



# Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

June 2015

## Shipston Town Council appoints Jackie Warner as Mayor

Shipston Town Council has elected Jackie Warner to the position of Town Mayor at its Annual General Meeting in May. Jackie was born and bred in Shipston and is a passionate supporter of the town. Jackie has been a town councillor for many years. Having served 12 months as Deputy Mayor, Jackie is looking forward to the year ahead.

On her election, Jackie said: "I feel honoured to be elected Mayor of Shipston. Shipston is a fantastic place to live and work and I am delighted to have the opportunity to raise the town's profile."

It is customary for the Mayor to appoint a consort whose role is to accompany the Mayor at official events. The Mayor has selected councillor Peter White as her consort.

Jackie's first responsibility as Mayor was to call for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Veronica Murphy was unanimously elected to the position and will support the Mayor on her official engagements and responsibilities over the coming year.

The Mayor went on to thank former Mayor and town councillor, Philip Vial, for his contribution to the council and town as a whole over his seven years on the town council.

"It's been an absolute pleasure to work on the town council over the last seven years." Philip Vial said. "There are a lot



From left, Town Crier, Marion Ladd, New Mayor Jackie Warner, Deputy Mayor Ronnie Murphy and Mayor's Consort, Peter White

of hard working councillors who are involved in a number of community groups and contribute a great deal to our town. I would like to congratulate all town councillors on their election and wish you all luck for the future."

The town council also confirmed monthly meetings for the year ahead as well as working group membership.

## Richard Emms named first recipient of The Shipston Award

Shipston choirmaster, Richard Emms, was the proud recipient of the first ever Shipston Award, which was announced at the Annual Town Meeting in April.

Previously known as the Anne Sankey Medal, the Shipston Award is an annual accolade, awarded to an individual in recognition of their voluntary contribution to the local community.

Richard Emms was nominated for his extensive contribution to music over the past 40 years, including a long history of composing, performing and conducting.

Richard and his family settled in Shipston in 1975, where he founded a small choir, which quickly grew to a full and flourishing choral society, the Stour Singers. He retired from school teaching in 1995, and in 1997 founded Cantamus, which allows him to indulge and share his particular love for a *cappella* music. He also played a large part in the founding and early years of Shipston Proms.

Much of his musical life now revolves around the choirs, with Stour Singers recently celebrating its 40th anniversary at a special concert in St Edmund's Church. On receiving the award, Richard said: "What a lovely surprise! It is an honour to receive this award."

Roy and Grace Tanner were also nominated for the Shipston Award for their long term commitment to raising funds for the Katharine House Hospice.

Councillors expressed thanks to both Richard Emms and Mr and Mrs Tanner for their support and commitment to the local community.



## Calling all music fans - Shipston Proms launches packed programme

This year's Shipston Proms begins with a launch night special on the 19th June, and runs until the last night party on the 4th July.

For details see pages 6 and 7.



## Mayor's column



As a supporter of all the charities in the town, of which there are many, I will be considering my choice of Mayor's charities carefully and announcing them at next month's meeting.

I am particularly supportive of young people in the town and I extend a warm welcome to the two new town councillors, Marianne Westwood and Kim Perry, both of whom represent young people in different ways.

I'm also pleased to welcome our new district councillors, and would like to personally thank Jeff Kenner and Richard Cheney.

I'm grateful to Philip our outgoing Mayor, for all his work on Shipston Town Council as Mayor and as a town councillor over a number of years.

If any of you don't know me personally, I'm married to Kevin and have three children, all of whom are very supportive of my role and I know will help me immensely.

I work at Shipston Post Office and regularly organise and attend town events.

I intend to continue holding monthly surgeries to keep in touch with the issues affecting local residents and look forward to seeing you there.

**Jackie Warner**

## 'Visit Shipston' website unveiled

After months of hard work by volunteers, Shipston's tourism website, [www.visitshipston.org](http://www.visitshipston.org), is up and running. The site is packed with information on local events, things to do and places to stay.

Visit Shipston is also on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/visitshipston](http://www.facebook.com/visitshipston) - thanks to Tabitha Paton-Durrant, who is currently finishing her exams at school. "Tabitha came to one of our meetings as part of her work experience with Stratford District Council" said Tourism Group chairman, Trev Trevethick. "She has been amazingly enthusiastic and helpful to us ever since," he said.

Accommodation providers and eating establishments are invited to contact the group for a free listing on the unique searchable database. All comments and details of future events are gratefully accepted, please use the contact form on the website.

'We're delighted to be so strongly represented on the Internet. As well as the website, our Facebook page allows us to instantly update what's happening here and to interact with users. Please "like" us - and tell your friends to, as well!' Trev added.



## 25th Annual Rotary Cotswold Walk rewards participants with stunning views

Despite a rather rainy start the 25th Annual Cotswold Walk, organised by the Shipston Rotary Club, was again a great success. Although slightly down on numbers from previous years, the walkers had the benefit of stunning views as they walked the route from the top of the Ilmington Hills via Hidcote and Ebrington, back through Foxcote to the start.

Stuart Hunt, who has supported all 25 walks, took part along with his family, and completed the round 7 mile walk in about three hours.

Shipston Rotary would like to thank all those who took part, raising much-needed funds for Rotary charities.



*Pictured from left: President Judith Slinger, Stuart Hunt and Rotarian, John Round*

## Local Shipston company wins a national award for innovation

Specialist powder handling company, Process Link Limited, has won a prestigious Innovation award from SHAPA, the Solids Handling & Processing Association.

The award follows almost two years of research and development culminating in the creation of the company's patent applied Varicone FIBC Discharger, a specialised piece of equipment used in certain manufacturing processes. This is yet another unique design, created by the inventor Mr Bill Snape and one of many awards and patents received over the last few years.

