



Celebrating twelve years of service to Shipston Town Council

Fay Ivens retired as a Shipston Town Councillor in May this year. At the start of the Town Council meeting on 12 July, she was thanked by Councillors for her service.

Fay Ivens joined the council in October 2009, following her successful work as a member and Chairman of Shipston in Bloom for seven years. In 2008 she had secured the Britain in Bloom Heart of England Gold Award for the town and was recognised with the Ann Sankey Medal (now the Shipston Community Award).

Throughout her time on the Council, Fay was a passionate community campaigner;

- Securing footsteps on the path going from Station Road up to the Tilemans Lane entrance to the Primary School, so that children had a safer way to walk to school.
- Campaigning for flashing 30 mile an hour speed signs at the Stratford Road and London Road entrances to the Town.
- Launching "Proud of my Town" in 2011, which saw the start of the monthly Litter Picks.
- Overseeing several Dog Fouling campaigns, including new signs, spray painting dog poo with fluorescent paint, stencilling footpaths and installing a poo bag dispenser on Tilemans Lane.

She succeeded the late Alan Noyce as Chairman of General Purposes on his retirement and was integral in efforts to strengthen

relationships with Allotment holders through the introduction of allotment reps and an Annual Meeting and Allotment Competition. Other major projects during her tenure included the

installation of the pod at the Skate Park and a £45,000 renovation of Cemetery Lodge, during which she made sure the retired Sexton was able to stay on-site in a caravan.

Fay also became the Council representative on Shipston Youth Club, consequently becoming a Trustee.



In 2012/13, she served as Mayor during a time of huge change for the council, with the move to the former Police Station which was renamed as New Clark House. It was also the year of the Queens Diamond Jubilee, and she represented the town at a Service at Coventry Cathedral, conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and attended by HRH Princess Anne.

Thank you Fay for your incredible service to our town!

Abigail Sheridan De Graaff – BEM award

Local resident Abigail Sheridan de Graaff was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queens' Birthday Honours in June for the part she played in setting up and running the Warwickshire Scrubbers, a group formed to make and deliver PPE to local healthcare settings. At the beginning of the pandemic there was a severe shortage of PPE and Abigail saw the need arise in her local area from the NHS Trust hospitals, GP surgeries and pharmacies to community health teams and care homes. From the initial fundraising, procuring fabric, distributing fabric and patterns, collecting in the items to delivering over 25,000 items across the county it took a whole army of people.



"There were, of course, hundreds of other people involved who all stood up to help in whatever way they could in the strangest of circumstances," said Abigail. "We all worked as a truly phenomenal team and it was an amazing thing to be

part of. People who could sew made scrubs, headbands and laundry bags and those that couldn't, helped by driving, delivering, cutting patterns or even supplying food!"

At one stage there were over 360 dedicated scrub makers and nearly 1000 people in the group. The scrubs were made in lots of different fabrics. There was, of course, the standard polycotton but people delved deep into their laundry cupboards and no bedding was safe. There were scrubs made from vintage floral bedsheets, Winnie the Pooh and superheroes – the paediatric teams loved the bright and cheerful sets. Shipston and the surrounding area was particularly well supported and lots of people were making scrubs and other items across the region.

"It was great to be able to supply the local GP surgeries and Ellen Badger Hospital with scrubs, bags and headbands as required," she continued. "It's brilliant to know that a lot of these scrubs are still being used today, 15 months after being delivered. One of the nurses at my surgery received a pair of scrubs made from Liberty fabric which make me smile when I see her at work! The strange thing is that although I started out with the intention of making scrubs myself, sewing is therapy after all, I didn't make one set of scrubs because the coordination took all of my time!"

The British Empire Medal is a public recognition of meritorious civil service and Abigail will be presented with the medal at a ceremony later this year.



Mayor's column

Shipston in the past has suffered from devastating floods, a lot of us will remember those of 2007 when Church Street became part of the Stour. It is reassuring to know that despite the best efforts of climate change we have not been impacted to such an extent since. Much of that in recent times is due to the work of the Shipston Area Flood Alleviation Group (SAFAG) in implementing Natural Flood Defence schemes on much of the upper Stour contributory watercourses. So far, they have implemented nearly 800 "interventions" that help slow down the water flow towards Shipston and thereby reduce the risk of flooding in the town. I am delighted therefore that SAFAG have won the National Flood & Coast Excellence Awards at a recent Environment Agency awards ceremony.

