



# Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

June 2014

## Shipston welcomes new Mayor, Philip Vial

Councillor Philip Vial has been elected Mayor of Shipston at the Annual General Meeting of Shipston Town Council, which was opened by Town Crier, Marion Lowe.

Philip Vial was delighted to accept the role, receiving the chain of office from former mayor, Ronnie Murphy. "I am honoured to be elected mayor of Shipston and look forward to representing the town and supporting our local community." Philip said. "I am extremely grateful to Ronnie for the excellent service and dedication she has shown over the past year and I will do my best to maintain the high standard she has set."

In stepping down from her previous role, Ronnie Murphy said: "I feel honoured to have had the opportunity to represent Shipston at over 100 civic functions and community events over the past 12 months. I wish Philip every success in his new role."

A vote was taken to decide on the Deputy Mayor, after two nominations were received. Jackie Warner was duly elected, having been nominated by Brian Healy. Jackie Warner said: "I am delighted to take on the role of Deputy Mayor and look forward to working with Philip and my fellow councillors to



New Mayor, Philip Vial, pictured with former Mayor, Ronnie Murphy

support our town."

A vote of thanks was also given to the former mayor's consort, Aubrey Brookhouse, who presented the consort's chain to the new Mayor's wife, Rachel Vial.

## First Responders receive first class support

The League of Friends of Shipston Hospitals has donated a brand new Subaru Forester to Shipston First Responders.

Chairman of the League, Mrs Frances French, handed the keys of the four wheel drive vehicle to Stuart Eastbury, coordinator of Shipston First responders, having invested £25,000 in the car.

Shipston First Responders provide a vital emergency first aid response service across Shipston and the surrounding villages. They are often first on the scene, providing urgent care until an ambulance arrives.

Frances French said: "On behalf of the League of Friends, I am absolutely thrilled to be able to give Shipston First Responders the keys to this emergency response vehicle. They are an amazing team, very much appreciated by all the community, and I hope this will ensure they can continue to reach those in need, without delay."

The donation was made possible thanks to part of a legacy left to the League of Friends by the late Percy Lomas of Halford.



## Act now to save our Young Firefighters!

Shipston Town Council is calling on residents and businesses to add their support to the petition to save the Young Firefighters group which has been running in the town for several years. The group is currently under threat from cutbacks announced by the Chief Fire Officer.

Shipston's Young Firefighters learn about everything from first aid to fire safety. Demanding physical training is coupled with theory and tests which ensure the children can demonstrate what they have learned.

Shipston's group is particularly well supported and, thanks to the support of the firefighters who run it, is also accessible to children with additional needs.

The group has started a petition and town, district and county councillors are urging as many residents as possible to add their names to the campaign. Mayor, Philip Vial, said "Yet again we find vital services for young people being put under threat. I sincerely hope that with a strong petition and objections from councillors, we will be able to secure a positive result for Shipston's Young Firefighters."

For more information, please contact Deputy Mayor, Jackie Warner (see page 15), or sign the petition at New Clark House.

## Mayor's column



I am greatly honoured to have been elected as Shipston's Town Mayor for 2013/2014 at the Town Council's May meeting. I am looking forward to representing Shipston at various civic events over the next year (my diary's already getting pretty full!) and would be delighted to attend local events. I can be contacted directly on 07814 192161, at ppjvial@gmail.com and on Twitter - @ShipstonPhilip. I will be carrying on with the tradition of monthly street surgeries on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the High Street, between 10am and 12 midday.

For those that don't know me, in work I'm the Ward Manager at the Ellen Badger Hospital and my wife, Rachel, is the Practice Manager at the Medical Centre.

My thanks must go to the previous Mayor, Cllr. Ronnie Murphy, who has worked tirelessly for Shipston over the past year. She will be a hard act to follow! Congratulations also to Cllr. Jackie Warner who has been elected Deputy Town Mayor.

The one thing I would like to highlight in my column this month is the threat to the Young Firefighters in Shipston which also feature on the front page. The review of the Fire Service in Warwickshire, taking place at the moment, may lead to the withdrawal of funding for this important and popular youth group. A petition has been organised by parents, please sign it - every Town Councillor has a copy. You can see the consultation, which runs to the 20th June, here: <http://goo.gl/geAgQC>

**Philip Vial**

## Shipston to host new pop-up Heritage Centre

The Shipston Wool Fair committee has successfully bid for funding for a heritage centre, designed to encourage more visitors to the town from the end of May to September.

The Wool Fair is now an established and highly popular event, attracting visitors from far and wide. Keen to build on its success, the committee applied for funding from Operation Footfall run by Warwickshire County Council to support visitor and footfall projects for market towns in Warwickshire. The funding has enabled a small pop-up heritage centre to open in Shipston every year, to encourage and welcome more visitors into the town from May to September. Because it is a pop-up centre it can be moved to empty shops around Shipston, or any locations that want to be involved.

The centre is starting out its life in the Shipston Post Office, with its first day on the 26th May and then it will be open from 10am to 4pm daily for visitors to come and find out about how wool and sheep have helped to build up the rich history of Shipston.

The centre will feature the Shipston Tapestry, which was woven by over 200 local people and has taken over 3,000 hours to weave. The Tapestry was designed by Ros Lobb for the Queen's Jubilee in 2012 and the weaving has been supervised by Ros and Ann Howells of the Stratford Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers to deliver an amazing pictorial landscape of Shipston and some key buildings. Finished this year for the Wool Fair, it was inspired by the famous Sheldon Tapestries woven in Barcheston in the late 1580s, which were based on maps of the area. Come and find out all about the full story of these tapestries at the Heritage Centre.



The Shipston Heritage Centre is looking for local people who may like to volunteer at the centre for two hours at a time to meet and greet visitors to the area and help them get the best out of their visit. Full training will be given. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help, please contact the Town Clerk on 01608 662180.



*Shipston's Tapestry has been under construction over the last two years*

## Can you help people get web wise?

Web Wise, an organisation dedicated to helping the over 50s make the most of the internet, is due to start courses in Shipston soon and is looking for tech-friendly volunteers who could help teach newer users some simple techniques.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the internet, which is now an essential part of the global economy. Yet 11 million people in the UK, most of them older people, lack the necessary skills and capabilities to participate in what most of us now regard as normal life.

