



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

June 2012

New Mayor, new home, and a few new faces at Shipston Town Council

Fay Ivens was unanimously elected Mayor of Shipston at the Town Council meeting in May. On accepting her new role, Fay Ivens said "I cannot express how both humbled and proud I feel to be elected Mayor of our lovely town. I would like to thank Paul Rathkey for all he has done during his time as Mayor – he will be a tough act to follow!"

Councillor Ronnie Murphy was elected Deputy Mayor and new councillors, Melanie Trapp, Mark Wildish and Roy Munden were welcomed to the council. Check out page 3 to find out more about them.

The Town Council has officially moved into its new offices in the former police station, now named New Clark House. The intention is to encourage other community services to make use of the building, starting with the Safer Neighbourhood Team who will now be conducting regular surgeries at New Clark House. The Citizens' Advice Bureau offers weekly advice sessions on Wednesdays and the Town Clerk is on hand to answer questions and provide advice on local matters every weekday morning.

An open day to enable residents to view the building and find out more about the town council will be held in late June or early July. Please keep an eye on www.shipstononline.org for details.



Outgoing Mayor, Paul Rathkey, passes on the chain of office to Mayor, Fay Ivens. Photo courtesy of Lensmedia.com

It's party time in Shipston!

This month will provide a true showcase of community spirit in Shipston through a series of celebrations and events to suit all tastes.

Hot on the heels of the much-loved Wool Fair, the first weekend in June will be a flurry of activity as the Diamond Jubilee celebrations swing into action. From floral displays to fireworks, cream teas to live music, the town is set for a party to remember.



A firework display will mark the end of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Photo courtesy of williamdenis.co.uk

June also heralds the arrival of the famous Shipston Proms – two weeks of musical entertainment and education, culminating in the town's very own "Last Night of the Proms".

And if that wasn't enough, Shipston Home Nursing is holding both its Midsummer Ball and family Midsummer Madness day to raise vital funds. For more details on all these events, see the What's on section.

Pioneering Shipston and Stour Community Forum goes live on air!

The Shipston and Stour Community Forum on the 12th June will be the first in Warwickshire to test out a live broadcast, so if you can't make the Forum itself, why not log on to see what's happening?

Simply email elizabethprice@warwickshire.gov.uk in advance to register your interest, and you'll receive the link direct so with just one click on the night, you can be part of your local Forum from the comfort of your own home!

The meeting starts at 6.30pm at the Sheldon Bosley Hub. For more information about the Community Forum, including all the topics for discussion, log on to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratfordarea or call 01789 260136.

Mayor's column

It is both a privilege and an honour to be elected Mayor of Shipston for the forthcoming year. I have lived in Shipston all of my life and never in my wildest dreams did I ever think that I would one day become Mayor.



Following the recent Election I would like to welcome Roy Munden, Mel Trapp and Mark Wildish onto Shipston Town Council.

We have the beginning of a 'new era' within the Council - we have now moved to our new building which is a great asset to the town and we are also changing over to outside contractors for grass cutting and cleansing. I would like to thank town gardeners, Kevin and Julian, for all of the hard work that they have put in over the years and I wish them both well for the future.

The Proud of my Town campaign, with the monthly litter picks, goes from strength to strength thanks to the regular Saturday morning group who turn up whatever the weather. I think we can stand proud and think that compared to other towns and cities, we are one of the cleanest places to live in Britain. Throughout my year in office I would like to see even more examples of the community working together for the benefit of Shipston.

My charities for the year will be Shipston First Responders and Shipston Youth Club.

I am looking forward to my year in office and will be attending as many events as possible in the town, as well as Civic Events in other areas, in my role as ambassador for Shipston.

Fay Ivens
Town Mayor

Stour Valley Business Fair brings Westminster to Shipston

Shipston claimed a technological first at the fifth annual Stour Valley Business Fair – a live link from the Houses of Parliament!

Addressing the well-attended event from his office in Westminster, local MP, Mr Nadhim Zahawi, talked about the importance of superfast broadband for rural areas. Mr Zahawi said he was particularly pleased that Coventry and Warwickshire were leading the way in establishing a pilot Rural Growth Network scheme that could lead to 500 jobs being created in the region.

Shipston's Stour Enterprise Centre will have a key role in this scheme, supporting a new Rural Innovation and Technology Centre at Stoneleigh. Alongside an enterprise centre in Atherstone, Shipston's SEC will offer support and access for local businesses to innovation and technology from local universities.

Visitors to the Business Fair were also treated to a live question-and-answer session by the Cotswold Dragons, a group of highly experienced senior businessmen who help Stour Valley companies with free mentoring, advice and tutoring.



Lynette Berry explains the benefits of the Stour Enterprise Centre. Photo courtesy of Matt Wilson-Peters

Car crime – don't let it catch you out

Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team has issued advice to help ensure Shipston residents don't fall victim to car crime. Top tips include:

- Keep possessions out of sight, including clothing, which is popular with thieves because the pockets may contain money or keys.
- Car stereos are easily removed from cars and can be sold on quickly. Always take the detachable control panel with you when you leave your vehicle. If there is a PIN security code number with the audio equipment ensure it has been activated and make a note of the stereo serial number.
- Do not hide wallets or money inside a car. The first two places a car thief will look on breaking into a car are within the glove box or under the seat.
- Always remove keys from the ignition and lock all doors when leaving the vehicle. It only takes a thief a few seconds to jump into your car and drive away. At home, keep your car keys in a safe place, out of sight and away from windows and doors.
- Never programme your home address into a Sat Nav under the title "home" as a thief will be able to locate where you live. If your car is in town, they may assume that your home is likely to be empty.

