



# Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

December 2015

**On behalf of all the Town Councillors and staff at Shipston Town Council, The Mayor, Jackie Warner, wishes all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

## Have your say as Shipston's Neighbourhood Plan takes shape

Residents and businesses from Shipston and surrounding areas are being encouraged to attend the Shipston Neighbourhood Plan Open Day on 12th December at the Scout Hut in New Street.

After months of research, community engagement and workshops, this Open Day will give everyone the chance to see the progress made and comment on the emerging proposals.

Running from 11:30am until 4pm, members of the Neighbourhood Plan team will be available to explain the proposals which are designed to safeguard the integrity of Shipston, while catering for the needs of future generations.

The Neighbourhood Plan team – most of whom are volunteers from the local community – has been working to address topics such as improvements to the town centre and riverside, how to reduce flooding risk, and suggestions for local nature and wildlife reserves. They have also been looking at ways to protect Shipston's rural setting, and how new employment opportunities might be created. A lot of focus has been on managing future housing needs, especially for young families and the elderly.

Maps, photos, posters and important documents will be on display to demonstrate how the different issues fit together,



and team members will be happy to answer any questions.

With clear proposals now emerging, the Open Day is a vital opportunity for the community to shape the final policies.

Martin Ferrier, Town Councillor and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group representative, said "This is a community plan and it can only work if the community gets involved. You may think we've missed something out or have a view on what we prioritise. Say so! Your ideas are important."

Feedback forms completed at the event will be entered into a prize draw – all the more reason to come along on the 12th!



### Santa Claus is coming to town!

The children of Shipston have been so good that Father Christmas will be making several visits to the town this year, including going 'on tour'.

Shipston Rotary has persuaded Santa to share his calendar so we know when he'll be visiting. You'll have to wait until Christmas Eve for the reindeers though – they have to rest until the big night, so Santa will be powered by more conventional methods for his town tour.

### Shipston turns out in force to remember the fallen

Despite the threat of rain, Shipston residents, charities and community groups turned out in high numbers to mark Remembrance Sunday on 8th November.

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## Mayor's column



May I start this month by saying that it was an honour for me to lay the wreath on behalf of the town council on Remembrance Sunday. Thank you to everyone who took part in the parade and those who came to see the parade lead off to the church service at St Edmunds.

I had a lovely day out with the Stroke Club who took me out for lunch on a boat up the Avon in Evesham. It was really enjoyable. Many thanks to all who came.

I also attended a Shipston Flower Club demonstration that blew my mind away! The instructor, Tracey Griffin, gave such an interesting flower demonstration. Thank you to the group for the invitation - my only wish was that I had won one of Tracey's floral displays! It truly was a lovely evening and great to see so many people there.

There was fine weather for the two minutes' silence on Armistice Day. Thank you to all the councillors and members of the public who observed this important opportunity to remember the fallen.

With December upon us I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I wish you safe journeys if you are travelling over the festive season and would like to say thank you to all those who will be working during the festivities.

Finally, if, like me, you have a birthday over the Christmas period, Happy Birthday!

**Jackie Warner**

## Shipston turns out in force to remember the Fallen (continued from page 1)

The annual Remembrance parade, led in style by Shipston Town Band and the Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion, involved many local groups including the Scouts, Brownies, Beavers, St John's Ambulance, Community First Responders and the Fire Service. The parade marched from the town centre to St Edmund's Church for the laying of wreaths at the war memorial.

Reverend Andrew Colby led the Remembrance Service, during which the names of Shipston men who fell during the two World Wars were read out by students from Shipston High School. Armistice Day was also marked with a two minutes' silence in the High Street at 11am on the 11th November.

Richard Adams, Chairman of the local branch of the Royal British Legion said: "I am very grateful to everyone who took part in remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. This is a very important event for our local community and it is very encouraging to see so many young people taking part in the parade and service alongside existing and former servicemen and women."



*Relaxing after the formalities - Richard Adams (right) with Lieutenant Colonel David Kernohan*

## Thirteen students get funding boost thanks to Shipston Charity

The Shipston Educational Charity has awarded grants to thirteen students in Shipston for the current academic year.

From a total fund of £1,820, grants of between £100 and £165 were awarded according to the nature of the course.

However, the trust was disappointed to receive so few applications. The grant funding is open to students under the age of 25 who live in Shipston or have parents living in the town. The funds can be used to help pay for further education, whether for a university degree, apprenticeship or other formal education.

Town Mayor, Jackie Warner, said: "On behalf of all councillors I would like to thank the Educational Charity for the support they give to young people. I hope many more youngsters will apply when the next round of funding is available in summer 2016."

## Make it harder for thieves by marking your property

Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team has been made aware of a recent spate of thefts from vans where a quantity of tools have been removed. Owners are being advised to remove tools when the vehicle is parked overnight.

Residents and businesses are also being encouraged to mark their property, which can act as a deterrent and helps prove ownership. Marking property also provides a means for the police to identify stolen goods and return them to their owners.

There are a number of ways to mark your property including visible markers and invisible markers (ultraviolet pens or SmartWater kits).

The mark should be unique, such as a postcode pre-fixed with the number of the owner's address eg 63 WR6 2BB.

The police strongly recommend that you take a photo of all your valuables and make a note of any distinguishing marks, including where and how you have property marked it. By having these records if your property is stolen you will have as much information as possible to give to the police and also pass to retailers and other organisations to help locate your property.

For further advice and information, visit [www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)





## November's hot topics

**Winter preparation:** Gritting routes have been confirmed by Warwickshire County Council and sand bags have been received. For more information on winter preparation, please contact the Town Clerk.

**Remembrance Parade:** Councillors expressed their thanks to all involved with the Remembrance Service and Parade.

**Proms preparation underway:** Peter White confirmed that a new committee has been established for the Proms and a lot of bands have been secured for the final night already. The team has a renewed focus and is making good progress but would welcome support from volunteers and businesses. For more information, see the ad on page 8.

