



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

August 2012

Cala Homes' planning application at the former Norgren site unanimously rejected by district councillors

An application to build up to 130 houses plus some industrial units on the old Norgren factory site was unanimously rejected by Stratford District Council's planning committee at a meeting on the 5th July.

Shipston Town Councillors attended the planning meeting and explained why they had opposed the proposals. In addition to concerns over lack of infrastructure to support the proposed new homes, Shipston Town Council objected to the plans because of their potential visual and landscape impact and expressed concern that the development could result in an isolated hilltop settlement.

Councillor Paul Rathkey, who spoke on behalf of the Town Council at the meeting, said "We believe Stratford District Councillors have made the right decision to unanimously reject the Cala Homes proposal. The Town Council's policy is to reject major development on the Campden Road. We are not anti-development, but any new housing needs to be on an appropriate scale, in the right place to prevent it having a negative impact on Shipston."

A number of local representatives spoke to object to the planning application, including Shipston's district and county councillors and Jane Brabyn, who led Shipston's community campaign against the proposals. Commenting on the outcome, Jane said "It was amazing, everything was against us, but they saw local feeling was worth listening to. Local democracy wins."

Reports suggest Cala Homes intend to appeal the decision, although no formal notification has yet been received by the Town Council.

Last night of the Proms proves a real crowd pleaser

Another successful Shipston Proms fortnight ended with the popular climax concert in the High Street, this time headlined by The Selecter, featuring Pauline Black and 'Gaps' Hendrickson. Residents of all ages headed to the town square to enjoy the music in what has been heralded one of the most successful Proms finales to date.



Photo courtesy of Philip Vial

Low Furlong to transfer to private ownership

Warwickshire County Council has announced Low Furlong will be transferred to a private company, Runwood Homes, along with the seven other care homes in the county.

Runwood will take full ownership of Low Furlong, with residents continuing their placements as before, and staff currently employed by the council transferring to the new company. An additional £360,000 will be invested in Low Furlong by its new owner to modernise facilities.

Warwickshire County Council has included a requirement in the contract to ensure that the sites continue to be used for the longterm care and support of older people after the transfer has taken place, which is likely to be in October.

Shipston Mayor, Fay Ivens, said "Shipston Town Council is pleased to hear that Low Furlong's future is secure and we wish Runwood Homes well in delivering this important service. However, we are seeking assurances from the county council that this move will not see the home's fees rise, making it unaffordable for local residents."



Supporters campaigned to protect Low Furlong when concerns about its future were first raised. Photo courtesy of Philip Vial

Mayor's column

This month started with an invitation to the launch of Shipston Proms at Sheldons Wine Merchants where I welcomed Nick Owen, BBC Midlands Newscaster, to Shipston. He was very complimentary about our town and thought that the Proms was a great way of displaying the community spirit that exists here in Shipston.



I attended many of the Proms events, which were all put on in such a professional way, with something to cater to everyone's musical tastes. Thank you to Tim Porter and the Proms committee for working so hard to make these events happen.

I was honoured to be invited to represent Shipston at The High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Mr Robert Waley-Cohen's, evening reception which was attended by many dignitaries from the county. We were blessed with a fine dry evening and everyone present was able to enjoy the fine views over the rolling Warwickshire hills from the High Sheriff's garden.

I attended the Primary School Fete, this was very enjoyable despite the rain. There were breaks in the cloud when the children performed some dazzling dancing displays and the boys carried on with their six a side football throughout, appearing not to notice the weather.

We were invited by the Mayor of Chipping Campden to join with him and other local dignitaries at a reception to celebrate the arrival of the Olympic Torch to the town.

July also saw the official opening of Shipston Town Council's new home, New Clark House, led by former mayor, Paul Rathkey and Chief Superintendent Martin McNeven of Warwickshire Police cut the ribbon. We are delighted to have been able to purchase this building for the community and secure a base for the Shipston Neighbourhood Police team in the town. Many residents came to look around and admire the new building and all agreed it was a great asset to the town.

To end the month I was invited to Shipston High School to open their Eco Day. This was attended by local Primary School children from the surrounding area. Many students from the High School helped organise the day's activities, which included making bug boxes and sowing seeds in flower pots made out of old newspapers.

Fay Ivens

Future of Shipston Football Club is secured

Following months of uncertainty and a great deal of hard work on the part of many individuals in the town, an agreement has now been reached which will ensure Shipston will continue to offer training and league football to a broad range of youngsters.

Having lost the use of the field next to the Sports and Social Club on London Road, Shipston Excelsior was faced with real uncertainty. However, the junior section has now been given permission to put two pitches on the cricket club's outfield at the Sports and Social Club. A deal has also been struck with the Sheldon Bosley Hub and the High School, which will see different age groups using their facilities.

Junior section Chairman, Steve Edwards, said "The home of Shipston Excelsior will always be at the Sports and Social Club. However, we are outgrowing the facilities there and are therefore thrilled to have reached these new agreements. It has been a real triumph of goodwill, compromise and local groups working together to enable our children to continue playing football and staying active. Thank you to everyone involved."



Pro-Supermarket Group launched in Shipston

"New community group, SNAS (Shipston Needs a Supermarket and Petrol Station), has been launched to support proposals for a supermarket and petrol station in Shipston. SNAS has held two public meetings and over 250 local residents have already joined the SNAS Facebook group.

Gillian Poole on behalf of SNAS said: "local residents who support bringing affordable shopping and petrol to Shipston have been without an effective voice. SNAS has been established to provide that voice. We will be campaigning to win the argument for a supermarket over the coming months."

SNAS is campaigning for a supermarket and petrol station in Shipston. It believes the proposals would benefit the town through affordable shopping, increase in jobs, and deliver community benefits to the town.

SNAS can be contacted at: snasshipston@gmail.com or by searching for 'Shipston needs' on Facebook.

The mysterious case of Jimmy the travelling cat

Much-loved Shipston cat, Jimmy, recently went missing for a week, leaving his owner, Sacha Saunders, distraught. With the help of friends, a campaign was launched, with posters put up around the local area, posts on Facebook and Twitter, and many people joining in the search.

