



Shipston Forum

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February 2020

Fiver Fest Fortnight brings bargains for local shoppers

Looking to bag a bargain? Then Shipston is the place to be, particularly during February's Fiver Fest from 15-29 February.

The Shipston Totally Locally Fiver Fest is a big celebration of our town's fantastic small businesses and shops, many run by families or individuals, but all contributing massively to the economy and the well-being of our town.

Along with other towns and High Streets across the UK, Shipston shops and businesses are putting on special £5 offers over the fortnight, to show the diversity and value of what they sell.

Shipston Totally Locally Co-ordinator, Lou Harvey, said: "The principle behind the Fiver Fest is that if every adult in Shipston spent just five pounds a week in local independent shops and businesses rather than online or in big supermarkets, that would mean an extra £1.1 million a year going into our local economy. That's quite a difference!

"A thriving town centre benefits us all. We're extremely fortunate in Shipston to have so many independent shops, businesses and tradespeople and we all really value the support from our local residents. As well as encouraging everyone to think about spending a bit more locally, the special offers available during Fiver Fest

are our way of saying thank you to our customers."

There are lots of businesses taking part in Fiver Fest - look out for posters displayed in shop windows and see all the offers on the Totally Locally Facebook page www.facebook.com/totallylocallyshipston.

Shipston Town Centre has seen some exciting changes recently with the arrival of new and expanding businesses. After years based in Sheep Street, Greys Opticians has expanded to a bigger shop right in the heart of the High Street. On Market Place, Shipston welcomes its first tattoo parlour - Flamin' B's - which is now open for bookings.

Personal Training Shipston on Stour (PTSOS) has opened a new studio on Sheep Street. The studio runs Pink Belt Kickboxing for women and is about to start kick boxing classes for youngsters from four years old.



Church Street has also recently welcomed a new business, Harry's Barbers.

Sadly, the High Street is about to bid farewell to popular boutique, Campden Couture due to the owner retiring. The good news, though, is that plans are afoot for a new ladies clothing store in Granville Court in March.

Mayor, Dan Scobie, said: "It's fantastic to start the new decade with positive news about local businesses opening in the town. The Totally Locally initiative is a great way to promote our fantastic local shops and businesses and I for one am looking forward to taking advantage of some of the Fiver Fest offers."

A warm welcome to Sid Hammond, Shipston's new PC

Councillors were pleased to extend an official welcome to PC Sid Hammond (pictured below), Shipston's new police officer, at the council meeting in January.

Sid took over from Craig



Purcell a few weeks ago and already has a firm grip on what's going on locally. "I've been a police officer for 19 years, and have previously worked at Southam and Stratford. I have connections with Shipston so I'm delighted to now be based here," he said.

Sid is keen to keep the local police presence front of mind. He's continuing to use social media to share updates and appeals for information and is happy for people to contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team if they have any

concerns or queries. In addition to support from two PCSOs, Sid works closely with Craig and his colleagues on the Rural Crime Team.

Sid was pleased to reassure councillors that perception of crime in the area is greater than the reality. He went on to confirm there had been a couple of burglaries locally, and that people were already in custody as a result. Sid and his team are also looking into the recent vandalism at the Sports and Social Club which has caused concern.

Sid can be contacted on the

normal phone number and email account for Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team (see useful contacts, page 15)

Your pull out and keep guide to the Terracycle recycling scheme at St Edmund's. Pages 8-9



Mayor's column



My focus this month is on the Shipston Community Christmas Lunch which I was privileged to be involved in last year. The event is one of my true highlights of the year, and the level of warmth shown by both volunteers and guests alike is truly inspiring.

But before talking about Christmas Day I want to reflect a little on Christmas Eve. The day before the event has always been important, and is when all the decorating of the hall, laying of tables and vegetable preparation takes place. As with previous years the event is run solely by volunteers, and funded by donations, so it's always important to keep spend low. This year we were able to borrow some ovens free of charge from a national company, and this again helped to keep costs down.

The day had been going well, until we started to hit a few obstacles. The first of these was when we plugged in the ovens and blew the electrics in the Townsend Hall. Initial checks indicated we needed an electrician. Lee Williams was called, more in hope than expectation as it was now mid-afternoon on Christmas Eve. "No problem" says Lee "I'm in the Co-op and I'll be with you in 5 minutes" and true to his word he was very quickly able to identify and resolve the issue. Midway through this minor crisis Hilary Bryan walked into the kitchen to loan some coffee pots, saw the sense of impending doom, and offered the loan of a gas catering oven that she had at home. This was a kind and generous offer, but then we had no gas to power it with. No problem - one call to Paul Gibb and he had opened up Fossey Hire for us so that we could get gas.

These were all generous and selfless acts given freely and willingly to help the event take place, and demonstrated to me just how wonderful our community can be. Huge thanks to these named individuals, but also to many that aren't named in this piece for giving up their Christmas for the benefit of others.

Dan Scobie

Councillors concerned about new school security fence

Shipston Town Council has objected to an application for new security fencing around Shipston High School. Although initially supported by the Planning Working Group on the grounds of safeguarding, new information came to light during the Full Council meeting in January which prompted the council to submit an objection.

According to the drawings submitted, the school is proposing to erect a 2.4 metre fence around the whole of the school site, with automatic gates. The intention is to improve safeguarding and prevent trespass onto the school's site.

While recognising the importance of protecting children at the school, councillors felt the proposals were not in keeping with the requirements of a rural school and that they conflict with the town's aims to be inclusive. Concerns were raised about the potential visual impact of using "2.4m high prison grade" fencing, general accessibility to the school for children and the impact on traffic flow close to the site.

In its response to the application, Shipston Town Council, as statutory consultees to the planning application, also highlighted the importance of maintaining access to community facilities on the site, and

suggested that best practice guidance as published by other authorities would be appropriate to ensure the correct balance between safeguarding and appearance at rural schools.

Gavin Saunders, Head Teacher, sought to reassure people about the proposals. He said: "Our first priority is the safety of the children at our school. Shipston High is very unusual in having such an open site and although we have good security measures in place to manage access to our buildings, there is no barrier preventing unauthorised access to the wider site. If our application is approved, we will work hard to ensure any new fencing blends into the surrounding environment wherever possible, while providing the security we need." The Head Teacher has since been in touch with the council to offer to take councillors through the proposals.

