum.

Entry is free, however, donations to the Mayor's chosen charity for the year, CRUSE Bereavement Care, are welcome.

Ahead of the Annual Town Meeting, the Town Council is inviting nominations for the 2021 Shipston Award which recognises exceptional services by an individual or organisation to the community of Shipston. There will be many worthy candidates I'm sure in this extraordinary year.

Good luck!

**Sheelagh Saunders**

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### Linda Cornock

Linda Cornock received the Award in recognition of her contribution to the community of Shipston on Stour, using her knitting and needlework skills having set up the Shipston Knitting and Crochet Guild. Over many years, she has knitted beautiful Christmas scenes for the Rotary Victorian Christmas evening. She has knitted sheep to embellish the annual Shipston Wool Fair, 'yarn bombing' the town with countless other objects to enliven Shipston events. She has knitted 100's of poppies to decorate St Edmund's internally and externally in the dramatic waterfall of poppies that cascades from the tower for Remembrance Sunday.

Most recently, Linda has dedicated her time to making masks for the community during the pandemic. She has raised the phenomenal sum of £2000, shared between Shipston First Responders and Shipston Home Nursing.

### Charlotte Haines

Charlotte Haines sprang into action, joining the newly created Facebook group, Shipston on Stour Isolation Support Group. This was swiftly renamed Shipston SOS so that the group could continue to offer their support to the community after the pandemic. Possessing outstanding organisational skills, honed by her time serving on and then chairing the Shipston Proms committee, she met with the Town Clerk, the Town Mayor and others to formulate a cohesive plan for the initial logistics and set-up. She became the hub of the group and devised a zone system to ensure that every household was covered. This initiative covered the whole of Shipston and was extended to the villages of Honington, Tidmington, Burmington, Darlingscote and Blackwell. The zone system was used to coordinate the volunteers so that offers of help could be specifically targeted to those in need. She also forged links with the Self Isolation Groups in Brailes, Long Compton, Halford and Tredington. In addition, Charlotte liaises with local social housing providers, Age UK and the local hospitals and food bank.

## Search for local health champions

The Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership is seeking to recruit and develop approximately 16 local health champions. They will be tasked with raising awareness, directing people to local health services and providing help to those who need a little extra support.

These volunteers will be positive role models, supporting people to make positive choices regarding their own health and wellbeing. They will work as part of a team to support people from a wide range of backgrounds. All volunteers will receive access to training and a level 2 qualification from the Royal Society for Public Health.

The training and DBS completion is free of charge, but a commitment of 3 to 4 hours per week is required for a minimum time frame of 6 months. Volunteers will be supported by the organisation, Volunteering Matters, for the first year.

## Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will take place on

**28th April 2021 at 7pm**

The Annual Town Meeting is an opportunity for the community to hear about what the Town Council has been working on over the previous year with a question and answer session for parishioners.



Access online is here - <https://zoom.us/join?meeting=89424295853>  
reference: 894 2429 5853 password:152925

## News from Shipston Town Council's March meeting



### Local Government Reorganisation District Council Car Park Consultation:

District Councillor Trevor Harvey informed the meeting that a car parking consultation was taking place which proposed reducing the waiting time in the Shipston Leisure Centre Car Park from three to two hours. This is the only car park in Shipston potentially impacted and the move is intended to emphasise the car park's purpose is for leisure centre users, not general visitors to the town.

### Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG):

Councillors were briefed on SAFAGs plans until summer, which include a mix of natural flood management measures (eg. dams, ponds etc), monitoring projects and Whole Farm Appraisals. 800 interventions will have been completed by the end of the year, covering 36 watercourses, across a 187 sq km area. The proposed budget was accepted in principle by the Town Council subject to the setting up of the new working group

**Ellen Badger Hospital:** There are growing concerns over the future of the hospital, following conflicting information from interested parties. Councillors welcomed an opportunity to invite the South Warwickshire Foundation Trust's planning consultants to a meeting to brief the Town Council.

**Tree complaints and policy:** Councillors approved a quote for tree maintenance in Marshall Avenue, Oldbutt Road and Husbandman's Close. The General Purposes Working Group will consider whether to create a policy defining when action will be taken to address complaints about trees that the council has responsibility for maintaining.

