



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

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Heroes finale for Shipston Proms 2013

Nearly two thousand people thronged the streets of Shipston for the Last Night of the Proms on Saturday 6th July, in what was perhaps the hottest Proms ever!

Boasting a fantastic line-up, including this year's Fame Contest winner, and headline act, Ultimate Bowie, the Last Night was a fitting close to a fortnight of music, marking the 15th year of Shipston Proms.

The evening opened with Stratford Grammar School girl Harriet Kelley, aged 16, from Chipping Campden, who won the solo title at The Proms Fame Contest. Next on was Battered Soul, an eight-piece band of Shipston High School students who won the Fame Contest best group title.

Also on the bill were The Rinky Dinks, a ukulele supergroup who played hip-hop, rock, house, punk and pop.

The David Bowie tribute band proved extremely popular with Bowie's classic, 'Heroes' – a theme of London Olympics 2012 - and 'Modern Love' playing out the final hour at midnight.

The Last Night was the last of this year's impressive proms performances, which included a jazz extravaganza by Midlands Youth Jazz Orchestra and Clare Teal, a concert by Coventry Philharmonic Choir, and a gig by Loyd Grossman's punk band, The New Forbidden.

One of the many highlights included three performances of Benjamin Britten's community opera Noye's Fludde – Noah's Flood – staged by the Orchestra of the Swan and Shipston Music Society. For more details, please turn to page six.

Mayor, Ronnie Murphy, congratulated the organising committee and performers for putting on such a wonderful event. "I was immensely proud to attend many of the concerts during this year's Proms. Shipston has showcased classical, rock, pop, jazz, folk, blues, country and choral music performed at the Townsend Hall, in churches, community halls, pubs, hotels and in the street. I would like to thank all those who took part in making this year's Proms arguably the best yet."

Shipston Town Council and 40 businesses, hotels, restaurants and pubs in the area sponsored the Proms.



Ultimate Bowie in full swing. Photo courtesy of Charlotte Wright Photography

Secure future for Shipston's Stour Enterprise Centre

The future of Shipston's business and training centre is secure for the immediate future thanks to a renewed focus from a new steering group, which includes representatives from Stour United Businesses, Stratford District Council and Coventry University.

The centre's future was in doubt. However, Shipston's business community rallied in response to the closure threat, having come to rely on the centre as an important venue for training, networking and co-working, particularly for small businesses in the area. A new structure has now been agreed, with SUBs taking a more active role in the management and marketing of the centre.

SUBs chair, Tina Cook, said "I am delighted we have been able to reach an agreement which gives the SEC a positive future and retains what has become a valuable resource for Shipston's business community. We have exciting plans to build on the successful training and events that have been held at the SEC to date and I'm looking forward to getting started."

One of the first priorities is to progress plans with Coventry University to secure funding for a full time centre manager. In the meantime, work is being done to bring the centre's website up to date and arrange a new set of training courses.

Stratford District Council leader, Chris Saint, said, "I have always felt the SEC is an important resource, not only for Shipston businesses but for entrepreneurs throughout the Stour Valley. I am pleased we have been able to help secure the centre's future."

To find out more, visit www.stourenterprise.co.uk



One of the training rooms available to local businesses at the SEC

Mayor's column

What a wonderful finale to the 15th Shipston Proms festival! The attendance on the last night completed a successful two weeks of musical extravagance for all tastes, from the Junior School's contribution to the completely professional performance at Noye's Fludde to the Orchestra of the Swan. Congratulations to the whole team involved, especially those who worked behind the scenes. A sincere thank you to you all. What can follow in 2014, I wonder?



I was delighted to see so many supporters at my charity cricket match in June. The event raised £520 for the Mayor's charities – the Queen's Avenue Park Action Group and Warwickshire Air Ambulance. The Lord Mayor of Coventry was the lucky winner of the bottle of Champagne which I was able to hand over to him during a service at St Nicholas a few days later.

July was a busy month for Shipston's young people with both the Xfest and Scout Hut opening taking place on the same red hot day. I was delighted to be able to support both events and was impressed to see the amount of activities on offer for our young people to enjoy.

Finally, I was disappointed to hear that the concerns raised by the town council, district council's planning committee and others were overridden by the planning inspector looking into the Cala Homes housing development appeal. The scale of development will raise new challenges for our town. Our focus must now be on trying to secure appropriate investment to enable local services to cope with the additional demand generated by this and other planned developments around the town.

Veronica Murphy

Norgren housing development gets green light

The proposed Cala Homes housing development at the former Norgren factory site has been given the green light by a planning inspector, following an appeal against Stratford District Council's unanimous rejection of the scheme.

The scheme, which was also opposed by Shipston Town Council, will see 112 new homes built on the brownfield site, alongside two small employment units. The principal reason cited by the planning inspector for giving the go ahead to the scheme was the absence of a five year housing supply for the Stratford district. One of the conditions of the appeal outcome was that building work should begin within 12 months.

Mayor, Ronnie Murphy, said, "Shipston Town Council objected to the Cala Homes proposal, primarily on grounds of loss of employment land and landscape impact. We are disappointed to hear the scheme will go ahead but will now turn our attention to ensuring the appropriate infrastructure is put in place to support the new homes."

Cala Homes plans to run a series of workshops in August to discuss the planned development ahead of submitting a more detailed application. The workshops are by invitation only - to register your interest, visit www.cala.co.uk/shipstononstour by **5pm on 31st July**.

Have your say on the Co-operative store's expansion plans

Residents are being encouraged to have their say on the proposed expansion of the Co-operative Store in the middle of the High Street, which will see the store increase in size by a third and offer a broader range of goods.

Following a public consultation event in the Townsend Hall on the 29th July, the display boards explaining the expansion plans will be on show in the store itself until the 5th August.

Andy Pepper, Planning Manager for The Co-operative Food's Central and Eastern region, said: "Our store in Shipston has served the local community for many years. We are always looking for ways to further improve our offering and we are really keen to get local people's views on how our latest plans should shape up."



Following the consultation, a planning application will be submitted to Stratford District Council. Subject to planning consent being granted, the store hopes to begin work to improve the store in the autumn.

Last chance to apply for educational funding

The deadline for applications to the Shipston Educational Charity is almost upon us. This local charity awards small grants to help those needing financial help to undertake apprenticeships, further academic courses or professional/trade qualifications.

Application forms are available from the Shipston Library or write to the Clerk to the Trustees, Mr D Squires, Pinnegar House, 49, Telegraph Street, Shipston, CV36 4DA, enclosing a stamped address envelope. The deadline for applications is 2nd Sept.

New phone service for bus passengers

Warwickshire County Council has set up a new hotline for public transport and school bus enquiries. Customers are now able to ring 01926 412929 and speak to the county council's dedicated team during the service's busiest period (July to September).