Warwickshire Highways has also objected to the application and requested additional information about how vehicle access will be managed. The application is expected to be discussed at Stratford District Council's Planning Committee in the coming weeks.



Warwickshire County Council launches latest Switch and Save Scheme

Warwickshire County Council has opened up registration for the latest 'switch & save' which allows local residents to use their collective bargaining power to get a better deal on energy bills.

Residents can now register their interest in the scheme before a competitive process to find the best deal for the whole group. Those who have registered their interest, will then be given a personalised offer showing how much could be saved by switching.

Households that register for the scheme can consider their offer before deciding whether or not to switch suppliers and there is no charge to join the scheme nor is there an obligation to switch supplier.

This scheme, which is provided in conjunction with expert provider iChoosr, has become increasingly popular in Warwickshire with households having already saved a combined amount of £518,423 on their gas and electricity bills.

Key Dates: Launch: Tuesday 3 December 2019 | Auction: Tuesday 11 February 2020

Offers: Monday 25 February | Closed: Tuesday 24 March

Shipston Library will be hosting the Warwickshire Switch and Save and Act On Energy Team who will be holding "bring your bill" events on 30th Jan and 2 March from 10am-12pm.

To find out more, visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchandsave



ARE YOUR ELECTRICITY & GAS BILLS UNBEARABLE?



News from Shipston Town Council's January meeting

Hot topics

Christmas thank yous: Councillors congratulated all those involved in another successful community Christmas lunch (see article on page 4). Special thanks were recorded to the Mayor for giving up his time to cook for the guests. Shipston Town Band was also singled out for praise for the many visits they made on Christmas Day to bring cheer to local residents.

Health & wellbeing: Marianne Westwood reported on progress with the Health and Wellbeing Partnership. The next step for the group is to look at the constitution and funding issues.

Community spirit: Fay Ivens thanked Shipston Lodge for their community spirit in inviting the Dementia Friendly Group to meet at the Lodge free of charge.

London Road repairs: Repairs have been made to a bench and a dog bin on London Road following requests from residents.

Tree planting: Ian Cooper alerted councillors to an emerging community project which is looking at a scheme to plant a tree for every resident in Shipston. This could be a series of single trees in gardens, hedges or a wood. It's likely the community group may look for support from the town council in publicising and identifying suitable land and support for watering and care in early years. Search Facebook for "Shipston Community Fund" for details. Gerry Kelly suggested that a memorial garden could be worth considering which would allow commemorative trees to be planted in celebration of local residents.

Forum deliveries: There have been some problems with Forum deliveries which the Town Clerk will discuss with the Stratford Herald. Extra copies of the Forum are available at New Clark House and the library and an online version can be downloaded from the council website.

Council Tax: At the time of going to press the Town Council was working on its precept with a view to finalising this at next month's meeting. Stratford District Council's budget proposals indicate a likely increase of 3.6% (£10 per week on a Band D property), subject to consultation. Trevor Harvey explained that anticipated reduction in government funding over the next few years means the council is having to plan ahead to fill the gap.

Campaigning for Shipston

CCTV update: The monitoring of CCTV across the district has been upgraded and is now even more effective. Stratford District Council is currently considering installing a new camera on Darlingscote Road which would cover the sports centre, skate park, school and cars travelling up the road. Shipston Town Council will consider whether other sites for new cameras should be considered at the next General Purposes Working Group.

Protecting the street scene: Councillors have objected to proposals to convert land off Station Road into a private garden. Councillors felt this would be a material change to the street scene and would impact several other residents.

Enforcement: Stratford District Council's Enforcement Officer has been contacted following the occupation of dwellings at Chapel View. Approval for the variation which would allow properties to be occupied prior to making road layout changes to access the site has not yet been granted.

Town council business:

Riverbank project: The Heritage and Leisure Projects working group is hoping to begin tree works and planting within the next month. The lease for the land is to be reviewed by a local solicitor with a view to proceeding as soon as possible.

Council communications: Applications have been received for the management of the council website and interest has also been expressed in the Forum. The Communications Group hopes to be in a position to review tenders in February.

New Clark House: The lights and signage outside New Clark House have been repaired.

Tree works: Following an audit of the trees in the town, work will begin shortly to remove those considered to be hazardous.

Planning committee: Councillors agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference for the new Planning Committee. As a result, the Committee will be able to make decisions about planning matters without requiring full council approval. However, any large scale or complex planning issues will continue to be brought to full council for discussion.



SHIPSTON TOWN COUNCIL WOULD LIKE YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2020 SHIPSTON AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE



IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO YOU BELIEVE IS WORTHY OF THIS AWARD,
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TO THE TOWN CLERK.

Please include:

Your name and address

Name of the person you are nominating and why you feel they should win the award

Contact details for the person you are nominating (where possible)

Please send your nomination to: The Town Clerk, New Clark House, West Street, Shipston CV36 4HD.

Alternatively, you can email your nominations to clerk@shipstononline.org

Nominations must be received by **2 March 2020**.

A very Merry Community Christmas thanks to local volunteers

The Townsend Hall was once again bustling with activity in the run up to Christmas, as preparations to host another community Christmas lunch were completed.

This year saw approximately 90 residents join the celebrations ranging from 21-99 years of age. The lunch is designed for people who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day – instead, they were part of the biggest party in town!

Shipston's Community Christmas Lunch was originally started in 2016 and has gone from strength to strength thanks to the sterling efforts of volunteers, spearheaded this year by Tessa Hince, Kate King and Russell Critchlow. From the outset the plan was to make sure everyone who would otherwise be alone could take part, so the event is free to attend and made possible thanks to donations, be they money, time, or goods and services. Mayor, Dan Scobie, said "It's a real community effort and one Shipston as a town should feel rightly proud of."



Tessa Hince said: "It's wonderful to see everyone coming together to enjoy Christmas. We simply couldn't do it without the incredible support from volunteers and local businesses and we'd like to thank everyone involved for their help in making the 2019 Shipston Community Christmas a huge success".

