



# Shipston Forum

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## Shipston Town Council hears plans for the Ellen Badger Hospital

Shipston Town Council welcomed Sophie Gilkes, Director of Development at South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust (SWFT), to its August meeting to hear the latest plans for the Ellen Badger Hospital. Ms Gilkes explained that there has never been a better time to develop the EBH. The NHS Long Term Plan, which sets out the strategy for the NHS over the next ten years, focuses on providing more care for people within their communities and delivering services which help keep people well - preventing illness as well as treating it. This means strengthening the services at the EBH is in line with national policy.

In addition, a review of GP surgery buildings and capacity undertaken by NHS South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the local body responsible for planning and funding different health care services locally (including GP services), identified Shipston Medical Centre (SMC) as a priority site. SMC has confirmed that the EBH is its preferred site for a new medical centre.

SWFT and SMC are now working together on proposals for expanding the EBH, making use of the new land which was recently acquired next to the hospital. They are looking at what services are needed now, as well as the anticipated needs in the future so that best use is made of the site in the short and long term. This was the approach taken when developing Stratford Hospital three years ago, which

focuses on preventative care.

The two organisations are developing a joint business case which will be considered by the CCG later in the year and will need to consider various issues, including what benefits the project will offer for patients and local people and whether it represents good value for NHS money.

Sallie Green, former Matron at the EBH is the clinical lead for the project and has been looking at different sites and models of care. The intention is to retain existing services and work with partners and voluntary groups to add new provision such as mental health services, although nothing has been decided yet.

Ms Gilkes also made clear that the minor injuries unit would not be returning. Under new NHS policy, urgent treatment centres are replacing minor injuries units and must see a certain number of patients to be viable. The plan is to create an Urgent Care Centre in Stratford.

The expanded EBH site does have its challenges, including flooding. However, a feasibility study has assessed the limitations and confirmed that the site can accommodate all the activities SWFT is likely to put forward. The next step is to appoint an architect to develop designs



which will hopefully be ready to share with SWFT, partners and the Patient Participation Group in mid-October. The business cases, which will set out what is being proposed and how it would be funded, are due to be completed by the end of the year.

The SWFT presentation followed a recent update from the League of Friends of the EBH and precedes a public event later this month. The event, on 17th September, takes place at the Townsend Hall and will include speakers from SWFT, Shipston Medical Centre, Warwickshire County Council and the League of Friends. For details see the advert on page 16.

## Council bids farewell to Jayne Potter

The August meeting of Shipston Town Council was the last meeting for Deputy Town Clerk, Jayne Potter, who left the council in August.

Jayne has been with Shipston Town Council for five years, joining initially as admin assistant. Having learnt the ropes from Town Clerk, Georgina Beaumont, Jayne went on to complete her CILCA Level 3 qualification in local government administration to enable her to take up the position of Deputy Town Clerk. Among her many responsibilities are managing the town's allotments, bookkeeping and

financial administration and she has made considerable improvements to the way the annual precept process is managed.

Jayne has been an enthusiastic member of the team from day one and will be sorely missed by everyone at the council.

Town Mayor, Dan Scobie, said: "We are extremely sorry to see Jayne go – she has been a wonderful support to the council and her contributions will be greatly missed. We wish her every happiness with her next challenge."



Dan Scobie and Georgina Beaumont wish Jayne (right) luck in her next move



## Mayor's column



I believe that having a great community is one of the most important things that we can strive for in Shipston but what is the recipe for a great community?

Recently, I've seen first-hand some of the things I think make our community such a great place to live. It was a privilege to be invited down to the opening of the Fish and Frolics festival at the Sports Club. I was asked by Stuart Fleming and Angela Mason to open the new disabled access fishing peg on the Stour. They talked about how it had taken years of fundraising, and huge amounts of voluntary efforts in clearing the riverbank, and the construction of the concrete base. This all from a small group of volunteers giving time for the good of the community. Their efforts have transformed this once overgrown and abandoned space, and brought an important asset back in to use. This has all been on a shoestring budget, with the generous help of some local businesses. It's a great location, and if you haven't been to see it then I can recommend it.

The second thing that made me think about community was yesterday afternoon when I saw a sofa-bed advertised on Facebook free of charge. I'd been looking for something like this so eagerly snapped up the bargain. In turn, we had a single bed we no longer needed, and a single sofa-bed. We advertised these free of charge on Facebook the same day and were able to deliver both to new homes. It felt great to see things we and others no longer needed being put to good use. This is happening on a larger scale thanks to the new War on Waste initiative - see page 5.

I see people going out of their way to help others daily in Shipston. So, if there is a recipe for community, then I think the ingredients include kindness, giving and volunteering, and the method is the giving of these freely and openly and for the good of all.

**Dan Scobie**

## Shipston Town Council pays tribute to former Mayor, Alan Noyce

Everyone at Shipston Town Council was saddened to learn of the death of Alan Noyce early in the morning of 19th August.

Alan had a charismatic personality and was an active member of the town council for more than a dozen years, serving as Mayor for three terms in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Alan worked tirelessly to improve the overall wellbeing of the town; he introduced the working party system, which has successfully spread the workload between all councillors. Alan had a common sense approach and was a true ambassador for the town, raising the profile of Shipston all over Warwickshire and further afield.

Alan's late wife Angela, who had been Mayor in 2004 and 2006, died of an illness very suddenly in 2009, two days before she was due to become Mayor. Alan stepped in to the breach to serve his

third successive term.

Alan remarried in October 2012 to his wife Pat and resigned from the town council in 2014.

He was highly regarded throughout the town, and will be missed. Our thoughts are with his wife Pat, and all his family at this difficult time.



## Riverside proposals receive warm welcome at public event

There was a good turnout at the public awareness event which gave residents the chance to see the proposals for enhancing the riverside area to make more of the green space,

Feedback was extremely positive, with many commenting on the benefits of being able to make better use of the area, particularly families.

