



# Shipston Forum

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## Riverside proposals to be unveiled for consultation

Proposals that could see the river banks by Shipston Bridge transformed into a haven for wildlife and recreation will be unveiled for public consultation on 2nd and 3rd August. The plans are the culmination of months of work led by Shipston Town Council's Heritage and Leisure Projects working group, supported by local landscape architect, Emma Stolwood from Stolwood Architects.

Town councillors were given a sneak preview of the plans at the June meeting, which cover new furniture, attractions and planting. If all goes to plan, on the Bridge Car Park side of the river, the main attraction will be a new viewing platform over the river. The platform would give residents and visitors a much clearer view of the river, with a chance to spot local wildlife both in the water and on the banks.

HALP is also hoping to install a natural willow arch for children to run through as well as a willow seating area and

new picnic benches on that side of the river. Information boards will be added to share information about the river, local wildlife, and flora and fauna.

On the Mill Street side, the team is hoping to replace the current metal crash barrier with a more attractive wooden one. The diseased willow tree will be cut back significantly and turned into a bug hotel and there are plans for a raised bed to add to the other striking floral displays around the town. The HALP team has also looked at various options for plants that will attract wildlife and provide year-round interest.

The proposals have been developed following careful consultation with a range of experts and take into consideration the potential impact of future flooding. The team is now inviting residents to view the proposals and share their views before the important work of seeking funding begins.

Co-chair of the HALP Working Group, Sheelagh Saunders, said: "We are really excited about the plans to make the most of the river at Shipston Bridge and we'd really like to share where we've got to with local residents. The plans will be on view throughout the two day consultation



event and we'll be running guided visits to the river from Clark House to explain the proposals in detail.

"This is one of the priority projects that arose from the Neighbourhood Plan so it's really important that our community is involved in the next steps and has the opportunity to make this a space we will all want to use. We hope to see as many of you at the open day as possible and look forward to hearing your views."

Alongside the consultation, the working group is seeking a bid writer to support bids for funding - see page 3 for details.

Further details about the public consultation will be published in the August issue of the Forum.

Photos: Top right - the Bridge Car Park river bank. Bottom left, an example of a willow arch



## Wool Fair welcomes civic dignitaries to another successful event

Shipston's Wool Fair Weekend was hailed a huge success, attracting civic dignitaries, residents and visitors from the region.

Totally Locally got the weekend off to a great start with another busy arts and crafts festival. This was followed by the Community Songs of Praise - see page 4 for details.

As for the Wool Fair itself, quite rightly, the sheep stole the show, with some particularly cute varieties proving extremely popular. Shearing was another draw, with many flocking round to see hand shearing in action.

As a first for this year, the Wool Fair weekend featured a wedding dress display from the Victorian era to the present day, alongside a stunning flower festival, organised by St Edmunds' Church, which delighted the town's special guests (see photo, right, by Chris Wright). The weekend was also the first opening for the pop-up photographic exhibition at former council offices, Clark House, on West Street. *Continued on page 8*





## Mayor's column



I'm writing this with a view over a rainy Shipston in June – a month when we've already had more rain than in any of the previous 12 months. Although welcome for gardens, the volume of summer rain reminds me of the flood risk to parts of our town. The work done by the Shipston Area Flood Action Group to tackle this is significant, and has been held up by the Environment Agency as a prime example of what can be done. You can find out about SAFAG's latest work here: [www.shipstonfloodaction.org.uk](http://www.shipstonfloodaction.org.uk) – an update will be published in next month's Forum.

Once again the Totally Locally team started the Wool Fair weekend with a fair showcasing a wide variety of local crafts. I think the team very cleverly run these events using Sheep Street and The Bury – it seems to have a minimal impact on the rest of the town's businesses. I had great delight in attending the Rotary Songs of Praise on the Sunday, which featured some fantastic talents from around the town. At the Wool Fair it was my great honour to welcome to our town a significant number of local civic dignitaries including Mayors from across the county and the High Sheriff of Warwickshire. It's a great opportunity to show our town at its best, and remind people that the county doesn't end at Stratford! I extend my sincere thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

By the time you read this we'll be well in to The Proms. I'm looking forward to the last night celebrations immensely. With Open Studios also having a significant presence in the town it really is a great time to be in Shipston.

**Dan Scobie**

## Shipston Town Council considers options for Children's Centre

Warwickshire County Council has appointed Barnardo's to provide family and children's services at its remaining Children's Centres across the county. WCC has approached Shipston Town Council to explore whether it would be willing to take on the running of the Badger Valley Centre which would enable the town to retain some services for 15 hours per week.

A number of other uses for the building have been put forward to make full use of the space, including providing support for 19-25s with learning difficulties, acting as a maternity hub for Shipston and run the Food Bank from the centre. However, no plans for how these services could be funded have yet been put forward.

The town council is keen to look at ways to retain services at the Children's Centre but there are significant implications in terms of costs and responsibilities which need careful consideration.

Mayor, Dan Scobie, said: "It's clear that we don't want to lose important services that benefit our residents. However, we have limited resources – both financial and staffing – to take on such a significant and long term responsibility which a larger authority may be better placed to run. We will consider all the options in detail, and continue to drive for the retention of services."

## Rogue Trader Alert

**WARNING** – a resident has highlighted that rogue traders are operating in the area.

If you require any house maintenance, roofing work, replacement windows etc., please do all you can to verify the validity and of any traders you are considering.

If in doubt, call the Trading Standards call centre on 03454 04 05 06 for advice.

## RNLI Street Collection - please give generously

The annual RNLI street collection will take place on Saturday 27th July in the town centre – look out for the volunteers who will be collecting on their behalf.

There will also be souvenirs and gifts for sale in St Edmund's Church porch from 8.30am to 2pm. Learn more about the lifesaving work of the RNLI – and have a guess where the busiest Lifeboat Station is!

Please support the work of the volunteer lifeboat crew and lifeguards. For details, contact Jenny Plenderleith on 664278.



## Fingers crossed for good weather - it's time for Fish'n'Frolics!

Shipston's three day annual angling festival is back this month – now in its 7th year!

The Great Duck Race fundraising pre-event on 14th July at Shipston Bridge, will see 200 ducks set sail, with proceeds going to Shipston First Responders and Fish'n'Frolics Festival.

