



Shipston Forum

March 2018



Exciting plans announced for the Ellen Badger Hospital

Exciting plans have been announced to develop and expand the Ellen Badger Hospital, bringing more services to Shipston.

Plans have been approved by South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust (SWFT) to develop a new, enhanced inpatient facility at the hospital. This £500,000 investment will help provide health services for the local community. Work started on the site in January 2018 and is expected to be complete by April 2018.

The refurbishment is the first phase of a longer term development plan for Ellen Badger Hospital. Working in partnership with the League of Friends of Ellen Badger Hospital, SWFT has just purchased a plot of land next to

the hospital, which will allow more services to be delivered locally. To identify what services local residents would benefit from, SWFT will be inviting partners and members of the community to share their views and give feedback at dedicated events (to be announced).

The League of Friends is extremely supportive of these plans and has gifted £635,000 to SWFT to support this project.

Jayne Blacklay, Director of Development at SWFT said: "This is a very exciting

time for Ellen Badger Hospital... It is fantastic that we are able to develop the site to improve services for the community of Shipston and surrounding areas."

Frances French, Chair of the League of Friends, said: "The League are absolutely delighted that SWFT has acquired this land. We are grateful both to John Peart and Percy Lomas whose legacies have made our



Pictured top right: Outside Ellen Badger Hospital (left-right): Dr Gilder, Senior Partner at Shipston Medical Centre, Jayne Blacklay, Director of Development at SWFT, Frances French, Chair of the League of Friends, Chris Thorogood, member of the League of Friends. Below left: the group pictured on the new plot of land recently purchased.

contribution to this exciting opportunity possible."

Dr Gilder, Senior Partner at Shipston Medical Centre, said: "We are delighted to hear about the development at the Ellen Badger Hospital. Shipston Medical Centre will be working with South Warwickshire Foundation Trust to help identify services which will benefit our population. We will also continue to seek opportunities for the development of a new Medical Centre".



Nominations now sought for the Shipston Community Award

Shipston Town Council is calling on all residents to nominate their community heroes for the 2018 Shipston Award.

The Shipston Award recognises work done by volunteers to support the local community. Originally known as the Anne Sankey Medal, the award was created by former Mayor, Anne Sankey, who led the council in 1998 and was a fervent supporter of community initiatives.

Shipston owes a huge amount to those who volunteer their time to support local services and activities. From fundraising to running local clubs or events, the town is fortunate enough to have many examples of voluntary work. The Shipston Award gives the town an opportunity to recognise those efforts.

Examples of community initiatives include the many and varied events in the town, clubs and societies which provide services and activities for residents, and fundraising efforts to support

local charities.

Last year the award was given to Tim Porter in recognition of his many years of service to the Shipston Proms, which will celebrate its 20th year this year.

If you know of someone who is going above and beyond to serve the local community, councillors want to hear from you.

To nominate, simply complete the form on page 9 and send it in to the Town Clerk at New Clark House, West Street, Shipston. Alternatively, send an email to clerk@shipstononline.org containing the same information.

Nominations will be reviewed by councillors, with the winner being announced at the Annual Town Meeting on 19th April at Shipston High School.



Mayor's column



I always enjoy this time of year as we start to see the first signs of spring and the lighter evenings start to return. The emergence of the first snowdrops lead on to the daffodils and it's these that always act as a reminder to me of all the fantastic work undertaken by the Shipston in Bloom team. I speak often about the fantastic nature and volume of the voluntary work in Shipston, and this is another fine example of the tireless effort that goes in to making our town a better place.

The lighter evenings also turn my thoughts to the summer events we have in the town, and there are certainly some very special events taking place this year. 2018 will mark the 10th staging of the Wool Fair in Shipston. The event started with a small band of dedicated volunteers with the objective of celebrating the town's long association with the wool trade. It has developed in to a woolly weekend of events and has become a very well-liked part of the rhythm of the year. I know that there are some special celebrations planned for this year to mark this milestone, which I'm really looking forward to.

This year also marks the 20th anniversary of the Shipston Proms. It's my personal favourite of all the events in Shipston. To see the Proms achieve this milestone is a testament to the dedication of its organisers, and I was very pleased to see this recognised with the 2017 Shipston Award presented to Tim Porter for all his hard work since the event began.

I really look forward to another great year of events.

Dan Scobie

Shipston prepares for more woolly wonders as Easter approaches

Yarn bombing is fast becoming a new tradition in Shipston since it first appeared at last year's Wool Fair and rumour has it that there may be some Easter-themed woolly creations, including chicks and eggs, so keep an eye out.

Following the Easter celebrations, Shipston's talented knitters and crocheters will be moving straight onto an extra special display for the Wool Fair Weekend's 10th birthday celebrations from 26th - 28th May.

Why not share your favourite woolly scenes on the Shipston Town Council or Shipston Noticeboard Facebook pages?



Residents invited to the Annual Town Meeting

All residents are invited to attend the Annual Town Meeting at Shipston High School on the 19th April at 7pm.

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for residents to hear about key activities undertaken by the council over the past 12 months, and ask questions of town, district and county councillors. The Community Speedwatch Team has also been invited to give a presentation about their work to reduce speeding in the town.

Clubs and societies are invited to send their annual reports to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the meeting pack. Please send updates to clerk@shipstononline.org by 5th April.

Allotment fees now due

Allotment fees for the year April 2018 – March 2019 are due on or before 1st April 2018. The fees are:

New Street: whole plot £43 and half plot £21.50

Shoulderway Lane: whole plot £34 and half plot £17

For any queries, please contact Jayne Potter on 01608 662180 or assistant@shipstononline.org.

Time to Talk Day puts Mental Health in the spotlight

Residents in Warwickshire were encouraged to think about their own mental health and wellbeing ahead of, and on, Time to Talk Day on 1 February.

Mental health problems affect one in four people, yet too often people are afraid to talk about their experiences because they fear it will affect their jobs or relationships.

A range of mental health and wellbeing services are available within the county including face to face support, books, eBooks, audio CDs, a telephone helpline and an online community. Further details on these, and other services are available at warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth

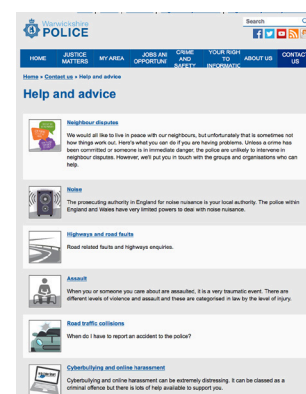
Make the right call, say Warwickshire Police

Warwickshire Police has launched a series of help and advice pages and downloadable leaflets in the Contact Us section on its website.

