



Shipston Forum

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Shipston Town Council seeks bids for grants to support the community

Shipston Town Council's annual community grants scheme is now open for bids for the next financial year – April 2020 to March 2021.

The community grant scheme is one of the most rewarding aspects of the council's work. The council sets aside money every year to directly support local initiatives undertaken by voluntary groups and charities which benefit residents. Last year saw a total of £20,500 awarded to support a wide range of projects from community events to lifesaving services.

The grant scheme is open to any voluntary group or charity based in Shipston or actively working in the town. Bids must relate to specific projects, such as a purchase of new equipment or support

for an event, rather than general funds. Typically, individual grants range from £250 to £2,000, although in some cases, awards may be higher.

Mayor, Dan Scobie, said: "Community grants are a great way of supporting the many and varied projects and services available in the town. Wherever possible, we are keen to support projects that benefit a wide group of residents to make best use of public funds, but we do consider niche projects as well, particularly when it's to do with supporting some of the more vulnerable members of our community."

Applications for grants must be received



Mayor, Dan Scobie pictured with previous grant recipients, Shipston Community First Responders and Shipston Youth Club. Photo by Richard Sampson

by 31 October. To find out more and for copies of the application form, please contact the Town Clerk on 01608 662180.

Grants in action

Improving access to the river bank

Shipston Town Council contributed funds to help pay for work being done by the Sports and Social club and Angling Club on the riverbank. The grant has helped make it possible for people with disabilities to access the river and enjoy fishing. The new platform was officially opened as part of the Fish n Frolics festival in July.



Keeping people moving

The Town Council has supported both the voluntary drivers scheme through VASA and Shipston Link, both of which provide transport for those in need, particularly to help residents get to medical appointments and shops.

Lifesaving support

Through its grant scheme, Shipston Town Council funds the ongoing costs of the Shipston Community First Response vehicle, including insurance, road tax and maintenance. This funding helps ensure the voluntary first aiders

can reach people throughout the town quickly when there's an emergency.

Proms party

Grant funding has also been awarded for the Last Night of the Proms, recognising that it is such an important event for the town, and an opportunity for everyone to come together and enjoy music free of charge.

Blooming marvellous

Every year, the council funds the flowers planted by Shipston in Bloom which make such a positive visual impact throughout the town.

Grants have also been used to support maintenance projects and new equipment for the Townsend Hall, invest in the Youth Club outreach programme and Xfest, support Citizens Advice services and help pay for repairs to the Town Band hall.

"Unfortunately we can't fund every bid, and often we are not able to give as much money as groups would ideally like. However, we consider every bid carefully and aim to support as many and as diverse a range of projects as we can", the Mayor concluded.

For application details see the advert on page 14.

Shipston residents take action to reduce waste

Shipston is now benefitting from extra recycling schemes and a packaging-free pop up shop thanks to the enterprising efforts of local resident, Julie Pardoe.

EcoWeigh will be based at St Edmund's Church and will stock a range of refillable products including dried store cupboard essentials, cleaning products, beauty and body products. Simply bring along your own containers. For details of dates and times, visit www.facebook.com/theecoweighshop.

St Edmund's is also hosting extra recycling options for residents, including crisp, snack and nut packets, crisp tubes (Pringles etc), confectionery and biscuit wrappers, pens, pet food pouches, Tassimo/L'OR pods and outer wrapping, Kenco lids, toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, baby food pouches and home hygiene products. Please only use this facility for items **not** eligible for your blue bin.

Plastics that can't normally be recycled will be processed by TerraCycle who break it down into beads for use in play equipment etc. Instead of paying for the waste, TerraCycle donate to two nominated charities: League of Friends of the Ellen Badger and Shipston First Responders.

For the latest information, join the Shipston War on Waste group on Facebook or pop in to St Edmund's Church.

Mayor's column



I've spent a lot of my time recently working on solutions to a problem that's growing in society; the threat of and issues of social isolation and loneliness. It's heartening to see efforts in Shipston starting to tackle this difficult issue.

The causes of these issues can be complex, and the solutions required can also be long-term and difficult to deliver, but the true problem isn't always what we expect. A recent piece of government research said that approximately 10% of the over 70s suffer in this way, but it also said that 20% of 18-24 year olds suffer. There are also voluntary support groups that have folded due to a lack of uptake, and an increasing number of people needing help. Squaring that circle isn't easy.

Often it's the simplest things that can have the greatest impact in tackling these issues, and awareness is one of the most important things. Just being aware of how your friends and neighbours are. Simple conversations can make all the difference, they reinforce community connections which are vital building resilience to isolation and loneliness.

As a Town Council we're looking at making a formal commitment to helping tackle these issues in our community, and that's something I support entirely. How we actually do that we've yet to determine, but there is nothing more important than the wellbeing of vulnerable members of our community – whatever age they are.

Dan Scobie

Shipston Town Council welcomes new councillor

Shipston Town Council has co-opted Gerry Kelly to the council, following a successful application and interview in September.

Gerry lives locally having moved here from Merseyside some years ago. He worked in the Fire Service for 32 years, including two secondments to the Fire Service College in Moreton. Having had experience of planning, particularly in relation to fire safety and emergency planning, Gerry is keen to

make use of his skills to benefit the local area. He is already a member of the Speedwatch Group.

Gerry Kelly commented: "I look forward to being more involved in local council activities, adding my expertise and experience to a knowledgeable and active group of local councillors."

Gerry works part time and is married with two children.

