



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

April 2012

Town Council to move home following completion of police station purchase

Shipston Town Council's purchase of the former police station on West Street has been completed. The council hopes to move into the building ahead of its next meeting on 16th April 2012.

As a result of the purchase, Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team will be able to remain in the town and has signed a lease to rent space from the town council for nine years. SNT Sergeant for Shipston, Bob Shaw, said: "We are really pleased that the Safer Neighbourhood Team is staying in the town. It shows our commitment to the community and also enables us to continue to strengthen our links with the people of Shipston."

Town Mayor, Paul Rathkey, commented: "I am delighted that Shipston will continue to be policed from Shipston and that the town council has been able to make a prudent investment in the future of this town."

The town council is aiming to occupy the building in early April, and all future council meetings will be held at the new location. In the meantime, the existing Clark House building will be sold or rented.

As before, the SNT base at the former police station will not provide a public access point, and those requiring non emergency policing services should use the Warwickshire Direct public access point at Shipston Library in Church Street.



Transition Shipston mounts anti-supermarket campaign

Local environmental group, Transition Shipston, has mounted a campaign to encourage people to object to the proposed supermarket, petrol station and associated housing proposal on the Campden Road.



Photo caption: Nadhim Zahawi MP adds his name to the 'Stop the Supermarket' petition

Following an initial public meeting, at which many were turned away due to an unexpectedly high turnout, the group raised concerns about the potential impact on the town centre's shops were the proposal to go ahead. The meeting was swiftly followed by a shop window

'blackout' stunt, to highlight to shoppers what shop windows could look like if local traders went out of business.

Local MP, Nadhim Zahawi, who visited Shipston to see the impact of the stunt, commented: "The fact is, that whilst we have to accept the concerns of those in favour of a supermarket and do something about them, opening a large store on the edge of this town is not the solution. A supermarket would destroy Shipston's vibrant high street turning it into the ghost town we see this morning."

Despite opposition to the proposals, there are also many residents in favour of the plans, on the basis that a supermarket may provide cheaper shopping and enable more people to shop closer to home.

The decision on whether to allow planning permission is now with Stratford District Council.

Save the date!

Don't forget to put the annual
Shipston Wool Fair in your diary
for 27th May 2012.

For details of what's happening
on the day, turn to page 6.

Mayor's column

It has been a busy month in the town's public life with two meetings in the Townsend Hall, which I have chaired.



My views on the proposed development on the Campden Road, including a large supermarket and petrol station, are well known. However, what I would say is that we all recognise that there are divided opinions in the town on the issue. Whatever their views are, I hope people will continue to express their opinions in a tolerant way, with respect for the views of others. Let us have a healthy debate with both sides making their views known to the planners.

On the same theme of public discussion, I would urge those that have been critical of the council in the past to take the opportunity this May to stand for election to the council. Contested council elections in May would be good both for democracy and for the town. Equally, it is not just about those who may disagree with the council on certain matters. We need more people to put themselves forward, get involved in public affairs and help shape the future of the town.

My mayoral year is coming to an end with just one more council meeting to chair. It has been an eventful year. As my predecessors will confirm, you can't please all the people all of the time. However, it is a privilege and an honour to lead the council and to represent Shipston at so many civic functions and events across the county. I hope my successor after the May elections gets a council who will support them as well as my fellow councillors have done me over the past year.

Paul Rathkey
Town Mayor

Vandalism doesn't pay in Shipston

Shipston Town Council is pleased to confirm that arrangements are now in place to retrieve the full cost of replacing the flagpole at the Gyratory Garden, including legal costs, from the person responsible for vandalising it in 2010.

The town council pursued the case through the courts to ensure residents would not be out of pocket thanks to mindless behaviour on the part of one individual. Town Mayor, Paul Rathkey, commented: "We hope this news will send a message to all other would-be vandals that abuse of public property will not be tolerated in this town."

Pace gathers for free home insulation

Residents in Shipston have been taking advantage of an offer to save money and save carbon through free loft and cavity wall insulation. The offer is open to all households regardless of age or income and continues until the end of April 2012.

Shipston resident, Mrs Edwards (pictured), became the one hundred and fiftieth householder to benefit from the offer, made by Stratford-upon-Avon District Council, in partnership with Rockwarm and Act on Energy. Mrs Edwards said: "It was an offer too good to miss – and now I can look forward to lower heating bills!"

For more information, and to check if your property is eligible, contact Rockwarm on 02476 345554 or 0800 132689.



Shipston SNT commended for taking lifesaving action

The members of the Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team have been awarded with Chief Constable's Commendation.

The awards were given to the team for their actions at a Community Forum 2011, at which the team successfully commenced the CPR process after a member of the public, Mr Joe Sievier, collapsed. Mr Sievier regained consciousness and was transferred to hospital where he made a full recovery.



(from left to right) PCSO Andy Steventon, PCSO Hayley Ditchburn, PC Richard Grove, Joe Sievier, SC Tom East and Sgt Bob Shaw

The award went to the following members of the Shipston SNT: Inspector Faz Chishty, Sergeant Bob Shaw, PC Richard Grove, PCSO Hayley Ditchburn, PCSO Andrew Steventon and SC Tom East.

Stratford District Council Tax set to be lowest in Warwickshire

District Councillors have now set the district element of the council tax. The council tax from Stratford-upon-Avon District Council for residents for each of the valuation bands is: **A** £85.37, **B** £99.59, **C** £113.82, **D** £128.05, **E** £156.51, **F** £184.96, **G** £213.42, **H** £256.10.

This means that the services provided by the district council will cost £2.46 per week for a Band D household.

March's hot topics

Public referendum: A public referendum will take place at the request of ten residents in Shipston who are seeking a public meeting to debate the town council's purchase of the police station. Shipston Town Council (STC) has objected to the referendum on the grounds that the purchase has already been made and therefore, spending £1,500-1,800 of public money on this is a waste. However, the town council has confirmed it will happily hold an open day at the police station should that prove to be the will of the public.

Smarter cemetery: The railings at the cemetery have been stripped and will be repainted to match the newly sandblasted gates.

Unhelpful gesture: STC will look into suitable paints which could discourage graffiti in light of the recent unpleasant drawing added to the Stratford Road bus shelter.

Clark Close: Following a request from a resident, STC will investigate the status of the adoption of Clark Close by the highway authority.

Litter nuisance: Complaints have been received about litter on the Stratford Road. STC will investigate but residents are urged to use the bins provided or take their litter home.

