



Town bathed in colour thanks to yarn bombing

While we may not have been able to enjoy the Wool Fair for the past two years, Shipston's affinity with the versatile material remains strong. Over the past few weeks it has been impossible to walk around town without encountering some of the incredible woollen displays crafted by Shipston Yarn Bombing Group.



Young People speak out about importance of Youth Club

At the Shipston Town Council meeting on 9th August, a group of local young people made an impassioned plea to the assembled Councillors to help save the Youth Club, explaining its importance to the town. Some of the speakers chose to share details of the tremendous adversity they had faced in their lives and the huge value they placed on the support offered by the team of counsellors and other staff at the club. Many of them emphasised that while Shipston may appear an idyllic rural community, there are still many disadvantaged and vulnerable young people who need professional support.

Daniel Pulham, Chair of the Youth Club's Management Committee, explained that the Youth Club had been given a second notice of eviction by Shipston High School, but they were challenging the authority of the notice. He went on to say that he understood that the current premises might not be appropriate long term, but it was essential that the Youth Club could resume supporting vulnerable young people in the town, and the building at the school is the best and only viable option at present.



Could you be one of Shipston's new Councillors?

Shipston Town Council currently has four Town Councillor vacancies and would like to hear from anyone interested in becoming a community leader by representing the views of Shipston residents.

We are looking for people who would like to become more involved in influencing and shaping the future of our town by improving the environment and services available in Shipston and the surrounding area. Shipston Town Council is an elected body of Councillors, including a Mayor and Deputy Mayor, who are supported by a town clerk and assistant. It is the first tier of government providing services on behalf of the residents of the town.

Formal meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of the month and there are working groups which Councillors are encouraged to join depending on their individual experience and expertise.

Councillor Peter White has been serving on the council for over seven years and is the current chair of the Communications Working Group. "I joined as Councillor to understand more about local government and to work with fellow Councillors to try and improve the town for its residents," said Peter. "I have a young family and I'm particularly keen to hear from the younger generation on how we can improve the facilities and services available to children and young adults. It is important that young people in Shipston have a voice and are able to discuss their views about what Shipston is like to live in, it would be fantastic to hear from anyone who would like to join as a Councillor to represent the younger population."

Please feel free to contact any of the current Councillors (see page 11) to discuss what is required for this role and how you may be able to volunteer around your current commitments.



Mayor's column

After such a long period of restrictions, it was lovely to be able to attend Civic events and visit other Towns in the County. For example, Leamington Spa hosted a "bat walk" in support of their Mayors' charity the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. It makes you realise how lucky we are in Shipston to be surrounded by nature and wildlife, but also how vulnerable much of this is and how we need to plan to adequately protect it. The Town Council are looking to create a wild flower meadow and designate a Local Wildlife Site as part of the land that has recently been donated to the Town and we are working with ecology groups to this end. Hopefully this is a small first step.

It was good to hear from some of our younger residents at our last Town Council meeting. The Town Council is very aware that more needs to be done to support these age groups by providing better amenities and facilities. As well as this being the focus of my fundraising this year, the Town Council will be looking to play an active role in ensuring the Town addresses some of these issues.

I'm encouraged to see some of those businesses worst hit by the pandemic re-opening their doors and being supported by our local community, I wish all of them well after what has been an extremely difficult time.

As a Town Council we are saddened to lose two of our experienced Town Councillors who have both had to step down due to personal circumstances. Sheelagh and Peter have made outstanding contributions to the Town and their knowledge and experience will be greatly missed. I wish them all the best and hope that their personal situations improve quickly, but most of all thank them both for everything they have contributed – you will always be welcome back.

Ian Cooper, Mayor of Shipston

New Deputy Mayor

At the August meeting of the Town Council, Councillor Marianne Westwood was unanimously elected as the new Deputy Town Mayor after Councillor John Dinnie withdrew his nomination for the post in her favour.

This followed the resignation from the council of the previous Deputy Mayor Councillor Sheelagh Saunders and Councillor Peter Cowley for personal reasons. During the meeting, Councillors paid tribute to each of them for their valuable contributions to the town.



Warwickshire County Council launches consultation on future bus services

Following the government's National Bus Strategy published in March, Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is forming an ambitious plan to improve services and encourage more people to travel by bus. WCC's Bus Service Improvement Plan will be used to apply for government funding from the £3 billion earmarked for the nationwide project.

