



# Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

September 2015

## Shipston makes progress in becoming more Dementia Friendly

Following the launch of a 'dementia-friendly town' campaign some months ago, Shipston Town Council has been working in partnership with the medical centre, local charities, community groups and businesses to help make Shipston more dementia-friendly.

Since launching the campaign, workshops have been held with local businesses to improve awareness and understanding of dementia symptoms, as well as providing advice on how to support those with dementia and their carers. Several customer-facing businesses in the town now have staff who, having attended these workshops, are extremely sensitive towards the needs of customers who might be a little confused. Did you know, for example, that a black rubber mat at the entrance to a shop might appear to some as a 'black pool'? Or that the demarcation between adjacent objects or furnishings (such as a bannister and wall) should be clear to those who may have difficulty distinguishing them?

This knowledge-building activity is building on the fantastic work done by local charities and community groups in recent years which has ensured Shipston is not short of enjoyable and well-planned activities for people with dementia and their carers.

"Down Memory Lane" is a fun sing-along, conducted by musicians who have been specifically trained in Singing for the Brain principles. The Dementia Café is held monthly and provides an opportunity for people with dementia, their family and friends to meet in an informal environment, also attended by trained staff. An Active Memory Group takes place at St Edmund's Church where those attending can take part in arts and crafts,

### Breaking News:

From 5th to 23rd October the Dementia Friendly Community Group will be mounting an exhibition in the Post Office, with display materials and visual aids to educate and inform. Next month's Forum will contain more information on this initiative but, meanwhile, if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Alyson Spence on 01608 661703 or [alysonspence@aol.com](mailto:alysonspence@aol.com)



*Singing can have a very positive impact and is often a popular choice of entertainment in local care homes*

games or even get a soothing hand massage from an expert! See page 2 for more details about these events.

Attendance at all these events has grown, and the volunteers who run them are keen to ensure no one is missing out due to lack of transport. If you or someone you know would like to attend these events but needs help getting there, please contact Alison Henderson on 01608 661911 as help may be available.

In addition to regular events, one-off trips and treats for people with dementia and their carers are also planned. The Rotary Club is currently organising a fantastic day out to Weston-super-Mare on 10th September (departing by coach from Shipston at 9.30am, returning about 6pm), and welcomes anyone who would benefit, together with their carers. Contact Fay Ivens on 01608 662133 for details.

Town councillor and Dementia Friend, Alison Henderson said: "So many Shipston people have taken the trouble to learn more about this much misunderstood disease, and turn their increased knowledge to good effect. As a result, Shipston has a great deal to offer those with dementia and there is more planned, so let's carry on the good work!"

For more information on becoming a dementia friend, please contact Alyson Spence on 01608 661703.

## Want to know more about policing in Shipston?

Shipston Police Safer Neighbourhood Team is keen to get to know residents throughout their policing area and raise awareness of the team's work.

Although the police station was sold to the Town Council a few years ago, the police team retains a presence in the building and regularly holds public surgeries there.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team's work is community led and if there are any local events or meetings that residents would like officers to attend, please get in touch by calling 01789 444670.

For more information and regular updates from the local police, follow Shipston Town Council on Facebook. The council regularly shares latest news from the police, including tips on how to prevent crime.

## Feeling hungry?

Don't miss the Shipston Food Festival weekend from 18-20 September. See page 6 & 16 for details.



## Mayor's column

I'd like to start this month with an apology.

In my column last month, I missed off the X-fest event that I attended. It was a fantastic event run by Shipston Youth Club along with support from Shipston Rotary and the Baptist Church. It was great weather! Well done to Katie Corby and all your supporters.

I then had the pleasure of presenting the prizes at the Shipston Fish n Frolics weekend held at the Sports Club. The weather was not great for this event but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of all the fishermen, women, children and the committee that put on the event. Congratulations to you all - I look forward to the next one.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about my chosen charities for my Mayoral Year. There are two. First is the Shipston branch of the Stroke Club which meets twice a month at the Scout Hut. The second is the Shipston branch of the Dementia group which is led by Alyson Spence and Dr Sue Pritchard and all their helpers.

We are in the very early stages of planning a support day in Shipston (date and venue to be confirmed) for my chosen charities and for any other support groups that would like to take part. Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information.

**Jackie Warner**



## Councillors get to grips with CCTV

Shipston Town Councillors have taken the opportunity to hear in detail about the benefits of CCTV footage in supporting local policing. Following a briefing from Stratford District Council officers and the local police force, councillors now have a more detailed understanding of the role the cameras have played in deterring crime and catching criminals.

Shipston benefits from a number of cameras which rotate fully giving a detailed picture of large areas of the town. All cameras record footage 24 hours a day, seven days a week and are regularly used to support police work. CCTV played a key role in apprehending thieves who stole a cashpoint card outside Co-Op some months ago, and the automatic number plate recognition software helps police track suspicious vehicles.

As part of the briefing, there was a detailed discussion about whether the town council should put in additional funding to pay for additional live monitoring of the cameras in Shipston, which would ensure they were actively monitored 24 hours a day rather than 16. Although some evidence was provided to reassure councillors that live monitoring has helped prevent criminal activity, many councillors remained reticent to agree additional funding to extend the existing service.

No formal proposal was brought to the meeting but the additional funding decision is likely to be reviewed within the next 12 months.



## Concerned about flooding? Get involved in reducing the risks

SAFAG (Shipston Area Flood Action Group) is developing plans to help minimise flood risk to the town and downstream villages and needs your help.

The group works directly with external bodies such as the Environment Agency and water authorities and has already been instrumental in getting drains and culverts around the town cleared and repaired.

The team, chaired by Phil Wragg, is currently made up of just eight volunteers, representing Shipston, Tredington and Newbold. With a growing workload, the team is really keen to welcome more volunteers.

SAFAG meets every 6 weeks at The George for about an hour and a half. There are also quarterly meetings with The Environment Agency and other agencies as well as occasional fieldwork. If you are interested in taking an active role in the group, please contact Phil Wragg on 01608 662922.