**Railway Crescent Cherry Trees:** Further information will be sought about the proposed species of tree and what is covered by the two-year maintenance plan. Councillors will discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

**Skate Park Lease:** The Town Council approved the renewal of the skate park lease (£350 legal costs plus £1 rent a year if requested) subject to consideration of the lease terms by the Finance Working Group.

**Band Hall Works:** Permission was granted for the Town Band to undertake ventilation works to their building which sits within the Town Council carpark

**Ridgeway:** Consideration is being given to how the land will be managed as public open space, including the possibility of a new Community Interest Company.

### Allotment fees

Annual fees for allotment gardens for 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 are now due as follows:

#### New Street

Whole Plot £47.00

Half Plot £23.50

#### Shoulderway Lane

Whole Plot £38.00

Half Plot £19.00

Payment can be made by bank transfer or cheque payable to Shipston Town Council, posted to the Town Council Office, New Clark House, West Street, CV36 4HD

Cash payable by prior arrangement.

Please phone 01608 662180 or email [assistant@shipstononline.org](mailto:assistant@shipstononline.org) for details

All payments to be referenced with SW (Shoulderway Lane) or NS (New Street) and Plot number and should be received no later than 30th April 2021



### Shipston Forum Delivery

The Town Council is inviting expressions of interest for the following work:

1. Delivery of the Shipston Forum publication to all households in Shipston on Stour.

The Shipston Forum is a 16-page A4 size monthly publication produced by Shipston Town Council. Delivery will be to all residents in Shipston on Stour, approximately 2700 households.

Companies or individuals should submit their quotes no later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

**For further details please contact The Town Clerk.**

**Telephone: 01608 662 180**

**Email: [clerk@shipstononline.org](mailto:clerk@shipstononline.org)**



## Tour D'Ilmington

With the roadmap for the lifting of restrictions now in place, but ever mindful of the safety of participants, Shipston Rotary is delighted to confirm that the Tour d'Ilmington cycle ride event will take place on Sunday 4th July 2021.



Now in its 6th year, the Tour will start and finish at Newbold-on-Stour Village Hall. The first ride, starting at 8.30am, will be the 100km classic ride mainly, but not exclusively, for owners of classic steel cycles.

This will be followed by the 10 mile Family Fun Ride and the 30 mile 'hilly' ride, both starting around 10am.

All the rides take you through the hills or, in the case of the Family Fun Ride, the gentler slopes, of the Cotswolds featuring the picturesque villages of the area.

Rider support and facilities, including refreshments, will be in place.

Shipston Rotary will be working with Shipston Home Nursing and Pharmacy to My Door to support good causes.

For details and registration go to [www.shipstonrotary.co.uk/tour](http://www.shipstonrotary.co.uk/tour)

Enquiries to [tour@shipstonrotary.co.uk](mailto:tour@shipstonrotary.co.uk).

## Shipston Probus

Shipston Probus members enjoyed a wide-ranging talk on the history of the Aston Martin car company given by company historian Steve Waddingham on 26th February. Steve's theme was the continuous linking to the past throughout its 107-year history. Founded by Robert Bamford and Lionel Martin, the company went through a succession of owners, notably David Brown. Under Brown the company thrived, producing the famous DB models and achieving fame through success at Le Mans and by featuring in James Bond films - you can still buy a DB5 Bond car if you have a spare £3million (even then it is only for show)! Throughout the development of the various models, the distinctive Aston Martin heritage, often in fine detail, continues; for example, in the Bond car, the distinctive red trim of the glove box was continued in later versions.



Currently, twenty percent ownership by Mercedes gives access to a wealth of technology whilst preserving the individuality of the company. What of the future? In a rapidly changing market, Aston Martin hopes to develop a range of new engines, hybrids, fully electric versions and also continue with some petrol units for use on tracks. With 75% of output going for export the prospects look good, despite the current challenges presented by the pandemic and Brexit.