WCC is asking groups and individuals across the county for their input, to ensure that the plan reflects all Warwickshire communities and other stakeholders; from bus operators to hospitals and emergency services.

Complete the survey online here: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/bus-service-improvement-plan/consult_view/. If you would like a paper copy or need an alternative format or Easy Read version, please call 01926 412771 or email rosiecoyle@warwickshire.gov.uk. The consultation closes on 19th September.

Warwickshire Switch and Save returns to help reduce utility costs

Warwickshire's 11th reverse auction is taking place on 12th October to give participating residents better energy prices. So far, by using their collective bargaining power, a ginormous combined amount of £1.73 million has been saved by the 8,018 households who have made the switch.

Anyone interested in joining must register their interest (<https://bigcommunityswitch.co.uk/warwickshire/landing>) before 23rd November. Everyone registered will then receive a personalised offer showing how much they could save by switching and the option to switch providers totally free of charge.

For support or more information about the scheme, see <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchandsave> or call the customer service desk at Act On Energy 0800 988 2881 or iChoosr on 0800 048 8439.

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News from Shipston Town Council's August meeting

Staffing Working Group: Consideration will be given to co-opting a layperson to the Staffing Working Group to advise on HR matters. The group will also review the present working group and committee structure.

New Clark House: Councillors discussed reopening New Clark House to the public. It was agreed that the front desk will reopen subject to adequate resourcing, but the chambers and meeting room will remain closed for the time being.

Telegraph Street Car Park: Following concerns about a shortage of disabled bays, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has agreed to increase the number available from two to three.

Shipston Area Flood Action Group: Programme delays and the increased cost of raw materials are posing challenges. Fortunately, some of the grant funding may be able to be rolled over into next year. A set of revised plans were approved by Councillors.

Ellen Badger Hospital Planning Application: The Planning Committee will be writing in support of the plans to install underground storage tanks to control the flow of stormwaters into the river Stour and ease the risk of flooding.

Security barriers: Councillors reviewed plans for installation of height barriers at several locations around the town. There was consensus that action must be taken as soon as possible.

New signage: Councillors approved installation of new signage at play areas and the skate park.

Sensory garden: Councillors approved a grant of up to £250 to cover the maintenance of the Sensory Garden.

Jubilee Celebrations and Wool Fair: It was agreed that management of these events should be discussed at the next town council meeting, including their allocation to working groups.

Electric Vehicle Charging: Potential plans to install electric vehicle charging in some of the town's car parks are waiting on an electricity provision survey.





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FRIDAY 17th September, 2021 at 7.30pm
Advance Tickets £5.00
From: A. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston On Stour.
Drinks and Raffle
Covid restrictions – please wear a mask/hand sanitise on arrival.

Any enquiries please email: stourvalleylions@gmail.com

Shipston Proms

Last month, I wrote that I would fill you in on the timings and listings, etc of the 11 venues and the bands taking part in our September weekend music trail starting on 3rd September at the Hub, but I realise now that readers will be unlikely to have the Forum before its launch, so, apologies for that, and instead I will fill you in on how it all went next month, unless of course you were there!

We are so thankful that we have been able to organise this amid the Covid situation and it has been great to have so much support beforehand from pubs and bands alike, all keen to contribute to the local music scene. Events like this can be a much-needed lifeline for musicians as their industry has been hit hard by the pandemic.

Fortunately, in our area, live music has been given a boost over the last few months by Saturday evening performances at the George in Brailes, by bands playing at the George in Shipston and by The Thirst Edition hosting music over the Spring bank holiday and during August. The Cotswolds Distillery at Stourton also provided a welcome musical escape with their streaming service during lockdown and recently they have welcomed back live music with performances from two rootsy Americana playing guitarists. The music trail will have added to the current resurgence of live music, and we hope you will have been able to go out and see the amazing talent to be found locally.

Updates can be found as usual on www.shipstonproms.org or on our Facebook page. As always, we would love to hear from anyone who would like to join our small committee as we plan towards Shipston Proms 2022, 10th -25th June.

