



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

May 2015

Shipston Town Council supports plans which pave the way for a new medical centre

Long awaited proposals for a new medical centre to cater for the growing population of Shipston and surrounding villages have moved a step closer. Plans now being progressed could see the centre built on the Campden Road.

Shipston Medical Centre has been offered land on the Ainscough Strategic Land (ASL) site, north of Campden Road, which was granted planning permission on appeal for a supermarket, petrol station, extra care housing and new homes. The land was offered on condition that Stratford District Council gives permission for 95 new homes on another site, south of Campden Road, which has since been granted by SDC's planning committee.

Following a lengthy discussion at its meeting in April, Shipston Town Council voted to support 'in principle' ASL's latest planning application on the south of Campden Road, on the condition that land previously earmarked for a community building on the 'supermarket' site, would be given to the medical centre. Under the terms of the agreement, development on the south site will not be able to begin until the site identified for the medical centre has been transferred.

Councillors raised concerns both about the speed of the proposal and the prospect of more houses for Shipston, on top of other large schemes proposed or approved. Overall, however, the town council felt there was a wider benefit to the community of accepting the proposal.

Chair of the planning working group, Martin Ferrier, said: "We recognise that this is an emotive issue and there are

The Wool Fair Issue



A new medical centre could bring parking issues to an end for patients

no easy answers. It is clear that Shipston Medical Centre will not be able to continue to provide the current level of services without a new building and having considered all the arguments, the town council believes, on balance, that the proposal on the table is the best chance we have of securing the long term future of GP services for the town."

ASL is only providing the land for the medical centre and associated parking. Shipston Medical Centre will still need to apply for funding from NHS England to build the centre. Dr David Williams, GP Partner, said: "We are grateful to town and district councillors and our patients for their support in helping us take a big step forward in our plans to build a new medical centre."

Work will now begin on securing the vital funding from NHS England to enable a new centre to be built.

Shipston welcomes new councillors

From 8th May, Shipston Town Council will welcome two new faces, following the departure of councillors Arthur Ivens and Philip Vial, both of whom have stepped down from the council. Marianne Westwood and Kim Perry will join the council later this month (May). To find out more about your new councillors, see page 3.

With the recent boundary changes splitting the town into two wards, councillors now represent either the north or south ward. Councillors Ian Cooper, Ali Henderson, Peter White and Fay Ivens all stood in the North ward, with remaining councillors representing the south. No voting took place as there were the same number of candidates as there were seats.



The first meeting of the new council will be on 11th May at 7pm, where the Town Crier will welcome all attendees and the new Mayor of Shipston will be elected.

Family fun for all at Shipston's Wool Fair

The annual Shipston Wool Fair takes place on 25th May in the town square, which promises to be another great day out for all the family. With sheep showcases, stalls and entertainment, there will be something for everyone. To find out more turn to page six.



Mayor's column

This is my last column as Mayor for Shipston.



It has genuinely been an honour to represent Shipston at events outside of the town - but more importantly, I have been absolutely delighted to attend so many in Shipston itself.

There are far too many to list here, but my personal highlights have been the ones I wouldn't normally go to, such as a flower arranging demonstration and the Stour Singers. My one piece of advice? There's an enormous amount to do in Shipston so don't get stuck in a rut - at least once this year go to something you wouldn't normally do.

It has been a sad year, though, in some respects. Many have lost people they know or love, and for the Town Council, Bob White and Roy Munden will be much missed.

Potential developments - particularly the supermarket - have been divisive. I would urge everyone to remember that we all love our town and just because we have different views, does not mean that an argument needs to become personal.

I ought to finish off with the things I'm most pleased about - the potential for a new Medical Centre, the saving of the Young Firefighters and future improvements to the Sports Club - all supported by your Town Council.

I'll still be around, but not on the council. Come and say hi at this year's Shipston Food Festival if not before.

Philip Vial

Centenary Field Memorial Service set for 31st May

Following last month's news about the Centenary Field commemoration of the 36 Shipston men who fell in WWI, details of the ceremony have now been confirmed.

The dedication ceremony will take place on Sunday 31st May at 3pm at the Gyratory Garden. All are welcome and it is hoped many will wish to be present as a mark of respect for the memory of the Shipston men who made the supreme sacrifice in the First World War.

Chairman of the Royal British Legion, Richard Adams, said "I am grateful to those who offered to pay for a paver, 36 of which are being installed each with one of the men's names thereon, together with his date of death. Some more kind volunteers are still needed though so I appeal to groups, organisations, clubs and individuals in Shipston to come forward."

For more details, please contact Richard Adams on 01608 662328, 07961452182 or at richardadams5@hotmail.com

Shipston hits the top ten spot for happiest places to live

Shipston has been included in a list of the happiest place to live, which highlights the many benefits of the UK's market towns.

Shipston was singled out for its range of independent shops, community spirit, range of clubs and its house prices.

One group particularly pleased to see Shipston make the top ten spot is the town's Totally Locally group. Officially launching at this year's Shipston Wool Fair, Totally Locally Shipston celebrates independent local businesses and traders by encouraging people to use local services where possible.

Totally Locally meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month, 6pm at The George Hotel and is open to all business owners and any folk who are passionate about Shipston. For more information, visit www.totallylocally.org/shipstononstour/



Up for an exciting challenge? Take the lead at Shipston Brownies

Shipston On Stour Brownies is appealing for a new leader to replace Brown Owl when she retires in September.

The group is desperately searching for a willing volunteer to train and lead the team. Training is given locally and Warwickshire Girlguiding will give access to new friends, a pack of 20 enthusiastic brownies, a fun personal development programme for the girls, with lots of laughter and community involvement.

