



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

September 2012

Shipston Town Council calls on the public to help shape Shipston's future

Shipston Town Council is encouraging all residents and local businesses to get involved in developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Shipston.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a new way of helping local communities influence the planning of their local area. Once formally adopted, the plan has to be considered by the planning authority (usually Stratford District Council) when determining planning applications or considering broader planning issues.

With Shipston facing so many different development pressures, a Neighbourhood Plan could help the town develop a shared vision for its future, and ensure developers and planners alike are mindful of the needs of residents and local businesses when considering development proposals.

Mayor, Fay Ivens, said "Whatever your views on development, I cannot stress enough how important it is for those interested in Shipston's future to get involved in helping to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a real opportunity for us all and it is vital we work together to develop a robust plan which will help ensure local residents have a say in Shipston's future."

Shipston Town Council has asked retired planning specialist, Stephen Miles, to oversee the development of

the plan, supported by a steering group. The first step will be to hold a public meeting to engage with those living and working in and around Shipston and begin developing a vision for the town.

Details of the meeting will be publicised on www.Shipstononline.org, the town noticeboards and in the Shipston Forum (deadlines permitting). If you would like more information in the meantime, please contact the Town Clerk (see page 15 for contact details). You can also download a leaflet about Neighbourhood Plans by visiting www.planninghelp.org.uk



Shipston's Jubilee legacy

A number of local charities have recently received donations thanks to Shipston's Jubilee celebrations.

In the 12 months leading up to the Jubilee weekend, Shipston's Jubilee Crew put on a broad range of fundraising events, including coffee mornings, race nights, bingo and raffles. The intention was to raise enough money to put on a free community event for residents, which they delivered in style.

Thanks to their successful fundraising events, the surplus left over after all costs for the event had been covered was £2482.87. The remaining funds were split among the nine committee members for them to donate to charities of their choice. The beneficiaries were as follows: First Responders; Queens Avenue play park; Shipston Young Firefighters; The Sheldon Bosley Hub Social Enterprise; Warwickshire Air Ambulance; Shipston Scouts; Shipston Young Carers; The Ellen Badger Day Care unit and The Brody Bunch (a breast cancer support group).

Diamond Jubilee Crew Chair, Melanie Trapp, said "We are delighted to have been able to donate this money to such worthwhile charities. Thank you to all those who supported our events and helped make the Jubilee celebrations such a success."

Inspiring a generation – what will you do?

The London 2012 Olympics gave us all an opportunity to feel proud of Britain and celebrate Team GB's sporting achievements. But with the big event behind us and the Paralympics soon to finish, now is the perfect time to switch off the TV and be inspired to take on a new activity.

Mayor, Fay Ivens, encouraged all residents to take up the challenge. "London 2012 set out to inspire a generation. Our athletes delivered wonderful moments of triumph and determination – and now it's our turn. Having personally been inspired to pick up a tennis racquet for the first time in ages, I'd like to encourage all residents to find out what is on offer locally and give something new a try."

Shipston offers a vast array of sporting activities to suit all tastes, from tennis to taekwondo, dancing to darts, not forgetting favourites such as badminton, yoga and walking. There is plenty to support an active mind as well as body, with clubs covering everything from arts and crafts to bridge, music and literature. Take a look at page 7 or contact Shipston's venues to find out more.



Photo courtesy of London 2012

Mayor's column

Shipston Primary School Production Club's end of term performance of 'The Jungle Book' by years 5 and 6 was a delight to attend. The colourful costumes and make up were fantastic, added to by the wonderful scenery and lighting. The enthusiasm and fun the children were having shone out as they sung and acted their way through the production, and took numerous curtain calls.



I was honoured to be invited to present the Awards and Certificates at Shipston High School's end of term Celebration Assembly on the last day of the summer term. It is always a pleasure to visit Shipston High School. As soon as you walk through the entrance, a feeling of welcome and respect is so evident. This is reflected in the fantastic results achieved by the students and the obvious dedication of the teaching staff.

I was thrilled to be invited to open the fete of Church of Our Lady and St Michael Catholic Church by Fr. Brian Doolan. What a wonderful afternoon that turned out to be. The sun came out at 2pm and an afternoon of fun, maypole dancing and games were enjoyed in glorious sunshine, ending with the presentation of the Homecraft Competition Awards.

As in previous years I was involved with St Edmunds Church Holiday Club on the first week of the school summer holiday. Each day, 80 children enjoyed a fun packed morning, where they took part in singing, dancing, crafts, games and bible stories. A huge thank you must go to Daniel Pulham and his team of very talented and enthusiastic young people from Stour Valley Baptist Church, who along with Rosemary Gibbins and the team leaders from St. Edmunds Church, gave all of the children a wonderful week to start the holidays.

This month we have also, at the invitation of the town mayors, attended the Civic Services at Southam and Warwick. We were also invited to attend the Warwickshire Children and Youth Services Showcase Evening at Warwick, which proved to be a very inspirational and interesting event.

Fay Ivens

Campaign groups resolve to find common ground

Many members of the two opposing pro and anti supermarket campaign groups have agreed to take part in a meeting with the town council to find areas of common ground and seek clarity on what is needed in Shipston.

At a packed town council meeting, residents and councillors discussed their concerns and hopes in relation to the proposed development on the Campden Road. Many expressed a desire for improved shopping and a petrol station, while others raised concerns about the impact on the town, the landscape and the town's existing infrastructure. Councillors reminded the public that the proposed development also includes a significant number of new houses.

Representatives from the two campaign groups will now meet town councillors to seek to identify common ground, focusing on what the public want for Shipston. Members of the public will be invited to attend – please keep an eye on the website and town noticeboards for details of the meeting.



