



# Shipston Forum

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July 2023

## Shipston Proms

We will have a full round up of our festival news next month so in the space we have in this edition we would like to thank everyone who came to support the acts in the town and the villages nearby, it was great to see so many old and new faces at so many different events.

Many thanks to the volunteers who stepped in to help the committee with the many duties over the fortnight and to the raffle teams who braved the early mornings outside the Coop and to everyone who stopped to buy a ticket.

Grateful thanks to the Sports Club for again hosting our Sponsors Night at the beginning of June. Over 40 generous sponsors were able to join us for a social evening which was accompanied by live music from Helen Porter. Thank you to Karl and Sharon of the Blue Bean Café who provided the delicious food.

The winners of the T-shirt competition were Maureen Beatty of River Way and Jill Holliday of Caudlewell Leys and they won the chance to attend one of the ticketed events.



And finally, we'd love to hear your feedback about the Proms this year so please get in touch and let us know on [www.shipstonproms.org](http://www.shipstonproms.org), or on our Facebook page or chat to one of our committee members. Your comments may help to shape our plans for future years....

## Who Can Grow The Tallest Sunflower?

There will be 3 Classes:

1. 11yrs and under
2. 16yrs and under
3. Over 16yrs

The winner in each class will receive an Amazon Voucher.

To enter your Sunflower please contact Fay on 01608 662133 / 07792 358917

## Great Big Green Week

Shipston's Great Big Green Week had many fascinating walks and talks including information on electric bikes and eco-friendly building with walks around Cornmill Meadows and foraging around our town. Thanks go to all who offered their time and expertise as well as many volunteers who helped organise the week.

The photo shows Katie Beswick talking about plants growing literally on our doorstep which can be used for various ailments, including lime tree leaves which make a relaxing tea, and goose-grass (sticky plant) which can be screwed up to put on nettle stings.

## Recognition of outgoing councillors

Recently, both Pete Cox and Marianne Westwood stepped down as councillors – therefore Shipston Town Council felt it more than necessary to recognise the hard work, long evenings and patience both have put into serving Shipston. The pair were presented with a token of thanks from the

Town Council at the beginning of June's meeting.



## Mayor's column



Hello Shipston,

Another eventful month with tremendous weather throughout. There was a large local turnout for the duck race at the bridge over the Stour. Organised by Shipston Lions it was great to see so many people participating. A real family event on what was a nice summers afternoon.

I attended the sponsors night for the upcoming/ongoing Shipston Proms. It was good to see that there is a Tina Turner tribute act performing during the proms. My wife and I recently treated ourselves to the story of Tina at Aldwych Theatre in London. We booked it before Tina passed away and it was a tremendous show and story with a very professional acting troop. I can only hope that the tribute act can do Tina the same justice as the London event. I will be attending the last night of the Proms and hope the whole event is as successful as it has been in the past.

More and more events are appearing on my diary and I am hoping to attend as many as possible. In the meantime, I will be arranging my Civic Service and a fund-raising night for later in the year.

The June meeting of the council was attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire Mr Phillip Seccombe. He was a resident of Shipston for about 6 years and he spoke well of Shipston and answered some of our more searching questions about local crime and policing. We are fortunate that Shipston is such a safe place to live. He is hoping to return in the future for more questions.

During the council meeting I made presentations to our outgoing councillors (Marianne Westwood and Peter Cox) It is always sad to see councillors leave. However, we have had a few new applications for councillor positions and are hoping that we will have a full complement (13) of councillors soon.

Cllr. Gerry Kelly,

**Mayor, Shipston Town Council**

## Work continues on the new Ellen Badger Hospital

Following the demolition of the original building, the main contractors Speller Metcalfe have started on-site to create a modern, purpose-built hospital for the community of Shipston and the surrounding villages.

Recognising the rich history of the original building, the Trust have secured as many historical artefacts as possible which will be incorporated into the new hospital. All of the brick work from the demolished building is also being used as materials for the new build. This demonstrates the Trust's commitment to sustainability, which will be a key focus throughout this development.

Groundworks have now been completed to enable the building to start taking shape and over the coming months the local community will start to see the steel work going up, with the work expected to be completed next summer (2024).

The new site is going to provide enhanced clinical spaces for hospital and community services, bringing more specialties and clinics closer to the local communities in and around Shipston. All of the specialties that were previously run from the site will return and clinical and operational teams are continuing to identify other services. Returning services include: Heart Failure Nurses, Urology, Maternity, Health Visiting, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Audiology, ENT, Physiotherapy, Ophthalmology, Specialist Parkinson's Disease Nurse. The development will also include the infrastructure to bring on-site mobile diagnostics and we are working with partners who run services such as the breast scanner to understand what their plans are.

Clinicians and operational teams continue to work together to identify other specialties that will run from the new site, and these will be shared as the project develops over the next year.

The Trust is also working closely with the Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership to co-design the Health and Wellbeing Hub. This will be a community-led space that will offer a holistic range of activities to support the wellbeing of all age ranges within the local community. The out of hospital teams will also be part of this design work to understand how we incorporate the benefits from the day hospital into this space. To support the development of the Health and Wellbeing Hub, Stratford District Council have awarded £900,000 of community infrastructure levy funding to the project.

Dr Charles Ashton, Chief Medical Officer at South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust, said: "It is fantastic to see work starting on site to develop a facility that will offer so many clinical services – making them more accessible for local people. There have been several factors that have resulted in changes to the design, plans and timescales, but despite those external influences the Trust has remained committed to investing in healthcare for Shipston and the local villages.

"As part of our Trust strategy, we know that keeping people well in their community for as long as possible supports better long-term outcomes for patients. Therefore, the services provided at the new Ellen Badger Hospital will help us to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and help people to live longer lives, with fewer years of ill health."

Bob Armstrong, Chair of the Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership's Trustee Board, said: "We have been working with the South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust for some time on the design of the Health and Wellbeing Hub in the new Ellen Badger Hospital. Over the last twelve months we have run a number of activities in Shipston and the surrounding villages. These activities have given us a valuable insight into the potential health and wellbeing benefits for the Stour community from this type of facility."

Mark Hudgeon, regional director at Speller Metcalfe, said: "Having delivered a number of community hospitals on behalf of the NHS, we understand the importance of local residents being able to access these services – particularly those who reside in more rural areas. Speller Metcalfe is absolutely delighted to be a part of this scheme and we are looking forward to supporting the local community and the Trust to make it a reality."

