



# Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

August 2015

## Shipston Brownies bid a sad farewell to Brown Owl

After an incredible 26 years as a volunteer with the girl guiding movement, Judith Jackson, aka Brown Owl, retired from her position as pack leader in July. At a special ceremony held in the Scout Hut, Shipston Brownies said farewell in style, before presenting Judith with thank you gifts.

Judith first started volunteering with brownies 26 years ago, taking on the role of Brown Owl when the then leader left. Since then, she has been responsible for organising a huge variety of activities for her pack and is very popular with brownies young and old. Judith is also a district commissioner for Shipston, Tysoe and Brailes and will continue in this role.

In 2009, Judith was awarded the County Commissioner award. Closer to home, Judith's contribution both to Brownies and other community groups was formally recognised with the awarding of the Anne Sankey Medal in 2013.

Judith leaves behind her a strong pack which will now be led by Lisa Mitchell and Nicola Davies. Both Lisa and Nicola, whose daughters attend Brownies, were keen to ensure the excellent work done by Judith over the years continues.

Nicola was a member of Judith's first pack back in 1989 and said: "I have fond memories of those days so I'm honoured to be joining Lisa in taking over from her. Judith has done an amazing job, she's going to be a huge act to follow!"

Mayor, Jackie Warner, presented Judith with a thank you gift and said: "I was delighted to attend Judith's farewell presentation. It is clear how fond the girls are of Judith and she will be greatly missed."



Mayor, Jackie Warner, thanks Judith Jackson for her dedication to the role of Brown Owl

## More goodbyes as Shipston High School sees Headmaster retire

There was barely a dry eye in the school as pupils, staff and governors bid farewell to Jonathan Baker at the end of the summer term. Mr Baker (pictured) was appointed head of the High School in 2004 and has been at the forefront of developments that have seen the school progress significantly.

Over the last ten years, Shipston High School has improved both in popularity and performance. The school is now so sought after, it is frequently oversubscribed and has increased its intake to accommodate over 450 pupils in recent years. In 2010, the High School was in the top 100 schools in the country for the amount of progress pupils made while at school.

While grades and academic success are important, Mr Baker leaves behind him a legacy which puts the overall wellbeing of children at the heart of the school. A firm believer in the importance of teaching confidence, self-reliance and care for others, Mr Baker has seen the "Shipston Spirit" become a tangible asset, which OFSTED inspectors have highlighted in their reports.



Paul Chapman, Chair of the High School Governors said: "We are sad to see Jonathan leave Shipston High after such a long and successful period as head teacher. On behalf of all the staff and pupils, I would like to thank him for his boundless energy, enthusiasm and determination to see the school and each individual pupil achieve their best. We wish him a happy and healthy retirement."

Before retiring, Mr Baker worked with the governors to find an outstanding new head teacher. From September, Gavin Saunders will take up the reins and is looking forward to getting started.

## Town Council opposes significant planning applications

Shipston Town Council has voted to oppose two major planning applications which councillors feel would be detrimental to the town.

The first is a major proposed development off Shoulderway Lane. This proposal would see 109 homes being built on what is currently a greenfield site. Concerns were raised about the size of the development, the impact it would have on the town's infrastructure and concerns to do with access and road safety.

The second application was an amendment to a previous application regarding the redevelopment of Pettiphers Garage. The initial proposal to demolish the garage and build a convenience store and flats was accepted by Stratford District Council some months ago despite opposition from the town council. This amended application, being put forward by Tesco, would see the building itself move closer to the road, and the opening hours extended to 7am to 11pm seven days a week.

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## Mayor's column

It's been another busy month. I have attended a garden party, been to two fetes in the town, and took part in a procession in Banbury leading to the annual Hobby Horse Festival.



I went to the Shipston Proms Fame Contest – well done to both Brixton Alley and Toby Coffey who really had the wow factor! I enjoyed all the acts. We have a lot of local musical talent – well done to all who took part.

Congratulations also go to the Proms Committee for organising over 30 events across 16 days – I attended many of them and all were fantastic.

Jo Barker and I have held two street surgeries so far. We will be there again in August (date to be confirmed). Please come and say hello and ask questions of both of us.

Last month was a time for goodbyes as you can see from the articles on page one. It was a pleasure to be invited to Judith Jackson's retirement party and to present a small thank you – Judith will certainly be missed.

Goodbye to all the children leaving nursery, going on to primary school and to those stepping up to High School and beyond. I wish all year 11 students good luck with their exam results. Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday, wherever you may be spending it. Enjoy yourselves!

**Jackie Warner**

## Town Council opposes significant planning applications (continued)

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Councillors and local residents expressed concerns about the lack of parking and associated safety issues, given there is no pavement leading up to Telegraph Street Car Park on that side of the road. There were also fears that the arrangements for deliveries were inadequate and could cause significant congestion. In addition to opposing the changes, the town council will seek clarification on the opening hours as two options were stated in the application.

## Divorce Recovery Workshops now available

Charity-run workshops designed to support people through divorce are now being run in Warwick.

Divorce Recovery Workshop (DRW) is a workshop that deals specifically with helping individuals come to terms with a marriage or relationship that has irretrievably broken down.

The six week workshop (held one night a week) is run by volunteers who have gone through a divorce or significant separation and have also attended a workshop themselves. The volunteers are not counsellors, but are a support group who help others 'grow through divorce.'

DRW is suitable for anyone of any age, at any stage of separation or divorce. The next workshop starts on Wednesday 16th September at Chase Meadow Community Centre in Warwick and costs £60. The group aims to run two workshops per year.

To find out more, visit [www.drw.org.uk](http://www.drw.org.uk).

## Clubs, services and residents are urged to use the Warwickshire directory

Do you run a local activity or service? Are you listed on the Warwickshire Directory? If not, Warwickshire County Council wants to hear from you. The Directory could be a great way of promoting your service to a wider audience for free.

To get listed, please contact the Directory Team by emailing [directory@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:directory@warwickshire.gov.uk) or by calling 01926 742604.