The Town Council still has one vacancy and is keen



to hear from anyone aged over 18 and living in the town that would like to get more involved with their local community. For more details and full criteria, please contact the Town Clerk on 01608 662180 or clerk@shipstononline.org

Keeping in touch with your local police

Warwickshire Police is encouraging residents to keep in touch with their local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Warwickshirepolice.co.uk has a page for each SNT giving details on who is in the team, a monthly newsletter and reporting on good news or incidents of note. You can also sign up to alerts via the Community Messaging Service. More features are to be added, including a crime map, giving an overview of crimes in a specific area, down to street level.

Shipston's SNT is active on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook and is a great way to find out what they are doing to tackle crime in and around the town.

Warwickshire Rural Watch is a free scheme to help combat rural crime in Warwickshire. You can sign up to receive incident alerts and news for Shipston and

the local area and access crime prevention advice and information.



SouthWarwickshireSNTs



Shipston Police Safer Neighbourhood Team



@ShipstonCops

Shipston SNT has an email address unique to them for non-emergency issues and advice - shipston.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk. You should receive a response within 72 hours, although often replies are given sooner.

101 is the national phone number to contact your local police. 101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is free. However, in an emergency - when someone is in danger, a crime is in progress or a suspect is nearby - always dial **999**.

Understanding how developer contributions work

There are two ways in which developers of new homes or other sites have to contribute towards local services. These are Section 106 funds and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Section 106 money is money agreed between a developer and the planning authority (Stratford District Council) either for payment of services/facilities or social housing. The funds are specific to that site.

CIL is more like a development tax which is administered centrally by district. Of the fee developers pay, 5% is retained to cover admin costs. The town or

parish where the development lies will receive 25% if, as in Shipston's case, a Neighbourhood Plan is in place (15% if not) which the town is free to decide to spend on whatever projects it chooses.

The remaining 70% is administered by the district and is designed to be spent on strategic improvements to benefit the district as a whole. SDC is waiting until it has accumulated £750,000 before considering where that money will be spent.

For more information about planning and funding, please contact your local Stratford District Councillor.

News from Shipston Town Council's September meeting

Hot topics

New face in New Clark House: Shipston Town Council welcomed new Admin Assistant, Diane Neath, to the council. Diane will be working alongside the Town Clerk.

Sad farewells: Councillors expressed their sorrow and condolences at the loss of both former Mayor Alan Noyce and former councillor, Mike Ashley, whose funerals took place in September. Letters of condolence will be sent to both families.

Copping stone: The long awaited repair of the copping stone at the bridge will be chased again by the Town Clerk. If no progress is made this month, the matter will be taken up by district councillor, Jo Barker.

Promoting transport: Councillors are keen to encourage residents to make use of community transport service, UBUS. For more information, see next month's Forum or contact the UBUS team on 01789 264491.

Town Clerk announces retirement: Georgina Beaumont will be retiring from the council in December after ten years in the post. She will be sorely missed. Recruitment for a new clerk has begun (see advert on page 10).

Hanson Track thanks: John Dinnie recorded thanks to Marilyn Chalmers for organising improvements to Hanson Track, with support from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) (see article on page 4)

Campaigning for Shipston

Investing in VE Day: Shipston Town Council will contribute £1,500 towards VE Day celebrations in the town in May 2020.

Pettiphers Garage development: District Councillor Trevor

Harvey, has written to Tesco and WCC to request they install a footway leading from the garage to Telegraph St car park to enable people to walk safely from the planned store to the car park.

Planning enforcement: Stratford District Council's planning enforcement team are looking into concerns about additional development at the Darlingscote Road/Fosse Way junction.

New footsteps: STC will request that the footsteps encouraging children to cross safely be reinstalled near the primary school after recent works led to them being removed.

Speeding signs: STC will look into the most cost effective way to install additional flashing speed signs to reduce speeding following an increase in the problem reported by Shipston's Speedwatch volunteers.

Town Council business

Car charging stations: Further work is needed to assess the benefits and risks of electric car charging points in the town. All working groups will look into the pros and cons of charging points in Shipston.

Litter & dog bin review: General Purposes Working Group will inspect all the litter and dog bins in the town to check on condition and replacement needs.

Financial updates: The town council agreed a number of recommendations from the Finance Working Group, including the adoption of new Standing Orders, a new risk register and an updated investment strategy.



Warwickshire County Council addresses concerns about Portabello roadworks

The works to install new traffic lights at the Portabello crossroads has been the cause of much frustration, with road users complaining about delays, lack of work on site, light phasing problems and timing issues.

Warwickshire County Council's Highways Department has provided a detailed account of the works to explain the process and progress. The timing of the works is due in part to the complexity – a number of different people and organisations have had to be involved, including landowners and utilities suppliers, and contractors. Preparatory work was completed in June 19 and given the importance of the works, it was agreed to go ahead as quickly as possible.

Regarding evidence of work on site, WCC has reassured councillors that work patterns are affected by a variety of issues such as plant availability, health and safety and contractual arrangements. The compound where the team

is based is away from the road, making it harder to see when people are working. However, the county council is confident that the contractors are working to schedule.

The phased traffic lights respond to traffic movements which means it's less likely to work well if people jump the lights.

County Councillor, Jo Barker, said: "I understand the frustrations with the works but we all know how important it is to get these lights installed to improve safety. Please bear with us while these works are completed – and don't risk your own safety or that of others by jumping the lights."



Standing up for Swifts

Shipston residents have been noticing the decline of swifts nesting in the town, describing the summer sky as being “eerily quiet” without them. The situation is the same across the country with swift numbers having more than halved in the last 20 years.

These fascinating birds have a very unusual lifestyle! Richard Gray, chairman of the Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group (SVWAG) said “They eat on the wing, they sleep on the wing, they mate on the wing, but they nest in our buildings...” and that is where we can make a difference.