## Statement from Gerry Kelly (Town Mayor) on behalf of the Shipston Town Council regarding the Ellen Badger Hospital

"Shipston Town Council are responding to the disappointing outcome of the Ellen Badger bed review. Shipston Town Council have demanded the publishing of the bed review and a public consultation. We are awaiting a response from South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust."



## News from Shipston Town Council's June meeting

### Blue Light Update

The Town Council were given a verbal update on the crime statistics and policing resources available in the area. The Shipston area has seen a trend in motor vehicle break-ins through lock drilling, differing from the use of relay boxes in the Stratford area. Out of a recently reported three instances of farm vehicle thefts, two have been successfully retrieved with the third close to recovery.



### Speedwatch

The area has seen an investment of three new mobile speed vans and eight new handheld speed cameras.

### SAFER Neighbourhood Team

Warwickshire has seen the largest increase in neighborhood policing officers in the country. The new local policing model became active on 25th April 2023, which consists of a regional Chief Inspector allocated to specific areas to better engage with local establishments, organisations and communities.

### Handel's Messiah

Councillor Tesh commented on the excellent performance of Handel's Messiah by the Stour Singers.

### Mayor's Update

Mayor Kelly was invited by the Stour Lions to discuss a 'repair shop' – an exciting prospect for Shipston. The Mayor also commented on the fantastic Coronation celebrations, and thanked those involved in organising them.

### Free School Meals

Councillor Barker urged those whose children qualify for free school meals to apply now in time for September.

### Shipston Area Flood Action Group

The local area experienced one of the wettest Spring seasons in a long time. The flood action group praised the work of local farmers who are retaining water held in fields rather than using dams.

### General Purposes Working Group

The group are focused on the refurbishment of seating in Queen's Avenue and the High Street. Additionally, an action plan has been formed to refurbish the Chapel by the end of 2023, which has fallen into disrepair both externally and internally.

### District Council

The new district councillors have visited sewage spill and leak sites in order to collect enough evidence to confront Severn Trent with the lack of sewage infrastructure to warrant new housing estates being built in the local area.

## Beautiful Butterflies raise money for local charity throughout July

For the seventh year, Richard Gray is running his Butterfly Walks at Blackberry Farm throughout July, inviting groups of families and friends to enjoy the glorious South Warwickshire countryside in support of Shipston Home Nursing.

Visitors can book an individual time to follow the approximately one-and-a-half mile walk around Blackberry Farm's fields, enjoying uninterrupted views across the Stour Valley. The walk, situated between Halford and Honington, along mown paths through fields brimming with butterflies also features a competition for children to spot and count wooden animal sculptures dotted around the paths.

Walkers may spot many British native butterflies including Marbled Whites, Meadow Browns, Ringlets and Gatekeepers, Small Tortoiseshells, Peacocks, Brimstones, Commas or even Hairstreaks.

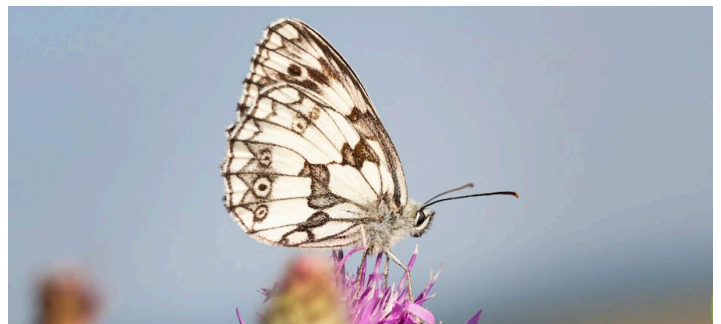
Kate Bamford, Fundraising & Communications Manager at Shipston Home Nursing, says "In 2022, Richard raised over £2000 for Shipston Home Nursing. We're so grateful to him and hope the sun shines again on beautiful Blackberry Farm this July."

Please call Richard Gray on 07977 587911 to book your family/group time slot

Minimum suggested donation: £5

Children under 12 years old: Free

Registered charity number: 1162586



**Regular Events****Monday****Seated Exercise Class:**

10am Rainbow Fields and 11am Townsend Hall

**IT Help:**

10am-12pm Shipston Library (appointment only)

**Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club:**

6:50pm for a 7pm start.

The Church Room, Darlingscote Road,  
Contact Matthew Hunter: 01608 684499

**Shipston Knitting and Crochet Group** - Monday evenings 7-9pm in the Townsend Hall.

**Tuesday**

**Rhyme Time:** 10.30am, Shipston Library

**Dementia Café:** Shipston Lodge, 10.30am-12pm

**Lego Club:** Shipston Library, 3.30pm

**Strictly Fitsteps Fab:** 10am, Townsend Hall

**Age Concern Lunch Club:** Stour Court 12pm  
Contact Jill Case 01608 662226

**Wednesday****Seated Tai Chi:**

9.30am, Townsend Hall. Free Admission

**Standing Tai Chi:**

10.30am, Townsend Hall. Free Admission

**Indoor Curling:** 2pm, Townsend Hall

**Thursday****Shipston Community Warm Hub:**

Every Thursday 10am-12pm  
The Scout Hut, New Street

**Story stomp:** 10am, Shipston Library

**Scrabble Club:** 2pm-4pm, Shipston Library

**Age Concern Lunch Club:** Rainbow Fields 12pm  
Contact Christine Grant 07939 595600

**Friday****Pilates for Complete Beginners:**

9.30am Townsend Hall

**Walks with a friendly group:**

10am Mill car park. Call Marleen 01608 663616

**Shipston Stitchers:**

Every fortnight at The Church Room, Darlingscote Road.  
Contact Anita Spencer on 01993 832665

**Board Games Social Afternoon:**

Fortnightly 2pm Rainbow Fields

**Age Concern Lunch Club:** Fortnightly, Rainbow Fields 12pm  
Contact Amanda Holden 01608 686268

**Shipston Knitting and Crochet Group** - Friday afternoons in Mrs. Browns from 2-4.30pm

**Saturday**

**Lego Club:** Shipston Library. From 10am.

**What's On Calendar : July 2023****July 1 – 9: Swift Awareness Week**

**1 Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clarke House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided.

