



# Shipston Forum

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## Shipston Museum set to move to new venue thanks to local enthusiasm

Shipston Museum is set to move to a new venue thanks to the combined efforts of the Shipston on Stour and District Local History Society, Shipston Town Council and the Ashley family.

Shipston Town Council has agreed to lease Old Clark House to the History Society at a peppercorn rent, subject to a formal lease being agreed. Old Clark House has already been hosting a photographic exhibition - a project championed by the town council's Heritage, Amenity and Leisure Projects (HALP) Working Group. This new arrangement will see the exhibition expand to encompass all the treasures collected by the History Society since it formed in the 1960s.

Shipston has benefited from a museum since the 1970s, thanks in large part to the generosity of the late Mike Ashley and

his family who have provided a venue to house the growing collection of artefacts from the local area over the last 20 years. Mike and fellow historian, Dick Burge, regularly opened the museum to the public and passed on the stories accompanying many of the museums' exhibits.

Moving to a new venue will allow the museum to grow and be more accessible to residents and visitors. The photographic exhibition has already attracted people from far and wide - including a lady from America who was here on her honeymoon! The new venue will be led by the History Society, with support from the HALP working group and volunteers.

Bekky Hillman, local archaeologist and Director of the Shipston on Stour and District Local History Society, said: "I'm absolutely thrilled to have the town council's support in giving Shipston Museum a new home. The History Society has collected a vast array of interesting artefacts that tell a fascinating story about Shipston's past and it's wonderful that more residents and tourists will soon be able to enjoy these exhibits."

Mayor, Dan Scobie, said: "As a local



council, we are really proud to be able to invest in preserving our town's history by giving Shipston's History Society the opportunity to carry on the fantastic work started by Mike Ashley and Dick Burge. There are legalities that need to be completed but we are looking forward to seeing Shipston Museum open its new doors as soon as possible."

The new museum venue will be open to visitors as soon as practically possible. In the meantime, the photographic exhibition will continue to be open at Old Clark House, West Street, on Thursdays and Fridays from 1-4pm and Saturdays from 11am-4pm.



*Photos: Top right, Bekky Hillman and Mayor, Dan Scobie, celebrate the good news. Left, some of the many artefacts on display in the previous museum venue*

## Shipston aims to become a 'Healthy Town'

The Town Council has endorsed proposals to seek 'Healthy Town' status for Shipston.

According to Healthy Bicester, 'healthy towns' "involve individual residents, workplaces and employers, schools and nurseries, clubs, associations, volunteers and health and care services who are all working together to enable and support people to live healthier lives and to promote their wellbeing".

While national efforts to create healthy new towns are focusing on ten 'demonstrator sites' Bryan Stoten, Chair of the Ellen Badger League of Friends has challenged Shipston to attain the status of a 'healthy town' with the expansion of the hospital, including a wellness hub, and location of the new medical centre on the site being at the heart of the initiative.

A number of community groups and associations have already come together to set up the Stour Partnership Against Social Isolation and Loneliness (SPASIL), including Rotary, the Lions, SCAN, the League of Friends, Shipston Medical Centre as well as Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council.

The next step is to expand SPASIL into a Health and Wellbeing Partnership (HWP), which will allow a wide range of community groups to get involved. The new HWP will develop a health and wellbeing strategy, taking into account the emerging priorities arising from current plans and consultations.

Shipston Town Council has nominated two representatives to join the partnership. For more information about this initiative, please contact Trevor Russel on 01608 662514/ 07771 855214 or t.w.russel@hotmail.com

**Find out why this Olympic swimmer popped into Shipston Leisure Centre recently**  
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## Mayor's column



I want to start out this month by passing on my personal thanks to PC Craig Purcell for his service to our community over recent years. PC Purcell has become a well-known figure in the town, and the proactive and engaging approach that he brought with him has been recognised across the county as a great model for community policing. PC Purcell has now been transferred to the newly created rural crime team, and we wish him on-going success in his new role. We also welcome PC Sid Hammond to Shipston who has taken over from PC Purcell. You have big shoes to fill, Sid, and I look forward to meeting you in person soon, preferably in a civic context rather than criminal!

I'm sure that we've all noticed that the shorts and t-shirts weather has passed, and for the last few days we've been in wellies and raincoats. The clocks will soon be changing, and this always puts me very much into winter mode. All this brings to mind our preparedness for the onset of winter weather. Just the recent rains have seen water ingress into the Mill Street carpark so it's worth keeping an eye on the weather if you regularly park there. We are, however, in a much better position than we were thanks to the efforts of Shipston's Flood Action Group - you can read their latest report on page 11.

The changing seasons also bring with them some great new events in Shipston, the nearest of which is the fireworks at the Sports Club. This is a really enjoyable event for the town and is a great fundraiser for the club which needs our support now as much as ever. The Sports Club is a fantastic asset for the town and provides a range of sporting opportunities for children and adults alike so is certainly well worth supporting. It would be great to see as many as possible supporting the club, so I certainly hope to see you there.

**Dan Scobie**

## Preparing for Remembrance Sunday

By the time the Forum is published, the annual Poppy Appeal will be well underway. Please give generously - and if you would like to volunteer as a collector, please contact the Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion (contact details below).

On 10th November, the town will come together to observe Remembrance Sunday.

The Service of Remembrance will take place in St Edmund's at 10:45, preceded by the parade and march to church.

The parade forms up in the High Street outside the George Hotel and all those involved should be ready to march off promptly at 10:30. Shipston Town Band will accompany the parade and it is hoped that many community groups will take part.

Legion Branch members plus any non

member service or ex service personnel are requested to parade, with medals worn. The parade will halt outside St Edmund's where wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial before everyone enters the church. After the service, the parade will march back to the High Street. Following falling out there will be the normal social gathering in the George Hotel.

On Monday 11th November - Armistice Day - Two Minutes Silence will be observed in the High Street in front of the George Hotel. Please attend if you are able to.

For further information about any of the above, contact Branch Chairman Richard Adams on 07961452182 or richardadams5@hotmail.com.



## Don't be tricked by health lottery scam, warns WCC

Bogus 'Health Lottery UK' letters are being delivered locally according to Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service.

Trading Standards Officers have received complaints from concerned residents about a scam 'health' related lottery letter, falsely claiming that the recipient has won £420,000. The letter claims that the recipient has been randomly chosen by computer from an NHS database and asks the recipient to phone a 'Dr Ruben Sanders' to claim their prize. The letter is addressed 'Bank St. Canary Wharf London' and is signed 'Dr D. Hoff'.

Action Fraud has issued some useful advice on protecting yourself against lottery fraud

- Never respond to any such communication. If you haven't entered a lottery then you can't have won it.
- Any request for a fee payment is a good indication that someone is trying to defraud you.