The information is there to support residents in 'making the right call' in the event of something happening and, to make the right call to the right service, first time.

This in turn will reduce the number of calls going in to the Warwickshire Police Communications Centre, meaning that staff are available for the Grade 1 emergency calls. The aim is also to reduce the waiting time for anyone dialing in on 101.

For more information on how to make the right call, visit: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/maketherightcall>



News from Shipston Town Council's February meeting

Hot topics:

Inaccessible entrance: Marianne Westwood raised concerns that the new doors fitted to the Townsend Hall are very difficult to open for people in mobility scooters and wheelchairs. A grant was awarded to the hall from the town council to make the entrance more accessible. However, the new doors are now too heavy to open without help. This will be raised with the Townsend Hall committee.

Ruined verges: Brian Healey highlighted the damaging impact of parking on verges on Queen's Avenue, which is ruining the grass. The Town Clerk will look into options with Highways, both on Queen's Avenue and the Campden Road.

Memorial policy: The town council has adopted a policy relating to memorial benches, which must be made from approved, hard-wearing materials and installed by the council's contractors. Paul Rathkey suggested the council should also adopt a policy about other memorials. The Town Clerk will look into whether other councils already have policies in place.

Flooding at Oldbutt Road: Martin Ferrier has investigated flooding in Oldbutt Road with help from Phil Wragg. The Town Clerk will contact the developer of the neighbouring site.

Missing green space: A member of the public drew councillors attention to the replacement of a flower bed by Shipston in Bloom with large gravel/hard standing and planters. The resident feels the area by the bus stop on Stratford Road is now bare and the blank wall is an eyesore. Previously the bed had been planted with colourful bulbs and bedding plants. The town council will look into this further.

Gym application: Councillors voted to support an application for a new gym at the Business Village on Tilemans Lane, subject to appropriate parking arrangements.

Campaigning for Shipston:

Supporting Shipston First Responders: Shipston Town Council has awarded a grant of £1,700 to Shipston First Responders, covering 50% of the charity's annual costs. Shipston First Responders is run by trained volunteers who are often first on the scene when there is a medical emergency in Shipston and the local area.

Wish list: Marianne Westwood is putting a list together of potential projects that could be supported with money from the newly introduced Community Infrastructure Levy. The levy replaces section 106 money developers pay to mitigate the impact of new developments. Unlike S106, where projects must be specific, CIL allows for a general sum to be paid which can then be put towards different community projects. Once Shipston's Neighbourhood Plan is in place, Shipston will receive 25% of CIL money associated with developments in the town.



Trees in the firing line: Orbit Housing has proposed removing a line of trees on London Road, opposite the cemetery, as part of its new housing development. Shipston Town Council objects to the removal of the trees and will raise concerns with the district council.

Coordinating views: The Town Clerk will organise a meeting between Taylor Wimpey, the residents of Oldbutt Road, SAFAG and town councillors to discuss the best approach to the land between Oldbutt Road and the new housing development.

SAFAG plans: Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG) gave a presentation to councillors to update them on work completed to date and future plans. The group has already completed 80 Natural Flood Measures (NFM's) to 'slow the flow' of water courses feeding the Stour. If funding allows, SAFAG hopes to increase that to 200 NFM's by July 2018.

Town Council business:

New Street car park sign: A new 'P' sign will be purchased for the car park. Discussions are still ongoing regarding possible parking restrictions on the site.

Dog Fouling in Tilemans Lane: The path is cleared every morning, but complaints are still received from primary school parents. General Purposes Working Group will liaise with the headteacher at the primary school to discuss what else could be done.

Grit bin purchase: A new grit bin will be purchased for the top of Tilemans Lane and the town council will request that the road be added to the county's gritting routes following the treacherous conditions on the road this winter.

Neighbourhood Plan team takes a tough stance

Shipston's Neighbourhood Plan team has responded robustly to comments and potential issues raised recently by Stratford District Council. The plan had already been reviewed by the district prior to being published for public consultation and the team felt it was very unhelpful to have further issues raised while an independent inspection was already taking place.

Despite these issues, progress has been made with the independent inspection and it is hoped that a formal response from the inspector will be forthcoming within the next few weeks.

Provided there are no 'showstoppers' the Neighbourhood Plan team hopes to be in a position to proceed to a public referendum on the plan in the near future.



Shipston's neighbourhood plan
Our town, our plan, our future.

Calling all music maestros – start practising now for the Shipston Proms Fame contest

Interest is building for this year's Fame Contest where musicians of all ages and genres, both local and from further afield, can enter. The incentive is to play on the main stage on the last day in front of a huge crowd in the square, plus cash prizes of £100 for groups and £50 for soloists and duos.

Shipston Proms celebrates its 20th year this year, with a bonanza of events in and around the town over two weeks. The Fame Contest is one of the central features of the fortnight and encourages musicians and singers of all ages and styles to share their talent with the community.

The Fame Contest will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 17th June in The Townsend Hall, Shipston. There are two categories, one for solos / duos and the other for groups. Entry forms are already available on the website at: www.shipstonproms.org.

The winning acts get a head start with promoting their music by performing at the Last Night of the Proms in the town square. Previous Fame Contest performers include Longfellow, Laurence Jones, Joe Jury, and Jack Blackman who have all gone on to have outstanding careers in the music industry.

This year, Ska tribute band, Badness, and popular beatbox trio, Duke, will be among the line-up for the Proms finale on Saturday 30th June so make sure the date is in your diary.



20th Shipston PROMS
15-30 JUNE 2018
SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR WARWICKSHIRE

Sunday 17th June FAME CONTEST

2.30pm Townsend Hall Shipston

Category A **SOLOS / DUOS** Category B **GROUPS**

PRIZES
a performance on the main outdoor stage in the square
on Saturday 30th June + **£100 cash for group / £50 for solo or duo**

DOWNLOAD A FORM FROM www.shipstonproms.org

TICKETS £5 UNDER 12s £2

www.shipstonproms.org

Fundraising starts in earnest as scouts prepare for the 2019 Jamboree

Three Shipston Scouts are busy raising funds as they prepare to represent Shipston in the World Scout Jamboree.

