



# Shipston Forum

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## Treasure trove of artefacts unearthed in Shipston



A team from Archaeology Warwickshire has unearthed 2000 year old finds in Shipston, dating back to the late Iron Age and early Roman period.

The treasure trove of artefacts was discovered on the Taylor Wimpey development site on the Campden Road. A mixture of pottery, coins, lead weights and decorative clips have been identified. The finds included Samian pottery – a type of finely decorated tableware imported from France and Spain. Another significant find was the well-preserved skeleton of a horse, alongside what are believed to be cattle bones probably buried for religious reasons in a ceremonial manner.

Early indications suggest that some of the finds belong to a settlement of the Dobunni – an Iron Age tribe known to have lived across what is now Gloucestershire and the southern part of Warwickshire. The Dobunni are thought to have been early adopters of the Roman lifestyle after the invasion of 43AD. According to Stuart Palmer, Principal Archaeologist at Archaeology Warwickshire, the settlement at Shipston is of considerable interest as it was in use both before and after the invasion and it will be possible to study what the impact of the invasion might have been on the local population.

The dig was funded by Taylor Wimpey as part of its pre-development work on the site. The investigation began with

a detailed geophysical survey and trial trenching to identify the most likely areas of interest. Topsoil was removed from the site, to expose the pits and ditches that indicate where the settlement was. Anne Wallace, Sales and Marketing Director for Taylor Wimpey Midlands said: "Archaeology Warwickshire have made some fascinating discoveries during the archaeological works on the site of our Herdwick Fold development. We are pleased to have been able to donate the artefacts to the local museum so that residents of Shipston-on-Stour can learn more about the history of the area."

The artefacts discovered have been removed from the site to be cleaned and dated ready to be deposited in a museum. Deputy Mayor, Dan Scobie, requested that the finds were returned to Shipston where they can be displayed for local residents to enjoy.

Dan Scobie said "On behalf of the town council, I would like to thank Archaeology Warwickshire and Taylor Wimpey for inviting us to view some of the finds in situ and for supporting our efforts to return the artefacts to Shipston. We hope to be able to arrange for them to be displayed in the Shipston Museum in the future."



*Photos: Top left - Shipston historian, Dick Burge, archaeologist, Bekky Hillman and Deputy Mayor, Dan Scobie examine Roman pottery*

*Top right: Archaeology Warwickshire uncover more artefacts*

*Bottom right: Deputy Mayor views skeleton of a horse uncovered during the dig*

## 10th Anniversary Wool Fair proves a big hit

Visitors 'flocked' in their hundreds to the annual Shipston Wool Fair at the end of May.

The event was officially opened by Lady Howe, Chair, Veronica Murphy, and Shipston Town Mayor, Ian Cooper. There was also a large turnout of invited Civic Dignitaries from throughout Warwickshire.



New for this year was a ten hour knitathon which started at

5:45am! Over 70 squares were knitted during the day, before being sewn together into two shawls for Hamlin Fistula UK, the only UK charity exclusively supporting the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia.

Not content with just knitting shawls, Shipston's knitting



## Mayor's column



Wow! What a wonderful Wool Fair weekend. A tremendous effort it was from everyone. I would personally, and on behalf of the Town Council, like to thank all those on organising committees and all the volunteers who have put in such a huge effort over many months to ensure this, the tenth anniversary, was the best Wool Fair ever. It was certainly a fitting tribute to Angela Noyce's concept launched a decade ago. It makes you realise the benefit and potential of a strong local community.

As I write, the 20th Shipston Proms is about to kick off, another huge and passionate voluntary effort by lots of people over the last two decades. The Proms has provided enjoyment to so many others and helped put Shipston on the map. I wish the organisers every success with this year's event.

Other events, such as the Fish n Frolics event and Victorian Evening, are established in the town's calendar. There are also the meetings, activity and support groups, great sports organisations and helpers who give so much of their time to help others within this community. You should all be very proud of what you achieve and how you help make Shipston what it is, a truly great place to live.

If you are not involved in community activity, go out and find out what is going on, you will find that there is something in the town to stimulate your interests or something that you can help out with even if you only have very limited time available. We have a fabulous and enviable sense of community in Shipston, let's continue to build on it.

**Ian Cooper**

## 10th Anniversary Wool Fair proves a big hit *(continued from page 1)*

and crocheting army set about covering the town in colourful yarn throughout the woolly weekend. From licorice allsorts on bollards to woolly bunting and crocheted bikes, there were delightful creations around every corner in the centre of town and beyond.

But the stars of the Wool Fair were, of course, the sheep. Rare breeds delighted visitors of all ages, while live shearing drew the crowds as woolly sheep were trimmed for the summer.

Adding to the attractions were a variety of stalls selling goods and food, while others were raising funds through competitions and raffles.

The Wool Fair was the culmination of a series of woolly celebrations, which had started with the first Wool Fair Farm Day in early May. This was followed by the Totally Locally Arts and Crafts Market on 26th May and the Rotary Community Songs of Praise on the 27th. All in all - it was a busy schedule for Shipston in May.

Mayor, Ian Cooper, said: "It was an honour to open the Wool Fair in its 10th Anniversary Year. A considerable amount of work goes into planning and running this event and it was wonderful to see everyone's efforts pay off. Thanks to everyone involved - and to those who supported the Wool Fair events."



## Community turns out in force to cheer Women's Cycling Tour

Excited residents and school children lined the streets of Shipston on Friday 15th June to witness the Ovo Energy Women's Cycling Tour race through the town.

Launched in 2014, the five-day event brings world class athletes and elite sporting action to cities, towns and villages across England and Wales. As a result of the incredible crowds that line each day's route, the race has quickly become one of the leading cycling events in the world.

Shipston featured in stage three of the race - Atherstone to Leamington Spa - the longest of the entire tour at 151 kilometres. The cyclists were supported by an impressive entourage of support vehicles and policemen and women - some of whom were 'dabbing' and 'flossing' to the delight of the children in the crowd while they waited for the competitors to appear.