Local expert, Chris Mason from Cherwell Swift Conservation, will be coming to talk to SVWAG on 22 October. If you would like to learn more about swifts, how they differ from swallows and house martins, and how we can help them continue to nest in our town for future generations, join the talk (see details on page 16).

Entry is free but any donations towards swift conservation welcome.

Beach Party at Low Furlong

We might be over a hundred miles from our nearest beach, but that didn't stop Low Furlong from turning Shipston-On-Stour into Shipston-On-Sea, at least for one afternoon! The home threw a fabulous beach party, because summer is simply not complete without a trip to the seaside.



Residents enjoyed a summery musical performance by singer, Melissa Hollick, while they indulged in cones of chips and made use of a pop-up ice cream parlour featuring delicious, locally-made Henley ice creams, courtesy of Retro Lily. The party also saw the grand opening of the new Low Furlong pub, and celebrated with pitchers of Pimm's and piña colodas. After a few cocktails, some of the residents were even ready to get tattooed! A pop-up temporary tattoo studio was kindly provided by Doris Loves, because it's not a proper trip to the seaside if you don't come home with an ill-advised tattoo. Residents even got to feel sand between their toes and build sand castles, for a real, sensory seaside experience.



Naturally, it rained on the afternoon of the party, but that didn't dampen spirits. In fact, everyone embraced this traditional British seaside weather, deciding it made the event even more authentic.

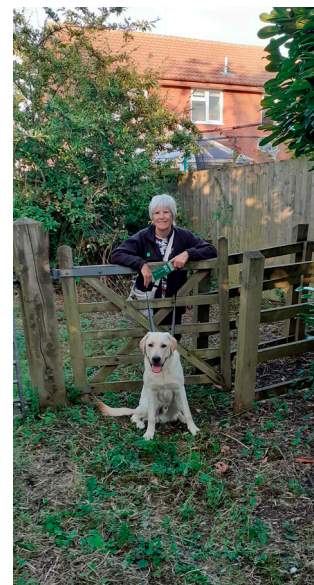
Many Low Furlong residents have happy memories of visiting the seaside during childhood, or of taking their own children to play

at the beach. This event helped to evoke those wonderful recollections and give everyone a brief beach holiday.

Residents take action to restore Hanson Track – but more help is needed

Hanson Track is becoming more accessible thanks to hard work from volunteers and support from Warwickshire County Council and Shipston Building Supplies.

Local residents, Marilyn and Cameron Chalmers took action after becoming increasingly frustrated by the state of the track – it was virtually impassable in places thanks to a combination of deep mud and brambles. Marilyn contacted Warwick Highways Dept who said they would provide tools if volunteers could provide the labour to clear the path. An initial call for support got no response but when people began to see the work Marilyn and Cameron were doing, they began to get involved.



Mark at Shipston Building Supplies kindly donated two tons of gravel, which volunteers have begun to lay alongside clearing foliage. Although real progress is being made, there is still a lot to do.

“We desperately need more help and more gravel. There is so much more to be done,” said Marilyn.

To get involved please contact Marilyn on 07957 624862.

Wolf Run proves a lucrative mud bath for SHN

Shipston Home Nursing's brave nurses - SHN Team Quora - took on the Autumn Wolf Run last month (September) to raise money for the charity.

Over the 10 km course they braved black out tunnels, slid into muddy pits, dived off bridges, swam through lakes, and clambered over tyres and straw bales. The team conquered the final net climb to finish and jump in to the traditional orange pool, exhausted and triumphant.

SHN was The Wolf Run's Charity partner for the Autumn weekend.

20 volunteers also worked with Head of Community Fundraising, Rebecca Mawle, over the two days, running the bag and key drop and bouncy castles.

The charity was delighted to raise £1991.



Calling all thespians and back-stage technicians - Shipston AmDram needs you!

If you're a budding actor, lighting technician or props manager, Shipston Drama Group wants to hear from you. New members who want to perform or get involved backstage are needed - no experience is necessary, just plenty of enthusiasm!



The group normally performs two plays per year, plus a panto in February. Auditions are held for parts and rehearsals are normally on Wednesday evenings and Sundays for up to 12 weeks before a performance. Back stage crew tend to get involved a few weeks before the show.

Shipston Drama Group welcomes people from 11 years old upwards, and often has a number of youngsters involved in their annual pantomime. For more details, visit: <http://www.shipstondramagroup.org/> or Shipstononstourdramagroup on Facebook or email - woodwardaris@gmail.com.

Shipston Rotary takes support groups for a trip to the seaside

On Wednesday 4th September 46 passengers including 2 Guide Dogs 'Woody' and 'Star' along with residents from Low Furlong and their carers and members of the support groups in Shipston enjoyed a day at Weston.



Although it was a little blustery everyone had a great time and as usual fish and chips along with ice creams were the order of the day.

Some of the older members relived their childhoods playing the Penny Machines on the Pier and 'Woody' and 'Star' enjoyed some 'off duty' time frolicking on the beach.

When everyone got back to Shipston everyone said that they had had a lovely time and were looking forward to doing it all again next year.



The trip to Weston was organised by Rotarian Fay Ivens and sponsored by Shipston Rotary Club.

Do you know someone who needs help with literacy?

Read Easy UK is a charity based in Blockley that provides one-to-one reading coaching for adults who have literacy problems and struggle with their reading. One of the main areas the group covers is Shipston.

With lots of volunteer coaches already trained, the group is keen to help more adults learn to read. New Readers will be paired up with a volunteer Reading Coach who will provide half-hour lessons twice a week, at an agreed venue. The lessons are free and completely confidential.