Impact of fire on local recycling collections

The fire at the Pure Recycling Plant in Ettington, led to eight days of lost recycling collections and the need to find a new location for the district's recycling. A temporary solution lasting three months has been put in place allowing collections to resume without recycling being sent to landfill or the incinerator, however these are at considerable cost to Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

Up to 20 tonnes of recyclable material can now be sent to EnviroSort in Worcestershire each day. Meanwhile, the remaining dry recycling is being bulked at Atherstone and then taken to a facility in London. Nationwide, the capacity of Materials Recycling Facilities is almost full, which is why the council has committed to build a new one in Coventry (Sherbourne Recycling) as a long-term solution.



The Shipston Rotary



The Shipston Rotary 100 Club only started a couple of months ago and already has 50 members in play paying £5 a month or £60 a year.

July's draw was made by Geoff Cox of Stratford.

First Prize: no 90

Second Prize: no 23

Third Prize: no 83

The winner generously donated her winnings and purchased another number for £60 for a year's membership.

New Tesco store construction work

Work has commenced on the Pettiphers Garage site in preparation for the new Tesco store. Contractors have been doing preliminary work ahead of the demolition of the garage during September.

While it has not been confirmed by Tesco, it is understood that the new store could potentially open in March/April 2022 subject to any potential delays on site.



Shipston High School

Shipston High School has started the new academic year with real optimism as students return to the classroom following the summer. 2021 has seen adaptations and periods of remote learning due to coronavirus, including the cancellation of exams, and the whole school community are pleased to be reunited for what we hope will be a more normal school year.

We welcome our year 7 students who are joining the school this autumn, and this year sees another record for the school which now has more pupils than ever before. This is fantastic and demonstrates the enthusiasm for local families to be part of the Shipston High success story. We are student centred in our approach and look forward to getting to know our new students.

As the school grows, we need to use our physical space as efficiently as possible for the benefit of the students. We also aim to maintain a contemporary built environment for our school community, and I hope to be able to update you on positive investment in the school site in the near future.

Parents of year 6 students will already be considering their choice of secondary school for 2022. This is an important decision, and I understand that parents will give careful consideration to the right school for their child. Applications for 2022 entry are already underway.

Autumn traditionally sees the school hosting an open evening for prospective students and families to visit the school and find out more about our provision and ethos. We plan to host such an event this year, but we will defer to government guidance if circumstances mean such gatherings are not advisable. However, we very much hope to be able to welcome visitors to the school, and at the time of writing, we have identified the following time for our open evening: **6.00 pm to 8.00 pm on Thursday 30th September 2021.**

If it is not possible to welcome visitors to the site, the school will employ alternative ways to provide an insight into our work. Please keep an eye on the school website for any changes to our scheduled plans.

During the summer our latest year 11 cohort received their GCSE 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. These results are the product of sustained hard work, and will launch young people into their next phase, whether further study, employment or training. Good luck to all of our former students.

Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Shipston Home Nursing

10k charity run returns!

If you've missed out on competitive athletic events because of Covid 19, here's a chance to make up for lost time! Shipston Home Nursing's popular 10K Run/Walk is taking place at Walton Hall Hotel on Sunday 10th October and is now open for entries at www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/10k-run-walk-2020-at-walton-hall.

Participants may walk or run the 10K cross-country route, through some of Warwickshire's most beautiful countryside.

This is a great family event which is suitable for all abilities of runner and walker alike, and children and dogs (on leads) are also welcome. Prices are: run (adult) £15, child £5, walk (adult) £10, child £5.

Registration is at 8.45am for a 10am start, with prizes for the runners and medals for the first 250 finishers. Complimentary water (kindly donated by Walton Hall) and bananas are available for participants. When you have finished, re-fuel with sausage and bacon butties courtesy of by Paddock Farm Butchery, Brailes and Walton Hall.

Starting at the beautiful Walton Hall Hotel, a 16th century mansion set in 65 acres of glorious countryside overlooking a lake, the route starts by leading through nearby woods, before going through the Village of Walton and back to the Hall. Please note, the route may be subject to change according to weather conditions and is not suitable for pushchairs. Online entry closes at 6pm Thursday 7th October.

Rebecca Mawle, Head of Fundraising for Shipston Home Nursing, said: "We are delighted that the race is going ahead. Last year's event had to be cancelled, and there were many disappointed participants. This 10K race is always popular,



and many admit it's the highlight of their calendar. It has an excellent reputation, and many loyal runners and walkers enter year after year."

"Many thanks to Walton Hall for hosting the event in their beautiful grounds. We are so grateful for their generous support."