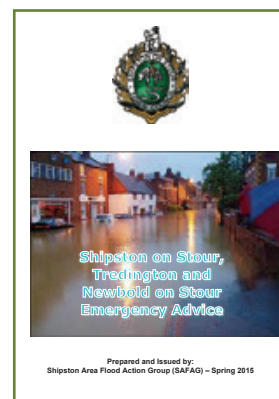
If you fancy a new challenge and would like a rewarding voluntary community role in Shipston, please contact Judith Jackson on Shipston 661148 after 4 pm.

Brownies*

Free Emergency Advice Booklets now available

Shipston Area Flood Action Group has produced an Emergency Advice Booklet which concentrates on flooding but also provides more general information on emergencies. As well as detailed advice on how to cope before, during and after floods, the booklet provides useful tips on managing other extreme weather events and emergency situations. It includes links and contact details for a number of organisations and websites which can offer further assistance.

The booklet has already been delivered to those residents and businesses who are specifically at risk of flooding. Further copies are available from New Clark House, West Street for any other residents who wish to have one.



April's hot topics

New councillors: Mayor, Philip Vial, congratulated all re-elected and new councillors to the Town Council. Philip also thanked Arthur Ivens, who is stepping down from the council, for his years of service.

Highways headaches: Problems with the illuminated sign on Darlingscote Road and a pothole near Berry Avenue were reported by Jackie Warner and will be followed up by the Town Clerk.

CAB Directory: A directory of services, provided by the Citizen's Advice Bureau, is now available for residents to refer to at New Clark House. The document is full of useful information and signposts to relevant services.

Pavement parking: Ian Cooper raised concerns about vehicles parking on pavements, particularly large goods vehicles around the town centre. Councillors were advised to contact the Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team if they spot a vehicle causing an obstruction.

Blooming marvellous: Fay Ivens congratulated Shipston in Bloom on their spring displays which have been looking so vibrant around the town.

Woolly heritage: Ronnie Murphy announced that the Heritage Centre will shortly reopen at the Post Office and is expected to remain through the summer.

Cemetery concern: A resident raised concerns about some aspects of maintenance at the cemetery which the Town Clerk will follow up.

Campaigning for Shipston

Vehicle activated signs: The county council has confirmed money is still available for the vehicle activated signs previously agreed for Stratford Road and London Road. An update has been requested on when the signs will be installed.

Picnic benches: A local resident has requested additional picnic benches be placed alongside the river on the land owned by the district council. District councillors will follow this up.

Centenary Gardens support: Shipston Town Council will help fund the work needed to install the Centenary Garden at the Gyratory (see article on page 2).

Dog fouling campaign: Shipston Town Council is beginning work on a public information campaign to tackle the ongoing issue of dog fouling. Although most dog owners responsibly clear up after their pets, the minority who don't are causing an unsightly and unhealthy problem for everyone. The council is keen to hear ideas and suggestions from the community on how this issue should be tackled. Please contact the Town Clerk on clerk@shipstononline.org

Riverside Walk: Progress on the proposed Riverside Walk has been temporarily halted while the landowner considers some additional information. The working group is in contact with the landowner and hopes to be able to progress the project further soon.

Town Council business

Fire risk assessment: General Purposes Working Group will liaise with the Town Clerk to ensure the council's Fire Risk Assessment is completed as soon as possible.

Cemetery Lodge: Extensive work will soon have to be done at the cemetery lodge. The town council will be seeking a site visit and meeting with the district council conservation officer to help prepare an appropriate application for works to be carried out.

For details of all town council meetings, agendas and minutes, please visit the Town Council section of the website at www.shipstononline.org

New Clark House Update



Shipston Town Council is delighted to welcome new councillors, Kim Perry and Marianne Westwood.

Kim Perry

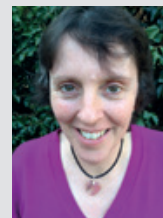
Kim Perry is set to be Shipston's youngest ever councillor at just 20 years old. Having lived in Shipston on Stour all his life, Kim has already been involved in a range of community initiatives including helping organise the Shipston Proms, acting as Scout leader at 1st Shipston Sea Scouts as well as running a club at the high school.

"I am very excited to be joining the town council as I think Shipston is a fantastic town. I would like to do my best to help the town progress, by introducing new ideas and representing the people of Shipston," Kim said.

Kim's intention is to bring a fresh approach to the council which has traditionally lacked a representative for the younger generation.

Marianne Westwood

Marianne Westwood has lived and worked in Shipston for 12 years. A mother of two teenagers, Marianne started to attend the Town Council meetings because of the campaign to get a roundabout for the Portobello Crossing. "I found the meetings interesting and challenging. I feel the Shipston community offers a lot." Marianne said. "I hope to get involved in the River walk project, supporting Shipston's dementia friendly status and other projects to benefit young people in Shipston." She added.



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

Got something to sell? Head to the Shipston High Car Boot Sale



Friends of Shipston High (FOSH), a group made up of parents and teachers, has launched its

latest event to help raise vital funds for the High School.

On Sunday, 17th May, the school is running a Car Boot sale at Shipston Rugby Club. Open from 8.00am to Midday (open to sellers from 7am), the sale gives you the ideal opportunity to turn your unwanted items from your spring clean into cash, and help the school into the bargain.

Pitches cost £7 or £5 if pre-booked in advance and refreshments will be available including tea, coffee and bacon rolls.

Over the past couple of years, FOSH has raised money to pay for equipment for the Science and Sports departments and goods for the drama and camera clubs.

To book a pitch or find out more, call 07704 841404

Sixty children take on Totally Locally Chicken Run

Sixty children took part in the recent Totally Locally Chicken Run – a free Easter hunt provided by Shipston's local businesses.

After finding all the fluffy chicks in shop windows across the town, Ellie May Watkins, 9, was crowned the winner of the Chicken Run, receiving a hamper of goodies from Shipston shops. Ellie was one of only six entrants to get all answers correct.