The Warwickshire Directory is aimed at helping people find information about local organisations, groups and agencies that provide activities, advice, services and support.

Information and advice is an essential part to enabling people, carers and families to take control of, and make well-informed choices about, their care and support.

## Beating bicycle theft – advice from Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team

More and more people are cycling and this means more bicycles are in use. Unfortunately more bicycles mean more opportunity for theft. The British Crime Survey reports that more than half a million bicycles are stolen each year. You can help keep your bike secure by following this advice:

- Buy a good quality lock - check out [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com) for certified locks.
- Always lock your bike to an immoveable object. Where possible, make use of purpose built cycle sheds with high quality bike stands.
- Lock both wheels and the frame of your bike to the bike stand.
- Record and register your bike. Take a clear colour photograph of your bike and make a written record of its description, its reference number and any unique features.
- Consider adding an additional security mark or tag to your bike. The mark may be obvious, which should help deter thieves or hidden, such as ultraviolet or a combination of both. A hidden mark or electronic tag is less likely to be identified and removed by thieves.



*Photo courtesy of Shipston Rotary*

For further information and advice, see [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com)

## July's hot topics

**Town centre damage:** STC will request a damage deposit be paid ahead of future mop fairs. Damage frequently occurs to hanging baskets and other fixtures.

**Proms and X-fest thanks:** Councillors congratulated the Proms Committee on another fantastic fortnight of musical events, as well as those involved in X-Fest.

**Protecting open spaces:** Martin Ferrier has met with residents to discuss their concerns about possible pedestrian access from the new Campden Road housing development across their green space. A similar issue could result from other developments. The Sustainability Working Group will look into what policy the council should adopt with regard to protecting open spaces and restricting use of green space as a main pedestrian access.

**Confident councillors:** New town councillors have attended a comprehensive training day run by Georgina Beaumont and former town clerk, Bill Robinson. Councillors commented on how useful and entertaining the training was.

**Vehicle activated signs:** Fay Ivens asked for a further update on the speed signs due to be installed on Stratford Road and London Road. Chris Saint will chase progress again.

**Grants:** County councillors grant for community groups and projects has now opened. Details on how to apply can be found in the WCC column on page 14.

**Pettiphers proposal:** Councillors and members of the public raised concerns about the proposed changes to the planning application regarding the Pettiphers Garage site. See article on page 1 and 2.

## Campaigning for Shipston

**Portobello progress:** Marianne Westwood updated the town council on the outcome of a meeting with a Warwickshire County Council highways officer. At the meeting, the engineer presented proposals for a staggered junction to replace the existing junction. There are currently no proposals to change the Fosse Way itself. The officer admitted that the ideal solution would be a roundabout, although that is not on the cards currently due to the cost. Councillors expressed strong concerns about the proposals and the lack of any public consultation. The council will work with county councillor, Chris Saint, to challenge the plans. The matter will be added to the next town council agenda.

**Flood management:** Chair of Shipston Area Flood Awareness Group, Philip Sykes, raised concerns about a Severn Trent survey which suggests the ASL supermarket and new housing site could result in run-off that would exceed drain capacity by over 40%. It was suggested that Philip be invited to meetings between STC and developers to discuss these sorts of issues.

**Neighbourhood plan:** The NP team is currently engaging with landowners over emerging ideas. The team has been conducting a number of public consultations at community events. Options are being developed ahead of a major consultation in September and resident questionnaire in October. The intention is to draft the plan by November/December. The project has been boosted by the awarding of a grant to help fund further work. For more details, see the special feature on pages 9-10.

**Trees rule:** Councillors voted to object to two planning applications which would see two otherwise healthy trees be removed.

## Town Council business

**Communications update:** The town council now has almost 700 likes on Facebook and over 600 Twitter followers. Both feeds are being regularly updated.

**Audit:** The Internal Audit Report has been completed and is very complimentary about processes in place at the town council. Councillors accepted the report.

**Cemetery records:** The council has allocated up to £2,000 to pay for outstanding work on updating cemetery records to be completed.

## New Clark House Update



### Tilemans Lane Closure

Warwickshire County Council has made a Temporary Traffic Order closing Tilemans Lane to allow for the safe delivery of a pre-fabricated building to the school.

Although the traffic order allows for the works to run on longer, it is anticipated that the road will only be closed for one day on Saturday 1 August 2015.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access to properties on the road will be maintained where possible.

An alternative route will be signed and is available via Station Road, Railway Crescent, The Sidings and Beecham Road (and vice versa).

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Julie Ashley at Warwickshire County Council on 01926 412515 or the contractors carrying out the work – Dodd Group on 07710 382004

### New look agendas

As part of our strategy to improve transparency and make it easier for residents to find out what the town council is working on, we've been looking at ways to provide information such as working group reports, available to all.

This month we trialled a new approach which sees the reports from the working groups included within the agenda. That way, those attending the meeting can see what the councillors have been working on and can follow discussions more easily during council meetings. Equally, those unable to attend should get a reasonably good idea of the topics being discussed.

We hope you find the new format useful. If you have any suggestions for further improvements, please email me at the address below.

**Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk  
01608 662180  
clerk@shipstononline.org**

## Record breakers reading challenge comes to Shipston!

How tall is the tallest man? How small is the smallest car? Find out these and more wonderful facts at Shipston Library this summer.



All primary school-age children are invited to join the Summer reading Challenge at Shipston Library. The theme this year is Record Breakers and the children are challenged to read 6 books over the Summer Holidays to get prizes, stickers and, of course, a certificate and medal. Last year saw a large number of local children completing the challenge and this year we are hoping for even more!

There are also two events taking place in the library: Animal Magic on Tuesday 4th August 2.30-4.00pm and People Power on Monday 24th August 10.30-12.00pm. The events are free but booking is essential as places are limited.

To book your place, or just to find out what we do, please ask our friendly staff who are always willing to help.