Web Wise is funded by Comic Relief, and is delivered by Age UK Warwickshire, in partnership with Citizens Advice Bureau Stratford District. The project provides free training to anyone over the age of fifty who wants to learn how to use the internet. The courses focus particularly on staying safe online, improving money management skills, saving money and keeping in touch. Each course is supported by Web Wise volunteers.

The Web Wise Project will be running courses in Shipston between the beginning of June and the end of August. Each course comprises six, two-hour sessions.

If you are computer literate and would like to get involved, please contact John Sawyer on 07881 812943 or email [john.sawyer@ageukwarks.org.uk](mailto:john.sawyer@ageukwarks.org.uk)

## May's hot topics

**Annual town meeting:** Ian Cooper shared compliments from a member of the public who attended the Annual Town Meeting. They were very positive about the work done by the town council but disappointed to see so few people attending the meeting. A greater level of promotion may be considered next year.

**Fabulous footballers:** Roy Munden updated councillors on the string of successes Shipston Excelsior has had this season. All councillors expressed their congratulations and the Town Clerk will also write to the club to congratulate them.

**Perilous potholes:** Complaints were raised with Warwickshire County Council about the poor patching of the potholes in Station Road, while others were reported in Simpson Road. The blocked drain by Cripplegate was also reported.

**Sign success:** Councillors are delighted to see that the Donnington Road sign has now been fixed thanks to Stratford District Council's Streetscene department.

## Campaigning for Shipston

**Proud of my Town:** Several councillors have received compliments about how good the town has been looking recently. Thanks go to the monthly litter-picking team, Lawns2Mow and Shipston in Bloom for their efforts in keeping the town at its best.

**Core Strategy:** Stratford District Council has approved its draft core strategy which is now out for six week consultation. It includes plans to build 10,800 homes in the district, including a new settlement at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath. For more information, visit [www.stratford.gov.uk](http://www.stratford.gov.uk)

**Maintaining a thriving town centre:** A number of new shops have opened in town recently, particularly along Church Street. However, the current state of the Post Office is a real cause for concern. At the request of local residents, the Town Clerk will contact the Co-op for an update on its expansion plans.

**Proactive planning discussions:** Meetings have been held between Shipston Town Council's Sustainability Working Group and ASL regarding proposals for the Campden Road site. Separately, a meeting was held with Warner's Budgens to understand their proposals for a new Budgens store on Tilemans Lane/Darlingscote Road.

## Town Council business

**Working group changes:** Membership and chairmanship of the working groups were discussed and changes agreed. Changes in the chair of any working group will be confirmed in next month's Forum (on page 15).

## Work on Shipston's Neighbourhood Plan gathers pace

Work on gathering both baseline information and new evidence across the key areas that the plan covers is well underway.

We are able to utilise some very useful software, courtesy of the Town Council, for mapping of existing or potential development sites, green spaces, potential areas for alternative uses and more, to aid in the processing of ideas and possibilities. The housing topic group have made use of this and recently conducted a 'walkabout' covering the whole of the town and its fringe.

Key areas being 'audited' at present are the town's existing services and infrastructure, economic activity and the flora and fauna of our natural environment. This will all help to generate and inform ideas for future initiatives and



Shipston's neighbourhood plan  
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development.

The Next NP project meeting is on Tuesday 17th June 2014, 7pm New Clark House. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings to find out more about the Plan, the work being done, to offer ideas, support and involvement.

Contact Erry Lilley on 07775 765572 or [np@shipstononline.org](mailto:np@shipstononline.org) for further information or to volunteer ideas, information or time.

## New Clark House Update



### Caught on camera?

You may have heard reports of our contractors, Lawns2Mow, taking pictures if they see a dog foul the pavement and the owner doesn't clean it up. At the time of going to press, Lawns2Mow have yet to take any such photos, however they have been asked to do so should they spot any irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs to foul our pavements.

We are disappointed that despite several pleas, a small number of dog owners continue to let their dogs cause a potential health hazard to others. Not clearing up after your dog is an offence and carries a fixed penalty.

We would like nothing more than to be able to announce next month that this action is no longer required. However, with dog fouling one of the most common causes of complaints in Shipston, we feel duty-bound to do what we can to encourage dog owners to help keep our town clean.

**Georgina Beaumont,**

**Town Clerk**

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**A busy term for Shipston Pre School and Badger Valley Nurture Nursery**

Children from Shipston Pre School and Badger Valley Nurture Nursery enjoyed a visit from Warwick the Road Safety Bear this half term. A Warwickshire County Council initiative, Warwick the bear teaches road safety to very young children in a fun and interactive way using puppets and songs. All the children received a storybook to take home reinforcing the message to take care on the road.

The Nurture Nursery has had an exciting first year with children benefiting from the small group sizes, and it has been a very busy year at Pre School with some sessions at capacity for the summer term.

Bookings are now being taken for September and both Shipston Pre School and the Nurture Nursery are offering free places for eligible 2 year olds. Funded places of up to 15 hours per week are available for 2 year olds if their families are receiving certain benefits. To see if your child will qualify you can apply online at childcarecosts - [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcarecosts](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcarecosts).



*The pre-schoolers listen attentively to road safety advice*

Alternatively you can contact Shipston Pre School on 01608 666029 or Badger Valley Nurture Nursery on 01608 664771 for more details.

**Shipston Baptists get a flavour of India!**

Shipston's Stour Valley Baptist Church recently hosted a team of four young people including their own Jake Hudson Wood from Tredington. Jake has just returned from working with the team in Calcutta, India, as part of a Baptist 'Action Team' gap year.

This involved raising over £4,500 which meant Jack could spend six months working with children from the streets and slums of India's third largest city. The number of people who live on the streets in Calcutta is equivalent to the entire population of London, so there was a lot for Jake to get used to.

He and his team spent the bulk of their time working with a charity school that helps prepare street children for the discipline of actually going to school. Many who have attended have either eventually graduated from school or even university or have returned to help others escape the poverty of street life.

"Working with children is something I never thought I would enjoy, but I found that even if I had a day off I was disappointed not to be with the kids" Jake said. He and the team shared their experiences not only with the Baptist church but in classes and assemblies at Shipston's Primary and High Schools.

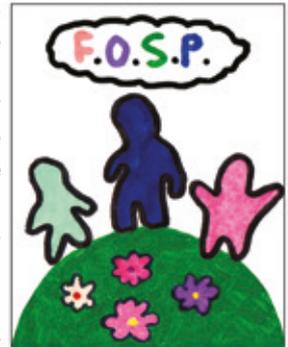
India had clearly had a huge impact upon the team. "Through working at the school I am sure I have learnt much more from the kids than they have from me" Jake continued.