Not only is this testament to the skills and experience of the volunteers that make up SAFAG, but it shows what strong community working can do. I am proud of their achievements and the kudos this brings to the town.

SAFAG are one such group where volunteers produce a real benefit to the community. I have recently been working with the committee of the sports club, who again put in a lot of their own time and effort to ensure that our facilities offer great opportunities to our local community. The governors at our school also volunteer to help with the improvement and direction of the education of our young people.

I experienced the work that Rotary members do organising the Tour d'Ilmington, an excellent event, very well attended and helping fundraise for their activities.

So, thank you to all of those who volunteer to help in this community, there is always an opportunity for others to get involved or just to show our appreciation.

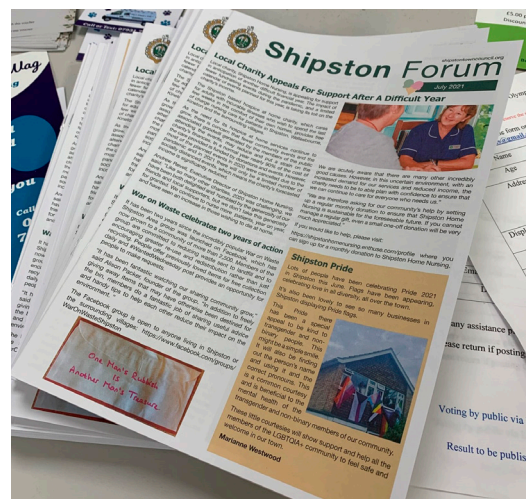
Ian Cooper, Mayor of Shipston

Could you help deliver the Forum?

Over a year has passed since the Shipston Forum was last delivered to every household in the town and sadly the planned Royal Mail distribution in July turned out to be unfeasible. Some parts of the town and surrounding villages received deliveries made by volunteers.

The Shipston Town Council Communications Working Group are now eager to speak to anyone who might be able to help with distribution on a commercial or voluntary basis. Groups or individuals offering to help would not necessarily need to commit to delivering the whole town and offers to deliver a couple of hundred households would be gratefully received.

Please contact Cllr Peter White if you might be able to help peter.white@shipstontowncouncil.org or 07792 507168



Access to Government Holiday Activities and Food programme

Warwickshire County Council is coordinating the delivery of the Government's Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) across the county this summer. It expands on the programme that ran initially during Easter in all local areas and is also scheduled for Christmas this year.

Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can enrol in free holiday clubs programmes to access lots of different activities throughout the summer. There are also activities designed for children with SEND or additional needs.

Eligible families will have received a text message from the County Council with a HAF booking code. If you think you may be eligible but haven't received a text please email haf@warwickshire.gov.uk or call the Family Information Service on 01926 742274.

To view the summer holiday activities taking place across Warwickshire visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/summer-holiday-activities-children-warwickshire/2>

Announcement from Shipston Museum

Although there was much talk of "freedom day" some concerns and restrictions remain in place. Taking a cautious approach and with care for visitors in mind, the Trustees of Shipston Museum have regretfully decided to delay the opening until 2022.

The original intention was to open the doors soon to display all of the great artefacts as quickly as possible. But, like many other events, Covid has proved a challenging obstacle. The delay does give more time for behind the scenes work like cataloguing the many items and planning.

"We are focusing on our very first exhibition," trustee Rebecca Ashley explains, "and busy making plans for an exciting first programme of events which we cannot wait to share with you – so see you next year!"

News from Shipston Town Council's July meeting

SAFAG: Councillors approved some changes to the SAFAG budget due to scheme changes and to fund a stakeholder event later in the year.

Shipston Pride: Councillor Marianne Westwood reported that an inaugural meeting of Shipston Pride had recently taken place with twenty attendees. She said many people had contacted her and it is essential that efforts are made to make sure that people feel safe and wanted. Councillors were invited to join members of Shipston Pride at one of their meetings to discuss ideas and learn more about the challenges they face.