**CORRECTION:** Phil Wragg is Chair of SAFAG, not Phil Sykes as stated in last month's Forum.



## Clubs and services for people with dementia

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The local services and events designed for people with dementia and their carers, include:



The Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Café: Meets on the first Friday of each month immediately following the Age UK Lunch at Stour Court, Old Road Shipston. Lunch costs £4 and is at 12.30 - contact June on 684218 for details. The Cafe starts at 2pm until 3.30pm. The Cafe coordinator is Charmaine Bird who can be reached on 07720947938, while Shipston's local contact is Barbara Smith, on 662433



Singing for people with memory problems and their carers, 'Down Memory Lane' is held every third Friday of the month at the Community Lounge, Stour Court, Old Road from 2.00-3.30pm. Refreshments are provided. For more information, contact Barbara Smith as above.

The Active Memory Group takes place at St Edmund's Church every first and third Wednesday.

## August's hot topics

**Noticeboard niceties:** Concerns have been raised about the town's public noticeboard which is becoming overcrowded with posters, including those advertising non Shipston events. Jackie Warner will now monitor the board on a weekly basis and remove any posters which are out of date or not appropriate for the board.

**Portobello promotion:** Marianne Westwood has continued to raise the profile of the campaign to improve safety at the Portobello Road junction. A recent interview about the issue was aired on Touch FM.

**Medical centre progress:** Brian Cooper informed councillors that Shipston Medical Centre is still in negotiations with ASL regarding the terms around the land potentially provided for a new centre on the Campden Road. The medical centre team is also working on a funding bid which is due to be put to NHS England next year.

**Event success:** Jackie Warner led the congratulations to all those involved in both X-Fest and the Fish n Frolics Festival weekend.

**Pointless pole:** Chris Saint has promised to look into whether an unused pole, presumably originally designed for a road sign, can be removed at the end of Badger's Crescent.

**Green Lane closure:** Green Lane is due to be closed for a short period from the 7th September to enable gas works to take place.

## Campaigning for Shipston

**Town centre layout:** Following the submission of proposals for a one-way system for the town centre from a member of the public, councillors agreed to pass the information on to the Neighbourhood Plan team for consideration alongside other proposals.

**Core strategy consultation:** Shipston Town Council will prepare a response to the Stratford District Council Core Strategy Consultation, considering not only the housing numbers included but looking at the impact on infrastructure of the existing number of houses already approved for Shipston, which exceeds the number included in the draft plan.

## Town Council business

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Good progress is being made on the options for the plan. For more information, please see page 14.

**Adopting open spaces:** Councillors have agreed that the decision to adopt new open spaces will be taken on a case-by-case basis. Many of these open spaces are included in new developments and can result in ongoing maintenance costs for play equipment. Councillors also discussed a desire to identify opportunities, where possible, for larger, more central open spaces for the community to enjoy.

**ShipstonOnline website:** The Communications Working Group is considering options to refresh and improve the council's website, to make it more user-friendly and make it easier for people to find relevant information. Agenda packs are now available online should residents wish to read reports discussed at council meetings.

## New Clark House Update



### Understanding the different tiers of government

There are three tiers of government operating in Warwickshire, and it can often be confusing understanding who is responsible for what. The county and district councils have most of the decision-making powers which affect the main public services, but there are a number of local responsibilities which are dealt with by the town council. These include:

- Bus Shelters
- Consultee on matters affecting the parish
- Community Grants
- Planning – the Town Council is a statutory consultee but does not make planning decisions. Councillors can object to planning applications and in those circumstances, the town council is given the opportunity to present reasons for opposition at the relevant district planning committee meeting
- Provision of allotments

### Town Council Contractors undertake:

- Street cleansing, emptying bins and dog bins
- Grass cutting
- Hedge cutting
- Keeping the cemetery tidy

### In addition the Town Council provides space at New Clark House for:

- CAB
- Recovery Partnership
- Local groups and organisations

County council responsibilities include highways, rights of way, libraries and social care, while the district council's role includes housing, planning, waste collection, leisure and business.

Potholes and streetlighting faults can be reported directly to Warwickshire County Council by visiting [www.warwickshire.fixmystreet.com](http://www.warwickshire.fixmystreet.com) or by calling 01926 410410.

Stratford District Council can be contacted on 01789 267575 or [www.stratford.gov.uk](http://www.stratford.gov.uk)

For more information about the role of the town council, visit [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org)

**Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk**  
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[clerk@shipstononline.org](mailto:clerk@shipstononline.org)

For details of all town council meetings, agendas and minutes, please visit the Town Council section of the website at [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org)

# SHIPSTON YOUTH CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

**MORE VOLUNTEERS  
ARE URGENTLY NEEDED  
TO KEEP THIS VITAL  
CLUB THRIVING**

**CAN YOU  
PLEASE HELP?**

The very popular SHIPSTON YOUTH CLUB continues to grow and now has 250 members with an average weekly attendance of 160 young people at the existing two junior clubs and the senior youth club. Four youth workers are employed but to look after all the young people they need the help of a team of volunteers.

We need to start an additional evening very soon and much longer term we are contemplating increasing the space available.

**FINDING MORE VOLUNTEERS  
IS CRITICAL TO KEEPING  
EVERYTHING RUNNING SO  
PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING**

If you are interested in helping & would like to know more, please contact:

**Richard Baldwin  
on 01608 662178**



## Summer fun as Romans conquer Shipston

Approximately 65 children aged 4-11 accepted the challenge to join the Romans at the joint churches summer holiday club in July.

Held for four consecutive mornings, the children were put in teams to take on a variety of tasks from making mosaics to creating Roman-style helmets. Daily quizzes contributed to the battle between the togas and tunics, with tunics narrowly winning the final battle.

Dressed in Roman regalia, the church leaders and volunteers worked hard to ensure the children had a fun-filled start to their summer holiday, while learning some fascinating facts about Christianity along the way.

The week culminated with hot dogs for all, followed by a family barbecue on Sunday 26th July at the Catholic Church.

Thank you to all those who put in so much effort to ensure the week was a success.



## Shipston is represented in the National Children's Brass Band Of Great Britain

Luke Barker and Sarah Davies from Shipston Town Band recently accepted an offer to join the National Children's Brass Band of Great Britain following successful auditions. They both had a marvellous time working with some of the top players on their instruments. Luke had both Richard Marshall (Black Dyke) and Tom Hutchinson (Cory) as tutors while Sarah had Matthew White (Tredgar) to work with her section. The varied diet of sectional rehearsals and full band rehearsals mixed in with some very enjoyable non band fun activities led up to a tremendous end of course concert conducted by the band's Musical Director Dr Nicholas Childs. Tenor horn virtuoso, Owen Farr, starred as guest soloist.

