



Shipston Forum

August 2019

Shipston Proms 2019 brings another fortnight of fabulous music

A member of the Britpop Boys - one of the bands playing at the Last Night of the Proms - said how lucky Shipston was to have such a festival and what a privilege it was to be part of it. Judging by the packed crowd in the square on the Last Night, the audience agreed.

In what some have said was the best Proms yet, an eclectic mix of music was very much on show across the fortnight.

The Last Night party was opened by the Young Musicians Choir, followed by the winners of the Fame Contest, Kathryn Packer (solo) and the Shipston High Jazz Band. Mr. Blonde brought a mix of popular soulful and funky covers and Oliver Darling and the Living Legends had everyone dancing with their jumping rhythm and blues and rock 'n roll. When 90's tribute sensation, The Britpop Boys, came on everyone was ready for a sing a long to the likes of 'Wonderwall' and the finale 'Don't Look Back in Anger'.

This fabulous finale was preceded by about thirty acts designed to entertain everyone from young to old. Events included two dance parties, a sing- a-long Sound of Music night, the popular Helen Porter Chamberpot Pourri and organ recital, a Michael Jackson tribute night, jazz on a Sunday afternoon, an American blues troubadour, choirs, coffee morning concerts, an open mic night and more. This year, events were held in many







venues across more local villages than before.

Some of the highlights included the Pub and Cafe Trail which saw venues packed as people followed the music round on Saturday night.

At St. Edmund's Church, international guitarist Craig Ogden and Claire Bradshaw played to over a hundred people in an event organised by The Music Society.

The three DJ Dance Night at the Townsend Hall saw Tim Samsara, Mike Smythy and Benji bring their mix of club tracks and dance anthems to Shipston and impressing the audience with an amazing light show by Clearsound. The young crowd who went have asked for more of the same next year.



Shipston Proms was set up in part to showcase local young talent and this year was a great example of this. Fifteen year old Kathryn Packer showed herself to be an accomplished musician as she sang and played the keyboard on the main stage, having won the double at the Fame Contest, both in the soloist and band category. Another local win in the Fame Contest was the Shipston High Jazz Band made up of talented students from Years 10 and 11.

Thanks to a number of talented music teachers, many of whom actively support



the Proms, including David Hunt, Helen Porter and Emma Jane Roberts, local students have been encouraged to learn and perform music. This is showcased at the Young Musicians Concert at Barcheston, held every year on the second Wednesday of the Proms. Both the High School and Primary School also hold their own concerts during the Proms giving children of all ages the chance to perform.

Proms Chair, Charlotte Haines, said: "We are very fortunate to have access to some fine musicians in and around Warwickshire and that outstanding performers are willing to come and take part in this exciting annual tradition. The Proms Committee works hard to put on a successful fortnight of music every year and it is so rewarding to see residents and visitors of all ages enjoying themselves at our events.

"I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Proms such a success can't wait for 2020!"



Mayor's column

I want to start out this month

by extending my personal everybody thanks to 2019 involved in the Shipston Proms. Obviously the greatest thanks must go to the Proms Committee headed up by Charlotte Haines, but also to every individual who played a part in what amounted to more than 40 events over two weeks. The support shown by the businesses that staged, sponsored or supported events was fantastic and demonstrates what makes our community so special.

I also want to thank the people of Shipston who come to the events and make them the success that they are. I know a lot of other towns in the area are quite envious of the things that Shipston manages to stage, and they're something we can be rightly proud of.

As an increasing number of new properties completed and sold I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to the residents of our town; I hope you find the town welcoming and it brings you many years of happiness.

Finally, I want to pass my thanks and best wishes on to Alison Henderson who has just stepped down from the Town Council to allow her more time to focus on personal matters. Her knowledge and expertise have been assets to the Council for some years, and she will be missed.

Dan Scobie

Would you like to help Shipston go plastic free?

Totally Locally, Shipston Rotary and Shipston Town Council are looking into the possibility of starting a campaign to eliminate single use plastics in Shipston.

If you, your organisation or your community group would like to get involved, please get in touch with the Town Clerk via clerk@shipstononline.org.

The council is also interested in tackling other forms of pollution - please put forward any ideas to the Town Clerk using the address above.

Superfast broadband now available in Shipston on Stour!

Good news - superfast broadband is now available in another part of Shipston on Stour. That means many more people will be able to stream films, make video calls and work from home more easily.

Cabinet 'Shipston on Stour 2' has been upgraded, meaning that many properties connected to it can now order the improved service if they wish to.

This cabinet serves properties in the High St, Sheep St, Market Place, Church St, Green Lane Close, West St, Gerrard's Road and Orchard Close area of Shipston. It may not be good news for everyone though, as not every property connected to the upgrades cabinet is guaranteed to achieve superfast speeds due to some properties' distances from the cabinet and/or quality of copper connections.

To check if your property is eligible and to find out where to buy faster broadband, follow these steps recommended by CSW Broadband:

- 1. Check if your property is connected to this cabinet by entering your landline number or address into the BT Broadband Availability Checker at www.dslchecker.bt.com
- 2. If faster or superfast is available, 'VDSL Range A & B' will be listed under 'Featured Products' along with the speeds you are likely to achieve.
- 3. Use a comparison such as MoneySavingExpert. com, www.broadbandgenie.co.uk or www. uswitch.com to find the best deal.



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League of Friends share vision for Ellen Badger Hospital

League of Friends (LoF) Chair, Bryan Stoten, and Fundraising Manager, Hannah French, shared their vision for the redevelopment of the Ellen Badger Hospital with Shipston Town Councillors in July.

Thanks to fundraising from the League of Friends and investment from South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust, there is potential to make the EBH a community hub to promote wellbeing rather than just a rehabilitation centre.

Bryan Stoten gave the example of the North Cotswold Hospital in Moreton which offers antenatal care, speech therapy and psychology services for adolescents. "We would like to see the Ellen Badger serving our community as a whole," he said.

With the right support and funding, the LoF believes the EBH could play a role as part of a 'healthy town' initiative that promotes short walks, smoke cessation, food preparation classes and a cafe where people can catch up to help tackle social isolation.

To find out more, come along to the LoF public meeting on 17th September at the Townsend Hall. Full details to be published next month.



News from Shipston Town Council's July meeting

Hot topics

No parking posts: Following a suggestion from Highways, the town council is considering the benefits of installing posts to prevent people parking outside the shops on Sheep Street near the junction with the High Street. Elsewhere, dangerous parking has been reported in Furze Hill Road and Mayo Road.

