



# Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

March 2014

## Shipston Town Council welcomes crackdown on vehicle-related crime

Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team, led by PC Craig Purcell, has been cracking down on vehicle-related crime across the town and local area, with impressive results.

Following a number of complaints from residents and town councillors about speeding, obstruction of pavements and junctions, and illegal parking, the policing team decided to get tough. Since December, Community Safety Officers, accompanied by PC Purcell, have been a very visible presence on the town's streets.

Over 98 speeding offences have been recorded since the last Community Forum in December, 38 of which were in Shipston. Six vehicles have been seized for offences including theft of fuel, driving without insurance and driving without a licence.

Cones have been placed on streets to try and prevent inconsiderate parking on busy junctions and residential streets, including around the medical centre, primary school, and in the vicinity of the two building sites on Stratford Road.

Letters are due to be issued to parents and residents in worst-affected areas to help tackle the parking problems.

PC Craig Purcell said "We recognise the challenges some residents face in parking around the medical centre and schools but public safety is our priority. Vehicle-related crime has been the number one concern raised by residents since I joined the team at Shipston and we're determined to crack down on speeding, illegal parking and other issues which can



PC Craig Purcell and PCSO Emma Turner tackle speeding on the Stratford Road directly affect the safety of residents."

Mayor, Ronnie Murphy, said "I am delighted to see the Safer Neighbourhood Team taking such a proactive approach to this issue. I hope that by focusing on these activities, residents and visitors to the town will be encouraged to drive safely and be considerate to other road and pavement users."

Visit [www.warwickshire.police.uk/shipston\\_bigvote](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/shipston_bigvote) by 3rd March to vote for forthcoming police priorities.

## A colourful vision in wool

Local resident, Sid Peachey (pictured below with Mayor, Ronnie Murphy) has been busily working his knitting needles to produce this fantastic blanket in support of Hamlin Fistula UK.

Following the call from members of the Wool Fair Committee a few months ago, Mr Peachey began knitting squares to be



made up into a shawl for the only UK charity exclusively supporting the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia.

Those attending the hospital are often very poor and malnourished. Hamlin Fistula UK provides individual shawls which are given to hospital patients that they then take home with them to keep them cool in summer and warm in winter.

Thanks to help from his friends, Mrs Kath Roe, Mrs Oakey and Mrs Marion Smith, who sewed the individual squares together, Mr Peachey was able to present the shawl to Ronnie Murphy, who said "I am thrilled to receive this wonderfully bright shawl on behalf of the Wool Committee. We will ensure it gets sent to Hamlin Fistula UK and on to someone in need in Ethiopia."

There is still time to get knitting to support this charity. The guidelines are that squares should be knitted in garter stitch using double knitting wool and UK no 8 (4mm) needles. The squares will need to be stitched together to make shawls of approximately 36 inches by 48 inches, although the stitching can be done by friends and committee members if needed.

Please drop your brightly coloured squares in at New Clark House or for more information, call 01608 662180.

## Mayor's column

Shipston residents had hoped flooding would be part of our history, and not a hazard at present times. However, by comparison with other parts of the country, we have fared reasonably well, at least up to the point of writing this column.



Past experience teaches us all lessons and this year the town council has been ready. The flooding in the town and surrounding areas bring new challenges and with the constant help from our contractors, D Faulkner and his team, the traffic has been kept moving. Further lessons have been learnt and adjustments made to services as needed.

Within legal constraints Shipston Town Council will continue to support residents, homes and businesses.

I hope the front page photo showing Sid Peachey with the results of yet another skill, albeit with a bit of help on the stitching front from his friends, will encourage others to get involved in this charity appeal. Our aim is to handover 20 completed shawls at the Wool Fair.

Major planning applications continue to occupy a great deal of thought and concern among town councillors. It is hard to maintain positive in the face of such limited power over developments in our town. However, alongside my colleagues on the council, we will continue to do our best to ensure the various views of Shipston residents are represented and acted upon.

**Veronica Murphy**

## Flood Forum starts work in Shipston

Local residents have answered the call for volunteers to join a local Flood Forum, which held its first meeting last month.

Shipston's Flood Forum is one of ten being set up across Warwickshire. Keen to involve as many members of the community as possible, the Forum members will look to engage and disseminate information across Shipston and will be looking at ways to enable residents to raise issues and keep up to date with plans.

The Flood Forum will develop an action plan in response to issues of most concern locally. The Shipston group, with support from the National Flood Forum, will then meet with all agencies responsible for flood risk to encourage better partnership working.

The group is in its very early stages and further updates will be published in the Shipston Forum. For more information, contact the Town Clerk on 662180.



## Shipston electorate to head to the polls again

Just a few months after the last town council election, Shipston residents will be receiving polling cards once again to fill the council seat vacated by Alan Noyce. Thanks to a little-known by-law, an election must be called if requested by 10 or more members of the electorate.

Following such an application by a group of Shipston residents, the vacant post cannot be filled by council nomination and an election will go ahead provided more than one person puts their name forward for the post.

The election will take place on the 3rd April and polling cards will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Mayor, Ronnie Murphy, said "Many town councillors are concerned that we have been put in a position where we have to hold an election at considerable cost to the town, despite the fact that all seats will be up for re-election anyway in May 2015. However, we urge all eligible residents to make the most of the election by voting on 3rd April."

Combined with the election in December, the town will have spent over £6,000 in election fees in this financial year.

## Residents invited to free composting workshops

Warwickshire County Council is keen to promote home composting. It is a great way for gardeners to make their own compost and it diverts garden and food waste from the waste stream, saving council tax money.