Well done to all those who took part in helping round up the escaped chicks!



Shipston's Educational Charity invites applications for small grants

Shipston on Stour Educational Charity provides small grants for those living in Shipston on Stour, or who have parents living in Shipston, who are seeking further education. The grants are open to any student under the age of 25.

If you are considering continuing your education to attain higher qualifications such as 'A' levels or are taking up an apprenticeship, the charity would like to hear from you.

Grants are available to support costs of education for a wide variety of subjects and qualifications. This includes those seeking a university place to further a career in subjects as varied as Medicine, Law, Accountancy, The Arts, Veterinary Work and Sport, as well as those considering college and work-based education.

Application forms will be available in June 2015. To apply, contact Mr D.Squires, Clerk, Shipston on Stour Educational Charity, Pinnegar House, 49, Telegraph Street, Shipston on Stour CV36 4DA



Thousands of adults lack vital life skills

Ten thousand adults in the Cotswolds – one in five – can't swim, according to a new report. Those affected could be in danger, on a boat, or on the slippery edge of a pool. The Amateur Swimming Association, who produced the report, point out that it's never too late to learn. So if you're reading this, and are one of the ten thousand, sign on now at your local pool. You're not alone.

Read Easy, the local group supporting adults learning to read, point out the words should say 'if you *can* read this' rather than 'if you're reading this'. There are two and a half thousand adults in the Cotswolds who cannot read. For the overwhelming majority of these two and a half thousand – just like the non-swimmers – it's never too late to learn. Non-readers too are not alone.

Read Easy provide those wanting to learn to read with their own reading coach and progress is at the student's own pace.



Read Easy's biggest challenge is making contact with the non-readers. So if you know someone who can't read and who might like to learn, please help put them in touch with Sue Brereton of Read Easy North Cotswolds on 0844 493 0686, or send an email on their behalf to suebrereton@readeasy.org.uk

Just think, with Read Easy's help, they'll be able to make out that sign that says, 'DANGER. DEEP WATER.'

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Astronomy and adventure

Children from Shipston Primary School have enjoyed lifetime opportunities in astronomy and adventure.

Schoolchildren gathered together to gaze at the first solar eclipse of their lifetime. Excited youngsters donned special glasses in order to view the phenomenon from the school playground.

The eclipse followed science themed learning at school so that children could learn about the reasons for the event and how to view the eclipse safely.

Meanwhile, children from Shipston Primary's Year 5 were outward bound for Manor Adventure in Powys, Wales.

Along with their peers from sister school Acorns Primary in Long Compton, the children spent three days away from home reaching new heights with outdoor activities and team building experiences.



The children stopped off on the way at the Owl and Small Breeds Centre in Kington (Herefordshire) where they were shown various animals up close including tortoises, goats, ferrets and owls. Pupils learnt that owls cannot turn their heads all the way round and they are not all nocturnal.

The group finally arrived at the Abernant Lake Hotel in beautiful sunshine. Pupils were soon participating in their first activity and over the three days were always active in numerous physically and mentally demanding challenges such as the zip wire, abseiling, climbing and an obstacle course. Children learnt how to canoe and kayak on the lake, with some finding the water was much colder than they anticipated!

Parents, carers and the wider world were updated with photos and videos via twitter and the school website.

Head of Federation Christian Hilton said: "The staff and I were very proud of the pupils as they challenged themselves in every activity, often surprising themselves with their hidden abilities, collaboration skills and determination to overcome their fears."



Shipston High School

Students get first experience of new building

A group of students had the privilege of being the first to enter the new teaching block being constructed at the High School. The students are members of an enthusiastic band of would-be architects, engineers, designers and other construction industry professionals who have been regularly giving up lunchtimes to visit the site to see the building taking shape. They have been keenly following its development since it started and have been eager to don helmets and high visibility vests to view the site. They were not disappointed.

Although still very much a work in progress, the students were able to climb the stairs to the first floor to see the size and shape of the new classrooms and other areas. Despite the lack of any internal walls, they could easily imagine the other spaces including the location of the lift. The most eye-catching feature is the two storey atrium which will have a balcony running around it on the first floor with views down to what will be a large foyer with an open plan study area downstairs, and a view up to a giant glazed area of the roof that will flood the new building with light.



The regular visits to the site have only been made possible by the generosity of Trendgrey, the construction company, and Kevin Wynne their Site Manager. They have willingly supported the visits as part of their ongoing commitment to education and to promoting careers in the construction industry. Meanwhile the school is continuing to press ahead with the next two phases of its complete re-development and has just received approval to develop the plans for planning permission.

Could you be the key to Shipston's past?

Are you local and retired but with a spritely mind and an ear for a story? Then Shipston High School needs you!

Shipston High School students are about to embark upon an exciting project in partnership with local resident, Mark Pilbeam. We are looking to publish a book of stories from local residents about the past of Shipston and its surrounding areas. In order to do this, we need stories! If you have lots to say and a memory chock full of stories then we would love to hear from you.

Our plan is to interview as many people as possible and then write up their stories for the book. We will do our best to arrange transport – or come to you – if transport is difficult.

If you think you might be interested, or require more information, please contact us on the details below.

Miss Cathy Jones (Head of English): e-mail (preferable) info@shipstonhigh.co.uk



Shipston Wool Fair prepares to entertain all for eighth year running

This year Shipston on Stour celebrates its eighth consecutive Wool Fair - a great day of family fun, rural interest and lots of woolly-related goings on. The fair runs all day on bank holiday Monday 25th May from 10am to 4pm.

The highlight of the fair, as always, will be the real life exhibition of sheep and lambs including over 20 breeds, many of them rare and 'celebrity' sheep. Some of the sheep will be brought to the fair with long coats, and will leave lighter, having been shorn in front of a captive audience using traditional shearing methods. And of course there will be a heated competition to guess the time taken to shear a sheep!

