



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

November 2015

Shipston World War Two hero receives high honour from the President of the French Republic

Local World War Two veteran, Eric Whitehead, has been appointed Chevalier in the Ordre Nationale de la Legion d'Honneur in recognition of his contribution and steadfast involvement in the Liberation of France during the Second World War.

Eric served in the Coastal Forces of the Royal Navy throughout WW2. Eric's main role early in the war was protecting coastal convoys from attacks by German boats in the English Channel and North Sea. During the Normandy invasion in June 1944 and thereafter, Coastal Forces carried out navigational duties including escorting convoys to and from the beaches. At this time Eric was commanding Motor Launch 593 of the 32nd Motor Launch Flotilla, playing a direct role in the liberation of France.



The new medal awarded to Eric Whitehead

Between Dunkirk and VE Day, Coastal Forces fought over 780 actions, sinking 800 enemy vessels. In 1944, operating from Norway to the Aegean, there were some 3,000 officers and 22,000 ratings serving in Coastal Forces. That 2,300 were killed shows the hazardous nature of the operations they found themselves undertaking.

In a letter from the French Ambassador in London offering her heartfelt congratulations, she comments: "As we contemplate this Europe of peace, we must never forget the heroes like you, who came from Britain and the

Commonwealth to begin the liberation of Europe by liberating France. We owe our freedom and security to your dedication, because you were ready to risk your life."

Richard Adams, Chairman of the Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion, said: "Eric is a member and past president of the Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion and we are all extremely pleased and proud that his bravery during WW2 has been formally recognised in this way."

Shipston Town Councillors also extend their congratulations to Mr Whitehead, who was once Mayor of Shipston in the days of the Shipston Rural District Council.

The town will have an opportunity to reflect on the bravery of Eric and his comrades, and remember the fallen at the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 8th November. For details, see page six.



Eric Whitehead pictured in his WW2 uniform

Shipston Town Council takes Portobello Crossroads concerns to the top

Shipston Town Council has voted to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, and copy the letter to Nadhim Zahawi MP and the Chief Executive of Warwickshire County Council, amid concerns that proposed changes to the Portobello Crossroads would not improve the safety of the junction. Some fear the proposals could even make the crossing more dangerous.

In response to a report received by an engineer from Warwickshire County Council's Highways Department, Marianne Westwood highlighted her concerns about both the plan to introduce a staggered crossing at the site, and the validity of some of the data on which the decision had been based.

Councillors also expressed concern about the lack of consultation and insufficient evidence to indicate why a staggered crossing would be more effective than a roundabout or other safety enhancements.

While councillors recognised that a roundabout would be more expensive, it was felt that a staggered junction could exacerbate the existing problems. Rather than using up vital funds, the town council would prefer the money to be ring-fenced until sufficient funds or a robust case for effective changes could be made.

Keep up with the latest news on this and other town council campaigns by visiting www.facebook.com/shipston.council



Fancy getting to know more about France? Find out about Shipston's Town Twinning Association, including how you can get involved. See page 12

Mayor's column

What a busy time the last few weeks have been for me. With the start of the Rugby World Cup, along came the Beer Festival at the Rugby Club. The next morning, it was the Shipston Home Nursing 24 hour Bakeathon where lots of lovely cakes were being made. That afternoon I was a guest of the Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa at her Heritage Walk and tea in the lovely setting of Jephson's Gardens.

Then it was on to the Shipston Food Festival which was another lovely day. Thank you Dan Scobie, Philip Vial and all your helpers. It was a great event with lots of people trying out all the wonderful foods.

My next outing was to the Chairman of the Council's Civic Service at St Nicholas' Church in Alcester. What a lovely church and a fantastic service. The same afternoon, I went to afternoon tea with the Mayor of Stratford.

I recently attended the Rotary Club of Shipston's presentation evening. It was amazing to see all the chosen charities receive a donation, and to hear about the work they do.

Finally, there is someone I would like to publicly thank. She will know who she is when she reads this! This lady has spent the last 22 years going to the Primary School to hear Year 1 children read. Thank you for all the years that you have supported those children – mine included. She said to me there is no reward better than hearing the children read. Thank you Mrs B.

Jackie Warner



Totally Locally Arts & Crafts Market wows residents and visitors alike

The first market arranged by Shipston's Totally Locally team proved a great success with a steady flow of visitors making the most of the unique items on offer throughout the day.

For the first time, the market was held in Sheep Street and The Bury, minimising impact on the town square and giving the event a more intimate feel. Local craftspeople and artists made the most of the opportunity to meet new customers, explain what they do and how they work. Stallholders reported a successful day of trading, with shoppers able to purchase goods as varied as handmade journals, handcrafted chopping boards, bags, cushions and bunting as well as pottery, photography and other works of art.



Shipston resident, Amanda, from 2MaddBags was one of the stallholders

Market organiser, Louise Harvey, said: "We are thrilled with the success of this market. The location worked really well and we have had plenty of positive feedback from both residents and visitors. We hope to hold more market events in 2016, so watch this space!"

Using NHS services responsibly this winter

In light of growing pressure on medical services, Shipston Medical Centre is encouraging all residents to use services responsibly this winter.

The NHS is currently under unprecedented strain with increasing demand and ever increasing budgetary constraints. Nationally, over the past ten years alone, total numbers of GP consultations have increased by 63%, with no associated increase in funding. General practice deals with 90% of the NHS patient contacts with only 8% of the NHS budget. GP practices get funding for approximately two visits per registered patient a year. On average patients now visit their GP six times a year (twice as often as a decade ago).

This has led to a shortage of appointments and longer waiting times nationwide. Shipston Medical Centre is working hard to minimise the impact of this as much as possible. Strategies include a range of methods such as triage, offering telephone advice and increasing efficiency in chronic disease reviews. They are also trying to ensure patients see the most appropriate healthcare professional in a timely manner.

