



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

October 2012

Anne Sankey celebrates Stuart Eastbury's community spirit

Community First Responder, Stuart Eastbury, has been awarded the Anne Sankey Medal for services to Shipston and local charities. At 21, Stuart is the youngest person to have been given the prestigious medal.

The medal was presented to Stuart by the Town Mayor at the September council meeting. In announcing the award, Fay Ivens praised Stuart for his enthusiasm and commitment to Community First Responders, St John's Ambulance and the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. "Stuart has shown a tremendous commitment to this community at a very young age. I'm delighted to present him with the Anne Sankey Medal and hope he will continue to play an active role in providing vital services to the residents of Shipston," she said.

The Anne Sankey Medal is awarded in recognition of voluntary work to support the town and local community. A number of nominations were received this year, providing a positive insight into the amount of generous voluntary work done by individuals in and around Shipston. Fay Ivens thanked all those who put forward nominations. She said, "on behalf of my fellow councillors, I would like to thank the other nominees, and all those who support our town, for their dedication and hard work."

Stuart Eastbury was pleased to accept the award. "This award is a real honour and I would like to thank all those who nominated me."

For details of the other nominees, see New Clark House update (page 3).



Message from The Queen

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, has written to the residents of Shipston, care of the local Royal British Legion branch, to thank the town for its good wishes, recorded at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations earlier in the year.

The Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion invited residents to record messages to The Queen in a special book, which was subsequently sent to Her Majesty. The reply reads as follows:



'Please convey my warm thanks to the Members of the Shipston-on-Stour Branch of the Royal British Legion and the townspeople of Shipston-on-Stour for their message of loyal greetings, sent on the occasion of their Diamond Jubilee Event which was held on the 4th June.

As your Patron, I much appreciate your kind words on the Sixtieth Anniversary of my Accession to the Throne and, in return, send my best wishes to all those who were present for a memorable and enjoyable Diamond Jubilee year.

Elizabeth R.'

Diamond Jubilee Crew chair, Melanie Trapp, displays The Queen's letter

Neighbourhood Plan launch

The creation of a Neighbourhood Plan to guide development in Shipston is set to begin this month, with the launch meeting taking place from 4pm to 8.30pm on 24th October at the Townsend Hall.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to share information about why the Town Council has decided to develop a Neighbourhood Plan, what the process will involve, the timetable for completing it and information about how residents and local businesses can take part.

It is essential that the plan is developed in a fair and collaborative way and it will therefore be overseen by an impartial and independent steering group. The aim is to end up with a plan that is accepted as part of the Local Development Framework, giving Shipston a genuine voice in the planning process.

Town Mayor, Fay Ivens, said "planning has become an incredibly emotive issue in Shipston. This plan is not about debating specific applications – it is about reaching a collective view on what is needed for Shipston. I encourage everyone to get involved to help deliver a plan which meets the needs of the whole community."

Mayor's column

I was delighted to attend Shipston Christians Together 'Holiday at Home' for elderly people at the Townsend Hall. The event was aimed towards older people who were unable to go away on holiday. Those who attended told me of the wonderful time they were having doing crafts which they hadn't had a opportunity to do for years. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying hearty lunches, being entertained and enjoying a good old singsong.



We were pleased to represent Shipston by attending the Civic Service of the Mayor of Whitnash along with other dignitaries from the County.

I must say how delighted I was to present the Anne Sankey Award to Stuart Eastbury at the September Council meeting. What an amazing young man he is. At 21 years old, he is a true Ambassador and role model for the young people of our town.

I am thoroughly enjoying my position as a Youth Club committee member and am delighted to have attended the official reopening in September. Maintaining our Youth Club is a fantastic achievement which has only been made possible through the dedication of the management committee with the support and funding from Shipston High School, Shipston Town Council, the Rotary Club of Shipston, the Big Society Fund, the School for Females and other generous donations. It is pleasing to see that the young people of our town have not been given up on.

May I take this opportunity to say good luck and wish every happiness to all of the children and young people of Shipston as they start new beginnings in their lives—either starting Nursery School, Primary School, High School or moving on to the next tier of their education at College or University.

Fay Ivens

Mencap proposes redevelopment of Stratford Road site

Learning disability charity, Mencap, has put forward proposals to redevelop and expand its existing site on the Stratford Road, in partnership with Orbit Homes.

Following a public consultation event in September, the charity intends to submit a planning application to Stratford District Council for the redevelopment of 27 – 29 Stratford Road into purpose built flats. The flats would be designed to provide a supported living environment for local people with learning disabilities, and enable existing and future residents to enjoy a high standard of ergonomically designed accommodation.

Once the planning application has been submitted, local residents will have the opportunity to view the plans submitted online at www.stratford.gov.uk and send comments on the proposals to the District Council.

Sponsorship invited for Tree of Remembrance

This year, Shipston Town Centre will once again be lit up by the Rotary Tree of Remembrance.

The bulbs will be lit in memory and celebration of loved ones who are no longer with us. Local residents are invited to sponsor a light in exchange for a donation (minimum £5) and have the name of their loved one entered into a Book of Remembrance. Donations will be given to the Horton Hospital Special Care Baby Unit and other Rotary charities.

The tree lights will be switched on at the annual Victorian Fayre on the 7th December 2012. For further information, see the form on page 12.



New name, bright future at Shipston Youth Club

Shipston Youth Club (formerly 'The Outhouse') was officially reopened after the summer holidays by Nadhim Zahawi MP, in the presence of volunteers, supporters and young people.

The Club is now a community-led initiative, run by a committee of volunteers. Nadhim Zahawi MP said "it's obviously unfortunate that Shipston Youth Club lost its funding from the County Council, but its rebirth as a community run facility is a true example of the Big Society in action... It is the spirit of the staff and users which make it such an attractive place for the young people of Shipston."

The former 'Outhouse' building has been renovated to serve as an asset for Shipston High and Shipston's wider community, as well as being a base for Shipston Youth Club.

