



# Shipston Forum

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## Shipston heads to the polls for the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

The referendum to decide whether Shipston should adopt its Neighbourhood Plan takes place on 6th September 2018. The Plan includes proposals for the type and location of development, infrastructure and local services in the town.

Planning decisions are currently taken at district council level and local input from Shipston is limited. Having a Neighbourhood Plan in place would ensure the views of local residents – as expressed in an adopted Neighbourhood Plan – are taken into account when considering planning proposals. With an adopted plan, the town would also be eligible for 25% of any Community Infrastructure Levy (which developers now have to pay on developments of 11 units or more) instead of 15% without an adopted plan.

The referendum is the culmination of a long process, which began in 2012, when Shipston Town Council held a launch event to find out whether residents supported the idea of producing a Plan, and to ask for initial views on the key issues it should address. Four key areas were identified: Housing, Environment; Infrastructure and Economy, with Flooding added at a later date given its local significance.

Following extensive consultation and research, the



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

Neighbourhood Plan team formulated draft policies covering these areas, which were presented to residents at an Open Day in December 2015. Ongoing updates were posted via the Neighbourhood Plan website and a questionnaire was sent to all residents. A statutory consultation ran from December 2016 for six weeks to enable residents to make further comments, and the Plan was approved by Shipston Town Council in October 2017. An independent examiner has since assessed the Plan and recommended it go forward to referendum, subject to some modifications which have been incorporated.

Shipston residents who are registered on the Electoral Role, will have received polling cards recently from Stratford District Council ahead of this important referendum.

Voters can choose to accept or reject the Neighbourhood Plan. If accepted, the Plan will become part of the formal planning process. This means that Stratford District Council, by law, must consider the policies in the Plan when reviewing new development applications in Shipston.

Mayor Ian Cooper said "This referendum is a unique opportunity for Shipston residents to have their say directly and to help shape the future development of Shipston. Whether you opt to accept or reject the Plan, I urge all residents to use their vote on the 6th September. Don't miss this chance to influence the future of our community."

To find out more about the policies proposed, download a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan via [www.shipstontowncouncil.org](http://www.shipstontowncouncil.org) and [www.shipstonnp.org](http://www.shipstonnp.org). Printed copies are available for inspection at New Clark House, West Street and Shipston Library. See page 16 for Referendum polling stations details.

## Act fast to have your say on the Ellen Badger Hospital

Early readers of the Shipston Forum should still be in time to respond to a consultation to help shape the future of the Ellen Badger Hospital.

Following the recently announced investment in the hospital, including the purchase of a neighbouring property, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust is seeking views on what services residents would ideally like to see at the hospital.

Some of the services already provided at the Ellen Badger include in-patient beds, outpatient clinics, physiotherapy, radiography, district nursing, health visiting, a day hospital, speech and language therapy and hearing services.

To have your say, please complete the survey at [www.swft.nhs.uk](http://www.swft.nhs.uk) - but don't delay - you only have until 31st August to register your views.



## Mayor's column



This month I'd like to make a special mention for all those that have toiled through the hot weather to keep the town looking so well.

A big thank you to Lawns 2 Mow who have been out at five in the morning to water our plants and gardens. Shipston in Bloom keeps the baskets and borders full of colour, and the volunteers from Proud of my Town litter pick do a sterling job of keeping litter at bay. Let's all join them in being proud of where we live and help keep Shipston looking great.

As a Town and as a Town Council our hands are often tied when we look to secure better services and the infrastructure we feel we need to properly support the town, but we continue to seek out opportunities where we can. One such opportunity is our Neighbourhood plan. Not only does this set out the policies and proposals to shape the future of the town, but it opens the door for us to receive Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds to support projects where we as a local community decide they best meets our needs. Please take the time to vote on 6th September so your voice can be heard.

To help ensure that the views of the Town Council are listened to when it comes to campaigning for local services and infrastructure, we are building stronger relationships with the other main rural centres and rural support organisations. By working together, we can provide an influential voice when seeking out improvements to local services, both in Shipston and the county as a whole. This is an important aspect of our work and one that brings awareness of Shipston's strengths and challenges.

Ian Cooper

## Shipston Town Council seeks clarity on Citizens Advice changes

Representatives from Citizens Advice (CA) South Warwickshire and Warwickshire County Council attended the August meeting of the town council to explain why Shipston's CA outreach service has been reduced to only cover 55plus when it is a service potentially needed by all adults.

Due to funding pressures, outreach services have been closing in other parts of the district. However, the CA was able to secure funding from another charity to keep Shipston's service open, but one of the conditions is that it must mainly serve over 65s. This is because the funder specialises in helping that age group.

Councillors challenged the approach and complained about the difficulty in getting through to CA on the phone. While the problems were acknowledged, the CA wasn't able to offer a solution given lack of funds.

The Town Council will give further thought to additional funding to extend the CA service to all residents, including alternatives such as access via the Customer Access Terminal in New Clark House and funding transport into the main CA offices.

## Glimmer of hope for new medical centre

Shipston Medical Centre has reported that the local Clinical Commissioning Group has commissioned an appraisal of the options for developing larger premises for the Medical Centre in Shipston. This is a significant step forward.

It is thought that two of the options being assessed are development of a new building on newly acquired land at the Ellen Badger Hospital or on land identified for health purposes on the north side of the Campden Road.



Proposals are at a very early stage and are likely to take at least five years to come to fruition. Practice Manager, Rachel Vial, said: "Nothing is set in stone and we still can't guarantee that we will secure the funding and support needed for a new centre, but this is at least a step in the right direction."

## Not sure? Don't open the door!

Doorstep crime can come in many guises and residents are being reminded to stay alert.

Rogue traders may say they are in the area working on another property and they have spotted a problem with your home or garden. They may claim to have materials left over from another job, like paving or tarmac. They may try to pressurise you to buy goods or sign up for services on the spot. Unfortunately all too often they may offer to carry out work cheaply, but charge an extortionate price after the work has been completed.

Bogus callers may claim to be working for the council, water, gas or electric company. They could also say they are a nurse, doctor or even from the police. Bogus callers may say they need to come into your home, or try to get you to go outside. They may try to distract you so they can steal your money. They can be male, female or even children.

A pedlar is someone who calls at your door to sell items that they have to offer. This can often include cleaning or household goods. These goods may be sold at an overpriced value. By law pedlars are required to carry a pedlar's certificate, which is issued by the police force in the area they operate.