Australian, Sarah Roy, finished first in the Warwickshire stage - the emotional victory can be viewed on the Tour's website at [www.womenstour.co.uk](http://www.womenstour.co.uk)



*Photos courtesy of Lucy Kirkman*

## 'Silver Surfers' volunteers needed

One of the long serving volunteers who helps with the 'Silver Surfers' sessions at Shipston Library is leaving the area and the search is now on for others to help with this useful service.

If you have computer skills and can spare a few hours from time to time to help on the Tuesday sessions between 2 to 4pm then please contact the library staff to express your interest either in person or by calling 01608 663438.

## News from Shipston Town Council's June meeting

### Hot topics:

**Road closures:** Councillors expressed concerns about the impact of road closures on other parts of town. Darlingscote Road was becoming much busier with the Campden Road closure in place, meaning there would be more traffic going past the High School.

**Wool Fair congratulations:** Fay Ivens led the congratulations to the Wool Fair Committee for another successful event. Councillors also wished the Shipston Proms every success with its forthcoming 20th anniversary programme.

**Breast screening service:** Complaints have been raised by local residents after they had to go to Morrisons supermarket to access breast screening services because the Ellen Badger Hospital couldn't accommodate the service. Jackie Warner reported that some residents had said they wouldn't attend as a result. Councillors are keen to ensure the screening comes to Shipston in future.

**Bus service frustration:** Buses continue to be a cause of frustration, both in terms of reduced services and confusing signage. It was reported that three people have had to give up jobs in Stratford due to a lack of public transport. Councillor Jo Barker explained that low use meant some services were not commercially viable. Suggestions were raised about a car pool/car sharing service that could be promoted locally. See the County Council column on page 14 for more details.

**Protecting trees:** Shipston Town Councillors voted to oppose an application to fell a large tree within the conservation area as there were no clear grounds for its removal.

### Campaigning for Shipston:

**Citizens Advice service reduction:** The Citizens Advice service provided at the town council's office has been reduced, with appointments now only being offered to those aged over 55. Deputy Mayor, Dan Scobie, questioned the legitimacy of such a policy. Jo Barker will look into why the changes have been made given the service is part funded by all councils, specifically to provide outreach services in local areas. Details of the new service can be found on page 7.

**Preventing flooding:** A local resident from Oldbutt Road has reported that the culvert recently cleared out by Lawns2Mow is now blocked again. The Town Clerk will contact Crest Nicholson to investigate possible next steps to alleviate the problem.



### South Lynn House - application repeat:

Churchill Retirement Living has submitted another identical planning application for South Lynn House, while its previous application proceeds to inquiry. The new application is the same as the previous one. According to a report in the Stratford Herald, the developer has stated that the new application has been submitted in the hope of avoiding appeal and securing planning approval in July. Shipston Town Council has resubmitted strong objections in line with previous concerns.

**Bench request:** Micro pub, Thirst Edition, has applied for permission to have permanent benches installed outside its property. STC has invited the owner to the next Planning Working Group to outline his plans for the business as there are concerns that this proposal would have a negative effect on residents. Concerns have already been raised about smoke going into the flat above the pub from those smoking outside and it is feared permanent benches could exacerbate this issue.

### Town Council business:

**GDPR policy:** The town council has developed a new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) policy to ensure personal data is handled in accordance with the new guidelines. The Communications Working Group will review the draft document prior to its adoption.

**Face-lift for New Clark House:** The Painting of New Clark House has been completed. Quotes are now being sought for help in tidying up the rest of the outside and cleaning the window sills.

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### Scam alert - don't get caught out

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is warning residents to be on the look out for sophisticated scams. Whilst fraudsters are still using amateurish mass marketed scams such as poorly put together 'Lotto Winner' and 'Nigerian' letters or emails, some are turning to more elaborate cons to target specific individuals and companies.

More elaborate scams include copycat websites designed to look like official websites to encourage people to part with personal information and make payments which go to the wrong account. Some have been caught out having received a call offering to 'fix' a problem with their computer, while others have fallen victim to demands for payment from people masquerading as HMRC or other government bodies.

Keep ahead of the latest scams targeted at Warwickshire residents by signing up to Warwickshire Trading Standards email alert system: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams)

The Citizens Advice Consumer Service provides advice on how to spot scams via their website: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/spotting-a-scam/>

## Long Road to Ghana smashed its target thanks to overwhelming support

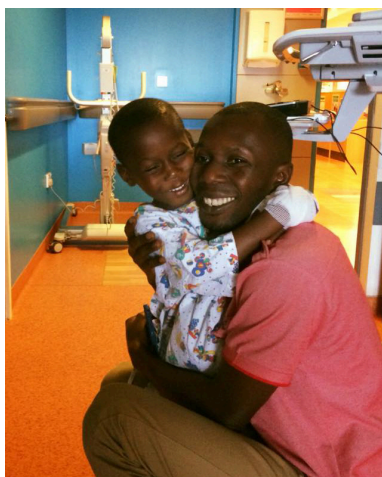
Thanks to fantastic support from the local community, the Long Road to Ghana Challenge successfully raised approximately £15,000 and travelled double the distance originally aimed for – over 8,000 miles in total.

The challenge was designed to raise money to pay for vital surgery for five year old Ethan Suglo from Ghana, and support Brain Tumour Research. Having smashed through the original target of £10,000, both causes will benefit thanks to everyone's efforts.

The week-long challenge was given a final boost with a musical finale in the town centre. Bikes which powered music were installed outside Lloyds Bank and support from many volunteers meant pedal power kept the town entertained on Saturday 9th June. The celebrations then moved to Shipston Rugby Club where those attending could enjoy a bouncy castle, live music and gourmet burgers cooked by Deputy Mayor, Dan Scobie.

Dr David Williams, who led the fundraising campaign, said: "We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of local residents who put in so much effort to support these great causes. I would like to thank everyone who took part in the challenge, including the many businesses who sponsored or gave raffle donations, the Rugby Club for generously hosting our after party, and all those involved in organising the challenge."