## FIS can help when school's out

A Warwickshire one stop shop for all things family related is ready to help families looking for childcare and activities to keep the kids entertained over the long summer break.

The summer break can feel like a long time to children, but there are many ways to keep boredom at bay. To keep up to date with specific holiday activities and playschemes in Warwickshire, follow Warwickshire Family Information Service (FIS) on Twitter @WarksFIS and Facebook [www.facebook.com/WarwickshireFIS](http://www.facebook.com/WarwickshireFIS) to get the latest news and information.

For people who need childcare during the summer holidays there are a number of holiday and activity schemes for school age children. These may be provided by schools, day nurseries and childminders; and many playschemes provide cover for the working day.

For further information please contact the Family Information Service on 0845 090 8044 (Local rate) or 01926 742274 or by email: [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk) or visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis).

## Hundreds flock to free X-Fest event

Over 700 young people enjoyed the Shipston X-Fest run by Shipston Youth Club. The free event gave children of all ages the chance to try a wide variety of activities from caving to zorbing, laser quest combat to climbing walls.

With all activities being free to enjoy, youngsters were able to try their hand at anything and everything.

The event is made possible thanks to the considerable efforts of the Youth Club and Shipston Rotary, together with funding from Shipston Town Council and County Councillor grants among others.

Katie Corby, Youth Club team leader, said: "We were thrilled to see so many people enjoying X-Fest. The combination of a beautiful sunny day, great live music from local bands and some exciting activities kept everyone really well entertained. I would like to thank Shipston Rotary for their support in marshalling and managing the entrance on the day and the Baptist Church for all their support before and during the event."



## Support Sports Mini Games arrives in Ettington this summer

Support Sports is once again running Mini Games holiday courses, this time at Ettington Community Centre Mon-Fri over the Summer Holidays. The multi-sports sessions run from 10am – 3pm, Monday to Friday. Early drop off and late pick up is available for an additional charge. For more information, see the ad on page 16.

## Cubs get up close and personal with pond bugs!

Shipston's Cub Scouts have been out and about once again, this time visiting a pond just outside Shipston. Their task was to investigate the bugs and creepy crawlies that live there, as part of their naturalist badge work.

Many of the children, kitted out with nets and jam jars, set to work to see who could find the biggest variety of bugs, frogs, tadpoles, water scorpions and leeches, to name a few. The weather was fantastic and all the cubs had a great time investigating what lives below the surface!

Over the last few months Cub Scouts have also been working on the challenge of building a block car using the parts supplied to them, with the instructions that they can add to, paint and do whatever they liked to the cars. However, they must use all the parts supplied to create a special car that we could all race in a competition at our presentation night in July.



Prizes were given for the overall winner, the car that travelled the furthest, best looking and most creative car.

## Shipston Primary School

### Summer Fete in the Sunshine

It's about time we had a Summer Fete with summer weather! After the damp June weather over the past couple of years our FOSP Summer Fete was a super sunny occasion with a wonderful family atmosphere. With a wide variety of stalls and great attractions right next to the bar-b-q, bar and ice-cream van it turned out to be a long and enjoyable afternoon bathed in sunshine.

Sixty boys and girls from Year 2 to Year 6 played some great football in the LaLiga tournament. Congratulations to Barcelona, who defeated Malaga in the final after extra time and a penalty shoot out. Many thanks to the Shipston Excelsior coaches for refereeing the games. Also outside were the brilliant Spotlight dancers with amazing gymnastic dance routines. Reception children beautifully performed their parachute dance and our maypole dancers danced to a traditional song and then took



maypole dancing back to the 70's with a routine to Chic's Le Freak! I would like to thank everyone who set up and ran stalls on the day, with special thanks to our new FOSP committee

for bringing the whole day together so well.

### My Money Week

Budding entrepreneurs from Shipston Primary once again entered their own version of the Dragons' Den as part of 'My Money Week' in school. Each year group took up the challenge to create, design and make their own product. Business ideas such as magic wands, ice cream, cinder toffee and sherbert were just some of the innovative concepts that became reality, with the products marketed on a larger scale and put on sale in the playground after school. All year groups made a profit!

Each year group chose items to purchase, which will move with them to their next class, e.g. equipment for the classroom, wet play games or playground equipment. Some year groups decided to have a special treat at the end of term. Year 6 hired the swimming pool, Year 4 booked an Animal Man to bring in snakes, spiders, hedgehogs and birds of prey and Year 2 had a Punch and Judy show linked to their Beachcombers theme.



## Shipston High School

### Rugby International star presents Sports Awards

On a very hot evening at the beginning of July, the Sports' department held its second Sports



Awards Evening with special Guest of Honour, former Rugby Union International, Thinus Delport, presenting the prizes. The evening was held to recognise the wide range of talent and dedication shown by students as well as the numerous and varied achievements of students performing in extracurricular sport. Awards were presented for individual sporting prowess, significant improvement and for loyalty and commitment.

A new award this year, was the 'Overall Sportsperson of the School' award. Unusually, the recipient was selected by the audience during the evening from a number of nominations, all of whom had shown exceptional commitment to sport throughout the year.

### Record number of students achieve Shipston Awards

This year a record 226 students in years 7, 8 and 9 achieved the coveted Shipston Award at bronze, silver and gold level. To be eligible for the award students had to compile a portfolio of their achievements throughout the year under a number of categories including learning, personal skills, service to others, extra-curricular activities as well as taking on a personal challenge. In addition students had to write a personal statement about their progress and achievements.



Because of the number of successful students, the school had to hold two awards ceremonies!

The Shipston Award Scheme is generously sponsored by the Rotary Club of Shipston on Stour.

### A personal note from the Headteacher, Jonathan Baker

This will be the last time I write for the Forum as I will be retiring as the Headteacher of Shipston High School this summer. I have been exceptionally privileged to have held this post for the last eleven years. The school is now more successful than it has ever been and, with the new building programme well under way, the school is poised for even greater success in the future.

