



**Happy New Year to all our readers
on behalf of everyone at Shipston Town Council**

Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team takes action to tackle local crime

Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team has been working hard to investigate rural crime, with many notable successes.

PC Craig Purcell and Shipston's team of police community support officers have been taking a proactive approach to tracking down stolen property and arresting offenders. Using a mixture of established policing techniques, supported by new technology such as drones, the team has managed to return stolen goods to the rightful owners, prevented drugs from being distributed and tracked down some of the area's "most wanted."

The team shared its latest video with Shipston Town Council to highlight what has been going on. PC Craig Purcell describes some of the cases:

"We invited ourselves along to two operations in Cleeve Prior, knowing we have previously imprisoned people for dealing Class A drugs in Shipston that were linked to supply from that area. Using the drone, PCSO Andy Steventon guided other officers to find the male wanted under a court warrant. Acting on our own research, I then looked for evidence of

drugs and soon spotted some cleared ground in woodland which had been missed in an earlier search. Officers subsequently unearthed a significant amount of Class A drugs buried underground, together with jewellery from a burglary in Ilmington."

The team has also recovered a stolen dumper truck and caravan in Shipston as well as trailers, quad bikes, a horse trailer, and medals from other locations. These successes have largely been down to Shipston SNT's determination to get involved in various operations, sometimes as the only Warwickshire officers present.

"We take all reported crime seriously and do our best to take action wherever possible. It's really important that all crimes are reported to the police so that we can build an accurate picture of what is happening in and around the local area." Craig added.

Deputy Mayor, Dan Scobie, said: "On



behalf of the town, I would like to thank the Safer Neighbourhood Team for all their hard work and for taking the time to share some of their recent activities with the Town Council".

Neighbourhood Plan team thanked by council

Members of the Neighbourhood Plan team were invited to attend the December Council Meeting where their efforts were celebrated by councillors and the local community.

Although the Neighbourhood Plan was supported by a number of volunteers over the course of its creation, there was a core team who took on the lion's share of the work and saw the plan through to completion.

Deputy Mayor, Dan Scobie, presented the team members with certificates before inviting the team to join all attendees at the meeting in a pre-Christmas toast. *(Photo of two members of the NP team taken by Martin Ferrier)*



What next for the Medical Centre?

Shipston Medical Centre is continuing to work with South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust and South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group to develop proposals for a new Medical Centre.

At a meeting for interested parties in November, health professionals explained that there are two potential locations for a new medical centre. One is the Ellen Badger Hospital site as part of planned expansion into a neighbouring property, and the other is the land allocated on the Campden Road housing site.

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Youth Ambassador's column

This month the Mayor's Column has been written by Shipston's Youth Ambassador, Abigail Slatter.



The absence of The Mayor during early December has given me the opportunity to write a few words about how I see my role as Youth Ambassador and what I hope to achieve this year.

I'm very grateful to the Town Council for recognising the younger people in the community and giving us a voice to help shape our future and build a platform from which future generations can benefit.

My ambition is to set in motion a structure which will provide a representative voice for the youth of the town. With the Town Council's agreement on a youth working group, we will be able to feedback our thoughts and ideas on issues facing the youth in our community.

I'm looking forward to working with the Town Council, the youth groups and representatives of the youth in the town throughout the year to gather their thoughts and ambitions for shaping our town to be better suited for younger generations in the future.

This will hopefully provide a base which future youth representatives can develop in years to come.

I hope Forum readers have had an enjoyable Christmas break and I wish you all the very best for the coming year.

Abigail Slatter

For more information on the Youth Working Group, please contact the Town Clerk via clerk@shipstononline.org

What next for the Medical Centre? *(continued from page 1)*

Both sites offer pros and cons, and although some residents have expressed a preference for the Ellen Badger site, there are also reasons why the Campden Road site may be suitable.

The next step is for detailed assessments to be carried out on both sites to assess whether either or both sites are financially viable. This will include the physical and planning challenges facing the different sites as well as aspects such as access, parking and proximity to other services.

There is still no guarantee that a new medical centre will be built in Shipston, but things are moving in a positive direction. The medical centre has warned, however, that progress is likely to be slow.

Who's your hero volunteer?

As we start the New Year, the town council is asking residents to think about who should be the 2019 recipient of the Shipston Award.

The Shipston Award recognises an individual for the voluntary work they have done for the local community. Past winners have included people who support the town in a variety of ways, from running events to supporting young people and providing emergency care.

Last year's winner was Phil Wragg (pictured) for his work running the Shipston Area Flood Action Group - you can read more about their successes on page 6.

Look out for the nomination form for this

year which will be printed in next month's Forum. Alternatively, you can email your nomination to clerk@shipstontowncouncil.org



Call goes out to 4x4 drivers to support the NHS

South Warwickshire Foundation Trust (SWFT) is calling on the community to support their local NHS by becoming a member of their 4x4 volunteer drivers club.

SWFT has formed a partnership with the Warwickshire 4x4 Volunteers Club, which offered crucial support to the Trust last winter by helping healthcare staff get to hospitals and clinics despite heavy snowfall. The community spirited drivers also navigated SWFT's nurses to patients' homes to ensure local people received the treatment they needed. With the Trust working hard to prepare for another testing winter, the arrangement has been formalised so plans can be put in place in order to provide an effective service whatever the weather. Part of this approach is taking on more volunteers who are able to help out if the need arises.



Lead Volunteer Coordinator Graeme Wright outside Warwick Hospital with Clinical Sister Sarah Rawlings

Drivers need to have their own 4x4 vehicles with valid insurance and be willing to join a WhatsApp group that the Lead Volunteer Coordinator will use to support the response during times of extreme weather conditions.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer, please contact Graeme Wright, Lead Volunteer Coordinator, on warwickshire4x4volunteers@gmail.com.

News from Shipston Town Council's December meeting

Hot topics:

Mayoral marriage: Dan Scobie led the congratulations to Shipston Mayor, Ian Cooper, on his marriage to Tina Cook.