Stour Valley Baptist Church meets at the High School at 10.30am every Sunday.



**Enjoy the spirit of Rio at Shipston Primary's summer fete!**

The spirit of Rio de Janeiro is coming to Shipston as the school creates its very own carnival from 1pm on Saturday 28th June. Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy a range of attractions including a World Cup-style tournament as well as refreshments and stalls.



Taking place in the school playground, the event, run by Friends of Shipston Primary, will include a barbecue and bar, music, bouncy castle, raffle and the very popular tombola stalls. Throughout the afternoon there will be opportunities to see performances by some of the pupils, including the maypole dancers, recorder club and the ever-popular Reception parachute dance.

Other attractions include games, cakes, tea and coffee, popcorn, and much more so come ready for fun while helping raise funds for the school. For more details, visit [www.facebook.com/FriendsofShipstonPrimarySchool](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofShipstonPrimarySchool)



## Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



### Celebrating sporting excellence

From swimming galas to skiing, from football to dodgeball, Shipston Primary is giving pupils a sporting chance when it comes to playing games at a competitive level.

In the last two months a hundred children in Key Stage 2 (aged from 7-11) have represented the school at a local and regional level in a range of sports and with great success.

The school's Year 6 hockey team, winners of the Primary Games South Warwickshire Hockey tournament, are now on their way to Warwick University for the regional finals to play against winning teams from Coventry and Solihull.

Meanwhile children from the Year 3-4 mixed football team have won the regional title (Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire) and recently competed in a local cluster tournament where they won every single game in their group and without conceding a goal!



The mixed football and hockey victories are just two shining examples of

sporting success at the school which has also included separate girls' and boys' football teams playing in district tournaments and cross country runners competing at county level.



Head of Federation Christian Hilton said: "We owe our success to the dedication, skill and commitment of our pupils and the coaches who have helped to get them there. Not only do we benefit from professional support in our PE curriculum lessons from Top Corner Coaching, Onside Coaching and swimming teachers at the leisure centre but we are extremely fortunate to have excellent setups in the town such as Shipston Rugby Club, Shipston Excelsior and Shipston Cricket Club."

The school, which is always keen to introduce new sports, has also introduced dodgeball, tchoukball and an after school archery club this term as well as continuing to play traditional summer sports such as rounders, cricket and athletics.

## Shipston High School

### The Smallpeice Trust

The Smallpeice Trust is an independent charity providing exciting programmes to promote engineering careers to young people. Their residential courses are linked to the National Curriculum and enable students to gain experience of university as well as learning about specific areas of engineering. Other core skills including problem solving, creative thinking, teamwork and time management add to their personal development and raises their potential for greater academic achievement. This year five students will be embarking on Smallpeice Trust courses, the first two took place during the Easter holidays:

Robin Hughes (Year 8) attended the University of Nottingham on a three day programme, during which he worked alongside engineers from such prestigious companies as Rolls Royce, the National Nuclear Laboratory, Royal Navy and Transport for London.



Liam Murphy (Year 9) attended an EITB Engineering experience at Harper Adams University in Shropshire, where he gained a real insight into the engineering construction industry through workshops and demonstrations.

### Students perform Shakespeare at the Houses of Parliament

Congratulations to Hope Spalding and Sam Twigg on being

chosen to take part in a performance of extracts from Henry IV part 1 in the Speaker's apartment of the Houses of Parliament in front of invited guests. This project was in conjunction with the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to celebrate the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth. "unreal", "amazing" and "fantastic" were just three words used to describe the experience!



### Transferring to Secondary School in September 2015?

Come to our Year 5 Open Morning on Wednesday 2nd July. There will be a presentation by Headteacher, Jonathan Baker at 10.00am.

## New Governors wanted

Would you be interested in becoming a co-opted governor of Shipston High School? Now the school is a successful independent academy with a much greater range of responsibilities than before, its Governing Body is looking to co-opt one or two additional governors from the local community who would be willing to contribute their specific skills and experience to this highly committed team.

**If you would be interested in finding out more please contact the school by telephoning 01608 661833 or by email to [apunt@shipstonhigh.co.uk](mailto:apunt@shipstonhigh.co.uk)**

## Elvis and U2 tributes lead line-up for this year's Shipston Proms

The annual Shipston Proms Music Festival begins on the 19th June and will once again feature a fantastic selection of events to suit all tastes, from heavy rock to classical.

Launching with help from popular bands, Grandé Groove and Battered Soul, the two week festival includes One Night of Elvis on the 27th June, with Lee Memphis King and his full theatre show. Tickets (£18) are selling fast so don't miss out – head to R Clarke Electrical to buy yours.

On 23rd June, American blues singer / guitarist Lisa Mills with premier UK double bass player Ian Jennings will be performing at The Norman Knight, Whichford, while local a cappella choir, Cantamus, will be singing at St. Edmund's on 26th June.

The festival will once again culminate in the much-loved "Last night of the Proms" event, featuring the Fame Contest



Winners, fast and loud Folk Rock festival band Leatherat, and Europe's premier tribute to Irish rock legends U2UK.

For more details, see page 16 or [www.shipstonproms.org](http://www.shipstonproms.org)

## From vaults to vantage points – business networking with a difference

Stour United Businesses has been busy maintaining its reputation as a unique business network with two meetings recently, which couldn't have been more different.

The first saw members invited in to the former HSBC bank in Shipston. New owners, Bernie and Catherine Spratt, kindly allowed SUBs members to explore the ground floor, including having a nose around the old vault. Although most of the building will be returned to its original use as a home, the couple explained their desire to maintain part of the ground floor as retail space, potentially operating through SUBs as a member exclusive pop-up shop, in what used to be the bank foyer. Nothing is set in stone and suggestions are welcome via [info@subs.org.uk](mailto:info@subs.org.uk).

In stark contrast, May's SUBs meeting took place at Batsford Arboretum, where members were treated to a private tour of the impressive tree and herbaceous plant collection, complete with stunning views. As well as hearing about the many events the Arboretum is now hosting. [www.batsarb.co.uk](http://www.batsarb.co.uk), members learned more about the history and habits of some of the trees thanks to expert commentary provided, somewhat surprisingly, by Hidcote's Head Gardener, himself a SUBs member.

With forthcoming events including wine tasting and the annual summer barbecue, now is a great time to join the group. Visit [www.subs.org.uk](http://www.subs.org.uk) for details.