**Darkness on Darlingscote Road:** County Councillor, Chris Saint, has been following up concerns raised by residents about the length of time parts of Darlingscote Road have been without street lighting. Lamp standards are in the process of being changed and fitted with LED lights but the changeover should only take five weeks. Cllr Saint will raise a question on this issue at the next County Council meeting.

**Splash zone on Stratford Road:** Jackie Warner requested that County Highways look again at the poor drainage issues around the Cripplegate area of Stratford Road. The amount of surface water sprayed across the pavement by passing cars during wet weather is becoming a significant hazard for pedestrians.

## Campaigning for Shipston

**Demonstrating Dementia Awareness:** Jackie Warner thanked all those involved with the recent dementia awareness display in the post office. There was a good level of support from residents. The Mayor has also attended dementia group meetings run by Shipston Medical Centre in recent months, as part of the ongoing campaign to make the town more dementia friendly.

**River walk:** Long term plans are beginning to emerge which could see progress made on establishing a river walk. In the meantime, Sheelagh Saunders has been working with Chris Saint and officers at the District Council to see whether more could be done to make the green space along the riverbank by The Old Mill a local amenity. There is an appetite among officers and councillors to look at a detailed scheme although no budget has yet been identified.

## Town Council business

**A new road:** Springhill Close will be the new name for the road to be created as part of a small development of new houses off the Stratford Road.

**CAT absence:** The Customer Access Terminal which enables residents to find out information and complete transactions related to district council services has temporarily been removed from New Clark House. A brand new replacement terminal is expected and efforts are being made to ensure it arrives as soon as possible.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** The NP group has been given an extension to the grant funding deadline, meaning funds must be spent by 29 March 2015 or returned. Councillors and residents have been invited to an Open Day to review current proposals – see page 1 for details.

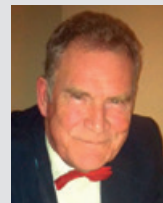
**Flood Resilience:** The Shipston Flood Resilience Plan has now been finalised and issued to all parties who need to use it and/or have it on file. Thanks to the Shipston Area Flood Action Group, Georgina Beaumont, Jayne Potter and Fay Ivens for completing this work.

**Residents clean up:** Fay Ivens recorded a vote of thanks to two residents in Keetley Close for clearing and replanting a plot in Willet's Piece.

**Council precept:** Work on the 2016/17 Precept has begun with a draft due to be tabled in December. The final precept is due to be agreed in January.

## Flood Resilience update

by Pil Wragg,  
Chair of SAFAG



Shipston Area Flood  
Action Group (SAFAG)

has spent the last three months working on analysing the Stour catchment with the aim of assessing the best locations on the main watercourses to put natural flood defence measures in place. This is both a desk based and physical (walking the watercourses) exercise and is being undertaken as a postgraduate study by Thomas Lavers of Coventry University.

The group has also visited natural flood defence schemes in Wales, Witney, Stroud and Shipston under Wychwood, all of which are demonstrating the benefits from this approach in varying degrees. Through this work, SAFAG has made some excellent contacts and discovered that the costs of this sort of work are not prohibitive although funding would need to be secured.

Funding applications have been made to The Princes Trust, Stratford District Council/Chris Saint and Tredington PC. A submission to The Joseph Rowntree Trust is in hand and further support from the town council will be sought as part of the 2015/16 precept.

On completion of the catchment study, SAFAG should be in a position to determine exactly what work is needed and where, with a view to progressing an initial scheme (subject to landowner support and funding).

SAFAG has also been working closely with WCC Highways to get Shipston's drains cleared, as well as more detailed work with Severn Trent to tackle a crucial blocked culvert. Severn Trent have also improved an under capacity sewage pumping plant in Newbold as a result of representations. The group is also working with STC to approach developers to install run off and waste water drainage systems on their developments to be better than flood neutral and achieve 'betterment' compared with national standards.

All of this vital activity to improve drainage and mitigate the risk of flooding takes time and the SAFAG team urgently need more volunteers – especially from within Shipston.

For more information contact Phil Wragg: wragg1@btinternet.com

## Oh Come all ye Carolers – to the Great Carol Sing!

Shipston's Stour Singers choral society is teaming up with Shipston Primary School to hold "The Great Carol Sing" on Thursday 17th December at the Townsend Hall.

Starting at 7:30pm, the concert will feature a beautiful variety of Christmas music – both poignant and joyful – sung by children from years 5 and 6 alongside the Stour Singers Choir. There will be plenty of opportunities for the audience to join in and sing favourite carols.

Tickets cost £5 for adults including seasonal refreshments – there is no charge for children.



This event is designed for all the family and will be finished by around 9pm. Tickets are available from R Clarke, 27 High Street, Shipston, from choir members from and Shipston Primary School.

For more information, please contact Yvonne Ridley, Choir Co-Coordinator on 01789 269587.

## Schools join forces for The Forces

All three schools in the Stour Federation Partnership joined together by dressing in three colours to raise money for armed forces charities recently.

Pupils from Shipston, Brailes C of E Primary and Acorns Primary in Long Compton showed their support for service personnel and their families by wearing red, white and blue in school and learning more about the contribution made by the armed forces. Red, White and Blue Day is run jointly by ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The RAF Benevolent Fund and the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity.

Over £500 was raised towards the welfare of soldiers, sailors, airmen and women and their families.

The children also learned about the Battle of Britain, commemorating the 75th anniversary. They used their empathy learning muscles when considering what life during the war would have been like. This all linked very well with their learning on British Values and the schools' PSHE Taking Care programme.



## Shipston Rotary hosts its first Presentation Evening

The results of the hard work done by Shipston Rotary to support charities and local communities was celebrated at a special Rotary Presentation Evening recently.

The brainchild of Rotarian, Fay Ivens, the presentation evening was attended by Mayor Jackie Warner, Rotary Assistant District Governor Ken Linfoot, High School Headteacher Gavin Saunders as well as many Rotarians. The charities and good causes represented included children's and adults' Hospices, the High School, the Youth Club, Shipston Home Nursing, the First Responders, the Food Bank, the Sea Cadets and Shipston in Bloom.