Campaigning for Shipston

Core Strategy: Councillors and the public commented on the draft core strategy presented by Stratford District Council. The document highlights target housing numbers to 2028 and identifies associated needs such as infrastructure, employment etc. Principal concerns raised by councillors and the public included lack of emphasis on sustainability, lack of proper consultation with the town council, reliance on potentially flawed studies to reach certain conclusions and the time delay before the document can be adopted which leaves Shipston open to mass development.

The town council agreed to meet again on 26th March to finalise its response to the Core Strategy. Members of the public are also encouraged to respond by 31st March.

Health and Wellbeing Park: STC will seek clarity from the Medical Centre and WCC regarding the potential implications of the proposals on the Ellen Badger Hospital, including confirmation of the ownership of the hospital.

ASL Proposal: There has been healthy debate about the pros and cons of a supermarket, with strong views expressed on both sides. However, STC remains opposed to the proposal on a number of planning grounds and will be submitting an objection accordingly.

Town Council business

Grass cutting victory: Thanks to careful mapping work and detailed negotiations with the district council, rather than seeing the funding received by the district council reduce to £240, STC will now receive £810. However, this is still a long way short of the actual cost of doing the work.

Draining time ahead: Members of the general purposes committee will carry out a visual inspection of the drains in the town before reporting all blocked drains to the county council.

Housing needs: STC will investigate the costs of conducting a local housing needs survey.

Planning meetings: STC will meet Cala Homes to discuss amendments to its proposals for the Norgren Site. The council will not, however, accept Banner Homes' request for a meeting as no planning application has yet been put forward.

Finance: Additional expenditure required to furnish and equip the police station will be managed by the finance committee, up to £10,000. Any items over that amount must be brought back to the full council for discussion.

Council nominations: Nominations for those wanting to stand for election to the town council must be received by Stratford District Council by 12 noon on 4th April. Any forms arriving after 12pm or incorrectly filled in will not be counted. For advice, please contact the Town Clerk.

For full details of the items discussed at the Town Council's meeting in March, download the minutes at www.shipstononline.org

Clark House news

We're moving!

Staff and councillors at the town council are working hard to try and make sure we have moved into our new building in time for the April council meeting.



The former police station will become the town council's office, as well as the base for the town gardeners and Warwickshire Police's Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The facilities and space available will be more conducive to effective day-to-day use and will provide a better environment for public meetings. We also hope the new facilities will enable us, in time, to be able to attract some broader services back to Shipston which have been lost in recent years.

We will publish our new address once it has been confirmed. In the meantime, please continue to use the existing Clark House address. The telephone number will remain the same.

Allotment fees

Thank you to those who have paid their allotment fees for 2012/13. For those who haven't, these are now due so please arrange payment as soon as possible.

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will take place on the 26th April 2012 at 7pm at the High School. Clubs and Societies are invited to submit their annual reports to be included in the papers. Please send your contributions to the email address below by 16th April 2012.

Georgina Beaumont
Town Clerk

t: 01608 662180
e: clerk@shipstononline.org

School makes 'outstanding' grade for English

Shipston-on-Stour Primary School has been awarded the highest possible grade by government inspectors again, this time for a single subject inspection.

Ofsted selected Shipston Primary to take part in a specialist survey inspection of English as part of its work to look at raising standards in schools. The school achieved 'outstanding' in all four categories; achievement in English, quality of teaching, quality of the curriculum and leadership and management. The result is even more exceptional given the recent introduction of tougher Ofsted inspection frameworks.

Head of Federation Christian Hilton said: "I would like to congratulate and thank all staff, pupils, parents, governors, Shipston Pre-School, Greenfields Nursery and the community for their continuing support. We have an excellent school here – an exceptional school in fact, and we are obviously delighted with Ofsted's findings."

"We will continue to move forward with new initiatives and endeavour to make this school even better."



Spring has sprung at Shipston Pre-school

Spring is in the air at Shipston Pre School! The children have been really busy this month planting seeds ready to sow out in their vegetable garden and going on nature walks to look for signs of spring.

Inside, more seasonal activities have been going on – painting and collaging spring flowers, singing about spring with Calypso music, cooking for a Mothers' day tea party and much, much more!

To celebrate Easter Shipston Pre School will be holding an Easter Fayre on Saturday 31st March 1.00pm to 3.30pm in the Primary School Hall and everyone is welcome. Activities will include an Easter Egg hunt, face painting, tombola, arts and crafts, childrens' games and refreshments.



Girlguiding Goes Global

Shipston Rainbows, Brownies and Guides recently celebrated Thinking Day (Robert and Olave Baden Powell's Birthday) with girls from the Wellesbourne and Kineton Districts to think about Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world.

The theme of the afternoon was "Taking the Sangam Challenge" with 150 girls attending the event at Shipston High School. The Girlguiding Centre "Sangam" is in Pune, India and is one of the four World Guiding Centres.

The girls completed four challenges to earn this badge; creating Mehendi hand designs (using henna, piped onto the skin), tasting many different Indian foods, completing a workshop led by a Punjabi Folk Dance Group "Dance Sansaar" from Birmingham, and learning about the four World Guiding Centres.



Shipston Brownies, Megan & Rebecca, creating their Mehendi hand patterns

Shipston Cubs have a flipping good evening

This year Shipston Cubs Scouts celebrated Shrove Tuesday by serving tea, coffee and preparing pancakes for the residents of Stour Court Residential Home.

Many of the residents' family and friends turned up to celebrate and were pampered for the evening by the Cubs. The children all had a go at flipping pancakes and a contest soon developed into who could flip the

highest without sticking one to the ceiling! After all the residents had been served the Cubs got to enjoy some of their pancakes with a drink before cleaning up.

The Cubs have been running this event for a number of years and it has become a permanent part of their diary. The night has always proved to be very popular with the residents and Cubs alike.

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Children inspired by 'Storykeller'

Movie making, creative writing, spellathons, dressing as famous characters and meeting children's author, Alex Keller, were all in a week's work for pupils at Shipston Primary.

Brimming with activities and ideas, the school held its five-day Media Week to celebrate and enhance literacy in school. Children used a variety of media, including books, magazines, newspapers, film, internet, apps and podcasting across the curriculum.

The week included World Book Day where pupils dressed as their favourite characters from books, TV, film and computer games, and interacted with authors and illustrators online as part of the national 'Biggest Bookshow on Earth' project.

Children also donated their old books to a second-hand book sale to raise money for additional library books.

A particular highlight of the week was a visit from writer Alex Keller who read from his Haywired series of books and discussed the fantasy genre called 'steampunk'. Keller held a writing workshop with Year 5, where students were



encouraged to develop their individual writing styles and fantasy worlds.

