



Shipston Town Council reflects on a busy 12 months for the town

Shipston Town Council took a new approach to its Annual Town Meeting in April 2019, which saw the event focus on the town's many highlights across the year.

Annual Town Meetings are a legal requirement of all town councils and provide an opportunity to report on key activities over the past 12 months. Rather than focusing on detailed updates from council working groups, the town council decided to put the community at the heart of the event.

The meeting opened with a show reel of highlights from the last 12 months, featuring some of the town's main events and achievements as well as some of the council services.

For the first time, the town council invited those community groups who have received grants from the council for 2019/20 to accept their cheques and say a few words about their group. As a result, residents heard from over ten groups ranging from sports and music clubs to transport and voluntary first aid services.

The meeting also welcomed back a number of past town mayors who were invited to receive their 'Past Mayor'

medals. These medals can be worn at civic events and parades and will recognise the commitment made by individuals for their town.

Mayor, Ian Cooper, said: "I have been struck by the warm welcome I have received when representing Shipston at civic events across the region. That Shipston has such a strong reputation across Warwickshire and beyond is thanks in large part to previous mayors who have represented our community so well. These medals are our way of expressing thanks on behalf of the community for their work to support Shipston. It was an honour to present the medals and a delight to see so many past mayors in attendance."

The meeting, which was held in the Townsend Hall, was well attended by residents, many of whom are directly



Some of Shipston's past Mayors pictured with current Mayor, Ian Cooper

involved in clubs and societies in the town.

"I was delighted to see so many people at the Annual Town Meeting. As a town, we have achieved a great deal in the past 12 months and marked many important anniversaries, including the 10th Wool Fair, 20th Proms and 21st Victorian Evening, as well as the largest Remembrance Parade in honour of the 100 year anniversary of WWI. Thanks to the strength of our community, we have much to be proud of and while we continue to face challenges, it is important to reflect on our successes as a town."

Award for community service presented to dynamic Armstrong duo

The 2019 Shipston Award for community service was presented to Bob and Cath Armstrong at the Annual Town Meeting in April.

Bob and Cath are well known in Shipston for good reason - they work tirelessly to support local events and charities. They were nominated for the award principally because of their long standing commitment to the Shipston Wool Fair which they are heavily involved in every year.

But as Mayor, Ian Cooper, pointed out, this is just one of their many community achievements, which also include setting up and running the popular Tour d'Ilmington cycling fund raiser, many Rotary events and their efforts to tackle Polio which saw them helping out on the ground in India, administering the much needed vaccine to children.

On receiving the award, Bob Armstrong said: "We are overwhelmed to receive this award but must stress that everything we do is as part of a big team effort. Putting on community events is an act of faith and we'd like to thank



the people of Shipston who have given us such support. There is a real community spirit in Shipston and it is a joy and a privilege to live here."

Mayor's column

What a fabulous year it's been, I can't believe how quickly it has passed. As we saw at the Annual Town meeting, the past year has been a bit of a celebration of milestones and anniversaries.



As Mayor and Mayoress this year we have attended events and visited the towns and cities of our region and have found that wherever we go there is a genuine warmth that people feel towards Shipston. This is in large part due to the reputation that has been built over many years by those representing Shipston, it is important for our Town and it is why we recognised our past mayors at our annual meeting.

However, it's not all about how we represent ourselves, it's also about the strength of our community and how we make this work for the Town.

We had a great civic turn out at our civic wedding blessing in January, closely followed by the inaugural Mayor's Charity Ball, which not only raised £1900 for the Youth Club, but also increased awareness of the work that is going on and needs to be done supporting our younger and future generations.

As a Town Council we have reasserted our focus on young people, engaging their views and focusing on their future.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to all those who have helped make this past year such a huge success, including the Clerk's team, Georgina and Jayne, past mayors - especially Ronnie and Fay whose experience and reputation has been commended wherever we have travelled - all the volunteers and organisations that help make this community so strong, and to all my fellow councillors for their hard work and dedication towards Shipston.

Thank you everyone.

Ian Cooper

Spotlight on youth: Shipston's young people share their views

Shipston Town Council's Youth Working Group is made up of the Youth Ambassador and form representatives from the High School. The group met recently to discuss the ideas and concerns raised by High School students and the results of a Youth Feedback survey conducted by the Youth Club.

Focusing on the 11-18 age group, concerns were raised about lack of sports activities, work experience opportunities, public transport and social facilities specifically for young people.



Sports

Young people participate in a wide range of activities ranging from dance and gymnastics to netball, football, karate and boxing. However they feel that most of the holiday activities currently organised in the town are focused on primary school age groups with little provision for older children.

Suggestions put forward included multi-sports activities, summer camps, a youth sports hall, boxing club, gym facilities and more organised activities for this age group.

Socialising

Shipston has a wealth of social activities for adults, including specific activities for pensioners, but there is lack of facilities available for young people to spend time meeting up and hanging out together.

Feedback suggests there is a need for dedicated places to meet and socialise without disturbing others, offering warmth and shelter during the colder weather. Access to drinks and snacks such as pop-up coffee or milkshake bars would be welcome.

Work and travel

Those keen to work during their spare time feel there are few opportunities for work-experience appropriate for their age group. They would like to see local businesses engaging with young people to offer vacancies for part-time work, particularly at the weekends, but also for work-experience during school holidays.

Cost and frequency of buses is an issue for 16-18 year olds getting to school and it was suggested that ideally transport could be provided free for students to age 18 with perhaps Shipston Link helping to provide some of the services.

The report from the Youth Working Group also raised concerns that the anti-social behaviour of a few individuals risks tarring the reputation of young people as a whole. This is seen as a threat to the youth outside of this group who themselves want to feel safe in the community.

Mayor, Ian Cooper, said: "Our young residents have a lot to offer and I'm delighted that the council is now receiving direct feedback from them. We have noted the ideas and concerns and look forward to tackling some of these issues in the coming months."