Some concerns were raised, mainly to do with risk of vandalism and the danger to pedestrians when crossing the bridge.

The Heritage and Leisure Projects Working Group will take on all the feedback and look at how the proposals could be improved. For example, through the installation of CCTV and lighting to reduce the risk of vandalism. The Town Council will also put forward suggestions to Highways regarding protecting pedestrians.

A few questions have been raised about the potential cost of the scheme, while others

expressed support for investing in a scheme which promotes green space.

Alongside the riverside information was the photographic exhibition showing images from Shipston over the years. The exhibition proved extremely popular and the HALP team is currently working on finding more dates when the exhibition will be open. Details will be printed in future issues of the Forum.



## News from Shipston Town Council's August meeting

### Hot topics

**Feedback works:** Peter White thanked the Town Clerk for actioning the hedge trimming at Parsons Close which is now much better.

**Happy children:** Fay Ivens reported on another successful Children's Club held at the start of the summer holidays and run by the joint churches.

**Parking payment confusion:** Ronnie Murphy raised concerns about both parking machines being out of order in the Telegraph Street car park, leaving shoppers concerned about whether they may receive a fine. District Councillor, Trevor Harvey warned that the vandalised machine is unlikely to be replaced until mid September but will chase up the repair to the other machine.

**Speeding concerns:** Peter Cox is going to arrange a meeting with Shipston Community Speed Watch to understand what they do, how they work and what statistics they have about speeding in Shipston.

**Blackpool in Shipston?:** Complaints have been received about the lighting at the new Care Home on Tilemans Lane, with some saying it is lit up 'like Blackpool illuminations'. Environmental Health is looking into the issue which will hopefully be resolved soon.

**A safer crossing:** Some residents have suggested that a prioritisation traffic management scheme be introduced on the bridge alongside a reinforcement of the pedestrian walkway. The Town Clerk will write to Highways for input.

**Site allocation consultation:** Stratford District Council is currently consulting residents and other stakeholders on its site allocations plan. The plan needs to identify 3,000 dwelling spaces which could be used if there were a failure in the current six year housing supply. The chances of the sites being called up are low and the plan doesn't affect directly affect Shipston's as the town's Neighbourhood Plan already identifies reserve sites. However neighbouring parishes such as Tredington and Newbold will be more directly affected.

### Campaigning for Shipston

**Electric charging points** – funding is being offered by BP to install electric charging points in car parks. This could be a good attraction - giving people another reason to call into Shipston. However, there are different sorts of charging points and connections so it would need careful consideration to make sure any units would be fit for purpose and able to support as wide a number of people as well. STC will ask the district council to look into this as it has responsibility for car parks.

**Pettipiper's planning application:** Paul Tesh will be attending the Planning Committee meeting to object to the planning application.

**Developer contributions:** Trevor Harvey has arranged for STC to receive a twice yearly update about section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy funds due to come to Shipston. The first report has already identified a large discrepancy between the amount STC had expected to receive from one developer and what has been allocated which could impact future projects. The town council will clarify the situation with the district council planning team.

### Town Council business

**New councillors:** One candidate has expressed interest in joining the council but was unable to attend the August meeting for interview which is now likely to take place in September. There are two vacancies for co-option. Please contact the Town Clerk to express interest.

**Full steam ahead for playground maintenance:** After a considerable amount of research and effort, the General Purposes Working Group has agreed a way forward on play ground maintenance which will see new surfaces applied where needed which are softer, more durable and more cost effective. The green gym equipment at the Sports Club will be replaced rather than repaired as repair would be almost the same price. Ronnie Murphy congratulated GPWG for the time and effort that has gone into getting the right result for playground maintenance.

## All welcome for first meeting to plan community VE & VJ Day celebrations

2020 will be a year of celebrations, commemorating 75 years since the end of World War II in Europe (VE Day) and in the Pacific (VJ Day). The spring bank holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May to allow for a three-day weekend to mark the anniversary and we expect national plans for VJ on August 15th to follow soon.

Website - [www.veday75.org](http://www.veday75.org) - includes national plans for coordinated festivities and ceremonies all around the UK.

The Town Council encourages Shipston to rise to the occasion! We would like to see as many organisations and groups as possible get involved. The Royal British Legion will be at the heart of any plans, but contributions from other organisations

and individuals in the town will be most welcome.

A VE and VJ Day group will be set up to coordinate celebrations. All are warmly invited to attend an initial meeting at the Town Council offices, New Clark House, West Street on 30th September at 7pm. Reply to: [clerk@shipstononline.org](mailto:clerk@shipstononline.org) or 01608 662180.





## More young people can now access music thanks to a free instrument lending 'library'

A new initiative has been set up in Shipston to help young people learn an instrument.

Accelerando is a not-for-profit organisation that lends instruments free of charge to those who would like to learn to play but don't have an instrument of their own.

The initiative was promoted at the Shipston Proms High School concert and word is beginning to spread but more instruments are needed.

If you have a musical instrument you no longer use, please consider donating it to Accelerando. All instruments are considered, even if old or worn. Those just needing TLC can be played, while those beyond use could be used as parts to help repair other instruments. Accessories such as strings, mutes, sheet music and music stands are also in demand.

To find out more, visit [www.facebook.com/accelerandoshipston/](http://www.facebook.com/accelerandoshipston/) or contact Alison Packer on [ali@accelerando.org.uk](mailto:ali@accelerando.org.uk).



## Empty water bottle? Fill up in town

The Richard Harvey Collection has now become a water bottle refilling station! As soon as Town Councillor, Sheelagh Saunders heard about this story she was quick to sign up her son's pub, 'The Black Horse', as another refill station in Shipston.

