



# Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

July 2013

## Successful outcomes for Shipston thanks to partnership working among all age groups

Positive improvements have been implemented thanks to successful partnership working between the Shipston and Stour Community Forum and young people in the district.

The Community Forum approached youngsters at Shipston High School and Youth Club back in March to find out what their priorities were for Shipston. The first initiative was to provide a shelter for young people which has since been implemented at the Skate Park and is already proving popular.

Second on the list was the persistent problem of dog fouling on the streets of the town, particularly around the high school and primary school. The Community Forum launched a poster competition to encourage owners to clean up after their pets.

Imogen Cross, aged 11, from Shipston High School was recently crowned winner of the competition with her football-themed 'No Fouling' poster. The poster will be printed and distributed in and around Shipston and the wider Stour area.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Dog Warden, Sophie Peacock, joined Councillor Mike Brain from Warwickshire County Council, PCSO Andy Steventon and Georgina Beaumont from Shipston Town Council, to present Imogen with her prizes. Imogen was also invited to the Community Forum meeting on the 11 June where she was presented with a framed certificate and copy of her winning poster.

All pupils who took part in the competition were presented with gingerbread men/dogs, courtesy of the local bakers in Shipston.

All local residents are encouraged to attend the Community Forum meetings which take place quarterly around the local area, with two meetings a year held in Shipston. The meetings provide an opportunity to discuss local issues with the police, county and district councils as well as voting on policing priorities for the Safer Neighbourhood Team. For more information visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk) or contact the Town Clerk.



*Competition winner, Imogen Cross, receiving her prize for her poster design.*

## Neighbourhood Plan boosted by local input

Shipston's Neighbourhood Plan is gathering momentum thanks to input from volunteers and the many contributions made to the plan at the Wool Fair.

Visitors flocked to the Neighbourhood Plan stall at the Fair to have their say on the vision for Shipston. The 'graffiti wall' canvases were packed with comments and suggestions, such as using empty premises to house temporary pop-up shops, creating a riverside walk, and increasing parking in the town. The most pressing issue on people's minds, however, was the subject of a local supermarket, where

opinion was divided.

Since the Wool Fair, the Neighbourhood Plan steering group, volunteers and stakeholders have met in a couple of useful sessions to start to develop topic

groups. More volunteers are needed and there is still plenty of scope to get involved.

If you are keen to help shape the Neighbourhood Plan and can help sift through feedback, brainstorm ideas and/or get involved in other activities, please get in touch with the steering group now via [np@shipstononline.org](mailto:np@shipstononline.org) or 01608 662180.

In the meantime, visit [www.shipstonnp.org](http://www.shipstonnp.org) to keep up to date, or follow @Shipston\_NP on twitter.



*The NP stand at the Wool Fair. Photo courtesy of Philip Vial*

## Wool Fair proves a real crowd pleaser

The 2013 Shipston Wool Fair is thought to have attracted record numbers in what was the event's fifth appearance on the Shipston calendar. For details turn to page six.



*Photo courtesy of Charlotte Doran Davies*

## Mayor's column

May is the month for new mayors to receive their insignia. As Shipston is among the first in the area to confirm their new mayor I was in attendance at Stratford, Leamington, Whitnash and Warwick for their mayor making.



On a sunny Sunday morning, the Civic Service for Stratford showed Holy Trinity at its best, while a choral evening service at Coventry Cathedral reflected on the Queen's coronation in 1953. Both churches are full of Warwickshire's history and influence.

The Wool Fair continues to bring in the crowds and the wonderful response from our visitors shows that the hard work from all the volunteers pays dividends. Ideas are already germinating for 2014. The forthcoming 15th Shipston Proms will again attract the crowds with a diverse list of entertainment that suits all tastes.

The Shipston in Bloom team have completed their planting and the town always benefits from their hard work. Hopefully summer has arrived at last!

On a more serious note and as reported elsewhere in the Forum, Shipston Town Council was taken to an employment tribunal by a former employee. Due to the confidentiality clause in the ruling, I am unable to divulge the details of the settlement, but am happy to inform you that the matter has been resolved satisfactorily and I now consider that this matter is closed.

The diary still has some vacant dates and I would be delighted to attend any function within the town upon invitation.

**Veronica Murphy**

## Philip Vial takes office as Deputy Mayor

Town councillor, Philip Vial, was officially awarded his medal of office as Deputy Mayor for Shipston at the town council meeting in June 2013.

Philip was on holiday during the May meeting when his nomination was put forward but was delighted to accept the role on his return. "I am immensely proud to be Deputy Mayor of Shipston. I love this town and I look forward to being able to do more to promote Shipston in the region, as well as supporting local community events."

In addition to his duties as deputy mayor, Philip is the lead councillor for the Shipstononline website, Facebook page and Twitter feed.



## Good with numbers? The Townsend Hall Needs You!

The Management Committee of the Townsend Hall is in urgent need of a treasurer and would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to take on the role.

The committee promises that this honorary post is not an arduous task, and a detailed summary of the work involved is available. If you would like to know more, please contact the Hon Sec Mike Ashley, 28 Sheep Street, T: 01608 661403 or [m.jashley@btinternet.com](mailto:m.jashley@btinternet.com) who will be pleased to discuss the role.

## Make sure you turn the key on the opportunist burglar

With the prospect of warmer weather finally on the horizon, Warwickshire Police is keen for people to make sure they don't fall foul of sneak-in burglars.

As the weather warms up people will be spending more time outside catching up on jobs in the garden, or simply enjoying the chance of being out in the fresh air. But the message from Warwickshire Police is make sure you close and lock the door behind you when you go outside.

George Stepney, Community Protection Manager for Warwickshire Police said, "Burglary has decreased significantly in Warwickshire. However as soon as the warm weather arrives, we see an increase in the number of sneak-in burglaries where householders haven't locked their doors or have left a window open."

Despite warmer evenings and overnight temperatures, residents are also advised to make sure that all doors, patio doors and downstairs windows are securely locked at night.

"It only takes a couple of minutes, but it will save you a great deal of time and heartache replacing property that has been stolen in a burglary" George Stepney added.

## Help Shipston Town Council help you

Shipston Town Council's website, Facebook page and Twitter feed need your submissions to make sure we're sharing all the important news Shipston residents and visitors should be aware of.

During May, the town council's website had 1,369 unique visitors looking at 4,417 pages. The council has 365 followers on Twitter and its Facebook presence is slowly growing, with 782 unique people clicking on Facebook posts. The statistics show that it is worth promoting your community event or club meeting via Shipstononline.org, as well as using more traditional methods such as the Forum, posters and leaflets.

Please send your submissions to [forum@shipstononline.org](mailto:forum@shipstononline.org).