The programme included three solos by Owen Farr, his own arrangements of Carnival of Venice and the Finale from Haydn's Cello Concerto plus a reworking of Bill Geldard's arrangement of Autumn Leaves originally for trombone. Jonathan Bates, a former member of the NYBB composed a four movement work, The Council Of The Gods, especially for the course. The concert closed with Ray Farr's Adventures In Brass which the Town Band used to win Wychavon Festival Of Brass in 2009.

Luke and Sarah will both be meeting up with the band again when they perform at the Great Northern Brass Festival at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester on Saturday September 12th.

In the meantime Shipston Town Band practice resumes on 7th September at 6:30pm for all players. For more information visit [www.shipstonband.co.uk](http://www.shipstonband.co.uk)



**For more information visit – [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org)**

## Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



### Cinderella Rocks!

At the end of the summer term, Year 6 pupils played to a packed house for two nights with their superb musical performance of Cinderella & Rockerfella.



It was wonderful to see every member of Year 6 having a role in the play which they have worked extremely hard on post-SATs with regard to their acting, singing and dancing. Groups of children also worked on designing and making the props, scenery and controlled the audio, lighting and scene changes.

Headteacher, Christian Hilton, said: "I am extremely proud of everyone; it is always wonderful to see such confidence and enthusiasm from the children. Many thanks to the Year 6 staff, to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Walker for helping with the scenery, to Mrs. Gray and Ms Thomas for the costumes and Mrs. Campbell for the choreography. A wonderful time was had by all!"

### Spanish Day

On Wednesday 1st July, children and staff took part in Spanish day, a special day to celebrate our achievements in Spanish this year, and learn more about the country. On a fittingly sunny and hot day, children were absorbed in art lessons about famous Spanish artists such as Picasso and Dali, and Geography lessons about Spanish cities, coasts and rivers. The children also joined in enthusiastically with a flamenco lesson in the hall, putting several steps into a routine.

Pupils were mixed with children from other classes so that younger and older children had the opportunity to learn together. Years 4 and 6 did a fantastic job of teaching some Spanish to the Years 1 and 2, which was greatly enjoyed by all. The school was a colourful place that day with children dressed in the colours of the Spanish flag, and traditional Spanish costumes. At the end of the day all pupils came together to sing 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' in Spanish, and watch some of the children perform the flamenco dance. Many thanks to Mrs. Davies for organising the event.

### Spelling Bee

Children from Year 3 and Year 4 recently took part in Shipston Primary's first Spelling Bee. Teachers issued pupils with different sets of spellings to learn at home. A large number of children were successful in qualifying for the final.

In the final, children who had correctly spelt their word list were given higher level spellings. The overall winners were Alice Hindmarsh, Leo Petch, Tiffany Austin, Anaya Straughton, Harriet Noyes and Grace Matthews.



## Shipston High School

### Message from

#### Mr Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

After a refreshing summer break, students and staff are ready for the new academic year at Shipston High School. The Autumn term is always an active and energetic time in schools, but this year is particularly busy for Shipston High. Many of you will be aware that Mr. Baker retired as headteacher at the end of last term. Shipston High is a very special school, rightly recognised as 'good' by Ofsted earlier this year. Its achievements and reputation owe a great deal to Mr. Baker's leadership, and the achievements of the staff and students and I am sure we all wish him an enjoyable retirement.



I am delighted and enormously proud to be Shipston High School's headteacher. I have been particularly impressed by the young people of the school, their independence and maturity. I know that I speak for all of the staff when I say that our chief goal is to ensure that we provide a safe, engaging and successful education for all the students in our care. The school will continue to focus on developing well rounded young people, driven by a commitment to good citizenship and academic success.

Before coming to Shipston, I worked as deputy headteacher at Hall Green School, a school with a similar ethos and sense of community. As we work together to shape the school's future, I am committed to maintaining the unique atmosphere that we all value at Shipston High School.

The school has now opened its new building, with lessons underway in our six new classrooms. The new building is a welcome addition to the school site, offering a bright and fresh learning environment for our students. The building will host mathematics and modern foreign language lessons, so all students will benefit from this state of the art environment. If you are visiting the school, we will be pleased to show you the new accommodation. Over the next few years, we hope to add further phases of development to the site, ensuring that we offer the learning environment our students deserve. We also hope to accommodate the increasing numbers of local students wishing to attend Shipston High School.



September is obviously a significant time for our year 7 students. Moving to a new school is always the start of a new adventure, and I am sure that they will quickly feel at home as the rest of the students welcome them to the school community.

Parents of year 6 students will already be considering secondary school choices for September 2016, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind readers that the school will hold its Open Evening for prospective students on 30th September 2016. You will be very welcome.

If you have any enquiries about the school, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I very much look forward to working with, and for, the community of Shipston-on-Stour.

## From beer to brownies – it's all happening during the Shipston Food Festival Weekend

This month sees the return of the Shipston Food Festival Weekend. The action begins on Friday 18th, when Shipston Rugby Club will host a family-friendly beer festival. With a range of local ales to try plus ciders and wines, some tempting meals from a range of mobile eateries, as well as live bands, it's set to be a great start to the weekend. The event starts at 4pm until late.

Saturday is competition day. Taste of the Country is running a junior bake-off competition where 11-16 year olds are being invited to put forward their best cake to try and win an icing masterclass with a gingerbread icing expert (for details see [www.tasteofthecountry.com/blog](http://www.tasteofthecountry.com/blog)). Further competitions may

be launched nearer the time so if you're a culinary enthusiast, keep an eye out on the Food Festival Facebook page for details.

Sunday promises to be a foodie feast, with stalls, activities, talks and entertainment throughout the day. The event, which is a non-profit, community-run initiative, will feature expert commentary and cooking demonstrations, together with live music from local band, The Peas.

The festival opens at 10am and runs until 3pm – the advice from the organisers is to arrive hungry!