Headteacher, Christian Hilton, said: "Alex Keller's visit was an exciting finale to Media Week. An enjoyment of reading and writing is so important and it was wonderful to see so many young imaginations ignite during Alex Keller's workshops. In fact, many of the children here are now hooked on his books so we eagerly await the next instalment in his series!"

Shipston High School

Students win places at science university summer school

Three Year 10 students at Shipston High School have just heard that their applications for a place on a Salters' Chemistry Camp at a prestigious university have been successful. The three students were encouraged to apply as a result of the school's highly successful 'Aim Higher' programme.

The three day residential camps aim to give students a taste of university life while also providing them with an opportunity to gain some hands-on experience of studying chemistry at degree level. The students will have the opportunity to work in the universities' cutting edge laboratories and, in the evenings, will have the chance to attend some university social activities.



Pictured: Rukmani Sharma, Nadeem Akhlaq and Eliza Self with Head of Science Dr. Jonathan Hunt

Eliza Self will be attending the University of Nottingham; Rukmani Sharma will be attending the University of Cambridge; and Nadeem Akhlaq will be attending the University of York.

Head of Science, Dr Jonathan Hunt, said: 'There is a huge demand across the country for these highly sought after places. For all three of our students who applied to gain places does them great credit and speaks volumes for the huge number of talented young scientists we now have in Shipston High School.'

Dreaming spires of Oxford inspire Year 9

Senior Admissions Tutor at Oxford University, Dr Anne Mullen, recently visited the school to speak to Year 9 students and plant some 'aspirational seeds' as well as allay some common misconceptions about the University of Oxford.

Dr Mullen spoke about the admissions process and explained how the students could start preparing for university even at a young age by taking on new learning challenges and seizing every opportunity to broaden their skills and experiences. In particular, she spoke very highly of the 'Shipston Award Scheme' which is unique to the school.

High School welcomes new Head of P.E.

This April, the High School welcomes Mr Graham Abbiss as its new Head of P.E. Mr Abbiss, joins from Haybridge High School in Worcestershire and replaces Mr Tony Meeking who retired recently.

Mr Abbiss started his career as a professional footballer. He is a qualified football coach, a keen endurance athlete and a golfer when he has the time. Commenting on his appointment, Mr Abbiss said: 'I am looking forward to building on the strong reputation the High School has for sport and to inspiring even more students to get involved in P.E. activities.'

Trowels at the ready – it's gardening competition time!

If you've been guilty of neglecting your horticultural skills over the winter, now is the time to start sprucing up your garden, hanging baskets or allotment, in preparation for the annual Shipston in Bloom Gardening Competition.

The competition, which has been running for over 20 years, aims to celebrate and encourage beautiful blooms, whether it's an impressive town display, rear garden or window box. There's even a special category to reward youngsters with green fingers.

For inspiration on how to improve your garden, look no further than the Lions Book Store, which this month is featuring books for gardens, flower boxes, bedding plants, water features, vegetables, trees, shrubs – everything you need to create a your own piece of paradise. Check out the What's On page for opening times.

Judging for the Shipston in Bloom competition will take place on Sunday 15th July (allotments on 11th June), and



entry forms are only needed for rear gardens. For more details including how to get hold of a form, see the advert on page 9.

Good luck everyone!

Take a trip to town on the 28th – it could prove lifesaving

Shipston Rotarians will be holding their annual Blood Pressure Day on the morning of Saturday 28th April, when all residents are encouraged to take advantage of a free blood pressure test, which could prove lifesaving.

Free tests will be carried out by two Rotarians who are qualified nurses, assisted by an additional nurse from Shipston Medical Centre, which is supporting the initiative. Further support is also being given by the Shipston Stroke Club.

The simple tests will take place at The George Hotel, which is kindly providing its front room for the morning.

Swimming clinics

Want to encourage your children out of bed during the Easter holidays? Why not book them into an intensive course at Shipston Leisure Centre?

There are a number of courses available from stroke clinics to water confidence classes, most of which take place during the first half of the morning, leaving the rest of the day free for more holiday fun.

To find out more or book, please contact the Leisure Centre on 01608 662354.

Shipston Wool Fair set to be the best yet!

Plans are well under way to make the 2012 Shipston Wool Fair a day to remember. Stall holders will be offering everything from local milk and ice cream to wool-themed competitions and there will be plenty of sheep on show. Live entertainment will be provided by some of Shipston's best local talent.

The tapestry project announced last month was officially launched on 16th March with the first threads being added to the canvas. Dates of when the tapestry will be available for the public to weave in their own contributions will be published at the town council offices and on the website. In the meantime, donations of dark coloured wool would be much appreciated – please drop them in to The Needlework Shop on Sheep Street.

Make sure 27th May is firmly marked in your diary – the Wool Fair is an event not to be missed!



Pictured: Councillors, Ronnie Murphy and Fay Ivens, join volunteers to add the first threads to the Shipston Tapestry. Photo courtesy of Bob Armstrong

Regular events:

- Mon Badminton Club:** Turn up and play from 7pm. Townsend Hall.
- Mon Zumba:** 7:45pm Shipston High School. £5. Other weekly classes also available. For details, contact Debbie, 07966 746794.
- Tues Dance with Dash:** Melody Bear classes for pre-schoolers. 10am and 10:30am. £3.30. Contact: Sarah, 641253
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (3 and 17). 10am-12pm Roman Catholic Hall. Contact Adrian Collins, 661576
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Alternate Tuesdays (10 and 24). 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court (pre-order with Stella on 686224)
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays (3 and 17). Doors open at 6:30pm. Eyes down at 7:30. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Weds Calypso Kids Music Classes:** 9.20am or 11am, Townsend Hall, £4.50. Contact Emmajane Roberts 07890399162
- Weds Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136.
- Weds St John's Ambulance:** Adults division. Meet at Shipston Fire Station, 7pm. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club** at Rainbow Fields (pre-order with Diana on 01789 740627)
- Thur Badminton Club:** Turn up and play from 7pm. Townsend Hall.
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court (pre-order with Linda on 662290)