**2 Rotary Tour d'Illmington:** Start and finish at Newbold on Stour Village Hall, CV37 8TU. Details <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=383> or email [tour@shipstonrotary.co.uk](mailto:tour@shipstonrotary.co.uk)

**4 Shipston Library Reading Group:** 2pm-3pm first Tuesday of each month.

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

**Shipston on Stour WI:** Steph Knowles and Rose Morris – Show Homes. Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road at 7pm. Contact Jane Hanks, Secretary on 01608 664519

**7-8 Evening Swift Walks**

**10 Shipston Town Council Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House.

**11 Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN):** Benefits and Allowances for Older People - Jane Holmes, Department of Work & Pensions. Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, 10am for free refreshments, 10.30am start. SCAN is free to attend and all are welcome. Contact Marie Darwen 01789 260 108 or [marie.darwen@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:marie.darwen@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

**Shipston Flower Club.** Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start at Shipston on Stour Primary School, Station Road, CV36 4BT. Visitor Entry £5.00

**12 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Members quiz evening . 7.30pm at the Catholic Church Hall. Contact Tony Mitchell 01608 666933 or email [a.mitchell434@btinternet.com](mailto:a.mitchell434@btinternet.com)

**14 Lions Cinema: A Man Called Otto:** See page 11

**15 Shipston Lodge Summer Fete:** See page 16

**19 Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, The White Bear. For further information, contact Barbara Bean on 663230

**Singing Down Memory Lane:** 2pm-3.30pm, Rainbow Fields, The Driftway, Shipston. Refreshments provided. We may be able to help with transport. Contact Fay Ivens on 01608 662133

**21 Royal British Legion Social Evening - Shipston Branch:** Third Friday of each month We meet in the White Bear Inn from 7.30 pm onwards. Come and join us and share your stories with like-minded people. Contact Alex Black 07789 968733 or [alblack32@hotmail.com](mailto:alblack32@hotmail.com)

**25 U3A Film Afternoon:** see ad on page 11

**Townsend Hall AGM:** see ad on page 7

**27 Local Quaker Meeting for Worship:** St Edmund's Church, last Thursday in the month at 2.30pm, followed by tea/coffee, biscuits & chat

## Shipston-On-Stour Women's Institute



Shipston Women's Institute met on a warm summer June evening to hear Alistair Price proudly tell his father's World War II story – his talk was called What Did You Do in the War Dad?

Kenneth Price was an identical twin, he was born in Coventry in 1919. He was a bright boy and won an educational scholarship. He joined the Coventry Telegraph as a reporter and joined the RAF reservists. In 1939 he was called up.

Ken took part in the Battle of Britain with Bomber Command. He flew Lancasters, the backbone of the airforce. In 1942 a Pathfinder group of expert fliers was formed who plotted a path to the target, dropping flares which the bombers could follow. Ken flew 58 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with bar. On his 59th mission, Ken was shot down over Holland whilst flying a Mosquito, at that time the fastest aircraft. He was sheltered by the resistance, but eventually betrayed and became a prisoner of war from 26th August 1943 until 31st January 1945.

Ken was imprisoned with other allied prisoners in the camp made famous by the film The Great Escape. However, no Americans were incarcerated there – artistic licence on the part of the producers. He helped in the excavation of the tunnel 'Harry'. Of the 200 intended escapees only 77 got out, three made it home, 50 were murdered and the remaining 24 spent the rest of the war in the camp. One of the aims of the escape was, of course, to get prisoners free, but also to keep German soldiers busy at home instead of being on the front. With the approach of the Russian army, prisoners were sent on the Long March. They suffered horribly: bitter cold, disease and malnutrition. This came to an end on 31st January 1945 when a battalion of British soldiers met the column. A Lieutenant from Chester led the group – 'I could have kissed him' said Ken. Ken, like so many of our fathers, did not talk about his war experience. Alistair learned his story after his death from the records and letters his mother had saved and has now preserved his story in a book.

Myton Hospice thanked Shipston WI for their donation after Laura Eaton's talk at the May Meeting. Plans are afoot for an outing in August.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th July in the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, Shipston. The speakers will be Steph and Rose talking about their lives as interior decorators, in particular Show Houses.

### Shipston On Stour Rotary Club - 100 Club Draw Results

The draw was made at 19 Hawthorn Way, May 26th, and drawn by Anna.

The results were:-

First Prize	£ 57.50 winner No	18
Second Prize	£ 34.50 winner no	58
Third Prize	£ 23.00 winner no	8

Congratulations to the winners.

## Message of thanks from Shipston On Stour Rotary Club



In the year to June 6th 2023 Shipston Rotary donated a total of £19,592 to 51 charities and good causes, mostly local but also international.

Substantial sums were donated to Shelterbox for the Turkey/Syria earthquake, Shipston Food Bank and Warwickshire Young Carers.

Shipston Rotary could not do any of this without the generosity of the people of South Warwickshire.

Shipston Rotary want to thank you for your support.

If you wish to know more about Rotary, please email: info@shipstonrotary.co.uk and/or use the QR code.

## Astronomical Society News



The Stratford upon Avon Astronomical Society meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm) at Alderminster Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, especially beginners and those wanting to learn more. The first Tuesday is a Club Night, in July that will be on 4th July and the speaker on the third Tuesday, which is on 18th July is due to be Professor Jonathan Hays, with a talk about CERN and the Higgs Boson. Please note that the speakers usually start quite promptly at 8pm.

Each month one of our members offer pointers to what to look for in the sky during the coming weeks

## Astronomy, Astrology and Constellations

Firstly, I must confess that I'm a Virgo, so don't believe in Astrology!!!

But joking aside, for many people their first awareness of the constellations is from astrology, so many will not realise there are not just 12 constellations but 88, in fact there are 13 in the Zodiac, which is a region of the sky where the sun and moon and planets traverse, in other words it is the limit of all their orbital paths as seen from earth. It contains the 12 famous constellations and Ophiuchus (the serpent bearer), which appears between Scorpio and Sagittarius.

There are only 5 constellations which can be seen all year round in the Northern hemisphere, they are Cassiopeia, Cephus, Draco, Ursa Major and Ursa Minor. The periods of the birth signs are designated when the constellation is not visible, by being behind the Sun (in conjunction), for example Sagittarius is only visible in the summer months, which means you can never see your birth sign in the sky when it is your birthday.

So it is worth getting to know the Constellations and not just for astrology.

Happy Observing.



## Tony Hill and Hayley Cotton

Matters are now getting serious and the process to become an operational Firefighter has just intensified as I have begun my formal training accompanied by five fellow trainee Firefighters.