The main event is the Fish'n'Frolics Festival from 26th-28th July where anglers can fish for three days. Juniors and anyone else can learn how to fish with expert tuition and learn more about the sport and welfare of the rivers and surrounding areas.

The Frolics start at 5pm on Friday with live music from various bands including Clarksville, and Texan Peacocks. Alongside the angling, Saturday will see stalls, an outside bar, street food, and activities throughout the day followed by music from 5pm, featuring headline band, Adrian Styles. For the first time, Sunday will focus on sports for all – see page 6 for details.

Entrance to Fish'n'Frolics is free and everyone is welcome. Organiser, Stuart Fleming, said: "This is a community event put on by Shipston Angling Club to encourage more juniors into the sport or any other type of outdoor activity. This year, thanks to investment made possible from previous Fish'n'Frolics events, and with the help of Shipston Town Council, The Angling Trust and The Environment Agency, we have opened up the river Stour at the Sports Club so that everyone can enjoy the beauty of the river."

See the ad on page 16 for more details.



## News from Shipston Town Council's June meeting

### Hot topics

**Giant hogweed:** Jo Barker has spotted giant hogweed on the river bank and will notify Stratford District Council to request removal.

**Green energy:** The Town Clerk will look into possible green energy at New Clark House through a community-based scheme. The first step is most likely to be an energy audit.

**Wool fair:** Fay Ivens led the congratulations to all those involved in the Wool Fair Weekend which was echoed by all councillors. Marianne Westwood recorded thanks to Mike Ashley and Dick Burge for their work in preparing the pop up photographic exhibition at Clark House which opened for the first time during the Wool Fair.

**Portabello delay:** Jo Barker was sorry to report further delays to the works although the work has now been commissioned - see page 14 for more details.

### Campaigning for Shipston

**Planning - major application on our borders:** John Dinnie alerted councillors to proposals to install three poultry sheds in nearby Barcheston, each of which would house 50,000 chicks. This would result in a changeover every 2-3 months when each shed would be emptied, cleaned and refilled, leading to approximately 60 lorries passing over Shipston bridge in the space of a few days.

Barcheston & Willington Parish Council has objected, as has Highways but town councillors were encouraged to consider responding to applications like this with the potential to significantly impact the town.

**Health services:** Marianne Westwood and John Dinnie both attended the recent Patient Participation Group meeting which included an update on plans for a new medical centre. South

Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust has put forward a plan for incorporating a medical centre on its site but needs the backing of the Clinical Commissioning Group that is responsible for commissioning - or buying - healthcare services for the community. The town council was encouraged to get involved to support efforts to progress the project with the South Warwickshire CCG.

**Party time:** Sheelagh Saunders reminded councillors that next year will see the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The bank holiday Monday will be moved to Friday 8th May, with Saturday 9th expected to be the day for community celebrations. The town council would be keen to support a local event and would be interested to hear from community groups or residents that may be interested in taking the lead. Please contact the Town Clerk in the first instance.

**New approach to planning:** Paul Tesh and John Dinnie have developed a new way to manage planning applications to make it easier for councillors to view and contribute to applications. Terms of reference for the new Planning Committee are being finalised.

The Planning Working Group is keen to finalise the Town Design Statement and consider a new Housing Needs Survey – these will be brought to a future council meeting for discussion.

**Heritage and Leisure:** Following the report from Emma Stolwood (see page 1) the town council agreed to spend up to £1500 on professional fees for a structural engineer to design a viewing platform. Councillors also agreed in principle that money previously identified for a footbridge could be reallocated to the riverside project (subject to an agreed project plan) as there is no realistic prospect of a footbridge being feasible in the foreseeable future.



### Your Council Needs You!

Shipston Town Council has one vacant seat. Could you be the one to fill it?

If you would like to contribute to your local community, why not consider becoming a town councillor.

Letters of application should be sent to the Town Clerk **by 1st July** (see page 15 for contact details).

### BID WRITER WANTED

**The Heritage and Leisure Projects (HALP) group of the Shipston-on-Stour Town Council needs help writing bids for applications for funding for current and future projects.**

**If you have experience of bid writing and feel able to donate some of your time we would be very pleased to hear from you.**

**Please contact Sheelagh Saunders or Marianne Westwood (see page 15 for contact details)**



## What's the point of 'Bootpoint'?

Every Friday evening sees a small team from St Edmund's and Stour Valley Baptist Churches rocking up to Mill Street car park armed with flasks of hot chocolate, cheese sandwiches and cakes. But it isn't some sort of church social event. Instead it is part of the churches' response to the needs of young people in the town. The team goes there to talk with and listen to the growing numbers of young people who feel they have nowhere else to go.

The project started last July as a trial over the summer holidays but such has been its popularity it continued through the winter months and is fast approaching its first anniversary. So if you see a car pulling into Mill Street car park around 7.15pm and unloading flasks and sandwiches – that's what they are up to!

Those who go have found it very humbling that young people would want to chat and share their challenges and joys. The volunteers are seeking to support ideas that the young people have come up with and explore how they can possibly be made a reality in Shipston, such as a boxing club and a covered shelter. They are also hoping, as Christian communities, that this simple act helps young people, who often feel without value or worth, to know that the churches are caring and listening to their voices.

Daniel Pulham from Stour Valley Baptist Church, said: "We trust that our small contribution adds to the jigsaw of support for Shipston's young people."

## Roll up, Roll up for a very special day of circus fun with Shipston Girlguiding!

On Sunday 14 July at 3pm Shipston Girlguiding are hosting a visit from Happy's Circus at The Shipston Enterprise Hub (formerly known as The Sheldon Bosley Hub) to raise money for Shipston Girlguiding activities and to enable the group to host future events. This will be Happy Circus's first visit to the town and they will be presenting a fun packed comedy show for all the family with the theme 'Greatest Showman'. They have some amazing international circus artists performing including a trapeze act, acrobats and an illusionist.

There have been various Girlguiding groups in Shipston for over 100 years but this is their biggest fundraising event ever! Guides, Brownies & Rainbows are all about developing self-confidence in girls of all ages, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, get in touch with nature and play games - it's all about learning by doing. They follow a diverse and engaging programme and can take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age. But to provide the raw materials for all these activities and to enable the girls to go on adventures outside of the weekly meetings the groups need to raise more funds hence this special circus day. There will also be stalls, games, a tombola and a great raffle with many prizes donated by local shops and businesses – altogether it will be a great family fun day out in Shipston on July 14th so book your tickets now!