Our next meetings are:

9th April: John Butterworth 'Hitting the Headlines as a Newspaper Editor'. – ID 843 1248 0143

23rd April: Shipston Probus AGM

7th May: Captain Jonathan Holloway 'An Officer in the Britannia' – ID 810 0909 8055

21st May: John Hope 'Time through the ages' – ID 812 7586 5935

Guests are most welcome. For details on how to join in with our Zoom meetings please contact Tony Joint on 01608 663407 or email [tonyjoint73@hotmail.com](mailto:tonyjoint73@hotmail.com)

## Shipston Proms

Congratulations to Caroline Banks who is the winner of the Proms Quiz in last month's edition!

The Answers are:

1. Duke
2. 2015
3. Leadbessie
4. 1979
5. The Lark Ascending

With many thanks to everyone who took part.

Since the cancellation of the main Proms, we are now planning a weekend of music later in the summer and we'll keep you updated in the Forum as well as on [www.facebook.com/ShipstonProms](http://www.facebook.com/ShipstonProms) and at [www.shipstonproms.org](http://www.shipstonproms.org)

Looking ahead to 2022, The Rick Parfitt Junior Band, Dawn till Dusk and The Shapes are all taking part on the Last Night with Uncle Funk and the Boogie Wonderland confirmed for the Launch Night. It seems to be three long years since we first booked these bands but they are all definitely worth the wait!



## From the archives...

On 29th April, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will be celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary. This photo of a beautiful knitted wedding party first appeared in the June 2011 edition of the Forum. Each of the crafted items had been created by some of Shipston's most enthusiastic knitters to celebrate the royal marriage in 2011 and were subsequently sold to raise £175 for Warwickshire Community First Responders.



The June 2011 edition of the Forum also included a report from Shipston Primary School's own royal wedding in 'School Hall Abbey', where each of the children had received an invitation from the 'Lord Chamberlain of Shipston' requesting their attendance at celebratory events in school.

## Shipston High School

Students in all year groups are now enjoying being back in school classrooms after a period of remote learning. When the move to remote learning began in January, schools had to react quickly. I am very proud of the response from everyone at Shipston High School. Staff in all roles, students and families have all worked very hard to make remote learning a success. The school's work has been appreciated by students and families and colleagues very much value the many kind and supportive comments we have received.

Shipston High School's work on remote learning has also been recognised by the county council, who invited the school to address an audience of council staff and other schools to outline our successful approach. It is a credit to everyone at the school that our reputation continues to grow through such recognition.

Proud as we are of our remote learning activities, the best place for young people to learn is in school. Since students returned to the site in March, we have all enjoyed the energy and sense of life that comes with a school full of motivated learners. Students have been excellent in their attitude to study, and it

has been a delight to work with students and witness their enjoyment and progress.

Many families with children currently in Year 6 will have recently had their places at Shipston High School confirmed for September 2021. We are delighted to have a full cohort of students waiting to join Year 7. The school is regularly oversubscribed as more and more families seek a place with us. The school is growing as we accommodate the needs of the community for school places, and every student who joins the school adds their contribution to the shared values of learning, respect, ambition and achievement.

The school community continue to be aware of the challenges that so many people are facing at the moment. Our priority for students and staff has been ensuring a positive return to working together in school once again. After a period of remote learning and less social connection, we have worked to support each other in getting used to being together again after a time when we have all managed a variety of challenges.

There are still the challenges of the pandemic to overcome of course, and we will do this with shared endeavour, and a sense of kindness and understanding. It was delightful to recently receive a communication praising the attitude of one of our students to supporting members of the community, and I know that this is so typical of the attitude and modesty of so many young people at Shipston High School.

**Gavin Saunders, Headteacher**



**Saturday mornings  
10.00-12.00**

**St Edmund's Church, Church Street, Shipston**


**We are open to anyone.  
No referral or voucher needed.**

***In the past year we have helped  
over 100 households from Shipston  
and the surrounding villages.***

Donations of basic items can be left in the church porch during our opening hours.

There's also a collection point in both the Co-ops.