Proms praise: Councillors congratulated the Committee on another successful fortnight of music.

Speeding on Stratford Road: Concerns have been raised about speeding on Stratford Road, particularly as the illuminated sign is not working. The Town Clerk will report this to Highways.

Beautiful blooms: Ronnie Murphy and Fay Ivens both thanked Shipston in Bloom for the wonderful displays around the town and Lawns2Mow for keeping the town tidy.

Failing fencing: Pete Cox reported that the fencing along Brickhill Lane between Tilemans Lane and Darlingscote Road is in a sorry state. The Town Clerk will check the ownership with Land Registry.

Bramble takeover: Peter White alerted the Town Clerk to the need to tackle thick and overgrown brambles obstructing the path between Costard Avenue and the Maldens.

Building sites: Councillors were informed that unless there is a management plan stating otherwise, work cannot start on building sites until 8am.

Campaigning for Shipston

All go for Portabello: After many delays, work has finally gone ahead to install traffic lights at the Portabello Road crossroads on the Fosse Way.

Pettiphers Garage Planning Application: Tesco has secured an extension on its planning application. A flood risk assessment has been provided which includes plans for attenuation tanks beneath the forecourt to lessen the impact of surface run-off. The Town Council has already objected to this proposal and has reiterated its objections.

Riverside project: The Heritage and Leisure Projects Group was pleased to hear from a local resident who has offered to

support bid writing for the project. The public awareness days will go ahead on 2nd and 3rd August - see page 16 for details.

The Town Council approved funds to employ a quantity surveyor to support development of the proposals for the riverside enhancements.

Community of parishes: Councillors debated the best way to share information and best practice with neighbouring councils. Although no formal conclusions were reached, John Dinnie will work with the Town Clerk to draft an email to neighbouring parishes to find out if they would be interested in collaborating on some issues. The council will also look into whether additional copies of the Forum should be distributed to the villages.

Photography exhibition: The exhibition of Shipston photographs will go ahead in Old Clark House following the success of a taster session at the Wool Fair. The Town Council will gauge interest in the project and record footfall before deciding on the long term future of the exhibition. The exhibition will be open during the Riverside awareness days on 2/3 August.

Town Council business

Mayo Road Trust: Ronnie Murphy will take on the role of Chair of the Mayo Road Trust which owns the land housing Shipston Rugby Club and Greenfields Nursery.

Playground inspections: The General Purposes Working Group has sought advice on the best material for childrens' play areas. So called 'green carpet' seems to work well and will be tried out in one playground initially.

Tree replacement: Five dead trees in Railway Crescent are to be removed. The council is currently taking advice on the most suitable trees to plant in their place.

The Ridgeway: Significant progress is being made on agreeing the legal fine print which will see land at The Ridgeway being handed over to the town council to manage for the benefit of the community. An agreement should be in place by the end of July.

Councillor Henderson steps down

Councillor Ali Henderson has resigned from Shipston Town Council to allow her to focus on her health after some recent setbacks.

Ali has been a fervent supporter of the town for many years, championing various causes and promoting plenty of events in recent years. Her financial acumen and ability to get right to the heart of an issue will be missed in council meetings, as will her sharp wit.

Mayor, Dan Scobie, said: "We are very sorry to see Ali step down from the council. On behalf of my fellow councillors, I would like to thank Ali for the energy, knowledge, enthusiasm and support she has brought to the council and we wish her a speedy recovery."

Ali Henderson said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on such a proactive town council, and working with as nice a bunch of committed and dedicated colleagues as one could hope to find. I have made some lasting friendships at the council and will always have fond memories."







News

No time for sleep at 1st Shipston On Stour Camp!

At the end of June, 80 children from 1st Shipston on Stour Scout group descended on Five ways Lakes in Wolvey, Coventry, for their annual group camp.

Over the weekend the children, ranging from 6 to 14 years, enjoyed kayaking, raft building, shooting, paintballing, climbing and abseiling.

The weekend began with a night hike to a nature reserve and park. The intrepid explored were blessed with one of the

finest weekends in June, which is always welcome when taking part in water activities on the lakes. Yes, a few did capsize and

fall in, all to raucous laughter from those on the bank.

On the Saturday night, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts presented "Shipston's Got Talent". won by Abi D in a display of Gymnastics. Laura H came second with her singing and third was Thomas C with some jokes. All enjoyed the show along with ice cream supplied by Ridgeways. A dedicated catering team provided some of the finest cuisine in the form of hot dogs and burgers over the weekend and a special thanks

go out to them for keeping everyone nourished.

Scout Group Martin Leader, said: Castle, would like to thank the leaders parents for and their dogged determination making this happen and producing a fantastic camping experience. It is so



rewarding when we see just how much the children get out of events like this.

If you or your child would like to get involved, we currently have places for Beaver scouts six to eight years and we are always looking for more leaders, so why not give it a go?!"

For details visit https://stratfordscouts.org.uk/groups/1st-shipston-on-stour-scout-group

Low Furlong hosts VIP Event as part of the Shipston Proms Low Furlong Care Home hosted an extremely special

Low Furlong Care Home hosted an extremely special VIP event in June, as part of the Shipston Proms and in celebration of its wonderful network of Care Home FaNs (or Friends and Neighbours).

Care Home FaNs is a national initiative with local focus that helps care homes all over the UK connect with their communities in ways that benefit residents, staff and neighbourhoods. Low Furlong is the first care home in Warwickshire to sign up to the programme.

"We have been overwhelmed and humbled by the outpouring of generosity and support we've witnessed as we've linked in with the businesses, organisations and individuals that make up Shipston-on-Stour. We've been inundated with raffle prizes, had local citizens and groups thoughtfully volunteer to help with events and activities, given a stall at Shipston's legendary Wool Fair, and even had a piano donated to the home," said Low Furlong's Wellbeing Manager.

The aim of FaNs is to create two-way partnerships, giving as well as taking. Low Furlong has been delighted to offer dementia awareness workshops for local businesses, allow other organisations to use its facilities for meetings or functions, or tender the impressive and varied talents of the care home staff, from DIY to performance poetry!

Low Furlong hosted an exclusive live vintage music event, in honour of our local heroes, as their way of saying "thank you" and recognising the myriad kindnesses they've been shown. As well as recognising each of their VIP attendees for their benevolence and their contributions to support the home, visitors were treated to refreshments in the form of home-baking, finger sandwiches, and the infamous "Low Furlong Blend" loose leaf tea.