Praise for the town: A local resident has written to the Clerk to congratulate the town council and its contractors on how well the town centre is maintained.

New surface: Despite some initial delays, the New Street car park resurfacing has been successfully completed.

Money back: Brian Cooper confirmed that the £5,000 reserve identified in the council's budget to support the Neighbourhood Plan is no longer needed and can be reallocated for other initiatives.

Tree donation: The Woodland Trust has donated 1200 trees to Shipston Area Flood Action Group to help slow flood water. The SAFAG team is hoping to plant the trees by Christmas.

Campaigning for Shipston:

Portabello crossroads: The town council is encouraging Warwickshire County Council to hold a public meeting to explain the delays to the work planned for the crossroads and to confirm when the safety measures will be in place.

South Lynn House appeal: Brian Cooper attended the appeal into the first planning application for a retirement home at South Lynn House. Jo Barker also attended and representations were made by local residents and Shipston Sports and Social Club. Brian outlined the town council's reasons for objecting to the application, based on expert advice provided by the town council's planning consultant. By the time residents read this, the result of the appeal should be known.

Funding for heritage: Progress is being made on a 100 year lease for the land by the river. Sheelagh Saunders is keen to work with the local community, particularly local children, to develop ideas for the area that will enable residents to enjoy the river more easily.

Tourist Information Centre: Marianne Westwood updated councillors on developments with the TIC which is a work in progress. There have been some teething problems which are being worked on and should be resolved early in the New Year.

Town Council business:

Precept planning: The town council is working on its precept for 2019/20. This will cover town council services for the coming year, including provision for community grants to support local clubs and charities.

Do you have what it takes to become a town councillor?

In May 2019, elections will take place for Shipston Town Council. This presents an ideal opportunity for those interested in local democracy to put themselves forward for election. With at least two current councillors due to stand down, we're calling on local residents to consider throwing their hat into the ring. To help you decide whether becoming a town councillor would be right for you, we will be interviewing councillors over the next few issues to find out what they think are the best things about being a councillor, as well as the challenges to be aware of.

Councillor Marianne Westwood has been serving on the town council for five years.



What prompted you to put yourself forward? The Portabello campaign made me attend council meetings. I found them interesting and decided I might be useful.

How easy did you find it adjusting to your role? At the start I felt I knew very little and was always asking questions. The courses I attended were all essential to understanding my role. It took time and I'm still learning.

What aspects of being a councillor do you find most rewarding? I find it all rewarding. I love being able to help people and being part of the decisions that affect our town.

Why should residents put themselves forward for nomination? Shipston is a special place to live and deserves people that care about it to serve. The council needs people from all backgrounds and with different life experiences. It's not always easy. Things take much longer than you think, but as long as you care about Shipston and are willing to learn and listen, you will find being a Councillor a rewarding and interesting experience.

Councillor Brian Cooper joined the council just under four years ago. He will be standing down at the next election



What prompted you to put yourself forward? I wanted to do something for the community, and contribute to the work being done by the other volunteer councillors.

What aspects do you find most rewarding? Being able to influence matters of relevance to the community, and being able to contribute, in a supporting role, to the preparation and adoption of the Shipston Neighbourhood Plan.

What advice would you give future nominees? Attend a town council meeting before you decide to stand for election to understand the range of activities covered.

Why are you standing down? I can no longer devote the time needed to handle the volume and complexity of planning application consultations.

Why should other residents stand? If you have the time available, it can be a very satisfying way of helping to influence the future of Shipston.

Dance with Dash gets plenty of toes tapping

On Sunday 18th November, 34 Tappers from Dance with Dash took part in the Tapathon 2018 at The Townsend Hall. This year's Tapathon event involved 7,495 tappers across the UK and the dancers were only 102 tappers short of breaking the world record for the most people dancing the same routine at the same time across multiple venues. As a nationwide event coming together, they raised in excess of £36,700 for Children in Need. Dance with Dash raised a further £137.52 on the day from the refreshments stall.

Dance with Dash will be registering to take part again next year to try and smash the world record and will be taking registrations from individual tappers who wish to take part in this family fun event for Children in Need from September 2019.



Another victory for the Victorian Evening

The festive season got off to a great start thanks to the Victorian Evening.

The church bells rang out to herald the start of the evening, followed by children from Shipston Primary School singing Christmas carols, accompanied by Shipston Town Band.

The opening ceremony, led by Robin Payne as Master of Ceremonies, saw the Tree of Life lights blessed by Rev. Daniel Pulham and switched on by Rotary President, Graham Thomas. Deputy Mayor, Dan Scobie, then took charge of switching on the town's festive lights.

Every year, many of Shipston's retailers take part in the Victorian Evening's 'best festive window' competition. This year's winner was Sheep Street florist, Bumble and Wild, and Heidi Portlack was invited on to the stage to collect the trophy on behalf of the shop (see picture).

The Victorian Evening is known for providing attractions to suit everyone and this year was no exception. The event included treats such as mulled wine and mince pies, a Hog Roast, and sweets and cakes. The more competitive visitors took part in the tombolas, while others focused on shopping. Rotary 'Woodolf' Reindeers proved popular once again, with all funds raised going to good causes.

For the first time, children were offered the chance to ride on a carousel, while other attractions for little ones included face painters, children's stalls and of course Father Christmas in his grotto.

Rotary President, Graham Thomas, said: "There was a great atmosphere - everyone said they were having a fantastic time and the looks on the kids' faces told us everything we needed to know.

"We would like to thank our Sponsors and Donors for their continued support which has enabled Shipston Rotary to continue organising this wonderful evening to herald the start of Christmas in Shipston," Graham added.



Shipston Rainbows

Shipston Rainbows were presented with a cheque by John Adams, the Co-op Store Manager, on Saturday 24th November. The group were one of the Co-op's three chosen local good causes for September 2017 / 18.