Thanks to:

Barry The Butcher	Shipston Primary School
Shipston Rotary Club	Shipston High School
Alex Clarke	Townsend Hall
Taste of the Country	Fossway Hire
St George's Church, Darlingscote	Shipston Baby & Toddler Group
Thirst Edition	Amy Daly and Gaff Brown
The George in Brailes	Mark Davies 'Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire'
Cotswold Brewery	Drinkwaters
Venture 4x4	Ivy Heart
Shipston Sports Club	Festival Hire
Andy Lipp	Box Clever Digital
Brook Food Processing	Cotswold Distillery
The Richard Harvey Collection	Mayor of Shipston, Dan Scobie
Gill Judd catering	Neville White & Pancho
Charlie Cox	Noel Nickerson
Hilary Bryan	
North Cotswold Brewery	

Trolley Dash proves lucrative for local resident and Rotary charities



Shipston Rotary's annual Two Minute Trolley Dash raised well over £800 for Rotary charities and good causes. The prize was very generously donated by Shipston's larger Co-op and the winner was drawn at the Victorian Evening.

Winning ticket holder, Trevor, asked Rachel Downing (centre), to do the dashing on his behalf.

On Sunday 15th December, Rachel, Trevor and raffle organiser Fay Ivens gathered at the Co-op ready for the dash at 9.30, supervised by store Deputy Manager Leon Ions, (pictured left).

Rachel did so well that Leon added a bottle of Veuve Cliquot champagne!



Knitters and crocheters help Australian wildlife

Local knitters and crocheters in Shipston have joined forces with residents in surrounding villages to make pouches, nests and wraps to help the animals suffering as a result of the terrible fires in Australia.



After a call was put out for help on the Shipston Noticeboard on Facebook, the response was overwhelming but left one issue - how to get the items to where they needed to be? Another plea led to two people coming forward, one to deliver to a hub in Derby plus another more direct route.

Lynda, who has helped coordinate the emergency effort, said: "I'm delighted to report that our first batch of items has reached the hub and will soon be being used by the injured wildlife. The remaining items (pictured) are being taken directly to Australia by a kind visitor who returned to Australia in January. She even offered to pay the extra baggage fees if required. Thank you to all the crafters, suppliers of yarn and fabric, and couriers - the response shows once again what a fantastic place Shipston is to live in."

New home for Singing Down Memory Lane

The popular 'Singing Down Memory Lane' group for people with Dementia and their carers has moved to a new venue.

The group now meets at Shipston Lodge (new care home) on Tilemans Lane CV36 4GX with the kind help and support of Frances and her team at the Lodge. The group is always keen to welcome new faces as well as welcoming back regulars. For details of times and dates, see the advert on page 10.

Local leisure centre gym receives £30k upgrade

Works to extend the gym at Shipston Leisure Centre have been completed following a £30,000 up-grade.

Everyone Active, which manages the centre in partnership with Stratford District Council, has removed two rooms which were situated at the back of the gym to increase the variety of fitness equipment available for customers.

The new equipment includes:

- Kettle bells
- Slam balls
- Extra Olympic bar
- TRX (Total Body Resistance Exercise)
- Battle ropes

The project has been funded through Section 106 monies received from the CALA Homes development at the former IMI Norgren Site on Campden Road.



Commenting on the extension, Alex Fuoco-Lang, Contract Manager at Everyone Active, said: "We are thrilled to open the upgraded gym at Shipston Leisure Centre. The new equipment diversifies the ways our customers can work out and offers them the opportunity to refresh their fitness regimes, regardless of their abilities."

Cllr Sarah Whalley-Hoggins, Community Portfolio at Stratford-on-Avon District Council, said: "I am delighted to see this much needed extension to the gym... and I feel sure that the residents of Shipston-on-Stour and the surrounding areas will make the most of this local facility."

Beware new telephone fraud scam, warns Warwickshire Police

Residents are being reminded to remain vigilant after a number of attempted telephone scams in the county.

A number of calls have been made to residents in the county purporting to be from police officers in London. On each call, the victims were either told their card had been cloned or that money had been taken from their account, in a bid for them to hand over their money or bank details.

No police force will ever call you asking for money. If you receive a call like this, please report the incident to police or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Detective Inspector Dave Andrews from Warwickshire Police said: "Whilst in the majority of these cases no money was taken, unfortunately we have had incidents this month where it has been.

"We'd ask people to please keep sharing this advice with friends and relatives, especially those who may be elderly or vulnerable.

"We take reports of this nature very seriously and these incidents are currently being investigated as part of a wider campaign aimed at tackling online and courier fraud.

"Fraudsters are often very convincing and give the person they are calling no reason to believe they are not genuine. If you think someone is trying to scam you, tell someone straight away. Don't be pressured. Give yourself time to stop and think. If in any doubt, hang up the phone and do not provide your personal banking details."

For information about how you can protect yourself from this kind of fraud, visit www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-of-fraud/courier-fraud and for general fraud prevention advice visit www.warwickshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/

Shipston Home Nursing rated 'good' by independent inspectors

Shipston Home Nursing is delighted to report that the charity has been rated 'good' following a recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The CQC is the independent regulator of all health and social care services in England. Its role is to ensure that care services in England provide people with safe, effective and high-quality care. The organisation approves and registers care providers, monitors, inspects and rates services. It also protects people using the services of registered providers and publishes views on major quality issues in health and social care.

The report summary states: "Shipston Home Nursing provides hospice care for patients in their own homes throughout the last days of their lives. We rated the service as good because staff used safe working practices and followed risk assessments when providing care and support for people. Staff were competent in their roles. They were caring, supportive and planned and delivered care according to individual patient needs. They worked in close collaboration with other healthcare providers to ensure people received the right care at the right time."

The report emphasises throughout the "compassionate, kind, and caring staff" and that patient feedback was consistently excellent. It also praised the integrity, skills and abilities of those leading the service and the teamwork between nurses and other healthcare professionals.

Andrew Revell, Executive Director at



Pictured are some of the team of Nurses and Healthcare Assistants of Shipston Home Nursing.

Shipston Home Nursing, said: "Our focus is on ensuring our patients receive high quality, end of life care in the comfort of their own home and we're very pleased that the CQC report recognises the passion and dedication of the team here. I am incredibly proud of them and would like to thank each member of staff for helping us achieve such a positive CQC rating."

MONDAY

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

U3A Chess Club: U3A For details call Ian on 01608 662565.