The event will also offer attendees a chance to watch and join in as the age old crafts of weaving, spinning and felting are demonstrated by some of Warwickshire's finest experts.

There will be an abundance of games for children of all ages in the High Street. The day's entertainment will be showcasing all that the local community has to offer through a musical line up that is sure to satiate all tastes. The ever popular Ilmington Morris Men will be performing, Shuvani Gypsy dancers, and, a fantastic blend of contemporary music from some of the area's young musicians. And whilst you're listening, why



not peruse the variety of stalls that will be present in the square which will be selling local crafts, all things woolly, and much more besides.

The day will be celebrating all that Shipston has to offer and



is a great chance for visitors and residents alike to have a look around the vibrant independent retailers that Shipston is proud to boast.

This year, to make the most of the 'Wool Fair Weekend', St Edmunds church will be hosting the first ever 'Shipston Rotary Community Songs of Praise' on Sunday May 24th at 3pm. The afternoon promises to be a delight of favourite music, song, readings and poetry chosen by local schools and community groups, followed by afternoon tea. No tickets required, just turn up.

St Edmund's Church will also be hosting a Flower & Wool Mix Festival which can be viewed on the Bank Holiday Monday. The flowers will compliment a display of wool uses, from wool in infancy at the font, wool in leisure and wool in crafts.

For more information about the Wool Fair, visit www.shipstonwoolfair.org or follow @shipstonwoolfair on twitter.

Photos by Philip Vial

Yee-hah! Wool Fair Barn Dance proves a winner

Those who attended the Barn Dance last month, in aid of the Shipston Wool Fair, had an exhilarating and exhausting evening as they galloped, spun and occasionally stumbled around the dance floor.

With expert instruction and traditional music provided by The Silver Bough Band, guests took to the floor with confidence, dancing and laughing in equal measure as they negotiated do si dos, promenades and two hand turns. Overall, it was an impressive display, though it would be fair to say the Gay Gordons routine proved a little too challenging for some...

Amidst the dancing, there was an opportunity to practice some of the games which will be available at the Wool Fair, with the sheep throwing proving particularly popular and highly competitive. In addition, many went home with extra goodies thanks to generous donations from Shipston businesses for the raffle.

Wool Fair volunteer, Lou Harvey, said "We were delighted to see so many people come along to the Barn Dance. Everyone had a great time while raising money for Shipston's iconic Wool Fair. Those that hadn't been before left as firm fans of barn dancing which is good news for next year's event."

The event raised much needed funds which will help to run the Wool Fair. The organisers would like to thank all the volunteers who helped ensure the event was so successful, as well as the traders who supported the dance.



Open evening provides insight into Norgren Bowls Club

The Norgren Bowls Club is one of Shipston's greatest, but lesser-known assets. It boasts one of the best bowling surfaces in the country, good enough even for Bowls England to use as the venue for selecting their male, female and under 25s Bowls Teams.

On Friday 8th May, the Norgren Bowls Club will be opening its doors to all residents and visitors wanting to find out more about what the club has to offer and test their bowls skills. All you need is flat shoes - there are many sets of woods for people to try.

A free barbecue will keep visitors well fed, while a cash bar will be available for people to purchase drinks. The club is keen to see as many people as possible to come and give bowls a try - new members of all ages are welcome. For more information, see the advert on page 8.

Calling all gardeners! Don't miss this month's plant sales. See page 7

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 Stroke Club:** Fortnightly (14, 28) 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:** 01789 740627
- 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
- There are lots of regular classes on at the Townsend Hall. Visit www.townsendhall.com or call Lisa Bryan on 07800 771368.**

May Diary

- 1 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 9.30am-4pm.** The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library).
Shipston Dementia Cafe: 2pm-3.30pm. For details see page 11. Contact: Charmaine Bird 07720 947938
- 2 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 9.30am-2pm.** Details as above
Chatterbooks: Reading group for 8-11 year olds. 10am-11am, Shipston Library. Join us for games, activities and refreshments.
Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick: All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, 10am. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133
- 3 The 25th Annual Rotary Cotswold Walk:** See ad on page 8
- 4 Brailes 3 Hills Walk:** Brailes Village Hall. Start any time from: 9am-11.30am. £4 adults, £1 children. www.brailesvillage.co.uk
Italian Market: See ad on page 9
- 6 Shipston Widows:** Local lunch 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute: Sand, Sea and Sacred places by Jennie Boyle. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 8 Norgren Bowls Club:** See ad on page 8
Rural Cinema: Into the Woods. See ad on page 8
- 9 Breeze Bike Ride:** Ladies cycling group. A Breeze around Shipston.

Meet at 9am in the car park opposite The Old Mill. Contact: Jacey Jackson 661288 or 07762 358466, cycling@2Jays.co.uk

Mayor's Surgery: 10am, High Street

Shipston Home Nursing Plant Sale: See ad on page 8

Stour Singers: 40th Anniversary Concert. See ad on page 9

11 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group: Life of a Teacher by Frances Hudson. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

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

12 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: AGM. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Visitors £3.50. Contact: Elaine 01608 238255

Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting: 7.30pm, The George Hotel. All welcome. Contact: John Cavana 01295 722287

13 Shipston and District Gardening Club: A Victorian Walled Garden - Will Scott. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933

Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 10am-4pm. Details as above

14-16 Shipston Drama Group: Shakers. See ad on page 9

14 Royal British Legion - Shipston Branch: Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark House, West St. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636

15 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 9.30am-4pm. Details as above

Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting Dementia Carers: 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital. Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carl Watkins 663808 or Lizzy Feather 686013

Dementia Friendly Singing Group: Singing Down Memory Lane. 2pm-3.30pm. Community Lounge Stour Court, Old Road. Contact Dave Hollingworth 654444 or Barbara Smith 662433

Music Society: Maria Jagusz and Friends. See ad on page 11

16 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 9.30am-2pm. Details as above

17 Friends of Shipston High: Car Boot Sale. See page 4 for details

Military Wives Choirs: Townsend Hall. See ad on page 9

18 Shipston Library E-Book Event: see ad on page 11

19 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society: Margaret-Louise O'Keefe - Manet and Monet, Artistic rebels with a cause. 7.30pm. Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Judy Keep 663115

20 Shipston Widows: Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am-12pm, Coach & Horses. Contact Barbara Bean, 663230

Shipston Medical Centre Patient Meeting: 7:30pm at Shipston Primary School. All welcome.