People are often scared to come forward if they struggle with their literacy but it is quite a widespread issue. Learning to read can transform lives so if you know someone who could benefit, why not encourage them to get in touch with Read Easy UK? For more details, visit www.readeasy.org.uk/groups/north-cotswolds/ or <https://readeasy.org.uk/>

Literacy Specialist wanted: Read Easy UK is currently looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to join their team as Literacy Specialist. If you have training and experience in teaching literacy ideally to adults, and are interested in solving problems and making a difference to people's lives, then Read Easy UK would love to hear from you. To find out more please contact Team Leader, John Seddon: northcotswolds@readeasy.org.uk.

Midlands Girlguiding - fairy tales and scary tales adventure

Midlands Girlguiding selected a team of two leaders and five girls from Warwickshire Girlguiding groups at a selection weekend. After a year of planning and fundraising, the team met at Warwick Castle in July with 12 other teams, 103 girls and leaders from the Midlands region. The challenge was to visit three



countries, a castle and create a story as your team travelled. On the 28th July the challenges were set and completed around Warwick Castle. A bus journey to Birmingham Airport was taken to board a flight to Europe. On arrival in Krakow the teams visited Auschwitz, touring the Jews' quarters. Ostrava was our next destination, visiting an underground mine. Travelling onto Bratislava by train the group met some Bratislava Girl Scouts who gave a guided tour of the city, where they completed their Community Service at the local dog shelter.

Then it was on to another train onto Budapest where the 13 teams were to end their challenge. The following day all the teams were set another challenge around the city, finding checkpoints and earning team points whilst avoiding the scary fairies (Warwickshire Commissioners), so not to lose any points. The challenge ended with a visit to the thermal baths.

The event closing ceremony was hosted by the Midlands Girlguiding Commissioner when awards were presented for many different categories. Rosie and Kat from Brailes Rangers won the overall challenge. Diane Wildish, Shipston Rainbow/Brownie Leader said: "This was an amazing venture I will never forget and I would like to thank everyone who helped me raise the funds through events in Shipston. I am grateful I was selected by Warwickshire Girlguiding and for giving the girls the opportunity. Girlguiding offers so many opportunities for adults and girls."

If anyone would like to find out more or become involved please contact Girlguiding Warwickshire <https://www.ggw.org.uk/>

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Back to school

Our staff training day was focused on our school improvement priorities for the academic year: curriculum development; evidence-informed teaching and learning principles such as direct instruction, retrieval practice and cognitive load theory; mental health; and using Professor Steve Peters' 'Chimp' mind management model to support behaviour. The 'Chimp Model' has been used by lots of businesses and elite sports teams. We are excited to be participating in a project with Professor Steve Peters using his latest book for parents and teachers called 'Silent Guides'.



Congratulations to our House captains and vice captains following elections. School Council elections for class representatives are also taking place soon and Mrs. Chadwick will be facilitating their meetings again this year. It's great to see democracy in action and our children taking such a major role in the school's decision making. No proroguing allowed!

School games gold

Once again, Shipston Primary School has been awarded the School Games GOLD award for participation in sporting competition during the 2018-19 academic year. The school successfully achieved a high participation in extra-curricular activity, offered a wide range of different sports and opportunities to participate at Level 1 (inter-school) and



Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Shipston High School has been enjoying the first weeks of the new school year with a real buzz in lessons. Indeed, students have been getting involved with all aspects of school life; new year seven students are actively joining clubs and sports fixtures are well underway. This time of year often sees pleasant weather, and it is great to see so many students playing supervised matches on our sports fields after school.

Staff have been very impressed with the manners and commitment of our latest recruits. Moving into Year seven is a big change for young people, and all staff have been pleased with the energy and readiness to learn on display. Students have started secondary school with demonstrable enthusiasm; well done.



In September's column I was able to share initial news on Shipston High School's GCSE results for 2019. I am pleased that students have left the school to move into a range of fulfilling post 16 opportunities, many at local sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeships.

Shipston maintains its consistently strong record in core subjects. In English, 75% of students secured grades between 4 and 9, with 78% in Maths. Top grades have been secured across all subjects, including students with multiple

Level 2 (against other schools), and by entering more than one team in events, plus older pupils helped to run sports days and inter-house matches in school.

Mr. Roberts, Miss Mann and Mr. Cox continue to co-ordinate sporting fixtures for the five schools in our local area to ensure that children get the opportunity to represent their school in healthy sporting competition.

Mighty Metals

Having been alerted by several messages from school caretaker, Mr. Cornock, Kestrels and Hawks classes have been hard at work trying to solve the mystery of who or what came to our school field last week, and why.

Currently, the children are busy piecing together all the clues they have found from the items left on the field, as well as reports from our caretaker about different mysterious activities around school. The children are keeping everyone updated by writing their own newspaper reports about the incident.

Beast Creator

Year 5 have had a great start to the new academic year investigating minibeasts (particularly invertebrates) and their habitats. The class completed an experiment to find out which habitat woodlice prefer. Although the results suggested the dark and damp habitat was preferable, it was quite tricky to fully determine how many were in each habitat due to the amount of material. No woodlice were harmed in the experiment!



grades at 7, 8 and 9. Students have achieved grade 9 across the subject range, showing a consistent high performance in a diverse array of subjects.

As important as individual grades achieved is the impressive progress from students, with many exceeding their expected outcomes. 2019 results demonstrate the strong academic focus of Shipston High School. This is also a time to remember the community spirit that supports our young people; students are encouraged and supported by their friends and family along with the school staff. All students should be congratulated. Well done to everyone.