For information about our current needs please check on our Facebook page or our website:

 [www.facebook.com/ShipstonFoodBank](https://www.facebook.com/ShipstonFoodBank)  
 [www.shipstonfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.shipstonfoodbank.org.uk)



**SATURDAY 1st-8th MAY**

**Pop-up Plant Stalls near you**

**Gardeners - please sow now ready to donate plants**

**PLANTS & PRODUCE WANTED PLEASE**

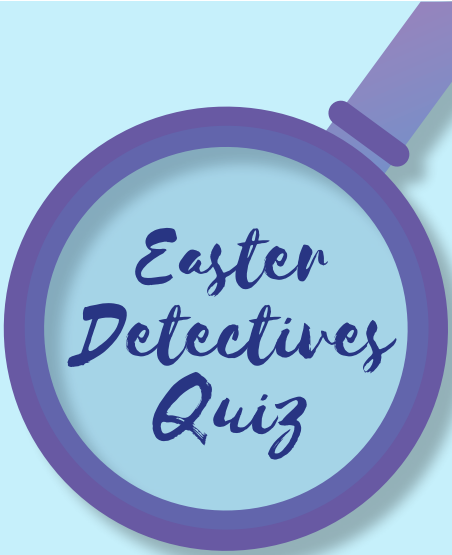
Please deliver donations of plants to Fudge Ramsay at Burmington Grange or your village coordinator. Donations of home produce welcome.

**Please see our website for a list of stall locations**  
at [www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events](http://www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events)

**For details of how to donate or volunteer to host your own stall - please contact Rebecca Mawle on 01608 674929**

**Fudge Ramsay 01608 680000 or Caroline Gunn 01608 663508**





## Easter Detectives Quiz

**Follow this FREE 'just-for-fun' trail around Shipston town centre and see how many answers you can find.**

All the clues are outdoors so there's no time pressure and no need to go inside any of the shops and businesses.

Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions there are no prizes... but perhaps a parent or carer may find a little treat to reward your efforts!

Happy hunting!

### Starting at 'The Alley' between Telegraph Street Car Park and Sheep Street:

1. What does the shop sell in between 'M & D Barbers' and 'Shipston Sewing'? .....
2. What is painted on the sign by the door at 'The Cottage Garden Florist'? .....

### Turn left and continue down Sheep Street

3. How many hanging flower baskets are outside 'Mrs Brown's Tearooms'? .....
4. What animal will you find in the windows at 'Niche Ladies Clothing' shop? .....
5. Where does the coffee come from at 'The Blue Bean Coffee Shop'? .....
6. What do 'Foxwist' sell? .....
7. How many flames of hair are there on 'The White Horse's' mane? .....

### Along Church Street

8. How many red stripes are there on 'Harry's Barbers' Pole? .....
9. According to a sign, where will you end up if you walk through the shop at 'The Richard Harvey Collection'? .....
10. What hangs on the wall above the shop 'Time in Hand'? .....
11. What is the lady holding in her hand on the door logo at 'Dice'? .....
12. What shop do the initials L S O T stand for under the arches (opposite the church) on Church Street? .....
13. What are the opening times of the Library on Saturday? .....

### Around The Gyratory (one way system)

14. What do 'Rimmell Saddlers' sell? .....
15. How many bricks have the name of a fallen soldier on them behind the sundial at the Gyratory Garden? .....
16. When did Edward Sheldon establish himself as an Independent Wine Merchant? .....

### Back across the road into Granville Court

17. What colour is the door at 'Shipston Bengal Cuisine'? .....
18. According to the sign, what 2 modes of transport are you not allowed to use on Granville Court? .....
19. How many panes of glass are there altogether (including doors) at the 'Three Ewes Tearooms'? .....

### Onto High Street/Market Place

20. Which two shops will you find either side of the big old doorway to 'Granville Court Shops'? .....
21. How many bike racks are there outside 'John Lyne Home Hardware'? .....
22. When was 'The Bower House' restaurant established? .....
23. What is the profession of Dr C.P. Grey? .....
24. What are the two rings for, bolted to the wall outside 'Taste of the Country'? .....
25. What do 'Creature Comforts' sell? .....