"Scoop the poop!" residents are urged

Town Councillors are urging all dog owners and walkers to scoop their dogs' poop and put it in the bins provided rather than leaving it on the street.

Dog mess on the pavements is not only unpleasant, it can cause a health hazard and yet many people seem happy to leave their dog's mess for others to step in. Dog mess is even being left in close proximity to where the dog bins are sited.

Town Mayor, Fay Ivens, is encouraging the public to take action. "Clearing up after your dog doesn't take a minute and will be of huge benefit to others. We want people to take pride in the appearance of Shipston – and feel confident they can walk around town without stepping into something nasty!"

If anyone is spotted not clearing up after their dog, action will be taken which could result in a fixed penalty fine of £75.



Wood service keeps chipping away

Warwickshire County Council's Home Waste Wood Chipping Service is seeing an increase in demand, with bookings now being taken two weeks in advance.

The service visits residents and processes green waste on site for them to use as a garden mulch/compost, at a cost of £20 per visit.

If you've been taming your garden and need the chipping service to turn your twigs into something more useful, please contact the Forestry Section on 01926 738827 to book your visit.

Midsummer Mayhem proves successful despite the rain

Over £35,000 was raised for local charity, Shipston Home Nursing, during a weekend of fun in June.

Despite battling against weather more common in autumn, the Midsummer Ball was a great success, with further activities enjoyed by all at the Midsummer Mayhem family fun day, the following day.

There is no rest for the fundraisers, though. See page 6 for news of other events planned.

August's hot topics

Early start: Following concerns raised by a resident, street cleaning in the town square will now start after 7:30am and won't take place on a Sunday to minimise noise disturbance.

Bus pass problems: Jackie Warner will ask Warwickshire County Council whether a webcam could be fitted to the computer in the library to enable people to apply for their bus pass online (which requires photo ID).

Blockages: Fay Ivens reported that three of the bridge's arches are blocked with silt, raising fears of a potential flood risk. The Town Clerk will contact the relevant authority to request action.

Spot the picnic bench: The picnic benches at Mill Street are once again disappearing amongst the grass. The town clerk will remind Stratford District Council to cut the grass as soon as possible.

Beecham Road: Richard Cheney has asked whether the town council can mow the grass on the corner of Tileman's Lane and Beecham Road, although the land is owned by the Crown Estate and is not the responsibility of the town council.

A boards: Following a concern raised by a member of the public, the town council will write to all local businesses reminding them about not putting A-boards on pavements which can cause an obstruction.

Campaigning for Shipston

Shipston Youth Club: The most recent meeting of the management committee, held at New Clark House was very positive and enabled the Safer Neighbourhood Team to take part in the meeting and agree various actions. A new youth worker is needed at the club. Please see page 12 for details.

Shipston Neighbourhood Plan: The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing, with outline plans for public engagement now available. See page 1 for more details.

Working with WCC: Although some drains have been cleared following the repeated requests by STC, problems remain. STC will conduct another audit of the drains in Shipston and request action by WCC. A letter will also be sent to the Highways Department, once again requesting action to improve safety for pedestrians crossing the Bridge on Mill Street.

Streetlight switch-off: STC has not had a response from WCC to its strong objection to plans to switch off some streetlights from Midnight to 5:30am. The Town Clerk will chase.

Planning: Standing orders were suspended to allow a discussion to take place about the proposed ASL development on the Campden Road, involving both councillors and the public. See the news item on page 2 for further details.

Town Council business

Contracting out: Tenders are being finalised for the street cleansing, maintenance and grass cutting contracts which will be awarded in November.

Governance: STC will respond to the consultation on Parish Council governance.

Depot all done: The former town council depot has been cleared thanks to sterling work by Arthur Ivens. All councillors expressed their gratitude to Arthur for getting the job done.

Finance: The Finance Working Group has reviewed the draft report from the internal audit and has sought clarification from the internal auditor regarding some of the comments made.

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

New Clark House Update



Shipston Town Council recently welcomed a new councillor, Adrian Jelf, who was co-opted onto the council after a thorough application process in July. Adrian will be joining the planning and general purposes working groups.

Introducing Adrian Jelf

Adrian has lived in Shipston for 5 years with his wife, Tracey, and their four children. Adrian applied to join the council so he could do his bit to improve Shipston for the



future, whilst preserving the good things that the town already has.

Adrian is looking forward to joining the planning and general purpose working groups and has expressed his thanks to members of the town council for giving him this opportunity.

Hedge Haircut

Liz and I have recently completed an audit of domestic hedges, trees and verges which are in need of a trim to ensure they are not causing an obstruction for passing pedestrians or cars. If you have received one of our letters asking you to take action, please would you arrange to cut back your foliage as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Grant applications

Community groups and charities seeking financial support from the Town Council next year are now invited to submit applications. If you would like to put in a bid, please see the ad on page 9 for details and deadlines. The Town Council will review all applications at their meeting in November.

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Town Clerk

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Olympic-themed church fete proves a real delight for families

Both the sun and residents' competitive spirit shone at the Olympic-themed fete at the Parish of Our Lady and The Apostles church, resulting in a gold standard day out.

"I said the sun would shine", Fr. Brian Doolan told the crowd. "I said it wouldn't rain. This shows you should listen to what Father tells you..." he joked.

Local families, school parents, competition entrants joined parishioners from the three Catholic churches located in the parish at the fete held in the St. Michael's church grounds and new parish centre on the afternoon of Saturday 14th July. The event raised £1,300.

Alongside an array of stalls and sideshows, including books, coconut shy

and tombola, there were children's novelty Olympic races which some good-natured parents ran in too. Special guest, Town Mayor of Shipston, Councillor Fay Ivens, presented the prizes.