**FAKE**

- Never, ever disclose your bank details or pay fees in advance.
- Be suspicious of addresses such as @hotmail.com or @yahoo.com or numbers beginning with 07 because these are free to get hold of.
- If they ask you to keep your win a secret it's likely to be a fraud.
- Many fraudulent lotteries have bad spelling and grammar.

The genuine Health Lottery (<https://www.healthlottery.co.uk/>) is aware of these scam letters and has alerted Action Fraud.

For more help and advice, or to report a fraud, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

## Interested in editing the Forum? Now's your chance

The current Shipston Forum contract comes to an end in March 2020 and Shipston Town Council is keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking on the role of editor.

Catherine Martin, who has edited the Forum for almost nine years, has decided

to step down at the end of the current contract. The council now wants to hear from an individual or company keen to take on a new challenge.

For details on how to register your interest, see the advert on page 10.



## News from Shipston Town Council's October meeting

### Hot topics

**Graffiti on the rise:** Councillors expressed concern about the rise in graffiti in the town. The police are aware of who is responsible and are dealing with the issue but councillors agreed to act swiftly to report any further sightings. Warwickshire County Council is looking at how to remove the graffiti from Shipston Bridge.

**Police changes:** PC Craig Purcell has left Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team to join the Rural Crime Team. Councillors thanked Craig for the excellent work he has done in and around Shipston. Councillors were also pleased to welcome PC Sid Hammond, who has taken over from Craig.

**Youth working group update:** Progress is finally being made regarding CCTV at the Skate Park, thanks in large part to Adrian Ramskill and Rotary.

**New location for Youth Club:** The Youth Club is now meeting at the Sports Club rather than the High School due to damage to an underground pipe which meant the previous building was no longer suitable.

**Overgrown paths:** Peter Cox reported a problem with overgrown vegetation in Orchard Close and it is unclear whether Orbit or Highways are responsible for the area. The Town Clerk will follow up.

**Green bin recycling:** Ian Cooper raised concerns about the potential impact of district council plans to start charging for collecting garden waste. In his view, this could lead to a reduction in recycling and increase in fly tipping. However, district councillor, Trevor Harvey, pointed out that the service was not a statutory responsibility and that the district council is anticipating a significant increase in recycling costs when it comes to retender contracts in two years' time. The district council consultation is open until 19 November via: [stratford.gov.uk/gardenwasteconsultation](http://stratford.gov.uk/gardenwasteconsultation).

**New defibrillators:** A defibrillator will be installed at Shipston Rugby Club by Shipston Community First Responders. Another defibrillator is also due to be installed at New Clark House.

**Lighting issue resolved:** Complaints raised about the impact of lighting at the new nursing home on neighbouring properties have been resolved thanks to action being taken by those on site to tackle the problem.

### Campaigning for Shipston

**Healthy towns status:** Shipston Town Council voted to

support an initiative led by SCAN to seek Healthy Town status for Shipston. Councillors endorsed the objectives of the healthy town partnership and supported the setting up of Stour Valley Health and Wellbeing Partnership. John Dinnie and Marianne Westwood have both been elected to represent the town council on the new partnership.

**Securing s106 money:** Paul Tesh and Ian Cooper have been working on tracing back s106 money promised and received following recent developments. The work is ongoing and designed to ensure the town council does receive all the local contributions agreed with developers.

**Hanson Track improvements:** Councillors congratulated Marilyn Chalmers on the work she has led to improve Hanson Track. More help is needed to continue improving the footpath for residents but it is already much more useable than previously.

### Town council business:

**Recycling bins:** Local resident, Julie Pardoe, has purchased new recycling bins to enable the town to recycle a number of materials not currently included in kerb-side recycling. The new bins are installed at St Edmund's Church. The Finance Working Group will look at preparing a recommendation for the town council to cover the cost of the bins which is just under £80.

**Housing Needs Survey:** Tenders are coming in in response to the council's request for bids to undertake a new Housing Needs Survey. The submissions will be assessed at the next Planning Working Group.

**Tree survey:** Shipston Town Council has agreed to appoint Tree Tech to carry out an inspection of approximately 400 trees in the town.

**Playground repairs:** Repairs to the London Road play area will be delayed until November to make sure children can access the area during half term.

**Welcome to Gerry Kelly:** Councillors formally welcomed Gerry Kelly to the town council for his first meeting. One of Gerry's first tasks will be reviewing the emergency plan and flood response plan for the town.

Gerry was presented with his councillor medal by Mayor, Dan Scobie (picture below).



### Correction:

We incorrectly reported last month that Shoulderway Lane Allotments won first prize in the Moreton Show allotment competition.

In actual fact it was New Street who won first prize - apologies for the error and congratulations to the New Street allotment holders.



## Local swim teacher receives surprise visit from four-time Olympic Medallist

Award-winning Shipston swim teacher, Suzanne Verralls, recently received a surprise visit from Team GB swimmer, Rebecca Adlington.

The Olympian visited Shipston Leisure Centre, managed by Everyone Active in partnership with Stratford District Council, to surprise Suzanne and present her with the Everyone Active Swim Teacher of the Year 2019 Award.



Suzanne scooped the award for her commitment to continuously bettering her own teaching skills, as well as her ability to help people of all ages to build their confidence in the pool and consistently working to a high standard. Her students develop fantastic abilities throughout all levels of the swim scheme, proving the quality of her teaching.

Swim Teacher of the Year 2019, Suzanne Verralls, said: "I'm speechless! I had no idea I had won, everyone's kept it very quiet, and I can't believe I have won this award for simply doing what I love!"

"I've been teaching swimming here for over 10 years and really enjoy seeing my students develop their skills and become more confident in the water, especially when they get to grips with something they have been struggling with and achieve their goals."

Speaking about her surprise visit, Adlington said: "I'm delighted to be here to celebrate Suzanne's incredible commitment to teaching swimming... I'm so honoured to be a part of this award and celebrate an incredible teacher who's inspiring the next generation - plus the expression on her face when I walked in was priceless!"

Jacqui Tillman, Group Swim Manager at Everyone Active said: "Suzanne is fantastic. She always goes above and beyond to make sure her students get the most out of their lessons. She's always looking to improve too, and is now planning to gain her aqua fit qualification to help more Shipston residents keep active in the water."



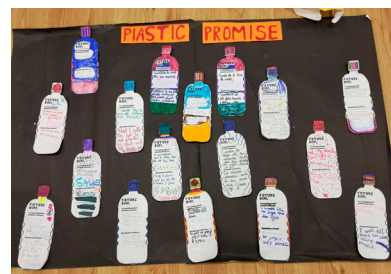
For more information about the activities at Shipston Leisure Centre visit [www.everyoneactive.com/centre/shipston-leisure-centre/](http://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/shipston-leisure-centre/).