Process Link is based at Tilemans Lane in Shipston. The company anticipates expanding in the next few years, which could lead to new job opportunities for staff/apprentices. To find out more about the organisation, visit [www.processlink.co.uk](http://www.processlink.co.uk)

## Shipston Food Festival announces new sponsors

Shipston is set to host its third annual Food Festival, with local businesses at the heart of the action. Building on the success of the previous two events, organisers have ambitious plans which will see the festival run from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th September.

Local food retailer, Taste of the Country, has been confirmed as the show's lead sponsor for the first time. Taste of the Country will be unveiling its new shop and expanded product range at the Food Festival, following a complete refit.

Local wine retailer, Edward Sheldons, will also be supporting the event with wine tastings and cellar tours.

For more details, visit [www.facebook.com/ShipstonFood](http://www.facebook.com/ShipstonFood)



## May's hot topics

**Slow down signs:** The vehicle activated signs for Stratford Road and London Road have now been ordered and will be installed shortly. Warwickshire County Council has apologised for the delay.

**Outdoor activity funding:** Thanks to s106 money linked to local housing developments, Shipston Town Council has access to a pot of £60,000 towards outdoor facilities for non-child specific activities. Following a brief discussion about potential uses for the money, the matter will be added to the next council agenda.

**Riverside walk update:** Sheelagh Saunders reported that the landowners have changed their position regarding a potential walk. They are still happy to help facilitate a walk but only if it can be circuitous incorporating a river crossing. The working group will continue to consider possible options.

**Licensing application:** Councillors discussed a proposal from Martin McColl Newsagent to obtain a licence to sell alcohol. Concerns were raised about the hours of day the shop had applied to sell alcohol as well as the potential impact on other local businesses. STC opposed the application which will be raised with Stratford District Council's licensing department.

## Campaigning for Shipston

**Anti dog-fouling campaign:** Councillor Sheelagh Saunders will be taking a creative approach to raising awareness of the continuing problem of dog fouling. More news will be reported on this next month.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Brian Cooper provided an update on the status of the project, including a breakdown of costs to date and anticipated costs to complete the plan. The council anticipates applying for a further grant application to fund completion of the plan. In addition, work is being done to finalise the project plan. Councillors recognised that there continues to be only a small pool of volunteers delivering the project. Councillors have requested a monthly update of specific progress against the project plan.

**Making Shipston's voice heard:** Shipston Town Crier, Marion Lowe, reached third place for the best dressed town crier at a recent competition. Shipston's Town Crier also represented Shipston at the Shakespeare Birthday celebrations, resulting in her being pictured alongside other Warwickshire Criers in the Observer national newspaper.

## Town Council business

**New district councillors:** Councillors welcomed new district councillors, Chris Saint and Jo Barker, following the election on 7th May. Both councillors attended the STC meeting and will share responsibility for updating residents on latest news from the district council in the Forum column on page 14. Thanks were expressed to the outgoing district councillors, Jeff Kenner and Richard Cheney, for their considerable work in recent years.

**Working groups:** Shipston Town Council discussed and agreed representatives to sit on the council's working groups. For full details of the new groups, please see the town council section of the website.

**Playground maintenance:** Annual playground check paperwork has been received. Some items have been identified for action and will be followed up.



## Shipston Neighbourhood Plan

### We need you!

Whether you live, work or run a business in the Town, are involved in a community group or organisation, have children at one of our schools or nurseries, access services in Shipston, enjoy sports, leisure and recreation in and around the Town.....whoever you are, whatever your interests and views, Shipston's Neighbourhood Development Plan wants to hear from you over the coming months.

Look out for members of the NDP group at upcoming events this month and over the Summer. We want your comment on the range of emerging possibilities – these could then be developed further to form the draft Plan. If your group or organisation is having an event over the next few months and there might be the opportunity for us to come along and have a stall, a display or to talk to people we would be really pleased to hear from you – please contact us asap!

Work is ongoing with key parties and stakeholder organisations to discuss the embryonic ideas further before these community events. If you think you or your organisation could or should be involved and we have not already contacted you – again, please do get in touch.

Ideas span a diverse range of topics: from recreation & sports such as the Riverside walk, to essential services and facilities such as enabling our schools to accommodate their growing numbers; economic considerations of provision and retention of commercial and employment land and the support and development of our tourism offering; considerations over future housing need, including affordable and other housing needs; through to traffic, parking and enhancing our much-loved Town Centre, flood issues, redevelopments or enhancements of existing locations and sites, and potential policies that can be shaped to ensure future developments line-up with the wishes of the Town.

This is YOUR Plan! The core team of volunteers working on this project is small, so we are always very happy to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in the plan-making process as there is still work to be done - whether you have a few hours to spare, a particular skill that you could offer, or want to get involved further in certain topic areas or ideas, we are grateful for any help and support – this is a community-led process!

Please contact us on [np@shipstononline.org](mailto:np@shipstononline.org) and see the website: [www.shipstonnp.org](http://www.shipstonnp.org)

For details of all town council meetings, agendas and minutes, please visit the Town Council section of the website at [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org)

## Don't let the offer of help pass you by: Shipston Educational Charity calls on students to apply for grants

Shipston Educational Charity is once more inviting students currently living, or have a parent living in Shipston Parish to apply for a small grant to help towards their expenses in furthering their education.

Comments from previous students who have received grants demonstrate how useful the funding can be.

**C.M.** "Thank you for the grant it is much appreciated, I will use it to buy books and equipment for my University course."

**H.R.** "Thank you for my cheque, I can now order a new uniform and the rest will go towards this years books."

**A.H.** "Thank you for the grant it has been a great help enabling me to buy books as I have to write a 12,000 word criminology dissertation this year and the more books I can buy the better."