Electric charging points: Cllr John Dinnie has contacted Warwickshire County Council for an update on the grant applications.

Bridge Safety: A pedestrian was recently hit while walking across the bridge. Councillors discussed how this latest incident had once again highlighted the need for a one-way traffic solution.

Youth Club: The Youth Club will now meet in the Children's Centre twice a week and it is hoped that additional evening meetings will soon be possible with the easing of public health rules.

Playground repair: Following recent playground inspections, repairs have been identified and quotes to repair/replace have been sought. Councillors agreed that up to £50,000 could be used for the emergency repairs and to install security measures.

Road names: Councillors agreed that new road names in the town should come from an updated list of local names of the fallen provided by the Royal British Legion.

The search for Warwickshire's next Young Poet Laureate

Warwickshire Libraries has launched its seventh Young Poet Laureate (YPL) search in partnership with Poetry on Loan. Budding poets aged 13 to 17 are urged to apply before the September deadline.

The YPL will use their creative ideas to champion poetry as both a writer and performer and will share their work throughout the county to a wide audience, working in partnership with the library service.

Ruby Murphy, the current YPL, has taken part in a variety of exciting activities. These included having her poetry published in a Lockdown Anthology and being commissioned to write a poem to commemorate the 20th birthday of the Rugby Library building.

"When I became Warwickshire's Young Poet Laureate in January 2020, I could never have expected what was in store for me," said Ruby. "During this time, I have had the incredible privilege of performing with one of my biggest inspirations, Carol Ann Duffy."

The deadline for applications is 6pm on Wednesday 8 September. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to take part in a virtual workshop and interview. Applicants who successfully reach the final stage of the process will be asked to perform some of their work.

For further details about the YPL role, the application process and how to apply visit: warwickshire.gov.uk/youngpoetlaureate



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Certain criteria must be met in order for a grant to be made:

To be eligible for a grant, residents must:

1. Live permanently within 10 miles of St Edmund's church (Shipston parish church).
2. Live either in their own home, in a care home or sheltered accommodation.
3. Be over the age of 70 on the day that a grant request is made.
4. Be in receipt of a state benefit other than basic state pension (evidence may be requested).
5. Have readily available funds of less than £5,000.

To apply for an application form contact :

David Roache, Fallowfield, Lower Tysoe, WARWICK CV35 0BY

Tel 01295 680309

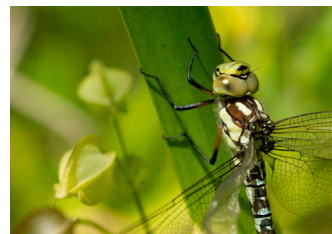
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WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

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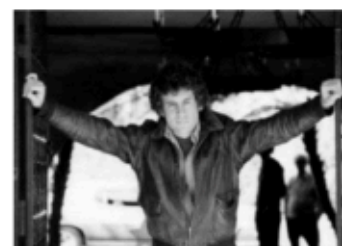
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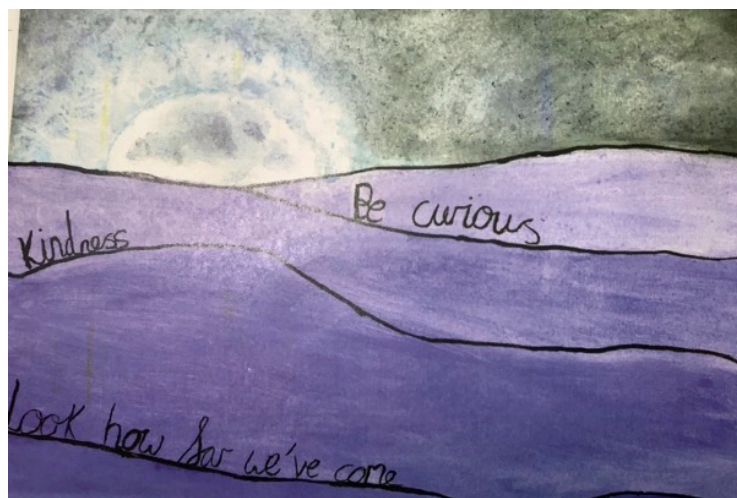
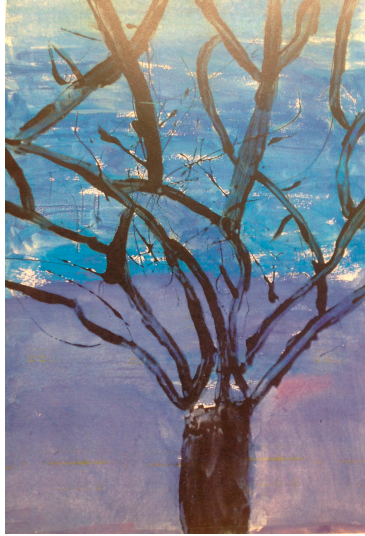
Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