If you are not sure who is at the door, do not open it. Check the identity of any caller. Confirm who they are by calling the company they work for using the number from the telephone directory or from one of your bills. Do not call a number provided by them.

If the caller does not leave your property when asked to do so, call the police.





## News from Shipston Town Council's August meeting

### Hot topics:

**Waiting times:** Councillors have questioned the evidence base for proposed new waiting time restrictions on some roads in Shipston and will respond accordingly to the consultation.

**Close the gate!** A local resident has asked the council to remind residents about closing gates on footpaths and bridleways. The resident keeps sheep in a field off Callaways Road and the bridleway gates have been left open several times, resulting in her losing her sheep on four occasions.

**Attracting new councillors:** Some current town councillors do not plan to stand again at the next election in May 2019. The council will run a campaign over the next few months through the Forum to encourage people to consider becoming a candidate

**A thorny issue:** Martin Ferrier issued a plea that thorny foliage hanging over the pavement on Stratford Road be cut back. The Town Clerk will write to the owner to request action.

**New dog enforcement role:** Stratford District Council has recently announced a new dog enforcement role which will help tackle dog fouling among other services. The town council will write to the new recruit to request their support on tackling dog fouling in Shipston.

**Chaos on Station Road:** The Town Clerk will write to Highways following concerns that residents were not adequately consulted before the major works on Station Road began. Queries will also be raised about the brick wall which is currently coned off.

**Kids club success:** Fay Ivens reported on a successful joint churches holiday club which was attended by approximately 70 children. The Mayor congratulated the organisers on a successful event.

**Responding to residents:** Marianne Westwood reported that lorries are now being driven more responsibly following the complaint raised by the council last month, and that those that had complained about the state of the pavements were delighted to see that they had been cleaned. Stratford District Council funded the clean, which was carried out by Lawns2Mow on behalf of Shipston Town Council. Unlike other areas of the district where SDC carries out street cleansing itself, in Shipston, it pays the town council to carry out the services on its behalf.

**Local events:** Ian Cooper congratulated the organisers of the Fish n Frolics event and Lions Country Gala – although

unfortunately neither attracted quite as many people as they would have liked, possibly because of the weather.

**Fund up for grabs:** County Councillor, Jo Barker, reminded councillors about the opportunity to apply for some of her county council member grant which could help fund the CAB or other services.



### Campaigning for Shipston:

**Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour at the skate park:** In response to concerns raised by Youth Club leaders and the police about crime and anti social behaviour at the skate park, the town council is urgently looking into improved CCTV provision in the area. An additional meeting of the council will be held on 28th August to agree a way forward.

**Consultation on strategic sites:** Stratford District Council is about to consult on its Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). On 16th August, SDC will publish a list of sites that were put forward as part of an earlier 'call for sites'. These sites will be rated red, amber or green according to various considerations. These sites could theoretically become reserve sites for more housing. The Town Council will analyse the information and prepare a response prior to the 14th September deadline.

**The planning process:** Stratford District Council is also consulting on its 'Statement of Community Involvement' which includes how the council liaises with Shipston Town Council over planning matters. STC is keen to meet with other main rural centres to discuss common ground before responding. One of the main issues to address is the short timeframes within which STC has to respond to planning applications.

### Town Council business:

**Flagpole repair:** Councillors agreed to go ahead with repairing the flagpole outside New Clark House so that the flag can be raised on Remembrance Sunday and other occasions.

**Changes to Standing Orders:** Revised Standing Orders have been prepared in line with National Association for Local Government Guidelines. Standing Orders are the rules governing how the council goes about its business for example organisation of meetings, code of conduct, accounts and handling staff matters. The Town Clerk will seek clarification from Warwickshire Association of Local Councils on a couple of matters before the new Standing Orders are formally adopted.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHIPSTON WOOL FAIR

Keen to get involved with the Shipston Wool Fair? Have some wonderfully woolly ideas to share? Or just keen to know more about the event? Then please join us at our AGM on

Wednesday 26th September at 6.30 pm at New Clark House.

We hope to see you there!



## Jamboree fundraising set for another flurry

With just less than a year to go before the 2019 Jamboree in the US, the Scouts have been busy fundraising. Their efforts so far include a quiz night, a number of cake sales, several community breakfasts, a grand prize raffle, litter picking, badge sale, bag packing, tuck shop and sponsored cycle. They would like to thank all those who attended, contributed and donated.

The next two fundraising events in the calendar are the ever-popular community breakfast on Sunday 16th September at the Scout Hut, followed by what promises to be a fun 'Race Night' on Saturday 24th November at the Townsend Hall, Shipston. Tickets will be available from Turners of Shipston or 07988 913485 at £10 per adult including a pork supper, race card and cash bar. The event has a limited number of opportunities for race sponsors at £25 or £50 per race - for more details contact Becky on 07988 913485.



## Support for Carers

If you provide regular help and support to someone who could not cope without you, then you are a carer

There are a number of different services on offer in Warwickshire to help make carers' lives a little bit easier. Services aim to ensure carers are supported in every way possible so that they are able to take on this vital role whilst maintaining their own wellbeing.

Unfortunately, many people do not realise that they are carers, while many who do are unaware that there is support available for them.

For more information about the services for carers, please visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/supportforcarers>



## Ethan Suglo heads back to Ghana in good health

Thanks to the wonderful support of the local community, Ethan Suglo's surgery was able to go ahead at the John Radcliffe Hospital in June. The much-needed operation was funded through the 'Long Road to Ghana' challenge, which also raised a significant sum for Brain Tumour Research.

After a last minute panic over visas, Ethan arrived in England with barely a day to spare. Surgery to reduce the swelling in his abdomen and improve



his life expectancy went ahead within 48 hours of Ethan's arrival. Doctors are so pleased with the outcome that Ethan is not expected to need any further surgery.

Dr Williams, who led the fundraising and hosted Ethan and his father, Charles, during the summer said: "It was a joy to see Ethan bounce back so quickly after surgery. He's a bundle of energy! Ethan's family are extremely grateful for all the support he has received and hopefully he can now look forward to a long and healthy life ahead."