**F.M.** "The money is gratefully received and will certainly help me towards the costs of being at University and pursuing my career as a Radiographer."

**A.M.** "Thank you for your generous award to help me with my studies at Southampton University this year. It has been incredibly helpful and I am very grateful. I am sure that one day I will be in a position to donate back to the charity in order for you to help more young people like myself, achieve their educational ambitions."

Applicants must be under the age of 25 on the first September 2015. Application forms will be available from the 1st June at Shipston Library or from the clerk Mr D.Squires, Pinnegar House, 49, Telegraph Street, Shipston on Stour CV36 4DA. Closing date for the return of applications to the Clerk at the above address is Monday 31st August 2015.

## Cubs and Beavers under the sea adventure

Shipston's Cubs and Beaver Scouts spent an unforgettable night at the bottom of the ocean at the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham.

Fifty-one Cub and Beaver Scouts boarded a train from Stratford Parkway to Birmingham for their under sea adventure. The children arrived at the centre after closing for a personal tour of the exhibits, including the penguins, sharks, turtles and many other underwater creatures. They had the whole centre to themselves to explore for the night.

In a few of the tanks the children could get up close and touch the fish. Fortunately the fish were very friendly, so there were no lost fingers. After resting a hand above the water, the fish came to investigate whether Cubs and Beavers were indeed edible!

After the tour and a visit to the 4D cinema to watch Happy Feet, the children were treated to a pizza and chips supper before retiring to bed in the glass walk-through tunnels. The atmosphere was amazing with sharks, turtles and an array of colourful fish swimming all around as you drift off. A few cubs woke to find a seven foot shark resting on the glass above their heads first thing in the morning!

Martin Castle, cub scout leader, would like to thank all the parents and leaders that helped make this trip possible. "All the children behaved impeccably and were a credit to Shipston on Stour" said Martin.



## Shipston's junior rugby players go on tour

Shipston Minis and Juniors (up to U15) once again took part in the West Coast Festival of Rugby last month, staying at Woolacombe Bay on the North Devon coast.

As the UK's leading end-of-season tournament, the rugby festival is one of the largest events of its kind in the UK, now attracting more than 4,000 participants (up to 100 teams), supporters and spectators.

Shipston's enthusiastic players competed against teams in more than six games over the two days.

The Cup, Challenge Cup, Trophy and Bowl competitions took place on Sunday. One Shipston under 8s team narrowly lost in the cup final, while the other Under 8s and the Under 12s teams won the Challenge cup.



*The Under 8s talk strategy ahead of their final game*

## Share your musical talent at the Shipston Proms Fame Contest

Shipston Proms has launched its annual fame contest, determined to find and celebrate Shipston's best musicians and singers.

If you're a secret soprano star or part of a brilliant band, the fame contest is the perfect opportunity to showcase your talent.

To enter simply download and complete the entry form at [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org). Entrants must be aged 10 or over.

**Shipston Primary School**



**The day the robots came**

Full of happiness and excitement, I took my first step into the Hall. I was flabbergasted and speechless. When we sat down the robots booted up. The blue robot (who was the oldest one) booted up quicker than the new robot because the new one has more things to programme.

I am happy that Jacob and Xanthe got picked although I wanted to go up. Xanthe took Nao 6 and Jacob took Nao. When they lifted their hand up and pulled slightly the robots walked by the side of the children.

After Colin (the man who brought the robots) taught us what the robots could do, we made our own robots out of Lego Wedo and programmed them ourselves using Macbook Air laptops. We all worked really well together.

Finally, we got together and danced with the robots to Thriller



and Gangnam Style. I loved this day. I wish we had longer but at least we still did it. I will never forget our Year 4 Robot Day. *by Eve Faulkner (Eagles)*

**Year 5 learning about allotments**

As part of their topic "Allotment", children of Swans and Herons classes visited the allotments in Shipston.

Mr Cook very kindly showed the children his allotment, and told them about how he plans when to plant each type of vegetable to ensure that he has things growing all year round. The children saw rotavators (learning the importance of helping air get into the soil) and several other tools that gardeners use, as well as learning more about the importance of composting and recycling. Finally, the children investigated the different ways that were used to protect the fruit and vegetables as they grow, from scarecrows to insect nets.

Swans class were kindly invited to Mr Randall's (Pod) garden where they are able to see how it is possible to grow an allotment within your own garden. He talked to the children about the various tools that he uses and taught them the difference between how peas and runner beans grow. After a ride on 'Pod's Railway', the children were shown the greenhouse before being given a lesson on growing runner beans.



**Shipston High School**



**GCSE Students Get To Grips With Their Final Examinations**

As for all secondary schools, the month of June at Shipston High tends to be dominated by the external examinations. Already by the beginning of June some of the examinations will have finished so, for example, Year 11 students at the High School have already completed most of their practical examinations in subjects like Physical Education, Drama and Art.

Anyone dropping into the school recently would have found it difficult not to have been impressed by the P.E. candidates keenly taking to the school playing fields on a blustery day in order to demonstrate their fitness and skills, or by the Art candidates focussing intently on their slowly emerging masterpieces, or the Drama students getting into character before performing in front of the visiting examiner.

If the work the students have produced to date is anything to go by, this year's crop of Year 11 students look set to achieve a record harvest of GCSE grades. The High School is already looking forward to the results day in August and seeing its leavers head off to their various sixth form and college places.

**Election Fever Strikes Shipston High!**

In the weeks leading up to the May General Election, election fever took hold of the High School as the students engaged with great enthusiasm in the school's mock election. Nine candidates stepped forward and between them they represented all the major parties as well as some of the fringe ones too. The candidates actively promoted their parties' manifestos and the school even had its own 'MyGov' opinion

poll which in its inability to predict a clear winner, strangely mirrored the opinion polls nationally. Then on the big day itself, the school set up its own polling station complete with monitors, ballot papers and a genuine polling box.