ART AND BOOK WEEK

Charlie Mackesy's book 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' has been an inspirational book for us during the pandemic. It is a book to bring people together. I used images from this beautiful book in the vast majority of my weekly letters to parents from March 2020 until now and it was decided this time last year that it should be our core text for Book Week in February, following on from the enormously successful 'The Lost Words' just before the pandemic hit.



It's a celebration of kindness, compassion and understanding, conveying an essential message for our time. The text is aligned to many of our half-termly values that enabled all year groups to reflect, discuss and help make sense of recent challenges faced by our communities.

The book is written so that it can be picked up at any page, providing many opportunities to create rich English learning journeys as well as unique art outcomes.

Our annual Art and Book Week had to be rearranged from February to June due to the national lockdown and only critical workers being in school. We commissioned art expert Emma Bairstow to be our virtual artist in residence for the week. She recorded sequences of wonderful art lessons for all year groups, which classes across The Stour Federation Partnership were able to access, developing a range of sketching, oil pastel and watercolour techniques. Each lesson took the children through a process and taught them new skills which they could use in their final pieces.

Classes also held oral discussions, explored the vocabulary in the book and wrote superb poetry. It was a fantastic week for the children and staff, with beautiful outcomes.

COVID UPDATE

Due to Covid restrictions remaining for schools until the end of term, some of the events we traditionally plan for the end of term were affected, but as always, we did our best to provide the best opportunities for our children as we could.

Sports Days took place in class bubbles over two weeks, with no parent spectators this year. The children thoroughly enjoyed their mini sports days this week, with scores of all 14 classes combined to crown Otter house as sports day champions for 2021.

The Meet The New Teacher Evening was virtual, pre-recorded as a Loom video for families to watch over the summer holidays, with children meeting their new teachers and teaching assistants outside and socially distanced on the penultimate day of term. Transition for Year 6 pupils to secondary school and Nursery children to their Reception year at primary school also took place virtually.

DOUBLE MARATHON

Congratulations to Year 3 teaching assistant Mrs. Stockford, who ran a non-stop double marathon for charity. She completed 53.8 miles with 5000ft of elevation in the Race To The King event along the South Downs, starting in Arundel and finishing in front of Winchester Cathedral.

Out of 1000 people entered nearly, 900 finished. Mrs. Stockford came 171st and was 10th in her age and gender category.

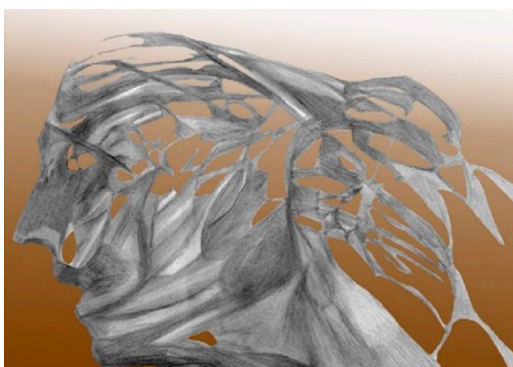
Mrs. Stockford was running to raise money for Helen Douglas House, a hospice that helps terminally ill babies, children, and young people to live their short lives to the full. If you would like to sponsor Mrs. Stockford please click here to go to her Just Giving page - https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Natalie-Stockford1?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Natalie-Stockford1&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=f70f51de4b06470583aade7a1037f76c

Christian Hilton, Executive Headteacher

First UK exhibition for Starsky and Hutch actor

Paul Michael Glaser, best remembered for portraying Starsky in the iconic 70's TV show Starsky and Hutch, will be exhibiting his artwork for the first time in the UK, in nearby Stourton.