Our thoughts now start to turn towards applications for September 2020. Following our Open Morning in the Summer and our Open Evening in September, I am delighted to see that many families have already made their applications for entry in September 2020. Intending applicants need to note that the closing date for on time applications to Shipston High School is 31st October 2019.

Shipston High School runs a range of events out of school hours, and local groups also hire the premises for community activities. Please be aware that the site is only open to people involved with a structured activity arranged with the school, and the school fields and facilities are not open for use by general public.



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, Burnington 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 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 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: Brailes Village Hall Pavilion, 1pm- 3.30pm. Beginners welcome. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646

October Diary

- 2 **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 Home Nursing:** Domino Autumn Fashion Show - see ad on page 9
- Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** My Journey with Glass by Diane Vernon. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 5 **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
- 8 **Shipston Flower Club:** Alison Suffolk - Woodstock. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School. New members or visitors are welcome. Contact Elizabeth James 01789 450359 or Kathy Little 01608 664882 for more information
- 9 **Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Extending the Season in Your Garden Without Replacing Your Plants. Victoria Logue. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, Shipston-on-Stour. Further details from the secretary Tony Mitchell, tel. 01608 666933
- 10 **Shipston Home Nursing:** Golf Day at Feldon Valley. £250 per team. Contact Rebecca Mawle on 01608 674929
- 11 **Rural Cinema:** see ad on page 9
- Shipston Music Society:** see ad on pg 10

- 14 **Shipston Primary School: Open Morning:** See ad on page 9.
- 14 **Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** AGM. 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
- 16 **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 **Royal British Legion: Branch AGM.** 8.00pm Band Hut off New Street. All members welcome. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743
- 18-19 **Stour Valley Carers Group:** Supporting Dementia Carers - 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance). Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carol Ruthven 662706 or Lizzy Feather 686013
- Singing Down Memory Lane:** Reminiscence songs for people with memory problems. 2pm -3.30pm at Stour Court Community Lounge, Old Road. 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 all members, current and ex-service personnel and anyone interested in joining the RBL. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743

19 **Totally Locally Street Market:** See ad on page 16

Shipston Town Band: Autumn Concert: see ad on page 16

22 **Shipston U3A:** see ad on page 9
Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group: see ad on page 16

28 **Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** "The Warmington Hoard" by David Freke. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

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

30 **Shipston and District Literary Society:** Sybil Oldfield - English Writers in Hitler's Black Book. 7.30pm, The White Bear. Members £15pa, Non-members: £4. All welcome. Contact Helen Marshall, 01789 740773

31 **Quaker Meeting for Worship:** 2.30pm – 3 pm in St Edmund's Church, followed by a cuppa.

Flower and Vegetable Show

Shipston's gardeners and bakers have been hard at work again, producing an impressive array of flowers, vegetables, fruit and baked goods at this year's Flower and Produce Show.

Judges Chris Small and Brenda Broughton commented that the quality of the exhibits reaches a higher standard each year. Congratulations go to all the winners and well done all those who took part.

The Shipston Rotary Tallest Sunflower Competition was a very keenly fought competition with nine very enthusiastic entrants. The winner was Rebecca Hinton whose Sunflower measured an amazing 8ft 8ins. Rebecca received a voucher and all entrants received a certificate and sweets.

The show also featured a presentation to the Overall Winner of the Best Allotment Competition (see below). David Woodward was presented with his Cup and Certificate by the Deputy Mayor Sheelagh Saunders.

The Flower and Produce Show was organised by Councillors Veronica Murphy and Fay Ivens and sponsored by Shipston Rotary. Shipston Rotary sold delicious Cream Teas and raised £100 for Purple4Polio.



Winners crowned in annual Allotment Competition

The annual allotment competition was judged in early July, with Shipston's allotment holders once again impressing all those involved in the competition.

The allotments were judged by a member of the Gloucestershire Guild of Judges who commented that the standard has been increasing year on year and is now very high indeed.

Congratulations go to all allotment holders for the variety and quality of produce and especially to the winners – David Woodward overall winner and first at New Street with Phil Cowley second and Paul Dibbens third.

At Shoulderway Lane Chris Dunn took first place with Anne Marie Braithwaite second and John Arnold third.

Certificates were presented at the annual flower and produce show on 18th August.

As if winning prizes in the Shipston allotment competition wasn't enough, the Shoulderway Lane allotments came first for the second year running in the allotment competition at the Moreton Show.

Huge congratulations to everyone involved.

If anyone is interested in having an allotment, please contact the Town Council – 01608 662180 or email clerk@shipstononline.org



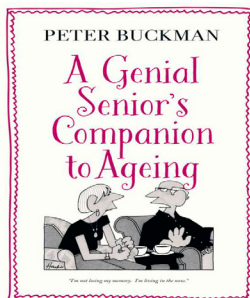


TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER, 2019

2 pm TOWNSEND HALL

AGEING DISGRACEFULLY

A talk by Peter Buckman



Peter Buckman has written books, plays, scripts for film, television and radio. He was on the editorial boards of Penguin Books in the UK and the New American Library in the US. In 2003 he set up The Ampersand Agency, whose first client wrote the book that turned into *Slumdog Millionaire*. His eighth book, *A Genial Senior's Companion to Ageing* was published in the UK last year, and has just been published in the US as *Still With It!*

Visitors are welcome

Entry including refreshments £2

STOUR VALLEY LION'S CINEMA



A musical fantasy about Elton John's breakthrough years. **Certificate 15.**

**SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL,
FRIDAY 11th October, 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.