To encourage residents of Warwickshire to either start composting or help existing home composters improve their knowledge, the County Council's waste management team is running a series of free home composting workshops across Warwickshire. Each resident attending the workshop will receive a free 330 litre compost bin. (Limited to one free bin per household)



Each workshop will last approximately 45 minutes consisting of a 30 minute presentation plus a question and answer session. The closest workshops for Shipston residents are as follows:

**Stratford – Thursday 10th April – 6pm - 6.45pm**

Holy Trinity Church Centre, Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon

**Warwick – Tuesday 6th May – 6pm - 6.45pm**

Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF

To book on to a course either book a place online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting), email the Waste Management Team at [composting@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:composting@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call 01926 412593.



## February's hot topics

**Sign success:** New signs for Donnington Rd and Gunn End have been ordered by the Streetscene department and are likely to be installed within the next few weeks.

**White stripes:** After much campaigning by town councillors, the white lines on Badgers Crescent have been repainted by the county council.

**Playground no-go area:** Arthur Ivens reported that the Libbylous play area is still closed due to flooding.

**Advertising anger:** Councillors expressed frustration with the amount of advertising and planning notices fixed to streetlights, telegraph poles and trees. The Town Clerk will speak to Stratford District Council regarding their policy for removing the notices.

**Dog bin demand:** Ian Cooper raised requests from residents for additional dog mess bins on the Diriftway and Telegraph Street. General Purposes will look into this.

**Bumpy ride:** Jackie Warner reported new potholes on Tilemans Lane and Station Road which will be reported to Warwickshire's Highways department.

## Campaigning for Shipston

**Riverside walk:** Brian Healey is now chairing the working group. The first step will be to draft a letter to the landowner to seek agreement in principle to try and get the existing footpath moved.

**Vehicle-activated signs:** Funding has been confirmed for vehicle activated signs on Stratford Road (funded by Stratford Road and Hornsby Close developments) and London Road (funded by WCC). There is no date set for installation as yet.

**Norgren housing application:** Following a presentation of the more detailed planning application for the Norgren site by Cala Homes, councillors voted to object to the "Reserved Matters" application. Concerns were raised about the planned reduction of some screening, lack of public play space, access for public transport and visitor parking, and lack of detail around street lighting.

**A sustainable Shipston:** Councillors unanimously supported recommendations from the Sustainability Working Group regarding a response to Stratford District Council's (SDC) Draft Core Strategy consultation. The town council will call on SDC to work with them to address pressing infrastructure issues including school and healthcare provision, IT infrastructure and public transport.

**Exploring wind:** Following a presentation from Community Energy Warwickshire, a community benefit society owned by local people, Shipston Town Council voted to support the group's application for government funding to pay for a small wind feasibility study in Shipston. If the funding bid is successful, the group will commission experts in Small Wind technology to conduct a study to find out whether there is sufficient wind resource in Shipston to warrant a small wind project, and whether the public would be likely to support such a project.

Small Wind turbines vary in size depending on location and wind resource but they are considerably smaller than commercial turbines.

Some councillors expressed concerns that the study would be a foregone conclusion but Community Energy Warwickshire stressed that would not be the case and that they would not be able to proceed with any project which was not supported by the public.

## Town Council business

**Neighbourhood Plan update:** Funding has now been received for the project manager role. Ian Cooper is working with the NP team to recruit appropriate support for the project.

**Bus Shelter:** Councillors were pleased to hear WCC is looking at installing a shelter at the Plantation bus stop but expressed serious concerns about their proposals to block one exit from Telegraph Street. General Purposes will meet with Nigel Whyte from the council to discuss the options in more detail.

**Emergency signage:** The town council will purchase temporary signs pointing to emergency centres in case of severe flooding. The emergency sites are the Sheldon Bosley Hub, Primary School the High School and the Catholic Church Hall.

## New Clark House Update



### Protecting our verges

We have received a number of complaints from residents about the parking on grass verges.

With all the rain we've had, the verges are particularly soft and vulnerable to damage. Please avoid parking on grass verges around the town so we can keep our town looking smart.

Verges that have already been damaged will be reseeded with grass seed when the weather improves, but we need your cooperation to give the new grass a chance to take hold.

### Allotment fees due

Allotment fees are due on the 1st April as follows:

#### New

#### Street allotments:

Full plot £27.50

Half plot £13.75

#### Shoulderway

#### Lane allotments:

Full plot £22.00

Half plot £11.00

### Citizen's

#### Advice Bureau

Don't forget you can access free financial and legal advice from the CAB. Appointments are available every Monday – call 01789 200136 to book.

### Georgina Beaumont:

Town Clerk

01608 662180

email:

clerk@shipstononline.org

## Shipston St John's Cadets improve training thanks to new equipment

Shipston's St John's Ambulance Division is now well placed to train junior and senior cadets, as well as its adult division in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), thanks to a recent donation made by the late Mrs Patricia Le Prevost. The donation enabled the team to buy three "Resusci Anne" mannequins for training purposes – a baby, child and adult to cover the different training requirements.

Unit Manager, Josie Bayliss, expressed her special thanks on behalf of the division to Mrs Le Prevost's daughter, Marianne Westwood, and granddaughter, Ella Timms, who organised the donation and purchase of the mannequins.

Shipston's St John's Ambulance Division has had an extremely busy 12 months. The 'Badgers', aged between 5 and 10 years have gained safety, creative, St John Family, First Aid and entertainment certificates. As a result, three Welcome Paws, four Bronze Paws, one Silver Paw and one Super Badge Paw (the highest award) have been earned.

Not to be outdone by their younger colleagues, the cadets, aged 10-18, have gained certificates in Hobbies, Explore St John, Safeguarding, Moving and Handling, AED and First Aid levels 1 and 2. Seven cadets passed their membership award, with four Gold Awards earned.



The adults division has also been keeping busy, covering 19 duties, First Aid, Youth Skills and assisting others.