The World Scout Jamboree is an educational event that brings together thousands of young people from across the globe. For ten days, the attendees work together to find out about each others' cultures and faiths, learn new skills, take part in adventurous activities and grow as global citizens to tackle some of the biggest issues facing the world today.

The 2019 Jamboree will take place from 22nd July to 2nd August 2019 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, USA. The UK contingent consists of 4,000 Participants and Unit Leaders – including two Warwickshire Units with 63 scouts and 9 guides. Shipston Scouts, Thomas Taylor and Cameron Collie were selected to take part, along with Rebecca Drew from Explorer Scouts / Young Leaders.



To secure their hotly contested places, the trio had to apply for a place in writing last year, before attending a selection day. With their places secured, the real work has begun as the scouts look to raise the money to fund their trip.



They have already been busy doing bag packing and arranging fun events. A fundraising Community Breakfast is taking place on Sunday 4th March at the Scout Hut (see advert on page 16 for details), followed by a quiz night on Saturday 12th May.

The scouts hope to see as many people at their events as possible, with more events being planned over the coming 18 months.

Shipston goes retro in aid of MIND

The Sheldon Bosley Hub transported Shipston residents back to the 80s and 90s at a charity disco last month, in aid of mental health charity, MIND.

Over 130 people donned their retro outfits and headed to the Hub to dance the night away. Thanks to fantastic DJs and lighting, and sound worthy of the finest nightclubs, the dancefloor was busy throughout the night.

Despite the commitment to dancing, partygoers still found time to polish off all the pizzas, expertly cooked by Gayle Jonins and Allie Ringrose. There was even a raffle, organised by Caitlyn Kennedy, which went down very well.

Organiser, Chris Barker Harland, said: "The party was very successful thanks to all the volunteers, supporters and of course the attendees. The charity 'Mind' do some amazing work for people affected by mental health and I believe that spreading awareness and better understanding can change lives in the most uplifting of ways!"

Huge thanks go to all those involved in making the event such a success, including George Wheeler for supplying the sound system and Vicky Flynn for her retro inspired decorations.



Shipston encouraged to take part in the Long Road to Ghana

A small group of determined volunteers is laying down a challenge for Shipston, surrounding villages and friends in aid of two great causes - Brain Tumour Research and Willing and Abel. In one week in June, the community is being asked to travel 4,000 miles - the equivalent distance of Shipston to Ghana - using human power only!

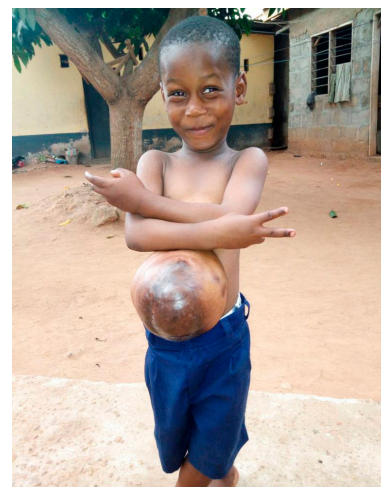
So why this particular challenge? Forum readers may remember the plight of Ethan Suglo (pictured) from a small village in Ghana who was born with a rare and life threatening condition. At just three years old, Ethan had life-saving and enhancing surgery at the John Radcliffe for a massive abdominal swelling in July 2016, made possible thanks to the enormous generosity of the local community, and the medical team at the hospital. Further surgery is now needed to give Ethan a normal life expectancy. The ambition is to top up what is left from the previous fundraising to cover the cost of Ethan's second surgery, due to take place in June.

Not content with supporting one charity, the 'Long Road to Ghana' campaign is also raising money for Brain Tumour Research. Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer - yet just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease. Following the tragic loss of a local friend to a brain tumour, and in support of others who are battling this challenging condition, help is needed to fund vital research to tackle this disease.

So how can you help? By getting out, getting active and contributing to the 4,000 mile challenge! Fundraising coordinator, Dr David Williams, said: "We have come up with a challenge that is accessible to all and we hope everyone will get involved. Our aim is for people to walk, run, swim, canoe, row, cycle (static or actual) - or any other

transportation method you can think of - under your own power to clock up the 4000 miles from Shipston to Ethan's home in Akatsi, Ghana. We need cyclists, runners and walkers to cover the land and desert regions, and swimmers and canoeists to navigate The English Channel and the Mediterranean from Gibraltar to Africa.

"We can't guarantee the weather, but invite you to join us in this challenge so that you can make a difference to people with brain tumours and the children like Ethan that are supported by Willing & Abel. The journey starts on Sunday June 3rd and we hope to arrive in 'Ghana' on Saturday 9th June in the evening, with exciting plans for a finale at Shipston Rugby Club."



Clubs, businesses, residents and friends are encouraged to consider how they can contribute. Miles can be accumulated across the week and a minimum donation of just £5 per person (£1 for children) will ensure your miles are added to the total challenge. Plans are still in progress and updates will be shared via Facebook at www.facebook.com/ethansuglo25000/ but you can also donate straightaway by visiting <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Ethan-Karl4000>.

To find out more, email: longroadtoghana@gmail.com



**Brain Tumour
Research**



MONDAY

Citizens Advice Bureau: Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136

Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club: 6.45pm for 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Rd, Shipston-on-Stour. Penny Law 663871

Shipston Badminton Club: Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

Shipston Baby & Toddler Group: Mondays term time only. 9.30-11am, Scout Hut. Contact shipstontoddlers@gmail.com or Facebook/shipstonbabyandtoddlergroup

TUESDAY

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

Stroke Club: Fortnightly 10am-12pm The House of Bread Retreat at The Mill, Burmington

Rhyme time for under 2s: 10.45am Shipston Library. Free.

Age Concern Lunch Club at Stour Court. Stella 686224

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

Bingo: Alternate Tuesdays. Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. 661886

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Coffee at St Edmunds Church: 10:30am – 12pm. All welcome.

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

Stour Valley Probus: alternate Wednesdays at

10am, The George in Brailles. Roger Smith on 01608 238400.

Singing for Lung Health: 11am, Scout Hut. Contact Rose Smith on 07905 884151

THURSDAY

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

Shipston Stitches: alternate Thursdays 10am 3pm. Catholic Church, Darlingscote Rd. Contact Kath Cheshire on 01608 663486.

Active Memory Group: First and third Thursdays, 10am - 12noon at St Edmund's Church. Alyson Spence 01608 661703 or 07725 892087

Story Stomp: Shipston Library, 10.45-11.15 am. FREE For children aged 2-4.