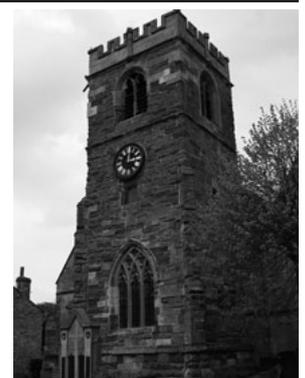
For full advice, visit the Shipston page of the SNT website at safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk

Shipston bids farewell to fond friends

Shipston will bid a sad farewell to David and Fiona Thurburn-Huelin in a few weeks.

Reverend David has been the Rector at St Edmunds Church for many years and has supported the town tirelessly in that time.

The Town Council would like to thank David and Fiona for their contribution to Shipston, and is encouraging everyone to join them at their farewell service on 1st July (see readers letters on page 10).



May's hot topics

Beacon builder thanked: Shipston Town Council thanked Sid Peachey for his work in organising beacons in the past and the planned beacon for the Jubilee celebrations.

Orbit Homes Evaluation: The planning group will respond to Orbit's evaluation of the Shipston House project. Concerns will be raised regarding the mess and litter around the dry pond on the edge of the site.

Hedge haircut: Richard Cheney will look into whether the hedge by the swimming pool can be cut back as it is overgrown.

Police station purchase: The purchase of the police station was fervently debated at the Annual Town Meeting. An Open Day will take place in late June/early July to allow all residents to view the building – now called New Clark House. Please keep an eye on the website and parish noticeboards for details.

Enterprising times: Ian Cooper reported that the Stour Valley Business Fair had been a success (see page 2) and that the Stour Enterprise Centre is now offering regular workshops and training sessions for local businesses.

A soggy situation: Concerns were raised at the Annual Town Meeting about a number of roads where pedestrians are regularly being soaked by passing cars during periods of heavy rain. Warwickshire County Council (WCC) has been asked to address the issue, particularly on Darlingscote Rd and Stratford Rd.

Old Road: Further pleas were made to the county council from residents wanting Old Road to be made a one way street.

Campaigning for Shipston

Parish poll: Shipston Town Council (STC) has received an inconclusive reply from the Department for Communities and Local Government in response to its letter raising concerns about the parish referendum system. Paul Rathkey will raise the matter with Nadhim Zahawi MP to see if he can secure a clearer reply as to whether any changes will be made.

Planning update: After much debate, and following a presentation on behalf of the developer, the Planning Group has neither objected nor supported the proposed development of 22 houses on Hornsby Close. However, the group has raised a number of areas of concern for the district council to consider.

The planning group will review a planning application in Hawthorn Way and decide whether to make any representation. It is expected that the change of use for 13-15 High Street will go to the District Council committee for a decision.

Town Council business

Waste core strategy: Mark Wildish will look at the document and suggest a response to the consultation on behalf of STC.

Gardening and cleansing services: STC has decided to contract out gardening and street cleaning services. The council will keep a watching brief on how well this works and keep the situation under review.

Banner homes meeting: After some discussion, it was agreed the town council would decline a second invitation to meet with Banner Homes on the basis the council is opposed to any development on the Campden Road.

Year end finances: The council came in under budget for 2011/12, largely due to savings in salary costs. New reserves levels were agreed for the forthcoming year.

**For full details of the items discussed
at the Town Council's meeting in May,
download the minutes at www.shipstononline.org**

Meet your new Councillors

Melanie Trapp

Melanie has lived in Shipston all her life. She volunteered to help organise the Jubilee celebrations and ended up being Chair of the Diamond Jubilee Crew.



Explaining her reason for joining the council, Melanie said: "Working on the Jubilee celebrations opened my eyes to how much work the town council does and how little support it receives, so I decided to put my name forward".

Mark Wildish

A life-long resident of Shipston, Mark is married with three children and runs a local architectural practice. He wants Shipston to become a beacon of good development and



ensure new housing brings benefits to the town. He said: "In my view, the town council should engage with developers and propose more favourable terms for the local community. I believe Shipston is the best town in the district and I look forward to working with colleagues to help make a difference."

Roy Munden

A long term Shipston resident, Roy is a familiar face on the football field having been a referee for Shipston for many years. Married with two children and one grandchild, Roy is



keen to see the town council become more closely engaged with local people. He said "I feel the council is getting fragmented away from people of the town. We need to get out and meet people and discuss with the public what their views are."

Rob O'Malley has regrettably withdrawn from the town council due to other pressures.

Greenfields is officially outstanding!

Staff, children and parents at Greenfields Day Nursery have been celebrating the news that Ofsted has judged it to be Outstanding, following a recent assessment.

The inspector was particularly impressed with the range of activities and facilities designed to teach the children about the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle, and praised the nursery for its robust understanding of and procedures for safeguarding children. In addition, the inspector concluded that individuality is fully appreciated and noted the strong partnerships with parents and other professionals to ensure each child receives the right care for their specific needs.

Greenfields owners, Lesley Tavener and Pam McGuinness, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to be judged outstanding by Ofsted. We work hard to offer the children an exciting and stimulating environment with lots of opportunities to learn and build their confidence. It is wonderful to have that work recognised and we would like to thank all our staff for their tireless energy and enthusiasm which makes all the difference."

Greenfields has also received confirmation that its planning

application to build a swiss-style chalet to operate as a dedicated unit for 1-2 year-olds has been approved, which will open in September. To book a place, please contact the nursery on 663672.



Pamper perfection – primary school event proves a big hit

It was smiles all round at the Friends of Shipston Primary School pampering evening in May.

Approximately 100 people descended on the school hall to be polished, pummeled and perfected thanks to the generous support of many local beauticians. With drinks on hand, retail therapy in abundance and tasty treats to take home, it's not surprising that over £600 was raised for the school in just over 2 hours.