Walking for Health - short walks at a gentle pace: 10-11am Bridge Car Park. All welcome. Contact Bob on 665995 or just turn up.

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, Burnington 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 Emms 662163.

WEDNESDAY

Over 65's Drop in Clinic: 9am-12noon with Nurse Jan. Ellen Badger Hospital - Ellen Ward.

Coffee at St Edmunds Church: 10:30am – 12pm.

U3A Chicago Bridge: Social Bridge 2pm-4.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Roger Smith on 238400.

Stour Valley Probud: Alternate Wednesdays at 10am, NEW VENUE: Shipston Sports and Social Club. Roger Smith on 01608 238400.

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 Stitches: alternate Thursdays 10am - 3pm Catholic Church. Contact Lynda, Gerrards Rd, Shipston. 07934 203666

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: Every Thursday at Rainbow Fields. Contact Sue on 01608 664490

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

U3A Table Tennis. Thursdays 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: For the winter season: Indoors at Shipston High School, 6pm until 8pm. Beginners welcome. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646

FRIDAY

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

Shipston Probud: alternate Fridays, Shipston Sports Club, Contact Tony 01608 663407

Age Concern Lunch Club Alternate Fridays at Rainbow Fields. Contact Ann on 01608 664947

Sit and get Fit: 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: For the winter season: Brailles Village Hall Pavillion, 1pm- 3.30pm. Beginners welcome. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646

February Diary**1 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 Amateur Dramatics: Pinocchio.

2.30pm and 7.30pm. Adults £9 in advance, £10 on the door. Children £5. Tickets available from John Lyne Home Hardware. Children in fancy dress at the matinee will receive a treat

3 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:

Experience with Horton Stone by John W. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

5 Shipston Widows:

Local lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230

Stratford Time Bank's Shipston Social

Meeting: 1.30pm-3pm, Community Room at Stour Court. Everyone welcome

Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:

Louise Pocock - Designing and Making Hats. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519

7-8 Shipston Home Nursing Pop Up Shop:

See ad on page 10

10 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:

7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Town Clerk 662180

Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business

Meeting: 7.30pm, The White Bear (Sports Bar), Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact Lion Paul Macpherson, 682102, Mobile: 07725 105677

11 Shipston Flower Club:

Louisia Ridgen - Spring Delights. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School. Visitors are most welcome at £5.00.

Contact Elizabeth James 01789 450359 or Kathy Little 01608 664882

12 Shipston and District Gardening Club:

Bridewell Gardens - Ruth Madder. Indoor meetings are held in the Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm. Contact Tony Mitchell (Secretary) on 01608 666933

13 Active Memory Group:

We are a friendly group of people who meet at St Edmund's Church on the 2nd Thursday of each month between 10am-12noon, where people with memory problems can come along, have fun doing quizzes, crafts, singing and more, with lots of chat and of course tea and cake.

For more information please contact Alyson Spence on 07725 892087.

14 Rural Cinema: Downton Abbey – see ad on page 7**15 Shipston Cancer Support Group:**

Drop-In Centre: Scout Hut, New Street. 2pm-4pm.

17 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:

Round the World Trip Part 2 by Ann W. Contact:

Shirley Pilkington 662684

19 Shipston Widows:

Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. For further information, contact

Barbara Bean on 663230

Shipston Proms Meeting: 7.30pm every third Wednesday, White Bear. New members welcome. Email: shipstonproms@gmail.com

21 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 ***NEW VENUE*** Shipston Lodge, Tilemans Lane, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4GX Refreshments provided. Contact: Barbara Smith 01608 662433 or David Hollingworth 07970 125566. See ad on page 10

Royal British Legion - Social. A social gathering of serving and ex-service members of HM Armed Forces at 1930 hrs in the White Bear. Open to all members, current and ex-service personnel and anyone interested in joining the RBL. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743

Shipston Music Society: Charles Matthews – see ad on page 10

24 Holiday at Home: Mardi Gras – see ad on page 7**25 Shipston U3A – see ad on page 7**

Planning Committee Meeting: Shipston Town Council-Monthly meeting of the Planning Committee: 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact Alison Packer 662180.

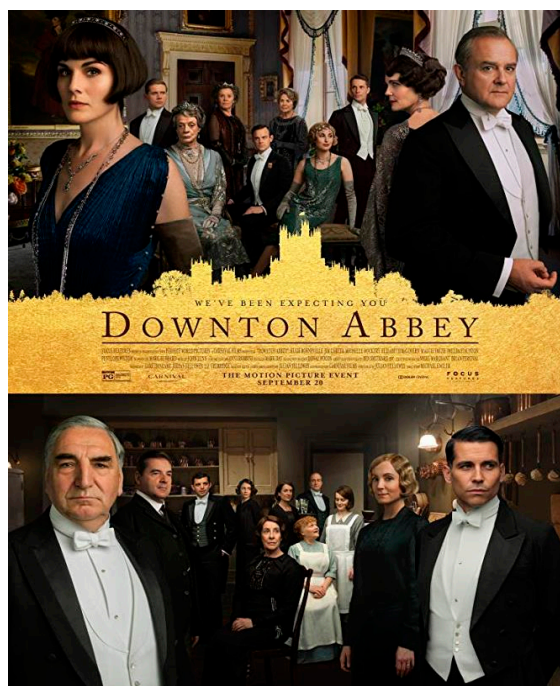
26 Shipston and District Literary Society:

Gervald Frykman - Life & Times of John Masefield - as a pupil of Warwick School. 7.30pm, The White Bear. Members £15pa, Non-members: £4. All welcome. Contact Helen Marshall, 01789 740773

27 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

STOUR VALLEY LION'S CINEMA



**SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL,
FRIDAY 14th February, 2020 at 7.00pm**

Advance Tickets £4.00 or £4.50 on the door.
From: A. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston on Stour.
Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608 661148
Interval for refreshments, drinks and snacks.

Disabled toilet and wheelchair access.



Help to access

TENANCY, BENEFITS, MANAGING DEBT,
HOUSING, SIGNPOSTING, SUPPORT,
AND BUDGETING.

P3 GO MOBILE

P3 and MAVIS will be at Shipston-on-Stour
Leisure Centre, on Tuesdays and Thursdays,
10:00am until 2:00pm.

Contact Us

Warks.p3charity.org or
Call us: 0808 164 6220

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If you'd like MAVIS to visit your organisation
or area please let us know.



