



Shipston Forum

June 2021

Shipston Museum to open soon

The doors to the past will be opened when the doors of the new Shipston Museum are finally unlocked this Summer, after last year's opening was halted due to the pandemic.

It fulfils the long held dream of the late Shipstonian Mike Ashley who saved local artifacts for years with the idea of sharing the story of the Shipston area with our community and visitors to the area.

The delayed opening due to lockdown was disappointing but work in its future home of Clark House (near the Town Council offices) continued with recording and archiving the many items collected by Mike and his long term friend Dick Burge plus others donated by local residents.

Archiving Mike's extensive photograph collection is Martin Russell who says interest in Shipston already comes far from our borders. "A lady now in Australia asked if we have any pictures of her mother as May Queen and I hope to discover one among the many we are currently sifting through."

Recognising and recording the past are vital tasks but plans also focus very much on the future. An integral part of the Museum will be the handling room where kids will learn by holding items from the distant past. "And we have other exciting ideas and initiatives in mind," explains Trustee Chair Bekky Hillman. "Garden Finds – identifying what you come across close to home, video clips introducing items of particular interest and changing displays – we want to involve our local community so they come back regularly to see the latest events in their museum."

This reflects Mike's concept of a museum for the local people, by the local people, as his daughters: Rebecca Ashley and Justine Taylor explain; "Our father asked us both to keep the connection and we have kept that promise by becoming Trustees and are proud of the wonderful legacy for us all embodied in our new Museum."



Visiting the Museum promises to be fun as well as fascinating as trustees Martin Russell, Rebecca Ashley and Bekky Hillman show by wearing firemen's old helmets as they foresee the entrance door's unlocking – date to be announced soon.

Be part of this exciting community project

Here's your opportunity to help with the launch of our Museum. A team of volunteers is needed to greet visitors and help with admin tasks. You may be retired? working? kids at school? carer? job seeker or student looking to add to their CV? Think about helping for a few hours each week/month. If you would like to know more about volunteering please make contact (sewalker3@hotmail.com) You don't have to be a history expert – but have some time for a great local cause and want to contribute to our vibrant community- so welcome aboard!

Ian Cooper elected as new Town Mayor

The Annual General Meeting of Shipston Town Council took place on 4th May where a new Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor were elected for the forthcoming year.



Councillor Ian Cooper was elected Town Mayor and his immediate predecessor, Councillor Sheelagh Saunders, was elected as Deputy Mayor. The chain of office was then handed over virtually during the meeting. Councillor Cooper will be supported throughout his Mayoral year by the new Mayoress, his wife Tina.

Councillor Cooper led a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, highlighting what a difficult year it had been with little or no Civic Duties but the need to adapt to a whole new approach of running the Council, and bearing witness to how Shipston had responded to the pandemic. He noted that few would have managed to cope with these pressures and congratulated Sheelagh on handling it to tremendous success.

Local arts initiative delivers COVID-19 poster project

The County Council's Public Health service has worked with grassroots organisation Escape Arts and Warwickshire's young people to create three posters to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The online peer to peer poster project, called We Can Do This Together, was led by Escape Arts apprentice Morgana Gautier and delivered in consultation with young people.

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS TO PRESERVE YOUR FUTURE BEST

Safe

Being sensible goes a long way.

Unsafe

A few months on...

I can't believe I got Covid
I still feel so tired, and can't taste
Me neither, I wish we never met up
It's really hard to breathe and my headaches are sooo draining

By not being careful, you could be signing up for:

- Headaches for hours
- Being too tired to move
- Extra mental struggles and worries
- Damage to your ability to breathe
- That lovely coffee smell? The taste of that first bite into your favourite snack? Gone.

Get tested so your mind can be rested
<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/covidcommunitytesting>

What Doesn't Kill You Doesn't Always Make You Stronger

SOCIALISE SAFELY

NOW
Walk with one other person outside your household
29TH MARCH
Rule of 6 or 2 households can meet outdoors
Outdoor sports allowed

ABOUT 17TH MAY
Most restrictions lifted
Rule of 6 or 2 households indoors
No gatherings of more than 30

NOT BEFORE 21ST JUNE
Government aims to remove legal limits on social contact

GET SOME FRESH AIR
Under the current guidelines, you're allowed to meet with one person for a tea/coffee in the park. Be sensible, but make the most of seeing people safely.