### June's hot topics

**Wool Fair thanks:** Fay Ivens led the congratulations to the Wool Fair committee on organising another successful event for the town (see pages 1 and 6 for details).

**Weed killer concerns:** Concerns about the overuse of weed killer were raised by a number of councillors. Specific sites were reported which will be investigated by the town council.

**River blockages:** Fay Ivens has received a number of complaints about the build up of silt which is now blocking two arches of the bridge over the river. The Town Clerk will write to the Environment Agency to request action.

**Cemetery damage:** Jackie Warner raised concerns about the damage to some gravestones and the removal of some grave markers at the cemetery. Photographs of the damage were provided to aid an investigation which the town council's General Purposes Working Group will undertake immediately.

**Trip hazard:** Roy Munden reported concerns about uneven block paving at Cats Corner (the corner of Church St and Stratford Rd) which presents a trip hazard, particularly to elderly people. STC will raise with the highways department.

**Blocked drains:** Further concerns were raised about blocked drains around the town, all of which have been previously reported to WCC Highways Department.

**Dangerous driving:** Adrian Jelf reported concerns about erratic driving at the rugby club. The issue has been reported to the police who are now discussing options with the club. Meanwhile excessive speeds and overtaking has been witnessed on the Stratford Road heading out of Shipston. The General Purposes Working Group is already looking at a range of initiatives to try and tackle the problem.

**Food Festival:** Shipston Town Council agreed to formally support the Shipston Food Festival which will take place on the 29th September.

### Campaigning for Shipston

**Cala Homes Appeal:** Town councillors, Ian Cooper and Paul Rathkey, gave evidence at the inquiry into the Cala Homes planning application appeal, as did district councillors, Richard Cheney and Jeff Kenner. Paul Rathkey focused on the concerns about the visual impact of the proposed development at the Norgren site, while Ian Cooper, representing Stour United Businesses, focused on the need to retain the land for employment use. The evidence was believed to be well received and the outcome is due in a few weeks.

**Streetlights petition:** Melanie Trapp and Fay Ivens attended the WCC council meeting to submit the petition calling for a change to the part night street lighting policy. The petition attracted over 1,000 signatures. There will be a review of the policy in September and the petition will be included as part of that process.

**Tourism group:** Following useful sessions with 'Hidden Britain', Trev Trevethick will be leading a group to focus on developing a tourism strategy for Shipston, with a view to securing opportunities for employment and business growth for the town. The town council supported the move and will be represented on the group by Ronnie Murphy and Georgina Beaumont.

### Town Council business

**Forum deliveries:** There continue to be patches across the town where the Forum is not being delivered. The Communications Group will look again at whether an alternative, cost effective delivery solution can be found.

**Annual Accounts:** The 2012/13 accounts have been reviewed by the auditor and accepted by the town council. The Finance Group were thanked for successfully ensuring the council completed the year within budget.

**District council changes:** A public consultation is under way regarding the boundary review which will see the number of district councillors reduced across the district, together with proposal to elect all councillors in one four year cycle. Comments from the public are invited until 5th August. Please visit [www.stratford.gov.uk](http://www.stratford.gov.uk) for details.

### New Clark House Update



#### Allotment price rises:

Following the announcement of the plan to increase allotment fees next year, a number of allotment holders attended the June meeting to voice concerns.

Complaints included concerns about whether the costs associated with running the allotments had been calculated over a suitable amount of time, as well as whether there might be potential to minimise costs by reducing the amount of grass cutting and other maintenance paid for by the council.

Councillors listened to the concerns and, following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the General Purposes Group would look again at the rises, specifically checking the cost of allotment provision over a five year term and whether concessions might be possible for certain groups.

The council will take the opportunity to gauge reaction from a wider group of allotment holders and will provide clear information about the cost to the council of running the allotments. Allotment holders will be invited to take part in the discussions.

Any price rises will not be implemented until 1 July 2014.

#### Employment tribunal:

Following reports in the local media, the Town Council would like to clarify that it did not 'lose' the unfair dismissal claim against it at the recent employment tribunal. A settlement was agreed. The council is unable to comment further as all parties in the case have signed a non-disclosure agreement as part of the settlement.

The Council voted to thank Councillor Paul Rathkey, Chair of the Council's Staffing Group, for the many hours he has put into supporting the Council's case throughout this process and to accept the settlement.

#### Georgina Beaumont:

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## Shipston Youth Club hosts free family fun at 2013 X-Fest

This month will see Shipston Youth Club hosts its third X-fest - a free event designed to provide fun and entertainment for the whole family.

Taking place on 13th July in the grounds of Shipston High School, the X-Fest will be packed with activities to suit all tastes. This year's highlights include a super-size zip line and Quad bikes, both suitable for children and adults, a climbing wall, zorb walkers, outdoor laser quest, mobile skate ramp and street dance workshop.



*Youngsters enjoyed the climbing wall at the 2011 X-Fest*

Other attractions include a graffiti artist, drama workshop, rocket display, barbeque and sporting challenges from Shipston's rugby and cricket clubs, leisure centre and high school.

Music will be provided on the day by live youth band Indie Toast, playing everything from rock, pop, soul and metal, together with a disco for those wanting to show off their dance moves.

Event organisers, Katie Corby and Richard Baldwin, said "Our last event attracted approximately 350 young people and this year we're hoping to welcome even more families to the event. The event and the activities are free so that they are accessible to all youngsters.

"We would wish to thank our sponsors, Chris Saint Warwickshire County Council Members Fund, Stratford District Council, Orbit Heart of England Community Investment Fund, Shipston Rotary Club, Shipston Loyalty Card and also for the support we have received from The Town Council, Shipston High School, Shipston Leisure Centre and local community youth organisations and clubs. Profits from the raffle will be put toward providing more facilities and activities at Shipston's Youth Club."

For more information, please contact Katie Corby at [shipstonyc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shipstonyc@yahoo.co.uk) or Richard Baldwin on [richard.baldwin9@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.baldwin9@btinternet.com).

## Looking for something to do this summer?

The school summer holidays will soon be here, and with the prospect of at least six weeks without school, the Shipston Forum has been finding out what activities are on offer to keep kids occupied.

For those looking for physical exercise, Shipston Tennis is running a series of tennis courses for 4 – 14 year olds. Younger tennis players are invited to attend half day sessions, while full day courses are available for the over 7s. To find out more, visit [www.shipstontennis.org.uk](http://www.shipstontennis.org.uk).

St Edmund's Church is again hosting its popular holiday club in July – see page 8 for more details.

Calypso Kids will be running summer workshops at the Townsend Hall throughout the holidays, which will include a mixture of storytelling and music for younger children and craft activities for the over 4s. A pop-up café will also be available. Visit [www.calypsokids.co.uk](http://www.calypsokids.co.uk) for details.