News from Shipston Town Council's April meeting

Hot topics:

Church repairs: The wall at St Edmund's church has been repaired and trees pollarded in front of the church.

Medical centre update: The Medical Centre will be holding a patient meeting on 22 May which will include an update on the future site of the centre. See ad on page 14.

Five minutes of fame?: The Antiques Roadshow is coming to Compton Verney on July 2nd and is free to attend.

Oldbutt Road: The boundary hedge between the green space on Oldbutt Road and the Crest Nicholson development needs work to improve screening and health of the hedge. Town councillors were reminded that the situation should be monitored to ensure the green space and screening improvements are made, the self closing gate is installed and that flood risk is monitored.

Flood funding: Shipston Area Flood Action Group has successfully secured £30,000 additional funding which should be enough money to finish phase two of the natural flood defence work covering most tributaries to the south of Shipston.

Youth working group: Councillors noted the concerns and issues raised by the Youth Working Group and through the Youth Club survey. Representatives from each age group at the High School attend the working group. A new youth ambassador will be appointed in July and will serve from September to September in line with the academic year.

Planning highlights: An application to create four new dwellings on a site on Glen Close was considered by councillors to be in keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan as a windfall site allowing development within the existing town boundary.

In a separate development, councillors will liaise with the

applicant seeking permission to develop a garage block to see that the current prescriptive right of way remains.



Campaigning for Shipston:

Sheldon Bosley Hub/Enterprise Centre: Shipston Town Council is to register the Shipston Enterprise Hub as an asset of community value. This will not affect how the building is used but will give the council first refusal on purchase if the building comes up for sale.

Painting the town pink: General Purposes Working Group is to reinstate the pink paint campaign to tackle dog fouling but this time will be leaving a clear 'pick it up' message thanks to a stencil designed to send out a clear instruction to dog owners.

Town Council business:

Uncontested election: As there were fewer than 13 people nominated to join the town council from May 2019, there will not be a town council election in May. New councillors will be formally welcomed to the council at the next Full Council meeting.

Asset record: Martin Ferrier will capture photographs of all important community assets so there is a clear record.

Planning ahead: The Communications Working Group has established a policy which will guide the council on appropriate protocols in the event of the death of a senior public figure.

Allotment fee increase: Annual allotment fees will be increased from April 2020 by £4 for full plots and £2 for half plots.

Time to say goodbye

Five Shipston Town Councillors have opted to stand down from the council from this month (May). Between them, they have contributed considerable time and effort to the council and helped to support the local community.

Jackie Warner has been a councillor for 12 years and has been actively involved in a number of working groups and community initiatives, including the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012.



The town council is also saying farewell to Paul Rathkey, a long standing councillor, who was instrumental in the decision to purchase



New Clark House to maintain a base for the local police within the town.

Paul and Jackie have both served as mayors of the town in the past and contributed to the positive relationships the town has with civic dignitaries across the region.

Martin Ferrier and Brian Cooper have been on the council for several years and have devoted much of their time to improving the council's understanding of and response to complex planning applications, giving the council a greater voice over planning decisions. They were both involved in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.



Brian Healey has also decided not to rejoin the council due to work commitments. In what has been his second stint as councillor, Brian brought expertise that has been particularly helpful to the General Purposes Working Group in maintaining sites around the town.



All councillors expressed their thanks and gratitude to the outgoing councillors whose contribution will undoubtedly be missed.

There will be one vacant seat on the council following this month's uncontested election. If you would like to be considered for the council, please contact the Town Clerk in the first instance.

Cubs enthralled by assistance pup

The Cubs had a fantastic evening learning about the help that dogs can give to disabled people. They met Ash – a four month-old Labrador who is in training with Dogs for Good.



Ladies to lunch to raise money for suicide prevention

Mayoress, Tina Cook, is inviting Shipston's ladies to join her for a charity lunch at the Shipston Rugby Club in aid of Papyrus, a charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide.

Tina came across Papyrus through a work colleague whose own daughter committed suicide and has witnessed both the devastating impact this has had and the solace and support Papyrus has provided.

To be held on Saturday 11th May, the event will feature a three course lunch, raffle and goody bags.

The Mayoress is keen to see as many people there as possible. Tickets cost just £30 and it's sure to be a lovely afternoon out, all for a great cause. To book tickets call the Town Clerk on 01608 662180 (see the ad on page 9)



Shipston Rugby Club marks end of the season with a double promotion

Both of Shipston Rugby Club's senior teams have had their hard work rewarded with an end of season promotion.

Following a series of wins, the 1st XV team will join the Midlands West (South 2) region next season, taking them from the third league to the second league. This will see the club playing against well established, substantial clubs so the pressure is on.

Club President, Dan Scobie, said: "Our goal next season is to establish ourselves well in West 2, build on this year's successes and finish mid table or above against the stiffer competition we will face".

The team's fortunes were helped by their prolific scoring record - they were the 11th highest scoring team in the whole of England at all levels, including the premiership.

There were celebrations, too, for the 2nd XV who were promoted to Warwickshire League 1 having won League 2.

Dan credited both the teams' success to a combination of the voluntary coaching team and the players themselves. Congratulations to everyone involved.



Shipston Rugby Club seniors (1st and 2nd teams)

Put health checks and screening before your spring cleaning

Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to take control of their health by getting any areas of concern or risk checked.

While living a balanced and healthy lifestyle is the best way to stay well for longer, there is no way to completely prevent the risk of developing conditions such as cancer, diabetes or dementia - which is why the council is reminding adult residents to take up GPs' offers of health checks or screening.

Understanding your risk of developing diabetes and making changes to your lifestyle to lower your risk of developing the condition can positively impact your health. A healthy active lifestyle is the first place to start when looking to lower your risk, however, there is plenty of support to find out more about how to understand your risk and making changes.