## Shipston Youth Club raises funds for a busy year ahead

Shipston Youth Club has recently completed a leaflet drop around the town highlighting the service it provides and inviting donations to be made. They would like to say a HUGE thank you for the generous response they have received so far. There is still time to donate. Any amount will be greatly appreciated and will help secure the future of the Youth Club.

The Youth Club is a registered charity and it costs £15,000 a year to run the Club.

Whilst local grant schemes have been very generous, the organisers need to constantly demonstrate local support and build up a regular stream of income.

Another way you may wish to contribute to the running of the Club is by becoming a volunteer! People with time and enthusiasm to get involved will be warmly welcomed.

You may well have seen the club's team of youth workers out and about in the evenings during the summer months. They have been involved in some detached work, meeting the young people where they meet, providing refreshments and listening ears.

For further information on how to get involved, or to donate, please contact: Katie Corby [katiecorby@btinternet.com](mailto:katiecorby@btinternet.com) or our chairman Daniel Pulham [svbc99@gmail.com](mailto:svbc99@gmail.com)

The youth club is looking forward to opening its doors again as the new school term starts...alternative Tuesdays for Yrs7 and 8 - Yr9 upwards on Wednesday evenings.





## Spotlight on 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 a local archery club, here in Shipston.

Started in 2013, Shipston Archers currently shoots outdoors at the Sheldon Bosley Hub and indoors, during the winter, at the High School. The group's style of archery is referred to as Target, but they 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. The certificate received on completion is generally accepted by any ArcheryGB registered club, including Shipston Archers. These courses are usually held during the spring/summer months and more details are available from the club secretary.



One of the club's remits is to provide support for archery at the High School. Students are able to shoot free of charge, on Saturday mornings, as well as with the after-school club on Thursdays. Last year the club's junior team attended the Gloucestershire Junior Championships, coming away with a Gold, two Silvers and a Bronze medal! This year the club is hoping to extend its teams with two more young ladies and a young man, who all show great promise for the future. If the current Beginner's course generates a couple of new members then the future is looking very rosy indeed.

This year, Shipston Archers has 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 other organisations would like the club to attend their events, please get in touch.

If you wish to find out more about the club, please drop by one of the club sessions and introduce yourself to any member, call the secretary on 07795-632718 or email [dgrb@rocketmail.com](mailto:dgrb@rocketmail.com). You can also sign up on the club's Facebook page, Shipston Archers. They are currently recruiting for the next Beginner's course, so watch out for the notices!

## Full steam ahead for the Lions Inaugural Summer Gala

In the midst of a heatwave, Stour Valley Lions dared to believe they might have perfect weather conditions for their first Summer Gala. By 4pm they quite literally had people 'singing in the rain'!



Regardless of the weather, the day was extremely successful and the Lions were delighted to see so many people supporting the Country Gala. The show included an impressive display of steam traction engines and classic cars, as well as lots of entertainment and refreshments. The Flowers of Ilmington Morris Dancing Ladies put on a fine display of traditional dancing, while the Shipston Archers attracted plenty of interest in their sport. The Band 'Soultraders' were very popular and had folks up dancing on the terrace; a total downpour didn't dampen anyone's spirits or move them off the dance floor!



Collectively £500 was raised which will be ploughed back into the community by supporting the Lions' charitable good causes. The Lions are grateful for everyone's support. Particular thanks go to the Sheldon Bosley Hub for being the perfect host venue; to each exhibitor who attended and gave their time and enthusiasm so generously; to everybody who very kindly donated raffle prizes for the Tombola and to the local businesses that supported by attending on the day. Lion Catherine Holcombe said: "Lions Paul and Helen Garfield were the driving force behind the organisation of the show so a huge well done and thank you to them both. We hope to be back next year for an even bigger and better show."

## Shipston Rotary raises funds for 'Aquabox' water filters

An "Aquabox" miraculously changes dirty water into drinking water in seconds at the press of a pump.

In the heat of the Lions Gala Steam Fair, Shipston Rotarians demonstrated the unique Aquabox water filtering system. Many visitors needed a drink of water which offered the perfect opportunity to demonstrate the wonderful Aquabox. Many tried the Aquabox water and were impressed, especially the four legged visitors. Aquabox, a charity supported by Rotary, has distributed over 110,000 boxes to natural or man-made disasters around the world.

Each box, designed for a family, contains 70 items, including an Aquabox to provide essential, safe, drinking water.



**MONDAY****Citizens Advice:**

Mornings, New Clark House.  
To book call 01789 200136

**Shipston Duplicate**

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

**Shipston Baby & Toddler**

**Group:** Term time only. 9.30-  
11am, Scout Hut. Contact  
shipstontoddlers@gmail.com

**Knitting & Crochet Club:**

7-9pm at Low Furlong.  
Contact Julie Pardoe 07956  
180989 or Facebook 'Shipston  
knitting and crochet group'.

**TUESDAY****Yoga for all abilities:**

9.30am-11am Catholic Church  
Hall. Contact Leigh Figures  
665995

**Stroke Club:** Fortnightly

10am-12pm The House of  
Bread Retreat at The Mill,  
Burmington

**Rhyme time for under 2s:**

10.45am Shipston Library. Free.

**Age Concern Lunch Club**

at Stour Court. Stella 686224

**Silver Surfer Computer**

**Lessons,** Shipston Library  
2pm. Booking essential.  
0300 5558171

**Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays.

Doors open 6.30pm. Sheldon  
Bosley Hub. 661886

**Shipston on Stour**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY****Coffee at St Edmunds**

**Church:** 10:30am – 12pm.

**U3A Chicago Bridge:**

Social Bridge 2pm-4.30pm,  
Catholic Church Hall, Roger  
Smith on 01608 238400.

**Stour Valley Probus:**

alternate Wednesdays at  
10am, The George in Brailes.  
Roger Smith on 01608 238400.

**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,  
Darlingscote Rd. Contact Kath  
Cheshire on 01608 663486.

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

**Story Stomp:** Shipston  
Library, 10.45-11.15 am.

FREE For children aged 2-4.

**Age Concern Lunch**

**Club:** Alternate Thursdays.  
Gill Roach on 01295 680309  
or Pauline Carr on 01386  
700703

**Safer Neighbourhood**

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

**The Thursday Club:** 2pm-  
4pm, Shipston Library. Free

weekly drop-in session for  
adults. Board games, puzzles,  
colouring, crafts. Tea/biscuits.