After a super buffet provided by the Coach and Horses, each organisation was presented with a donation, with recipients speaking about the importance of their work. A video of Rotary's work was then shown on the big screen. Past President, Judith Slinger, also referred to the many international charities the club supports including Medecins sans Frontieres (ebola) and the polio eradication campaign.

The Assistant District Governor said: 'this has been a remarkably successful and enjoyable evening and Shipston Rotary must be congratulated. Let's hope it becomes an annual event.'



## You can't fail to feel festive at the Shipston Town Band Christmas concert

Shipston Town Band will once again be entertaining the crowds at its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday 6th December. Starting at 7:30pm at the Townsend Hall, there will be a whole variety of items from the band plus seasonal readings and a chance for the audience to participate with some traditional carols. Admission is free and tea coffee and mince pies will be available to purchase during the interval. For details, see the ad on page 9.





## Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



### An Irresistible Curriculum

Our children are fully immersed in their topic-based learning. Year 5 children have just finished learning about Ancient Egypt with their 'Pharaohs' topic and are now learning about space in their 'Stargazers' topic, including a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. Year 3 have started a topic called Scrumdiddlyumptious. They are reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl in class and recently visited Cadbury World. Year 2 are having a pirate day as part of their 'Land Ahoy topic' and cook Debbie Cooper has designed a special pirate-themed menu for the whole school.



Year 6 are studying 'A Child's War'. On Remembrance Day the Flamingos and Pelicans visited the war memorial outside St. Edmund's Church (see pg 4). At 11am Sasha played 'The last post' on her cornet. It was exceptional that people came out of their shops to listen and cars stopped to watch.

### Football League Winners

On the 15th of October, Shipston Primary played Brailes in a 7-a-side mixed football match at Shipston High School.

Ollie Windebank was team captain. With a roaring start by Shipston, James had 3 shots at goal. Five minutes into the game James put one past the Brailes goalkeeper (1-0).

As Brailes restarted the game with a start in the middle, they passed their way down the pitch to the Shipston goal and had a shot on target but couldn't beat the Shipston keeper (Charles). James quickly had his second goal (2-0) before being substituted with Ollie for Brooke and Will. Good play continued from both teams, with good defending from Tegan, Harriet and Grace and two further great saves from Charles. A throw in from Ollie, picked up by James passed to Will saw him score in the bottom right hand corner (3-0). This was quickly followed by James scoring his 3rd (4-0) then returning to the side lines allowing Tegan back into the game. Two minutes before the end of the first half Will took his 2nd to finish 5-0 to Shipston.

The second half started with a new goalie for Shipston, Grace. Despite some great defending by Brailes, Ollie scored three times for Shipston. A free kick from Ollie to Charlie resulted in yet another great save from the Brailes keeper. The final few minutes saw Will score the final goal from the left wing with a finishing score of 9-0.



*Match report by Ollie Windebank (Yr 6) [edited for The Forum]*

Well done to the three different Shipston team lineups who competed in the three league matches. Shipston Primary won all three matches so are the league champions! Thanks to parents for all their support and well done to the players.

## Shipston High School

December is always a busy time in schools. Year 11 pupils are preparing for mock examinations and planning their futures beyond Shipston High School, Year 10 are well underway with their GCSE studies, and the pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 are receiving detailed guidance on their progress via key assessments for the term. We have had whole school activities for Remembrance Day in November, a wonderful Awards Evening and a successful and enjoyable school production involving many pupils. And then there is Christmas, and all the busy activity it brings. It is a challenging time for everyone.

Earlier in the term I spoke to all of the pupils about the concept of challenge. Many of you will have watched the television programme 'The Great British Bake off', where Nadiya Hussain won the competition. After winning, Nadiya was interviewed by Radio 4, where she said 'I'll never say maybe again, I will say I can'. This struck me as exactly the attitude we encourage at Shipston High School, a positive and pro-active belief that success starts with a readiness to be fully involved and committed to learning. Taking on challenge is about trying the new and the unknown, and only then do we change and progress as people, discovering new skills and confidence. This is the spirit that I am proud to witness every day in the school.

I mentioned the Awards Evening that we held in November. It was really inspiring to see so many young people receive

awards for their work, attitude and academic progress. I am sure you will agree that the pressures on young people today are considerable, and so it is impressive to see so many of them excelling as a result of their mature and determined application at school and in their community activities. This independence and resilient attitude is at the centre of the Shipston Spirit which we embrace and promote here at the school. Well done to all of the pupils who have worked so hard to embrace the idea of challenge.

I know that Christmas and the holiday period can be challenging too. Whilst hopefully a happy time, it can also be frantic and tiring, but the chance to slow down, and perhaps spend time with loved ones, is also very welcome. I very much hope that your Christmas break is pleasant and restful. Please accept the good wishes of all of us at the school for a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

**Gavin Saunders**

**Head Teacher**



## Get set for Christmas at the Shipston Victorian Evening

The annual Shipston Victorian Evening is taking place on the 4th December from 6-8pm. Organised by Shipston Rotary, the event promises plenty of entertainment, festive feasting and ideas for Christmas presents. Browse the stalls, pop into the many local shops that will be open and make the most of the entertainment in the town square.

The night will begin with carols sung by Shipston Primary School, followed by the switching on of the Tree of Life and the town's Christmas lights.

Father Christmas has organised his grotto so children will have the perfect opportunity to put in their Christmas

requests.

This fun, free event is ideal for all the family and a great way to support local charities and businesses in the run up to Christmas.



## Townsend Hall hosts BBC Radio Four 'Any Questions?' Broadcast

Shipston's Townsend Hall was the venue of choice for the 'live' production of BBC Radio Four's 'Any Questions?' on Friday 30th October.

The audience was packed with representatives from local, Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, UKIP and Green parties together with representatives from local authorities, community groups, healthcare organisations and charities.

The panel, chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby, comprised Lord Heseltine, Former Cabinet Minister Tristram Hunt, Former Shadow Educational Secretary, Suzanne Evans UKIP and Zoe Williams from the Guardian Newspaper.