**Look out for the Food Festival team selling raffle tickets on Saturday 5th and 12th September outside the former Sandra's shop.**

While investing in a chance to win some great prizes, including a food map worth over £100 from the Richard Harvey Collection, free tastings will be on offer courtesy of Taste of the Country.

## Shipston Home Nursing kick-starts the autumn with a fundraising frenzy

Shipston Home Nursing, which provides a highly-valued hospice-at-home service, is heading into a busy period with a packed programme of fundraising events. Whether you're a baker, runner, golfer, antiques collector or bargain-hunter, there is an event to suit you.

For the energetic, there is the the Stratford BIG 10k on 13th – see the what's on diary for details.

Bargain-hunters should head to the Country Car Boot Sale on Sunday 6th September at Honington Hall Estate CV36 5DP, while antiques-fans can take advantage of the valuation day being run in aid of SHN on the 17th by JS Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers at Whichford Pottery. For

more information or to book, please call Rebecca on 01608 674929.

The popular SHN Golf Day takes place on Friday 11th September at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club and includes a buffet lunch and auction. To enter a team or for more information please call Rebecca as above.

Budding bakers and cake-lovers should look out for the SHN 12-hour Bakeathon on the 19th at the Shipston Sports and Social Club. The Bakeathon is a 'turn up and bake' event organised by Emma Morris, Sports Club Steward and SHN nurse, Jodie Wright. Anyone can come with special ingredients (basic sugar and flour provided) and a recipe and bake, with all produce being sold to raise funds at the Food Festival on the 20th.

Finally, there is still time to show your support for the four teams taking part in this year's Wolf Run on the 5th/6th September. For more information about this and all the other events, please visit [www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk](http://www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk)



### Elvis is coming to Shipston (almost)

Shipston Rotary have organised an evening with Elvis Tribute Act, Alvin Printwhistle, on Friday 18th September at the Townsend Hall. Tickets are available from Dave Gill - call 01789 295332.

The event costs just £30 including hot buffet and starts at 7 for 7:30pm

**For the latest events information, visit [www.shipstononline.org](http://www.shipstononline.org)**

**Regular events:**

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

**September Diary**

- 2 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale 10am-4pm.** The Coach House, Church St, Shipston (opposite the Library).  
**Shipston Widows Local lunch** 2pm Contact: Barbara Bean 663230  
**Shipston-on-Stour WI:** Stories from the Auction Room by Steven Bruce. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519  
**Over 75's Information Sharing Event:** 2pm - 5pm Townsend Hall
- 4 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale** 9.30am-4pm. See above.  
**Shipston Dementia Cafe:** Making winter hanging baskets. 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court. Contact: Charmaine Bird 07720 947938
- 5 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above  
**Chatterbooks Reading group for 8-11 year olds.** 10am-11am, Shipston Library. Join us for games, activities and refreshments.  
**Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West St at 10am. Equipment & refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- 6 Shipston Home Nursing Country Car Boot Sale:** See pg 10

- 7 Monkey Music at Shipston Library:** 11am – 11.30am for the under 5s  
**Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** My travels in Brazil and India by Phil Wreford. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 8 Senior Citizens Action Network Meeting (SCAN):** 10am-11.30am, Townsend Hall, Sheep St. Free admission, all young-at-heart over 50s welcome. Contact: Jane Pearce 663491  
**Shipston Flower Club:** 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Visitors £5.00. Contact: Elaine 01608 238255  
**Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact: John Cavana 01295 722287
- 9 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Annual Show. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- 10 Rotary Club: Day trip to Weston-super-Mare** departing by coach from Shipston at 9.30am for anyone with dementia who would benefit, together with their carers. Contact Fay Ivens on 662133  
**Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark House. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 11 Shipston Home Nursing: Golf Day.** see ad on page 9  
**Lions Rural Cinema:** See ad on page 8
- 12 Mayor's Surgery:** 10am, High Street
- 13 Shipston Home Nursing:** The Big 10k. Marshals needed. Contact Rebecca Mawle on 01608 674929.
- 14 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 15 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** See ad on page 9  
**Shipston on Stour Community Forum:** Safer Neighbourhood Team Surgery – 6.30pm. Main forum – 7pm. Details: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/shipstonforum](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/shipstonforum)
- 16 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above  
**Shipston Widows:** Join us for a friendly and informal get-together. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach & Horses. Contact Barbara Bean 663230  
**Wool Fair AGM:** See ad on page 9
- 17 Shipston Home Nursing: Valuation Day.** 10am-4pm at Whichford Pottery, Whichford, CV36 5PG. Contact 684416.
- 18 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above  
**Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting Dementia Carers:** 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (Day Unit entrance). Contact: Carl Watkins 663808 or Lizzy Feather 686013  
**Dementia Friendly Singing Group:** 2pm. Stour Court Community Room, Old Road. Contact Barbara Smith 662433  
**Shipston Music Society** See ad on page 8  
**A night with Elvis (tribute):** see page 6 for details
- 19 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above  
**Shipston Home Nursing - BakeAthon** See ad on page 9
- 21 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Volunteering in Nepal by Heather Alford. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 22 Multiple Sclerosis Society: 'Drop in' meeting.** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161  
**U3A Meeting:** Details on page 10
- 27 Shipston Tennis Club – Open Day.** See ad on page 8
- 30 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above  
**Shipston & District Literary Society:** Julian of Norwich by Louise Nelstrop. 7.15pm for 7.30pm at The George Hotel. Contact Helen Marshall 01789-740773.

## SHIPSTON TENNIS CLUB

**Invite you to their Open Day**  
 At the Sports Club London Road Shipston on Stour  
 To celebrate the opening of the new clubhouse  
**SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 1.00pm**

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**Come and Try Out:**

- Cardio Tennis a great way to get fit
- Adult Coaching
- Junior /mini Tennis (from 5 to 16)
- Beat the Ball Machine
- Fastest Serve

All ages welcome, wear trainers and bring your friends

Bring a racket if you have one – but if not we have plenty

**ALL WELCOME!**  
 You don't have to play tennis, come and join in the Family Fun  
 Find out about our courses for adults and juniors - beginners, rusty rackets, and those wanting coaching or league tennis - there is something for everyone!