**Exercise for the elderly:**

£5. Alternate Thursdays,  
2.30-4.30, Catholic Church  
Hall. Contact: Ann Smith on  
238400

**Stour Singers - Choral**

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

**Shipston Badminton Club:**

Townsend Hall, 7:30pm

**Starting 6th September -  
Yoga for all abilities:**

5.45-7pm. Catholic Church  
Hall. Contact Leigh Figures  
665995

**FRIDAY**

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

**Shipston Probus:** alternate  
Fridays. Shipston Sports Club,  
London Road. Contact Nick  
01608 662928

**Age Concern Lunch Club**

at Stour Court. Call June on  
684218

**Knitting & Crochet Club:**

2-5pm, Rainbow Fields.  
Contact Julie Pardoe 07956  
180989

**Shipston Archers:** Shipston

High School, indoors, 6pm  
till 8pm. Beginners welcome.  
Contact 07795 632718

**Bingo Night at Rainbow**

**Fields:** Doors open 6.30pm.  
Contact Ruth Keyte on 01608  
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:** Sheldon  
Bosley Hub, outside, 1pm  
till dark, weather permitting.  
Beginners welcome. Contact  
07795 632718 or 01608  
664646

**September Diary**

**1 Shipston Rainbows: Family Fun Day** see ad  
on page 7. 12-4pm at The Scout Hut, free entry.  
25ft Climbing Wall, kids Obstacle Course,  
Archery, music, refreshments + lots of stalls &  
games for all ages

**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

**3 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** The  
Chairman Reminiscences. Contact: Shirley  
Pilkington 662684

**5 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:** John  
Parnell - Hula Hoops. 7pm, Catholic Church  
Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks  
664519

**Chronic Pain Support Group:** 7.30 pm,  
Rainbow Fields. Contact Marianne Westwood  
01608 662223

**6 Shipston Cancer Support Group:** Drop-In  
Centre: 17:00 to 18:30 Rainbow Fields  
**Neighbourhood Plan Referendum:** See ad  
on page 16

**10 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:**  
7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact:  
Georgina Beaumont 662180

**Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business**

**Meeting:** 7.30pm, The White Bear Function  
Room, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact  
Membership Officer Lion Paul Garfield on  
07828 589564 or email paulgarfield@icloud.  
com

**11 Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN)**

**Meeting:** see ad on page 8

**12 Shipston and District Gardening Club:**

Annual Show - members only. Further details  
from the secretary Tony Mitchell, tel. 01608  
666933

**13 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:**

Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark  
House, West Street. All members welcome.  
Contact Alex Black 01608 664743

**14 Rural Cinema:** see ad on page 7

**Shipston Music Society:** Chimera featuring  
Helen Porter. See ad on page 7

**16 Scouts Jamboree Fundraising Community**

**Breakfast:** 9-11am full English breakfast with  
toast and tea or coffee for £5.50 at the Scout  
Hut, New Street

**St Edmund's Church:** Harvest Festival, 10am.  
See article on page 11

**17 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:**

Outing. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

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

**21 Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting**

**Dementia Carers:** 10.30am-12pm, Ellen  
Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance).

Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact:  
Carol Ruthven 662706 or Lizzy Feather 686013

**Singing Down Memory Lane:** Reminiscence  
Songs for people with memory problems. 2pm  
-3.30pm at Stour Court Community Lounge,  
Old Road. Contact:- Barbara Smith 01608  
662433

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

**25 Multiple Sclerosis Society 'Drop in' meeting.**  
10.30am at the White Bear Hotel. Contact: Ann  
Bartlett 666161

**Shipston Library Lego Club** 3:30-4:30pm.  
Free for School Aged Children, to be  
accompanied by an adult. Contact: Shipston  
Library 663438

**Shipston U3A:** see ad on page 8

**26 Shipston Literary Society** Richard Pearson,  
School Archivist at King Edward VI School will  
talk about local boy, Richard Spender, and his  
poetry. Spender died in action in 1943 aged  
just 21. 7:30pm, The White Bear. All welcome.  
Contact Helen Marshall, 01789 740773.

**27 Shipston High School:** Open Evening. 6pm  
to 8pm

**30 Stour Singers - Sunday Afternoon concert**  
see ad on page 8





## Shipston Rainbows Family Fun Day



Sat 1st Sept 12 – 4pm

At Scout Hut, New St., Shipston

**Great Fun for all the family**  
**free entry**

25ft climbing wall  
Grass zorbs  
Kids obstacle course  
Archery  
Raffle with top prizes  
Music

& a special appearance by Fowers of Ilmington,  
Womens Morris Dancers

Plus lots of 'pocket-money' games on which children of all ages can try their luck! You can also find out more about what Shipston Rainbows (5-7 year old girls) get up to in our Monday meetings & outings throughout the year.

## STOUR VALLEY LIONS 12A



In the aftermath of World War II, a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war.

**SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL,**  
**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at 7.00pm**

**Advance Tickets £3.50 or £4 on the door.**

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

**Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608 661148**

**Interval for refreshments, drinks and snacks.**

**Disabled toilet and wheelchair access.**



**Scouts**

**RACE NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

DOORS OPEN **7 PM**

FIRST RACE **7.30 PM**

TICKETS **£10** PER PERSON

INCLUDES ROAST PORK SUPPER AND RACE CARD

TOWNSEND HALL, SHIPSTON

Tickets available from  
Turners of Shipston

Contact Becky Taylor on 07988 913485  
or in the Sports Club Bar at the weekend

**MONTAGUES & CAPULETS**

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE STRATFORD DISTRICT SCOUTS PARTICIPATING IN THE WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE



Shipston Music  
Society

[www.shipstonmusic.org.uk](http://www.shipstonmusic.org.uk)

**CHIMERA**  
featuring Helen Porter



The Methodist Church  
New Street, Shipston on Stour  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018,  
7.30pm

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## SENIOR CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK

### SHIPSTON ON STOUR

and surrounding communities

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour

10.00am for free refreshments

10.30am start

### WARWICKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Fire safety & keeping safe & well at home

Admission Free

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

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



**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
at 2 p.m. in the Townsend Hall**



**Martin Sirot Smith  
provides a fascinating and  
entertaining insight into  
"Tudor Harvest Customs"**

**Admission, including refreshments, £2.**

**Visitors are welcome.**

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

## STOUR SINGERS

delighted to present

### DARREN JEFFERY

Internationally renowned bass baritone,  
with Anthony Seddon, piano

A journey through  
Opera, Song and Musical

**Sunday, 30th September 2018 at 3pm  
Townsend Hall, Shipston-on-Stour**

Tea, coffee and home-made cakes in the interval

Tickets £12.50 from choir members,  
R. Clarke, 27 High St. Shipston-on-Stour or at the door  
(accompanied children free)  
[www.stoursingers.org.uk](http://www.stoursingers.org.uk)



## VASA

reducing isolation within our communities

### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED in SHIPSTON



We take clients for medical appointments or to groups and activities to help overcome social isolation.