Screenings for cervical, breast and bowel cancer are routinely offered to adults by the NHS, while everyone between ages 40 and 75 is encouraged to take up a free health check from their GP every five years. Health checks are designed to spot early signs of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia.

When people become eligible (usually based on their age), they will receive a letter inviting them to attend or book a screening or health check. If there are no additional concerns, patients don't need to go for a screening or health check until they are invited. However, if there are symptoms or family history of a condition, it is recommended that people to talk to their GP about getting tested sooner.

To find out more, visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/health> or <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-health-check/>

Medical Centre Marathon

Three brave souls are limbering up for the Edinburgh Marathon on 26th May and need your help to raise funds for good causes.



Dr Tim Marshall, and Practice Manager, Rachel Vial from Shipston Medical Centre, and local resident, Melanie Trapp are preparing to 'sprint' for Shipston, having put in hours of training in preparation for the 26 mile challenge.

Running a marathon had been spoken about for some time, but fitness and nerves stopped it from happening, Rachel explained. "Tim came into my office back in July 2018 and told me 'we are going to do this'! Edinburgh marathon was picked to maximise our training time and because the route doesn't have too many hills!"

Melanie went on to say "We want to raise money for the Ellen Badger as it is such an established part of our community. It's great that the NHS are looking to redevelop the Hospital and I feel we need to help as much as possible to be able to maximise this opportunity".

Tim added "Running a marathon is daunting, but we've all been regularly training, and with our combined age of 123 we have all felt the health benefits. As well as raising money we hope to inspire our community to move a little more. We're not asking everyone to become marathon runners, just hoping to encourage people to walk where possible, take up a sport or even start with chair exercises."

All support is welcomed and anyone wishing to sponsor the runners can do so at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RachelVial1>. You can also drop in donations at Shipston Medical Centre.

Good luck team Shipston!

Events on our borders

May is promising to be a busy month with plenty of events not only taking place in Shipston but in the surrounding villages as well.

On 2nd May stock up on some local delicacies at the North Cotswold Farmers Market at Cherington Village Hall. Held on the first Thursday each month from 6pm-8pm, the market features stalls selling local produce and a hot supper and bar.

The popular Three Hills Walk on Bank Holiday Monday starts from Brailes Village Hall between 9am and 11am. Enjoy the superb views and work up an appetite for the delicious bbq, teas and cakes that will be available.

Also in Brailes Village Hall, the Shipston Home Nursing plant and home produce sale will take place on Saturday 11th May between 10am-12pm. Plants and produce can be dropped off on Friday 10th between 10am-2pm.

On 23rd May why not indulge in some retail therapy at a Summer Shopping Evening at Stalls Lifestyle from 6.30-8.30pm. Proceeds will be donated to The Time Out Group, a children's charity chosen by Shipston Rotary as their Tree of Life Charity in December. Tickets are £5 to include a glass of fizz and canapes. Contact Sally Keegan on 07710 252341 or sallykeegan19@gmail.com.

The Newbold Plant Sale at St David's Church on Saturday 25th May from 10am-12.30pm includes a tombola, produce stall and refreshments as well as plants. Donations appreciated, contact Gilly Marsden 01789 459168 or deliver to the Church on Friday 24th May between 3-7 pm.

Shipston cycling club – open day

Have you ever considered joining a friendly cycling club but not sure if it is the right one for you? Well, why not come along to our Open Day on Saturday 18th May at the Function Room to the rear of The White Bear, Shipston on Stour between 10am and 2pm.

The club was founded about 7 years ago and enjoys a membership consisting of men and women of varying abilities from the keen cyclist to those new to the sport of road cycling. We offer fully qualified ride leaders and highly experienced riders who can offer advice on all aspects of cycling. Although we are not a racing club members participate in many challenges including Ride London 100 miles, Ride Across Britain and Raid Pyrenean, but we have many leisure members too who ride purely for pleasure and the social aspect.

At the Open Day, Shipston Cycling Club members will be on hand to talk about the club's events and activities set to take place throughout the year, including various Sportives and holidays, as well as the type of weekly rides we can offer. There will also be a chance to try out a turbo trainer and to learn about basic bike maintenance.

For more information visit the website www.shipstoncycling.co.uk or call Andy Smith 07964 868246

Norgren Bowling Club: Forthcoming Fixtures

Wednesday 1st May 2.00pm Home vs Home Guard

Thursday 2nd May 6.15pm Home vs Stratford-upon-Avon

Saturday 4th May 2.30pm Home vs Little Compton

Wednesday 15th 2.00pm May Home vs Shipston Sports

Sunday 19th May 2.00pm South Warwickshire vs

Gloucester VPs

Tuesday 21st May 6.30pm Home Ladies vs Southam Ladies

Thursday 23rd May 6.30pm Home vs Northwick



MONDAY

Citizens Advice: Mornings, New Clark House. To book call 01789 200136

Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club: 6.45pm for 7pm, Catholic Church Hall. Penny Law 663871

Shipston Baby & Toddler Group: Term time only. 9.30-11am, Scout Hut. Contact shipstontoddlers@gmail.com

Knitting & Crochet Club: 7-9pm at Low Furlong.

Contact Julie Pardoe 07956 180989 or Facebook 'Shipston knitting and crochet group'.

Shipston Badminton Club: Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

TUESDAY

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

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

Rhyme time for under 2s:

10.45am Shipston Library. Free.

Age Concern Lunch Club at Stour Court. Stella 686224

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

Lego Club for children aged 6+: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 3.30pm-4.30pm Shipston Library. Free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Shipston Library 0300 555 8171

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

U3A Chicago Bridge: Social Bridge 2pm-4.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Roger

Smith on 238400.

Stour Valley Probud: alternate Wednesdays at 10am, The George in Brailes. Roger Smith on 01608238400.

