



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

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Shipston Town Council paints the town pink to highlight the problem of dog fouling

Councillors have adopted creative measures in an attempt to tackle the problem of dog mess being left on streets, footpaths and pavements.

Having researched successful campaigns across the country, councillors and volunteers are now spraying dog mess pink or orange to highlight the scale of the issue, in an attempt to shame owners to pick up after their pets. The neon paint is a biodegradable chalk-based paint that washes off in a few days.

With dog fouling being one of the most commonly reported problems in Shipston, the town council's General Purposes Working Group has been looking at a range of methods to help tackle the problem. Chair of the group, Fay Ivens, said "The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their pets. Sadly, the minority are causing an unsightly and unhealthy problem for the rest of us which we're determined to tackle."

With mounds of mess often being spotted just yards from the nearest dog poo bin, councillors are hoping this colourful campaign will result in positive action. In addition, residents are being urged to name and shame those who are not clearing up after their dogs. If caught in the act, dog owners face an on the spot fine and can be prosecuted.

Mayor, Jackie Warner, said: "As a responsible dog owner myself, I cannot see any reason why people shouldn't clear up

after their pets. Our Pink Poo campaign is highlighting just how much mess is left around town and I sincerely hope it will motivate people to be more considerate to their fellow residents."

As well as being unsightly, dog mess can pose significant health risks, particularly to toddlers. Dog mess should be bagged and binned in the nearest dog bin, although public bins can also be used.



Councillors Sheelagh Saunders, Marianne Westwood and Faye Ivens highlight the problem of dog fouling on our streets. Photo by Mark Williamson, Stratford Herald

Shipston WWI fallen remembered at new Garden of Remembrance

On Sunday 31 May, residents and guests gathered at the Gyrary Garden for a service of dedication to the men of Shipston who died during WW1.

The Gyrary Garden has been established as a Centenary Field, in recognition of the 100-year anniversary of WW1. As a permanent memorial to each of the 36 men from Shipston who fell, 36 pavers have been installed in front of the sundial, inscribed with their names and dates of death.



The service was organised by the Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion and supported by residents and guests. The Last Post was played by Steven Nichols, the great great nephew of Archie Nichols, one of the Shipston men who fell.

Chairman, Richard Adams, said: "It is wonderful to see this new memorial installed in the heart of the town as part of the Centenary Field. We would like to thank all those who have generously supported this project, especially the Town Council and the Lions whose input has been exceptional."

Shipston Proms gets off to a flying start

The Townsend Hall was packed with 200 revellers keen to get the Shipston Proms off to a great start at the launch party on the 19th June. There's still time to enjoy some Proms events – including the Last Night of the Proms on 4th July. See page 8 for details.



Mayor's column

Well, what a start to my Mayoral year! My



first engagement was to attend the Shipston Rotary Club's first ever Community Songs of Praise. What a fantastic afternoon it was, with lots of songs and poems chosen by a variety of groups and societies in Shipston. I was also able to see the lovely floral displays and impressive crafts in St Edmund's Church. Well done to everyone who helped and took part in a brilliant afternoon's entertainment.

Then it was on to the Wool Fair which took place on a lovely mild day. The event was filled with entertainment from start to finish and the square was packed with people. I do hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did. I would particularly like to thank my guests who came to enjoy what was Shipston's seventh Wool Fair.

I then had the great honour of reading out the dedication at the new Centenary Field in the Gyrary Garden. The commemorative garden is dedicated to the 36 men from Shipston who fell in the First World War (see news article on page 1).

Steven Nichols played the Last Post which I found particularly poignant, knowing Steven's great great uncle Archie Nichols was one of the fallen. We will remember them.

Jackie Warner

Shipston's Senior Citizen Action Network is looking for new members

Shipston's Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN) is run by older people and aims to encourage the over fifties to keep informed about issues relevant to them. An active group with a varied programme, this group has taken on everything from sporting challenges to technology workshops, as well as learning vital information about health and wellbeing.

SCAN raises awareness of services available to older people and how to access them, as well as discussing relevant local and national issues. Through inviting private, public and voluntary sector organisations to the meetings, SCAN groups give older people a chance to have their say and influence services.

At the last meeting, the new 'Dementia Navigator' for South Warwickshire talked about the practical help she can offer individuals recently diagnosed with dementia as well as their family members. News on efforts to make Shipston a dementia friendly community was also provided.

Meetings take place every two months and provide an opportunity to have a chat and a cuppa with other local people. If you are over 50 and would like to know more about services available to you or would just like to get out a bit more, don't miss the next meeting on July 14th where there will be a senior manager from Warwickshire County Council explaining the Care Act and what it means for you.

The SCAN committee are also looking for new members so if you feel you have a bit more time to offer to help out, head to the Townsend Hall on the 14th July at 10.30.



New Curate joins Shipston benefice

Shipston benefice has welcomed Sarah Bourne as the curate for the local area. Sarah was ordained deacon at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 28 June and has since started work as the curate in Shipston benefice, which also includes Honington, Idlicote and Tidmington.

Sarah is no stranger to the area or its churches, having lived and worshipped locally for the last twenty-five years. Her husband, Chris, works as a vet in Shipston and their three grown-up daughters all attended Shipston Primary School when they were growing up. Sarah has taught Classics at Tudor Hall School for more than twenty-five years and is maintaining her link there by acting as assistant chaplain in parallel with her parish work.

Sarah is also a talented musician and brings many other gifts to the ministry team in the benefice. She will be ordained priest next summer.