Shipston Youth Club will be offering a Juniors night on a Tuesday from 7.30pm and a Seniors night on a Wednesday Evening from 7.30pm. The club has already begun to introduce a 'Detached Youth Work Evening' when existing staff members, Katie and Shellie, walk around the town engaging with young people.



Residents urged to register on the electoral role

Residents in Shipston are being urged to safeguard their vote at election time and the forthcoming Police and Crime Commissioner elections in November by registering on the electoral roll. As well as losing the right to vote, people who do not register are committing an offence which may lead to a maximum £1,000 fine and/or jail term of up to six months. For further information, contact the District Council on 01789 260208.

September's hot topics

Skate park: Wear and tear has caused some bolts to come loose at the Skate Park by the Leisure Centre. The Town Council is responsible for maintaining the facility. Arthur Ivens will investigate.

Tree trimming: The tree at the corner of Orchard Close will soon be trimmed back to improve visibility/access

Rubbish problem: Large amounts of rubbish are still being left outside the Sheldon Bosley Hub. Richard Cheney will chase up collection but the problem is being caused by some people using the area to dump household waste rather than recyclables. If anyone has any information, please report it to Richard Cheney or the Town Clerk.

A draining issue: Drains were brought up again by both councillors and members of the public. In particular, concerns were raised about drains in Stratford Road and the bottom of Darlingscote Road.

Making it clear: Jackie Warner has requested that the lines marking out the disabled space in the town centre are made clearer. Richard Cheney will look into this.

Lengthy letters: Concern was raised about the length of one resident's letter published in the September Forum. Although this was due to a lack of information being sent in by the deadline, efforts will be made to stick to shorter letters in future.

Plentiful potholes: Roy Munden raised concerns about the growing number and severity of potholes around the town. Chris Saint will find out whether resurfacing work is planned for the town and if so, when.

Campaigning for Shipston

Protecting our pavements: The Town Council will write to the manager of the Co-op after concerns were raised about lorries parking on the pavement by the Co-op delivery area on West Street. Residents are also reminded to avoid parking across pavements, particularly in the town centre.

In the dark: Shipston Town Council is very concerned about the potential impact of the planned street light switch off, due to begin in April. Councillors will look into the benefits and long term cost savings of moving to LED lighting, with a view to proposing an alternative scheme to Warwickshire County Council. In the meantime, Roy Munden requested that the white lines on the roads be repainted in the hope they will offer some direction to pedestrians and motorists on the move in the dark.

Town Council business

Planning: Decisions on planning items were delayed until 17th September after documents were received late from Stratford District Council. The Town Clerk will write to request earlier sightings of the documents in future.

Website content: Shipstononline.org is not being fully utilised by community groups and event organisers. If anyone is having problems adding events to the website, please report them to admin@shipstononline.org or contact the Town Clerk.

Hearing loop: A hearing loop system is being trialled in New Clark House. If successful, a permanent loop will be considered.

Bus shelter: General purposes will consider a proposal from a member of the public for a bus shelter on Mill Street.

Community governance review: Paul Rathkey was thanked by all councillors for considering the Community Governance Review. Shipston is operating according to best practice and therefore, no changes to the constitution are being proposed.

New Clark House Update

Councillors always find assessing the Anne Sankey Award nominations both an enjoyable and challenging experience. As in previous years, every nominee has done a great deal for our local community and we would like to thank all those who took the time to put forward nominations.



We would like to publicly thank the other nominees for all their hard work and support for Shipston. They are:

Tim and Angela Walker: for their tireless commitment to the Shipston branch of the Royal British Legion and voluntary work for Shipston Medical Centre, Ellen Badger Hospital and Shipston Link.

Shirley Pilkington: for her work as secretary of the Visually Impaired People's group and the time, care and practical help she gives many people when taking them to medical and other appointments.

Shirley Semke: for the time, energy, enthusiasm and skill she has brought to fundraising initiatives for a range of different local charities, and establishing a free wheelchair loan service at the Medical Centre, all of which has been done outside of her formal role.

Richard Taylor: For his 14 years of service in ensuring the success and safety of the Shipston Proms, during which time the event has become established as a highlight in the Shipston calendar.

All of these nominees deserve our thanks for helping to make Shipston the strong community it is.

Introducing Brian Healey

Brian Healey was co-opted onto the Town Council at the September meeting. Brian Healey has lived in Shipston all his life and believes it is a wonderful place to live. With Shipston changing so quickly Brian hopes the town can maintain its character. "We are not quite the Cotswolds, and don't have a famous son like Stratford, but Shipston is unique in its own way. I would hope that my input on the council will help to keep this uniqueness" he said. Brian is conscious that the town is continually evolving and hopes to help strike a balance between Shipston's uniqueness and its evolution.

Georgina Beaumont
Town Clerk

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Shipston Junior Town Band seeks new recruits!

Shipston Town Band's Junior section has been offering youngsters the chance to play brass instruments for years and it's now looking for more budding musicians to join the crew.

This is often where young people get their first chance to try a brass instrument and where talent is nurtured until players are ready to move on to one of the senior bands. Shipston's Junior Band is open to anyone wishing to take up a brass instrument and welcomes new players of any ages.

Helper, Heidi Ellis, said "Our last few beginners have just moved up to join the junior band section so we are keen to encourage some new recruits to along and join us. We teach how to read music and the band will lend an instrument free of charge to anyone who is interested in

learning."

The band meets on Monday nights in the band room alongside the allotments. Complete beginners can come along at 6.30pm for half an hour's tuition and stay on to join in with the rest of the band as they feel more confident.

Older children that already play an instrument are also encouraged to join – there are vacancies in the bass, horn and trombone sections for those that fancy trying a bigger instrument. The Junior Band gets involved in local events and recently performed to an excellent standard during the Shipston Proms.

If you or your child would like to have a try, contact Tim Wilson on 01608 665013 or go along at 6.30pm on a Monday night to find out more.



The Junior Band performs at many local events including the Victorian Evening. Photo courtesy of Philip Vial

Greenfields' baby unit opens its doors

Days after work was completed on its chalet-style baby unit, Greenfields' youngest 'clients' started settling in and making the most of their new surroundings.