Shipston Home Nursing announces Circus Ball

Shipston Home Nursing has released early details of a special fundraising event planned for next summer.

By very kind permission of Andrew and Emma Holman-West, the Shipston Home Nursing Circus Ball will be held at the beautiful Alscot Park Estate on 6th June 2020. The committee is already working hard to make this another night to remember and guests will be welcomed with a fizz reception at 7pm, followed by a gala dinner, live band and midnight snacks. Carriages at 2am. The dress code will be black tie with optional fancy dress.

Tickets are expected to be in high demand so early booking is advised. For details and a booking form visit https://www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/circus-ball-2020-bookings/
Tables of 10 seats are available at £100 per seat. See ad on page 9 for more details.







Summer fun for children in Shipston

Summer fun is back with a range of activities to keep the kids amused during the holidays.

Stratford District Council is once again holding its popular Day Camps at Shipston Primary School from 5th – 9th August. Trained activity leaders will be offering a range of sport and arts to children aged 5 to 11 years. Spaces are limited and must be booked in advance. Visit www.stratford.gov.uk/hi5 for more information.

National Playday returns on Wednesday 7th August from 10am-3pm at the Recreation Ground in Stratford. Free activities include face painting, circus skills, a climbing wall, bouncy castle and more. No booking required. Visit http://www.playday.org.uk/ for more information.

Calypso Kids will be running family fun sessions at the Townsend Hall on 7th and 14th August at 10am. Each session lasts 40 minutes, with music for little ones and crafts for older children. £4.50 per child or £2.50 each sibling. No need to book, just drop-in.

Meanwhile the Shipston Library children's activities will continue throughout August with Lego Club on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Story Stomp on Thursday mornings and Chatterbooks on the second Saturday of the month. (See Regular **Events** on page 7). The Library has added some extra special events for summer holidays with space-themed activities each Thursday



10.30am and a very special 'Let's Make' discovery session on Tuesday August 13th.

The summer reading challenge continues the space theme and runs until 6th September entitled Space Chase. As usual there will be a variety of fun things for the children to do in completing their reading 'mission'.

All Library activities are free of charge. See the advert on page 9 for details or contact the library on 0300 555 8171 or shipstonlibrary@warwickshire.gov.uk.

SAFAG sees a silver lining in June's downpour

The heavy and persistent rainfall throughout June played havoc with the plans the Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG) had to introduce flood alleviation measures into the southern and eastern parts of the catchment area. But on the plus side, the downpours provided the severest test yet of the effectiveness of existing installations.

As a condition of the funding SAFAG receives, the interventions have to be monitored to ensure they are performing efficiently. Some monitoring is handled automatically with solar powered cameras feeding pictures directly to the Environment Agency. Group members are also allocated sites to visit and photograph at times of excessive rainfall. So important is this data that Kings College London have installed their own recording devices in the catchment as part of a worldwide study into rainfall and the impact upon flooding.

During the June downpour, it was extremely rewarding for the team to receive feedback from some of the Pigbrook landowners and farmers that interventions on their land were working and that Shoulderway Lane, which historically floods under a deluge of similar scale, remained unaffected.

So just maybe in these reported cases, the clouds did have a silver lining!

Well done and thank you to everyone involved for their hard work (see page 14 for more news about SAFAG).



X-Fest delights despite the weather

Shipston Youth Club proved that you can have a lot of outdoor fun even when it's raining, at this year's X-Fest.



The free event gave young people the chance to try a wide range of action-packed activities, from zorbing, to climbing, to bungee running. For the particularly brave there was a lively bucking bronco, plus Segway trips for those wanting a less bumpy ride.

Refreshments, music, face painting, archery and indoor activities inside the youth club added to the range of things to do.

One of the most popular activities was the inflatable obstacle course which became a little more challenging after a few spots of rain!

Katie Corby from Shipston Youth Club said: "It was wonderful to see so many young people having a great time trying out all the different activities. I'd like to thank all those who helped make it possible to offer this event free of charge. Special thanks go to Shipston Rotary for their support on the day."



Shipston Mayor, Dan Scobie, pictured with Katie Corby from Shipston Youth Club and members of Shipston Community First Responders. Photograph by Richard Sampson

Shipston Primary School

Marathon kids festival of running

School News

Since the start of the academic year, Shipston Primary children have been participating in a challenge to walk or run a marathon around the school field. As a result of their efforts in completing a marathon, at the end of June a large contingent of Shipston athletes took part



in the Marathon Kids Festival of Running at Edmondscote athletics track in Leamington Spa.

Despite the torrential rain, the children had a fantastic time participating in team games and a mass running challenge around the 400 metre track. The children's attitude and behaviour was exemplary and it was commented by staff and parents on how well they represented the school.

All the children received a Marathon Kids t-shirt for taking part, but also took away wonderful memories of running in the rain - a dry t-shirt proved very useful indeed! Many thanks to Miss Mann for leading this whole school initiative this year.

Say hello to Esio

Thanks to Mrs. Chadwick and School Council, Shipston Primary School has a new school pet. The School Council co-chairs asked permission to have a pet for children to look after. They drew up a list of suggestions and allowed Mr Hilton to make the final decision. I was given a tortoise called Sam by my parents on my first day of primary school in September 1979 (and my Dad still looks after him) so my decision was a simple one. A much harder decision was naming the tortoise, especially when Mrs. Chadwick revealed that we wouldn't be

sure whether it was a boy or a girl for another three or four years. After suggestions from children in school and parents on Twitter, the tortoise was named Esio, after the Roald Dahl book 'Esio Trot', which is 'tortoise' backwards! Esio spent the last few weeks of term in the Year 6 classrooms before they left for high school.

Tribal Tales

Year 3 recently visited Rollright Stones (during some absolutely hideous weather) as part of their Tribal Tales topic. Mr. Mogg and Mrs. Davies were incredibly impressed with the children's resilience in these adverse weather conditions. They heard minimal complaints and all the children



Shipston On Stour Primary School

were engaged with what they were being told, took part in all activities and asked intelligent questions.

Allotment

A part of their Allotment topic, Year 5 classes were lucky enough to be given an interactive demonstration from award winning allotment holder and parent Chris Dunn. Mr. Dunn has had an allotment for many years and shared his knowledge, produce and green fingers with the children. They were able to sample broad beans (picked that very morning), smell and feel freshly dug onions, garlic and coriander, as well as re-pot tomato plants for each class to keep and care for. The whole Year 5 team are extremely grateful for Chris' expertise.