THURSDAY

Little Fishes: 9.45-11.15 am, Townsend Hall. Baby and toddler group run by Stour Valley Baptist Church. £2 per child. 50p siblings. (Term time)

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

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

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

Age Concern Lunch Club: Alternate Thursdays. Gill Roach on 01295 680309 or Pauline Carr on 01386 700703

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

House.

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

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

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

Shipston Badminton Club: Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

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

FRIDAY

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

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

Age Concern Lunch Club

at Stour Court. Call June on 684218

Sit and get Fit: (formerly called Exercise for the Elderly). Catholic Church, Darlingscote Road, Shipston, 10.30am - 12-30pm. Alternate Fridays. Contact Ann Smith 01608 238400

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

May Diary

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

Time Bank Social Meeting: 1.30pm-3pm, Community Room at Stour Court. Everyone welcome

Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute: Defibrillator Demonstration and Aloe Vera products by Clare Barr. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519

4 **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

6 **Brailes 3 Hills Walk.** Start between 9-11am, Brailes Village Hall. See ad on page 10.

8 **Shipston and District Gardening Club:** The Wonder Of Trees by Mary Fenton. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, Shipston-on-Stour. Contact Tony Mitchell 01608 666933

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

10 **Rural Cinema:** Bohemian Rhapsody. See pg 9

11 **Shipston Home Nursing: Plant and Produce Sale.** 10am-12noon Brailes Village Hall. See ad on page 10.

Ladies Charity Lunch: see ad on page 9

13 **Holiday at Home** - see ad on page 9

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

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 Lion President Fran Stary, 07903 661881 or email zoneD@lions105m.org.uk

14 **Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN) Meeting** - see ad on page 10.

Shipston Flower Club: AGM. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School. New members or visitors are welcome. Contact Elizabeth James 01789 450359 or Kathy Little 01608 664882 for more information.

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

Shipston Proms Meeting: 7.30pm every third Wednesday, White Bear. New members welcome. Email: shipstonproms@gmail.com

17 **Stour Valley Carers Group:** Supporting Dementia Carers. 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance). A friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carol Ruthven 662706 or Lizzy Feather 686013

Singing Down Memory Lane: Reminiscence songs for people with memory problems. 2pm -3.30pm at Stour Court Community Lounge, Old Road. Refreshments provided. Contact: Barbara Smith 01608 662433 or David Hollingworth 07970 125566

Royal British Legion – Social: A social gathering of serving and ex-service members

of HM Armed Forces at 1930 hrs in the White Bear. If you miss the comradeship and friendly banter of your service days, do come and take part. Open to anyone interested in joining the RBL. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743

Shipston Music Society - see ad on page 7.

18 **Shipston Archery** - see ad on page 7.

22 **Shipston Medical Centre Patient Meeting** - see ad on page 14.

23 **Quaker Meeting for Worship:** 2.30 – 3 pm in St Edmund's Church, followed by a cuppa. Most fourth Thursdays. Contact 01608 661372 or 01608 238298. All are welcome. You do not have to be a Quaker to attend

Summer Shopping Event - Time Out Group - see article on page 5

Friends of Ellen Badger AGM: See pg 12

25-27 **St Edmund's - Flower Festival** - see ad on page 9.

25 **Totally Locally Street Market** - see ad on page 8.


26 **Royal Marines Concert Band** - see ad on page 7.

Community Songs of Praise: A programme with wide appeal of music and verse by local and talented people. 3.00pm St Edmunds Church. See ad on page 8



27 **Wool Fair:** 10am – 4pm The Town Square. See ad on page 16.

28 **Shipston U3A** - see ad on page 7

Planning Meeting Shipston Town Council-Monthly meeting of the Planning Working Group: 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact Georgina Beaumont 662180



Shipston Music Society
www.shipstonmusic.org.uk

Music, Friendship and the Cotswold Hills: a life of Gustav Holst
a talk by Angela Applegate of the Holst Birthplace Museum

The Methodist Church
New Street, Shipston on Stour
Friday 17th May 2019, 7.30pm

Guests £8.00 – Students £3.00
Accompanied children free
New Members always welcome
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With thanks to Ridgefield Garden Club, Connecticut Archives

T. S. ELIOT AND COTSWOLD GARDENS
Talk given by Graham Pearson, Volunteer Archivist, Hidcote Manor Garden

In 2002-3, Graham began researching Lawrence Johnston and how Hidcote Manor Garden was created from 1907 onwards. Graham and his wife transcribed diaries of Lawrence Johnston from the 1920s & 30s which lit the flame. He has subsequently visited libraries and archives in the British Isles, France and the United States to seek new information about Lawrence, his family and his gardens. This talk will focus on new research carried out in the last couple of years which has linked T. S. Eliot's visits to the Cotswolds to the discovery of fascinating old slides of Cotswolds gardens in the 1920s & 30s.

Visitors are welcome
Entry including refreshments £2

Shipston Wool Fair promises eclectic mix of attractions

What do wedding dresses and sheep shearing have in common? They'll both be featuring in this year's Shipston Wool Fair!

With just a few weeks to go, the race is on to finalise a packed weekend of attractions, including the Totally Locally Arts & Crafts market on Saturday 25th May, a community Songs of Praise on the 26th, followed by the Wool Fair itself on bank holiday Monday, 27th May. The Woolly Weekend will bring a mix of traditional attractions such as sheep shearing, meet the rare breeds, and the woolly marquee showcasing traditional wool processes and crafts. There will also be stalls selling treats and gifts as well as charities running games and competitions to raise money for local causes.



New for this year will be the wedding dress exhibition to accompany the flower festival, hosted at St Edmund's Church throughout the weekend. Both are free to enter but donations are welcome to support the upkeep of the church.

In the run up to the Wool Fair, the town centre will be decorated with hundreds of knitted and crocheted forget-me-nots to raise awareness of dementia. We're also hoping for a return of last year's giant knitted sheep on the gyratory – keep your eyes peeled.