CONTACTLESS CONTACT
Just because it's hard to see people in person, it doesn't mean you can't see them at all. The safest way to talk with people is online, though Apps like Zoom, Discord, Skype etc.

STAY SENSIBLE
People are now getting the vaccine, everyone in the UK over the age of 18 should have had it by July and we return to some sort of normality. Until then, we still need to stay at home, talk online and only go out when necessary.

Source: gov.uk



Mayor's column

It's nice to be back and I'm looking forward to the coming year, although it will be quite different to last time. We have a different council, bringing the same focus and renewed energy and I'm very excited about working with them to deliver new projects for Shipston as we emerge from the restrictions of the pandemic. Last year, as we all know, was severely disrupted and tremendously difficult for the Town and the Town Council and I would just like to say how proud I am at the outstanding job Sheelagh carried out in holding everything together. I'm also very pleased that she will be deputy and Mayor-elect again this year.

Now we face new challenges, from a statutory requirement to hold physical meetings to returning to a new way of working and living post-Covid. We need to rebuild our relationships with the outside world and ensure that Shipston is recognised as an important rural town, both in terms of our wellbeing and our infrastructure. Our community along with many of our local organisations and charities have rallied to make Shipston as safe and secure as possible during lockdown, their work continues and will provide the Mayoral focus this year. Together with the Mayoress, we will dedicate our charity work towards the continued support of the town's youth and those more vulnerable.

The strength of community and resilience shown over the past year bodes well for a successful future and hopefully a much more liberated 2021 / 2022.

Ian Cooper

School Parking

Parents and other adults are being asked to be mindful and considerate of where they park to help make the roads around their child's school safer, less congested and help keep the air clearer of pollution.

The 'Cars and Kids Don't Mix' campaign from Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police, encourages parents and other adults to think about how and where they park outside schools and to take responsibility for helping to keep children safe. It aims to help schools reduce inconsiderate, unsafe and illegal parking outside the school, whilst helping to ease congestion.

Parents of students at Shipston Primary should be aware that the school have secured free parking for parents in Telegraph Street Car Park during drop-off and pick-up times. Parents can contact the school office for a pass. This initiative aims to reduce the number of cars being parked around the school and neighbouring streets.



Local Housing Needs Survey

You should have recently received a copy of the Local Housing Needs Survey that has been commissioned by Shipston Town Council. The results will provide detailed information about the future housing needs of all Shipston residents.

The results will stand alongside the Neighbourhood Plan to support building that is wanted and needed by residents and help resist unwanted developments.

It is essential that as many people as possible complete the survey, regardless of whether they have a pressing housing need so that everyone is represented. To incentivise participation, every survey returned on time will be entered into a PRIZE DRAW with a chance to win one of 3 cash prizes of £100. Winners will be contacted after the survey deadline and, subject to their agreement, will be announced in a future edition of the Forum.

First physical council meeting in over a year

On Monday 24 May, the Town Council met in person for the first time since March 2020. Council business has been conducted using Zoom in the intervening period but members were pleased to be able to meet face to face. The meeting was hosted by Townsend Hall so that social distancing and other coronavirus regulations could be observed.



New Town Clerk

Dominic Green was appointed as the new Town Clerk during an Extraordinary Town Council meeting of 24 May. He succeeds Alison Packer who took on the role in November 2019. "I express my gratitude on behalf of the council for all the time and effort that Ali has put into the role over the past very challenging year" said Town Mayor, Councillor Ian Cooper, "We wish her all the best for the future."

The announcement of the new clerk occurred shortly before going to press. Further details about changes to the Town Council will be provided in the next edition of the Forum

Town Council Meetings 2021/22

The forthcoming meetings of the Council are open to members of the public and will take place at 7pm unless otherwise arranged;

Full Council

14th June 2021

12th July 2021

9th August 2021

12th September 2021

11th October 2021

8th November 2021

13th December 2021

10th January 2022

14th February 2022

14th March 2022

11th April 2022

9th May 2022 (Annual Meeting and Mayor Making)

Planning Committee

28th June 2021

26th July 2021

23rd August 2021

27th September 2021

25th October 2021

22nd November 2021

29th December (TBC) 2021

24th January 2022

28th February 2022

28th March 2022

25th April 2022

23rd May 2022

DO YOU LIVE IN SHIPSTON

(IF SO YOU COULD
APPLY FOR A GRANT)



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR EDUCATION CHARITY GRANTS FOR 2021/22
ARE YOU A SHIPSTON RESIDENT UNDER 25 YEARS OLD?