There are ways you can help the medical centre and other NHS services as we head into winter. Please turn to page 14 for hints and tips on using NHS services.

Town Council awards new three year contract to Lawns 2 Mow

Following a competitive tendering process, Lawns 2 Mow has been awarded a new three year contract from Shipston Town Council. As before, the contract covers grounds maintenance and town cleansing, including the cemetery.

Lawns 2 Mow, led by Dave Faulkner, has been operating for 12 years and employs eight members of staff. The company has recently invested in new machinery and is looking to employ two new team members in the New Year.



Dave and his team are looking forward to continuing to serve Shipston and its residents. As evidenced by the letter from a resident on page 13, Lawns 2 Mow go the 'extra mile' in providing excellent service and provide vital help to the town in situations such as flooding and heavy snow.

October's hot topics

Light on litter: Fay Ivens reported that in the latest litter pick, there was hardly any litter to pick up for the first time ever. Thanks were recorded to Shipston residents for taking their litter home or using the bins provided, and to Lawns 2 Mow for helping keep the town centre tidy.

Medley of Markets: Councillors congratulated all those involved in the two recent markets and the Food Festival, all of which helped bring more people to the town. A number of people have commented on the successful use of Sheep Street and The Bury as an alternative location for a market.

Draining problem: Martin Ferrier shared news of a number of complaints about blocked drains on Stratford Road. However, there is now an easy to use system for reporting these issues by visiting www.warwickshire.fixmystreet.com. Entering the location details will also enable residents to view problems that have already been reported.

Light show: The new LED streetlights are causing problems for some residents due to the brightness of the lights. Unfortunately they cannot be dimmed but an application could be made to Warwickshire County Council to ask for shrouds to be fitted to lights where the brightness is a significant issue.

Sad farewell: On behalf of the town council and the Wool Fair committee, Ronnie Murphy expressed sadness at the passing of Lord Howe who was a Shipston resident and patron of the Shipston Wool Fair.

U3A Open Day: Councillors congratulated the U3A on an interesting and informative open day in October.

Speeding traffic: Local residents have been raising concerns about speeding traffic on Tilemans Lane and Stratford Road. There are concerns about traffic speeding up as they exit the town on Stratford Road, while Tilemans Lane has the added complication of school run traffic and children crossing at various times in the day.

Campaigning for Shipston

Flood mitigation: Shipston Area Flood Awareness Group (SAFAG) chair, Phil Wragg, and the town council's Sustainability Working Group are to request a 'without prejudice' meeting with David Wilson Homes to discuss flood mitigation measures should the proposed development at Shoulderway Lane be granted planning permission.

River access: Concerns about the safety and aesthetics of the river bank at the end of the Mill Street Car Park has prompted the General Purposes working group to consider removing the picnic bench and extending fencing. The intention would be to discourage people from approaching the river where the ground is uneven. However, concerns from councillors and members of the public have prompted a rethink. The group will bring recommendations to the council once the options have been reviewed.

Town Council business

Neighbourhood Plan: The Shipston Neighbourhood Plan team has completed creating draft policies for the plan which are now undergoing an internal review. The group is working on an open day for the public in December and plans to brief the town council on progress to date during November. An all household questionnaire is also planned within the next few weeks - please look out for it and fill it in to have your say.

In the meantime, the team will be contacting several stakeholders in the town and is working on a revamp for the NP website. Further news will be published in December.

Awards of Community Grants

Local community groups, voluntary organisations and sports/recreational groups are invited to submit applications for grants towards their activities during the 2015/16 financial year.

Grants must be for non-commercial activities, which are of benefit to the residents of Shipston.

This year, the application deadline has been extended. All applications must be received by 20 November 2015 for consideration by the Finance Working Group. The Group will make recommendations to the Town Council. Grants awarded will be for the year commencing April 2016.

For full conditions and an application pack, please contact:

Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk
Shipston on Stour Town Council
New Clark House, West Street,
Shipston on Stour CV36 4HD

Tel: 01608 662180

Email: clerk@shipstononline.co.uk



Shipston Forum & Shipstononline website

The Town Council is inviting submissions for the following work:

1. Writing, editing & production of the Shipston Forum
2. Management of the STC website

The new contracts will begin on the 1st April 2016. Companies or individuals located in the town wishing to tender should submit their proposals no later than 20th November 2015.

For full details, please contact

Tel: 01608 662180

Email: clerk@shipstononline.co.uk

Shipston dance group invited to perform at Eurodisney

Shipston's Spotlight dance group could be thrust into the limelight next year following an invitation to perform at Disneyland Paris. Provided sufficient funds can be raised, the group hopes to take 40 children to France to take up this exciting opportunity.

Spotlight Dance was set up nine years ago by Jennifer Hampton. Having danced professionally for a number of years, she switched to teaching and now teaches about 75 girls, boys and adults in and around Shipston. Students follow the International Dance Teachers' Association syllabus, with 100% pass rate achieved in the last nine years.

The group started competing about two years ago, which has led to an impressive trawl of medals. Spotlight's latest competition has earned them a 30 minute slot dancing as part of a Disney show in Disneyland Paris in May 2016. To enable as many children as possible to share in the experience, the dance group is now looking to raise funds to pay for the trip.

Jenny said: "I'm extremely proud of the children for getting



this far and sincerely hope we will be able to raise enough money to fund the trip to Disneyland. We will be organising some fundraising activities and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be able to support us, either with donations or ideas for raising money."

To find out more or to offer help with the fundraising campaign, please contact Jenny on 07872 835422.

Feeling Festive? Then head to the Shipston Primary School Christmas Fair

The elves are already busy at work organising a fun-filled festive fair at Shipston Primary School on Saturday 28th November 2015 from 4pm to 7pm.

Join the Friends of Shipston Primary at its Cracking Christmas event – they're going large this year with dance displays, recorders, Junior Shipston Town Band and many more attractions.