**BBQ**  
**Bar**  
**Raffle**

Come and try out our tiger turf courts and meet our friendly club members

The club has an active social calendar: Last year 6 Tournaments and suppers (singles and doubles), BBQ, Quiz night, Gin tasting evening and a Christmas supper. We also have a lively ladies social tennis morning on Fridays and often go out to the pub! A great way to meet new friends if you are new to the area ☺



## Shipston Music Society

[www.shipstonmusic.org.uk](http://www.shipstonmusic.org.uk)

# Young Musicians Concert



**In the Methodist Church**  
**New Street, Shipston-on-Stour**  
**@ 7.30pm Friday 18th September 2015**

Guests £6.00 - Students & Under 16 £2 .50  
 New Members are always welcome

Registered Charity Number: 1146459 (England)

## STOUR VALLEY LION'S CINEMA PG13

JUDI DENCH
MAGGIE SMITH
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DEV PATEL
AND RICHARD GERE



### THE SECOND BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL

**TOWNSEND HALL**  
**Friday 11th September 2015 at 7.00 pm**  
 Advance Tickets £3.50 (£4 on door)

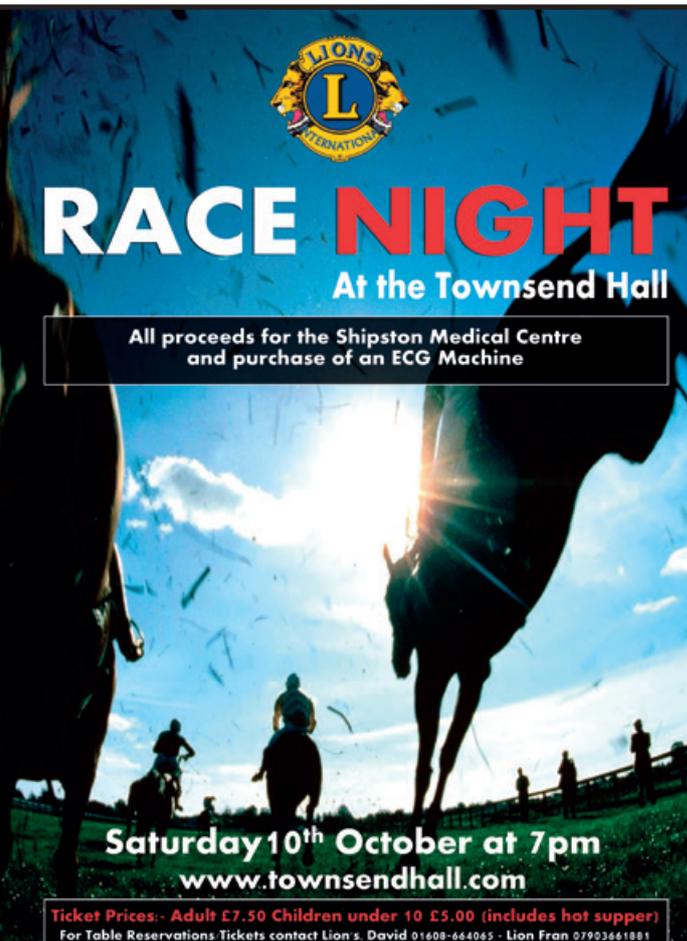
From: R. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston On Stour.  
 : Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608-661148  
 Interval, Raffle, Refreshments and snacks. Wheelchair access and toilets



# RACE NIGHT

At the Townsend Hall

All proceeds for the Shipston Medical Centre and purchase of an ECG Machine



**Saturday 10th October at 7pm**  
[www.townsendhall.com](http://www.townsendhall.com)

Ticket Prices:- Adult £7.50 Children under 10 £5.00 (includes hot supper)  
 For Table Reservations Tickets contact Lion's David 01608-664065 - Lion Fran 07903661881  
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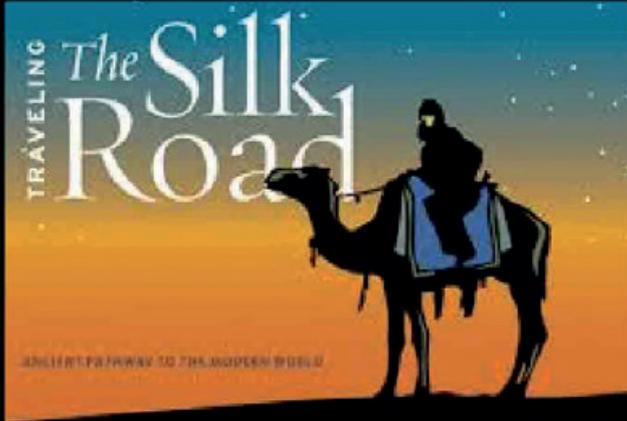
## OPEN DAY FAIR

**FRIDAY**  
**9 OCTOBER**  
 TOWNSEND HALL  
 Sheep Street  
 SHIPSTON ON STOUR  
**10 TO 3**  
 FREE REFRESHMENTS  
 See you there!

☺ FIND A NEW INTEREST!  
 ☺ 35 INTEREST GROUPS ALREADY!  
 ☺ 200+ MEMBERS AND GROWING

  
 LEARN, LAUGH AND LIVE

## SHIPSTON ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY



TRAVELING The Silk Road  
 ANCIENT PATHWAY TO THE MODERN WORLD

Talk by  
**Roger Butler**

# 15th September 7.30 pm

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

Visitors welcome  
 01608 663115



# BakeAthon

## Saturday 19th September

Hospice at Home in Shipston, Wellesbourne and Kineton



**8am-8pm - FREE ENTRY**  
**Shipston Sports Club,**  
**London Road, CV36 4EP**

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 Emma Morris: 07853 441687  
 See [www.shipstohomenursing.co.uk](http://www.shipstohomenursing.co.uk) for more information



## SHN Golf Day 2015

Tadmarton Heath Golf Club,  
 11th September - Tee off at 9am



- Coffee and Bacon Roll will be available to purchase from 8am at £2.50
- 18 hole Stableford Competition
- 2 Course Buffet
- Auction
- Prize giving

  
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For more information please call Rebecca on 01608 674929

## SHIPSTON WOOL FAIR

WOOL

### Events & updates:

Learning to spin at the Heritage Centre in last weeks of September – look in Heritage Centre for details