Jimmy's plight finally ended when American tourist, Michael, who was staying at The Stratford Hotel, spotted him. He realised Jimmy must be lost and searched online for a cat rescue centre – which led him to the Avon Cat Rescue website where Jimmy's picture featured. After a late night trip to Stratford, Sacha and Jimmy were reunited.

Sacha wants to thank all those who helped search for him. "How Jimmy got to Stratford we will never know but I'm very grateful to everyone who helped find him.

"Everyone's kindness and concern during the search for Jimmy is a reminder of what a proactive and caring community we live in."



July's hot topics

Proms performance: Fay Ivens congratulated Tim Porter and the Proms organising Committee for putting on such a successful and varied programme.

New Clark House opening: Thank you to everyone who attended the official opening of New Clark House. It was encouraging to hear such positive feedback from those who came to view the new council offices. Fay Ivens thanked Georgina Beaumont and Liz Jaworska for organising the event.

Allotment thefts: The Allotments have been broken into again. Tools were stolen and the police have been informed. STC has put up signs prohibiting trespassers and closing the allotments during the hours of darkness.

Fast growing grass: Jackie Warner asked Stratford District Council to cut the grass on the riverbank to enable the picnic bench to be used (this has since been cut). Weeds are also winning the battle against the plants in some areas – the Town Clerk will look into this.

A splashing time: Roy Munden raised concerns about pedestrians being repeatedly soaked by passing vehicles travelling along Stratford Road out of the town. The matter will be raised with WCC.

Changing use: The former Toffee Apple toy shop premises has been granted a change of use by SDC from retail space to an estate agency.

Campaigning for Shipston

Cala Homes defeat: Many councillors welcomed the decision by Stratford District Council to reject the Cala Homes application for the Norgren (see page one).

Football pitch agreement: Councillors congratulated the Football club, Sheldon Bosley Hub, High School and all involved for reaching a compromise to ensure children in Shipston can continue to attend football training.

Streetlighting: STC has submitted a strong objection to Warwickshire County Council regarding plans to switch off most streetlights between midnight and 5:30am.

Car wash concern: A number of residents attending the council meeting spoke of their concern about both the planning application for a new entrance to the car wash and its existing impact on residents. Councillors expressed concern about the impact that the car wash business was having and will consider the planning application proposals in detail before responding.

Neighbourhood Plan: Following a question raised by a member of the public, the steering group is in the process of compiling an action plan, which will include public consultation. Regular updates will be published in the Forum as well as on the town council's website www.shipstononline.org.

Town Council business

Hearing Loop for New Clark House: Quotes are in the process of coming through for a hearing loop. The Town Council is researching whether grants may be available to help cover the cost.

Website improvements: Groups organising major events in the town are being encouraged to make better use of www.shipstononline.org, including sending news updates and photographs to the web developer, Olly Kemp, via admin@shipstononline.org.

Depot disposal: The old STC depot is being cleared. Councillors agreed to the sale of some items. General Purposes will arrange for the appropriate disposal of the remaining equipment.

New Clark House Update



Allotment Security

It is with regret that we have to report two new break-ins at the New Street allotments. As well as tools being stolen, plots were needlessly damaged causing real upset for our allotment-holders.

The police have been informed and are investigating the incidents. In the meantime, the Town Council has reluctantly decided to bring in a ban on anyone entering the allotments from sunset until sunrise. The area will be monitored and trespassers will be prosecuted.

In the meantime, Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team has issued some advice on how to keep your allotment secure:

- Put away all tools and equipment and lock them up. Avoid storing power tools in sheds.
- Replace standard hinges with strap hinges secured by coach bolts or use security screws on existing hinges.
- To secure a shed door, use a tough pad bar or hasp and staple fitted with a strong padlock and secured with coach bolts. To strengthen bolts supplement them with metal or wood backing plate so the bolts cannot be wrenched through the shed wall/door.
- Fit an alarm. These can cost less than you think. You can purchase a battery operated one from DIY stores.
- Chain tools and other valuable equipment together using high security chain or cable and a good quality padlock. Lockable tool racks are also worth considering.

Please could all residents report anyone they believe is behaving suspiciously near the allotments, particularly at night. SNT contact details are published on page 15.

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Town Clerk

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

Winners of Proms Fame contest take to the stage

Schoolboy, Ricardo Morgan, from Kings Heath in Birmingham was one of the winners at Shipston Proms 2012 Fame Contest. Nine acts took part in the contest and were judged on performance, presentation and choice of song.

Also topping the poll for groups were Longfellow (pictured), a five-piece band from Chipping Campden and Warwick. Another star of Saturday's Fame Contest was 12-year-old Joe Evans, also from Warwick, who amazed the audience with his body popping and hip hop dancing.

The winners performed at the Last Night of the Proms "Dancing in the Street" party in the High Street, ahead of event headliners, The Selecter, featuring Pauline Black and 'Gaps' Hendrickson.

Tim Porter, chairman of the organising committee, said: "The performers are of a very high standard. They have all been fantastic."



Anti-social behaviour is actively tackled in Shipston

There has been a rise in groups of young people trespassing on private property such as the High School and Primary School grounds. In addition to acts of vandalism, these groups often leave litter including broken bottles, which pose a threat to children attending the schools during the day.

Shipston High School, Primary School and Town Council are working with Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team to tackle the problem. High visibility patrols have already begun in the affected areas and changes have been made to shift patterns to enable more police to be available when needed. The patrols have already resulted in the arrest of one individual and other appropriate actions taken.

Hayley Ditchburn of Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team said "A small number of youths in Shipston, many of whom are already known to police, are causing problems for others. We are actively tackling this issue and will not hesitate to arrest anyone believed to be breaking the law."

Residents are being asked to report any suspicious behaviour or evidence of trespassing to police via the numbers on page 15. Please provide officers with as many details as possible including descriptions, location and which way groups are heading to ensure the response is swift and effective. The public should not intervene directly, however.



Raucous Cub Camp leaves leaders desperate for sleep!

This year the Shipston on Stour Cub Scouts held their summer camp at Five Ways Lakes in Wolvey, near Coventry. Nineteen cub scouts arrived on the Friday night, together with other Scout and Cub groups from all over Warwickshire for a weekend of fun.