Training is in two stages. An initial training period took place over three days from June 2 to June 4 this is to be followed by a longer training period from July 7 to July 23. The period between is to be used for personal study and practising standard firefighting drills at our respective fire stations to such a degree that on return to the Training and Development Centre at Kingsbury, Sutton Coldfield in July, we are able to demonstrate that our ability to perform drills together with our knowledge and understanding of the role of a modern firefighter and the theory that is behind that role, has significantly increased.

The facilities at the training centre are excellent and the enthusiasm and dedication of our three experienced instructors Callum, Matt and Kieran is clearly evident. I think however the intensity of the training course took us all by surprise as there are some 22 modules to study and understand in addition to learning the practical drills in the drill yard with regard to running out hose, pitching and climbing ladders and being able to extricate casualties from crashed vehicles in a timely and safe manner. At the end of the course there is a test to pass which covers all the modules studied and includes topics such as Fire Theory, Communications, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Incident Command, Hazardous materials, Physiological Stress and Incidents on highways, to name but a few. There is therefore a considerable amount of material to absorb over a relatively short period of time which is understandable given the seriousness of the role of a Firefighter.

Hopefully we all pass the practical and written tests at the end of our training period and are able to formally 'pass out' on the last day and proudly take up our roles as operational Firefighters and to serve our respective communities alongside our fellow station crew members.



## Local choir Stour Singers lends support to musicians

Stour Singers are celebrating another year of supporting professional musicians through our Honorary Fellow scheme. This was introduced in 2016 and does not involve any additional duties for the musicians nominated, but the choir takes an active interest, promoting them and their work. Several of our Honorary Fellows have expressed how flattering it is to be nominated, and add their Honorary Fellow status to their resumés. For the year 2022/23 our Honorary Fellow has been 27-year-old organist Ashley Wagner, graduate of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

and Assistant Head of Music at Birmingham Cathedral. We first met Ashley when he accompanied the choir and soloists in our May 2022 concert, where we performed Dvorak's Mass in D and Mozart's Vesper Psalms. Director Richard Emms was so struck by the quality and sensitivity of his playing that he did not hesitate in inviting Ashley to be our first non-singing fellow. Ashley has had a busy year at the Cathedral and directing his own choir, accompanying, and performing recitals around the region, as well as participating in international organ competitions in the Netherlands – where he made it to the semi-finals – and the USA. Ashley has also broadcast on BBC radio and television, most recently in a less-traditional format on the CBeebies series 'What's in Your Bag?'.



Previous Honorary Fellows have all been vocalists. Our first was soprano Natalie Montakhab, and it was wonderful to work with her again, seven years later, when she returned as one of our soloists in our performance of Handel's Messiah back in May. Another soprano fellow – Robyn Allegra Parton (2018/19) – has since received glowing critical acclaim at Longborough and has been seen in cinema screenings playing substantial roles at Glyndebourne and Covent Garden. Our 2017/18 fellow Darren Jeffery who, during his fellowship generously returned to Shipston to give a memorable recital to raise funds for the choir, played the title role in The Flying Dutchman in both The Netherlands and Australia. Our 2019/20 fellow, soprano Cathy Bell, continues to have a packed performance schedule from vocal ensembles to opera.

It remains extremely important to Stour Singers to support those who are starting out as professional musicians – often an unpredictable career path – therefore in addition to the Honorary Fellow initiative we also invite students from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire to provide orchestral accompaniment to the works we perform. The standard is always high, and the musicians gain valuable experience of professional contracts and working with the choir, director and soloists. It is uplifting to witness such talent in the next generation of players.

Stour Singers is currently on its summer break; during this time we will nominate our 2023/24 Honorary Fellow. We then return to rehearsals on Thursday 7th September, where we will start preparations for our Christmas concert. More details on that next month! If you are interested in joining Stour Singers, or would like to find out more, do contact us on [stoursingers@gmail.com](mailto:stoursingers@gmail.com), or visit our website [www.stoursingers.org.uk](http://www.stoursingers.org.uk).



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# ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

***Holden Room***

***Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023***

***7 pm.***

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

## Shipston Music Society

It was in 2021 that trumpeter Paul (Harry) Dowler managed to bring together a small group of semi-professional jazz musicians and convince them that the year 1959 was not only the pinnacle of mainstream jazz, but it was also the year of his birth so they should form an “Old-Fashioned Jazz Combo” and call it “Jazz 59 Quintet”. Later it became a sextet consisting of trumpet, saxophone, guitar, bass, drums and keyboard. In 2021 Paul and his wife Heather decided to organise a Charity Jazz Concert which was a such a success that they realized not only were they enjoying themselves but that they had inadvertently created a unique fundraising vehicle – so they convinced the performers that if they claimed just travel expenses they would be raising funds for a very good cause. A wonderful idea – and it worked!



Jazz is a fusion of African and European music and was developed in the USA in the early part of the 20th century and was well established by the year 1959! The rhythmic and chordal features used then are still evident in our modern era. The programme began with a powerful, cadenza-like solo from Paul demonstrating the full range of the instrument, before being joined by the rest of the group. As is the tradition, each member of the group had the opportunity to perform his own variation of the main theme thus making us aware of what a talented group they are. It was a varied programme from the slow, lazy feel of “Blue in Green” then “Yesterday” and “Beautiful Love” to the lively “Moments’ Notice” and it was obvious that they really enjoyed performing together. There was extra applause after “When I Fall in Love” in which Paul had used two trumpets, one in each hand, (one muted to produce the tonal variation for the alternate lines of the lyrics). It was a most enjoyable performance. In contrast “One for Daddy O” brought the concert to a close with lots of toe-tapping and smiles all round. There was much well-deserved applause - and admiration of their snazzy waistcoats!

Our final concert for this season is on Thursday, June 22nd at 7.30pm in St. Edmund’s Church, Shipston when the international pianist Alexander Ardakov, will be performing music by Chopin and Rachmaninov. Wine will be served during the interval and we hope to see you all (and your friends) at this prestigious event.