Lead organiser, Vicki Noyes, said: "We were thrilled with how the evening went. We had lots of positive feedback and everyone seemed to have a great time – even the organisers! Thanks to everyone for their support in raising money towards a new adventure playground for the school."

There's no rest for the fundraisers, however, with the Primary school's annual Summer Fete taking place on the 16th June. See the ad on page 8 for details.

Midsummer Madness – a must for families

Shipston Home Nursing is inviting families to join them for a day of madness on the 24th June.

Whether you're a bouncy castle fan, a lover of dogems, or simply want to sit back with a cup of tea and enjoy the music and theatrical performances, there's entertainment to suit everyone. See the ad on page 9 for details.



Medals for all as the football season comes to an end

Shipston Football Club celebrated the end of the season in May with an end of year tournament followed by an award ceremony, which saw every player receive a medal for their efforts.

Players ranging from 4 to 12 took part in a series of friendlies to round off what has been another busy and successful year. With a large number of children – boys and girls – regularly taking part in practice on Saturdays, the club plays an important role in encouraging children to take part in competitive sport in a friendly and supportive environment.

On presenting the medals, Under 7s coach, Bruce Verralls, said "It's great to see how much the children have progressed over the last few months – they should all feel very proud. We're always keen to encourage new players, regardless of how well they play, and look forward to welcoming back this season's medal winners when play starts again in September."



Celebrations for some of the players after an exciting season

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Going for gold

Pupils at Shipston Primary have been jumping, running and singing for gold to warm up for London 2012.

British triple jumper, Laura Samuel, and 800 metre runner, Charlotte Best, recently took a break from their gruelling training schedule for the Olympics to visit Shipston Primary. The visit was part of the Sports for Schools initiative, which aims to inspire children to get involved in fitness by meeting sporting heroes and training with them. Wearing their full Team GB kit, Laura and Charlotte gave demonstrations of their events as well as answering questions about what it takes to be a top athlete.

Each pupil took part in a 10-minute sponsored exercise with proceeds going towards sports equipment for the school and to Sports for Schools, which funds training for young hopefuls as well as supporting Action for Children.

The school also got into the Olympic spirit with Britpop star Nigel Clark, lead singer of the band Dodgy. Best known for his hit songs 'Good enough' and 'Staying out for the Summer', Nigel worked collaboratively with pupils from Key Stage 2 to produce an Olympic-inspired song. Children worked on lyrics and melodies before giving a performance of their song 'I want to be the best'.

Jim Armstrong, PE Leader at Shipston Primary, said: "We share the Olympic values of respect, excellence and

friendship in everything we do and the events have made an excellent start to our Olympic celebrations."

Raving about robots

Lego masters and ICT experts John Pinkney and Colin Talbot brought a special guest pupil, a humanoid robot called NAO, into Shipston Primary School for Robot Day. Children were amazed by the robot's abilities as it danced, told stories and displayed incredible balance.

But the serious message behind the fun was about what can be achieved through innovation as children got the chance to build and program Lego models of their own, including robots and racing cars.

Head of Federation Christian Hilton said: "The day was so successful, we are planning a Lego Innovation Studio in the coming months to support technology across the school."



Shipston High School

MENSA Foundation For Gifted Children

Students and staff at the High School were delighted when two trustees, Mr Paul Brook and Mr Mark Pilbeam, from the Mensa Foundation for Gifted Children (MFGC) came into a whole school assembly to present a substantial cheque to the school to support the school's 'Aim Higher' programmes especially within technology.

The MFGC was set up to support gifted children in the maintained education sector by providing funding for additional facilities and events not normally provided in schools. The High School came to the attention of the Foundation when local resident, Mr Pilbeam, heard about the high quality work going on in the school's technology department. Following a visit to the department he was so impressed with the students' knowledge, skills and enthusiasm that he immediately offered the support of the Foundation. As a result the department is now planning to purchase a state-of-the-art 3D printer which will allow

students to design a project on the computer and then turn it into a three dimensional object on the



Keith Harper receives the cheque from Paul Brook.

Also pictured Mark Pilbeam with students Connor Andrews and Rhys Winter.

printer! The remaining funding will be used to support the school's programme of visits to universities and other 'Aim Higher' activities.

Students get the rhythm with Stomp!

Members of the internationally renowned percussion ensemble, 'Stomp!' who are currently performing a sell-out series of concerts in London, came to the High School to run three days of workshops with students in Years 7, 8 and 9. The workshops involved teaching students about counting beats, performing rhythms and working together as a team. Unusually, all the instruments were made from everyday objects like lengths of pipe insulation and metal bins. Although intensive, the workshops were very much hands-on and students appreciated the 'fun' approach of the members of 'Stomp!' who had them running up and down the school hall while counting time.



Saul Dyson making music!

Year 11 start GCSE examinations

Year 11 students at the High School are well into their GCSE examinations. Headteacher, Jonathan Baker, praised the year group for its excellent commitment during the year and for all the hard work the students had put into preparing for their examinations.

When their examinations are over, students will be able to look forward to their Year 11 leavers' 'Prom' which, once again, they are holding at Heythrop Park nr Church Enstone.

Shipston's got talent – and plenty to entertain!

Jazz, blues, folk, rock and classical performers are among the acts that are appearing at the two-week Shipston Proms 2012, which starts on Friday 15th June.

This unique series of events, entirely organised by local people, offers live concerts, educational events and school workshops with musicians. One of the annual highlights on the town's calendar, Shipston Proms aims to cater for all tastes, with an eclectic mix of artists, local performers and world renowned talents.

As part of the event, the hunt is on for the next Adele, Charlotte Church or Take That, as the Fame Contest begins. The contest will be on Saturday 16th June, with the winners of each category winning £50, and performing at the Festival's climax concert.

