



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

April 2015

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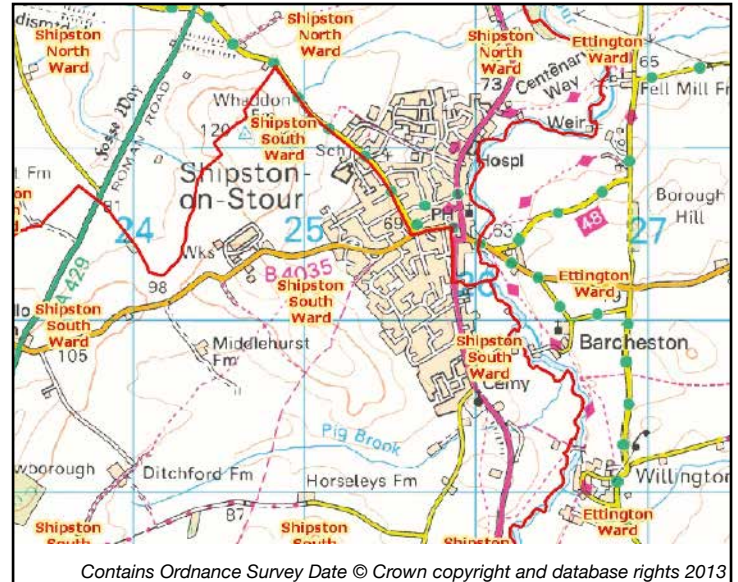
Shipston Town Council is calling on residents to consider putting their name forward to become a town councillor ahead of the forthcoming elections.

Local elections will be taking place on the 7th May alongside the general election. For the first time, Shipston will be split into two wards – north and south – with nine councillors representing the south and four the north. The boundary runs along Darlingscote Road and down West Street.

Residents can put themselves forward for either ward, irrespective of where they live in the town, but their proposer and seconder must live in the relevant ward which they propose to represent.

Nomination forms can be collected from New Clark House and the deadline for receipt of nominations is the 6th April (if handed to New Clark House) or 9th April if delivered by hand directly to Stratford District Council.

Town Mayor, Philip Vial, said: "I urge anyone who has some time available and is passionate about the future of Shipston to put themselves forward for election. Being a town councillor does require a reasonable time commitment but can be extremely rewarding and provides an excellent



opportunity to do more for your community."

Unlike district and county councillors, town councillors are volunteers and no allowance is payable. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk on 01608 662180.

A good bet for charity

The recent Race Night fundraiser held at the Townsend Hall, netted an impressive £1,450 for Cancer Research UK.

Young and not so young took to the racetrack to try their luck at being a jockey, while bets were placed and nails bitten in nervous anticipation.



Fundraiser, Mel Trapp, joins jockey, Megan to compete for first place

The event was organised by some members of the former Shipston Jubilee Crew, in partnership with Stour Valley Lions.

Fundraiser, Mel Trapp, said "We would like to thank all those who attended for their generosity in helping to raise such a substantial sum for Cancer Research UK".

Shipston confirms its Centenary Field

As part of Shipston's WW1 Centenary commemorations, the town's fallen during the conflict are to be remembered in the Gyratory Garden, which is to become a Centenary Field. The creation of Centenary Fields is a national move to identify places in local towns and villages where people can remember the sacrifices made by soldiers in the line of duty.

During WWI, 36 Shipston men fell and each one will have a terracotta coloured paver with his name and date of death inscribed upon it. These will be placed in the flower bed in the centre of the Gyratory garden.

Plans for installing the pavers are under way including other necessary associated work, and the hope is that it will be complete in time for a dedication ceremony to take place in mid to late May. Please look out for the date and time in the May issue of the Forum and council website.

The Shipston branch of the Royal British Legion is calling on as many people as possible to attend the dedication ceremony to show their support for these local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Legion is urgently seeking offers to sponsor, or pay for, a paver, costing £18 each. If you would like to be associated with this event and with a Shipston soldier of the Great War, please contact branch chair, Richard Adams on 662328 or richardadams5@hotmail.com as soon as possible.



Mayor's column



As you read this there will only be a few days to go to get your nomination papers in to stand for the Town Council. I know that many people have been frustrated by some decisions taken by the Council - but not enough people have chosen to get involved. Not only use your vote - but go and see the Town Clerk now who will help you fill in your nomination papers.

I'd like to add my thanks to those who organised the recent Race Night at the Townsend Hall which raised around £1500 for Cancer Relief UK (see page 1).

As I write this we're busily preparing for Bread Nose Day. Hopefully we raised an impressive sum for Comic Relief, but regardless I'd like to thank organisers Dan Scobie and Mike Ashton, all those who baked through the night and everyone that made a donation.

I'd particularly like to thank our sponsors, Bower Willis Designs (who lent my nephew and I their showroom and ovens overnight), Shipton Mill (who gave us all our flour) and Brook Foods (who lent us an industrial bread oven and mixer).

The Annual Town Meeting happens this month (the advert is in this Forum). Please turn up and hold your Town Council to account. Papers for the meeting will shortly be on the Town Council's website.

Philip Vial

Calling all foodies – Shipston Food Festival needs you!

September might seem a way off to most of us, but for the Shipston Food Festival team, it's a looming deadline and they're on the look out for help.

Building on the success of previous years, the 2015 Shipston Food and Beer Festival will be bigger and better than before, with a plenty of food and drink-related activities taking place across the weekend. The event starts with the beer and curry festival on Friday 18th September.

Organisers Dan Scobie and Philip Vial are keen to build a team of volunteers to help ensure this year's festival has plenty to offer residents and visitors of all ages. Whatever your skills, from promotion and fundraising to event management and entertainment, if you have some time to spare and fancy getting involved with the event, please contact Philip or Dan via the contact details on page 15.

To stay up to date with plans for this year's food festival, visit www.shipstonfoodfestival.co.uk



Plant lover? Register a kilometre in the National Plant Monitoring Scheme

A National Plant Monitoring Scheme has been launched across the UK to find out more about local plants.

The scheme is the first of its kind and asks for volunteers to visit a kilometre square local to them and record the plants they find there in several different plots. The scheme will explore how plants in different habitats are responding to changes in the environment.

The NPMS is backed by the Government and is being delivered by a partnership comprising Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland; Centre for Ecology; Joint Nature Conservation Committee and Plantlife.

All volunteers registering for a square on the website - www.npms.org.uk will receive a survey pack which includes survey guidance, a species list and a species guidebook. Volunteers will also have access to free training courses as well as telephone and email support provided by the volunteer coordinator.