A particular highlight was the colourful Maypole dancing display put on by Shipston-on-Stour Primary which proved popular with young and old alike.

The results of the annual craft and handicrafts competition were displayed inside the church: classes included flower arrangements, produce, cookery and photography. Anthea Anderson scooped six first prizes, while the men's class of scone making was a hotly contested category. Thanks to all those who supported the event and helped raise such a great sum.



Mark Avery, aged 2 years 8 months. Winner of Homecraft junior prize for peppermint creams

Outstanding news for Shipston Pre School

The Directors of Shipston Pre School were delighted to be rated "Outstanding" during their recent Ofsted Inspection. The report states that "Children thrive in this safe, welcoming and purpose-built pre-school."

Rachel English, Manager said "We are absolutely thrilled with our report which reflects the level of care and education that we provide at Pre School, as well as the commitment of our staff in supporting all children in their learning and development. We particularly appreciated all the lovely comments made by parents!"

Shipston Pre School will be holding an open afternoon on Friday 14th September 2.00pm-3.30pm – this will be a fun opportunity for children and their families to join in some creative activities and find out more about Pre School. The Pre School is situated off Tileman's Lane next door to the Children's Centre and offers a variety of sessions for children from 2 years of age. Tel: 01608 666029.



Lots of arts and crafts are among the many activities provided for children at Shipston Pre-School

Holiday fun at Shipston's churches

During the last week in July, Shipston churches held their annual Children's Holiday Club in St Edmunds.

Approximately 80 primary school children attended on each of the four mornings. Daniel Pulham, from the Stour Valley Baptist Church, and a team of very willing helpers kept the children fully occupied. Different crafts were accomplished each day relating to a story from the Bible. Line dancing, songs and games were enjoyed.

On the last morning parents and siblings were invited to join their children for hotdogs. Amazingly 180 hot dogs were consumed!



Shipston Youth Club to reopen under new management!

Shipston Youth Club is busy preparing for its official relaunch on the 14th September 2012. The event, which will be attended by Nadhim Zahawi MP, marks the start of the club's future under the management of a committee of local volunteers, following the withdrawal of funding by Warwickshire County Council.

When faced with the news that county funding would end, the then youth club committee resolved to make sure the vital facility for young people which had existed for 40 years would continue. After a sterling amount of effort and financial support from volunteers and club members and Shipston High School, charities including Shipston Rotary and the School for Females, the Big Society fund, and Shipston Town Council, the initial funding and resources to keep the club open were secured. However, fundraising will need to continue to cover £12,000 annual costs.

Daniel Pulham, Chairman of the new Management Committee, said: "We are thrilled to be in a position to relaunch the youth club and would like to thank all those who have supported us. We look forward to continuing to provide a safe, secure and supportive environment for 11-18 year olds."

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



The Bare Necessities

Shipston Primary School's musical adaptation of the Jungle Book was a roaring success as Year 5 and 6 pupils played three sell-out shows.

The whole cast, including Mowgli, Baloo, Bagheera, Kaa, Shanti and Shere Khan, gave superb performances.

Inspired by Rudyard Kipling's classic, the musical adaptation of the Jungle Book has been the subject of the school's Production Club since Easter.

Members of the club had the opportunity to develop their acting, singing and dancing skills as well as learning about aspects of stage production. Behind the scenes, children designed and made props, scenery and also controlled the audio and lighting equipment.

Headteacher Christian Hilton said: "I was extremely proud of everyone; it is always wonderful to see such enthusiasm and confidence from the children."



Building project

Local residents may have noticed the arrival of some diggers onto the school site over the summer holiday.

Thanks to a grant from the local authority, the school is embarking on a small expansion project so that children can benefit from better facilities including larger Year 5 and 6 classrooms, a new practical facility, an outdoor classroom for Years 1 -2 and a combined ICT suite and library. One of the much awaited improvements will be more hall space. In the last four years the school's increasing popularity has resulted in an additional 80 pupils on roll which has made assemblies rather crowded!

New term, new beginnings

Shipston Primary wishes its leavers every success in their secondary education and is also pleased to welcome new pupils joining reception. The school continues to improve and results gathered across the whole school at the end of last term indicate even higher levels of educational attainment and progress in reading, writing and maths.



Shipston High School

Geography Field Trip To Borrowdale by Ben Lawrence, Year 10

Year 10 geography students and 4 members of staff recently set off for the Lake District National park. When we arrived, we quickly unpacked and headed 4 miles south west to Seatoller and up a steep mountain road to conduct a river study near the top. At the start of the [next] day the weather wasn't looking hopeful and sure enough the rain started to pour as the group got barely a mile into the walk. Finally we got to the small village of Grange after about 3 miles of walking where we studied signs of tourism. After the study and a well-deserved ice cream we set off in the direction of Cat bells and Keswick.

The following morning there was no walking (to the delight of the students) as we were driven up to Honister slate mine, which is the only working commercial slate mine in the UK, for a tour and then a quick marshmallow topped hot chocolate. Next we went to Whinlatter Forest for a talk by a Ranger from the Forestry Commission about preservation and uses of the forest including a 'go ape' site and mountain biking.

Technology Visit To Calshot Activities Centre

The Technology Department with 40 Year 8 students undertook a very exciting visit to Calshot Activity Centre on Calshot Spit. The students were immersed in activities where their safety and enjoyment was directly linked to the quality of Design and Technology. By experiencing this

event as design students the aim was to make them aware of the potential, excitement and necessity of good technical sustainable design.