Age Concern Lunch Club: Alternate Thursdays. Gill Roach on 01295 680309

or Pauline Carr on 01386 700703

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

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

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

Shipston Badminton Club: Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

FRIDAY

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

Shipston Probus: alternate Fridays.

Age Concern Lunch Club at Stour Court. June on 684218

Shipston Archers: Shipston High School, indoors, 6pm till 8pm. Beginners welcome. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646

Bingo Night at Rainbow Fields: Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.15pm. All welcome. Contact Ruth Keyte on 01608 661382

SATURDAY

Shipston Archers: Sheldon Bosley Hub, outside, 1pm till dark, weather permitting. Beginners welcome. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646

There are lots of regular classes on at venues in Shipston, including:

The Townsend Hall - www.townsendhall.com or call 07514 704057

Sheldon Bosley Hub - www.facebook.com/thehubshipston

March Diary

- 1 **Shipston Cancer Support Group:** Drop-In Centre: 1.30pm-3.30pm, Rainbow Fields
- 3 **Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- Cheeki Monkeys Animal Fun Day Event:** see ad on page 8
- Shipston Town Band Concert:** see ad on page 8
- Scouts Community Breakfast Fundraiser:** see ad on page 16
- 5 **Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** The Shakespeare Hospice by Judy Bowler. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 7 **Shipston Widows:** Local lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Stratford Time Bank's Shipston Social Meeting.** 1.30pm-3pm, Community Room at Stour Court. Everyone welcome
- Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** Alan Godfrey – Postman's Knock. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- Chronic Pain Support Group:** 7.30pm, Rainbow Fields. Contact Marianne Westwood 01608 662223
- 8 **Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark

- House, West Street. All members welcome. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743
- 9 **Rural Cinema: Goodbye Christopher Robin:** see ad on page 16
- 10 **Spring Handmade Market:** see ad on page 8
- 12 **Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting:** 7.30pm, The White Bear Function Room, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact Membership Officer Lion Paul Garfield on 07828 589564 or email paulgarfield@icloud.com
- 13 **Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN) Meeting:** see ad on page 7
- 14 **Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Patios and Pots by Tony Clear. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- 16 **Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting Dementia Carers** 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance). Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carol Ruthven 662706 or Lizzy Feather 686013
- Singing Down Memory Lane:** Reminiscence Songs for people with memory problems. 2pm -3.30pm at Stour Court Community Lounge, Old Road. Contact:- Barbara Smith 01608 662433
- Royal British Legion – Social:** a social gathering of serving and ex-service members of HM Armed Forces at 1930 hrs in the Horseshoe Inn. If you miss the comradeship and friendly banter of your service days, do

- come and take part. Open to all members, current and ex-service personnel and anyone interested in joining the RBL. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743
- Shipston Music Society:** see ad on page 7
- 18 **Rotary Indoor Boat Race:** see ad on page 16
- 19 **Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Outing. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 21 **Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. For further information, contact Barbara Bean on 663230
- 21 **Allotment holders meeting:** See ad on pg 7
- 24 **Shipston Home Nursing - Floristry Workshop:** see ad on page 8
- 27 **Shipston U3A:** see ad on page 7
- Multiple Sclerosis Society:** 'Drop in' meeting. 10.30am at the White Bear Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- 28 **Shipston and District Literary Society: AGM.** 7.15pm for 7.30pm at The White Bear (function room), Shipston on Stour. For further information contact Helen Marshall 01789 740773
- 31 **Norgren Bowls Bingo:** See ad on page 16

FOR EASTER SERVICES, SEE PAGE 9

Forthcoming dates

- 19 April:** Annual Town Meeting
- 26-28th May:** Annual Wool Fair Weekend - the 10th anniversary!



Shipston Music Society
www.shipstonmusic.org.uk



Marketa Nadvornikova
Violin

Accompanied by
Charles Matthews

The Methodist Church
New Street
Shipston on Stour
Friday 16th March 2018
7.30pm

Guests £6.00 – Students £3.00
Accompanied Children free
New Members always welcome
More information: 01608 662514

Registered Charity No: 1146459 (England)



Calling all allotment holders

The annual meeting of
Shipston on Stour Allotment Holders
will be held at 7pm
on **Wednesday 21st March 2018**
at **New Clark House**

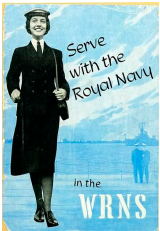
All allotment holders welcome.

Any queries, please contact
Jayne Potter, admin assistant at the
Town Council office on 01608 662180.






SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR AREA U3A
U3A
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
Learn, Laugh & Live

Tuesday 27th March 2018
at 2 p.m. in the Townsend Hall




“Female Conscription in WW2”
presented by Ron Galvin

Admission, including refreshments, £2.
Visitors are welcome

Shipston-on-Stour Area U3A is a Registered Charity No: 1170969

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SENIOR CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK



SHIPSTON ON STOUR
and surrounding communities
Tuesday 13th March 2018
Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour
10.00am for free refreshments
10.30am start

Housing Options, Age UK, Alison Conway
Timebank, Sarah Coxhall

Admission Free

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

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

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

Shipston Baby & Toddler Group
& Sheldon Bosley Hub

Cheeki Monkeys

BIG BABY & CHILDREN'S MARKETS

ANIMAL FUN DAY EVENT

SATURDAY 3RD MARCH, TIME 12-4.30pm

MAIN HALL
The Cheeki Monkey Stalls and sale in the Main Hall entrance fee proceeds will go to the Shipston Baby & Toddler Group. Stalls £10.00, to book, visit www.cheekimonkeys.co.uk

FOYER
Snack bar with Hot 'dogs', Tea, Coffee and Cakes

UPSTAIRS
Animal themed face painting and balloon modelling, Childrens raffle, Kids Karaoke with Becky, BAR OPEN

OUTSIDE ON FIELD
Prettiest Pet competition, Banana Treasure hunt find the Cheeki monkey bananas to win a prize, Bouncy Castle

Bring all the family along for an afternoon of fun and games. BAR OPEN for Mums and Dads!

Sheldon Bosley Hub,
Pittway Avenue,
Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4DQ,
Telephone 01608 661886
email: thehubshipston@gmail.com

Spring Handmade Market

From 12-4pm at the
Shipston Townsend Hall on
Saturday 10th March 2018.