## 1st Shipston Brownies tackle plastic waste

On Monday 1st October, 1st Shipston Brownies brought in bags of plastic waste they had collected from the previous week to see how much we had used. They were very shocked at the amount.

This was part of the first Future Girl Acts which began in October in partnership with Recycle Now to help tackle plastic pollution.

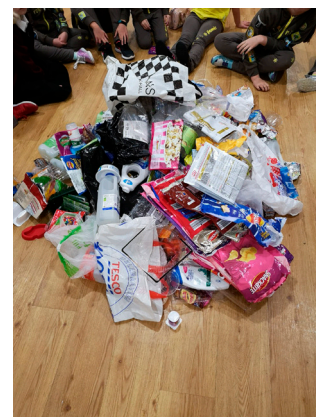
The girls made animal creations from the plastic waste including a butterfly, jellyfish and hedgehog. They also each made a plastic promise to help reduce the plastic waste that chokes our planet.



Most opted to spread the word by telling family and friends about their project but some pledged to carry a reusable refillable water bottle.

As part of the Future Plastic the Brownies were also asked to save and bring in crisp packets which will be put in the recycling box installed at the church as part of the new recycling scheme there.

Please help with the plastic promise by thinking how you could reduce your plastic use.



## Rotary Victorian Evening set to kick start Christmas

When the Christmas lights are switched on in the town, the Christmas Tree becomes a mass of lights, and Father Christmas arrives in his grotto, the sense of excitement is palpable. It means the Rotary Victorian Evening is here and the joy of Christmas is just round the corner.

Shipston Rotary created the Victorian Evening to promote Shipston and show Rotary's commitment to the town and its people and families. The Victorian Evening showcases Rotary's role in the community as a positive force for good, helping out where it can by tirelessly raising money for many local charities and good causes.

The Victorian Evening brings together school choirs, Shipston Town Band and many local businesses in what always becomes an exciting and busy market event. As well as heralding the start of the festive season in Shipston, it is also Rotary's chance to thank all those who so generously support their work.



Shipston Rotary will put on many old favourites at the Victorian Evening as well as new attractions. The action starts with the choir singing carols from 5.45 on Friday 6th December, with the lights due to be switched on at 6pm.



## The sky's the limit for Shipston Cycle Club

Nine riders from Shipston Cycling Club (SCC) completed the recent Reach for the Skies ride, which started and finished at Ebrington Village Hall.



The challenging 21-mile route took in local landmarks including Dover's Hill, Willersey Hill, Bakers Hill and Lark Stoke. Willersey proved a particularly demanding ascent, with gradients topping 20%.

Shipston riders Alex Macrae and Robin Hughes finished in the top 10, while club colleagues Paul Sayer, John French and Gary Gristwood finished in the top 20. Paul Spalding, Sarah Wight, Andrew Williams and Jez Cooper also successfully completed the challenge.

The riders were greeted at Ebrington by fellow SCC members, taking part in the club's regular Sunday morning ride.

Shipston Cycling Club is a British Cycling-affiliated club and runs weekly Sunday club rides from Shipston Leisure Centre. Keen to take part? Timings and route details are regularly updated on the club's website, where contact details can also be found: [www.shipstoncycling.com](http://www.shipstoncycling.com).

## Sunflowers raise thousands for Shipston Home Nursing and Springfield Mind

Lodge Farm at Kineton raised a massive £5,334 for charity, by selling pick-your-own sunflowers for six weeks. The total, which beats last year's sum by nearly £2,000, will be split between two charities, Shipston Home Nursing and Springfield Mind.



*Emma Wright from Lodge Farm, who raised £5,334 for local charities by selling pick-your-own sunflowers*

Emma Wright, and her daughter Gilly, worked tirelessly, also supplying drinks and brownies. Emma chose to support Shipston Home Nursing for the last two years, due to connections with Gary Hickman and Bob Thompson, who were helped by the charity's nurses, whilst their wives were extremely poorly. Emma, and her husband James, will be supporting Shipston Home Nursing again next year.

Rebecca Mawle, Head of Community Fundraising for Shipston Home Nursing, said: "I am so grateful to Emma and her family. Having met them all and recognised the hard work they have put into this project. I am delighted that they've exceeded last year's total - a testament to their loyalty and commitment. What a fantastic result, thank you so much!"

Shipston Home Nursing relies on the support of the local community to help continue its vital services, which are free of charge. The charity cares for patients with illnesses which do not respond to curative treatment and who wish to be nursed at home. The nursing services are managed through a team of Registered General Nurses specialising in palliative care, and Health Care Assistants. The Charity cares for the patient and their family in their own homes throughout the period of their illness.

## Shipston Charities support more young people

On behalf of the trustees of the Shipston on Stour Charities, Richard Taylor attended the Town Council to report on the money given to youngsters leaving school to attend college, university or other education. The charity received 17 applications and distributed £1480 in total. Replies from some of the recipients suggested the grants were well received.

## Harvest Fest with a Heart



The recent Low Furlong Harvest Fest focused on the benevolence of the local community, showcasing the good deeds of individuals championing worthy causes. The Mid-Warwickshire Cats Protection delivered a presentation illustrating all the valuable work they do rescuing, fostering, nursing and rehoming our feline friends in need. Local resident and OneNation advocate, Vicky Flynn, helped residents and visitors understand the humanitarian crisis in Syria with an emotive slideshow, and explained how everyone can make a difference in the lives of those caught in the crossfire with her "Bags of Hope" project. The Low Furlong family was proud to make monetary donations and donations of goods, and looks forward to supporting both causes on an ongoing basis.

Over the previous month, Low Furlong also amassed goods for the local food bank, generously contributed by relatives and visitors. These have now been handed on to be distributed where they can do the most good.

Bringing smiles to faces, the special guest at Low Furlong's Harvest Fest was



Boo, the miniature horse. Pint-sized Boo and her handler, Yvette Colson, delighted residents with a visit, with everyone getting a chance to give Boo lots of fuss. Even residents who couldn't leave their rooms got to enjoy a nuzzle, as the "Therapony" service went door-to-door around the home.

"Many of our residents are from the Shipston area," explained Wellbeing Manager, Sarah Fardy, and it really matters to us that they still get to enjoy local links and that sense of belonging and contributing to their town."

## Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



### Harvest Festival

Over 500 staff, parents, carers, family members and children filled St. Edmund's Church pews, choir stalls, chancel, and transept for our annual Harvest Festival last Friday.



Mr. Roberts and Reverend Nicholas Morgan welcomed the congregation with an opening prayer and after a hymn the majority of the service was led by our Year 6 Flamingos class who read poems, bible readings and prayers. Many thanks to all our families for such generosity with the dried and tinned goods donated to our local Foodbank, a service that is being used year on year in our community.