Year 5 pupils receive Dictionaries 4 Life thanks to Shipston Rotary

All pupils in the Herons and Swans classes in Year 5 at Shipston Primary school now have their own beautifully illustrated dictionary to keep thanks to Shipston Rotary Club's Dictionary 4 Life project. Dictionaries have also been handed out to schools in Ettington, Tredington, Tysoe, Brailes, and Long Compton. Last year approximately 40,000 dictionaries were presented to pupils at various schools throughout the country.



Mr. Hilton, Head of the Stour Federation, said, "I am extremely grateful to the Rotary Club of Shipston. The dictionaries will not only help children with their school work, both in class and at home, but will also serve them well as they head for secondary school and the next level in their education. Many thanks to Fay Ivens from Shipston Rotary for coming into Achievement Assembly to present the children with their dictionaries."

Shipston Rotary has supported this initiative for a number of years and knows the Dictionaries are valued thanks to the many eloquent and appreciative letters it receives from the children.

June's hot topics

CCTV developments: STC's contribution to 24 hour live CCTV surveillance monitoring was once again on the agenda. Stratford District Council will be invited to the August STC meeting to present new findings. In the meantime, the town clerk will seek confirmation in writing from the district council that the existing service will not be reduced, irrespective of decisions about additional funding.

Tight alleyways: Brian Cooper reported that damage to fences was being caused by motorbikes being ridden along the alley at the end of Warwick place. The Town Clerk will raise the issue with the local police.

Boundary concerns: Residents and councillors raised concerns about changes to the proposed layout of the Cala Homes development on the south side of Campden Road, which could see Oldbutt Road being used as a pedestrian thoroughfare for the new development. Plans appear to indicate that the existing 'green' used by local residents of the close, could be joined to a similar open space on the new development, with the existing boundary hedge being removed. Martin Ferrier will meet with local residents to discuss their concerns.

Heritage centre: Ronnie Murphy reminded councillors that the Heritage Centre has reopened in the Post Office and is being staffed regularly by volunteers.

Wool Fair success: Councillors congratulated the Wool Fair Committee on organising another successful Wool Fair. Thanks were also recorded to all those involved in the Community Songs of Praise and Flower Festival, which received rave reviews.

Tree inspection: Fay Ivens raised concerns about the length of time it is taking for the county council to complete a tree survey in the town. Chris Saint agreed to chase the matter.

Campaigning for Shipston

Portobello crossroads campaign: Marianne Westwood reported that the public campaign group is waiting for an official meeting with police and road safety teams. Local MP, Nadhim Zahawi, is due to visit the site although concerns were raised that the timing should be changed to enable campaigners to join him.

Sustainable development: Martin Ferrier reported back on a briefing held by a district planning officer. He raised concerns that the officer appeared to imply Shipston, as a Main Rural Centre, was sustainable and the main issue was capacity. The officer was of the view that capacity issues should be resolved by the relevant body, be it health, education or other service. Councillors expressed concerns about the apparent lack of willingness of Stratford District Council to take on this responsibility. Martin Ferrier will pursue the matter in the coming months.

More housing for Shipston?: The Planning Inspector has approved ASL's 'Plan B' proposal for housing on the Campden Road. This is an alternative, housing-only application for the same site as that which already has planning permission for a supermarket, petrol station and housing. Ian Cooper questioned the comments made by the inspector in his report, which appeared to dismiss some elements of the town's design statement and other policy documents. It is not yet clear which proposal ASL is likely to proceed with.

Footbridge application: Shipston Town Council is planning to apply for Section 106 money to fund a footbridge across the river. The intention would be for the footbridge to form part of the proposed river walk.

Town Council business

Neighbourhood Plan: The Neighbourhood Plan team is currently working through the options and plans on how best to consult the public on proposed options. A new Steering Group is now in place with both new district councillors taking part.

Finance: Councillors unanimously approved the annual accounts, risk assessment and governance statement.

Working group reports: Councillors have agreed a new template for working group reports to ensure information is consistent, accessible and easy to understand.

New Clark House Update



News from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Team

On behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Community Group, I have been asked to thank all those who took the time to talk with the Neighbourhood Development Plan volunteers at the Wool Fair and Primary School Fete.

It is really important that the team continues to gather views from particular stakeholders and residents on the emerging proposals in order to further shape them towards a Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Please do look out for the Neighbourhood Development Plan team at upcoming events, or for news of their own events, and make sure you input to this crucial planning document.

If you represent a group, club or organisation, the Neighbourhood Planning team would be happy to attend a meeting and present or discuss ideas, so please get in touch via the number or email address below.

In the meantime, the Vision and Objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan have been drafted, reflecting collated and distilled themes and priorities gathered from community consultation and feedback earlier in the process. These are printed on page 13 of this issue of the Shipston Forum.

If you have any comments on these the group would welcome them.

Please send your comments to np@shipstononline.org.

Georgina Beaumont

Town Clerk

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Shipston residents have their say on town council communications

Residents have taken the opportunity to have their say on how the town council communicates via a survey published a couple of months ago.

Over 100 people responded to the survey, which asked people's views on the Shipston Forum, Shipstononline website, and the council's social media pages. Overall, people seem to be generally happy with the way the council communicates and there were some useful suggestions about what sort of thing residents would like to see more of in the future.

The headline results show that people like to access information in different ways, which supports having both a paper-based and online approach to communications. While 43% of respondents look at the website at least monthly, 17% never look at it. Social media is an increasingly popular way to find out more about council news, with more than half of the respondents regularly looking at the council's Facebook site and/or twitter feed and over 90% of people finding the information to be useful.