You can now apply for an **Educational Grant** to support you if you are due to undertake an Apprenticeship, Professional or Trade qualification or follow a Further or Higher Education course.

If so, you can apply for a **Grant** for the 2021/22 year.

Application forms are now available from the **Shipston Library**.

Or write to **The Clerk to the Trustees, Mr D Squires, Pinnegar House, 49 Telegraph Street, Shipston CV36 4DA** enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 27 AUGUST 2021



Litter picking resumes

The Town Council litter picking group will resume work on 5th June following a break in activity due to the pandemic. The group began in March 2011 as part of the town council's 'Proud of My Town' campaign, meeting the first Saturday of each month to complement the work carried out by contractors during the week. Their relaunch coincides with the national Great British Spring Clean campaign, running from 28 May to 13 June.



Shipston Primary School

THE NEW NORMAL

With all children back at school since Monday 8th March and a full curriculum being taught, the start of the summer term has felt almost normal. But not quite. As the Prime Minister announced that the country is moving to step 3 of the roadmap out of the pandemic there was hardly any change for primary schools at present: we continue for the time being with our risk assessment and systems of control that have essentially been in place since September - class bubbles, no mixing classes, virtual assemblies and parents/visitors wearing a mask on site - for a few more weeks before further relaxations expected on 21st June. This isn't about hospital admissions now, this is about all children having a full uninterrupted education for the rest of this term. We are leveraging digital technologies as much as possible by holding virtual staff meetings, virtual parents' evenings and a virtual art and book week, with an artist in residence being beamed into classrooms every day.

Children are underway with their summer term topics and the work in books is of an excellent standard. Our Trust School Improvement Team for reading, writing and maths have recently conducting COVID-secure learning walks around all three schools and were so impressed with the quality of teaching, learning and behaviour. The learning stamina is gradually returning and children and staff are all working their socks off. I'm very grateful for the parental support both in supporting learning at home and following our COVID rules on site.

It looks as though all Reception classes in The Stour Federation Multi Academy Trust will probably be full for September 2021. I'm delighted so many families have chosen our schools.

SCULPTING A SHEEP

In medieval times, drovers herded their sheep through the streets

of Shipston-on-Stour to get washed ready for market. Shipston was recorded in the 8th century as Scepwaeisctune, translated as Sheep Wash Town in Old English. Sheep were important, hence the school having a sheep on our badge.

Evidence of its woolly traditions are still here in terms of the town's myriad of narrow alleyways where sheep would have been taken down to be counted. Sheep Street is another clue, while a handsome sheep carved out of Syreford Stone by renowned sculptor Jude Tucker, commissioned in 2010, sits on the main gyratory leading into town as a testimony of its past.



In Year 3 this term, Hawks and Kestrels classes have been researching the history of Shipston-on-Stour. In Art lessons as part of the Urban Pioneers topic, the children have studied the sheep sculpture by Jude Tucker (right) and made amazing replicas!

Jude Tucker visited Shipston Primary School back in 2012, not long after winning the Bernard Noble Foundation Sculpture Prize. During her workshop with Year 3 pupils, Jude took the children through the creative process of designing, making a maquette, selecting stone and carving.

As part of the same topic, Year 3 have been learning about our local area and about Barcelona. They have been busy writing letters to an international British school in Barcelona and children are hoping they will receive letters in the post soon.

Christian Hilton, Executive Headteacher

Shipston High School

June in the school Academic year is a time for endings and new beginnings.

Under normal circumstances, June is the time when we see the culmination of five years' study as our Year 11 students finish the last of their GCSE examinations.



This year, having no formal examinations to sit, we said goodbye to Year 11 at the start of the late May bank holiday once all the formal centre assessed information had been prepared for the relevant examining bodies for verification. Alongside the relief that it was all over, there was also a certain amount of regret amongst the students that have prepared for the examinations to take place at the culmination of their Key Stage 4 work they had not been allowed to show in a formal setting just what they were capable of.