The county council's Bus Service Twitter @WCCBusServices is the official site for public and school bus information in Warwickshire and staff are on hand to respond to enquiries from 9am to 4.30pm from Monday to Friday.



July's hot topics

Perfect Proms: Councillors congratulated the Proms Committee on arranging another successful proms fortnight in and around Shipston. Councillors unanimously voted to nominate the committee for a Queen's Award.

Messy market: Concerns were raised about the mess left in the High Street after the French Market. The town council quickly dealt with the problem and the matter has since been raised with the market traders to ensure it doesn't happen again.

Bin bother: the new bin installed in Telegraph Street car park is blocking the cycle parking facility. The Town Clerk will raise the issue with the district council.

Litter on the increase: Arthur Ivens carried out an extra litter pick around the play area off Tilemans Lane which was littered with bottles and other debris. Residents are reminded to use the litter bins provided or take their rubbish home with them.

High School Awards: Mark Wildish and Fay Ivens both attended the impressive awards ceremony at the High School, which recognised the extensive activities and contributions to the community made by the children outside of school.

Memorial damage: No clear conclusion has been reached following an inquiry into what may have caused damage to some memorials at the cemetery. However, vandalism is suspected and Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team has been asked to keep an eye out both at the cemetery and the allotments.

Driftway parking: Melanie Trapp asked the county council to look again at installing double yellow lines in the Driftway to improve access for emergency vehicles.

Campaigning for Shipston

Anti-dog fouling campaign continues: The Rugby club has requested some 'no dog fouling' signs to be put around the club site, which will be provided by STC. Dog owners are reminded that dog fouling is not permitted on public footpaths, bridleways or fields. Anyone caught not clearing up after their dog faces prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000. A dog mess bin is provided at the entrance to the rugby club.

River Way compromise: In response to concerns from residents of River Way about a planned play area within the new Stratford Road development, Cala Homes has offered to give the equivalent funding to the Town Council to support the development of existing play areas around the town. The town council accepted the offer, although it will need district council approval following public consultation.

Planning: The town council voted to object to the detailed planning application for 22 new houses on Hornsby Close on the basis of screening and other issues. An application to devote nine parking spaces in the Telegraph Street car park to owners of the new Bakery apartments was also opposed by the town council but was later granted approval by the district council cabinet.

An application to turn the former Sandra's and By Chance shops into an all day eatery was opposed following concerns that the application did not fully take account of other similar businesses in the town which could be adversely affected.

Town Council business

Contract review: Brian Healey is working with the Town Clerk to produce a quality control system to ensure the best possible cleansing and grounds maintenance service for the town to help maintain or even improve the current high standards.

Speeding traffic: Concerns were raised again about speeding traffic on the London Road. Chris Saint confirmed that the site is not eligible for a permanent flashing 30 sign but that the town council could purchase one for £3,000.

Weed killer overuse: Following complaints at last month's meeting, a full inspection has taken place. The council's contractor has acknowledged that in seeking to keep weeds down, the amount of weed killer used may have been more than absolutely necessary. The amount of weed killer used will be reduced next time.

Archiving: Old STC minute books will now be stored at Warwick Records Office.

New Clark House Update



Allotment price increase

Following the feedback from allotment holders, the town council is currently reviewing its recommendation to increase costs by 100%.

Although the proposed rises were based on a detailed assessment of the costs incurred in providing the allotments, we recognise that in our haste to balance the shortfall, we failed to consult with allotment holders and we apologise for any concern this may have caused.

We have now assessed the cost of providing the allotments over the last six years. This indicates that an 85% fee increase is required to cover the costs. Although other parishes charge a similar amount to our current fee, Shipston provides more services than most including water, grounds maintenance and administration.

We have begun a four-week consultation (ending on 9th August) with allotment holders to gather views and consider options. A preliminary report is due to be submitted to the town council in time for the August meeting.

On a separate note, we have just completed the annual allotment and hedge inspection. We were impressed to see how well people are looking after their allotment plots and hedges, with only a handful of requests for action needing to be given out. Thank you to everyone concerned for helping to keep the town looking neat and tidy.

Tourism group

The newly formed tourism group, led by Trev Trevethick, has begun looking at initial projects which may require support from the town council. These include consideration for a dedicated tourism website, signage within and outside of the town, and town branding. Keep an eye out for more news in future issues of the Forum.

Georgina Beaumont:

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Cubs have fun in the sun

Early in July, the Shipston-on-Stour Cub Scouts held their annual summer camp in Horley, near Banbury. The weekend was a family camp, so mums, dads, brothers and sisters all joined the fun.

The weekend began with a 4 1/2 mile night hike, a circular walk across the Oxfordshire countryside to Hornton and



then returning back to the camp site for sausage rolls and hot chocolate with marshmallows.

During the camp, the cubs all took part in a "I'm a Cub Scout, get me out of here" trial, where they had to endure various horrible tasks, including the 'Tunnel of Doom' where cubs had to crawl, together with various woodland creatures, through a dark maze made from straw bales; 'Disgusting Dinner', where cubs were asked to eat various horrible food stuffs made from jelly and cheese and 'Boxes of Horror', where they had to put their hands into holes made in boxes, feel around and retrieve stars mixed in with various slimy food stuffs.

The weekend also included a competition to see who could build the best den in a nearby wood and an opportunity to have a go at archery, finishing with a closing ceremony and awarding of badges.

Martin Castle, Cub Scout Leader, said, "I would like to say a big thank you to all the mums and dads, leaders and young leaders of the Cub scouts, who made this weekend possible."

Shipston Academy Aegon Team Tennis 2013

The Shipston Mini Red 8's and Under team have had a fantastic 2013 Summer Season. They played 4 matches in total, winning every one in convincing style, making them the outright winners of their league. A big well done to Chloe Cavanagh, Jamie Smith, Rhys Bennett, Ben Gibson and Matt Steer. The commitment and dedication of the players and their families has been outstanding, together with some excellent tennis.

Everyone worked very hard and showed great teamwork throughout the season, which hugely contributed to their achievement and deserving result.

The Shipston A 9 and Under Boys Team has also had a great season. They won all five of their group matches to top the group, beating teams from Warwick Tennis Club, Kenilworth, Henley-in-Arden, Leamington, and Beechwood LTC. Congratulations to the whole team – William Noyes, Jack Boden, Bernardo Fernandez, Josh Goodman, and Max Lloyd-Thomas – for putting in some great performances.

Summer Tennis camps run at various times at Shipston Sports Club during August. Check out www.shipstontennis.org.uk for course details.



Photo caption: Under 9 A Team: Bernardo – Josh – William – Jack

Drug use on the increase, say Shipston's young people

Findings from a recent survey of young people in Shipston suggest that drug use among youngsters



could be on the increase, and that there was a desire to understand more about drugs.