"Calshot is the best thing in the world, I had so much fun with my friends and with my teachers and all the activities were epic. But none of this could have happened if it wasn't for the design and technology of everything we used and did. I would recommend it to anyone who is into technology and likes to try new things" Harry Coupe

History Visit To Ypres And the Somme

On Monday 16th July 64 students and 7 members of staff visited Ypres and The Somme. In Ypres 3 students laid a wreath at the Menin Gate in front of an audience of thousands – a very proud moment for Shipston. During the visit a number of students who had been researching their family histories were able to find graves of ancestors and all students laid special wooden crosses made by the school. The Shipston branch of the Royal British Legion had asked us to commemorate the Shipston fallen which



we did at Thiepval, where we had an emotional, private remembrance ceremony.

A drawing by Grace Spalding which was laid with a wreath at the Menin Gate

Olympic spirit at Ellen Badger Hospital!

Inspired by the Olympics, Ellen Badger Hospital's Day Unit in Shipston got into the sporting spirit by organising their own Olympic Games.

During the two weeks of the Olympics, patients on the unit took part in a number of games including a Torch Relay, Skittles, Quoits and a Penalty Shoot Out. The aim of the Olympic events is to encourage the patients to be part of the Olympic spirit and to help them keep fit and active.

The Day Unit cares for local elderly patients who have long term conditions and are being supported with rehabilitation in the community. In addition, patients have also made Olympic decorations including a handmade Olympic torch, as well as adding a red, white and blue theme to the garden to support Team GB.

Gaye Calleja, Day Unit Ward Manager said "I would like to say well done to our patients and staff for their hard work in putting together the garden and also partaking in our own Olympics. All patients and staff have enjoyed the

experience so far and are looking forward to our own closing ceremony. I would also like to thank our patients in their contribution to maintaining our lovely garden."



Staff and patients from the Day Care Unit enjoying Olympic-themed fun

New day and new face for Citizen's Advice Bureau in Shipston

The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) outreach has been operating successfully in Shipston for a number of years, and from now on, it will be available on Monday mornings from 10am to 1pm at New Clark House on West Street.



The CAB offers free, confidential, and impartial advice to anyone who needs it. The CAB can help with any problem, but typical enquiry areas are debt, benefits, housing, employment and relationship problems. In all cases, advice given is free of charge and is completely confidential.

After many years' service to the CAB, previous outreach worker, Paddy Squires, has retired, and experienced adviser, Spencer Colquitt, will be the new face of the CAB in Shipston.

Spencer said "I know what a great job Paddy did helping people in Shipston, so I hope very much to be able to continue her great work and look forward to helping residents with any queries or problems they may face."

If you have any problem for which you would like help or information, call the CAB now on 01789 200136 and make an appointment to see Spencer. As well as the outreach service, the CAB also offers specialist caseworkers for debt and housing issues.

For quick advice, residents can also call the CAB telephone helpline on 0844 855 2322 or visit www.adviceguide.org.uk

Don't miss the annual Harvest Fayre

Shipston's annual Harvest Fayre takes place on the 30th September, organised by Transition Shipston.

The Fayre is set to be a relaxed family day, where residents and visitors can buy local produce, take part in childrens' games, find out more about environmental initiatives and indulge in some additional retail therapy. The free event will also showcase traditional crafts such as apple pressing and provide information on how to get involved in local environmental schemes, including harvest shares.

The Harvest Fayre opens in the main High Street at 10am. Many of Shipston's retailers will also be open to help you make the most of your Sunday in the town.

It's all go at Shipston Home Nursing

Shipston Home Nursing is well known for a busy schedule of fundraising events and the next few months will not disappoint.



If you've been inspired by the British cycling team, it's time to jump on your bike and join the SHN annual Cycle Challenge Ride on 30th September. But if golf is more your thing, the Feldon Valley Golf Day follows soon after, on 4th October, with Bacon butties and dinner afterwards included in the entry price.

Retail therapy is also on offer, with the Christmas Gift Fair and a Designer Sale taking place on the 1st and 9th November respectively. Finally, the Armscote Manor Lecture series begins on the 8th October, with a number of different lectures taking place that week.

For details on all these events, visit www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk or call Rebecca Mawle on 01608 674929.

Regular events:

- Mons Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Mon Line Dancing:** 7pm, Townsend Hall. Contact: Julie 07508 721685
- Mon Zumba:** 7:45pm Shipston High School. £5. Other weekly classes also available. Contact: Debbie 07966 746794
- Tues Jivestar Modern Jazz:** 8pm. Contact, Gordon: 07792 217267
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (4 and 18). 10am-12pm Roman Catholic Hall. Contact: Adrian Collins, 661576
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Alternate Tuesdays (11, and 25). 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Stella, 686224
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays (4 and 18). Doors open at 6:30pm. Eyes down at 7:30. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Tues: Zumba (from 11th).** 6.15pm, Townsend Hall. Contact: Debbie, 07966 746794
- Weds Calypso Kids Music:** Instrumental fun for accompanied children aged 6 months+. 9:20 or 11am, Townsend Hall. £4.50. Contact Emmajane Roberts 07890 399162
- Weds St John's Ambulance:** Adults division. Meet at Shipston Fire Station, 7pm. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club** at Rainbow Fields Contact: Diana 01789 740627
- Thur Badminton Club:** Turn up and play from 7:30pm, Townsend Hall.
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Yoga & relaxation for all ages:** 10:30am - 12pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Leigh, 665995
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Linda, 662290