The Shipston Forum is well received, with 100% of respondents saying that they find it useful and almost three quarters of people wanting it to stay in its current format. Over 70% of respondents read at least two thirds of the magazine and the most popular pages are the news, Town Council news and medical centre updates.



The Communications Working Group is looking at the findings and suggestions in more detail, before making recommendations to the council in the next couple of months. In the meantime, a way forward has already been agreed for social media, with the Town Clerk updating Facebook and Twitter with planned events while two councillors will share responsibility for reactive or time-sensitive posts. If you spot something that you think residents should be aware of, please notify Peter White or Dan Scobie via email (see details on page 15).

To view the website and download electronic copies of the Shipston Forum, visit www.shipstononline.org. Find out the latest news from the town council on Facebook via www.facebook.com/shipston.council or on twitter @shipstononline.

Education and Young People

Free activities for kids at the Shipston X-Fest

Shipston X-fest, the biennial event run by Shipston Youth Club, is set to provide another day of excitement and adventure for local children.

The X-Fest is a free event, featuring live bands throughout the day, a climbing wall, zorb balls, archery, laser quest, caving, a zip wire and art workshops. All activities are free, although there may be a few collecting tins around for those wanting to make donations to the youth club. Otherwise, all you have to pay for is food and drink, or just bring a picnic and keep your fingers



crossed for a dry day.

This will be the fourth X-Fest for Shipston Youth Club, and will be held in the grounds of Shipston High School on Saturday 11th July, 10am to 4pm.

Don't miss this brilliant family event to raise awareness and support for Shipston Youth Club.

A zip wire like the one pictured above, and caving (left) are just two of the activities on offer.



Looking for a new hobby? Take advantage of free fishing taster sessions

July is the perfect time to try your hand at fishing, whether you're a complete beginner, or just want to improve your skills.

As part of Shipston Angling Club's three-day festival, the club will be offering free angling tuition with experienced coaches on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July. The event, held at the Shipston Sports and Social Club, is open to all and offers a great insight into all things angling.

In addition to tuition, there will be plenty of entertainment from bands to barbeques as well as a fishing competition running across the three days.

For more information, see page 6 or the advert on page 16.



Shipston Primary School



Striking a Happy Chord

Stour Singers, Shipston's large, friendly choral society, founded and directed by Richard Emms is celebrating 40 years of singing this year. The choir is open to all who love to sing, and to support music-making for children and young people, decided to commemorate the 40 years in a tangible way.

Rehearsing each week in Shipston Primary School, the Singers realised that the existing piano had seen better days, and, in discussion with the school decided to purchase a new Yamaha Clavinova piano for current and future generations of children to enjoy.

Members of the Stour Singers were invited to to assembly on Monday, where Richard spoke to the children and then fitted a plaque to the piano with the words "A gift from Stour Singers on their 40th Anniversary". He then gave our new piano its first play!

This special connection between Stour Singers and our school continues later in the year with a joint "Big Carol Sing" in December.



Green Fingered Garden Designers

As part of Year 5's Allotment topic, children were given the brief of designing a garden to improve the front of the school and sticking to a budget.

Children worked in pairs or small groups and got cracking with their designs. Following a successful £100 bid to Transition Shipston for purchasing shrubs and flowers to attract more butterflies, moths and bumblebees, pupils began researching and creating a planting calendar to ensure the garden would have coverage all year round. They also created plan views and 3D interpretations of their designs, wrote persuasive texts, made budget plans on the computer and generated fundraising ideas for additional design aspects.

Two groups from each class were selected to present their ideas to Mr. Hilton, with some presenting using PowerPoint and Keynote and some generating in-depth paper displays. The winning group was "Garden of Life" (pictured). They will now be allocated their budget and a school club will be established to carry out the work over the next few weeks.



Shipston High School



'Lighting up Shipston'

Shipston High School student, Madeleine Thomas aged 13, has not only won the District Final of a creative writing competition but also came second in the National Final. The 'Young Writers' Competition' organised by the Rotary Club of Great Britain was open to students in over 3,000 secondary schools, state and independent, across the country including Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Students had to write a story about where they live, Madeleine's story was called 'Lighting up Shipston!' In it Madeleine gave a highly imaginative account of her home town, Shipston, and a breathtaking story which the judges felt was exceptionally sophisticated beyond her years.

Madeleine's English teacher, Adam Warren, encouraged her to enter the competition. When he heard of her success he said: 'It is especially exciting to know that one of our super writers has been recognised for her fantastic literary skills. Who knows, I wouldn't be surprised if Maddie went on to become a famous author - now that would be special!'



"Rich, absorbing and pulsing with life" Cerys Townsend Year 7

Headteacher, Jonathan Baker, added: 'We were all delighted to hear of Maddie's success

and it is further proof that we have some exceptionally talented students in the school, the equal, if not better, of any across the country. I would especially like to thank the Rotary Club for making valuable opportunities like this one available to young people.'

The famous victories of Henry V

On Tuesday 2nd June the Royal Shakespeare Company returned to Shipston High School with their new 'First Encounters with Shakespeare' production. The Famous Victories of Henry V is made specifically for young people from age 8 upwards and the school hosted the first performance of this production and the dress rehearsal on the Monday preceding it as a special performance for pupils from local primary schools. This production, performed by RSC actors, with some props especially commissioned from the school, is part of a tour of the UK before eventually transferring to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford.