Heads-up! SUBs members take in the towering trees at Batsford

## Will your wallflowers be a winner in the Shipston in Bloom gardening competition?

The annual Shipston in Bloom gardening competition is almost upon us so it's time to pick up your pruning shears and get those blooms blossoming.



As usual, most gardens will be judged from the roadside so there is no need to formally enter. However, rear gardens do need to be registered for judging – you can find the entry form details on page 10.

Shipston in Bloom member, Mal Lawrence, said: "We're really looking forward to judging this year's competition. After a much milder winter than last year, many flowers are blooming early which means we should see a real difference in the gardens this time. We're very lucky that there are so many good examples of great planting in and around the town – from tubs to large gardens – and our judging panel is really looking forward to taking a closer look at them all."

## Fun and frolics for all at Shipston's Fishing Festival

Shipston on Stour and District Angling Club are delighted to announce the launch of the second Shipston 'Fun and Frolics' Fishing Festival, which will take place over three weekends at the end of July and the start of August.

Sunday 20th July will see the festival kick-off with an afternoon of duck racing on the Stour at Willington. Prizes are available for the first three places in each race and half the money raised will go to local charities including Shipston Home Nursing.

The main festival weekend (25th to 27th July) will feature a three-day angling competition, alongside three days/evenings of FREE events at Shipston Sports Club that are open to all for the community to enjoy. The festival concludes on Sunday 3rd August with an 'Introduction to Angling' day which will be held at the club's Aston Magna lakes.

More information will be in the Forum next month or is available from Club Festival Organiser, Stuart Fleming, on 664832 or [smfleming007@gmail.com](mailto:smfleming007@gmail.com) or via the club's website [www.shipston-angling.co.uk](http://www.shipston-angling.co.uk)

**Regular events:**

- Mon Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Mon Fitsteps:** 9.30-10.30am, Sheldon Bosley Hub. Other classes available. Contact Michelle on 07764496947.
- Mon St John's Ambulance:** Badgers, 6-7. Cadets 7-8:30. Meet at Shipston Fire Station, 7pm. 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 Stroke Club:** Fortnightly 10am-12pm Room 2, Ellen Badger Hosp.
- 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 Silver Surfer Computer Lessons,** Shipston Library 2pm. Booking essential. Contact: 0300 558171
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays. Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Tues Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** Halford Bridge Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Adrian Ramskill 0797 656 6525.
- 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.
- Thur Shipston Stitchers:** 10am to 3pm, alternate Thursdays.
- Thur Story Stomp:** Shipston Library, 11.30am-12pm. Stories and rhymes for children aged 2 – 4. Free.
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club at Rainbow Fields.** Contact: Diana 01789 740627
- Thur Silver Surfer Computer Lessons,** Shipston Library 2pm. Booking Essential. Contact: 0300 558171
- Thur Safer Neighbourhood Team:** Fortnightly. 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 Age Concern Lunch Club Stour Ct** Contact: Linda 01789 722433
- Fri Shipston Probus:** alternate Fridays
- 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.**

**June Diary**

- 2 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Outing. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 3 Chatterbooks:** Reading group for 8-11 year olds. 4pm-5pm, Shipston Library. Games, activities, refreshments and the chance to make new friends
- 4 Shipston-on-Stour WI:** The History of Fragrance by Julia Staite. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- Shipston Widows:** Lunch 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 5 Shipston Home Nursing: 'Painting with Words'**. Creative writing from nature with Melanie Wright. Armscote Manor. Contact: Deborah or Madeleine 682375 to book
- 6 Shipston Home Nursing-Ming's Shopping Day:** See ad on pg 10
- Shipston Dementia Cafe:** 2pm-3.30pm, Community Lounge, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433
- 7 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
- 9 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180

- 10 Shipston Flower Club: 'Celebrations' with Sally Gee.** 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Visitors £3.50. Contact: Elaine 01608 238255
- Stour Valley Lions Monthly Meeting:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact: John Cavana 01295 722287
- 11 Shipston & District Gardening Club:** Garden Visit. 7.30pm, Catholic Church, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library). To donate books contact Lion David Squires on [pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk)
- 12 Diabetes Testing:** See ad on page 8
- Shipston Home Nursing:** Antiques Valuation by Bonhams plus Garden Day. 10am-3pm, Barton House, Barton-on-the-Heath. Contact: NFU Mutual Shipston 661370
- Library Reading Group:** 7pm, Shipston Library.
- 13 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Rural Cinema:** 12 Years a Slave. See ad on page 8
- 14 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Mayor's Surgery:** 10am, High Street
- 14-22 Neighbourhood Watch Week:** See article on page 12
- 17 Shipston Arts & Crafts Society:** 15th Century Alterpieces by John Busbridge. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Visitors most welcome. Contact: Penny Law 663871
- 18 Shipston Home Nursing-'Summertime....Our Return to Light':** 9.30am-3.30pm. Armscote Manor. £95.00 incl light lunch. Contact Deborah or Madeleine 682375 to book
- Shipston Widows:** Meeting. 10.30am-12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 19 Shipston Music Society:** Let Music Sound. See ad on page 8
- 20 Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting Dementia Carers:** 10.30am-12.30pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance). Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carl Watkins 663808 or Lizzy Feather 686013
- Shipston Proms Launch:** Townsend Hall with Grandé Groove and Battered Soul. Tickets £5 on the door.
- 23 Shipston Home Nursing: Light & form with Melanie Wright.** Armscote Manor. Contact Deborah or Madeleine 682375
- Shipston Proms:** at The Norman Knight, Whichford. Free.
- 24 Shipston Home Nursing: Golf Day.** Tadmarton Heath Golf Club. Contact: Rebecca 674929
- Multiple Sclerosis Society 'Drop in' meeting:** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- U3A Meeting:** See ad on page 9
- 25 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- Neighbourhood Watch:** 7:30pm, New Clark House. All welcome
- 26 Shipston Home Nursing: 'Garden Flowers' with Amanda Luther.** Armscote Manor. Contact Deborah or Madeleine 682375
- Cantamus & Three's Company presents True Love - at Shipston Proms:** 7.30pm, St. Edmunds Church (see pg 12 for details). Contact: Yvonne Ridley 01789 269587
- 27 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston Proms: One Night of Elvis.** See ad on page 16
- 28 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Cotswold Way MAD Challenge:** See ad on page 8
- Shipston Primary School Fete:** See page 4 for details
- 29 Shipston Tennis Club:** New courts opening - see ad on page 9