We all wish them the success that they deserve in progressing through to Sixth forms, Colleges and apprenticeships on the next stage of their academic journey.

Almost simultaneously we find ourselves starting to prepare for our new Year 7 intake for September. Once again this year the school has been heavily oversubscribed and, in a bid to accommodate all those parents seeking places for their children at our school, we have increased our admission

number for this current academic year from 120 to 130 places. Having done that, we still find ourselves with a substantial waiting list, showing that more and more families wish to take advantage of the unique learning ethos provided at Shipston High School.

Although being a school firmly rooted in our local community and surrounding villages, it is interesting to note that this year we will be welcoming students from 12 primary schools that are added to our normal "feeder" schools.

We are hopeful that this summer we will once again be able to offer our new intake a formal Induction period in school to assist them with the transition from primary to secondary school and information sharing between schools is currently in progress to help them make the best start possible.

Shipston High School, like all organisations, is tentatively taking steps towards a more normal operation following the restrictions required to manage coronavirus. Everyone at the school is balancing the delight of re-engaging with activities with the caution of ensuring we remain as safe as possible. Our priority is the safety of the school and wider community, and we will continue to be cautious in how we manage the school site for our students, staff and visitors. Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to limit access for all but essential visits to the school.

Gavin Saunders, Headteacher



Shipston Medical Centre

Medical Centre t: 01608 661845

What's going on with seeing a GP Face to Face?

There has been a lot in the media recently about face to face consultations with GPs. Throughout the pandemic, we have continued to see patients face to face where this was warranted. Like all healthcare settings we need to weigh up risks to patients and staff against benefits, and thus more consultations have taken place remotely than was previously the norm. Remote consultation methods (i.e. telephone conversations or e-consults) suit some healthcare interactions very well and are appreciated by patients. For some patients, they are not preferable and certainly where an examination is needed we absolutely need to see people face to face. Face to face consultations continue to be possible following a conversation with a GP.

Nationally the level of general practice consultations in March 2021 were 11% higher than the levels seen in 2019. This is certainly replicated in our community and we are experiencing a very high level of demand for our services. The pandemic has negatively impacted the mental health of many of us and we are seeing a much greater need in this area than ever before. We also have many questions and queries about vaccines and patients suffering from long-covid, types of consultations that did not exist previously. We are highly aware that when you are poorly you want to access a clinician easily and we want to provide this service to you. However, we do need to ensure we provide a safe service, both in terms of donning PPE and cleaning between patients, and also ensuring our clinicians can make safe decisions - you wouldn't want to be on an aeroplane where the pilot had worked for 14 hours without a break. Like everyone else, the pandemic has impacted our team, and to keep the service running we need to look after them as well as look after our patients. We encourage patients to seek advice about common ailments, such as colds, minor pains, stomach upsets and other short self-limiting illnesses from our community pharmacy colleagues. We need to make sure our GPs and Advanced Care Practitioners time is used to best effect.

We are currently looking at recruiting additional clinical colleagues to help serve the needs of our growing population, but the necessary lead-in time for recruitments means we won't see the benefits of this for a few months yet.



Coronavirus vaccination

Alongside the day-to-day work, we have played a large role in the setting up and running of the vaccination centre at Hastings House Surgery. This has been staffed by Shipston, Meon and Hastings House surgery colleagues over and above their usual working hours alongside an army of volunteers and other colleagues who have come to work for us to help the campaign. This has been a massive undertaking and we are proud to have played a key role in providing over 22,000 vaccinations and we continue to work to provide 2nd vaccinations for those due.

The service is very much limited both by available space and workforce capacity. Throughout we have and continue to prioritise the essential day-to-day general practice services we provide as only we can provide these services to our patients. Because the demand for general practice is higher than ever, our available space and workforce to deliver vaccines are reduced, and we have therefore made the difficult decision to cease offering first vaccination doses. We will continue to offer second vaccinations for people who have already received their first.

We are working with local and national colleagues to ensure that all of our younger patients will be able to access vaccination. When each age group becomes eligible we encourage you to book via <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> or telephone 119.