With over 30+ Table Top Stalls,
Mrs D's Vintage Teas
will also be joining us, so please
come along too.
Everyone Welcome!



Shipston Town Band

Present their

Stour Concert Brass

In Concert With Yarnton Band

To Celebrate Concert Brass's 20th Anniversary



Townsend Hall Sat. March 3rd 7.30 p.m.

Admission Free

Floral Design Workshop

with Amanda Luther



Saturday 24th March - 10.00am-4.00pm

The Butts, Cherington

Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 5HZ

£60 per Ticket includes refreshments and 2 course lunch

By kind invitation of John and Beverley Beaumont

LIMITED SPACES:

To book please call Beverley on

07866 988355 or email beverleybeaumont@gmail.com

- Flower demo
- Professional Floristry Tuition all day
- Bring your own Easter basket to create your own design
- All flowers and materials provided
- Raffle

For more information please see our website at

www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk



Hospice at Home
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Easter at St Edmund's

Palm Sunday 25th March

10am Holy Communion with Palm Crosses

6pm Evening service with Passion Reading

Maundy Thursday 29th March

7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 30th March

10am Joint churches' Walk of Witness from RC church via town square to Methodist Church with Hot Cross Buns

Easter Saturday 31st March

10am-12pm: Easter Crafts for all the family – visit www.st-edmundsshipston.co.uk for details

8.30pm Easter Vigil - a candlelit service of Bible readings as we welcome in the Easter light

Easter Sunday 1st April

10am Holy Communion with Easter egg hunt

Shipston Town Council Annual Town Meeting



All residents are invited to attend the

Annual Town Meeting
on **19th April**
at **Shipston High School, 7pm.**

The Shipston Award will be presented at the meeting.

All welcome

For more information, contact the town clerk on 01608 662180 or clerk@shipstononline.org

All community groups are invited to submit their annual reports to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the meeting booklet. Please email submissions to clerk@shipstononline.org by 31st March 2018



SHIPSTON TOWN COUNCIL WOULD LIKE YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2018 SHIPSTON AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO YOU BELIEVE IS WORTHY OF THIS AWARD,
PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE TOWN CLERK:

Your Name: _____

Your address: _____

Person you are nominating: _____

Why you feel they should win the award: _____

Please include contact details for the person you are nominating where possible. Please send your form to: The Town Clerk, New Clark House, West Street, Shipston CV36 4HD. Alternatively, you can email your nominations to clerk@shipstononline.org. Nominations must be received by **31st March 2018**

Shipston Primary School



Puppy power

Children throughout the school were treated to a meet-and-greet morning with two adorable Guide Dogs, Verdis and Sparkle. Mrs. Hilton, who works for Guide Dogs, kindly introduced the dogs to the classes and answered many inquisitive and thoughtful questions from the children.



At playtime, children were able to see Verdis in action, as she skilfully navigated a playground full of hazards for a blindfolded Mrs. Chadwick, including toys, table-tennis tables, a scooter and a large crowd of fascinated children! Members of School Council also had a turn at being blindfolded and led. You can watch the video on the School Council page on our website - <http://www.shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk/school-council>

Later on this term, children will have the chance to meet a Guide Dog and its owner, David Adams, to hear first-hand how these amazing dogs support and change the lives of blind and partially-sighted people.

Following everyone's generous donations at all of the Christmas Productions (which raised a total of £297.56), School Council were able to make two wonderful donations to their chosen charities this year: Guide Dogs for the Blind and Make a Wish Foundation. The children then voted to sponsor a puppy called Poppy and will be receiving regular updates about her progress.

Stargazing

On Monday 29th January, Year 5 had an amazing experience stargazing into a crystal clear sky with Chipping Norton Amateur

Astronomy Group. First, we had a half-an-hour talk about the Moon, our Solar System and what images the sensational stars interestingly form. After that, we all rapidly rushed to the terrific telescopes, which were all positioned to the majestic Moon. Some were positioned at the craters; others had the full moon in view. Incredibly, we had to change the angle of the telescope every five minutes because the moon kept changing position.

On top of this, at 6:30pm we saw the International Space Station zooming through the sky at 5 mps (5 miles per second). Next, we went back in to get some fabulous hot dogs with some glorious hot chocolate. Finally, we went back outside to get one last lucky look through the phenomenal telescopes, which had changed position to view the Seven Sisters. It was one of the best evenings ever! Thank you to Miss Rose and Miss Hardy for organising, Mrs. Harris for making the hotdogs and hot chocolate and to CNAAG for bringing their amazing and expensive telescopes to school.

by Freddie, Kieran and Natty (Year 5)



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2018 had the theme of CREATE, CONNECT AND SHARE RESPECT: A BETTER INTERNET STARTS WITH YOU.

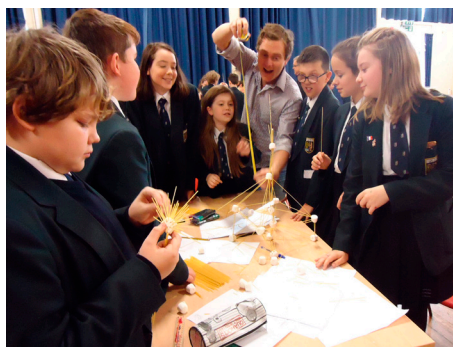
During this week, the children learned even more about how to stay safe online, including the age restrictions around social media sites, discussing ways in which they can be kind to others offline and online, the difficulties of recognising a range of emotions in a text message, post or comment and understanding how your own online behaviour can impact on others' feelings and friendships.

Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Shipston High School is at an exciting point in its development. The new building is close to completion and has already transformed the sense of arrival on the school site. Visitors now approach a contemporary building at the top of the school drive which provides a clear route to our new reception. I am delighted that we have secured this expansion and improvement to our school at this time and look forward to welcoming students into the classrooms. We anticipate formally taking control of the building after Easter.

The school has enjoyed a number of extracurricular activities recently, including several theatre trips. We are extremely fortunate to live so close to genuinely world class theatre, and it is always great to see our students enjoying the thrill of a live performance. Recent trips include Romeo and Juliet, A Christmas Carol and Twelfth Night. Each of these texts is studied by students at the school, and seeing the actors bring characters to life is a crucial experience in aiding students' understanding.