## Stour Concert Brass

Stour Concert Brass began their Summer Programme with a visit to Droitwich where they performed a concert in the bandstand in Lido Park. The large appreciative audience were already sat down in their deck chairs for the concert to start. The band’s varied programme opened with Kenneth Alford’s classic march The Middy and included a variety of music from stage and screen including Toy Story, Singing In The Rain, Everything I Do I Do it For You from Robin Hood Prince Of Thieves and Cruella De Ville from 101 Dalmatians. Two Solo items were featured with Flugel Horn Soloist Mike Butler featured in Burt Bacharach’s Alfie and the trombone trio of Andrew Scarboro Marshall Faizey and Richard Barker featured in Ray Steadman Allen’s Peter James and John. The ever popular Breezin Down Broadway, a selection of music from popular Broadway Shows, brought the concert to a fine conclusion. A number of members from the local Salvation Army Band came to support and were very complementary, about the band’s performance and their choice of programme.



Stour Concert Brass continued their programme of local concerts with a visit to the Church Fete at Pillerton Hersey on Saturday June 10th. The weather was extremely warm and the players were prepared with an assortment of straw hats and caps plus a good supply of water. The band presented their usual wide selection of popular tunes with the Middy by Kenneth Alford and Simon and Garfunkel’s Bridge Over Troubled Water bringing forth compliments. The band played two spots with local choir Cotswold Voices performing during the interval. Jonathan Young the organiser was thrilled with the band’s performance and has rebooked them for next year’s event which will take place on Saturday June 9th 2024.



Stour Concert Brass visited Sanders Park in Bromsgrove on Sunday June 4th. Enjoying beautiful weather there was a large audience waiting in their deck chairs to enjoy the varied programme the band had prepared for them.



Beginning the concert with Listen to the Band they presented a variety of popular melodies ranging from Bridge Over Troubled Water and Rivers Of Babylon to the music of Burt Bacharach featuring Flugel Horn Soloist Mike Butler playing Alfie and Leonard Cohen’s delightful Hallelujah. Popular film music including Cruella Da Ville from 101 Dalmatians and Toy Story were interspersed with the march National Emblem so beloved by the American Bandleader John Philip Sousa and 1950s hit Rock Around The Clock. On such a lovely day it made it quite appropriate to finish the programme with Bring Me Sunshine so often associated with Morecambe and Wise.



## Stour Concert Brass

Stour Concert Brass performed at the expansive Long Compton Fete in sweltering heat last Saturday June 24th. Many old friends dropped by to congratulate the band who presented their usual varied programme with both 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' and 'Rock Around The Clock' proving popular before their performance closed with 'Bring Me Sunshine' - there was certainly plenty of that!



## This July, embrace sustainability and be a part of the movement to reduce single-use plastics

Residents are urged to ditch the single-use plastic with a series of helpful tips as part of Warwickshire County Council's support for the Plastic Free July campaign.

Plastic Free July is a key initiative of the Plastic Free Foundation that aims to have a world that is free from harmful plastic waste.

Plastic pollution is a real problem that affects our environment, our health and wellbeing and contributes to carbon emissions:

- Over 2 million plastic bags are used every minute worldwide and the average time that a plastic bag is used in its lifetime before being discarded is 12 minutes;
- One million plastic bottles are bought every minute worldwide;
- 32% of all plastic packaging produced finds its way to our oceans every year;
- 73% of beach litter worldwide is plastic;

Based on current rates of plastic entering waterways, by 2050 there could be more plastic than fish in the ocean which means all life depending upon the oceans will be consuming plastics; and you will ingest an average of 70,000 microplastics each year!

Given the scale of the problem, Warwickshire County Council is asking residents to consider how they might reduce the amount of single-use plastic. To help, the Council will share a daily tip for each of the 31 days of the month across its social media channels and website.

Some ideas that Warwickshire County Council will be sharing include:

- Ditching pre-packaged fresh produce and choosing loose fruit and vegetables instead
- Remembering to take a reusable coffee cup when out and about
- Switching to loose-leaf tea or a tea-bag brand that doesn't contain plastic
- Saying no thank you to cheap plastic giveaways
- Switching to bars of soap and shampoo that last longer than bottles
- Taking a re-usable water bottle out with you and using the Refill app to find places to top-up
- Using local zero-waste shops to stock up on cupboard staples – less packaging and less plastic.

For more tips throughout July, follow the Warwickshire County Council accounts on Twitter and Facebook.

If residents have their own tips to share, Warwickshire County Council is keen to hear them. Share your ideas using the Hashtag #PlasticFreeWarks

Cllr Heather Timms, Warwickshire County Council's portfolio holder for Environment, Heritage and Culture, said: "The sheer scale of our planet's plastic problem is staggering and complicated. When faced with such large numbers it's easy to just assume that you won't be able to make a difference through your own actions, but this could not be further from the truth.

"As with the so many elements of the climate and environmental emergency that currently faces our world, there is a lot of little things that individuals can do to make a big difference. I would urge anyone who is able to try some of our tips for reducing plastic use this July and together we can continue to strive for a Warwickshire that is sustainable now and for future generations."



## Shipston Probus. 'Building a Great Medieval Cathedral' by Peter Petrie

Peter is a tour guide at Gloucester Cathedral and a member of Cheltenham Probus. In true Probian style he held his audience with an expertly delivered account of how craftsmen in the Middle Ages designed and constructed the magnificent churches, abbeys and cathedrals that are at the heart of practically every settlement of note in the UK.

We may wonder why so often very small and insignificant villages have large and imposing churches; they reflected the culture and religious beliefs of the times; God was central to society and needed to be reflected in the grandeur of the religious building. A key period in church architectures was the coming of the Normans in 1066; they regarded the pre-existing Saxon wood and plaster edifices as poor specimens! The Normans brought the second 'stone age', building magnificent stone castles, churches, cathedrals and monasteries not only to show their religious affiliation but as symbols of their power and wealth.

Many of us have visited famous examples of Norman buildings and wondered just how they managed to achieve such technical excellence with the basic tools of the times. There was no such thing as architects but instead the Master Mason was a key figure - organising materials, workers, and designing each building. There were no technical books, knowledge was passed on from father to son and few accounts explained the techniques. Fundamentally buildings were designed according to mathematical principles well known since Greek times. For example, the curve of a Norman window is not by chance - it is measured by the width of the base multiplied by the square root of 2 which gives the radius of a circle to define the curve of the window!

The problems facing developers were similar to today; first find a site and a donor, who in return for a promise of an afterlife in heaven will fund construction. Then how to level the site? Answer - use a three-foot-high cauldron of water as a spirit level; a simple plumb line for verticals and a standard 19-foot-long iron rod to measure distances and heights. A source of suitable stone was clearly important. Fortunately, the Midlands have abundant sandstones and limestones and the Forest of Dean provided much valued timber.