I would like thank everyone from the local community who has supported the school during my tenure. I will miss Shipston High School enormously; most of all its tremendous students. I leave fully confident, however, that the school will continue to flourish under the strong leadership of my successor, Mr Gavin Saunders.

## Fabulous foodie plans afoot for the Food Festival

Plans are well underway for what will be the third Shipston Food Festival. Following in the footsteps of the two previous hugely successful festivals, this year it is taking place on Sunday 20th September in Shipston Town Centre. The festival will once again feature a mix of stalls, cookery demonstrations, music and other food-related entertainment.



Fresh from their success at the Last Night of the Proms, aptly named band 'The Peas' will be providing music during the festival, which will be interspersed with expert demonstrations and commentaries by local food heroes including The Cotswold Traiteur, Taste of the Country, Sheldon's Wines, The Cotswold Distillery, and a special mystery guest!

The town will be packed with artisan food stalls selling everything from hot food to specialist ingredients. There will be fun activities for children including chocolate making and the first ever local bake-off challenge for 11-16 year olds – more on that next month.



Joint Organiser, Philip Vial, said: "We're really excited about this year's event. For the first time, the whole festival is being sponsored by a Shipston-based business, Taste of the Country, with additional support from Sheldon's wine cellars. We're extremely grateful to both businesses for their support in making this festival possible and look forward to celebrating the best of what the local area has to offer to food and drinks connoisseurs."

To ensure you don't miss out, keep the date free in your diary and prepare to head to the town centre between 10am and 3pm for good food, music and hopefully great weather! For more details, visit [www.facebook.com/ShipstonFood](http://www.facebook.com/ShipstonFood) or see next month's Forum.

## Shipston Proms delivers a party atmosphere

Shipston Proms delivered a fantastic programme of musical delights for all to enjoy as it celebrated its 17th year.

From favourites such as 'Songs from the Shows' and the 'Fame contest' to new treats including 'Songs that made Britain Great' and the new look launch night, the Proms Committee successfully hosted a magnificent series of performances to suit the broadest tastes.

The Last Night of the Proms drew the crowds on what was a perfect summer's evening for music and dancing. Starting off with folk band, 16 Strings and a Dead Goat, playing at El Café, the main stage then treated revellers to stunning sounds from local Fame contest winner, Toby Coffey, Duke, The Peas and Creedence Clearwater Revived.

This eclectic range ensured everyone had something to enjoy, from the very young to the older generations.

Mayor, Jackie Warner, said: "We are extremely lucky to have such a wonderful array of musical talent in this area, coupled with a dedicated band of volunteers who work so hard to bring us this wonderful music festival every year. On behalf of councillors and residents, I would like to thank the committee for their hard work in delivering yet another fantastic Proms event."



## Shipston Rotary welcomes new president

Walton Hall was the venue for an excellent dinner to celebrate the Rotary Presidential Handover from Judith Slinger to Christine Cockell.

An event of equal importance was the awarding of a special Rotary International Citation to Bob Armstrong in recognition not only of all his tireless work on behalf of Rotary but also his wider contributions, in a variety of ways, to the cultural, social and business development of the Shipston area and particularly to the young people of Shipston. As the President said, 'in all his activities in and around Shipston Bob has always faithfully and scrupulously represented and upheld the ethos and values of Rotary'.

A great occasion attended by members, spouses, past members and guests was enhanced by a brilliant conjuror, Max, who entertained each table in turn with mind-boggling feats of prestidigitation.

*Judith Slinger (right) hands over the responsibility of president to Christine Cockell*



**Regular events:**

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

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- 1-28** **Support Sport - Mini Games:** Sports holiday course at Ettington Community Centre, Rogers Lane, Ettington. Mon to Fri 10am-3pm To book or for details booking@supportsport.org or call 07730080926. Early drop off and late pick up available.
- 1** **Chatterbooks:** Reading group for 8-11 year olds. 10am-11am, Shipston Library. Join us for games, activities, refreshments and the chance to make new friends.
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West St at 10am. Equipment & refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or [fayivens@aol.com](mailto:fayivens@aol.com)
- 4** **Shipston Library - Animal Magic:** 2.30-4.00pm. Shipston Library, Church Street. Free of charge and open to all primary school-age children. Places are limited so booking is essential. Please contact the library on 0300 555 8171
- 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: Local lunch.** 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230

- 7** **Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 9.30am-4pm.** Details as above
- Shipston Dementia Cafe:** Singing for the Brain with Andrew Cockerill. 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Charmaine Bird 07720 947938
- 8** **Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 9.30am-2pm.** Details as above
- Ellen Badger Open Morning:** 10am-12pm. See ad on page 16 for details.
- 10** **Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'Dash' - who we are and what we do - by Rachel Vial. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 11** **Shipston Flower Club:** Garden Visit. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Visitors £5. Contact: Elaine 01608 238255
- Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact: John Cavana 01295 722287
- 15** **Rosedale Fundraising car wash:** See ad on page 16
- 19** **Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. For further information, contact Barbara Bean on 663230
- 21** **Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting Dementia Carers:** 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance). Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carl Watkins 663808 or Lizzy Feather 686013
- Dementia Friendly Singing Group:** Singing Down Memory Lane. **Reminiscence Singing for people with memory problems** 2pm. Stour Court Community Room, Old Road. Contact Barbara Smith 662433
- 22** **Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 9.30am-2pm.** Details as above
- 24** **Shipston Library - People Power:** 10.30am-12.00pm Shipston Library, Church St. Free of charge & open to all primary school-age children. Places are limited so booking is essential. Please contact the library on 0300 555 8171
- Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Outing. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 25** **Multiple Sclerosis Society: 'Drop in' meeting.** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- 25-27** **Holiday at home:** Activities and entertainment for over 65s. See ad on page 16 for details
- 28-31** **Brailes Flower Festival and Display of Historic Vestments:** 9:30am - 6pm Catholic Chapel of St Peter & St Paul Friars Lane, Lower Brailes OX15 5HU
- 29** **Lions Book Shop: Special event.** Donate your second-hand toys to be used in a family centre for patients to play with whilst there. See ad on page 8.