Once the votes had been counted and validated by the school's Returning Officer it emerged that the official Conservative Party candidate on 20% of the poll had the largest share of the vote closely followed by the Independent Conservative candidate on 18%. Together, however, they failed to gain a majority and, at the time of writing, are in heated discussions with the Liberal Democrat candidate, on 14%, about forming a coalition. The surprise of the election was the Green Party which took 16% of the vote.

As well as being a great source of entertainment and fun, the mock election had the more serious purpose of teaching students about the British Constitution and our democratic process. In this the election was a great success, and it was hugely rewarding to hear the youngest students in the lunch queue debating with great seriousness party policies and the idea of hung parliaments.



*The winning Conservative Party candidate, Georgina Cooke, along with Tristan Hoff, the Independent Conservative candidate.*

## Grab your dancing shoes for a lively Proms launch

Shipston Proms 2015 is bursting onto the scene with a new Launch Night event to add to the already strong line-up of events from 19th June to the Last Night in the Square on 4th July.

The launch night on Friday 19th June, features three local bands playing at the Townsend Hall from 7.00pm to 11.30pm. The line up includes The CopyCats, The Average Wyatt Band and Kinky Farnham with PA from Clearsound Productions based in Shipston. A bar and food will also be available on the night.

Tickets are £6.00 and now on sale at R. Clarke Electrical, Taste of the Country and John Lyne Home Improvements. Any tickets left will be sold on the door at £7.00.

Don't forget to check out the full line up of events by visiting [www.shipstonproms.org](http://www.shipstonproms.org) or picking up the Proms leaflet from shops and cafes around the town.

Get your dancing shoes on and support your local proms!



## Warwickshire Open Studios comes to Shipston

Warwickshire Open Studios this year, takes place from Saturday June 27th till Sunday July 12th during shop hours, at The Richard Harvey Collection in Shipston.

Five local professional Artists from Shipston and surrounding villages are coming together again to exhibit their stunning work in the magnificent showrooms of the former 19th Century Baptist Chapel, which can be approached through the shop.

The Exhibiting Artists are: Heather Bailey, contemporary Landscapes and Abstracts; Penny Varley, Home and Garden Ceramics; Lis Mann, Textile Hangings and Cushions; Grenville Moore, Animal Paintings and Emily Fermor, Jewellery.

Pop in and see the Artists at work on Demonstration Days, which will be advertised around town.

All work is for sale and entry is free of charge. Details of all the participating artists can be found in the Warwickshire Open Studio's website and brochure [www.warwickshireartsweek.co.uk](http://www.warwickshireartsweek.co.uk)

*Artists show off their W.W.1. Project, worked on and completed during Richard and Louise's 'hospitality' last year. It was displayed in local Churches during the Commemorative Ceremonies. The public were invited to post their memories on the Work. This proved to be an emotional and very worthwhile collaborative event.*



## Shipston Town Band makes an impact at the Oxford Solo Contest

A number of junior and senior band members travelled to the Oxford and District Brass Band Association Brass Festival to compete in a whole variety of sections from solo and duet to quartet, quintet and ensemble.

The competition was held at Marlborough School in Woodstock and we were able to take advantage of some marvellous facilities. Some of the band's younger players had no less than 12 separate blows during the day. Without a doubt they all rose to the occasion and the band managed to achieve a first three place in every section it entered.

The first section was the 8 years and under slow melody. Cornet player Theo Whalley Hoggins was complimented on his nice sound and was placed first after playing number 1. Peter Coates, at 6 years old, was the youngest competitor and was placed a very creditable 4th and received a trophy for the youngest player.

Sasha Turner was placed 3rd in the 9, 10 and 11 slow melody and won the prize for the best cornet in her section. Cian Pyne and Ed Coates also gave sound performances. In the 12, 13 and 14 slow melody Luke Barker and Grace Coates were placed first and second respectively with good performances also coming from Bethan Bown and John Bosley.

There was success, too, for the bank in the duet, quartet and quintet competitions, while the final



*Oxford Solo Contest - Sasha, Luke, Bethan, Grace, and John with Paul Webber*

performance of the day saw the senior ensemble placed first with Chris Bosley stepping in to conduct.

To complete what was probably the band's best ever day, Luke Barker was awarded the Best Boy under 15 and Grace Coates was awarded the Best Girl Under 15.

**For the full Shipston Proms Programme, visit [www.shipstonproms.org](http://www.shipstonproms.org)**

**Regular events:**

- 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 Stroke Club:** Fortnightly (14, 28) 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:** Halford Bridge Hotel, 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 Stitchers:** 10am to 3pm, alternate Thursdays.
  - Thur Story Stomp:** Shipston Library, 11.30am-12pm.
  - Thur Age Concern Lunch Club at Rainbow Fields:** 01789 740627
  - 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
- 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**

- 1 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Sunshine Skivvies by Mrs Jarvis. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 3 Shipston Widows: Local lunch.** 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute: Members' Social Evening with Summer food.** 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 4 Shipston Home Nursing - Summer Shopping Day.** See ad on page 9. 10am- 4pm, The Old Vicarage, Aston Magna, GL56 9QN. £4 entry includes coffee & biscuit. Rolls available to buy at lunchtime!
- 5 Shipston Home Nursing - Simulated Game Day.** 5 x 80 bird flushes, 400 clays per team. £400 per team of 4. 1pm registration, bacon roll & coffee. Shooting commences 2pm. Bar, auction and 2-course meal from 4.30pm. Contact Rebecca 01608 674 929
- Shipston Dementia Cafe:** The 2nd World War by Jane Arnold. 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Charmaine Bird 07720 947938
- 6 Chatterbooks:** Reading group for 8-11 year olds. 10am-11am, Shipston Library. Join us for games, activities, refreshments and the chance to make new friends.

- Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- Shipston Home Nursing - Bottle Stall:** Wellesbourne Street Fair, Wellesbourne, 12pm. SHN are running a bottle stall, please call Rebecca on 01608 674929 if you can donate any bottles of any description! Thank you.
- 8 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 9 Shipston Flower Club: Seasonal Twists by Jane Belcher.** 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Visitors £3.50. Contact: Elaine 01608 238255
- Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact: John Cavana 01295 722287
- 10 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library). Books include fiction, children's, cookery, gardening, art etc. To donate books contact Lion David Squires on pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk
- Shipston and District Gardening Club: Garden Visit.** Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- 11 Free Diabetes Testing.** See ad on page 8
- 12 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Rural Cinema: The Theory of Everything.** See ad on page 8
- 13 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Mayor's Surgery:** 10am, High Street
- 16 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** Grayson Perry's Tapestry by Alice Foster. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Judy Keep 663115. See ad on page 8
- 17 Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. For further information, contact Barbara Bean on 663230
- 19 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.** Reminiscence Singing for people with memory problems. 2pm. Stour Court Community Room, Old Road. Contact Barbara Smith 662433
- Shipston Proms - Launch Night.** See ad on page 9
- 19-30 Shipston Proms: Various events and venues.** For details pick up a leaflet or go to [www.shipstonproms.org](http://www.shipstonproms.org)
- 23 Multiple Sclerosis Society: 'Drop in' meeting.** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- U3A meeting.** See ad on page 9
- 24 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston and District Literary Society: Early Evening Cheese & Wine Garden Party.** Contact: Helen Marshall 01789 740773
- 26 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Music Society: Orchestra of the Swan - Music for a Summer's Evening.** See ad on page 8
- 27 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Shipston Primary Summer Fete:** 12-3pm, Shipston Primary School. Stalls, entertainment, raffle. All welcome.
- Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra.** See ad on page 9

**SHIPSTON PROMS 2015**  
19 JUNE - 4 JULY  
MUSIC FOR ALL



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

**MUSIC FOR A SUMMERS EVENING**



WITH GUEST APPEARANCE BY  
**INTERNATIONAL CELLIST**  
**RAPHAEL WALLFISCH**

**ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN**

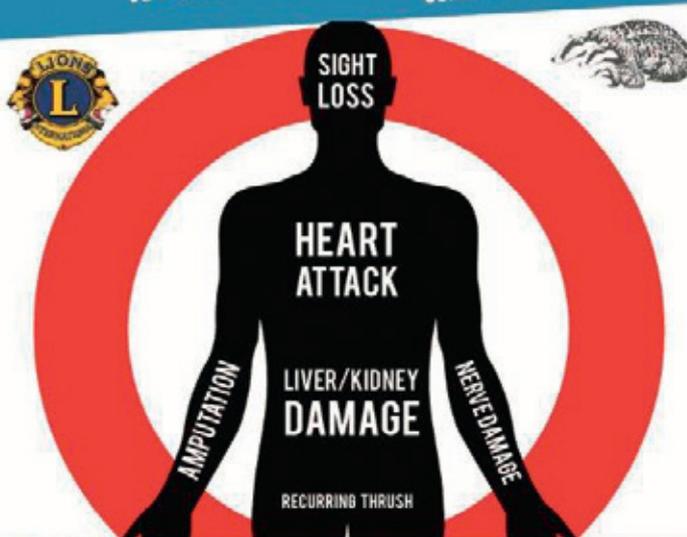
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The trustees ask for receipt of applications within six weeks of the appearance of this notification. Applicants will be informed as to the success of their application within the next four weeks.

**Stour Valley Lions**

**Lion's Cinema**

On the 12th June at Townsend Hall we are showing the not to be missed blockbuster film 'The Theory of Everything' starring Eddie Redmayne who was awarded the Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of Stephen Hawking.



This is the story of the most brilliant and celebrated physicist of our time, Stephen Hawking (Eddie Redmayne) and Jane Wilde (Felicity Jones) the arts student he fell in love with whilst studying at Cambridge in the 1960s. Little was expected from Stephen Hawking, a bright but shiftless student of cosmology, given just two years to live following the diagnosis of a fatal illness at 21 years of age. He became galvanized, however, by the love of fellow Cambridge student, Jane Wilde, and he went on to be called the successor to Einstein, as well as a husband and father to their three children. Over the course of their marriage as Stephen's body collapsed and his academic renown soared, fault lines were exposed that tested the lineaments of their relationship and dramatically altered the course of both of their lives.

**Charity Race Night**

Lions yet again has organised and run another of its very popular race night, this time for Newbold Primary School PTA. Parents and friends brought lots of children along, who thoroughly enjoyed riding the horses in each of the six races, some over the jumps. There was an interval for fish and chips before the final races and vital funds were raised for the PTA.

**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 11th June between 2 and 5.30pm.

**Shipston Home Nursing**



**A long walk to Shipston**

Mike Langrish has written a witty account of the brave adventure he embarked on with Martin Foster. We don't have room for the full article so here are some edited highlights. To read the full article, please visit the news section at [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org).

"Martin sent me an email in January asking if I would be interested in joining him on a challenge to complete all the walks in Peter Titchmarsh's book "20 Walks in Shipston Country". I thought he must have slipped on the ice and bumped his head to come up with this mad idea, but I thought it best to humour him and agreed to have a go at the challenge, thinking he would come to his senses when the swelling went down. But it soon became clear he was serious about this "Adventure" and we began to make detailed plans.