April Diary

- 1 Shipston Home Nursing:** The Carice Singers. 7pm, St. Gregory's Church, Tredington. Free. Contact: Rebecca 674929
- 2 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Pub Outing. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- Swimming Clinic at Shipston Leisure Centre:** Stages 1, 2 and 3 and Stroke Clinic. Other dates available. Contact: 01608 662354
- 3 Multiple Sclerosis Society 'Drop in' meeting:** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- SWIB (Supporting Women in Business):** Networking. 6-8.30pm, Stour Enterprise Centre. Contact: Simone Ryder 07749 298253
- 4 Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** 'Ahead of the Class' by Lady Marie Stubbs. 7pm, Roman Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Mal Lawrence 662122
- Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library).
- National Organisation of the Widowed: Lunch.** 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 5 Story Stomp:** Storytelling for 2-5 year olds. 10.30am, Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- 6 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm. Details as above
- 6-9 Exhibition of work from local artists:** Unit 13, Ditchford Farm, GL56 9RD. All welcome. Free refreshments. Open 10am-5pm. Contact: Alice 07868 850627
- 7 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com

- 7 Jubilee Crew Coffee Morning:** Townsend Hall, 10am to 1pm.
- 10 Shipston Flower Club:** 'Handbags Workshop' by Anne Nethercleff. 7.30pm, Primary School. Contact: 01295 788099
- Stour Valley Lions monthly meeting:** 8pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. All welcome. Contact: David Squires 664065
- 11 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** 'Sulgrave Manor – a hidden gem'. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Tony Mitchell, 666933
- 13 Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Cafe:** 'Acupuncture Explained' with Practitioner Clair Taylor Powell. 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433
- Shipston Home Nursing - A Musical Evening with the Porter Family:** 7.30pm, Cherington Village Hall. Tickets £15.00 to include a glass of wine and nibbles. Contact: Rebecca 674929
- 14 Monthly surgery:** Discuss local issues with the Town Mayor and District Councillors. 10am in the High Street
- Jubilee Committee Spring Bingo:** See advert on page 16
- Scouts Tabletop Sale:** See ad on page 9
- 16 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Monthly Social. 12.30pm, Horseshoe Inn. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'Working with the National Trust' by Dee Ousbey. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 17 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** 'Medieval Cotswolds at Work'. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Penny Law 663971
- 19 Stour Enterprise Centre Coffee Club:** See ad on page 9
- 18 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- National Organisation of the Widowed:** Meeting. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 20 Shipston Music Society:** See advert on page 8
- Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm. Details as above
- Stour Valley Lions Rural Cinema presents 'My Week with Marilyn':** See advert on page 8
- 21 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- Tysoe Beer & bubbles:** Family entertainment, real ales, sparkling wine etc. In aid of Tysoe Primary School PTA, 1pm, Tysoe playing fields
- 22 Shipston Home Nursing:** Spring Fun Walk, Jog and Run! 10.30 Contact: Gilda Gardner 07970 177951 or Di Yeoman 674929
- Jubilee Committee: 'Dine with Dolly'.** Three course meal for £10. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: Dolly Smith 663282
- 24 SUBS Business Fair:** See ad on page 8
- 25 Shipston and District Literary Society:** 'An Anthology of Radical Landscape Poetry' by Peter Larkin. 7.30pm, The George Hotel. All welcome – guests £3.00. Contact: Mary Edwards 01789 450737
- 26 Annual Town Meeting:** See ad on page 14
- 27 Shipston Flower Club 'Fashion Flowers & Food':** See ad on pg 8
- Stour Enterprise Centre Open day:** See advert on page 9
- 28 Mixed darts tournament:** Sheldon Bosley Hub, 7pm
- 29 Bluebell Walk:** See advert on page 8
- French Market:** See ad on page 16
- 30 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'The Real South Africa' by Tom Moffat. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact as above.



SHIPSTON MUSIC SOCIETY
Presents

KUDOS
Percussion Duo

Rhys Mathews and Emma Crosseley

Friday 20th April 7.30pm
Guests Welcome £5.00

Shipston Methodist Church

For Further Details Ring 01608 663207

STOUR VALLEY LIONS - RURAL CINEMA

"MY WEEK WITH MARILYN" c.15

JUDI DENCH, KENNETH BRANNAGH, MICHELLE WILLIAMS, EDDIE REDMAYNE, JULIA ORMOND,
DOUGRAY SCOTT - DIRECTOR SIMON CURTIS



Sir Laurence Olivier is making a movie in London. Young Colin Clark, an eager film student, wants to be involved and gets himself a job on set. When film star Marilyn Monroe arrives to start shooting, all London is excited to see the blonde bombshell, while Olivier is struggling to meet her many demands and acting ineptness, and Colin is intrigued by her. His intrigue is met when Marilyn invites him into her inner world where she struggles with fame, her beauty and her desire to be a great actress.

SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL

Friday 20th April 2012 at 7:00 pm

Advance Tickets £3.50 (£4 on door)

From: R. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston
Or Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608-661148
Raffle and Refreshments

Whatcote Bluebell Walk

On Sunday April 29th (provisional date)

starting from
Hell Brake Paddock, Whatcote
(postcode CV36 5EF)

Come for a gentle walk up to Hell Brake to see the Bluebells and enjoy a cream tea in the churchyard on your return.

Any time between 2.00pm and 5.00pm

The cost is £6.00 for adults, accompanied children free, and this includes the tea and scones!

Produce & Plant stalls

Dogs welcome if kept on a lead.

Proceeds to St Peter's Church Repairs.

Strong shoes or boots are essential.

FOR CONFIRMATION OF DATE

and any other enquiries:

please e-mail susan.price@ukgateway.net
or tel 01295 680007

An evening extravaganza of

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NICHE Shipston Flower Club

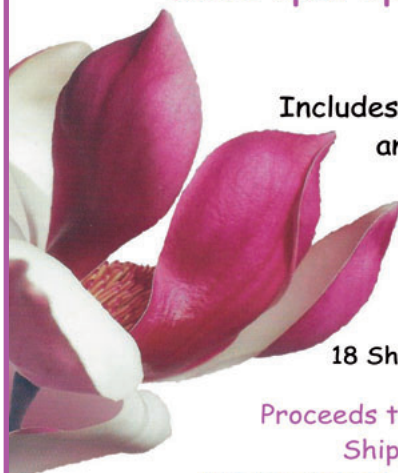
The Townsend Hall

Friday 27th April

Doors open 6pm for 7pm start

Tickets £12

Includes goody bag, canapés
and a glass of Pimm's



Phone Sue Watts
on 01789 450848

or visit Niche

18 Sheep Street for tickets

Proceeds to be shared between
Shipston Flower Club and
The Friends of Ellen Badger Hospital

Do you need support to grow your business?

The Stour Enterprise Centre is here to help you.

The Really Good Coffee Club – coffee and networking 10am – 12noon, Thursday 19th April. There is no set agenda, just come along for a coffee and a chat.

Open day - Friday the 27th April, 10am to 3pm. We will be launching our new range of great value workshops to help you and your business grow. These will cover everything from social media to business planning and everything in between. Just drop in anytime.