Lots of these sites are popping up around the country, all designed to reduce the number of plastic water bottles we buy and dispose of each year. So if you're out and about in Shipston and need a water refill, then just take your empty bottle into to the shop and they will point you in the direction of their tap, where you can refill for free. You can download the App to enable you to find refilling stations across the country at [www.refill.org.uk](http://www.refill.org.uk)

If you would like to offer your premise as a water refill station then you can read more about the campaign at [www.refill.org.uk](http://www.refill.org.uk)

Shipston Town Council would love to hear if your business is taking part in any initiatives to help reduce the amount of single use plastics, or if you are taking part in any recycling/re-using campaigns. Watch this space for more news about Shipston's endeavours to recycle and initiatives to reduce single use plastics in the town!



## Superhero Saturday at Low Furlong

At Low Furlong, the staff know all about superheroes: they work and live alongside them every day! Among these heroes, Low Furlong counts its residents, who have served during wars, been held as Prisoners of War, laboured in the Land Army, flown planes, and more besides; its community responders and volunteers, who give up their free time to help keep Shipston safe and special; and of course the home's staff, whose superpowers include their kindness, compassion, patience and tireless dedication to duty.



To celebrate these acts of real-life heroism, the care home threw a superhero party in July, and invited friends and neighbours to join in. Music was provided by talented vocalist, Katie Ellen. Everyone enjoyed picnic lunches in the garden and fun at the various themed stalls, such as the "Green Arrow Challenge", competing at archery



to win a voucher for five free family swims kindly donated by Shipston Leisure Club, and entering the fancy dress competition, for which the top prize was a sweetie hamper, courtesy of the wonderful Bee Sweet confectioners.

The home even ran its own pop-up comic shop, with comic books generously donated by Comic Connections of Banbury.

Sarah Fardy, Wellbeing Manager, said: "Residents had a delightful time, getting into the superhero spirit with costumes and props, and they loved running the stalls and playing host to our various guests, especially the younger party-goers who had come in fancy dress! We were also delighted to be joined by Shipston's Community Responders, whom we presented with a Care Home FaNS (Friends and Neighbours) certificate in honour of all their invaluable work."



The event was a great success enjoyed by all, with one resident commenting, "It was brilliant! I've never been to a party like it."

"We're thrilled to have raised a significant amount of money for the Residents' Fund, which pays for all our events, outings and activities, but mostly we're proud to have helped recognise the superheroes in our midst and give a little bit back to our supercommunity." Sarah added.

## Shipston High School win Ocado Foundation Road Safety Trophy for the second year running!

Shipston High School has won a prestigious road safety award for the second year running for its work in raising the awareness of road safety in the school and community as part of the Driving Ambitions programme.

The trophy has been sponsored by the Ocado Foundation in collaboration with Warwickshire County Council's Road Safety Team to highlight schools that go the extra mile to promote road safety to children, teachers and the wider community.



Year 7's produced a series of road safety raps and poems inspired by their road safety school mentor John Squires.

Cllr Andy Crump, Warwickshire County Council Portfolio Holder - Fire & Rescue and Community Safety, said: "We want Warwickshire to be supported by excellent infrastructure, and of course a key part of this is that our roads are safe for all users. This project is fantastic, as it encourages young people to think about road safety in the wider community, not just around their school. Well done to everyone at Shipston High School for the fantastic achievement of winning this accolade two years running."

Julie Goodyear, Corporate Responsibility Project Manager from The Ocado Foundation, said: "We're delighted to award the Ocado Foundation Road Safety trophy to the students at Shipston High School; I'd like to personally congratulate them wholeheartedly on their hard work and dedication to road safety."

Over the next three academic years, the award will be presented annually to the most outstanding Warwickshire secondary school that:

- Regularly participates in the Driving Ambitions programme;
- Can provide evidence that road safety class challenges have been completed; and
- Has designed and implemented an original road safety project in their school.

Winners will receive the Road Safety Trophy for one year along with a prize to the value of £500 donated by Ocado, to spend on road safety initiatives over the coming year.

## A welcome return for Shipston Cancer Support

Shipston Cancer Support is relaunching in September to continue supporting those living with cancer.

The group offers help and guidance for anyone affected by cancer, whether as a patient, carer or friend. They also supply packs for dealing with the side effects of chemotherapy.

The relaunch event takes place on 21st September at the Shipston Scout Hut. See page 9 for full details.



## War on waste builds momentum on Facebook

A new community effort is helping to reduce waste in Shipston by encouraging people to share items for reuse and recycling.

Shipston's War on Waste Facebook Group was set up by Alison Packer after she was inspired by a similar page elsewhere. The group had grown to 600 members in just a few weeks, and is a mixture of tips on reuse and recycling as well as posts about unwanted items which are readily snapped up by other members instead of ending up in landfill.

The group has a great community feel to it and almost a circular recycling theme. For example, one member (person A) gave away something to person B - person C received something from person B and person C gave something to person A - full circle! In this particular case, a blender, bed and bird bath were the items in question!

Founder, Alison Packer, said: "The group is all about helping each other, as well as the wider recycling theme - give away rather than throw away. After all, 'one man's rubbish is another man's treasure'".

To join the group, search 'war on waste Shipston' on Facebook.

*– inspired by a member of the group, Alison penned this poem to capture the essence of the page.*

A fortnight ago, whilst cooking the tea,  
A daft idea did come to me...  
I took out my phone (and glasses - my age)  
Pressed a few buttons and created a page.  
War on Waste, in Shipston began,  
No fixed ideas, or semblance of plan.  
A few friends were added, who proceeded to share,  
The group took off, with names everywhere!  
In less than a week, over 400 strong,  
Chats going on, between those who belong.  
Re-purpose, re-using of all sorts of stuff,  
Hints & tips a-plenty enough.  
Shared details we have from excellent groups,  
(Baby and uniform bank are all in the loop),  
What we don't need, we can offer with pleasure,  
One man's waste, is indeed another man's treasure.  
Moves are afoot to set up a place,  
For locals to use, to reduce our waste.  
'Non'-recyclable deposits all in one spot,  
Is a goal we might reach, believe it or not.  
This group is a friendly and useful resource,  
With generous offers, (and 'thank you's' of course).  
Goods given away, requests here and there,  
Then along came Reuben, with his poem about Claire!  
Reuben like many, was pleased with his lot,  
It matters not where, and matters not what,  
But sharing is great, and good for us all,  
War on Waste Shipston - we're having a ball!



## Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



### Any dream will do

At the end of the summer term, Year 6 pupils played to a packed house for an afternoon dress rehearsal to the whole school and two nights to families with their incredible musical performance of Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat.



It was wonderful to see all Year 6 children having a role in the play, which they have worked extremely hard on post-SATs with regard to their acting, singing and dancing. The performances had incredible pace with non-stop action for a full hour.

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 Joseph was no different. Many thanks to the Year 6 teachers and teaching assistants, to Mrs. Gray, Miss Humphrey and Rebecca Mackay for the brilliant costumes and props and to Mrs. Campbell for the amazing direction and choreography.

In the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly the children's speeches told of fun times, proud moments, strong friendships and leadership qualities. Our school is



about making memories, making learning stick and making futures - they thanked their teachers for the help and guidance throughout their time at our super school.

### Ecobricks Turkey House

Thanks to Midcounties Co-op for running a scheme where schools were encouraged to create ecobricks to be used to create an animal pen at the Fairytale Farm just outside of Chipping Norton. As an incentive, the Co-op would pay the school £1 for every brick made.

The new luxury turkey house at Fairytale Farm is complete! Built from recycled plastic bottles and crisp packets, this is a first of its kind in the UK. Thanks to Co-op Chipping Norton for organising the initiative. Thank you to Shipston families who made 274 ecobricks, raising £274.

### Class of 2019

Well done to our Year 6 pupils for their super speeches at the Leavers' Assembly on Thursday morning. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and siblings sharing the celebrations.

Congratulations to our award winners and to all our children: they have been an exceptional year group.



## Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Shipston High School is ready to start the new academic year with real optimism as students return to the classroom following the summer. The school is growing, with more young people than ever before set to enjoy the school's calm and learning focussed atmosphere. We welcome back existing students, and especially welcome those joining us in Year 7.

Although it may seem early, parents of Year 6 students will already be considering their choice of secondary school for 2020. 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. A good number of applications for 2020 have already been made, and 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.

During the summer our Year 11 cohort received their examination results. It is always a moment of pride to see so many 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. Shipston High continues to perform extremely well against local and national comparisons; well done to all.

Family support also plays a significant part in the young people achieving success, and I am sure that students are

already underway with their new activities, whether further study, employment or training. Good luck to all of our former students.



Success comes in many forms at the school, and Year 9 boys and girls came first in the recent South Warwickshire Athletics championships. The school's overall position was third, a great achievement, making Shipston High the best placed non-selective school in the competition.

As we start a new year, I know that many students will seize the extra curricular opportunities available at the school in a whole host of disciplines. These activities are hugely enjoyable, and all aid the wider personal development of our young people; it is great to see them involved during and after school.

The 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 to the general public at any time. Any enquiries should be directed to our School Business Manager.

**This year's Open Evening will be from**  
**6.00pm to 8.00pm**  
**on Thursday 26th September**  
**2019**

**MONDAY**

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

**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 Kath Cheshire on 663486.

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

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

**Age Concern Lunch Club:** Alternate Thursdays. 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:** Outdoor shooting at Brailes Village Hall on Thursday evenings, from 6pm until 8pm. Contact 07795 632718 or 01608 664646.

**FRIDAY**

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

**Shipston Probus:** alternate Fridays. Shipston Sports Club,

Contact Nick 01608 662928

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

**September Diary**

**2 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:**

The Tear Fund, Jenny Rake. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

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

**Stratford Time Bank's Shipston Social Meeting:** 1.30pm-3pm, Community Room at Stour Court. Everyone welcome

**Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** **Speaker** - Rob Hemming "The Trouble with Trivia". 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519

**7 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 Lions Fun Day:** Wellesbourne. Visit www.facebook.com/wdlionsclub for details

**9 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

**10 Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN) Meeting:** see ad on page 10

**Shipston Flower Club:** Jackie Page - Going a Little Potty. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School. New members or visitors are welcome. Contact Elizabeth James

01789 450359 or Kathy Little 01608 664882 for more information

**11 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Annual Show, Members Only. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, Shipston-on-Stour. Contact Tony Mitchell 01608 666933

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

**13 Ekica Fundraising: Table Tennis Marathon** - see ad on page 9  
**Rural Cinema: Fishermans Friends** - see ad on page 9

**16 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** World Tour by Anne Wakeham. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

**17 League of Friends of the Shipston on Stour Hospitals:** see ad on page 16

**18 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

**20 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

**Shipston Music Society:** see ad on page 9  
**Royal British Legion – Social:** A social gathering of serving and ex-service members of HM Armed Forces at 1930 hrs in the White Bear. Contact Alex Black 01608 664743

**21 International Day of Peace: Quakers Space for Peace** - see ad on page 10

**21 Shipston Cancer Charity relaunch** - see ad on page 9

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

**24 Shipston U3A:** see ad on page 10

**25 Shipston and District Literary Society:** Michael Bell - The Master & Margarita by Mikhail Bulgakov. 7:30pm, The White Bear. Members £15pa, Non-members: £4. All welcome. Contact Helen Marshall, 01789 740773

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

**30 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Musical Afternoon with Faye and her Ladies. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684



## Trailblazing scouts report back on their once in a lifetime Jamboree

**Report by Rebecca Drew**

Myself and three other Scouts from the Shipston area, Tom, Kate and Cameron, joined around four thousand UK scouts on an amazing trip to the 24th World Scout Jamboree held in Summit Betchel reserve, West Virginia USA. After two years of fundraising and planning we finally made it. Thank you to all the people who supported us with this effort you have provided us the experience and made us true global citizens.