Greenfields Nursery will be offering a fun-packed itinerary of holiday activities throughout the summer. Plans include pony rides, bouncy castles, messy play, Monkey Music and more. To find out more or book places, please call 663672.

Shipston Leisure Centre will also be hosting some of the Hi 5 Multi Sports and Swim sessions provided by Stratford District Council, as well as running intensive swimming courses. Please call 662354 for details.

If you're happy to go further afield, Stratford District Council's Hi 5 programme offers a variety of other events. For details, visit [www.stratford.gov.uk](http://www.stratford.gov.uk).

In the meantime, keep an eye on [Shipstononline.org](http://Shipstononline.org) – local activities will be added when known.

## Ettington Rotary 'Rotakids' awarded Charter

Rotakids at Ettington CE Primary School, set up by Shipston Rotary Club, has just been awarded its Charter from Rotary International of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Rotary's Midlands District Governor Steve Cartwright, and Shipston Rotary's President Elect, John Round, presented the charter.

Rotakids is a junior version of the Rotary Club for primary school children in years 5 and 6. The ethos is the same as that for senior rotary clubs of service to the school, the local community and the wider world.

The Rotakids at Ettington are all in Year 6. They voted in their Chairman, Millie, Secretary, Hattie and Treasurer, Jasper and have decided to raise money for WaterAid, a project in Zambia providing clean water to thousands.

The District Governor also presented Usborne Illustrated Dictionaries to every year 5 pupil. These are provided every year to all year 5 pupils in the Shipston area by Shipston Rotary.



*Pictured: Rotarians Steve Cartwright & Nigel Willis with a proud Rotakid rep*

## Don't miss the fun day fundraiser on 7th July

Calypso Kids is holding a free family fun day to raise money for the Queen's Avenue Park Action Group.

Taking place from 2-4:30pm on 7th July at the Townsend Hall, the afternoon will offer a range of activities including free workshops with Calypso Kids, Dance with Dash, Mess Around, Little Kickers and Shipston Tennis Academy.

Other family-based businesses will be offering retail therapy and promoting their activities on the day, with a raffle and refreshments also on offer. Profits will be donated to QAPAG.

**For more information, visit [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org)**



## Shipston Primary School

### Animal Magic

Young children from Shipston Primary School have been exploring the Animal Kingdom for their school trips this year.

Reception children, who have been studying the topics 'Pets and Vets' and 'Minibeasts' this term, spent a magical day at Birdland in Bourton on the Water. The intrepid young explorers ventured round in small groups and enjoyed having the freedom to encounter the different birds at their own pace.

A particular highlight was meeting one of the keepers and a parrot called Diamond. The children asked lots of questions and were fascinated to discover the noises that parrots like to copy, including car alarms and tills!

This was Reception's first school trip and their behaviour was exemplary. The children relished the novelty of a coach ride, eating lunch outdoors and having a play on the adventure playground at Birdland.



Meanwhile, as part of their Africa topic this term, Year 1 visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park. In the lead up to the trip each class researched African animals at the park and decided which one they would most like to see. Plotting this on a map, groups set off, navigating around the park. Unfortunately the leopards and lions weren't out to play but the children saw many other incredible animals, learning facts about them along the way.

One child in the Wrens class said: "My favourite animal was the tortoise because its shell was soft and smooth when I touched it."

Christian Hilton Headteacher said: "It is so important to take learning outside the classroom and both trips have brought school topics to life as well as giving the children a memorable day."

## Shipston High School

### art@Shipston High School

Following completion and moderation of the GCSE Art coursework, the Art department staged an exhibition of the students' work. The school was delighted to welcome a large number of parents, students, governors and members of the public who were greatly impressed and full of admiration for the remarkable pieces of artwork created by these young people. Students had to prepare a folder of coursework over a period of ten weeks and then create their piece of artwork over two days in examination conditions. Visitors were amazed to see what had been created using a wide range of media ranging from traditional to more contemporary ways of working such as using resin (in the style of Damien Hirst), digital technology and wood sculptures.

Not to be outdone, younger artists in the school have been busy designing and making a range of masks



to be used in the Orchestra of the Swan's production of Benjamin Britten's "Noyes Fludde" performed as part of the Shipston Proms. With such a range of different activities taking place in the Department, it is not surprising that a substantial number of Year 9 students have opted to take up the GCSE Art option starting in September.

Art at Shipston High is certainly diverse and thriving!

### College Success!

Three Shipston High School students have had outstanding success in their South Warwickshire Initiative for Training courses undertaken at Warwickshire College for one day a week over the last two years.

John Doherty was awarded "Best Overall Student" for Motor Vehicle fitting, Charlotte Inns was judged "Most Improved Student" for Animal Care Level 2 and Jordan Cotterell was awarded "Best Overall Student" for Vehicle Maintenance and Repair. The students received their awards at a special presentation event held at the Trident Technology Business Centre.



## Wool Fair with the Wow Factor!

The 2013 Shipston Wool Fair was heralded a huge success by organisers and visitors alike. The sun shone, the wind stayed reasonably calm and people flocked to the event in droves. The High Street was buzzing right up until the event closed and people reluctantly made their way home.

The variety of attractions on offer throughout the day was impressive. Entertainment included sheep shearing, games, morris dancing, music performances and more. Both independent stalls and Shipston's local traders offered retail therapy, be it gifts, gastronomic delights, or general necessities.

Mayor, Ronnie Murphy, said "I was absolutely delighted to open the 2013 Shipston Wool Fair. A great deal of hard work goes into making these events successful and it was wonderful to see all that effort so richly rewarded with busy streets and shops and smiles all round.

"On behalf of Shipston residents and members of the Town Council, I would like to thank the organising committee for giving us yet another fantastic Wool Fair." the Mayor added.



*The Wool Fair drew crowds all day long and Town Band performances proved popular. Photo by Philip Vial.*

## Green shoots are showing according to Hidcote

Green shoots are pushing through in many different ways at Hidcote Gardens, local business leaders were told at a recent visit to the popular National Trust site.

Mike Beeston, the National Trust property manager at Hidcote Gardens, said that over the last ten years they had restored more of the unique gardens, brought the kitchen garden into greater production to supplement the restaurant, engaged more with local schools, saw an increase in visitor numbers and were now a venue for civil ceremonies and wedding receptions.

Thanks to donations, visitors, benefactors and increased use of their facilities, strong green shoots of growth were showing in their business as well as in the garden.

Hidcote Gardens was hosting an evening meeting of Stour United Businesses, who were joined by members of Shipston Rotary Club, all of whom enjoyed a guided tour of the gardens.