### Year 3/4 Golf Tournament

In September, four children from Year 4 made a short 'drive' to Feldon Valley Golf Club in Brailes to take part in a competition against the other schools in our cluster. They took part in games which use three skills required for golf: driving, chipping and putting. All of the children worked hard to earn points for themselves and the team. They all 'pitched' in during the afternoon, 'putting' themselves in place to celebrate finishing third overall, a great achievement as none of them had ever played the game before. Special congratulations go to Eddie,



who won the longest drive competition.

Thanks to Feldon Valley for hosting us. If you are interested in your children learning to play golf, Feldon Valley hold children's coaching sessions every Sunday. The first lesson is free. Please contact Ozkan Baykal at the club for further details - ozkanpga@gmail.com.

### Website refresh

Over the summer holiday a lot of work was done to redesign the school website with a fresh new look and a better experience for parents, pupils and the community. In the Parents section you will find lots of useful information including our wraparound offer, term dates and school clubs. In the Classrooms section you will find the curriculum topics for each year group, plus key texts. Curriculum newsletters for each topic are also uploaded here: [www.shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk](http://www.shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk).

### Garden Volunteers

Thank you to parent volunteer Becky Hedderman and lunchtime supervisor/cleaner Sam Taylor who gave up a Saturday morning to clean out the pond in the courtyard garden. The children have commented on how lovely it looks now and I'm sure the fish and frogs agree too! Thanks to office staff Debbie Brogan and Margaret Freeman for doing some planting in the courtyard and pots outside, Sam has also painted one of the benches in the courtyard to make it a more appealing space for our children.

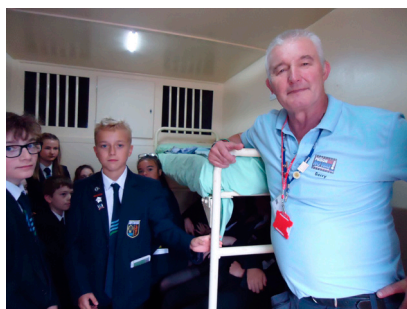
We are always looking for volunteers to help with our gardening projects around the school so please get in touch if you would like to be involved - [primary@shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk](mailto:primary@shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk).

## Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Shipston High School has had an energetic start to the year. We are now half a term into our studies and students have made a great start. All year groups face new challenges, including getting used to a new school for our Year seven, and the pressures of GCSE study for our Year ten and eleven. Years eight and nine also have to rise to the challenge of an increasingly demanding curriculum. All students have begun the year extremely well, creating a learning focussed atmosphere in all areas of school life.

As part of our work on Personal Social Health Education (PSHE), we recently hosted visitors from the Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Red Cross, Police, CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre), the Prison Service and other organisations for a Crime and Safety Awareness day. The aim of the day was to raise awareness among young people of the consequences of crime. The activities were designed to discourage young people from making a mistake that could adversely affect their adult lives.

Workshops this year included Prison Life, Drugs awareness, Knife Crime and Making the Right Choices. Students also had the chance to experience what the inside of a prison cell



looks like, forcibly bringing home the message that actions have consequences. This hugely successful and valuable event for Year 8 and 9 students has been run in school for the past 12 years. The students involved were very attentive to the fascinating insights of the visiting professionals, asking thoughtful and sensitive questions.

The event, organised by the No Way Trust, is supported by Drug Action Shipston (DASH), to whom we are extremely grateful; a really clear example of the community working together to create a positive future for our young people. To find out more about the charity, please visit their website at [www.pmnw.co.uk](http://www.pmnw.co.uk).

Shipston High PE department continues to inspire students to get involved in sport. Hockey practice is hugely popular, with over 60 students regularly attending. For those who like a new challenge, the school recently participated in the County Championship for the emerging game of Footgolf, becoming gold medal champions at the first attempt – well done to all involved.

Finally, it was great to see students hosting and participating in a cake sale for Macmillan in the last few weeks. Many cakes were bought and enjoyed and all for a good cause. All such activities are driven and organised by the students themselves; a really positive commitment to charity and community from everyone involved.





**MONDAY**

**Citizens Advice:** Mornings, New Clark House. To book call 01789 200136  
**U3A Chess Club:** U3A For details call Ian on 01608 662565.

**Walking for Health - short walks at a gentle pace:** 10-11am Bridge Car Park. All welcome. Contact Bob on 665995 or just turn up.

**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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

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

**Stour Valley Probus:** Alternate Wednesdays at 10am, NEW VENUE: Shipston Sports and Social Club. Roger Smith on 01608 238400.

**THURSDAY**

**Little Fishes:** 9.45-11.15am, 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 Lynda, Gerrards Rd, Shipston. 07934 203666

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Shipston Archers:** For the winter season: Indoors at Shipston High School, 6pm until 8pm. Beginners welcome. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646

**FRIDAY**

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

**Shipston Probus:** alternate Fridays, Shipston Sports Club, Contact Tony 01608 663407

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

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

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

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

**SATURDAY**

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

**Shipston Archers:** For the winter season: Brailles Village Hall Pavillion, 1pm- 3.30pm. Beginners welcome. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646

**November Diary**

1 **Shipston Home Nursing: Designer Sale:** see ad on page 16

1 **Sports Club Fireworks Night:** see pg 16

1-2 **Lions Pop Up Book Shop:** see ad on p.8

2 **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

2-3 **Contemporary Arts Fair:** See pg 11

6 **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:** Speaker - AGM with Table Top Sale and have a go Craft evening. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519

8 **Rural Cinema - Tolkein:** see ad on pg 16

11 **Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Mrs Jarvis. 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 Paul Macpherson, 682102 Mobile: +44 7725 105677

12 **Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN) Meeting.** Meetings take place in Townsend

Hall, Sheep Street. Refreshments are served from 10am and the talks begin at 10:30am. Meetings are open to anyone 50+ and are free to attend. Contact: Marie Darwen 01789 260 108

13 **Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Christmas Garden Lore by Pam Slater. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, Shipston-on-Stour. Further details from the secretary Tony Mitchell, tel. 01608 666933

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

15 **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

**Royal British Legion – Social:** A social gathering of serving and ex-service members of HM Armed Forces at 1930 hrs in the White Bear. 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 9

16 **Shipston Cancer Support Group:** Drop-In Centre: Scout Hut, New Street. 2pm-4pm.