## Over 75's Information Sharing Event

**Do you live in the Shipston area?  
Are you age 75 or over?**



Join us at this free event on  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015**  
**2 – 5 pm**  
**Townsend Hall, Shipston**

Representatives/information available .....

- The Over 75's project, Shipston Medical Centre
- Age UK
- The League of Friends
- Parkinson's Society
- Diet/Nutrition
- Mobility
- Carer support
- Guideposts
- Home Care Support



..... and lots more

Free Tea/Coffee & Biscuits



## SHIPSTON TOWN COUNCIL



## Notification of Tenders

### Contract 1

Grounds maintenance of the cemetery

### Contract 2

Grounds maintenance of the town

### Contract 3

Cleansing for the town

Tenders must be submitted by 28th August  
Contracts commence 1st November, 2015

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Monday (Sept to April)

Thursday (All Year)

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Townsend Hall

Shipston-on-Stour

• Play on an original wooden sprung floor

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## TOY COLLECTION

Donate your toys at The Lions Book Shop,  
The Coach House, located in Church Street,  
Shipston on Stour, opposite the town library

In aid of Family Contact Centres who desperately need unwanted toys or  
games to brighten up contact visits for children in care and their parents



## A view from the Project Coordinator

Thanks to all those who have chatted to the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) team at recent community events. A great deal of work has already been done to identify what people want to see in the Neighbourhood Plan and what we need to include to enable the plan to be formally adopted.

While nothing is set in stone, ideas are emerging – some relatively straightforward, others more aspirational. Ahead of more formal consultation in September and October, here are some thoughts and ideas we have been considering as part of the Neighbourhood Plan – we would really like to know what you think of them and what is important to you.

The opportunities that could be included in and carried beyond the Neighbourhood Plan are really quite significant. It needs enthusiasm, involvement and quite a lot of joining up of efforts. Please get involved by either joining our regular meetings or participating in one of our forthcoming consultation events. Your involvement will help ensure the Neighbourhood Plan represents the opinions of our community. You can contact me via email: np@shipstononline.org or by calling 07775 765572 to find out more, including how you can take part.

Erry Lilley, Project Coordinator

## What has the Neighbourhood Plan team been talking about?

Splitting the review of issues, evidence, needs and initial possibilities into 4 “hot topics” has helped manage the process. These are just some of the considerations:

**Housing** – balancing current and future needs for the right mix of housing, including extra care and affordable homes. Compliance with the District Council’s Core Strategy is essential, and we can’t just say ‘no’ to more housing. What we can do is decide what we want, where and when, to reduce the likelihood of being at the mercy of developer-led growth.

**Infrastructure** – our schools and medical centre are near, at or over capacity. Parking is stretched and roads, water supply and drainage are under greater demand. How and where do we plan to accommodate growth?

**Environment and open spaces** – what do we want our town to look like in the future? We have little public greenspace – how and where can this be boosted? How can we enhance attractiveness and protect wildlife and natural habitats?

**Economy and employment** – the job market has changed significantly in Shipston in recent years. What economic activity needs supporting by land-use policies? Start-ups

and small businesses have grown in importance – is there the infrastructure and the premises to support them? Should industrial ‘zones’ be consolidated or reconfigured?

As we consider proposals for

Should industrial  
‘zones’ be  
consolidated or  
reconfigured?



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



development and what could and should be planned for, these topics naturally and necessarily combine and support one another.

### “Blue sky” thinking:

Alongside proposals that would relate to smaller scale ‘detail’, we’ve started to talk about some ‘big ideas’. Some are very ambitious and their feasibility is not yet known but before we go any further, we need to know which appeal to the community, so we know what to focus on. This is about the art of the possible – recognising that some ideas may be more desirable and feasible to implement than others.



### Rediscover Shipston-on-Stour’s river heritage

The Town is here because of it so should we make the river more central to Shipston for both residents and tourists? Did you know Shipston used to have a bathing pool to the south of the bridge and the Mill? Proposals could consider:

- Riverside walks, including linking up with the Sports Club
- Nature reserves, wildlife or wetland areas

- A permanent Heritage Centre, plus some ‘visitor’ long stay parking
- A café, a community arts building or small groups of craft workshops
- A ‘lido’ or naturally-fed bathing pool, and/or other leisure activities such as pleasure boating

## Rethinking Tilemans Lane

An empty commercial property on Tilemans Lane opposite the primary school, has given rise to discussion about redevelopment opportunities for this land, and of the adjacent commercial land and open plots. Suitable relocation of existing businesses, perhaps to the top of Tilemans Lane where conflict from surrounding land-users would be reduced and where expansion could be accommodated, could be a long-term goal. This could contribute to robust designation of a ‘commercial zone’ that is fit for future needs and growth. It would also leave a site of significant size for re-development, planned over the long-term. A mixed-use scheme could include:

- Expansion opportunities for the primary school
- Community and youth facilities
- Small commercial premises with small flats above
- Small quantities of extra-care accommodation or affordable housing
- Public open space
- Changes to the road itself to enhance the area

With one property currently unoccupied, the community needs to swiftly act if there are proposals which it considers to be ‘best use’ for that area. Another large central location with this flexibility is unlikely to surface in Shipston.

## A ‘community Hub’

With the lease soon up for renewal on the Sheldon Bosley Hub, could the community take a creative approach to ensuring the sports provisions at the hub are retained permanently? Are there current or future needs that land at the Sheldon Bosley Hub site could cater for? This land is adjacent to the high school site. With further housing growth identified in the Core Strategy already, can we afford to risk ‘losing’ this land to future housing development, or should we be looking at ‘future-proofing’ and safeguarding this land now? Subject to further research and discussion with land owners, residents and others, this site may have the potential to provide:

- Future high school ‘growing room’
- Community and youth space
- Sports and recreation

Would there be support for a new accessible green space

on the WCC-owned scrubland adjacent to these sites? Maybe a community woodland, providing educational, environmental and recreational benefits, and tying in with the need for tree planting to assist

**Are there current or future needs that the land at the Sheldon Bosley Hub site could cater for?**



wherever possible in flood mitigation measures, even if on a small scale.