Key topics of conversation included the Shipston Neighbourhood Plan, with which businesses were encouraged to get involved, future SUBs activities and policy work, and the important role Shipston Rotary plays both in the local community and in supporting international charities.

For more information or to join SUBs, visit [www.subs.org.uk](http://www.subs.org.uk).



*Photo courtesy of Ian Cooper.*

## Ooh-la-la – it's French Market time

Assuming there isn't a sudden flurry of snow at the start of July, Shipston will once again host the French Market in the town centre on the 7th July from 10am – 4pm.

Stallholders will be selling a variety of continental creations, from culinary delights to handmade gift items. Many of Shipston's businesses will also be open for the day so there will be every opportunity to indulge in some retail therapy.

Mayor, Ronnie Murphy said "we are particularly delighted to welcome the French Market this month, having had to cancel their last visit at short notice thanks to snow in northern France. I sincerely hope that won't be the case in July!"

For more details, see the ad on page 16.

## Last chance to enter the Shipston in Bloom Gardening competition

If you're planning to show off the blooms in your back garden to the Shipston in Bloom judges, make sure you fill in and return the entry form which is now available online at [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org)

Children's gardens also need an entry form, which must be submitted by the 14th July.

All other entries – front gardens, tubs, borders and allotments, just need to look beautiful – no forms are required.

The judges will be visiting allotments on 1st July, so make sure your fruit, veg and flowers are set to make the right impression. Decision day for the remaining entries will be on 28th July. Good luck everyone!



**Regular events:**

- Mon Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Mon Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club:** 7pm for 7.15pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Rd, Shipston-on-Stour. Call Penny Law 663871
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (2,16, 30). 10am-12pm Room No 2, Ellen Badger Hospital.
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Now every Tuesday. 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 0300 555 8171
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Stella, 686224
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays. Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886 extra bingo on 23rd July
- Tues Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** Halford Bridge Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Adrian Ramskill 0797 656 6525.
- Weds St John's Ambulance:** Adults division. Meet at Shipston Fire Station, 7pm. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
- Thur Shipston Stitchers:** 10am to 3pm, alternate Thursdays (11, 25).
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club** at Rainbow Fields Contact: Diana 01789 740627
- Thur Safer Neighbourhood Team:** Fortnightly (11, 25). Public surgery, 2.30pm to 3pm. New Clark House, West Street.
- Thur Age Concern gentle exercise and relaxation class:** 2:15-3:15pm, Rainbow Fields. Contact Leigh, 665995
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Bridge** 10.15am – 12.15pm Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Val Young on 01608 238754 or 07516 091786
- Fri Shipston Probus:** alternate Fridays (12, 26)
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Linda, 662290
- There are lots of regular classes on at the Townsend Hall. They include: line dancing, badminton, short tennis, yoga, ballet, Calypso kids music, Little Kickers, Zumba, modern jazz dancing, t'ai chi and circuit training. For details, visit [www.townsendhall.com](http://www.townsendhall.com) or call Lisa Bryan on 07800771368.**

**July Diary**

- 1 Shipston in Bloom:** Judging of allotments
- 2 Multiple Sclerosis Society:** 'Drop in' meeting. 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- Shipston Proms - Organ Recital:** Peter Summers plays his favourite pieces. St Edmunds Church 12.30pm. Refreshments, donations
- Shipston Proms - Stratford Folk Club:** Featuring Daisy Chain Quartet. Black Horse, 8pm. Free
- 3 National Organisation of the Widowed:** Lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** Members' Evening and Auction. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- Shipston Proms - Young Musicians' Concert:** St Martin's, Barcheston. 7.30pm. Donations
- 4 Shipston Proms - High School Summer Showcase:** Shipston High School Summer Showcase Concert, 7pm. £3, accompanied children free. Refreshments.
- Shipston Proms - Delaney's Angel:** George Hotel, Shipston. 8.30pm. Free
- 5 Shipston Home Nursing:** Bridge Afternoon and Tea. 1.45pm - 5pm. Moorlands Farm, Little Kineton CV35 0EA. £10.00 table.

Tickets: [alan.lamb123@btinternet.com](mailto:alan.lamb123@btinternet.com) or 650202 (not after 8pm), Rebecca Mawle [rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk](mailto:rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk) or 674929

**Shipston Dementia Resource & Support Cafe:** Summer Special. 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433.

**Shipston Proms - Songs from the Shows:** Townsend Hall, 7.30pm. £8.

- 6 Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or [fayivens@aol.com](mailto:fayivens@aol.com)

**Catholic Church Fete:** See ad on page 10

**Shipston Proms Dancing in the Street:** See ad on page 16

- 7 French Market:** See ad on page 16

- 8 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180

- 9 Senior Citizens Action Network meeting (SCAN):** 10am-11.30am, Townsend Hall. Free admission, all young-at-heart over 50s welcome. Contact: Jane Pearce 663491

**Shipston Flower Club: 'Summer Delights' by Claire Bond.** 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Non-members welcome. Contact: 01295 788099

**Townsend Hall AGM:** See ad on page 10

**Stour Valley Lions Monthly Meeting:** 8pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. All welcome.

- 10 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library). Books include fiction, children's, cookery, gardening, art etc. To donate books contact Lion David Squires on [pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk)

**Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Garden visit. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933

- 11 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee meeting 7.30pm, New Clark House, West Street. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636

- 12 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm, details as above

**Chamber of Commerce Business Advice Surgeries:** Free advice sessions by appt, Stour Enterprise Centre. To book, call 629693

- 13 Youth Club X Fest:** 10am-4pm. See ad on pg 10 & article on pg 4
- Mayor's Surgery:** 10am, High Street

**Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm, details as above

**Scout Hut Grand Opening:** See ad on page 8

- 14 Shipston Drama Group, Auditions for October production:** See ad on page 9

- 16 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** Portraiture. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Penny Law 663871.

**Institution of Revd Andrew Coleby:** 7:30pm St. Edmunds. Everyone welcome.

- 17 National Organisation of the Widowed:** Meeting. 10.30am-12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230

- 19 Dementia Carers Drop-in Group:** 10am-12pm, at NEW VENUE - the NEW Scout Hut, New St. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433

- 23 Shipston and District U3A:** Monthly Meeting. 2pm, Townsend Hall. For information, visit [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk)

- 23-26 Joint Churches Holiday Club 2013:** See ad on page 8

- 24 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm, details as above

- 26 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm, details as above

- 26-28 Shipston Angling Club 60th Year Celebrations:** See ad on page 8

- 27 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm, details as above

- 28 Shipston in Bloom gardening competition judging:** See pg 6

- 30 Great Rollright Open Gardens:** Gates open 2pm-6pm.