Pictured: Year 7 students Rory, Cerys, Amelia and Sam with Greg Doran, Artistic Director of the RSC and Owen Horsley, Director of 'The Famous Victories'.

Shipston Wool Fair wows residents and visitors alike

This year's Shipston Wool Fair weekend proved extremely popular, attracting hundreds of residents and visitors to the town.

Beginning with the Community Songs of Praise and Flower Festival on the Sunday, visitors were visibly impressed by the quality of the flower arrangements, art and crafts on display in St Edmund's Church, and the Songs of Praise proved a great success.

With the big event – the Wool Fair itself – taking place on bank holiday Monday, Shipston was awash with sheep, local producers, crafts people, charities and more. The centre was busy throughout the day, with many trying their hand at traditional wool-based crafts, while others tried their luck at the games in the hope of a prize.

The sheep were, of course, the stars of the day, many of whom left a great deal lighter than they arrived following an expert live shearing in front of a captivated audience.

Mayor, Jackie Warner, said "I was delighted to attend the Wool Fair. It was a wonderful event and I would like to thank all those who helped organise it for their hard work."



The Wool Fair Committee is already buzzing with ideas for next year! To find out more about how you could get involved in future Wool Fair events, please contact Georgina Beaumont on 01608 662180.

Plant and Produce Sale as popular as ever for Shipston Home Nursing

May was the month for the Shipston Home Nursing (SHN) Annual Plant & Produce Sale, held at the Sheldon Bosley Hub, and this year's event proved extremely popular.

Queues of people waited patiently for the doors to open at 10am. Their patience was rewarded with the site of the Hub filled with an abundance of plants, shrubs and produce.

The amazing support for this popular event has raised over £5,000 for the charity. Shipston Home Nursing would like to thank everyone for donating plants and produce, for manning the car park, selling teas and raffle tickets and to all the fantastic gardening and plant enthusiasts in the area for supporting this fantastic charity.



Helpers on the day
Jane Cussons,
Nicola Loades and
Sarah Scotter



The Hub was packed with plants and gardeners

Prepare to be hooked at this year's Fish n Frolics event

Shipston Angling Club is happy to announce the details of this year's combined Fish n Frolics festival and The Great Annual Duck Race.

Shipston's 3rd annual duck race will be held on 19th July at Shipston Bridge, with the first race starting at 2 pm. There are cash prizes in each race and all the proceeds will be split equally between Shipston Home Nursing and the angling club's 'Fish n Frolics' event.

The main event takes place from Friday 24th July to Sunday 26th July. Local club anglers from Shipston Angling Club will be trying to continue their 100% record in this competitive league series against some top anglers from different areas.

As part of the National Fishing Month, local Shakespeare Superteam angler, Tony Skinner, will be joining Stuart Fleming (the first winner of Fish n Frolics 2013) run Free Fishing Fun Days, where anyone young or old can try their hand at fishing.

Licences, tackle and bait will be provided free of charge on the day.

As an extra bonus, professional fly fisherman Justin Connolly from Wales and three top fly instructors, will also be on hand to teach all there is to know about fly fishing, from casting to fly tying.

Live bands will provide a range of music across the three days, while other attractions include a Beer Festival with local ales and a Food Marquee with Spit Roast Lamb on Friday, Pig Roast on Saturday and Roast Beef on Sunday as well as burgers, hot dogs etc. Entry and parking is free.

For more details see the advert on page 16.



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 Stour Valley Probus:** alternate Wednesdays at 10am, The George in Brailes. Contact: Roger Smith on 01608 238400.
 - Thur Shipston Stitchers:** 10am to 3pm, alternate Thursdays.
 - Thur Story Stomp:** Shipston Library, 11.30am-12pm.
 - Thur Age Concern Lunch Club at Rainbow Fields:** 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 or call Lisa Bryan on 07800 771368.**

July Diary

- 1 Shipston Widows:** Local lunch 12pm Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** Hedgehog Conservation by Ben Devine. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 3 Shipston Dementia Cafe:** Summer Social - Francis French. 2pm -3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Rd. Contact: Charmaine Bird 07720 947938
- 4 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
- Shipston Proms - Last Night:** High Street, 7pm – 11.45pm. See ad on page 8

- Cantamus:** Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Blockley. 7.30.p.m. For more information see article on page 11.
- 7 Townsend Hall AGM:** 7.30pm, Townsend Hall. All welcome to attend - learn of the improvements over the last year and lend support to proposed future plans. See ad on page 10.
- 8 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library). Books include fiction, children's, cookery, gardening, art etc. To donate books contact Lion David Squires on pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk
- Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Garden Visit. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- 9 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark House, West Street. All welcome. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 10 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- 11 Mayor's Surgery:** 10am, High Street
- Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Shipston X-Fest:** See page 9
- 13 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Help Given by Age UK - Barry Collier. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 14 Senior Citizens Action Network Meeting (SCAN):** 10am-11.30am, Townsend Hall, Sheep Street. Free admission, all young-at-heart over 50s welcome. Contact: Jane Pearce 663491
- Shipston Flower Club:** "My Bargain Hunt" - floral demonstration by Beverly Short. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Visitors £5.00. Contact: Elaine 01608 238255
- Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact: John Cavana 01295 722287
- 15 Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. For further information, contact Barbara Bean on 663230
- 17 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.. 2pm. Stour Court Community Room, Old Road. Contact Barbara Smith 662433
- 19 Shipston Angling Club Duck Race:** See ad on page 10
- 21 - 24 Joint Churches Holiday Club:** The Romans are Coming! See ad on page 8
- 21 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Shakespeare and his Warwickshire Background - Mr Pringle. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** See ad on page 9
- 22 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- 24 - 26 Fish n Frolics:** Angling Festival. See ad on page 16
- 24 - 26 Free Fishing Fun Days:** Free angling tuition for children & beginners. Contact: shipstonangling@gmail.com or see page 4
- 24 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- 25 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- 28 Multiple Sclerosis Society:** 'Drop in' meeting. 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- U3A Meeting:** See ad on page 10
- 31 Charity auction:** See ad on page 10



~ The Joint Churches ~
Holiday Club!