The event began with a 'warm up' question – which was the greater health hazard, 'a bacon buttie' or 'smoking'? The number of questions submitted by those attending was considerable. The topics selected and debated by the panel covered the proposed Welfare cuts, the Lords and possible reform, Immigration and the Labour Party Leadership.

David Squires, a trustee of the Townsend Hall, said "We were delighted to host such a prominent BBC Radio Show. It was wonderful to see such a variety of opinions expressed and national topics debated within Shipston. This is one of many exciting events we have planned at the Townsend Hall and we encourage all residents to keep an eye on our website for details of all our events."

For more information about events at the Townsend Hall, visit [www.townsendhall.com](http://www.townsendhall.com).



## Support your local businesses with the Totally Locally Festive Trail & Small Business Saturday

Shipston residents are being urged to support Small Business Saturday by shopping locally on Saturday 5 December.

Small Business Saturday is a nationwide campaign aimed at supporting, inspiring and promoting the UK's five million small businesses. This includes family businesses, local shops, online businesses, wholesalers, business services and small manufacturers.

The event is about celebrating the best of our small firms and encouraging as many local people as possible to discover the array of products and services on offer and shop locally. This helps to support our local economy and create jobs.

As well as celebrating Small Business Saturday, Shipston's Totally Locally team has come together to plan a festive trail to celebrate the many different shops and business in the town. Designed for people of all ages – but particularly children – the trail gives you the perfect opportunity to visit your favourite shops as well as some you know less well.

Louise Harvey, Totally Locally organiser and local retailer, said: "It's great to see national campaigns like Small Business Saturday doing their bit to support local businesses. We're adding to that with our own festive trail and many of the local shops will be offering extra treats over the Christmas period. We're really keen to encourage residents to do some or all of their Christmas shopping in the town."

For more information about the Totally Locally Trail, see page 16 or visit <http://totallylocally.org/shipstononstour/>

## Christmas Music in Shipston

On Saturday 12th December, at 7.30pm in St Edmund's Church, Stour Singers will be performing J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, parts 4, 5, and 6. The music is festive, and reflects the virtuoso vocal talents of the international soloists involved.

Tickets cost £12.50 and there is no cost to accompanied children or students - see the ad on page 9 for details.

In addition, Stour Singers will be holding the Great Carol Sing with Shipston Primary School – see page 4 for details.





**Regular events:**

Please note some times/dates of regular events may change over the Festive period. Contact the organiser to find out more

- Mon Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Mon St John's Ambulance:** Badgers, 6-7pm. Cadets 7-8:30pm. Meet at Shipston Fire Station. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
- Mon Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club:** 7pm for 7.15pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Rd, Shipston-on-Stour. Call Penny Law 663871
- Tues Yoga for all abilities:** 9:30-11am Catholic Church Hall. Contact Lee Figures 665995
- Tues Stroke Club:** Fortnightly 10am-12pm Scout Hut
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** 10.45am Shipston Library. Free.
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club at Stour Court.** Contact: Stella 686224
- Tues Silver Surfer Computer Lessons,** Shipston Library 2pm. Booking essential. Contact: 0300 5558171 (also on Thurs)
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays. Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Tues Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** The White Bear, High Street, Shipston. 7.30pm. Contact Adrian Ramskill 0797 656 6525.
- Tues Cantamus:** 7.30- 9.30pm, Catholic Parish Hall (Townsend Hall on 3rd Tuesday). Contact Richard Emms 01608 662163.
- Weds Coffee at St Edmunds Church.** 10.30am-12pm. All welcome.
- Weds U3A Chicago Bridge:** Social Bridge 2pm-4.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Roger Smith on 01608 238400.
- Weds Stour Valley Probus:** alternate Wednesdays at 10am, The George in Brailes. Contact: Roger Smith on 01608 238400.
- Thur Shipston Stitches:** alternate Thursdays 10am-3pm. Catholic Church Rooms, Darlingscote Rd. Anyone interested - either advanced or beginner – can contact Kath Cheshire on 01608 663486.
- Thur Story Stomp:** Shipston Library, 11.30am-12pm.
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club at Rainbow Fields:** Contact Cheryl on 430382
- Thur Safer Neighbourhood Team:** Fortnightly. Public surgery, 2.30pm to 3pm. New Clark House, West Street.
- Thur Stour Singers - Richard Emms' Choral Society:** 7.30 - 9.30pm Primary School Hall. Contact Yvonne Ridley 01789 269587.
- Fri Walks over fields** with friendly group. Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Shipston Probus:** alternate Fridays
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact June on 684218
- There are lots of regular classes on at the Townsend Hall. Visit [www.townsendhall.com](http://www.townsendhall.com) or call Lisa Bryan on 07800 771368.**

**December Diary (and Jan 1st – 6th 2016)**

- 2 Shipston Widows:** Local lunch 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** Members' Evening with Festive Foods. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 4 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-8pm. The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library).
- Shipston Dementia Cafe:** 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Charmaine Bird 07720 947938
- Shipston Victorian Evening:** See ad on page 8
- 5 Chatterbooks:** Reading group for 8-11 year olds. 10am-11am, Shipston Library. Join us for games, activities, refreshments.
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West St at 10am. Equipment & refreshments

provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or [fayivens@aol.com](mailto:fayivens@aol.com)

**Fish n Frolics Festival Gig:** See ad on page 8

**Shipston Tennis Club Bingo:** See ad on page 9

**Shipston Town Band:** See ad on page 9

**Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Christmas Lunch. Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

**Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact: John Cavana 01295 722287

**9 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above

**Shipston Literary Society:** Christmas Luncheon. Contact: Helen Marshall 01789-740773

**Shipston & District Gardening Club:** Christmas Party. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933

**11 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above

**Shipston Home Nursing:** Christmas Gift Fair at Home. Stourton House, Stourton, CV36 5HG. 10am-3pm. Various stalls, raffle, mulled wine & mince pies. Contact: Rebecca Mawle.