Rainbow Leader, Diane Wildish said: "A huge thank you to the Co-op for this wonderful donation which will make an enormous contribution to our funds and help us afford many new outings and activities for our Rainbows. We'd also like to thank the many local people who went online and designated Rainbows as their chosen charity so boosting our final total."



Any other local charity or community group interested in applying to be a Co-op chosen charity in the future should contact John Adams at the Shipston store from next Spring or go online at www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-causes

Exercise for the elderly becomes 'Sit and Get Fit'

Exercise for the Elderly is now called "Sit and Get Fit" and has changed its time. The venue - Catholic Church, Darlingscote Road - and format remains the same, but is now held on a Friday morning at 10.30am - 12.30pm. The new trainer, Louise Barnes, will be starting on Friday 4th January - on alternate Fridays. All new members welcome, for further information please contact Ann Smith 01608-238400.

Shipston town centre welcomes new businesses

Two new businesses have opened in the town centre, adding to the already impressive range of shops and restaurants in the town.

New cafe, 'The Three Ewes' (pictured below), opened on 7th December to coincide with the Victorian Evening. Based at the Church Street end of Granville Court, the cafe is open daily and provides a range of drinks, pastries and light lunches prepared by hand.



Across town, a Midlands-based furniture maker has opened a new showroom in Sheep Street. Lloyds Furniture Designers & Makers specialises in fitted furniture for bedrooms, offices and living areas. The new shop is the company's fifth showroom and there have been plenty of customers popping in to talk to the team since the showroom opened.

Mayor, Ian Cooper, said: "We are delighted to welcome these new businesses to the town. Shipston is extremely fortunate in retaining such a strong mix of independent shops and businesses. Although we have lost some traders in recent years, it's extremely encouraging to see new businesses opening up in the town."

Another recent arrival on the Shipston scene has just announced extended opening hours. Thirst Edition, the micro pub on Church Street, will now be open for longer thanks to a successful start. Other relatively new businesses to the town include kitchen designers Thomas & Thomas, and sweet shop Bee Sweet.

To find out more about the range of shops and other local businesses Shipston has to offer, visit the Totally Locally Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/totallylocallyshipston/>

X-Fest is back for 2019!

Make sure Saturday 15th June is in your diary - X-Fest is returning for 2019.

X-Fest is a biennial event arranged by Shipston Youth Club. The event boasts lots of exciting activities including a climbing wall and 'spider mountain' slide. The event will host some fabulous musical acts, as well as refreshments to keep everyone going.

The best news is that the activities are free to enjoy - and entry is free too! To make this possible, Shipston Youth Club is seeking donations and is looking to raise £2,000 towards the cost of X-Fest. If you can help, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/xfest2019>

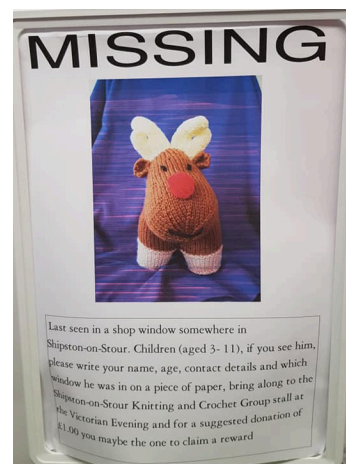


Missing Rudolph mystery solved

Shipston's Knitting and Crochet Group set the town's children a challenge when they discovered one of their knitted creations had mysteriously disappeared.

In the run up to the Victorian Evening, children were challenged to spot the missing woolly Rudolph by checking all the window displays in and around the town.

Rudolph was eventually found hiding in Creature Comforts window by Lucy (3) and Thomas (8). Apparently he was collected by Father Christmas and safely returned to the North Pole.



The Shipston Knitting and Crochet Group had a very successful Victorian Evening, selling all manner of woolly wonders. Thanks to lots of interest from residents and visitors, the group will be donating over £100 to the Community First Responders.

Elle goes to extra lengths to raise over £450 for Children in Need

Children in Need received a boost of £468.50 thanks to the determination of local schoolgirl, Elle Hazleton.

A keen swimmer, Elle decided to take on a 5km swim challenge to raise money for the charity, in addition to the extensive amount of swimming training she already does each week.

Elle completed her challenge in just four sessions and was thrilled with the support she received from sponsors. Congratulations Elle!



The climbing wall will be back

350 NOT OUT: Annual round-up from Shipston Area Flood Action Group

2018 has been the most productive year for the Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG) since its formation in 2014.

By the end of September, planning consent had been secured and more than 350 natural flood alleviation measures had been installed, across 23 estates and farms, through which Knee Brook and Pig Brook flow. These water courses account for some 50 per cent of the volume which feeds into the River Stour at Shipston, so it was an obvious priority.

As we head into winter the physical work will cease - but only after we've planted the 1200 trees generously donated by the Woodland Trust! Our planning and fund raising will continue throughout the winter. A further £50k has been committed by the Environment Agency, with whom the group works closely, so planning for the next phases in the east and southern parts of the catchment is already under way. Completing these elements will allow further installations to commence

in spring 2019.

2018 has brought other benefits to SAFAG, such as interest and recognition of the group's work leading to numerous visits from Directors and senior members of various government agencies from all around the UK. It has also resulted in even more requests for the Chairman and General

Secretary to speak about the group's work and experiences at National and Regional Flood Seminars. We are also active in assisting the formation of new flood groups across Warwickshire.

So is SAFAG's work effective? Well the group believe so, backed up by a condition of the government funding that regular monitoring of the installations takes



place. This is done remotely by solar powered cameras which feed directly to the Environment Agency at times of heavy rainfall so that they can monitor the impact the alleviations are having. This is a cost to SAFAG of circa £15k from the funds raised. Members of the group also undertake visits to the sites themselves to validate this information, filming and recording their findings. Importantly, the use of natural materials to create flood defences is also designed to improve water quality, biodiversity and create natural wildlife habitat. We are delighted to report the return of Snipe and Lapwings to areas of the catchment where our work has been undertaken.