Trips of this sort are invaluable and show that an education is enriched by experiences outside the classroom. Students also go further afield. Our ski trip to the USA takes place over the Easter holiday and a Geography trip to Iceland is being run for the first time. These are great opportunities, and I am grateful to the staff who organise



and the families who support; you all enable the young people to benefit.

In February, our young people in year 7 gained an insight into the world of work with our Year 7 careers event. Students had the opportunity to reflect on careers that interest them, and to consider the skills and qualifications required. The day was really useful, and blended fun and learning as students worked in teams throughout the activities, including learning to work together by competing to build the tallest tower from basic equipment. An excellent day and proof that it is never too early to start considering the future.

At the top of the school our Year 11 students are very close to their final examinations. GSCE exams will take place in May and June, and students are preparing carefully for these important few weeks. I am really impressed with the work ethic and commitment to learning demonstrated by our students, and all the good habits of study developed at the school really shine through in year 11. Students know that they have been well prepared, and that these final weeks require a further concerted effort if they are to gain the grades they deserve. If you know anyone taking exams this summer, do encourage them; it is always worthwhile.



Stour Valley Lions**Save The Date ~ Country Gala**

The Lions are launching a new venture to try to raise money for our local good causes. Since the closure of our much loved book shop, we have less income to share amongst the worthy causes we like to support and we need a way to boost our funds. We hope that the community will put their best foot forward and really get behind this new event. It will be a Country Gala with something for the whole family. A keen focus will be on Steam Vintage Engineering Tractors and Classic Cars.

We are currently inviting owners of interesting steam powered or other vintage equipment to get in touch if you would like to show, demonstrate or display at the event. Please get in touch with Paul Garfield for more details on how to get involved on either 07828 589564 or paulgarfield@icloud.com

The event is being held at the Sheldon Bosley Hub on Saturday 28th July between 10.30am -5.00pm so pop it in your diary now so you don't miss it! Entrance is only £5 and children under 16 go free. There will be children's attractions, food and drink, stalls, and a whole host of interesting things to see.

Not To Be Missed ~ Fab Films

Pick up your Pooh Sticks and get yourself to the High School on Friday 9th March to see Goodbye Christopher Robin. A truly fabulous film not to be missed! The film starts at 7pm. Advance purchase tickets are £3.50 or £4.00 on the door.

On Sunday the 8th April we will be hosting another of our popular Matinee afternoons at The Townsend Hall. We will be showing Murder on the Orient Express which stars Kenneth Branagh, Penelope Cruz and Willem Defoe. Doors open at 2pm for a 2.30pm start. Tea and cake will be served during the interval and is included in your ticket price. Tickets are £5 per adult and £3 for children. We will be 'eyes down looking' for a raffle during the half time refreshment interval. Advance tickets can be purchased from A Clarke Electrical on the High Street or from Lion Judith Jackson on 01608 661148.

Please don't be put off if you don't have your own transport or you just need a helping hand to and from venues for both films. Please call Peter Hougham on 07530 540859 to arrange a lift.

Townsend Hall

The winners in the February 150 Club draw are as follows.



Member no 68 - £15

Member no 111 - £10

Member no 61 - £5

Congratulations on your winnings!

Shipston WI

President, Jackie Homer, welcomed Members who had braved a freezing night to hear Kate Allen, an Occupational Therapist, give a talk on 'Staying in Your Home Longer'. Kate has long experience working with the NHS and now works privately so she was able to offer practical advice on how to remain at home despite increasing frailty! Kate pointed out that difficulties start small - problems opening jam jars, household products with sides that have to be squeezed together (this was a particular bug bear), medicine bottles - these were all recognised by members, and addressing these problems with surprisingly simple gadgets can make an enormous difference to one's life. There is a huge range of products available to make life easier both for the person facing physical problems and also for the carer of that person. Our population is living longer and most are hoping to remain independent at home, so timely advice on how to cope with day-to-day mobility problems is valuable.



The Shipston Branch is very active and a number of outings and projects are planned for the Spring. Some members expressed disquiet about the recent increase in WI fees which readers may have seen in the national press.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 7th March 2018 at 7pm in the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, Shipston, when Alan Godfrey will be talking about the history of the Post in Warwickshire. Visitors are welcome to come, and maybe enjoy the evening so much they decide to join!

Skills Conference will bring business and education together

The worlds of business and education will be brought together at Warwickshire County Council's fourth Skills Conference in March.

The Skills Conference will take place on Wednesday 7th March from 8am-10am (free buffet breakfast from 7.30am) at the National Agriculture & Exhibition Centre, Stoneleigh.

Its central focus will be how business and education can work together to improve the supply and demand of talented young people for the Warwickshire workforce. Among subjects to be discussed will be: the impact of Brexit; the Skills Gap; current supply (with the very latest analysis); and potential changes ahead.

The conference will reveal the latest forecasts for future Skills supply and demand in Warwickshire. It will also provide an

overview of new initiatives and investment announced in the government's latest Industrial Strategy.

Business speakers will include Peter Jarvis, managing director of Warwick-based, Contechs, which recently made The Sunday Times Top 300 for international sales. Peter will describe the problems he has in filling vacancies in his workforce and talk about new approaches he is trying to tackle shortages and what support he would like to receive from local schools, colleges and government.

The event is free to attend but places must be booked. To book a place at the event and view the full programme, please visit: warwickshire.gov.uk/skillsconference

Shipston Town Band

Shipston Town Band is presenting a concert by Stour Concert Brass on Saturday March 3rd as part of Concert Brass' 20th Anniversary Celebrations.

Concert Brass is a community band set up to perform locally, and regularly performs in the town, playing for the Wool Fair, the Victorian Evening, Remembrance Sunday and at the Town Carol Service as well as performing at other events in surrounding villages. Yarnton Band is a community band based between Woodstock and Oxford.

Two years ago the bands combined to give a concert in Yarnton to raise money for the Esio Trust in Kenya for disadvantaged youngsters. Both bands are looking forward to joining forces again.