Live shearing demonstrations will take place throughout the day, led by a local shearer who will demonstrate both traditional 'hand shearing' and more modern electrical shearing. Thanks to Derek Webb from Armscote and John Peebles from Willington, visitors will also be able to see some old vintage tractors in the high street – a far cry from the tractors we see in our fields today. The Town Band and other local performers will also ensure there will be live music to enjoy throughout the day.

Last but by no means least, the Wool Fair's local shepherd will be back with his trusty dog by his side to tell you all about the life of a shepherd and to answer any questions you may have. Make sure you pop along to meet him and his dog, who loves a good fuss. See the ad on page 16 for more details.

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 Town Centre on Sheep Street & The Bury

As part of Shipston's Woolly Weekend 2019
 Wool Fair Bank Holiday Monday 27th May

To support all aspects of our local community and provide local residents with a platform to promote their skills and services, Totally Locally are establishing a series of town markets. If you would like to know more or get involved please visit www.totallylocally.org/shipstononstour.

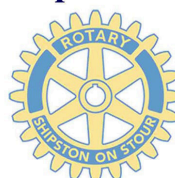
A WEEKEND BAZAAR FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Shipston Rotary Club Community Sunday May 26th at 3pm



at
St Edmund's Church Shipston

Please come and join us for a light hearted afternoon of hymns, songs and poetry, interspersed with music performed by talented local musicians and students from Shipston High School



Followed by tea and
homemade cakes



Donations to be divided
between Shipston Rotary and St Edmund's Church

"DRESS TO IMPRESS"
LADIES CHARITY LUNCH HOSTED BY
THE MAYORESS OF SHIPSTON
Proceeds in aid of



Bubbles on arrival

3 Course Lunch

Fabulous Raffle (including a donation
 from Jonny Wilkinson)

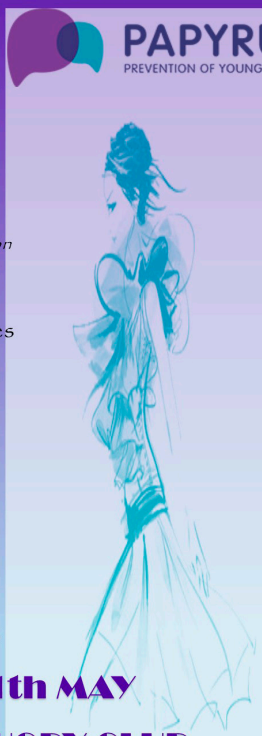
Goodie Bags and other surprises
 on the day!

Prize for most impressive outfit

Numbers are limited so reserve
 your place/table now.

Email: clerk@shipstononline.org

SATURDAY 11th MAY
SHIPSTON RUGBY CLUB
1.30pm for 2.00pm



St.Edmund's Church
 Shipston on Stour



FLOWER
FESTIVAL



With display of Wedding Dresses
 from Victorian to Modern



25th, 26th & 27th May



Coffee & Tea



Donations will go to improve
 Facilities in the Church



You are invited to.....

Holiday at Home's
River Regatta



Townsend Hall



May 13th
10am-3pm

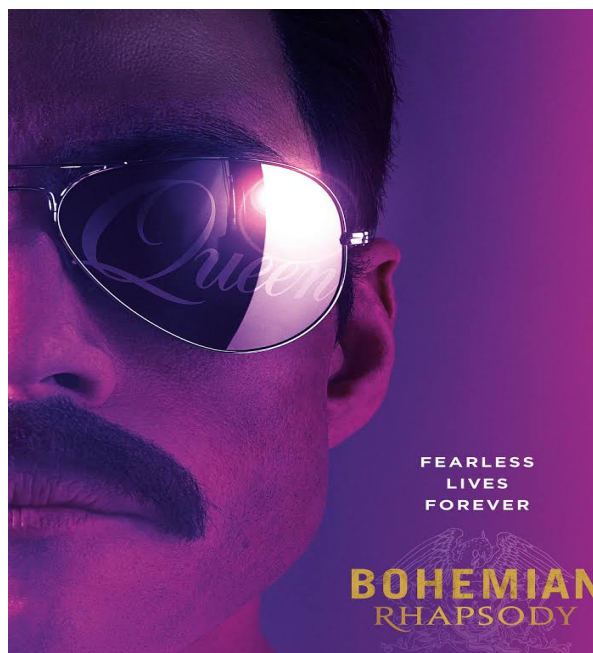


Crafts, games, quizzes,
 armchair exercises, refreshments
 and a 2 course lunch, £7.

Book your place with Rosemary 662584
 or Jude 663779

Arranged by Christians Together in Shipston

STOUR VALLEY LION'S CINEMA



TOWNSEND HALL,
FRIDAY 10th May, 2019 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 wheelchair access.

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SENIOR CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK



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SHIPSTON ON STOUR and surrounding communities

Tuesday 14th May 2019

Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour

10.00am for free refreshments

10.30am meeting start

Latest on the Ellen Badger
*from Sophie Gilkes, Acting Director
of Development (South Warwickshire
NHS Foundation Trust)*

**Update on progress towards
the new Medical Centre from
Rachel Vial Practice Manager**

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

NEW VENUE



PLANT & HOME PRODUCE SALE

Saturday 11th May

10am - 12 noon **Free Entry**

**Brailes Village Hall
OX15 5AS**

Plants (including vegetable plants), Jams,
Chutneys, Cakes, Biscuits, Marmalades, Pickles, Pies, Garden
Produce etc.



PLANTS & PRODUCE WANTED PLEASE

Delivery of plants and produce to Brailes Village Hall from
10am - 2pm on Friday 10th May.