Local charity, Drugs Actions Shipston (DASH) has been working with Reziliant Ltd. to undertake some targeted youth work in Shipston researching young people's views on drugs. Nearly 90 per cent of those surveyed felt that drug usage amongst young people in Shipston was on the increase, with 60 per cent believing there was an issue with drugs in the area. Worryingly, those surveyed identified cannabis, cocaine, heroin, speed, alcohol, ketamine, ecstasy and M-Cat as being used by young people in the area. A significant number of respondents (68 per cent) felt they would like more information about drugs.

DASH funds a range of information and counselling services at the High School and in the local area to improve awareness among teenagers of the dangers of drugs. For example, the charity recently purchased a 'drugs box' (pictured) to show young people and their parents what drugs look like and educate them about the effects they can have. To find out more about DASH, turn to page 11.

DASH urgently needs more volunteers to be able to continue its work. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Rachel Vial, Practice Manager at the Medical Centre, on 01608 661845.

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Diamond poets shine

Shipston Primary School was the jewel in the crown at this year's poetry competition run by Stratford-upon-Avon Poetry Festival.



Diamonds were the theme for the 2013 competition, which aims to inspire young people's poetry in schools across Warwickshire. Shipston Primary School positively sparkled as ten of its pupils from Years 2, 3 and 4 were selected among the winning entries.

The winners and their families were invited to hear the poems read by professional actors at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at the Shakespeare Centre in Stratford - next to the birthplace of the world's greatest poet.

The Shipston Primary School poems are now on display outside the Shakespeare Centre on Henley Street, along with 65 others, where they are being enjoyed by an even wider audience, including overseas visitors to Stratford.

Head of Federation Christian Hilton said: "The quality of the poetry was exceptional and we are extremely proud of all ten of our winning poets."

Tri Golf Champions

Pupils from Shipston Primary School are also celebrating their sporting success as they scooped first prize in a sub-regional golf competition.

A team of ten boys and girls from Years 3 and 4 took part in the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Schools Tri Golf Finals at the 2013 Primary Games.

Held at Warwick University, the Primary Games began with an opening ceremony led by Alistair Patrick-Heselton who took part in football for Team GB at the 2012 Paralympics.

The Shipston Primary Golf Team competed in 10 different challenges against 6 other area winners. With points being scored for accuracy, Shipston started brilliantly with many team members scoring maximum points on the putting challenges.

One of the highlights of the day was a chipping challenge where children had to land their ball past a cone 20 metres away without it bouncing. Team member Oscar stepped up and amazingly managed to clear the 15-metre tall perimeter fence, which was thirty metres away!

Jim Armstrong, PE Leader, said: "Shipston Primary scored an amazing 1,430 points - 400 more than second place. It was a fantastic achievement to be crowned golf champions and we would like to congratulate the team and thank all the parents for their support on the day."



Shipston High School

Shipston High School does Shipston Proms!

Once again, students at the school were lucky enough to take part in this year's Proms events and benefit from a Proms workshop.

In the first week of the Proms, students were treated to a performance and workshop from local blues guitarist Lawrence Jones. After giving an inspiring account of how he achieved his success, he performed a song from his album before teaching the group a 12 bar blues chord sequence in A and a pentatonic scale with which they could improvise solos. The students took it in turn to solo over the rest of the group playing the chords, and many showed real promise. The second half of the workshop focused on improvising in a different key and gave the students



chance to play along while Lawrence performed another song.

Lawrence worked with the group for over 90 minutes helping individuals and giving them top tips to develop their technique and help them to improvise stylish solos. The visit was paid for and organised by Shipston Proms and the students would like to thank Tim Porter and Lawrence for providing such an interesting and valuable workshop.

Musical evening

The school's Musical Evening during Proms fortnight is always a great opportunity to showcase musical talent at Shipston High from the youngest students right through to the GCSE leavers performing their exam pieces. This year was no exception and an interesting and varied programme devised by David Hunt, Head of Music, entertained a large and enthusiastic audience.

Last Night of the Proms

"Battered Soul", Shipston High's very own blues band were this year's winners in the Groups category of the Proms Fame Contest, earning a prestigious place on stage at the Last Night of the Proms. What an amazing opportunity for these young musicians to show Shipston what they are capable of! Congratulations to Ben, Gilbert, Harry, Will, Stephen, Tristan, Lizzie and Sam.



Youngsters indulge in two fantastic fundraisers

Shipston was the place for young people to be on the 13th July, with both the Youth Club and the Scouts holding special events.



The Youth Club hosted its hottest X-Fest yet, providing a variety of exciting activities for youngsters throughout the day. This year's event attracted approximately 600 people, many of whom took full advantage of the free activities on offer. Among the popular attractions were quad bikes, zorb walkers, an 18ft climbing wall, laser quest, and a zip wire.

Shipston High School ran a volleyball challenge, while Shipston's young firefighters did a display at which the hoses proved popular as a way to cool down! Local band, Indie Toast, provided impressive musical entertainment, while a graffiti artist worked with the children to produce a unique piece of graffiti art.

Richard Baldwin, youth club secretary, said, "the whole day went really well and it was delightful to see lots of young people having so much fun. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers and businesses who supported X-

Fest 2013, without whom we would not have been able to stage such a successful event."

As if that wasn't enough activity for one day, across town, the Scout group was celebrating the official launch of the new Scout Hut. Local Quaker, Phyllida Gardner, cut the ribbon on behalf of the Quaker community in the area, who gifted the land on which the Scout Hut stands to the town for recreation in 1915.



From left: Richard Cheyney, Phyllida Gardner, Rod Gregg, David Wright. Photos by Philip Vial.

Over two hundred people were treated to a variety of entertainment including performances by the Spotlight Dance School and young musicians, Zumba demonstrations, pony rides, a bouncy castle and stalls. Those who were feeling brave were even able to handle a selection of reptiles, including a tarantula! The afternoon raised the grand sum of £800 pounds, which will help fund extra tables and chairs.

Scout leader, David Wright, said "We would like to thank everyone for their support. We hope that the new hall will provide a useful addition the community as a whole."

Shipston Proms Community opera delights audiences of all ages

One of the unique highlights of this year's Shipston Proms was the performances of Benjamin Britten's community opera, Noye's Fludde.

The opera told the story of Noah's Ark with musical flair, combining performances from professional actors and musicians with local, amateur talent.

In true community style, the opera featured acting and props from pupils from Shipston's schools, the town's Amateur Dramatic Society, Shipston Town Band, Cantamus, Community Arts and individual local musicians.

The audience had their role to play too. Seated in 'the ark', many became honorary members of the cast, wearing animal masks to swell the numbers of creatures seeking safety.

Shipston Proms Chairman, Tim Porter, said "it was wonderful to see so much involvement in these performances from different parts of our local community. The performances

were well attended and feedback has been extremely positive."