To find out more about SAFAG, visit www.shipstonfloodaction.org.uk



What's on

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SENIOR CITIZENS
ACTION NETWORK

SHIPSTON ON STOUR

and surrounding communities

Tuesday 8th January 2019

Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour

10.00am for free refreshments

10.30am start

Tony Naylor, Silverline

**Phil Wragg, Chairman of Shipston Area
Flood Action Group**

Admission Free

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

If you would like to attend SCAN meetings but have any difficulties such as personal mobility or lack of transport please telephone Jane Pearce on 01608 663491 to discuss possible ways in which we can help.

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

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11 February 2019
6.30 pm—8.30 pm

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Council Chambers**
Elizabeth House, Church St,
CV37 6HX

SPEAKERS

- The County Officer of the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC)
- Experienced local clerks
- Local Parish Councillors
- The Chair of WALC

WALC
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Town and Parish Councils

MONDAY**Citizens Advice:**

Mornings, New Clark House.
To book call 01789 200136

Shipston Duplicate

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

Shipston Baby & Toddler

Group: Term time only. 9.30-
11am, Scout Hut. Contact
shipstontoddlers@gmail.com

Knitting & Crochet Club:

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

Shipston Badminton Club:

Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

TUESDAY**Yoga for all abilities:**

9.30am-11am Catholic Church
Hall. Contact Lee Figures
665995 / 07526 575969

Stroke Club: Fortnightly

10am-12pm The House of
Bread Retreat at The Mill,
Burmington

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

Bingo: Alternate Tuesdays.

Doors open 6.30pm. Sheldon
Bosley Hub. 661886

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**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 Probus:

alternate Wednesdays at
10am, The George in Brailes.
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 Stitchers:

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

Active Memory Group: 3rd

Thursday, 10am - 12noon.
Contact Alyson Spence 01608
661703 or 07725 892087

Story Stomp: Shipston

Library, 11.30-12pm.
FREE For children aged 2-4.

Age Concern Lunch

Club: Alternate Thursdays.

Gill Roach on 01295 680309
or Pauline Carr on 01386
700703

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.

Exercise for the elderly:

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

Stour Singers - Choral

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

Shipston Badminton Club:

Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

Yoga for all abilities:

5.45-7pm. Catholic Church
Hall. Contact Lee Figures
665995 / 07526 575969

FRIDAY**Walks** with a friendly group.

Old Mill car park at 10am.
Contact: Marlene, 663616

Shipston Probus: alternate
Fridays. Shipston Sports Club,
Contact Nick 01608 662928

Age Concern Lunch Club

at Stour Court. Call June on
684218

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

Knitting & Crochet Club:

2-5pm, Rainbow Fields.

Contact Julie Pardoe 07956
180989

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

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

January Diary

2 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: Members' Auction. 7pm, Catholic
Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519

Chronic Pain Support Group: 7:30pm, Rainbow Fields. Contact
Marianne Westwood 01608 662223

5 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

8 Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN) Meeting: Tony Naylor,
Silverline and Phil Wragg, Chairman of Shipston Area Flood Action Group.
10.00am for free refreshments, 10.30am start. Townsend Hall, Sheep
Street, Shipston. Admission free. see ad on page 6

11 Rural Cinema: Mama Mia Here We Go Again see ad on page 9

14 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting: 7pm, New Clark House. All
welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180

Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting: 7.30pm, The White
Bear Function Room, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact Membership
Officer Lion Paul Garfield on 07828 589564 or email paulgarfield@icloud.
com

16 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. For information email: shipstonproms@gmail.
com

18 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

22 Shipston U3A: Small island by little train. See the ad on page 8

24 Shipston Medical Centre: Women's Health Evening see ad on page 9

30 Shipston and District Literary Society: Georgina Ferry - Ada Lovelace's
Letters. 7:30pm, The White Bear. All welcome. Contact Helen Marshall,
01789 740773

31 Shipston Amateur Dramatics: Ali Baba See ad on page 16

February

11 WALC Event - Have you ever considered being a town councillor?
See ad on page 6

15 The Mayor's Masked Ball: A fundraising ball at the Townsend Hall to
support the Mayor's charities. For more information, contact clerk@
shipstononline.org



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SHIPSTON BRANCH

POPPY APPEAL

Once again the good people of Shipston and the surrounding villages have shown their generosity and support for our former and serving members of the Armed Forces.

This year's total being:

£16694.31

Our best year ever

We, therefore, send a huge, huge "Thank You" to the people of Shipston, Brailes, Sutton-under-Brailes, Winderton, Cherington, Stourton, Burmington, Tidmington, Willington, Barcheston, and Stretton-on-Fosse for being so generous.

Also a massive "Thank You" goes to our team of collectors without whom this would not be possible.

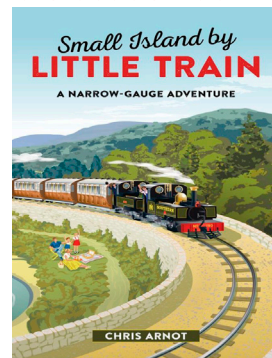
If you are inspired by this magnificent community effort and would like to be a collector next year do please get in contact now. It is rewarding and great fun.

Richard Adams
01608 662328
richardadams5@hotmail.com



Learn, Laugh, Live

**TUESDAY 22 JANUARY, 2019
2 pm TOWNSEND HALL,**



Narrow-gauge lines were the oddballs of the British railway system. Getting to parts of the UK that main-line trains could not in largely remote parts and its widely varying landscapes. Author Chris Arnot has found himself watching flocks of exotic birds explode across an expansive skyline; being shunted up Britain's second highest mountain; tumbling down a steep railway embankment in the wilds of Scotland and even en route to visit Santa Claus down a disused lead mine.