For more information please call Fudge Ramsay 01608 680000
or Caroline Gunn 01608 663508

www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

Registered Charity 1162586

STOUR SINGERS

conducted by Richard Emms
present

Handel:
Foundling Hospital Anthem
Vivaldi: Dixit Dominus
Monteverdi: Beatus Vir

with
Susanna Fairbairn* *soprano*
Cathy Bell *mezzo*
Tom Raskin* *tenor*
Julian Debreuil* *bass-baritone*
*by arrangement with Ann Ferrier Artists

and the
Queen's Park Sinfonia

Saturday, 11 May 2019 at 7.30pm
St. Edmund's Church, Shipston-on-Stour

Tickets £12.50 from choir members,
A. Clarke, 27 High St. Shipston-on-Stour or at the door
(accompanied children free)



www.stoursingers.org.uk



BRAILES THREE HILLS WALK

MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
6TH MAY 2019

Start at Village Hall OX15 5AS
between 9am & 11am
£5 Adults / £1 Children

Join us after for the Three Hills BBQ with local produce
supplied by award winning Paddock Farm Butchery

PLUS BAR, TEAS, CAKES

NOT TO BE MISSED!

Brailes 3 Hills Walk or telephone Ben Venables 07800 749592

In aid of Friends of Brailes School and Brailes Sports Pavilion

Drugs Action Shipston

The tragic effects of drugs and alcohol misuse continue to affect our community and DASH strives to be a small part of helping our young people avoid getting involved with substance misuse. We are delighted that funding has again been granted for DASH to facilitate "Prison Me No Way!" to take place at the senior school. It is a dramatic re-enactment of the perils of getting involved with the drug culture and it sends out a very powerful message to our young people.



DASH has recently been in discussion with Craig Purcell our local Police Officer and from his perspective he wanted us to make sure that we encourage the whole community to play a role in reducing substance misuse in this area. If you see any unusual or suspicious activity which could possibly signify drug dealing locally, please report your suspicions to the police. This can be done anonymously via Crime Stoppers or a simple phone call to the local police. Details will be taken confidentially. For the police, the more information they have the better evidence they can form to interview suspects for further enquiries or ultimately make arrests.

We want our community to be as safe as possible and as drug free as it can be. It is only by working together that this can be achieved.

Dr Sue Pritchard
On behalf of the DASH committee

CRIME STOPPERS: 0800 555 111

Shipston Police: 01608 661415

Rotary

Caramba Theatre Company - "Three Piece Suite"

What do "Dear Cassandra", "Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde" and "Dinner for One" all have in common? They are all well-established, short plays, which have been acted as one overall performance at the Edinburgh Festival and also for Shipston Rotary, helping to raise good funds for the Club's International efforts. The Caramba Theatre Company, with Tim and Kate Guest as the main performers, taking on all of the parts, made for a first-class production for the audience to enjoy.



This is the second year that Tim and Kate have entertained with one of their productions for Shipston Rotary, each time helping to raise funds for the rewarding charity work that the Club takes on, especially this year with the tragic disaster situation in Mozambique. The monies raised have enabled the purchase of two Shelterboxes. They will each provide sufficient day to day requirements for a family of 10 (including a ten-person size tent).

Shipston Rotarians are very grateful to Tim and Kate for their continuing and wonderful support for these good causes and thank them for their time and their professional performances.

Lions - Lions Serving the Community

On the 16th March Stour Valley Lions conducted a 'can shake' in Shipston to support Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Campaign. This raised £350 towards a very worthy cause which provides care and support through terminal illness.



The Lions Clubs International is a huge organisation - in fact the largest service organisation in the world - with 46,000 clubs worldwide, 1.4 million members, and we are all volunteers. The funds we raise in Shipston and the surrounding area enable us to donate to local good causes such as schools, medical services and youth etc. However, we set aside 5% of our income for international causes. A small donation of, say £100 per club, when multiplied by 45,000 clubs, provides a substantial sum to supply help when and where it is most needed.

A good illustration of the help that Lions give are the terrible floods in SE Africa which are happening right now. Lions are on the spot with funds and speedy assistance channelled through the worldwide network of Lions clubs. We are proud to be Lions.



Music Society

The March meeting of the Shipston Music Society featured cellist Tom Pickles, a graduate of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire with accompanist Charles Matthews. During his time at the Conservatoire Tom was the winner of several prizes and awards and since then has performed in venues around the country.



From the first notes of Frank Bridge's "Four Short Pieces" one was captivated by the deep, sonorous tone quality of Tom's playing. The "Sonata no 2" by Francis Routh (present-day composer) is a powerful work displaying the wide compass of the cello and possible dynamic range. This was played with feeling and a real understanding of the music. At the end of the month Tom will perform it again at a concert with Francis Routh present. Then followed Sonata in D minor by Debussy and, after the interval, "Threnos" by John Tavener with its slow, elegiac opening featuring adjacent notes sounding together - one of Tavener's "thumb prints". Tom gave us a wonderful performance of it.

The programme ended with "Sonata in F, op.5" by Beethoven in which the final movement, Rondo, is marked Allegro vivace. It was certainly played with great panache and skill by both performers and the superb synchronisation of Charles with his soloist in the extremely fast scale passages left us all breathless. After rapturous applause Tom returned and brought us "down to earth" with an encore of unaccompanied Bach to conclude a memorable evening of music for cello and piano by composers from the early 19th century to the present day.

A Tale Of Two Cities – In Concert!

Stour Singers, directed by Richard Emms, will be presenting a concert reflecting two cities (Venice and London) and two centuries in their concert at St. Edmund's Church in Shipston on Saturday evening 11th May, at 7.30.pm.

Handel composed the Foundling Hospital Anthem in 1749, in support of Thomas Coram's Foundling Hospital. Handel not only wrote this anthem for a benefit concert, but he also donated an organ (a musical one!) to the hospital and gave an annual performance of Messiah in the chapel there for the last nine years of his life.

Some 50 years earlier, Venice's "red priest", Vivaldi, composed his 'Dixit Dominus' for soloists, double-choir and double orchestra, with the two choirs echoing and blending voices, combining with solo arias and the double orchestra.