## What does our economic future look like?

The NP can’t create jobs but it can safeguard and allocate land for ‘employment use’. Our survey work done to date identifies a need for more small office/start-up units and light-industrial/workshops. Suitable sites aren’t easy to come by, which is why taking a strategic approach to managing sites like Tileman’s Lane could be beneficial.

The backbone of Shipston and part of what makes it so attractive is our thriving retail and food service centre. New developments need to link to the town centre and any new retail space should support the town overall. Tying different strands together and enhancing them, such as our heritage, tourism and leisure offering, while making the town more accessible through better parking, could encourage more visitors to stay longer, spending more money in our shops, pubs and restaurants. But we also need to celebrate industry in Shipston and retain the many successful businesses offering opportunities and contributing to the wealth of the town.

This is just a small insight into the ideas and options being looked at. For more information about these and other conundrums, please visit the news section of the website [www.shipstonnp.org](http://www.shipstonnp.org)

If you or your organisation could help the Neighbourhood Plan or you want to share your ideas, please get in touch.



## Shipston Rotary

### Rotary Food Bank collection

Thank you to the extremely generous shoppers who, on Saturday 20th June at the Co-op (former Somerfield) in Shipston gave so generously to the Shipston Food Bank.



The Food Bank co-ordinator at St Edmund's Church had given a list to Shipston Rotary of the foods the Bank was nearly out of. Shoppers kindly donated no less than two full trolleys in just two hours. Rotary Vice President Christine Cockell and Rotarian Fay Ivens were the admirable food collectors. All the food will find worthy recipients.

### Tour d'Illmington

Shipston Rotary's first attempt at organising a fund raising bike ride was a stunning success.

Fathers Day was a suitable date to raise funds for Prostate Cancer Awareness, specifically the Graham Fulford Trust.

The 'Grand Depart' took place in true Tour de France style, almost, from Talton Mill cafe. There were refreshments at halfway near Illmington before returning to Talton Mill.

30 cyclists entered the 10 mile ride. Each paid £10 to enter and with generous sponsorship a substantial amount was raised for the Prostate Cancer charity.

Thank you to all cyclists who entered and to all our generous sponsors (see photos on page 13).

### Rotary 'Kids Out' visit to Drayton Manor Park

8th June was the start of "Carers Week" and Drayton Manor opened their Park for a large number of Young Carers from all over the Midlands.

Five youngsters from South Warwickshire, plus a Training Assistant and two members of Shipston Rotary enjoyed a thrilling day out. The enthusiasm of the Young Carers was boundless as they sampled rides all over the park all day.

The 'Kids Out' day is Rotary's way of thanking some of the Young Carers in the Midlands, and in the Shipston area in particular, for their extraordinary devotion and hard work.

### Rotary Dictionaries (correction)

In our haste to meet the Forum deadline we forgot to include the excellent Illmington Primary School as one of the Schools to whose Year 5s Shipston Rotary is pleased to provide Illustrated Dictionaries.

## Shipston-on-Stour and Area U3A



At the June meeting Matron Madeleine Curran came from Warwick Hospital to tell of her experience of dealing with the problems of mental health. She believes that dementia is now in the position that cancer used to be, when although it existed in large numbers it was kept secret and never spoken of. Now it is openly admitted and dealt with in every way possible, and she hoped that the problems of dementia would also become discussed more openly.

The most common form is Alzheimer's but there are many

other forms, and the main aim is to help those living with dementia. This is how best to regard it, not as suffering but as living with it, and how to help patients to enjoy life and take part as much as possible.

She emphasised that the District and County Councils do as much as they can to achieve this for both patients and carers. Criticism should be avoided and when words become difficult, music or touch sometimes has very good results.

From questions and comments at the end it was apparent that many in the audience were personally involved with one or more members of the family. Shipston has an excellent reputation for help and advice for anyone in this position but many problems still remain, including that of money for care.

## Shipston Arts and Crafts Society

At the June meeting of the Shipston Arts and Crafts Society, Alice Foster spoke on 'Grayson Perry's Tapestry', a series of artefacts currently on tour in museums in England.

Grayson Perry conceived the series of six tapestries as a late-twentieth-century version of 'The Rake's Progress', the six cartoons by William Hogarth in the eighteenth century. Perry's tapestries show a young man, Tim Rakewell, moving from a working-class childhood in Sunderland through grammar school and university to success as a computer entrepreneur and ultimately death in a car crash.

At university, he meets a nice girl from Surrey, whose family accept him, unlike his own who reject him. He marries her and from his increasing wealth, they move from the modern house with traditional accoutrements to the country pile in the Cotswolds, but he abandons her for a younger trophy wife who survives the car crash.

Throughout the talk, Alice Foster related the symbolism of the tapestries to much earlier paintings and brought out continuing aspects of the objects shown in them, not least the mobile phone.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at 7.30pm. when Roger Butler will speak on 'The Silk Road'. Shipston Arts and Crafts Society meets at the Catholic Church Parish Centre on the third Tuesday of each month except August or December. All are welcome.

## Warwick Ladies FC want new players

Warwick Ladies F.C. are always looking for new players to join their 11-a-side football team. So if you have never played football before, want to keep fit, or stretch those old football legs again, please get in touch.

They train every Wednesday 7:00-8:30pm and play in the Birmingham County Women's League, Sundays at 2pm.