THE ROMANS ARE COMING!

July 21st to July 24th!
 10 til 12.30 Each Day!

The Holiday Club is organised by Shipston Churches
 Join us for a week of fun activities, games and crafts!
 Cost £2 per morning @ St Edmunds, Church Street

Please contact Rosemary on 662584, Jane on 662591
 or Cassie on 07899 916623 for more information and
 to book your childs' place!

Bookings in advance by the 20th July



Shipston Amateur Dramatic Society
 AUDITIONS FOR OCTOBER PLAY
 AT THE TOWNSEND HALL ON

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 7.30pm
 &
SUNDAY 19TH JULY 7pm

FAWLTY TOWERS
 &
BLACK ADDER

PLEASE ATTEND BOTH
 AUDITIONS IF YOU CAN
 Contact Brian Gowers 01608 674012
 email brian.gowers@btinternet.com
 SHOW DATES 22ND, 23rd, 24th OCTOBER



CANCER RESEARCH UK

Coffee Morning
 in aid of Cancer Research UK

Join us for coffee and
 homemade cakes to help raise
 vital funds for Cancer Research UK.

Saturday 25th July
10:30am -12pm
Townsend Hall

All welcome. Donations welcome.

Shipston PROMS 2015

Saturday 4 July
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARTY
 High Street, Shipston
 5pm – 7pm El Café 16 Strings And A Dead Goat
 7.00pm – 11.45pm
 SHIPSTON PROMS BAR PIG ROAST
FAME CONTEST WINNERS
 Chosen from entrants to the Contest on Saturday 20 June

The Peas
 Duo with a range of popular covers done in their own inimitable style

DUKE
 A Beatbox band like no other – sponsored by THE GEORGE HOTEL

CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVED
 featuring Johnnie 'Guitar' Williamson
 Big finish to Independence Day – sponsored by THE COTSWOLDS DISTILLERY

THIS IS A CONTROLLED EVENT

The Last Night Of The Proms is FREE and is subsidised
 by generous sponsorship and donations.
 Support the Festival by buying drinks from
 the Shipston Proms Bar and
 Shipston Proms Raffle tickets –
£100 cash + other superb prizes
 Please pour cash into our Collecting Tins.



SHIPSTON ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

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TALK BY
LINDA FARRAR

THE PARISH CENTRE,
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
DARLINGS COTT ROAD,
SHIPSTON ON STOUR.
VISITORS WELCOME 01608 663115

Parenting Project
Children's Centre

Badger Valley 

Nurture Nursery




Our 8 place nursery offers a high quality learning environment for children aged 2 – 3 years. Activities are planned specifically for each child by a team of experienced qualified staff.

Our sessions cost £15 and some funded places are available

To find out more, please phone 01608 664259
Or just pop in
Badger Valley Children's Centre,
Tilemans Lane,
Shipston on Stour, CV36 4HP

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SHIPSTON YOUTH CLUB HOSTS

X-FEST
2015

SATURDAY 11TH JULY
10AM TO 4PM

IN THE GROUND OF SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL

- Live bands
- Climbing wall
- Zorb balls
- Archery
- Laser quest
- Caving
- Zip wire
- Art workshops
- Food and drink stalls

Free entry and free activities

NORGREN BOWLS CLUB

Sheldon Bosley Hub, Pittway Avenue, Shipston-on-Stour

PRIZES Presents a **PRIZES**

PRIZE BINGO

on
Saturday, 18th July

Doors open 6.30
Eyes down 7.30 **PRIZES**



**Townsend Hall
Management Committee**

**Notice of Annual
General Meeting**

Townsend Hall
Sheep Street
Shipston on Stour

**Tuesday 7th July 2015
7.30pm**

You are invited to attend this annual general meeting in order that you may learn of the improvements over the last year and lend support to our proposed future plans for your hall

**THE GREAT
DUCK
RACE**

Only £1 a Duck

**AT SHIPSTON BRIDGE
Sunday 19th July
First Race starts at 2pm**

£30 FIRST DUCK TO WADDLE PAST THE LINE
£10 SECOND DUCK TO WADE IN NEXT
£5 THIRD DUCK TO FLOAT BY

**ALL PROCEEDS TO
SHIPSTON HOME NURSING
AND FISH'n'FROLICS FESTIVAL**

SHIPSTON ANGLING CLUB
FISH 'N' FROLICS

**Charity Auction
of Artist's materials belonging
to the late Howard Watson**

**Friday 31st July
10:30am**

Old School, Tiddington CV37 7AW

Bigwood Auctioneers have kindly agreed to auction a number of brushes, easels and other art materials, formerly belonging to local artist and fundraiser, Howard Watson, in aid of the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. Mrs Pat Watson hopes as many people as possible will bid to help raise vital funds.

Funds raised will be donated to Nepal via the Disasters Emergency Committee.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR AREA U3A

U3A
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

**Tuesday 28th July 2015
at 2 p.m. in the Townsend Hall**

“The Performance between the Ears”

**Presented by
Karen O'Connor**

A unique 'behind the scenes' view of her life as an international professional musician and how she now coaches performers to present themselves with confidence.