We expect Christian religious buildings to be orientated east to west, but in some cases, they used the direction of sunrise on the anniversary of the building's dedicated saint. Members were particularly interested to know how workers managed to carry and lift large stone blocks up great heights. Remarkably materials were carried on stretchers until late in the Middle Ages when the wheelbarrow arrived in Europe from the east. Unlike today, walls and pillars were built from the inside - the mason would stand in the middle of a pillar or gap in a wall until it was a few feet high then fill the central area with rubble which became the platform to stand on for the next course of stone. In some cases, spiral staircases were constructed and added to as the wall grew, now often hidden behind walls. For curved elements, wooden scaffolding was slotted into holes on the sides of walls, but by the 14th century a vertical lift powered by oxen had been invented.

Members thanked Peter for a fine presentation giving us little known insights into how our distant forebears created such magnificent buildings which still enrich our towns and cities today.

Probus meets fortnightly on Fridays at Shipston Sports and Social Club. Guests and new members are most welcome.

Please contact Tony Joint on 01608 663407 or email [tonyjjoint73@hotmail.com](mailto:tonyjjoint73@hotmail.com) for further details.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

### Distressed Dogs

I am sure I am not the only person to be upset by the noise of dogs left in the house all day on their own. It is very distressing to hear a dog whining and barking because it has been left.

I understand that many people bought dogs for companionship during lockdown when most of us were forced to work from home. Many of these dog-owners are now back in their place of work and their 'companion' is left alone. I am not accusing these dog owners of being deliberately callous: their actions are thoughtless not cruel.

Dogs do not know that their owner will be back to take care of them. All they can understand is that they are locked in and alone. No wonder they cry for their owners to come back.

I hope this letter will prompt some action.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Williamson

### Dear Supporters

#### Re Plot to Plate 17th May

Many thanks for your support at our recent fundraiser for the Shipston Food Bank in memory of Lady Owen. It was a memorable evening with an amazing result. By the time Gift Aid is collected we will be close to £7,000, which is brilliant for a 2-hour event on a Friday evening. The opportunity to showcase some local producers and their products coupled with food demonstrations seemed to be a very successful pairing.

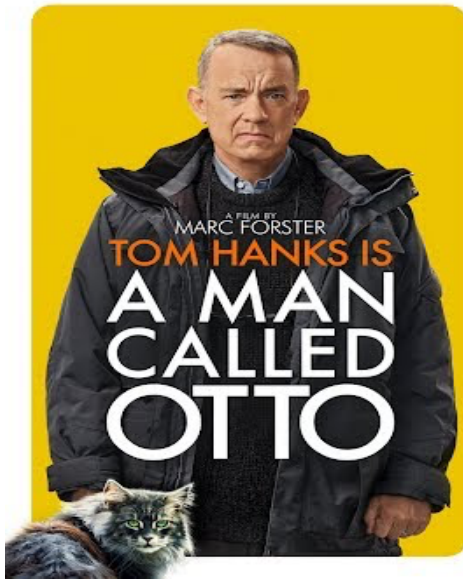
With the support of so many local businesses and friends of Lady Owen such as yourselves, we will be able to support the Shipston Food Bank to deliver their excellent service.

If you were able to be there, I hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did. A chance to meet with friends old and new and at the same time make money for a worthy local charity.

Many thanks,

Melissa Knatchbull, Gill Roache, and Cath Armstrong



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**FRIDAY 14th July, 2023 at 7.30pm**

Advance Tickets £5.00 or pay on the door.

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

**Covid restrictions – please hand sanitise on arrival.**

Drinks and raffle.

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**2 pm TOWNSEND HALL**  
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Children and members free  
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SEATED EXERCISE CLASS	Mondays	Rainbow Fields	10am
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SEATED TAI CHI	Wednesdays	Townsend Hall	9:30am
STANDING TAI CHI	Wednesdays	Townsend Hall	10:30am
INDOOR CURLING	Wednesdays	Townsend Hall	2pm
PILATES FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS	Fridays	Townsend Hall	9:30am

For more information or to book a place please contact Vanessa Compton on  
**01608 663320 or e-mail [admin@shwp.org.uk](mailto:admin@shwp.org.uk)**



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## SENIOR CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK

SHIPSTON ON STOUR and surrounding communities

**Tuesday 11th July 2023**

Townsend Hall, 52 Sheep Street,  
 Shipston on Stour, CV36 4AE

10.00am for free refreshments / 10.30am start

**Benefits & Allowances for Older  
 People - Jane Holmes, Department  
 of Work & Pensions**

**Please DO NOT attend if you feel unwell**

Please advise us if you no longer wish to receive the SCAN notice by calling John Wilde on 01789 260933 or email [john.wilde@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:john.wilde@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

If you require transport to attend the SCAN meeting, VASA may be able to help with a door to door volunteer car. Mileage costs payable. Tel: 01789 262889 or Email: [transport@vasa.org.uk](mailto:transport@vasa.org.uk)



## Shipston Primary School



### YEAR 5 OUTSTANDING OPERA EXPERIENCE

On 8th June 2023, here at Shipston Primary School, our Year 5 classes practiced and performed with the Longborough Festival Opera. They performed Carmen but renamed it; The Downfall Of Don Jose. They performed it to many teachers, students and many other members of staff.

#### Rehearsals and The Performance

In the morning, the children rehearsed for an hour going over all the lyrics and actions. At first, the pupils warmed up their voices by doing many vocal exercises and met the Longborough Festival Opera staff. In the afternoon of that very same day, only several hours later, the students were ready to present all their hard work, by performing to years, four and six and teachers from all over the school. Performing with the children were the actors who played Carmen, Don Jose and Escamillo.

#### The Overview

Based on Bizet's famous opera, Carmen, this unique opera was especially made for children, it's songs in which they sing. Like a typical opera, there was death, romance and good and evil which were fantastically included.

#### Conclusion

After the performance, everyone in Year 4, 5 and 6 were in awe with the fantastic opera. After watching it, lots of people are now in love with opera and want to see it many more times.