22 Shipston Excelsior Football Club: AGM. See ad on page 11

23 Newbold Plant Sale. Tombola, produce stall, refreshments. 10am-12pm. St David's Churchyard.

24 Shipston Rotary Community Songs of Praise. 3pm St Edmund's Church. See Wool Fair article, pg 6

25 Shipston Wool Fair: See ad on page 16

Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 10am. Details as above

26 Multiple Sclerosis Society: 'Drop in' meeting. 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161

U3A Meeting. See ad on page 11

27 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 10am-4pm. Details as above

29 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 9.30am-4pm. Details as above

30 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 9.30am-2pm. Details as above

STOUR VALLEY LION'S CINEMA (PG)**TOWNSEND HALL**Friday 8th May, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Advance Tickets £3.50 (£4 on door)

From: R. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston On Stour.

: Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608-661148

Interval, Raffle, Refreshments and Snacks.

Disabled wheelchair access and toilets

NORGREN BOWLS CLUB

PITTWAY AVENUE ★ SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR ★ WARWICKSHIRE

are holding an

OPEN BOWLS NIGHT

with free

**Barbeque**

at 6.00pm

on Friday 8th May 2015

Come along and try your hand at bowling
Any age group welcome*The only thing you need to provide is a pair of flat soled shoes***The
25th
Annual****Rotary Club of
Shipston on Stour**
www.shipstonrotary.org.uk**Cotswold Walk****Sunday 3rd May 2015****7 mile walk with spectacular views****"Childrens Treasure Hunt"
and a "Free gift for each
child on the walk"****Enjoy Walking the
North Cotswolds with
magnificent views over
four counties.**Walkers may start at any time between 10am & 2pm
Commence at Foxcote Hill, Ilmington, Nr Shipston on Stour, CV36 4LD
Signposted from A429 & A3400 - Free Car ParkFor further information or charity sponsorship forms:-
www.cotswoldwalk.org.ukOr contact:- Rtn Gerald: tel 01789 740 939
email: gerald.newell@btinternet.com**SECCOMBES**CHARTERED SURVEYORS | ESTATE AGENTS
LETTINGS | PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**Sponsor****'Covering South Warwickshire and
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Shipston on Stour - 01608 663788refreshments ~ toilets ~ marshals ~ first aid
£5 adults£2 schoolchildren**Plant & Home
Produce Sale****Saturday 9th May, 10am - 12noon****FREE ENTRY**Sheldon Bosley Hub, Shipston-on-Stour
CV36 4DQPlants (including vegetable plants), Jams,
Chutneys, Cakes, Biscuits, Marmalades, Pickles,
Pies, Garden Produce etc.**PLANTS & PRODUCE WANTED PLEASE**Delivery of plants to Sheldon Bosley Hub from 12-Noon onwards, Friday
8th May. Delivery of produce to Sheldon Bosley Hub from 10am- 12-
Noon, Friday 8th May or call Nicola on 01926 651453 for prior collection.For more information please call Fudge Ramsay 01608 680000 or
Caroline Gunn 01608 663508We look forward to your
continued support at this
popular event!

Registered Charity No 1061475

Check out the events diary on www.shipstononline.org

Stour Singers

40th Anniversary

Beethoven: *Mass in C* Mendelssohn: *Lauda Sion*

Ruth Holton*, soprano
Shelley Coulter-Smith, mezzo-soprano
Nathan Vale, tenor
Darren Jeffery, bass-baritone
The Cherwell Orchestra

Conducted by Richard Emms

Saturday, 9th May 2015 at 7.30pm
St. Edmund's Church, Shipston-on-Stour

Tickets £12.50 from choir members,
R. Clarke, 27 High St. Shipston-on-Stour and at the door.
(accompanied children free)

www.stoursingers.org.uk
*Ruth Holton appears by arrangement with Davies Music
www.daviesmusic.com





military wives Choirs

Brize Norton
'Big Soul Gospel Choir'
AND YOUNG SOLOIST: MOLLIE SMITH

IN CONCERT AT THE TOWNSEND HALL

MAY 17TH 2.30PM

DOORS OPEN 1.00PM



**Townsend Hall
PROMOTION**

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Shipston Amateur Dramatic Society



SHAKERS

Comedy by John Godber & Jane Thornton

14th - 16th May 2015

Performance commences at 7:30pm
Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour

Tickets -
Thursday - £5
Friday & Saturday - £8
Tickets on the door or
in advance from John Lyne Home Hardware,
Shipston



This amateur production is presented by
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BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4TH MAY FROM 10AM - 4PM



*STUDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL OPERA STAR
MARIA JAGUSZ*

**In the Methodist Church
New Street, Shipston-on-Stour
@ 7.30pm Friday 15th May 2015**

Guests £6.00 - Students & Under 16 £2.50
New Members are always welcome

Registered Charity Number: 1146459 (England)



Shipston-on-Stour Area U3A

**Our Annual General Meeting
(for members only)**
is to be held in the Townsend Hall
on Tuesday 26th May 2015 at 2 p.m.

**Afterwards the
"Fosseway Café Orchestra"
and the
"Pavilionaires Jazz Band"
will entertain us as we enjoy our
Second Anniversary Birthday Party.**



Learn, Laugh & Live

SHIPSTON PROMS 2015 19 JUNE - 4 JULY MUSIC FOR ALL

Calling all businesses – Shipston Proms Needs Your Sponsorship!