ANSWERS: 1) Soaps and metal work, 2) Ivy leaves, 3) Three, 4) Sheep, 5) Italy, 6) Picture framing, mirrors & limited edition prints, 7) Ten, 8) Three, 9) The Chapel Showrooms, 10) Clock, 11) Bag, 12) Little Shop of Treasures, 13) 9.30am - 12.30pm, 14) Horse riding equipment and outdoor pursuits clothing, 15) Thirty six, 16) 1842, 17) Black, 18) Bicycle and Skateboard, 19) Seventeen plus twelve in the ceiling skylight, 20) Number 1 and PRJ Flooring, 21) Five, 22) 2017, 23) Optician / Optometrist, 24) Dog Parking, 25) Pet food and supplies.



Hello Little Shipstonians! So, Spring is definitely in the air and we hope you enjoyed the Shipston Spring Trail featured in the last edition. Did you manage to find all the items that were listed?! This month we have a “gratitude jar” activity for you to complete. Keeping a record of what we feel grateful for helps us to experience more positive emotions and reminds us of some of the good things that we have in our lives. Each day or week, write down one thing on your jar that you feel thankful for and spend a few minutes thinking about it. You could also copy the jar and make your own cool background on another piece of paper if you want to. It’s entirely up to you! On the other page there is a picture of a girl surrounded by lots of things that can make you feel good for you to colour in. The trees symbolise walking in nature, the iPhone; listening to music and so on. If any words make you think of your emotional health then jot them down too. We hope you enjoy this month’s activities and we will see you soon!









## Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



A year ago, Coronavirus was the still-obscure name of a virus we had only recently started to hear about, as it stalked its way across Asia and into Europe. Social distancing was unheard of. Lockdowns were things that happened in prisons. Zoom was an ice lolly. It was Friday 13th March 2020 that I first wrote to parents about COVID-19 and a week later when schools across the country 'closed' before reopening for children of key workers and vulnerable children.

Monday 8th March 2021 was a momentous week, when ALL children returned to school full time. During lockdown 3, schools in The Stour Federation Partnership had between ¼ and ⅓ of children learning in class with their teacher and teaching assistant, whilst the rest of the class learnt remotely with video lessons and assemblies, live Google Meets and regular communication on Seesaw. Schools are in the magic-weaving business and it took a tremendous effort from our staff to weave a special kind of magic to keep learning going, with the vast majority of children submitting work regularly. Parents have been wonderful in their support for their children, teachers and the school, but it shows what powerful impact teachers and school life have on children and how learning can make a profound difference in their lives.

After reading more government guidance and writing more risk assessments, like the Blue Peter tortoise, the nation has begun the process of being lifted out of its cardboard box of enforced hibernation. And it was right to begin with our children. There was a real buzz of excitement on the return to school from lockdown. To see the joy on children's faces as they reconnected with friends has been so moving and hopeful. Let's hope it is the beginning of the end of the start-stop education of the last 12 months.

While I hope for no further bubbles popping and no further lockdowns, we will certainly continue to leverage digital teaching and learning effectively in the future, such as parents' evenings, curriculum briefings and meet the new teacher information continuing to be virtual; having an artist in virtual residence for our Arts and Book Week; and collaborating with classrooms down the road and around the world! This will be a blended approach so that in time we can re-introduce our six regular parent sharing afternoons and invite visitors into school to work with classes.

All professional learning for staff since March 2020 has been virtual and we have certainly leveraged digital by accessing training sessions across the country which we wouldn't usually be able to travel to. On a recent Wednesday evening at 10pm I participated in a global webinar with educators from Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, The Netherlands, America and Canada! We can build back better, learn from the lockdown experience and improve some of the practices in our schools. To do this we need to be deliberate about how we go about this, sifting the evidence and talking to stakeholders.

Once again, the children have settled back into school life brilliantly - it's like they've never away! I believe it's been such a smooth transition because staff and families worked so hard virtually, which ensured learning continued. Therefore, the children have slotted back into school and we've hit the ground running.