The division would love to see more members join its ranks and is particularly keen to welcome any adults able to help at the cadet meetings. Please contact Josie Bayliss on 684834 for details.

## Police Cadets scheme launched in Warwickshire

Are you in year 11 at a school in Warwickshire? Then Warwickshire Police needs you.

Warwickshire Police has launched a cadets scheme and is looking for young people with an interest in policing and community work to apply to join. Two units are being set up, of which Leamington Spa is the closest to Shipston. The Leamington unit will be run by youth engagement officer, PC Darren Lund, and supported by other officers, members of staff and volunteers.

Cadets will meet every Thursday night from 6pm to 9pm and follow a structured two-year programme which will include studying for a Level 2 qualification in leadership and management from the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM), learning drill, hearing talks from members of the police family and helping with community projects.

All applications must be received by Sunday April 6, after which interviews will be held.

Chief Superintendent Martin McNevin said: "I encourage all young people who are currently in year 11 at school to consider joining Warwickshire Police Cadets, whether or not they have an interest in policing as a career. This is an opportunity to develop skills and build confidence in a safe and structured environment whilst giving something to the community. The experience will stand cadets in good stead for any path in life".

More details about Warwickshire Police Cadets, and how to apply, can be found at [warwickshire.police.uk/cadets](http://warwickshire.police.uk/cadets) or on Facebook [www.facebook.com/warkscadets](https://www.facebook.com/warkscadets) or Twitter @warkscadets.

## RSC performs to sell out audience at Shipston High

The RSC "First Encounters Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew" was performed to enthusiastic audiences on Wednesday 5th February at Shipston High School.

During the afternoon, a dedicated performance was provided for all students in Years 7 and 8 followed by a question and answer session. In the evening, the school hosted a sell out performance for members of the public keen to get a taste of Shakespeare on their own doorstep.

Both performances were very well received and Shipston High School was delighted with the turn out. Headteacher, Jonathan Baker, said "I'm delighted our school was chosen as the only venue in the Stratford district outside of the RSC Theatre to host this spectacular performance. It was an inspirational evening and I hope we will be able to hold more events like this in the future."



*Shakespeare brought to life in style at Shipston High*



## Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



### Forest School Spring Term 2014

This term, the children in Reception have been really successful building on their autumn term Forest School experience, whilst Year 1 children have undertaken their first block of sessions within the Forest School site at the top of our school field. It has been wonderful to watch all the children grow in confidence, resourcefulness and resilience and observe listening skills, collaboration and imagination develop within each group.

There have been lots of energetic nature games, scavenger hunts, making ice cream cone bird feeders, building dens,



castles and towers, being dragons, making winter badges and winter whizzers. Pen-knives have been used to whittle toasting forks which we have then used to toast marshmallows on the fire to make s'mores – a delicious marshmallow sandwich. Tin foil parcels filled with sausage and bacon have been cooked on the fire and eagerly devoured in minutes by children (and the Headteacher)

The digging pit, which was so popular last term, has transformed itself into a magnificent mud swamp – fantastic for sliding, getting stuck in, splashing, creating mud monsters and tree guardians.

The children have also been learning how to use a bow saw to make tree cookies and to use loppers and pegs to carve elder beads. As part of the Year 1 art topic, children have been learning different knots to join sticks together and weave spider webs.

This half term's sessions owe their success to the fantastic parent volunteers who have been active helpers in each session. Without this support, tool and fire sessions especially would not have been able to happen.



## Shipston High School

### Preparing for Higher Education

As a result of the increasing number of very able students attending the school and going on to sixth forms, including many to grammar schools, the High School has been busy preparing its students for the tough choices that lie ahead.

Louise Moorman, the school's Careers and Work Related Learning Co-ordinator has been active in organising a number of University 'taster days', as part of the 'Aim Higher' programme. For example, in February six students in Year 11 spent a day with the Social Sciences Faculty at the University of Warwick where they had a tour of the campus, attended lectures, heard at first-hand about how to apply to university and then joined the full-time students for lunch in one of the university's restaurants. All came back enthused!

Some students are also taking part in residential courses at other Universities. At Easter a Year 8 student will be taking an Engineering experience course at Nottingham University and in July two Year 9 students have gained places on an Automotive Engineering course at the University of Coventry.

### Music at Shipston High

Battered Soul, Shipston High's Soul Band, goes from strength to strength after their success in 2013. Most recently they wowed a crowd with their 45 minute set at an 'Open Mike' night at Stratford Youth Hostel in Alveston on 31st January. The gig was the first performance of 2014 and featured two new members, Abel Wilson on Trumpet and Hector Banks on Trombone.

The band has a busy schedule over the next year,

performing at various events in the local area, including the Shipston Proms Launch event on Friday 20th June.

Rehearsals are currently under way for the Shipston High School Concert being held at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 28th March and which will feature some very talented students performing a programme of light and popular music including group performances from 'Battered Soul', the GCSE Music groups, and solo items from students in various years. It promises to be an uplifting evening and we hope to see as many people as possible. Tickets are available on the door priced at £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for children and concessions.

Profits will be donated to DASH, Drugs Action Shipston.



## Howdy Partner – care to dance?

It's time to take your partner – and as many friends as possible - by the hand and treat them to a night out at the Wool Fair Barn Dance on 21st March at the Townsend Hall.

A vital fundraiser for the Wool Fair, the Barn Dance promises to be entertaining and exhausting in equal measure. Following the success of last year's event, tickets are expected to sell out quickly so don't delay – get yours today.

The event starts at 7:30pm and tickets cost just £7.50, including light refreshments. Head to Mrs Browns Tea Rooms or IvyHeart to purchase yours or call Liz Jaworska for more details on 01608 662180.



## Love is in the air for Stour Valley Businesses

Local businesses were "feeling the love" as they gathered for the Stour United Businesses (SUBs) networking event on the 13th February.