Tim Porter, chair of the organising committee, said: "We have got an even wider range of music on offer this year. I'm particularly looking forward to the party atmosphere on the Last Night when, once again, Shipston High Street comes alive." Visit www.shipstonproms.org for details or see the ad on page.



The Selector, featuring Pauline Black and Gaps Hendrickson, will headline the Last Night of the Proms

Make the Diamond Jubilee Weekend a celebration to remember

Jubilee celebrations in Shipston begin on Sunday 3rd June with a flower festival, community procession and community Songs of Praise at St Edmund's Church. The partying continues on Monday 4th June, when the Jubilee Crew's celebrations start.



The Jubilee Day will begin in the town centre at 1pm with the Town Crier and street entertainers heralding the start of the 5k fun run. Activities thereafter centre on the Sheldon Bosley Hub when residents will be treated to a real mix of entertainment including stunt shows, dancing demonstrations, dog agility, children's games, Tug of War and a Grand Draw.

The event will conclude with a torchlight procession to the Beacon on Darlingscote Road and a firework display. For more details, see the ad on page 16.

Dancers' delight at the Townsend Hall

It's all go at the Townsend Hall this month, with many of the Proms events being hosted at the hall, alongside the usual favourites.

New to the Townsend Hall are modern jive dance classes on Tuesday nights from 8pm. No need to bring a partner – just turn up to be taught all you need to know. What with Sideliners Line Dancing on a Monday night at 7pm, there's no excuse for awkward shuffling around the dance floor anymore!

The Townsend Hall is available for hire for parties, meetings and functions at a reasonable cost. Please contact Lisa Bryan on 07800 771368 for more details.

Standing room only at Fashion, Flowers & Food

The Fashion Flowers & Food Extravaganza at the Townsend Hall on Friday 27th April was a resounding success. With 200 plus attendees, the hall was buzzing with activity.

Jaye Heckels of Niche presented a fabulous range of spring and summer garments in the fashion show. The flower displays were stunning, illustrating many different styles and fashions of floral art. Exhibits were on show from local florists including Blossom & Bloom, Flora's, Lucy Walker and Amanda Luther, as well as from members of Shipston Flower Club. Other local businesses were represented by taking stalls to sell or promote their goods.

The success of the evening means that Shipston Flower Club will be giving a donation of £1,500 to the League of Friends of Ellen Badger Hospital. Teresa Bull, from Shipston Flower Club, said "We're delighted with the outcome of the event and really pleased to be able to give a substantial donation to such a deserving local charity. Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who sponsored the event by giving their time, money and raffle prizes, which helped make it such a success."



Fashion in Flowers, by Flora's. Photograph courtesy of Rosie Kernohan Photography

Regular events:

- Mon Line Dancing:** 7pm, Townsend Hall. Contact: Julie 07508 721685
- Tues Jivestar Modern Jazz:** 8pm. Contact, Gordon 07792 217267
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (12 and 26). 10am-12pm Roman Catholic Hall. Contact Adrian Collins, 661576
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Alternate Tuesdays (5 and 19). 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Stella, 686224
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays (12 and 26). Doors open at 6:30pm. Eyes down at 7:30. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Weds Calypso Kids Music Classes:** 9.20am or 11am, Townsend Hall, £4.50. Contact Emmajane Roberts 07890399162
- Weds Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136.
- Weds St John's Ambulance:** Adults division. Meet at Shipston Fire Station, 7pm. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club** at Rainbow Fields Contact: Diana 01789 740627
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Yoga & relaxation for the over 50s:** Rainbow Fields. Contact Leigh, 665995
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Linda, 662290

June Diary

- 1 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-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 For other dates this month, see advert on page 9.
- Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Cafe:** Singing for the Brain, Summer Social. John Goodfellow. 2-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433
- 2 Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment & refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- 3 Community Songs of Praise & flower festival:** See ad on page 9.
- 4 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:** See ad on page 16.
- 5 Multiple Sclerosis Society 'Drop in' meeting:** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- SWIB (Supporting Women in Business):** 6-8.30pm, Stour Enterprise Centre. Contact: Simone Ryder 07749 298253
- 6 Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** 'Portrait of Queen Elizabeth I' by Gillian White. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Mal Lawrence 662122
- National Organisation of the Widowed:** Lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 7 Neighbourhood Watch meeting:** 7.30pm, the Scout Hut. Contact: George Houghton 662603
- Story Stomp:** Storytelling for 2-5 year olds. 10.30am, Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- 9 Monthly surgery with Mayor and district councillors:** High Street, 10am-12pm.
- 11 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'All about Tilemans' by Ernie Barrett. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

- Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 12 Shipston Community Forum:** See page 1 for details
- Shipston Flower Club:** 'Flights of Fancy' by Anna Steven. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School. Non-members welcome. 01295 788099
- Stour Valley Lions monthly meeting:** 8pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. All welcome. Contact John Cavana 01295 722287
- 13 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Garden visit to Barton House. Meet at the house 6.30pm, Barton-on-the-Heath. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- 15 Shipston Music Society presents Opera Singer Maria Jagusz:** See ad on page 9.
- Stour Valley Lions Rural Cinema presents The Artist:** For details, see ad on page 8.
- 16 Shipston Primary School Summer Fete:** See ad on page 8.
- 18 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Monthly Social. 12.30pm, Horseshoe Inn. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- Cantamus & Three's Company (Shipston Proms):** Concert 'The Birds & the Bees'. 7.30pm, St. Edmund's Church. Tickets £8. Available from Clarke's Electrical Shop, choir members & on the door
- 19 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** 'Fun with Caricatures' by Doug Eyre. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Penny Law 663971
- Shipston Proms:** Shipston Junior School Potpourri concert. Shipston Primary School.
- 20 National Organisation of the Widowed:** Meeting. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Shipston Proms:** 'Stratford Folk' goes to Shipston Proms, Black Horse, 7.30pm
- 20-21 Sibford Tots and Babes:** Picnic in the small Village Hall, Sibford Gower. 9.30-11.30am. Please bring your favourite teddy bear or doll. Contact: Harriett Mountford 07813 202726.
- 22 Shipston Proms:** Texan Peacocks concert, Joe Jury supporting. Townsend Hall, 7.30pm
- 23 Shipston Proms:** Shipston Town Band with Silurians choir at Townsend Hall, 7.30pm
- Shipston Proms:** 'The Average Wyatt Band' at Edward Sheldon, 7.30pm
- Shipston Home Nursing – A Midsummer Night's Ball:** Mount Sorrel, Moreton-in-Marsh. By very kind invitation of Graham and Marilyn Roberts. For tickets, contact Rebecca, 674929
- Sheldon Bosley Hub prize bingo:** See ad on page 8.
- 24 Shipston Home Nursing Midsummer Mayhem:** See ad on page 9
- Shipston Proms:** Music and Opera at the Townsend Hall
- 25 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'A load of old Rubbish' by Chris Dobson. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- Shipston Proms:** Junior Town Band at Shipston Methodist Church and 'The Producers' at the Norman Knight, Whichford
- 26 Shipston Proms:** Organ recital at St Edmunds Church and 'Open Mike' at the George Hotel
- 29 Chamber of Commerce Business Advice Surgeries:** Free advice by appointment at Stour Enterprise Centre. Contact 629693
- Shipston Proms:** Songs from the Shows, St Peters, Whatcote
- 30 Last Night of the Proms Finale:** See ad on page 16
- 30– Shipston Home Nursing:** Idlicote art exhibition & sale. Stableyard, Idlicote House, CV36 5DT. 10.30am-6pm. Free admission.
- 1 Jul SHN Midsummer Shopping:** 10am-4pm, Whichford House, Whichford. £5 including tea & biscuits Contact Rebecca, 674929

NORGREN BOWLS CLUB

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

PRIZES Presents a **PRIZES**

PRIZE BINGO

on
Saturday 23rd June

Doors open 6.30
Eyes down 7.30 **PRIZES**



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SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL
Friday 15th June, 2012 at 7:00 pm
Advance Tickets **£3.50** (£4 on door)
From: R. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston
Or Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608-661148
Raffle and Refreshments

START THE HEART!

Friday 13th July
7pm to 9pm
Shipston Sports & Social Club,
London Rd

An estimated **30000** people each year in the UK suffer cardiac arrest in public.

Would you know what to do?
COME and FIND OUT!

Organised in Partnership with:

- Shipston Medical Centre
- Stour Valley Lions Club
- Shipston Sports & Social Club
- West Midlands NHS Ambulance Trust



Shipston-on-Stour Primary School

Summer Fete

YEAR 2 - YEAR 6 EURO 2012 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



SPECIAL GUESTS: GEORGE AND PEPPA PIG
LIVE BAND: ALFONZO'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

alfonzo's pancake breakfast

ATTRACTIONS		
Spotlight Dance	Maypole	Tombola
Taekwondo	Gunge Tank	Crafts
Hot Food	Bouncy Castle	Bar
Toys and Books	Cakes	Parachute
Face Painting	Raffle	Much More!

DETAILS	
DATE:	Saturday 16th June 2012
WHERE:	School Field, Tilemans Lane
TIME:	2.00-5.00pm (Bar, Bar-B-Q and Music 'til 7pm)

**Songs of Praise and Flower Festival
at St Edmunds Church to celebrate
the Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

**COMMUNITY SONGS OF PRAISE
featuring Shipston Town Band
on Sunday June 3rd at 3pm**

Everybody is invited to join us to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on this memorable occasion

Many of the Clubs and Societies in Shipston have provided the stunning floral displays evocative of the Jewels in the Crown and are taking an active part in the Service.

After the Service Cream Teas and Homemade Cakes will be provided by Shipston on Stour W.I.

**St EDMUNDS CHURCH
FLOWER FESTIVAL**

**St Edmunds Church will open for teas on
Monday June 4th and Tuesday June 5th to give
you the opportunity to admire the wonderful
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Presents**

Maria Jagusz

Opera Singer



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Shipston Methodist Church

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SHIPSTON ON STOUR EDUCATIONAL CHARITY GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2012/2013

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

If you are a Shipston resident under 25 years old on the 1st September of the year of application (or with parents living here), you can now apply for a small grant for the 2012/13 academic year.

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

**Completed forms must be received by
Monday 3rd September 2012**

Are you an organisation working with young people in Shipston?

We can help you.

Grants are available now from
The School for Females Charity

Contact:- Chris Skeath
cmskeath@hotmail.com

or 45 New Street,
Shipston on Stour CV36 4EW

Grants of typically £100 to £600
are available for organisations working
in the town of Shipston from
The School for Females charity

Readers' letters

Letter from Jack and Shirley Crimp

Shipston Town Meeting – Thursday 26 April 2012

Why do some people attend Annual Town Meetings seemingly only to criticise? Of course Councillors should be called to account if required, but that is not the only purpose of a meeting which for equity should be balanced by appreciation.

This year members of the public had to sit through an hour of repeated complaints and queries. Having shown considerable forbearance, the Mayor finally declared that these matters had been adequately and openly answered and the Agenda should proceed, whereupon those responsible for the delay left the meeting.

Therefore they missed hearing of the immense amount of work carried out by our volunteer Councillors, not only budgeting and planning for example, but drain inspections, litter picks, snow and flood warden duties, flower planting etc in which the public can also help. Maybe volunteering one's services to the community of Shipston might be time better spent than constant criticism.

Got something to say?

Send your letter of no more than 150 words to forum@shipstononline.org Edited highlights will be printed every month.