**Visitors are welcome
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for more information**



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— HERE WE GO AGAIN —



SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL,

FRIDAY 11th January, 2019 at 7.00pm

Advance Tickets £3.50 or £4 on the door.

From: A. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston On Stour.

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Interval for refreshments, drinks and snacks.

Disabled toilet and wheelchair access.



MAYOR'S VALENTINE MASKED BALL

Friday 15th February
SAVE THE DATE

The Town Mayor will be hosting a charity
masked ball on **Friday 15th February**
at the **Townsend Hall.**

Full details to be revealed later in January
Contact 01608 662180 for details and
sponsorship opportunities

Shipston Medical Centre
is holding a

Women's Health Evening

For those registered with us

Thursday 24th January 2019

from 4.30 pm – 7.30pm.



**To coincide with cervical cancer prevention week
we are offering eligible* women an opportunity to
come and have a cytology (smear) test. Book an
appointment or just drop in!**

**If you are worried about having a smear pop along
to talk to our friendly nurses, who can offer
information and advice.**

*Only eligible women can have a test. NHS cervical screening programme is available to women aged 25 to 64 who have not had a test in the last three years (if aged 25 to 49) or in the last 5 years (if aged 50-64). If you are not sure you are eligible please ring the Medical Centre on 01608 661845 and ask.

Stour Valley Lions

Volunteer



and make a
difference in
YOUR local
community

- Make a positive impact through local projects that focus on health, youth, sight and the environment.
- Get involved in fundraising with every penny going to support people in need.
- Organise community activities – and have fun helping others.
- Join ordinary people doing extraordinary things in YOUR local community

Come and meet us on
Every 2nd Monday, 7:30pm

at The White Bear, Shipston on Stour

Or for more information please call Fran Stary on **07903 661 881**

<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/stourvalley/>



Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Back to school, Victorian Style

On Friday 16th November, we (Year 6) were fortunate enough to go to the Black Country Living Museum, where we learned all about what life was like in the Victorian era.

First of all, we experienced the dreadful conditions which people in those days had to contend with down the mines. After that, we learned all about a boy who had lived in the Black Country: Harry Parkinson. Harry's father was an anchor maker and we went into Harry's house and saw their best room.

As it was opposite the house, we went into T. Cook's Tuck Shop and purchased the same sort of sweets that there would have been in the Victorian era.

Finally, we took part in a Victorian school experience, where the unlucky Mrs. Collins was caned! It was a memorable day and on the coach back to school, several of us said that they would definitely come again.

by Theo and Natty (Year 6)

Christmas at Shipston Primary

The Christmas spirit well and truly arrived at Shipston Primary School at the end of term. Over 100 pupils from the Stour Federation sang beautifully to open the town's Victorian Evening. Shipston pupils were also part of the service at St. Edmund's for Christingle, with bible readings and our musicians performing.

The school had a Values Christmas tree in our school hall, donated by Warwickshire Christmas Trees. All children were asked to write a Christmas



message reflection, promise or prayer linked to one of our values on a tag to hang on the tree.

Thank you to all the families who supported the Christmas Bake Off. There were enough cakes to sell at playtime and after school, with fabulously festive entries raising over £200. All children who entered received a certificate for joining in. Congratulations to the winners from each year group.

Bags of hope

The Stour Federation Partnership have participated in the 'Bags of Hope' appeal again this Christmas, where children and families have chosen to fill a bag with items they think a child in Syria would like to have, just like opening a stocking at Christmas. The response has been even higher than last year with 234 bags being donated and sent to babies and children who are in hospital in Syria. Shipston parent Vicky Flynn is delighted with the amount of bags that were returned to Shipston Primary, Acorns Primary and Brailes C of E Primary School.

CO-OP donation

Children from different year groups put on their school uniform on a Saturday morning in order to collect a huge cheque of nearly £8500 from John, the manager of the Co-op in Shipston-on-Stour. The money has been raised by the Co-op Local Community Fund over the last year.

Every time members shopped at the Co-op over the past 12 months, 1% of what they spent on selected own-brand products and services went to the Co-op Local Community Fund. We will be putting the money towards developing outdoor reading areas in the courtyard garden and quiet areas in the playground. Many thanks go to the Co-op for all of their support and to everyone who has shopped there and swiped their membership card!



Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

A very happy New Year to you all from Shipston High School.

December finished with a fantastic Christmas atmosphere around the school, culminating in our Christmas carol concert at the end of term. It was wonderful to hear selections from both jazz and wind bands, plus choirs and soloists. There is an abundance of musical talent in the school, driven by real enthusiasm. Thanks to Mr. Hunt for preparing the event, our many performers and to everyone who attended the evening; a lovely overture to the Christmas break.

Also in December, all of our Year 7 students enjoyed a trip to Warwick Castle. Whilst learning about the history of the castle and the region's power, students represented the school superbly, and thoroughly enjoyed their day. I am always very proud of the compliments our students receive when out in the community, and this was no exception.

Sports activities were also still under way before the break. Shipston High hosted the district level table tennis round with eight teams playing in great spirit. Well done to our team who came an impressive second. The annual Tinsel Tournament also took place, with friendly yet keenly fought games of hockey taking place in creative and impressive seasonal costumes; well done to all involved in this event.



At a professional level, Shipston hosted a 'Teach Meet' event, where colleagues from a range of South Warwickshire schools came together to share ideas for the classroom. It was really positive to be focussed on the core values of the school; enjoyable and effective teaching.

We enter 2019 highly motivated by the successes of 2018. Shipston High School gained excellent exam results in the summer, proving that hard work pays dividends. Our current Year 11 took mock exams just before Christmas, and will receive their results in January. I am sure that this will give them a real focus for their final full term of study.

At Shipston High School we are looking forward to an exciting and busy year, and all of us here wish you the very best for 2019.