The performances were part funded by a grant from Shipston Town Council.



Photo by Charlotte Wright photography

A new face at St Edmund's church

The new Rector for St. Edmund's church, Reverend Andrew Coleby, was officially welcomed to the parish at a service led by Bishop John Stroyan, the Bishop of Warwick.

Mayor, Ronnie Murphy, gave a short speech welcoming Andrew and his wife, Marion, to Shipston during the service on the 16th July. Reverend Coleby has already been out and about meeting people, attending both the X-Fest and the Scout Hut opening in July.

Reverend Coleby has moved into the Rectory in Glen Close and his contact details are available from www.shipstononline.org

Reverend Andrew Coleby, pictured with Town Mayor, Ronnie Murphy. Photo courtesy of Philip Vial



Regular events:

- Mon Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Mon Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club:** 7pm for 7.15pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Rd, Shipston-on-Stour. Call Penny Law 663871
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (13, 27). 10am-12pm Room No 2, Ellen Badger Hospital.
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Now every Tuesday. 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 0300 555 8171
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Stella, 686224
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays. Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886 extra bingo on 23rd July
- Tues Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** Halford Bridge Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Adrian Ramskill 0797 656 6525.
- Weds St John's Ambulance:** Adults division. Meet at Shipston Fire Station, 7pm. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
- Thur Shipston Stitchers:** 10am to 3pm, alternate Thursdays (11, 25).
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club** at Rainbow Fields Contact: Diana 01789 740627
- Thur Safer Neighbourhood Team:** Fortnightly (11, 25). Public surgery, 2.30pm to 3pm. New Clark House, West Street.
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Bridge** 10.15am – 12.15pm Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Val Young on 01608 238754 or 07516 091786
- Fri Shipston Probus:** alternate Fridays (9, 23)
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Linda, 662290

There are lots of regular classes on at the Townsend Hall. They include: line dancing, badminton, short tennis, yoga, ballet, Calypso kids music, Little Kickers, Zumba, modern jazz dancing, t'ai chi and circuit training. For details, visit www.townsendhall.com or call Lisa Bryan on 07800771368.

August Diary

- 2 Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Cafe:** Dr Sue Pritchard on Dementia Pathway. 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433
- 3 Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- 5 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Amy and Howard Entertain. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 5-9 Summer Tennis Courses:** For 7-14 year olds at Shipston Sports Club. To book call 662560 or email janet@shipstontennis.org.uk
- 6 Multiple Sclerosis Society:** 'Drop in' meeting. 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- 7 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library). Books include fiction, children's, cookery, gardening, art etc. To donate books contact Lion David Squires on pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk
Calypso Kids Fun: 45 mins of family fun. Singing and percussion for under 4s. arts and crafts for 4+. Pop-up cafe. 10:30-11:15, Townsend Hall. £4.50 per child (discount for siblings)
National Organisation of the Widowed: Lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 8 Cala Homes community workshops:** 1:30 and 5:30 pm. To

- discuss details of the proposed Norgren housing development scheme. Workshops last 3 hours, refreshments provided. Applicants must apply to attend the workshops by 31 July and will be notified as to whether they have been successful by 2nd August. Visit www.cala.co.uk/shipstononstour to apply.
- 9 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm, details as above
- 10 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm, details as above
Mayor's Surgery: 10am, High Street
- 12 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 13 Stour Valley Lions Monthly Meeting:** 8pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. All welcome
Shipston Flower Club: 'Fleurtations' by Toni Smith. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Non-members welcome. Contact: 01608 238255
- 14 Calypso Kids Fun:** Details as above
- 16 Dementia Carers Drop-in Support Group:** 10am-12pm, New Clark House. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433. See ad on page 8
- 17 Cala Homes community workshops:** 19am and 1pm. Details as above.
- 18 Shipston Flower Club Farm Walk:** Take part in a fabulous farm walk for all the family at Whitchurch Farm. For details, see the ad on page 8.
- 19 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'Tenacity is a Talent' by Arthur Lowe. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 19-23 Summer Tennis Courses:** For 7-14 year olds at Shipston Sports Club. To book call 662560 or email janet@shipstontennis.org.uk
- 20 Holiday at Home:** Activities, games, quizzes, entertainment. £5 per day including lunch and refreshments. 10am to 3pm, Townsend Hall Shipston on Stour. All over 65's welcome. Transport available. To book contact Rosemary on 01608 662584 or Jude on 01608 663779 by 8th Aug. See ad on page 8
Shipston Neighbourhood Plan: Plan progress meeting, including updates from each topic group. 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. For details, email np@shipstononline.org
- 21 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm, details as above
Holiday at Home: 10am to 3pm, details as above. see ad on page 8
Calypso Kids Fun: Details as above
National Organisation of the Widowed: Meeting. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
Wool Fair AGM: Please join us for the the first Annual General Meeting of the Wool Fair, 6-8pm, New Clark House. On the agenda will be a review of the 2013 Wool Fair and thoughts on how we ensure 2014's event is even better. For details see page 16.
- 22 Holiday at Home:** Coach trip, 9.30am to 5pm. Bring a picnic lunch. Cost: a donation towards next year's trip. To book: Rosemary on 01608 662584 or Jude on 01608 663779 by 8th Aug see ad on page 8
- 23 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm, details as above
Holiday at Home: 10am to 3pm, details as above. See ad on page 8
- 24 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm, details as above
- 25 Shipston Sports Club:** Bank Holiday Fun Day. For details see ad on page 16
- 28 Calypso Kids Fun:** Details as above



Holiday at Home

August 20th, 21st, 23rd 2013
10am to 3pm

Townsend Hall Shipston on Stour

If you are over 65 you are welcome to join us for one, two or all three days of activities, games, quizzes & entertainment.

Let us know if you need a lift to the hall.

Cost: £5 per day including lunch and refreshments



also included this year.....a coach trip out
August 22nd 9.30am to 5pm
bring a picnic lunch

Cost: a donation towards next year's trip

To reserve your place on the Holiday at Home days or to book a seat on the coach trip please contact
Rosemary on 01608 662584 or
Jude on 01608 663779

by August 8th

An event organised by Christians Together in Shipston.

FARM WALK

18th Aug 2.30pm – 5pm

Come along and take part in a fabulous farm walk
at Whitchurch Farm, Whitchurch, CV37 8PD

A 3 mile walk finishing at the historic St Mary's Church, Whitchurch (walking shoes advisable and weather permitting). See cows and their calves, sheep and all different species of birds. Children can enjoy a treasure hunt on this working farm which has already featured on Countryfile.