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Do you require help to
maintain your tenancy?

Need support to maximise
your benefits?

Having problems
with debt?



Come and celebrate at
Holiday at Home's



carnival
on

February 24th in the Townsend Hall

10am-3pm

Quizzes, games, crafts, entertainment,
refreshments and a two course lunch
all for £7

Book your place with
Rosemary 01608 662584
or Jude 01608 523068



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TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 2020
2 pm TOWNSEND HALL

Exercise Southern Reach

a talk by
Al Sylvester MBE



"Southern Reach", an epic tale of leading the RAF's first unsupported attempt
on the geographic south pole. It contains the three-year build-up of selecting
and training a team, raising the funds, choosing the logistics and the experience
of living on Antarctica for seven weeks in a tent. It is concluded with the heart-
breaking challenges of frostbite and how, after fighting back from such
adversities, I once more inspire people to follow their own dreams..

Visitors are welcome

Entry including refreshments £2

Terracycle Recycling at St Edmund's Church - Your pull out and keep guide



St Edmund's Church Church Street

The new recycling bins set up in St Edmund's Church by Julie are proving popular in helping Shipston residents recycle more of their waste. Any money received from the recycled waste is donated to local charities so it's a real win-win for the town – and the environment.

But as a voluntary service, there's a lot of manual work involved in sorting, collating and sending the materials to the right places. We can all help Julie help us recycle more if we recycle right. Please hang on to this guide to help you collect the right materials and put them in the correct boxes.

Mayor, Dan Scobie, said: "We're lucky to have someone like Julie who is prepared to go to considerable lengths to process all this recycling. Although there have been a lot of positives to report, Julie has had to deal with some pretty unpleasant waste that hasn't been washed properly or has had to spend ages resorting rubbish. Hopefully this guide will help us all make the most of the new recycling facilities and reduce the burden on Julie."

From September 2019 to January 2020, Shipston has used this scheme to recycle:

14.6kg crisp packets

8.9kg snack packets

28.3kg Tassimo/L'Or packaging

Baby food pouches 14.2kg

10kg Pet food pouches

That's just over 75kg of plastic that won't be going to landfill. Well done everyone - and thank you Julie!

Not all plastics can be recycled through this scheme.

Stretchy plastic can be recycled through carrier bag recycling at supermarkets. Any other crinkly plastics or foil lined wrappers (not included on page 9) still have to go to landfill as there isn't a recycling scheme for these currently. Plastic bottles go in your blue wheelie bin

What CAN be recycled at St Edmund's:

- Crisp, nut and popcorn packets and Pringle tubes
- Plastic chocolate and sweet wrappers/packets
- Biscuit wrappers
- Pens
- Dishwasher tablet, salt and cleaning wrappers
- Flexible home cleaning product outer wrappers
- Plastic
- CLEAN pet food pouches and bags (pouches must be thoroughly rinsed)
- Tassimo/L'or packaging and capsules (Tassimo brand only)
- Kenco coffee lids and eco packs
- Baby food pouches (must be thoroughly rinsed)
- Toothbrushes, toothbrush heads, toothpaste tubes, caps

What CANNOT be recycled in this scheme

- Anything that is accepted in your green or blue wheelie bin
- Stretchy plastic or crinkly plastic wrappers such as apple wrappers, crumpet packets, soup packets etc



Please sort your recycling ready to go into the right containers. See the guide:

Additional items to recycle:

BiC Recycling



Biros, felt pens etc

Pringles Tubes



Pringles brand tubes only.

Please place NEXT to crisp bin as there is no collection bin

Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme



Any brand of crisp packet



Popcorn bags
Crisp tubes
Pretzel bags
Meat snack bags

The KP Snacks Recycling Scheme



Any brand of nut, pretzel, popcorn and crisp packets



Seed packets
Nutrient powder and topper packets
Dried fruit packets
Meat snacking packets
Crisp tubes

Tassimo and L'or Recycling



Any Tassimo T-disc or L'Or capsule
Tassimo packaging
Kenco Eco refill packs and coffee lids



Other brands of coffee capsules or packaging or glass jars

Colgate Recycling



Any brand of toothbrush, toothbrush packaging, toothpaste tubes, and caps.
Any brand of electric or battery toothbrush head



Electric/battery toothbrush body or charging unit
Cardboard cartons
Bamboo/wooden toothbrushes

Ellacycle



Any brand of baby food pouch (washed)
Ella's kitchen snack wrappers



Pet food pouches

Pet food Recycling



All wet food pouches (washed)
Flexible pet treat plastic packaging
Flexible dry pet food plastic packaging



Cans
Cardboard
Paper
Hard plastic
Plastic bottles

Confectionery Recycling



Plastic chocolate and sweets pouches and bags
Individual chocolate bar wrappers
Chocolate and sweet multipack packaging
Plastic chocolate block wrappers



Breakfast, granola & energy bar wrappers
Aluminium foil cardboard & paper wrappers (e.g. Rowntrees fruit pastilles) or cardboard tubes
Metal tins & rigid plastic boxes
Quality street wrappers (these can be composted)

Biscuit wrappers Scheme



Any brand of non-savoury biscuit wrapper
Multipack biscuit wrapper
McVitie's Nibbles packs



Plastic inserts
Cardboard

Home hygiene



Any brand of stain remover powder plastic packaging
Flexible dishwasher tablet packaging & plastic sleeve or dishwasher salt bags
Cleaning wipes outer packaging



Baby/face wipe outer packaging
Plastic bottles

Singing

DOWN MEMORY LANE

2020

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



2.00 – 3.30pm

Shipston Lodge, Tilemans Lane, Shipston CV36 4GX

Refreshments provided

(Transport may be available, contact VASA 01789 262889 option 1 (or transport@vasa.org.uk)
at least 3 working days in advance to book)

Contact: Barbara Smith 01608 662433 Dave Hollingworth 07970 125566

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

Shipston On Stour – a Dementia Friendly Community

**FREE ENTRY****POP UP SHOP**

**Townsend Hall, Sheep Street,
Shipston on Stour CV36 4AE**

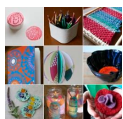
**Friday 7th February 10am - 6pm
Saturday 8th February 9.30am - 2pm**

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Accessories - Collectables...**

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ACTIVE MEMORY GROUP

We are a friendly group of people who meet at St Edmunds Church on the 2nd Thursday of each month between 10am-12noon, where people with memory problems can come along, have fun doing quizzes, crafts, singing and more, with lots of chat and of course tea and cake.