**Preston Environmental Group:** see ad on page 10

19 **Shipston Flower Club - Open Evening:** All I Want For Christmas by Lucy Ellis. Townsend Hall, 6.30pm for 7.30pm with

refreshments. Tickets £8.00. Contact Elizabeth James 01789 450359 or Kathy Little 01608 664882

20-21 **Shipston Medical Centre - Self Care Event:** see ad on page 9

20 **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

25 **Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** The Visit. A seasonal play by Peter Britton. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

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

26 **Shipston U3A:** see ad on page 9

27 **Shipston and District Literary Society:** David Constantine discusses one of his newly published short stories in the context of Trump's world of alternative facts. 7:30pm, The White Bear. Members £15pa, Non-members: £4. All welcome. Contact Helen Marshall, 01789 740773

28 **Quaker Meeting for Worship:** 2.30pm – 3 pm in St Edmund's Church, followed by a cuppa. Last Thursdays (no meeting in December). Contact 01608 661372 or 01608 238298. All are welcome. You do not have to be a Quaker to attend

30 **ARTMIX:** Chipping Campden. See pg 11

# Shipston Community Christmas - 25/12/19

*Not expecting visitors on Christmas Day?*

Join us for a Community Christmas at the Townsend Hall

\* Full turkey dinner - with all the trimmings \*

\* A visit from Santa \*

\* Raffle & Tombola \*

Contact us:

Email: [shipstoncommunitychristmas@hotmail.com](mailto:shipstoncommunitychristmas@hotmail.com)

Call: 07498 558149



*Closing date for applications:*  
10th December 2019

*Would you like to help?*  
We are looking for  
volunteers!

Applications can be  
collected from:

\* Ivy Heart \*

\* The Post Office \*

\* Doctors Surgery \*

Donations welcomed:

[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Shipstontownchristmas](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Shipstontownchristmas)

## Christmas is coming.....

so come and make some preparations at

## Holiday at Home



on

**December 2nd**

in the

**Townsend Hall**

**10am-3pm**



Activities, games, quizzes & entertainment  
for the over 65s.



Costs £8 for the day,  
including lunch & refreshments.

To reserve your place contact  
Rosemary 01608 662584



An event organised by Christians Together in Shipston



STOUR VALLEY LIONS



## 'POP UP BOOK SHOP'

**Friday 1st November**  
**Saturday 2nd November**

Scout Hut, New Street Car Park,  
Shipston on Stour.

*Opening Times:-*

**Friday 1st November**  
**10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

**Saturday 2nd November**  
**10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**

All proceeds to local charities.





**TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 2019**

**2 pm TOWNSEND HALL**

## **'Museum Oddities'**

**A light-hearted talk by Peter Mitchell, OBE**

**Focusing on**



**The good the difficult & the eccentric people he met, and situations he has found himself in, during his 60 years working in National, Local and Company Museums.**

**Visitors are welcome**

**Entry including refreshments £2**



Self Care Week is an annual national awareness week that focuses on embedding support for self care across communities, families and generations.

Shipston Medical Centre warmly invites you to attend a self-care event.

Pick up information on how to look after yourself and take advantage of a mini health check.

**Wednesday 20th November 2019: 9am – 12pm**  
**Ellen Badger Hospital (opposite the day unit)**

**Thursday 21st November 2019: 6pm – 7.30pm**  
**Shipston Medical Centre**

All welcome.



## **What makes a composer?**



A talk by local composer Howard Skempton aided & abetted by Charles Matthews (piano)

The Methodist Church  
New Street, Shipston on Stour  
Friday 15th November 2019,  
7.30pm

Guests £8.00 - Students £3.00  
Accompanied Children free  
New Members always welcome  
More information: 01608 662514

Registered Charity No: 1146459 (England)



### **Help to access**

TENANCY, BENEFITS, MANAGING DEBT,  
HOUSING, SIGNPOSTING, SUPPORT,  
AND BUDGETING.

## **P3 GO MOBILE**

P3 and MAVIS will be at Shipston-on-Stour Leisure Centre, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00am until 2:00pm.

**If you'd like MAVIS to visit your organisation or area please let us know.**

### **Contact Us**

Warks.p3charity.org or  
Call us: 0808 164 6220

Follow us on Twitter:  
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Check out P3 on Tour  
at:  
[www.p3charity.org](http://www.p3charity.org)

## Rotary Tree of Life



Each December the Tree of Life stands proudly in the centre of Shipston, its white lights glowing symbols of love and hope in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us.

If you wish a friend or relative to be remembered in this way you are invited to sponsor a light by returning the form and making a donation knowing that every name will be entered into the Book of Remembrance. All contributions will be donated to The Time Out Group South Warwickshire which provides activities for children with disabilities.

The illumination of the **Rotary Tree of Life** will take place at the opening of the Rotary Victorian Evening on **Friday 6th December at 6pm**

Rotary Club of Shipston-on-Stour Tree of Life

Please find enclosed donation £..... (minimum £5) cheques payable to Rotary Club of Shipston on Stour

In Memory of: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Forms are also available in local shops, banks, library, post office and other locations or contact Avryl

**Please return to:** Rotarian Avryl Thompson, Willow Bank, Pillerton Priors, Warwickshire CV35 0PS. Tel 01789 740 047



## Shipston Forum & shipstontowncouncil.org website

The Town Council is inviting expressions of interest for the following work:

1. Writing, editing & production of the Shipston Forum
2. Management of the STC website

The new 3 year term contracts will begin on the 1st April 2020. Companies or individuals interested in these tenders should contact the Town Clerk in the first instance for further information no later than **15th November 2019**. Tenders will need to be submitted by **11 December 2019**.

**For full details, please contact**

**Tel: 01608 662180**

**Email: clerk@shipstononline.co.uk**



The Sally Jennings Memorial Talk

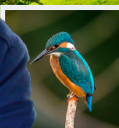
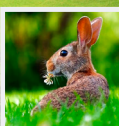
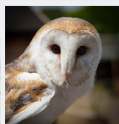
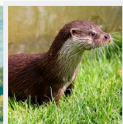
Preston Environmental Group Presents

## CAN WE SAVE BRITAIN'S WILDLIFE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE?

An environmental talk by **MARK COCKER**

This important talk is based on **Mark Cocker's** book "**Our Place**", published in 2018 and shortlisted for the Wainwright Prize. Mark is a life long naturalist and passionate environmentalist and widely acclaimed as one of Britain's finest writers on nature. He will explain how and why we must do more

for nature. The evening promises to be thoughtful, provocative and inspirational.



**Saturday 16 November 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Preston on Stour Village Hall**

**Tickets £10.00**

**Licensed Bar - Tickets Available from**

Ron Hoe T: 01789 450 096

Email: ronhoe@me.com

Margaret Brocklehurst T:01789 450 710

Email: prestonbrocks@gmail.com



## Are you over 65?

**Do you need advice and/or signposting for services?**

**Are you feeling isolated and want to know how to get involved with groups?**

**Possibly questions about care options?**

**Perhaps you would like a quick Blood Pressure check?**

**Nurse Jan** who works as part of the Older Peoples team at Shipston Medical Centre has a new drop in clinic starting November

**Where:** Ellen Badger Hospital, Ellen Ward

**When:** Every Wednesday morning between 9am and 12 noon

**No appointment necessary**



## Shipston Area Flood Action Group

SAFAG has completed further works at Whichford which will slow the flow into the main Stour there. We have also now secured further funding which will enable us to complete work right around the catchment above Shipston.