Shipston Proms is one of the biggest events in the town's calendar and your business could be part of it.

We have put together a range of affordable sponsorship packages which give you the chance to support this local event and promote your brand.

Choose from three packages, Gold, Silver or Bronze, with prices ranging from £50 to £250. But you'll need to be quick. The top sponsorship slots are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

As part of the package, your business will be promoted in the 6000 leaflets which are distributed to every household in Shipston and the surrounding district.

To find out more, visit www.shipstonproms.org or contact Peter White on pjwhite78@hotmail.com



**Our A.G.M is on the 22nd
may.**

**7.30pm start at Shipston
sports club.**

**Have your say and be a part
of our future.**



Shipston Town Council

Shipston Town Council is inviting bids to support the management of the town's social media pages – Facebook and Twitter.

Although open to different approaches being proposed, the council anticipates needing up to 4 hours per week to support the office staff with content management.

The successful business/consultant will be working in partnership with Town Councillors, The Mayor, and working group chairs.

STC intends to appoint on a six month trial basis to start in June 2015

Bids should be submitted to the Town Clerk, Shipston Town Council, New Clark House, West Street, Shipston on Stour CV36 4HD or via clerk@shipstononline.org by 31st May 2015.



Coming soon to
Shipston Library

E-Book Event



Learn how to download library books, audio books, newspapers & magazines at our FREE drop-in session

Monday 18th May 9.30 – 12.30

PLUS

****New for April****

Join us for a game of **SCRABBLE**

Thursdays from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

AND DON'T FORGET...

Rhyme Time for under 2s, Tuesdays 10.45

Story Stomp for 2-4s Thursdays 11.30

Computer Help for over 50s – ask staff for details

Need a bus pass ? – we can help

Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Café.



'Dementia – not just memory loss' is the title of a talk being given by Dr Pritchard of Shipston Medical Centre on Friday May 1st.

If you are worried about Dementia and would like to understand more about the condition, you are welcome to come along and join us at the Café to hear Dr Pritchard explain about this problem.

Join us for a cup of either tea or coffee on Friday May 1st 2pm at the Stour Court Community Room Old Road Shipston.

Dr Pritchard will also update us about The Dementia Friendly Shipston Community project.

Breeze Bike Rides

A Breeze Around Shipston

Since the first Breeze Ladies' Bike Ride in December 2013 we have done 14 bike rides of varying lengths and durations. Over the (nearly) 18 months we have ridden the beautiful country lanes on routes 360° around Shipston.

Eighteen ladies, so far, have taken part, some cycling more frequently than others, and we are always happy to have new ladies come along. Whether you need to be more active for health and fitness reasons or just enjoy cycling anyway, do join us.

We always wait for everyone and enjoy chatting as we go. Our half way coffee stops have been as diverse as Ettington Park Hotel, the Feldon Valley Golf Club and a DIY scone and flask at a strategic parking place!

Warmer weather is on the way now, so do get in touch for the next ride on Saturday 9th May. We meet in the free car park opposite The Old Mill by the Bridge at 9.00am. For details, contact Jacey Jackson on 01608 661288 or 07762 358466 or cycling@2Jays.co.uk

Shipston Rotary Club



Last month started with the second round of the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition, with the winning team from Shipston High School competing against other West Midland Senior Schools in the District Competition. Although their talk entitled 'let's put a stop to Cyber – Bullying' did not win, it was a very worthy and interesting contender.

At our Tuesday evening meetings we had a talk from a Myasthenia charity (Myasthenia is a muscle weakening disease), also talks about the history of South Africa, The British Tommy - his war in the trenches, and the history of Scouting up to the present day, including The Gang Shows.

More than 90 people attended the Fashion Evening at Townsend Hall on March 26th. There was a range of ladies fashions from Niche of Shipston. Proceeds from the event will go to local charities.

The Rotary Cotswold Walk takes place on 3rd May. As this year is the 25th Anniversary of the walk we will be including a Children's Treasure Hunt and a small gift for each child on the walk. So do please come along for a fantastic local walk, just follow the signs from Ilmington.

Final details are also in hand for the Rotary Community Songs of Praise, to be held at St Edmunds Church on 24th May at 3pm, to coincide with the Church Flower Festival and the Wool Fair Weekend. All welcome so please join us for an enjoyable light hearted afternoon of music, song, readings and poems.

To find out more, please visit our website www.shipstonrotary.org.uk or email President Judith Slinger on jasling@tiscali.co.uk. You can also follow us on Facebook.

Football Club

Cash Back Scheme

You may or may not be aware that Shipston Excelsior Football Club has a facility on its website for Club Cashback which allows members to generate a Cashback reward for SEFC for all products purchased online.



There are over 2,000 retailers to choose from, including some of the biggest high street brands. SEFC will earn a Cashback reward ranging from 1% to 30% of the total sales value for all products purchased via the Club Cashback section of our website.

How to use Club Cashback

1. Visit our club website <http://www.sefc.eu/> and click on the Club Cashback link.
2. Search the Club Cashback section for your favourite retailer and click on their website link.
3. Find your product and complete your on-line transaction (as normal).

All purchases are automatically tracked and Cashback is rewarded to your club for all online transactions. This has the potential to generate significant funds for the club. For full details, visit <http://www.sefc.eu/>

Shipston Music Society Concert

Warwickshire County Boys Choir is an accomplished group which brings together enthusiastic singers between the ages of c. 8 to 14 to perform and experience a wide range of repertoire, demonstrating the unique vocal quality of boys' voices. In their short existence they have achieved many awards and have performed on the international stage. This is quite remarkable as the boys rehearse weekly only coming together for major concerts.