Letter from David and Fiona Thurnburn-Huelin (661724)

Fiona and I would like to say 'Goodbye' to you and to thank you, Shipston, for being such a happy place to live in.

We came to the town and St Edmund's as the Rectory family in 2001. Our son, Christopher quickly made friends after being torn from Cornwall. He very much enjoyed our Primary School, and now, after Campden, he's away at Leicester Uni. Fiona and I are going off to Lower Quinton, on 9th July. It's proper protocol in the Church of England to retire away, even though it's a parting we regret.

We've had great times, made good friends, and experienced your highs and lows of these last years, from the transformation of Shipston High and the sand at Shipston on Sea to the other waters that flooded our town and to the final struggle over IMI/Norgren. It's such a delight to see children and young people around the town whom I baptised and couples I've married in church; and to remember numerous people whose funerals I was privileged to conduct. I shall remember with particular fondness, Saturday mornings in the High Street and all those great conversations on the pavement. Thank you for sharing fun things and deep things with me. Thank you for our exploration of being human and of finding faith in Jesus Christ.

So, please join us for a final service in church on 1st July at 11am and for the finger buffet that will follow. The service will be a simple one and you do not have to be a Christian to be there.

Shipston Music Society

NOYE'S FLUDDE

Shipston community production 2013

Noye's Fludde by Benjamin Britten is probably the most successful community opera to have been composed. Shipston Music Society is working with David Curtis, Artistic Director of the Orchestra of the Swan, who has proposed that they stage this fantastic work in collaboration with Shipston community groups in 2013. 2013 is the 100th anniversary of Britten's birth. Meetings have been held with representatives from all Shipston community groups, schools and the Town Council to gain support.

Orchestra of the Swan is currently approaching potential sponsors and the Shipston Music Society is supporting applications for grants to various trusts and charities. Assuming there is sufficient funding in place by September, activities will begin in earnest. It would be staged as part of Shipston Proms at the Townsend Hall, with an evening performance on July 28th and matinee and evening performances on July 29th 2013.

With the richness and diversity of Shipston's arts groups and local talent it is felt that this is the perfect work for the town. It is a joyous affirmation of life and triumph over adversity and is both extremely moving and great fun to rehearse and perform. It will enable Shipston Schools, Shipston Proms, the Amateur Dramatic Society, Shipston Town Council, the Town Band, Cantamus, the Music Society, Shipston Community Arts and local musicians to collaborate and produce an extraordinary community event for the whole town. Audience participation in the performances ensures that everyone is involved.



Shipston Music Society

April Concert

The concert was given by Rhys Matthews and Emma Crossley as "Kudos Percussion Duo". Most of us expected an evening of drums but on arrival we were also greeted with the sight of two large five octave marimbas.

The programme opened with Fanfare for two Djembe (African Drums). This demonstrated the wide variety of sounds possible from these primitive instruments.

This was followed by Ravel's, Alborada del Gracioso. The duo played with four hammers, each producing a beautifully rounded musical sound giving this classic piece a new perspective. Next came Kaleiduoscope a contemporary composition by Eric Sammut, Fantasie Impromptu by Chopin and then Presto for marimba and djembe. 4132 seemed a strange title for the next piece, during which, the performers shouted out the four numbers in various order to add to the computer-like atmosphere.

Emma and Rhys often work with children, especially those with special needs. The next item, On The Track, is apparently a favourite. As this ragtime number progresses it becomes faster and faster and the children are encouraged to urge Emma, whose hammers already seem a blur, to play even faster!

The concert closed with Djembase composed by Rhys Matthews. This was yet another new and exciting experience for the Society given by two very gifted and dextrous musicians.

The next concert will be Maria Jagusz Opera Singer on June 15th. For further details please contact Clare Faulkes 01608 663207.



Stour Valley Lions

Start the Heart

13th July Shipston Sports Club

Next month, the Lions will be holding a vital 'Start the Heart' event in association with Shipston Medical Centre, the Ambulance Service, First Responders and the Heart Rhythm Charity. The community defibrillation programme was launched 2 years ago and this event is for anyone who wants to receive information and instruction in using a defibrillation machine. The program will include:-

- Teaching, refresher skills and information about community defibs.
- Highlight the role of first responders.
- Health problems and reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease.

The evening will give useful information, instruction and skills which could prove invaluable when faced with an emergency. Please do attend – you never know when these skills might be needed.



The Cinnamon Trust

Many elderly and ill pet owners become worried about the fate of their beloved animals feeling that the only answer is to find them a new home. The Cinnamon Trust is the only specialist national charity offering pet care support to the terminally ill and people in their later years.

Cinnamon Trust volunteers walk dogs for housebound owners, foster pets when owners need hospital care, fetch the cat food or even clean out the bird cage.

We have a dear little Sheltie whose owner is unable to walk her in the Shipston on Stour area. We desperately need some additional volunteers in this area, even if you can offer an hour a week to help this lovely dog it will improve her quality of life and will give the owner peace of mind.

If anyone can help call Sally on 01736 758 707 or via email volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk For more information, visit www.cinnamon.org.uk



Shipston in Bloom



Summer is on its way – the daffodils have been cleared from their pots, the pots have been re-composted ready for replanting with summer bedding in due course. This year it will be red, white and blue like the rest of the nation in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It would be lovely if householders could bear this in mind when doing their own planting this year and Shipston could then present a unified appearance.

Unfortunately we have to discard the spent bulbs because we do not have the facilities to dry, clean and store them for the Autumn. If anyone would like to have any daffodil bulbs (February Gold), they will be available at the two allotment sites so please help yourselves.

Annual Gardening competition

There is still time to enter the Shipston in Bloom annual gardening competition. Entry forms are only needed for rear gardens. Forms can be downloaded from www.shipstononline.org or contact Nicci on 665057.