We started the camp with a traditional flag break. However, with no flag pole, we had to improvise and use a nearby tree, only to get the flag stuck up on a branch. That's when the laughter started and never stopped!

Saturday brought a real mix of activities from visiting the transport museum, reaching the land speed record in a Thrust SSC simulator, a walk through Victorian Britain and Coventry during the blitz, visiting Coventry cathedral, plus rifle shooting and archery. Some of our Cubs would make fantastic snipers! All this activity ended with a BBQ and a get together with the other Scout groups for traditional songs around a camp fire.

Sunday brought raft building followed by rowing around the lake before finishing off with a few goes on the zip wire across the fishing lakes, before parents collected the weary cubs.

All the cubs had a fantastic time and earned a night's away badge. Bring on the next camp in September!



On yer bike! Summer Bikeability is here

Calling all young and new cyclists! Stay fitter, healthier and safer on the road this summer through Bikeability!

Places are still available for Bikeability cycle training during the summer holidays this year, run by Warwickshire County Council's Road Safety Team. Bikeability is Cycle Proficiency for the 21st century and is aimed at children starting at the age of 7 years old for Level 1.

The Bikeability training enables children to be safer and more independent whilst travelling by bike on or off road. As well as the obvious fitness benefits, children who cycle are more likely to be energised, excited and ready to learn.

The Bikeability Cycle Training Courses are being offered in 3 stages. For more details about course dates and to book a place, visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cycletraining or call 01926 412776.

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Olympic Trail Opens

The official opening of the Olympic Trail, the first phase of the ambitious playground project at Shipston Primary School, took place on a rare sunny day in June. The red ribbon was cut by Anna Freeman (Year 6), the Chairperson of the School Council, who read out a short speech that she had written to mark the occasion. Anna was then the first child to run the Olympic Trail, which is a 60-metre long timber trail and includes a solar-powered stop clock, slalom posts, climbing wall and hanging ropes. The children can time how quickly the trail takes, and Anna set the bar with a fantastic time of 1 minute, 23 seconds.

The Olympic Trail equipment was installed by Playforce, and the children were involved in the project all the way through, from meeting and selecting the supplier to helping choose the final set of equipment. The equipment will benefit all 420 children attending the school from Reception to Year 6 and will be used at playtime, lunchtime and during curriculum lessons. The weatherproof surfacing will also mean that the equipment can be used all year round.

The next phases identified for development are to create a structured play area for Years 3 and 4 and to maximise playground space for the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children using artificial grass, play houses, blackboards and a tunnel. The Friends of Shipston Primary School (FOSP)



will be holding a series of fundraising events in the next academic year including: children's discos, film nights, bazaars, a second hand sale and a quiz night. FOSP still needs to raise another £20,000 before the remaining equipment can be purchased, and will be applying for grants to help meet this target.

Places for September

There are just a few places available at Shipston Primary School for September. Please contact 01608 661266, email primary@shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk or visit www.shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk for more information.

Shipston High School

MP Presents Shipston Big Society Awards

On Friday 6th July, Nadhim Zahawi MP, presented 62 Shipston High School students in years 8 and 9 with the 'Shipston Awards' at silver and gold levels, in front of an invited audience of local dignitaries, governors and parents. With a further 72 students in year 7 receiving the bronze awards in a separate ceremony, the numbers of students taking up the challenge of the award has soared to another high.

The Shipston Award Scheme has been developed by the school in order to recognise that education is about more than just what happens in the classroom and requires pupils to compile a portfolio of evidence of their achievements across a range of criteria including their achievement and learning, service to the school and wider community, and their personal skills.



Headteacher, Jonathan Baker, said, "our students have really excelled themselves academically, personally and in all the different ways they have been serving their school and wider communities."

Formula for success

For the 2nd time Shipston High School has just won the 2012 Formula Schools Nitro Race Car Championships.

Organised by EngineeringYourFuture.com this challenging Grand Prix has been sponsored and set in the Daventry grounds of Cummins Diesel International (40,000 employees worldwide!)

It was again the students' pit lane excellence that saw them win the championship. Connor Andrews as lead engineer ensured the tools and equipment were set and ready for all breakdowns and fast decisions by him kept the car racing to the finish.

Superb driving by Joe Treadgold in the Electric Challenge gained Shipston High School the 'Fastest Lap' time. Stephen Neath, Cameron Dillon-Godfray and Ryan Bonehill ensured the GP 1: 8th scale nitro car victory.

Shipston High School was also awarded First Place for Team Development in Race Engineering including Aerodynamics and Chassis design which underlines the school's ongoing commitment to promoting Engineering. Thanks must also go to the sponsors London Oxford Airport (Andi Pargeter), 'Much Ado About Toys' (Leamington Co/Peter Gray of Traplet) and Warwickshire based LHC.

New Clark House is declared officially open

The 7th July saw the formal opening of New Clark House, Shipston Town Council's new home and base for Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team. Former Mayor, Paul Rathkey, along with Chief Superintendent Martin McNeven of Warwickshire Police cut the ribbon in a short ceremony to celebrate the opening.

The ceremony was followed by an open morning, during which members of the public braved the rain in order to have a look at the facilities. Feedback was very positive, and a growing number of community groups and organisations are now making good use of the building. Shipston SNT surgeries are now held at New Clark House, as well as the Citizens Advice Bureau's weekly clinics. Mayor, Fay Ivens, said "I'm delighted we have been able to secure this building for the town which is already proving to be a great asset".

New Clark House, formerly the police station, was purchased by the Town Council earlier this year to maintain the facility as a public building and retain the police base in the town.



Cllr Paul Rathkey with Ch Supt, Martin McNeven

Shipston Proms delivers music for all

This year's Proms fortnight has been hailed a great success, with record numbers turning out for the Last Night 'Dancing in the Street' party.

Fame Contest winners, singer Ricardo Morgan (15) from Kings Heath, Birmingham, and the six-man band Longfellow from Chipping Campden and Warwick, along with four-man rock band Les and The Licks, played to an enthusiastic crowd, before welcoming headline band, The Selecter featuring Pauline Black and 'Gaps' Hendrickson, to the stage.

The two-week Proms festival featured 30 musical events, and took live music into halls, churches, schools, care homes, pubs and street corners.