We need more drivers in Shipston to cope with the demand for journeys. **Have you got some spare time during the day and would like to help this invaluable service in your community?** You can choose to do as many journeys as you like each month. 45p mileage costs paid.

**01789 262889**

**[volunteer@vasa.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@vasa.org.uk)**

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## Totally Locally - a campaign built on collaboration, creativity and fun

Totally Locally is an award-winning social enterprise and shop local movement that helps people to rediscover and fall in love with their high streets. The campaign encourages communities to work together to lift a whole town - and it's been happening here in Shipston since 2015.

From humble beginnings (just one person with a whole heap of enthusiasm) Totally Locally Shipston has achieved great things for the town, including:

- Seven Totally Locally street markets
- New Car Parking and town centre signage
- Five Totally Locally 'advert free' newspapers
- Three Fiver Fest Fortnights
- Shipston promotion through volunteer run stalls at local events
- Active Facebook page with over 1200 followers

Totally Locally's grass roots approach and all-inclusive attitude has been received as a breath of fresh air, with no fees payable and no constitution being fundamental reasons for its success in Shipston. Encouraging local people to use the shops on their doorstep and promoting the benefit of shops and suppliers working together, Shipston has enjoyed becoming 'Totally Local'.

Totally Locally now has a core team which is its driving force, supported by the enthusiasm and ideas of the wider TL community. To keep the activities going, Totally Locally Shipston holds bi-monthly meetings as well as more focused 'do-ers' meetings - all in local public houses of course! The team has made great progress since launch.

None of this would have been possible without the fabulously inspiring and well equipped toolkit, and the support of not only Totally Locally National HQ as well as the shared experiences of others running Totally Locally in their own towns - not to mention the enthusiastic support from Shipston residents and businesses.



## Getting involved

Shipston's Totally Locally meetings are well attended; not just by business owners but local townspeople who have re-connected with each other, made new friends, networked their services and shared views and feelings around living, working, trading and shopping in the town.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 3rd October - 5.30pm** in the function room of The White Bear. Please do come along if you feel that you'd like to be part of the Totally Locally experience. We are always looking for people who are passionate about our town to help it continue to flourish.



## Totally Locally Magic Tenner (or how to turn £10 into £50!)

When you shop local, your money stays in Shipston for longer. There's a bit of maths that says if you spend £10 in a local shop or business that sells stuff from local producers, the amount of money that goes back into Shipston's economy can be over £50! How? When you buy a homemade pie from a local shop, a big part of your money is passed onto the pie-maker. The shop employs a local window cleaner or a decorator. The pie-maker who sources his meat or veg from a local farm spends a big percentage of his money with the farmer. The farmer then spends some of his money at his local garage, the garage owner employs a local accountant etc. etc...

With each step, around 80% of each spend often goes back into the local economy. So in effect, the money that stays within Shipston gets more and more. And so it grows.

## Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



### Wizard of Oz

Year 6 pupils played to a packed house for two afternoon dress rehearsals to the school and two nights to families and friends with their incredible musical performance of The Wizard of Oz.

It was wonderful to see all Year 6 children having a role in the play, on which they worked extremely hard. The performances saw standing ovations for the amazing cast and crew. This cohort of children have been tremendous in their academic standards, in their social standards and in their prefect jobs: the effort and excellence in The Wizard of Oz was no different.

Many thanks to the Year 6 staff, to Mrs. Gray and Miss Humphrey for the brilliant costumes and props, Connor Clemons for stunning vocal coaching and Mrs. Campbell for the amazing direction and choreography.



In the Leavers' Assembly, the children's speeches told of fun times, proud moments, strong friendships and leadership qualities. Congratulations to our award winners and to all our outgoing Year 6 children: they have been exceptional.

## Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Shipston High School is set to start the new academic year with real energy as students return to the classroom following the summer. The school is growing, with more young people than ever before enjoying the school's unique atmosphere. We welcome back existing students, and especially welcome those joining us in year 7; they have quickly focused on their learning.

Although it may seem early, parents of year 6 students will already be considering their choice of secondary school for 2019. This is an important decision, and I understand that parents will give careful consideration to the right school for their child. In July we hosted an Open Morning where families could see the school in operation. This was enthusiastically attended and I was delighted with how our current students showed visitors their school with real knowledge and pride. Shipston High School will now host an Open Evening for prospective students and families to visit the school and find out more about our provision and ethos. All are welcome.

This year's Open Evening will be from 6pm to 8pm on Thursday 27th September 2018.

I am delighted to be welcoming all visitors to the school to our new reception area, part of the fantastic new teaching block at the top of the drive. This is a great addition to the school and provides the environment our young people deserve. It also symbolises our belief in looking to the future.

You will notice Shipston students are wearing newly designed ties this year. Our new ties feature three blue stripes, representing the river, and one coloured stripe to represent each of our four

### Reception Pirate Day

Reception children turned into pirates for a day. Chicks and Ducklings started the day with a Pirate Calypso session with lots of pirate songs. They read 'Pizza for Pirates' and decided that they had better make pizzas in case they needed to scare a sea monster away. Children brought in treasure to fill our treasure chest with 5p coins. It costs 5p to send a bottle of water to a child in Syria and Reception managed to collect 280 5p coins. Thank you!

### Summer Fete

Well done to FOSP for organising and running a fabulous Summer Fete, where for the first time in years there were no worries about it being rained off! Over £2000 profit was raised by our brand new FOSP committee at their first fete, which is a huge achievement in their first year of organising the event. Many thanks to all involved.