Admissions

Please contact Warwickshire Admissions to apply for a place at the school from September - https://www.warwickshire.

Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Shipston High School has had another active year, with students and staff involved in a varied range of activities. As the school community enjoys the summer break, it is an ideal opportunity to reflect on the year.

A year ago the school celebrated a really successful set of GCSE results for our Year 11 students. Individual grades were really pleasing, allowing many students to fulfil their ambitions for the next stage of their education. We are already looking forward to this year's results being announced.

In November the whole school joined with the Royal British Legion to commemorate Remembrance Day in the school and the community. This year students wrote personal messages on our own wall of poppies; a very moving installation. Remembrance was also a focus for Year 9 students on our history department's trip to the battlefields of World War I, where students laid a wreath at the Menin Gate and researched local and family connections.

Student participation in the extracurricular opportunities at the school is always impressive. Students show real enjoyment of these activities and attend regularly. Even when winter weather may deter some, Shipston students are still to be found on the playing fields after school. Public speaking continues to be a strength of the school, with impressive involvement and extremely high standards. Thank you to everyone who makes these activities so successful.



The Shipston Proms concert at the school was, as always, well attended. It was our pleasure to welcome visitors from the Proms committee and wider community. Students of all ages played a rich

variety of music in what was a hugely

entertaining evening. I am grateful to our music team for the work they do with the students and community performances.

Students enjoyed working with a range of visitors this year, including authors, artists, and Olympic athletes. Students also engaged with numerous charity events, raising money for good causes including Macmillan Cancer Support and Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

The final day of the school year was an opportunity to celebrate success, including presenting our Shipston/Pixl Edge award. This national programme enables students to demonstrate their independence, maturity and resilience across a range of criteria. I am grateful for the continued support of the Rotary Club for our awards programme.

All of us should be very proud of the work of the whole school community this year, and of the continued achievement of our young people; well done to everyone involved.

I wish everyone a relaxing and refreshing summer.



What's On

Citizens Advice: Mornings, New Clark House. To book call 01789 200136

MONDAY

Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club: 6.45pm for 7pm. Catholic Church Hall. Penny Law 663871

Shipston Baby & Toddler Group: Term time only. 9.30-11am, Scout Hut. Contact shipstontoddlers@gmail.com **Knitting & Crochet Club:** 7-9pm at Low Furlong. Contact Julie Pardoe 07956 180989 or Facebook 'Shipston

knitting and crochet group'. **Shipston Badminton Club:** Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

TUESDAY

Yoga for all abilities: 9.30am-11am Catholic Church Hall. Contact Lee Figures 665995 / 07526 575969

Stroke Club: Fortnightly 10am-12pm The House of Bread Retreat at The Mill, Burmington Contact: Bill King 01608 661186

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. Free. Booking essential. 0300 5558171

Lego Club for children aged 6+: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 3:30pm-4:30pm Shipston Library. Free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Shipston Library 0300 555 8171

Shipston on Stour Rotarians: The White Bear, 7.30pm. Adrian Ramskill 07976 566525 Cantamus: 7.30-9.30pm, Catholic Parish Hall. Richard

WEDNESDAY Coffee at St Edmunds Church: 10:30am - 12pm. U3A Chicago Bridge: Social Bridge 2pm-4.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Roger Smith on 238400.

Emms 662163.

Stour Valley Probus:

Alternate Wednesdays at 10am, NEW VENUE: Shipston Sports and Social Club. Roger Smith on 01608238400.

THURSDAY

Little Fishes: 9:45-11:15 am, Townsend Hall. Baby and toddler group run by Stour Valley Baptist Church. £2 per child. 50p siblings. (Term time) **Shipston Stitchers:**

alternate Thursdays 10am 3pm Catholic Church. Contact Kath Cheshire on 663486.

Active Memory Group: 3rd Thursday, 10am - 12noon. Contact Alyson Spence 01608 661703 or 07725 892087

Story Stomp: Shipston Library, 11.30-12pm. FREE For children aged 2-4.

Age Concern Lunch Club: Alternate Thursdays. Contact Sue on 01608 664490

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

U3A Table Tennis. Thursdays Age Concern Lunch Club 2pm - 3pm at the Townsend Hall. (five tables) See Shipston U3A website or contact Dave 07973 256198

The Thursday Club: 2pm-4pm, Shipston Library. Free weekly drop-in session for adults. Board games, puzzles, colouring, crafts. Tea/biscuits.

Stour Singers - Choral **Society**: 7.30 - 9.30pm Primary School Hall. Yvonne Ridley 01789 269587.

Shipston Badminton Club: Townsend Hall, 7:30pm Shipston Archers: Outdoor shooting at Brailes Village Hall on Thursday evenings, from 6pm until 8pm. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646.

FRIDAY

Walks with a friendly group. Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616 Shipston Probus: alternate Fridays, Shipston Sports Club. Contact Nick 01608 662928

at Stour Court. Contact Ann on 01608 664947

Sit and get Fit: (formerly called Exercise for the Elderly). Catholic Church, Darlingscote Road, Shipston, 10.30am - 12-30pm. Alternate Fridays. Contact Ann Smith 01608 238400

Knitting & Crochet Club: 2-5pm, Rainbow Fields. Contact Julie Pardoe 07956 180989

Bingo Night at Rainbow Fields: Doors open 6.30pm. Contact Ruth Keyte 661382

SATURDAY

Chatterbooks: 10:30am -12pm, Shipston Library. Free monthly drop-in session. Suitable for ages 6-11. Typically second Saturday but please enquire.