After you have worked up an appetite enjoy a tea/coffee/squash with a piece of homemade cake or scone with jam and cream all for the price of

Adult £3 Children £2

Family (2 adults + 2 children) £10

(proceeds to charity – Shipston Flower Club)



STOUR VALLEY LIONS
BOOK SHOP



Now open on

Wednesdays, 10am-4pm

Fridays, 9am-4pm

Saturdays, 9am-2pm

Venue: The Coach House, Church Street,
Shipston on Stour

(opposite the Shipston Library, adjacent to the White Bear Car Park)

Huge selection of fiction, non-fiction and children's books.
All proceeds to local charities.

Books in GOOD condition are always gratefully accepted,
contact as below, we regret we can't accept books at the Coach House.

New Members always welcome, contact Lion David Squires,
e.mail pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk

SHIPSTON DEMENTIA CARERS OPEN COFFEE MORNING



*Come and visit us, over light refreshments.
Meet the team, hear about our work, have
a look at our literature.*

*Meet representatives of Guideposts
Alzheimer's Society.
Books On Prescription.*

Friday August 16th - 10am-12pm

**THE SCOUT HUT, NEW STREET
SHIPSTON.**

Shipston Visually Impaired Club

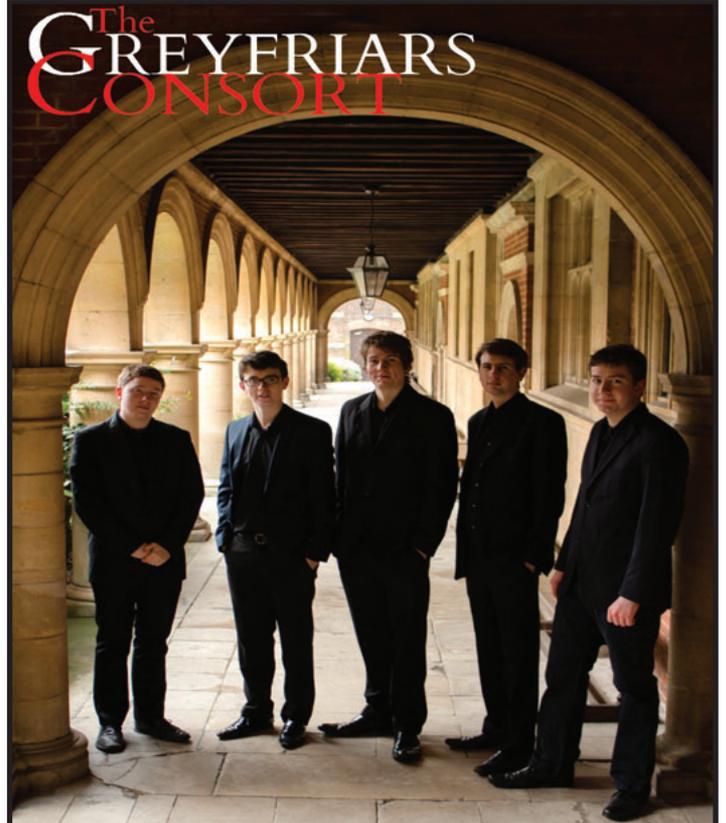
Call for new members!

Shipston VIP Club is a happy club with about 25 visually impaired members and 5 helpers. We meet at Stour Court, Old Road, Shipston on alternate Monday afternoons to hear a speaker, have a raffle and enjoy afternoon tea.

We also go out for meals with transport arranged.

We are under the umbrella of Warwickshire Association for the Blind, which has trained advisors who can visit you if you require help with aids.

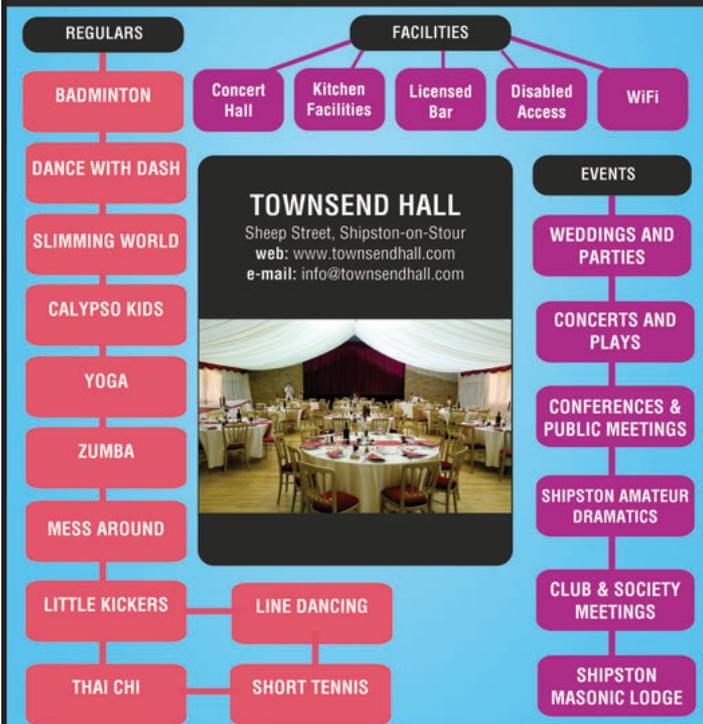
If you would like to join our club, we would be delighted to welcome you. Please contact Shirley Pilkington on 01608 662684.



A concert of 16th Century choral works by The Greyfriars Consort, a music ensemble from Cambridge University.
 St Martin's Church, Barcheston
 Tuesday 24th September 2013, 7pm
www.stmartinsinperil.org 01608 664310

TOWNSEND HALL SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR FACILITIES

www.townsendhall.com



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

Neighbourhood Plan Progress Meeting

Join us to hear what progress has been made on the plan to date and find out how you can get involved.

The meeting will include updates from the topic groups and plans for future community engagement activities.

**7pm, 20th August 2013,
 New Clark House,
 West Street**

Light refreshments provided
 All welcome

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Thanks to input from volunteers, topic groups have now been established to look at the different issues which need to be considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. The groups are as follows:

Plan-making/coordination group: Responsible for coordinating the plan making process, ensuring appropriate information is available and shared with the topic groups, and reporting progress/raising queries with the Steering Group. A representative from this group will attend Steering Group meetings.

Economy: Responsible for considering the economic development and employment opportunities in the town.

Chair: Trev Trevethick Email: np.economy@shipstononline.org

Infrastructure: Responsible for looking at the transport, education, health care and other facilities required in Shipston over the next ten years.

Chair: TBC Email: np.infrastructure@shipstononline.org

Housing: Responsible for looking at the housing needs of the town, including location, tenure, etc

Chair: Ed Jackson. Email: np.housing@shipstononline.org

Built and natural environment: Responsible for considering the environmental impact of growth, the nature/style of new housing and commercial developments as well as recreational needs such as parks, open spaces etc

Chair: David Christmas. Email: np.environment@shipstononline.org

Are you supporting Shakespeare's Puppies Appeal?