**Wool Fair AGM**  
 Wednesday September 16th at 6.30pm  
 New Clark House  
*All welcome*

**Heritage Centre Winter Talks:**  
 Maggie WOOD will be talking about the Barcheston Tapestries  
 October 15th 7.15pm  
 at Council Offices.  
*All welcome*

For details, contact Georgina or Jayne on 01608 662180 or email [clerk@shipstononline.org](mailto:clerk@shipstononline.org)

**Proud of My Town**

**Shipston Fallen**

**R/9744 Rifleman RICHARD PERCY HADDON**

Dick was born on 17th April 1895 the only son of Ellen Haddon, who came originally from Tysoe. On the 30th May, Dick was baptised at St Edmunds and is recorded as living in the Shipston Workhouse. The 1901 census notes that Ellen was working as a Domestic Servant and that both she and Dick were residents of Shipston-on-Stour Union Workhouse. Ellen later went on to marry Mr Hemmings.



PTE. R. HADDON (killed).

On the 1st July 1902 Dick moved up from the Infants School to the Boys School and left, nearly seven years later, at the age of thirteen on the 5th February 1909.

Richard enlisted in Stratford upon Avon and joined the 9th (Service) Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps who were already in France. Richard arrived in France on the 16th June 1915 as part of a draft of men who replaced men killed and wounded in a battle at Bellewaarde.

On the 25th September 1915 the Battle of Loos commenced. This was the original 'Big Push' and involved six divisions. In addition to the main thrust of the attack, three diversionary attacks were also launched in an attempt to tie up German reserves and stop them being deployed in the area of the main attack. The 9th KRRC were to attack in a diversionary action called the Second Attack of Bellewaarde, near Ypres. This was the Battalion's second visit to Bellewaarde and they suffered far worse this time.

From a letter sent to his mother, it appears that Richard was killed before the diversionary attack was launched on the 25th September and had been buried. Although he was buried, the location of his grave was lost in subsequent battles, and his name is therefore recorded on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. In Shipston he is remembered on the Town and both of the School Memorials.

**Readers' Letters**

*Letter from Julia Furniss*

I just wanted to write a letter to say thank you to all the people who supported our first ever fundraising fair in June, and helped make it such a success. We were overwhelmed with donations from local businesses who all donated raffle prizes.

The residents had a great time, and said: "We all had a brilliant day and would love to see more local people next year."

We had a really successful day thanks to everyone's support, raising £474.85, which will go towards activities for people with learning disabilities who live in Heart of England Mencap's supported living flats in Shipston.



Thanks to everyone for their kindness.

Julia Furniss  
Registered Manager,  
'Rosedale', Shipston

**Country Car Boot Sale**



Sunday 6th September  
Honington Hall Estate  
Near Shipston-on-Stour  
CV36 5AA

8.30am for General public  
8am gates open for  
carbooters. Book in advance  
or pay on the day.

To book a slot or for more  
information please call  
Rebecca on  
01608 674929



Our next Monthly meeting

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015  
at 2 p.m. in the Townsend Hall

**My Bucket List - Sailing the Atlantic**



My bucket list philosophy is  
*"Do what you can while you can".*  
So, why not race in a 70 ft yacht  
from Liverpool to Brazil?  
The highs and the lows ....

Presented by Peter Nutall  
Chipping Norton U3A

Visitors are welcome

Entry and refreshments £2

Learn, Laugh & Live

## Thirty Years of Twinning Celebrated

On April 12th 1985 the Twinning Charter was signed by Keith McCarthy, president of the Shipston on Stour Twinning Association, his counterpart from Torigni sur Vire, Christine Hédouin, and Brenda Broughton and Pierre Dupont, mayors of the two communities, during a special Charter Dinner held at Shipston High School to celebrate the twinning of Shipston and Torigni.

Thirty years on and members of the Shipston Twinning Association welcomed their friends from Normandy again as they do every two years. This year's celebrations were held in the Townsend Hall on Saturday evening with a superb dinner prepared, as it was in 1985, by Beverley Webb and her helpers, followed by dancing to live rock music provided by David and Stephen Neath and their band. Keith and Christine are among a small group of people from both towns who were at both ceremonies.

Sunday morning was free with host families and then everyone gathered for a picnic at lunchtime followed by entertainment by the fabulous "Shout" gospel/rock choir, who provided a varied arrangement of music which gave everybody the chance to join in.

Monday being a work day for many of the host families the French party made an early start for a trip to London. Some of the group had already visited the capital with their English friends ten years ago when the Shipston Association had organised a day out as part of the twentieth anniversary celebrations. This year the French were on their own.

Thrilled by their stay in and around Shipston, the Torignais left for home on the Tuesday morning and arrived back in Torigni just in time for a firework display at the lakes behind the château, Tuesday 14th July being their National Holiday. They will now make preparations for the visit of the people of Shipston at Easter 2016 to celebrate the Charter signing ceremony in France.

To find out more, go to [shipston-torigni-twinning-association.co.uk](http://shipston-torigni-twinning-association.co.uk)

## Stour Singers

### Singing for All

If you enjoy choral music, Stour Singers could offer you a great opportunity to sing together with a large local choral society, celebrating 40 years of singing this year, which puts enjoyment of making music together at the forefront. It matters not whether you are an experienced or novice singer, nor whether you can read music – everyone is very welcome. There is abundant help for people new to singing, as Richard Emms, Stour Singers' founder and director, guides people through understanding the music, and produces CDs to help singers rehearse at home.

The choir starts rehearsals again on Thursday 17th September in Shipston Primary School Hall, at 7.30pm, when we shall be learning Bach's Christmas Oratorio for the December 12th concert. Also in rehearsal throughout



the autumn will be a selection of carols, in preparation for "The Big Carol Sing", which the choir is presenting in conjunction with children from Shipston Primary School on Thursday December 17th.

Young people in full-time education (school/college/university) are especially encouraged to join (at no cost).

For further details please contact Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587 or visit [www.stoursingers.org.uk](http://www.stoursingers.org.uk)

## Shipston U3A



Shipston on Stour U3A excelled themselves at their monthly meeting in July. A change from the advertised programme, due to illness, gave the group the opportunity to have an 'end of term' event which was a showing of the wonderful film 'Paddington' enhanced with the Townsend Hall's new projector and large screen. The audience of members, visitors and many grandchildren thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment, which concluded with tea, coffee and chocolate biscuits for everyone (young and old).