Shipston Archers: Brailes Village Hall, 1pm till dark, weather permitting. Beginners welcome. Contact 07795 632718 or 664646

August Diary

- 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 or fayivens@ aol.com
- Shipston Widows: Local lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
 - Time Bank Social Meeting: Stratford Time Bank's Shipston Social Meeting: 1.30pm-3pm, Community Room at Stour Court. Everyone 29 welcome
- 12 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group: Outing. 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 Lion Paul Macpherson, 682102 Mobile: +44 7725 105677
- 13 Shipston Flower Club: Workshop. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School. New members or visitors are welcome. Contact Elizabeth James 01789 450359 or Kathy Little 01608 664882 for more
- 16 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. Refreshments provided. Contact: Barbara Smith 01608 662433 or David Hollingworth 07970 125566

Royal British Legion - Social: A social gathering of serving and ex-service members of HM Armed Forces at 1930 hrs in the White Bear. If you miss the comradeship and friendly banter of your service days, do 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

- 18 Shipston Flower and Produce Show: See ad on page 9
- 19 Holiday at Home: See ad on page 8
- **Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. For further information, contact Barbara Bean on 663230
- 27 Planning Meeting: Shipston Town Council monthly meeting of the Planning Working Group: 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact Georgina Beaumont 662180.
- Quaker Meeting for Worship: 2.30–3pm in St Edmund's Church, followed by a cuppa. Last Thursdays. Contact 01608 661372 or 01608 238298. All are welcome. You do not have to be a Quaker to attend

Norgren Bowling Club:

August fixtures are as follows:

Thur 1st Home vs Moreton KDL 6.00pm Sat 3rd Home vs Kineton KDL 2.30pm Wed 7th Home vs FISSC Courier 2.00pm Thur 8th SWBA Men vs Birmingham BA 2.30pm

Wed 14th Home vs Lillington Courier 2.00pm Wed 14th Ladies vs Ilmington Ladies 6.00pm Sun 18th Waldrop Cup Final 2.00pm

Tue 20th Ladies vs Campden Ladies 6.30pm Wed 21st Home vs Stratford Courier 2.00pm

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Shipston Food Bank



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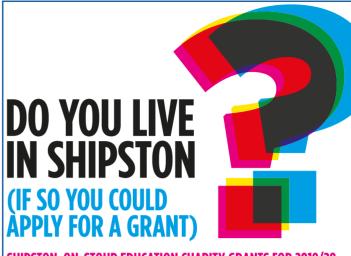
If you are in need of a food parcel over the summer months, please collect a referral form from your GP or any other professional person.







Parcels can be collected from the Council Office (Clark House) between 9am – 1pm Monday to Friday or contact 01608 665093 for further details.



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR EDUCATION CHARITY GRANTS FOR 2019/20 ARE YOU A SHIPSTON RESIDENT UNDER 25 YEARS OLD?

You can now apply for an **Educational Grant** to support you if you are due to undertake an Apprenticeship, Professional or Trade qualification or follow a Further or Higher Education course.

If so, you can apply for a **Grant** for the 2019/20 year.

Application forms are now available from the **Shipston Library**.

Or write to **The Clerk to the Trustees, Mr D Squires, Pinnegar House, 49 Telegraph Street, Shipston CV36 4DA** enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 30 AUGUST 2019



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You are invited to a

Roman Holiday

in the Townsend Hal

August 19th

10am – 3pm





Oraft, games, guizzes, armchair exercises, refreshments and a 2 course lunch, all for L7

Book your place with Rosemary 662584 or Geraldine 239359

This is a *Holiday at Home* event, arranged by Christians Together in Shipston.











SHIPSTON ON STOUR and surrounding communities

Tuesday 10th September 2019

Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME!!

2:30pm for Refreshments 3:00pm Meeting Start

Philip Seccombe (Police & Crime Commissioner) will join us to talk about Warwickshire policing priorities and his role as PCC and answer your questions on policing

We have a PA system in place for those who are hard of hearing





Sunday 18th August 2.30 pm Townsend Hall

Prize raffle



Sponsored by Shipston Rotary



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

Children's activities this summer at Shipston Library

This year's theme is 'Space' and we have some special children's activities throughout August on Thursday mornings:

The dates and themes are:

Thurs 01 August, 10.30 am - 'Lunar Lego'

Thurs 08 August, 10.30 am - 'Rockets and Robots'

Thurs 15 August, 10.30 am - 'Space Junk'

Thurs 22 August, 10.30 am - 'Race to the Moon'

'Let's Make' discovery session with lego. - Tues 13 August 3.30pm-5pm

A chance to use creative digital technology in your Library. Try a 3D headset, robotic lego or colouring that comes to life! A unique experience not to be missed!

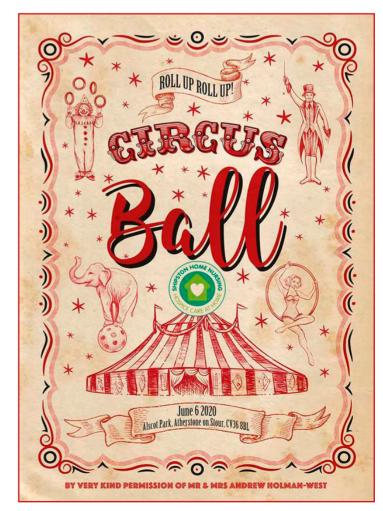
The annual Summer Reading Challenge 2019

13 July - 6 Sept

This year's title is "Space Chase" and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

As in previous years, there will be a variety of fun things for the children to do in completing their 'mission'. Choosing, sharing, enjoying and reading books are at the heart of the Challenge. Contact the library on 0300 555 8171 or shipstonlibrary@warwickshire.gov.uk







Would you like to play Chess?

The Shipston U3A Chess Club is opening its doors to non U3A members. The club currently meets on Mondays at 10am but evenings will be considered if preferred. To find out more, please contact Ian Cox on 01608 622565 or icox31@yahoo.com.

Upcoming events at the Townsend Hall



Looking ahead, the Townsend Hall will be hosting a number of exciting events during the Autumn so here's a sneak preview.

North Cotswold Jazz has recently moved to the Townsend Hall and will be holding a series of Friday evening concerts with supper on 18th October, 15th November, 13th December.

For quiz fans, the newly appointed High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Simon Miesegaes, will be hosting a 'Call My Wine Bluff' Charity Quiz on 9th November. Funds raised will go to SHN and the Warwickshire Air Ambulance. Tables of 10 available, tickets are £15 per head. Bring your own picnic.

The Autumn production from Shipston Amateur Dramatics is planned for October and rehearsals are already underway. The award-winning comedy 'Canoeing for Beginners' will run for three nights from 10th -12th October. Further details to follow.

Royal British Legion



Following the mention of VE and VJ celebrations next year in last month's Forum, the Shipston branch of the Royal British Legion has confirmed it will be working on plans to mark these important anniversaries.

Look out for more information in the Shipston Forum over the coming months.

Stour Valley Probus



In June, Stour Valley Probus Club moved from Brailes to Shipston and now supports Shipston Sports and Social Club by holding our twice monthly meetings at their premises at 10.30am on a Wednesday.

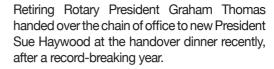
Like Shipston Probus Club, who meet on a Friday, we are part of an organisation which was set up primarily to enable retired and semi-retired people to join in social activities.