The baby unit, which can cater for up to 12 one to two year olds at any one time, is already proving popular. Owners, Lesley Tavener and Pam McGuinness, said "We're delighted to be able to extend our services to cater for one and two year olds. Parents have been asking for a nursery for younger children for some time and it's lovely to welcome new faces and watch them learn and develop in a new environment."

Both Greenfields Day Nursery and Shipston Pre School have outstanding ratings, matched by the impressive track record of both the primary and High schools. Mayor, Fay Ivens, said "The nursery and education provision for children in Shipston goes from strength to strength and I congratulate all those involved in creating such positive local services for our younger generation."

"On Warwick, On Warwick!" Shipston's Cubs and Beavers join the battle cry at Warwick Castle

Forty-three Shipston Beaver and Cub Scouts descended on Warwick Castle in September for a memorable one-night camp under canvas, along with youth groups from all over the country.

The children were entertained by the Knights of Warwick, who displayed their archery and sword-fighting skills against a stunning background.

This was followed by a birds of prey display, during which eagles and owls, perched on the turrets of the castle, swooped down over the children's heads and collected food thrown by their keeper. Only the owl would not play and spent her time sitting in the tree with her back to the group, much to everyone's amusement.

The evening was rounded off in spectacular style by the firing of a burning ball of flames through the night sky from the trebuchet.

After an early start, the children enjoyed more displays of armory from the Warwick Knights in the courtyard, followed by a look around the castle, including 'Merlin's Tower' and the impressive ramparts.

Scout leader, Martin Castle, said "the camp was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying the different activities and learning about life in medieval times. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event possible."



Make the most of Shipston's clubs for young people

Shipston has a wide selection of clubs and societies for children. Sports fans have lots of options, including in rugby, football, tennis and swimming, while dancing and percussion classes cater for musical tastes. In addition to the varied programme of activities provided by the Scouting and Guiding groups, Shipston also runs a junior St John's Ambulance club and Young Firefighters club so there is no need to get bored! See the what's on guide (page 7) or shipstononline.org for more details.

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



See Shipston Primary in action

While contractors are hard at work on Shipston Primary's building expansion, parents are welcome to come and see how teachers are laying down strong foundations for children's learning.

Shipston Primary is rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, placing it among the top schools in the county. Earlier this year the school was selected by Government inspectors for a single subject inspection of English and was once again awarded the top grade in all four areas including achievement, teaching, curriculum and leadership.

Open mornings will be held throughout the week commencing 5th November. Parents of children starting school in September 2013 and other prospective parents are invited to book a slot during that week for a guided tour of the school with Head of Federation Christian Hilton. Please contact the school office on 01608 661266 to make an appointment.

The school's annual open evening for parents and the wider community will be held later in the school year when the majority of building work is complete. The expansion programme is taking place to improve space and maximise learning opportunities for the children in school by providing larger classrooms, more school hall space, an additional outdoor learning area and new ICT suite, library and cooking area.

Dictionaries for life

Local Rotarians helped children turn over a new leaf - of a brightly illustrated dictionary - when they visited Shipston Primary School.

One of Rotary Club's most successful projects is Dictionary for Life which provides primary school children with a colourful dictionary for free. Local club members from Shipston Rotary came into school to give dictionaries to children in Year 5.

The books include more than a thousand illustrations, 10,000 entries and 20,000 definitions and are specially designed to help children explore the written word.

Head of Federation Christian Hilton said: "The Rotary Club does tremendous work to support education around the world and we are extremely grateful to Shipston members for helping children locally through the donation of dictionaries".



Shipston High School

Shipston students excel in their GCSCs

Shipston High School students have once again excelled in their GCSE examinations with 74% of the year group achieving 5 or more passes at grades A* to C. Overall, the school achieved another record number of students achieving the highest grades. In the two 'core' subjects taken by the entire year group, Mathematics and English Literature, 30% and 36% of the grades respectively were at A* or A.

Particularly pleasing was the results of the school's 'Aim Higher' group which consists of the school's most academically gifted students. These students achieved a 100% pass rate in all their GCSEs including English and Mathematics with 75% of their grades being at A* or A, thus showing that these students at Shipston High School do as well as students in the top schools anywhere.

Headteacher, Jonathan Baker, said, 'The students concerned were a brilliant year group to work with and they deserve to be congratulated on their fantastic and well-deserved success.'

New academy for Shipston

Shipston High School has received confirmation from the Secretary of State for Education that it has been granted approval to become an academy from 1st September 2012. This means the school will now be independent from the Local Authority and will have a number of new freedoms to enable it to take more control over its future.

The school is not anticipating making any immediate alterations in the way it is run or in the name of the school. It is also committed to retaining its very special, small-scale, student-centred ethos. Its main priority initially will be to use its greater autonomy to continue the improvements it has been making and to push for capital funding to develop the school buildings.

The school looks forward to using this new status and the opportunities it will provide to ensure it continues to provide all its students with a first-class education.

Senior prefects appointed

The High School has announced its new Senior Prefects for the new academic year. Head Prefects are Daisy Dingley and Stephen Neath and Deputy Head Prefects are Eliza Self and Jarrod Salmons.

The successful students are all in Year 11 and underwent a rigorous selection process before commencing their duties this September.



It's festival time thanks to Shipston Community Arts

Following the huge success of last year's event, Shipston Community Arts is holding a Creative Arts Festival from Saturday 13th October (2-9.30pm) to Sunday 14th October (11am-4pm) at The Townsend Hall.

The festival will include a range of exhibits from local artists, workshops for different age groups as well as market stalls.

Whatever your creative skills, Shipston Community Arts would like you to take part, whether to exhibit paintings, sculptures, photographs or cakes, read poetry, play music, dance or just to come along and enjoy the experience.

Chairman, Tim Porter, said "There are so many people in and around Shipston with creative skills and we hope this event will provide an opportunity for them to share their talent with others. I'd like to encourage everyone to attend, enjoy what's on offer and even consider learning a new creative skill."