At the time of going to press, Ethan Suglo had arrived in England and just emerged from successful surgery as planned on 15th June. We wish him a speedy recovery.



Photos: Left - Ethan pictured with his dad, Charles, just before surgery. Right: volunteers get cycling

## Camels to entertain Kids-on-the Green

A 19-year-old student from Idlicote is heading to London to support children affected by the Grenfell Fire.

Nineteen-year-old, Daisy Fossett is taking a herd of camels to the North Kensington Youth Festival to entertain children affected by the Grenfell Tower disaster. Daisy comes from a well-known circus family who own a herd of racing camels. Daisy will present a show explaining the camels' origin, African heritage and the traditional work they do in desert countries like Morocco and Tunisia.

The opportunity arose after The Fossetts met Zoe Le Vack, the founder of Kids-on-the-Green - an emergency response project originally set up on the morning after the fire which broke out in the early hours of June 14th. Her vision was to transport the children affected by the disaster to a calmer, green space. In the past 12 months the project has thrived thanks to many more volunteers, community members, other charities, and latterly the local authority.

Daisy Fossett said: "I'm privileged to be part of it helping Kids-on-the-Green and looking forward to engaging with the children in the community and showing them the camels.

We've trained them to react well and safely around kids."

Zoe LeVack said: "The trauma of Grenfell is still raw. Families who turned to Kids-on-the-Green have been in shock; they've been angry, but they should be able to smile and laugh. The presence of Daisy Fossett and her camels from South Warwickshire on June 30th will be a part of that."



## Mischief alert – this year's Summer Reading Challenge takes a trip to Beanotown

Shipston Library is once again encouraging children aged 4-11 to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. The theme this year is 'mischief makers', inspired by well-known children's fictional character – Dennis the Menace. The challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays and encourages children to read six books of their choice over the summer holidays.

This year's readers will receive their very own map of Beanotown at the start and can collect special stickers to add to the map as they read. Those who collect all the stickers can discover where the treasure is hiding and complete the Challenge.

Dennis and his friends will give clues and show readers how to be a Mischief Maker too, so local residents had better watch out!

To find out more, visit the Reading Challenge website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> or pop into the library.

## Holiday club returns

The ever popular Joint Churches Holiday Club at St Edmund's is returning this summer.

Running from 24th to 27th July, the club, which is designed for primary school-aged children, starts daily at 10am. See advert on page 16 for details.

## Shipston Proms gets underway

As the Forum went to press, the Shipston Proms was gearing up for its launch event on Friday 15th with Mr Ben and Too Fat to Kidnap.

Tickets for 'One Night of Queen' had sold out by 12th June and plans for the Last Night of the Proms (starting at 2pm with family friendly activities) were well underway.

The Committee would like to say thank you to Sheldons Wine Cellars for their generous hospitality in hosting the Proms Sponsors Evening on the 8th June and to the Shipston Bakery for providing the delicious food. Chairman, Kim Perry, welcomed sponsors and thanked them for their support, while deputy Mayor, Dan Scobie, raised a toast to wish the team every success in its 20th year.

Coverage of the Proms fortnight will be in the August edition of the Forum.



Proms Chairman, Kim Perry  
(photo by Charlotte Wright)

## RNLI

On Saturday 21st July the RNLI will be fundraising in Shipston. Look out for the volunteers in the town who will be collecting on behalf of the RNLI between 9am and 2pm. There will also be interesting gifts and souvenirs for sale in St Edmund's church – pop in and have a look, it's all for a good cause. For more information, contact Jenny Plenderleith on 664278.



**Lifeboats**

## Sponsor-a-Pipe for St Martin's Church Organ Appeal

St Martin's Church in Barcheston has launched a 'sponsor-a-pipe' appeal to help raise funds to install a new organ. The church, known for its distinctive leaning tower, has not had a working organ for many years but a magnificent pipe organ was gifted by a local musician which will be installed by January 2019.



The total cost of reconstructing the organ and supplying new oak cases will be around £150,000 and so far £122,000 has been raised via generous donations and a series of concerts. To help reach the final total, the 699 organ pipes are available to sponsor from £5 to £1000 and donors will have their names inscribed on a permanent board displayed in the church.

St. Martin's is renowned for its excellent acoustics and for many years the Shipston Proms Young Musicians' Concert has been held there. The new organ will be used for church services, weddings, recitals and fundraising concerts. To donate, please visit [www.stmartinsbarcheston.co.uk](http://www.stmartinsbarcheston.co.uk).

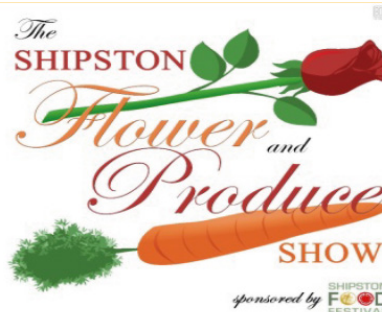
## Competitive gardeners reminded to prepare their crops for show

The Shipston Flower and Produce Show takes place on the 19th August at the Townsend Hall.

Green-fingered residents are being encouraged to give their plants an extra bit of tender loving care to ensure they're in top shape for exhibiting at the event. There will be a broad range of classes covering fruit, vegetables and flowers, as well as homemade cakes and preserves.

The popular childrens' sunflower competition is also making a comeback, with judges ready to stretch up high to assess the winning blooms.

For more information, including where to pick up an entry form, see the advert on page 7.



**MONDAY**

**Citizens Advice Bureau:** 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'.

**TUESDAY**

**Yoga for all abilities:** 9.30am-11am Catholic Church Hall. Contact Leigh Figures 665995

**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. Booking essential. 0300 5558171

**Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays. Doors open 6.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. 661886

**Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** The White Bear, Shipston 7.30pm. Adrian Ramskill 07976 566525

**Cantamus:** 7.30-9.30pm, Catholic Parish Hall. Richard Emms 01608 662163.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Coffee at St Edmunds Church:** 10.30am – 12pm.