We do need to push back against the unhelpful narrative of the 'lost generation'. This is not a lost generation - they've missed some learning but this has not rendered them incapable,

permanently behind, or unable to lead a productive life. With the right approach and a genuine balance of head, heart and hand, these children will be the "bounce back generation". We will be celebrating their ingenuity in the face of multiple challenges, the new things they have learned about themselves and the new knowledge and skills they have acquired.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 4th March was World Book Day. Our focus this year was on a love of reading for pleasure and talking about books that are special to us. Rather than dressing up, children were given plenty of time for reading and listening to stories throughout the week, and listening to staff talk about why certain books are special to them. They made story jars at home and school, depicting their favourite books.



Children would normally receive a World Book Day voucher to exchange in a bookshop for one of a selection of specially written books, or £1 off a full-priced book. However, with all bookshops currently closed, Chipping Norton bookshop



Jaffé & Neale supported The Stour Federation Partnership by providing a huge selection of special World Book Day books to give out to all children in school. Jaffé & Neale will also be supporting our 'Peter Clarke Estate Agents Books of the Month' initiative.

**Christian Hilton, Executive Headteacher**

## District Council update

The most important decision that the District Council has taken since last I wrote in February's issue, by far, has been that the proposed amalgamation of Stratford and Warwick District Councils to form a new South Warwickshire Council should proceed to the next stage.



The District Council has been working more closely with Warwick District Council for the past year. For example, tenders from contractors have been sought in recent months on a joint basis, work has started on the development of a single local plan that will cover both Stratford and Warwick Districts' areas and five of the seven Stratford Heads of Service now have responsibility for their areas of operations across both districts. The common theme amongst these developments is that they will each lead to lower costs than otherwise would have been the case.

Stratford's councillors approved the decision to proceed by 34 votes to one, whilst Warwick's councillors gave their approval by 37 votes to nil, with five councillors abstaining. Such a clear decision was only possible because councillors from every single political party represented on either council supported the proposal. Officers will now prepare a submission that can be presented to the Government that will seek approval for a merger by 2024. This proposal will be considered by both Councils no later than July 2021.

Between now and July, there will be a need to consult with various groups across both districts, to assess the degree of support the proposal enjoys. Those who will need to be consulted are obviously the residents of the districts, local businesses as well as other authorities, local bodies and both our local MPs. Crucially, the Government will also assess such a proposal on, amongst other things, the evidence available of the level of local support the proposal commands. I am sure all Shipston's residents recognize the importance of the prospect of this change. I am keen to hear from any of you with your views and to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to email me.

On a completely different tack, I can report that the response to the £35 early-bird offer in connection with the introduction of the Garden Waste Scheme on 1st April proved even more popular than had been anticipated. When the offer closed on 26 February, 28,656 permits had been issued. I anticipate that, as we enter the grass cutting season, even more residents will opt to join the Scheme.

If you have any issues with which you think I might be able to help, please contact me. I am always keen to hear from the people I represent.

**Trevor Harvey, District Councillor, Shipston North**

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## County Council update

### Election Update

Thursday 6th May is local election day. If contested, registered voters in Shipston will have the opportunity to vote for a Councillor to represent them on Warwickshire County Council and join with others across the county to vote for a Police and Crime Commissioner.

Applications to vote can be made online (<https://gov.uk/register-to-vote>). If you have already registered to vote you do not need to do this again.

In addition to voting in person at their designated polling station, voters can apply for a postal or proxy vote.

Anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 and is required to self-isolate will still be able to participate. They can appoint a proxy (someone to vote on their behalf) up until 5pm on polling day through a modified emergency proxy voting procedure.

### Key Deadlines

Candidate nominations - 4pm Thurs 8th April

Applications to register to vote - Midnight Mon 19th April

Applications to vote by post - 5pm Tues 20th April

Applications to vote by proxy - 5pm Tues 27th April

Emergency applications to vote by proxy - 5pm Thurs 6th May

## Shipston Medical Centre

Shipston Medical Centre continues to work with South Warwickshire NHS Trust on the plans to redevelop the Ellen Badger Hospital;

- Our planning application for the complete development was submitted in December 2020, and we continue to work with the planners.
- The project team are working with specialist teams including Infection Prevention, Security, Estates and Hotel Services, to develop plans for how the new development will meet varying needs.
- Work is ongoing with the teams at Ellen Badger and community staff to identify temporary arrangements to ensure services continue throughout

the construction period. This will include the continued provision of the South Warwickshire inpatient beds temporarily relocated to Leamington Hospital.