Shipston-on-Stour Primary School

Open Morning

Monday 14th October 2019, 9.15am

www.shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk

Part of the Stour Federation Partnership with
Acorns Primary School and Brilles C of E Primary School



Starting School in September 2020?

- Take a tour of the school.
- Meet pupils, staff, the Executive Head and Associate Headteacher.
- Get advice on the Admissions procedure.
- Learn about our curriculum, extra-curricular activities and wraparound care from 8am - 6pm.

Email: primary@shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk

Tel: 01608 661266

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/shipstonhead>



DOMINO AUTUMN FASHION SHOW

WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER

THE BOWER HOUSE

6.45pm

£35 per person

Includes cocktail on arrival two course Dinner & Coffee

For more tickets and more information please call Rebecca Mawle

on 01608 674929

Many thanks to

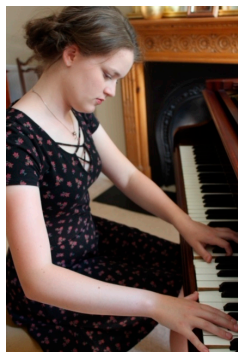




Shipston Music Society

www.shipstonmusic.org.uk

Young Musicians Concert 2019 & Annual General Meeting



Jessica Madden plays Clara Schumann

The Methodist Church
New Street, Shipston on Stour
Friday 11th October 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)



NEW STOCK

POP UP SHOP

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

FREE ENTRY

Friday 18th October 10am - 6pm

Saturday 19th October 9.30am - 3pm

Designer New & 2nd Hand Clothes
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GOOD QUALITY MERCHANDISE TAKEN

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Shipston Town Council

NJC Pay Scale within LC2 – dependant on qualifications and experience

Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (Proper Officer)

We are looking for a full time Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer with the necessary skills, experience and knowledge to work with Councillors, Staff and contractors to deliver Council priorities.

The successful candidate will have demonstrable financial, management and leadership experience and be capable of instigating and managing projects. Excellent communication and IT skills are essential, the person appointed must be helpful towards the public, councillors and other members of staff.

Applications for this post are invited from suitably qualified persons who hold the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) or who are committed to obtaining this within a twelve to eighteen-month period.

The Clerk will be responsible for a minimum of two staff and the management of all services and facilities provided by the council.

Commitment and flexibility are key elements for this post which will involve regular evening meetings and occasional weekend work.

The closing date for applications is midday on 14th October 2019 with initial interviews taking place during week commencing 21st October 2019.

For further information and application form, apply to: Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk, New Clark House, West Street, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4HD

Telephone: 01608 662180 E-mail: clerk@shipstononline.org,



Royal British Legion: Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance details for this year are as follows:

1. Poppy Appeal will run from 26th October to 9th November.
2. Remembrance Sunday is 10th November with usual parade beforehand and service at St Edmund's.
3. Armistice Day will be observed on Monday 11th November with 2 minutes silence in the High Street at 1100 hrs.

Fuller details will follow in the November Forum. Also please see Legion notice board in the Bury.

Legion members should note that the Shipston Branch AGM will be on Thursday 17th October at 2000 hrs in the Band Hall.

For the Poppy Appeal as ever new and more collectors will be needed and welcomed. Anybody wishing to do this will find it enjoyable and worthwhile. All enquiries about this and anything to Richard Adams, Branch Chairman on 01608 662328/07961452182 or e mail richardadams5@hotmail.com.

Please note that following the recent very sad death of Mike Ashley enquiries about the Poppy Appeal or any related Legion matter should no longer be directed to him.

Shipston Stitches

We are a small, happy and friendly group of embroiderers of differing standards who quietly sit and stitch from 10am to 3pm alternate Thursdays all the year, except December (when we have a Christmas lunch together).

The group has been in existence for over 30 years and we still have one original member. If anyone is interested in joining us or seeing our individual projects, please pop along and say hello. We do a variety of work from cross stitch kits to detailed goldwork and some ladies do hand patchwork. Bring your own project or start something new.

Our next meetings will be 10 October, 24 October and then fortnightly, 10am - 3pm Catholic Church Rooms, Darlingscote Rd, Shipston. Bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

Shipston Archers

Ever thought about trying or taking up Archery but didn't know how to start? Well - help is at hand, in the guise of your own local archery club, here in Shipston.

Our style of archery is referred to as Target, but we will also support and encourage other forms of archery including field and traditional, or longbow shooting. To become a club member you will need to attend a Beginner's Course and the certificate you get on completion is generally accepted by any ArcheryGB registered club, including ours.

One of the club's remits is to provide support for archery at the High School and students are able to shoot free of charge, on Saturday mornings, as well as with the after-school club on Thursdays. Last year our junior team attended the Gloucestershire Junior Championships, coming away with a Gold, two Silvers and a Bronze medal! This year we are hoping to extend our teams with two more young ladies and a young man, who all show great promise for the future.

This year we have been very pleased to support the local youth groups and also provide stands at the Brailes Show, Fish and Frolics and the Lions Gala. If any organisation would like us to attend, please get in touch.

If you wish to find out more please feel free to drop by one of our club sessions, call 07795-632718, email dgrb@rocketmail.com or visit our Facebook Page, Shipston Archers. We are currently recruiting for our next Beginner's course, so watch out for the notices!

Angels are coming!

It's time to think of Advent and Christmas! This year St. Edmund's Church is planning a journey through Christmas as told by angels. From the Victorian Evening through to January, angels – all one metre high – will be around the church.



Each will reflect a theme in the Christmas story and have a thought and prayer for how this angel is part of our life today.



It will be another precious Shipston community effort. Some groups are already working on their angel. Every one will be different: one may be in wool, one may use food wrappers, one may be all glitter!