We began by exploring New York City for two days. Whilst there we went to Times Square, Top of the Rock, Central Park and even got a ferry over to New Jersey. We then headed by coach all the way to the summit in West Virginia.

The theme of the Jamboree was 'Unlock a new world' which gave us the opportunity to unlock lots of new adventures,



cultures and new friendships from the attendees from 167 different countries. All of us have changed and learnt many new skills that we can use later in life. These include peace, communication, patience, inclusion, leadership and life skills.

We got a glimpse into how other cultures run scouts and what they do in their everyday lives. We got to speak and learn from people from all over the globe and have made long lasting memories with people we have met.

There were so many things to do and so much for all to participate in from sporting activities, climbing, environmental projects and global development programmes to name a few. We even saw a few famous faces like Bear Grylls, Chief Scout and representatives from the United Nations.

After the Jamboree excitement we headed to Washington DC to watch a baseball game, where we started a scouts fan club about the player Tony Santander which made the news! After sightseeing Washington we took a quick



hop by plane to Canada - Nova Scotia. We visited the Halifax citadel, did an amphibian tour, tried the best ice cream from a shop called Cows.

The Jamboree trip has been by far the most memorable and the most enjoyable experience of my life. I would like to thank everyone that has supported me as well as the rest of our unit - this is an experience that I will hold onto forever.

**The Jamboree Scouts plan to host a thank you evening for our supporters on 16th September at 7pm at Shipston Sports Club. We'll informally share our stories and photos. Please join us for refreshments and cake!**

## Fish & Frolics provides plenty of fun despite the rain

This year saw the 7th Fish 'n' Frolics festival take place at Shipston Sports and Social Club.

The Angling club heralded the start of the event with its grand opening of a disabled angling platform, enabling access to the riverside for all. The ceremony was attended by Shipston Town Mayor, Dan Scobie, the two Festival organisers, Stuart Fleming and Angela Mason, and local river ace and representative of Cadence tackle, James Robbins.

This is phase two of access for all to the beautiful gem of a river 'the Stour' and hopefully the start of a river walk. This project has been achieved with the backing of Shipston Town Council, The Angling Trust, The Environment Agency, Fosseyway Hire, Mal's Diner in Stratford and the many volunteers who gave their own time to complete this stage.

The Fish 'n' Frolics event was, as always, part of National Fishing Month and for three days there was a non stop stream of juniors and their parents learning to fish. All that attended caught fish ranging from the smallest minnow and a stickleback to some big chub and trout up to 2 lbs. They also caught perch, dace, rudd and a small bream - the first ever recorded from this stretch of the river!

The Environment Agency was on hand with a huge fish tank to show off the



beautiful fish for all to see and offer advice on all things to do with fishing.

The event was also attended by Ed Noyes from the Severn Rivers Trust who helped teach fly casting, along with professional coaches Mark Tickner and Andrew Lawson. The course fishing coaches Stuart Fleming and Richard Ray all mucked in to make the day run smoothly. The 4 meter and 5 meter were supplied by Darren Cox (Garbolino) and the bait was donated by Martyn Edwards from Stratford On Avon Fishing and Outdoors Ltd.

Unfortunately the weather, once again, was mostly rain but this did little to dampen the enthusiasm or skill of those fishing.

The overall winner of The Ultimate Angler was Howard Kaye (Sensas) on his visit to the event with 4 points, second was Les Ashby with 5 points, third was John Walkden with 6 points. Nearly 40 anglers fished on The Avon, the Stour and Aston Magna pool during the event.

The weather unfortunately had an impact on the evening event and the stalls but the music played on into the evening with lots of good music from local groups and singers.

This year was the first Sporty Sunday at the Sports club and with football, cricket, tennis, hockey, aunt Sally, bowls and fishing all on show - there really was something for everyone.

Next year the event will be promoting sport and wellbeing. This is something that the festival organisers are pleased to be associated with.





**STOUR VALLEY LION'S CINEMA**

Ten fishermen from Cornwall are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album of Sea Shanties.

**SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL,**  
**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September, 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.**

**24 hour Table Tennis Marathon**

Raising funds for



to support the education and well being of children at Ekica School in Tanzania. For more information visit: [www.ekicafundraising.org](http://www.ekicafundraising.org)

**ALL WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN AT**

**SHIPSTON ENTERPRISE**

Formerly known as Sheldon Bosley Hub

**on Friday 13th September between 7.30pm – 10.30pm**

**and Saturday 14th, 9am – 7.30pm**

Marathon players will be playing all night, but entrance to the building will be locked overnight.

If you'd like a game, please make a donation at the event to support the charity. Thank you

**How can I sponsor a Marathon player?**

**Come and see them at the event or call Tadge on 07561 597557**



**Shipston Music Society**

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



**Michael Matthews, guitar**

Supported by The Tillett Trust Young Artists' Platform

**Methodist Church**  
**Shipston on Stour**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 7.30pm**

**Tickets £8.00 – Children £3.00**  
**Guests welcome – please pay on the door**  
**Further info: 01608 662514**

Registered Charity No: 1146459 (England)

**Shipston Cancer Support relaunch**

**on 21st September**  
**at Shipston Scout Hut**  
**a drop in session between 2-4pm**

For people living with a cancer diagnosis  
 You? Your partner? Your best friend or your parent?  
 Do you want to talk, have a cup of coffee and be  
 pointed in the right direction for help?

Please join us on the 21st September.

For further information contact Kate Harbridge on  
 07798887092 or Maryann Dobbin 07779730774

**A Space for Peace**  
**Saturday 21st September**  
**UN International Day of Peace**



Come and participate for any length of time in reflection and prayer for peace and reconciliation in the world

**11.30 am to 1 pm St Edmund's Church,  
 Shipston-on-Stour**

Children welcome

Light refreshments will be available

Led by Quakers



**TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**2 pm TOWNSEND HALL**



**The Ifakara Bakery Project &  
 The Free Bread Funds, Tanzania**

A talk by Eugene Schellenberg who, with his wife, Margaret, helped start a bakery together with some local nuns in Tanzania which became self-sufficient in the local community.