Visitors are welcome

Entry and refreshments

Learn, Laugh & Live

Shipston Arts and Crafts Society

At the May 2015 meeting of the Shipston Arts and Crafts Society, Margaret-Louise O’Keeffe spoke on ‘Manet and Monet — Artistic Rebels’. Her talk showed how the careers of these two French artists were interlinked and ran in parallel with one another but also how they differed in family background and preferred ways of working.

The gregarious Edouard Manet, who died relatively young, was from the Parisian upper middle class and an urban flaneur while Claude Monet, from a working class family in Le Harve, favoured the countryside and painted in the open air.

The lecturer showed reproductions of many of the well-known paintings by both men. Manet’s ‘The Execution of Maximilian’ of 1867 has clear references to Goya’s ‘The Eighth of May’ and his ‘Olympia’, the great scandal of 1865, echoes the ‘Rokeby Venus’ by Velazquez. Monet was more at home in the countryside, on trains, and by the sea, all themes reflected in his paintings. Throughout his life, Monet could devote time to painting a whole series of the same location: the Gare Saint Lazare, a row of poplars, haystacks, or water lilies in his garden.

While the Legion d’Honneur and the medal of the Paris Salon came to Manet on his deathbed, he had struggled and been vilified in his early career, from repeated rejection by the Paris Salon. Monet’s ‘Sunrise: Impression’ of 1874 gave rise to the critics’ term ‘Impressionism’, initially a term of some abuse. Both men favoured the underdog: Manet by including the disabled, the downtrodden and the dispossessed in his paintings and Monet by using his later accumulated wealth in helping artists less fortunate than himself and their orphaned children. Monet’s final series, the giant water lily paintings of the 1920s, form a tribute to the dead of the Great War.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 July 2015 at 7.30 p.m. when Linda Farrar will speak on ‘Late Roman Mosaics’ at the Catholic Church Parish Centre, Darlingscote Road, Shipston-on-Stour. All are welcome. Contact Judy Keep — 663115.

Cantamus – Concert in Blockley

A concert to raise funds for the church of St. Peter and St. Paul Blockley (the venue for the popular “Father Brown” TV series) will be held on Saturday 4th July at 7.30.p.m.

The concert features Cantamus, a chamber choir based in Shipston and the North Cotswolds, with several members from Blockley itself who are delighted to be performing in their own village. The Cantamus repertoire is almost entirely unaccompanied and ranges from English and European madrigals to music from the 21st century; from the challenging to the disarmingly simple, and from the deepest tingle-factor to the utterly frivolous.

The Blockley programme features the wonderful new programme – The Parish News - which describes the year and life of a church (including the Bishop’s Visit, and the Gossips’ Corner) in music both sacred and secular, and through witty and apposite readings interspersed among

the music by professional actors Three’s Company. Tickets cost £10 per head (including drinks and nibbles), and can be obtained from David Artingstall - davidartingstall@hotmail.com tel 01386 701556, or from Blockley Shop and Cafe.

Shipston on Stour Women’s Institute



Summer seemed to have arrived at last in Shipston with our June meeting.

The weather was almost balmy for a relaxed evening of parlour games and chat, croquet and quoites outside, a buffet where members each brought a plate of something delicious, and for most of us, the first Pimms of the year!

The Secretary Jane Hanks told the meeting of her visit to Buckingham Palace for tea on 2nd June. 2015 is the Centenary Year of the WI, and Her Majesty being a lifelong member, she hosted a tea party to which one member from each Branch was invited. Most Branches decided who should go by ballot, and Jane was Shipston’s lucky one. It all sounded wonderful - the weather could have been better, but it didn’t rain, ladies had dressed up for the occasion and the Queen was her usual friendly, smiling self, taking time to talk to people, as did the other Royal ladies. A day to remember, Jane said.

Later in the month there will be a visit to Oxford to hear how it was involved in the Civil War, the Knitting Group will meet as usual, an afternoon tea is planned, and the Book Group will be mugging up on their latest volume. A trip to Bletchley Park is planned for September.

The next meeting is on 1st July at 7pm in the Catholic Church Hall, when the speaker will be Ben Devine who will speak about Hedgehog Conservation.

Stour Valley Lions



Lion’s Cinema

For seven years Lions have brought the big screen films to Shipston. A big thank you to the residents who came and enjoyed our Autumn and Winter selections. Lion’s cinema is now taking a two month summer break. We will be back showing more box office award winning films starting in September when we are showing ‘The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel’.

Appeal for New Lion Members

Stour Valley Lions raise £10,000 plus every year which is then donated to numerous local organisations, clubs, High School, Ellen Badger, Air Ambulance and many more. We achieve this by running various events, attending local village fetes, running race nights, raffles, street collections, film nights, book sales and we maintain the Gyrary garden.

You will be surprised that at the moment we achieve this with just 8 active members. Just think what 8 more members could achieve? If we are to sustain our ability to hold fund raising events and carry out physical projects across the community we need new members.

If you do not wish to become a Lion then please consider becoming a Lion Buddy. Our Buddies in the main help to manage our book shop, but also help at occasional organized events. We are appealing for anyone who wants to help their community to contact any Lion member (see Lion's notice board in The Bury) for further details.

Your reward is the joy and pleasure you feel in helping your community and its residents. You never know, that feeling may even tempt you to move from a Buddy to becoming a Lion member.