**Shipston Music Society:** See ad on page 8

**12 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above

**Mayor's Surgery:** 10am, High Street

**Shipston Neighbourhood Plan:** Open Day. See ad on page 9

**Stour Singers:** Bach's Christmas Oratorio. See ad on page 9

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

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

**17 Stour Singers & Shipston Primary School present "The Great Carol Sing",** Townsend Hall at 7.30pm. See article on page 4.

**18 Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting Dementia Carers.**

10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance). Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carl Watkins 663808 or Lizzy Feather 686013

**Dementia Friendly Singing Group - Singing Down Memory Lane.**

A monthly get together on the third Friday of each month, 2pm - 3.30pm, for people with memory problems and their carers at Stour Court. Great fun, come along and join in! Contact Barbara Smith, 01608 662433, [b.smith2011@btinternet.com](mailto:b.smith2011@btinternet.com)

**22 Multiple Sclerosis Society: 'Drop in' meeting.** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161

**23 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above

**January 2016**

The Forum may be delivered slightly later than usual next month so we have included the events for the first few days:

**2 Chatterbooks:** Reading group for 8-11 year olds. 10am-11am, Shipston Library. Join us for games, activities and refreshments.

**Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. See 5 Dec entry for details

**4 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

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


**Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** Annual Auction 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Rd. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519

**The Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark House. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636



Shipston Rotary Club's

# Victorian Evening



Stalls  
Music  
Food  
& Father Christmas

&  
The Tree of Life  
December 4th from 6 to 8pm  
in Shipston Town Square

# FESTIVE 2015




## J.E.E.P

OFF the GRID Taylor Louise

3 GREAT ACTS FROM THE FISH N FROLICS FESTIVAL

5th DECEMBER SHELDON BOSLEY HUB 7pm til late  
TICKETS ONLY £15.00 per person  
GROUP BOOKINGS AND XMAS PARTIES WELCOME PRE-BOOK NOW  
FOR TICKETS PHONE: 07543 613350 or 07980 222890



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

# Maria JAGUSZ

*A variety of songs from West End musicals, American songbook etc as well as operatic Arias.*

**In the Methodist Church  
New Street, Shipston-on-Stour  
@ 7.30pm Friday 11th December 2015**

Guests £6.00 - Students & Under 16 £2.50  
New Members are always welcome

Registered Charity Number: 1146459 (England)

## SHIPSTON PROMS 2016

17 JUNE - 2 JULY  
MUSIC FOR ALL

Following the Annual General Meeting in October the Shipston Proms Music Festival team are now planning the 2016 fortnight. Thank you to everybody who made the 2015 Proms so successful, particularly all the sponsors and venues.

If you would like to join the team please let us know.  
You need to be enthusiastic about promoting music in the community, flexible, and have a good sense of humour.

Shipston Proms is funded by a grant from Shipston Town Council, a sponsorship scheme, a raffle, and the donations buckets. This is the vital lifeline to continue with the quality and variety of music presented. Please contact us and we'll send you details of our sponsorship packages.



Telephone 01608 685332 / 07775 644073  
[www.shipstonproms.org](http://www.shipstonproms.org)





Shipston Tennis Club

# Christmas Bingo

**Saturday 5th December**

**Eyes Down 8.00**  
at the  
Townsend Hall Shipston

**Great Prizes**  
**Drinks Available**  
**Accompanied Children Welcome**

Profits for Shipston Sports Club Ltd—Tennis Section

# Stour Singers

## Christmas Oratorio

Parts 4, 5 & 6

**J. S. Bach**

Robyn Allegra Parton, *soprano*

Clare McCaldin\*, *mezzo-soprano*

Nathan Vale, *tenor*

Njabulo Madlala\*, *baritone*

Queen's Park Sinfonia  
(leader)

Conducted by Richard Emms

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.30pm

St. Edmund's Church, Shipston-on-Stour

Tickets £12.50 from choir members,  
R. Clarke, 27 High St. Shipston-on-Stour and at the door.  
(accompanied children free)

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

\*Appear by arrangement with Davies Music  
[www.daviesmusic.com](http://www.daviesmusic.com)




Shipston Town Band

# Christmas Concert

**Townsend Hall**  
**Sunday December 6th**  
**7.30 p.m.**  
**Admission Free**



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

**Do you want a say in  
our town's future?**

Then come along to the Neighbourhood Plan team's

**Open Day**

at the Scout Hut on Saturday 12th December

between 11:30 and 4:00

- ✓ See our suggested policies and proposals
- ✓ Hear our thoughts on how we can grow together
- ✓ Ask any questions
- ✓ Let us know what you think!

You'll be invited to fill in a short feedback form, and at the end of the day these will go into a draw for a **MYSTERY PRIZE!**

For more information, visit [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org)

## The Catholic Parish of Our Lady and the Apostles

Our Lady & St Michael, Shipston-on-Stour:  
SS Peter & Paul, Brailes

### Christmas Eve

#### Thursday 24 December

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Shipston
Midnight Mass	11.30 pm	Brailes

### Christmas Day

#### Friday 25 December

Mass	9.30 am	Shipston
Mass	11.30 am	Brailes

#### Saturday 26 December

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Shipston
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#### Sunday 27 December

##### Holy Family

Mass	9.30 am	Shipston
Mass	11.30 am	Brailes

## St Edmund's (Church of England)

### Sunday 6 December

4pm – Christingle Service

### Monday 14 December

Tidmington Carol Service  
(at Tidmington Church)

### Sunday 20 December

Town Carol Service at 6pm

### Thursday 24 December

Crib Service at 4pm  
Midnight Communion at 11.30pm

### Friday 25 December

Family Service at 10am  
followed by said Communion Service

## Methodist Church

### Sunday 20 December

11am  
Carol Service  
with Chris Cond

### Sunday 20 December

6pm  
Christmas Praise  
with Rev Malcolm Cook

### Thursday 24 December

6pm  
Christmas Eve Service  
with Chris Cond

### Friday 25 December

10.30am  
Christmas Day Service  
with Rev Soba Sinnathamby

## Stour Valley Baptist Church (at the High School)

### Christmas Eve

Christingle Service at 4pm

### Christmas Day

Family Service at 10am

### Sunday 27 December

Family Service at 10.30am

## Quaker Meeting

### Broad Campden Meeting

House Lane, Broad Campden  
Meeting for Worship – Sundays at 10.30am

### Ettington Quaker Meeting

Old Halford Rd, Ettington  
Meeting for Worship – Sundays at 11am

### Sibford Quaker Meeting

Sibford Gower Meeting for Worship – Sundays at 10.30am



## SEASONAL GREETINGS FROM SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR AREA U3A



For more information call 01608 663413

## Rotary Tree of Life



Each December the Tree of Life stands proudly in the centre of Shipston, its white lights glowing symbols of love and hope in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us.