**U3A Chicago Bridge:** Social Bridge 2pm-4.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Roger Smith on 01608 238400.

**Stour Valley Probud:** alternate Wednesdays at 10am, The George in Brailles. 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, Darlingscote Rd. Contact Kath Cheshire on 01608 663486.

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

**Story Stomp:** Shipston Library, 10.45-11.15 am. 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.

**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

**FRIDAY**

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

**Shipston Probud:** alternate Fridays. Shipston Sports Club, London Road. Contact Nick 01608 662928

**Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Call June on 684218

**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 on 01608 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 01608 664646

**July Diary**

**1 Rotary Tour d'Ilmington:** Start times, from 9am, Newbold Village Hall. 10 / 30 / 100mile routes. £12 adults, £6 juniors. Register at www.riderhq.com. Enquiries: bob.armstrong@clara.co.uk

**2 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group** Outing. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

**4 Shipston Widows:** Local lunch 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230

**Time Bank Social Meeting:** Stratford Time Bank's Shipston Social Meeting: 1.30pm-3pm, Community Room at Stour Court. Everyone welcome

**Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** Wicked Women - Graham Sutherland. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519

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

**5 Shipston Cancer Support Group:** Drop-In Centre: 5-6:30pm, Rainbow Fields

**7 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

**9 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

**10 SCAN Members Lunch:** See ad on page 7

**11 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Evening visit to Little Oak Vineyard, Chipping Campden. Contact: Tony Mitchell, tel. 666933

**12 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark House, West Street. All members welcome. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743

**13 Rural Cinema: The Greatest Showman.** See ad on page 16

**14 Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group:** Butterfly Walk. See ad on page 7

**15 Annual Duck Race:** See ad on page 9

**16 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Farmyard Tales - Rosemary Prosser. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

**18 Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. For further information, contact Barbara Bean on 663230

**20-22 Fish n Frolics Festival:** See ad on page 9  
**Ultimate Angler Competition:** See ad on page 9

**20 Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting Dementia Carers.** 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance). Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carol Ruthven

662706 or Lizzy Feather 686013

**Singing Down Memory Lane:** Reminiscence Songs for people with memory problems. 2pm -3.30pm at Stour Court Community Lounge, Old Road. Contact: Barbara Smith 01608 662433

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

**21 RNLI:** Fundraising stall in St Edmund's church 10am-2pm and street collecting in Shipston High Street. Contact Jenny Plenderleith 664278

**Shipston Home Nursing: Picnic in the Park** See ad on page 16

**24-27 Joint Churches Holiday Club:** See ad on page 16

**24 Townsend Hall AGM** - see page 10

**28 Stour Valley Lions Country Gala:** See ad on page 16

**30 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Musical Afternoon. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

**31 Multiple Sclerosis Society:** 'Drop in' meeting. 10.30am at the White Bear Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161

**Shipston Library Lego Club:** 3:30-4:30pm. Free for School Aged Children, to be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Shipston Library 663438



*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August*  
*2.30 pm, Townsend Hall*

Prize raffle

Cream teas by Shipston Rotary

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

August may seem far away, but for your blooms and produce to be ready for show day, it's time to start sowing those seeds!



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The children's tallest sunflower competition is back too!

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**Need advice?  
 Let us help you find a  
 way forward...**

**➤ Citizens Advice Outreach in  
 Shipston is changing.**

From **Monday 4th June** Citizens Advice in Shipston is offering appointments on the **first and third Monday** of the month for **people aged 55+**.

**10am and 1pm at:**

**New Clark House**  
 West Street  
**Shipston on Stour**  
 Warwickshire  
 CV36 4EL

Please call **01789 200136** to  
 make an appointment or call  
 our Adviceline: **0300 330 1183**



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*Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group*



**'Butterfly Walk'**

*See how many different varieties you can spot!*

**Blackberry Farm - CV36 5DL**

*Situated between Honington & Halford*

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 1pm to 4pm**

**Admission £5 - Children free if accompanied by an adult**

**Refreshments (tea 'n' cake) - Picnic Areas (BYO food)**

**Classic Cars on display**

**Kiddies corner with a competition & a Story-teller**

**Get lucky with our Prize Draw & four-leaf clover hunt**



Interested in joining our Wildlife Group, please  
 contact Richard Gray on 07977 587911

*Donation will be made from the proceeds to Shipston Home Nursing*

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and surrounding communities

A FREE SCAN social lunch will take place for  
 members on

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 12pm.**

There will not be a regular meeting on that date!

**Only SCAN members who have booked a place  
 will be catered for. Please do not turn up on the  
 day if you have not booked.**

If you are a Shipston SCAN member and wish to  
 book a place at the lunch please contact

Marie Darwen on 01789 260 108 or email

[marie.darwen@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:marie.darwen@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

# Fish n Frolics Festival returns to Shipston

Shipston is putting the spotlight on angling once again with the return of the three day Fish n Frolics festival.

This year the organisers have set about making 2018 the best year yet for the event thanks to some recent developments.

Firstly the club has received a grant from the Angling Trust to train four Shipston Anglers to become coaches. That means the club will have two level two coaches and two level one coaches and will have the capacity to encourage more juniors or anybody else who wants to learn the sport of angling.

With the help of a grant from Shipston Town Council, plans are also afoot to make the river Stour at the Sports club more accessible to the public. The proposals include improving the aspect of the river with a level walk and safe level areas for the younger anglers to fish. The club also intends to erect a disabled platform at one end. Stuart Fleming from Shipston Angling Club said: "The River Stour is a beautiful river and opening up this length will be a great asset to the local community, anglers and visitors alike."



## Ducks at the ready - it's race time

The Annual Duck race will be held at the bridge in Shipston on 15th July and all profits will be shared 50/50 with Shipston First Responders and Fish'n'Frolics. The race is always good fun and all are welcome to come down and watch. Two hundred plastic ducks will take part in each race, with sprint races in-between. Forms are out now for you to secure your ducks at just £1 a go.