Shipston-on-Stour Twinning Association - visit to Torigni sur Vire

Every two years, members of Shipston-on-Stour Twinning Association visit Torigni sur Vire in the Manche department of Normandy.

This year's trip began at 4 am. on Good Friday! Having arrived in Ouistréham, the group made its way to Pegasus Bridge. Two bridges, adjacent to one another at Ranville-Bénouville, were captured early in the morning of June 6th 1944 by the soldiers of the 5th Parachute Brigade. The combat was brief and successful and meant that the eastern flank of the operational area of the D day landings had been secured. The bridge over the canal was named Pegasus bridge in honour of the badge of the parachute brigade.

On reaching Torigni, English and French renewed their acquaintances and new members were introduced to their host families. Saturday's excursion took in Arromanches where the artificial Mulberry harbour was constructed in the days and weeks following D day, allowing vital supplies to be unloaded. Then it was on to the German battery known as "chaos", a series of gun emplacements, before visiting the impressive but moving American cemetery near Colleville sur mer, with its 9,835 marble crosses symmetrically aligned.

Sunday was spent with host families who spared nothing in showing wonderful hospitality ahead of another trip on Easter Monday to the tidal power station on the river Rance, near Dinard.

The members of the Twinning Association would like to thank their French hosts and especially the Twinning Committee of Torigni sur Vire for yet another splendid weekend. To find out more about Shipston Twinning Association visit www.shipston-torigni-twinning-association.co.uk

Shipston Arts and Crafts Society

At the April meeting we were pleased to welcome a return visit from Tim Porter. With the aid of many beautiful slides he gave us a most interesting talk on the medieval Cotswolds at work. After many years of strife England came under one crown in 930 and a more settled period ensued.

An open fields system was established, evidence of this is still visible in the "ridge and furrow" patterns of some local farmland. At first, sheep were kept on the more unproductive uplands for their milk, meat and tallow for candles, but the large Benedictine abbeys began to build up huge flocks and became very wealthy indeed.

Wool merchants spent their money on building magnificent churches and wool workers became powerful enough to form themselves into Guilds. The high quality wool soon became the country's most important export and fleeces were baled and transported down to the Thames. These old roads meet with the saltways, once used to carry salt for export from the Droitwich area. All agreed it was a most interesting and instructive talk about our local area.

Shipston on Stour WI



The May meeting was very entertaining when Janet Jarvis told the meeting that her Mummy was a Minx! Mrs. Jarvis was adopted as a baby and brought up by a farming family and has since had a varied and much travelled life. The accidental discovery of her mother's identity and the ensuing finding of family members was both moving and extremely funny. Finding one's birth family does not necessarily lead to joy on both sides, and sometimes adoption can be a lucky escape!

Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, participation in the Warwickshire Federation's version of the Olympics, and Shipston WI's 90th birthday celebrations means a lot of planning and fund raising for the group. Members are looking forward to a busy summer.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 6th June, 7pm in the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Gillian White will be talking about portraits of Queen Elizabeth I.

Village West Residents' Association

Recently formed of the residents in the David Wilson Developments, part of The Village off Tilemans Lane, we are essentially a social group of people but with some specific areas of common interest.

One of the first issues with which we wish to get to grips, before a tragedy occurs, is the traffic and parking on Tilemans Lane. We are seeking views from local organisations, particularly whether the piece of land previously set aside by the developers for a Scout Hut, could be used in some way to alleviate the situation. Watch this space for Village West news.

Get savvy with your cash with a free course

Another free short course is being offered by UK charity, Christians Against Poverty, to local residents to encourage them to take control of their finances.

The next short course, 2 hours on 3 Wednesdays, starts Wednesday 27th June at 7.30 pm at Shipston Town Council meeting room in New Clark House (by kind permission of the Town Council).

To book, call Nikki on 07891012660 (you don't have to be a Christian).

Shipston Neighbourhood Watch



The next meeting of Shipston Neighbourhood Watch will be on Wednesday 6th June 2012 in the Scout Hut on New Street, starting at the earlier time of 7.30 pm. All residents of Shipston are welcome and a representative of our Safer Neighbourhoods Team will be in attendance.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever and the largest voluntary organisation in the country. Getting together with your neighbours via well-run schemes can prevent and tackle local crime and help create safer communities.

All residents of Shipston are considered to be members of Neighbourhood Watch and many streets have their own co-ordinators who relay information from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) relating to local criminal activity to their neighbours. Such streets display signs indicating that they are a Neighbourhood Watch Area.

If you are interested in becoming a co-ordinator for your street, or would like to know if there is a scheme already running, please contact Margaret Wilson, Database Secretary, on 01608 663006, or via e-mail at mwilson16@talktalk.net

Shipston Community Arts



Shipston Community Arts is working hard to try and set up a permanent Arts Centre to serve Shipston-on-Stour and the surrounding area and has already gathered a large network of support for the project amongst artists and the public.

The ultimate goal is to have a building to work from where the group can stage exhibitions, hold concerts, host community workshops, and do all the other things that a thriving centre for The Arts should do. In the current economic climate, this may take some time to achieve.

Meanwhile the SCA is holding a series of events to raise its profile and make contacts and is receiving assistance from the Coventry and Warwickshire Co-operative Development Agency in developing a Business Plan.

Members needed

Annual subscriptions for the SCA are now due. If you're not already a member, please consider joining. You will be helping a vital project which will benefit the community. You don't have to be an artist! For details, please contact Tim Porter, Chairman, Shipston Community Arts on 685332 or www.shipstoncommunityarts.org.uk

Probus



David Howe must be the most prolific speaker in the Midlands. He is a retired teacher and schools inspector and recently entertained the Probus Club with his talk 'Accustomed as I am... Pleasures and Perils of Public Speaking). Like most of his talks, it was full of interest and humour and he was swiftly rebooked for the Probus Christmas meeting.