A challenge has been set for the people of Stratford upon Avon district - to raise money to name as many Guide Dog puppies as possible, after Shakespeare characters.

Initially launched to coincide with the annual Shakespeare birthday celebrations, the challenge is to raise the money by 2015. Stratford Town Council will be delighted to invite the Shakespeare Puppies to the Birthday Celebrations in 2016.

Guide Dogs already has very strong links locally, with four working dogs and three puppies, as well as a large number of breeding and retired guide dogs, already in the Stratford area. The Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre and Training Centre are also very close by.

The lifetime cost of a guide dog is nearly £50,000 and the service receives no government funding. Local schools are being encouraged to raise £2,500; businesses, groups or individuals £5,000, to name their very own Shakespeare puppy. Groups can join together and there is a general fund for public donations. Each group will be given chance to meet the puppy, and will receive updates, reports and photographs for the first year.

For more information, visit www.shakespearepups.co.uk, email: contact@shakespearepups.co.uk or call 07955 218781



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Each of the groups is currently focusing on scoping what they need to cover and considering the resources and evidence they are likely to require. The groups will meet again on the 20th August to discuss progress.

More volunteers are urgently needed to get involved with the plan-making process. We are currently looking at ways to make it easier for people to take part via virtual teams for those who find it difficult to make meetings.

If you are able to take part in any way, please get in touch, either via the general email, np@shipstononline.org, or by contacting the topic group you are most interested in using the email addresses above.

This is your plan for your town. There can certainly be flexibility in how people input to the plan, but without public input, it will not succeed and we will miss an opportunity for the community to have more of a say over new development in Shipston.

For the latest news on how the plan is developing, visit www.shipstonnp.org and sign up to receive the NP newsletter.

Date for your diary: Next NP meeting:

7pm, 20 August, New Clark House

Probus

Gillian White, from Ebrington, is well known locally and has spoken to us many times in the past. On the 14th June she described the great fire in Warwick. It started near Westgate and just missed Lord Leycester's hospital as it fanned out stopping at the end of Northgate Street.



There are many records of claims made for damage and the occupations of the claimants. An Act of Parliament existed requiring everyone in the country to contribute to the cost of fires which made rebuilding much quicker and easier.

June 28th was a special day when we had a visit from the RAF Presentation team. Members of the Stour Valley Probus, together with our wives, were invited and an excellent buffet lunch was provided by Emma Morris. In the audience, there were at least ten members who had served in the Air Force either as regulars or National Servicemen.

To quote from the introduction "the team's role is to show how the RAF lives up to its enviable reputation around the world and how Air Power is lead and delivered." The team had all seen active service and were dedicated and knowledgeable professionals.

Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Café



"Oh what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day, I've got a wonderful feeling ..." everyone enjoyed participating in the 'Singing for the Brain' activity at the Dementia Resource and Support Café on 5th July. Led by specialist, Andrew Cockerill, we started with gentle seated physical exercises to get the circulation and respiration going, followed by spoken exercises to warm up the vocal chords, clapping to parts of songs (quite challenging!) and continued into full swing with renditions of You are my sunshine, Rock around the Clock, Bring me Sunshine, Delilah and Que sera sera. The session ended with percussion instruments. For more information on the benefits of singing for the brain visit the following link: http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=760 or contact the Alzheimer's Society Helpline on 0300 222 11 22.

If you have recently had a diagnosis of dementia or are caring for someone with dementia why not come along to the next Café on Friday, 2nd August (2.00 – 3.30 pm, Stour Court, Old Road) when Dr Sue Pritchard will be talking about the Dementia Pathway and answering your questions. For more information about the Café please contact Barbara Smith, 01608 662433

The Townsend Hall – a Jazz Extravaganza

A packed Townsend Hall was treated to a memorable concert of music presented by the internationally acclaimed Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra and the equally well-known Clare Teal.

Music by Matt Cattingub and Pat Williams started the concert followed by Tom Coppins 'Street Scene' featuring lead trombone Tom Coppins. Next came a Flugel solo by Nick Dewhurst and music by Bob Florence, with the MYJO finishing the first part of the concert with the well-known arrangement by Sammy Nestico of 'A Tribute to The Duke'.

Clare Teal in her own magical way treated the audience with her interpretation of 'That Old Black Magic', 'Skylark', 'Cheek to Cheek', and 'Folks Who Live on the Hill' all wonderfully backed by John Ruddicks' Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra.

The second part of the concert featured music by Gordon Goodwin, Slow Boat to China arranged by Martin Williams featuring Nick Dewhurst and Ben Gaskin. Alex Woods (alto) featured in the Pat Metheney piece 'Always and Forever', The Orchestra finished with music from Bob Florence and 'Rhapsody in Blue', Gordon Goodwin's arrangement of the Gershwin classic.

Clare's programme included 'Bright Side of the Road', 'Get Happy', 'I Just Wanna Make Love To You' 'Feeling Good' and 'Messing with Fire'.

The audience, not content with all the great music they had heard, applauded for several minutes and were rewarded with two curtain calls.

Comments afterwards included 'I thought Clare had an amazing voice which, coupled with her tremendous personality, made the whole event an evening not to be forgotten.'

Chairman of the trustees, Geoff Ridgway, said it was the best concert the trustees had organised to date and had raised valuable funds for the restoration project. He thanked all those who supported the Townsend Hall's efforts.

DASH



At its inception DASH (Drug Action Shipston) was created as a response to the community's concern about the drug problem that was in Shipston at that time. More than a decade down the line, DASH's main focus is on providing education about alcohol and drugs and supporting youth work in the town, with the knowledge that education and support prevents young people misusing alcohol and drugs.

DASH has good relationships with organisations working in the local area, such as the police, the Medical Centre and the local schools. The charity regularly funds 'Prison me? No Way!' at the High School, which is a powerful education day taking pupils through the consequences of drug use and crime, right through the criminal justice system and into a prison cell. Year after year, pupils give feedback saying what an excellent day this is. Additionally, DASH funds counselling at the High School and in the local area to support teenagers during times of difficulty. Alongside these larger activities DASH works to provide education about drugs and safe alcohol consumption for children and parents alike.

DASH will continue to provide education and support, but needs help. If you are interested in helping fundraise or would like to get involved with the charity's committee please contact Rachel Vial, Practice Manager at the Medical Centre, on 01608 661845 or email her through the 'contact us' pages on the Medical Centre website at <http://shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk/Home>

<http://www.talktofrank.com/> is a great resource for information about Drugs. If you are aware of illegal activities relating to drugs, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

U3A



Apes with Altitude

'Apes with Altitude' was the title of a fascinating illustrated talk by Phred Newbury, on behalf of the Gorilla Organization, at the first monthly meeting of the newly formed Shipston on Stour Area U3A.