**STOUR VALLEY LIONS FILM**



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THE EXTRAORDINARY TRUE STORY OF SOLIMAN REDEEMED

**SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at 7:00 pm  
Advance Tickets £3.50 (£4 on door)  
From: R. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston On Stour.  
Or Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608-661148  
Interval for Raffle, Refreshments and snacks  
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**Shipston Music Society**  
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**Let Music Sound!**



**SHIPSTON PROMS 2014**  
19 JUNE - 5 JULY  
MUSIC FOR ALL

with the Orchestra of the Swan

**Townsend Hall**  
**Sheep Street, Shipston-on-Stour**  
**@ 7.30pm - Thursday 19th June 2014**

Tickets available from:- R Clarke Electrical Services.  
27, High Street Shipston-on-Stour. tel:01608-696409

Guests £10.00 - Students & Under 16 £4.00 Members free



do something  
**MAD!**



**Cotswold Way MAD Challenge**  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Are you up for a challenge? Help us raise funds for research into SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy).

- Walk 50 miles, non-stop, through this midsummer night, along some of Britain's most beautiful escarpments and landscapes.
- Also 20 & 10 Mile MAD challenges on Sunday 29th.
- 3rd year of this event. Help us beat last year's £30K total.

SMA is the leading genetic killer of toddlers and babies.

The SMA Trust is the only UK charity solely dedicated to funding research into Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA).

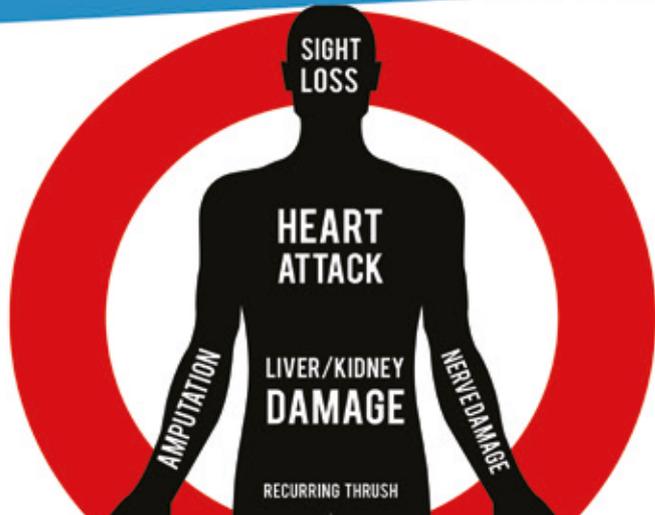
Entry £30

E: [mandy@smatrust.org](mailto:mandy@smatrust.org) T: 01608 663415  
[www.smatrust.org](http://www.smatrust.org)

10, 20 & 50 MILE ROUTES

**DIABETES**

KILLS 1 PERSON EVERY 5 SECONDS  
NO MATTER HOW OLD THEY ARE  
COMPLICATIONS INCLUDE:



**ON JUNE 12TH 2PM-6PM**  
**ELLEN BADGER HOSPITAL**

TAKE THE TEST NOT THE RISK

**Summer Fête of Our Lady & St. Michael's Church**  
 Darlingscote Road, Shipston  
 On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
 1.30-3.30pm

**ARTS & HOMECRAFT COMPETITION**

Sections for Needlecraft, Cookery, Garden Produce, Art, Photography and Poetry.

**Showcase your talent!**

Schedules available from the library and various shops in town.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

**Shipston-on-Stour Area U3A**

Our next Monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 2 p.m. in the Townsend Hall, Shipston-on-Stour

**"Bletchley Park"**

Presented by Terry Smith

Visitors are welcome

Entry and refreshments £2

The Third Age: a time of creativity and fulfilment

**SHIPSTON TENNIS CLUB**

Sports Club London Road Shipston on Stour

**TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW COURTS & GREAT BRITISH TENNIS WEEKEND**

**SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 1.00pm**





**Come and join in the Family Fun Games and Challenges, learn trick shots. Find out about our courses for adults and juniors - beginners, rusty rackets, and those wanting coaching or league tennis - there is something for everyone**

**25% off all Memberships if you sign up on the day.**

**Come and Try Out**

- Cardio Tennis / Adult Coaching
- Junior Tennis
- Beat the Ball Machine
- Fastest Serve
- Family Tennis
- Mini Tennis

Beat the crowds - Sign up on Line to book a group place, can book on the day where spaces are available

[clubhouse.hta.org.uk](http://clubhouse.hta.org.uk)

All ages welcome, wear trainers and bring your friends.



**Refreshments Available**

BBQ Sponsored by Taylors Butchers

Strawberries and Cream Sponsored by Taste of the Country

Raffle and Prizes to be won Free Memberships, Junior Racket and many more. Return your sponsored tennis ball.

**Come and try out the new tiger turf courts and meet club members**



**Shipston in Bloom 2014**

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

**Free to enter** Judging by independent judges will take place on Sunday 20th July.

Entries will be judged in the following categories

Front Garden	Public places	Children's Garden
Rear Garden	Town Businesses	Hanging Basket/ window box / manger

Displays, except **Rear Gardens and Children's Gardens**, must be viewable from the roadside. Winners will be notified and awarded a certificate of congratulations plus a trophy which will be held for one year. There will be a presentation evening held in the autumn, to which winners will be invited.

An entry form is required **ONLY** for Rear and Children's gardens

**Complete the entry form and return or simply send address and category details by 29th June to**

**Shipston in Bloom c/o Nick Nickerson 50 Furze Hill Road, or Mal Lawrence at 3 Clark Close**

Download the form from [shipstononline.org](http://shipstononline.org)



## Shipston Library

**What's on ...**

**All Welcome!** **Free!**

**Rhyme Time**, every Tuesday 10.45 am -11.15 am  
Songs and stories for 0-2 year olds.

**Story Stomp** every Thursday 11.30-12.00 noon  
Stories & songs for the under 5s

**Chatterbooks** monthly. Tuesdays 4.00-5.00 p.m.  
Reading group for 8-11 year olds. Join us for games, activities, refreshments and the chance to make new friends.