Have you been asked for an angel? If not, would your group, shop or pub like to know more, see some examples and,

perhaps, get involved? Could your group make an angel?

Contact Rev'd Sarah Edmonds on 01608 661210 or Lisa Blunt on 01608 663386 to find out more.



Lions in the Community



The picture shows the team at Queen Mary University BTR Lab, London (L-R) Fran Stary, Sarah Holey, May Leeder, Phil Nathan and Geoff Leeder.)

Lions Serving the Community

Our past President Fran Stary and her team have their work cut out raising £1 million over the next 4 years for Brain Tumour Research (BTR). Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other form of cancer. The proceeds will help fund a laboratory in one of the BTR's dedicated centres which will be named after Lions Clubs. Lions clubs throughout the UK will be fund raising to assist this campaign and our local Stour Valley Lions will play its part.

Ilmington Show

Our club raised over £500 at the Ilmington Show on Bank Holiday Monday running two stalls - a bottle tombola and a children's tombola. We were favoured by wonderful weather and capacity crowds. The proceeds will go into our charity account to fund local good causes.

Lions Film Night

Look out for our next film "Rocket Man" on 11th October. It is an epic musical fantasy about the incredible story of Elton John's breakthrough years. The film follows his journey of transformation from the shy Reginald Dwight into superstar Elton John.

The Townsend Hall

The winning numbers for the Sept Draw are:

£15 Member no 116

£10 Member no 55

£5 Member No 121

Congratulations on your winnings!



Probus



Shipston on Stour Probus and Stour Valley Probus, in conjunction with Shipston Sports and Social Club, are still pursuing the acquisition of a stair-lift to be fitted to allow the disabled and elderly access to the upper social area of the Sports and Social club. Further meetings have been held and a strategy is in place; with all the parties involvement, it is hoped this can be achieved before the end of this year.

Again we were enthralled by the following talks during September 2019.

A change of date to Thursday September 12th and Steven Bruce of Warwick Auctions enthralled us all with "Tales from the auctions".

September 27th – Jo Hands, from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, gave a brief history of the trust, its area of influence and its aims and aspirations.

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.

Shipston on Stour Probus Club

Tony Joint

Secretary

C/O 19 Hawthorn Way

Shipston on Stour

CV36 4FD

For further information please contact the secretary Tony Joint – 07711310272 / tonyjoint73@hotmail.com.

Badgers Eye View

Readers of the Forum will know there's a lot of discussion going on about how we can develop a Healthy Town in Shipston. The League of Friends is looking at how we can help that initiative by providing additional services at the core of a newly revitalised hospital.

We are examining how we can support and fund space and facilities for the enormous number of health related voluntary organisations in the town. We have been asked if there can be support found for health, diet and fitness initiatives and whether services such as weight watchers and similar self help groups may have a place.

Suggestions have been made that we might provide outdoor and indoor exercise equipment, meet the demand for "Exercise on Prescription" from our medical practice, create a meeting space with catering or maintain the hospital's renowned expertise in a community garden.

The central core of the hospital will offer diagnostic services, therapies - speech, physiotherapy, podiatry- and community nursing, (including the palliative care services of SHN) together with outpatient clinics. They will all require a welcoming, modern environment which can take advantage of the site's location and the views from all its aspects.

Much of that kind of development will go beyond NHS capacity alone. We will get a new hospital - and hopefully a spacious medical centre - but if we want to build a local health service rather than our current illness service we will need some things which don't just replace current services with shinier ones. All ideas will be welcome.

Bryan Stoten, Chair, League of Friends of Shipston's Hospitals

Happy 100th birthday to local war veteran, Harold Pleasance

Local resident, Harold Pleasance, is now the proud owner of a birthday card from the Queen having reached his 100th birthday in August.

Reaching 100 is always a cause for celebration, but in Harold's case this is particularly true when you consider the challenges he endured as a young man.

Harold was conscripted into the army in January 1940, at the age of 20 and joined the 135th Field Regiment Royal Artillery. At just 22, he left England to fight the Japanese Army in Singapore where he was eventually taken prisoner.

Harold spent three years as a prisoner of war, where he was forced to work tirelessly on construction projects and subjected to horrific brutality. Before being freed in 1945, Harold had suffered with malaria and malnutrition and it took many years to overcome the lasting physical and mental impact of his experience. But fast forward to 2019, and Harold generously refers to that time as simply "three wasted years".

Having already celebrated his birthday with his family and enjoyed a visit from Town Mayor, Dan Scobie, Harold was treated to another party – and more cake – thanks to his friends at the Royal British Legion who were proud help mark his centenary.



Shipston loses another local legend

Shipston said a final goodbye to another local legend last month. Former town councillor, Mike Ashley sadly passed away in August.

Mike contributed an enormous amount of time to support the community, not least in hosting and jointly running the Shipston Museum for many years. From his work as a Trustee of the Townsend Hall to his role as Membership Secretary with the Royal British Legion, Mike approached his many roles with enthusiasm and commitment.



In the words of Richard Adams, Chairman of the Royal British Legion Shipston branch: "Quite simply Mike has been a devoted servant to the Legion ever since he joined. He was the backbone of the Annual Poppy Appeal, with his home being turned into Poppy Appeal HQ every year. Collecting annual membership subs was another considerable task he undertook with thoroughness. It is an understatement that Mike comes as near to being indispensable to the Legion as anyone could be. Mike was also a personal friend of mine of some thirty years - I will always value having enjoyed his loyal friendship."