**ROLL UP! ROLL UP!**  
FOR THE JOINT CHURCHES  
**HOLIDAY CLUB 2013**

**TUESDAY JULY 23RD -  
FRIDAY 26TH JULY**

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at St Edmund's Church.**

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**FROM 2-4.30 PM**

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## ANNE SANKEY MEDAL

The Town Council is inviting nominations for the Anne Sankey Medal, which is awarded annually to recognise voluntary work done by individuals in Shipston-on-Stour.

The award will be presented by the Mayor at a Town Council meeting later in the year.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from [shipstononline.org](http://shipstononline.org) or collected from Clark House. Nominations can also be made by letter and should include your details, who you are nominating and why.

All nominations must be received by the **5th August 2013** at the following address:

Shipston Town Council, New Clark House, West Street, Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4HD





## Holiday at Home

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013  
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.*

Cost: £5 per day including lunch and refreshments



also included this year.....a coach trip out

August 22nd 9.30am to 5pm  
bring a picnic lunch

Cost: a donation towards next year's trip

To reserve your place on the Holiday at Home days or to book a seat on the coach trip please contact

Rosemary on 01608 662584 or

Jude on 01608 663779

by August 8<sup>th</sup>

An event organised by Christians Together in Shipston.

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



## The Legion's Shipston Branch Urgently Needs More Members

- Anyone wishing to support the Legion can join.
- You don't have to have served in the armed forces to be a member.
- This is a great way of meeting like-minded people.
- Two of the Legion's roles, are in welfare and campaigning. By joining, you can support our welfare work through your £13 membership fee and you increase the power of our voice in campaigning for improvements to the support given to Veterans in need of help.
- Special new membership offer: Join 1 July and get 15 months for the price of 12.
- Shipston branch represents surrounding villages as well as Shipston itself.

For more information or to join, please contact

Richard Adams, Chairman, on 01608 662328  
Or e-mail at: richardadams5@hotmail.com

Or to join on line visit

[www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/shipston](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/shipston)

or

[www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/being-a-member](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/being-a-member)

## Shipston Drama Group



Are you ... Age 10 to 92?

Do you ... Like drama - whether Acting, Back-stage, Sound & Lighting, Front of house, Costumes, Set-Build, Props, Marketing - list is endless?

Would you ... Wish to meet like-minded people with some socialising thrown in?

## Then come and join us!

We perform three productions a year -  
Including a Pantomime - Oh, yes we do!

Auditions for our autumn play in October to be held  
on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. All welcome.

at The Townsend Hall,

Sheep Street, Shipston-on-Stour,

where rehearsals are also held on Weds & Suns.

Please contact us on [info@shipstondramagroup.org](mailto:info@shipstondramagroup.org)

or visit our website [www.shipstondramagroup.org](http://www.shipstondramagroup.org)



## Calypso Kids' Family Fun Day



FREE ENTRY &  
FREE TASTER SESSIONS  
FROM

Calypso Kids Ltd



Dance with Dash

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Shipston Tennis Academy



Donations on the door greatly received

Calypso Kids Ltd &  
Townsend Hall

Invite you to enjoy a FREE  
taste of the children's  
activities available at your  
local venue.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
2.00pm - 4.30pm

Townsend Hall, Sheep  
Street,  
Shipston on Stour

In aid of  
the  
Queen's  
Avenue  
Park  
Action  
Group



stalls selling family friendly products Face painting  
Glitter tattoos Bouncy Castle  
Raffle Craft activities  
Photographer cafe selling refreshments

## Townsend Hall Management Committee

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Townsend Hall  
Sheep Street  
Shipston on Stour

Tuesday 9th July 2013  
7.30pm

The committee, who manage your hall for the benefit of the whole community, invites you to attend this meeting to hear our future plans, make your views known and lend your support

*Don't forget – we're still on the look out for a treasurer – see the article on page 2 for details.*

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady and the Apostles  
**Annual Church Fete**  
Saturday July 6th 2-4 PM  
Venue: RC Church of Our Lady and St Michael  
Darlingscote Road Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4DR

LOTS OF STALLS AND ATTRACTIONS

Raffle

SPIN! The Rat

TOMBOLA

HOME CRAFT SECTION

Coconut Shie

Cake Stall  
Come along and enjoy  
an afternoon of  
Relaxation and Fun

And much more

Maypole Dancing Display

SHIPSTON YOUTH CLUB HOSTS

# X-FEST

SAT 13 JULY 10AM-4PM 2013  
GROUNDS OF SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL

**CHALLENGING ACTIVITIES  
AN EXCITING  
FREE DAY FOR ALL**

18FT CLIMBING WALL  
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STREET  
DANCE WORKSHOP  
GRAFFITI ARTIST  
DRAMA WORKSHOPS  
AND MUCH MUCH MORE...

even bigger and better than the last!

## Apply now for local educational grants!

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

If you are a Shipston resident under 25 years old (or have parents living here), you can now apply for a small grant for the 2013/14 academic year.

Application forms are now available from the Shipston Library or write to the Clerk to the Trustees, Mr D Squires, Pinnegar House, 49, Telegraph Street, Shipston, CV36 4DA, enclosing a stamped address envelope.

Completed forms must be received by  
**Monday 2nd September 2013**

## FARM WALK

18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2.30pm – 5pm

**Come along and take part in a fabulous farm walk at Whitchurch Farm, Whitchurch, CV37 8PD**

**A 3 mile walk finishing at the historic St Mary's Church, Whitchurch (walking shoes advisable and weather permitting). See cows and their calves, sheep and all different species of birds. Children can enjoy a treasure hunt on this working farm which has already featured on Countryfile.**



**After you have worked up an appetite enjoy a tea/coffee/squash with a piece of homemade cake or scone with jam and cream all for the price of**

**Adult £3 Children £2**

**Family (2 adults + 2 children) £10**

(proceeds to charity – Shipston Flower Club)



## Shipston in Bloom 2013 amendment

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

**Free to enter** Judging by independent judges will take place on Sunday 28th July.

Entries will be judged in the following categories

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

**Allotments will be judged on Monday 1st July.**

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

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

**Complete the entry form and return to Shipston in Bloom c/o Nick Nickerson 50 Furze Hill Road, or Mal Lawrence at 3 Clark Close**

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

## Proud of my Town

### Shauni Warner does Shipston proud

Shauni Warner successfully ran the London Marathon in April, completing the gruelling race in 5 hours and 13 minutes, raising an impressive £1,955 for charity.

Shauni began fundraising for her chosen charity, Whizz Kidz, some months ago, and is delighted to have been able to raise such an impressive sum for the organisation. Whizz-Kidz aims to improve the quality of life of disabled children and young people in the UK through the provision of customised mobility equipment such as wheelchairs and tricycles. It is dedicated to providing help and advice to the children and their families and raising awareness of mobility-related issues through national campaigning. Congratulations, Shauni.