The exhibition will take place at Jacques Barn, Stourton, CV36 5HG. Refreshments will be available for purchase and donations gratefully received in aid of the Elizabeth Glaser Paediatric Aids Foundation and Cancer Research UK. The exhibition will be open to all the public 10am – 4pm on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September.



Tour d'Ilmington

A lady cycling with her husband on the day of the Rotary Tour d'Ilmington unfortunately suffered a nasty accident when her bike hit a pothole in the middle of Ilmington. Although she was not a Tour d'Ilmington participant the Tour event emergency procedure swung into action and was able to provide rapid assistance before the emergency services and Air Ambulance arrived. The incident meant the road was closed and Tour event was diverted. It is hoped the lady makes a full recovery.

Despite this upsetting incident, the 250 riders on the Tour's three routes all said they enjoyed the ride and refreshments near Ilmington and back at base, Newbold-on-Stour Village Hall.

The theme of the event this year was climate change and 'carbon offset'. There were displays on Newbold village green. Shipston Rotary, as the organiser of the event, will be planting a substantial number of trees as their contribution to protecting the environment.

The main beneficiary of the event will, however, be Shipston Home Nursing, and Rebecca Mawle, fundraising manager at the charity, was able to provide many helpers and marshalls.

With thanks to our principal sponsor Pharmacy To My Door and our other sponsors and supporters.

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High Sheriff, Mayor, Rotary President and Andy Fincham





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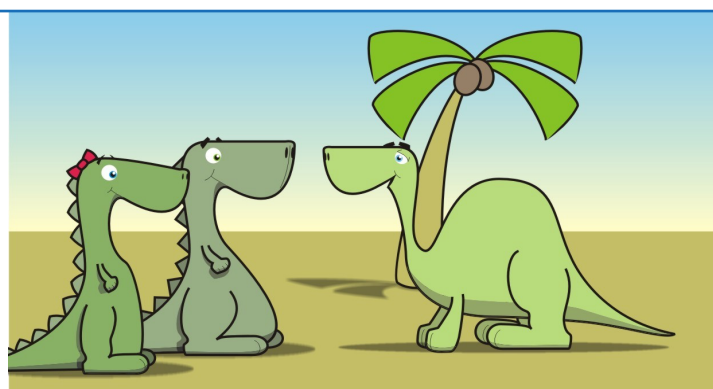
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Shipston High School



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

In the Autumn term, the school welcomed another full year group of 130 Year 7 students. This marked a further growth for the school, and Shipston High School is now regularly oversubscribed; a real mark of its popularity and families' desire to be part of the school success story. The Autumn marked our return to school after an extended period of home learning through the Spring and Summer of 2020. It was wonderful to have students back in school, with life once again reverberating through the buildings. The return to school required a whole new approach to operating on-site, with 'bubbles' a new concept for us all. The school adapted well, with new arrangements for lunchtime and movement between lessons. Once again, our students showed their maturity and resilience through this time of change.

During the winter months, the pandemic was once again causing national concern, and the instruction came from the Department for Education that schools must close once again. Between January and March children stayed at home, accessing remote learning. We had learnt valuable lessons about remote learning, and the school provided an increasingly effective remote curriculum for our students who engaged with real enthusiasm.

A new challenge was presented to schools by the government for 2021; onsite Lateral Flow Device testing for coronavirus. This involved a huge effort from staff and volunteers from the community. When children returned to school in March 2021, many were involved in a series of onsite tests. The school gym was converted into a testing centre and hundreds of tests were run over a three week period; a hugely impressive achievement. As always, the response and approach from the students was mature and cooperative.

Shipston High School, like all secondary schools, was expecting to run GCSE examinations this year. However, once again coronavirus led the government to cancel exams for 2021. An alternative grading system has been applied in England, with students working in school to produce further evidence of their skills and knowledge. Year 11 students worked very hard, and their final grades, when published, will enable them to progress to their next stage of education, training or employment.

The clear theme throughout this year has been the impressive response of the children to adversity and change. Amongst the challenges of the year, we should note the positive and mature manner of our young people's readiness to adapt to changing circumstances. We have truly impressive students here at Shipston High School, and we look forward to welcoming students back to learning in September.

Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Shipston Youth Club

Some more mature, dare I say pensioners, may remember back in September 1965 a curly-haired, enthusiastic, lively 21-year-old, newly qualified teacher/youth worker and a 23 year old, dark-haired and similarly enthusiastic, newly qualified physical education teacher being appointed to the staff at Shipston High School. I (John Robbins) was appointed to start a Youth Club based at the newly built youth wing on the school site and Martin Watson was appointed the new head of physical education. We were both bachelors and lodged with Biddy and Geoff Crump in their house in New Street where we devoured vast quantities of food, were introduced to the people worth knowing and were given down to earth counsel when required. I soon learnt that if you were "in" with Bid and Geoff you were accepted in Shipston!

I arrived in Shipston at a time when the Personal and Social Education of Young People was seen to be as important as their academic education and that schools should become Community Schools and be fully used by the local community for the long period of time when they were closed (evenings, weekends, school holidays). After all school premises are funded from the public purse so should be fully utilised for the benefit of their local communities.

Hence the Youth Club building on Shipston High School campus, built at no cost to the school and the appointment to the staff of a Youth Tutor with the salary paid from the Youth Service who also paid for the teaching time. The Youth Tutor, as well as being part of the teaching team, was responsible for coordinating a relevant social and activity programme for the Young People of Shipston and the surrounding area, that would enhance their academic school education and assist

them in becoming mature, responsible, well-adjusted adults able to deal with the pressures of modern life and be able to take their place and contribute to their communities and society in a caring and positive way. It was also anticipated that school facilities e.g. gym, hall, playing field, home economics room, art room, etc, would be made available and that some teaching staff would also be involved in the activities that took place. Martin, as head of physical education, was a fantastic asset as a Youth Worker and spent all his spare time at the Youth Wing enabling the members to become involved, and very proficient, in a wide range of sporting activities resulting in the winning of many area Youth Service events.

Of course, things change and the Youth Service budget has been disastrously reduced, but surely there is no excuse for the Youth Wing building not to be used for the purpose for which it was intended — a place for young people to meet; a Youth Club. Ali Dibbens in her comments in the July issue of The Forum gave a very personal account of the benefits she gained from her time as a youth club member and is a shining example of the benefits accrued from being an active member of a flourishing youth club based on a school site and, as a consequence, her contribution to the informal education of Young People in the Shipston area has been immense. The Young People of today must have the opportunities that Ali had and I hope that the people of Shipston will do everything in their power to ensure they do.

Good Luck.

John Robbins, Youth Tutor

Award for Shipston Area Flood Action Group



The Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG) has been awarded the Environment Agency Flood and Coast Excellence 2021 Award for Community Partnership.

SAFAG is a community-led volunteer team that aims to reduce the risk of flooding to homes and businesses by installing Natural Flood Management measures across the upstream catchment of the River Stour in Warwickshire. So far, 17 villages and towns are already benefiting from the SAFAG's work.



The Judges praised SAFAG, declaring that, "This is a really good example of how to do Natural Flood Management really well and (we) were very impressed by its intrinsically local feel... This extremely effective approach is the very definition of an exemplary Community Partnership."

SAFAG's Chairman, Phil Wragg said, "This award gives SAFAG recognition at a national level. It is the culmination of 5 years of work by a fantastic volunteer group and wouldn't have happened without the willing support of over 40 farmers and landowners to whom we give huge thanks."

Shipston Proms



Government guidelines are certainly taking us up to the wire, but only a month to go before we launch our September weekend Pub trail. All is looking good with commitment from all our Shipston pubs and the two in Brailes. The George in Shipston is hoping to put on two bands back-to-back, from 6pm onwards, at least one of them outside. One playing 'Boss' covers, and the other 80's anthems. Other pubs are still finalising their bands.

Our T-shirts will be turquoise this year so please come and say 'hi' when you see us. As always, we will be around with buckets for donations to go towards the running costs of the Proms. It does seem a long time since we've been in circulation like this and we're looking forward to seeing everyone again in a pub/music setting.

Next year we aim for a full two-week Proms festival but in the meantime, please make the most of this exciting Shipston/Brailes Pub trail on the 4th and 5th September and give it your full support. In the next issue of the Forum we will give timings and final details.