September Diary

- 1 Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- 2 Shipston Flower Club:** Farm walk and cream tea at Whitchurch Farm, Wimpstone near Alderminster. From 2.30pm. Families and dogs on leads welcome. Adults £6.00, couples £10.00, children free. Contact: 01789 450359
- 3 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group: 'Anecdotes' by Ann Hepworth.** 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 4 Multiple Sclerosis Society 'Drop in' meeting:** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
SWIB (Supporting Women in Business): Networking event. 6-8.30pm, The Stour Enterprise Centre. To book, contact: Lynette Berry 07540 802 118
- 5 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm, The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library). Books include fiction, children's, cookery, gardening, art etc. To donate books contact Lion David Squires on pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk
National Organisation of the Widowed: Lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute: 'State Ceremonials' by Col. Lesinsky. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Mal Lawrence 662122

- 6 Story Stomp: Storytelling for 2-5 year olds.** 10.30am, Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- 7 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm. Details as above
Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Cafe: See ad on pg 8
- 8 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- 10 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 11 Senior Citizens Action Network meeting (SCAN):** 'A light-hearted look at Shipston's past' by Mike Ashley. 10-11.30am, Townsend Hall. Contact: Brian Fletcher 661308
Shipston Flower Club: 'Plaiting and Weaving' by Beryl Griffiths. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Non-members welcome. Contact: 01295 788099
Stour Valley Lions monthly meeting: 8pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. All welcome.
- 12 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Members Evening – Annual Show. Vegetable, fruit and flower competition. 7.30pm, Catholic Church, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- 13 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Mtg. 7.30pm, New Clark House, West Street. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 14 Stour Valley Lions Cinema presents 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel':** For details, see ad on page 8
- 15 Old Tyme Music Hall:** See ad on page 9
- 17 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Monthly Social. 12.30pm, Horseshoe Inn. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group: 'Judy on the Move' by Judy Murdock. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 18 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** 'My Life and Work – Dr PJ Crook'. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Penny Law 663871
- 19 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
National Organisation of the Widowed: Meeting. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
Shipston High School: Opening Evening: See Advert on page 10
- 20 Stour Valley Lions Diabetes Screening:** See pg 10 for details
Yoga: Ten week course on Thursdays. 7pm, Townsend Hall. Contact: Angela, 07717 221756
Shipston Home Nursing Coffee morning: See ad on page 9
- 21 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm. Details as above
Bridge Taster Session: 10:00am at the Shipston Rugby Social Club. Contact: Val 07516 091786
Shipston Music Society: Warwickshire Boys Choir in Concert. See advert on page 8
- 22 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- 25 Shipston High School: Opening Morning.** See Advert on page 10
- 26 Shipston and District Literary Society:** Philip and Susan Taylor re 'Jonathan Dewhurst the Lancashire Tragedian'. 7.30pm, The George Hotel. All welcome – guests £3.00. Contact: Mary Edwards 01789 450737
- 28 Chamber of Commerce Business Advice Surgeries:** Free advice sessions by appointment. To book, call 629693
Bridge for Beginners: 10am at the Shipston Rugby Social Club. Contact: Val 07516 091786
- 30 SHN Shipston Cycle Challenge Ride:** See ad on page 16
Transition Shipston: Harvest Fayre, Town Centre, Shipston. 10am till 2pm. Stalls, crafts, local produce, eco ideas



SHIPSTON MUSIC SOCIETY Presents

Warwickshire Boys Choir
Conductor *Garry Jones*
(Finalists in the BBC Choir of the Year)



Friday September 21st 7.30pm at
Shipston High School
Guests Welcome £5.00
Students £2.00

For Further Details Ring 01608 663207



STOUR VALLEY LIONS BOOK SHOP



**Now open on Wednesdays,
10am-4pm**

For full details of opening hours, see the What's On diary.

September focus: Travel – UK and overseas

If the weather has been getting you down, come and be inspired by our wonderful range of travel books

**Venue: The Coach House, Church Street,
Shipston on Stour**

(opposite the Shipston Library, adjacent to the White Bear Car Park)

Huge selection of fiction, non-fiction and children's books.
All proceeds to local charities.

Books in GOOD condition are always gratefully accepted, contact as below, we regret we can't accept books at the Coach House.

New Members always welcome, contact Lion David Squires,
e.mail pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk

STOUR VALLEY LIONS - RURAL CINEMA

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel Cert.12

Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Tom Wilkinson, Maggie Smith, Celia Imrie,
Dev Patel, Penelope Wilton, Ronald Pickup



Brits journey to a retirement resort in India, friendship and romance blossom as they touch each other's hearts in the most unexpected ways. Romantic comedy.

SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL
Friday 14th September, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Advance Tickets £3.50 (£4 on door)

From: R. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston On Stour.
Or Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608-661148
Raffle and Refreshments

Dementia Resource Café

An Information and Support Service



Stour Court, Old Road, Shipston on Stour
7 September, 2pm – 3.30pm

Dr Sue Pritchard, Shipston Medical Centre
will be speaking on the medical aspects of dementia.

For further information contact

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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 2013/14 financial year.


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

All applications must be received by 31 October 2012 for consideration by the Finance Working Group. The Group will make recommendations to the Town Council in November 2012. Grants awarded will be for the year commencing 2013.

**For full conditions and an application pack,
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FREE DIABETES TESTING
Ellen Badger Hospital



2-6pm

20th September 2012

10% of people don't know they have diabetes. One simple test can tell you if you're at risk.

Stour Valley Lions and Shipston Medical Centre



**Interested in
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**SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN EVENING**

**Wednesday 19th September
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**OPEN MORNING
Tuesday 25th September**

Stour Valley Lions

Free Diabetes Testing at Shipston Medical Centre

Lions are supporting Shipston Medical Centre's free Diabetes testing day on the 20th September between 2 and 6pm. The objective is to reduce problems associated with Diabetes by detecting the disease early. The simple screening test can detect high blood sugar levels, which can indicate Diabetes. If the amount of sugar in your blood is too high you and your GP will be informed. The main aim of treatment of both Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes is to achieve blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol levels as near to normal as possible. This, together with a healthy lifestyle, will help to improve wellbeing and protect against longterm damage to eyes, kidneys, nerves, heart and major arteries. Don't miss this opportunity.