Tickets are £7 in advance or £8 on the day & just £26 for a family ticket for four. All available from 07955 509474 or email [shipstoncircus@btinternet.com](mailto:shipstoncircus@btinternet.com)

## Community Songs of Praise showcases local talent

Over 100 people enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of music, song and poetry at St Edmund's Church on Sunday May 26th, as part of Shipston 'Woolly Weekend'.

The Mayor, Dan Scobie, and Rotary President, Graham Thomas, read poems. Catherine Packer from Shipston High School, Alec Banner from Shipston Junior Band, Aliya Bartlett, Caitlin Clemons and Chloe Spencer from Shipston Youth Club, along with Helen and Hannah Porter, Noel Nickerson and the Shipston Rotary Singers (Nigel Willis and Thomas Slinger) all gave some amazing musical and choral performances.

Shipston Community groups chose hymns and read poems to help make it such a memorable afternoon - which was rounded off with tea and delicious homemade cakes.

## Medical Centre Marathon

The Medical Centre Marathon Team are very pleased to report that they all completed the Edinburgh marathon on 26th May without incident or injury! "A massive 'thank you' to the people of Shipston and surrounding villages who supported us in the run up, during and after the marathon. We have raised over £3500 (including gift aid) for the League of Friends for the Ellen Badger Hospital to support the redevelopment of this great community facility!", they said.



Melanie Trapp, Rachel Vial, Dr Tim Marshall





## BBC Antiques Roadshow comes to Compton Verney

It's time to unearth the hidden treasures in your attic - the BBC Antiques Roadshow series will be filmed at Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park in Warwickshire for the first time this summer. The show is expected to attract thousands of visitors hopeful



of revealing a lost treasure and it would be great to see some Shipston faces on the show.

Compton Verney is home to an award winning, nationally acclaimed gallery hosting world class historical and contemporary exhibitions. Amy Banks, Director of Creative and Engagement at Compton Verney said: "We are delighted that the BBC has



chosen to bring the Antiques Roadshow to Compton Verney. This is a fantastic opportunity to welcome thousands of new faces to the venue. Fingers crossed, we might even find an undiscovered masterpiece."

Filming will take place on Tuesday 2 July hosted by Fiona Bruce and a team of experts ready to examine paintings, jewellery, ceramics, glass and hundreds of other historical artifacts. The show will be aired this autumn and regularly attracts six million viewers. Fiona, who has presented the show for the past 12 years says: "Even after all these years, people still have the most amazing things tucked away in their attics and garages and I can't wait to see what they pull out of their bags and trolleys in 2019."

Robert Murphy, the series producer of Antiques Roadshow, said: "We're thrilled to be bringing the Roadshow to Compton Verney. It's a free, entertaining, family day out and a rare opportunity to go behind the scenes and be a part of one of the BBC's most popular programmes."

Entry to the show is free, everyone is welcome, and no tickets or pre-registration is required. Residents can send information in advance about special items by emailing [shareyourstory@bbc.co.uk](mailto:shareyourstory@bbc.co.uk)



## Lions serving the community in the Centenary Garden

The Lions have been out again planting up the Centenary Garden with summer flowers to continue to present the site as a star attraction when entering the town. It is hoped the strong colours will make the Centenary Garden a fitting tribute to the D-Day commemorations. This year we have planted over 450 Antirrhinum Sonnetin in the flower beds and Begonia Tuberosa in the pots. Many people stop to admire the garden and read the Centenary Memorial on the site to reflect on the horror of war while taking a rest on the seating benches.



Working in conjunction with The British Legion and Shipston Town Council, the Lions designed and organised the installation of this memorial to the 36 Shipston men who fell in the Great War. The name of each soldier has been engraved on individual tiles displayed in the centre of the garden as a permanent display. The whole garden, located in the centre of Shipston on the Gyratory, is planted and maintained by the Lions in conjunction with Shipston-in-Bloom who supply the plants.



## Focus on sports

### Shipston Excelsior Football Club celebrates end of season

Shipston Excelsior Football Club (SEFC) is dedicated to the development of grassroots football across all age groups and has been an integral part of the Shipston community since its formation in 1903. Run on a voluntary basis by a team of dedicated coaches, committee members, parents and supporters, the club has over 250 registered junior and senior players.

This year's football season closed with a Junior awards day and tournament in June. It was a fantastic day with



over 300 people in attendance. The day included an in-house tournament of mixed-age teams from our under 9 to under 13 players with each team representing a National team. After some well contested matches "France" came out winners with each player receiving a victory medal. The under 8s also held a separate mini-tournament, in which "England" won.

Referees were provided by the Senior section and U16s/U17s bringing together all club sections.

Following the tournament, each age group coach presented their team's Season awards, and every player received a medal to mark their contribution to their team and the club.

The club also presented tokens of appreciation to the many team sponsors that provide vital funds for kits and training equipment without which the club would not survive.

The Sports Club laid on a fantastic BBQ as well as vital liquid refreshments. All in all

a fantastic day was had by all.

SEFC is always looking for volunteers to support our committee and coaching. No previous experience or qualifications are needed as all training will be provided. To volunteer or find out more about SEFC, contact:- James Peardon (jamesp290475@yahoo.com) / Steve King (sking1966@hotmail.com).

SEFC would like to record thanks to their sponsors:

- Fosseway Tool Hire
- Concierge Medical
- Building and Plumbing Supplies
- Spartan Plumbing
- Pertemps
- Stanford Carpentry



### Plenty of opportunities to play at Shipston Cricket Club

The season is in full swing at Shipston on Stour Cricket Club where junior coaching and All Stars cricket takes place on Friday evenings at the sports club.

All Stars is for children aged 5-8, and for the under 11's, a soft ball group and a hard ball group takes place on the same evening. The sessions run from 6.30pm-7.30pm and currently around 80 children take part each week. Newcomers are very welcome.

The U13's side practice on a Monday evening from 6-7.30pm. The junior sides compete in the Cotswold Hills Junior League for those players who would like to play competitive cricket.