Romance may or may not have been in the air but the influence of Valentine's Day was certainly felt as members were taught how to "power up their passion" for business by motivational hypnotherapist, Nicola Menage, before being treated to sweet indulgence by local chocolate novelty company "The Chocolate Tree".

If that wasn't enough, Lynette Turner of Cherrypick Introductions, talked members through the similarities between networking and dating and gave some hot tips to ensure success at both!

SUBS chair, Tina Cook, said "SUBs is a network which thrives on generating business opportunities through relaxed informal networking. Valentine's Day gave us a great excuse to have some fun with entertaining speakers to bring a positive vibe to a wet and wintry February."

SUBs welcomes members from all businesses, small and large, across the Stour Valley region. Membership costs just £26 per year and offers access to a number of networking opportunities and other benefits. For more details, visit [www.subs.org.uk](http://www.subs.org.uk) or email [info@subs.org.uk](mailto:info@subs.org.uk)



*SUBs members were encouraged to find their business passion at the networking event*

## Remembering Shipston's 'Rabbit Man'

Local residents gathered to watch the unveiling of the Peter Drinkwater memorial at Mrs Browns Tea Rooms on Saturday 1st February.

The photograph of Peter with his pet rabbit, Squidge, will remain on display at the tea rooms, which was made possible thanks to the generosity of local residents and businesses.

The total sum raised was £180. After deducting the modest costs of the memorial, £92 will be donated to Shipston Home Nursing in Peter's memory.

Mr and Mrs Howard Watson who have led the fundraising efforts said "we would like to thank all those who donated and supported our efforts to establish this memorial in the town. We are particularly grateful to photographer, Les Smithers, framers Foxwist, Maria Cave from Mrs Browns Tea Rooms and printers, KMS Litho, for their generosity."



*Les Smithers and Maria Cave unveil the portrait*

## Going the extra mile for the Air Ambulance

Shipston Rotarian, Patricia Graham, and her poodle Dicken, will be doing a three-mile walk on Saturday 29th March in aid of 'The Air Ambulance Charity'.

Patricia, a long standing resident of Shipston, is in her 80th year and since March 2013 has had both knees replaced as well as hip replacement surgery. Despite this, she is determined to complete the walk in true British Bulldog spirit.

Patricia will be starting her walk at 2.00pm from the Bridge Car Park along Fell Mill Lane and back via Barcheston. Anyone wishing to join her is welcome and a sponsorship form is available for signing at the Air Ambulance shop in Shipston High Street.



**Regular events:**

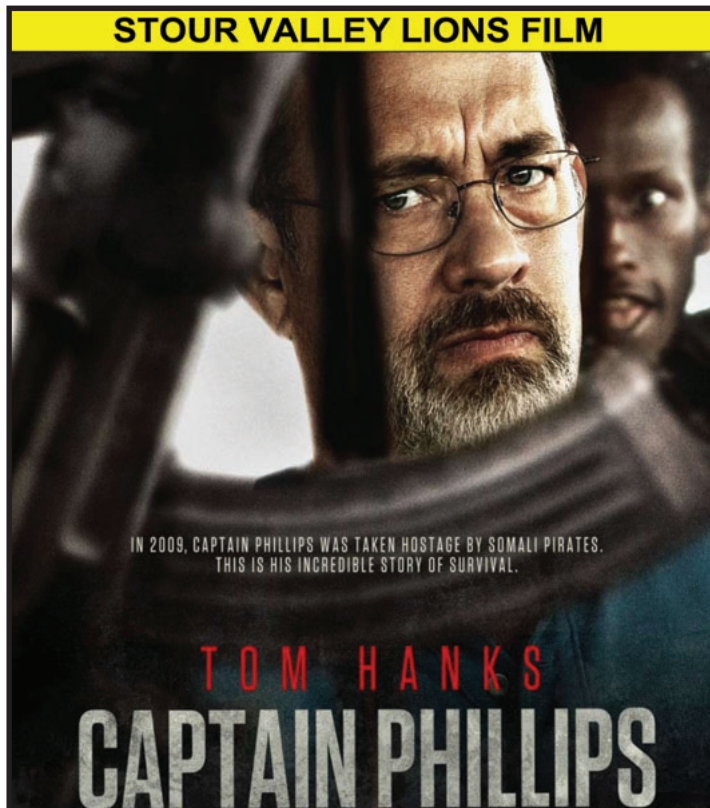
- Mon Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Mon Fitsteps:** 9:30-10:30am, Sheldon Bosley Hub. Other classes available. Contact Michelle on 07764496947.
- Mon St John's Ambulance:** Badgers, 6-7. Cadets 7-8:30. Meet at Shipston Fire Station, 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
- Mon Shipston Taekwondo:** 6-7pm juniors, 7-8pm adults. Shipston High School.
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays. 10am-12pm Room No 2, Ellen Badger Hospital.
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Now every Tuesday. 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 0300 555 8171
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Stella, 686224
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays. Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Tues Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** Halford Bridge Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Adrian Ramskill 0797 656 6525.
- Weds Tai Chi** 12.30pm at the Townsend hall on Sheep Street. Contact: Debbie Wild 07773 318830 or visit [www.swantaichi.co.uk](http://www.swantaichi.co.uk)
- Weds U3A Chicago Bridge:** Social Bridge 2pm-4.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Roger Smith on 01608 238400.
- Thur Shipston Stitches:** 10am to 3pm, alternate Thursdays.
- Thur Story Stomp:** Shipston Library, 2.30-3pm. Stories and rhymes for children aged 2 – 4. Free.
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club** at Rainbow Fields Contact: Diana 01789 740627
- Thur Safer Neighbourhood Team:** Fortnightly. Public surgery, 2.30pm to 3pm. New Clark House, West Street.
- Thur Stour Singers,** open to all, 7.40pm at Shipston Primary School. Contact Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587.
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** Stour Court Contact: Linda 01789 722433
- Fri Shipston Probus:** alternate Fridays
- There are lots of regular classes on at the Townsend Hall. They include: line dancing, badminton, short tennis, yoga, ballet, Calypso kids music, Little Kickers, Zumba, modern jazz dancing, t'ai chi and circuit training. For details, visit [www.townsendhall.com](http://www.townsendhall.com) or call Lisa Bryan on 07800771368.**