Future Dates: Thursday 9th January 2020
Thursday 13th February 2020
Thursday 12th March 2020



If you know of anyone who you think could benefit from our Group or need any other information please contact Alyson Spence on 07725 892087.

Dementia Friendly Shipston



Proudly Presents

**Charles
Matthews**
in Concert

**PROGRAMME**

Weber – Introduction to the Dance

Bach – Partita no. 1 in B flat major

Schubert – Sonata in G major

INTERVAL

Schubert – Four Impromptus

Beethoven – Sonata quasi una fantasia (the so-called "Moonlight" sonata)

Friday 21st February 2020, 7.30pm

Methodist Church | New Street | Shipston on Stour

Tickets £8.00 | Students £3.00 | accompanied children free

New Members always welcome – please pay on the door



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Shipston Primary School



Polar Explorers by Edward Humphry, Pelicans (edited)

On Tuesday 7th January Year 6 had an explorer (Simon Ward) come in to teach the two classes about the polar regions. To start the day off, we had to write down anything we knew about the North and South pole. Then Simon explained the countries that are in the Arctic Circle.

The next activity involved teamwork, in your group you had to use a rope harness to build a pyramid out of 6 cork screws. The teams competed to finish first. After the pyramid shape, we then had to name animals and answer whether they lived in the polar region or not. Here are a few: an Orca, Arctic fox and a polar bear.

At break time, four children got the amazing opportunity to dress up as a Polar explorer. Then each team was given a large rope and had to get it over their bodies as quick as possible. Some teams even tried it with 2 people at once!

We learned about the hazards you might come across. Deathly crevasses, to thin ice cracking - all cunning in their own way. Simon then told us about the animals that were on our sheet earlier in the day, from the Emperor penguin to the narwhal. He even taught us about the Inuit tribe and how to build igloos.

Water works

The whole school recently enjoyed an assembly with Severn Trent Water explaining how water travels to each individual house to be used and how it is recycled and reused.

Each of the Year 4 classes had a session learning all about the water cycle, how to save water in their own homes, the 'human water cycle' (how sewage is recycled) and how to help the environment with small changes to how they use water. They now all have lots of tips on how to become 'water savers'

in their own homes!

Off to Brazil

For their new topic Rio, Year 1 dressed up ready to go on holiday. The children talked about the different types of holidays people go on and what to pack in their suitcases.

Robins and Wrens looked at passports and created their own. Using atlases they looked at the seven continents of the world and identified South America.

Fight for democracy and equality - school election

During the second half of the Autumn term, some assembly themes focused on individuals from history who have made a significant difference to democracy and equality: Malala Yousafzai, Harriet Tubman, William Wilberforce and Nelson Mandela. On the day of the real General Election, children were asked to vote for the one person who they thought was the most significant. 11/12 classes voted for Malala Yousafzai, with one class voting for Nelson Mandela.

Football Regional Finalists

Shipston Primary School is the fifth best school football team in the region. Our Y5 and Y6 boys played in the regional round of the English Schools FA 7-a-side cup at the Alan Higgs Centre in Coventry, having won the District round without conceding a goal. Well done to the players and thank you to Mr. Roberts and to the parents for their support.



Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Shipston High School values the wider life experience and cultural capital gained by purposeful extracurricular activities. Recently, as part of their GCSE course, Year 11 students had a wonderful opportunity to be immersed in the academic atmosphere of Oxford University when they visited the impressive Oxford University Museum of Natural History and took a voyage back through time to learn about the history of earth. An insightful talk about the museum, Darwin, Wallace and how their ideas have shaped our understanding of evolution and natural selection was followed by an evolutionary trail, where they immersed themselves in the complete history of earth. They discovered how the horse evolved from a small dog-like creature to what we see today, they looked at why some animals have similar characteristics when they have oceans between them and why birds developed feathers and flight. The day concluded with a workshop studying how humans have evolved, students using hands-on techniques to measure the skulls of our evolutionary ancestors to work out how the skull has changed and what this means for the brain.



To help our Year 11 exam candidates prepare for what lies ahead, mock examinations take place in December followed by a mock exam results day in January. Just as students will

experience in the summer, results were published together and collected by students from the school hall at an appointed time. This created a real sense of occasion, and enabled students to feel the same anticipation that accompanies the final results. This event was really positive, allowing students to celebrate their successes and plan for any areas of improvement. There was much to celebrate with many securing grades that are encouraging for the final results. All agreed that the process helped provide the right focus and sense of purpose for the final weeks of preparation. GCSEs begin in May, and all of Year 11 will be pushing themselves to equal or exceed their mock results.

The example students set for each other is one of the strengths of Shipston High School. A real pleasure is seeing how students get involved in activities that enable all ages in the school to work together. Extracurricular activities, house assemblies and other activities often see young people collaborating outside their own year group. It is this that creates and sustains our sense of community. The school is successful because the students are at the centre of our work.

Next month, many families will be finding out which secondary school their children will attend in the coming Autumn; I am sure that children coming to Shipston High School in September 2020 will be eager to add their own contribution to our growing community.



Shipston Rotary

Shipston Santa Street Visit 2019

Christmas may already feel a distant memory but there are some moments that left a lasting memory for Shipston Rotarians.



What a joy to see children scrambling excitedly to put on their dressing gowns and wellies so that they could go to Santa's sleigh as he toured the streets of Shipston! Once again Shipston Rotary Club escorted Santa as he made his rounds: he greeted the children warmly to make sure that they were ready for Christmas Eve - and their parents really were in the family Christmas spirit.

And once again, the people of Shipston were incredibly generous with our Christmas appeal - thank you. Following on from the Victorian Evening, the monies collected contribute a major part of our annual fund raising for local charities and good causes.

The Rotary Victorian Evening, including the Tree of Life, raffle, mulled wine, squares, tombola, woodolfs, and subsequent street collections, raised record sums for charities and good causes that Shipston Rotary supports, both local and international.