## The big event

FISH n FROLICS 2018 starts on Friday 20th July and lasts three days, Now in its 6th year and growing year by year, this is an event not to be missed.

For the anglers there are contests on the river Stour, the river Avon and the lakes at Aston Magna. This year already has the largest number of anglers signed up to compete from far and wide.

Free coaching and fishing for the juniors will be available as part of National Fishing Month run by the Angling Trust. Anyone is welcome and licences, tackle and bait are provided each day free of charge. Top Fly Fishermen from Wales will be on hand to teach free fly casting and techniques.

### *It's not just about fishing*

If fishing isn't your thing then there's music to tempt you instead.

The free Music Festival is part of Fish n Frolics and will feature good local bands and singers on stage with Shipston's very own ClearSound in charge of the sound system.

The music begins on the Friday with Sonic Highway, followed by Moreton In Marsh band, The Drop Outs. Saturday will feature five bands - Headliners, Adrian Styles and Off the Grid will perform, as well as Rosetta Fire, Chalk Drawings and the soulful singer Taylor-Louis.

On Sunday, music will be provided by Clarksville, Pact and Texan Peacocks - there is something for everyone across the line-up.

Throughout the three day event, there will be a good assortment of food available from street food stalls including Thai and Caribbean food, fish and chips, hot dogs and burgers. There will also be children's fair rides, bouncy castles, an amazing Human Gyroscope that has to be seen to be believed, skittles, a Pimms & Prosecco bar and a coconut shy.

"We hope as many people can attend as possible to ensure that this continues as another one of Shipston's great annual events into the future." Stuart Flemming added.

# FROLICS FESTIVAL

20th - 22nd July CV36 4EP

**SHIPSTON SPORTS CLUB**

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Various Stalls  
Street Food  
Fish n Chips  
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Pork Baps  
Attractions  
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Competitions  
Live Bands

**Friday**  
6:pm – 11:00pm

**Saturday**  
4:15pm – 11:30pm

**Sunday**  
5:45 pm – 10:00pm

**Activities:**  
Fly Fishing  
Fishing Tuition  
Aunt Sally  
Skittles  
Human Gyroscope  
Bouncy Castles  
Childrens Games  
Coconut Shy  
Crafts  
Tombolla  
Fun Fair

**Live Bands:**  
SONIC HIGHWAY  
The Drop Outs  
Taylor-Louis  
ADRIAN STYLES  
OFFtheGRID Covers  
CLARKSVILLE  
PACT  
Texan Peacocks

**Other:**  
Chalk Drawings  
ROSETTA FIRE

www.fishnfrolics.com

# July 3 DAY Music FESTIVAL

**Shipston Sports Club**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
6pm - late

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July** 4:15pm – 11:30pm

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** 5:45 pm – 10:00pm

**Free Entry**

**Live Bands:**  
SONIC HIGHWAY  
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# 2018 FISH N FROLICS

## ULTIMATE ANGLER COMPETITION

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**Friday 20th July to Sunday 22nd July**

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**3 VENUES OVER 3 DAYS!**

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**Lots of Races Starting at 2pm**

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Townsend Hall  
Shipston-on-Stour

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Come down and see us on a club night or contact:  
**Sue Sturgess : 07733 260025**  
**Nick Watts: 01608 664163**



## Music Society

On May 18th the Pavillionaires provided a lively and entertaining evening of jazz for the Shipston Music Society. The instrumentalists in this group obviously enjoy playing together and their musicianship and enthusiasm shone through in each item on the programme. As in all traditional jazz there were sections highlighting a solo instrument and these were all performed with skill and assurance.

The guest vocalist was Gayle Burch whose clear diction and vocal style were ideally suited to such titles as "The Lady is a Tramp" and "I can't give you anything but love". After the interval "The nearness of you" with reduced backing and in a gentler style made a good contrast and allowed Gayle to demonstrate her excellent vocal control.

The guitarist and bass player also had vocal spots and the group is lucky to have a very talented flautist, an excellent exponent of jazz, whose clear tone adds enormously to the overall sound.

Despite some minor issues with acoustics, it was a very enjoyable evening ending with "When you're smiling" with audience participation which sent everyone home "with a smile".



## Volunteers needed for the Shipston Tourist Information Centre

A new Tourist Information Centre is set to open in Shipston at New Clark House. Volunteers to man the centre and talk to visitors about Shipston and the surrounding area are desperately needed. Training will be provided and timings are flexible.

**If you can spare some time to showcase our town, please contact Sarah Coxall from Stratford & District Time Bank**

**Tel: 07419 373680**

**E: welcome@stratfordtimebank.org.uk**



## TOWNSEND HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 24TH JULY 2018  
7:30PM**

The Townsend Hall Management Committee invites you to attend the AGM where you will hear about improvements that have been made and are planned.

It is your hall and your support is essential for its wellbeing

## A small thank you to a mystery donor

A family that moved to Shipston in 1900 and who still have connections in the town and locality have recently made several generous donations to Shipston charities, town organisations and sporting clubs. All the donations have been well received for the benefit of all age groups.

While the family concerned do not want to be named, Shipston Town Council wanted to express thanks on behalf of the town.

## Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



### Wedding celebrations

Chicks and Ducklings classes had a busy few weeks before half-term planning for the Royal wedding, which ended with their very own wedding party. Once the children had been taught about all the members of the Royal Family, they became wedding planners. Preparation activities included thinking carefully about who should be invited to the wedding, writing a guest list and making royal invitations, and planning a honeymoon fit for a prince and a princess.



The children had a lovely afternoon playing traditional games adapted to give a Royal theme - The Queen's Footsteps, King, King, Queen, practising walking down the aisle and 'Here Comes the Bride'.

All the teachers and teaching assistants in our Reception team would like to thank parents for becoming so involved and sending the children in wearing lovely outfits and for the cakes, cucumber sandwiches, decorations and wedding favours that were sent in to help the celebrations. Everyone loved seeing the wedding photos of parents, grandparents and other relatives.