To take part or find out more, call Tim Porter on 01608

685332 or email shipstoncommunityarts@gmail.com



Last year's event attracted a lot of interest from residents and visitors. Photo courtesy of Philip Vial

Shipston's Victorian Evening – Christmas festivities start here!

You may still be clinging desperately to your barely worn summer clothes, but Shipston Rotarians are already in the thick of preparations for the town's Victorian Evening.

Taking place on the 7th December in the market square and High Street, Shipston will be transformed into a Diamond Jubilee-themed Victorian Christmas with the help of fancy dress and festive spirit. Alongside stalls selling perfect presents, there will be entertainment, refreshments, raffles and tombolas galore. Rumour has it Father Christmas may be putting in an appearance so watch this space.

Further details will be published in next month's Forum, but in the meantime, save the date – it's another event which shouldn't be missed!



Photo courtesy of Philip Vial

Shipston Town Band Invites you to its 100th birthday concert

Shipston Town Band is set to round off its its one hundredth year with an unmissable centenary concert.

Following a successful performance alongside the Rhymney Silurian Choir for the Shipston Proms, the band is continuing its centenary celebrations by inviting a number of former conductors and former players to join the band for a special Centenary Concert.

The band's most famous alumni, Kirsty Abbotts (pictured), currently the Principal Cornet of the famous Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band, will appear as guest soloist. A number of former conductors, including Peter Stevens, Dave Williams and Dave Lea, conductor of the Jaguar LandRover Band, will be sharing duties with the band's current conductor, Howard Gibbs.

A wide range of music is planned to include a reflection on the band's history and music from its current repertoire. One piece of note to be included is Eric Ball's composition In Switzerland, which was instrumental in the band winning 21 trophies at various competitions during 1961.

The concert will take place at 7:30pm on Saturday 27th October at the Townsend Hall. Admission will be free with the usual collection.



Don't miss the French Market on 21st October in the town centre

Regular events:

- Mons Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Mon Line Dancing:** 7pm, Townsend Hall. Contact: Julie 07508 721685
- Mon Zumba:** 7:45pm Shipston High School. £5. Other weekly classes also available. Contact: Debbie 07966 746794
- Tues Jivestar Modern Jazz:** 8pm. Contact, Gordon: 07792 217267
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (2, 16 and 30). 10am-12pm Roman Catholic Hall. Contact: Adrian Collins, 661576
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Alternate Tuesdays (9, and 23). 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Stella, 686224
- Tues October and November – Bridge.** Play & Learn Session 2pm, Shipston Rugby Social Club. Contact Val 07516 091786
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays (2, 16 and 30). Doors open at 6:30pm. Eyes down at 7:30. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Tues Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** Halford Bridge Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Adrian Ramskill 0797 656 6525.
- Weds Calypso Kids Music:** Instrumental fun for accompanied children 9:20 or 11am, Townsend Hall. Contact Emmajane Roberts 07890 399162
- Weds St John's Ambulance:** Adults division. Meet at Shipston Fire Station, 7pm. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club** at Rainbow Fields Contact: Diana 01789 740627
- Thur Yoga:** 7pm, Townsend Hall. Contact: Angela 07717 221756
- Thur Badminton Club:** Turn up and play from 7:30pm, Townsend Hall.
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Yoga & relaxation for all ages:** 10:30am - 12pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Leigh, 665995
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Linda, 662290

October Diary

- 1 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Sing Along with Nic. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 2 Multiple Sclerosis Society 'Drop in' meeting:** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- SWIB (Supporting Women in Business):** Networking Event. 6-8.30pm, Stour Enterprise Centre. Contact: Lynette 07540 802118
- 3 Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** 90th Anniversary Party. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Mal Lawrence 662122
- 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
- National Organisation of the Widowed:** Lunch, 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 4 Story Stomp:** Storytelling for 2-5 year olds. 10.30am, Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- Shipston Home Nursing: Feldon Valley Golf Day,** 12.30pm, Feldon Valley Golf Club, Lower Brailes. £200 entry for team of 4 to include bacon butties & dinner afterwards. Contact: Rebecca 674929

- 5 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Cafe:** 'Benefits of Massage' by Margaret Wilson. 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433
- 6 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- 8 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 8-12 Shipston Home Nursing:** Armscote Manor Lecture Series, Armscote Manor. By kind invitation of Deborah Williams. Details at www.armscotemanor.co.uk. For tickets, contact: 01608 682375
- 9 Shipston Flower Club:** 'Food for Thought' by Ann Anson. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Non-members welcome. Contact: 01295 788099
- Stour Valley Lions monthly meeting:** 8pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. All welcome.
- 10 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Every Picture Tells a Story – Peter Preece. 7.30pm, Catholic Church, Darlingscote Road.
- 12 Stour Valley Lions Rural Cinema:** The Descendants. For details see ad on page 8
- Jaqui Dankworth & Midland Youth Orchestra:** See ad on pg 9
- 13-14 Shipston Community Arts Creative Arts Festival:** See ad pg 16
- 15 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Monthly Social. 12.30pm, Horseshoe Inn. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** AGM and Birthday. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 16 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** 'Islamic Architecture'. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Penny Law 663871
- 17 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- National Organisation of the Widowed:** Meeting. 10.30am-12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 18 Holiday at Home Coffee Morning:** See ad on page 9
- Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Annual General Meeting. 8pm, Band Hall. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 19 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston Music Society:** Orchestra of the Swan. 7.30pm, Townsend Hall. Contact: 663207 For details see ad on page 10
- Friends of Shipston High School Race Night:** See ad on page 8
- 20 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- 21 French Market:** See ad on page 16
- 24 Neighbourhood Plan Launch:** See ad on pg 16
- 26 Chamber of Commerce Business Advice Surgeries:** Free advice sessions by appointment at Stour Enterprise Centre, Astech Mill, Stratford Road. To book, call 629693
- 27 St Edmund's Church Coffee Morning:** See ad on page 9
- Shipston Town Band Centenary Concert:** Free. See ad on page 8
- 29 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Keep Fit – Why Bother! Dr Pritchard. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 31 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston Home Nursing Christmas Gift Fair:** 6pm-9.30pm, Ettington Community Centre. Entry £3.50.
- Shipston and District Literary Society:** Feminism in the work of George Eliot – Dr John Rignall. 7.30pm, The George Hotel.