They had some spare capacity in their ovens, so funds are raised to provide bread for malnourished children in hospital and other deserving children.

It has made a real difference and is such an inspiring story.

**Visitors are welcome**  
**Entry including refreshments £2**

**scan**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS  
 ACTION NETWORK**

SHIPSTON ON STOUR and surrounding communities

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME!!**

2:30pm for Refreshments

3:00pm Meeting Start

**Philip Seccombe (Police & Crime Commissioner) will join us to talk about Warwickshire policing priorities and his role as PCC and answer your questions on policing**

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

**Shipston on Stour Freemasons Lodge**

***Are you interested in Freemasonry?***

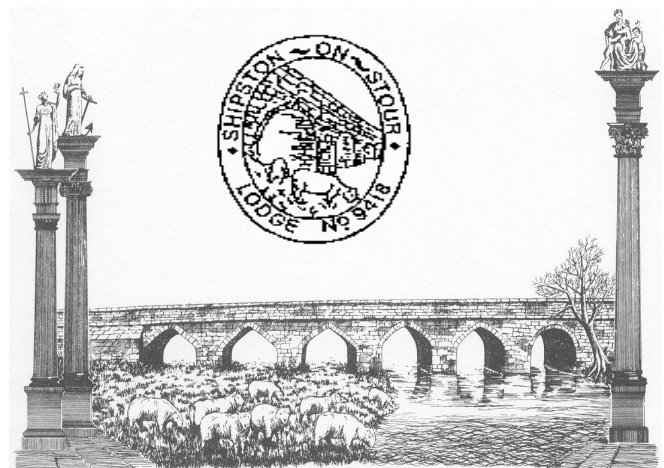
We value honesty, integrity and service to the community.

Last year, Freemasons raised over £43 million for good causes. As an organisation, we welcome individuals from all walks of life, race, faith, class or political persuasion. Freemasonry embraces all as equals.

Lodge meetings are held at Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour.

If you are already a Freemason and would like to visit us or join our Lodge or if you are not yet a member but would like to know more about becoming one, contact: -

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 Shipston on Stour Lodge No 9418  
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 Tel: 01608-663485





## Would you like to play Chess?

The Shipston U3A Chess Club is opening its doors to non U3A members. The club currently meets on Mondays at 10am but evenings will be considered if preferred. To find out more, please contact Ian Cox on **01608 662565** or [icox31@yahoo.com](mailto:icox31@yahoo.com).

## Stour Singers – Autumn Singing

Stour Singers enjoyed a very appreciative audience response for their May concert of music by Monteverdi, Vivaldi, and Handel, and now look forward to preparing for their Christmas Concert, on 14th December. Singing together is pure joy – and a joy we would love to share with anyone tempted to join! You do not have to be able to read music, as Richard Emms, the choir's director, prepares rehearsal CDs for each part, and all choir members encourage and help one another. If you do have lots of experience, and can read music, that's always a boon!

The twice-yearly concerts enable local people to perform alongside top-notch professional soloists and orchestra, at home in St. Edmund's Church in Shipston. The press report for our latest concert said "this exhilarating performance with its considerable bounce simply made you smile". The smiles were shared by performers and audience alike. Our guest soloists often ask to return to sing in Shipston.

Singing really is good for you. With proven health benefits, it is such a pleasure simply to learn and perform together with a very supportive group of people. The choir grew swiftly from an adult education group originally formed in 1985 and led then and now by Richard Emms. One of the founder members also continues to sing with the choir.

The programme for this year's December concert consists of Telemann's Magnificat in C, and Mozart's Sparrow Mass. There is an annual subscription of £60, and there is no fee at all for those in full-time education.

Rehearsals take place at Shipston Primary School, from 7.30. to 9.30pm on Thursday evenings, starting on 12th September. If you would like to come and try out the choir, you would be truly welcome. Please contact Yvonne Ridley, the choir's coordinator, on 01789 269587, if you would like to know more.

## Twinning Weekend



Shipston on Stour Twinning Association welcomed 38 guests from Tourni sur Vire during July and for three of the French families this was their first experience of being guests in English homes. For the others it was a matter of renewing acquaintances with old friends.

Several outings had been arranged by the Shipstonians to local attractions including Anne Hathaway's cottage and Mary Arden's House, Broadway Tower and Snowhill. On Saturday evening everyone gathered in the Townsend Hall for drinks and canapes followed by a light-hearted bilingual quiz, the winners of which were Sue Bradley and Philippe and Babette Compère who have been "twinned" for well over thirty years. After a fish and chip supper, retiring president Keith McCarthy officially welcomed the French guests and wished them an enjoyable weekend. In return, Nicole Mauduit, president of the Tourni sur Vire twinning association thanked the English committee for organising the weekend and all the host families for the generosity and kindness shown to their French counterparts.

On Sunday, two coaches took everyone to Upton on Severn and Malvern. After a typical English afternoon tea which the Tournais loved, there was time for people to counteract the calories with a climb up to the British Camp on the Malvern Hills before returning home to spend the rest of the evening with host families.

All too brief was the weekend and after a few choruses of "Ce n'est qu'un au revoir" (Old Lang Syne) on Monday morning the French set off on their return journey, delighted with their stay and looking forward to welcoming their English friends next year.

To find out more about the Shipston on Stour Twinning Association please go to [shipston-tourni-twinning-association](http://shipston-tourni-twinning-association).

## A Badger's Eye

The new Public Health Green Paper published at the end of July marks another attempt to address unequal life chances. This report gives some examples of such inequality pointing out that a woman with the poorest 10% of income has nineteen years less healthy life than a woman from the richest 10%. As Public Health England says, "that is not OK".