**by Macey, Fraser, Daisy, Iris.**

### HINDUISM DAY

On Monday 22nd May, we welcomed Avtar to our school. Avtar held workshops with all of the children from Year 3 to Year 6 throughout the day, teaching them about Hinduism. The children were able to enjoy listening to music from his culture, look at some traditional clothing, dance and be happy. Avtar taught that Hindus believe that by being kind to ourselves and others, working hard, taking responsibility for our own actions and caring for the world, that we will be happy. Happiness is the purpose of life for Hindus and should be celebrated which is why music, singing and dancing are so important.

Learning about other religions and faiths is part of our Religious Education curriculum as it helps us to see the many similarities between all people. Hinduism is studied at various points throughout school. Year 4 will be looking at it in more depth next half term. We had a wonderful day meeting Avtar, enjoying his enthusiasm - he certainly shared his happiness with us!

On Monday morning, Year four spent the morning in the hall for an RE experience. They headed straight down to the hall and were welcomed by a man named Avtar who was playing a drum. He said that in India they play the drums to welcome people into a place. Interestingly, the year fours got the opportunity to stand up and dance to the drumming. After that, the children all sat down to learn about Hinduism. They learned about God and the deities Vishnu, Brahm and Shiva the destroyer. Finally they dressed up to get their bodies moving. They had a giant variety of scarfs that they were allowed to wear as dresses, skirts or around their heads like a Hindu. Before they left, Avtar played the drum one last time, they said goodbye and were on their way back to class. They were worn out from the dancing, but

had a great time and learned a lot about a different culture.

by Isla in Falcons class

On Monday, we walked into the hall confidently as a man named Avtar played the drum. Avtar told us to dance to the rhythm, so we all got up and danced. Avtar began the lesson by sharing a story with us about making kind choices and unkind choices. We learnt that Hindus believe that you could be reborn as a king or queen if you spend your life making kind choices and helping others.

Towards the end of the workshop, Avtar showed us lots of colourful scarves and most of us dressed up in the items. Then, we danced to the music in our colourful outfits and Avtar span Mrs Kroner, Miss Wade and Mr Mogg. Sadly, at the end of the lesson we had to put the scarves away and go back to class. It was a really fun RE lesson.

by Charlotte, Ivy and Sophia in Eagles class

### EMPERORS, EMPIRES AND GREENHOUSES

Year 3 have visited Chedworth Roman Villa as part of their topic Emperors and Empires. During the visit, children learnt more about the Roman baths and underfloor heating system. They also had the chance of making their own mosaic designs.

Year 3 have also been working hard in Design & Technology lessons on their Greenhouse companion project. This project teaches children about the purpose, structure and design features of greenhouses, and compares the work of two significant greenhouse designers. Children have been taught techniques to strengthen structures and use tools safely. They have safely used their learning to design and construct a mini greenhouse.

### MATHS CHALLENGE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

On Tuesday afternoon eight Year 6 children took part in the Quiz Club National Mathematics Semi-Final. The pupils from Flamingos and Pelicans competed in two teams across three rounds of questioning. Questions included finding the area of circle and subtracting a rectangle using pi and finding the time it would take a traveller to complete a distance over a period of time. This may seem straightforward, but when given only 60 seconds to answer it was a definite challenge. 110 schools took part across England and the top 11 in each semi-final secured an automatic place. Our children did extremely well and have now made it through to the finals, which will be held at Oxford University!

### STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023

We are very much looking forward to meeting our new cohort of Reception children who start in September 2023. We still have a few spaces available for Chicks and Ducklings classes so please get in touch with Warwickshire Admissions <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions> to apply for a place. Alternatively you can contact the school on 01608 661266.

### THE STOUR FEDERATION MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Shipston Primary School is part of The Stour Federation Multi Academy Trust, with Acorns Primary School, Brailes C of E Primary School and Kineton C of E Primary School. Our Trust website is [www.thestourfederation.com](http://www.thestourfederation.com)

## Shipston High School

### High School

We have had a busy start to this final half term of the academic year with the last two weeks of GCSE exams for our Year 11 cohort. We are so proud of their commitment, behaviour and attitude during this period, especially given the hot weather conditions. We wish them a well-deserved break now before a big reunion at Prom on 14th July to be held at Cotswold Hotel and Spa.

The remaining few weeks of school see several school trips and events on the calendar with a Year 8 parents evening, Sports Day for all, Years 7 and 8 Careers Days and Work Experience week for our Year 10 students. We also welcome our new Year 7 intake for an induction day to have a tour of the school, meet their form tutor and participate in some fun activities ahead of their big day in September.

We are delighted to be back to running school trips and several departments have taken the opportunity to take students out for both academic and sporting experiences. Our F1 Club students have experienced the first of two days at the Alpine F1 factory and spent an insightful morning at their "Women in Engineering" event. We are very much looking forward to returning with a larger group at the end of the month where students will get to see first-hand engineering at the highest level and what it is like to work in an F1 environment on a day to day basis.

The Science department is excited to announce three visits for our Key Stage 3 students. Year 7 are looking forward to experiencing the day at the Cotswold Wildlife Park. This is our second year of this trip which supports learning on ecological relationships and animal adaptations and habitats.

Year 8 have the opportunity to travel to the ThinkTank Science

museum in Birmingham. The ThinkTank has a number of different exhibits for the students to enjoy, with a particular emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). During the day, students will also complete a workshop on 'Science in Sport' which we are informed involves volunteers sitting on a bed of nails!

Our year 9 triple science students have been invited to visit the Museum of Natural History at Oxford University. The day will help support learning on evolution and genetics and will include a workshop looking at skulls. Students will have the opportunity to tour Keble College to give them a brief taste of life at University. We are very grateful for the Rotary for funding this trip and allowing us to take students at no cost to them during this difficult time for parents financially.

Year 9 and 10 drama students will be heading off to London next week to the Gielgud Theatre for a performance of *The Crucible*. This is a fabulous opportunity to experience live theatre and all that goes with it in terms of stage and set design, costumes and lighting in addition to the actual performing.

Finally, our PE department have selected students to participate in a number of regional and national events across the past few weeks. Teams were taken to the National Hockey Tournament in Nottingham, the Schools Super 6 Athletics Event, South Warwickshire Tennis Slams, and next week a team of 50 students across years 7, 8 and 9 will head to a District Athletics event at Stratford High School. Wishing you all the best of luck! They have also enjoyed the summer sports after school clubs of rounders, cricket, running and the introduction of girls' football.

A busy, but fun end to the school year. Shipston High will officially close for the summer break on Friday 21st July at 12.30pm, returning on Tuesday 5th September.