Then, a century before Handel wrote the Foundling Hospital Anthem, Monteverdi - Maestro di Capella in Venice's St. Mark's Cathedral - composed his beautiful 'Beatus Vir', where the melody passes back and forth across the voices of the choir, to delightful effect.

Together with a solo performance of Handel's 'The Trumpet Shall Sound', from 'Messiah', these are the treats in store for the audience in St. Edmund's Church, with soloists Susannah Fairbairn (soprano), Cathy Bell (mezzo), Tom Raskin (tenor), Julian Debreuil (bass-baritone), and the Queen's Park Sinfonia.

Tickets are available from A. Clarke, 27 High Street, Shipston, at £12.50. Under 16s are welcome to come, accompanied by an adult, at no cost. For additional information, contact the choir's coordinator, Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587.

A Badger's Eye View - Please join us for our AGM

The League of Friends of Shipston Hospitals holds its Annual Meeting at 7.30pm on 23rd May and we are especially keen to get the widest attendance from residents from the town and villages surrounding Shipston.

Annual General Meetings can be off putting but not this one. We will hear Sophie Gilkes, the Director of Development for SWFT update us about the Foundation Trust's plans for the future of the hospital - what services should be in it, how many beds (and what sort), whether GP services should be on the same site and what is the future for any Minor Injuries service.

Most importantly it is your chance to share your views with a key manager who will oversee the design and content of our hospital for the first half of this century.

The League intends to launch a major appeal soon to ensure we get much more than a basic refitting of the hospital. Residents have asked for meeting space for community organisations, others have asked for out-patient consulting rooms to save on travel to Warwick and beyond. Younger residents seem to favour privacy in single en suite rooms while others like the company of open wards.

Come and share your views and preferences - the outcome of this development of the Badger will impact on us all.

Proms

Just six weeks to go until the start of Shipston Proms 2019 and we have a packed programme of events organised. Come along to our stall at the Wool Fair and pick up a definitive guide to see who is playing where and find out how to get involved as a volunteer. We will also have a raffle and some great prizes.



In March, we sponsored an event outside the Proms fortnight to give young people access to more music. The Drum Squad, a local drum tuition company held a Brazilian Samba workshop at Shipston High School. By the end of the session the students had learned a full, two-part Samba Reggae style groove from North East Brazil and could play it at full pelt!

The Proms continues to broaden its spectrum with a number of events for families, including a family dance party at the Townsend Hall and a musical picnic at the Scout Hut courtesy of Calypso Kids. New venues this year include the Wesleyan Chapel, Long Compton, Talton Mill, Newbold, and the Village Halls at Alderminster, Halford and Long Compton.

We will also have all the usual favourites, Helen Porter and her Pot Pourri, Songs from the Shows, the Young Musicians concert and music from the Town Band. St Edmunds will be hosting some musical coffee mornings.

Local singer songwriter Greg Brice, former winner of the Fame Contest, will be playing at The Blue Bean Café as part of the Café/Pub Trail, and Mr Blonde, a 7-piece band will be performing classic 70s and 80s tunes on the last night alongside the Britpop boys and Oliver Darling and the Living Legends.

There is still time for budding musicians to enter the Fame Contest, and the opportunity to perform at open mic night organised by Barney Porter. We are also running the shop window competition again so please dress up your windows with a 90's theme and you could win a prize.

As always get in touch at shipstonproms@gmail.com or visit www.shipstonproms.org for more information.

Quaker meetings for Worship

The next Quaker Meeting for Worship is 23rd May from 2.30pm – 3pm in St Edmund's Church, followed by a cuppa. Most fourth Thursdays (June 27th, July 25th). Contact 01608 661372 or 01608 238298. All are welcome. You do not have to be a Quaker to attend.

Winners in the April 150 Club draw are:

£15 - member no. 74
£10 - member no. 70
£5 - member no. 97



Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due for payment as soon as possible please. There are a few numbers available for new members - you have to be in it to win it! Please support your hall.

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Manor Adventure

Children from Shipston, Brailles and Acorns enjoyed a residential trip to Manor Adventure in Powys, Wales recently. The children experienced wonderful activities bathed in beautiful sunshine! Over the three days, children were always active in nine physically and mentally demanding challenges such as the zip wire, abseiling, climbing, archery and an obstacle course.



The children also learned how to canoe and kayak on the lake. The staff and Head Teacher were very proud of the pupils as they were a pleasure to take away and they challenged themselves in every activity, often surprising themselves with their hidden abilities, collaboration skills and determination to overcome their fears.

Science Week

For Science Week, we investigated which paper aeroplane design could fly the furthest and win the battle of the air between the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe, linking in with our current topic 'A Child's War'.

To ensure it was a fair test we used the same thickness and size of paper, the person who launched it and the number of throws. The only variable we changed was the design of the paper plane – Spitfire (darter), Lancaster Bomber (glider), Messerschmitt (swooper) and Junker (drifter). In my group, the Spitfire flew the furthest (8m), whilst the Lancaster Bomber flew the shortest distance (3m). Our predictions were wrong because we thought the plane with the largest wing span (surface area) would glide the furthest, even though they had wing flaps which caused some drag. However, we learnt that the more aero-dynamic (arrow shape) the design of the plane the further it flew because the air resistance was less.

by Jessica Wilsdon (Year 6 Flamingos)

Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

With a later Easter this year, it is easy to overlook how quickly the school year is progressing. Exam season is upon us, and we are also planning ahead for the next academic year. As I mentioned last month, we are delighted that our new year 7 students have received their offers for the autumn, and we look forward to meeting them at induction events in the summer.

Looking further ahead, families with children in the current year five will already be thinking about selecting a secondary school in the autumn applications. Shipston High will host an open evening on 26th September between 6.00pm and 8pm; all interested parents and students are welcome to attend. Interested parents will also be able to book a place on our open morning on 3rd July 2019. Between 9.00 and 10.30am we will present an opportunity to see the school in action. As this is a school day with students engaged in study, we do have to manage the day appropriately, so please telephone the school in advance if you would like to attend.