Activities include having guest speakers, visits to places like Highgrove (on 12th August) and Waddesdon Manor, Garden Parties, Ladies Lunches, Bowling Evenings, Table Tennis and regular in-house lunches at the Club.

Two recent talks were enjoyed. The first entitled "Perchance to Dream" by Kate Bellamy, a sleep therapist, which was very informative and allowed most of us to stay awake! Another was "Yesterday's Airfields" by Bill King, which took many of us back more than 60 years to the days when we cycled to some of the 600 wartime airfields (60 of which were in the Cotswolds and Midlands) to see the old planes and RAF stations.

All visitors are most welcome. Please contact Roger Smith (Sec.) on 01608 238400.

Rotary







Shipston Rotary now has a record membership of 36 and last year raised a record amount for local, national and international charities and worthy causes, all thanks to you.

Rotary International was a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. Last August Rotary announced a grant of almost \$100million (to which Shipston Rotary contributed) towards the final worldwide eradication of this dreadful disease. We are so near to success.

Rotarians organise Shipston's popular annual Victorian Evening and several Rotarians help to organise the annual Wool Fair. Both these events help support small craft businesses in the area and apparently bring in much trade for the town's shops and businesses.

Shipston Rotary organises many other events such as the annual Tour d'Ilmington, day trips to Weston-super-Mare, and helps with the Shakespeare Marathon and the Two Castles Run. Why do they do it? 'Oddly enough', said President Graham Thomas, 'it's often a lot of fun and there are plenty of laughs.'

Pictured from left are new members John Gimblett, Patricia Gillam and Mike Binder with President Graham Thomas (right).



Interested? Contact Bob Armstrong: bob.armstrong@clara. co.uk

Editor's note: In the Wool Fair article last month, we reported on the wonderful Community Songs of Praise but failed to mention the organisers! The event was the result of a great deal of hard work by Shipston Rotary.

Apologies for leaving Rotary out of the spotlight.



Shipston Probus

Shipston-on-Stour Probus had another interesting month with two meetings during July. Peter Petrie gave a magical talk entitled "The Power of Music" showing how it can affect an individual's moods and Ron Gallivan enthralled us with the history and his experiences of Singapore.

Shipston-on-Stour Probus have recently taken it upon themselves to help provide a stair lift at the Shipston on Stour Social Club that will not only benefit its elderly members but also help disabled people of all ages gain access to the upstairs social area. The club has made a substantial contribution to the cost and will be approaching others for financial help to ensure this comes to fruition.

If you would also like to help, please contact us at the address given below.

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For further information please contact the secretary Tony Joint – 07711310272 / tonyjoint73@hotmail.com

Shipston Area U3A Table Tennis Group



Shipston Area U3A Table Tennis Group competed in its first competition outside the Shipston area recently, at the Welsh Open U3A Championships in Cardiff.

The competition takes place every year in the vast complex of the Institute of Sport and was recently opened to non-Welsh teams.

The Shipston team viewed this as more of an adventure than a trip of conquest and we hoped to learn, get some experience and have a laugh.

Following an early morning start, 5 teams of two plus a few supporters travelled in a hired minibus to Cardiff then jumped into the rather frantic task of playing up to 11 games over the day plus umpiring a few as well.

It was a very well organised and friendly tournament and we achieved all our objectives. We learned a lot, laughed a lot and it was quite an experience.

Next year, who knows....?

Ekica

Sue and Tadge Sabatowski, from Ekica Fundraising, would like to say a huge 'thank you' to some of the lovely people of Shipston, for their kind heartedness and their generosity.

Marion Cox kindly knitted some beautiful cardigans, jumpers, hats, scarves and a blanket. Family Dental Practice provided a whole box full of toothpaste samples, and a parishioner from the Catholic church donated 100 pencils, sharpeners and erasers.



In August, Sue will be taking all of

these items to the pre and primary school in Tanzania that the charity supports. It's three years since she went initially and she is looking forward to seeing what a difference their fundraising has made to the school and the children it serves.

Sue and Tadge are also delighted that Ekica Fundraising has now been granted registered charity status and its details can be found on the Charities Commission website.

Please call 01608 662065 if you are interested in knowing more about the work of Ekica Fundraising, or if you would like to support in any way. Many thanks.

A busy time for the Band

All sections of the band were very busy during the Shipston Proms season.

The Town Band Proms concert at the Townsend Hall included a Soloists Showcase featuring Principal Cornet Grace Coates, Solo Horn



Adrian White, Flugel Horn Darran Wheeler, Solo Trombone Bev Bosworth plus a surprise performance by David Birch standing in for the unwell Jamie Raffell. Other items included Big Band Explosion and a delightful setting of Abide With Me before the concert closed with a performance of Stantonbury Festival Overture.

The Junior Band gave their annual Proms concert at Shipston Methodist Church with a varied programme of music from around the world. Soloist Alec Banner played Leroy Anderson's Trumpeters Lullaby and 10 year old trombonist Rufus Gallagher played Cubanola Glide. The concert finished in fine style with George Hawkins' spirited march The Highwayman.

It was a busy week for Alec Banner, Rufus Gallagher and cornet player Tallula Matthews who also performed at the Barcheston Young Musicians Festival for Shipston Proms and the Warwickshire Solo Championships in Learnington. They all gave excellent performances and Alec was judged first in the Percussion section and joined with Tallula to win the Under 16 Duets. Alec was also awarded the trophy for Outstanding Instrumentalist Under 15 years of age.

Though not a published event in the Proms Concerts, Stour Concert Brass joined Blockley Ladies Choir at St Georges Hall Blockley to celebrate the best of British music. Both groups played alternate sets including music by Holst, Elgar and Vaughan Williams alongside Ron Goodwin, Andrew Lloyd Webber, The Beatles, Elton John and Queen. The concert closed with a Proms Finale with the capacity audience in fine voice for Jerusalem, Rule Britannia and Land Of Hope and Glory and enjoying the challenge of keeping up with band in the traditional hornpipe.



Shipston Music Society

The June meeting of the Shipston Music Society was held in St. Edmund's Church as part of the Shipston Proms fortnight. The performers were Craig Ogdon and his wife Claire Bradshaw. Australian born classical guitarist Craig is one of the most exciting artists of his generation and in 2004 became the youngest instrumentalist to receive a Fellowship Award from the Royal Northern College of Music. Claire Bradshaw studied at the Royal Northern College of Music before completing her training at the National Opera Studio. She has performed in concert, oratorio and opera throughout the world.