"The Selecter did a great job, and all the acts went down well", said Tim Porter, Proms chairman. "The purpose of the whole series of events was to bring the widest range of music to the heart of our community."

Shipston Proms is an independent event organised by a voluntary group and relies on the support from the community. The committee has to raise about £12,000 to fund the event and is extremely grateful to all sponsors who helped make the event possible.



Mayor, Fay Ivens (centre) with Pauline Black & 'Gaps' Hendrickson.
Photo courtesy of Philip Vial

Queen's Avenue hosts multiple torch relays!



QAPAG and Transition Shipston organisers (from left Alex Simpson, Polly Taylor, Dave Passingham and Michael Ashton)

Residents and visitors of all ages made their way to Queen's Avenue for their 'moment to shine', as they ran a mini-relay with a real 2012 Olympic Torch, kindly loaned by Andy Taylor for the occasion.

The event was arranged by the Queen's Avenue Park Action Group and Transition Shipston, to help raise funds for the playground project. In less than three hours, £215 was raised as would-be torchbearers ran relays and posed for photos.

QAPAG chair, Polly Taylor, said "It was lovely to see so many people turning out to run with the torch and get into the spirit of the occasion. Thank you to everyone who supported us on the day."

Shipston Card rewards loyal local!

At the fantastic Wool Fair, one lucky lady won the Shipston Loyalty Card second prize draw.

Tracey Cook of Pittway Avenue, Shipston won over £700 of prizes donated by local businesses, including a mobile phone and 12 month contract, natural therapy treatments, a spring clean hamper, lots of tasty treats and some handy vouchers.

Keep an eye out for the next Shipston Loyalty Card prize draw later in the year – it could be you!

Regular events:

- Mon Line Dancing:** 7pm, Townsend Hall. Contact: Julie 07508 721685
- Mon Zumba:** 7:45pm Shipston High School. £5. Other weekly classes also available. Contact: Debbie 07966 746794
- Tues Jivestar Modern Jazz:** 8pm. Contact, Gordon: 07792 217267
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (7 and 21). 10am-12pm Roman Catholic Hall. Contact: Adrian Collins, 661576
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Alternate Tuesdays (14, and 28). 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Stella, 686224
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays (7 and 21). Doors open at 6:30pm. Eyes down at 7:30. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Weds (until 22nd) Calypso Kids Music Classes:** Find out what book is in Calypso's lily pad and play the percussion instruments to tell the story. 10.00-10.45am £4.00 per child, additional siblings £2.00. First-come, first served. Contact Emmajane Roberts 07890 399162
- Weds Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Weds St John's Ambulance:** Adults division. Meet at Shipston Fire Station, 7pm. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club** at Rainbow Fields Contact: Diana 01789 740627
- Thur Gentle exercise and relaxation class for the over 50s:** 2-3:15pm, Rainbow Fields. Contact Leigh, 665995
- Thur Badminton Club:** Turn up and play from 7:30pm, Townsend Hall. £3.50
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Yoga & relaxation for the over 50s:** 10:30am - 12pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Leigh, 665995
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Linda, 662290

August Diary

- 2 Story Stomp:** Storytelling for 2-5 year olds. 10.30am, Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- 3 Hi-5 Multi-Sport & Swim for 8-15 year olds:** 10am-3pm, Shipston Leisure Centre. £7. Places limited and must be booked. Contact 01789 260643
- Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Cafe:** 'Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney' by David Brooks, Solicitor. 2-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433
- 4 Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- 6 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'Australia back to Batsford' by Mrs Jarvis. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 7 Multiple Sclerosis Society 'Drop in' meeting:** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- SWIB (Supporting Women in Business):** Networking event. 6-8.30pm, The George Hotel. To book, contact: Lynette Berry 07540 802 118

- 8 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
- 10 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm. Details as above
- Hi-5 Multi-Sport & Swim for 8-15 year olds:** 10am-3pm, Shipston Leisure Centre. £7. Places limited and must be booked. Contact 01789 260643.
- 11 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- Monthly surgery with Mayor and district councillors:** High Street, 10am-12pm.
- 13 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 14 Shipston Flower Club:** Garden visit to Hill Close Gardens, Warwick. Meet at the gardens at 6.30pm. Non-members welcome. Contact: 01295 788099
- Stour Valley Lions monthly meeting:** 8pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. All welcome.
- 15 Hi-5 Turn up for Free Sports:** Sports activities for children of all ages. 9.30am-12.30pm, Ilmington playing field. Free and no need to book. Under 5s must be accompanied. For details call 01789 260643
- 16 Really Good Coffee Networking Club:** 10am-12:00pm. Business networking at the Stour Enterprise Centre, Astech Mill, Stratford Rd Shipston. Contact: 629636 or info@stoureenterprise.co.uk
- Calypso Kids Workshop Magical Fun:** For 5-7 year olds. 10am-12.30pm, Townsend Hall. Calypso meets Winnie the Witch and Harry Potter. Make your own wizard's hat and compose musical spells. Session supervised by 2 qualified teachers. £12 per child. Booking essential. Contact Emma-Jane Roberts, 07890 399162
- 17 Hi-5 Multi-Sport & Swim for 8-15 year olds:** 10am-3pm, Shipston Leisure Centre. £7. Places limited and must be booked. Contact 01789 260643
- 20 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Monthly Social. 12.30pm, Horseshoe Inn. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Outing. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 22 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- 23 Calypso Kids Workshop Magical Fun:** For 5-7 year olds. 10am-12.30pm, Townsend Hall. Calypso meets aliens and astronauts. Make your own alien puppet and put on a show. Session supervised by 2 qualified teachers. £12 per child. Booking essential. Contact Emma-Jane Roberts, 07890 399162
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- 25 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- 29 Calypso Kids:** Calypso's 2nd birthday party and picnic (bring your own picnic). 10.30-12.00pm. Booking required, £6 per child, discount for siblings. Contact Emmajane Roberts 07890 399162
- 31 Chamber of Commerce Business Advice Surgeries:** Free advice sessions by appointment at Stour Enterprise Centre, Astech Mill, Stratford Road. To book, call 629693



STOUR VALLEY LIONS BOOK SHOP



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

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

August focus: Travel – UK and overseas

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STRATFORD ATHLETIC CLUB
AND THE
HEART RHYTHM CHARITY
PRESENT:**

SHIPSTON AQUATHLON

**SATURDAY
15TH SEPTEMBER 2012
AT 2.00 PM**

**SHIPSTON LEISURE CENTRE
AND HIGH SCHOOL**

Ages	Swim	Run
Age 8	50m	600m
Ages 9 - 10	150m	1500m
Ages 11 - 12	200m	2000m
Ages 13 - 14	300m	3000m
Ages 15 - 16	400m	4000m
Adults	400m	5000m
Open to all	100m	1500m

Entry fee £8 - £15.