**March Diary**

- 1 Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment & refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or [fayivens@aol.com](mailto:fayivens@aol.com)
- Royal British Legion Concert to Commemorate WW1:** See pg 10
- 3 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'Holiday in South Africa' by Bill Hannis. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 4 Shipston and Stour Community Forum:** 7pm Ettington Community Centre, Ettington. Informal "drop-in" surgery at 6.30pm. Shipston Town Councillors and Town Clerk will attend.
- 5 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](mailto:pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk)

- Shipston Widows:** Lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** Shipston-on-Stour WI Archives, with Nicci Williamson. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 7 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston Dementia Cafe:** Gaye Calleja talking about the Ellen Badger Day Unit. 2pm-3.30pm, Community Lounge, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433
- 8 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Mayor's Surgery:** 10am, High Street
- Shipston Home Nursing – Therapies Day:** 10.30am to 4.30pm, Burmington House, Burmington. See ad on page 9
- 10 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 11 Senior Citizens Action Network meeting (SCAN):** 10am-11.30am, Townsend Hall, Sheep Street. Free admission, all young-at-heart over 50s welcome. Contact: Jane Pearce 663491
- Shipston Flower Club:** 'In the Style' with Jackie Page. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School. Visitors £3.50. Contact: Elaine 238255
- Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. Visitors welcome. John Cavana 01295 722287
- 12 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** 'Tool Sharpening for the Terrified' - Will Scott (talk and demonstrations). 7.30pm, Catholic Church, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- Shipston Neighbourhood Watch:** 7.30pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Free. Contact: George Houghton 662603
- The Royal British Legion:** Committee Mtg, 7.30pm, New Clark House.
- 14 Lions Rural Cinema - Captain Phillips.** See ad on page 8
- 16 Military Wives Choirs:** 2.30pm Townsend Hall. See ad on page 8
- 17 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Outing. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 18 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** 'Charles Tunncliffe' by Dr Sylvia Pinches. 7pm start (for AGM), Catholic Church Hall. Visitors most welcome. Contact: Penny Law 663871
- 19 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston Widows:** Meeting. 10.30am-12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 21 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- 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 Music Society:** See ad on page 8
- 22 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Shipston Home Nursing - Vintage Clothes Sale:** Spring Vintage & 2nd hand clothes Sale 9.30am-12noon. Sheldon Bosley Hub, Shipston
- 25 Multiple Sclerosis Society:** 'Drop in' meeting. 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- Shipston on Stour U3A Meeting:** 2pm, Townsend Hall, Shipston. Visitors are welcome. Entry and refreshments £2.
- 26 Shipston and District Literary Society:** Society AGM. 7.30pm, The George Hotel. Contact: Mary Edwards 01789 450737 or Malcolm Pollard 663482
- 28 High School Concert:** see page 5 for details.
- 31 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Flower Club. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

**STOUR VALLEY LIONS FILM**



IN 2009, CAPTAIN PHILLIPS WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE BY SOMALI PIRATES. THIS IS HIS INCREDIBLE STORY OF SURVIVAL.

**TOM HANKS**  
**CAPTAIN PHILLIPS**

**SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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

## Shipston Excelsior FC Needs You! –




### Administrative Support Required

Would you like to contribute to the local community of Shipston and support the sporting development of the young people in the local area? If so and you would like to become part of your local football club we are in need of some voluntary administrative support: -

- Monthly input to Shipston Forum
- Monthly Player/Parents News Letter
- Help with organising events / calendar
  - Chairman's Dinner
  - Sportsman's Dinner
  - End of Season Dinner
  - Golf Day
- Maintenance of player contact information
- Ordering Kit & Equipment
- Maintain Sponsor Information
- Updating website

If you are interested in the above please contact Jonathan Edwards on  
[jp\\_edwards@btinternet.com](mailto:jp_edwards@btinternet.com)




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

**Sergei Rachmaninoff**  
**his life and music**

**an illustrated talk**  
**by**  
**John Malpass**

**In the Methodist Church**  
**New Street, Shipston-on-Stour**  
**@ 7.30pm Friday 21st March 2014**

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## News update from the Shipston Loyalty Card team

The Shipston Card has now been running for over two years and over 2000 of you have cards in your purse or wallet, so first things first THANK YOU! Our aim has always been first and foremost to promote our diverse and vibrant town centre as a whole.

We are tremendously grateful that you continue to support the town centre and local businesses. As a result in 2013 we made the decision to start supporting local events, all of which are so important to our community.

We've had the pleasure of being involved with The Wool Fair, Shipston Proms, Shipston Food Festival, X-fest and the Victorian Evening and hope to be able to continue working with the amazing people who carry off these events in 2014.

### What's next?

You may have already noticed that there have been some changes to the scheme over the past few months so we thought we would take this opportunity to let you know about those changes.

When we launched the scheme, being a card holder allowed you to collect points with every purchase and once you had enough points you could start to redeem them against certain products or use them as money off. Whilst some of the businesses in the scheme will continue to operate a 'points per pound' offer, others have moved to instant rewards every time you purchase over a certain amount, which can be in the form of money off, a free product or a multi-buy deal. The best way to find out what each shop is offering is to ask! So don't just leave your card in your purse or wallet, get it out, we genuinely want to say Thank you for your loyalty but we can't do that unless we see your card!