Silver Surfers

A volunteer is available at Shipston Library every Tuesday from 2pm-4pm to help the over 50s with their computer, laptop, phone or tablet. The Library has its own computer or you can bring in your own device as there is wifi access. The drop in sessions are free and will cover such things as emails, ordering online etc. Please let the Library know in advance if you plan to attend: call 0300 555 8171 or pop in and tell one of the staff.

Shipston Stitches

There has been an embroidery group meeting at Our Lady and St Michael Catholic Church Room for 30 years and we still have some original members as well as some who are new to the area.

We are a friendly group and meet every other Thursday from 10am - 3pm. Bring along your embroidery, cross stitch, tapestry or any other hand sewing project. All abilities welcome.

For more information on dates and cost telephone Kath on 01608 663486.

Come along and see the variety of our work and join us for a coffee.

Townsend Hall 150 Club Draw

The winners in our special Christmas draw are:

£100 – Member no. 97

£50 – Member no. 84

£25 – Member no. 111

Congratulations on your bumper win - and thanks to everyone involved in the draw for your support. Happy New Year!



Shipston Proms

At the latest meeting of the Shipston Proms Committee we were able to finalise the line-up for both the Launch Night and the Last Night which was fantastic bearing in mind we are still in the early stages of planning. From the shortlist, members were all agreed on the acts to perform on the Final Night and the headliners were chosen after seeing them play an exciting gig in Oxford. All will be revealed soon so please keep checking our website www.shipstonproms.org or Facebook to be amongst the first to know who's performing.

As we develop the programme, we are keen to involve as many local places as possible in hosting music events and in addition to our usual venues we have spoken to Long Compton, Halford, Alderminster and Ilmington Village Halls.

Again, we would like to appeal to any businesses interested in sponsoring us in 2019. Your support is very important to us as it gives us the chance to put on a wider choice of music. Details of the sponsorship packages can be found on our website.

If you would like to join the Committee, become a volunteer or sign up to become a Friend of the Proms please contact us by email at shipstonproms@gmail.com or through Facebook.

Finally, we hope any soloists or bands who would like more publicity will enter our Fame Contest in June. Details are on our website or email Shipston Proms.

We look forward to hearing from you.



A Cosy Winter's Afternoon

Cantamus

"Witty, wistful, funny, heartfelt and uplifting music and words, with home-made cake and a cuppa" promised the programme for Cantamus' "Concert with a Cuppa" at the end of November 2018, and that is definitely what Shipston's chamber choir delivered. The audience and choir alike left the Townsend Hall humming with pleasure, warmed by the music and readings.

Shipston is fortunate to host a number of flourishing music ensembles, and Cantamus – started by Richard Emms 21 years ago - provides its singers and the local community with a wonderful opportunity to indulge in music across the ages. At the 25th November concert, there was something for everyone, starting with a lively and atmospheric performance of "The Teddy Bears' Picnic". The whole programme was interspersed with Anne Hume's carefully chosen readings, with much wry humour, and a generous seasoning of belly laughs. Richard is not only a conductor, but also a composer, and his beautifully crafted arrangements make the most of all the voice parts in the choir – be that in his arrangement of the Beatles' wistful "Yesterday", or the luscious Jerome Kern piece "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man". There was music for folk-song enthusiasts and classical musicians, as well as an opportunity for the audience to join in with "Daisy Bell" and "I'm A Little Teapot".

Cantamus' next concert is a Palm Sunday afternoon performance on April 14th in Barcheston Church, so do look out for details of this. To find out more about Cantamus, contact director Richard Emms on 01608 662163, or secretary Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587.

Music Society

At our November meeting we welcomed Tim Porter back for another fascinating talk linking poetry and music. This time he chose to explore the lives and work of Thomas Hardy and Gerald Finzi. He began by comparing their backgrounds – Hardy, (1840-1928) from a working-class background and Finzi (1901-1956) of Italian/Jewish parentage whose family were wealthy.

They were both shy and quiet as children, especially Finzi whose father had died when he was eight. Lacking confidence as adults, it took both men some years before they each met a young lady and eventually married.

Hardy's poetry, sometimes archaic with perhaps an odd word order, obscure words or even words which he had invented, did not deter Finzi. He liked Hardy's style and would compose a free-flowing vocal melody to accommodate the unusual rhythm of the poem.

Hardy continued writing well into his eighties with over 1000 poems in total. Finzi, on the other hand, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease at the age of 51. He then composed furiously until his early death at the age of 56. Apart from songs his output includes choral works such as "Dies Natalis" and instrumental works e.g. the clarinet concerto and the deeply moving cello concerto written in 1955; the first performance was broadcast the night before he died.

Our next meeting will be on February 15th when Maria Jagusz and friends will entertain us with the music of Ivor Novello. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Shipston-on-Stour Area U3A



At the November Open Meeting, Anne Watts gave a fascinating presentation about her long professional career as a nurse. She wanted to work abroad and in 1967, after qualifying and having some routine nursing experience, she volunteered to work with children in Vietnam which was in the throes of a vicious war. Scores of children had been left horribly injured and without their parents. Anne described this period as her "Growing up Years" as she dealt with the appalling results of chemical warfare and napalm bombing for four years in the most primitive conditions.

In the early 1970's Anne was working in the heart of Australia with the Aborigine people and returned there to look up old friends again in 2001 and was welcomed back by the Elders.

After the heat of Australia, Anne made a complete contrast by moving in 1978 to work amongst the Inuit people of Eskimo Point, Antarctica with temperatures often down to -50 C.

Amongst Anne's many anecdotes, she told her shocked audience about Nelly, a 90 year old Grandma who had lived a full life in the harsh Antarctic and whom she was treating on a daily basis. One day Nelly's hut was deserted. Anne made enquiries and discovered that her patient had died overnight. Nelly had simply decided to die and had gone outside, removed her clothing and had frozen to death in seconds. Her relatives assured Anne that it was their common custom and practice.

Anne concluded her presentation with much applause from the members.