Spectacles, Mobile Phones, Hearing Aids and Used Stamps

Lions are still collecting unwanted spectacles, mobile phones, hearing aids and used stamps from shops and residents. These are collated, packed and dispatched via the Lion's International network of clubs to third world countries. Please hand any unwanted items you may have into the book shop or to any Lion member.

Wellesbourne & Shakespeare Lions

Charity Raft Race to Fund Specialist Children's Facilities

Participants in this year's Wellesbourne and Shakespeare Lions clubs' raft race are looking to raise more than £10,000 to fund specialist services at The Shakespeare Hospice's bespoke Young Persons Hub recently opened by H.R.H. Prince Charles.

Lions are encouraging local teams to take part to help fund the essential Young People's activities, play equipment and bath cradle for the Shottery based Shakespeare Hospice.

The race, which takes place over seven miles and across two weirs along the River Avon between Wasperton and Stratford, is on Sunday July 26.

For full details of how to enter, visit www.rafrace.org.uk

Probus

Dr Richard Long is an acknowledged expert on the Middle East having served in various British Embassies, the the British Council and later becoming Director of Middle East Studies at Newcastle University. He has an extensive list of talks. So far, we have only heard three of them. On 8th May he spoke about the Middle East in 2015 and in so doing covered every country including Iran, Iraq and Syria, the principal areas of conflict but also Tunisia, Egypt, Kuwait, Oman, Jordan, Libya, Lebanon, Turkey, Israel, Afghanistan and Palestine. The outlook is not encouraging and there are many questions to be answered.



On 22 May one of our members Michael Carr ran his film of the River Stour from Traitor's Ford to Clifford Chambers. Owing to technical difficulties some months ago we watched it without the sound but this time all went well. The film was made some 50 years ago and at one time there were around 20 mills along its course. Sadly they no longer exist.

Shipston-on-Stour and Area U3A



The May meeting was the AGM and 2nd birthday party, opened in fine style by the Town Crier, Marion, in her resplendent uniform. On show were interesting and impressive examples from the Photography, Painting and Drawing Groups. There was also a table with a vast selection of articles made from wool by the Craft Group, for the Wool Fair in Shipston the day before. Then, our very own Jazz Band, the Pavillionaires, got the party off with a swing.

The AGM business was completed, followed by more jazz, all of which was accompanied by a good selection of nibbles with tea, coffee, or a choice of red, white or sparkling wines chosen by the Wine Appreciation Group. The Town Crier ceremoniously cut the Birthday Cake.

Our July meeting will be with Karen O'Connor who will be describing "behind the scenes" world of international music. Our meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2 pm at the Townsend Hall.

Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team

South Warwickshire policing area

The South Warwickshire policing area serves a population of 258,500 comprising a mix of diverse and emerging communities. Safer Neighbourhood Teams focus on providing a dedicated support and resolution role and work with partner agencies and individuals within the community to identify and resolve concerns that affect their locality.

South Warwickshire Safer Neighbourhood Teams will:

- Engage with communities and partners to innovate, identify opportunities and create sustainable solutions to local problems.
- Work with partners and communities to tackle the harm caused by crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Be visible, accessible and accountable to local communities.
- Engage with the Community Forum process and address priority concerns.
- Seek to identify those at most risk of harm and support them through appropriate interventions.
- Engage with young people and deliver prevention and early intervention activities in partnership with local schools.

New website to tackle rural crime is launched

The National Rural Crime Network has set up a new website that will allow people from across the country to share their experiences, discuss issues and learn from each other without leaving their own communities. It lets people find out what schemes work best, and then get those shared quickly throughout England and Wales so everyone can benefit.

For details, visit: www.NationalRuralCrimeNetwork.net

Readers' Letters

*Letter from Bill Hannis, Chairman,
Stour Valley Visually Impaired Club*

Once again I have to offer huge thanks to the people of Shipston and the Stour Valley for their great generosity in giving £286 to our collectors. It was a very cold May Bank Holiday weekend and the Town was quiet, but everyone was very kind and generous.

The money will be used for the benefit of the Members of The Stour Valley VIP Club (for the Blind and Visually Impaired), which is part of Warwickshire Vision Support (the new name for Warwickshire Association for the Blind).

Thank you again.

Letter from Nigel Beatty

I am a frequent visitor to Shipston from overseas (every 6 to 8 weeks) and it is my home away from home. A place I like to come and relax and enjoy real life with real people, far away from the hectic lifestyle of Tokyo, Hong Kong and Miami.

Wednesday 13th May I was walking into the town centre on a glorious spring day... Birds singing, local people busy in short sleeves, postman in shirt and shorts enjoying working in the lovely weather.

People sitting outside in the town enjoying an alfresco coffee, chatting in the square, friendly hustle and bustle... Shipston at it's best. Well not quite... Ruined by a sight that really sums up that fact that some people just do not care about others or the town they live in.

Usually I would never take a picture of dog mess but the sad irony of where this dog defecated and where its master or mistress forgot to care about their fellow residents of this otherwise fantastic place to live, was too much to pass up without a quick snap from my smartphone.

A sustained name and shame (and smartphone capture) campaign is the only way I see this being effectively tackled.

Letter from Beverly Abson, Co-ordinator

St Edmunds Church Flower Guild

I would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who helped to make our Flower and Wool Festival such a lovely and successful day on Bank Holiday Monday. Our flower arrangers produced some fabulous displays, co-ordinating them with different uses for wool. The church looked amazing. It was a stroke of genius to display all the kneelers, they really added to the colour.