### Haven't already got a card?

Cards are completely free! All you have to do is pop into one of our participating businesses and in return for a few basic contact details you can have a card. The contact details you provide are entirely confidential and not shared with any other organisation. We only use them to send you a monthly update email, which contains both news and additional offers to our card holders.



### Participating Businesses

Taste of the Country, Ivy Heart, Sheldon's, The Richard Harvey Collection, Lucy Walker Flowers, Niche, Righton's, Shipston on Stour Needlecraft, North Cotswold Brewery & Cotswold Tailor.

## Supporting Local businesses

In addition to the many retailers involved in the Shipston Loyalty Card scheme, there are many other shops and services based in and around the town. Shipston is lucky enough to boast a choice of florists and butchers, as well as pubs, cafes, opticians, dentists and estate agents.

Shipston is also home to IT support and web development companies, graphic designers, carpenters, painters, many of which are listed on the Shipston Town Council website.

These organisations are a vital in ensuring Shipston has a sustainable economy now and in the future so please do continue supporting our local businesses whenever you can.





## Shipston Beekeepers

### Would you like to keep bees?

A lot of people keep bees because they produce honey, one of the healthiest and most natural foods and one which has been valued by man since prehistory as a sweetener. Others keep bees because they are interested in the study of bees and of their habits; bees are fascinating creatures and there is always something new to learn about them.

With no means of dealing with the varroa mite that is now present in all UK honey bee colonies, a feral honey bee nest is unlikely to remain viable for more than a couple of seasons. With the help of beekeepers it is only managed colonies that can survive to carry out the essential pollination of our food crops.

Beekeeping is an enjoyable open air hobby bringing you in contact with people from all walks of life. Bees can be kept by almost everyone except a very small minority who are allergic to bee stings. We can all, however, play our part in supporting the honeybee and other pollinating insects by planting bulbs, shrubs and trees in our gardens – especially varieties that flower early in the year.

Shipston Beekeepers is holding an "Introduction to Beekeeping" day on Saturday 29th March at Oxhill Village Hall, Main Street, Oxhill CV35 0QU. The day will deal with the basics of beekeeping for the complete beginner or those with very limited experience of this craft.

Arrive at 09.30 for coffee prior to a prompt 10.00 start. Refreshments, a light lunch and a practical beekeeping reference manual are included in the day's price of £45. The event is scheduled to finish at 15.30 approx.

Contact Douglas Nethercleft on 07850 352905 or [djn0001@aol.com](mailto:djn0001@aol.com) to book your place but be quick - numbers are limited.

## Arts & Crafts Society

For well over 20 years, the Arts & Crafts Society of Shipston has been renowned as an Appreciation of the Arts Society where members attended monthly lectures and demonstrations on all aspects of arts and crafts. However, on Tuesday, 21st January, a Members' Evening was held when members were invited to bring samples of their hobbies and interests to demonstrate and talk about.

It was a great success, beginning with a mini-lecture on the discovery and development of tropical animals shown in botanical drawings and of the beginning of zoos - not Arts & Crafts, but the drawings were.

There were several demonstrations of Patchwork and Quilting from a Celtic "Stained Glass" complete with a greeting in Gaelic to the most beautiful applique "Baltimore", and quilts made as wedding and birth gifts by proud "grans". One gentleman brought quilts made by his wife and spoke of their many travels to the USA.

Needlework, cross stitch, water colours and oils followed. A keen photographer demonstrated 'editing by computer', re-creating a plain scene into a work of art, followed by pottery

and sculpture of pots, dogs and horses.

The hall was buzzing with fascinated people asking questions, telling of experiences, so very different from the interested silence and courteous applause normally associated with our meetings! This evening will most certainly be repeated.

We meet every third Tuesday at the Catholic Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Do join us, you will be most welcome.

## Stour Singers Choral Music in the Community



Stour Singers' December 2013 concert combined Mendelssohn, Britten and solo harp music (not forgetting the opportunities for audience members to sing carols) to delightful effect.

Richard Emms is now introducing the choir to Brahms' beautiful German Requiem, written in the 1860s, to be performed (sung in English) at St. Edmund's Church in Shipston on 10th May.

It has been encouraging to welcome new members to the choir recently. Stour Singers is open to all who simply enjoy making music together. If you would like to know more about the choir, please contact the Deputy Manager – Yvonne Ridley – at 01789 269587.

## Shipston on Stour Area U3A



'A Policeman's Lot' was the theme of the talk given to Shipston on Stour Area U3A at their monthly meeting by Alan Rogers MBE.

Mr. Rogers served 33 years with the Warwickshire Police and patrolled a number of areas including Leamington, Warwick, Tysoe, Kenilworth and for a period Shipston on Stour for 2 days a week, mainly on traffic duty.

He told the meeting that as a 16 year old he joined the police but was also a keen footballer. His speciality was goalkeeping, and he was coached by Bert Williams, the then Professional Goal Keeping coach for Wolverhampton Wanderers. Having been offered professional terms at 18, he was persuaded to turn his career to the police as, at the time, it offered more security for the future.

Mr Rogers related a number of amusing incidents in his career from his first day on the beat in Kenilworth High Street concerning the misuse of 'pelican crossing lights' which resulted in his first arrest, to transportation incidents in the winter in Tysoe, evening visits to the mortuary at Warwick Hospital and the wise words of Judge Harrison Hall.

Development of the ASTRA scheme (Active Strategy To Reduce Accidents), which Mr Rogers, with others, was instrumental in developing, became a very big project. The scheme consists of a series of short, hard-hitting modules targeting the pre and post driver age groups in senior schools. The scheme attracted international recognition and an invitation came from the Indian Government to visit and explain the schemes merits. The scheme has now been adopted by the 'Prison Me No Way' teams as part of

their programme for schools throughout the U.K.