Shipston Rotary President Sue Haywood said, "I spoke to lots of people during the evening and everyone said how much they enjoyed the evening, the stallholders were also delighted to be part of the event. Thank you to everyone who made the event such a success, especially the sponsors."

Currently there are major disasters in Australia and Indonesia. Many have relatives and friends in Australia. Shipston Rotary is considering how best to respond to the catastrophes in these two countries."

Shipston Rotary cares about its local community and its services and reflects that positive spirit which helps make Shipston such a great place to live.

Low Furlong

Low Furlong Care Home enjoys some wonderful connections with the town and local groups which was abundantly evident when the 1st Shipston-On-Stour Scout Troupe visited and serenaded our residents with Christmas Carols in the run up to Christmas.



Twenty-five Scouts, accompanied by Scout Leader, Martin Castle, sang a selection of Christmas songs including the classics so everyone could sing along. During the intermission, Scouts and residents had a chance to get to know one another over some mince pies, chocolates and peppermint candy canes.

"Music is really evocative for many residents," explained Low Furlong's Wellbeing Manager, Sarah Fardy, especially at Christmas with so many songs linked to special Christmas memories.



Low Furlong is also keen to promote intergenerational activities. "There are real benefits to having meaningful contact with people from outside our own age group; it can help us relate to people who are in some ways different to us, encourage us to see things from other perspectives, and eliminate negative stereotypes around age. For those not lucky enough to have relationships with grandparents, events like this could be a great chance to adopt one!"

The 1st Shipston Scout Group and the Low Furlong team look forward to plenty of future involvement, and are planning a Shrove Tuesday event, when the Scouts will provide table service at Low Furlong as they make the residents bespoke pancakes to order!

Shipston Cycling Club

Shipston Cycling Club (SCC), recently crowned Liz Smith its Rider of the Year.

Liz is instrumental in the club's regular 9am Sunday group, which offers new and existing members a shorter ride, ridden at a gentler pace than the other Sunday rides.



Liz Smith receiving her Rider of the Year award from Club Chairman, Andy Smith.

Liz also organised the club's recent Christmas dinner at the New Inn, Clifford Chambers, where the results of the annual club survey were announced.

The cafes at Whichford, Blackminster, Wellesbourne and Moreton-in-Marsh came out as particular favourites amongst members, while the club rides to Bourton-on-the-Water and Blenheim Palace were singled out for particular praise.

In another successful year, the club has seen its female membership rise by a quarter, with women making up nearly a third of SCC's membership.

Shipston Food Bank

A big thank you!

We would like to thank everyone once more for their amazing generosity throughout the past twelve months. The donations of food and money that you have given, have really kept our larder well stocked so we have been able to provide food packs to everyone who has applied.

Sadly, the Sure Start Centre closed earlier this year. The staff there knew their clients well and were able to refer them quickly to us. We miss that connection, but hopefully no one is slipping through the net.

Our thanks also go to the Town Clerk and staff at the Council Office who now provide our distribution point. Their help is invaluable.

So, hopefully we can continue along the same lines this year. We are happy that we are able to help.

Beverly Abson, Pauline Morley, Fay Ivens - The Food Bank Team.

Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG)

Dammed Interventions!

2019 was another productive and successful year for SAFAG where the focus was to work on watercourses in the upstream Stour catchment area around the Sibfords, Whichford, Brailes and below Hook Norton.

A further 150 interventions were installed to slow the flow in this area, taking the total to more than 500 since work began in 2018.

The vast majority of these structures have been Leaky Wooden Dams (LWD's) which allow the passage of fish and invertebrates during normal conditions, but hold back the excess water during heavy rainfall, such as we experienced on several occasions during last year.

The deluge on November 14th 2019 was the worst seen since 2016 but the river levels were much lower than we and the Environment Agency expected. This indicates that the installations already in place are working to slow the flow and reduce the flooding of homes in vulnerable locations.

2020 takes us south where we are already well on with plans and have secured the funding, to works above Long Compton and between there and Shipston plus Brailes, Sutton and Cherington.

It has to be emphasised that this work could not have been undertaken without the consent and support of the landowners and farmers, to whom our communities owe a huge debt of gratitude.

Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team

Reporting anti-social behaviour

When reporting incidents of ASB, this cannot be reported online due to the introduction of a new system. This now needs reporting by calling 101. For any other crimes please report these via the website.

In an emergency where persons are in immediate danger or a burglary or criminal damage is taking place, please call 999.

Shipston Proms

Handbags at the ready.....we can now reveal that Launch Night of the Proms this year will be Disco Night! Be prepared to come and dance the night away with Uncle Funk and the Boogie Wonderland who will be playing all the greatest 70's disco hits wall to wall. A local DJ has been also booked for the 80's part of the night playing dance music from all the popular bands of that era. Think Duran Duran, Madonna, Wham.....

We are working on acts for the fortnight, especially for the Last Night, and we will give you more details over the next few months. If any artists would like to be a part of the Café and Pub Trail on the middle Saturday, please get in touch.

In other news, Long Compton Village Hall, Long Compton Chapel and Halford Village Hall as well as Talton Mill, all want to be involved again. That is fantastic and any more villages who would like to join in the Proms festival please get in touch.

Our sponsorship packages remain the same as last year so if businesses would again like to be involved we would be very grateful.

If you have any further feedback or suggestions please keep them coming via our Facebook Page, on Twitter @shipstonproms or email shipstonproms@gmail.com.



Lions Club Serving the Community



2019 ended with our visit to Ellen Badger Hospital on Christmas Day to distribute presents to those who had to spend Christmas in hospital. The Town Band also attended to add cheer to the patients - in some cases, we were the only visitors they had over the festive period.



Ellen Badger Hospital Manager with staff with Lion President, Dave Squires, and Santa of course!

The funds we raised over the year went to help a variety of good causes, including:

Woman -v- Cancer, Drug Action Shipston (Dash), Shipston Proms, Flooding defence, Shipston High School, Ellen Badger Hospital and Sight savers.

With another year of service now passed, another year of service is ahead, as that is what Lions do, we serve the community.

Our prime purpose in the Lions is to provide service but, in many cases, we need funds to support our efforts. We could do a lot more if we had suitable premises to re-establish our book shop which raised a considerable amount of money to support our work. We are constantly asked if we can take books from residents and must reluctantly decline, so we know there is a good supply of books which would provide a service and raise funds for good causes.