Any updates can be found as usual on www.shipstonorg or on our Facebook Page.

Shipston Medical Centre

Medical Centre t: 01608 661845

Appointment system

Recently changes have been made to our appointment system to enable routine appointments to be booked in advance. We hope this will support patients in consulting with the clinician of their choice, improving continuity of care and therefore improving the quality of care we are able to offer.

You are still able to access the service by e-consult or via a telephone/video appointment. We continue to offer a higher proportion of these appointment types than face to face in order to utilise clinician time to best effect (face to face appointments require PPE change and room cleaning between patients). We continue to monitor the need for each appointment type and will vary the appointments offered as needed.

If you have a routine face-to-face appointment booked and develop symptoms that could be coronavirus.

Please call us and let us know and we will look to rearrange the appointment for you.

Masks and social distancing

All NHS environments will be continuing with protection measures to reduce transmission. The people who use our services the most are amongst the most vulnerable and these measures are needed to protect them. It is also important that we protect our team, as without our doctors, nurses, dispensing and administrative staff we are unable to offer a service.

Please wear a mask at all times when you are in the medical centre.

Cough, cold, fever or loss of taste or sense of smell?

We continue to receive multiple calls daily from patients who have one or more of the above symptoms who have not booked a PCR test or isolated. It

is really important for the safety of our community that if there is a risk that you may have coronavirus then you isolate and book a PCR test. We may have higher than average rates of vaccination, but no vaccine is 100% effective and you can catch Covid even if you have been vaccinated. Please remember that lateral flow tests will help identify those with Covid who don't have symptoms. They are not designed to rule Covid out, so a negative lateral flow test doesn't mean you don't have it!



Dr Sue Pritchard Memorial Service

A service to celebrate the life of Dr Sue Pritchard is being planned to take place in St. Edmunds Church in Shipston at 3pm on 18th September 2021. We will provide more information in due course.

District Council update

The debate around the redevelopment of the Ellen Badger Hospital (EBH) remains a hot topic locally. One of the Trustees of the League of Friends recently asked me specifically whether I 'supported the completion of the inpatient bedded part of the development'.



I responded that I am in favour of the provision of medical facilities that are going to make the greatest contribution locally to meeting the health needs of the residents of Shipston and its surrounding areas. The redeveloped EBH has to be seen in the context, not merely of Shipston, but in the wider context of South Warwickshire as a whole. It is a part of an evolving NHS jigsaw puzzle of provision.

In order to determine how best the various elements of provision can be made to fit together has to be based on, amongst other things, detailed knowledge and understanding of the trends in the demand for treatments, what alternative ways in which these treatments could be provided, what the logistical, operational, staffing and continuing financial consequences would be, current demographic trends and all this is dependent on the financial resources available.

Finding the solution that is closest to an optimal solution is no easy task. I have neither the knowledge, nor the detailed understanding, nor the experience of the provision of health services to be prescriptive in my view of what the precise form the redevelopment of the 'hospital' element of the EBH should take. The EBH was opened in the lifetime of Florence Nightingale. The onsite provision has changed over the years. The project now at hand provides an opportunity for the EBH to continue to evolve. If the evidence currently being collected by SWFT's bed review results in the planners within the NHS generally and SWFT in particular pointing to the need to provide a certain number of beds in the redeveloped EBH, I will welcome that.

From the copy I have of 'The Object and Rules of the League of Friends of the Shipston on Stour Hospitals', however, there is no definition of the word 'hospital' in the document, let alone any definition in terms that require the provision of a certain number of beds, or any beds at all. Indeed, the object clause of this document is very interesting. It sets out the League's object as:

The object of the League shall be to supplement and extend the services provided by the Hospitals known as The Ellen Badger Hospital and Shipston House at Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire, in the relief of patients and former patients of those hospitals who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped, infirm or in need of financial assistance and generally to support the charitable work of those hospitals.

I note from this object the emphasis on the words 'to supplement and extend the services provided'. On the other hand, there is no object stated as being the preservation of a particular set of bricks and mortar, nor any particular number of beds, nor any beds at all. In contrast, the 'Objects and Powers' section includes the following:

(i) to provide any facilities, buildings and equipment which may be required for the treatment of such patients or for the efficient running of these hospitals.