The race is sponsored by A Forsyth Farm Work, Tubbs End Farms, Hutsby Farms, G Hutsby & Sons and Paddock Farm Butchery, Brailes. All proceeds will go to Shipston Home Nursing, who provide nursing care for patients with illnesses which do not respond to curative treatment and who wish to be nursed at home.



AGE CONCERN SHIPSTON ON STOUR & DISTRICT



GRANT AVAILABILITY

Age Concern Shipston on Stour & District can offer grants of up to £200 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.

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 10 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.

To apply for an application form contact :

David Roache, Fallowfield, Lower Tysoe, WARWICK CV35 0BY

Tel 01295 680309

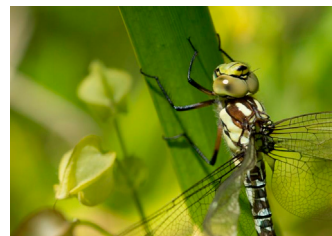
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2 pm TOWNSEND HALL



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WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

A journey around the wildlife garden through the seasons discovers some of the less well known and the more familiar characters behind our homes! We'll dig a pond, plant a hedge and find out how to attract the widest range of birds and animals into the garden.

Visitors are welcome
Entry including refreshments £2

Holiday at Home

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There's also a collection point in both the Co-ops.

For information about our current needs please check on our Facebook page or our website:



www.facebook.com/ShipstonFoodBank



www.shipstonfoodbank.org.uk

Olympic Scarecrow Festival Winners



Due to rain damaging the entrants scarecrows, the judges decided that the best three entrants would be joint-winners and share the prize monies - £20 each.

The winners are Lucy Wildish (equestrian), Lottie Austin (gymnast) and Ruth and Katy Morley-Brown (swimmer). Lottie, Ruth and Kathy were presented with their prizes by the Mayor of Shipston, but sadly Lucy was unable to join them.



Support Shipston's Swifts!

Admired for their aerial acrobatics that adorn our summer skies in the UK, the numbers of swifts are rapidly declining. Numbers have halved in the last 25 years as home owners improve their homes and block up holes, making it harder for the birds to nest. New estates have been built without biodiversity in mind. (Insect eradication hasn't helped either.)

Swifts return every year to their precise nesting sites, so when these are destroyed, so too are the swifts' chance to breed. Nest boxes on suitable buildings are urgently needed to prevent further decline in the Shipston area.

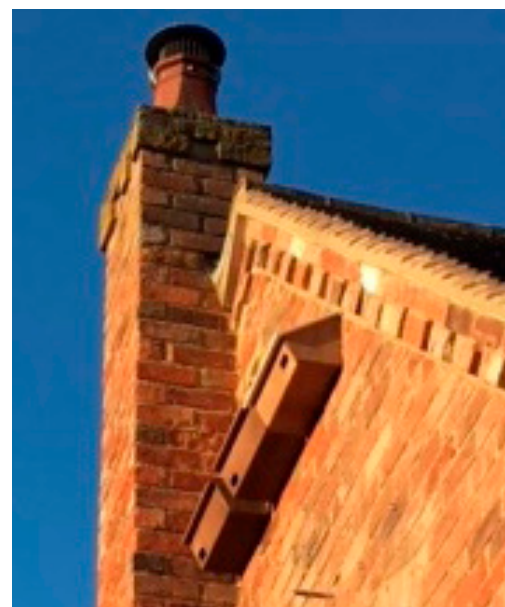
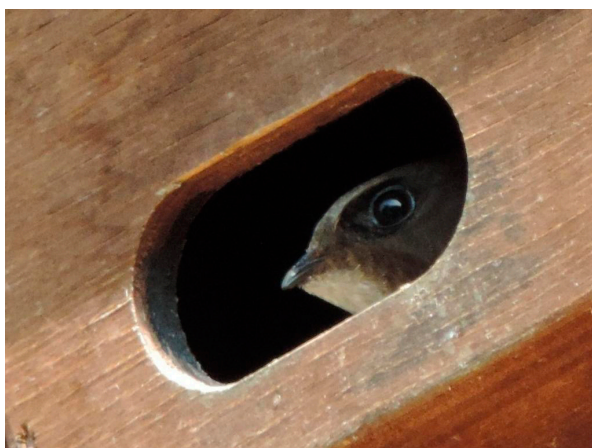
Four years ago, we put up 3 boxes on our house and have waited in hope for occupants each year since. This year we have been thrilled to watch 2 pairs take up residence in 2 of the boxes.