VASA will provide free transport to and from vaccination centres – call them on 01789 262889 or fill in the form at <https://www.vasa.org.uk/services/community-transport/> to request this service.

Election of County Councillor for Shipston

Jo Barker (Conservative) was elected county councillor for Shipston on 7th May.

Results:

Jo Barker (Conservative) 1,765

Dave Passingham (Green) 1,104

John Dinnie (Liberal Democrat) 540

Kathrin Foster (Labour) 175

Overall Warwickshire County Council composition:

Conservative: 42

Labour: 6

Liberal Democrat: 5

Green Party: 3

Whitnash Residents Association: 1

Election of Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner:

Philip Seccombe (Conservative) was elected as Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner on 10th May.

Philip Seccombe (Conservative) 85,963

Ben Twomey (Labour) 45,768

Louis Adam (Liberal Democrat) 26,660

Henry Lu (Reform UK) 6,692

Shipston on Stour Probus Club

AGM 23/04/21: Members received the documents and voting papers via mail and fifteen attended by Zoom. All motions were passed, including that which raised the annual subscription to £25pa. Tony will be sending out a request for payment of subs for 2021/22 and in return members will receive their new membership card.



Your committee was voted in for another year and the committee reorganisation approved. We welcome new committee members: Andrew Johnson, Jeremy Christy-Brown and Dick Harrison.

Return to Sport's Club: this remains dependent on government regulations and the Sports Club Committee. We hope it may be possible during this year, but we have no indication yet as to when we may return. As soon as there is any news, members will be informed.

Next Zoom Meetings at 11 am:

9th April: John Butterworth 'Hitting the Headlines as a Newspaper Editor' [ID 843 1248 0143](#)

7th May: Jonathan Holloway 'An Officer in Britannia' [ID 810 0909 8055](#)

21st May: John Hope 'Time through the ages' [ID 812 7586 5935](#)

4th June: John Handby 'Alternative realities - The future of artificial intelligence on society' [ID 872 5127 4837](#)

18th June: Mike Aggleton 'Radio and TV Hoaxes' [ID 840 4850 1339](#)

16th July: Alison Harris 'Typewriter to Technology' [ID 824 7821 3038](#)

Guests welcome: contact Tony Joint on 01608 663407; email tonyjoint73@hotmail.com.

Proms in the Pub

Pub life has been very much missed over these last twelve months, so it was wonderful in April and May to hear the welcome chatter of people in the gardens of The Black Horse, The George, the Coach and Horses and the Horseshoe and on the benches outside the Thirst Edition.



We are therefore delighted to announce we are putting on a musical Proms pub trail the first weekend of September where we can get together to enjoy both music and community in our Shipston and Brailes pubs and cafés. So far, onboard are The Horseshoe, The Black Horse, The George, The White Horse, the Coach and Horses, Thirst Edition and El Café in Shipston and in Brailes, the Gate and the George Inn will also be joining in.

We are working on the finer details and the logistics of it all, but we hope this will be a weekend to celebrate both musicians and the pubs that make the town and village so vibrant and welcoming.

Our committee is also boosted by the addition of a new committee member Sarah Jane Peachey. It was great to welcome her at a recent Zoom meeting. Hopefully, our next meeting will be away from screens and together in person again, as it should be.

We will keep you updated on any further developments on www.shipstonproms.org and Facebook and will continue to assess the Covid risk as with all live events. For now, though, please keep 4th and 5th September free to support our great local pubs and musicians.

Rotary Tour d'Ilmington

On Sunday 4th July, the 2021 Rotary Cotswold Tour d'Ilmington promises to be bigger and better than ever. Enjoy one of the three unique Tour routes and the hospitality provided at the Tour HQ and Tour Village.



Shipston Rotary aim to make this year's Tour as environmentally friendly as possible and it will be the focus of the Rotary stand;

- Riders will be asked, if they can, to cycle to the event, providing they feel safe doing so.
- Bio-degradable cups and plates will be used
- Riders will be asked to fill up with water at Tour HQ, there will be no water in plastic bottles although support vehicles will have water.
- Rotary will take care when disposing of waste.

Everyone is asked to observe the usual Covid precautions to help ensure everyone's safety.

To enter please go to: www.riderhq.com

or simply google: Cotswold tour d'ilmington

Put it in the diary!