### Triple P Parenting Course

Triple P - The Positive Parenting Programme provides simple solutions to make parenting children up to 12 years of age easier. A Group programme will be held at Shipston-on Stour Primary School in the Music Room, starting on Tuesday 11th September from 1pm - 3pm, followed by 8 weekly sessions from 1pm - 3pm each Tuesday. There will be 4 weekly 2-hour sessions followed by 3 weeks to put what you have learned into practice at home. The Triple P facilitator will keep in touch with participants by telephone to offer support and assistance. There is a final 2-hour group session to review progress.

For details contact Mrs. Faulkner at [primary@shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk](mailto:primary@shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk)

houses; Mayo, Badger, Sheldon and Hart. Students look very smart and can now enjoy showing pride in both house and school. Prefect ties retain the Warwickshire bear and thus a link with our heritage.



During the summer our latest Year 11 cohort received their examination results. I was delighted to see so many proud young people celebrate their results. The results reflect the hard work not just of Year 11, but all of the time the students have been in the school, working hard to improve their knowledge and skills.

This is the first year of the new numerical grading system for many subjects, following English and Maths from last year. This is a national change, and

Shipston students have responded extremely well to the revised examinations. Whether subjects use a number or letter grade, there are some fantastic individual performances from our students, and all should feel very proud of their achievement. I also appreciate the considerable support the young people receive from staff and families, and wish them the very best for their next steps into education, employment and training.





## Shipston-on-Stour and Area U3A

### Paddington Bear



A large crowd assembled to see the film, Paddington Bear, including about 60 members and many of their grandchildren, who were admitted free. This was much enjoyed and appreciated. Tea, coffee and biscuits, with crisps and orange juice for the children, were served by Joan Price and Sue Sparks, who have been doing this task for some time.

### Are you doing your share?

The committee is keen to hear from members who are willing to help out at events. You can volunteer to help set up, or to clear away, you needn't do both, but many hands make light work which prevents the gallant few doing it all. Please let the Committee know and you can be given a job.

The next meeting will be on 25th September, 2pm at the Townsend Hall, when the speaker will be Martin Sirot Smith on Tudor Harvest Customs.

## St Edmunds Church

The Harvest Festival will be on September 16th at 10am. The guest preacher will be Godfrey Armitage, Chair, Coventry Diocese Environment Group.

This year, instead of a harvest supper, we are having a "Harvest Brunch" with a bring and share meal after the service. You are very welcome to bring family, friends and neighbours to share this celebration. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church nearer the time; please indicate if you will bring a savoury or sweet dish, (just so we don't have all quiches or all apple pies!)

## Stour Valley Lions

### Changing Lives ~ with the Lions Recycle for Sight program



Most homes in Shipston are probably harbouring at least one pair of redundant glasses. That same pair of glasses could change another person's life. Volunteers at our Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers, clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities. Please donate your unwanted glasses - you could be helping a child read, an adult succeed in their job or senior citizens maintain their independence. Donation boxes can be found at Shipston Medical Centre and at both Opticians in town. It is recycling at it's very best.

### Reserve your seat! ~ The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

In 1946 a London-based writer begins exchanging letters with residents on the island of Guernsey,

which was German-occupied during WWII. Feeling compelled to visit the island; she starts to get a picture of what it was like during the occupation. Join us on 14th September at Shipston High School - see the ad on page 7 for details. Please take advantage of our free transport if needed. Please call Peter Hougham on 07530 540859 to arrange a lift.

## Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute



Despite the heat, there was a good turnout at the WI meeting to hear Graham Sutherland talk about 'Wicked Women'. All windows and doors were open in an attempt to raise a breeze as Graham recounted tales of supposedly wicked women, asking the meeting to consider "Would you have liked this woman as your daughter-in-law?"

Of the four accounts Graham gave of women in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, three were found guilty, one was hung, one spent the rest of her life in jail, one fled to Europe and one found the tables turned and her abuser sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour.

Only one woman could be regarded as truly wicked, and even for her there were extenuating circumstances. The other two found guilty had made use of the only means at their disposal to improve their lot, arsenic and deception. Given the mores and laws of the day, these were the only ways by which they could change their lives. A divorce involved an Act of Parliament and was available only for the extremely wealthy who had no regard for the resulting disgrace.

Until the early years of the 20th century the law was tilted in favour of men: women could not speak when accused of a crime and until 1898, no defendant could speak on their own behalf in court. On hearing these stories (the only one acquitted was a child of 14), one could only be thankful for modern jurisprudence with all its perceived faults.

The general consensus of the meeting was that only one (the little girl of 14) would prove a suitable daughter-in-law: the remaining three would have been the daughter-in-law from Hell! Members sympathised with their predicaments but could not condone their actions.

The next meeting will be on 5th September in the Catholic Church Hall, when John Parnell will be talking about Hula Hoops! Visitors are welcome.

## Stour Singers - Sunday afternoon concert with Darren Jeffery - Internationally renowned singer

Stour Singers are delighted that Darren Jeffery accepted their invitation to be the 2017/18 Honorary Fellow, having excelled in the title role of their production of Handel's Saul in May 2017.

Darren has a wonderful bass baritone voice and is completely at home on both the operatic stage and the concert platform. He was one of the very first singers to join the Royal Opera Young Artists Programme (singing with the likes of Luciano Pavarotti!). He is now a regular at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden and his career has taken him to places such as the Bolshoi Theatre. Having returned from an extensive tour of the Netherlands in the title role of Wagner's The Flying Dutchman, he has recently appeared at Longborough Festival Opera in Richard Strauss's Ariadne auf Naxos.

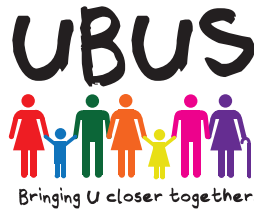
Stour Singers are delighted that Darren is offering a unique chance to hear him close-up and personal, accompanied by his pianist Anthony Seddon, in a recital at the Townsend Hall in Shipston on Stour on Sunday 30 September at 3pm.

This will be an unforgettable journey through Opera, Song, and Musical: a treat not to be missed.

Tickets cost £12.50 and include refreshments with home-made cakes. Accompanied children free. Enquiries to Yvonne Ridley - tel 01789 269587.

## UBUS – Community Transport Service

UBUS is a dial-a-ride community transport service operating within Stratford District. It is available to anyone in the district who struggles to access public transport due to mobility issues, health problems or who lives in an area with no, or infrequent, public transport.