In the early stages of planning we hadn't looked for any driving support and it was becoming a looming problem. But that's when Ian McConnel popped up and generously offered his services, which solved all the outstanding problems of transport and refreshment support. We then

became a team, with an obtainable objective, a viable plan of action, and the necessary resources to complete the task.

We were very fortunate with the weather, both before and during the event, and we only experienced a few short showers. I won't go into all the details of each walk, as it would become a long list of places visited, but I would like to thank all those who turned out to meet and to walk with us.

Thanks also to all our sponsors. I think Ian, Martin and me have helped to raise over £1,000 for SHN, not a bad reward for a weekend of walking. I hope those who have pledged a donation to SHN will complete on their promises, in the same spirit of generosity with their money as Ian, Martin and I have done with our time and efforts."

#### **Shipston Home Nursing joins the Wolf Run!**

We are the Charity Partner for the Wolf Run on the Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September 2015 at Offchurch, Welsh Road.

Here's your chance to really make a difference.

We have teamed up with the WOLF Run to help you raise even more money for SHN. We will be cheering you on over the weekend, so do rally the troops and get a team together or sign up on your own - why not create your own Justgiving page and get sponsored, we'll help promote your page.

For more information, contact the SHN Fundraising Team on 01608 674929.

#### **Shipston Arts and Crafts Society**

At the April meeting of the Shipston Arts and Crafts Society, Helen Bratt-Wyton, the House Steward of Wightwick Manor, spoke about 'William Morris and Wightwick Manor'. Morris was the most influential designer of the nineteenth century who saw no distinction between the applied arts and the fine arts. His influence extended over many fields: in architecture, his house 'The Red House', Bexleyheath, Kent, was specially designed by his friend Philip Webb, and in its interior decoration other friends, including Edward Burne-Jones, were involved. The same group of friends decorated the interior of the Oxford Union in 1857. After 1861, Morris led the firm, Morris, Marshall, Faulkner & Co, reorganised in 1875 as Morris & Co; its influence stretched across furniture and all aspects of interior decoration. Even in its most ubiquitous pieces, everything was handmade, even in the prolific decade between 1875 and 1885.

Wightwick Manor was designed in 1887 with a major addition in 1893 for the Theodore Mander by Edward Ould of the Chester architectural practice, Grayson & Ould, as an aesthetic house. The aesthetic movement was more concerned with how things look, in contrast to the Arts and Crafts Movement which is concerned with how things are made. The house contains many pieces by Morris and his circle, including the recently acquired preliminary drawings of the fox, rabbit, lion, and raven for the Forest Tapestry, a major piece of embroidery. Embroidery was

another of the specialities of Morris & Co.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 16 June 2015 when Alice Foster will speak on 'Grayson Perry's Tapestry' at the Catholic Church Parish Centre, Darlingscote Road, Shipston-on-Stour. All are welcome.

#### **Dementia – is it just about memory loss?**



Dr Sue Pritchard gave a talk at the Alzheimer's Café held in Stour Court Friday 1st May.

The surgery has 25% of its total patient list over 65 years of age compared to 16% nationally and with increasing age, the prevalence of dementia increases.

Shipston as a Dementia Friendly Community is trying to get the message out into the community about Dementia. Short term memory loss presents as one of the symptoms of dementia, alongside impairment of cognitive skills, organisational skills and judgement. Delusions and sometimes hallucinations can also occur. Despite issues with short term memory, long term memories often stay intact. Dementia can be demoralising and scary, and sometimes people with dementia get low mood and medication can help.

Dementia can lead to changes of behaviour, which can sometimes be challenging, but we need to look behind the behaviour to see if it is a means of communication of other issues i.e pain or loneliness and respond accordingly.

We need to find ways of helping people to live well with Dementia. How can we support people day to day? The changes a person with dementia is experiencing can be anxiety provoking and we can help by being comforting, soothing, reassuring, and calming.

We are all social beings – we are part of a family, groups of one sort or another, friendship groups, in churches or with hobbies. Trying to keep involved with previous activities is important and we can help by focussing on things that can be done, not on where abilities may have been lost. We need to help preserve a sense of worth and value at whatever level. The use of photos and memory boxes help in preserving a sense of identity.

#### **Support for dementia sufferers and carers**

You are not alone with Dementia. There is a Local Carers group for those looking after someone with dementia (Stour Valley Carers), there is the monthly Alzheimer's Society Drop in Café, monthly Down Memory Lane with singing for all with memory problems, and a Befrienders group just starting. At all of these venues there are people who can help and advise, and point you to specialist help. Look out for notices on all local noticeboards and at the surgery. Alzheimer's Society have specialist support workers (Dementia Navigators) who provide help and advice one to one, and you can be referred to them if necessary. Louise Gillard-Brown is our local navigator.

Shipston – a Dementia Friendly Community, will be bringing forward new initiatives over the coming months, as we try to increase awareness of Dementia and provide much needed support to help people to live well with

Dementia. Read the Forum and watch your notice boards for more details.

### Shipston Rotary Club in April



With Easter at the start of April it was a short Rotary month but busy nonetheless.

On 10th April many Rotarians supported the Wool Fair Barn Dance at the Townsend Hall and had a very enjoyable evening.

We had two fascinating talks during the month. The first all about the new exhibition at Upton House, National Trust property which demonstrates how the owner transferred his London Bank with employees to Upton House during wartime. The second was from Colonel Gerald Lesinski on behalf of the Lord Leycester Hospital who provided a comprehensive and amusing talk about Her Majesty's Guards.

It was also the month for our AGM and the opportunity to finalise arrangements for the Shipston Rotary Cotswold Walk and for the Shipston Rotary Songs of Praise, to coincide with the Church Flower Festival and the Wool Fair Weekend.