For the senior section, there are two sides on a Saturday that compete in the Cotswold Hills League, and both sides have started the season well. There are friendly cricket matches on a Sunday throughout the summer catering for all ages and abilities.

#### It's just not cricket

No, it's a sponsored cycle ride, with a cricket connection. Four club members will tour five Ashes Test venues in September to raise funds for the club and Lord's Taverners. More details next month - or visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ashestoashesride>

## Spotlight on sport at Fish'n'Frolics festival

For the first time in the event's history, the third day of Fish'n'Frolics will be "Sporty Sunday" on 28th July. The Sports club will be opening up all sections from 11am-4pm, giving residents the chance to sample the wide variety of sports on offer.

#### Anyone for tennis?

All adults and children interested in joining Shipston's friendly tennis club, or just wanting to try out this fantastic game, are invited to come and meet tennis club members during Sporty Sunday. There will be a number of on court sessions with one of the club's coaches and members of the committee will be on hand to meet and greet and to answer questions. Suitable footwear (trainers) must be worn on court but the club can supply all other equipment.

#### More of a cricket fan?

Shipston Cricket Club will be holding a junior trial session to give all children a chance to get involved and play a few different cricket games to see whether it might be something they'd like to do in the future.

These are just a couple of examples of what's on offer on 28th July. It's a great opportunity to find a sport you like while supporting another community event.

### Ride Cotswolds to spin through Shipston

On Saturday 20th July, Ride Warwickshire will pass through Shipston, bringing up to 600 cyclists through the town.

The amateur riders are expected between 10am and 1:30pm. To find out more, visit <https://www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/ride-warwickshire-cycling-sportive/>





**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 shipstontoddler@gmail.com

**Knitting & Crochet Club:** 7-9pm at Low Furlong. Contact Julie Pardoe 07956 180989 or Facebook 'Shipston knitting and crochet group'.

**Shipston Badminton Club:** Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

**TUESDAY**

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

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

**Rhyme time for under 2s:**

10.45am Shipston Library. Free.

**Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Stella 686224

**Silver Surfer Computer Lessons,** Shipston Library 2pm. Free. Booking essential. 0300 5558171

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

**Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** The White Bear, 7.30pm. Adrian Ramskill 07976 566525  
**Cantamus:** 7.30-9.30pm, Catholic Parish Hall. Richard 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, NEW VENUE: Shipston Sports and Social Club. Roger Smith on 01608238400.

**THURSDAY**

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

**Shipston Stitchers:** alternate Thursdays 10am 3pm Catholic Church. Contact Kath Cheshire on 663486.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Shipston Badminton Club:** Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

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

**FRIDAY**

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

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

**Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact Ann on 01608 664947

**Sit and get Fit:** (formerly called Exercise for the Elderly). Catholic Church, Darlingscote Road, Shipston, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Alternate Fridays. Contact Ann Smith 01608 238400

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

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

**SATURDAY**

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

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

**July Diary**

- 3 **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:** Warwickshire Smocks by Maggie Wood. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 6 **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
- Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group: Butterfly Walks:** see ad on page 8
- 8 **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 Paul Macpherson, Membership Officer on 01608 682102
- 9 **Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN):** SCAN Members Summer Lunch: see ad on page 11
- 10 **Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Evening garden visit. Further details from the secretary Tony Mitchell, tel. 01608 666933
- 11 **Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New

Clark House, West Street. All members welcome. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743

- 13 **Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group: Butterfly Walks:** see ad on page 8
- 14 **Duck Race:** see ad on page 9
- Happy's Circus:** see ad on page 9
- 17 **Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. For further information, contact Barbara Bean on 663230
- 19 **Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting Dementia Carers:** 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance). Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carol Ruthven 662706 or Lizzy Feather 686013
- Singing Down Memory Lane:** Reminiscence songs for people with memory problems. 2pm -3.30pm at Stour Court Community Lounge, Old Road. Refreshments provided. Contact: Barbara Smith 01608 662433 or David Hollingworth 07970 125566
- Royal British Legion – Social:** A social gathering of serving and ex-service members of HM Armed Forces at 1930 hrs in the White Bear. If you miss the comradeship and friendly banter of your service days, do come and take part. Open to all members, current and ex-service personnel and anyone interested in joining the RBL. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743
- 20 **Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group - Butterfly Walks:** see ad on page 8

**Ride Cotswolds:** see article on page 6

- 22 **Shipston Town Council - Monthly meeting of the Planning Working Group:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 23 **Shipston U3A:** see ad on page 10
- Townsend Hall AGM – 7.30pm:** see ad on page 10
- 23-26 **Childrens Holiday Club:** see ad on page 9
- 25 **Quaker Meeting for Worship:** 2.30 – 3pm in St Edmund's Church, followed by a cuppa. Last Thursdays. Contact 01608 661372 or 01608 238298. All are welcome. You do not have to be a Quaker to attend
- 26-28 **Fish n Frolics:** see ad on page 16
- 28 **Sporty Sunday** at Shipston Sports Club (part of Fish'n'Frolics). See article on page 6 for details.
- 27 **Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group - Butterfly Walks:** see ad on page 8
- RNLI Street Collection and Stalls:** Street Collection in Shipston and souvenirs and gifts for sale in St Edmund's Church porch from 8.30am to 2pm. See article on page 2

## Wool Fair wows visitors (continued from page 1)

The main stage played host to numerous local musicians including the High School Band and Shipston Town Band. Craft stalls, competitions and games entertained everyone, while a variety of food and sweet treats kept energy levels up.

Feedback from Civic Dignitaries has been overwhelmingly positive, demonstrating what a positive impact the event has on Shipston's reputation in the wider region.

Letters have been received from a number of people, including the High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Simon Miesegaes, who said: "Thank you for your hospitality at the Wool Fair... It was a great success and such a happy reflection on the wonderful town that is Shipston on Stour."

Chairman of Warwick District Council, commented: "We found it a most interesting and enjoyable morning in good company... The originators and organisers are to be congratulated. We were particularly impressed by the displays in the church which had clearly involved much effort."

The event had a real buzz throughout the day, with something to occupy all ages. There was strong enthusiasm for soaking Young Farmers in the stocks, while many children enjoyed the challenge of finding the hoops around the town and answering the quiz for a chance to win a delightful sheep cushion.