If you wish a friend or relative to be remembered in this way you are invited to sponsor a light by returning the form and making a donation knowing that every name will be entered into the Book of Remembrance.

All contributions will be donated to Rotary Charities.

The illumination of the **Rotary Tree of Life** will take place at the opening of the Rotary Victorian Evening on **Friday 4th December at 6pm**

Rotary Club of Shipston-on-Stour Tree of Life

Please find enclosed donation £..... (minimum £5) cheques payable to Rotary Club of Shipston on Stour

In Memory of: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Forms are also available in local shops, banks, library, post office and other locations or contact Avryl

**Please return to:** Rotarian Avryl Thompson, Willow Bank, Pillerton Priors, Warwickshire CV35 0PS. Tel 01789 740 047

## What is a Community Safety Ambassador? What can they do for me?

Described as the Police and Crime Commissioner's 'eyes and ears' throughout Warwickshire, the Community Safety Ambassadors help identify emerging issues, which can then be taken up by the Police Commissioner. They help the PCC to develop a more detailed understanding by providing intelligence around the problems and concerns affecting specific communities.

Your local Community Safety Ambassadors are Mick & Barbara Shepard who cover the geographical area of Shipston on Stour & District.

Some of the key work Mick & Barbara have been involved in includes attending Community forums, Neighbourhood Watch, & Parish Council meetings and other local groups, and being the Commissioner's point of contact for local people that are concerned about community safety issues in their area.

Over the past two years Mick & Barbara have informed the Police and Crime Commissioner about the following key issues:

- Domestic Heating Oil Theft / Oil Tank Alarms
- Speeding/Members of the Public Trained to Operate Seed Guns
- Police Operations/Resolved Specialist Equipment Issues

Each issue was raised with the Community Safety

Ambassador by members of the public. These issues were then addressed by the office either on an individual basis or if a key area of concern was raised in multiple areas it enabled the PCC to appropriately challenge the Chief Constable about action to address and prevent the issue in the future. For more information about the work of the Community Safety Ambassadors please visit <http://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/your-pcc/community-safety-ambassadors/>

You can contact your local Community Safety Ambassador by email [shipston@safetyambassadors.co.uk](mailto:shipston@safetyambassadors.co.uk) or by phone via the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner 01926 412322.

## Probus



David Fletcher has spent much of his working life in the Antarctica and on 9 October, his talks and slides showed us that there is a great deal more to the continent than just snow and ice. For example, it holds 90% of the world's fresh water, winds up to 200mph are usual, it is twice the size of Australia and icebergs can be huge. Wildlife is extensive with 17 different species of penguin and seals which, when microchipped, were found to dive down up to 3000 feet and a surprising sea bed life. There was much more fascinating detail such as the presence of coal and by obtaining samples deep into the ice, the weather 250,000 years ago can be analysed. Life there is a challenge but 28 nations

work together harmoniously.

John Mason has two talks on jet flight, the first on the various developments up to the end of the war which he gave some months ago and on 23rd October, we heard part 2, covering development up to the present-day. Many commercial and military aircraft were described together with the problems involved with exceeding the sound barrier. The French/British development of Concorde was a great success but has not proved to be the way forward for passenger aircraft. Unmanned planes were suggested for the future, and already, bombs can be delivered accurately over great distance by remote control.

### Shipston and District Music Society

Brahms' Piano Trio no 1 in B major was the centrepiece of a delightful recital in Shipston's Methodist Church on Friday evening as part of Shipston Music Society's monthly programme. It was performed by Charles Matthews (piano), ably supported by Marketa Nadvornikova (violin) and Christopher Miller (cello), talented musicians who are both currently studying at the Birmingham Conservatoire.



The Trio had its first performance (perhaps surprisingly) in New York in 1855, and comprises four movements, the allegro con brio, scherzo: allegro molto, adagio, and allegro. The performance on Friday night reflected the musicians' abilities as well as showing fine interaction between them.

Before that, the audience had heard thoughtful performances from Marketa, playing the Adagio from Bach's Sonata no 1 in G minor for unaccompanied violin, and Christopher, the Prelude from Bach's Suite no2 in D minor for unaccompanied cello. Charles Matthews had then performed Schubert's Impromptu in B flat, his playing beautifully reflecting the underlying theme, developed from the incidental music composed in 1823 for Rosamunde, and the variations which followed.

Charles was making a welcome return visit to the Society and is always popular with audiences for the most enjoyable musical evenings he provides. Judging from comments made by the audience members afterwards, the concert on Friday night was no exception.

Friday evening also saw the retirement of the current Chair, Richard Baldwin, after two years in that position and a number of years before that as Programme Secretary. He was warmly thanked for all his efforts on behalf of the Music Society.

Our December recital is on Friday 11th December - see the ad on page 8 for details.

### Dementia Cafe

The West Midlands region Alzheimer's Society is now up and running on Facebook and Twitter.



Keep up to date with all the latest news by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/AlzheimersSocietyWestMidlands> or following the team on twitter - @AlzsocWMidlands ([www.twitter.com/AlzSocWMidlands](http://www.twitter.com/AlzSocWMidlands))

### Shipston-on-Stour and Area U3A



#### Open Day

The Open Day Fair held in October was universally voted a success. Entrance was free, not only to members but also to the public, including tea, coffee, cookies, and even, if you visited the Wine Appreciation table, tasters of wine.