### A Wild Life for Year 1

Year 1 caught the sunshine at the Cotswold Wildlife Park on Thursday 25th May, as part of a fabulous finish to their topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. The children saw lots of reptiles, amphibians, mammals and insects and found out which ones were herbivores, omnivores or carnivores.

A zookeeper showed the pupils around and answered all of the children's questions. A member of the public came to tell the staff how beautifully behaved the children were as Robins and

## Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

### Coventry Refugee Centre:

Students and families have recently been collecting items for the Coventry Refugee Centre. On the Wednesday before half term Miss Whitworth and Mr Howells travelled to Coventry to deliver the donations from the Shipston High Students; to say the team were grateful is an understatement! Jackie and the team were overwhelmed by the support and the donations that Shipston had offered and were very keen to pass on their thanks to all the students at Shipston who had donated.



On behalf of the Coventry Refugee Centre, Miss Whitworth and everyone at Shipston High School, we say thank you to all for their generous donations. The Director at the Coventry Refugee Centre has written to the school: 'we were overwhelmed by the generosity of all the pupils at Shipston High. Our destitute clients will be very grateful for the food and it helps enormously to know that there are many people in the UK who really care about their plight'.

**Year 9 History trip:** As part of our new GCSE course we will be studying Surgery and Medical developments on the Western Front during World War One. Recently we took 36 year 9 students to Ypres in Belgium in preparation for the course. We visited a

Wrens classes ate their lunch and carefully tidied away. Favourite memories were seeing the shy wolves and the noisy penguins, walking next to the lemurs who were asleep in the sun and being careful of the crocodile! It was a great day.

### Massive Mini Church Challenge

To celebrate the centenary of the Diocese of Coventry, schoolchildren from across the region have been invited to create miniature models of their local parish church. Over half-term, with the help of our great friend of Shipston Primary, Mr. Randall (Pod), three Year 6 girls created an amazing mini model of St. Edmund's church, including actual photographs of the stained glass windows scaled down to fit into their model.



This model was taken to Coventry Cathedral to be part of a massive 3D map of the Diocese – situated around a Lego version of Coventry Cathedral.

### 5-a-side Champions

Well done to our Year 3/4 mixed football team who took part in the cluster tournament in May. Our children played brilliantly and were the overall winners!

### Bikeability

Throughout May, Year 5 children brought their bicycles to school for Bikeability lessons. The lessons covered how to check your bikes are safe, controlling speed and signalling. After practicing on the school grounds, the children took to the road.

The training also covered learning an ABC check (air pressure, brakes, chain) and how to do it, as well as how to behave at different types of road junctions.

variety of places including the largest British Military cemetery Tyne Cott and Langemarck, a German cemetery. Many students were able to visit relatives' graves as well as a grave holding great significance for four former Brailes Primary students. J.E Phipps was the grandfather of their former teacher's husband who has never been able to travel to the site. The students placed crosses on behalf of the family at his graveside. On our third day we travelled to France and visited the Somme. The first stop here was the Lochnagar Crater, one of the largest man made holes on earth caused by a mine. We also saw the Thiepval memorial, the largest British memorial in the world. We followed the route that casualties would have taken either on stretcher or on foot allowing students to understand the movement of casualties during the war. We spent our final day in the Arras area investigating the underground tunnel system used to move troops closer to the front line. As part of the tour two students were selected to lay a wreath on behalf of the school during the Menin Gate ceremony that takes place every evening.



## Stour Valley Lions

### Lions Book Shop Closing Down Sale ~ what a turn up for the books!



A humble thank you doesn't really cover it to be honest. What super support you gave to our Book Shop closing down sale. We had a sterling turn out over the two day sale which resulted in a handsome sum of £961.61 being raised. Thank you for your generosity and overwhelming support. Every penny will be ploughed straight back into our local charities and good causes.

The Lions have long realised the service the bookshop offered to the community and the benefits are well known. We have tried without success to find a new home for our shop but we want to put a last call out to see if we can't continue this good work. The above sum raised on the 1st and 2nd June at the Scout Hut is a telling testimony to the Book Shop success, which we sorely miss. Is there anybody out there who can offer the Lions suitable premises to house our remaining circa 1,000 books to enable us to continue providing a community service? All the proceeds directly benefit the community and support numerous organisations in Shipston and the Stour Valley Area.

### A Date for your Diary! ~ Stour Valley Lions Country Gala

We are launching a new summer event which we are calling out to all Forum readers to attend. Shipston is well known for hosting and supporting great events and we are confident that this will become an annual date in the diary not to be missed. Our Country Gala will offer something for the whole family. A keen focus will be on Steam Vintage Engineering Tractors and Classic Cars but there will also be children's attractions, yummy food and drink, stalls selling locally produced goodies, and a whole host of fun and interesting things to see and do.

The event is being held at the Sheldon Bosley Hub on Saturday 28th July - see the ad on page 16 for details. All money raised on the day will go back into our community so please do come along.

### Who doesn't love a bit of Hugh Jackman! ~ The Greatest Showman

This movie celebrates the birth of show business and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. Featuring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron and Michelle Williams, this feel good musical movie will have you tapping your toes and itching to get up and dance. Join us at Shipston High School on Friday 13th July where the film starts at 7pm. For details, see the ad on page 16. For transport, call Peter Hougham on 07530 540859 to arrange a lift.

### Jazz at Whatcote - for early readers of the Forum

Early Forum readers might still be in time to enjoy Jazz at St. Peter's, Whatcote. On Friday 29th June, at 7.30pm, instead of the usual hymns, St. Peter's in Whatcote will resound to the music of the Annie Davies Trio featuring swing and Latin American music, including classic numbers from the 40s, as part of the Shipston Proms. Tickets are £10 from Clarke's Electrical in Shipston, Phil Wreford in Whatcote (01295 680294) and the Royal Oak Whatcote (01295 688100). Donation bar available.