### Drawing support for Shipston Home Nursing

In what has become a popular attraction at Shipston's annual Wool Fair, local artist, Howard Watson, sketched 17 portraits at the 2013 fair, raising a total of £69.40 for Shipston Home Nursing. Howard would like to thank all his subjects for their support. Well done Howard – a fantastic achievement for Shipston Home Nursing.

### Wool Fair Winner

Congratulations to 9 year old Amelia, who won the 'Cuckoo in the Nest' shop window competition held during the week of the Wool Fair. Participating shops put an unusual object in their shopwindow during the competition week, and entrants were challenged to log each unusual item, or 'cuckoo in the nest'.



Amelia was the first to be drawn out of the hat and was presented with a £25 cash prize by Louise Harvey on behalf of the Wool Fair committee. Details of all the unusual window items can be found on the Wool Fair website, [www.shipstonwoolfair.org](http://www.shipstonwoolfair.org).

### Help us celebrate community spirit

Shipston Town Council is inviting nominations for the Anne Sankey Medal which is awarded annually to a local resident in recognition of their voluntary work for the community.

If you know someone who has gone the extra mile for local charities, organisations or individuals, the town council would like to know about it.

Take a look at the advert on page 8 for details of how to submit your nomination.



### Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Café

The activity of reminiscence is well known to be of benefit to those with dementia and it was clear for all to see how true that is at the end of the very entertaining presentation given to members of the Shipston Dementia and Resource Café on 7th June.

We were taken back 70 years to 1943 by a costumed Jane Arnold, as representative from the Ministry of Food, together with her assistant Mrs Thompson. With clothes and food rationing a part of everyday life, people had to be cunning in their use of what was available and it was interesting to see how beautiful clothes made from parachute fabric could be and how carrots and parsnips could be disguised to give variety to mealtimes. Jane's collection of everyday artefacts such as dried milk tins, kitchen equipment, liberty bodices and knitted smalls, together with identity cards and ration books prompted many comments and memories from the audience. We may forget what we had for lunch, but we can still enjoy the memories from times gone by.

The next Café will be a Summer Special on Friday, 5th July, 2.00 – 3.30 pm, Stour Court, Old Road. For more information about the Café please contact Barbara Smith, 01608 662433.

### Shipston Music Society May Concert

It was a rare privilege to have the internationally renowned Classical Guitarist Dimitris Dekavallas perform for the Society in May. The audience even included guests who had travelled from South Wales just to hear him perform works ranging from Eastern European romantic pieces to the fast Latin American flamenco.

Dimitris is a D'Addario artist, a non-profit organisation committed to inspiring and assisting the growth and appreciation of music throughout the world by partnering with passionate music educators like himself. Graduating from the Royal Academy of Music in London he has given recitals and master classes around the World with some of the greatest musicians of today such as John Williams and Julien Bream.

The evening performance started with the Tarantelle by Janos Mertz the 19th century composer followed by his variation Mignonnes. Mertz's guitar music, unlike that of most of his contemporaries, followed the pianistic models of Chopin, Mendelssohn, Schubert and Schumann and was expertly interpreted and performed by Dimitris. Other treats included works by Issac Albeniz - Asturias and Sevilla, Gaspar Sanz popular piece Canarios and Manuel De Falla - The millers dance finishing with four traditional Spanish songs for the guitar.

As an addition to the programme Dimitris played "Greensleaves" switching effortlessly between its traditional arrangement and a flamenco style much to the rapturous applause of the audience.



### Shipston Arts & Crafts Society

The Society met on Tuesday, 21st May when Mr Mark Hancock, a wood turner, designer and lathe artist of international repute, told a crowded hall of his life working with wood.

Mr Hancock began by making bowls - beautiful bowls in exotic and natural wood from burr to burnt - making each bowl uniquely beautiful. Gradually the pictures on the screen changed as he began to experiment in shapes and his expertise in turning developed. He gained a place at a training workshop in Philadelphia, USA, where he began to make vases in contemporary shapes. It is well known that when collectors examine a piece they always turn it over and look at the base - causing much amusement!

He makes pieces like a Calla Lily, a hedgehog, a tangle of string, a tiny goblet on a twisted stem - each carved from a single piece of wood - beautifully and skilfully turned, lovingly polished to glow, sometimes embellishing with a touch of gold leaf. Mr Hancock's international reputation is appreciated by collectors of his work. This is well deserved and was greatly enjoyed by a fascinated audience.

On 16th July Alice Foster will be investigating portraiture. No meeting in August. We meet at the Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm and visitors are most welcome.

### Stour Valley Lions

#### Gyratory Garden

Lions have been hard at work clearing the spring bulbs and preparing the Gyratory garden for summer planting. The Shipston in Bloom plants allocated to the garden were available mid June. If you are one of the many residents or visitors that rest there and enjoy this space, you will, by now, be able to see the fruits of our hard work.

#### Lions Bluebell walk success

Local Lions enjoyed the Lions Annual Bluebell walk in the Malvern Hills, in conditions typical of our spring weather! Graham, Nicci, Angela and John (President) supported the Malvern Hills Lions in April to raise awareness and raise money. Twenty three Lion clubs in our District turned out raising £350 for Marie Curie Cancer Research. The District as a whole raised almost £20K.

A pub lunch soon revived the weary walkers. Well done to all.

#### Talking Shipston Forum

Lions continue to provide the Forum on CD for the Visually Impaired Club and Shipston senior citizen homes. Lion members, High School students and friends make up the voices on the recordings. If you wish to be included in our distribution please contact Shipston Town Council.



### University of the Third Age

The July meeting will take place at 2pm on 23rd July at the Townsend Hall. New members welcome.



## Stour Valley WI

A large part of our meeting was taken up with discussion on the NFWI Resolution to be put to the Annual General Meeting in Cardiff next month regarding "The decline of our high streets and town centres".



We appreciated the input from Stephen Miles, a member of the "Core Policy Group" for Shipston, who pointed out the many stages involved when so much has to be taken into account if changes are to be made. E.g. Initial plans, planning consent, change of use for buildings, community approval and more. This can take from 15 – 18 months.

We also welcomed Georgina Beaumont the Town Clerk who had expressed a wish to sit in on our discussion.

We appreciate that our discussion was rather insular but that our problems must be similar to many small towns nationwide.

Our vote for the resolution as it stands was almost unanimous, but our group delegate from Brailes WI was given "power of discretion" should she hear information at the meeting which she thinks could have influenced any change to our vote.