Mr. Rogers now runs his own business providing lectures on Driver Training for companies to include Health & Safety and the legislation surrounding driving in the work place. Tom Clifton, Chairman of the Shipston on Stour Area U3A thanked Mr Rogers for a very interesting and amusing talk.

If you would like more information on the Shipston Area U3A please contact the Membership Secretary, Jackie Finlay, via [jandb@64finlay.fst.co.uk](mailto:jandb@64finlay.fst.co.uk)

## Probus

Alan Read lectures at the Warwickshire College. He is a Western Front Guide and is extremely knowledgeable on every aspect of WW1. In January he described the Battle of the Somme, fought between July and November 1916. Its intention was to help the French by relieving German pressure on Verdun. "Going over the top" was the first taste of battle for many of the British soldiers who were part of "Kitchener's Volunteer Army". By the end of the battle in November there were 420,000 casualties, 60,000 of these were on the first day. Not surprisingly it had dire political and social consequences.

David Howe has spoken to the Club on at least six occasions and has an amazingly varied list of humorous talks. On 24th January the title was an "Inspector Calls", light hearted memories of a lifetime in Education as pupil, teacher and inspector in Warwickshire. One of his memories was performing the opening ceremony for the toilets at the school in Newbold!



## Shipston Music Society

John James (horn) and Charles Mathews (piano and organ) were the perfect partnership for the Society's January concert. Both musicians have appeared in concerts in the past and this coming together gave the audience an altogether different experience, especially with their programme of music for the evening.

Starting with Cornucopia op95 by English composer, Thomas Dunhill, they played four movements Allegro vivo, allegro leggiero, slow minuet and finishing with the presto non troppo.

Visiting Gothenburg a few years ago Charles found the local music shop, eventually purchasing some sheet music by the Swedish composer, conductor and pianist Wilhelm Stenhammar. This had remained unplayed since his return, so he took the opportunity to give it his solo premier performance for all three fantasies. The first piece was very Brahmsian in its lyrical quality, followed by the second; a more light hearted composition with the feeling of a beautiful summer's day and concluding with an altogether more Nordic work expressing the wintry feel of Scandinavia, all superbly interpreted by Charles on the piano.

Among the other pieces played during the evening were the Autumn poem by Alan Bush, the adagio and allegro op70 by Robert Schumann, Nocturno op7 by Franz Straus and the

horn sonata op17 by Beethoven. The evening's concert was brought to a close with the now familiar Horn concert no4 K495 by Mozart, which had most of the audience tapping their toes along to the music.

The next meeting of the Music Society will be 21st March. 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)

## Stour Valley Lions

### New Members:

At the January meeting five new Lion members were sworn in by Lion President David Squires and welcomed to the club.



### Lions Cinema

The next film to be shown on Friday 14th March at 7pm at Shipston High School will be the true story of "Captain Richard Phillips" played by Tom Hanks.

The 2009 hijacking by Somali pirates of the US-flagged MV Maersk Alabama, was the first American cargo ship to be hijacked in two hundred years.

### Senior Citizen's Party

The date for the party has been set for Saturday 29th March. Invitations are being prepared and have been distributed. If you are new to the area and would like to attend please contact Mr Nigel Watkins on Shipston 664361.

## Shipston Rotary Club in January



Our first task in January was to remove the Christmas Tree (Tree of Life) from High Street. However the book of remembrance can still be viewed in St Edmunds Church.

We had two enjoyable Tuesday meetings with a Fish & Chip supper at the Norman Knight in Whichford and a skittles match at the New Inn, Willersey.

Rotarians assisted with an Enterprise event at Shipston High School and will be joining with Stratford Rotarians to hold the 1st round of the Annual Youth Speaks event, at which Shipston High School usually does very well.

A number of committee meetings took place to start organising events for the first half of the New Year. Such as a celebration evening on March 11th where existing and prospective members will learn more about the clubs achievements since formation in 1980 and preparations for the Cotswold Walk on Sunday May 4th.

The two Rotakids Clubs at Tysoe and Ettington Primary Schools, started and supported by Rotarians Judith Slinger and Nigel Willis respectively, are flourishing. The Tysoe Club has been planting crocuses to help with the worldwide Rotary appeal to rid the world of polio. In November they had a Halloween Fancy Dress Day which raised £150 to buy a Water Survival Box for the Philippines appeal. Ettington Club had a very successful



fundraising event that raised £248 for Wateraid.

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)

### Warwickshire Community Oil/LPG Syndicate

Warwickshire Rural Community Council is a charity which provides, among other services, an oil/LPG syndicate to help reduce both the financial and environmental cost of fuel for local residents and businesses.

January saw another great oil price for both kerosene and red diesel members. A saving of £54.50 per 1000 litres against the average market price was made by members ordering kerosene, paying just 52.95 pence per litre. Members who use red diesel saved a massive 9 pence per litre.

We are still able to provide bulk LPG at just 43 pence per litre with an introductory £100 fuel discount and our LPG cylinders remain very competitively priced.

For more information email [oil@wrccrural.org.uk](mailto:oil@wrccrural.org.uk) call 01789 472611 or visit [www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk/oil](http://www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk/oil)

### Recruitment drive for home composting champions

Waste chiefs in Warwickshire are recruiting a taskforce of volunteer Master Composters to spread the good news about home composting.

The county's Waste Partnership is looking for volunteers aged 18 and over to talk to school and community groups about the benefits of home composting as well as helping residents in their neighbourhood to get up and running with the process.

Waste Projects Officer, Caroline Faulkner said: "We provide full training and support – including a one-day induction course at Garden Organic's Ryton Gardens. Some of our volunteers are seasoned gardeners while others are passionate environmentalists – keen to leave a legacy for their children and their children's children."