This Summer the weather has been very mixed and with their late arrival in Shipston, 'our swifts' are still with us (4th August). It won't be long now before they all depart on their migration to Africa for the Autumn and Winter. On 22nd July 3 or 4 pairs of juveniles were prospecting around our area, searching for potential nesting sites for next year, before their departure. They will be homeless when they return next year without help through the provision of additional nest sites.

If you have or know of a suitable building where you think swift nest boxes could be installed, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH and we at the Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group can assess its suitability and advise on the best way forward. The first 2 people to respond with a site that can be used will qualify for a free swift nest box.

Jacey Jackson

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Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



CLASS OF 2021

Wednesday 21st July marked the day we closed our doors for the end of another year - probably the hardest yet most rewarding of my career. Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, only a few bubble closures and a suspected gas leak closure, it's been a remarkable year - children and staff have shown their resilience and a love of learning to achieve great things.

Happily, our Year 6 children held their open-air class leavers' assembly in the hot sunshine on the last Monday morning of term where awards were presented, poems were read and speeches were given. Thank you to the parents for attending and following our social distancing rules. The children have missed out on so much due to coronavirus, e.g. being proper house captains, having prefect job responsibilities and performing in a production, in addition to being unable to attend the Manor Adventure residential.

We did try to make some memories with a trip to the Cotswold Water Park south of Cirencester at the beginning of July. Well done to the class of 2021 and thank you to the parents and carers for your support over the years. The children leave us with resilience, knowledge and skills to be able to continue their education journey with success.

All year groups held their own sports days this year, with classes competing separately to maintain the integrity of bubbles. The other class in each year group did get to provide socially distanced support and encouragement. Combining the points from all 14 events, Otter house were the overall winners with 3986, with Fox in second place (3689), Deer third (3660) and Badger fourth (3635).

All house points were added to the overall House Trophy competition, with Otter house the champions this year. It's been the tightest House Trophy competition in all my time at Shipston Primary.

Our strategy moving forward is not just about 'catching up' but is about building back better with a wholesale commitment to and focus on excellence at all levels for all in our Trust family but, primarily ensuring our children have opportunities to achieve their best.

Next year is about reinvigoration.

READING FOR PLEASURE

This year is a record breaking one for Accelerated Reader at Shipston Primary School. Children have passed more quizzes than ever before, read more words than ever before and we have more word millionaires than ever before!

Congratulations to Euan in Year 6, who has smashed his own record for the highest number of words read in the school. In 2019-20 Euan topped our Reading Millionaire list with 5,010,910 words and this year he has doubled that word count by reading 10,176,538 words from 137 books! We have a new record of 48 word millionaires this year and 12 children who have read 2 million words or more.

Reading for pleasure has gone from strength to strength in the past four years, tripling the number of words read this year compared with 2017-18. Our whole school pass rate this year is 91%.

Christian Hilton, Executive Headteacher

COTSWOLD WATER PARK

Excited, nervous and eager to begin the trip, Year 6 students arrived at school, ready to board the coach, smiles plastered on their faces. After a talk about safety regulations, Flamingos class entered their coach - we had different coaches per class because of COVID - and Pelicans followed suit. After an hour of talking and laughter, both classes arrived at the water park and left the coaches.

Pelicans class went to the changing rooms to change into their wetsuits whilst group A Flamingos went kayaking. Wading into the water to get to Aquaventure, everyone was eager to get on. Jumping on the trampoline, climbing the over-water monkey bars, jumping off the edge, climbing the iceberg and having fun, everyone was smiling.

After an hour of burning their energy on the Aquaventure, it was time for lunch. Eating our lunches at the benches, we were soon playing rugby, football and cricket. In our groups, everyone went kayaking and most people fell off! It was fun, challenging and within a minute, many people had already capsized! When we were all finished, we went swimming in the water and found many pieces of lobster. It was so fun and everyone had enjoyed themselves. We played catch (boys v girls) and had fun splashing about in the water.

After our amazing time in the water, we had a barbecue (cooked by Mr Roberts). We had hotdogs and burgers and had plenty of fun! We then had to pack up and we were sad to leave - we had too much fun! We went back on the coach and went back home. We had an amazing day, but were ready to relax.