Mike was also a Trustee and the Secretary of the Townsend Hall for some 10 years. Geoff Ridgeway, Chairman of the Trustees, said: "Mike was a great friend and colleague who was well-liked. He always had the interests of Shipston at heart and was a staunch supporter of the Townsend Hall, The Royal British Legion, The Shipston Museum and other organisations. He will be greatly missed."

Our thoughts are with Mike's family and friends at this difficult time.

Shipston resident contributes to amazing fossil find

Local fossil expert, Nic Reast, has been instrumental in preparing a world class fossil found in Dorset recently. The 5ft by 3.5ft fossil was found by fossil hunter, Chris Moore and arrived in Nic's Shipston workshop in many pieces. After eight months, Nic had pieced the fossil together and restoration was complete.

Nic specialises in preparing fossils for museums and private collectors. While many of these pieces are kept private, this latest find – a huge ammonite – is now on display for all to enjoy at Charmouth Heritage Centre in Dorset.

Nic said: "It's a stunning piece and I'm quite proud to have played a role in unearthing a new treasure! It's amazing what comes through my workshop. Last month was dinosaurs, and currently I have a 100 million year old, 3 ft fish to put together! It's particularly pleasing to see pieces I've restored being put on public display or being used for study and attracting lots of interest".

If you're planning a trip to Dorset in the near future, why not check out the fossil for yourself?



District Council Update

As the People Portfolio holder at SDC, I am privileged to sit on a number of outside bodies and boards - all to do with health & wellbeing. It is an exciting time for Shipston - South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust (SWFT) has two priorities this year- Warwick Hospital parking - and - drumroll - the development of the Ellen Badger Hospital! I am writing this live during the SWFT Governors Meeting - Mike Wells is updating....the Friends bought next door, co-locating the Medical Centre (1500sqm), Hospital (2100sqm), Health & Wellbeing Hub, CCG agreement, procurement in October 2019. Likely up & running in next three years!



You may have been at the 17 September meeting in Shipston and given your views on what you want to see happening at the EB, so I hope that by now you can all join in celebrating the great things happening here.

The Head of Nursing for SWFT would also like feedback on A&E and your own experiences. Let me know and I'll pass it on.

I am acutely aware that there is an increasing drug problem in Stratford - but I know we are not immune here. We are improving our local CCTV coverage particularly covering spaces which our young people use. We need to keep them safe from some of the terrible pressures they face - which many of us did not have to come up against until we were much older.

Just a quick point on planning. If you have an issue please get in touch. I am happy to talk neighbour issues, changes of use and applications which you make or are affected by. No issue is too small.

Trevor and I are also keeping tabs on s106 money.....

Wow it's busy! Trevor Harvey and I are continuing to hold surgeries at the George on a Thursday morning - but you can contact either of us by phone or email to arrange to meet at other times - just wanted to make sure you know we are here when you need us!

Jo Barker, Councillor for Shipston South

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

County Council update

I seem to be majoring on Highways - again!

The Portabello is a pretty large project. I couldn't believe the size of the hole containing water pipes as I peered in. I can't be alone in being amazed at the amount of work needed for a set of traffic lights.



I have been speaking to the engineers over the summer - trying to stay on top of the red light issue in particular. I am told that running the lights at red causes glitches in the timing of the lights basically by scrambling the electronics (apologies to anyone who could describe this more technically).

We worked hard to get this black spot sorted - please bear with it - we don't want accidents now, as we reach a point where we finish the project & prevent future tragedies at the crossroads.

Dropped kerbs- we decided that putting a map in the Forum would not be helpful so here's a summary of where we are thinking of installing kerbs having been out in a buggy. Existing dropped kerbs will have heights checked & sorted. A dropped kerb at the corner of Horsefair - as requested. Dropped kerbs from the south of town out of the housing estates to the London Road and some areas made more accessible to those with limited sight. Please let me know what you want to see in the town centre and please, if you drive, don't park in front of dropped kerbs!

Most importantly - PLEASE - contact me with your suggestions for where you need a dropped kerb. The project will come out of the WCC delegated budget - please ask so we get this right.

County Councillor, Jo Barker

SHIPSTON TOWN COUNCIL



Award of Community Grants 2020/21

Local community groups, voluntary organisations and sports/recreational groups are invited to submit applications for grants towards their activities during the 2020/21 financial year.

Grants must be for non-commercial activities which are of benefit to the residents of Shipston.

All applications must be received by 31st October 2019 for consideration by the Finance Working Group. The group will make recommendations to the Town Council. Grants awarded will be for the year commencing April 2020.

**For full conditions and an application pack please contact the Town Clerk:
New Clark House, West Street,
Shipston on Stour, CV36 4HD**

Tel: 01608 662180 Email: clerk@shipstononline.org

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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
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St Edmund's	01608 661210
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Something exciting to share?

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

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

Forum copy deadline:
First Wednesday of the month

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

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

The Shipston Forum is produced monthly by the Town Council to support the community and is distributed to all households. If you don't receive a copy, please contact the Town Clerk. The Forum can also be downloaded from www.shipstononline.org

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Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group

'Save Our Swifts'

Presentation by Chris Mason
From Cherwell Swift Conservation



Tuesday 22nd October 2019 - 7.30pm

St Edmund's Church Room

Church Street, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4AP

Admission Free – Donations welcome
Refreshments available



Interested in joining as a 'Friend of SVWAG'
please contact Richard Gray on 07977 587911

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 Town Band

Present

Autumn Concert

With their special guests

Jaguar Land Rover Band



Townsend Hall

Sat October 19th 7.30 p.m.

Admission Free

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Saturday 19th October

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SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

Town Centre on Sheep Street & The Bury

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