A number of Shipston Rotarians supported the Stratford Rotary club at this year's Stratford Marathon.

There was a very sad ending to April for the club with the death of our treasurer and former President Colin Black. Colin had been ill for some time but the suddenness of his passing was a great shock to us all. Most of the club attended the funeral and Service of Thanksgiving at Halford on 30th April. Colin had been a very active member of the club and his involvement will be missed by every one of us.

If you would like to find out more about the above or about Shipston Rotary Club then please visit our website [www.shipstonrotary.org.uk](http://www.shipstonrotary.org.uk) or email President Judith Slinger on [jasling@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jasling@tiscali.co.uk). You can also follow us on Facebook.

### Shipston Probus



We welcomed Hugh Granger in April who talked to us about 'Amazing Frauds and Swindles'. There seems to be no limit to the ways in which people can be deceived and on a grand scale. One example was a group of Nigerians who set up a scam to sell an airport. They presented a convincing front, with impressive offices and documentation and succeeded in conning millions of pounds from a South American bank to the extent it went bankrupt. In Costa Rica, a couple found the 'house of their dreams', and having bought it, turned up to find it invaded by squatters who were part of the scam. The couple, naturally disgusted, departed. The house was cleaned up and sold again to another unsuspecting couple.

There were many other examples ranging from fake paintings, fake marriages, phantom bus passengers and an invisible pig farm.

On 24th April, the club held its Annual General Meeting when the retiring president, Richard Appleyard, handed over the chains of office to the next year's president, Paul Hickley. The Treasurer reported a healthy financial situation so subscriptions will not be increased. During the year, several new members were welcomed and invited to give short talks on their careers - always interesting and often amusing.

### Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute



The President, Christine Watkins, welcomed members, and four new members, to the meeting. She introduced the speaker, Jenny Boyle whose talk with slides on 'Sand, Sea and Sunny Places' made one think of Ibiza or maybe Tenerife, but no, Jenny took the WI Meeting to the ancient and wonderful countries of the Middle East. Sadly, since her trip in 2011, these are now war-torn and suffering lands, but Jenny's visit was made in the lull after the first Egyptian uprising.

Starting in Jordan and travelling mainly by coach (and with police protection), the party travelled over deserts, visiting ancient cities and fabled sites such as Petra, the Roman ruins at Jerash, the Dead Sea, Crusader castles, still active Coptic monasteries dating from the 3rd century, museums filled with dazzling icons and writings going back to the dawn of Christianity. The trip included sea voyages up and down the Gulf of Aqaba, up the Gulf of Suez to Cairo and all the wonders of its museums and the pyramids, as well as the aftermath of the uprising. A visible sign of the Middle Eastern situation was the absence of visitors: Jenny showed photographs of the pyramids with no people, she stood in a room alone with the burial mask of Tutankhamen and sketched it! It's usually almost impossible to get close. A trip to be remembered and treasured for many years and happily one to be shared.

The meeting continued with WI business: the Knitting and Reading Groups will be meeting and a trip to Oxford to hear about its part in the Civil War is forthcoming. A trip to Bletchley Park has also been arranged.

The next meeting at the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, will be on Wednesday, 3rd June at 7pm when there will not be a speaker, but members will have a summer party.

### Shipston Music Society

#### Cabinet of Curiosities



Cabinet of Curiosities is a collective of semi-professional and amateur musicians who aim to bring music from the 17th and 18th centuries to life by adopting original baroque principles rather than mid-20th century performance practice. Members of the group play a mix of instruments and some even have authentic baroque instruments using gut strings rather than the modern era giving a more mellow tone. Music director Clive Letchford has wide musical experience. He has sung professionally and plays violin,

double bass and viol. He is Director of Music at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon and conductor of the Interdum Singers, based in Coventry.

The theme of their programme "The Nations" being representation of various peoples, current or past, real or imaginary inspired various composers, and included composers from Germany, France, a renegade Italian and England. In the first half they played the Suite from Dioclesian by English composer Henry Purcell, Les Nations Suite by German Georg Philip Tellemann and the Suite from Les Indes Galante by French composer Jean-Philippe Rameau.

The second half was A Night at the Opera by Handel and Ballet des Nations from the comedie-ballet 'Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme' by Jean-Baptiste Lully. The evening concluded with two patriotic songs by Thomas Arne, The beer-drinking Briton and Rule Britannia performed by soprano Kathryn Ellis and Clive Latchford.

The next meeting of the Music Society will be 26th June 2015 when The Orchestra of the Swan with guest International Cellist Raphael Wallfisch will be in concert as part of the Shipston Proms at the Townsend Hall. Visitors are always welcome – For more information please phone Richard Baldwin 01608-662178 or visit the web site [www.shipstonmusic.org.uk](http://www.shipstonmusic.org.uk).

## Readers' Letters

*Letter from Nigel Willis*

A word to the wise. Not me, unfortunately.

Recently I was working on my PC at home when suddenly I found it being taken over.

It froze completely and up came a message inviting me to phone a number to get the problem sorted.

This turned out to be someone in India. He went through a long script to get me to pay for 3 years protection of my computer as well as sorting out the problem, £186 I think he said. I refused and he said he would have to refer to his manager. After a few minutes he said his technical team could resolve the problem for £87. The man seemed to find it amusing that I am 66.

I agreed and after about 2 hours, during which I had to give the technician free access to my PC, the problem was sorted out and now works OK. But of course this was a scam. First create the problem then get the scammed person to pay to get it sorted. I am told by computer experts that some software can be downloaded free to deal with this type of thing. I am now going to report this to the police.

## Proud of My Town

### John Smith awarded Long Service Award

To celebrate 60 years service to bands, Shipston Town Band's Principal Cornet, John Smith, was recently presented with an award from the Oxfordshire Brass Band Association.