By Alice Kirkman and Freddie Harrison



How to keep your kids and teens safe online

With back-to-school fast approaching, many children will be using online technology to complete their schoolwork via online portals. With technology comes many amazing features- the ability to work remotely, play games and even chat to friends, but with this also comes a downside. We've put together some words of advice to help keep your children safe as they browse the internet.

1. Talk openly with your children about the good and bad aspects of the internet. Remind them of the reasons certain platforms have age restricted access and that it'll still be there waiting for them when they reach that age. Don't forget to also encourage them to use their devices for good such as reading blogs, watching tutorials and playing games to relax. You don't want to place the internet in the bad book that they then won't want to talk to you about. Keep the conversation going, ask them every now and again what they've been up to on it so you can keep that open dialogue as they get older.
2. It's important to agree boundaries on how long they're allowed on their devices. This may change as they get older, but children aged 5-14 are recommended no longer than 2 hours a day. If you have a secondary school child, they may use this time for schoolwork and so you may want to look at adding an extra half hour for pleasure. Other options include no internet after 9pm, no devices in the dining room or even turning the wi-fi off at a certain time so they know that it's time to sleep or relax without a screen. By limiting the amount they are on the internet, you are reducing their reliance upon it.
3. Use online safety tools to your advantage. Most browsers have a safe search option under settings where you can set up parental control to ensure your children are safe online and minimise the content they see. You can select different filters which can be altered as they grow older.
4. If any issues arise online, they may not want to speak to you. Identify a contact such as a family friend that they know they can go to confidentially if they see or are subjected to anything they don't agree with online. It's also important to show them how to use report/block buttons on social media.
5. Make sure they understand privacy risks including having their location sharing settings turned off and keeping their device regularly updated to the latest software. Having a strong anti-virus is also recommended so nobody can hack into their private data. Another thing to note is not sharing pictures of themselves in places they go regularly and never sharing pictures of them in uniform that would give away the location (same goes for parents sharing!) Talk to them about what they post on the internet stays forever, even if they delete it, somebody could have saved it and that's there then for their nan/teacher/future employer to see. Make sure they only add people they physically know and get them to add you as well so you can monitor the content they are publishing.



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With different apps come the ability to be creative in different ways. Unfortunately, it also means there is more than one risk to monitor.

1. Messaging Apps such as WhatsApp and Facebook messenger. These are easy to send malicious words on and cyberbullying becomes a real issue. It's also important to explain the risks of sending and receiving explicit images via these apps.
2. Lip Sync apps such as Tik-Tok. The latest trend in video sharing means that your child needs to ensure their privacy levels are set high so only people they have accepted can view the content they are putting out.
3. Fitness and Food Apps. These promote unrealistic body image goals so ensure you are checking up on your child if they are using these. Make sure their food pattern isn't becoming negative and that they aren't over exercising.
4. Photo and Video sharing Apps such as Instagram. Remind your child that most of what you see is a filtered version of somebody's life.

Don't forget to have the latest antivirus software and keep devices updated with an annual health check each year to ensure your software is updated and security is at its highest setting to protect your data.

District Council update

It's code red as human activity is changing the climate! This was pretty much the warning from the 1st IPCC Report in 1989 – incidentally when I started my geography degree – and now we sit on the brink.



The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report – recently published – has set out the current position in terms of human influenced climate change and the overall condition of the natural world across the globe.

- Global surface temperature was 1.09C higher between 2011-2020 than between 1850-1900;
- The past five years have been the hottest on record since 1850;
- The recent rate of sea level rise has nearly tripled compared with 1901-1971;
- Human influence is "very likely" (90%) the main driver of the global retreat of glaciers since the 1990s and the decrease in Arctic sea-ice; and
- It is "virtually certain" that hot extremes including heatwaves have become more frequent and more intense since the 1950s, while cold events have become less frequent and less severe.

Although the findings of the report are bleak, this is the wake-up call that we all need!