Also: Friday April 27th free Chamber of Commerce Advice Surgeries – call us to book.

If you would like more information then please get in touch.

www.stourenterprise.co.uk

T: (01608) 629 693

info@stourenterprise.co.uk

We are open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday



2nd Floor, Astech Mill
50, Stratford Road
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Table Top Sale

in the Scout hut, London Road,
Shipston on Stour
14th April
10am to 2pm (9am set up)

cakes, hot dogs, drinks, tombola stall

Any donations towards the Scouts table would be gratefully received.

contact number below (we will collect) bric / brac, toys, books, clothes, plants, etc

All proceeds to go towards Scout Groups.

contact details 0795 1483362
£6.00 per table



Stour Valley Business Fair 2012

Everyone welcome
Free entry

“Going for Gold”

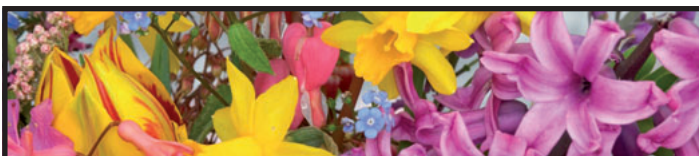
Tuesday 24th April 4-8pm - Townsend Hall, Sheep Street

If you are serious about starting a new business, growing your existing business or seeking out business opportunities, then visit the 2012 Stour Valley Business Fair and “Go for gold in the Olympic year”

- 40 stalls displaying the best of Stour Businesses
- Cotswold Dragons Live event
- Business advice and support
- Food, drink and fresh produce in the small hall
- Town and District Council information
- Speakers

Follow Clair, our stilt walker, in the town during the afternoon, to the event!

www.subs.org.uk for further details



Shipston in Bloom 2012

Invites **EVERYONE** to participate in the Annual Gardening Competition

Free to enter Judging by independent judges will take place on Sunday 15th July.

Entries will be judged in the following categories

Front Garden	Public places	Allotments
Town Businesses	Rear Garden	Hanging Basket
	Young Gardeners	

Displays, except Rear Gardens, must be able to be seen from the roadside. Winners will be notified and awarded a certificate of congratulations plus a trophy which will be held for one year. There will be a presentation evening held in the autumn, to which winners will be invited. The Colour scheme in the town for this year will be red white and blue; if you could continue this theme it would enhance the impact of The Jubilee.

An entry form is required **ONLY** for Rear gardens.

Download the form from shipstononline.org or call Nicci on 665057 or Nick on 662928 to enter. Please return completed forms to Shipston in Bloom c/o Nick Nickerson 50 Furze Hill Road, or Nicci Williamson 29 Railway Crescent.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: 1st – 8th April

HAPPY EASTER from Christians Together in Shipston

'We believe in life before death!'^{*} When I was baptised 64 years ago, I started a new life with God. At the time, I didn't know it with my brain, but somewhere, deep down in my soul, God had entered. God came and through my early life was all the while drawing back the curtain of my consciousness till I could see God was there. 'Life before death': at 16, God was calling me to serve in his world and I began a journey of discovery into Jesus, his life and his way. Of

course there are times in the dark. Through fear or arrogance, I turn my back and do it 'my way.' But real life does not go away because I do not look into it. And Easter tells me that on the day my body gives up, I shall enter the fullness of all that I have been following. Are you on this journey, too?

David, the Rector



The Catholic Parish of Our Lady & the Apostles

PALM SUNDAY 1st April

Palm Procession & Mass 9.30am
(Our Lady & St Michael, Shipston)

MAUNDY THURSDAY 5th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch at the Altar of Repose
7.30pm (Our Lady & St Michael, Shipston)

GOOD FRIDAY 6th April

Liturgy of the Passion 3pm (Our Lady & St Michael, Shipston)

HOLY SATURDAY 7th April

The Easter Vigil 7.30pm (Our Lady & St Michael, Shipston)

EASTER SUNDAY 8th April

Mass 9.30am (Our Lady and St Michael, Shipston)

St Edmund's, Church of England

PALM SUNDAY 1st April

Eucharist 8.30am (St Edmund's, Shipston)
Blessing of Palms & Parish Eucharist 10am (St Edmund, Shipston)

TUESDAY 3rd April

Deanery Eucharist 7.30pm at Brailes
(President and Preacher – The Archdeacon of Warwick)

MAUNDY THURSDAY 5th April

Passover Meal and Celebration of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm
followed by watch in Gethsemane with Jesus, concluding with Night Prayer 11.45pm (St Edmund's, Shipston)

GOOD FRIDAY 6th April

Meditations & Good Friday Liturgy 1.30pm (St Edmund's, Shipston)

HOLY SATURDAY 7th April

Easter Vigil, New Fire & Communion 7.30pm
(St Edmund's, Shipston)

EASTER DAY 8th April

Eucharist 8.30am (St Edmund's, Shipston)
Family Eucharist at Shipston 10am (St Edmund's, Shipston)
Holy Communion 11.30am (Tidmington out of town on Oxford Rd)

The Methodist Church

PALM SUNDAY 1st April

'TLC' at 9am / Service at 11am

MAUNDY THURSDAY 5th April

Holy Communion at 7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY 8th April

Holy Communion at 11am

Stour Valley Baptist Church

EASTER SUNDAY 8th April

10.30am Easter
Baptismal Service with
special activities for
children (High School)

Christians together in Shipston

GOOD FRIDAY 6th April

Walk of witness, beginning in the Catholic Church at 10am
gathering round the Cross in the High Street and
sharing in worship at the Methodist Church

Society of Friends – The Quakers

SUNDAYS

Friends Meeting House, Meeting House Lane, Broad Campden GL55 6US
Meeting for Worship Sundays 10.30am

Friends Meeting House, Old Halford Road, Ettington CV37 7TH
Meeting for Worship Sundays 11am

Friends Meeting House, Sibford Gower OX15 5RX
Meeting for Worship Sundays 10.30am

Readers' letters

Letter from Roger Thornhill (edited to fit space)

In the March edition of the 'Shipston Forum' the Town Mayor refers to the "Stop the Supermarket" meeting as a debate and has urged the public to attend. In view of this I would hope that those in favour of a supermarket development are to be heard. The Mayor has been very vocal in his opposition to such a development and under these circumstances it is NOT appropriate that he should chair such a debate. I would hope that the Mayor and

Transition Shipston understand the meaning of democracy and act accordingly.

Response from The Mayor (edited to fit space)

This is a meeting organised by 'Stop the Supermarket' campaign and I am pleased to chair it. It is a public meeting and all points of view can be aired. I am aware there are supporters of the supermarket and they are free to organise their own meeting but I doubt they would want me to chair.