Mayor, Dan Scobie, said: "The Wool Fair is the first Shipston event in the new mayoral calendar and it's a wonderful way to make our mark in the region."

"I am well aware of how much work goes into The Wool Fair. I would like to thank the Wool Fair Committee, Totally Locally, St Edmunds Church and all the other volunteers who helped to put on such a great event."



### Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group



## 'Butterfly Walk'

Four Saturdays – 12noon to 4pm

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019

at Blackberry Farm - CV36 5DL

Situated between Honington & Halford

Admission £5 - Children (ten or under) free  
if accompanied by an adult

Classic & Performance Cars on display

Sculpture trail of key local species of wildlife

Moth count and light trap display

Display of butterfly paintings by pupils of  
Shipston High School

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

Beautiful private views

Donation will be made from the proceeds to Shipston Home Nursing



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



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

2.30 pm

Townsend Hall

Prize raffle

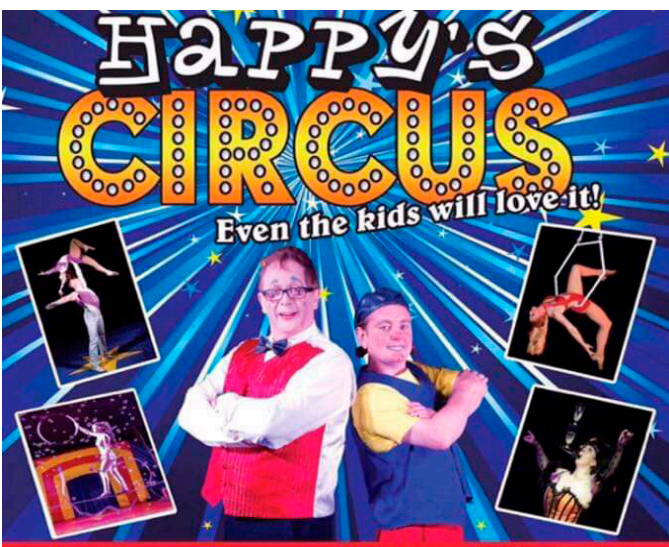


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Show Schedules available from:  
New Clark House, Shipston Post Office,  
Creature Comforts and John Lyne's






**HAPPY'S CIRCUS**  
Even the kids will love it!

A fun packed comedy show for all the family supported by amazing International Circus Artists  
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**Sunday 14th July at 3pm**  
Shipston Enterprise Centre, Pittway Avenue, Shipston (Doors open 2.30pm)  
on Stour, CV36 4DQ (Formerly known as Sheldon Bosley Hub)

Tickets are available by calling 07955509474 or by emailing: [shipstoncircus@btinternet.com](mailto:shipstoncircus@btinternet.com)  
Tickets are £8 each

 A Shipston Girlguiding event



**THE GREAT DUCK RACE**

Sunday 14th July at  
**SHIPSTON BRIDGE**  
Lots of Races Starting at 2pm  
**CASH PRIZES TO BE WON**  
**£1 a Duck**

 ALL PROCEEDS TO  
SHIPSTON FIRST RESPONDERS  
AND FISH'n'FROLICS FESTIVAL

## Shipston Food Bank



Don't forget



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



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

The Joint Churches Holiday Club 2019

**Peter's Big Adventure @ St Edmunds**

10.00am to 12.30pm  
Tues 23rd July to Fri 26th July  
**£2.50 per day!!!**

**For School Age Children YrR-Yr6**  
Parents & Siblings are invited to join us on Fri 26th @ 12pm for Hot Dogs

Activities include...

Arts & Crafts	Snacktime
Song & Dance	Storytime
Quizzes	Games

**HOW TO BOOK** Places are limited!  
Please book before Mon 22nd July  
Email: [Kate-s-king](mailto:Kate-s-king)  
Tel: 07814 278224

## Townsend Hall Management Committee



### Notice of Annual General Meeting

**Townsend Hall  
Sheep Street  
Shipston on Stour**

**Tuesday 23rd July 2019  
@ 7.30pm**

**The Committee manage the hall  
(your hall) for the benefit of the  
whole community.**

**Your continued interest and support  
is essential for its wellbeing.**



**Tuesday 23 July 2019  
Townsend Hall at 2 pm**



**Time to relax and enjoy our  
special feature film**

**AND you can bring your  
grandchildren for free!**

**Admission including refreshments £2**

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME**

## Readers' Letters

### *Letter from Shipston Sports Club*

Shipston Sports Club Ltd would like to say a sincere thank you to Mr Amit Patel Managing Director of Pharmacy to my Door for all the sponsorship he has given to our Club. When Mr Patel was first approached, his response was that when he set up business in Shipston some nine years ago, the people in our town were very supportive and helped to make the company what it is today.

With his interest in sport he has sponsored cricket, tennis, bowls and football. We are also aware he has supported the Wool Fair, Rotary Club, Rugby Club and the Junior School.

So we are sure that along with us, we all express our thanks to Mr Patel and Pharmacy to my Door and hope the business goes from strength to strength.

### *Letter from Councillor Ronnie Murphy*

There were many knitted articles on show at the Wool Fair this year, showing examples of the skills of our many knitters. The blankets, shawls and baby clothes will be collected by members from the Fistula Charity and sent to Ethiopia in the near future. Thanks too for the forget-me-nots that were on display to support Alzheimer's Support Week.

A few hints and reminders – bright colours (not white) acrylic 4 ply for the shawls 36" x 36", blankets 36" x 48", baby jackets to start at 20" size. Further information and collection point during office hours at Clark House.

Again, many thanks and well done to you all.

## Proud of My Town: Shipston Fallen

### **T4/242655 Corporal JAMES BRADLEY**

Born on the 10th March 1883 James was the third son of James and Fanny Bradley of Husbandman's End, and was baptised in St Edmunds on the 29th July 1883.

On the 11th October 1886 James enrolled in the Infants School, moving up to the Boys School on the 15th July 1889. It is not recorded when he left education but it would probably have been in early March of 1896, just before his thirteenth birthday.

By the time of the 1901 census James was working in a dairy. In the summer of 1908 James married Frances Miriam Arthur who was born in Honington in late 1885. At the time of James' death Frances lived in Elm Terrace, Shipston, Worcs.