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 alternatively contact the Heart Rhythm Charity at
info@heartrhythmcharity.org.uk or call 01789 450 787

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AGE GROUP WINNERS
AND TROPHY FOR WINNING
MALE AND FEMALE!**

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Stratford AC



Summer Tennis Camps 2012

**30th July – 3rd August
6th August – 10th August
20th August – 24th August**

9am – 3pm
7yrs – 14yrs
Members £17 per day
Non Members £20 per day

At Shipston Sports Club
London Road
Shipston Stour
CV36 4EP

10am – Mid-day
4yrs – 6yrs
Members £8.50 per day
Non Members £10 per day

Offers:
5 days for the price of 4 (you can book any number of days and they need not be in same week). 50% discount for 3rd child in same family.

Early drop off is available from 9am @ £3 per child per day.

Camps involve game based activities and match play to aid the understanding and progression of the game.

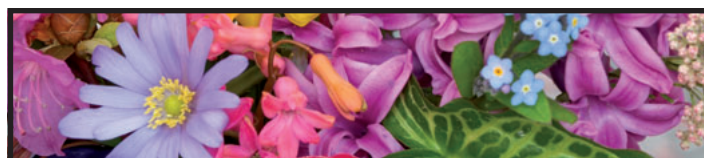
Children should bring their own packed lunch (for the 10 – 3 session), drinks, rackets (provided if required) outdoor coats and sun cream.



Please download a booking form from our web site:-
www.shipstontennis.org.uk. It will be found in the 'downloads' section in the 'Tennis Club' Box in the left hand column.

Contact janet@shipstontennis.org.uk or 662560 for details

Please book early so that we can plan coach availability.



Annual Gardening Competition Winners 2012

Rear garden: 84 Railway Crescent
Runner up – 52 Furze Hill Rd

Med/Lge front garden: 3 Springfield Close
Joint runners-up – 12 Greenfields Close & 33 Greenway Rd

Small front garden: 1 Redwood Park
Runner-up – 7 Horsefair

Hanging basket/window box/manger:
'Harriet's Cottage', Green Lane
Runner-up – 31 Clark Close

Public places: Ellen Badger Hospital
Joint runners-up – Rainbow Fields & Stour Court

Town businesses: Joint winners –
Mrs Brown's Tea Room
and Time in Hand

Allotments: Plot 6, New Street
Runner up – Plot 30a New Street

Congratulations everyone!





Shipston Town Council

Notification of Tenders

Contract 1
the grounds maintenance of the cemetery

Contract 2
the grounds maintenance of the town

Contract 3
the cleansing contract for the town

Tender documents will be available
from New Clark House from 17th August.

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

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

A GARDEN ART EXHIBITION

AT HOPKIN HOUSE, LOWER TYSOE

WARWICKSHIRE

BY

HAZEL V. ROBINSON

FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST - SEPTEMBER 9TH

10.30AM – 5.00PM

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WEATHER PERMITTING

IN AID OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE

SORRY NO DOGS

FREE DIABETES TESTING

Ellen Badger Hospital



2-6pm

20th September 2012



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



Stour Valley Lions and Shipston Medical Centre



**Interested in September 2013
entry?**

SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 19th September

7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 25th September

Click on 'Add events' and follow the instructions

Shipston Arts & Crafts Society

The Society met on 19th June at the Catholic Parish Centre when the speaker Mr Doug Eyre - an artist with a great sense of humour - demonstrated this by his caricatures, drawn in seconds with a felt pen onto a large computerised "canvas". A dot and two lines, an eye, a long chin, a big nose, wing type ears, a scowl or a smile, lines and wrinkles - a politician? They certainly did not flatter, but were instantly recognisable.

Mr Eyre spoke of his career and commissions, mainly caricatures to order at a "Big Business" conference or dinner, or golf tournaments, often auctioned, earning large sums for charity.

Mr Eyre then drew one very brave lady in the audience - his mischievous sense of humour showing an unflattering portrait which made us all smile - which after all is perhaps what caricature is all about. Once again, something different to watch and learn by a highly entertaining speaker.

Dr P J Crooke, MBE (an Artist in a Crowd) will be the society's speaker on Tuesday 18th September. Do join us, you would be most welcome.

Shipston Music Society June Concert

The concert was titled "An Evening of Best Loved Songs and Arias" and was also the opening event of "Shipston Proms". Mezzo Soprano Maria Jagusz was accompanied by Ashley Catling. Both performers have very extensive experience, being held in high regard in the national operatic world.

The concert opened with Me Voglio fa na Casa by Donizetti and immediately confirmed that we were in for a quite outstanding evening. Kitty of Colraine came as quite a delightful contrast followed by Gluck's wonderful Orpheo and Euridice and Bizet's Habanera from the opera Carmen. Maria then sang Losing my Mind by Sondheim, a piece unfamiliar to most of the audience. This difficult composition was delivered with tenderness and pathos, confirming Maria's prodigious vocal and emotional range. Between the black comedy of Richard Rogers To Keep my Love Alive and the comic Tale of the Oyster, Maria sang Somewhere from West Side Story.

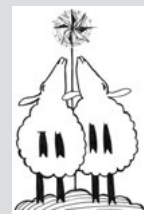
Many of our visiting musicians have praised the wonderful acoustics of the Shipston Methodist Church, our usual meeting place, and this was demonstrated to perfection by Maria in this Bernstein number. The concert closed with *Can't Help Loving that Man* from that groundbreaking musical of 1926, Showboat.