After tea we had our usual "business" meeting which involved venues for our next two lunch dates and other activities. The speaker at the June meeting will be Gillian White talking about "The History of Chatsworth". Why not join us at 2.00pm on the second Wednesday at Rainbow Fields? You will be made very welcome.

## Mozart in Shipston

Some 230 years after its first performance, Mozart's glorious Mass in C Minor was to be heard in Shipston's



Townsend Hall on the first day of June, as Stour Singers and visiting musicians explored this work with renowned conductor, Adrian Partington, Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral.

Stour Singers welcomed visitors from choirs across the region, and even one baritone from Los Angeles, to join this workshop, which culminated in a sing-through of the music learned during the day, with Sue Daniels (member of the choir) singing the moving soprano solo in the first movement.

Stour Singers – some 80 singers at full strength – proved its reputation for friendliness, as many visiting singers commented on how welcome they felt, echoing the words of Janet Bulman who joined the choir just a year ago, and recently remarked "I can honestly say that I have enjoyed this choir more than any other, both for its wonderful atmosphere and high standards. Under Richard's inspirational and patient leadership, it is easy to see why Stour Singers has become so successful."

The choir presents two major concerts per year, with professional soloists. In the next season, singers (and audiences) will enjoy Britten, Mendelssohn, and Brahms,

and rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from September until May at Shipston Primary School. Open to all, the choir would especially welcome enquiries from tenors. Anyone interested in singing is welcome to contact Yvonne Ridley, Deputy Choir Manager on 01789 269587, and to explore the website – [www.stoursingers.org.uk](http://www.stoursingers.org.uk)

## Probus



Graham Sutherland is well known in Warwick as being the Town Crier but also has talks on a whole range of subjects. Being a retired policeman, speaking on the "development of policing from Saxon times" was a natural subject. It was not until 1829 that a formal police service was established by Robert Peel. There were interesting slides of the development of transport used by Warwickshire Police, from horse drawn carriages to Panda Cars.

On 31st May, Allen Reed, also well known in Warwick for his knowledge of World War One, spoke about the "life of the Tommy" covering the Trenches, fleas and lice, trench foot and gas masks. He also had an interesting array of artefacts including helmets, grenades, rifle and wiring posts.

Meetings in July are on the 12th and 26th.

## Volunteer Transport Scheme – Shipston and Surrounding Villages

Our Shipston Office is a branch of the Volunteer Services, Voluntary Action Stratford-on-Avon District (VASA). The Volunteer Transport Scheme covers the whole district with offices at Alcester, Shipston, Southam and Stratford.

Across the district we covered over 27,800 passenger trips during the year 2012 - 2013 of which over 5000 passenger trips were from Shipston and surrounding villages to local Hospitals, Doctors and health related appointments, plus outlying hospitals at Warwick, Coventry, Oxford, Banbury, Birmingham, Worcester and as far as London. This is a true lifeline to mainly older people as they say they would not be able to attend appointments without our caring supportive volunteers.

The Shipston Office is staffed by 6 dedicated volunteers with a wonderful team of caring drivers, of which we would appreciate more, especially in Shipston town. Drivers can work to suit themselves and need only do local journeys if preferred. The drivers do receive the national volunteer rate of 45p per mile for authorised journeys, but give all their time and care free.

Normally the referrals are from clients who have been given the information from the hospitals, medical centres and clinics. We also arrange transport for the Mental Health Services, Social Services, Alzheimers Day Centre and Warwickshire Association for the Blind

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, even on an occasional basis, please contact Clarissa Roberts MBE for further information on 01789 262886.

**District Council update**

1st October marks the start of the Public Inquiry on the application for a supermarket, petrol station and extra care housing less than 800 metres from the town centre. In my opinion there is strong evidence that, if approved, the new development will increase trips to the town centre with a linked bus service, and, along with a regular market, can help to rejuvenate it.



I recently gave evidence at the Public Inquiry on an application for a mixed residential/business development on the Norgren site. I reiterated my view that, if there is a realistic prospect of industrial development of the site in the near future, I will maintain my opposition to the proposal. However, in the absence of such evidence, to leave the site empty indefinitely would be the worst option of all.

One fact revealed in a new independent housing assessment for the District Council is that, as of January 2013, Shipston was short of 77 affordable homes over the next five years. Moreover, the new Bedroom Tax, which, in my opinion, has hit many people unfairly, is increasing demand for smaller homes.

Finally, it gave me great pleasure recently to open a new shop selling electronic goods in the town centre. It is very encouraging, in these difficult economic times, to see the entrepreneurial spirit alive and well in Shipston.

**Councillor Jeff Kenner**

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*Richard Cheney was the author of last month's column and can be contacted on 685570 or richard.cheney@btinternet.com*

**County Council update**

I hope that readers realise that it was me who wrote the 'anonymous' thanks last month for local support in the County Council elections on 2nd May. I re-iterate that whatever your political preference, I shall continue to serve you all to the best of my ability.



**Warwickshire**  
County Council

Following the Annual Meeting, my neighbour Cllr Izzi Seccombe has been elected Leader of the County Council and she will certainly help raise the profile of south Warwickshire. We have a new Chairman, in Cllr Dave Shilton of Kenilworth and I was pleased that one of his first engagements was to visit the Wool Fair.

My role is as a member of the Audit and Standards Committee and the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Looks like I shall be spending a lot of time studying people and numbers.

Like others, I spent a lot of time at the seven day appeal by Cala Homes into the refusal of planning permission for them to build houses on the Norgren site. For my sins, I got grilled by a planning barrister for two hours, defending the refusal.

We need to protect our landscape. While hiding a factory behind a screen of trees might work, hiding housing at the top of a hill, to pretend that it is not there begs credibility. While we are trying to do something about it, the number of local employers and jobs is falling. Most of us argue that developments like this one are simply not sustainable.

**Councillor Chris Saint**

t: 01608 662290 e: christophersaint@warwickshire.gov.uk

**Shipston Medical Centre****Appointments**

Over the past few months we have made a few changes to our appointment system.

**Urgent Appointments**

The main change is that a Doctor will telephone triage patients who feel they need an appointment urgently. We have found that the benefits of doing this are that some patients can be given advice or appropriate medications can be prescribed without them needing to have a face-to-face consultation. For other patients where there is a medical need, we are able to prioritise them and see them quicker.

**Routine Appointments**

Where people wish to make an appointment for a new problem, but don't feel it is urgent, there are usually some appointments available within the next few days. We would ask that for normal routine appointments, such as a check up for an ongoing condition, patients expect to book these at least 2 weeks in advance.

Appointments are available for booking up to three months in advance, and we would encourage patients to let us know

if they no longer need or are unable to make their appointment.