The important emphasis it seems to me needs to be given in this context to the word 'treatment'. The project to redevelop the EBH needs to be evaluated, in my view, on the extent to which, amongst other criteria, it leads to improved and/or more extensive treatment locally for the residents of Shipston. That is the basis upon which I will evaluate South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust's proposals for the redevelopment of the EBH.

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.

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County Council update

I'm feeling end of term-y. You must know what I mean? A bit tired, looking forward to a break from routine, a little bit hopeful too. As I write I think we're all hopeful that the worst of the pandemic is over and we can enjoy life a bit more. Keep washing your hands, opening windows (not hard in this glorious weather) and mostly looking out for each other.

I've started my new work on mental health for the whole county - yikes. The overriding need is for people to be helped fast and early so crises do not become any worse. I'm sure many of you know that referrals take a long time but if intervention is early & personal wellbeing is something we all take seriously - we can change things. I'm determined to do as much as I can!

What next? Well, more dropped kerbs - & yes I'm spitting mad about the defective ones in the new estates - too. I would like to improve the centre of Shipston for shoppers, eaters & drinkers. How would we feel about widening the kerb outside the pubs & restaurants to sit outside and watch the rest of Shipston go by? Shortly, there will be car charging points in some of our car parks. Aldi may even be investing in the town.

To the younger members of our community - make the most of your time off - if you have any - have fun & accept our thanks as old(er) people for what you've gone through for the last 18 months. Whatever your priorities - they're mine as your Councillor - whether about school, college, jobs, home, health & wellbeing.

Please get in touch - about anything at all!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Holden Room

Tuesday 3rd August 2021

7.30 p.m.

You are invited to this meeting to find out how you can support this valued town amenity.

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Something exciting to share?

If you have a story that's relevant to Shipston residents, please contact the editor, Chris Rowland on 01295 788655 or email: forum@shipstononline.org

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

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First Wednesday of the month

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

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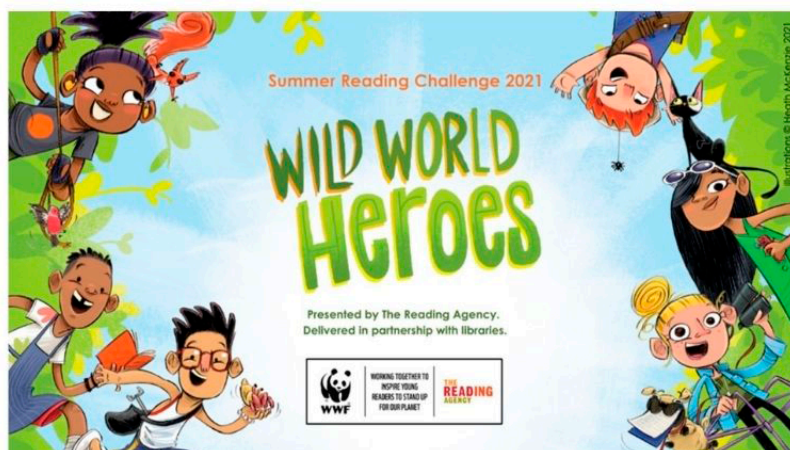
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Calling all Wild World Heroes!

Warwickshire Libraries invite you to take part in
this year's Summer Reading Challenge



Saturday 10th July - Saturday 4th September



For children 4-11 years old

Set a reading goal and borrow and read our exciting library books this summer. Visit your local Library to get started! You'll get a collector's wallet to record your Summer Reading journey.

Fill in review sheets and drop them back at your library when you are choosing more books! Collect fun activity sheets from your local library to complete at home.

Wild World Heroes that successfully complete the challenge will receive a certificate and medal!

The Summer Reading Challenge is co-ordinated by The Reading Agency who work in partnership with libraries across the country. This year The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create Wild World Heroes which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Head over to summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to find more information. Find out more information about your local library and what is happening this summer at warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries

Your local library is Shipston-on-Stour
We are open 9.30am - 12.30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Saturdays, and also 1.30 - 5.30pm on
Tuesdays & Thursdays