Flood Authority and consent from about 10 landowners/farmers has now been secured for further substantial works around the Sibfords on both sides of the river upstream of Cherington and Stourton as well as another upstream tributary from Brailes area. Works on these schemes began in October and should be complete by the end of November.

Plans are in development for Long Compton in conjunction with the flood group there. The first scheme, on a tributary of the Nethercote Brook which feeds into the Stour at Mitford Bridge, should also be completed by end of November, with further works due next spring.

All of these works combined with those undertaken last year on Kneebrook, Paddlebrook and Pigbrook (already showing signs of benefit) will help slow the flow into Shipston and the downstream villages and help protect homes and businesses throughout.

We are also working with WCC and Brailes Flood Group on a scheme for Sutton Brook, a major watercourse feeding the Stour at Stourton but this will require separate funding which WCC has in hand. Finally, we are developing a monitoring programme to generate evidence to aid future natural flood management works and groups.

Huge thanks are due to all flood group members for the huge amount of work they are putting into this project, as well as council staff and all the landowners and farmers who have given support without which we would have been unable to achieve anything. Thanks also go to local company, Storm Geomatics, which is providing technical help where needed.

## Shipston on Stour Probus



Shipston on Stour Probus attended the first meeting, along with others, to co-ordinate the commemorations, alongside the British Legion, of the 75th anniversary of both VE and VJ day (May 8th / 9th and August 14th / 15th 2020). It is hoped that the Probus club will be able to contribute in some way.

During October we had fascinating talks.

Louise Moorman gave an interesting talk on October 11th on how the school helped its pupils find their future vocation in a 6th form, at college, and in apprenticeships. Many questions were raised especially as so much has changed since the days that Probus members were at school.

On October 25th Dr Timothy Brain spoke on Contemporary Policing issues. He was chief constable of Gloucestershire from 2001 until January 2010, having previously served in Avon and Somerset, Hampshire and West Midlands.

New members are always welcome so why not come as a visitor to see if you would like to become a member and learn more about the world and meet like-minded individuals.

For further information please contact the secretary Tony Joint – 07711 310272 / tonyjoint73@hotmail.com

## Shipston Rotary



### Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches:

James Kerr, Vice Chairman, explained the work of the charity in helping to maintain many large, old, listed buildings. The charity's work is vital if many of our churches are to survive. James publicised the Bards Ride - a bike ride to raise funds for the charity's work. The event, thanks to superb organisation, was very well supported and a great success.

**Shipston Area Flood Action Group, SAFAG:** After retiring from the Fire Service, Mike McCarthy took on the onerous task of General Secretary of SAFAG. As has been reported in the Forum (including the latest update in this issue) SAFAG has done a huge amount of work to slow the flow and reduce the risk of flooding. The work is far from finished but there are signs it may already be working. Many homes and businesses will never know how much they owe to SAFAG's tireless and dedicated volunteers.

### Rotary Family Reunion

Whenever you bring like-minded people together, you are assured of a successful time. When you have the opportunity to bring three local "family" Rotary Clubs together this works even better.

The two daughter Rotary Clubs of Shipston-on-Stour and Evesham, joined with their mother Club, Stratford-upon-Avon, to enjoy an evening of fellowship and goodwill held at the Stratford Sports Club. It will have been many years since the three Clubs have joined forces for a meeting, with Shipston President, Sue Haywood, welcoming Stratford President Richard Williams and Evesham President Len Boudier.

Members enjoyed a fascinating talk by Peter Bullock who related his teaching career at King Edward Grammar School Stratford alongside his love of being a comedian and impressionist. Peter fully entertained members.



Interested in Rotary? Contact Bob Armstrong bob.armstrong@clara.co.uk for details.

*L to R...Len Boudier, Evesham Rotary President, Sue Haywood, Shipston Rotary President and Richard Williams, Stratford Rotary President.*

## Don't miss these local arts events

The Stratford Contemporary Arts Fair is at Stratford Town Hall on 2 Nov (10:30-5) and 3 Nov (10:30-4). Free entry. Golden Cup Cafe will be serving refreshments.

ARTMIX arts & crafts Fair is at Chipping Campden Town Hall on 30 Nov (10-5) and 1 Dec (10-4). This pre-Christmas Exhibition is an ideal opportunity for the public to view the work of ARTMIX and meet many of the local artists.

## Shipston-on-Stour and Area U3A

In 2008 Eugene and Margaret Schellenberg went to Africa on holiday. Starting at Dar-es-Salaam they travelled inland for ten bone-shaking hours to reach the small town of Ifakara. Here they thought they were in the Garden of Eden; fruit was everywhere, and the maize harvest was in, which the people cooked and ate from bowls. So all was well and no-one was hungry.

But they soon found that this only lasted for two months of the year after the rains came. For the other ten months the climate was so hot and dry that nothing would grow and there was hunger, and even starvation. So they decided to set up a bakery and provide bread.

Impressed by how hard the people worked Eugene came to the UK to find suitable equipment. Electricity was rarely available and electronics were badly affected by the climate. He finally found what he needed in the Avery Works Museum in Birmingham. Ovens were built, which from just a few loaves a day soon progressed to a hundred a day and people came many miles from all over Tanzania to buy bread. Those who had no money were given the loaves for free. Currently, over 400 loaves are produced every day using ingredients provided by funds raised by their Charity, the Ifakara Bakery Project, and an old empty building has been converted to a shop.

The next meeting is at 2pm on 26th November.

## Shipston Proms

Following a couple of months off, it was good to be back in the White Bear to start working on the programme for 2020. Our collective brains have been whirring away over the summer to try and find a good mix of musicians to entertain everyone.

Sadly there were no new members joining us but we are holding out hope for newcomers at our next meeting. Your input really does matter, large or small.

The general consensus was that the Shipston Proms 2019 had been a success with very few complaints. The Dance Party at Townsend Hall proved popular and we had probably the busiest pub trail the Shipston Proms has ever seen. It was great to see new venues in the surrounding villages joining in and hosting various musical events and to see the wealth of talent from Shipston High School which produced both the solo and band competition Fame Contest winners this year.

If there are any businesses who would like to support the Proms event again or indeed for the first time, please visit [www.shipstonproms.org](http://www.shipstonproms.org) for information about the sponsorship packages on offer. Details of our popular 'Friends of the Proms' scheme are also on our website.

The Proms committee meets every third Wednesday at The White Bear at 7.30pm. To join or be a volunteer, contact us through Facebook or at [shipstonproms@gmail.com](mailto:shipstonproms@gmail.com)



## Stour Concert Brass

On Friday September 20th, Stour Concert Brass, Shipston Town Band's Community band, joined forces with Avonbank Band from Evesham for a joint concert in aid of the Tracey Sollis Leukemia Research Trust at the Evesham Arts Centre.