Given his age, 36 when he died in 1919, it is assumed that James was called up

slightly later in the war and his death certificate records his job as being a cashier at the Post Office.

James served with the 241st Company of the Royal Army Service Corps, which was No. 40 Horse Transport Reserve Park, formed in February 1915, and based at home throughout the war. The T4 element of his service number confirms that he would have worked with horses. The job of a Reserve Park was to maintain sufficient supplies to support an infantry division with rations for 2 days.

From his death certificate it appears that James died from cancer in his tibia that had also spread to other areas of his body. He died on the 10th July 1919.

The death certificate also records that his residence was in Tredington. James is buried in Colchester Cemetery, remembered on the Town Memorial.



## Shipston U3A Open Meeting

### T.S. Eliot and Cotswold Gardens



Graham Pearson, Volunteer Archivist at Hidcote Manor garden gave an interesting talk to the Shipston-on-Stour U3A at its meeting on Tuesday 28th May 2019 when he described a journey of discovery that started in 2016.

A talk to a group of Stanford University Alumni at Hidcote in September 2016 led to an invitation to visit Burnt Norton – and then Graham discovered letters written by T.S. Eliot who had visited the Rev and Mrs Carroll Perkins from Boston, Massachusetts, when they rented Stamford House in Chipping Campden for the summers between 1934 and 1939. These letters showed how much T.S. Eliot enjoyed his stays at Stamford House on at least thirteen occasions.

Graham then discovered that Mrs Edith Carroll Perkins was a keen gardener and took hand coloured photographs of gardens that she had visited in England which she asked T.S. Eliot to give to the Royal Horticultural Society in 1948. Graham showed some of her slides of gardens in Chipping Campden and at Hidcote. This led Graham to find that the Garden Club of America had made a pilgrimage to England in 1929. He shared descriptions of their visits to gardens in the Cotswolds and finished with nine black and white photographs taken at Hidcote on Thursday 13th June 1929.

### Shipston on Stour WI



In June, David and Jean Cholerton of the Butterfly Conservation Trust came to talk about their wildlife reserve. At the end of their garden, there used to be a railway which the Cholertons have cleared of weeds and rubbish and established a wildlife reserve. Where the tracks once ran is now a pleasant walk through woodland, alive with flowering plants, bird song and butterflies. Three ponds have been created which help attract wildlife of all kinds from grass snakes to bats.

Jean showed photographs of moths and butterflies which are attracted to the site and the meeting was amazed at the wide variety. Some very rare species have become regular visitors by the simple method of making sure that what they like to eat is available. This has meant they have attracted species such as rare local moth, the Waved Black Moth, and very rare butterflies Adonis Blue and Chalkhill Blue. The Cholertons are hoping to make their site a protected site and eventually an SSSI – Site of Special Scientific Interest – because of the large number and variety of the insects which live at the bottom of their garden.

The meeting continued after teabreak with WI business. Shipston WI had taken part in the wedding flowers exhibition at St. Edmunds Church during the recent Wool Fair. The exhibit (a wedding cake and flowers all made of paper) had been much admired. It was beautiful and showed enormous skill.

The next meeting will be on 3rd July at 7.00pm when Maggie Wood will be talking about Warwickshire Smocks.

A SCAN social lunch will take place on 9th July instead of the monthly meeting.

If you would like to attend the social lunch you can still **book a place**. This year we are asking for a £5 contribution to the lunch.

Please contact Marie Darwen 01789 260 108 or [marie.darwen@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:marie.darwen@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

Please do not turn up unless you have pre-booked.



## Shipston Probus



The Probus Club of Shipston is part of a worldwide organisation, which was set up primarily to enable retired and semi-retired men to:

- Meet regularly in surroundings in which they can enjoy each other's company and discuss matters of interest;
- Hear guests speak on a wide variety of topical subjects;
- Join in occasional social functions and visits to places and organisations of general interest.

We hold our bi-weekly meetings on Fridays at the Shipston Sports and Social Club off London Road. At each meeting coffee is served upon arrival followed by a stimulating talk and a convivial lunch.

Recent meetings included a range of topics:-

May 24th had us all entertained by David Howe whose title was "Accustomed as I am to public speaking". There were many amusing observations and experiences over more than 20 years.

June 7th saw Dr. Gillian White entertain us with the delights of William Cavendish and the building of Chatsworth including his exciting political life and wayward ways.

June 14th Shipston on Stour Probus Club held a ladies lunch at the Catholic Hall where wives and partners were invited and the president of the Stour Valley Probus club attended with his wife.

June 21st and Brian Partridge entertained us all with stories of a Wimbledon line judge entitled "You cannot be serious".

All are welcome and our next meetings are on Friday July 5th and then Friday July 19th. For further information please contact the secretary Tony Joint on 07711 310272 / [tonyjjoint73@hotmail.com](mailto:tonyjjoint73@hotmail.com)

### Norgren Bowling Club: Forthcoming Fixtures

July fixtures are as follows:

Tues 2nd vs Welford KDL 6.00pm

Wed 3rd vs Southam Courier 2.00pm

Mon 15th vs Bidford Men 6.15pm

Tues 16th vs FISSC KDL 6.00pm

Wed 17th vs Snitterfield KDL 2.00pm

Fri 19th Stratford Herald League 6.00pm

Sat 20th vs Fenny Compton KDL 2.30pm

Mon 22nd vs Welford Ladies 6.00pm

Tues 23rd vs Avon KDL 6.00pm

Thurs 25th WCBA vs Herefordshire 2.00pm

Sun 28th WCBA Finals Day

Tues 30th vs Wellesbourne KDL 6.15pm

## Badger's Eye View

The League of Friends of Shipston Hospitals is the formal title of what most people know as the League of Friends of the Ellen Badger. Yet it refers not only to Shipston's Cottage Hospital but residential care in the town and our wider concern for all who receive health and social care locally.

However healthcare practice moves on. Although notionally an independent business, general practice - or "primary care" - is really part of a "seamless" NHS. The League currently supports aspects of the Medical Practice. With the opportunity to bring primary care together with "secondary care" and "community care" on one site we may need to reconsider our title.