Phred explained that for many years she had a poster of 'Nudume' a silverback mountain gorilla, on her office wall His look shows 'attitude' and he lives at 'altitude'. A trip to Rwanda to see mountain gorillas was advertised in the BBC Wildlife Magazine, and the photographer of Phred's

poster, Ian Redmond, was the tour leader. As a result a visit was arranged for Phred to meet Nudume. "Seeing the very gorilla whose picture I'd had on my office wall was as exciting as if I'd met a film star," she said. Thus began a fascination with gorillas.

Central Africa is the only area where the gorillas live in the wild. Mountain gorillas are critically endangered, now believed to be 880 in number in the world. Until very recently, numbers were as low as 650. There are no mountain gorillas in captivity other than a few rescued infants and it is hoped they will be returned to the wild.

All species of gorillas are under threat in the wild. They face a number of perils, including war, deforestation and being caught in illegal snares. Because gorillas are very like us (we share 98% of their DNA) they can also catch human diseases to which they have no immunity.

Gorillas are peaceful herbivores, not the aggressive creatures of myth and legend. They are a 'keystone species' which means preserving them will benefit a number of species: gorilla-beings, human beings and other-beings.

Phred concluded her talk with 'Gorillas allow us in to their world peacefully, but sadly it is humans that betray their trust. It is just as well that they now have many friends.'

Shipston Music Society

The society's June concert was provided by David Watkins, harp, and Michael Bochmann, violin. David is a long established musician of international standing having played for many of the great performers including, Callas, Sutherland, Schwarkopf and, at the Royal Opera House, Fonteyn and Nureyev. He is also a very good friend of the Society.

Davis Bochmann was new to us but he has a very impressive international musical pedigree. He has performed with the likes of Menuhin, and teaches, records and performs widely for radio.

The first half of the evening was of a classical nature, opening with the lively Sonata in C by Vivaldi. This was followed by Allegro for Solo Harp, by the blind composer, John Parry, as well as Bach's Sonata in C. Michael then treated the audience to Allegro by Tartini, beautifully performed on a violin older than this composition, the sound was exquisite. The first half ended with Sonata in Eb by Carl Abel.

The second half of the concert was in the folk idiom, starting with two Irish pieces played by David, The Clergyman's Lament and Mollin the Wadd. This was followed by a Peruvian folk tune, Siembra performed as a solo by Michael and then Foggy Foggy Dew. Other treats included the well-known harp solo, Watching the Wheat, by John Thomas (harpist to Queen Victoria) and Massenet's Meditation.

Michael provided a wonderful display of just about every method of producing music from a violin with his version of In an English Country Garden, before the duo

concluded with three more English folk songs arranged by David himself.

With these two superb musicians performing with such obvious pleasure and great humour, it made for an evening of musical delight and was a great start to Shipston Proms.

Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN)



There were quite a few guilty faces in the audience at the SCAN meeting on 9th July when Community Fire Safety Officer, Andy Morgan, told us that 55% of home fires start in the kitchen, mostly as a result of leaving hobs turned on while cooking and turning our attention elsewhere – perhaps a phone call or someone at the door.

So, in future we will be following Andy's advice and not leaving the cooker while it is switched on, not using the hob as a storage area for other items, particularly chip pans, not leaving anything combustible near to the hob, such as a tea towels or oven gloves and always checking the cooker after preparing a meal and before going out or to bed.

Another fire hazard is electrical items, in particular electric blankets. These should be tested every year and replaced after about 10 years. Warwickshire Trading Standards offers free testing of electric blankets to anyone over the age of 50 and this is usually carried out at Stratford at the beginning of October. Shipston SCAN committee is hoping to arrange a collection of blankets in Shipston, which can be taken to the testing location in Stratford. It seems crazy to be thinking of such things in this spell of very hot weather but it is important to be prepared. For more information, visit <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/electricblanket>

The meeting concluded with a fascinating slide show of sketches and photos of Shipston from the 18th century and early 20th century, together with a very knowledgeable commentary from Dick Burge. "The times they are a-changing ...". Now, how are we getting on the Neighbourhood Plan?

Stour Valley Lions

Lions support Duke of Edinburgh participants



As part of the group's ongoing support of young people, Stour Valley Lions recently gave financial support to the members of the Shipston High School Duke of Edinburgh Award Group. Lion, Judith Jackson, presented leader, Andy Bacon, with a cheque for £250 and the outgoing Lions President, John Cavana, offered some words of support and encouragement to the group and expressed the hope of a continuing relationship with Lions.

Stour Valley Lions wish the students every success in their challenge.

Newbold Race Night

Yet again, the Lions ran their very popular race night for Newbold On Stour PTA at the village hall to raise funds for the school. The night was a great success and the children and adults enjoyed riding the horses in six races. There was a mid race break for a fish and chips supper and cakes. Some winners, some losers but a very enjoyable night was had by everyone.

Diabetic Screening

Over 56 people attended the diabetic screening at the Ellen Badger Hospital in June sponsored by Stour Valley Lions. The reason for the screening was that Diabetes kills one person (all ages) every 8 seconds. Lions were pleased that this screening was well attended and people decided it made sense to take the test not the risk.

Shipston Arts and Crafts Society

The Society met on Tuesday, 18th June to hear Mr Peter Lovelock talk on his life and work entitled "Naturally Abstract" - a title that described his work perfectly! Mr Lovelock began by telling of his life, describing his learning, then teaching, the discipline of Yoga. He

travelled much of the world where he learned the physical and spiritual aspects of yoga from a Master, becoming skilled in the lifestyle of the art.

Mr Lovelock then showed his drawings and photographs. A photograph of three trees became a drawing - by drawing one means stippling - starting from two horizontal lines, then using a fine pointed pen stippled thousands of tiny dots to show the trees above and below ground. A photograph of a line of mussels, washed up on a sandy beach posed with an interesting shaped pebble became a most unusual picture. This is a rare and even unique form of art, difficult to describe accurately. It was, however, very clever - which his growing clientele proves. Very interesting, puzzling and thought provoking!

In addition to the visit to Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) in July, the Arts and Crafts Society members are looking forward to a trip to the Tate Britain's exhibition of Lowry in October.

There is no meeting in August but the society will regroup on 17th September when Liz Brooke Ward will be discussing Contemporary Textiles. Do join us - we meet each third Tuesday at the Catholic Parish Centre at 7.30pm You are most welcome

Readers' Letters

Letter from Chris Patrick

I just have to express my sincere gratitude and admiration for the work that the Shipston Proms committee put in to make their annual fortnight the huge success that it has become. I managed to attend four of this year's venues and thoroughly enjoyed the music and atmosphere on each occasion. So much hard work goes into making it all happen and I just want you all to know how much it is appreciated.