Hello Little Shipstonian! How are you doing? Did you find the well-being watering can useful? Don't forget, every worksheet featured can be used again and you can always write down extra notes on a separate piece of paper if you want to.

Our content this month is all about goal planning. Goal planning is a really important skill to have throughout our lives. Having a goal, something you want to achieve, helps you to plan a direction of travel. It enables you to think about all the things you can do to help you on your goal journey. You can also think about what sort of obstacles you might find along the way, helping you to consider how you would overcome them.

The Journey to Goal Mountain worksheet has been designed to make it easier to think about some of these things. So let's get started! First, think of a goal you want to set for yourself. It doesn't have to be too big. For example, it could be that you want to get up a bit earlier in the morning on a Saturday. Or you want to spend less time on

technology. Whatever your goal, write it in the space provided and then use the prompts numbered 1 (the things you need to put in place to achieve your goal), 2 (the things you need to do to overcome obstacles) and 3 (the things you will look for to indicate you have reached the top of your mountain!). If you get stuck, why not ask a friend or a grown-up to help you. We wish you GOOD LUCK on achieving your goals. Just imagine how amazing you will feel when you reach the top of your mountain!

On the next page is our usual "colouring in" feature with an inspiring quote for you to add some colour to. When you've finished, why not carefully tear out the page and frame it for your bedroom wall? We hope you enjoy this month's activities, and we will see you next month!

Journey to Goal Mountain

How will I know when I've arrived?

3

1

How I'm going to get there

2

What obstacles might I encounter?

What's at the top of my mountain? _____

THE
Best
VIEW
COMES
AFTER
THE
hardest
CLIMB



Saturday mornings

10.00-12.00

St Edmund's Church, Church Street, Shipston

We are open to anyone.

No referral or voucher needed.

Over the past twelve months we have regularly helped over 115 families in many of our local villages. Your donations are essential as there is no government support for many of these people.

Donations of basic items can be left in the church porch during our opening hours.

There's also a collection point in both the Co-ops.

For information about our current needs please check on our Facebook page or our website:

 www.facebook.com/ShipstonFoodBank

 www.shipstonfoodbank.org.uk

STOUR VALLEY LION'S CINEMA



Certificate 12A – During World War II, an English woman opens her heart to an evacuee – a journey of love and friendship.

TOWNSEND HALL

FRIDAY 11th June, 2021 at 7.30pm

Tickets £5.00 – ticket only admission.

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

Covid restrictions – please wear a mask/hand sanitise on arrival.

Hall will have window ventilation. No interval this month.

Doors open 7.00pm – Drinks – Raffle

Any enquiries please email: stourvalleylions@gmail.com

Shipston Library

Shipston Library has now reopened. The current opening hours are Mondays & Saturdays 9:30am – 12:30pm and Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30am – 12:30pm & 1:30pm – 5:30pm.

It is easy and free to join the library and to borrow books and access lots of other resources - you can sign up online before you visit, just go to warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries.

The library has a wide range of children's books available for loan, including books by bestselling authors, fiction books, funny books, and Information books full of fascinating facts and true stories. We also have a Beginner Reads collection for those just starting their reading journey and a dedicated collection for Young Adults.

As well as borrowing books you can use BorrowBox which is our eBook and eAudio platform, it has a huge collection of children's and young people's audio books and eBooks to choose from and new titles are added every month.

Visit warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries to find out more.



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN READING AT SHIPSTON LIBRARY!



WARWICKSHIRE.GOV.UK/LIBRARIES 0300 555 8171

District Council update

The planning application (21/00004/FUL) for the new medical facilities to replace the Ellen Badger Hospital was submitted in early January 2021. Shipston Town Council (STC) can submit its comments on this application. I thought it would be helpful if before the Council did so, that all councillors had an opportunity to meet with representatives of both the South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust (SWFT) and their agents, McLoughlin Planning, to hear why the proposed three buildings and their setting had been designed the way they had and how this was intended to meet the need for local health provision in Shipston.