**Library Reading Group**  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7.00 p.m.

**Silver Surfers**  
Computer help for the over 55s Tuesday & Thursday p.m. Booking essential

**Library Opening Hours**  
Mon 9.30 am – 12.30 pm, Tues 9.30 am - 12.30 pm &  
1.30 pm-5.30 pm, Wed CLOSED, Thu 9.30am – 12.30pm &  
1.30 pm – 5.30 pm, Fri CLOSED, Sat 9.30 am - 12:30

**For more details Tel: 0300 5558171**  
**or drop in, our staff are always happy to help.**

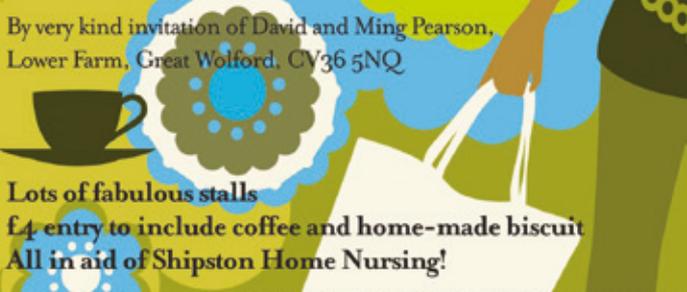




## Ming's Shopping Day

Friday 6th June, 10am-4.30pm

By very kind invitation of David and Ming Pearson,  
Lower Farm, Great Wolford, CV36 5NQ



**Lots of fabulous stalls**  
**£4 entry to include coffee and home-made biscuit**  
**All in aid of Shipston Home Nursing!**

Please contact Rebecca on 01608 674929 or email rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk

## SHIPSTON ON STOUR EDUCATIONAL CHARITY GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2014/2015

Small educational grants can now be applied for to support those needing financial help to undertake apprenticeships, further academic courses or professional/trade qualifications.

If you are a Shipston resident under 25 years old (or have parents living here), you can now apply for a small grant for the 2014/15 academic year.

**Application forms are now 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.

**Completed forms must be received by Monday 1st September 2014**

### Proud of my town

Congratulations to the Norgren Bowling Club team which has won the Chipping Campden Indoor Bowls League for the 4th consecutive Year! Despite being a man down, the team was triumphant in their battle against Chipping Campden Bowls Club.

All good wishes were sent to Tom Bridgewater who was not able to take part due to ill health – both clubs wish you a full and speedy recovery.



Left to Right - Roger Ashby, Andy Prickett, Willy Pratt, front Dale Gooderham

### Hardman Fields working party

Stour Valley and Stratford Lions joined forces to paint two large toilet blocks on the Warwickshire Guides County Hardiman Fields campsite. This will ensure the wooden blocks are protected and preserved against the worst of the season's weather.



### Readers' Letter

*Letter from Rachel Vial*

My husband and I have just returned from the Shakespeare birthday celebrations where we were honoured to represent the town. Whilst there we were most impressed with the Beavers, Cubs and Scout troops of Shipston who were assisting the celebrations by escorting those in the parade, unfurling flags and representing Shipston.

Their patience and discipline was remarkable. Our young people in the uniformed organisations and those who dedicate time in leading them should be congratulated as should our Town Crier, Marian Ladd, who along with four other Town Criers led the three cheers at the event.

We are very lucky to have such civic minded individuals who give up their time to promote Shipston and contribute to our community.

### Shipston Arts & Crafts

The Society met on 15th April to find that the scheduled speaker had cancelled at the last minute, but were relieved to see Jan Green who then gave a most interesting and amusing lecture on the Pre-Raphaelites. This group started in 1848 and felt that art had diminished since Raphael and worked in a different way seeking truth, realism, detail. They wanted their work to tell a story and be true to nature. They used strong colours on a white background. Jan showed us some beautiful slides of work by members of the group, in particular by Rossetti, Hunt and Millais, which illustrated their new focus. A very informative and enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on 17th June when John Busbridge will talk about 15th century altarpieces. We meet at 7.30pm at the Catholic Church Parish Centre and visitors are most welcome.

### Stour Singers

Stour Singers, based in Shipston-on-Stour, will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2015 - a brilliant achievement for a Community Choir. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of Richard Emms, who started the Choir all those years ago, the Choir has gone from strength to strength, presenting two major concerts per year, with professional soloists. Our most recent concert was a performance of Brahms 'Requiem' in St Edmund's Church.

If you would like to support Stour Singers, but do not sing, we would very much like to hear from you. We would welcome practical support with front-of-house activities, putting up staging, encouraging people to come to concerts, or optional donations, and would like to develop further social events to which all supporters would be encouraged to take part - particularly in the run up to the anniversary year.

Please contact Christine Watkins, telephone 01608 664361 if you would like to find out more about getting involved.

### Single File blossoms!

Several Single Filers found a pleasant day in April to visit Batsford Arboretum, near Moreton. We viewed the magnificent magnolias and cheery cherry blossom, and various bulbs. It is worth a visit any time of the year. We also joined in with Blossom Day at Chipping Norton Community Orchard.

Always a popular event was a quiz and fish and chip night in Little Compton. Other recent events have included flamenco at Chipping Norton theatre, a tour of historic churches and a trip to Warwick races.

Single File is a social group for unattached people between 50 and 70, including separated, widowed and divorced, with diverse interests and backgrounds. We are based in Chipping Norton and outings are normally held within a 15 mile radius. Contact us on 077655 98518 or enquiries@singlefilecn.org.uk

### Shipston Probus



On the 11th April, we welcomed Hugh Granger, our speaker, who travelled from Aylesbury. Like many of our speakers, he has a list of 20 talks covering a variety of subjects.

The title of his talk was Health and Safety, an amusing selection of the ridiculous situations that arise as a result of misapplied rules and regulations of various kinds. It was a reminder of the state we are now in when officials can sometimes interpret the rules to the point of absurdity!

The 25th April was our Annual General Meeting, when this year's president, Richard Appleyard, took office. The treasurer reported a healthy financial situation, with no increase in membership fees. Otherwise, the usual matters were speedily resolved and concluded with some humorous stories from Roger Ford.

### Easter visit to Torigni

Forty-four members of the Shipston on Stour Twinning Association spent the Easter weekend in and around Shipston's twin town, Torigni sur Vire, in the department of Manche, France. For eight people in the group this was their first experience of French hospitality the French way of life.

An early start on Good Friday and a rapid crossing on the Fast Cat catamaran meant that the group was in France by lunchtime. After a detour to visit a biscuit manufacturer, the group arrived in Torigni where everyone was treated to a welcome drink, and new families were introduced to their hosts. The rest of the evening was spent with host families, some in Torigni, some in the surrounding villages.