This year's 'last night' in the town centre was a wonderful occasion, how lucky we are to have such an event in our town. During the evening I got chatting to a gentleman who had moved to Shipston just two months ago. He was staggered at the magnitude of the event and at the great sense of community enjoyment that it generates.

After this year's event I found myself walking home thinking that the 2013 Proms had been the best yet. The bands were excellent and the sound was superb. I sincerely hope that those who attended did not treat the occasion as a 'freebie' and that your collection buckets were full to overflowing. I look forward to the 2014 Proms with relish.

Once again, thank you all so much for playing your significant part in making Shipston what it is; a town to be so very proud of.

Proud of my Town

A triple peak predicted in charity's fortunes

A group of doctors from the Shipston Medical Centre (Paul Daniel, Tim Marshall and David Williams) are planning to tackle the National Three Peaks Challenge to raise much needed funds for 'Shipston Home Nursing' - a fantastic local charity that provides palliative care for terminally ill patients within their own home.

A truly inspiring friend (Ben Linton) has also joined them to raise funds for 'Brain Tumour Research', having been diagnosed with a rare brain tumour in March 2008.

Together, they will be climbing the highest mountains of Scotland, England and Wales, 27 miles with a total ascent of 9,800 feet. They aim to travel up to Scotland after work on Friday 27th September and start bright and early on the Saturday morning, climbing Ben Nevis before driving to the Lake District to nip up and down Scafell Pike. After a few hours kip, the team will pop down to Wales and have a look at the top of Snowden in time to get back for work on Monday. Sounds like a relaxed weekend away...!

Please help make their efforts worthwhile by sponsoring them at <http://www.justgiving.com/climbing-for-compassion>.

To donate to Brain Tumour Research, please visit www.justgiving.com/Ben-Linton

Good luck to everyone involved!



From left: David Williams, Paul Daniel and Tim Marshall

District Council update

The District Council appears to be on the way to adopting an up to date housing master plan, the Core Strategy. The Draft Submission Core Strategy is intended to be approved by the Council on July 22. This will be the start of a process that should finish with final adoption of the plan in November 2014.



A major part of this plan is the proposal to develop a new settlement of up to 4,800 houses on land near to Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath. I support this scheme as, in the future, it will take the pressure off towns such as Shipston.

Unfortunately, due to the delay by the District Council to develop an up to date housing policy there is the possibility of housing development being allowed before the new planning policy is finally approved. This has been demonstrated by the decision to allow the building of 112 houses on the site of the Norgren factory. I regret this, as I believe the site should have been reserved for employment use.

The main reason the Inspector gave for the Norgren decision was the lack of planning policy in place by the District Council.

I was very pleased to attend the opening ceremony of the new Scout Hut. This was an event deserving of celebration after many years of hard work by all concerned.

I also enjoyed helping out at on the BBQ at XFEST, the Youth Club event, where over 500 young people attended a day of free activities.

Richard Cheney

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Richard Cheney and Jeff Kenner take it in turns to provide the content for this column.

County Council update

Highways and byways

Back at the helm after the County elections, it is no surprise that highway issues are at the forefront of my mailbox. Many matters are under control. Progress has been made over the missing bollard in Stratford Road, grass growing out of gullies and the endless backlog of pothole repairs.



Warwickshire
County Council

Those who want more flashing speed signs on the A3400 will need to be patient, but I am working on the issue.

One issue eludes me. The Hanson Hill bridleway that comes down into the town in Campden Road has been overgrown for some time. Despite several pleas, officers are simply not giving the right degree of priority to this issue where a right of way has become impassable. Next stop – name and shame?

Part night street lighting

You will have read in the press that a motion to turn back on the lights was defeated. Conservatives and Liberal Democrats joined forces to defer to a review in the autumn. This has been planned for some time and was promised when I presented your petition to the Chairman of the Council in May.

The Comprehensive Spending Review

Not the County Council, but the Government this time. The continual demands to make savings are not coming to an end. We shall watch how things evolve, but Councils just cannot continue to be pushed around to bear the brunt of what they call government savings.

I have just come back from the Local Government Association (LGA) annual conference, this time in Manchester and councillors nationwide have a simple message to the Coalition government. Listen to us; we are the elected representatives of the people!

Councillor Chris Saint

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Shipston Medical Centre

Hot tips for staying safe in the sun

- Spend time in the shade between 11 and 3. The sun is at its strongest during this time.
- If you are going in the water, use a water resistant sun cream, and always shower if you have been swimming in salt water as salt makes the skin more prone to burning.
- Cover up with a t-shirt, hat and sunglasses. When the sun is at its peak, sunscreen is not enough.
- Take extra care with children as sun damage at an early age can significantly increase the risk of skin cancer in later life. Keep babies out of the sun, especially around midday.
- Use factor 15+ sunscreen. Apply sunscreen generously and reapply often.

Heat exhaustion can happen to anyone in hot weather and if it isn't treated it can lead to heatstroke, which can be dangerous and even fatal. Avoid this by:

- Staying indoors in a cool room, or in the shade
- Not going out during the hottest part of the day
- Avoiding tea, coffee and alcohol. Drink lots of water instead!
- People with heart problems, breathing difficulties or serious illnesses may find their symptoms become worse in hot weather, so make sure you have enough medicines in stock and take extra care to keep cool.



Symptoms of heatstroke include feeling sick, faint and sweating heavily. On experiencing these symptoms, move to a cool place, drink cool water and remove excess clothing. If symptoms worsen and heatstroke is suspected (mental confusion, loss of consciousness), call 999 for an ambulance.

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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 New Clark House.

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

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Highways customer services	01926 412515
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Forum	01865 600262
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	03001 303040
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Town Council	01608 662180
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
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Local police (non emergency)	101
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Churches of Shipston:	
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St Edmund's	01295 688193
Methodist Church	01608 661843

Shipston Home Nursing

Country Car Boot Sale

8th September 2013
 Gates open at 8.30am
 at the Honington estate

Public entry fee £2 per head
 maximum £5 per car
 After 12 noon
 £1 per head

Car booters by application
 or turn up on the day:
 Please call 01608 674929,
 email rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk
 or visit www.shipstohomenursing.co.uk for details

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Shipston Sports Club Bank Holiday Fun Day

Sunday 25th August 2013

Come down to London Road on Bank Holiday Sunday for the Family Fun Day

- 5-a-side football tournament
- Beat the goalie
- Beat the batsman
- Bouncy castle
- Welly wanging
- Target Golf
- Tombola
- Lots of other stalls & games
- Barbeque
- Bar open all day

The final day of the Ashes on the big screens!







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Wool Fair AGM

Join us for the the first
 Annual General Meeting
 of the Wool Fair committee

21 August, 6-8pm
New Clark House

On the agenda will be a review of
 the 2013 Wool Fair and thoughts on how
 we ensure 2014's event is even better.

**For more information,
 contact the Town Clerk
 on 01608 662180**