Shipston Rotary



The District Final of the Rotary Youth Speaks competition took place in March which saw Shipston emerge victorious once again.

Shipston's Intermediate team of Chairperson, Camille Valentin, Speaker, Josh Hurwood, and Vote of Thanks, Sean Feary, took on the best from Rugby, Warwick, Solihull, Coventry and Stratford and now go on to compete in the Regional competition.

Shipston's topic was, '2012: The end of the World?' Apparently several people have predicted that the world will end in December, including the French apothecary Nostradamus. The speaker recommended that we should all live each day as if it was our last which prompted the question from the audience: 'if I do that will I actually survive till December?'

Shipston's achievement builds on their success in reaching the National Finals of this competition last year.

Speakers

Councillor Jonathan Gullis spoke at a Shipston Rotary meeting recently. He is training to be a teacher and, at present, this involves teaching 11-16 year olds at a school in New Cross South East London. The school has an vibrant cultural and ethnic mix and Jonathan is clearly enjoying the challenge. He has learnt how to keep the pupils both in order and interested, no mean achievement for a trainee in any school. He hopes to find a teaching post locally at the end of his training.

A few weeks ago Councillor Richard Cheney joined one of Shipston Rotary's meetings in his role as Shipston Youth Club Treasurer. Richard was presented with Shipston Rotary's donation to the Youth Club and he reported that, thanks to support from many people and organisations, the Youth Club is on a sound financial footing, for the first year.

Stour Valley Lions

Drive for new members



Several new members have joined Stour Valley Lions recently and some volunteer helpers are giving valuable time, but we still need more voluntary help to help us fundraise and provide the services to the town. If you are interested, come and see us at work in the book shop, the Rural Cinema or attend our monthly meeting in the George Hotel. For more information, contact David Squires, membership secretary, on 01608 664065.

Ilmington Race Night

Lions have run another successful race night which raised around £800 for Ilmington village hall kitchen refurbishment project. The evening was well attended by residents and children who had a fun time and even Sheila Ribbans took the reins of a horse in the last race. Sadly she was not placed.

Gyratory Garden Tree Planting

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee year project to plant 6 million trees across the UK has been launched by the Woodland Trust Charity. Woodland Trust are supplying community tree packs, if you are interested in taking part. Lions recently planted a Silver Birch tree in the Gyratory garden in support of the Queens Jubilee. The next time you pass the garden, have a rest on one of the benches and check out the tree.

Shipston-on-Stour Cricket Club



Shipston-on-Stour Cricket Club would love to hear from anyone interested in playing cricket in 2012 at a friendly and progressive club with outstanding facilities.

Players of all ages and abilities are welcome; the club runs two senior teams in the Cotswold Hills League on Saturdays, a Sunday team playing friendly matches against local clubs and a junior side in the Cotswold Hills League at Under 12s level, playing their matches on Sunday mornings.

Indoor cricket is also offered over the winter months at Banbury's Spiceball Park and an annual cricket tour - the social highlight of the season.

Indoor nets at Stratford High School are now under way and outdoor training begins mid-April – Tuesday & Wednesday evenings for Seniors, Thursday evenings for Juniors.

For more information please contact the following:

Senior membership: Club Secretary, Neil Harper: 01608 662502 or harpo111@btinternet.com

Junior membership: Juniors Head Coach, Jack Murphy: 01608 662312 or murf_jack@hotmail.co.uk

Visit the club at London Road or visit the club website at www.intheteam.com/shipstoncc

Shipston Excelsior Football Club



Shipston Excelsior Football Club is proud to announce that it has been awarded the FA Charter Standard Club award, a massive achievement after years of putting best practices in place and laying future foundations for local Shipston community football.

The Charter Standard Programme is the best practice guide that sets standards of coaching, administration and child protection for all clubs outside the Football League and Premier League. As a benchmark for quality, it will improve the playing experience for all.

The FA Charter Standard Programme looks to provide recognition to those clubs who:

- Demonstrate good practice
- Adhere to FA policies & procedures
- Commit to Raising Standards

The Charter brings with it a number of benefits for the club, including exclusive access to special events, priority support with kit and equipment grants, increased publicity and promotion of club activities and access to training, among many others.

Shipston Excelsior Football Club has a thriving Youth section with teams from under 7s through to under 16s. The Adult section has three teams on a Saturday and two teams on a Sunday. For further information please visit our websites at www.sefc.eu and www.shipstonexcelsior.co.uk

Shipston Arts & Crafts Society

The society's guest speaker in February was Jackie Garner FRSA, who gave an illustrated talk on "Birds in Art". Jackie showed how the depiction of birds had altered over the centuries. A picture of cave art dated 14,000 years BC started our journey. Later, the Egyptians used colour and deified birds and wildlife because they were frightened of them.

The Romans (who weren't frightened of anybody) left us magnificent mosaics of birds and animals made with pieces of stone measuring no more than a quarter of an inch. The Old Masters often used them as part of a still life painting. Much nearer to us in time, Sir Peter Scott's painting of a flock of birds flying low over the River Severn showed how much art had changed over the centuries.

Jackie then showed us her own superb pictures of birds and woodland. The paintings of penguins recently made on her holiday in the Falkland Islands were a delight. After flipping themselves out of the sea they hurried up the beach to take a shower under an overhanging rock. There was much to enjoy and wonder at in this talk.

Free Carers' Information and Support Programme in Shipston

A new support programme for carers of those diagnosed with dementia has been launched, funded by NHS Warwickshire, Warwickshire County Council and Stratford-upon-Avon District Council.

Carers are invited to join this small group which will meet one morning a week over a six week period starting in April. The group is free of charge and will be informal and confidential. Specialist speakers on a variety of themes will attend the meetings and there will be opportunity for you to raise questions and concerns. Transport may be available upon request.

The details are as follows:

Venue: The Methodist Churchrooms,
New Street, Shipston-on-Stour
Dates: 4, 11, 18, 25 April, 2 and 9 May
Time: 10am to 12noon

For more information or to book a place please call Jan Roberts at Stratford District Council on 01789 260108.

Shipston on Stour WI

James Kerr came to the March meeting to give a talk on his successful book of photographs 'Shakespeare's Scenery' which celebrates the beautiful Warwickshire countryside.