Shipston Town Band
 Conductor Howard Gibbs

CENTENARY CONCERT



TOWNSEND HALL

Saturday October 27th 7.30 p.m.

Admission Free

FOSH & The Stour Valley Lions present

Race Night!

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19TH October at 7pm

Shipston High School

£7.50 per ticket (including supper)

20p a bet

Alcoholic Bar for over 18's

Snack/ Soft drink stand

Raffle

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STOUR VALLEY LIONS

BOOK SHOP



Now open on Wednesdays, 10am-4pm

For full details of opening hours, see the What's On diary.

October focus: Travel – UK and overseas

If the weather has been getting you down, come and be inspired by our wonderful range of travel books

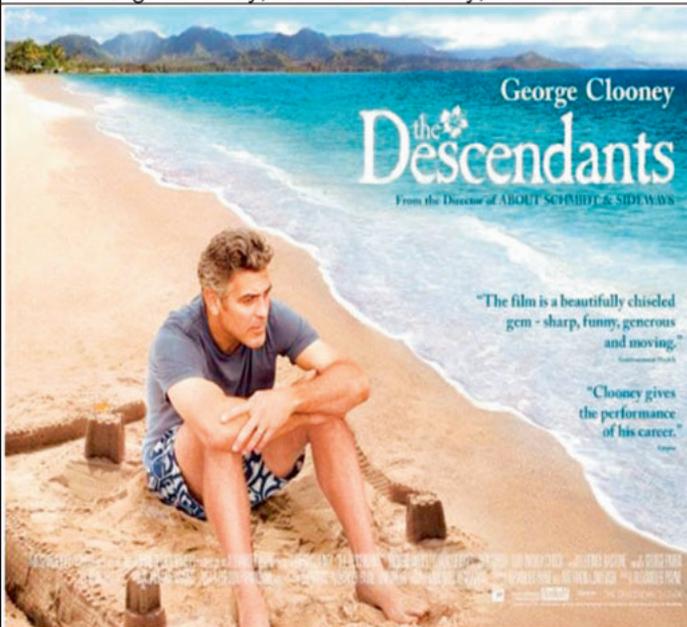
Venue: The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston on Stour
 (opposite the Shipston Library, adjacent to the White Bear Car Park)

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

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

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

STOUR VALLEY LIONS – OCTOBER FILM
 George Clooney, Shailene Woodley, Amara Miller



George Clooney
The Descendants
 From the Director of ABOUT SCHMIDT & SIDEWAYS

"The film is a beautifully chiseled gem - sharp, funny, generous and moving."
 - *Entertainment Weekly*

"Clooney gives the performance of his career."
 - *Time*

A land baron tries to re-connect with his two daughters after his wife is seriously injured in a boating accident.

SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL
Friday 12th October 2012 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
 Raffle and Refreshments

Saint Edmund's Church Coffee Morning

SATURDAY 10.30 am
27th October

Proceeds for CHURCH FLOWERS
and GENERAL FUNDS.

Cakes
Cards
Music
Raffle
Bring & Buy



Holiday at Home Coffee Morning



Townsend Hall Shipston on Stour
Thursday October 18th
10.30am to 12.00

If you came to the Holiday at Home in August then come along to the coffee morning and meet up with friends old and new!

If you didn't come to the Holiday at Home then come and find out what it was all about over a cup of coffee and some company.

Holiday at Home is an event organised by Christians Together in Shipston with funding support from The Co-operative Community Fund and Stour Valley Lions.



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TEAM GP

David Williams - Shipston-on-Stour Medical Centre, Martin Whittaker - Wellesbourne Medical Centre & Sam Khan - Rother Street Medical Centre, Stratford (our local GP's) have decided to join together to raise money for Shipston Home Nursing and the Shakespeare Hospice by taking on the Shakespeare Way. They plan to run, cycle and canoe their way along the 146 mile route from Shakespeare's Birthplace to The Globe Theatre in London to raise money for these great charities, starting in Stratford-upon-Avon on the 10th of October.

Please sponsor the intrepid **TEAM GP** by either:-

1. Filling in the sponsor form below and leaving money in the envelope provided.
2. By donating through Just Giving which is simple, fast and totally secure at (www.justgiving.com/ShakespeareWay)
3. Through SHN website www.shipstohomenursing.co.uk

Your details are safe with Just Giving - they'll never share them with anyone or send you unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. They'll make sure Gift Aid (an additional 28%) is reclaimed on every eligible donation by a UK taxpayer. That means more money goes to the charity, faster.

**So please dig deep and donate now.
Many thanks for your support**

Jacqui Dankworth



One of our finest singers, regardless of category
Clive Davis, Sunday Times

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Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra

Friday 12th October
8pm (Licenced bar from 7pm)

Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston-On-Stour, CV36 4AE

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Further information www.shipstontownsendhall.com





SHIPSTON MUSIC SOCIETY
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The Orchestra of the Swan

Including well loved favourites and a new work for chamber choir and orchestra

Friday 19th October 7.30pm

Guests Welcome £10.00

The Townsend Hall

For Further Details Ring 01608 663207

Rotary Tree of Life



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

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

All contributions will be donated to the Horton Hospital Special Care Baby Unit in Banbury and other Rotary Charities.

The illumination of the **Rotary Tree of Life** will take place at the opening of the Rotary Victorian Evening on **Friday 7th December at 6pm**

Rotary Club of Shipston-on-Stour Tree of Life

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

In Memory of: (Name) _____

From: (Name) _____

Your address: _____

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

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

Clubs, societies and charities

Voluntary Action Stratford-on-Avon District

VASA is the lead organisation for the Voluntary and Community Sector in Stratford-on-Avon District.