Both bands played individual sets before joining forces for a Prom Finale alongside Cleeve Valley Harmony Chorus.

Avonbank's programme included Prismatic Light and the popular Under The Boardwalk featuring Flugel Horn Soloist Martin Mustoe. Stour Concert Brass included two soloists with 12 years old Alec Banner featured on the Xylophone with Charlie Is My Darlin and Luke Barker in brilliant form on cornet playing a new solo Honeysuckle Polka by J O Casey specially arranged for him by Nigel Hall who was in the audience to hear the performance.

Tracey Sollis was a young horn player who prior to her death played for both Avonbank and Winchcombe Bands. The trust is run by Tracey's mother Sue and funds a research facility at the Royal Free Hospital in London. This year's concert has raised in excess of £1100 towards its ongoing research. The concert also served as a memorial concert for trombonist David Turner who played for both bands before his sudden death 5 years ago and was also a trustee of the charity.

## The perfect time to find out about Shipston Flower Club

November sees Shipston Flower Club host an Open Evening at the Townsend Hall. The event features speaker, Lucy Ellis, talking about 'All I Want for Christmas' and takes place on November 19th at 6.30 for 7.30pm. Tickets £8.00. Refreshments available.

Contact Elizabeth James 01789 450359 or Kathy Little 01608 664882 for more information.

### The Townsend Hall

The winning numbers for the Oct Draw are:

£15 Member no 10

£10 Member no 76

£5 Member No 72

Congratulations on your winnings!





## Shipston on Stour Women's Institute

The October talk was given by Diane Vernon who spoke about her great passion – creating beautiful objects in glass. Diane had been a midwife until a one-day course in glasswork brought about a complete life change. Di brought a selection of her work and demonstrated how she cuts glass, binds it with silver-backed copper ribbon and solders the pieces together to create beautiful items including Christmas tree decorations, baubles, coasters, keyrings and even stained-glass windows. Diane couples the glasswork with blacksmithing and showed the meeting some very attractive metal crooks hung with glass baubles which unsurprisingly sold out at her first RHS show! Diane now regularly displays her work at craft fairs and also undertakes private commissions.



Shipston organisations have been invited to create a Christmas angel for St. Edmund's Church so the WI will make one which it is hoped will reflect the interests of members. The group have also been invited to join in celebrations for the 75th anniversary of VE and VJ day in May and August next year which will be a whole Town event. The WI will also have a stall at the Victorian Evening selling cakes and preserves and to round off the year, members are having a Christmas Lunch on 10th December!

The next meeting on 6th November will be the AGM and a Table Top Stall. Members are invited to bring objects for sale. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7pm in the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, Shipston-on-Stour. Visitors always welcome.

## Lions

### Collect. Donate. Sort. Recycle

Lions Clubs have been collecting and sorting used spectacles for almost 35 years for recycling to those in need and our Stour Valley Lions Club has played its part in this highly successful project. The spectacles are sent to the Chichester Lions Club where they are sorted in workshops to select those suitable for recycling and then forwarding onto Medico France in Le Havre. Medico France have the necessary equipment to clean and grade the spectacles ready for use in eye camps in Africa, India and eastern Europe. These eye camps have been funded by Lions International to train local technicians who have treated hundreds of thousands of patients in these countries preventing blindness in many cases and improving sight.



Every year Lions Clubs in the UK send over 300,000 pairs of spectacles to Medico and Lions are grateful to Parcel Force for transporting spectacles from all parts of the country free of charge and to Fraser Freight of Portsmouth for transporting sorted spectacles free of charge to Medico France in Le Havre and thus no overheads are incurred.

Collection points for your used spectacles are in Shipston Opticians, the Medical Centre and in collection boxes located in nearby villages.

### November Film - Tolkien

Look out for the Lions cinema feature at the High School on 8th November. Directed by Dome Karukoski, starring Nicholas Hoult, Lily Collins, Colm Meaney, Derek Jacobi. The film follows the formative years of the orphaned author J.R.R. Tolkien as he finds friendship, love and artistic inspiration among a group of fellow outcasts at school.

## Shipston-on-Stour Music Society

At our first meeting of the 2019/2020 season we were pleased to welcome young classical guitarist, Michael Matthews, who was seven years old when he began to play the guitar and was immediately "hooked"! By 2018 he had been selected by the Concordia Foundation to perform in London and abroad, and he will shortly make his debut appearance at the Wigmore Hall.



The recital began with John Dowland's "Lachrimae Pavan"; Fantasia No.7 followed by six dance movements from Sonata "L'Infidele" by Silvius Leopold Weiss, a German composer and lutenist. In complete contrast the next composition was "Suite del Recuerdo" by Jose Luis Merlin which brought us into the realms of 20th century music. The six contrasting movements were played with all the rhythmic details and energy required and nimble fingerwork produced harmonics, giving the "Evocacion" an ethereal quality.

After the interval we heard "Nocturnal" by Benjamin Britten and "Sonata" by Joaquin Turina in which Matthew was able to demonstrate his deep understanding of each work and his ability to convey that to his audience.

The final piece was "Serenades of the Unicorn" by Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara, and as the title suggests, was a romp, played with amazing skill and lots of panache to which the audience responded with much enthusiastic applause.

Throughout the recital one was amazed at the truly formidable, technical skill of Michael Matthews and we are very grateful to the Tillett Trust for supporting him in his 2018/2019 recitals around the country. We wish him every success in his career.

### Letter from Trevor Russell

In response to the Mayor's comments on social isolation and loneliness, can I point out that an alliance of local organisations has been tackling these issues for two years.

The Stour Partnership Against Social Isolation and Loneliness is developing three initiatives: a directory of groups, services and activities, social prescribing and a befriending service.

The Partnership includes SCAN, Rotary, Lions, the churches, Shipston Care, Shipston Medical Centre, SMC Patient Group, Time Bank, Age Concern and the Ellen Badger League of Friends.

Can I add, in response to Jo Barker's comments, that Partnership members have agreed in principle to convert to a health and wellbeing partnership to deliver on Bryan Stoten's challenge to Shipston to attain 'Healthy Town' status.

**Trevor Russel, Chair, Shipston SCAN**

## District Council Update

The last time I wrote I mentioned Tesco's planning application for a new outlet on the site of Pettiphers Garage. I was particularly concerned about the implications for parking and the lack of a suitable footpath between the Garage and the Telegraph Street Car Park. The application was, nevertheless, approved. I have suggested to Tesco that, as part of its corporate social responsibility programme, it might like to ensure the safety of the good people of Shipston by meeting the cost of a new footpath. My letter has at least been acknowledged. Watch this space!