Forthcoming events include an illustrated talk by Peter Nuttall on 'My Bucket List – Sailing an Ocean' on 22nd September at the Townsend Hall, 2pm. New members are always welcome. On Friday 9th October at the Townsend Hall at 3pm U3A will be holding its Open Day Fair showcasing the group's activities to the public.

For further information on our groups contact Jean Le Breuille on [jeanleb@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jeanleb@hotmail.co.uk) or for membership information contact Jackie Finlay on [jandb@64finlay.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:jandb@64finlay.fsnet.co.uk)

## Shipston Arts and Crafts Society

At its July meeting the Shipston Arts and Crafts Society heard Linda Farrar speak on 'Late Roman Mosaics' with a focus on early Christian mosaics.

The images used on early Christian mosaics had much in common with those used in the long tradition of mosaic production throughout the Roman Empire in centuries before Constantine proclaimed the empire to be a Christian one in 323. Images included vines, fruit and sheep, all of which easily adapt to new meanings in Christianity. There are also new, specifically Christian, symbols such as the Chi-Rho, the first letters of Christ's name in Greek. This is present in the mosaic from Hinton St Mary, Devon.

After 427, when the Emperor Theodosius forbade letting people walk on sacred images, wall and ceiling mosaics were used to tell Christian stories. They were the bible of the poor. An apse would be highly decorated with a scene showing Christ in glory. Among the mosaics shown were ones from Rome, Ravenna, Constantinople, and Antioch.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at 7.30pm when Roger Butler will speak on 'The Silk Road'. Shipston Arts and Crafts Society meets at the Catholic Church Parish Centre, Darlingscote Road, Shipston-on-Stour on the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome.

## Stour Valley Lions

### Lions' Cinema

The Lions' cinema returns from its summer break with 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'. Following on from the 2011 comedy box-office hit, this heart-warming sequel continues the story of the British retirees in India. Richard Gere and Tamsin Grieg join the all-star cast from the original.

The film will be shown on Friday 11 September at 7pm at the Townsend Hall.

### Diabetes

On 12th June 63 people attended the Stour Valley Lions sponsored diabetic screening at the Ellen Badger hospital. Diabetes kills one person every eight seconds, regardless of age. Lions were pleased that this screening was well attended and people decided it made sense to take the test not the risk.

### Race Night

On Saturday October 10th Stour Valley Lions will be holding a race night in order to raise funds for an ECG Machine for the Shipston Medical Centre. Tickets are £7.50 each for adults and £5 each for children under 10. Ticket price includes a hot supper! The fun begins at 7pm at the Townsend Hall. See the main advert for further details.

### And Finally...

Feel like joining us? We are always on the lookout for new members! It is a lot of fun and gives the satisfaction of helping people in your community. See our board in The Bury in Shipston, or search online for "Stour Valley Lions" for further details. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in The George Hotel in Shipston, so why not get in touch and come along? Lions don't bite!



to get active after what can be years of treatment and hospitalisation? Something as simple as a bike really does change their lives far more than Mike ever anticipated at the start.

Mike is an inspiration and his talk held us spellbound.

**Zoe's Place:** Once a month Shipston Rotarians take a very unwell child, with his mother, to a Baby Hospice called Zoe's Place for respite care, and bring him home a few days later. Everyone who has been to Zoe's has been moved by the remarkable work of the staff. Judy Warner came to speak to us and gave us a compelling insight into the work they do.

Ian Mathie was an RAF officer who was made redundant then immediately offered a job by the Department of International Development to help in development work, especially water supply, in various countries in Africa. Ian is passionate about his work, has written several books, and lived like everyone else in the countries where he worked.

His greatest worry, as well as the shrinking water resources and many other problems is the ever-increasing population. There is a need to educate men that there is more to life than making babies and educate women in a similar vein. A fascinating and extremely thought provoking talk.

### Victorian Evening

Plans for the Rotary Victorian Evening are forging ahead. Put the date in your diary Friday 4th December 5.45 to 8pm

## Shipston Rotary

Plans for the Elvis Night on 18th September at the Townsend Hall are well advanced. Head down from 7-7:30pm for a great night with Elvis (almost). Tickets are £30 which includes hot buffet. Contact Dave Gill 01789 295332

### Cyclists Fighting Cancer

Cyclists Fighting Cancer is a Stratford based charity founded in 2005 by Mike Grisenthwaite.

Mike is a cancer victim. He was diagnosed with Non Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2000 aged 37. As a triathlete and cyclist his reaction was to take the cancer head on by staying fit no matter what. Despite the cancer advancing, Mike continued to exercise and even climbed up the infamous challenge of Alpe D'Huez after three cycles of chemotherapy! In November 2005 after 10 days of continuous chemotherapy, and a bone marrow transplant at the QE, Birmingham, he had the idea of Cyclists Fighting Cancer.

CFC now donates bikes, specially adapted trikes and tandems to children and young people affected by cancer. What better way to encourage kids and teenagers



## Shipston Probus

On the 17th July, we held another of our Ladies Days which have now become a regular feature of our programme, with a buffet lunch.



For a special day, the special speaker was Gerald Lesinski, Master of Lord Leycester Hospital. He has several talks and alas, this was his last, titled 'The Crown Jewels' – and probably his best. It was excellently illustrated, starting with the earliest known crown, and described the history and significance of orbs, swords, sceptres, maces and other jewellery through to the present day.

Ron Gallivan has an extensive and varied list of illustrated talks and on 31 July, we had 'Ghosts, Gold and Graveyards'. It was the story of the development of the goldfields of Western Australia. Early miners set out from Perth to fields around Kalgoorlie – a distance of 370 miles. The towns along the way still have very wide streets, which were necessary to enable the camels to turn around. There is now the Great Eastern Highway with a water main and 20 pumping stations.

Although many of the old mining towns have disappeared, there is still a very active industry around Kalgoorlie with a huge pit mine which is the biggest in Australia.

## Neighbourhood Plan: Special Feature

### Neighbourhood Plan Policy Development

The core of the Neighbourhood Plan will be its policies – setting out what the community does, and does not, wish to see develop in Shipston up to 2031.