VASA supports groups to recruit and manage volunteers, as well as offering them assistance in looking for funding and with issues such as governance, management, policies and procedures. The organisation also delivers services directly to members of the public.

Volunteer Transport Service

A dedicated office in Shipston coordinates VASA's Volunteer Transport Service, which helps people with a genuine need to attend essential health appointments. The transport service has been going for over 30 years and is much appreciated by clients.

VASA has approximately 51 volunteer drivers helping in the Shipston area. In the last financial year, these caring and patient volunteer drivers completed 4,332 trips from the Shipston area.

Where possible, volunteer drivers are recruited in each village to minimise the cost to clients (45p per mile from driver's home). More drivers are always needed, even if they can help on an occasional basis for holiday cover.

The Shipston Office is based at the Medical Centre in Badger's Crescent. It is staffed entirely by excellent dedicated volunteers who cover the office Monday to Friday 10am to 12.30pm. Any urgent calls out of hours are referred

to the Stratford Office.

For further information or to volunteer, call 01608 663122 or 01789 262886.

Dementia Resource Café

On 7th September, members of the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Resource Café were extremely grateful to be able to put their questions to Dr Sue Pritchard during her presentation on the medical aspects of dementia. With prevention always being better than cure Dr Pritchard confirmed that "What is good for the heart is good for the brain", ie a sensible diet together with keeping active physically, mentally and socially.

As with any illness, an early diagnosis is beneficial as it gives time to sort out important matters such as a Lasting Power of Attorney and Will before mental capacity deteriorates. Following a diagnosis of dementia and appropriate medication from a consultant, GPs will assist patients and their carers by referring them to appropriate sources of support. One of these will be the Books on Prescription service and it was good to hear that Shipston library will be taking stock of new books related to dementia at the end of September.

The next meeting is at 2pm, 5th October at Stour Court, when we will be talking about and experiencing the benefits of massage for those who have dementia and their carers.

Shipston Rotary



Shipston Rotarians continued to meet over the summer months and enjoyed a varied programme of interesting guest speakers covering subjects regarding Social Housing, Water Aid, Great Railway Journeys and the gardens of Upton House. August was completed with one of Shipston Rotarians annual fund raising events when over 120 members and guests were treated to a Champagne Tea, mercifully in beautiful sunshine.

Planning has begun for Shipston Victorian Evening and is shaping up to be a fantastic event. Make sure Friday 7th December is marked in your diary!

Shipston Rotarians meet every Tuesday at the Halford Bridge Hotel 7.30pm for 8.00pm Visitors are welcome, come and see what we are about.

Probus



Thanks to an informative talk by Richard Long, Probus members now have a much better understanding of the current situation in Afghanistan, and possible outcomes for the future. Richard is an acknowledged expert on the Middle East, having written many books and spent 25 years with the Foreign Office and the British Council and also Director of Middle East studies at Newcastle University.

Richard described Afghanistan's history as turbulent, being the buffer between East and West, involving Russia, France and Britain in particular. Apart from the present conflict, there have been several wars, the best known being the British retreat from Kabul when there was only one survivor. How the present situation will resolve, however, is still unclear.

Probus members were also able to enjoy a travel presentation from Bob Price who spent 37 years in the army. Titled "The Grand Circle – Utah and Arizona" the talk was a journey through 12 National Parks which included the Grand and Bruce Canyons highlighting the splendour, beauty, colour and diversity of the parks. Perhaps not generally recognised were very early inhabitants in the area and many examples of their building skills remain. Bob's excellent photographs showed how much beauty is missed by only visiting the Grand Canyon.

Stour Singers



"The singing season"

For Stour Singers' 37th singing season, Richard Emms (founder and director) has chosen a varied and exciting programme, starting with a vivid Christmas Concert featuring a fine quartet of international soloists, with the ever-popular Cherwell Orchestra.

On Saturday evening December 8th, in St. Edmund's Church, the choir will be presenting parts 1,2, and 3 of

Bach's Christmas Oratorio, together with much-loved carols.

On Friday December 14th, the Singers will present an evening of Christmas Music and Seasonal Readings, in the Townsend Hall. There will even be an opportunity for members of the public who support the Bach concert to purchase tickets for the Christmas Music evening at a reduced charge.

Singing is rightly taking its place as a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages, with a love of making music, to come together to learn more about music, and share their joy in performing. Stour Singers now number more than 80 local people – a testimony both to Richard Emms, and to the benefits and pleasures they derive from singing.

If you would like to know more, do get in touch with either Yvonne Ridley, Deputy Manager on 01789 269587, or Vic Twyman, Manager, on 01451 870361.

Noye's Fludde

Shipston on Stour Community, 2013

Calling all singers, instrumentalists, actors, scenery makers, bakers for an extravagant production of Benjamin Britten's iconic community opera, Noye's Fludde.

There will be 3 performances during the 2013 Shipston Proms, led by members of Orchestra of the Swan and professional soloists including Roderick Williams, one of the finest baritones in the UK, as "The Voice of God"!

It'll be a long and dangerous voyage so we need community shipwrights, singers, artists, animals – lots and lots of animals please, instrumentalists (recorders, bugles and string players – now's your chance, don't be shy!), ships' biscuits and grog for the voyage, sou'westers (umbrellas acceptable), lifebelts and most of all, enthusiastic participation.

So, if you'd like to take part in the voyage of the century contact Orchestra of the Swan on info@orchestraoftheswan.org or call 01789 267567.

There will be limited tickets available so don't be left behind when the ark sails... if next summer is as wet as this year....

Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute



The first meeting in September always seems like going back to school after the summer holidays! But the autumn session got off to a cracking start with a return visit by our speaker Col. Lesinsky (Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital) who explained the history and ceremonials of the regiments in the Household Division whose first duty, of course, is to guard the sovereign. Each soldier guarding the royal palaces is a trained and effective serving soldier.