**Telephone Calls**

Research shows that our patients find it much easier to speak to a Doctor on the telephone than the national average. However, we have found that the numbers of patients requesting telephone calls has risen significantly. We would therefore encourage patients to consider if they really do need to speak to a Doctor, or whether one of our medical secretaries can help. Typically, our secretaries are able to help with queries relating to hospital appointments, information to and from hospitals and other care providers, referrals and reports. We would encourage patients to speak to Doctors only when they need medical advice, such as guidance regarding the management of their condition or taking medications. Our secretaries are bound by the same rules of confidentiality as the Doctors and will liaise with the GPs and/or pass messages on if needed. The secretaries can be contacted

**Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845 Twitter - @ShipstonMC**  
**Website: [www.shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk](http://www.shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk)**



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### Something exciting to share?

If you have a story that's relevant to Shipston residents, please contact the editor, Catherine Martin, on 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](http://www.shipstononline.org)

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

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

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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Highways customer services	01926 412515
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Forum	01865 600262
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
– Out of hours	03001 303040
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Town Council	01608 662180
Shipston Recycling Centre	01608 663560
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
<b>Local police (non emergency)</b>	<b>101</b>
PC Richard Grove (Beat Manager)	07977 456585
PCSO Hayley Ditchburn	07879 608696
PCSO Andy Steventon	07966 626908
<b>Churches of Shipston:</b>	
Stour Valley Baptist	01608 664876
Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01295 688193
Methodist Church	01608 661843

## Come and say "Bonjour" to Shipston-on-Stour French Market



Sunday 7th July  
10am - 4pm  
High Street



ONIONS, GARLIC, SHALLOTS  
FRENCH VINTAGE POSTERS  
OLIVES FROM PROVENCE  
BREAD AND PATISSERIE  
MOUTH-WATERING FOOD  
CHEESE FROM FRANCE  
FRUIT & VEGETABLES  
TRADITIONAL ITEMS  
LEATHER HAND BAGS  
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PROVENCAL SOAPS  
HATS & SCARVES  
CONFECTIONERY  
WOODEN TOYS  
CHARCUTERIE  
BASKETWORK  
JEWELLERY  
PANCAKES

## Still time to enjoy Shipston PROMS!

### Monday 24 June

#### Shipston Junior Band

Methodist Church, Shipston 7pm Donations

#### Kent DuChaine USA Blues

On UK tour from Georgia, USA, with Leadbessie his infamous National Steel guitar.

Norman Knight, Whichford 9pm FREE

### Tuesday 25 June

#### Local Primary Schools Concert

Shipston Primary School 4pm Donations

### Wednesday 26 June

#### Mrs Porter's Chamberpot Pourri

Now established in its new venue - another eclectic programme by local musicians.

Parish Centre, Darlingscott Road 7.30pm £8

#### Wes Finch

Coventry singer-songwriter and guitarist with charming stage presence.

Howard Arms, Ilmington 8.30pm FREE

### Thursday 27 June

#### Coventry Philharmonic Choir

80 strong choir with a light and varied programme - director Steven Russell.

St Edmund's Church, Shipston 7.30pm £7.50

#### Midland Regulators

Johnny Cash covers included in varied set from guitar and double bass duo.

George Hotel, Shipston 8.30pm FREE

### Friday 28 June

#### Noye's Fludde

Orchestra Of The Swan, Shipston Schools and Community Groups

Benjamin Britten's community opera with the full Noah's Ark experience.

Townsend Hall 7.30pm £7.50 £1 for 16 and unders

### Saturday 29 June

#### Noye's Fludde Matinée and Evening Performances

Townsend Hall 3pm and 6pm £7.50 £1 for 16 and unders

#### Pubs and Cafés Music Trail See below

### Sunday 30 June

#### Jazz For A Summer Afternoon

Howard Arms, Ilmington 3pm FREE

#### Shout! Gospel / Rhythm and Blues Choir

Return of dynamic choir under the direction of Simon Kemp.

Newbold Village Hall 7.30pm £7.50

#### Adderbury Ensemble Quartet

Concert for St. Peter's Day. Featuring works by Dvorak, Haydn and Borodin.

St. Peter's Church, Whatcote 7.30pm £12.50

#### The Worried Men Rock / Blues

Stand by your beds for a full-on-hard-rocking evening with frontman Jamie Thyer.

Gate Inn, Upper Brailles 8.30pm FREE

### Monday 1 July

#### Landermaison Folk / Jazz

Multi-instrumentalist Fiona Lander and guitarist Paul Mason from the North East,

supported by Chipping Campden duo Generation Jones.

George Hotel, Lower Brailles 9pm FREE

### Tuesday 2 July

#### Lunchtime Organ Recital

Peter Summers plays his favourite pieces.

St. Edmunds, Shipston 12.30pm Donations Refreshments

#### Stratford Folk Club comes to Shipston

An evening featuring the DAISY CHAIN QUARTET. FLOOR SPOTS are available.

Black Horse 8pm FREE

### Wednesday 3 July

#### Young Musicians' Concert

A showcase for the pick of musicians in the area in a peaceful setting.

St Martin's, Barcheston 7.30pm Donations

#### Oliver Darling Blues

Howard Arms, Ilmington 8.30pm FREE

### Thursday 4 July

#### Shipston High School Summer Showcase Concert

Come along and see the variety and quality of the music making in the school.

7pm £3 Accompanied children FREE Refreshments

#### Delaney's Angel

George Hotel, Shipston 8.30pm FREE

### Friday 5 July

#### Songs from The Shows

Very popular evening. Entertainment provided by talented local performers of all ages who perform songs from the classic Broadway and West End shows.

Townsend Hall 7.30pm £8

Friends of Shipston Proms Prize Draw Shop Window Winner Announced

### Saturday 6 July

## DANCING IN THE STREET

supported by the Shipston Card

High Street, Shipston

7.30pm - 11.45pm

SHIPSTON PROMS BAR PIG ROAST

### FAME CONTEST WINNERS

Chosen from entrants to the Contest on Saturday 22 June

### THE RINKY DINKS

Hip Hop, Rock, House, Punk, Pop - with ukelele supergroup

## ULTIMATE BOWIE

capturing the essence and authenticity of David Bowie

THIS IS A CONTROLLED EVENT  
Dancing In The Street is FREE and is subsidised by generous donations and events held during the year.

Support the Festival by buying drinks from the Shipston Proms Bar and buying a Shipston Proms Raffle ticket £100 cash prize + other superb prizes.

Please contribute to this and subsequent Festivals by dropping loads of money into our Collecting Tins.

For more information on events  
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### Saturday 29th June Pubs and Cafés Music Trail

5pm El Café 7pm Horseshoe Inn 8.30pm White Bear  
9pm Black Horse 10pm The Falcon