The whole of the Townsend Hall was buzzing, not only in the Main Hall but the Holden Room, Kitchen and Servery as well. As visitors arrived everything got under way. Marion, our Town Crier, gave us the benefit of her voice at the opening, then the Recorder group struck up and later the Fosse Way Orchestra would be rehearsing and playing. Table tennis was being played in the Servery, games of Chess, Bridge and Scrabble were going on, Family History was being researched on the computer, while the Crafts group made Christmas gifts and decorations. All groups were displaying their aims and interests, showing what they could do and what they had done during the year, including destinations and outings.

Eleven new members signed up on the spot and many more took away forms to complete. Members circulated the hall and many signed up for extra groups, so the result was a renewal of enthusiasm with a getting-together of members in a party atmosphere.

#### U3A Monthly meeting

A good attendance had gathered in the Townsend Hall for the October meeting to hear Dr. Guy Harris, retired doctor of Shipston, describe how the practice of medicine had progressed from the earliest times known. He began with Hippocrates in Ancient Greece, when the science of medicine was being discovered, and experiments carried out with dogs and sometimes children to understand diseases. This was when the practice became a profession and the Hippocratic Oath was born. Herbs and astrology played a large part in cures, and everything was known according to the Elements and Humours.

During the 14th C there were plagues caused by rats and lice, but progress was made in finding causes and ways of prevention. The doctor and priest were often the same and barbers were known as surgeons. Mercury was used, but probably killed more than it cured.

The aim was to rid the body of whatever was causing the problem, purging and bleeding being the main methods. Leeches were still used even in the 20th Century! Anti-viruses were developed, and in the 18th C a vaccine was produced to prevent small-pox, developed by Edward Jenner from cows with cow-pox. In the 19th Century during the Industrial Revolution there was a great deal of disease due to poverty and bad living conditions. This made advances in medicine even more necessary.

Charts were displayed at the meeting showing how the Shipston population has already increased proportionately far more than other parts of the area, and members were reminded to attend the Planning Meeting on 12th December.



## Shipston Rotary

A splendid meal and evening at the Charlecote Pheasant was topped by a talk from rocket fuel expert Konrad Nofer.



Rockets cannot go without the right fuel and as a generous sign of good will, just after World War II, the Americans said to specialists in the UK 'we've invented this brilliant rocket fuel, would you like to know about it?' Not surprisingly the answer was yes and this gave a great 'boost' to British rocket fuel development. Military applications like Sea Wolf, Sea Dart (remember the Falklands) and Blowpipe, along with very many others, all use fuel largely developed in a special research establishment surrounded by woodland in the west of England, as do companies making military rockets in other countries such as Bofors in Sweden.

Konrad took a close interest in the US space programme and was one of only half a dozen scientists invited to watch the testing of the Space Shuttle Challenger launch vehicle which, flat on the ground, was wound up to full power up against an extremely thick and solid wall.

Space flight is, however, dangerous, as exemplified by the Space shuttle Challenger disaster which was filmed exploding, tragically, 50 miles above earth. Konrad described how this happened and how basic rules were ignored.

Konrad is also a keen cyclist. He enjoyed the Rotary Tour d'Ilmington so much that he did the circuit twice and promises to come back next year.

## Shipston Town Band

### Success For The Town Band At Wychavon Contest.

On Saturday 31st October the band competed at the Wychavon Festival of Brass in Evesham against bands drawn from the North and South West of the country. Adjudicator Duncan Beckley praised the sound quality of the band and its choice of programme. Sarah Davies our young Euphonium player was awarded the soloist's prize for her performance of James Curnow's Rhapsody For Euphonium.

The band, as always, is very busy over Christmas. There will be performances at the Victorian Evening, in the square on Christmas Eve and at Low Furlong, Rainbow Fields and Shipston Hospital on Christmas Morning. The band also be playing carols in various local supermarkets and switching on the lights in three neighbouring villages.

## Shipston Home Nursing

During the summer months, the nursing team had to cope with the sudden, sad loss of one of our senior nurses and coordinators, and further pressure due to the prolonged absence of another senior member for family reasons. This led to the Trustees reviewing the current nursing infrastructure and the way the Charity has been operating to serve our local communities. This review is on-going.

A number of different projects are already underway



- a recruitment drive to attract new nursing staff and coordinators, the development of an administrator role to support the many day to day functions and free up expert nursing time, the identification of an administrative base with office and meeting/counselling room accommodation, and a review of how the charity works operationally.

This is all being carried out with the full involvement of the Trustees and the nursing and fundraising teams, with the aim to deliver more care and support locally where needed and looking to expand the role of the Charity to support other facets of palliative care, including bereavement counselling.

The acquisition of dedicated premises for nurses to meet and handover close to the existing District Nursing team based in Shipston would further enhance the relationship and referral pathways. As the complement of permanent nursing staff is increased, the charity will appraise its local partners regarding the enhanced capacity to care and support.

Administratively, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Shipston Home Nursing CIO) has been formed and the Charity Commission has approved the transfer of the day to day operations of the Charity to the CIO. The transfer will take place as soon as the administrative procedures can be put in place. This will put the Charity on a sound footing alongside other similar charitable organisations. Thanks go to James Little, the founder secretary of the Charity, for all his efforts until his most recent retirement from that post in September 2015.

## Stour Valley Lions

### Gyratory Garden

As touched upon last month, the Gyratory garden is now ready with winter colours. Here's to a mild winter so we can enjoy it.

### Lions' Cinema

There will be no cinema in December but we will return with a new season of films in January. Thank you to all our regular supporters for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Have a lovely Christmas.

### Worldwide...

Did you know that Lions have 46,365 clubs worldwide in 206 different countries? That's 1.36 million members! So no matter where you travel, from the Åland Islands to Zimbabwe, you are never far away from a Lion.

Each club is different in many ways but we share a core belief, that community is what we make it. Our mission statement is "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."

### ...and yet local

Here in the Stour Valley Lions Club we currently have 9 active members, men and women, both young and more experienced in life. Together, we raise funds through running various events, holding stalls in local fetes and shows, running race nights, raffles, street collections, film nights and book sales. The money raised is then donated to numerous local organizations, clubs and worthwhile causes. Why not join us?