The Green Paper talks about encouraging healthier life choices - especially for the poorest and most vulnerable - and certainly individual behaviours do have an important part to play in shaping our health. But the Green Paper admits - drawing on Canadian Research - that half of the factors determining health are outside any one individual's control. The house you live in, the road you live by, the education you get, the income you earn and the job you do have far greater effect.

That is why we invited Warwickshire's Public Health Department to meet us at the end of July to show us how we can shape the kind of healthy environment and health promoting services a new hospital development can provide.

They will be at the "Health Summit" on **17th September at the Townsend Hall** to listen to our views about what we need to make Shipston a "Healthy Town".

If you want to shape what the new development will provide and hear how we can create a health supporting town then come. This is the time to influence the kind of health service, locally, which can maintain a healthy and long life for yourself and everyone else.



League of Friends

## Lions in the Community

Over the years Lions have installed nine seating benches in strategic locations around Shipston: two on the Gyratory Garden and others in the Sensory Garden and sports facilities. Time has taken its toll and we are currently conducting an inspection of their condition. We have cleaned and treated the benches with preservative but unfortunately many are reaching the end of their life and now need to be replaced.



### Lions Cinema

Lion's cinema season commences again on Friday 13th September, 7 pm at Shipston High School with the British film "Fisherman's Friends" Certificate 12. The film is based around a true story of ten Cornish fishermen who formed a choir and are then signed by Universal Records. They go on to achieve a top ten hit with their debut record of sea shanties. A great film that will appeal to all age groups.

### Fund Raising

Stour Valley Lions would like to thank everyone who has selected us as their Co-op funded local cause. So far with your help we have raised in excess of £1,700. If you are not yet a Co-op member but shop there, then please join and make us your local cause. When members buy Co-op branded products and services, the Co-op will give 1% to your chosen local cause. Your support can help raise more that will benefit your community with one of our focuses being Youth. We have until 26th October 2019 to raise as much as we can, and we would love to breach the £2,000 mark.

### Message from the Guides

Shipston-on-Stour Girlguiding would like to thank the Lions for their support on 14th July with their fundraising activity "Happy's Circus". A great afternoon of entertainment was experienced in the Big Top by 400 people from the Shipston community. Thank you, Lions, for helping us to stage this event - we couldn't have done it without you.

## Townsend Hall – Events Corrections and News

Two events have changed since publication in the August Forum.

There will no longer be an autumn production for Shipston Am Drams at the Townsend Hall and North Cotswold Jazz will now take place on October 25th.

On September 14th we will welcome the Pink Ladies Lunch to the hall for the first time. It's a major fundraiser - for more details search for Pink Ladies Lunch Shipston on Facebook.

For the latest Townsend Hall events taking place this month, see the What's On calendar.

## Shipston on Stour Probus Club

Shipston on Stour Probus and Stour Valley Probus are now using the same venue, Shipston Sports and Social Club, although they meet at different times and on different days.



During the past month, Shipston on Stour Probus were entertained and informed by the following:

August 2nd - John Butterworth let us into a few secrets concerning his experiences as a local newspaper editor.

August 16th - Nigel Whatmore demonstrated the use of a defibrillator with "stunning" effect.

August 30th - Ms Jo Brown took the time to explain all the services provided by Citizens Advice Bureau.

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

## Shipston Proms

The Shipston Proms committee would love to welcome more members to help plan our 2020 programme. Our next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm in the back rooms of the White Bear where we meet every third Wednesday of the month. As we are a very small committee a few extra members would be greatly appreciated so that we can continue to deliver a full programme of music over the fortnight.

Please get in touch by email [shipstonproms@gmail.com](mailto:shipstonproms@gmail.com), by social media or just turn up in person on the night. It will be great to see you.

We would also welcome any ideas for future acts so again please get in touch and let us know what you'd like to hear.

We look forward to hearing from you!



### The Townsend Hall

The winning numbers for the July Draw are:

£15 Member no 57  
£10 Member no 105  
£5 Member No 56

Congratulations on your windfall!



### The Townsend Hall

The winning numbers for the August Draw are:

£15 Member no 56  
£10 Member no 117  
£5 Member No 114

Well done to the lucky winners!





## Age Concern Grants

Age Concern Shipston on Stour & District can offer grants of up to £100 to fund identified needs of residents in the Shipston area. Grants will be made for needs identified in order to make life easier and more enjoyable or to alleviate specific problems.

If you have a requirement we invite you to complete an application form which will be considered by the Trustees. Copies of the application form and terms and conditions can be downloaded from [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org) or collected from New Clark House.

Certain criteria must be met in order for a grant to be made:

### To be eligible for a grant, residents must:

1. Live permanently within 7 miles of St Edmund's church (Shipston parish church).
2. Live either in their own home, in a care home or sheltered accommodation.
3. Be over the age of 70 on the day that a grant request is made.
4. Be in receipt of a state benefit other than basic state pension (evidence may be requested).
5. Have readily available funds of less than £5,000

### What grants can be used for:

1. Mobility improvements in the home.
2. One-off travel to improve quality of life.
3. Pet care.
4. Appliances or personal mobility devices.
5. Any other reasons at the Trustees' discretion.

### Size and frequency of grant:

1. Grants will be limited to a maximum of £100 per application.
2. Residents will be eligible for one grant in each twelve month period.
3. Grants will be considered where they fully fund a specific need or where they provide only a portion of funds for a need. In the latter case proof of full funding may be required before a grant is made.

## Readers' Letters

*Letter from Jenny Plenderleith*

R.N.L.I. Thank you Shipston

Many thanks from the R.N.L.I. for the support we received in Shipston-on-Stour and District on our collection day at the end of July. We collected £562 and the sale of souvenirs etc raised another £109 giving us a fantastic total - in spite of the rain - of £671.