Chairman, Nikki Jones, outlined John's career. This began with him being taught to play by his father Bert, who reformed the band after the second World War, to his time on various cornet positions, before making a very successful move to Flugel Horn. After a period with the Jaguar Cars Band, John returned to Shipston, to join the cornet team, subsequently taking on the position of Principal Cornet.



*John Smith long service award presented by Nikki Jones*

### Shipston Rugby Club Raising Funds for Local Charities

Shipston Rugby Club's Richard Spencer and Alasdair Elliott present Shipston Home Nursing with a cheque for £912.47.

Rebecca Mawle (fundraising co-ordinator) came to the Club's fun day to receive the cheque to help with their fundraising.

The money was raised when the Rugby Club held their annual Sportsmans Dinner on March 6th. The Dinner, held at the Townsend Hall, enjoyed the company of Gareth Chilcott who entertained the 210 guests with his amusing tales from his Rugby days playing for Bath and England.

Rebecca said "The money we receive from the Club is very much appreciated and helps us to meet our annual fundraising targets."

The Dinner has now raised over £10,000 to help good causes within the town. Beneficiaries have included the Shipston Youth Club, The Friends of the Hospital, First Responders, Shipston Home Nursing, DASH (drugs awareness Shipston) and this year The Toti Warboys cancer fund. Nick Warboys told the Club that they had already achieved a remarkable £90,000 towards £100,000 target they had set themselves to raise since they had lost their son to Leukaemia. He went on to say that the £600 from the Club would help to reach their target.



*From Left Alasdair Elliott SRFC, Rebecca Mawle – SHN Fundraising Coordinator & Richard Spencer SRFC*

## District Council update

### New District Council

I would like to introduce Cllr Jo Barker to you who won the Shipston South Ward at the 7 May elections. I won the Shipston North Ward the same day. We shall be your representatives on Stratford District Council for the next four years.



It was always going to be a difficult transition when reducing the size of the Council from 53 to 36 seats, but change has emerged from the new wards put in place by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

We both get involved with our locality. Jo lives in Shipston and is well known to many parents taking or collecting their children from the primary school. Tredington, where I live is now part of Shipston North Ward. As with our predecessors, we are here to serve and support you.

### Planning

I am about to implement a programme that will get us through the remaining stages to approve our planning Core Strategy. Much of the work has been done but we need to stem the tide of any further unacceptable development in Shipston. It's a great place, with a vibrant town centre and a country town character. We do not want to spoil it, despite the aspirations of developers too often supported by the Planning Inspectorate.

### Changes in Government

Greg Clark MP who has taken over from Eric Pickles at the Department of CLG. We welcome a new focus from him in the working relationship between national and local government.

### Councillor Chris Saint

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

## County Council update

### Highways Budget

Members have settled the list of schemes that will benefit from member controlled budgets this coming year. Schemes I have promoted are:



- Portabello crossroads - £50,000 for new signage and junction improvements.
- A3400 by Horseshoe Public House - £12,000 for improved signage at the West Street junction

Additionally further funding is being sought from new housing developments to further improve the Portabello crossroads.

### Joint Working

We are adding to the list of shared services to save you money. We have just agreed a scheme to provide Internal Audit Service to neighbouring Worcestershire County Council. Not very exciting, I hear you say but this work has to be done, a vital component of good management. Both Councils will make savings by working together.

### Quality of Life

Warwickshire County Council has a research unit called the Warwickshire Observatory. It provides a lot of information that is needed for effective focussed public services. The Annual Quality of Life Report has been published recently to guide how the County Council and its partners develop a flexible approach to service delivery. It is available online.

### Councillor Chris Saint

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## Shipston Medical Centre

### The pathway of Dementia diagnosis – What will happen when you go and talk to your GP?

There are over 100 different types of dementia, with Alzheimer's being the commonest. Short term memory loss presents as one of the symptoms of dementia. In addition, it causes impairment of cognitive skills, inability to find the right word, loss of ability to recognise faces/people/objects, loss of identity and loss of organisational skills and judgement.

If you are concerned about dementia, please book an appointment to see your GP who will ask you a series of questions. You can ask for a family member to be present. Your GP will organise blood tests and a CT scan to rule out other causes. You may then be referred to a specialist at the Memory clinic, often following a home visit by a nurse.

Once one has a diagnosis of dementia, it is important to ensure

that health care, wills and care options are discussed and put in place early on so you do not need to worry about these issues later.



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What should you do if you are worried about yourself or a friend/family member?

If you are worried about someone else, who does not want to seek advice from their GP, ring the surgery in confidence, and the subject can be noted on file and raised opportunistically the next time the person attends surgery.

**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.

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Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
<b>Local police (non emergency)</b>	<b>101</b>
PC Craig Purcell	07977 456585
PCSO Hayley Ditchburn	07879 608696
PCSO Andy Steventon	07966 626908
<b>Churches of Shipston:</b>	
Stour Valley Baptist	01608 664876
Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01608 661210
Methodist Church	01608 642256



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**DUKE**  
**The Peas**  
+ FAME CONTEST WINNERS  
and more  
FREE in the square

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a festival of music making for the whole community



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Friday 19th June LAUNCH EVENT with THE COPYCATS, THE AVERAGE WYATT BAND, AND KINKY FARNHAM

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MIDLAND YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA TOWN BAND with SILVER LININGS COVENTRY CHOIR SCHOOLS' CONCERTS STRATFORD FOLK CLUB OPEN MIC  
STRATFORD MUSICAL THEATRE ORGAN RECITAL JAZZ IN BRAILES VALE MUSICIANS FOLK SESSIONS MUSIC AROUND THE VILLAGES  
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