The beauties of Warwickshire are often ignored as visitors rush to the famous Cotswolds, but our county has the most wonderful, breathtakingly beautiful countryside and has always been at the centre of the history of England because it is the centre! Civil war battles were fought here - Stratford-upon-Avon changed hands many times during the war because of its vital central position (and it had an all important bridge). Warwick Castle has always been a strategic stronghold from its beginnings in the 11th century through to the present day. James impressed members with stunning pictures of the Warwickshire countryside, some of which were shot at dawn.

The meeting continued with plans for the 90th birthday celebrations in October and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. The Rummy, Darts, Beetle and Knitting champions are hoping to thrash other WIs at the next heat. This month's competition was a bowl of bulbs won by Jane who showed an exquisitely decorated basket of electric light bulbs!

The next meeting is on 4th April at 7pm in the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road

Shipston Music Society February Concert

In February, Lynn Carter from Butlers Marston joined us to give a piano recital to a packed audience. Lynn read Music at Selwyn College, Cambridge, before achieving a distinction at postgraduate level in performance and an LRAM in teaching at the Royal Academy of Music. A nominated Park Lane Group Young Artist, Lynn is an active chamber musician, performing regularly with her duo partner, cellist Jessie-Ann Richardson and the Liberta Trio.



Her performance commenced with "poetic waltzes" a suite of eight waltz-like pieces composed circa 1894-94 by Enrique Granados the Spanish composer who lived 1867-1916. This was then followed by the Piano Sonata No. 13 in A major, D.664 (Op.120), a sonata for solo piano composed by Franz Schubert in the summer of 1819. Lynn's interpretation of the sonata with its dulcet, chime-like melody was a joy to listen to.

She then performed Ferruccio Busoni's interpretation of the Bach Chaconne in D Major written originally by Bach for the violin, although Lynn captured the very essence of it on the piano. Frank Bridges' three sketches April, Rosemary and Valse Capricieuse were to follow, with Chopin's Scherzo No2 to finish the evening's performance.

It was an entertaining evening, much appreciated by the members from a very talented pianist.

Diamond Jubilee Crew

The Crew is delighted to report that it has been successful in getting a flypast of the RAF memorial flight Dakota airplane on the day of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Shipston.

During April, the Crew will be holding another bingo evening (see ad on page 16) as well as a coffee morning on the 7th from 10am-1pm at the Townsend Hall.

There are still plenty of raffle tickets for sale at any of our events and they will also be for sale in the smaller co-op entrance on various days.

Photo competition cancelled

The Jubilee Crew has reluctantly cancelled the photography competition due to lack of entries. Amateur photographers are still welcome to display their photographs but there will be no judging or prizes.



Stour Singers

On Saturday evening, 5th May, St. Edmund's Church in Shipston-on-Stour will resound to the music of Haydn and Handel, with Richard Emms conducting the Stour Singers, the Cherwell Orchestra, and soloists Robyn Allegra Parton (soprano), Cathy Bell (mezzo soprano), Julian Forbes (tenor), Jon Stainsby (baritone), and Rachel Bird (organist).

Haydn's "Creation Mass" was first performed in 1801, in celebration of the name-day of Princess Esterhazy, to the delight of the specially invited audience. There are echoes of his oratorio "The Creation" to be found in this work. Also to be heard is Haydn's "Te Deum", composed for the Empress Marie-Therese (fond of singing herself), which starts and finishes with joyful celebration. Handel's anthem "Let God Arise", composed in the second decade of the 18th century for the Duke of Chandos, completes the programme.

The concert starts at 7.30 pm and tickets can be obtained from choir members and from R. Clarke Electricals in Shipston. If you would like to know more, please contact Yvonne Ridley, Stour Singers' Deputy Choir Manager, on 01789 269587.



Free financial advice course offered

Get savvy with your cash as you feel the squeeze.

A free short course is being offered by UK charity, Christians Against Poverty, to local residents to encourage them to take control of their finances and put the joy back into money.

Feedback from the first 2 courses ranged from, "extremely helpful" to, "it's changed my life". The next short course, just 2 hours on 3 Mondays, starts 16th April at 7.30 pm at Houndshill Hotel (between Ettington and Stratford).

For more information, watch the supportive talk by His Royal Highness Prince Charles on: www.capmoney.org. More than a thousand teams across the UK are offering the course.

CAP Money coach Nigel Willis said: "We hope that we can help people, quietly and confidentially, take control. If your money problems are really serious CAP Money Plus will help; again it's free".

To book, call Nikki on 01789 740308 (you do not have to be a Christian).

Friends of Shipston Primary

Friends of Shipston Primary are working hard to offer residents and guests an evening of indulgence and pampering on Friday 11th May from 7pm to 10pm.

There will be a range of beauty treatments on offer from facials and massages to foot scrubs and manicures as well as a wide range of gifts and beauty products on sale.

If you're in need of a little TLC, book the date in your diary and come along to Shipston Primary School and treat yourselves! For further information call Vicki on 07957 295028.

(All proceeds to go to Shipston Primary School).

Probus

Phred Newbury has a lifelong obsession with Africa and donates all her fees to various animal charities. Her talk in February was about a journey in Madagascar. More than three quarters of the plants and animals living there cannot be found anywhere else in the world. Although claiming to be a poor photographer, the slides of all sorts of strange creatures were excellent, including, of course, the lemurs for which Madagascar is famous. It is said there are at least sixty different species. We hope to invite Phred back again in the summer.

In March we welcomed John Mason who talked to us about the "Story of Radar". He described how Radar was developed during the 1930s and resulted in a network of detector towers stretching from the Isle of Wight to Scotland, completed just in time for the start of the war. Developments continued to improve the accuracy of bombing and, at sea, the detection of U-boats. Further interest was added to the talk by some members who had been involved with Radar during their service in the RAF.



Quaker Quest

Simple, radical, contemporary ~ a spiritual path for our time

Find out more about Quakers at informal open sessions in Chipping Campden and Evesham. Everyone welcome. Provision for children, with advance notice.

For event dates and times, contact: 01386 849199 or 01386 446552, bandeqquest@gmail.com or visit www.quakerquest.org

District Council update

At the recent District Council budget meeting it was decided that the SDC part of the Council Tax demand for a Band D household next year will be 1% less than last year. This is due to savings and financial assistance from central government offered to those Councils who do not increase their Council Tax.



It was also agreed to look into the possibility of allocating a percentage of the New Homes Bonus to town and parish councils where development has taken place. This is potentially good news for Shipston.

It has been agreed that the present system of all planning applications being considered by the relevant Area Planning committee should be retained. There had been a move to create a single committee for major planning applications. It is hoped that the planning committee will meet in Shipston for the important plans that are coming forward.