Passengers can travel between 9:30am and 2:30pm and UBUS will collect passengers from their door, drop them off at their destination, pick up again at the agreed point and drop off back at home. Drivers can assist passengers to get on and off the bus and will help with up to three shopping bags or a trolley. All UBUS vehicles can accommodate a wheelchair.

The UBUS operates in the south of the district, including Shipston, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A single journey costs £3.40, and a return journey is £6.80. Residents living in an Orbit property are eligible for a £0.60 discount on their journey.

Journeys need to be booked in advance and passengers can book up to seven days in advance.

UBUS can be used to visit friends, attend social groups, leisure activities or go shopping but it cannot be used to attend medical appointments.

Residents interested in registering with the service should ring 01789 264491. For further information please contact Marie Darwen at Stratford District Council on 01789 260108.

UBUS is supported by Stratford District Council, Warwickshire County Council and Stratford Town Trust.

### Townsend Hall 150 Club Draw

The following are the winners of the August draw:-

Member 121 - £15    Member 68 - £10  
Member 92 - £5

Congratulations to all the prize winners!



## Why I Joined the Legion - by Norman Barrett

"It all started when I arrived at my first boarding school at the tender age of 8½ yrs old. My new environment was an all boys boarding school. This was an interesting time as most of us grew up together, especially the full term borders. It wasn't long before I had adjusted to my new way of life, in fact it was just like having a big family, all brothers.

When the time came for me to leave boarding school we were in the middle of a recession and trying to find a job was very difficult, especially in engineering. However, as luck would have it, the Army was advertising "WE NEED YOU" so after sitting a couple of exams, fitness assessment and a medical, it was off to the Army Apprentices College in Chepstow.

Once again I was thrust back into another environment which unwittingly seemed just like another new family. On arrival at the main gate, I was met by the recruiting Sergeant, who was shouting various things at my fellow recruits. "WHAT'S YOUR NAME BOY" "Norm", I replied, to which this very loud voice shouted "THERE'S NOTHING NORMAL ABOUT YOU BOY." I can remember feeling a bit nervous. He then shouted "SURNAME, I WANT YOUR SURNAME NORM". "Barrett" I said., "STAND STILL SAPPER BARRETT, I HATE YOU ALREADY, IN FACT I'M GONNA SAVE UP TO BUY YOU OUT",

## Shipston Rotary

'Woodolfs' sold out in the first hour at last year's Victorian Evening, raising over £400 for Rotary charities. If you missed out, fear not, Woodolfs are moving in Shipston's direction.



To avoid disappointment you can reserve your very own Woodolf by contacting Martin Williams, 07977 058519 or email [centrepres@aol.com](mailto:centrepres@aol.com).

Shipston Rotary wants Forum readers to know that monies raised at Rotary events such as the Victorian Evening and Tour d'Ilmington are donated to many worthwhile projects and causes, including "Aquabox" - see page 5 for details.

Please contact Rotarian Martin Williams, details above, for more information about Shipston Rotary's projects.



GET AWAY, GET AWAY" .

Well it didn't take me long to make new friends after that, as the other lads all found it very amusing.

During my time in the Army, I met a great deal of people, 99% of whom were to become lifelong friends and we marched proudly together on many an Armistice Parade. This was a great day because we would get to march with people from other services, such as The Salvation Army, the WRAC, The Royal British Legion, the scouts and many others to name but a few.

It was after one of these parades, in the mess, that I was speaking with an ex soldier, who was marching with the Royal British Legion and he told me of the good work that they did and that they were pretty much all ex-servicemen/women.

So an extension to my military family was always in my sights.....

On leaving the British Army, a big hole opened in my life, which I struggled with.

It was time to find my extended family.....

Hello RBL, I'm Norm....!"

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION





## Mrs Bean retires after 25 years

Mrs Bean is retiring after 25 years of volunteering at Shipston Primary. Mrs Bean has read with numerous children over the last quarter of a century – a truly valuable role which has made an enormous difference in helping children learn to read.

Mrs Bean thanked the staff by bringing in a scrumptious '25' cake and the school gave thanks for all her support in the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly.

Mrs. Bean told the Primary School staff that "Volunteering in school is the most rewarding voluntary job you can do."

If you would like to volunteer to hear children read in school, please contact primary@shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk



## RNLI Collection in Shipston on the 21st July

On behalf of the RNLI, I would like to say a big thank you to the generous people of Shipston and the surrounding villages who contributed to the street collection held in aid of the RNLI at the end of July.

We raised a total on the day of £825, through our street collection, sale of plants and souvenirs and a very kind lady who gave us a large donation. Thank you also to the Rev. Sarah and the PCC of St Edmund's Church who let us use their entrance hall as our collecting centre.

Jenny Plenderleith

01608 664278

## Shipston Fallen

### 514997 Private COLIN JOHN WYLD McMICHAEL

Born in January 1899 Colin was the son of Colin and Annie McMichael of 32 High Street, Bridgnorth in Shropshire. The 1901 census shows two-year-old Colin living at the same address with his Aunt Theresa Hudson. Colin joined the Prep School at Bridgnorth Grammar on the 4th May 1904 and left on the 4th December 1914. The School records note that he went to work as a Bank Clerk, which he did at Lloyds in Shipston.

Colin enlisted in Bridgnorth in 1917 and served with the 1st/14th (County of London) Battalion TF (London Scottish). The Battalion had been in France since the 16th September 1914, but Colin went much later, probably as a replacement for soldiers killed or wounded in the German Spring offensive in 1918. The British began their big push back on the 8th August 1918 at Amiens. On the 23rd August 1918 the London Scottish were involved in a battle at Boiry, Becquerelle when Colin was badly burned by a gas shell along with 54 other men who suffered the same fate.