A cottage hospital may offer a range of first aid, community care, secondary care and even primary care services, though in many parts of the country such services are often fragmented both physically and professionally. And now with a greater national emphasis on "wellbeing", the local authority, tasked with supporting public health initiatives involving smoking, diet, exercise, mental health and social isolation, may add yet a further set of acronyms to confuse us.

What then is our role as "Friends...."? Perhaps we now need to consider what we want from our local health and care service, what defines it and what it needs to look like in the second quarter of the C21st. The League intends to offer an opportunity in Shipston and its surrounding villages after the summer to do just that.

## Shipston Proms

Check out next month's forum for all the exciting details of what went on at the 21st Shipston Proms.

In the meantime, we just want to say a big thank you to Dave Sutton of W.E. Sutton Builders and his crew who kindly came to our rescue when we needed a hand to knock in the posts for our banner posters on the edge of town. They came with all the right equipment and expertise and did a fantastic job.

The Sponsors' night was a great success with over 30 sponsors attending. It was held courtesy of Sheldons fine wine merchants of Shipston in their cellar room and they provided excellent wine while the Blue Bean Café put on a terrific savoury buffet. It was a great opportunity to say thank you to our sponsors for all the welcome financial support they bring to the Proms fortnight. We also managed to recruit another volunteer to the committee which is always welcome!

We hope that you have been enjoying the music this year and if there is anyone you'd like to see next year please get in touch with the committee through our website or in person!

## Stour Valley Lions

### Lions Cinema

The current season of monthly feature films ended with a showing of *The Favourite*, a popular choice with our audience. We would like to thank those who have supported the films over the season. We now have a short break for the summer and restart in September.

### Organisation

It's time for change at Stour Valley Lions, Lion President Fran Stary having served 2 years as President handing the reins over to David Squires.

Stour Valley Lions would like this opportunity to welcome all those who have recently moved to the town or the Stour Valley. Perhaps having settled into your new surroundings you may consider helping a local charity viz Stour Valley Lions.

What better way to get to know people in the know, be involved in local community projects, The Gyratory, Pre-Diabetes events with the Medical Centre, Monthly Community cinema etc.

For more details of the Lions activities, both work and play contact Paul Macpherson, Membership Officer on 01608 682102 (evenings) or David Squires 01608 664065 or email [ds@pinnegards.com](mailto:ds@pinnegards.com).

## Shipston Music Society

The name of the composer, Gustav Holst, probably brings to mind his renowned *Planets Suite*, widely used in films and adverts, and Angela Applegate of the Holst Birthplace Trust gave a wonderful talk all about his life and connections with the area.

The Holst family originated from Sweden, Latvia and Russia, moving to England in the early 1800s. The young Gustav was not a healthy child, suffering from poor eyesight, a weak chest, and neuritis in his right hand which gave him great pain. Despite this, he was encouraged to learn the piano, and later the trombone. Apparently at times the pain was so great in his writing hand, that he often composed with a pencil tied to his finger – an astonishing example of perseverance.

Holst began composing whilst at Cheltenham Grammar School and became organist and choirmaster at Wyck Rissington, before moving on to the Royal Academy of Music where he relied on a loan from friends for his first year's fees. During this period of his life he was very poor, became a vegetarian, and walked everywhere.

Holst was unable to take part in WW1 because of his eyesight but during this time he wrote his most famous work, the *Planets Suite*, which was premiered in 1918. It has been enduringly popular, and Holst himself adapted *Jupiter* into the hymn *I Vow to Thee My Country* (1920).

The talk was liberally illustrated with excerpts from Holst's music some of which were new to the audience. Holst was a workaholic – not only did he compose, but he taught and performed professionally. He lectured overseas and was very much in demand. He was never strong, however, and died of heart failure at the age of 59.

### The Townsend Hall

The winning numbers for the June Draw are:

£15 Member no 124

£10 Member no 132

£5 Member No 74

Congratulations on your windfall!





## Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



### Urban Strides

Back in January, Shipston pupils were hugely inspired by the Urban Strides performances at Young Voices and relished the opportunity to learn more about the street dance aspect of performing arts.



Urban Strides are THE Street Dance Specialists. The Crew were the first crew in the world to open the Royal Variety Performance in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and perform arena shows each year at prestigious venues such as The O2 Arena and Royal Albert Hall. Using our Sports Premium funding, we invited Jenny from Urban Strides to Shipston Primary to teach our Young Voices choir how to Street Dance.

Jenny took all the children through the key moves and cues for break dancing, hip hop and locking; the children then perfected a choreographed routine, performing together as a group as well as participating in a dance off in small groups. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for all and lovely to see every child participating with enthusiasm!

### Blood Heart

Our curriculum is designed using the structure of the four cornerstones of learning: Engage, Develop, Innovate and Express. We believe this way of teaching (pedagogy) reflects the best way children learn and is rooted in a variety of different educational approaches and research. For the Innovate stage, teachers plan creative experiences that allow children to use and apply their knowledge and skills from the topic to a deeper level of understanding. In addition to SATS, Year 6 have been learning about the functions of the heart in their Cornerstones 'Blood Heart' topic, including a dissection lesson. The Innovate brief

for this topic was to lead an assembly about keeping your heart healthy and plan a healthy event for the British Heart Foundation. The skipathon was a huge success, with Year 6 raising over £500.

Year 6 also deliberately increased their heart rates recently with an end of SATS trip to Drayton Manor Park and Zoo.

### Tag Rugby Festival

The whole of Shipston-on-Stour Primary School's Year 6 took part in a Tag Rugby Festival at Shipston-on-Stour Rugby Club on Wednesday 5th June.

Four schools took part in the event: 6 teams from Shipston, 3 from Acorns, 2 from Brailles and 2 from Newbold and Tredington.



Our team, Shipston Four, showed great teamwork, partnership and sportsmanship throughout the tournament winning several games. However, we were beaten to the top spot by Team One who scored an exceptional number of tries.

Although Team Four didn't win the Cup, we didn't go home empty handed as we were awarded the Fair Play trophy to recognise our cooperation and good sportsmanship.

A terrific time was had by both spectators and players. Many thanks to Shipston-on-Stour Rugby Club for organising such a great event and letting us use their playing field and clubhouse.

by Felix Davidson (Pelicans)

**Admissions:** A small number of places are available. Contact the Executive Headteacher for details on 01608 661266.

## Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

The summer months are always an active time in school, with a range of events in the calendar.