Lions Cinema Showing The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

After a summer break the monthly 'Lions Film' restarts on Friday 14th September with an acclaimed cast of British actors including Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Tom Wilkinson, Maggie Smith, Penelope Wilton, Ronald Pickup and Celia Imrie. Viewing is suitable for persons aged 12 years or over. The story follows seven cash-strapped Brits journey to a retirement resort in India. Friendship, and romance blossom as they touch each other's hearts in the most



unexpected ways. In the end they will all discover that life and love can begin again when you embrace today and let go of the past. A must see film.

Lions Race Night – book your table

Book your table at Townsend Hall on Saturday 10th November at 7.30 pm. This popular event involves audience participation with six jockeys from the audience riding and jumping fences in six races. There is a half time break for a meal, all for the price of £7.50. This event is suitable for young and old so make a note in your diary and book your table with any member of Stour Valley Lions.

Diamond Jubilee Crew

On Saturday the 14th of July the Jubilee Crew had their last committee meeting followed by a thank-you party for those who helped fundraise and provided support during the main event. At the meeting the accounts were brought to a close. £8,504.14 was raised before expenditure with a surplus of £2,482.87 once all expenses were paid. See page 1 for details of how this money has been distributed.

The Jubilee web site has now closed down, but the website Shipston Events will carry on and will have a Jubilee page on it. If you have any digital photos taken on the day of the celebrations that you would be happy to appear on the site as part of a record of the day, please send them to Keith Clarke at Keith.clarke@mail.com

Senior Citizens' Action Network



The next meeting of Shipston SCAN will take place on Tuesday, 11th September 2012 at the Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston from 10:00 to 11:30. Admission is free and all young-at-heart over 50s are welcome.

Free refreshments will be served from 10:00 and our meeting will open formally at 10.30 with our guest speaker, Mike Ashley from Shipston on Stour & District Local History Society whose talk will be "A light-hearted look at Shipston's past". We have a PA system in place for those who are hard of hearing and you will have an opportunity to 'Have your Say' at the end of the talk.

If you would like to attend SCAN meetings but have any difficulties such as personal mobility or lack of transport please contact Margaret Wilson on 01608 663006 to discuss possible ways in which we can help.

Shipston Proms AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th October at New Clark House. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Proms team are particularly looking for new members to join their enthusiastic and friendly team.

Shipston Proms has been running for 14 years and is organised by a small independent group who put on 2 weeks of music for the community involving as many local people as possible. Local musicians are encouraged to perform, some for the first time in public, and a varied programme is put on, covering all genres of music.

National and international artists are sought each year, with previous headline acts include The Animals, Dr. Feelgood, and The Blockheads.

Thanks to all those who have supported the Proms this year, particularly the 'Last Night Of The Proms' party atmosphere in High Street with Coventry Two-Tone band The Selecter finishing the evening off with their infectious mix of punk, ska, and reggae.

A note for the diary - next year's Proms will run from 21st June – 6th July 2013.

Probus



The growth of the English pub from Roman Times to the present day was a fascinating story told by Graham Sutherland on 6th July. For many years, inns were used only by travellers. In the reign of James I, people started going out at night and pubs became focal centres. Some were mere dens of iniquity, others meeting places, and on the coast, some were associated with smuggling. In the 18th and 19th centuries, so-called coaching inns were developed. Graham also illustrated some of the many signs and pub names. As the popularity of pubs increased so did the

development of brewing. In Roman times it was regarded as woman's work. The introduction of hops, and later, malt, improved the quality of beer. Thousands of distillers also produced gin.

At our next meeting, Tore Fauske spoke about growing up in Norway during the war. He had put together a collection of slides obtained from various sources, some of them from German publications. He lived in Bergen and described the extensive damage done by a German ammunition ship, which blew up, and by the RAF attempting to destroy the reinforced concrete submarine pens. They missed and destroyed a large part of the town with heavy loss of life. They were told not to try again. He described all the various tricks used to annoy the Germans and the severe restrictions on travel. Conditions were generally not so bad as in other occupied countries.

Shipston Amateur Dramatic Society

Join Us!

We welcome new members from age 18 to 80 to our friendly group of thespians, techies, set builders, back-stage and front of house helpers - whatever you want to be involved in. We are particularly in need of young actors age 18 to 30.

We put on three performances a year, namely, our popular pantomimes in January and productions in May and October. Rehearsals are held at the Townsend Hall on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. We also have additional social events throughout the year.

If, however, you do not have the time to perform or help with productions but would like to support the Dramatic Society, then be a valued contributor and become a Patron – as such, your name will be listed on all our programmes.

Our website is www.shipstondramagroup.org for more details where there is a 'contact us' option if you need further information.

Dementia Resource and Support Cafe

"The sooner the better" was the most important information to remember about the talk given to the members at the Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Café on Friday, 3rd August. Local solicitor, David Brooks, was giving us the low-down on Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA) which were brought into being in 2007 following the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

LPA protects people who may not be able to make some decisions for themselves due to dementia, learning disabilities, mental health problems, stroke or head injuries, and provides a legal basis of how other people can make decisions on their behalf. With questions and personal stories from the audience it was clear that arranging our own LPAs while we still have mental capacity could save a lot of stress and cost for our families who may have to deal

with our affairs should we lose our capacity to do so.