Also thanks go to all the ladies who kept serving coffee and cakes all day - cakes which were kindly given to us by the Lady Rotarians of Shipston and ensured the ladies were much busier than they thought they would be! It was a happy day and our visitors were very complimentary which made it all so worthwhile. Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who gave us such generous donations, resulting in over £500.

Quite amazing – Thank You.



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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: VISION & OBJECTIVES:

By 2031, Shipston-on-Stour will be a sustainable historic market town, based in a rural, riverside setting with a vibrant town centre, providing excellent services for the community and the surrounding area. It will have successfully embraced its growth potential, ensured that infrastructure and services have kept pace with this, whilst retaining its local identity and distinctiveness.

Development Plan Objectives:

- Develop Shipston's strong sense of place, community and local identity, its character and setting as a historic, riverside market town.
- Maintain and strengthen Shipston's role and competitiveness as a Main Rural Centre, serving the Town, the surrounding area and a wider catchment, with a strong retail sector and a broad mix of local and visitor services, amenities and facilities.
- Champion business growth, employment opportunities, new economic activity and economic diversification whilst protecting and enhancing natural environment and heritage assets.
- Enhance, exploit and celebrate Shipston's riverside setting and the historic cultural, economic and amenity role that the River Stour has had in shaping the Town's development.
- Manage growth whilst protecting the town's integrity, its valued rural setting and green surroundings, and ensure that any development respects and enhances its setting, Shipston's visual identity, and the wider environment.
- Define settlement boundaries around the fringes of Shipston to accommodate this growth but to retain the landscape and riverside setting.
- Reduce flood risk to people and property, from all sources across the whole plan area.
- Address the challenges of an ageing population, provide better opportunities and amenities for younger people and foster a sense of community and promote wellbeing.
- Ensure that future housing needs are addressed in a managed, balanced and well-designed way and that local needs and affordability are championed as priorities.
- Retain and build on the wide range of excellent services that Shipston currently benefits from, and address the challenges which rapid housing development has brought about for Shipston's physical and social infrastructure provision.
- Improve connectivity within Shipston, the surrounding communities and the wider region.

District Council update

As I write I find I have been a district councillor for just over a month!

Over that month I have spoken to a lot of you; whether in the playground every morning, in town or on the phone. It has been quite an experience so far - and I am pleased to be around enough so you can stop and have a chat whenever you want.

What you have been wanting to talk about has split into the 3 "P's" - planning, parking and Portobello. On the first one - there is great pressure on all sides to get housing and infrastructure right for Shipston and the surrounding villages. Change comes - and if you want to get involved in influencing things then please join the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

On the second - parking - maybe I could encourage drivers to park a bit more courteously in residential areas?

Finally, we are working to improve the Portobello junction situation and have meetings coming up.

As ever, please contact me on 07748968712 - I will always get back to you as long as I can hear the message(!) or follow me on Twitter @jmvbarker

Councillor Jo Barker

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

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County Council update

Portobello crossroads

People are concerned about the use, or alleged lack of use of the speed camera at Stretton-on-Fosse on the A429 Fosse Way. I have requested data and hope to have an answer for the next Forum report.



Magna Carta

The county registration service has announced that it has special versions of Magna Carta, which have been published for people taking up British Nationality. I have suggested that these be made available for those that have been here for some time!

National Funding

We have had some good news from Marcus Jones MP, the new Local Government minister who is a Warwickshire lad. Our settlement, the government contributions to local council services is to remain, though not without new savings targets! Once again, there may be strategic adjustments as councils are accused of holding too much money in reserves. Reserves are part of good housekeeping, but we may be told to spend some of them on our Public Health services. I shall be watching things closely.

Health Profiles

Government statistics are published by an organisation called the Office for National Statistics (the ONS). Inevitably, in this day and age, they are published on line at www.ons.gov.uk

There are exceptions and Health Profiles for area like South Warwickshire that were updated on 2nd June will be found elsewhere in Public Health Observatories. Look on www.apho.org.uk

Councillor Chris Saint

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Shipston Medical Centre

Shipston Medical Centre is changing its patient record software from Vision to EMIS at the request of South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group. This is to help support integrated working with other services.

Due to the change in software the surgery will be providing a reduced service between 9th July 2015 and 13th July 2015 inclusive.

Appointments

We will not be offering routine reviews during this time, although will continue to provide both GP and nursing services for urgent and other care that needs to happen within those few days.

Between 9th and 13th July 2015 we will not be able to book appointments for dates after 14th July 2015.

Registrations and changes to patient demographic details (i.e changes of address): We will not be able to register patients

or change patient's registration details between 2nd July and 15th July 2015.

Prescriptions

We will have limited ability to print prescriptions and so ask patients to avoid ordering routine medications during the period (please order earlier if possible).

Online Services

Patients registered for 'Vision Online Services' will not be able to use these from 7th July 2015 and will need to register for the EMIS online services after 21st July 2015. Information regarding registering for EMIS online services will be sent to patients previously registered with Vision Online Services between 20th July and 21st August 2015.

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Something exciting to share?

If you have a story that's relevant to Shipston residents, please contact the editor, Catherine Martin, on 01608 495955 or email: forum@shipstononline.org

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.

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

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Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Forum	01608 495955
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
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24-26th JULY AT SHIPSTON SPORT CLUB

FRIDAY

THE BAD CATS

Kick off the Festival at 7.00pm



SATURDAY

HIGHWAY 61 SHOUT J.E.E.P



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For more information please email shipstonangling@gmail.com

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