A most enjoyable trip was arranged to Sulgrave Manor, near Banbury, the ancestral home of George Washington's family. The visit was made even more pleasant because the sun shone, the guide was excellent and ended with, as described in the leaflet, a 'satisfying home cooked lunch'.

At our April AGM, Brian Fletcher was elected as President for the coming year. The successful club meets fortnightly at the Sports Club and enjoys a variety of interesting talks on subjects ranging from the battles of the 100 years war to experiences of a lady store detective. Most members stay for an excellent lunch prepared by Emma Morris.

Members are retired from professional and business careers covering a wide range of interesting occupations which can lead to lively discussions. The secretary, Paul Kelly, can be contacted on 01608 662491.

Transition Shipston

Shipston Heart Alive! Campaign

Over the last two months Transition Shipston has taken the lead in holding public meetings aimed at opposing the proposed Supermarket on the Campden Road and "Saving Our Town Centre". The group is now called "Shipston Heart Alive! Campaign" (SHA!C).

The group is to ask Stratford District Council to consider commissioning a detailed study for Shipston of the likely impact of an out-of-town supermarket.

The meeting also considered the report of a parking subgroup, which had studied the traffic in the Town Centre for 2 hours on Saturday morning. Based on the report findings, the group concluded that lack of parking in Shipston is a problem of perception and will consider asking for better signage, another long-stay car park and free parking in Telegraph St to help the situation.

Three members of the group had sent letters to the Herald in response to a pro-supermarket letter.

SHA!C will also be writing to Mary Portas asking for her support and advice on how to save the vibrancy of the town centre.

District Council news

I would first of all like to thank all those voters who supported me in the recent election for a District Councillor for Shipston. I shall continue to represent the residents of Shipston and fight against decisions that I believe adversely affect the town.



I understand that the planning application for 130 houses on the old Norgren factory site will now probably be heard at the beginning of July. As I have said before I will be speaking against this plan as I believe this site should be retained for employment use.

The planning application for the supermarket, 130 Extra Care houses and 50 market houses on the Greenfield site on the northern side of the Campden Road is likely to be heard in the autumn.

Shipston Scouts have now lodged a planning application for the new Scout Hall. This is being processed without charge as a result of a request from me and the other local councillors. I am fully supporting this planning application as a new Scout Hall will be a very important community asset.

Following the election I have been asked about the availability of postal votes. Any elector can have a postal vote: no reason has to be given. If this is a more convenient way for you to vote, then either ask me for a form, or obtain one from the District Council website or office in Stratford. Over 750 people in Shipston already vote by post.

Richard Cheney

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

County Council update

New Chairman

It's all change with the start of the new municipal year. Cllr Mike Doody (Cubbington) becomes the new Chairman of the county council, supported by Cllr Dave Shilton (Kenilworth Park Hill) as his deputy. I wish them both a successful year in office.



The Rochdale case

Questions are asked of all local authorities when a case involving the abuse of teenage girls gets publicity. The recent Rochdale case highlights concerns. The Green Corns organisation highlighted by the media is not part of the West Midlands Residential Framework.

We have a number of 'looked after children' where the county council is the corporate parent. Most of these are fostered locally where they live in as a member of an ordinary family.

Assurances can be given that there is little risk of a Rochdale style incident locally. Needless to say, a thorough review of all local contracts and procedures is underway.

Fire and Rescue Service

The modernisation of the county Fire and Rescue service involves more than traditional fire engines. Smaller vehicles are now used to attend minor incidents. The latest addition to the armoury is a Command Support Unit (CSU), based on long wheel base Mercedes sprinter high roof panel van. This vehicle can be mobilised to anywhere in the county to act as a base to manage any major incident. In the main, this vehicle will be situated at incidents involving five or more appliances, but the Fire Officers call it a 'fantastic piece of kit that will support our operational work no end'.

It sounds like a real gadget, but will be worth the investment if it saves lives and property.

Chris Saint

County Councillor – Shipston-on-Stour Division

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NHS News – Shipston Medical Centre

Health and Wellbeing Park Update

The Medical Centre has championed the vision behind the proposed Health and Wellbeing Park because we feel that a project such as this is vital to maintain the quality of care local residents have a right to expect, and to accommodate the needs of the growing population. We have been delighted to have the support of the League of Friends of Shipston Hospitals, and have found both the county council and South Warwickshire Foundation Trust to be very supportive of the project and the efforts to develop a robust Outline Business Case.

It is with great disappointment, therefore, that we feel the need to alert residents to our increasing concerns that the support needed from the Arden Cluster (NHS Warwickshire and NHS Coventry Primary Care Trusts) is unlikely to be forthcoming, even before the Outline Business Case is completed. Moreover, our fear is that

some of the work done to date may be used to justify changes in existing local services, which we would be unable to support.



Shipston Medical Centre will continue to work with the project team and other stakeholders to try and drive forward the original vision and sincerely hope that our fears will prove unfounded. However, in the interests of remaining as open as possible, we wanted to share the current position as we see it sooner rather than later.

If you have any queries, please contact the Medical Centre and ask for Rachel Vial.

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**Something exciting to share?**

If you have a story that's relevant to Shipston residents, please contact the editor, Catherine Martin, on 01865 600262 or email: forum@shipstononline.org

Copy deadline: First Wednesday of every month

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

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

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

Large print copies are available to read at the Library, 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.

Useful Contacts

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Highways customer services	01926 412515
Shipston Police Station	01789 444670
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
Local police (non emergency)	101
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Methodist Church	01608 661843

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On the Afternoon of
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Free Admission

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 For more information, please contact us at: shipstonjubilee@btinternet.com
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