With Ashley's superb accompaniment both singer and pianist became one in their performance. Maria's superb voice will not be easily forgotten and we all sincerely hope to see their early return.

The next meeting is on September 21st at the Shipston High School and will be the Warwickshire Boys Choir. For further information please contact Clare Faulkes on 01608 663207.



Transition Shipston Shipston Harvest Fayre Sunday 30th September 2012



For the second year running, Transition Shipston & Surrounding Communities is organising the Shipston Harvest Fayre in the Town Centre. As well as celebrating the harvest, the aim of the event is to encourage the growing of more local food and making it available in local shops.

Like last year, priority will be given to stalls selling local food and produce. Traditional music will continue through the day. The Fayre will be open from 10.00 to 2.00 on Sunday 30th September.

Stalls cost £28 for commercial stalls and £14 for voluntary (non-profit making) stalls. If you are a local producer or retailer and would like to book a place, please contact Dave Passingham on 661816 davepassingham@hotmail.com

Shipston On Stour Educational Charity Grants for the year 2012/2013

Small educational grants can now be applied for to support those needing financial help to undertake further academic or professional/trade qualifications, including apprenticeships.

If you are a Shipston resident under 25 years old on the 1st September of the year of application (or with parents living here), you can now apply for a small grant for the 2012/13 academic year.

Application forms are now available from the Shipston Library or write to the Clerk to the Trustees, Mr. D. Squires, 49, Telegraph Street, Shipston on Stour CV36 4DA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Completed forms must be received by Monday 3rd September 2012.

Stour Enterprise Centre

Business advice and networking for entrepreneurs

Based at Astech Mill on Stratford Road, the Stour Enterprise Centre is offering a range of advice and business support services to help local entrepreneurs.

The centre offers a range of services and facilities, from working space and meeting rooms, to informal Drop-In Business Clinics, ongoing personal development workshops and frequent networking opportunities. The workshops have proved very popular and a further series is planned in September.

The Stour Enterprise Centre, is a not for profit organisation, supported by volunteers and is open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information, visit www.stourenterprise.co.uk

The Rotary Club of Shipston on Stour Handover Evening

Nigel Willis, Shipston on Stour Rotary President 2011/2012 handed over office to Colin Black at a celebratory dinner on Tuesday 26 June. In keeping with Rotary National Officers, Colin took up office on 1st July 2012 and will continue for 1 year.

Rotary members had an enjoyable evening completed by an entertaining guest speaker. Anyone wishing to join the Rotary Club or just come along to see what we are about is welcome. We meet every Tuesday evening at Halford Bridge Hotel 7.30pm for 8.00pm.



Senior Citizens Action Network

Jan Roberts of Stratford District Council stood in as Chair for the SCAN meeting on 10th July as Brian Fletcher is currently undergoing medical treatment. She expressed our very best wishes for his recovery and voiced all our thoughts that we would see him back at meetings soon.

Having been involved with the present and the future of modern communications and education technology at our iPad training event with Shipston Primary School pupils on 12th June, our thoughts turned to the past, triggered by a variety of memorabilia brought along by Shirley Warrington of Warwickshire Reminiscence Action Project.

Stimulated by the sight, smell and touch of objects, the room was alive with the buzz of memories as we shared them with each other, some finding connections in where they had lived or common experiences. Actually, I didn't remember having to scrape frozen ice from windowpanes, but I do remember when we first had an electric fire! Interesting to realise how much life has changed in 60 years or so.

'Down Memory Lane' will continue to be a theme at our next meeting on Tuesday, 11th September, (10 – 11.30am in the Townsend Hall), when Mike Ashley will talk to us about the history of Shipston.



Shipston Probus Club

Are you a retired or semi-retired professional or business man interested in meeting like-minded people: to listen to fascinating lectures on a variety of topics before the bar opens, to enjoy a good lunch and lively conversation?

Come and be our guest for a meeting or two before deciding whether to apply for membership. We meet on alternate Friday mornings at Shipston Sports Club from 10:15am.

For further information, contact Roger Ford on 01608 664875 or Paul Kelly on 01608 662491



Stour Valley Lions

Stour Valley Lions has appointed a new president – Roy Arkell. Outgoing president John Cavana shared how much he has enjoyed being president for two years, learning a lot about the Lions locally and worldwide, and supporting many charities. During John's term, the club has donated approximately £10,000 to various local causes and has supported national charities such as St Dunstan's. A small percentage of funds has been donated overseas with the Haiti disaster and the Japanese Tsunami notable recipients.

New president, Roy Arkell, intends to use his experience of working in partnership with his brother in the motor trade, to deliver his ambitions for Stour Valley Lions. He would like to see the Lions continue to increase membership, create a harmonious partnership within the club to enable members to organise interesting events that generate increased funds and to distribute the funds raised to the benefit of organisations, clubs and residents in our district community who are in need of help and support.

Stour Valley Lions motto will be "Stand and Deliver" – We stand for the unfortunate and give to the needy.



Sky Dive

New member, Carol Higginson, has bravely volunteered to complete a sponsored tandem sky dive in aid of Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA) on August 19th.

If you would like to donate via Lions, please visit "Just Giving" www.justgiving.com/carol-higginson.

Good luck Carol!

Olympic Torch Relay – Newbold

Stour Valley Lions helped with the car parking and road marshalling of the Olympic Torch through Newbold on the 1st July. We also ran a tombola and lucky dip stall on the green outside the village hall. A long hard day's work for our members but very rewarding for the Newbold Village Hall fundraising.

Shipston Proms

The Proms top raffle prize winners were:-

First prize £100	Mr Wales
Garden table and chairs	Hilary Rosen
Meal for two at the Black Horse	Mr Booth
Sunday lunch at the Horseshoe	Mr Cheney

Thank you to all those who bought the raffle tickets and donated prizes.

Shop window competition, voting slip winner: Nana Law

The Organising Committee is keen to hear comments about the event, and any suggestions for 2013. Contact: Richard Taylor on 01608 661511 or poleda@talktalk.net



Shipston Home Nursing on Facebook

SHN now has its own page on Facebook. To keep in touch with what's happening at the charity, visit www.facebook.com, search for Shipston Home Nursing and click the 'like this page' button.



Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team

Opening hours/surgeries:

The Shipston SNT surgeries are now being held on alternate Thursday afternoons at 2:30pm at the Council Offices on West Street, Shipston on Stour.



Going Away this summer?

This time of year often sees many going away for a summer break. Warwickshire Police would like to offer the following advice to keep your home safe during this time.

- Don't close your curtains as this shows the house is empty.
- Ask someone you trust to draw curtains at night and to remove post from behind your front door.
- Cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries.
- Use automatic timer-switches to turn lights on when it gets dark.
- Check that all doors and windows are locked and activate burglar alarms.
- Don't leave spare keys outside, or in a garage or shed, and put car keys or garage keys out of sight.
- Use timers for radios if you need to be away from home overnight. They will create the impression that someone is in.
- Be a good neighbour. If you see anyone acting suspiciously around a property you know to be empty, call the police.

Policing Priorities

Three policing priorities were agreed at the recent community forum:

- Burglary reduction – High visibility patrols in the Cherrington/Stourton area following recent burglaries, aim to reduce crime and raise awareness.
- Anti-Social Behaviour, Lower Quinton – Carry out 10 extra patrols to target ASB in Quinton area. Times and locations should be those where ASB is most prevalent.
- Anti-Social Behaviour, Shipston – High visibility patrols in Shipston following reports of ASB. Officers will carry out 10 extra patrols in and around Shipston. Patrols to be aimed at times and locations when ASB is prevalent.

Shipston SNT is now on Twitter. Please follow us and tweet us on @SNT_Shipston. You will also be able to get regular updates from the team.

Shipston Dementia Resource Cafe

At the Café on 6th July, Barry Collier, Promotions Manager with Age UK Warwickshire spoke to us about the services that can be provided by the charity to people who want to live independently.

Based in Leamington but with information and advice sessions available weekday mornings at Briarcroft, Alcester Road, Stratford upon Avon and on the first Tuesday morning (10 – 12) of each month at the Ellen Badger Hospital, Age UK Warwickshire can offer support in a variety of ways. Apart from free legal advice clinics (20 minutes) and advice on benefit entitlements, you can contact the office if you need help with home maintenance as they have a list of trustworthy tradespeople (CRB checked) who can come and do the work for you (at a charge of £18.50 per hour) or a list of vetted contractors. A free home safety check is available (2 hours free labour with a charge only for the parts fitted). A home help service and befriending are available and there is even a library service for those who are housebound.

Of course, for all of us, it is important to stay active, healthy and to maintain a social life, so there are exercise groups and lunch clubs to satisfy this need locally.

Contact details

T: 01926 458100 / E: info@ageukwarks.org.uk

Learn to play bridge

Fancy a game of cards? Bridge lessons are starting in September at Shipston Rugby Social Club. Meet and make new friends while learning a fascinating game played by millions of people around the world. Previous card experience is not necessary.

Bridge has been shown to help people of all ages to slow down the onset of dementia by improving the long and short-term memory, as well as improving their general health.

Sessions will be 2 hours on a weekly basis for 10 weeks up to Christmas with a 2nd term starting in January. For more information, phone Val on 01608 238356 or 0751 609 1786.

Village West Residents Association

We continue our dialogue with various bodies over the parking down Tilemans Lane. No success yet but it is early days - every question answered leads to three more questions. We shall be raising the matter of "dog fouling" on the various green areas in the Village with Town and District Councillors in the next week. Just to remind all residents that we are actively and urgently seeking more members. Please contact Frank Cooper on 664092 for details.

A belated Jubilee/Olympic barbecue is planned for the 11th August. Watch for the local advertising to confirm where on the Village site it will be.

**Letter from Bill Hannis, Chairman,
Stour Valley Visually Impaired Club**

On Saturday June 2nd Warwickshire Association for the Blind held a Street Collection in the High Street of Shipston on Stour. It was 'Jubilee Saturday' and a very cold day which resulted in a very quiet town centre, despite this we collected £442.89, a magnificent sum. Once again the people of Shipston and the Stour Valley have shown extreme generosity for which we are most grateful.

The money will be split equally between Warwickshire Association for the Blind and Stour Valley VIP Club (for the Blind and Visually Impaired). All of the money will be used for the benefit of Blind and Visually Impaired people who attend Clubs and Drop in Centres within the County.

Letter from Catherine Bradley

I'd like to pass on a massive thank you to all of the Shipston Proms committee and their volunteers. Without their hard work and devotion to music, Shipston would be a lot less entertaining. The Dancing in the Street event was fantastic as always and seeing a full, buzzing town square made me proud to be part of such a fun community. Top job!

Letter from Mr and Mrs Lawrence

Was it only last month that I wrote to you praising the Jubilee Crew for their amazing contribution to our Jubilee Celebrations? Sad then that I am now writing about another group of Shipston people who have begun a spate of mindless vandalism to sheds, tools, and a greenhouse on the New Street Allotments. Have they nothing better to do?

Maybe they should take a leaf out of the aforementioned group and do something positive for the town in which they live. Can you imagine what goes on in the minds of these people when they cut down all our lupins to take the remaining flowers and the seedpods? How pathetic is that?

We would willingly have given them some seeds had they asked. We will be on the lookout for a garden display of red and yellow lupins! We purposely planted the lupins and other flowers to give pleasure to everyone who is working hard on their allotment. How Sad!

Letter from Peter A. Cox

I attended the Town Council Meeting on 9th July and I totally agree with Maria Harvey's proposal that there should be a public meeting on the Neighbourhood Plan. I would also request that the group S.N.A.S. (Shipston Needs a Supermarket) - of which I am a member of the Steering Committee - should be one of the groups consulted and not just SHAC/Transition Shipston.

There is a lot of support in Shipston for a supermarket and petrol station, and I feel that it is important for this to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The people of Shipston should be allowed to have a say in what goes on in their town and not just rely on the decisions of the members of the Town Council.

Letter from Roger Thornhill

With reference to the Town Council Meeting of 09/07, I was concerned to see a blatant disregard for public input. It is apparent that there are now a significant number in favour of a new and superior supermarket in Shipston.