Volunteers are being asked to record up to 30 plant species in any one square or linear plot as long as it fits into 1 of the 28 NPMS habitats. More information about the scheme and how it works is available from the NPMS website www.npms.org.uk.



Shipston councillors to begin negotiations with ASL after appeal outcome

Following the recent decision by the Planning Inspector to grant the appeal for the proposed housing, supermarket and petrol station development on the Campden Road, Shipston Town Council is to begin exploring options with ASL which could benefit the local community.

Councillors who are members of both the Sustainability Working Group and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, will begin 'without prejudice' discussions with ASL to see what changes, additions or contributions might be considered as part of the scheme. Topics for discussion could include the provision of land for a new medical centre or funding for a school sixth form.

The councillors will be exploring options only and will not enter into any agreements with ASL or other developers. Any proposals will be brought to council for discussion and approval.



March's hot topics

CCTV concerns: Stratford District Council's response to the town council's letter suggests they do not fully understand the situation. Councillors expressed concern about the tone taken in the letter. The Mayor and town clerk will draft a response clearly stating the town council's position.

Perilous pothole: A gaping hole is causing problems for those parking in the New Street car park. The Town Clerk will follow this up.

Portobello Crossroads: Petitioners are continuing to seek a meeting directly with the relevant council officers and local police to discuss potential action to improve safety at the Portobello Road crossing. In the meantime, consideration is being given to the possibility of additional signage to help reduce accidents.

Riverside walk: Progress is being made to appoint solicitors to help with this project and potential ideas are being considered by the Riverside Walk working group.

Campaigning for Shipston

Sports Club expansion: The Finance Working Group chair confirmed that the town council would be able to support the Sports Club in their expansion plans by putting expenditure through the council in order to claim back the VAT.

Junior fire fighters fight on: A meeting to discuss the long term future of the junior fire fighters club is likely to see a national organisation help to manage and guide the club. Local fundraising will be necessary, however, to keep the club going.

Neighbourhood Plan: Councillors expressed their desire to maintain the momentum in developing the Neighbourhood Plan and recognised the need for strong leadership and financial rigour. Brian Cooper and Martin Ferrier will join the Steering Group with Martin Ferrier chairing the group. Monthly reports will be provided to the town council.

Anti dog-fouling campaign: General Purposes working group is looking into a new anti dog fouling campaign to tackle what is becoming a growing problem. A number of ideas are currently being discussed including naming and shaming as well as positive incentives to clear up after your dog.

Town Council business

Proms clarification: Following the reference made to the Police request to cease selling alcohol after 7pm, please note this only applies to the final Saturday, when the live band plays in the High Street during the "Last Night of the Proms" event.

Sunday markets: The town council voted to set up a new working group to look at bringing regular markets to Shipston. Input from the community and local traders will be sought.

Police Update: When to call Crimestoppers

National Charity Crimestoppers receives anonymous information day and night about crime. The information given is passed to local police.

Acting on Crimestoppers information the police have successfully closed cannabis factories, prosecuted drink drivers, identified and arrested drug traffickers and recovered dangerous weapons reducing the risk of harm to the communities of Warwickshire.

Crimestoppers is totally anonymous, they want to know what you know about crime in your area not who you are. You will never be asked your name. Crimestoppers receives anonymous information via telephone 0800 555 111 or online from the Crimestoppers website www.Crimestoppers-uk.org

If you want to report any concerns about possible criminal activity, please ring Crimestoppers with any information you have. Alternatively, you can contact your local police force by calling 101 or using the numbers printed on page 15.



New Clark House Update



Dates for your diary:

Civic Service

The annual Civic Service will take place at St Edmund's Church on Sunday 19th April at 10am and everyone is welcome to attend. Local dignitaries will be attending alongside town, district and county council representatives.

Medals should be worn, including previous recipients of the Anne Sankey Award.

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting takes place on the 23rd April at the High School. Starting at 7pm, the meeting provides the public with an opportunity to hear reports from town councillors on the work delivered over the past year, as well as raising questions and sharing views on council activities.

All residents are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Allotment Fees:

Most allotment fees have now been received but there are still a few outstanding. If you haven't already settled your account, please pop into New Clark House as soon as possible to settle up.

Communications Survey:

We are keen to get your feedback on what you think of the Shipston Forum and town council website and social media presence. Please respond to the questionnaire on page 14.

Georgina Beaumont

Town Clerk

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Shipston Youth Club is bursting at the seams!

Membership of Shipston Youth Club has now reached over 200 young people across the three youth clubs, two for juniors and one senior. With support from Shipston High School, the Youth Club uses the floodlights to illuminate the area to the rear of the youth club so that the outside can be used when the weather allows. With this, plus the use of the school gym for games and occasionally hiring one of the temporary classrooms, the club has just about managed to accommodate the growing numbers.

Two new youth workers have been employed bringing the core team to four in all, ably supported by a band of volunteers. The club is still keen to find more volunteers both to help run the clubs and also to join the management committee. If you think you could help please contact Richard Baldwin 01608 662178 or Katie Corby 07932 623375.

Club evenings have been lively and sociable with a very happy atmosphere. The various usual activities provided in the club and the gym have been enhanced by Rachel Walker, one of the new youth workers who has run some contemporary

dance sessions. In addition, the Community Police Safer Neighbourhood Team have run workshops on 'Keeping Yourself Safe' - outdoors, online and in relation to drug awareness. Archery lessons and go karting trips are also being planned



Whilst it's great that so many young people are enjoying the youth club, the committee is very conscious of the various sizeable housing developments being pursued locally and is concerned that the club won't have the space to grow. They are currently asking the High School, who are responsible for the building, if it could be added to their phased development plans, with the youth club sharing the funding of development costs.

To find out more about the youth club visit their website which is currently being developed by several young members – www.shipstonyc.com. You can find out more via the club's Facebook page and on Twitter.

Proms preparations focus on younger audience



Shipston Proms has traditionally always been designed to appeal to audiences of all ages. But it's not just about audiences – with the range of local musical talent among Shipston's younger people, the Proms will be putting on special events for young performers.

The Local Primary Schools Concert will take place on 23rd June, and the High School concert will be on 2nd July. Both concerts give children the opportunity to showcase their talents.