The Alzheimer's Society, which runs the monthly Café for people with dementia and their carers, has information factsheets on this topic: Mental Capacity Act (460) and Enduring and Lasting Powers of Attorney (472). These leaflets are available at the Shipston Café which meets on the first Friday of each month 2pm -3.30pm at Stour Court in Shipston or visit the Society website: www.alzheimers.org.uk,

If you are caring for someone with dementia or have been newly diagnosed, come to our next meeting at 2.00pm, 7th September at Stour Court, Old Road, where you will find a warm welcome, refreshments and support from others in the same situation.

Bridge Taster Session

Why not try something new this winter, Bridge for Beginners is holding a taster session on Friday 21st September at the Shipston Rugby Social Club, Mayo Road, Shipston at 10:00 am. This session is free to all who would like to find out more about the game of bridge. Why not come along, pick up some cards whilst having fun and meeting new friends.

Shipston Arts and Crafts Society

At its July meeting, the society heard from Allister Malcolm about his career as a glassblower from its beginnings as a student at the University of Wolverhampton. Following the end of course show, where he displayed a range of single stem vases, some with a distinctive tear drop, Allister was able to develop his skills whilst holding a prestigious two-year Hot Glass Studio Scholarship at Broadfield House Glass Museum. Work from this time included 26 vases for the heads of government at a Foreign and Commonwealth office Asia/European Summit in 1988.

Much of his early work was utilitarian, but awards followed and there was the opportunity to participate in trade shows at the NEC in Birmingham as well as shows in San Francisco and New York. He explained that in recent years, he had eased back on activity in the USA. Before its restoration, Allister moved to a studio at the Red House Cone before its restoration and then on to Himley Hall where he made a considerable investment in furnace kilns. As his skills developed over the first eight years of his career, Allister developed pieces in moulded glass, adding silver and gold leaf for decoration and also designed glass candlesticks.

In Wednesbury Town Square, a public piece of Allister's work is on display, Ariel, which is glass moulded on to a steel frame. It took fourteen months to plan and organise and three months to manufacture. It is his largest piece of work to date, weighing three tons.

Recently, Allister has moved back to Broadfield House where he provides demonstrations as the resident glass blower. Allister is the driving force behind the International Festival of Glass on 24-27 August 2012 which has attracted considerable sponsorship for the world's longest glassblowing demonstration.

The next meeting of the society is on Tuesday 18 September 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the Catholic Church Parish Centre. Dr P.J. Crooke will be speaking on 'An Artist in a Crowd'.

Stour Valley WI



No 'bees in our ladies bonnets' at our July Meeting – plenty of bees, though, for our speaker, Apiarist Mr Hepworth, who gave a very enjoyable and enlightening talk on beekeeping.

He brought his protective gear, smoker and a miniature beehive. Mr Hepworth has kept bees in Shipston since coming to live here in 1961. His interest has increased significantly in this pastime due to media coverage last year concerning a wide-spread decrease in bee population of unknown origin.

In monasteries, centuries ago, a beekeeper was a particularly important monk, as the honey collected was used as a natural sweetener and made mead to drink, while the beeswax would be moulded for altar candles and general usage for lighting, etc.

Due to our impossibly inclement weather this summer, the amount of honey will be far less than normal, as, like ourselves, bees do not favour rain. Their wings cannot take the weight of the rain and movement is curtailed – no flying – no pollen collected – no honey! Apart from this, the plants also suffer and are not productive. Around 150lbs upwards usually can be made; however this year's yield is estimated at 60-65lbs.

Afterward the talk, members enjoyed an Anagram Flower Quiz. A 'thank you' letter was received from Horton Premature baby unit for our mammoth amount of knitted items recently sent. Our Luncheon Ladies have decided to go to Thailand for their July lunch. Let's hope they get back!

Shipston Youth Club needs you!

You will have seen elsewhere in this issue of the Forum that Shipston Youth Club is being relaunched. We are keen to hear from anyone who is interested in supporting the club and would like to become a volunteer. Volunteers are required to support the employed youth workers and we are also looking for someone to serve on the management committee with a specific responsibility for fund raising. Neither need take up a great deal of time.

Volunteers can help with the general running of club evenings or you may have specific skills and experience enabling you to run practical sessions that the youngsters would enjoy e.g. cooking, car maintenance, intro to other sports.

The fundraising role would be mainly concerned with submitting applications to appropriate councils, trusts and charities. You will find the committee friendly and supportive and guidance will be provided.

If you think you could help with any of the above or would just like to know more, please contact David Pulham, chairperson, on 664876 or Richard Baldwin, Secretary on 662178.

Proud of my town

Tears of joy at Town Crier's wedding

Congratulations to Town Crier, Marion Ladd, and her partner, Arthur Lowe, who tied the knot at St Edmunds Church on Friday 29th June. Marion and Arthur would like to thank the many local residents who came to celebrate with us their joyful occasion, which was also the last time Rev David Thurburn-Huelin's officiated at a wedding at St Edmunds Church as he retired two days later.



Shipston Town Council

Notification of Tenders

Contract 1

the grounds maintenance of the cemetery

Contract 2

the grounds maintenance of the town

Contract 3

the cleansing contract for the town

Tender documents are now available
from New Clark House.

All completed tenders must be returned to
New Clark House by 21st September.
Contracts will commence on 1st November.

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

Readers' Letters

Letter from Helen Winniffrith

ASL proposal for a supermarket and housing on Campden Road's greenfield site.

The pro-supermarket group are lobbying Shipston Town Council to change their minds and support the developers instead of opposing them unanimously as they have up to now. We want to remind the Town Council of the very strong opposition within the town to ASL's out-of-town supermarket proposal.