It still appears that the majority of the Council would rather ignore this and pursue their own agenda only allowing consultation upon its completion, and remain happy in dictating where the hard working people of Shipston should do their shopping. Although the town centre has much to offer it cannot cope with the demand of younger and larger families or offer the choices that the modern consumer expects. The Town Council is failing to grasp how the demographic of Shipston-on-Stour is changing and will continue to develop. Any town plan should accommodate the needs of the many and not the few.

Letter from Shipston Proms Organising Committee

Shipston Proms would like to thank all the many people who helped in putting on our event in this, our fourteenth year.

A big thank you to our sponsors, for their financial support, in these difficult times this is much appreciated, and is very necessary in providing a base on which to build our Music Festival. We would like to thank the shops that took part in our shop window competition. Thank you all.

From Jill Licence (a non allotment holder)

The glowing report in the magazine "Cotswold Life" this month about Shipston on Stour made me immensely proud to be a resident. I was brought back to reality the following day when I heard yet again the sheds on the allotments had been broken into, tools, fruit and vegetables stolen. What happened to respect for other people's possessions?

The Shipston in Bloom floral displays on London Road all funded and labour provided by volunteers are frequently destroyed by "someone". The police say they are unable to do anything, but someone must be aware of the identity of the culprits.

If residents are paying rent for an allotment surely they have a right for it to be secure? I would like to suggest the council install security lighting on both allotment sites, and that the Police when the culprits are identified, take away their treasured possessions, Ipods, mobile phones, game stations, computers.

Be aware, stop it happening, don't turn a blind eye and let the minority spoil Shipston on Stour.

Got something to say?

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

District Council update

I am very pleased that the proposal by CALA homes to build 125 houses and some employment units was turned down by the planning committee. I have always opposed this plan as I believe it is premature whilst the District Council's Core Strategy is nearing completion. It would adversely affect the landscape, the new low-density housing is not justified and it would be an isolated community outside Shipston in an area that should remain an employment site for local people.

Stour United Businesses are considering ways of encouraging the development of the Norgren factory site for employment use; I am asking the District Council if they will assist any efforts to create employment opportunities on this site. The planning application for the supermarket, 130 Extra Care houses and 50 market houses on the Greenfield site on the Northern side of the Campden Road is likely to be heard in the autumn.

You will have read elsewhere that the County Council are going to switch off many of the street lights after 12 midnight. I am asking the County to consider keeping all the lights on in the town whenever there is a major evening event such as Shipston Proms and also to consider whether they could not defer the usual switching off time to 1 am.

I will usually be at the councillors surgery in the High Street, this is held on the second Saturday in the month from 10 to 12 am.

Richard Cheney

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Richard Cheney and Jonathan Gullis take it in turns to provide the content for this column.



County Council update

Low Furlong

I am delighted to announce a secure future for Low Furlong. Our residential homes for older people are soon to be operated by Runwood Homes to enable local older people still to be served in their local communities. Low Furlong will be included in the transfer.



Warwickshire
County Council

Runwood Homes, a family run organisation which operates 55 care homes in England and Northern Ireland, is expected to take over the operation of Low Furlong in October this year. The new operators will take over existing staff and plan to spend £360,000 to improve and modernise the premises.

Superfast Broadband

We are still urging local residents to sign up to help bring faster broadband to our rural areas. This will enable more opportunities for firms to operate and provide employment in this area.

The government backed contracts to improve the networks to provide much higher broadband speeds appear to have been delayed by EU regulation. Keep in touch and help improve Shipston-on-Stour by completing the survey on the website www.cswbroadband.org.uk – it costs nothing.

Bus pass renewal

Work has already started on renewing concessionary bus passes that expire on 31 March 2013.

If you have a concessionary bus pass and WCC has your current address and a photograph, then renewal will be a straightforward process. If not the renewal team at the County Council will be writing to you to help.

Chris Saint

County Councillor – Shipston-on-Stour Division
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NHS News – Shipston Medical Centre

Shipston Medical Centre – A&E or GP? Get it right!

Over the past few weeks we have been reviewing all our patients' attendances at A&E in the early part of the year. Having looked at the reasons for attendances to A&E it seemed that 18% of these were avoidable and this figure rose to 22% for those under 15 years of age. The vast majority of these avoidable attendances could have been dealt with in Shipston by the GP.

A&E departments assess and treat patients with serious injuries or illnesses. Generally, you should visit A&E or call 999 for life-threatening emergencies, such as:

- loss of consciousness
- acute confused state and fits that are not stopping
- persistent, severe chest pain
- breathing difficulties
- severe bleeding that cannot be stopped

When the practice is shut (evenings and weekends) the Out of Hours Service is available. After speaking to you on the telephone the Out of Hours service will offer you an

appointment with a GP if they feel one is needed. At weekends the appointment could be at the Ellen Badger Hospital, where a GP is available on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Where your condition warrants it the Out of Hours service will visit you at home. If you ring the practice (01608 661845) when we are closed, you will be put through to the Out of Hours Service automatically. Alternatively, you can ring direct on 0300 1 30 30 40 (lo-call rates apply).



The Medical Centre is open between 8am and 6:30pm and there is a Duty Doctor available throughout the day. If you need to be seen quickly because your condition warrants it, we will see you as soon as possible.

Please use our precious NHS resources responsibly.

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

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t: 01608 662180 e: clerk@shipstononline.org


Something exciting to share?

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

Copy deadline: First Wednesday of every month

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

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

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.

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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- 24/7 renewal line	01926 499273
Highways customer services	01926 412515
Shipston Police Station	01789 444670
Shipston Forum	01865 600262
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
– Out of hours	03001 303040
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Town Council	01608 662180
Shipston Recycling Centre	01608 663560
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
Local police (non emergency)	101
PC Richard Grove (Beat Manager)	07977 456585
PCSO Hayley Ditchburn	07879 608696
PCSO Andy Steventon	07966 626908
Churches of Shipston:	
Stour Valley Baptist	01608 664876
Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01608 661724
Methodist Church	01608 661843

TOWNSEND HALL
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A woman with blonde hair, smiling, wearing an elaborate historical costume with a large feathered collar and a beaded necklace. The background is a warm, reddish-brown gradient.

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