Turn up to try your hand at wining an iPad mini in the raffle, take your chance on the 'Barrow o Booze' and sweet tombola, stock up on your wrapping paper, Grab a Bag, see Santa in the Grotto, get crafting, take a lap on the driving game, see what you win on the tombola or just a enjoy a glass of something nice in the bar.

As well as retail therapy and performances, they'll be plenty for your taste buds to enjoy. Hot turkey and pork rolls will be on sale along with Prosecco, Mulled Wine, craft beer and lager. And the best bit? There'll be a make your own Hot Chocolate Station for the kids.

Everyone is welcome and all profits raised will help to provide more equipment and opportunities for the school and its pupils. For more details, see the advert on page 8.



Shipston Under-11 Rugby Teams claim resounding victory against Leamington

Both of Shipston's Under-11 rugby teams stormed to victory against Leamington Spa last month. Leamington failed to score a single point in either match.

A super all-round performance with great on-the-shoulder support and quick passing meant the ball did the work with seven tries for Team 2. With every member of the team playing a key role, the coaches were thrilled to see the impact of training paying off in competition.

When it came to Team 1, Leamington started strongly, taking time to break down, but Shipston's flow of steady ball fed the try-scoring machine!

Despite some knocks along the way, the team worked together to deliver a lovely short-side touchdown and a proper Forwards' try, with the final score being Leamington 0 Shipston 8.

Shipston Rugby Club is always keen to welcome new members across all age ranges. For more information, visit www.shipstonrugbyclub.co.uk or call 01608 662107.

Scouting looks set to grow in Shipston

Shipston Scouts are hoping to open a new group (or 'set') in response to growing demand from young people wanting to become Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The only thing holding them back is a lack of adult volunteers to help.

Following a scouting-themed school assembly at the Primary School, over 60 boys and girls turned up to a Taster Evening on 7th October, many of whom would like to join but have had to join a waiting list.

Becoming a scout leader or volunteering on an occasional basis, can be great fun and very rewarding. If you're prepared to help expand scouting in Shipston, contact Dave Wright – d.wright61@btinternet.com 01608662158.

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Harvest Festival

St. Edmund's Church was packed to the rafters with over 400 pupils, teachers, parents and carers for our Harvest Festival. It is always a pleasure to see our smartly-dressed pupils walking down Church Street alongside family members and staff.



Children from the Flamingos class read harvest-themed poems, bible readings and prayers. Thank you to Rev. Andrew Coleby and Rev. Sarah Bourne for leading the service with Mr. Roberts, to Mrs. Roberts for the recorder orchestra and to our Reception children who played maracas to the Harvest Samba! A huge amount of tins, packets and jars were donated by families for the Shipston food bank.

Cake sale for refugees

Year 4 staff were overwhelmed by the amount of scrumptious cakes and biscuits we were given to sell to raise funds for the Syrian Refugee Crisis. The bake sale was extremely busy and we managed to raise £367.93, which has been given to the Red Cross. Thank you to parents, carers and children across the school for all their support in baking and buying cakes. It really will make a difference and it is true 'Responsibility' (our value this Half-term) in action.

Football League

This year Shipston Primary School is playing in a mixed football

league against three other local schools: Newbold and Tredington, Brailes and Acorns. So far there have been two matches, with Shipston winning convincingly 7-1 and 9-1.



Mixed football is played as a seven-a-side match with a minimum of two girls playing on the pitch at all times. The excellent Sports Leaders at Shipston High School have been refereeing the games.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge run by the local libraries. This year's theme was Record Breakers and I know that in addition to reading six books over the holidays a number of children also tried to set a record, e.g. holding twelve bean bags in one hand whilst standing on one leg! The children are very proud of their medals and certificates.



Shipston High School

The Autumn term is now well underway at Shipston High School. Pupils are busy in lessons and a host of extracurricular activities, including our recent Open Evening. The pupils were, as always, out in force during the evening, and filled the school with energy as they shared their pride in the school with prospective parents. The evening was exceptionally well attended, with visitors full of praise for the atmosphere, the mature demeanor of our pupils, and our reputation for excellence.



Shipston High is very proud to have been awarded the 'Excellence in Warwickshire Award' by Warwickshire County Council. The award celebrates the school's work in attaining a 'good' grading from Ofsted during 2015, and is thoroughly deserved by the staff and pupils who, each day, put in the work to create a successful school.

Do you believe in magic?

Magic is in the air and it can only mean one thing – Christmas! And Christmas in Shipston wouldn't be complete without our annual extravaganza... this year we are celebrating our 10th year of musicals with Disney's "Cinderella"!

"Cinderella, Kids – The Musical" features over 50 students singing, dancing and acting on stage for two nights only. This show promises to be bigger and better than ever before and

we are proud to introduce, for the first time, a tap and ballet chorus led by dancing aficionado and Year 11 student Megan Watkins together with live singing from Shipston Fame Competition winner Toby Coffey and Maddie Thomas.



Taking the lead as 'Cinderella' will be Caitlyn Kennedy and Gemma Wildish, both GCSE Drama students trying to maintain the record of 100% A*-C grades achieved by the school's Drama Department for the past two years. "Excited" and "nervous" were words used to describe their feelings approaching the performance. Toby Coffey and GCSE Drama student Dan Packer are taking on the role of Prince Charming with star turns from C.J. Hopkins, Harvey Williams, Jacob Fairbourn and Rory Auchincloss as the ugly sisters.

Directed by Shipston High Head of Creative Arts' Cathrine Hunt, the performance also owes direction and inspiration from Literacy Director Adam Warren and Head of Music David Hunt.

"This promises to be our best show yet," said Cathrine Hunt after Friday's rehearsal "We have plenty of surprises in store and are determined to create an amazing and magical experience for the audience".

Tickets (£5 for adults and £3 for children) will go on public sale from 3rd November. Performances take place on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November at 7.30pm. Contact the school to buy tickets - book early to avoid disappointment! Refreshments will be available in the interval.