If you have any suggestions for where we could locate our bookshop, please get in touch.

Stour Valley VIP's – Club for the blind and partially sighted people

We are still a very active club and meet on a Monday fortnightly at Stour Court. We have an average 30 members at each meeting, and they enjoy a speaker and a very good homemade tea. Transport is provided where necessary as several members live in the villages.

We have a raffle and members have time to socialise. We had an excellent Christmas lunch provided for us by Beverly Webb and team. Thank you Beverly. We also had a very good free raffle and I'd like to thank local shops for giving us a prize. Each member had a prize to take home.

I have invited speakers to our club for the next six months and our meetings have already started – see the what's on calendar for details of this month's meetings.

Sadly our Chairman, Bill Hannis, has retired and we are desperately looking for help at the club. Any help will be very welcome.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Shirley Pilkington, Secretary, on 01608 662684.

District Council Update

I've had my feet under the District Council table, so to speak, for some nine months now. There has been a lot to learn. I have already, for example, spent more than 70 hours in formal training sessions. As the finance portfolio holder, I've seen a lot of the Council's accountants, but I have also had frequent meetings with, amongst others, staff from the planning, enforcement and environmental health teams, typically when I am pursuing some local issue on behalf of residents. I have spoken on behalf of residents at a number of Planning Committee meetings with some success in influencing decisions in residents' favour. In addition to attending Cabinet and Council meetings, I find myself on bodies to do with member development, cash management and housing investment and I regularly attend the monthly meetings of both Shipston Town and Tredington Parish Councils.

The prime responsibility of the finance portfolio holder is to oversee the preparation of the Council's annual budget, the cornerstone to the Council's capacity to meet its legal responsibilities and to deliver the services that residents of the District expect and deserve. This has absorbed more time for discussion and thinking things through with colleagues and officers. The issues involved are serious – what is likely to happen to the Council's level of reserves? They tend to be controversial – the decision to introduce a charge for the collection of green bins comes to mind. Meetings are not simply a matter of the time involved; there is also the preparation and thinking time needed. For example, the various reports and papers that were considered at The Cabinet's January meeting ran to 180 pages that needed to be read and inwardly digested.

Most of this activity takes place out of the sight of Shipston residents. I am conscious that councillors are always open to the accusation that their residents only see them at election time. I am always keen to hear from residents. I encourage you to make contact when you have an issue I might be able to pursue on your behalf. Do feel free to drop me a line or give me a call. I'll always do my best to help.

Trevor Harvey Councillor for Shipston North

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



County Council update

Happy New Year Shipston! (in the tone of Robin Williams in Good Morning Vietnam!)

My New Year's resolutions are many & varied this year.

1. I am determined to get our dropped kerbs in! They are further up the Highways list....time for a push.

2. Infrastructure - water & poo - the more rain we have in discreet periods, the less our drains cope. But - I have a plea. Please only flush loo roll (and the reason for using it) down your loos. We are teetering on the brink with our drains. When they leak this is usually caused by a big influx of water getting backed up behind wipes or even nappies. And then we get sewage filled gardens, roads & paths. For my part I will speak to flood resilience & drains at WCC & Severn Trent to get as many improvements as we can.

3. Roads Infrastructure - how are we doing? The feedback on the Portobello is largely good - but I understand that there is some confusion about turning. I have asked for the priorities to be looked at & also if there is a need for signage.

4. Health & Wellbeing - please have a look at the stroke consultation online at WCC. This is about future plans for effective treatment. Although last year was the Year of Wellbeing in Warwickshire - we will be carrying on encouraging activity & with the development at the Ellen Badger - promoting it further. Watch this space.

Thanks for bearing with me for the last few months & being so supportive.

Surgeries continue on Thurs morning at 10am at The George or contact me on 07748968712 if you aren't around & we can meet up.

Jo Barker, County Councillor

Shipston Medical Centre

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

Appointment reminders by text

Regular users of our service will know that we have been using text messages to remind people of their appointments for some time. We are now starting to use text messages for other reasons, for example, reminding patients to book routine review appointments, advising of blood test results, advise patients of documents for collection, such as reports and referral information. Please make sure we have your up-to-date mobile number.

If this is not a service you would like to utilise please ensure we have your dissent recorded. Call reception or complete the form on our website <https://shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk/>

Electronic Prescription Service

We are now 'live' with the electronic prescription service. This means that we can now transfer prescriptions electronically

to your choice of pharmacy. If you wish to change your nominated pharmacy please let us know. If for some reason your choice of pharmacy is changed, for example, because you are on holiday and need medication, it is your responsibility to ensure the nominated pharmacy is changed back to your usual choice.



Shipston Medical Centre

Online Services

Did you know that you can book appointments, order medication and look at details of your medical record online? To take advantage of these services please speak with reception.

In order to protect your information we do require you to provide us with identification before we are able to set up an account. We really encourage you to utilise this, as you can track what medication has been ordered when.

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Find out more about our new town councillor in the next issue of the Forum

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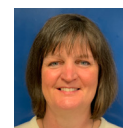
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Shipston Library:	0300 5558171
- 24/7 renewal line	01926 499273
Highways customer services	01926 412515
Severn Trent Emergency Line:	0800 7834444
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Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Forum	01608 495955
Shipston Link (local transport)	01386 593446
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Townsend Hall	07514 704057
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
UCHW Hospital	024 7696 4000
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Local police (non emergency)	101
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**IN THEIR LOCAL INDEPENDENT SHOPS &
BUSINESSES, INSTEAD OF ONLINE OR AT
THE BIG SUPERMARKET, IT WOULD MEAN AN EXTRA**

**£1.1 MILLION
PER YEAR GOING INTO
OUR LOCAL ECONOMY.**

**WHICH MEANS MORE JOBS, A BETTER HIGH STREET, A
STRONGER ECONOMY & A NICER PLACE TO LIVE.**

MAKES YOU THINK DOESN'T IT?!

**SO TO HELP YOU DO THIS, WE'RE TAKING PART IN THE
TOTALLY LOCALLY**

FIVER FEST 15-29 FEB.

**LOADS OF AMAZING £5 SPECIAL OFFERS
FROM OUR INDEPENDENT SHOPS & BUSINESSES.**

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