Wider school activities are an important part of our life here at Shipston High. This includes a focus on wellbeing. Many staff and students are thinking about how to manage the inevitable challenges of life with resilience and a sense of proportion. A recent study reminded us of the value of being close to nature, and we are extremely fortunate to be able to access extensive green fields for breaks and PE activities. I have no doubt that the views from the school grounds are amongst the most impressive of any school, and this benefits the whole school community.

Bags of hope

Before Christmas we collected lots and lots of pink and blue Bags of Hope to send to children in Syria. The Bags of Hope left for Syria just before February half-term. They travel as medical aid for the hospitals and some will be given to children receiving prosthetic limbs in One Nation P.A.L.S. (Prosthetic Artificial Limbs) clinic in Syria.

Reading Millionaires

During the week where parents were invited to read in class each morning and we celebrated World Book Day, we also presented more Reading Millionaire certificates. Congratulations to three more children in Year 4 and Year 5 who have read over a million words so far this year. At Christmas we presented our first five children with their certificates. Those five children are all now double millionaires, with Euan now a triple millionaire! The number of words are recorded from Accelerated Reader quizzes passed.



Thank you to the Rotary Club of Shipston-on-Stour for their £100 donation for books for our library.

Admissions

Although we are full in some year groups, there are a few spaces available in our school. The local birth rate suggests that the September 2019 Reception intake will not be oversubscribed so it is likely that we will have places available in our two Reception classes for children to start school in September 2019. Please contact Warwickshire Admissions to apply for a place - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool>. To visit the school and speak with the Executive Headteacher please make an appointment by calling 01608 661266.

Recent wellbeing activities include mindfulness sessions, yoga, and consideration of the benefits of thinking about others. Students are thinking actively about keeping our school environment pleasant for all, and have run charity activities to raise money for MacMillan cancer support. Well done to all students involved.

Exam season

Pupils in year 11 begin their final examinations for GCSE qualifications during May. This is the culmination of five years hard work at Shipston High School, and I am sure that everyone will wish all young people taking examinations well. The exams continue to the end of June, and pupils will be working hard throughout this time.

Staff and pupils are working closely to ensure that results continue to impress. The crucial thing is that our pupils get the grades they need for their next steps in education, employment or training; I have no doubt that they will all do their very best.



Stratford Tenants Action Association Group

The Stratford Tenants' Action Association Group is carrying out a survey in the Shipston area to collect information about service levels from Orbit Housing. This includes response times and efficiency in carrying out any repairs you have reported to them.

If you are an Orbit Housing tenant, please could you take a few minutes to respond to the following questions about repairs. This survey is completely anonymous and we do not need your name or address to be included.

Please provide the following information:

1. When was the repair first reported?
2. When was the first response received by Orbit?
3. What date and time was the repair carried out?
4. Which company carried out your repair?
5. In your opinion, were the repair personnel polite and efficient?
6. Was the repair carried out to your satisfaction?
Yes/No/Partly
 - a. If the repair was not carried out to your satisfaction, how long have you/did you wait to have it redone?
 - b. What was Orbit's response when you had to report the same repair?
7. Are there any other comments or concerns you would like to raise about Orbit?

Please return this survey to Shipston Town Council, New Clark House, West Street, Shipston CV36 4HD. Surveys will be collected on behalf of the Association by either Alison Noyce or Ken Rothwell.

We plan to use the anonymous feedback to work with Orbit to improve the service tenants receive. Thank you in advance for taking part.

Shipston Medical Centre



Patient Meeting

We want to hear your comments and opinions



**Wednesday 22nd May 2019, 7 - 9pm
Shipston Primary School, Station Road**

Update on practice team and premises

**The NHS Plan and what it means for
Shipston patients**



Light refreshments will be provided

Letter from Judith Harris

A huge thank you to the Shipston in Bloom volunteers for the wonderful daffodil displays around town. They're gorgeous & are brightening up all our lives. I am particularly enjoying the tubs that grace the Telegraph Street car park – they look like a beautiful splash of sunshine every time I open my front door so just wanted to say how grateful we all are for your hard work.

Shipston Medical Centre

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

Shipston Medical Centre

Let us know if you can't make it!

Shipston Medical centre would like to thank all the patients who attend their booked appointments on time each week. On average 94.5% of patients attended their appointments in March 2019. Where patients did not attend booked appointments 82 of these were with a GP, 57 with a nurse and 36 with a health care assistant.

We recognise that sometimes people's situations change quickly and it is not always possible to let us know when you can't attend. However, if you can let us know it enables us to offer the

appointment to someone else – if we had been able to do so for the missed appointments with a GP we would have had over 2 more days of appointments to offer.

Appointments can be cancelled via telephone or online for those patients who have signed up to online services.

We are often advised when patients miss appointments with other services. The top two most missed are physiotherapy and diabetic retinopathy (eye screening). Over 40 appointments with physiotherapy were missed in the first quarter of the year. Physiotherapy can make a massive difference to pain and recovery for those suffering with

musculoskeletal problems. If you need to cancel an appointment they can be reached on 01926 608068.

A relatively common problem associated with diabetes is loss of vision, and therefore all diabetics are offered retinopathy screening annually so any deterioration is picked up in the early stages and steps can be taken to prevent this worsening. Retinopathy appointments can be changed to a more convenient time. Tel. 0333 4567670.



Shipston Medical Centre

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- 24/7 renewal line	01926 499273
Highways customer services	01926 412515
Severn Trent Emergency Line:	0800 7834444
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Forum	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
Shipston Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:	01789 444670
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Churches of Shipston:	
Stour Valley Baptist	01608 664876
Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01608 661210
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Something exciting to share?

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

Forum copy deadline:
First Wednesday of the month

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

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**BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY**

**SHIPSTON
WOOL
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27TH

MAY *from 10am - 4pm*

IN THE TOWN SQUARE