After the success of last year's musical picnic, Calypso Kids is teaming up with Shipston Sports and Social Club to hold a 'Picnic on the Pitch'. It will involve the free percussion class and 'open mic' for our under 10s as last year but will be bigger and better thanks to the Sports Club's eagerness to get involved and support the Proms fortnight. They have exciting events planned for the afternoon and into the evening so keep in touch via social media.

Broader plans for the Proms are also progressing well, helped by the addition of new members to the team. To stay up to date visit www.shipstonproms.org.

Inspection confirms Shipston students are 'second to none'

For the third inspection in a row, Shipston High School students have been rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted in its latest inspection of the school.

Following a two day inspection in January, inspectors rated the school as 'good' with many excellent and outstanding features including the behaviour of its students which was described as 'outstanding' and 'exemplary'. The report continues by praising the students for their 'excellent attitudes to learning'.

The inspectors also picked out for special praise the leadership and management of the school and the fact that the school has 'a strong ethos and powerful community spirit in which students' achievement and personal development thrive.' Furthermore, they commented positively on how students achieve well across the curriculum and on how the vast majority of students make good progress, including the most able and those with special educational needs.

Other strengths they noted were the quality of the teaching and the positive relationships between students and staff, the careers information, advice and guidance provided as well as the promotion of students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding.

Headteacher, Jonathan Baker, said: "The report is a fantastic vindication of everything we have been working hard to achieve at the school. Although there are still some areas we need to improve on, we are delighted that the report is so positive. The inspectors actually said to us, 'Your students are second to none' which only confirms what we always say, that our students are our best advertisement."

The full report may be accessed via a link on the school's website www.shipstonhigh.co.uk



Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Shoot out success

Every goal was golden when Shipston Primary staged a penalty shoot out to raise money for vulnerable children.

Pupils were so moved by an assembly led by Deborah Sharp from the NSPCC about Childline's work that they decided to take part in the Big Workout Campaign to raise funds.

The School Council Committee, chaired by Fraser Grant-Rae, was top of the class when it came to planning, organising and inspiring children to take part in a penalty shoot out.

Eight determined Year 6 children and Associate Headteacher Julia Wallace braved the bitter elements, including temperatures which dropped to three degrees, to organise nearly 400 children to take penalty shots.

Mrs Wallace said: "This is a great example of children helping other children and the response was phenomenal. We are still counting the money raised and we congratulate the School Council Committee on one of the school's most successful



fundraising events to date. Thank you to everyone at home and in the community who supported the children in their brilliant efforts."

Towering creativity

Artist Anthony James of Creaturama fame recently paid a visit to Shipston Primary to bring Year 2's topic on castles to life. As a master of 'junk modelling' Antony helped children transform recycled materials into castles, towers and turrets.

Antony inspired children with his amazing work, including a model of a ferocious looking minotaur, before encouraging children to design their own castle in their sketchbooks.

Once Anthony shared some clever Design and Technology skills and painting techniques, children started to build their own fantastic creations.

Pupils Lauren and Finlay said: "Anthony gave us some 'super hints' like how to make windows, drawbridges and crenellations for the battlements. We had a brilliant day and we were delighted with our precious models!"



Shipston High School

Shipston speakers turn up trumps again!

Three teams of students from the High School entered the first round of the 'Youth Speaks' competition run by the Rotary Club. It is a national competition in which teams of three students present speeches on a topic of their own choosing. Shipston High School has an excellent track record in the competition having reached the finals twice in ten years.



This year all three teams acquitted themselves brilliantly with the Year 7 team of Delta Freeman, Molly Hurwood and Grace Sandiford beating off stiff competition from teams from Kinton School and KES to win the intermediate round with their topic, 'Let's put a stop to cyber bullying!' They subsequently went forward to the next round of the competition.



Students dress up for World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day the students were challenged to dress up as a character from a book – with prizes for the best costume. All week, the school was buzzing

as students shared fancy dress ideas from their favourite books. At the start of school anyone might have been forgiven for thinking the school was playing host to a convention of film extras - the costumes were amazing! We saw a massive range from 'Thing 1 and Thing 2', to Sherlock Holmes and Count Dracula. The staff also got into the spirit of things, dressed as the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, Captain Hook, and even the bear from Shakespeare's 'A Winter's Tale'! Students were also given their £1 book token and are taking part in the World Book day competition to design a National Book Token. We finished the day with a massive photo of all the students who took part – there were over 250 in costume - over half the school! We were thrilled with the efforts of the students, and even more thrilled by the discussions about books and reading which the day inspired.

Record numbers apply

The High School received a record number of applications for places for the new intake next September. 186 applications were received for 90 places and offers went out to 116 children. News of the school's increasing success continues to spread and applications were received from children living in both local Warwickshire and further afield in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire.

To meet demand the school is currently mid-way through the construction of a new, state-of-the-art teaching block which will provide much needed new classrooms as well as a languages lab, a resources area, new toilets and office space.



Take your partner by the hand – in aid of Shipston Wool Fair

This month sees the return of the ever-popular Wool Fair Barn Dance, taking place on the 10th April in the Townsend Hall (see poster on page 9).

A vital fundraiser for the annual Shipston Wool Fair, the Barn Dance has traditionally proved to be very popular with people of all ages. Whether you're a barn dance virgin or veteran, the combination of toe-tapping music and clear instructions will ensure you're do-si-do-ing like a pro by the end of the evening.

To keep your strength up, a ploughmans tea will be provided by Maria Cave from Mrs Brown's Tea Room and there will be a bar selling alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks.

Town Clerk, Georgina Beaumont, said "There is nothing like a barn dance to clear away the cobwebs. This event is always great fun and deserves to be a sell-out event. As well

as a great social occasion, the barn dance generates important funds for the Wool Fair which is one of the town's most important annual events."

Tickets are available to purchase from Mrs Brown's Tearooms or the town council offices at New Clark House, West Street.



Start limbering up – walking season is upon us

With the first signs of spring in the air, some local clubs, charities and churches are turning their attention to fundraising walks, taking place in April and May.



First up, it's Shipston Home Nursing (SHN) with their 20 Walk challenge. After the publication of a book by Peter Titchmarsh of 20 walks in and around Shipston in aid of SHN, walking enthusiasts Martin Foster and Mike Langrish are planning to complete them all in three days! Join them for one, two or all walks – for details see the advert on page 8. If you can't make those walks, you could try the SHN Spring Walk/Jog/Run on the 19th April instead.

Next up, it's the annual Rotary Cotswold Walk on 3rd May, beginning in Ilmington and taking in some stunning views. The following day, the Brailes Three Hill Walk will take in the wonderful countryside around Brailes, and ends with refreshments in the village hall.