I initiated and chaired this meeting on 25 March which was attended by Chris Fleming of McLoughlin Planning, Abz Randeria of architectural consultancy One Creative together with Mark Jones and Jeff Bayliss of SWFT and nine members of STC. Presentations were made, questions were posed and answers were provided. We learnt that Phase 1 will deliver a modern health care facility that will accommodate Shipston Medical Centre (SMC), outpatient and therapy services, provide a locality hub for community nursing staff along with a range of community rooms and café.

The design of Phase 2 has been based on the provision of 16 beds with an emphasis on single and twin bedrooms rather than multi-occupancy bedded bays. With the community-wide bed review in mind, the design team has also produced a range of design options from zero beds to a maximum of 30 to provide reassurance that the building footprint could be extended if required. In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, a review is being undertaken to capture the lessons learned. This exercise will also take account of emerging operational and design guidance from the NHS's national and local organisations.

The planned phased approach was a direct response to a range of external considerations particularly the current availability of capital, the outcome of the ongoing Warwickshire wide community bed review along with timescale obligations relating to funding arrangements for SMC. Assuming planning consent is given this summer, it is anticipated that Phase 1 could be completed by the end of Quarter 1 of 2023. We were told that it was anticipated the bed review would be completed before the end of 2021, including the number of beds to be provided in Shipston. Assuming that funding was available, work on Phase 2 – the hospital building – could be started straight after the completion of Phase 1.

Like you, I am well aware of the YouTube video by Bryan Stoten, Chairman of the League of Friends posted on 22 April. I am equally aware of the statement posted on the Shipston Noticeboard by SWFT and the exchange of views and opinions to which it has given rise. It strikes me that what is currently lacking is a degree of trust. What we are all interested in is Shipston having available to its residents a range of modern medical facilities that meet locally as many of their needs as practicable. That's what the League of Friends has worked so hard for; it is also what SWFT is intending to provide. The two-phase model worked for Stratford Hospital. With goodwill on all sides, I am optimistic that SWFT will also deliver both Phase 1 and Phase 2 for Shipston.

If you have any issues with which you think I might be able to help, please contact me. I am always keen to hear from the people I represent.

Trevor Harvey, District Councillor, Shipston North

01608 682415 | trevor.harvey@stratford-dc.gov.uk

County Council update

Sadly, I can't use emojis of champagne bottles, fireworks and huge smiley faces here – but that's how I feel!

Thank you to everyone who voted me back on to the County Council on May 6th. I am really pleased that despite the pitfalls of a coronavirus election – I managed to communicate with every household. Some of you – I know from the correspondence – will not be pleased – but it goes without saying that I will do my best for everyone who needs my help – even if you have been a tiny bit rude to me! That's politics!

So four more years.....more potholes to fill, gullies to clear, culverts to get fixed, signs and dropped kerbs – and that is just the highways department!

I will continue to champion mental health and have been asked to be Warwickshire County Council's Mental Health Champion – as well as keeping my beady eye on all things education and children.

The health and wellbeing of our community and its continuing self-reliance and support is really important to me. If you started volunteering during covid – please carry on. Even if you have less time now – you are needed (and I also hope that you get a lot from it too.) Foodbank and shopping trips for vulnerable people have kept me buoyant during the pandemic – I am fortunate I could legitimately see people!

So, in my roundabout way, I just want to say – I will continue to serve the community as long as you want me and love (almost) every minute of it. See you at the George soon – and please note I shall be wearing my "Free Hugs" badge – you only have to ask!

Jo Barker, District Councillor, Shipston South

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Town Council Vacancies

Councillor Fay Ivens resigned from the Town Council on 24th May. If ten electors from the parish write to the Returning Officer to call for an election by Friday 9th June then a by-election will be held, otherwise it will be filled by co-option.

There is an existing vacancy which is already subject to co-option. Anyone interested in filling this vacancy should contact the town clerk for further details clerk@shipstononline.org

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Severn Trent Emergency Line:	0800 7834444
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Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Forum	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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Local police (non emergency)	101
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To request posts on the council's Facebook and Twitter feeds, contact Peter White (details above).

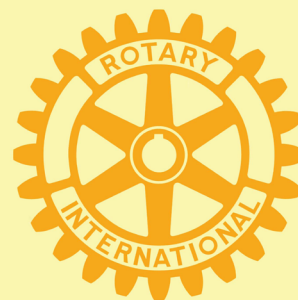
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