#### Townsend Hall 150 Club Draw

The most recent winners in the Townsend Hall 150 Club draw are:

Member 69 - £15

Member 83 - £10

Member 13 - £5

Congratulations!



## Norgren Bowling Club

It will be another busy month for Norgren Bowling club, with 10 home matches at Sheldon Bosley Hub during July. The matches are as follows:

Sunday 1st July Norgren Bowls Club Gala 10.00am

Tuesday 3rd July Welford KDL 6.00pm

Friday 13th July Avon Melksham Tourists 2.00pm

Monday 16th July Bidford Men 6.00pm

Wednesday 18th Warwick Boat Club Courier 2.00pm

Thursday 19th FISSC KDL 6.00pm

Saturday 21st Fenny Compton KDL 2.30pm

Monday 23rd Welford Ladies 6.00pm

Thursday 26th Stratford 6.00pm

Tuesday 31st Wellesbourne KDL 6.00pm

## Shipston-on-Stour and Area U3A

More than just photographs, the exhibits shown by Adrian James with his talk "Four Seasons and



a Festival" were works of art. The gardens we were shown, which are all open to the public, were Anglesey Abbey, Cambridge (Winter), John's Garden, Kinswinford (Spring), RHS Rosemore, Devon (Summer) and Batsford Arboretum (Autumn).

Starting with winter, when many people have cut everything down so there is nothing to look at, Mr. James showed how, at this bleak time of the year, there can be the most dramatic striking scenes. Examples included patterns of bare branches, coloured barks, berries and evergreens, such as the Winter Walk of paths winding between the trunks of paper birch. In spring, the rush of new life produces ever-changing pictures of beauty, and, in summer, luxuriant contrasts and complements of different colours, heights, sizes and textures. Always there should be a focal point to draw the eye in a direction to complete the picture, and yet to wonder also what is beyond. Batsford Arboretum is near enough to Shipston for most of the audience to have visited, maybe in spring or summer, but perhaps not in autumn when many of the splendid and rare trees can be seen at their best, as shown with striking colours.

The climax of the evening were the pictures of the grounds at the RHS Wisley lit up at night for a special occasion.

## Why I Joined the Legion

### from Mike Wells, Branch Treasurer

I haven't served in the Forces and my joining the Royal British Legion resulted from the research that I did into the men on the Shipston on Stour War Memorials. That research eventually became the book *Shipston Remembers*. The project was an offshoot from some family history research that had been prompted by my daughter Chloe, who was at Primary School at the time. We'd always gone to the Remembrance Sunday parade and service, but she came home from School one day at Remembrance-tide and asked if our family had anyone who had been killed in either of the wars. A dig around in the family tree showed that we did, which prompted researching their military service and



then that of those family members who had returned safely. Once completed I was looking for a new project and wondered about the men on the War Memorial in Church Street. I popped along to see the guys at the Museum and enquired if any research had already been done. They said it hadn't, but they thought it was an excellent project that they'd not had the time to do and would I like some help. That help included linking me in to the Shipston RBL branch, which I joined as I strongly support its two main objectives, furthering remembrance and welfare. *Shipston Remembers* was published in 2009 with all proceeds going to the Poppy Appeal.

If you support the objectives of the Legion and would like to join or get involved, please contact Richard Adams 01608 662328 or email richardadams5@hotmail.com.

## 240033 Lance Serjeant REGINALD LANGLEY

Born on 13th September 1892 Reginald was the youngest son of Harry and Mary E Langley of Uttoxeter Old Road, Derby, and was the younger brother of John Harry Langley who was killed on 29th April 1917.

On 29th October 1900 John and his younger brother Reginald were enrolled into the Shipston Boys School, having just arrived in the town. The School Register notes that the lads' father is a Hotel Proprietor and that they are living at the Bell Inn. The Register also notes that their previous schooling took place in Solihull. In 1901 the census confirms their address as being the Bell Hotel, Sheep Street, Shipston-on-Stour, Worcestershire. John left school on 27th February 1907 when he was fourteen and a half.



Photo from 1907 –  
Robin Hood

Reginald was listed in the Evesham Journal of the 26th September 1914, as being with the 1st/5th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment and it is assumed that Reginald had served with them before the war and was called up when the Battalion mobilized in August 1914. Like Sidney Batchelor, Reginald went to France with the 1st/5th Battalion on the 29th March 1915 and the two men fought alongside each other throughout the war. On the 19th July 1916 B Company were told to take Point 79 and, in trying, suffered heavy casualties, as they did when they tried again on the 20th. They tried again a third time on the 21st and reached their objective, but with no cover had to withdraw. Incredibly they tried again on the 23rd and the Regimental History records that as soon as they set off out of their trenches the enemy "met them with murderous machine gun and rifle fire" and casualties were again heavy.

At this point they were withdrawn but they were back in the front line by the 16th August, when they undertook another failed attack, this time losing over 100 men killed or wounded.

They were back again on the 27th August, when they lost another 100 men in another raid.

For the next 11 months the Battalion were lightly used until late July 1917 on the Ypres Salient, where they were to take part in the Battle of Passchendaele. The Battalion took the lead in the centre at Langemarck and encountered the Germans' new defensive invention, concrete 'pill boxes'. Attacking early on the 16th August they initially made good progress but were held up by machine gun fire from pill boxes. When they were relieved the following day they had lost 217 men. On the 27th August the Battalion took part in an attack where they lost a further 344 men.

After such heavy losses they were not used in any attacks again until the 4th October, when an attack was launched in conditions described as 'beastly' and barely 300-yards of progress were made. The war diary records casualties as being 'light', but 131 men and officers were lost. On the 11th October they marched out to camp and within a couple of weeks the Division was ordered to Italy to assist in resisting an Austro-Hungarian offensive in the Julian Alps.