The deadline for submitting responses to the Draft Core Strategy is 30th. March. Submissions may be accepted for a few days after this but check with the SDC web site first. The planning policy officers will now consider all the responses made along with various policy documents and submit a final draft for consultation in autumn this year following approval by the District Council. The Core Strategy will then be considered by a Planning Inspector.

It is intended that the whole process will be signed off in May 2013.

County Council update**London Road**

The County Council is proposing an extension to the 30 mph speed limit in London Road. A 50 mph limit is proposed along the dangerous stretch beyond the town boundary.



Warwickshire
County Council

Stour Court

If there is no yellow line, there is no parking restriction.

Signs put up around Stour Court have no authority and can be ignored. The highway, including the cul-de-sac up to the garages is adopted by the County Council. Whereas, local residents will require some consideration, no parking enforcement can take place, except where there is a yellow line on the road.

Public Health Agenda

The county council have held a public interest debate on the future of Public Health services.

Medical Health issues will remain with the NHS, but many Public Health issues transfer to local authorities in April next year

Warwickshire County Council has already appointed a new Director of Public Health to act jointly with the NHS. The new arrangements will help ensure services will now become more directly accountable to the public. Your local councillors can ensure that services become accountable in a way that has not been seen for a long time.

Please note, these columns have not been personalised due to proximity to local elections

**Notice of Annual Town Meeting**

Shipston Town Council invites all residents and businesses to attend the Annual Town Meeting on 26th April 2012. Please join us for a review of 2011/12 and to ask any questions of your town councillors.

Shipston High School, 7:00pm All welcome

NHS News – Shipston Medical Centre**Changes in the Medical Team at Shipston Medical Centre**

Earlier this year the practice sadly said goodbye to both Dr Sam Khan and Dr Aimee Lettis. Dr Khan was offered a position as Partner at Rother House Surgery where he trained and despite being sad to leave Shipston felt this was too good an opportunity not to take. Dr Lettis left to move further south as her husband's employment moved to Surrey.

We are fortunate to be able to attract GPs of very high calibre to work at the surgery and are very pleased to welcome both Dr Annabelle Macgregor who started with us in February and Dr Richard Levison to the practice. Dr Levison is currently completing his final year of GP training

and will remain with us after his training ends in July. To ensure we have sufficient GPs to meet demand for appointments Dr Sonia Chery will be with us as a locum GP for May, June and July.



The changes to the medical team will have impacted on the continuity of care for some of our patients. We value you being able to see the same GP each time you come as much as you do. We therefore appreciate your patience during this recent period of unplanned and unforeseen change.

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Something exciting to share?

If you have a story that's relevant to Shipston residents, please contact the editor, Catherine Martin, on 01865 600262 or email: forum@shipstononline.org

Copy deadline: First Wednesday of every month

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

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Copies of the Talking Shipston Forum can be requested via Clark House.

Large print copies are available to read at the Library, Clark House and the Medical Centre.

While every effort is made to ensure information is accurate, the Town Council does not accept responsibility for material submitted by readers or third parties and does not endorse any organisation or event publicised. Contributions may be edited to fit available space.


Useful Contacts

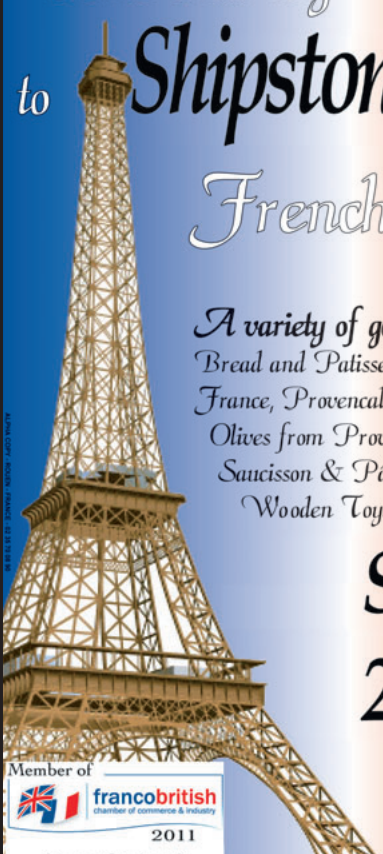
Community Links Transport	01789 296344
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- 24/7 renewal line	01926 499273
Highways customer services	01926 412515
Shipston Police Station	01789 444670
Shipston Forum	01865 600262
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
– Out of hours	03001 303040
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Shipston Recycling Centre	01608 663560
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
Local police (non emergency)	101
PC Richard Grove (Beat Manager)	07977 456585
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Churches of Shipston:	
Stour Valley Baptist	01608 664876
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St Edmund's	01608 661724
Methodist Church	01608 661843

Come and say "Bonjour"
to **Shipston-on-Stour**
French Market

A variety of goods including...
Bread and Patisserie, Pancakes, Cheese from
France, Provencal Soaps, Leather Hand Bags,
Olives from Provence, Jewellery,
Saucisson & Pâté from Normandy,
Wooden Toys, Basketwork

**Sunday
29 April**
(10am-4pm)
High Street

Member of  **francobritish**
chamber of commerce & industry
2011
fahasso@yahoo.fr



Calling all performers your Wool Fair needs you!

The Wool Fair is taking a new approach
to live entertainment this year.

All street performers – (singers, musicians, etc)
are invited to put their names forward to help
entertain the crowds on 27th May 2012.

Each performer will be allocated a slot during the
day and will have the opportunity to showcase
their talent to residents and visitors.

Be a part of your community and enjoy a piece of
the limelight at the 2012 Wool Fair.

For more details or to
volunteer, please contact
Georgina Beaumont,
Town Clerk on 01608 662180




Shipston Jubilee Crew

Spring Bingo!
14th April 2012
Doors open 6.30pm
Eyes down at 7.30pm

 QUACK!

The Sheldon Bosley Hub
(Formerly known as The Norgren)
Shipston on Stour

£1.00 per book  QUACK!
£1.50 per special

Jubilee Raffle Tickets Available



 **Rotary Club of
Shipston on Stour** 
www.shipstonrotary.org.uk

Cotswold Walk
Sunday 6th May 2012
7 mile walk with spectacular views

 **Enjoy Walking the
North Cotswolds with
magnificent views over
four counties.**

refreshments ~ toilets ~ marshals ~ first aid
£5 adults£2 schoolchildren

Walkers may start at any time between 10am & 2pm
Commence at Foxcote Hill, Ilmington, Nr Shipston on Stour, CV36 4LD
Signposted from A429 & A3400 ~ Free Car Park

For further information or charity sponsorship forms:-
www.cotswoldwalk.org.uk

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