Ho Ho Ho! Santa's on his way to the Shipston Victorian Evening

There were cheers all round at Shipston Rotary recently, on receipt of news from Father Christmas that he is able to attend this year's Victorian Evening.

With the star guest confirmed, Rotarians have been busy planning what looks set to be another wonderful evening of festive fun on Friday 4th December from 6-8pm. With everything from carol singers to cupcake stalls, there will be plenty to keep you occupied.

The Rotary Tree of Life will be lit in remembrance of loved ones, while the town's Christmas lights will be switched on to mark the start of the event. Stall holders will be offering opportunities to buy unique gifts for Christmas, while local clubs and charities will be enticing you to try your hand at various games and raffles in the hope of winning some great prizes. Most of the shops will stay open and the prizes for the best dressed window, on the theme of Christmas in Shipston, will be presented during the evening. This competition always produces many wonderfully imaginative displays such as the



one pictured - a particularly memorable live display by The Richard Harvey Collection.

Hot food, mulled wine and plenty of cakes, mince pies and other treats will be available while you enjoy the entertainment and queue up for that all important visit to Santa's grotto. For more details, see the advert on page 16.

Make a splash at the Fish 'n' Frolics Festive Gig

Shipston is definitely the place to be for an early Christmas celebration. Hot on the heels of the Victorian Evening, the Fish 'n' Frolics team will be holding their first ever festive gig on the 5th December. Starting at 7pm at the Sheldon Bosley Hub, the event will feature local group 'Off The Grid', followed by another local talent, Taylor Louise whose wonderful voice will cover some well known songs as well as tracks of her own. Rounding off the evening will be the hugely popular J.E.E.P who always get the crowd going with their mix of well-known favourites and crowd pleasers.

Stuart Fleming, event organiser, said: "These are all cracking acts taken from our Summer Festival and we're really looking forward to hearing them perform live at the Hub. It's a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and we look forward to welcoming as many people as possible to the event."

Tickets are available now and tables will be provided for parties/groups when booked. To book call 07543 613350 or 07980 222890.

Book your stall now for the Sheldon Bosley Christmas Fete

Sheldon Bosley Hub will be holding a Christmas Fete on Sunday 29th November from 10am - 4pm. If you would like a stall at the event, you have until 14th November to apply. Simply send your name, address, telephone and email to confirm your interest, together with your booking fee of £10 per stall. Cheques should be made payable to The Sheldon Bosley Hub and returned to: Sue Jeffries 6 Costard Avenue, Shipston on Stour

For more details, please call 662174 or email: woodwardaris@gmail.com

Remembering Shipston's fallen

Remembrance Sunday is on 8th November which will be marked with the traditional parade from Shipston town centre to St Edmund's Church, where the Service of Remembrance will be held.

This important opportunity to remember Shipston's Fallen involves not only serving and ex-serving Armed Forces personnel, but also includes many of the town's youth groups. The parade will be led by the Town Band and accompanied by the Civic Party.

Those involved in the parade will assemble in the High Street ready to march off at 10.30. After the very short march to St Edmund's, wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial after which all will enter church ready for start of the service at 10.45. Medals should be worn.

After the service the parade will march back to the High Street, fall out then enter the George Hotel for a comradely gathering.

Richard Adams, Chair of the Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion, said: "We always enjoy a good turnout for the parade in Shipston and I sincerely hope that as many people as possible will join us on this important occasion as a mark of respect to the fallen."

Wednesday 11th November is Armistice Day. At 11.00 am, two minutes silence will be observed in the High Street outside the George Hotel. All are welcome to join the growing number of those who recognise the importance of this occasion.



Regular events:

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

November Diary

- 2 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** AGM and Birthday Tea. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 2-6 Shipston Primary School Open Mornings:** 9:30am. For prospective parents to find out more about the school. Please book. Contact: 661266 or primary@shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk
- 4 Shipston Widows: lunch.** 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute: AGM.** Speaker: Lawrence Thatcher on Roman Alcester. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 5-6 Shipston Home Nursing: Designer Sale.** See details on page 12
- 6 Shipston Dementia Cafe: Dietician.** 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Charmaine Bird 07720 947938
- 7 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, West St at 10am. Equipment & refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com

- 8 Shipston WI: Craft Sale.** 1pm – 3.30pm. See ad on page 8
- 8 Remembrance Sunday:** Parade and Service. Details on page 6
- 9 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 10 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
- Flower Club: Forever Festive - Grand Open Evening.** See pg 9
- Stour Valley Lions Monthly Meeting:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact: John Cavana 01295 722287
- 11 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library).
- Armistice Day – Two Minutes Silence:** 11am. Town square.
- Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Beneficial Creatures in the Garden by Roger Umpleby. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- 12 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark House. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 13 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Rural Cinema:** The Water Diviner. See ad on page 10
- 14 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Mayor's Surgery.** 10am, High Street
- 16 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group: The Charles Bonnet Syndrome** by Brian Hudson. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 17 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** See ad on page 10
- 17-18 Shipston Home Nursing - Gift Fair.** See ad on page 9
- 18 Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. Contact Barbara Bean, 663230
- 19 Wool Fair Workshop:** Ann Howell /Ros Lobb 'How tapestry took over our lives'
- 20 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. Stour Court. Contact Barbara Smith 662433
- Shipston Music Society: Music in Shakespeare** by Ted Watson
- Swing from Paris:** Townsend Hall - see page 9 for details
- 22 Lions Gala Cinema: Breakfast at Tiffany's.** See ad on page 8
- 24 Multiple Sclerosis Society: 'Drop in' meeting.** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- U3A Meeting.** 2pm, Townsend Hall. See ad on page 10
- 25 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston and District Literary Society:** 'Why on earth would anyone suggest that Shakespeare was not the man from Stratford?' by Richard Vaughan-Davies. 7.15pm for 7.30pm at The George Hotel. Contact Helen Marshall 01789-740773.
- Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch: Committee Meeting.** 7.30pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 27 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston Sports Club: Disco.** See ad on page 8
- 27-28 Shipston High School performs Cinderella:** Details on page 5.
- 28 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Friends of Shipston Primary Christmas Fair.** See ad on page 8
- 28-29 Artmix Exhibition - Chipping Campden.** For details see page 8
- 30 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group: A Musical Afternoon with Nic.** 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

SHIPSTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE

ARE HOLDING A CRAFT SALE

Stalls include

Handbags - Jewellery - Artwork - Pottery

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER

THE SCOUT HUT, NEW STREET

1.00 - 3.30pm

RAFFLE AND CAKE STALL

Tea - Coffee and Cake



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Sunday 22nd November 2015 at 3.00pm

Tickets £7.50 each available from:-

www.townsendhall.com (PayPal).

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

:Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608-661148



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* Table Seating. Tickets available online at www.townsendhall.com (PayPal), or Roger Clarke Electrical Shop High Street Shipston or contact Peter on 01608 664456 / 07711 562317 / johnson89@btinternet.com

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A Townsend Hall Event

SHIPSTON HOME NURSING
invite you to a
CHRISTMAS
GIFT FAIR

More NEW STALLS this year!

Tuesday 17th November 6pm to 9.30pm
Wednesday 18th November 9.30am to 3.00pm
Entry £4.00 includes home made biscuit and coffee returning to

**The Townsend Hall, Sheep Street
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Come and join us for our grand open evening

on Tuesday 10th November

At the Townsend Hall

Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4AE

7.30pm start doors open 6.30pm

Tickets £8-includes mulled wine and nibbles

Contact Pauline 01608 662158

Rotary Tree of Life



Each December the Tree of Life stands proudly in the centre of Shipston, its white lights glowing symbols of love and hope in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us.

If you wish a friend or relative to be remembered in this way you are invited to sponsor a light by returning the form and making a donation knowing that every name will be entered into the Book of Remembrance.

All contributions will be donated to Rotary Charities.

The illumination of the **Rotary Tree of Life** will take place at the opening of the Rotary Victorian Evening on **Friday 4th December at 6pm**

Rotary Club of Shipston-on-Stour Tree of Life

Please find enclosed donation £..... (minimum £5) cheques payable to Rotary Club of Shipston on Stour

In Memory of: (Name) _____

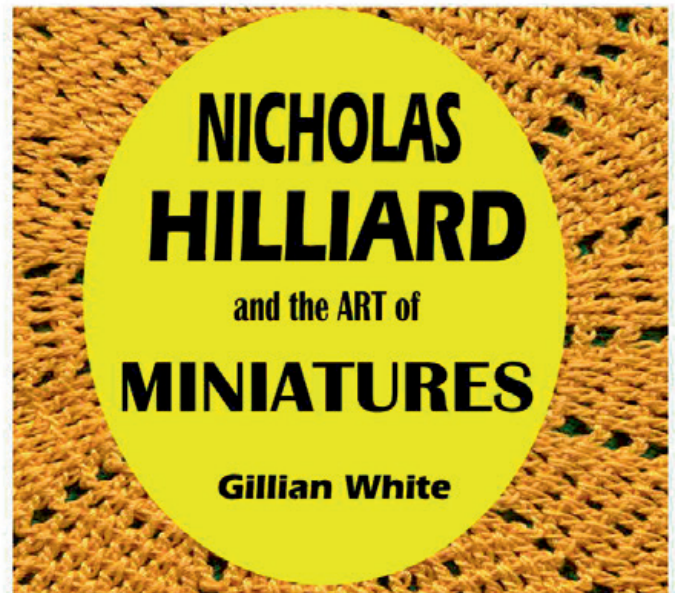
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Your address: _____

Forms are also available in local shops, banks, library, post office and other locations or contact Avryl

Please return to: Rotarian Avryl Thompson, Willow Bank, Pillerton Priors, Warwickshire CV35 0PS. Tel 01789 740 047

SHIPSTON ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY



17th November 7.30 pm

The Parish Centre,
The Catholic Church,
Darlingscott Road,
Shipston on Stour.

Visitors welcome

01608 663115



Our next Monthly meeting

**Tuesday 24th November 2015
at 2 p.m. in the Townsend Hall**



Tea - The Nation's Favourite Drink

The story of growing, manufacture and marketing of tea leading onto shipping and packing in the UK.

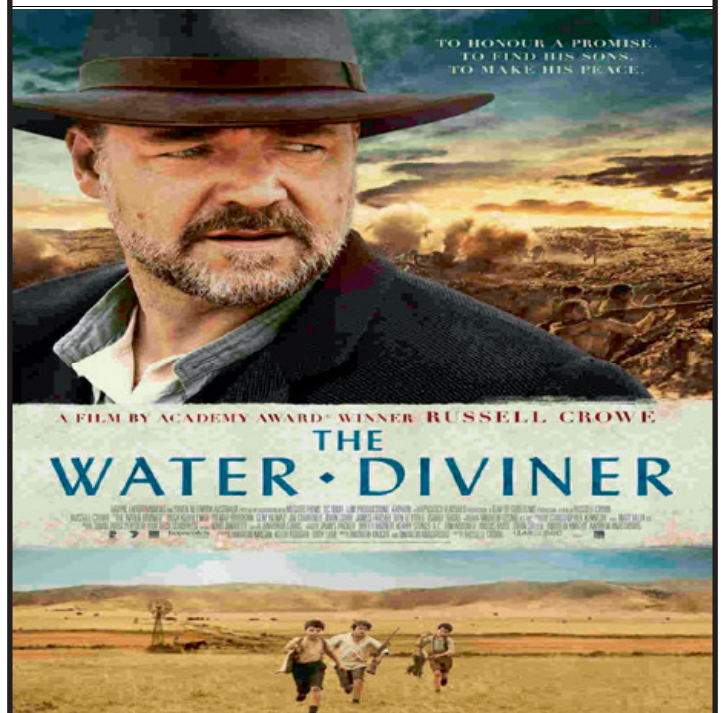
Presented by Warren Ford

Visitors are welcome

Tea, biscuits and entry: £2

Learn, Laugh & Live

STOUR VALLEY LION'S CINEMA



SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL
Friday 13th November 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 for Refreshments drinks and snacks.
Wheelchair access and disabled toilets

Shipston Proms

Following the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 1st October the Shipston Proms Music Festival team are now planning the 2016 fortnight which will run from 17 June to the 2nd July.