On Saturday, after a delicious breakfast of bread, jam and croissants, obtained from artisan bakeries, the English group left for an excursion to Cancale, which is renowned for its seafood and especially its oysters. It was very pleasant to take lunch in one of the many quayside restaurants or to stroll along the seafront with a view of Mont St Michel in the distance.

Everyone gathered at the Chateau in Torigni on Saturday evening to enjoy aperitifs and canapés before sitting down to a sumptuous five course meal. Gifts were exchanged and short speeches were given before the dancing started. Those that had the stamina remained until the early hours of the morning.

Sunday was spent with host families. One group went on a guided boat trip through the nearby marshland and were told about the history of the area and the importance of the marshes to the ecology of the region. Much wildlife was observed including little egrets, great white egrets, white storks and coypus.

The French had organised a number of visits for everybody on Monday including a rural life museum, the national horse stud in St Lô and an exhibition depicting the bombing and

eventual liberation of St. Lô during the war.

The weekend passed all too quickly and after one last photo for the French press, it was time to return home. Everybody was delighted with the visit and had improved their knowledge of the French language and customs. Many thanks go to Keith McCarthy for his organisational skills and to Richard and Derek Webb whose skilful and competent driving added to the enjoyment for all.

Preparations are already underway for the visit of the Torignais next year when the thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the twinning charter will be celebrated. To find out more about Shipston Twinning Association go to [www.shipston-torigni-twinning-association.co.uk](http://www.shipston-torigni-twinning-association.co.uk).

### Dementia Café Report 2nd May 2014



Whenever I asked my Mum a question she would always tell me to go and look for the answer in a book, and so it was that I discovered the joys of the library service and its reference section.

On 2nd May at the Dementia Café I discovered that now there is another library service – the Disabled Living Foundation (DLF) Loan Library. This is not for books but for simple electronic aids to make living easier. Funded by the Department of Health, the library offers people the opportunity to borrow equipment for two weeks giving them the time to trial and assess its suitability for their particular needs without the expense of making a purchase. On requesting an item to borrow a ‘payment’ must be made but this is returned when the item is sent back to the library.

If you decide that the item is going to be beneficial to you the DLF can give you an impartial list of national suppliers whose prices will vary. There is an amazing range of products suitable for people with memory difficulties and for more information you can either visit the website [www.dlf.org/library](http://www.dlf.org/library) (the staff at the library in Shipston are always happy to help you access the internet there), or phone local volunteer Barbara Smith on 01608 662433 for a brochure.

Look forward to seeing you at the next Dementia Café on Friday, 6th June – see What’s On Diary for details.

### True love at Shipston Proms

As part of the 2014 Shipston Proms Season, Cantamus and Three’s Company will be presenting an evening of musings on the theme of true love.

Richard Emms will be conducting his chamber choir in a delightful programme of music, interleaved with readings by Anne Hume and Sheila Probert, on Thursday evening 26th June at 7.30.p.m. in St. Edmund’s Church. Tickets cost £8, and “Friends of Shipston Proms” are entitled to free entry.

The varied musical programme includes folksongs, madrigals, with Cole Porter and Jerome Kern classics.

Perhaps we shall discover that “the course of true love never did run smooth”. If you would like to know more, contact Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587.

Full information about all Proms events (running from 19th June until 5th July) can be found at [www.shipstonproms.org](http://www.shipstonproms.org)

### Shipston Neighbourhood Watch



Following on from Neighbourhood Watch Week (14th – 22nd June) the next meeting of Shipston Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th June 2014 at New Clark House, West Street. Jim Bacon, Chair of Stratford District Neighbourhood Watch, will be with us to talk about developments in the communications system and a representative of our Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) will give us an update on recent activity in the area.

There will also be an open discussion about the future of Shipston NHW as current chair, George Houghton, will be standing down from his role and we will need a volunteer to be lead co-ordinator for Shipston. With the population of Shipston growing it is important that NHW is seen to be a strong and pro-active network but the group needs more people who could offer a little time on an occasional basis to either become co-ordinators and/or come together to discuss, plan and implement ideas to promote the organisation. No-one wants to be burdened with too much work or responsibility but ‘many hands make light work’.

Please come along with any thoughts you might have or contact Margaret Wilson on 01608 663006 or by e-mail at [mwilson16@talktalk.net](mailto:mwilson16@talktalk.net). It would be useful to know if you are able to attend the meeting to ensure we have sufficient seating capacity.

Neighbourhood Watch is a national voluntary organisation. The benefits of being involved in NHW are many – from helping to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, reduced home insurance premiums, advice on personal, property, car and home security, to the peace of mind which results from knowing that you and your neighbours are looking out for one another.

Only half the streets in Shipston have a registered co-ordinator so there are many who miss out on valuable information, especially those without internet/email access. To take part or find out more, contact Margaret Wilson as above.

### Music Society

Music for a spring evening was the title chosen by Maria Jagusz for the Music Society’s April concert. Unfortunately for Maria a throat infection prevented her from performing on the evening, so she presented one of her students, Gillian Wells, to the delight of the audience. Gillian, a recent graduate in vocal and opera studies from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, has been studying with Maria, engaging in concert and other performances and was recently awarded “Champion of the Bristol Eisteddfod 2014”, also winning the opera,

oratorio and art song classes.

Gillian commenced with a song cycle she had put together herself based on the highs and lows of love, the perennial favourite subject for many operas and musicals. It was well thought out and beautifully presented demonstrating her range and ability as a soprano. Maria then regaled the audience with some anecdotes from her own experiences.

During the evening Gillian was accompanied by pianist Barrie Cooper who also performed a solo piece on the piano "Cordoba" by Issac Albienz giving the piece a fiery Spanish flamenco interpretation.

Gillian went on to sing several familiar pieces from operas, switching effortlessly between English, French and German. Barrie then amused the audience with two piano pieces performed in the style of different composers that used to be a popular interlude in the radio programme "My Music", leaving the audience to guess the title of the piece and the name of the composer.

Gillian concluded the evening with "Someone is sending me flowers". Chairman Richard Baldwin concluded the evening by thanking Maria, Gillian and Barrie for an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

The next meeting is on the 19th June - see ad on page 8.

## Stour Valley Lions

### Lions Cinema '12 Years a Slave'

Our June film held at Shipston High School on Friday 13th June will be '12 Years a Slave' (PG13) starring Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael K Williams, Michael Fassbender.