The Choir had previously performed for the Music Society in September 2012 and was given a warm welcome back by members and friends of the Society. In all 24 boys, with an average age of 10.5 years, kept the audience entertained with delightful singing, sometimes with choreographed actions and with the odd bit of humour, showing a great deal of warmth and friendliness between choristers and their choirmaster.

The evening's programme was very varied including American spirituals, sea shanties, gospels as well as traditional folk songs accompanied by Julien Grimshaw who is both pianist and tutor to the choir.

Talking to Garry Jones the music director during the interval he expressed some disappointment that no local boys from this area are in the choir and would encourage more to join and experience singing in such an accomplished choir. He made it very clear that any boys whatever their ability are accepted. All they need is the desire to sing! Details can be found on their web site www.choristers.org.

The next meeting of the Music Society will be 15th May 2015 when students of Maria Jagusz the international opera singer will be performing a wide range of music. Visitors are always welcome – For more information please phone Richard Baldwin 01608-662178 or visit the web site www.shipstonmusic.org.uk

Stour Valley Lions

Lion's Cinema

Our May film on the 8th May will be 'Into the Woods' an adventure, fantasy musical starring Meryl Streep (the witch), Anna Kendrick (Cinderella), James Cordon and Emily Blunt (the baker and his wife), Daniel Huttleston (Jack).



This is an adult version with a modern twist on the beloved Brothers Grimm fairy tales in a musical format that follows the classic tales of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel - all tied together by an original story involving a baker and his wife, their wish to begin a family and their interaction with the witch who has put a curse on them.

Lions Annual Senior Citizens' Party.

Stour Valley Lions plus husbands, wives and buddies worked tirelessly in March to plan, prepare and deliver a party to remember for 117 Senior Citizens. The Mayor, Philip Vial, and his wife Rachel attended to experience the event, talk with residents and enjoy the entertainment.

Shipston Young Fire Fighters assisted the Lions moving and positioning 30 tables, fitting tablecloths, chairs and crockery. Transport and additional wheelchairs were provided and guests enjoyed celebration drinks on arrival. Lions and the buddies prepared and served afternoon tea of sandwiches, cakes, as well as copious amounts of tea and coffee.

The entertainment included; music and songs from local musician Helen Porter and daughter, vocal comedy entertainer J P James and background music sound and lighting from Stephen Haynes and team from Shipston High School. For pictures please visit the Stour Valley Lions and the Shipston Bugle web sites.

Charity Race Night

Lions were pleased to organize and run it's very popular race night for Melanie Trapp and friends in aid of Cancer Research UK raising £1,450. Congratulations to Melanie and friends who all worked hard to bring together a great enthusiastic audience to support the event.

Stour Enterprise Centre

The SEC is a dedicated business centre on Stratford Road which is not-for-profit and well equipped to cater for training and speaking events, meetings and conferences. Offices and suites are available for full or half day hire.

The SEC offers low cost, flexible offices, meeting and conference facilities along with business support services, workshop and training programmes that support enterprise development within the Stour Valley. We also offer opportunities for networking and co-working events.

From advice in helping set up, run or grow your business, to providing professional meeting facilities to impress your clients, the SEC can help by providing opportunities to meet like minded people and nurture your creative talents.

Facilities available from as little as £20 for 1/2 days and significantly cheaper rates for members. Membership entitles you to discounted use of the centre and exclusive access to opportunities all from just £120 per year.

To find out more, visit the SEC on the 2nd floor of Astech Mill, 50 Stratford Road or contact Vaughan, the Centre Manager on 01608 629693, email: info@stourenterprise.co.uk or visit www.stourenterprise.co.uk

Shipston Probus



Chris Colton's talk was titled '5,000 years of Fracture Care', which turned out to be a thoroughly researched history, starting in 3000 BC, with the earliest evidence of the treatment of broken limbs by means of splints. Through the centuries, improvements were made principally in Europe, but the treatment was basically the same, except that poured plaster was also used. Operations were undertaken without anaesthetic until chloroform was used in the American Civil War. Although the use of nails to secure broken bones was discovered as long ago as 600 BC, the same method is still in use today.

Mexico can appear to some to be a country full of drug barons, gang warfare and murders. However, Bob Price showed otherwise with his beautiful slide presentation. Bob travelled mainly in the south and into the Yucatan Peninsular, where history goes back to 600 BC with the Spanish invasion in 1520 AD. There are many pyramids but stepped differently from those in Egypt. How two civilisations on separate continents built similar pyramids remains a mystery. There were also illustrations of a beautiful part of the country with canyons, waterfalls and plant life.

Neighbourhood Plan update

During April, continuing this month and on into June, volunteers from the



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

Neighbourhood Development Plan group will be engaging further with stakeholder and interest groups, individuals, services, landowners, businesses and others, through focused discussions, information gathering and workshops, in order to build on the initial ideas and possibilities that have been generated.

This will lead to an open event in June, designed to show the wider community a range of proposals and ideas that could form the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Shipston up to 2031. Views, comments and further refining of these ideas will be sought, and this will be supported through other means of engagement and a comprehensive survey to allow residents to have their say.

For more information, email to np@shipstononline.org

Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team

Reducing your chances of becoming a victim of burglary

Most victims of burglary are concerned that they have been specifically targeted or watched for a period of time prior to their burglary, to determine what their movements are. However, most burglaries are opportunistic.

Burglars choose houses that:

- have little or no obvious security
- appear unoccupied
- have easy, unobserved access to the side and rear
- provide them with the chance to gain entry without being seen or heard

It is possible to dramatically reduce burglaries by taking simple security measures to deter burglars and remove some of the opportunities that present themselves as easy targets.