The organisers would like to thank everybody who made the 2015 Proms so successful, particularly all the sponsors and venues.

They are now actively seeking new volunteers to join the 2016 Proms team. You don't have to attend every meeting, but you do need to be enthusiastic about promoting music in the community.

The Proms team needs people to take tickets on doors, collect money in buckets, help on the last night on Saturday 2nd July, and many other jobs.

For more information, please call 01608 685332 / 07775 644073 or visit www.shipstonproms.org

Shipston-on-Stour & Area U3A



An inspiring talk was on the agenda at the last meeting by Peter Nutall from Chipping Norton U3A. Entitled "My Bucket List" it represented the list of things he wanted to do from the day he retired and included a desire to go on a round the world sailing-boat trip. He decided to apply for the Atlantic leg of one of the boats in the Clipper Race, as this was the most energetic and extreme form of sailing. Ten boats were in the race from all over the world, and he was accepted.

Setting off from Liverpool for Brazil, he was with 17 others in the crew, some experienced but many novices. They were to live in a very confined space, with four hours on and four hours off duty, for between four to five weeks, often with the boat tilting at 45 degrees. The position of each of the other boats had to be always plotted.

Food had to be always eaten from a bowl with a spoon, and a cup of coffee could only be delivered half full. Some of the tasks, such as pulling on ropes, were very physically demanding, and the constant dressing and undressing of the many layers of clothing took much time and effort, but the most difficult he found was to achieve full co-operation with such an assorted crew, especially in bad weather.

The slides he showed made the audience feel part of it. For Peter, the literal high point of the voyage, at the top of the mast, was a sublime experience.

Next month's talk will be on November 24th, 2 pm. at the Townsend Hall, by Warren Ford entitled "Tea – The Nation's Favourite Drink". All members are urged to come as it is of interest to all of us.

Shipston Arts and Crafts Society

At the September meeting of the Shipston Arts and Crafts Society members heard a well-illustrated talk by Roger Butler on 'The Silk Road', an account of a journey through Bangladesh, Nepal, Tibet, the western Chinese province of Xingjiang, and the Karakoram Mountains to Pakistan.

We saw slides of the varied topography and the changes from the plains to the high mountains of the Himalayas, and the many varied ethnic groups who inhabit the land making a living from different forms of agriculture practised in central Asia. The speaker brought out the effect of inward migration into both Xingjiang and Tibet of Han Chinese and the industrialisation of Umachi, the principal city in Xingjiang.

The largest province in China has long been settled by ethnic Turkic peoples who are Moslems. Their religious monuments include brick mosques in Turfan and Kashgar. In the latter, the domes of the mosques are covered with blue tiles. These are a complete contrast with the stone-built Buddhist temples of Lhasa and the smaller towns of Tibet.

The next meeting of the Shipston Arts and Crafts Society will be on Tuesday 17 November 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Catholic Church Centre, Darlingscote Road, when Dr Gillian White will speak on 'Nicholas Hilliard and Minatures'. All are welcome.

Probus



On 11 September, John Calderon, a member, entertained us with a description of his life as a smallholder after retiring from a career as a solicitor. From an early age, he had a love for the countryside and bought a small farm in Suffolk before moving to Shennington. He attended courses at Morton Morrell to improve his knowledge of farming. The range of animals he kept was considerable and included goats, pigs, hens, geese, sheep and donkeys. There were amusing stories associated with all of them. Like some of us, he never mastered the art of reversing a trailer.

Tore Fauske, a Norwegian, has spoken to us in the past of growing up in Bergen during the war. After a period at sea, he settled in this country. On 25th September, he spoke about how he was able to use his knowledge of two languages to become a translator. He not only interpreted at conferences but translated brochures and manuals. He amused us with examples of oddities and quirks of the English language which make it difficult to translate into Norwegian, and the problems in understanding many of our dialects.

Stour Valley Lions



Food Festival

It seems a long time ago now (especially with the more 'Autumnal' feel to the recent weather!) but thanks to all of you who visited our cake tombola stall at the Shipston Food Festival. We hope you enjoyed the cakes, biscuits, jams, chutneys etc that we produced, raising over £350 in the process.

Gyratory Garden

On the morning of Sunday 4th October the Lions headed over to the Gyratory garden to give it a spruce up ahead of the winter. Out went the summer bedding plants, ready for a few weeks' time when the winter colours will go in. Keep your eyes open for the finished result!

Dates for your diary

Friday November 13th is Lions' cinema night, and the film for November is *The Water Diviner*, starring & directed by Russell Crowe. See the advert on page 10 for details.

Sunday November 22nd also has a cinematic theme with a special gala screening of *Breakfast At Tiffany's* at the Townsend Hall in aid of The Shakespeare Hospice. Tickets to include a cream tea served at your table. See posters in the town for further details!

And Finally...

Like the sound of what we're doing? Why not help us out! Contact Lion John Cavana, Membership Officer on 01295 722287 or email john.cavana@btinternet.com, or any Lion for further details. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in The George Hotel in Shipston, so why not join us?