SCAN CONFERENCE 2018 "YOUR HEALTH & THE NHS" – BOOKING NOW OPEN

The next SCAN conference will take place on Tuesday 24th April at Stratford Racecourse. The theme will be Your Health & the NHS. Glen Burley, Chief Executive of South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust will present on the future of our local NHS Trust. The aim of the day is for people to understand more about how the NHS works locally. We will hear about the challenges of running a busy GP surgery and how Patient Participation Groups can make a difference. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and view stalls in the market place. There is no charge to attend the conference and there will be refreshments and a buffet lunch. If you would like to attend the conference but would find it difficult to get there please contact Marie Darwen (details below). The Conference is free for SCAN members but places must be booked. You can book by contacting Marie Darwen on 01789 260 108 or marie.darwen@stratford-dc.gov.uk

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ACTION NETWORK

Knitting and Crochet Club

The Knitting and Crochet group meets every Friday from 2pm-5pm at Rainbow Fields and is available to all ages and abilities. Anyone can drop in and you don't have to stay for the whole time. There is a small charge of £2 to cover costs and materials and refreshments are available at no extra cost.

We are also doing evening sessions from 7-9pm at Low Furlong.

For further information please contact Julie Pardoe on 07956 180989 or visit the group's Facebook page "Shipston knitting and crochet group".

Shipston-on-Stour and Area U3A

How politics can invade every detail of your personal life was described by Gudrun Berry as she spoke of her childhood growing up in the East German area of Berlin during the Cold War. She vividly remembered the building of the Berlin Wall and watched with her family as it was built higher and higher hiding their view beyond, which contained family and friends whom they could no longer see or contact in any way. Many tried to climb over the barbed wire on the top and were shot by the guards. Prisoners were kept in dreadful conditions to be exchanged for ransom.

Their own lives were ruled by the German guards who seemed to take pleasure in treating them roughly and rudely, making their lives as difficult as possible.

SHIPSTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

"The Club at the Hub"

Affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association

This new club started in October 2017, forming a team playing in the Banbury and District League, with social play on club nights



open to any member of the Sheldon Bosley Hub. The team is doing well, winning its last games against Bodicote and Millennium 9 – 1.

Home matches are on Wednesdays every fortnight or so, and other Wednesdays are free for club play. You are welcome to come along and have some introductory games. Regulars need to join The Hub (just £12 per year) and U-18s must be in the care of an adult member. The league season is from October to March. Next season we hope to run two teams and have a separate club night. For details or to arrange an introductory session please contact Nick Morgan on revnjm@gmail.com or 01608 664151.

Table Tennis elsewhere in the town

The U3A have a social table tennis group who meet on Thursday afternoons from 2pm-3pm in the Townsend Hall. With 4 tables there's plenty of opportunity for retired folk to play and new members are most welcome. Joining the U3A costs £13.50. Contact Dave Pettit for full details on 01608 663582 or dave.pettit@live.co.uk or just go along to the Townsend Hall one Thursday.



There is also a Table Tennis group linked to Probus at the Sports and Social Club playing on Tuesday afternoons – contact Richard

at richard.baldwin9@btinternet.com. Additionally, both the High School and Primary School have tables for use by their pupils.

All in all, there's plenty of "ping pong" in town!

They were first sent to the Red Cross refugee centre, later to Bad Reichenhall near Austria, and finally to a building known as The Sheep Barn. Rats and communal cooking were only two of their problems.



Eventually she managed to get to the West German side, where she was amazed to find the soldiers there were friendly. She met one English soldier, who came from Shipston-on-Stour. There were many obstacles but they eventually married in 1985, and she came to England living happily since then in Shipston.

Our next meeting is on 27th March at the Townsend Hall at 2pm, on Female Conscript in WW2.

Shipston Music Society

The Society's year started in brilliant form at our concert in the Methodist Church on 19th January when we were treated to what can only be described as virtuoso performances from Charles Matthews and Lynn Arnold. It may have been a cold evening outside, but inside the air was warmed by some outstanding playing by two popular local pianists.

The programme began with Beethoven's piano piece written for two hands, the Sonata in D major opus 6. This light-hearted piece was followed by Mendelssohn's Variations in B flat major, and Schubert's Fantasie in F minor, a delightful piano piece for four hands in four movements.

Beethoven's Symphony no 5 is possibly the most well known

of Beethoven's orchestral output; however I think no-one in the audience had heard it played as a piano duet and they were in for a treat. To say it was a brilliant performance is an understatement, and we were all mesmerised as the music, which was so familiar as an orchestral piece, was played to such great effect, showing perfect synchronisation between the two performers. After a joyous encore, the audience rose to their feet in appreciation for a really enjoyable evening of music.

Our next event is on Friday 16th March when we look forward to an evening of music by Marketa Nadvornikova, a young violinist from the Birmingham Conservatoire. You do not need to be a member of the Society to enjoy these recitals, we welcome guests at every evening. See poster on page 7.



Shipston Rotary Boat Race

Shipston Rotary has teamed up with Stratford Boat Club to organise a new kind of Boat Race on Sunday March 18th at the Boat Club in Swans Nest Lane.

Teams of four will row over a measured distance and against the clock. There are no worries about tides, rough water, getting wet or capsizing because they will be rowing the Boat Club's modern rowing machines! These are linked together and progress is displayed on computer screens. Up to 20 teams will be competing over a series of heats, semis and a grand final.

Why not get a team together. It promises to be a great sporting occasion and at the same time help to raise funds for Rotary charities. The Boat Club has excellent catering and bar facilities. Please see the poster on page 16 for contact details.

Alain Rouveure

If you drive from Stratford to Moreton on the Fosse you will see a sign saying 'Tibetan rugs and carpets'. Alain Rouveure is a Frenchman who gave up a successful career in graphic design in London after a visit to Tibet and, more especially, Nepal. It is easy to fall in love with Nepal and Alain did just that. Since then he has devoted his life, as he told us at a recent meeting, to helping and supporting an unimaginably poor village in Nepal. Do visit his carpet and rug gallery, the designs are beautiful and the craftsmanship extraordinary. Alain lives a modest lifestyle and any spare cash helps the people in Nepal. This was a fascinating talk and film from a man who is an example to us all.



Royal British Legion, Shipston Branch 'Why I Joined The Royal British Legion...'

My name is Gary Downs and I moved to Shipston with my partner Hazel three years ago. I joined the Army in 1977 as a sixteen year old apprentice boy soldier in the Royal Engineers. I remember being one of fifty lads reporting to camp on the first day and how, from that moment, the comfortable life I had experienced up to then, was turned on its head! After two hard years of training, the original fifty boys had whittled down to about thirty, as some decided it wasn't really for them.

After training I served in the UK and Germany for ten years, with my final posting at 33 EOD Regiment, working within a bomb disposal unit. I left the army in 1990 and followed the same engineering path in my civilian career. It took me a while to adjust to civilian life, as I found working relationships had different expectations and like most other ex-service people, I missed the camaraderie.