Col. Lesinsky is an excellent speaker and amusing raconteur – he told the meeting about the purpose of the elaborate ceremonials, and the small uniform details which differentiate the five regiments on foot and the two mounted

regiments. He showed slides and spoke about the very elaborate state dress uniforms, some of which survive from the days of Queen Victoria (Queen Elizabeth II is notoriously as frugal as Elizabeth I!) The gold braid and embroidery that we see on state occasions may well have been patched and repaired many times over the years! And Col. Lesinsky also allowed us into the world of royalty and ritual with some delicious anecdotes about his time in the Grenadier Guards.

After that wonderful start to the meeting when the President welcomed some new members, Shipston was struck by a power cut and the business of the meeting had to continue in dim emergency lighting, no tea, and a screeching alarm drowning all efforts to speak.

The next meeting of Shipston-on-Stour WI is on 3rd October, which will celebrate the branch's 90th birthday with a party in the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road.

St Edmund's Church

Remembering our children

The death of a child is a devastating experience, whether the loss is of a baby, a young child, a teenager or an adult who dies before his or her parents. The pain of bereavement may change as the years go by, but the loss remains. Coventry Cathedral holds a regular service for bereaved parents, and at St Edmund's we plan to hold our first "Remembering our children" service on Sunday 28th October at 4pm.

It will be a short and simple service, with an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved child. Bereaved parents are most welcome, whether their child died recently or many years ago, as a baby or an adult. You will also be most welcome if you have lost a close family member from a younger generation. Other people may want to come to be alongside those who grieve to offer their presence out of compassion. Afterwards we shall serve tea and cake to those who would like to stay.

For further information, please contact Helen Winniffrith 661244 or Jill Tucker 01295 688193.

Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team

The Shipston SNT surgeries are now 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. The surgeries take place every 1st & 3rd Thursday at 2.30pm.

Shipston SNT is receiving great intelligence and information from the community on its Shipston Rural Watch email system. Good results and leads have resulted from the information provided so the SNT is encouraging everyone to get involved. Any information residents feel might be of value to the police should be reported to a member of the team using the telephone numbers on page 15. Alternatively, please email your information to shipston.rural.watch@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

SCAN



It is well known that we have many books on local history in the library and we have a fantastic free museum dedicated to Shipston and District's history, but on Tuesday, 11th September, SCAN members were entertained by some anecdotes of a more personal nature when Mike Ashley gave us a glimpse into the past and amused us with tales of the early Nightwatchman, Fire Brigade, tramway and railway workers. Mike has a wealth of information on the history of Shipston, the History Society having been formed in 1965 and the museum opened about 11 years ago.

The museum, just off the Telegraph Street carpark, is open from 2pm-5pm, Saturdays and Sundays from Easter Saturday to mid-October. You don't have to take it in all at once, pop in now and again as the exhibits are always changing and admission is free.

The meeting concluded with the first Annual General Meeting following the adoption of a Constitution. The next meeting is on 13th November regarding hospital discharge.

Neighbourhood Plan Launch Meeting – 24th October 2012, 4pm – 8.30pm

The aim of the Neighbourhood Plan is to show how the town can and should evolve over the next 10-15 years to best meet the needs of the community. Residents, local organisations and businesses are invited to channel their ideas, opinions and information into this rigorous process.

In line with the regulations and guidance, the plan will be independently examined to check it has been prepared rigorously and fairly, and that proposals are based on sound evidence and analysis. Once checked, the plan has to receive a majority community vote before it can become 'adopted' as part of the District Council's Local Development Framework. That status will ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is formally taken into account when planning applications are considered; and future plans related to the Core Strategy come forward such as the Site Allocations development plan document (which identifies where future development may take place).

The Neighbourhood Plan is expected to take approximately 12 months to complete and adopt.

The launch event will outline how a Neighbourhood Plan can be produced and the Town Council's role in managing and funding the process. The process will be open and collaborative, and will involve several community workshops to explore what really matters locally. No doubt there will be some lively discussions.

The launch event will get straight into what people think are the good, and less good, features of Shipston. Current and future housing, local economy, education, leisure, healthcare, transport, facilities and services will all be considered during the plan-making process.

Further information will be published around the town and online at www.shipstononline.org. We hope as many people as possible will get involved.

Awards of Community Grants

Local community groups, voluntary organisations and sports/recreational groups are invited to submit applications for grants towards their activities during the 2013/14 financial year.

Grants must be for non-commercial activities, which are of benefit to the residents of Shipston.

All applications must be received by 31 October 2012 for consideration by the Finance Working Group. The Group will make recommendations to the Town Council in November 2012. Grants awarded will be for the year commencing 2013.

For full conditions and an application pack, please contact:

Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk
Shipston on Stour Town Council
Clark House, West Street,
Shipston on Stour CV36 4EL

T: 01608 662180

Email: clerk@shipstononline.co.uk



Notice of Tenders

The Town Council is inviting submissions for the following tenders:

1. Writing, editing & production of the Shipston Forum
2. Distribution of the Shipston Forum
3. Management of the STC website

The new contracts will begin on the 1st April 2013. Companies or individuals located in the town wishing to tender should submit their proposals no later than 31st October 2012.

For full details, please contact
New Clark House
(see contact details on page 15)

Readers' Letters

Letter from George Caplin

How disappointing to see Shipston Town Council revert to tired procedural devices to avoid further discussions around the town's supermarket proposals [at the August meeting]. This and further housing developments are probably the most important issues in the town and for certain councillors to block discussion it can only lead to one conclusion, that a number of members are ignoring alternative public opinion. It seems more and more that this council is working with un-elected groups that seek to model the town around their own political and social agenda.

This has not been more apparent than when the former Mayor, Paul Rathkey, chose to chair a number of their meetings and dismissed the views of the greater populous. If Shipston Town Council is to carry on in this manner it is time that their intentions were bought into question and they have the courage of their conviction to explain why they are happy to work in hand in hand with the opponents of any new development.

As a long time resident of Shipston I do have serious concerns, as should all hard working families within the town, especially the younger generation as it is their future the council seem happy to dismiss.