Shipston Home Nursing

The Armscote Tulip has arrived! All monies raised through the sale of the bulbs will be donated to Shipston Home Nursing in memory of Leighton Evans.



Bulbs can be bought from Whichford Pottery, Talton Mill, Bumble and Wild, Taste of the Country or directly from Armscote Manor. Alternatively, bulbs can be bought online by visiting www.armscotemanor.co.uk and clicking on the 'shop' tab.

Designer sale

Don't miss SHN's amazing annual sale of fabulous clothes & accessories at crazy prices

5th Nov: 6.00-9.30pm and 6th Nov: 9.00am-4.00pm

At Darlingscott Farm, Darlingscott CV36 4PN by kind permission of John and Maggie Sargent

ARTMIX Returns to Chipping Campden

Established Artists, who all live locally are looking forward to visiting Campden again and enabling the communities to meet the Artists and to see and purchase their work.

The 'mix' this year is as diverse as usual, with Penny Varley's fabulous ceramics; Heather Bailey's textural landscapes and abstracts; Tim and Hannah Porter's Photographs and Illustrations; Melanie Charles's animal paintings; Birdy Blacksmith's amazing ironwork; Lis Mann's stunning textile work and Jenny Edge's versatile design work.

ARTMIX venues are renowned for their accompanying live music and generous hospitality. The special ingredients this year are Mulled Wine and Music provided by the remarkable talents of Helen Porter and friends which adds a convivial and informal atmosphere to launch the festive season.

All the work is for sale and entry is free of charge.

The Exhibition opens Saturday 28 November 10am-6pm and Sunday 29 November 10am-5pm. For more information contact: Heather Bailey: heather@bramleyhouse.com Tel: 07980 376367

Shipston Twinning Association



Shipston Twinning Association was formed in 1983, inspired by the enthusiasm of Keith Mc Carthy, and has been officially twinned with that of Torigni sur Vire, Normandy since 1985. Its aims are to promote friendship between the people of the two communities and to encourage visits by individuals and groups, particularly young people.

In the past, football matches have been arranged, the junior town band visited Torigni and gave a concert in the Chateau, and exchanges involving the Junior School and the High School have taken place. Three year 10 students did their work experience in Torigni.

The mainstay of the Association, especially in more recent times has been the family exchanges which take place one year in France, the next in England. They usually last four of five days over a weekend and social events and excursions are arranged. Some families have had the same correspondents since the beginning. In spite of any difficulties in understanding each other's language, real communication is always made and true friendships have lasted with much fun along the way.

To maintain the Association in its present form more families and individuals of all ages are needed. If you want to experience a little bit of French culture and hospitality, enjoy socialising with like-minded people, feel you need to put your knowledge of French into practice, appreciate French cuisine and drink or simply want to spend a few days abroad then please do get in touch.

New Chair needed

After more than thirty years at the helm, Keith, deservedly, is standing down. The Association is therefore looking for someone to take over, whose responsibility, along with the committee, will be to find host families and organise events when the Toriguais visit Shipston, and to help with travel arrangements when Shipstonians visit Torigni.

Next year the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of twinning takes place in Torigni over the Easter weekend. If you would like to be involved with this or feel you can help the Twinning Association in any way please contact: Sue Aston susanaston57@tiscali.co.uk or Liz Jaworska lizjaworska@hotmail.co.uk

SCAN



On Tuesday 11th November, the SCAN AGM will be followed by "World War II Home Front & Rations" presented by Jane Arnold. The event will include a cookery demonstration and taster session.

The event is designed for all young-at-heart over 50s and is free to attend so why not bring a friend? The meeting starts at 10:30am at the Townsend Hall, with free refreshments served from 10am.

Proud of My Town

Thumbs up for helpful contractors

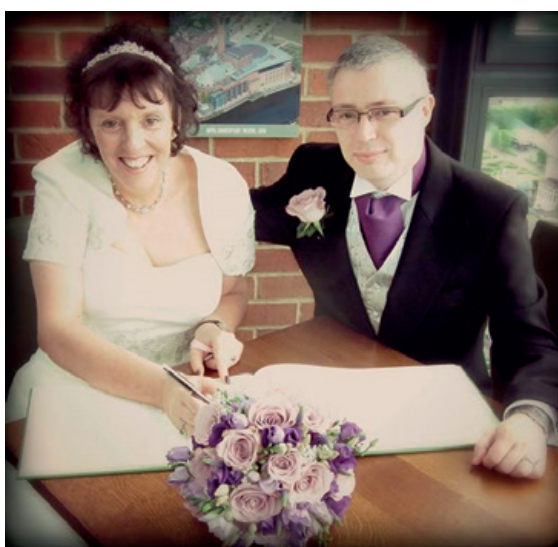
A local resident has been in contact with the Shipston Forum to request a public thank you to Lawns 2 Mow for tackling a problem on top of their existing workload.

The resident approached Lawns 2 Mow while they were doing some hedge trimming in Mill Street. She explained how overgrown the gyratory bus stop had become, leaving bus passengers fighting off vegetation as they got on and off the bus and asked if they could help.

Lawns 2 Mow immediately rectified the problem despite not being specifically contracted to do so. Although some of the vegetation is on private land, Lawns 2 Mow were able to trim it back to the boundary, making it easier for bus users to access the stop. The resident was particularly keen to congratulate the team on their helpful attitude.

Town Councillor ties the knot

Congratulations to Town Councillor, Marianne Westwood, who recently married Edward Mott in the Tower at the RSC in Stratford. After a wedding breakfast on the Countess of Evesham the newlyweds were lucky to be invited to take part in a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, which was a one off collaboration with Garsington Opera. Marianne said: "It was a wonderful experience that topped off a very special day."



Shipston Rotary receives certificate of appreciation

Rotary District Governor, Paul Jaspal, recently presented a certificate of appreciation to Shipston Rotary President, Christine Cockell, for services to Rotary and the Local Community, during his visit to Shipston.