A week later, on Sunday 10th May, the Annual Bluebell Walk takes place at Whatcote. Enjoy the bluebells as you walk up to Hell Brake, to be rewarded with a cream tea on your return.

For full details of these walks, visit www.shipstononline.org or check the What's on calendar in next month's Forum.

Bread Nose Day raises plenty of 'dough' for Comic Relief

Shipston's unique 'Bread Nose Day' took place on Friday 13th March, with an impressive £1,250. being raised for Comic Relief charities.

The brainchild of Shipston Food Festival chairman, Dan Scobie, Bread Nose Day brought together a group of bread-baking enthusiasts to embark on an all-night kneading and baking session in preparation for 'sale day' on Saturday 14th March.

Thanks to the generous loan of the Bower Willis showroom and a commercial oven, plus a donation of 85kg of flour from Shipston Mill, volunteers, including Mayor, Philip Vial, began a relentless production line from Friday night to Saturday morning to ensure there was plenty of bread to sell the next day.

From sourdough to individual focaccia, the freshly made bread proved incredibly popular with everything selling out by 11 o'clock. All sales were on the basis of donations. This year's impressive total was more than double the amount raised during the team's first bread nose day in 2013.

Dan Scobie said: "We're absolutely thrilled to have raised such a large sum and I would like to thank everyone who supported this event, including bakers and buyers and the shops and businesses who supported us. Although there is a lot of hard work involved, it has also been great fun to run such a community-focused event for such great causes."

The funds raised will support Comic Relief projects in the UK and overseas.



Regular events:


- Mon Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Mon St John's Ambulance:** Badgers, 6-7pm. Cadets 7-8:30pm. Meet at Shipston Fire Station. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
- Mon Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club:** 7pm for 7.15pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Rd, Shipston-on-Stour. Call Penny Law 663871
- Tues Stroke Club:** Fortnightly (14, 28) 10am-12pm Scout Hut
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** 10.45am Shipston Library. Free.
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club at Stour Court.** Contact: Stella 686224
- Tues Silver Surfer Computer Lessons,** Shipston Library 2pm. Booking essential. Contact: 0300 5558171 (also on Thurs)
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays. Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Tues Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** Halford Bridge Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Adrian Ramskill 0797 656 6525.
- Tues Cantamus - Richard Emms' Chamber Choir** - 7.30p- 9.30pm, Catholic Parish Hall (Townsend Hall on 3rd Tuesday) For experienced singers. Contact Richard Emms 01608 662163.
- Weds Coffee at St Edmunds Church.** 10.30am-12pm. All welcome.
- Weds U3A Chicago Bridge:** Social Bridge 2pm-4.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Roger Smith on 01608 238400.
- Weds Stour Valley Probus:** alternate Wednesdays at 10am, The George in Brailles. Contact: Roger Smith on 01608 238400.
- Thur Shipston Stitchers:** 10am to 3pm, alternate Thursdays.
- Thur Story Stomp:** Shipston Library, 11.30am-12pm.
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club at Rainbow Fields.** Contact: Diana 01789 740627
- Thur Safer Neighbourhood Team:** Fortnightly. Public surgery, 2.30pm to 3pm. New Clark House, West Street.
- Thur Stour Singers - Richard Emms' Choral Society:** 7.30 - 9.30pm Primary School Hall. Contact Yvonne Ridley 01789 269587.
- Thur Stour Singers,** open to all, 7.40pm at Shipston Primary School. Contact Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587.
- Fri Walks over fields** with friendly group. Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Shipston Probus:** alternate Fridays
- There are lots of regular classes on at the Townsend Hall. Visit www.townsendhall.com or call Lisa Bryan on 07800 771368.**

April Diary


- 1 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
- Shipston Widows:** Local lunch 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** Between the Stairs – the Life of a Ladies Maid by Jo Carter. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 3 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- 4 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- 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
- Chatterbooks:** Reading group for 8-11 year olds. 10am-11am, Shipston Library. Join us for games, activities, refreshments and the chance to make new friends.

- 6 Shipston Home Nursing Afternoon Tea:** At The Peacock, Oxhill. For details, contact Debbie or Rebecca on 01608 674929
- 8 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Orchids of Ecuador by Malcolm Moodie. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- 10-12 20 Walks Challenge** - Shipston Home Nursing: See ad on page 8
- 10 Wool Fair Barn Dance:** See ad on page 9
- Shipston Dementia Cafe:** 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Charmaine Bird 07720 947938
- 11 Mayor's Surgery:** 10am, High Street
- 13 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 14 Shipston Flower Club:** A Night At the Movies by Sandra Gunner. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School, Station Road. Visitors £3.50. Contact: Elaine 01608 238255
- Stour Valley Lions monthly business meeting:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel, High Street, Shipston. Visitors welcome. Contact: John Cavana on 01295 722287
- 15 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. For further information, contact Barbara Bean on 663230
- 17 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting Dementia Carers:** 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital (using the Day Unit entrance). Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carl Watkins 663808 or Lizzy Feather 686013
- Rural Cinema:** The Imitation Game. See ad on page 8
- Shipston Music Society:** Cabinet of Curiosities. See ad on page 8
- 18 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- 19 Shipston Home Nursing: Spring Run, Jog or Walk.** Walton Hall, Wellesbourne, CV35 9HU. £5 Adult, £3 Child. 10am for a 10.30am start. Dogs welcome but on a lead please. Refreshments and hotdogs available. Contact Gilda Gardner on 01789 740083 or 07970 177951 or Rebecca Mawle on 01608 674929
- 21 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** Wightwick Manor by Helen Bratt-Wyton. 7.30pm. Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Penny Law 663871
- 23 Shipston Town Council Annual Meeting:** See ad on page 9
- 24 Dementia Friendly Singing Group:** Singing Down Memory Lane. An enjoyable experience for those with Memory Problems. 2pm-3.30pm. Community Lounge Stour Court, Old Road. Contact Dave Hollingworth 654444 or Barbara Smith 662433
- 27 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Outing. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 28 Multiple Sclerosis Society:** 'Drop in' meeting. 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- Shipston on Stour U3A Meeting:** See ad on page 9
- 29 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston and District Literary Society:** Poetry of Thomas Hardy by Malcolm Pollard. 7.30pm, The George Hotel. Contact: Helen Marshall 01789 740773