We all know what a great place Shipston is to live. This was confirmed recently by information sent to all SDC's councillors – The Index for Multiple Deprivation for England 2019. Of the 326 English local authorities included in the Index, Stratford District ranks 266th i.e. there are 265 other local authority districts with greater levels of multiple deprivation. Of the five districts within Warwickshire, Stratford ranks as the lowest based on elements of social deprivation. Within the 73 areas in Stratford District, Shipston's three areas were ranked as 25th (West & Town Centre), 29th (North) and 71st (South & Furze Hill). In other words, whilst the District as a whole and as well as Shipston are relatively blessed, there are still issues in people's lives that need to be addressed. And that is where Jo Barker and I hope we can make some contribution.

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

**Trevor Harvey, Councillor for Shipston South**

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



## County Council update

*This is a general news item from WCC - at the time of going to press, Jo Barker was unable to write a column due to a family emergency but she was keen to let you know*

*she has been making use of the local NHS services and will report on NHS-related services in her next column.*



## Have your say on local health and well-being needs

Shipston residents are being encouraged to respond to a survey run by Warwickshire County Council (WCC) which aims to find out more about local health and wellbeing needs. The survey is available at [www.bit.ly/JSNAResidents](http://www.bit.ly/JSNAResidents)

The survey forms part of a larger project to gain more insight into life in Warwickshire's communities called the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment ("JSNA"). Together with other data, the survey results will feed into a local needs assessment, which will lead to recommendations for improving local health and wellbeing.

It's expected that different communities throughout the county will have different requirements depending on issues such as the population age, infrastructure, community safety, jobs, housing and many more.

All of this information will be available to WCC and its partners when making decisions about new and existing services. The information will also be available to local voluntary and community groups, to support funding applications for example.

If you would like a copy of the survey in a different format please contact [southernareateam@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:southernareateam@warwickshire.gov.uk).

## Shipston Medical Centre

**Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845**

### A Christmas goodbye to Dr Gilder ...

At Christmas, Dr Jane Gilder will be leaving the practice. Dr Gilder commenced working with us in August 1992. She became the senior partner in 2015 following Dr Nixon's retirement and has provided the practice with calm, insightful and steady leadership since that time. Dr Gilder has also undertaken a number of important roles for us, latterly acting as the children's safeguarding lead, and the lead for respiratory medicine and children's health & maternity. Dr Gilder has also been a trainer, supporting newly qualified GPs through their specialist training to become GPs.

We know that Dr Gilder is much loved

by many patients. Those patients who consider Dr Gilder to be their usual GP are encouraged to let us know whom they would like their usual GP to be after Dr Gilder leaves. If no preferences are expressed, Dr Emily McHale will become the usual GP for patients previously under the care of Dr Gilder.

If you would like to give a message to Dr Gilder on the occasion of her leaving the practice we have sheets of paper available that will be bound into a book for her.

### ...and hello!

We are pleased to welcome Kate Pearson who is joining our Advanced Care Practitioner (ACP) team. Kate is a nurse

by background and she has undertaken specialist training in order to see and treat patients with acute illness. She is also able to prescribe some medications.

We are increasing the amount of ACP time we are able to offer with a view to freeing up GP time to enable them to undertake the work only a GP can do. Patients feeling acutely unwell are encouraged to use our triage service and where appropriate may be directed towards an appointment with an ACP.



Shipston Medical Centre



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## Useful Contacts

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Community Links Transport                 | 01789 264491  |
| Shipston Library:                         | 0300 5558171  |
| - 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  |
| <b>Local police (non emergency)</b>       | <b>101</b>    |
| Shipston Police Safer Neighbourhood Team: | 01789 444670  |
| shipston.snt@warwickshire.police.uk       |               |
| <b>Churches of Shipston:</b>              |               |
| Stour Valley Baptist                      | 01608 664876  |
| Our Lady & St Michael                     | 01608 685259  |
| St Edmund's                               | 01608 661210  |
| Methodist Church                          | 01608 642256  |

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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.

Copies are available to read at the Library, New Clark House and the Medical Centre.

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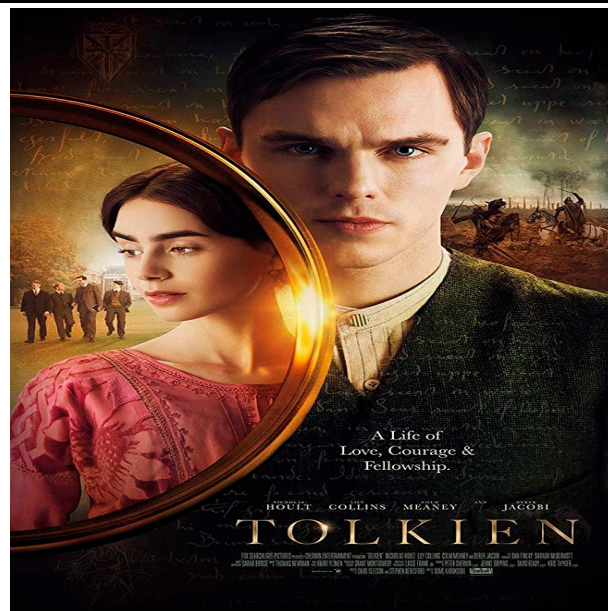
# Shipston Rotary's Victorian Evening

**Friday December 6th**  
**6pm to 8pm**

Music, Stalls, Food  
Father Christmas, &  
Tree of Life



## STOUR VALLEY LION'S CINEMA



The formative years of the orphaned author J.R.R. Tolkien as he finds friendship, love and artistic inspiration among a group of fellow outcasts at school. **Certificate 12A.**

**SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL,**  
**FRIDAY 8th November 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 toilet and wheelchair access.**

# DESIGNER CLOTHES SALE

Fabulous designer collections at incredible prices!



Emporio Armani  
Armani Jeans  
Temperley  
Paul Smith  
DVF  
Joseph  
Moschino  
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Marc Cain  
Amanda Wakeley  
Lamberto Losani  
Scarves, Hats  
& Accessories

**Thursday 31st October**  
**5.30pm to 8.30pm**

**Friday 1st November**  
**9am to 4pm**

Donation £5 entry 10% to Shipston Home Nursing  
Darlingscott Farm, Darlingscott Shipston-on Stour  
Warwickshire CV36 4PN

with special thanks to John and Maggie Sargent



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# SHIPSTON SPORTS CLUB

LONDON ROAD CV36 4EP

## FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

**Friday 1st NOVEMBER 2019**

**BONFIRE - 7.00pm**  
**FIREWORKS - 7.30pm**  
**GATES OPEN - 6.00pm**

**FAIRGROUND RIDES**  
**REFRESHMENTS**  
**LICENSED BAR**

**15 & over: £6.00**  
**14 & under: £2.00**  
**4 & under: FREE**

**NO SPARKLERS**