They presented a mixed programme beginning with "Music for a While" by Purcell – an ideal choice to highlight Claire's rich mezzo voice. This was followed by some beautifully sustained singing in "Lascia ch'io Pianga by Handel and two Venetian Lieder by Schumann.

Playing two movements from J.S. Bach's Lute Suite no.3 provided the opportunity to show Craig's technical skill.

"Sevilla" by Albeniz captured the lively, rhythmic characteristics of the flamenco style with its contrasting major and minor sections and the loud spread chords. Two pieces by Gary Ryan followed. "Lough Caragh" a soft, rather wistful piece and "Rondo Rodeo", as the name suggests, fast, and exciting with extra "percussion" from Craig's right hand and played with great aplomb! The programme ended with a section for

voice and guitar which included two folk songs arranged by Benjamin Britten.

Two songs by Jerome Kern completed the programme. "The Folks Who Live on the Hill" and "All the Things You Are" were sung with a lightheartedness and demonstrated the ease with which Claire can slip from the traditional, trained style of singing into the more widely heard jazz style.

After much applause our two performers treated us to "It had to be You". It was a fitting encore to a wonderful concert by two very talented (and busy) people.

Shipston is fortunate that Craig and Claire found an opportunity in their schedules to perform in the Shipston Proms.

Young Ambassador scheme sponsored by the Lions

We are inviting individuals from the Stour Valley area to nominate young persons as our Young Ambassador for the Lions 2020 competition. Candidates will be reviewed by our local Lions Club and the selected young persons forwarded, with support provided, through the



higher levels of the completion operating throughout the country.

The Lions Young Ambassador Competition is open to young people in the community who are between 15 and 18 years of age, who have demonstrated an outstanding level of commitment to a not-for-profit organisation. The aim of this award is to support young people involved in helping the young or the older generation, people with special educational needs or disadvantaged people.

Volunteers might be involved in conservation, crime prevention, promoting healthy lifestyles, hospital radio and other initiatives in the community. To be eligible, candidates must have reached their 15th birthday, but not their 19th birthday, on or before 30th June 2019.

The photograph shows Siena, the winner of the 2019 competition, sponsored by Fairlop Lions club (photograph by Lion Karam Bharij from Coventry Mercia Lions Club). She was selected from ten wonderful finalists: all with outstanding credentials. We would very much like a young person from the Stour Valley area to compete in the next competition.

If you know a young person who fits this description, please contact Lion Judith, Youth Officer of the Stour Valley Lions Club by 12th August 2019 by emailing stourvalleylions@gmail.com or contact any member of Stour Valley Lions.

Shipston SCAN - Lunch & Laughter

Shipston SCAN members came together on Tuesday 9 July to enjoy a social lunch and a game of Play Your Cards Right.

SCAN meetings usually involve a speaker sharing some useful information about ageing or perhaps around a local issue. However, for the last few years the July meeting has been replaced by a social lunch where members have the opportunity to get to know each other better. The SCAN committee work hard to keep members coming along to meetings by looking for speakers on new and interesting topics. However, they acknowledge the importance of allowing members to have time to chat. Meetings always start with time for a coffee and some socialising, but the lunch allows people more time for this.

Trevor Russel Chair of Shipston SCAN said "the social lunch is something members look forward to. Encouraging the members to get to know each another better is good for Shipston SCAN overall".

Thanks to committee member Gary Cooper, after lunch members can take part in a fun game of Play Your Cards Right, the game made famous by Bruce Forsyth.

The next SCAN meeting will take place on 10 September

at the later time of 3.00pm with refreshments served from 2.30pm.



SCAN members (I-r) Shelia Roberts, Jenny Barratt and Bob and Sheila Broughton.



Shipston Fallen

466855 Private WILFRED ROLAND BURY

Born on 27th September 1893 Wilfred was the eldest child of Thomas and Annie Bury, then living in Whatcote where Thomas was a farmer. The family had moved to Shipston by the time that Wilfred's sister Kate was born in the middle of April 1898. On the



4th February 1901 Wilfred enrolled in the Boys School. The school register notes that up to this date he has been privately educated. His address is shown as Campden Road. The census a couple of months later is more specific and shows the family living at Bury's Cottage, Mount Pleasant, Shipston. On the 14th August 1907 Wilfred left school to work with Thomas Hands, who ran a Cattle and Horse dealing business.

At the time of his death his parents were living at 5 Moreton Terrace, Telegraph St., Shipston-on-Stour.

Wilfred joined the Northamptonshire Yeomanry in February 1916 and it is likely that he went overseas with the one Squadron of the 2nd/1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry that served overseas. It was later absorbed into the Tank Corps. It is thought that at this time, instead of transferring to the Tank Corp, Wilfred transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers.

In the summer of 1918 Wilfred was either wounded or became

sick, as it is reported that he spent a year in England. Once recovered he was transferred to the 90th Company of the Labour Corps. The Labour Corps played a key role in keeping the Army in a functioning state.

On the 23rd August 1919 the Evesham Journal reported:

News has been received on Saturday by Mr and Mrs T Bury, Telegraph-street, that their eldest son, Private Wilfred Bury, had died on August 9, from the effects of burns. Pte Bury joined the Northampton Yeomanry in February 1916 and was afterwards transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers. He had twelve months service in France, but for over a year had been in England and was in Shipston a while back. He went to France with a Labour Battalion about a fortnight previous to his death. It is presumed, but no information has yet come through, that he was one of the casualties in the explosion somewhere near Lille. Previous to joining up he was in the employ of Mr T Hands, Shipston. Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Bury and family in their sad loss.

The Times reported on the explosion of an ammunition dump at La Basse, near Lille on the 28th July 1919. Four French and two British Soldiers were injured along with a dozen civilians.

Wilfred died of his injuries on the 9th August 1919 and is buried in Caudry British Cemetery, Nord, France. He is remembered on the Council School and Town Memorials.

Readers' Letters

Letter from David Peckham

Well done Mrs Saunders for trying to get the riverside tidied up.

However, with reference to the not going to happen footbridge. The proposed bridge was to make the river crossing safer for pedestrians. Therefore, some of the Bridge funds should go to controlling traffic on the bridge. Many times I have been nearly hit by inconsiderate motorists, who don't read the road ahead as they approach the bridge. There is no chance of traffic lights, so I would propose speed humps on the bridge, with rumble strips on both approaches.

I look forward to developments.

Letter from Brenda Fitch

Another wonderful fortnight of a huge variety of music for everyone. A very big thank you to the committee for their hard work in planning and arranging the whole event, also the sponsors for their financial help towards the costs.