For further details Caroline Faulkner on 01926 418088 or

email [composters@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:composters@warwickshire.gov.uk) or visit [www.warwickshire/composting](http://www.warwickshire/composting)

### Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team



The Shipston SNT surgeries are being held at the Council Offices in New Clark House, West Street, Shipston on Stour. The surgeries are held for half an hour, so please come along to discuss any issues or concerns. Surgery dates and times are as follows: Thursday 6th March at 2.30pm & Thursday 20th March 2014 at 2.30pm.

To keep up to date with SNT activities, follow @Shipstoncops on twitter.

### Calling all those involved in tourism!

Accommodation providers, eating places and events in and around Shipston have a chance to promote themselves worldwide – for free.

Shipston Tourism Group is building unique electronic databases that will show visitors where to stay, where to eat and what's going on, all from one site. All businesses need to do is submit their details.

'Currently there is no way a potential visitor can easily find, say, bed and breakfast accommodation within two miles of Shipston that permits dogs,' said chairman Trev Trevethick. 'Our databases are unique in this area as they collect all relevant information and allow people to search for exactly what they want.'

He added: 'Shipston is exceptionally well placed, being sandwiched between the beauty of the North Cotswolds and the history of Shakespeare's England, at Stratford. Increasingly, we are being seen as a must-visit independent market town, and we need to capitalise on that.'

Simple questionnaires have already been sent out to accommodation providers and will shortly go to eateries. Businesses are simply asked to fill the forms in and return them to the Tourism Group at New Clark House, West Street. For more information, call 662180.

### Proud of my Town – The Great Cake Dash

Thank you to all those who came to DASH's Cake and a Cuppa event on Saturday 8th February 2014 at the Townsend Hall.

Opened by Shipston's Mayor, Cllr Ronnie Murphy, there were three large tables groaning with cakes, and fresh scones being baked to order. Those attending were treated to a preview of DASH's new website and also present was the 'drugs box' and educational resource used to raise awareness and support young and old alike in understanding the dangers of drug misuse.

The generosity of all those present raised £188 to support the work of DASH, which exists to provide

education about the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse and supports young people in Shipston and the surrounding areas by providing counselling services.

Thanks also go to the committee members and volunteers who worked so hard to ensure there were plenty of tasty treats for visitors to enjoy.



Rev. Coleby, Ronnie Murphy, and DASH committee members, Brian Punt and Gerlinde Gray get to grips with cupcakes

## District Council update

It is now crunch time in the appeal process for a new supermarket and petrol station with extra-care homes on the Campden Road. As we await the resumption of the planning appeal, the developers, ASL, have submitted a new fall-back planning application for a 100% housing scheme on the site.



ASL have renewed their commitment to the supermarket appeal (Plan A) as "very much [their] priority", but the fall-back (Plan B) is for 215 homes but no supermarket or petrol station. The general housing element would be increased from 50 to 143 homes, with the remaining 72 units as extra-care properties.

In my opinion, the District Council now faces a clear choice. It can choose to drop its opposition to a supermarket and petrol station plan that has considerable local support or be forced to accept a scheme for a massive new housing estate without retail that no one wants.

Last August, planning officers recommended that there were no landscape grounds to defend the appeal following the appeal decision on the neighbouring Norgren site. The District Council has no Core Strategy and no five-year housing supply, and in my opinion, is in no position to defend the appeal when the retail need for the supermarket is so firmly established.

As I see it, there is a window of opportunity to support Plan A for the supermarket and oppose the housing-only Plan B. I believe that a supermarket would provide a much-needed retail and jobs boost to the town including the town centre.

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

## County Council update

### Budget

Warwickshire County Council has set its budget and its share of the Council Tax for 2014/15.



**Warwickshire**  
County Council

It was not easy with a hung Council since May 2013, so we had to pool the ambitions of political groups and compromise. After eight hours of debate and bargaining agreement was finally reached 7.30 p.m. between the twenty six Conservatives, nine Liberal Democrats and three Independent members on the Council.

All parties agreed to a rise in Council Tax of 1.99% to help protect vital services. Council Tax income will rise to £215.9million. Government grants and other income will add more to create a budget of £408.5million. Social Care and support uses a whopping £117million.

Service savings of £18.4million have been applied to balance the budget.

### Key issues for Shipston:

The Brailes Road recycling centre is safe.

The winter gritting service remains unchanged – no cutbacks there.

More money to tackle flood alleviation and highway drainage.

Earlier savings targets for street lighting remain – so we continue with part night street lighting, though there will be a review about how the savings are applied and the role of modern lamps to save money.

I know that part night street lighting is a concern and cost me votes in the 2013 elections. Conservatives considered that it would be a backward step to spend more on increasing our carbon footprint as did the Liberal Democrats. Neither group's budget proposals included any money to switch the lights back on throughout the night!

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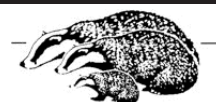
## Shipston Medical Centre

### Self-Referral to Physiotherapy

Residents of South Warwickshire no longer need to see a GP to be referred to physiotherapy. The new 'self-referral' system allows patients who are experiencing back or neck pain, recent injuries such as strains and sprains or joint and muscle pain to refer themselves to physiotherapy services directly at one of the following locations

Warwick Hospital  
Royal Leamington Spa Rehabilitation Hospital  
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Stratford Hospital  
Ellen Badger Hospital  
Henley Medical Centre  
Kineton Surgery  
Studley Health Centre

Kenilworth Clinic  
Alcester Health Centre  
Bidford Health Centre  
Meon Medical Centre



Self-Referrals must be made using the relevant form, which are available from reception at the Medical Centre or on our website (<http://shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk/>). Patients are then requested to telephone the Physiotherapy Department a few days after returning their self-referral form for details of an appointment time.

**Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845**

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

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