## Council promotes healthy ageing resources

Warwickshire County Council is encouraging people to be more aware of things they can do to stay physically and mentally well and independent for as long as possible.

Older people may start to find things more difficult to do so it's important to take active steps to slow down or reverse some of the health-related challenges most of us are likely to face.

The council's Healthy Ageing webpages offer lots of information to aid anyone wanting to maintain a better standard of physical and mental wellbeing.

Split into six easy to navigate sections, the webpage can support with accessibility around the home, help with reducing loneliness, advice around nutrition and exercise and helpful prevention tips about how to keep yourself as well as possible.

Cllr Margaret Bell, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health said: "The Healthy Ageing information offers a useful resource to help people maintain healthy lifestyles. Encouraging behaviour to remain happy, healthy and independent, the council has worked with local organisations to pull together sources of support for people to make small changes in the right direction. There is something for all levels of fitness and I would urge people to log on and give it a try."

Exercising may be more difficult in later life so information is included on core strengthening exercises can be carried out in the comfort of a living room or kitchen, offering privacy and convenience. If mobility is a problem, there are videos which include seat-based exercises to gently encourage movement and increase blood circulation.

For many older people who have lost a loved one or, who live away from friends and relatives, finding opportunities to connect can be hard. The Healthy Ageing website can link people with local social groups and signpost to local volunteer organisations which can help boost mental health and combat feelings of loneliness.

For anyone finding household tasks to be a challenge there is advice and support around the council's Ask Sara, assistive technology tool. Ask Sara can provide many solutions to a range of accessibility and mobility problems.

For more information go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/healthy-ageing](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/healthy-ageing).

The NHS website, [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk), is another good source of information and support on healthy ageing.

For support on a range of services for adults and older people [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell) has information on health, finance, social care, lifelong learning and more.



## District Council update



Dave and I along with 3 Town Councillors met with Severn Trent at the end of June. We were armed with the info I've collected of 43+ incidents of sewage spills at 15 different addresses in the last 3 years. They did admit the developments up Campden Road are the cause, and they have a lot of work to do to remedy the situation. Their ongoing work involves finishing the lining of the pipes, solving the mystery of the excessive running water, and modelling the entire network (this is key, as it will hopefully prove that some drainage redirection is necessary). They have already fitted monitors and fixed the illegal connection which was the reason for raw sewage being emitted at Shipston Bridge. We will be speaking with them again once the monitoring has been done. In the meantime, if anyone experiences the horrors of raw sewage in their garden, please make sure you report it to Severn Trent and make sure you get money off your next bill. If you are unhappy with the way Severn Trent has dealt with you, you can get in touch with the Consumer Council of Water (an ombudsman) on 0300 034 2222.

Other news – largely due to the Transport plan that SAFE submitted to WCC, Shipston has been chosen for a feasibility study to make it safer and easier to walk, cycle, and get the bus for everyday journeys in Shipston. Dave and I attended the workshop along with other local representatives to pool ideas that will be the starting point of the project. There will soon be wider consultation.

We are hoping that by the next newsletter we will be able to tell you that there is going to be public consultation on the need for beds at the Ellen Badger – Dave has seconded a cross party motion for the next Council Meeting, and pressed for this at Council level too, keep your fingers crossed.

**Olivia Hatch**

**District Councillor, Shipston North**

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## Shipston Museum Opening Soon



The long wait is over! Paused by the pandemic, Shipston Museum is now due to open soon with a wealth of items from the town and surrounding area's long past. Planned to open initially Saturday and Sunday 1 - 4pm, our museum is in Old Clark House next to the Council offices. You are welcome to call in to share the fascinating displays.

We're also looking for volunteers to greet visitors – you don't have to be a history buff as there will be an introduction to the Museum and its exhibitions. But if you'd like to be part of a new town attraction and enjoy meeting people, this could be a role for you.

## Shipston Medical Centre

**Medical Centre t: 01608661845**



As a practice, we have always sought to provide the best possible care to our community in a timely manner. You are all aware of the pressures facing healthcare at present and of the mismatch between demand and availability in primary care. It is important that as a practice we work as efficiently as possible to free up time and resources for the patient care that we all want to deliver.

To achieve this we are exploring innovative ways of working, looking around the country and bringing the best ideas back to Shipston. Some of this is already in place, and we have had wonderful feedback about new staff members like clinical pharmacists, advanced care practitioners and physician associates – they all add value and new skills to our team.

We have been looking at how to reduce the amount of time spent on simple tasks to make space for more appointments. We are pleased to announce that Shipston has now got a new blood pressure machine for the waiting room. This machine is easy to use and can check your height, weight, blood pressure and pulse in a short period of time. The results are printed for you to take away and will be automatically added to your medical record for the doctor to review. You do not need to make an appointment to use this device – simply pop in to the practice.

We are confident that this will prove not only convenient for patients but will also free up staff time to spend caring for those who need us. As a practice we are determined to adapt and meet the needs of our patients, and as this shows we are willing to invest in order to do this. Feedback is always welcome; please let us know how you find this new service via the Patient Participation Group or our Friends and Family survey.



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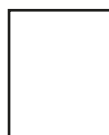

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- 24/7 renewal line	01926 499273
Highways customer services	01926 412515
Severn Trent Emergency Line:	0800 7834444
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Forum	01295 788655
Shipston Link (local transport)	01386 593446
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Townsend Hall	07514 704057
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
UCHW Hospital	024 7696 4000
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## Something exciting to share?

If you have a story that's relevant to Shipston residents, please contact the editor, Chris Rowland on 07983 342567 or email: forum@shipstononline.org

To request posts on the council's Facebook and Twitter feeds, contact Peter Cox.

**Forum copy deadline:**
**Second Monday of the month**

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

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**SHIPSTON - ON - STOUR**  
**Food Festival**  
2023

**Coming to Shipston-on-Stour Market Place**

**Sunday 10th September**  
10am to 4pm

**SHIPSTON**

**Food Festival**

**Applications for stalls still open whilst available**

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**Sunflower?**

**Judging on**  
**11th August**

**Shipston on Stour Rotary**  
**Club**

**To enter contact Fay Ivens**  
**01608 662133**

**SUMMER FETE**

**Saturday 15th July**  
1pm to 6pm

**FREE ENTRY!**

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- craft stalls •
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- Shipston Town Band •
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**2.00 - 3.30pm**

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Contact: Fay Ivens 01608 662133  
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