1. In July the Town Council heard representations from ASLs PR people and from a spokesman for Warwickshire County Council, promoting the extra care housing in the proposal. There was no opportunity for the opposing case to be heard. The pro-supermarket group wants to address the Town Council; so do Transition Shipston and Shipston Heart Alive Campaign.
2. The pro-supermarket group claim a majority of Shipston people support the supermarket. They have no evidence for this. In the absence of a referendum, both those in favour of the supermarket and those against it can simply state that both groups have many supporters. Three times as many people voted at the last District Council for candidates who opposed the ASL development as those who voted for candidates in support of it.
3. The application has to be settled by the planning committee. The primary planning consideration is whether the supermarket proposal will have an adverse effect on Shipston's town centre. The more money ASL propose throwing at Shipston to mitigate the negative effects, the clearer it is that they rightly appreciate that an out-of-town supermarket is always the kiss of death to shops in a small town. Southam, Warminster, Fakenham and countless other towns prove this. The pro-supermarket people who think Shipston's town centre shops could survive a supermarket choose to ignore these facts.
4. Those who think Shipston's employment prospects will improve also ignore strong evidence to the contrary. The British Retail Planning Forum (1998), embarrassingly financed by the supermarkets themselves, showed that every time a large supermarket opens, on average 276 jobs are lost. (Porter and Rastrick (1998) 'The impact of out of centre food superstores on local retail employment' The National Retail Planning Forum) Other research shows that £100 spent at a local store generates 60% more local economic activity than £100 spent in a chain store down the road.

Shipston is a special town with independent retailers who supply an amazing variety of goods and services at competitive prices. Our shops give us one of the few thriving independent centres where practically every reasonable need can be bought at a reasonable cost in a friendly, human atmosphere. ASL's supermarket would destroy this and we shall fight it all the way.

Got something to say?

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

District Council update

Congratulations to the people of Shipston for the way you have made your presence felt and voices heard in two very important planning applications. The first was the Cala Homes application which proposed 130 homes out of our town in their own 'hamlet'. Thanks to the great turnout at the Planning Committee, letters objecting to the application and the representations by myself but more importantly from Jane Brabyn and Town Councillor Rathkey, we were able to stop this premature and unwanted piece of planning. I was delighted to see the Committee unanimous in its rejection of this application. Shipston has grown far too much and has taken more than its share of the District's housing need over the past 20 years.



The second planning triumph was the Land West of Hornsby Close which could have seen 22 new homes. Although a smaller application, this was again housing we did not need as it would have gone onto greenfield land which was also of medium to high sensitivity, which would have intruded on the residents of Hornsby Close and Donnington Road. More importantly it would have been built outside of the town boundary setting precedent for future applications, in my opinion. That is why this was such a big victory helped again by another great turnout of residents, with Martin Ferrier giving a powerful and persuasive speech to the committee.

My column is heavily focusing on planning and as we are all aware the ASL application will be the next major planning application going in front of Planning Committee East. I have spoken with the Head of Planning, Robert Weeks, and Chairman of Planning Committee East, Cllr Simon Jackson, to ask that like the IMI Norgren application this too will have its own separate meeting, preferably in Shipston.

I recently had a meeting with ASL to discuss what they had mentioned at their meeting with the Town Council as well as the updates made to the application.

I hope you all have had a fun and enjoyable Olympic Games. As for parents and pupils, I hope the holidays were relaxing.

Jonathan Gullis

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County Council update

The Census

The first figures from the 2011 census have been released revealing that the population of Stratford-on-Avon District has increased by 8,900 (8%) over a ten year period. We know that there is a greater proportion of elderly and our school population remains high.



**Warwickshire
County Council**

There are comparatively more people in Shipston today, so we need to plan carefully for the future and not rush at new development. The next tranche of census figures, showing more detail, should help plan for future local authority services

South Warwickshire CCG

What is that, I hear?

It is the Clinical Commissioning Group operated by a consortium of local doctors across the south of the County. It is part of the NHS reforms where local GPs, who know the strengths and weaknesses of our health system, take a central role in leading the NHS in our area. Associated with these reforms are closer links with County Councils and we are beginning to see that in action.

Although the Group does not officially take up its duties until 1st April 2013, its Chair has been selected and work is in place to ensure that everything is in place in time.

Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel

A joint committee is being set up between the six principal Councils in Warwickshire, known as the Police and Crime Panel. All councils are guaranteed a seat on the Panel, but its membership must reflect the political balance across the County.

This committee will work with the Police and Crime Commissioner that you elect in November and will be administered by the County Council.

Councillor Chris Saint

County Councillor – Shipston-on-Stour Division

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NHS News – Shipston Medical Centre

Changes in the Team

August and September are busy months for changes in the Medical Centre team, partly because doctors training to be GPs all change placements in August.

We are delighted to welcome Dr Carolyn Barcoe, who has joined us for her final year of GP training. We are also very pleased to have Dr Richard Levison, who has just completed his final year of training here at Shipston, staying with us for the foreseeable future as a salaried GP.

We are also pleased to welcome Dr Peter Reeves to the practice. Dr Reeves is starting with us at the beginning of September, whilst Dr Annabelle Macgregor left us at the

end of August. We are now looking forward to a stable medical team, following some unavoidable changes in the medical team recently. Thank you to those affected for your patience.



Finally, September heralds a very sad goodbye to Shirley Semke, who has worked at the Medical Centre for 26 years. Shirley is moving to Hampshire to be closer to her family. She will be very much missed.

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Something exciting to share?

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

Copy deadline: First Wednesday of every month

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

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Shipston Forum	01865 600262
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
– Out of hours	03001 303040
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Town Council	01608 662180
Shipston Recycling Centre	01608 663560
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
Local police (non emergency)	101
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Churches of Shipston:	
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