- The public survey undertaken by Healthwatch is now closed and there was a fantastic response with 550 surveys completed. More information is included on this within the update.

As we are sure you can appreciate COVID-19 has changed healthcare in most aspects, including the way that we care for inpatients. It has also highlighted that all of our areas need to be flexible and adaptable to changing needs.

There are also a number of projects happening outside of this development

that will impact future plans, these include a review of urgent care across Warwickshire, a national review of diagnostics and a Warwickshire wide review of all discharge to assess beds which includes all of our community beds at the Ellen Badger and the Nicol Unit at Stratford Hospital.



Shipston Medical Centre

Learning from Covid, as well as the recommendations from these additional projects will inform the next steps. Whilst we don't know yet what will come out of these reviews, we have planned this development in such a way that it is flexible to future requirements.

The full briefing about the development can be accessed on the Medical Centre's website.



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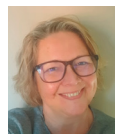


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Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Forum	01295 788655
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Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
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To request posts on the council's Facebook and Twitter feeds, contact Peter White (details above).

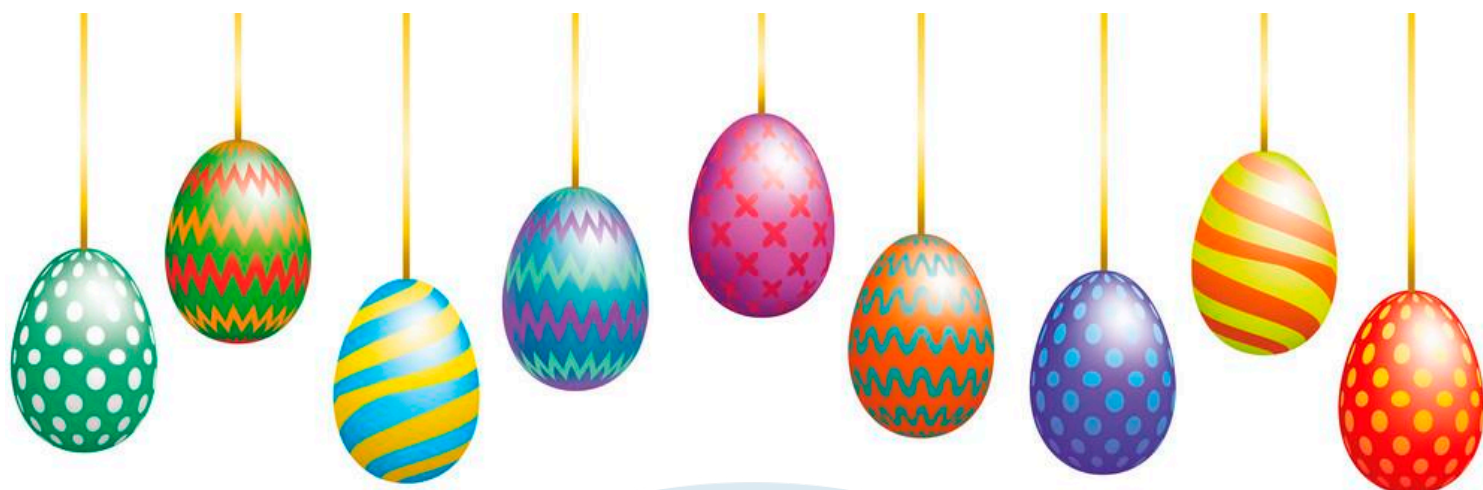
### Forum copy deadline:

#### First Wednesday of the month

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

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# Stour Valley Lions

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

11 Laminated eggs will be hidden around Shipston on Stour between 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April for children to find.

Each egg will have a letter on it. A combination of all the letters will spell out something Easter related. What is it?

Email your answer to [stourvalleylions@gmail.co.uk](mailto:stourvalleylions@gmail.co.uk) and you will be entered into a prize draw to win a Gigantic Easter Egg!

Draw date will be on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