Don't miss the Totally Locally 'Chicken Run' during Easter. For



Shipston Music Society
www.shipstonmusic.org.uk



CABINET OF CURIOSITIES

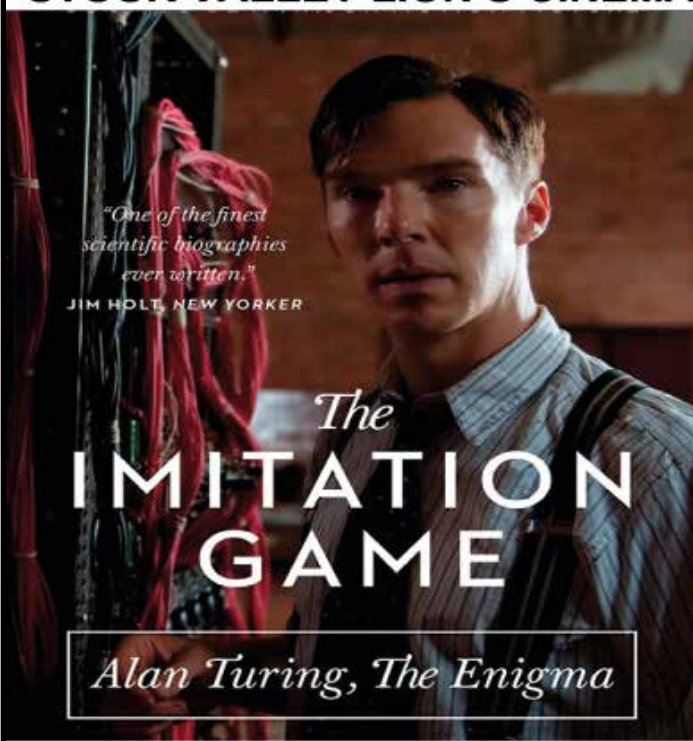
A concert of European Music - Directed by Clive Letchford

**In the Methodist Church
New Street, Shipston-on-Stour
@ 7.30pm Friday 17th April 2015**

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New Members are always welcome

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

20 WALKS CHALLENGE
for Shipston Home Nursing
APRIL 10th, 11th & 12th



Please support local vet Martin Foster & walking enthusiast Mike Langrish on their epic challenge to complete all 20 walks from the book "20 Walks in Shipston Country" by Peter Titchmarsh

Join them for one walk or try and do them all
Contact Martin on 07967 371 282
Sponsor them at www.justgiving.com/Rebecca-Mawle

Shipston Home Nursing is a registered charity and a trustee



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Our next Monthly meeting
 Tuesday 28th April 2015
 at 2 p.m. in the Townsend Hall

"SS Great Britain"



Ian Caskie's illustrated talk
 traces the ship's remarkable story.

Visitors are welcome

Entry and refreshments £2

The Third Age: a time of creativity and fulfilment

The 25th Annual Rotary Club of
 Shipston on Stour
www.shipstonrotary.org.uk



Cotswold Walk

Sunday 3rd May 2015

7 mile walk with spectacular views



"Childrens Treasure Hunt"
 and a "Free gift for each
 child on the walk"

Enjoy Walking the
 North Cotswolds with
 magnificent views over
 four counties.

Walkers may start at any time between 10am & 2pm
 Commence at Foxcote Hill, Ilmington, Nr Shipston on Stour, CV36 4LD
 Signposted from A429 & A3400 ~ Free Car Park

For further information or charity sponsorship forms:-
www.cotswoldwalk.org.uk

Or contact:- Rtn Gerald: tel 01789 740 939
 email: gerald.newell@btinternet.com

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refreshments ~ toilets ~ marshals ~ first aid
 £5 adults£2 schoolchildren



Notice of Annual Town Meeting
 Shipston Town Council invites all
 residents and businesses to attend the
 Annual Town Meeting on 23rd April 2015

Please join us for a review of
 2014/2015, the presentation of The Shipston
 Award and to ask any questions
 of your town councillors.

If you are the Chair of a local group
 and would like to have your annual report
 included, please send it to the Town Clerk,
 via post or email by 10th April.

Shipston High School, 7pm
All welcome

BARN DANCE!

at Shipston Townsend Hall

FRIDAY 10th APRIL 7.00pm

Band & caller, Games,
 Bar, Light refreshments

Tickets - £10 available from
 Mrs Brown's Tea Rooms

Raising funds for Shipston Wool Fair 2015

Silver Surfers Sessions for local residents

Older residents of Shipston on Stour and surrounding villages are being encouraged to come along to Silver Surfers sessions run every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the library on Church Street.

These sessions are staffed by local friendly volunteers who are happy to spend time with beginners and more experienced computer users to help them benefit from the many services which are available these days only for the computer savvy.

Whilst younger residents have been brought up to use computer services, older residents born before the internet was widely available can be at a disadvantage. It is rapidly becoming harder and harder to run our lives without at least some interaction with the Internet. It is widely forecast that sooner rather than later all bank transactions will be done online, for example.

As the UK population ages being able to use computers to assist with daily living will enable us all to live longer independent lives in our own homes.

Getting some basic skills will enable older people to secure significant savings for gas and electricity and even domestic heating oil. Bargains can be found which are only available on the Internet on everything from basic staples to holidays etc.

The friendly library volunteers will happily show anyone who is interested how to use computers to secure best deals whilst remaining safe on the Internet. They can help you perhaps with a new tablet or laptop which you may have bought or been given for Christmas.

So if anyone over the age of 55 wishes to explore what can be done on the internet, just contact Shipston Library either in person or by phoning 0300 5558171 to make a booking for an hour of fun on the internet all entirely free of charge.

Stour Singers celebrate 40 years of choral music

In 1975 Richard Emms started a group in Shipston, attracting 15 women and men who wanted to learn to sing. Forty years later, Stour Singers number more than 70 people, including one of the original group still – Mary Harris. On the evening of May 9th., the choir presents a very special anniversary concert in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston. Stour Singers remains open to all who would like to sing, and there are no auditions. Such is the skill of the Director – Richard, and the welcoming nature of the choir that everyone can enjoy making music.

The programme features Beethoven's Mass in C, composed in 1807, at the height of his reputation and inventiveness, and Mendelssohn's Lauda Sion, written in 1846 to a poem written in the 13th century by Canoness Juliana of Liege, to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Accompanying the choir will be The Cherwell Orchestra,



and the quartet of soloists features prominent national and international singers: soprano Ruth Holton, mezzo-soprano Shelley Coulter-Smith, tenor Nathan Vale, and bass-baritone Darren Jeffery.