Our special thanks go to Rev. Sarah Edmonds and the P.C.C. for allowing us the use of St Edmunds Church and the Post Office for a display table. Thanks everyone, we really value your help.



### How grants will be considered and administered:

1. Applicants should submit an application form to the Trustees. Applications can be made on behalf of qualifying residents.
2. Applications will be considered by the Trustees and a response will be given within 14 days of receipt of application.
3. If a grant is unsuccessful a reason will be given in the response.
4. Any application for a grant will be treated as confidential between the applicant and the Trustees.
5. The Trustees will use their discretion in the application of the rules governing grants.
6. The scheme will be reviewed from time to time and funds available for grants are subject to a limit of £3000 annually, which may occasionally prevent grants being made.

For and on behalf of the Trustees

Age Concern Shipston on Stour & District  
Fallowfield, Badgers Lane, Lower Tysoe CV35 0BY  
01295 680309 [djroache@buzzinternet.co.uk](mailto:djroache@buzzinternet.co.uk)



### Do you have what it takes to become a town councillor?

Shipston Town Council currently has two vacancies.

If you are keen to do more to help your community and would like to know more about becoming a town councillor, please contact the Town Clerk for details, terms and a nomination form by 22 Sept 2019.

**For full details, please contact**

**Tel: 01608 662180**

**Email: [clerk@shipstononline.co.uk](mailto:clerk@shipstononline.co.uk)**

## District Council Update

At the time of writing, I'm preparing to attend the Planning Committee meeting where the Pettipher's Garage planning application will be discussed - by the time you read this, the outcome will likely be known.

The Pettiphers Garage site is owned by Tesco. It has become something of an eyesore. Some residents look forward to having the option of shopping at a Tesco outlet locally. Equally, others feel that Shipston doesn't need another supermarket type store, or that a Tesco outlet doesn't sit easily alongside the range of independent stores that contribute so much to Shipston's appeal. 'Need' for this type of store, however, is not a relevant basis for an objection under planning legislation.

My concerns are the potential implications this development is likely to have on traffic flows, roadside parking and road safety. The Garage site sits in Shipston's only residents' parking permit area. There is space on the designated areas of Church Street, Telegraph Street and Sheep Street to park 73 cars. Warwickshire County Council has already issued 95 permits for use by residents and their visitors.

Drivers who have made a habit of parking on the forecourt currently will be displaced. They will add to the local pressure. Passing drivers who want to drop in for a sandwich or a pint of milk will bring more pressure. The nearest car park is in Telegraph Street. Although Tesco will create a two metre wide footpath around their store, there is nothing in their application to extend that footpath to connect with the car park. The implications for pedestrian safety are obvious and predictable. Let's hope that the Planning Committee has been in listening mode.

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

**Trevor Harvey, Councillor for Shipston North**

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



## County Council update

Now I am back from my hols – and I hope many of you have had a break too. Renewed



vigour, a beige suntan (just), spending time with my favourite people finding time to reconnect. So, I'M BACK!

What's on the agenda this autumn? Well I am going to the Tory Party conference – on my own dollar – so I can meet the local government ministers who make so many decisions which affect our everyday lives. I will keep up the pressure to be creative with adult social care and to get procurement locally and without the gold plating applied to cost by the "Big Boys".

We have ambitions locally to be in the vanguard of the climate change warriors – I want to plant many more trees to soak up CO2 and help reduce temperatures - build efficient homes and transport (like an improved Portabello – Darlingscote next?) and make sure that Warwickshire remains a great place to live – where our general wellbeing is our first priority!

See you at the George – or by appointment soon!

**County Councillor, Jo Barker**

## Shipston Medical Centre - Flu Vaccination

**Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845**

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness causing fever, stuffy nose, dry cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints, and extreme tiredness. This can often last several days. Some people can also get a very high fever, sometimes without the usual flu symptoms, and may need to go to hospital for treatment. Complications of flu can be severe and potentially fatal.

Each year we try and vaccinate all patients in those groups considered most at risk of flu or most vulnerable to severe complications if flu is contracted. Those people eligible for a flu vaccination will be contacted by the practice, and will fall into one of the following groups:

- all children aged two to ten (but not eleven years or older) on 31 August 2019 – the surgery will vaccinate those aged 2-4 not in school. All other ages should be vaccinated in school and the surgery will be unable to vaccinate these children unless

they are at risk for another reason, such as having a long term condition.

- those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups respiratory disease; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis; chronic heart disease; significant chronic kidney disease; chronic liver disease; chronic neurological disease such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease or learning disability; diabetes; splenic dysfunction or asplenia; a weakened immune system due to disease or treatment and those whose body mass index is 40 or above.
- close contacts of immuno-compromised individuals
- those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes

- pregnant women
- carers



There are different types of vaccine to suit different patient types. **Please book an appointment for your flu vaccination so we can order the right vaccine.**

**If you do not wish to have a flu vaccination then you must have a telephone or face to face conversation with a health professional** in order for us to record that you have declined. This is a new requirement from NHS England and this has been put in place to ensure that people have the correct information to make an informed decision.

Vaccination appointments will be available from the beginning of October. Invites for flu vaccination will be sent out towards the end of September.



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**Vacant**

To find out more about becoming a councillor, contact the Town Clerk

**Vacant**

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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
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
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# League of Friends

of the Shipston on Stour Hospitals

**TELL THEM WHAT YOU WANT!**

See exciting new plans for the  
Ellen Badger Hospital site  
Public Meeting - All Welcome

**Tuesday 7.30pm 17th September 2019**  
**Townsend Hall, Sheep St, Shipston**



**Come and have your say. Hear what services and facilities  
are planned for our Ellen Badger Hospital site.**

Speakers to include; Bryan Stoten League of Friends Shipston Chair,  
Jayne Blacklay Managing Director South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust,  
Rachel Vial Practice Manager Shipston Medical Centre and a representative from;  
Shipston Home Nursing, & Public Health Warwickshire County Council.