The Evesham Journal of the 13th July 1918 reports, in a piece next to the one reporting the death of Sidney Batchelor, the following:

*Corpl Fitter F C Beachus, in a letter from the Italian front to his parents at Shipston, states that Pte Reginald Langley, recently of the Bell Hotel, Shipston was missing and either a prisoner or killed. He was a Territorial when the war broke out, belonging to the Shipston section of the Gloucesters and has seen considerable service in France and Italy. Corpl Beachus states that he received this news directly he returned to his battery after a month in hospital, suffering from an accident and an attack of influenza.*

Reginald is buried in Egna Communal Cemetery, North of Lake Garda in Italy. He is remembered on both the Town and Council School Memorials.

## District Council News

My colleague Cllr Saint is still unwell in hospital in Coventry. I am sure that he will be in your thoughts and prayers. He has given a huge amount to Shipston and the wider area over the years.



Politics moves on and I have been made the whip of the Conservative group on SDC, which is a huge honour - and for those of you who know me fairly well - a job which is right up my street! It means I am very closely involved in policy formation and implementation and am in close contact with the Leader of the Council, Tony Jefferson. So Shipston has influence at a high level - which I hope to wield strongly for you.

You will have noticed a few road closures locally - related to the new developments around town - please try and bear with this. I know it slows journeys down - and lights stuck at red all day - are not helpful.

I have had great feedback from Orbit over my complaints - they picked them up from my Forum column! Some of you may even have had calls from them - make sure they introduce themselves as some of you have worried that these were rogue calls - obviously the shock of an Orbit call!!!

Dropped kerb survey and pothole reporting are continuing!

I am holding surgeries at the George on a Thursday at 10 am - drop in or warn me you are coming. I am available pretty much all the time - just give me a ring on 07748968712

### Jo Barker, District Councillor – Shipston South Ward

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

## County Council update



We have now settled into the new Civic Year at WCC and I have continued to do all things children and education. Yesterday we recommended, and should get, some funding to help develop the new Dimensions Tool. Huh? What's she on about now? This is a new app developed by health professionals as part of the contract to provide CAHMS. So children and young people can use it (with their families, at school or with a GP etc) to identify their potential mental health or SEN needs. The main point of this is to give early intervention opportunities so that those with eg low mood can find the sort of help they may need, early and in a non-threatening form. That's the theory!

Those of you still with me - would you do me (and all our future users) a huge favour? Google (or any other search engine!) Dimensions Tool and see what you find. Then you might like to test the tool and let me know what you think. Any of us can have mental health issues - and many of us will know others - for whom early intervention would have made a radical difference in their lives. Most mental health problems have begun by the age of 14.

I hope you will help out as an informal Shipston User Group of the Dimensions Tool. We could make a serious difference to the tool and in the way it develops and of course helping out is never a bad thing for any of us.

Please do let me know what you think and get in touch.

Next month I hope to have a proper update about buses. I know that people are now unable to get to Stratford to work as a result of timetable changes and with our MP Nadhim Zahawi and County Council leader Izzi Seccombe we are talking to the bus companies. I am also exploring car pooling and ring and ride schemes. We will try to find a solution - probably a very Shipston one - helping ourselves!

**County Councillor, Jo Barker**

## Shipston Medical Centre

**Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845**

### Cervical Screening

Over recent years we have seen the rates of women coming for their cervical screening (or smear test) drop a little. Cervical screening is NOT a test to find cancer. It is a screening test to detect changes to the cells of the cervix, which are called cervical abnormalities or precancer. Cervical screening helps to save 5000 lives each year.

Across the whole of the UK women are invited for cervical screening between the ages of 25 and 64. Women aged 25–49 are invited every three years and women aged 50–64 are invited every five years. Women may be invited for screening up to 6 months before the age of eligibility (ie. at 24 years and 6 months old).

Patients eligible for screening are often anxious about the procedure. Our nurses have a lot of experience in administering the test and will be happy to talk about it and will help make the experience as easy as possible.

In order to ensure eligible individuals are called for this and other screening, please make sure we have your correct address details.



Shipston Medical Centre

Unfortunately we are unable to undertake tests for women who do not meet the eligibility criteria.

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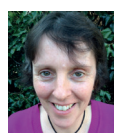
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Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
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To request posts on the council's Facebook and Twitter feeds, contact Peter White or Dan Scobie (details above)

**Forum copy deadline:**
**First Wednesday of the month**

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

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## Stour Valley Lions Country Gala 2018

Steam Vintage Engineering Tractors and Classic Cars



Sheldon Bosley Hub  
Saturday 28th July  
2018  
10:30 - 17:00

**Make a Date!**

Stour Valley  
Lions -are planning a Gala in 2018. All  
the money which we raise goes to good  
causes in the local area.

This Gala is a new venture and we are looking for  
Exhibitors to help make this a success.

We invite owners of interesting steam powered  
or other vintage equipment help us in this new  
venture !

Please contact

Paul Garfield  
07828 589564  
Or  
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Entrance £5  
Children Under 16 FREE



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**A New Event for Shipston!**

Bar & Food  
Stalls  
Indoor displays  
Live Steam Traction  
Stationary Engines  
Children's Competition  
Side Shows

## The Joint Churches Holiday Club 2018

Joshua's  
Big Adventure  
@ St Edmunds

10.00am  
to 12.30pm  
Tues 24th July  
to  
Fri 27th July

**£2 per day!!!**

For School Age Children YrR-Yr6

Parents & Siblings are invited to join us on Fri 27th @ 12pm for Hot Dogs

Activities include...

Arts & Crafts    Snacktime  
Song & Dance    Storytime  
Quizzes            Games



**HOW TO BOOK**

Places  
are limited!

Please book before Mon 23rd July  
Email: kate.s.king@hotmail.com  
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**PICNIC IN THE PARK**

CHARITY EVENT

**SHIPSTON HOME NURSING**  
Partnering with  
**ETTINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

Shipston Home Nursing  
Hospice Care at Home  
Charity no: 1162586

Ettington Church of England  
Primary School  
\*Charity no: 1114040

**SATURDAY JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> 12.30-4.30pm**

BRING FAMILY, FRIENDS & A PICNIC TO:  
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**SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL,**  
**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 7.00pm**

**Advance Tickets £3.50 or £4 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.