## District Council update

### Local Plan – Core Strategy

Representations on the latest consultation on our proposed housing based policies are in and have all been collated.

Council met on 19th October and voted to submit the latest version of the Plan with all the consultation responses to the Planning Inspectorate (PIs). Our Inspector will then open an Examination in Public (EIP) of all the current paperwork. Sadly this EIP will not take place until 12th January 2016, the second year running that PIs have delayed it beyond Christmas.

The Plan is undergoing a highly bureaucratic process following government regulations that changed significantly in April 2014. It is now likely, with the delays out of our control, that we shall take almost two years from publication of the Plan to final adoption. All the Council has been required to do is re-evaluate its housing targets and revisit the sustainability appraisal, some three months work at the most. This is unacceptable, given that PIs also make it relatively easy for developers to get planning permission by planning appeal.

### Devolution

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is working with the County Council with the aim of developing a local County based proposal to put to the Government.

### Seasons greetings

Cllr Jo Barker and I join with other members and chief officers of the District Council to wish all local residents a most happy Christmas.

### Councillor Chris Saint

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

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## County Council update

### Street lighting

I have made strong representation about the recent interruptions to street lighting in Darlingscote Road. I have been told that work on the electrical supplies has to be carried out by Western Power, who have up to five weeks to restore damaged power supplies! By the time you read this, I hope that power will have been fully restored and all the lamps converted to LED illumination. I shall be asking questions about the delays at the next Council meeting.



**Warwickshire**  
County Council

### Devolution

We have a long history of working with Coventry in economic development issues, but are developing an independent submission under the Government devolution proposals. Local authorities have been invited, not to merge, but to group together to undertake local control of decisions that have been the province of central government.

Coventry City Council has voted to become part of the proposed West Midlands Combined Authority, whereas all of Warwickshire, with the exception of Nuneaton and Bedworth have opted to operate outside it.

The Government has received 34 devolution submissions across England and 22 of these are based on the traditional shire counties. We aim to add to that list. There is a strong feeling that traditional Warwickshire is a good base, though the local map has changed a lot over the last 120 years, Shipston having been in Worcestershire until 1931!

### Seasons greetings

I join with other members and chief officers of the County Council to wish all local residents a most happy Christmas.

### Councillor Chris Saint

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## Shipston Medical Centre

### Christmas Opening Hours & accessing help during the Christmas period

#### Christmas opening times:

Thursday 24th December 8am – 1pm & 2:30pm – 4pm  
(The Duty Doctor will be available on call until 6:30pm)

Friday 25th Dec: CLOSED

Monday 28th Dec: CLOSED

Tuesday 29th Dec: 8am – 6:30pm

Wednesday 30th Dec: 7.30am – 6:30pm

Thursday 31st Dec: 8am – 6:30pm

Friday 1st Jan 2016: CLOSED

For days outside those listed, normal opening hours apply.

If you find yourself unwell over the Christmas period consider speaking to a local pharmacist who will be able to offer advice on healthy lifestyles and common ailments. Details of the pharmacies open over the Christmas period will be on display in local pharmacies.

Additionally you can contact 111 for health advice. If they feel it is warranted they can book you an appointment with the GP Out of Hours Service who will have a Doctor available at various times over the period at the Ellen Badger Hospital. This is an appointment only service.

The Ellen Badger Hospital minor injuries unit, open between 8am and 8pm, is available to assist with minor injuries such as cuts, bruises and small burns. If your injury is more serious than can be dealt with at the Minor Injuries Unit you will be referred to Warwick A&E. If your injury is best dealt with by your GP and can wait until they are next open, you will be advised to see your GP alternatively the Out of Hours Service is available when the practice is shut.

Please do not attend A&E unless it is an emergency or you have had an accident, instead access help from one of the other services above.

**Medical Centre t: 01608 661845**



Shipston Medical Centre



## Your Town Councillors



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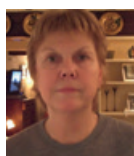
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### Something exciting to share?

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

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

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

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

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

The Shipston Forum is produced monthly by the Town Council to support the community and is distributed to all households. If you don't receive a copy, please contact the Town Clerk. The Forum can also be downloaded from [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org)

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Highways customer services	01926 412515
Severn Trent Emergency Line:	0800 7834444
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Forum	01608 495955
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
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Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
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Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01608 661210
Methodist Church	01608 642256





# Totally Locally Shipston on Stour



## Enjoy a festive tour around Shipston!

Simply return your entry for a chance to WIN an exciting prize. Closing date Monday 21st December 2015.

**Game for older children:**

### Name that Christmas Carol

Each of the shop windows will have a line from a well known Christmas Carol. You've just got to tell us the title of the Carol.

*Starting on Church Street...*

The Richard Harvey Collection: .....

The Cotswold Tailor: .....

Dice: .....

*across the pedestrian crossing to Granville Court...*

Stephanie's Hair Salon: .....

The Cotswold Jeweller: .....

Shipston Dry Cleaning: .....

*through the alleyway and turn right...*

M21: .....

*walk to the end of High Street & turn right to head down Market Place...*

Taste of the Country: .....

Creature Comforts: .....

Shipston Therapy Centre: .....

Time in Hand: .....

*turn right on to Church Street...*

Cookies Mini Mart (final shop, hand your entries in here): .....

Name: .....

Age: ..... Contact tel: .....

**Game for younger children:**

### Reindeer Hunt!

Santa's reindeer have been let loose in Shipston. How many reindeers can you count in each shop window?

*Starting on Sheep Street...*

☐

Righton's

☐

Niche

☐

Chris's

☐

Shipston Needlecraft

☐

Lavender Basket

☐

Bumble & Wild

*carefully cross over the road and head down Market Place...*

☐

R.Clarke Electrical

☐

Lucy Walker Flowers

☐

Ivy Heart

☐

Turners

☐

Taylors

☐

EH Spencer

(final shop, hand your entries in here)

Name: .....

Age: ..... Contact tel: .....



When crossing roads, please use zebra crossings where available and always follow the Green Cross Code.

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