Congratulations to all who either played an instrument, sang or DJ'd at the events from the young children in the primary schools right up to the professionals who came to entertain us. It was very refreshing to visit some nearby villages and listen to their talents and also meet new people. 'The Spirituality of Summer' at the Ebenezer Chapel in Long Compton was particularly enjoyable, introducing some poetry accompanied by bird song. Looking forward to next year with possibly more local villages taking part. Well done everyone!

Please become a friend of St Edmund's

Living in Shipston is great. We value our town, the friendly people, what the town offers and provides for us, but do we take some things for granted?

A recent survey revealed that one in three UK adults feel their local church is part of the fabric of their community and should be supported. If you feel that way will you become a Friend of St Edmund's?

Friends was established eleven years ago and those who joined were delighted to contribute a sum of their choice from £5 upwards per annum towards the ever rising and ongoing costs of maintaining the fabric of the church. The tower dates to the 15th century with the body of the church being rebuilt in 1855. Upkeep costs are ever present with old buildings.

Due to moving away – and passing away – many of the original Friends are no more. It is wished to replace them and indeed greatly swell the number of Friends.

Regardless of you maybe not worshipping at St Edmund's, or not worshipping at all, if you value living in Shipston will you also now value St Edmund's as our Parish Church, where concerts etc also take place, and become a Friend? Doing so will help ensure the church continues in sound condition for future generations.

Contact Richard Adams richardadams5@hotmail.com or 07961452182.



District Council Update

As the Cabinet member responsible for People, Health and Wellbeing etc, there is a lot going on!

In Shipston we are fortunate to have the Shipston Link as well as UBUS and the Hedgehog across the Gloucestershire border.

We are working hard to improve interconnectedness (aargh) of these services. Firstly, the UBUS service is being retained and enhanced for the next 5 years, with £350k from WCC to help. We have the opportunity to stitch together some really good transport, which we actually need, for longer hours and with the aim to be sustainable in our very rural patch.

There is other great news – the development of the Ellen Badger with the Health Centre is making progress. I have been appointed a Governor of South Warwickshire Foundation Trust – so I can keep a very close eye on this. Rest assured that this is my major priority for our town and villages – and we are at the forefront here of localised services – together with the Coventry and Warwickshire Wellbeing Board (and yes, I've been given a seat on this too!) I'm not keen on too many meetings, so I do ask officers when I get invitations if I NEED to go...

Trevor Harvey, Councillor for Shipston North

Trevor Harvey and Jo Barker take it in turns to write this column

County Council update

I am sitting writing whilst watching PMQ's away from the excitement of a refit of our downstairs bedsit for my Mum. Trust me this is relevant. The sort of social care



changes going on at the moment will mean that those who live as multi-generational families – like we do – may well be given tax breaks to help us out. So, we will be a lot cheaper than the $\mathfrak{L}500$ (minimum) a week that people pay to be cared for in residential homes, and more importantly will be able to stay as a family for as long as possible. We are doing it anyway – but I am really pleased that whatever happens in Westminster, a common sense and commonly decent approach is going to be taken.

At WCC we have been having a big shake up – hopefully you will start to feel improved efficiency soon. I don't want to wait eight years for signs or four+ years for traffic lights ever again.

I am off for a while over the summer – so Trevor Harvey and Ken Rothwell (our Orbit expert) will be at the George on Thursdays. Phone me to make sure – I can't let go for that long!

County Councillor, Jo Barker

SAFAG status report

Following last year's success (as reported in the January Forum) it was important to maintain momentum and build on the 350 interventions already installed in the western part of the Stour catchment. This year and next we will be tackling the Eastern and Southern parts.

We have been asked to join the Warwickshire Stour Catchment Partnership, an initiative set up jointly with the National Flood Forum, to encourage more community flood groups.

SAFAG's role is to assist other flood groups and given our experience act as the NFM 'Delivery' group for the whole

catchment. We have been working for some time with Brailes and more recently with Long Compton, Cherington, Stourton and Whichford where the first installations of 2019 are about to commence.

During the winter and early spring, it has not been possible to undertake physical work so we turned our attention to forward planning and fundraising. This has been particularly fruitful with further significant grants from the Environment Agency and welcome contributions from Cameron Homes and Tredington Parish Council. SAFAG has also grown in size as new volunteers have joined the team and a monitoring subgroup has been formed.

SAFAG's approach generates more and more interest in these challenging issues and is leading to further requests from around the country and from government agencies to visit our works. It has already generated requests for our members to address regional and national flood conferences.

As Shipston and the surrounding villages are ranked as the number one flood risk in the county it is important that SAFAG are seen to be active, taking a major role in the developing programmes of Natural Flood Management.

Phil Wragg, Chairman

A sad farewell to Richard Cheney

It was very sad to recently hear of the death of Richard Cheney (pictured, right) following a long battle with illness.

Richard, who grew up and farmed locally for many years, represented Shipston on Stratford District Council, as well as at County Council for more than 8 years and worked extensively for the local community.

I knew Richard both through his council work as well as a leading member of the Shipston Beekeeping Association. He was enormously knowledgeable and ceaselessly generous with his time and gave advice gently and supportively.

For me the thing that marked Richard out was that he was a true gentleman. He was principled without being overbearing

and was always warm in the way he engaged with people.

There have been many tributes to Richard from across the communities of Shipston and Brailes and this represents the fondness with which he was held by so many.

I'll miss Richard greatly, and both personally and on behalf of Shipston Town Council I extend condolences to Richard's family.

Dan Scobie, Town Mayor





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Vacant

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Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
Out of hours	111
Shipston Forum	01608 495955
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
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Townsend Hall	07514 704057
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Something exciting to share?

If you have a story that's relevant to Shipston residents, please contact the editor, Catherine Martin, on 01608 495955 or email: forum@shipstononline.org

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

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

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Riverside Regeneration Public Awareness Event

Come and see the exciting plans proposed for Shipston's riverbanks.

Shipston Town Council's Heritage and Leisure projects group will unveil proposals for the regeneration of the Mill Street and Bridge Street riverside areas in August. View detailed plans courtesy of Emma Stolwood of Stolwood architects and visit the sites to find out more.

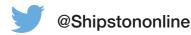


Drop in any time between 10am and 4pm on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd of August.

(Old) Clark House - at the back of West street car park - with guided visits to the Mill Street and Bridge Street Car Parks (weather permitting). Light refreshments available.









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