Town Council response: The Town Council has arranged a meeting on 24.9.12 for all campaign groups to discuss issues and find common ground.

Letter from James Law

I read with interest Jonathan Gullis' "District Council Update" in the Shipston Forum, particularly the item on the land west of Hornsby Close. I quote "housing we did not need as it would have gone onto Greenfield Land" and "more importantly, it would have been built outside of the town boundary setting precedent for future applications".

He didn't make these comments at the Committee Meeting to consider the Planning Application for housing on the field north of River Way. This field was both Greenfield Land and outside the town boundary! Indeed, he didn't even turn up for the meeting! The application, which was enthusiastically supported by the District Council officers, was approved by 5 votes to 3, with both of Shipston's Councillors absent from the meeting.

He and others, don't seem to understand that the River Way decision has already set the precedent that Greenfield land outside the Shipston town boundary can now be approved for development.

Letter from Debbie Mackay

With help from so many people around Shipston, Bertie the cat is safely back home after being missing for three weeks.

The gold star (and some reward beer!) went to Neil, the Caretaker from Shipston High School. He saw a black tail disappearing into an inspection hole in the School's boiler room. Bertie soon came out once he heard a familiar voice and his name, and the smell of his dinner!

He is very happy to be home and especially enjoys the extra food to help him gain some of the weight he has lost.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took the time and trouble to help us look for him. Thank you also to the Shipston-Online team for putting Bertie's details on the website.

Got something to say?

Send your letter of up to 200 words to forum@shipstononline.org
Letters may be edited to fit space the available.

District Council update

At a recent District Council meeting it was announced that the date for finally signing off the Core Strategy has been delayed once again. The process is not likely to be completed until autumn 2013. The Core Strategy will provide a locally relevant planning policy, meanwhile the planners have to rely on old policies that comply with the Government's planning policy, known as the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework).



I am concerned that there may be very little defence against the plans that developers have for large housing estates and out of town retail stores. This will have an impact on everybody in the District.

Following the Draft Core Strategy consultation exercise which took place last March (the responses can be read on the District Council web site), the officers are now preparing the final draft which should go out for a 6 week consultation in December and January. The policy document should then be presented to a Planning Inspector in March 2013. The Inspectors comments will be taken note of before the Core Strategy can be finally signed off. This should be in autumn next year.

Meanwhile, I understand that the planning application off the Campden Road for a 2,500 sq. metre supermarket, 130 Extra Care houses, 50 market houses and a petrol station is likely to go to planning committee in October or November. I am still maintaining my objection to this developer-led proposal.

Richard Cheney

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Richard Cheney and Jonathan Gullis take it in turns to provide the content for this column.

County Council update

Councillor Grant Fund

For many years, the Community Development fund has been a source of funding for many local groups. This year it is being rebranded as a Councillor Development fund and I have £5,000 to award. This is a better deal as many other parts of the County have been more generously funded in the past.



To apply, a project needs to be identified. The money cannot be used to promote political or religious beliefs nor as prizes or for holidays. Projects that have a lasting community benefit are preferred.

Not for profit groups will be the main beneficiaries of the fund though town and Parish Councils may also be eligible. To get funding, some groups may need to get the support of local bodies with a constitution.

For further details, contact me or the Stratford office of the County Council on 01789 260135.

The closing date for applications in Friday 26th October 2012 and the successful bids should be announced in early December.

Speed limits

You will have read before, that I have been promoting new speed limits on the A3400 and the B4035. By the time you read this column, the firm decision should have been made on 21st September to implement them.

There will be a 40 mph speed limit around the Brailes Road recycling centre and in Fell Mill Lane and the 30 mph speed limit in London Road will be extended.

Councillor Chris Saint

County Councillor – Shipston-on-Stour Division

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NHS News – Shipston Medical Centre

We regret to announce that Dr Andrew Whiteley has resigned from Shipston Medical Centre and will be leaving the practice on the 31st December 2012 to pursue his business interests.

This has not been an easy decision for Dr Whiteley, and we will be very sad to see him go. However, we understand and support his decision and wish him well in his future endeavours.

We will begin recruiting a replacement partner immediately. In the meantime, every effort will be made to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. Dr Whiteley will continue to see patients until he leaves at the end of the year.

The Medical Centre will continue to work with other organisations to champion the Health and Wellbeing Park

plans, which we hope will continue to progress once structural changes in the wider NHS have been implemented.



If you have any questions or concerns, please telephone reception on 01608 661845 and ask for Rachel Vial or email Rachel.Vial@shipstonmc.nhs.uk

Diabetes screening

Thank you to Stour Valley Lions for partnering with the Medical Centre to offer free diabetes screening in September. It is great to be able to offer free tests which help people proactively manage their health.

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

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 01865 600262 or email: forum@shipstononline.org

Copy deadline: First Wednesday of every month

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

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

Copies of the Talking Shipston Forum can be requested via New Clark House.

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

While every effort is made to ensure information is accurate, the Town Council does not accept responsibility for material submitted by readers or third parties and does not endorse any organisation or event publicised. Contributions may be edited to fit available space.



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Shipston Forum	01865 600262
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	03001 303040
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Shipston Recycling Centre	01608 663560
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
Local police (non emergency)	101
PC Richard Grove (Beat Manager)	07977 456585
PCSO Hayley Ditchburn	07879 608696
PCSO Andy Steventon	07966 626908
Churches of Shipston:	
Stour Valley Baptist	01608 664876
Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01608 661724
Methodist Church	01608 661843

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(10am-4pm)
High Street

Member of  2011
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CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL
13th and 14th October
Townsend Hall Shipston-on-Stour

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Shipston Town Council
invites you to the

Neighbourhood Plan
Launch event
4pm – 8.30pm, 24th October,
Townsend Hall

The event will include two identical presentations followed by Q&A sessions at 16:30 and 19:00. Please come to whichever is the most convenient. Displays, handouts and feedback forms will be available throughout the event.

Don't miss yur chance to have a say in Shipston's future. Look out for more details on the town's noticeboards or call 01608 662180.