Some of these will be specific and detailed, perhaps relating to particular locations or even buildings, and some will have a more gradual long term effect of enabling the community's wishes to be delivered and general “direction of travel” to be guided.

The policies need to be the “how” that can deliver the Neighbourhood Plan's aims and the desired, intended or required development.



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



### What are the aims and vision for the future?

The following statements set out some of the ground that we think the Plan's policies should cover:

**“To foster an environment which supports employment growth, whilst maintaining the character of the town, through tourism, retail and light industrial development.”**

**“Support the development of housing required for Shipston by the District's Core Strategy, whilst respecting the character of the town and its setting.”**

**“Developments will improve accessibility to and availability of public open space.”**

**“Improve the town's flood resilience through improvements to existing drainage infrastructure, high capacity drainage on new developments, and slowing the River flow into Shipston.”**

**“Ensure Shipston's centre remains as the focus for the town's retail, foodservice and entertainment businesses and facilities.”**

The volunteer group have been discussing how to draft these policies, and further input and comment on these will be needed.

## Open event – see for yourselves and take part

**Date: 11am – 2:30 pm, 3 October 2015**

**Venue: Scout Hut**

We will be holding a Neighbourhood Plan open event on Saturday 3rd October 2015 at The Scout Hut, between 11am and 2:30pm. Come along to see and hear first-hand some more information, draft policies, suggestions and proposals, and to chat to the volunteer group.

Do look out for us at other events in September and October as well, such as the Food Festival, where we will be giving out further information about the open event and continuing to ask for your comments and feedback.

Members of the volunteer group will also be popping up at one or two organisation & club meetings, including SCAN and U3A, as will our information and displays in other Town locations! A survey to all households will be carried out in October, so keep a look out for this and please do have your

say to help shape the Plan.

For more information on how you can get involved, please email [np@shipstononline.org](mailto:np@shipstononline.org).



## District Council update

### Local Plan – Core Strategy

A new public consultation is now underway with a closing date for responses at 5pm on Friday 25th September 2015.

Views are invited, not on the entire Core Strategy, but on the additional work undertaken by the Council since the interim report by the planning inspector in March, earlier this year. Once the consultation responses have been analysed, we should be in a position to assess any final modifications and progress towards adoption of the Plan.

This consultation is focused on housing issues, how many and where they go. The principal change is a 20 year target of 14,480 new dwellings. This is substantial rise and many other districts have needed to accommodate similar changes. A number of strategic development sites have been identified, in addition to those previously in the public domain.

Representations can now be made to Stratford District Council on updated Core Strategy Policies CS.15, CS.16 and CS.17 together with those Strategic sites that could provide the bulk of the new housing. Shipston-on-Stour is not identified for any further major housing development.

A copy of the proposals is in Shipston Library and everything is available on-line. There is an official response form and we look forward to your comments. Please stick to the topics in hand. Much of the Core Strategy was adopted on an interim basis in June. Comments on those wider issues are most likely to be discarded.

### Devolution

Like Warwickshire County Council, we are keeping a close eye on developments and have a special Council meeting on 1st September to debate the West Midlands Combined Authority.

### Councillor Chris Saint

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

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## County Council update

### Devolution

The debate hots up and the West Midlands Combined Authority is fast becoming the only show in town for us to embrace the Government devolution programme. Information that will help us all make a decision is emerging slowly. The county council is holding a special meeting on Thursday 3rd September. In the meantime, local councillors are working hard to work for what is in the best interests of our residents and businesses.



### Housing based care and support

When the District Council is both the local housing authority and the benefits agency some may consider it a bit strange for the County Council to hold a select committee style inquiry into housing related support. Well, when the matter embraces adult social care, many partners are in it together. After interviews with many interested parties, the committee members have made recommendations that are to be debated at a Council meeting on 22nd September.

### Councillor's Grant Fund

Do not forget to book your place on the workshop at Elizabeth House, Stratford-upon-Avon at 11 am on Tuesday 15th September if you represent an organisation that needs to know more about making an application for the WCC Councillors grant fund. Contact details are:

Phone 01926 456102 or contact southernteam@warwickshire.gov.uk by eMail. Remember, all applications need to be made by 5pm on Friday 9th October.

### Councillor Chris Saint

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## Shipston Medical Centre

### Online Services

Now we are up and running with our new clinical software we would like to encourage patients to sign up for the EMIS online services. This allows patients to book and cancel appointments online and order repeat medication.

To create an account, please follow these steps:

1. Go to <https://patient.emisaccess.co.uk>, or click the Patient Access link towards the top-right of the [www.patient.co.uk](http://www.patient.co.uk) website.
2. On the Welcome page, select Register.
3. On the next screen, when asked if you have already been given a PIN and Access ID by your GP, select No.
4. Follow the prompts to find the practice (our postcode is CV36 4BQ) and add your personal and security details.

5. You should only be able to book 1 appointment until we have verified your online services application. To do this you will need to bring identification into the practice as, due to the strict confidentiality of clinical data, we need to make sure that you are the person who has applied to have an online account in your name is you. This is particularly important as it will be possible to share clinical details with you through your online account in the future.
6. Once we have verified your online services account you should be able to book GP appointments online and order medications available on repeat prescription.



Shipston Medical Centre

### Medical Centre

t: 01608 661845

Website: [www.shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk](http://www.shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk)

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### Something exciting to share?

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

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

### Forum copy deadline: First Wednesday of the month

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

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

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

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Highways customer services	01926 412515
Severn Trent Emergency Line:	0800 7834444
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
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Shipston Forum	01608 495955
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
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Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
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Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
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Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01608 661210
Methodist Church	01608 642256



For all details, enquiries and news please visit us at [www.shipstonfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.shipstonfoodfestival.co.uk)

## Friday 18th

Shipston Rugby Club, Mayo Rd, CV36 4BH



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### SHIPSTON BEER FESTIVAL

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Competitions Day

## Saturday 19th



The Taste Of The Country Junior Bake-Off  
see [www.tasteofthecountry.com](http://www.tasteofthecountry.com) for details

Facebook:  
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## Sunday 20th

Twitter:  
@ShipstonFood



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