12 Years a Slave tells the true story of Solomon Northup, an educated and free black man living in New York during the 1840's who gets abducted, shipped to the south, and sold into slavery. It is a film that stimulates at both an emotional level and an intellectual one. We look forward to seeing all our regular audience and new visitors at this film.

### Spectacles, Mobile Phones and Hearing Aids

Lion members across the UK are now collecting unwanted spectacles, mobile phones and hearing aids from shops and residents. These are collected and dispatched every year via the Lions worldwide network of clubs to third world countries.

### Don't miss Diabetic Screening

Did you know that diabetes kills one person (all ages) every 5 seconds? Lions are supporting the Medical Centre who will be carrying out FREE testing on Thursday the 12th June between 2 and 6pm at the Ellen Badger Hospital. Please come along and take the test not the risk.

### Medical Centre Dementia initiative – Donation £200.

The Medical Centre has formed a small steering group with the objective of increasing awareness and understanding about dementia. A dementia friendly group has been formed to develop a dementia friendly environment. Stour Valley Lions Club has donated £100 to the steering group. In addition a further £100 has been donated to "Singing For The Brain" another initiative to help dementia sufferers.

## Shipston WI

The President, Christine Watkins, welcomed members and visitors to the May meeting of the Women's Institute.



The speaker was Shipston's own Town Crier, Marion Lowe, who told the meeting about her fascinating and busy life since becoming Town Crier five years ago. Marion entered the competition to fill the vacant post with no thought of winning, but her clear diction and ability to make herself heard above the general hubbub made her a clear winner. Marion is now a member of the Guild of Town Criers and is part of a history going back to the Ancient Greeks and Romans.

She now cries for Shipston on behalf of the Mayor and Town Council in the town and also at events around the country. Marion enters 'crying' competitions where she extols the many attractions Shipston has to offer. Marion presents an elegant and impressive figure in her beautifully tailored red suit with gold braiding, black tricorne hat and lace jabot. The hat is one that has been used by Town Criers in the past, but the suit was specially tailored for Marion in bright red wool hopsack.

Shipston Women's Institute has numerous activities arranged for May and June including a walk to see the bluebells at Whichford, a posh afternoon tea, and a trip to Ludlow. The book group will meet to discuss their current reading and the knitting group continues to knit for charity.

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 4th June when the speaker will be Julia Staite talking about the History of Fragrance. The meeting will be at the usual venue, the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Visitors are always welcome.

## Shipston Rotary Club in April

This month our meetings have had an International theme from charities that we support, both providing help to deprived and often remote areas, with speakers from African Revival, which helps to provide schools and Water Aid, which assists with the provision of clean drinking water.



The UK Rotary Conference was held in Birmingham and this started with 'The Last Night of the Rotary Proms' at Symphony Hall, with the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Treorchy Male Voice Choir.

For a number of years Shipston Rotary have held a Blood Pressure Day in Shipston Town Centre, where qualified nurses offer to take peoples blood pressure and any with abnormal pressures are recommended to visit their doctor. This year 40 members of the public took advantage of this free service.

A number of Shipston Rotarians also helped with Marshalling at the Stratford Marathon.

If you would like to find out more about Shipston Rotary please visit our website [www.shipstonrotary.org.uk](http://www.shipstonrotary.org.uk) or email President John Round [jasround@gmail.com](mailto:jasround@gmail.com).

## District Council update

The District Council has now adopted a housing master plan, known as the Submission Core Strategy planning document that will go to a planning inspector for consideration, following a six week 'technical consultation'. As part of this plan, the council agreed that 10,800 houses should be built in Stratford District between 2011 and 2031 including a new settlement of 2,500 houses near Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath.



The Banner Homes planning appeal to build houses off the Campden Road, behind Oldbutt Road, will now be heard by a planning inspector on the 25th June in the District Council offices, Stratford.

I am continuing to help the medical centre in their search for a new and larger site in the town. With the population increasing in the area this is certainly an important project.

I am supporting the petition being organised by the members of the Shipston Junior Firefighters, against the threatened closure of their invaluable organisation. If you wish to register your objection this can be done either by signing their petition or on the County Council web site where this proposal is contained in the consultation regarding the reorganisation of the County Fire Service.

There is to be review of polling stations this summer, so if you have a view where Shipston's polling station should be, please let me know.

I usually attend the Councillors street surgery, 2nd. Saturday in the month, by the red telephone kiosk/cash machine, in the High Street, between 10 and 12 noon. Please come and have your say or get in touch via phone/email (see below)

### Cllr Richard Cheney

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

## County Council update

### Electoral Review

Consultation is underway on new electoral boundaries in Warwickshire. The size of the Council is to reduce from 62 to 57 members of roughly equal size.



At a special Council meeting in April, we approved a presentation to the boundary commission that left Shipston Electoral Division unchanged. It remains to be seen if it stays that way.

You will not hear again from the County Council on this issue as it is the government who now take over the whole process. You will be consulted on their initial proposals and again on any alterations that are made along the way.

### Broadband

Sadly, I now hear that British Telecom now have postponed any further roll out in Shipston until 2015. See the cswbroadband website for further information at any time - [www.cswbroadband.org.uk](http://www.cswbroadband.org.uk)

### Economic Development

We welcome Jonathan Browning, the new Chairman of the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) whom I have now met for the first time. Jonathan has taken over from Sir Peter Rigby who retired on 31st March. He has promised to take in inclusive view of the whole region, so I will ensure that he gets to know Shipston and the south of the County.

### Councillor Chris Saint

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## Shipston Medical Centre

### Travel Health

Now we are into the summer months many people will be looking forward to their summer holidays. If you are planning a trip abroad do take the time to consider your health and whether you might need travel vaccines or anti-malarial medication.

Our travel health nurses are happy to provide advice, but please be aware you do need to contact us in good time before you travel as some travel vaccines require a course of injections spread over a period of time. Please ask at reception for a travel information pack for further details.

### Online Services

We now have the facility for patients to both book and cancel appointments and re-order repeat medications online. Because doing this provides limited access to your health information (i.e. the medications prescribed for you) there is an application process for security reasons.

Learn more about this service at <http://shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk/How-Do-I/Register-for-Vision-Online> or ask at reception.



Shipston Medical Centre

**Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845**

**Website: [www.shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk](http://www.shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk)  
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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)

#### Copy deadline: First Wednesday of every month

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

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)

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
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	03001 303040
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Forum	01608 495955
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
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