Please contact Kim Brown on: 07437 013595  
Or Email: warwickladiesfc@hotmail.co.uk

## Shipston Probus

Carl Murray lives in Ilmington and on 19th June, spoke about his varied career. He started his working life as a boy soldier in the Coterier Corps and, showing promise, went to Sandhurst. After 15 years in the army, he resigned his commission and joined the Metropolitan Police. He transferred to the Special Branch (Anti-Terrorist and Protection) which took him around the world, being responsible for Prime Ministers, Presidents, Cabinet Ministers and even Boris Johnson. It must have been a hectic life and this short report only tells half the story.



On 3 July, Guy Harris completed his 'History of Medicine from 1800'. For thousands of years, very little was achieved but from 1800 he described an almost never-ending list of developments and cures, including vaccination, oxygen, nitrous oxide, chloroform, nursing, pasturisation, leprosy, vitamins, scurvy, penicillin, blood transfusion and cholera. Many well known names were mentioned, including Jenner, Florence Nightingale, Pasteur, Lister, Marie Curie and Fleming. There were many other names too, though these are less well known.

## Shipston Town Band

### Shipston's young band members take on the Coventry and Warwickshire Brass Festival

On Sunday June 28th nine young members of Shipston Town Band entered various sections in their respective age groups at the Coventry and Warwickshire Brass Festival held at Bablake School in Coventry.

In the youngest age group 10 and under Slow Melody we had 5 competitors. Cornet players Sasha Turner and Theo Whalley Hoggins were placed second and third respectively out of 15 entrants. Seven year old Peter Coates, also playing cornet, received the trophy for the youngest boy.

In the 12 to 14 years old Slow Melody, the band had a clean sweep in the awards with our trio of cornet players Luke Barker, Grace Coates and Bethan Bown coming first second and third out of a field of 13 entrants.

In these two sections Luke Barker the Principal Cornet with Stour Concert Brass was awarded the best instrumentalist award.

In the 15 to 18 aged group Sarah Davies our Euphonium player was placed second.

All competitors were encouraged to enter the sight reading competition and out of a field of 28 entrants, Luke Barker was placed first and Sasha Turner third.

Five different combinations were entered in the duet section and once again we achieved a clean sweep out of 12 entries. Luke Barker and Grace Coates were placed first with Grace joining Bethan Bown for second place and the young combination of Sasha Turner and Theo Whalley Hoggins coming third.

There was a quartet section for players up to 19 years old and our young quartet of Luke Barker, Grace Coates

Bethan Bown and Sasha Turner all under 13 years old were victorious playing Battle Pavanne by the 16th Century Belgian Composer Tylman Susato.

Three of our youngsters, cornettists Luke Barker, Grace Coates and Euphonium player Sarah Davies also took the chance to enter the open age air varie competition. They pitted their skills against the stars of local Championship section bands Jaguar Landrover and Bilton amongst others. No prizes were earned but much valuable experience was gained.



Luke Barker was one of nine members of Shipston Town Band taking part in the festival

## Report problems when you're on the move



Stratford District Council has launched a new Tell My Council mobile application for the district. Spot it – Report it – Sorted!

Spotted a fly tip, a dead animal on the road, litter on public land or some graffiti while you are out and about? The District Council now has a quick and easy way of reporting issues, making it even easier for residents and visitors alike to contact the District Council.

There's no need to download an app, you simply search for the 'Tell My Council' website – [www.tellmycouncil.co.uk/stratford](http://www.tellmycouncil.co.uk/stratford) report the issue, location and add optional pictures to send and then the District Council can make sure the issue is sorted and addressed as quickly as possible. You can report things such as:

- Full street bins
- Fly tipping
- Dead animal on the road
- Litter on public land
- Highway verges
- Graffiti

The District Council is also creating QR codes stickers (QR codes are a machine-readable code consisting of an array of black and white squares, which can be read by using the camera on a smart phone) for the play areas that the Council is responsible for in the District – making reporting issues in those areas even easier. When the QR code is scanned it takes you directly to the website and prefills the location and category information.

For more information please contact the District Council's Streetscene team on 01789 260616.

## Readers' Letters

### *Letter from Brenda Fitch*

A very big thank you to everyone involved in organising this year's Shipston Proms. It takes months of thinking, planning and arranging the many varied events for us all to enjoy.

Of course, congratulations go to all the performers from the youngest children we heard in the Junior School hall (all 50 of them) right up to the Orchestra of the Swan who gave a concert in Townsend Hall. It takes not only practice but courage to stand in front of an audience and perform, together with the teachers' encouragement and their enthusiasm for music of all kinds. Music offers so much to our young children giving them confidence, self-esteem and even a purpose in life.

The venues are so varied, outside and inside, churches, pubs, village halls; in fact anywhere where the space is large enough to house a gathering!

Again well done everyone, we all look forward to next year's event.

### *Letter from Andrew Thompson*

I am somewhat concerned that instead of going for the most obvious solution to prevent accidents at this very dangerous crossroads, namely a roundabout, we are being forced to accept a totally "fudged" solution. The proposals to spend not an inconsiderate amount of money on so called "improvements" to the road layout and cutting back vegetation and making the sign age more visible, does not increase the safety of these crossroads by any significant margin.

As a frequent user of the crossroads it is clear to me that the only way this junction is ever going to be made as safe as possible is to insist that a roundabout is built and this should be the focus of the campaign and not to be sidetracked by an inadequate half baked proposal.

### *Letter from Ed Jackson, Churchwarden, St Edmund's Church*

### **Keeping Time at the Shipston Proms**

Apologies to any residents and visitors who attended the last night of the Shipston Proms on 4th July and who wanted to know the time from St Edmund's church clock. The really observant will have seen that not only was the clock wrong, but also the hands were moving anti-clockwise and so time appeared to be going backwards!

The problem was sorted out the next day and the church clock is once again keeping accurate time.

## Proud of My Town

### **Shipston Fallen**

#### **2127 Private BERTRAM CHARLES KINGSTON COE**

Born on 4th May 1895 Bertram, or Kingie as he was sometimes known, was the seventh of the eight children of William Ellis Coe and Elizabeth Coe (nee King). On 16th April 1902 Bertram joined the Boys School, having previously been privately educated. He left school on the 8th April 1909 when he was nearly 14 and was apprenticed to a Draper in Oxford, but this was cancelled, apparently due to his colour-blindness.