To find out more about Stour Singers, or to buy concert tickets (£12.50, but free to accompanied children), please contact Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587.

Shipston Rotary Club



February was a busy month as we prepared for our springtime charity events. First we had the Fashion Evening at the Townsend Hall on March 26th and we are still busy working on the Rotary Cotswold Walk, which, this year enjoys its 25th Anniversary. The walk begins in Ilmington on 3rd May (see posters on our notice board opposite the side of Sheldon Bosley for more details).

During the month we had a typical variety of talks with one week a talk and demonstration on drumming and another from a Neuroblastoma charity that we support. Neuroblastoma is a cancer that affects newly born and very young children.

We were delighted to welcome a new member to the club.

The month ended on a high note with the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition between teams of three from senior schools in Shipston, Kington and Stratford upon Avon. All ten entries were superb with Shipston High School winning the junior competition and KES winning the senior.

If you would like to find out more about Shipston Rotary then please visit our website www.shipstonrotary.org.uk or email President Judith Slinger on jasling@tiscali.co.uk. You can also follow us on Facebook.

Shipston Beekeepers

Is it a Swarm?



If the 'swarm' is thousands of bees in flight darkening the sky or a grapefruit sized or larger accumulation of bees clustered together – then Yes. Otherwise – No.

Most honeybee colonies swarm each year when the old queen leaves the nest with half of the bees to find a new home. Whilst scout bees search for a suitable nest site the rest of the swarm cluster around the queen, perhaps in a tree, somewhere near their old home where at least one virgin queen is waiting to hatch, mate, and be the new matriarch of the colony.

Unless disturbed, a cluster of honeybees is not a problem and, if accessible, your local beekeeper will be pleased to come and take them away to his / her local apiary. All other manifestations of bees – be they honeybees in chimneys, garden bumble bees in compost heaps, miner bees in the ground, tree bees in bird boxes, masonry bees in soft mortared brick walls – are of no interest to a beekeeper other than for the part they play in the wonderful world of nature.

No honeybee or variety of bumble bee is naturally

aggressive if left alone. Be grateful that they have temporarily chosen your home as a 'des res' – all bee colonies die off in the autumn other than honeybees and even they will not survive as a colony for more than a year or two unless they are in a hive competently managed by a beekeeper.

A feral honeybee colony cannot be enticed out of its chosen home. It will not cause any damage to the fabric of a building and only in extremis should a pest controller be employed to eradicate any specie of bee. Wasps are a different matter!

In the months of April, May and June the British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) routinely receives a thousand telephone calls a week from ill-informed members of the public who are gently (normally!) directed to the BBKA website http://www.bbka.org.uk/help/do_you_have_a_swarm.php where there are pictures of bees, wasps and hornets for identification purposes. Should the so-called 'swarm' be exactly that (see beginning of article!), the nearest registered beekeeper(s) can be found by the simple expedient of entering the affected property's postcode.

Shipston Music Society

Concert report – View from the Podium

The work of an orchestra goes well beyond the public concert and most of the time is spent raising funds to keep the Orchestra afloat. This was the introductory remark by David Curtis founder and artistic director of the Orchestra of the Swan in Stratford. It is well known that only about 40% of an orchestra's income is derived from box office receipts the rest coming from fund raising by Friends, grants from local government and Arts Council funding and every member of the orchestra has to play a part in this activity.

David then went on to explain how different a large concert orchestra with its full time members is from the small chamber orchestra which has to build its programme from freelance players. Large or small, both have to plan their activities well in advance and a lead time of two years or more is quite common. The programme has to be planned, venues arranged, players booked, marketing organised and when playing in venues around the country or internationally there is additional work arranging travel of players and the larger instruments. David is fortunate to have a small but dedicated staff in Stratford to assist.

The most important thing a conductor of an orchestra does is lead the members of the orchestra through rehearsals and performances. Standing on a podium in front of the musicians while executing a series of specific arm movements allows his musicians to interpret these, gaining information such as how fast or loud to play and although they learn this as part of their education each develops a style of their own which makes each orchestra unique. Rehearsals are a fundamental part of the conductor's work as he needs to describe exactly what he wants each member to do to get the specific sound he wants. An understanding of every instrument is therefore an important part of the job.



In the second half of the evening David played some extracts from recordings made by the Orchestra of the Swan concluding with Copland's Appalachian Spring that had been recorded in the Townsend Hall in 2010.

The next meeting of the Music Society will be 17th April 2015 – Cabinet of Curiosities a concert of European Music - see page 8 for details.

Shipston Stitchers

We are a friendly group of hand sewers who meet (alternate Thursdays) in the Catholic Church Room to sit and sew in an informal, relaxed, quiet atmosphere. The group has been meeting for over 20 years and we are enjoying the newly extended church room - so light and warm and more spacious.

Among our group are beginners and more experienced embroiderers. Our work ranges from cross stitch kits to goldwork and stumpwork and even advanced artistic creations. We all work at our own pace.

New members are always welcome so if you are interested in joining us, we meet from 10am - 3pm alternate Thursdays. We share the cost of the hall and hot drinks. Why not come along and meet us? Bring a packed lunch and don't forget your sewing - whether it's something you've been meaning to finish or you want to start something new, we look forward to seeing you - just turn up. The next few dates are Thursday 16 and 30 April and Thursday 14 and 28 May or for more details tel Kath on 01608 663486.

Shipston & District Angling Society

Membership of the club runs from the 1st April to 31st March each year and the 2015/16 season membership book is now available. There is no joining fee, no waiting list, and at £25.00 (£15.00 for OAP & £10 Junior) offers excellent value for money for 365 days on the doorstep fishing each year.

Membership books are now available from: Malcolm Allinson, 9 Mill Street, Shipston On Stour (across the road from the Mill). Please ring first to arrange a time to collect.

Club membership allows you access to fishing along approximately four miles of the beautiful River Stour right on your doorstep. Our club waters start from the upper Stour at Willington then down to Shipston Sports Club, Shipston Bridge, Fell Mill, Honnington Bridge, Halford Hill all the way to Halford Bridge. In addition we have three outstanding lakes at Aston Magna available for all year round fishing. The lakes are part of Batsford Estates and are hidden away in a wood on the edge of the village, just 5 miles from Shipston, off the Moreton road.