Colin died of his wounds in the UK on the 6th September 1918. On the 7th September the Bridgnorth Journal reported his death and on the 14th included the following report of his funeral, which took place on the 10th September:

*Tuesday last the funeral of Pte. Colin John Wyld McMichael, whose death was announced in our columns last week, took*



*place at Bridgnorth Cemetery amidst every token of sorrow and respect. The deceased was the elder son of Mr and Mrs Colin McMichael, of High Street, Bridgnorth. He was educated at Bridgnorth Grammar School, and on leaving he took up banking as a profession, entering Lloyds Bank in Shipston-on-Stour. In 1917 he joined the Army and was attached to the London Scottish Regiment, with which he trained for some time at Winchester, eventually going to France. He had seen a good deal of fighting in the recent "push" and was reported seriously wounded by gas shell on August 23rd. On being brought to England he was admitted to the Bevan Military Hospital, Sandgate, where he lay for some days (his mother being in attendance on him all the while). Although everything was done to alleviate his suffering, he passed away yesterday (Friday) week. The body was brought to Bridgnorth on Monday and conveyed to his late home, the interment taking place on Tuesday.*

*The coffin was covered in the Union Jack and was conveyed on a wheel-bier to the Cemetery. A detachment of Bridgnorth Grammar School Cadets, in command of Capt. The Rev. H.V. Dawes, preceded the coffin. Lieut. S. Gadsby, of the Worcester Regiment and Lieut. Pee also joined the Cadets. Many soldiers on leave in the town were anxious to pay their last respects to their dead comrade and lined portions of the route to the Cemetery. Amongst the bearers was Mr. E. Ridley (an old schoolmate), Prebendary W. G. Clark-Maxwell, Rector of St. Leonard's, conducted the service.*

He is buried in the Bridgnorth Cemetery and is remembered on the Bridgnorth and Shipston Town Memorials.

## District Council News

The new Stratford District Council cabinet will have been in place for 100 days (or so) when you read this. Here are some of things that we have done that will have a direct impact on YOU!

The rural broadband scheme is underway - so for those of us with old lines, a long way from a box etc. there is now hope that we can get faster broadband. You may also notice the new box in the Market Place - fast broadband to help keep our local businesses up to speed (sorry!)

Progress is being made on the South Western Relief Road (SWRR) - this will give the large developments agreed around Stratford the accessibility they need, which means we will have far fewer developments thrust on us (and fewer JCB's for me to lie down in front of).

A Development Company is being set up - so we can invest in our area properly, and be prepared for the time when we will have to fund ourselves more as a Council.

Internally we are modernising processes and have appointed a new Executive Director. She starts in November - I am really looking forward to working with her!

Finally, for all of you - can I just commend the Town Council to you? We don't always see eye to eye but I think they do an amazing job which is easy to overlook - and get involved in all sorts of situations about which you never hear. The district council has put out a leaflet asking for people to come forward to serve as District Councillors but please also give a thought to whether you would find standing for the Town Council rewarding.

**Jo Barker, District Councillor – Shipston South Ward**

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



Some good news - if you are part of a group which could do with some funding - then apply to my County Councillor's fund. We are all given £6000 (not directly!) to distribute to those who apply. This closes on 31 August so I know that for most of you the Forum will land on your doormat before then. If you miss this one - it comes around again next year.

Some bad news - mobility scooter borrowed, team of mobility scooters gathered, maps printed, hottest summer for years, cloudburst during the time that your rookie scooter driver was due to survey the town for dropped kerbs! Hopefully by next month we will have been on that field trip and get the kerbs in.

Georgina (the Town Clerk) and I are working on a local bus scheme - early days - but I hope that what we can do in Shipston will be a model for the rest of the rural areas in the County. Dave Reilly - the portfolio holder - is as keen as I am to find workable solutions to transport problems.

In between everyone's holidays the Children's centre is still open most days - and solutions are coming together.

See you in the George on Thursdays from 10am! Please contact me any time by email or phone if you need my help - or just want to bend my ear!

**County Councillor, Jo Barker**



## Shipston Medical Centre

**Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845**

### Flu Vaccination Service – how will new changes affect you?

Flu is a nasty virus which can cause unpleasant symptoms and can lead to complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia which is why it's important to take up the offer of a flu vaccine.

Every year, the strains of flu are monitored and the likely evolution of the disease is mapped to help ensure the annual vaccine targets the most common flu strains.

This year, the national programme includes an adjuvanted trivalent flu vaccine (aTIV) for those people over the age of 65 years. This vaccine has been used widely in other countries and has been shown to offer a greater level of protection than previous vaccines for people of this age.

Those aged between 18 and 65, who are at risk of catching flu, will receive a quadrivalent vaccine (QIV) which protects against four strains of flu.

Children eligible for a vaccination should receive a quadrivalent live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), which is a nasal vaccine. All children who were born on or after 1st September

2014 and on or before 31st August 2016 are eligible for vaccine at Shipston Medical Centre as well as those older children who receive a letter of invitation for flu vaccine. Primary school aged children born between 1.9.2008 and 31.8.2014 will be offered vaccination at school. The effectiveness of this vaccine is good and children under the age of 5 have the highest rate of hospital admission for flu of all age groups so the vaccine is a worthwhile precaution.

### Appointments not clinics

Because of the variety of vaccines being given this year, along with a planned slower supply of the vaccine for those aged 65+ all patients need to book an appointment for their vaccination.

We have ordered enough vaccines to immunise all eligible patients but appointments will be spread from Sept - Nov. The most vulnerable patients will be prioritised. Please help us by booking an appointment for your flu vaccination when invited to do so, even if that is later than in previous years.



Shipston Medical Centre



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| - 24/7 renewal line                       | 01926 499273                        |
| Highways customer services                | 01926 412515                        |
| Severn Trent Emergency Line:              | 0800 7834444                        |
| Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme       | 01608 663122                        |
| Shipston Leisure Centre                   | 01608 662354                        |
| Shipston Medical Centre                   | 01608 661845                        |
| - Out of hours                            | 111                                 |
| Shipston Post Office                      | 01608 661465                        |
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| 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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## Something exciting to share?

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

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

**Forum copy deadline:**
**First Wednesday of the month**

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

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

**USE YOUR VOTE**  
and help to shape the future of Shipston



# Referendum

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Polling Stations Open From 7am - 10pm

### Shipston North Ward

The Scout Hut, New Street

### Shipston South Ward

Sheldon Bosley Hub, Pittway Avenue



### Copies of the Plan can be viewed on:

Shipston Town Council website: [www.shipstontowncouncil.org](http://www.shipstontowncouncil.org)

Neighbourhood Plan website: [www.shipstonnp.org](http://www.shipstonnp.org)

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West Street and Shipston Library

Polling cards will be sent by Stratford District Council.

As with elections, you don't need to produce one if you wish to vote,  
but you must be on the Electoral Roll.