Enlisting on 4th August 1914, the day that war was declared, Bertram joined the Warwickshire Yeomanry. In March 1915, they received orders calling them overseas and by 29th April 1915 they were all in Egypt. Bertram arrived on the 20th April, landing at Alexandria.

On the 10th August 1915, orders were received to prepare for a move to Gallipoli. They sailed on the 14th and arrived in Suvla Bay on the night of the 17th/18th August 1915.

The plan for the 21st August was to attack both Scimitar Hill and the W Hills with the Warwickshire Yeomanry being held in reserve near Suvla beach.

Around 5pm the troops of the Warwickshire Yeomanry were called forward and advanced in formation across the bed of a dry salt lake with the air full of mist and smoke. Confused about their direction they suffered heavily from the shrapnel of the Turkish artillery. The Warwickshire Yeomanry lost 73 men, mostly wounded. Six men were killed, Bertram Coe aged just 20, among them. The Evesham Journal and Stratford Herald reported his death.

Bertram Coe's body was never found and he is commemorated on the Helles Memorial at Gallipoli along with the other soldiers who have no known grave. He is remembered on the Town Memorial, the County School Memorial and the Warwickshire Yeomanry War Memorial, Warwick.

### **Tour d'Ilmington in pictures**

Steve Yates and his wife Linda from Shipston on Stour, collect their certificate from Christine Cockell, the Shipston Rotary clubs vice president, with race organiser Bob Armstrong.

Konrad Nofer, collects his certificate from Chris Cockell, with Bob Armstrong. Konrad, so enjoyed the ride he did it twice.

For the full story, see page 10.



## District Council update

### Local Plan – Core Strategy

We have passed another milestone in the preparation of our local plan, with the publication of a whole swathe of new reports in July. The work directed at us in March by the Planning Inspector, Pete Drew has been undertaken and we have now marked out a way forward.



Like most Councils, we have had to accommodate additional housing, an extra 3,180 district wide. The officer's report suggests that these extras should not come to Shipston!

A six week public consultation on the new proposals is planned to start on 13th August.

### Refuse collection

You have had tags on your wheelie bins and a new calendar with the View Magazine. This has made you aware of changes to the refuse collection rota, but who is affected?

Details are still being finalised at the time of writing this column. If your collection day is to change, then you will be notified by letter. This might be a brave thing for me to say, but you can presume no change unless you receive a letter.

### Devolution

The clear agenda of the Government to devolve some of its responsibilities for infrastructure and transport to local bodies will not entail any merger of Councils. While the metropolitan councils based around the cities of Birmingham, Coventry and Wolverhampton have signed up to the principle of a 'Midlands Power House', Stratford District Council was not invited to become involved with their plans. We are now in the communications loop for their current ongoing work and are watching matters carefully as they evolve.

### Councillor Chris Saint

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

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## Shipston Medical Centre

### We have upgraded

Thank you for your patience during our software upgrade. We now have EMIS installed as our clinical system and the team at the Medical Centre have been busy learning all the new ways of doing familiar tasks. If you previously had an online account with us enabling you to book and cancel appointments and order repeat medications online, we will be contacting you personally to tell you how to set up a new online account with our new system. We also now have the facility to text you appointment reminders. Do ask reception if you would like to take advantage of this service.

### Are you on our list but not been in for a few years...?

If so, you may receive a letter from the NHS asking if you are still a patient with us. Please make sure you respond or you will

## County Council update

### Portobello crossroads

Sadly, I have not been able to get any detailed reports on the usage of the speed camera on the Fosse Way. I have been told that the County Road Safety Partnership thinks that the current policy is correct and will remain.



**Warwickshire  
County Council**

### Councillor's Grant Fund

The 2015 instalment of the WCC Grant Fund is now open for bids from Community Groups and parishes. The funding is to be used for projects that help promote local activity to help communities to work together. The application form gives more information and details of how competing projects are assessed.

If you are looking for more information that may help you to apply, then ring 01926 456102 or contact [southernteam@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:southernteam@warwickshire.gov.uk) by email. Alternatively there is a workshop at Elizabeth House, Stratford-upon-Avon at 11am on Tuesday 15th September.

All applications need to be made by 5pm on Friday 9th October.

### Devolution

There is a lot of activity on this subject, especially since the general election. There is a clear agenda of the Government to devolve some of its responsibilities for infrastructure and transport to local bodies.

While there is a lot of interest from both the Government and the midlands cities in a 'Midlands Power House', the County Council is opposed to Warwickshire becoming part of Greater Birmingham and is working with others to develop a way forward.

### Councillor Chris Saint

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**Shipston Medical Centre**

be automatically deducted from our list and will not register on our system as an active patient.

Please note this is beyond our control and is undertaken by a national registration body based elsewhere. If you receive no correspondence regarding this you do not need to do anything.

### Medical Centre

**t: 01608 661845**

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

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### Something exciting to share?

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

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

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

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Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
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Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
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Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01608 661210
Methodist Church	01608 642256



**Celebrating the Success of  
Horticultural Therapy Achievements  
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**8th August 2015**

**10am- 12 noon**

**Tea Cakes Raffle & Gifts**

**All welcome**



**Holiday at Home**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**10am to 3pm**

**Townsend Hall Shipston on Stour**

*If you are over 65 you are welcome to join us for one, two or all three days of activities, games, quizzes & entertainment. Let us know if you need a lift to the hall.*

**£5 per day including refreshments and two course lunch.**

**To reserve your place on the Holiday at Home days please contact:**

**Rosemary on 01608 662584 or  
Jude on 01608 663779  
by August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**An event organised by Christians Together in Shipston.**



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**15th August, 11 am - 4 pm**

**Refreshments while you wait**

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**AGE  
(5-12)**

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