For guidance and tips on how to improve home security, visit <http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/Home-security>

Shipston Medical Centre

Help for the vulnerable during power cuts

People who depend on electricity for home medical care, or who have special communication needs, can find power cuts particularly worrying. Western Power Distribution, who maintains the infrastructure for our electricity supply, offers a priority service for people who rely on medical equipment, such as oxygen or nebulisers, which need electricity to run. This service is also available to people with stair lifts, people who are visually impaired and people recovering from operations. Families with young babies may also be eligible. Registered users will be given a direct phone number to call in the event of a power cut, an agreed password prior to any visits to help people feel

safe and the provision of special help, if needed, through organisations such as the Red Cross. They will also be notified in advance of any planned disruptions of power. To get more information see <http://www.westernpower.co.uk/About-us/Priority-Services.aspx> or call 0800 678 3105.



Shipston Medical Centre

Patient meeting: Join us at 7:30pm on 20th May at Shipston Primary School for our patient meeting. All welcome.

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

Website: www.shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk

Readers' Letters

Letter from Jane Hanks

I would like to thank all the kind people who came to my aid after I fell outside the Co-op on the evening of March 7th.

Hopefully by the time you read this both my bruises and the pothole will have disappeared.

Letter from Jennie Scholes, Chairman Shipston on Stour Friends of Cancer Research UK

Many thanks to Marilyn, Mel, Shellie and Jackie and also to the Lions for working so hard organising the Race Night at the Townsend Hall in March. It was a tremendous success and made £1,460 – a great achievement, whilst making the whole evening a very happy event.

Thanks to everyone for their support and to the people who organised such a successful evening.

Proud of My Town

Victory for Norgren Bowls

Norgren Bowling Club emerged victorious for the fifth year running following the Chipping Campden Indoor Bowls League, played on a Tuesday Night.

This team (pictured) includes some of the best Bowlers in the Midlands and they are a credit to Shipston.

The League was formed in 2010 and Norgren has won it every year since its inception. Congratulations to them all.



Photo from Left to Right: Mike Jeffries, Andy Pricket, Willy Pratt, Roger Ashby and (kneeling) Captain Dale Gooderham. Adrian Hardiman [not pictured] is also in the team

L'Academie cuts through its fundraising target

Local hair and beauty salon, L'Academie, raised an impressive £4,885 for Warwickshire Air Ambulance following a 12-hour 'haircut-athon' last month.

Staff generously gave up their bank holiday on Good Friday to provide haircuts and styling in aid of the charity.

With each trip costing on average £1,700, Warwickshire Air Ambulance needs local support to ensure it can continue to provide the life-saving service rural communities rely on.

Salon owner, Sylvie Brown, originally hoped the salon would raise £1,700 and has been astounded by the generosity of clients, staff and neighbouring businesses. "It's good to know the air ambulance can be at an accident scene very quickly,

and that's why all 15 of our staff agreed to support this vital emergency service" she said.

The salon was supported by Shipston Bakery who kept the hairdressers fed, while entertainment was provided by local band, 16 Strings and a Dead Goat.



Remembering Shipston's Fallen – May 2015

7930 Private ARCHIBALD HENRY NICHOLS

Archie was born on 31st March 1888 to parents William John Edward and Emma Nichols, of New St., Shipston-on-Stour. On the 13th April 1891 Archie enrolled in the Infants School moving up to the Boys School on 2nd July 1894 which he left on 30th March 1901. The census taken the following day shows the family living in Telegraph Street, and William working as a Pork Butcher.

After leaving school Archie joined the Gloucestershire Regiment serving for nine years before transferring to the Reserves in January 1914. He joined Warwickshire Constabulary in February 1914 but was called back to the colours when the 1st Battalion mobilised on the 4th August. The Gloucesters landed in France on the 13th August and first went into the front line on the 23rd August at Mons. They came into contact with the enemy the following day.

Through the Autumn the Battalion fought a series of battles and suffered heavily, losing the vast majority of its original soldiers. In December 1914 Archie was wounded at Givenchy and on 22nd January 1915 the Stratford Herald reported that he was in hospital in Sheffield recovering. Returning to France in March 1915 Archie joined the 2nd Btn Gloucestershire Regiment. 8th May saw the Germans attack on Frezenberg Ridge and the 2nd Gloucesters came under a furious barrage with shells directly hitting their front line trenches. This caused very heavy casualties, some platoons being reduced to a mere handful of men.

The following day, anticipating another attack, the Gloucesters retired the majority of the men, leaving a small force to hold the line. The Germans attacked and after desperate fighting broke into the Gloucesters' trenches. They were eventually driven off but the Battalion had lost 5 officers and 140 men. Whilst the official date of Archie's death is 10th May, it is presumed that he was actually killed on the 9th May.

Archie's body was not found and he is listed on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium and is remembered on the Town and County School Memorials.

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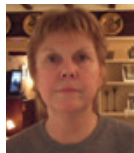
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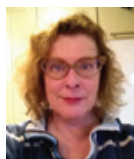
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Something exciting to share?

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

Copy deadline: First Wednesday of every month

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

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

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

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

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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Shipston Library:	0300 5558171
- 24/7 renewal line	01926 499273
Highways customer services	01926 412515
Severn Trent Emergency Line:	0800 7834444
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
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
UCHW Hospital	024 7696 4000
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
Local police (non emergency)	101
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St Edmund's	01608 661210
Methodist Church	01608 642256

SHIPSTON WOOL FAIR

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY!

- * Real life sheep exhibition with over 20 breeds
- * Weaving, spinning, felting & sheep shearing demonstrations
- * Ilmington Morris Men & a fantastic musical line-up
- * Stalls selling local crafts and all things woolly!
- * Children's Games Area

25TH

MAY *Bank Holiday Monday
from 10am - 4pm*