Jo Barker, District Councillor, Shipston South
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County Council update

Since Warwickshire County Council declared a climate change emergency on the hottest day of the year in 2019, this is what we have been doing:

- Ensuring that considerations of climate underpin all Council decision-making;
- Assessing and targeting reductions in carbon emissions from estate (buildings, streetlighting, vehicle fleets etc.);
- Reduced the emissions from our streetlights by 72% compared with 2014/15 by installing LED lanterns and through strategies to adjust light levels;
- Current and planned projects to improve building insulation, replace gas boilers with efficient electric systems and install further solar PV systems;
- Buying only 100% Green Energy;
- Encouraging staff and residents to explore active travel (walking/cycling) for short journeys;
- In partnership with our district and borough councils, we have delivered 55 twin-headed electric vehicle charging points across the county – they are coming to Shipston soon;

- Introduced a fleet of 10 new school buses which each include their own solar panel array and battery storage to power ancillary services, which dramatically reduces fuel consumption;
- Launching the £1 Million Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund, which has already successfully spent £600k on projects across Warwickshire;
- Helped residents to access best-price home solar and battery storage through the Solar Together scheme;
- Signed-up to the UK100 pledge on carbon reduction.

Warwickshire County Council is also planning to host a COP26 Coventry and Warwickshire Event, which will take place around the main COP26 event in Glasgow (31 October – 12 November 2021) and provide an opportunity to discuss the issues of climate change and how, through effective partnership working, Coventry and Warwickshire can play their part.

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Shipston Medical Centre

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Flu and coronavirus booster vaccinations this autumn

At time of writing, 11th August 2021, we are in the final stages of planning our flu vaccinations and the coronavirus booster vaccinations, which we are hoping to deliver at the same time, subject to confirmation from the JVC. We are planning to do this across the Dene and Stour Valleys Primary Care Network, which is Meon, Shipston and Hastings House Surgeries working together, as was the case with the initial coronavirus vaccinations. Please bear with us, we will update you as soon as we are able. There is no need to contact us at the moment, we will be contacting people in order of clinical priority in line with national guidelines.

Dr Sue Pritchard Memorial Service 18th September 2021

The practice continues to assist Sue's family in the organisation of her memorial service. We recognise that many in our community would like to attend and need to be able to manage this safely. To this

end we would very much appreciate those planning to attend advising us thus either by email to suepritchardmemorial@gmail.com or by completing an attendance slip and leaving it in the box in the waiting room. Thank you.

Message from David Williams:

'It is with very mixed emotions I write to say I will be leaving Shipston Medical Centre at the end of December 2021 to go and work with my wife as GPs on the Isle of Mull, in Scotland. The reason for the move is that I will be working part-time and also in a very rural island setting so will have to use different medical skills. Prior to working at Shipston I worked in the Amazon forest so I do like challenges!

By the time I leave I will have worked as a GP in Shipston for over 25 years and feel very privileged and fortunate to have done so. Over the years I have worked with excellent colleagues and made life-long friends with them and lots of patients. I leave the Medical Centre in excellent hands and with an exciting future as hopefully within two years a

new Medical Centre will have been built. If you find yourselves on Mull do please come and say hello to me! Best wishes, David'

New GPs

Welcome to Dr Tim McGivney, who is a new GP starting with us working three days a week. Dr Helen Shipley will also continue to work with us for two and a half days each week after completing her training placement with us in November, and Dr Verity Dunn will also be joining us in November, also working three days each week. After Dr Williams leaves at the end of the year, these additional hours represent an overall increase in medical capacity.

New Nurses

Our new nurses Faith and Debbie joined us over the summer and will be undertaking much of the wound care, immunisations and cytology screening for the practice.



Shipston Medical Centre

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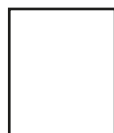
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Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
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Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Townsend Hall	07514 704057
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
UCHW Hospital	024 7696 4000
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Shipston Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:	01789 444670
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TOM PICKLES

**Accompanied by
CHARLES MATTHEWS**

**Friday 17th September 2021,
7.30pm**

**Methodist Church | New Street
Shipston on Stour**

**Tickets £8.00 | Students £3.00
accompanied children free**

**New Members always welcome
please pay on the door**

Please note that the concert is subject to health and safety regulations regarding COVID-19. Please refer to our website www.shipstonmusic.org.uk nearer the date for updated information.



British Cellist Tom Pickles works internationally as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician, teacher and recording artist.

His performances have been described as “scintillating playing... a real joy” (Leamington Courier) and “A performance of real poetry... he seemed to be really inside the music” (Delius Society Journal). Awards and accolades have included the Delius Society Prize, Leamington Music Prize and the Birmingham Chamber Music Society Sylvia Cleaver prize.