A couple of years ago I met the guys on the Legion stand at the Victorian evening who mentioned they meet at the Horseshoe for beer and banter on the third Friday of every month and invited me along. A couple of weeks later I was introduced to a great bunch of ex-Army, Navy and RAF guys and was very surprised to find that some were colleagues I had served with in the Royal Engineers!

The Shipston Branch are always looking to attract new people, so if there's anyone out there with military connections or interest who would like to find out more, please come and join us. You will be very welcome.



Readers' Letters

Letter from Guy Harris (edited)

Many will know the Lezzers, their name lost from my February letter. Fell Mill Lane leads the way. It is a public space used by many.

The Lezzers are now free of litter, but it gathers. The Council seeks a river path. [If] found, it will need care...could that energy be directed toward the Lezzers?

Shipston Centre is now a pleasure to use. Thanks are due to the care of the Lawns to Mow team.

District Council update

Pretty good news for Shipston

Only a 1% increase in the Stratford District Council (SDC) element of Council Tax (subject to formal approval by council)!

The government has also given us a windfall of £60k, which is going to be used to help speed up our Broadband. There was a lot of nodding at STC when Cllr Saint mentioned this. We all know that the BDUK maps of where you get superfast broadband are not entirely accurate.....in the Town Centre we are getting a new cabinet for High Speed - so I hope this will help us keep and even attract more businesses into our vibrant mix.

Now, prepare for more good news figures. I noticed from the WCC budget that Stratford District is the biggest contributor of all the Districts in the county. We put in about £20m more than the smallest contributor. So - you may see where I am going with this - I am compiling a shopping list based on the requests I have had locally. At the moment it is 8 dropped kerbs (minimum), signage at the Gyratory (already agreed), a contribution towards the next phase of the Childrens' Centre (agreed already). Perhaps some help with scoping the health services we require?

Let me know of your ideas - I have the ammunition to say that it's time the south of the county got some payback for all we put in! I said I wanted to shout loudly for you - I am being heard!

Please do come to my surgery - every Thursday mornings at the George from 10am. Or give me a ring on 07748968712. Alternatively, please email me on my SDC or WCC emails (see page 15.)

Jo Barker, District Councillor – Shipston South Ward

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



County Council update

Really good news for Warwickshire!



It's all about numbers this month. Productivity (don't yawn - bear with me) is 1.5% higher than the national average. This is compared to 10 years ago when we were achieving 10% lower than the national average. What a difference in just over a decade - as we have focussed on fixing and building the local economy, getting people into good jobs and creating a vibrant and confident business sector.

This is not the best news, though.....that is that Warwickshire has seen the fastest growth in productivity of ALL local authority areas in the Country at 30.4% between 2009-2016, higher than any other area and nearly double the rate for the UK as a whole (16.5%) and the West Midlands (16.9%). So we know we live somewhere special - but also successful!

There will be an increase in the WCC element of the Council Tax. With thanks to Council Leader, Izzi Seccombe, we have also fought for more money to deliver rural services (we all know it costs more to live in the country) and really importantly for us in Shipston, an increase in our allocation of funds for adult social care.

Oh and two final items - you will see the announcement on the front page of this Forum that the local NHS Trust has acquired land with help from the League of Friends of Shipston Hospitals - we can now begin to think about expanding our local medical services! Fantastic news. We are also far enough down the line with plans at the Childrens' Centre that I can tell you we are going to have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision for the area, which we desperately need, together with outreach workers into the community. I am working on stitching together the rest of the offer with volunteers and officers. I have been asked about the Food Bank - as far as I am concerned it will remain at the Childrens' Centre as long as this works for its users. I haven't felt this upbeat in ages!

Councillor Jo Barker

Shipston Medical Centre

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

Appointment reminders by text

Regular users of our service will know that we have been using text messages to remind people of their appointments for some time. Occasionally we also use text messages to let people know they may be eligible for a service, for example vaccination against the flu. On the 25th of May 2018 the law governing how organisations handle and process data about individuals will change. One of the implications of this is that the Medical Centre will require explicit consent from individuals in order to continue to be able to send text messages. We will therefore be routinely asking people for their consent and recording this.

Patient Newsletter

Shipston Medical Centre's Patient Group has been helping the practice by authoring a regular newsletter for us. Copies of the most recent newsletter and previous editions are available on our website at <http://shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk/Our-Services/Newsletters> We now have the ability to email

newsletters to those patients who would like to subscribe. If you would like to subscribe to this service you can do so via the link above.



Shipston Medical Centre

Online Services

Did you know that you can book appointments, order medication and look at details of your medical record online? To take advantage of these services please speak with reception.

In order to protect your information we do require you to provide us with identification before we are able to set up an account.

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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 Post Office | 01608 661465 |
| Shipston Forum | 01608 495955 |
| Shipston Recycling Centre | 01926 412593 |
| Stratford District Council | 01789 267575 |
| Townsend Hall | 07514 704057 |
| Warwickshire County Council | 01926 410410 |
| UCHW Hospital | 024 7696 4000 |
| Warwick Hospital | 01926 495321 |
| Local police (non emergency) | 101 |
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| Our Lady & St Michael | 01608 685259 |
| St Edmund's | 01608 661210 |
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Something exciting to share?

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

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

Forum copy deadline:
First Wednesday of the month

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

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STOUR VALLEY LIONS PG

A glimpse into the relationship between beloved children's author A. A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin, whose toys inspired the magical world of Winnie the Pooh.

**SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL,
FRIDAY 9th March 2018 at 7.00pm**

Advance Tickets £3.50 or £4 on the door.

From: A. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston On Stour.
Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608 661148

Interval for refreshments, drinks and snacks.

Disabled toilet and wheelchair access.



**NORGREN
BOWLS CLUB**

Presents a

SPRING PRIZE



Saturday 31st March 2018

Doors open 6.30pm Bingo starts 7.30pm



Stratford upon Avon Boat Club
&
Shipston on Stour Rotary Club



Indoor Boat Race

*The Indoor Dry Land Boat Race
on Sunday March 18th 2018
at the Stratford upon Avon Boat Club
From 2pm to 5pm*

*Competitive teams of four rowers
race over the University Boat Race
Course to raise funds for
Shipston Rotary Charities*

Entry £150 per team

*Please support the rowers or take
part. For details and entry forms
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