The club has worked hard on a 5 year project to transform this venue from a derelict, tree-clogged, weeded and silted lake into a now beautiful natural environment with parking lakeside. Lake one has been created and stocked especially for new and junior anglers and contains lots of small bream, chub, rudd, crucian carp and tench. Lake

two is a pleasure lake with a thriving head of rudd, tench, chub, crucian carp and small mirror carp. Lake three is a large 24 peg lake with mainly carp but also, tench, rudd, chub and crucian carp. Whether you are at school, at work or retired the club waters has something for everyone.

The upper Stour holds wild brown trout. In April we have booked a professional game angling instructor to run a fly fishing coaching course (<http://www.andygreyfishing.com>). If you are interested in learning or refreshing your skills please call Stuart Fleming on 01608-664832.

Shipston WI



Muriel Pilkington delighted Shipston WI with a fascinating talk on a local family - the Mitfords of Batsford. The Mitfords are an ancient family, tracing their roots back to the 8thc. when as Saxons they came to Northumberland from Scandinavia. They settled and there is still a Mitford village in the Redesdale area. The family prospered and after the Conquest, Sybil Mitford married a Norman knight. There is a family tradition of marrying wisely and well. They supported the Royalist cause in the Civil War and after the Restoration Charles II rewarded them by inviting John Mitford to London to help in re-building London after the Great Fire. John married an heiress who owned the Batsford estate and thus in the 17thc. the Mitfords came to Gloucestershire where they continued to prosper.

David Mitford married a wealthy lady (keeping up the family tradition) and on the death of his brother in 1915, unexpectedly inherited the title of Redesdale and the estate. These were the parents of the famous Mitford sisters. The girls were educated at home (except Nancy who insisted in going to school), and they were as different from each other as chalk is from cheese. All of them excelled in what they did: whether it was admirable or not, they threw themselves in wholeheartedly. Some were fascists, one a communist, another a journalist, one a successful novelist,

and the youngest, famously, saved Chatsworth which was facing ruin. Like all families, theirs was full of ups and downs, tragedies and farces, but the Mitfords had to live out their lives in the full glare of publicity.

The meeting continued with WI business. A skittles evening has been arranged, there will be a visit to the Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham and a visit to learn how Oxford coped during the Civil War. In the Autumn it is hoped to visit Bletchley Park which promises to be fascinating.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 1st April, 7pm in the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, when the speaker will be Jo Carter talking about the Life of a Lady's Maid. All are welcome.

Shipston Probus



Our secretary, Paul Kelly, entertained us with reminiscences about his early professional life as a teacher. There are many speakers in the Cotswolds covering a wide range of subjects but it is always a pleasure to hear from any of our members. His first post was at school in the East End of London which he survived for eight years. We heard tales most humorous about the teachers and the pupils and also the most effective ways of administering corporal punishment.

On 20th February, we held our second special Ladies Day, when the speaker was Jan Long and the subject Elizabeth Browning. Browning was born in 1806 in Gosforth and subsequently lived in Ledbury, Torquay and London, and in Italy when she married Robert Browning. She did not enjoy the best of health but wrote her first poem at the age of 14. She died in 1861 and was considered the most respected and successful poet in the Victorian Evening.

The meeting concluded with another excellent buffet lunch prepared by Emma Morris.

Shipston Medical Centre

New service to promote health in patients aged 75 and over

Along with other practices in South Warwickshire, we have recently launched a new service which aims to provide holistic clinical reviews for those aged 75 and over. The reviews will be conducted by Heidi Williams, who has been seconded from her previous role as Community Matron in order to work with the practice on the project.

The purpose of the review is to undertake an in-depth assessment of the health status of the person being reviewed, with a view to considering what pro-active measures may be helpful in helping the person maintain good health. Additionally, for those who are more frail or who have poorer health we have teamed up with Age UK Warwickshire who will undertake a thorough assessment covering aspects such as ability to look after oneself on a daily basis, transport, financial wellbeing and safety. It is hoped that these comprehensive

reviews will complement each other and we will be able to improve the care we provide to individuals, as well as signposting them onto other services and resources that can assist in living healthily and happily. The practice will be contacting patients individually throughout the year to offer them the opportunity to participate in this service.



The 'over 75s project' is a pilot running to 31st March 2016. We will be asking for feedback and encouraging comment from those who use the service – there is the potential for it to continue if we can show we are having a positive effect on the health and wellbeing of the people who use the service.

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

Website: www.shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk

Readers' Letters

Letter from Trevor Russel

Will the Mayor explain why the town council is the only town/parish council in the Stratford district refusing to pay a share of the costs of providing CCTV?

Other councillors understand that partnership working – where the cost of delivering discretionary services is shared – is essential. Why won't ours?

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

Cancer Research UK

Many thanks to the Stour Valley Lions who gave us a wonderful donation of £750. Also to the Shipston Rugby Club who raised an amazing £2,400 at their "Pretty in Pink" Ladies Luncheon.

My sincere thanks to all those who worked so hard for these two donations – it is much appreciated.

Letter from Andrew, Rosedale resident

My name is Andrew and I live at Rosedale in Shipston-on-Stour. I would like to say thank you to many people on behalf of my dog Comet, who lives with me here. I want to say thank you because Comet is very peaceful, happy and relaxed. He has been made to feel welcome and shown much kindness since moving to the area last year. He is happy in his home and enjoys walks out with me around the local area.



So thank you to the residents and staff of Rosedale house, thank you to the Mencap group, thank you to the shops and pubs of Shipston and last but not least, thank you to all the townspeople of Shipston. Thank you for all of the kindness and friendship you have shown to Comet and myself.

Neighbourhood Plan update

Significant progress has been made on the Neighbourhood Plan over the last couple of months. The volunteers working in the various topic groups have been sharing their various ideas and issues in two project-wide workshops in recent weeks.

The initial workshop enabled the groups to consider and comment on some of the emerging options being developed by other topic groups and identify where there were crossovers and complementary themes. The second workshop looked more specifically at proposals for engaging with the wider community, the outputs of which are now being developed into a more detailed engagement plan.

As a community-led plan, the NP team is really keen to encourage as many people as possible to get involved and have their say on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. Over the coming weeks, a number of consultation activities will begin. Some options and themes will be publicised for community-

Proud of My Town:

Remembering Shipston's Fallen – April 2015

9167 Acting Sargeant CHARLES BARRETT

Charles was the son of Henry and Eliza Barrett and was born in Fifield, Gloucestershire in the summer of 1884. The Barrett family arrived in Shipston in 1898 and a couple of years later the 1901 census shows Charles working as a Grocer's Porter and living in the family home in Station Road.