League of Friends: A Badger's eye view

The League of Friends and staff from the Ellen Badger Hospital (EBH) and South Warwickshire NHS Trust (SWFT) visited North Cotswold Hospital to see how it was faring five years after its opening.

There has been controversy recently about the Moreton in Marsh hospital as reduced opening hours for their X-Ray facilities curtail their minor injuries service. We recently lost a similar service at the EBH, not because of a reduction in diagnostic services but due to a lack of demand and use.

The recent consultation about the future of the EBH, however, has shown reinstatement of that service was the top priority of those who returned the questionnaires. A case of use it or lose it.

These are all issues we need to discuss with SWFT and the Clinical Commissioning Group for South Warwickshire in the months to come.

The League of Friends is hoping to launch an appeal for the upgrading and development of the hospital in the spring. It will aim to provide the extra facilities that will enable the EBH to meet the healthcare needs of the local community for another 20-30 years. Expectations of personal services, privacy, access to information technology and the kind of domestic facilities we come to expect in the rest of our lives will change and far exceed those imagined in 1947 with the birth of the NHS, let alone 1896, when Richard Badger endowed our hospital. Anyone who would like to volunteer their help in fundraising for "the Badger" should contact Hannah French (hfrench1975@yahoo.com) who would love to hear from you.

The visit to Moreton demonstrated how things have moved on in the design of community hospitals. As we consider plans for the EBH, we will need to think about what is possible and how everyone can have a voice in what their health care future can look like.

With every good wish for a splendid, happy and healthy New Year.

Bryan Stoten

Chair, League of Friends of Shipston Hospitals

Shipston Rotary



While planning the Victorian Evening Shipston Rotary also learnt the art of winning competitions. A Shipston lady, a retired teacher, is astonishingly successful.

But you have to work at it.

When she goes to the supermarket or buys magazines, she buys lots, she always looks for the competition advertisements. She might enter 8 a day and win the incredibly high proportion of about 1 in 10.

She has won 'hundreds of thousands of pounds in prizes', cruises, trips to Australia, cars, cash, the list goes on.

The key is the 'tie breaker'.

'In the English winter drizzle, Australian wine makes you fizz.' For example. She is well known in the 'comp' world and just keeps on winning!

If you attended Shipston High School, or are a relative of someone who has, there is a good chance you had a mock job or college interview from a Shipston Rotarian. Louise Moorman is the Careers Lead at the School and she came to tell us how important the interviews, and the CV writing training, also done by Rotarians, are to the pupils and the School.

Car Key Burglary Crime Prevention Advice

There have been a number of car key burglaries across Warwickshire. These ideas could help protect your vehicle from being stolen and your home from being burgled for vehicle keys:

- Keep keyless entry keys in a suitable device which blocks radio frequencies and place well away from the front door.
- If you have a garage keep your vehicle secure inside it.
- Consider additional security devices (e.g. steering wheel lock), and don't leave valuables in your car e.g. tools, laptops, SatNav.
- Never leave your car keys on show, in locks, on window ledges or kitchen/hall tables, and never on a hook behind the door or in reach of a letterbox/cat flap.

Your vehicle may be the second biggest investment you make after your home and it's very important to do all you can to keep it secure and not attract any unwanted attention to it.

For more tips, visit www.warwickshire.police.uk/

Shipston Town Council handles numerous enquiries from local residents on a wide range of topics. We've outlined some of the most common queries and where you can find more help.

Dog fouling queries

The town council is continuing to encourage dog owners to pick up after their pets, with the latest improvement being the use of CCTV to identify those not doing their bit. However, residents can also report problems with dog fouling to the district Dog Warden at Stratford District Council on 01789 260839.

Where mess is being left in high footfall areas, please alert the Town Clerk.



How do I get an allotment?

We operate a waiting list for allotments. Call or email Jayne Potter via assistant@shipstononline.org to have an informal chat about how the system works and have your name added to the waiting list.

Cemetery queries, including funerals and installation of memorials

The town council has an established cemetery policy to guide decisions affecting memorials. Contact the Town Clerk to discuss your individual requirements.

My neighbour's hedge/tree is causing an obstruction

Report the details to the Clerk's office. Often the householder will rectify the issue on receipt of a request from the town council. The Town Clerk will write to the householder to request action and notify them that WCC Highways may issue a compliance order. Further action may be taken if the problem is not rectified.



Finding lost property

All lost property should be taken to the Library on Church Street.

How can I access the local police?

If you need to see someone urgently, it may be worth visiting New Clark House to see if an officer is available. However, the best advice is to call 101 – call handlers will then arrange for the appropriate next steps. In the case of a real emergency, dial 999.



Advice on snow clearing, flood preparation, grass cutting and other seasonal issues

The Clerk's office holds details of all the emergency planning and snow clearing services. Please contact the office for specific advice. General advice will be given out on the council's twitter and Facebook pages in the event of a weather warning.

Non delivery of the Shipston Forum

The Shipston Forum is delivered via the Midweek newspaper. This is the most cost efficient way of getting the newsletter delivered but does have limitations, some of which we are unable to resolve. If you consistently miss out on receiving the Forum, please email Jayne Potter with your address

details so she can inform the delivery manager at the Stratford Herald to see if changes can be made. Copies of the Forum can also be found at New Clark House, the Post Office and the Library as well as online at www.shipstontowncouncil.org.

Comments about grounds maintenance work

Please report your comments, compliments or complaints to the Clerk's office. Complaints or issues will be dealt with as soon as possible. If your enquiry relates to housing association open space, tenants should contact their landlord directly.

District and county council services

Council Tax - Making Payments

To make payments to other authorities, including paying your Council Tax, contact Stratford District Council on 01789 267575. Residents can also use the Stratford District Council Customer Access Terminal (CAT) at New Clark House, Tuesday to Friday, 9am – 1pm.