The Music department has been busy, including performances at the recent Shipston Wool Fair. The group and individual performances really showcased the talent here at the school, with many of our musicians keen contributors to the summer Shipston Proms season. Students studying Drama will be visiting London later this month for a theatre trip which, whilst related to study, will be very enjoyable and Humanities students have recently experienced a trip to Europe to visit sites related to the battles of World War 1.



In school, our Year 7 students took part in an inspiring workshop led by author Gary Toward, who took them on a journey from the north east of England to the trenches of World War I as portrayed in his novel "The Magpie".

I am most grateful to all members of staff who give up their time to make these enrichment events possible.

Amongst all of this our Year 11 students have of course been focussed on their final examinations. 2019 sees most school subjects now assessed with 100% examination, often with

several separate papers for one subject. This is a notable pressure for our young people, who had an intense four week period of exams, sometimes with two or even three exams on the same day.

The timetable for exams is set nationally, and it was impressive to witness the maturity shown by our Year 11 as they worked diligently on revision and the exams themselves. Exams conclude at the end of June, and results will be available later in August. I wish all Year 11 students a restful summer after their hard work – well done to all.

All of these activities are part of the rich and varied provision provided by Shipston High School.



### Shipston High School Open Morning

*For parents and pupils currently in year 5.*

**Wednesday 3rd July 2019**

The morning will be for pre-booked attendance only, so please contact the school on 01608 661833 if you would like more details

## District Council Update

This is my first contribution to Shipston Forum since the election on 2 May. I would like, therefore, to thank all those residents of Shipston North who voted for me. To those who felt they couldn't, I assure you that I'll work just as hard for you as for those who did. Both Jo Barker, councillor for Shipston South, and I are intent on working together to represent all the people of both Shipston wards.



Since the election, a significant portion of my time has been spent at sessions of one sort or another offered to new councillors by SDC. As a result I have already been able to take up the concerns of a number of residents with specific issues. I have also spoken in support of a resident at an SDC Planning Committee and I am getting to grips with my role as the Cabinet portfolio for Finance and Assets. Although the area of finance isn't new to me, there is still a lot of local government jargon to master. With Jo holding the Cabinet portfolio for People, both your Shipston councillors have roles within the eight-seat Cabinet. We will, therefore, be well informed and well placed to contribute to the development of the Council's policies bearing in mind the views and interests of Shipston's residents.

If you want to contact me, please do give me a call, send an email, write a letter, collar me at one of the monthly meetings of Shipston Town Council (second Monday) or Tredington Parish Council (first Monday), or drop in to The George on a Thursday morning at Jo's weekly surgery. I'll try to be there.

**Trevor Harvey, Councillor for Shipston North**

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

## County Council update

Parking and signage are becoming more of an issue. So, firstly may I ask everyone to have a quick think before they park their car - is this a sensible place to park? With the expansion of the town, parking pressures are increasing and at some point we may have to introduce more controlled parking. So my plea is a bit of Shipston common sense and even paying 20p to park in the paid car parks?



I want to move on to signage and circulation around the town. I think we need to start from the point of 'nothing is off the table' with making the Town Centre more accessible, user friendly and visitor attracting. The Neighbourhood Development Plan has this on the next steps list and I hope that any of you with good / wild / fantastical suggestions will get in touch.

Now, I have Portabello News...it's all signed and sealed - but not delivered yet. Lots of people in high vis - you may have seen them and got as excited as I did. The final hurdle has been using a piece of land for the contractor's compound - and I am very grateful to the Leader of WCC - Izzi Seccombe - for getting this sorted out. Even I am not prepared to say any more than soon for the works- do carry on driving carefully.

Final news - we are working towards September at the Children's Centre - when Barnardos will begin delivering 15 hours of support a week. I was at a Health and Wellbeing meeting recently - where we discussed the joining up of services by NHS, WCC, SDC (and other acronyms) working from hubs. Music to my ears - so on we go with exciting plans for the Badger Valley Family Centre!

**County Councillor, Jo Barker**

## Shipston Medical Centre

**Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845**

### Be skin aware this summer

With summer around the corner it's important for all of us to be skin aware. Moles are small coloured spots on the skin, most people have them and they are usually nothing to worry about unless they change size, shape or colour.

It's very normal for babies to be born with moles and for new moles to appear especially in children and teenagers. Also you may notice that moles fade or disappear as you get older and that during pregnancies moles can get slightly darker; however it's really important to see your GP if you notice a change in a mole.

New or existing moles should be checked out if you notice any of the following:

- a change in shape
- if it looks uneven
- a change in colour, gets darker or has more than two colours
- itching, crusting, flaking or bleeding
- gets larger or more raised from the skin.

These changes can happen over weeks or months. This is sometimes a sign of melanoma, a type of skin cancer. If your GP thinks it is a melanoma, you'll be referred to a specialist in hospital and you will have an appointment within two weeks.

UV light from the sun can increase the chance of a mole becoming cancerous. If you have lots of moles you need to be extra careful in the sun. It is important to

check your moles regularly for any changes.



There are some things you can do to protect your moles from sun damage specially during hot weather. Do stay in the shade between 11am and 3pm when sunlight is strongest, cover your skin with clothes, wear a hat and sunglasses if you have moles on your face and regularly apply a high factor sunscreen (minimum SPF15) and apply again after swimming. Also don't be tempted to use sunlamps or sunbeds because they use UV light.

More information can be gained about sun, UV light and cancer from the Cancer UK Website.



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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
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## Something exciting to share?

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# FROLICS FESTIVAL

26th – 28th July

CV36 4EP

SHIPSTON SPORTS CLUB

Fishing Friday

Free Entry!



Street Food

Caribbean Food

Roast Pork

Ice Cream - Sweets

Fish n Chips

Spectacular  
Saturday

Various Stalls

Aunt Sally-Skittles

Human Gyroscopic

Bouncy Castles

Childrens Games

Coconut Shy- Crafts

Tombolla - Fun Fair

Fishing Activities From 10am

Fishing Tuition

Fish n Chips

Live Music

Outside Sports Bar

Sporty Sunday

From 11am

Archery

Bowls

Cricket

Fishing

Hockey

Football

Tennis

Rugby

Live Bands

Friday & Saturday

5:pm – 11:00pm



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