On the 21st June 1908 Charles married Annie Sumners, a Shipston girl, in St Edmund's Church. The parish registers show Charles as being a soldier who was living in Surrey.

Having previously served 8 years with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Charles was a reservist and was called back to serve with the 1st Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment at the outbreak of war. The Battalion was at full strength by the 7th August 1914 and were ordered to Southampton where on the morning of the 22nd August 1914 they boarded the SS Caledonia arriving in Boulogne that evening.

By late April 1915, after an awful winter in the trenches, the Battalion was ordered to Ypres. The war diary for 25th of April, the day of Charles' death reports that they attacked at 4.30am. The Battalion's casualties were very heavy, 17 Officers, 500 other ranks, killed, wounded and missing. Charles was killed in this attack and his death was reported in the Stratford Herald and Evesham Journal. He is buried at the New Irish Farm Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium, and is remembered on the Town Memorial and the Adult School Memorial.



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

wide feedback, while other, more complex proposals will require some additional workshops with different audience groups before the proposals can be defined sufficiently for public consultation. Details of the consultation events and activities will be publicised on the Neighbourhood Plan website - www.shipstonnp.org.

In the meantime, to register your interest in taking part in focused workshops or to get involved in the Neighbourhood Plan project as a whole, please email project manager, Erry Lilley via np@shipstononline.org.

Steering Group changes: As reported on page 3, Shipston Town Council has endorsed the work of the neighbourhood plan. The town council's representatives on the steering group are now Martin Ferrier (chair) and Brian Cooper. Minutes of Steering Committee meetings and other useful updates and information can be found on the documents page of the Neighbourhood Plan website.

One of the roles of the Town Council is to keep residents informed of the work of the council as well as news and events affecting our community. We do this primarily through the Shipston Forum, Shipstononline website, and the town council's Facebook page and twitter account. We also send news updates to the local press.

We would like your views on how we communicate, including your thoughts on what you would like to hear more or less about. Please take the time to fill in this short survey, ideally online by visiting www.shipstononline.org/news-archive/communications-survey or by filling in this form and returning it to New Clark House, West Street, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4HD

Shipston Forum

1. Do you read the Shipston Forum? Yes/No

If no, please go to question 8

If yes:

2. How do you receive it?:

- Delivered to door ☐
- Collect from council office or other location ☐
- Download from Shipstononline.org ☐

3. How useful is the information provided in Shipston Forum overall?

- Very useful ☐
- Useful ☐
- Occasionally useful ☐
- Not useful at all ☐

4. On average, roughly how much of the Forum do you read:

- All of it ☐
- Two thirds ☐
- About half ☐
- Just a few articles ☐

5. Which sections do you feel are most important:

- News section ☐
- Town council news ☐
- Education and young people (including schools) ☐
- What's on section ☐
- Clubs and societies ☐
- Readers' Letters ☐
- Proud of My Town ☐
- District and county council columns ☐
- Medical Centre update ☐

6. What other topics would you like the Forum to cover (if any)? Please add your comments/suggestions below.

7. Overall, do you feel the Shipston Forum should be:

- Shorter but in full colour ☐
- Shorter in black and white ☐
- Longer but less frequent ☐
- Longer but black and white ☐
- Stay the same ☐
- Other: Please specify ☐

Online communication

8. Do you have access to the internet? Yes/no

9. How often do you visit www.shipstononline.org:

- At least once a week ☐
- At least once a month ☐
- Less often ☐
- Never ☐

10. Which sections do you find most useful:

- News ☐
- Events ☐
- Town council information ☐
- Directories of clubs and businesses ☐

11. How often do you visit the town council's Facebook page?

- At least once a week ☐
- At least once a month ☐
- Less often ☐
- Never ☐

12. Overall, how useful is the information provided by the town council via Facebook?

- Very useful ☐
- Often useful ☐
- Occasionally useful ☐
- Not useful at all ☐

13. Have you 'liked' the council Facebook page to receive updates? Yes/no

14. What other topics would you like the council to cover on Facebook (if any)?

15. Do you follow the council on twitter? Yes/no

16. Overall, how useful is the information provided by the town council via twitter?

- Very useful ☐
- Often useful ☐
- Occasionally useful ☐
- Not useful at all ☐

17. What other topics would you like the the council to cover via twitter (if any)?

If you have any further questions or suggestions, please contact Councillor Peter White at pjwhite78@hotmail.com

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Something exciting to share?

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

Copy deadline: First Wednesday of every month

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

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

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

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

While every effort is made to ensure information is accurate, the Town Council does not accept responsibility for material submitted by readers or third parties and does not endorse any organisation or event publicised. Contributions may be edited to fit available space.



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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
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Forum	01608 495955
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
UCHW Hospital	024 7696 4000
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
Local police (non emergency)	101
PC Craig Purcell	07977 456585
PCSO Hayley Ditchburn	07879 608696
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Churches of Shipston:	
Stour Valley Baptist	01608 664876
Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01608 661210
Methodist Church	01608 642256

Totally Locally Shipston-on-Stour -CHICKEN RUN

Uh oh! The chicks
have escaped from
Old MacDonald's Farm!

Complete the Chicken Run for your chance to win
a yummy Easter egg! Peep into the windows
(marked with an egg) and count how
many fluffy chicks you see!



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When crossing roads, please use zebra crossings where available and
always follow the Green Cross Code.

Name : _____ Telephone: _____

- Begin at E. H. Spencer's window at the bottom of Sheep Street



Shop Name _____ No. of Chicks _____

E. H. Spencer _____

The Bakery & Cafe _____

Rightons of Shipston _____

Niche _____

Shipston-on-Stour Needlecraft _____

The Lavender Basket _____

Flora's _____

- Walk past Mrs Brown's Tea Rooms and turn left to head down Market Place

R. Clarke Electrical _____

Lucy Walker Flowers _____

Ivy Heart _____

- Head back up Market Place, now on the other side (be careful!)

Let's Party _____

Creature Comforts _____

Taste of the Country _____

- Turn left and walk along High Street passing The George Hotel and The White Bear

M21 Man & Barber _____

- Turn left through the alleyway into Granville Court

Stephanie's Hair Salon _____

- Turn left onto Church Street and walk past the fish shop.

Cookies Mini Mart _____

Head back along Church Street and use the Zebra Crossing to reach the other
side. Carry on past the church.

Dice _____

The Cotswold Tailor _____

The Richard Harvey Collection _____

- Please post your entries in The Richard Harvey Collection by 12/04/15. :)