Rubbish collection

For all rubbish collection queries, contact Stratford District Council on 01789 267575 or visit www.stratford.gov.uk. The Shipston Household Waste Recycling Centre is managed by Warwickshire County Council. Opening hours can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/recyclingshipston



Highways and signage queries

Complaints about missing / obscured / damaged signage should be referred to Streetscene at Stratford District Council. Please contact Jennifer Wharton or Angela Lloyd on 01789 267575 for road name signs.

To report problems with traffic and direction signs, visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk and click on the "Report it" section. This is also where to go to report potholes and faulty streetlights.

Planning applications

The best way to keep in touch with planning applications affecting Shipston is to sign up for updates via Stratford District Council's planning portal. This is also where you can comment on planning applications. Shipston Town Council's Planning Working Group reviews all applications at its monthly meetings which residents are welcome to attend.

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assistant@shipstononline.org

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County Council update

As I write this, plans are well under way for the wonderful Shipston Community Christmas Lunch at the Townsend Hall - thanks to all those who help out and I hope all of you who are due to attend have a very happy time! Christmas is the time of year when Shipston comes into its own - with a kind of self reliance sadly missing in so many places. As the colder weather returns, please continue to look out for others, particularly elderly neighbours or those living alone.



Full Council is coming up - and we are seeing the end of an era with the Executive Director, Dave Webb, retiring. We are also remembering two councillors who have recently died, followed by receiving a petition for a people's vote - not something we can control. It's a busy and varied agenda of small changes to local strategies and bigger issues such as Neighbourhood Development Plans, committee reports, questions to Tony Jefferson, the Leader of the Council and we wait expectantly for motions. If you want me to raise any issues or have questions to ask at SDC, then do ask me - or come and use the Questions from the Public session. It would be good to see Shipston residents coming to Stratford to have their say.

My surgeries will continue in 2019 and I am thinking of doing Saturday mornings as well as Thursdays. I realise that not everyone is around during the week to come and have a chat / problem solving session and coffee. Do email / text me if you would like to do this - or at any other time that we could arrange to meet.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful New Year!

Jo Barker, District Councillor – Shipston South Ward

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

I've spent a lot of time discussing health over the last two weeks. The conclusion of one of my committees (at Stratford District Council confusingly) was to look at GP services across our Clinical Commissioning Group - treading slightly on my own WCC toes! But, to you readers, this matters not - as long as we help our GPs provide the services we actually need and want as close to home as possible.



I also attended a health consultation meeting at New Clark House - where the options for our own GPs were discussed. These are the Camden Road site and a new development alongside the Ellen Badger Hospital. It's really exciting that the CCG has completely changed its position to accepting that we need a new medical centre in Shipston. I was interested to discover that the current medical centre serves a population more than double that of Shipston itself, including many villages across South Warwickshire - some of which I represent.

WCC has maintained its position over passenger assistants - it is no longer financially viable and we would be pretty much the only council in the country still providing the service. Those with an Education & Health Care Plan will not be affected so there may well be an extra adult on many buses. It's tough I know - but with these changes and those by Stagecoach we are encouraging more use of voluntary bus services, car sharing and using WCC's own vehicles, which may well produce services.

County Councillor, Jo Barker

Shipston Medical Centre

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

Cervical Cancer Prevention Week Monday 21 – Sunday 27 January 2019

Every day 9 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 2 women lose their lives to the disease. Three quarters of cervical cancer cases can be prevented by cervical screening (smear tests) but many women do not attend regularly for screening.

We currently have a cervical screening rate of 73.5% of those eligible. In South Warwickshire the average is 74.5%. This is better than the national average of 71.5% but we feel we should still be doing better as screening can save lives!

Cervical screening isn't a test for cancer; it's a test to check the health of the cells of the cervix. Most women's test results show that everything is normal, but for

around 1 in 20 women the test shows some abnormal changes in the cells of the cervix. In the majority of cases, these changes won't lead to cervical cancer and the cells may go back to normal on their own. But in some cases, the abnormal cells need to be removed so they can't become cancerous.

Approximately 3,000 cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed each year in the UK. It's possible for sexually active women of all ages to develop cervical cancer, although the condition is most common in women aged 30 to 45. The condition is very rare in women under 25.

As a part of cervical cancer prevention week 2019, Shipston Medical Centre is offering a women's health evening on Thursday 24th January 2019 from 4.30

pm – 7.30pm at the Medical Centre. See advert on page 9.



Shipston Medical Centre

If you have received an invitation to attend for a smear and haven't followed it up, please either phone Shipston Medical Centre on 01608 661845 and book an appointment – this can be on 24th January or at a more convenient time for you – or drop in any time between 4.30pm and 7.30 pm on Thursday 24th January 2019 and a nurse will see you.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible for cervical screening, please call the medical centre for advice.

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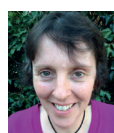
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- 24/7 renewal line	01926 499273
Highways customer services	01926 412515
Severn Trent Emergency Line:	0800 7834444
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Forum	01608 495955
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Townsend Hall	07514 704057
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
UCHW Hospital	024 7696 4000
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
Local police (non emergency)	101
Shipston Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:	01789 444670
	shipston.snt@warwickshire.police.uk
Churches of Shipston:	
Stour Valley Baptist	01608 664876
Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01608 661210
Methodist Church	01608 642256

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Something exciting to share?

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

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

Forum copy deadline:
First Wednesday of the month

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

Copies are available to read at the Library, New Clark House and the Medical Centre.

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*Shipston Amateur Dramatic Society
present*

Ali Baba

and the



Forty Thieves

A pantomime by Norman Robbins

*Townsend Hall
Sheep Street, Shipston-on-Stour*

Thursday 31st January, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd February 2019

*At 7.30pm evening performances and
2.30pm Saturday matinee*

*Tickets – Adults £8, Children £5
Available from John Lyne Home Hardware or on the door*

Children in fancy dress at the matinee will receive a treat!