Mr Jaspal also updated the group on further progress regarding Rotary's polio eradication campaign. Only Pakistan has had cases this year and only a few. Health workers in Pakistan continue to risk their lives to administer the immunisation.



Readers' Letters

Letter from Local Resident

Take Care

Now the evenings are drawing in and the clocks have gone back your home is more vulnerable from burglars. Most burglars are opportunists and will target a house in darkness, as it's likely nobody is at home. It is better to have a small light on rather than return to find your home ransacked as happened to us.

Letter from Mr D Spragg

Watch your speed on Tilemans Lane!

I am writing to raise awareness of the persistent problem of speeding on Tilemans Lane.

Despite a complaint to the police along with a number of residents signing a petition to ask for regular checks to be made, the problem has not gone away.

Residents are fed up with the speeds of some vehicle's using this road as down right dangerous and an accident waiting to happen. The police do appear on occasions to do a check but they cannot be here all day long only staying for less than an hour.

An independent check was made on Tilemans Lane for several hours a day for a week and the findings were that while the majority of drivers were within the limit of 30 mph a small number were well over, the highest being 49 mph and quite a number of 36 to 39 mph (15 in a 3.5 hr period).

As there are two junctions on Tilemans lane there has been a fair number of near misses involving all types of vehicles.

As the Lane is used by a fair number of children crossing from the school to the immediate houses there is quite a chance that one day someone is going to be knocked down and badly injured or worse.

At times it sounds and feels like you are living next to a motorway when the odd boy racer goes by late in getting to work !!

There are certain times of the day it's worse than others, early evening is particularly bad, as is late evening. I and other residents will continue to raise awareness of this problem.

Something to say?

If you have news to share or want to let us know about someone who you feel should feature in the Proud of My Town Section, please email your suggestions to Forum@Shipstononline.org. Letters and articles may be edited to fit space.

District Council update

Stratford District Council has been sitting at the table with the seven West Midlands Metropolitan Authorities discussing joining the WMCA (West Midlands Combined Authority). This has been a fast moving negotiation and we had to vote in October as to whether to continue at this stage of the process of combining various activities, including transport.

By a narrow majority we agreed as a council to pull out of the WMCA process at this stage and explore combining with other authorities with which we have more in common.

This has been a complex process and the debate on it in October was well informed and reasonable - you might like to take a look at the debate online. If anyone wants to talk to me about next steps, please get in touch on 07748968712.

Councillor Jo Barker

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

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County Council update

Thank you for the many good wishes that I received following my recent thyroid operation. I am pleased to report that the surgery went very well and I am back in business, so to speak.



Street lighting

The County Council has a programme of replacement for old and out of date lighting columns. It is time for Shipston to be upgraded.

I have been informed that all concrete lighting columns will be replaced over the next three or four months. There will be a few days delay in transferring the electricity from each old street light to its replacement. On the plus side, the new street lights will be fitted with power saving LED lamps, making the town more eco-friendly.

Minerals Plan

Documents like the Minerals Plan are easy to push to one side. In planning terms it is important as the plan regulates the extraction of sand and gravel as well as mining in general.

If you want to shape the policies that WCC will approve then the up to date version of all documentation is available on line at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mdf>

There is now a public consultation on the proposals ending at 5pm on Friday 4th December.

Road signage

I have started receiving plans for new signage on the A3400 gyratory scheme for which I had secured funding.

There is still some more work to be done, but I hope that better town centre road signage will soon be on its way.

Councillor Chris Saint

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Shipston Medical Centre - Using NHS services responsibly this winter (cont'd from pg 2)

Along with the rest of the NHS we are under increasing pressure as patient numbers increase and people visit their GP more often.

We take pride in our 'community focused ethos' and strive to offer many extra services and health promotion activities above and beyond those we are commissioned to do. We are, however, finding it increasingly difficult to sustain these activities but remain committed to do so. It falls to all of us to ensure we use the NHS responsibly to help maintain and improve our existing services.

How can you help?

- 1 Alternative resources are available to help guide you through minor self limiting illnesses such as:
 - A variety of websites such as www.nhs.uk; www.patient.info
 - Pharmacists, health visitors and the minor injuries unit are excellent sources of advice.
 - Various NHS Apps for your phone on a range of health matters
- 2 If you are unable to attend any appointments (at the GP surgery or hospital) please make sure you call to let us, or the hospital, know so your appointment can be reallocated.
- 3 We are also undertaking more home visits than ever before. Our practice area is very large and this can involve a 15 mile round trip. If you are able to ask a relative or friend to bring

you to the surgery this could save up to 6 appointments. If you feel you do need a home visit, please could you call as early as possible to assist us in managing our workload.



Shipston Medical Centre

- 4 If your appointment at the local hospital needs chasing, please call the appointments number at the hospital. This will help our secretaries manage their increasing workload. If you are having difficulties, however, our team will be happy to help.
- 5 Be aware of drug waste. A recent audit found that the value of wasted medications from our surgery alone was approximately £117,000 per year! Think how many nurses this could employ. Only order what you need and inform the pharmacists if you no longer require any of your medications.

Thank you for your on-going understanding and support. Hopefully, together, we can continue to provide a high quality, community-focused healthcare for our wonderful community.

If you have any ideas or suggestions we would love to hear them. Please send us comments via our website (<http://shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk>), or in writing at the surgery to Rachel Vial, Practice Manager.

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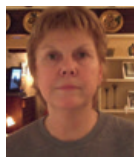
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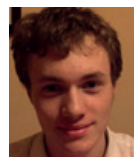


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Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
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Shipston Forum	01608 495955
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
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Something exciting to share?

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

Forum copy deadline: First Wednesday of the month

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

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Shipston Rotary Club's

Victorian Evening



**Stalls
Music
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& Father
Christmas**

**&
The Tree of Life
December 4th from 6 to 8pm
in Shipston Town Square**