



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

November 2012

New Clark House encourages services back to Shipston

Six months on from the Town Council's move to New Clark House, the former police station is now hosting a number of services and providing a useful resource for community groups and charities.

Stratford District Council has confirmed it intends to install a Customer Access Terminal (CAT) in New Clark House as soon as possible. CATs are already in place elsewhere in the district. They enable residents to speak face to face with a customer service officer at the district council via Skype. The terminal also allows people to show, scan or fax documents as required, reducing the need to travel to Stratford or send documents by post.

Mayor, Fay Ivens, said "We were all very concerned when Stratford District Council closed its office in Shipston. Installing a CAT is a very positive step forward in giving residents easy access to district council services and I'm delighted Shipston Town Council has the facilities to accommodate this technology."

The Citizens' Advice Bureau holds weekly advice sessions at New Clark House and the Safer Neighbourhood Team also operates drop-in surgeries from the council offices on alternate Thursdays. In addition, over 40 meetings have been held at the new building. Shipston has established a 'cluster network' with local parishes, inviting nearby villages to make use of New Clark House. The Town Clerk is also making arrangements for a tourist information display to be provided in the foyer.

"New Clark House is increasingly being used as a central hub for community meetings. Not only does this ensure the building is well used, it attracts more people into the town and raises awareness of the shops, events and services Shipston has to offer," Fay Ivens added.



Neighbourhood planning starts early!

Approximately 100 people took part in a public meeting arranged by Shipston Town Council to find common ground between those for and those against proposals for a supermarket and petrol station. The session asked attendees to come up with ideas for how Shipston could be improved and enhanced. 'Protecting Shipston's unique identity', and 'improving employment opportunities in the town' came out as top priorities, with 'investing in future health services' and 'developing services for 16-19 year-olds' coming joint third.

Many people have fed back that they found the session constructive and interesting and the results will now help inform the initial stages of the Neighbourhood Plan. Some members of the public expressed concern that the meeting wasn't sufficiently focused on the issue of the supermarket, however.

Although a useful starting point, the findings are just an indication and limited to the views of those attending the meeting. The Town Council is therefore very keen to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the aspirations of the community as a whole and is actively encouraging as many people as possible from all age groups to get involved. Please keep an eye out for further updates in the Shipston Forum and online at www.shipstononline.org

Take time to remember

Remembrance Sunday is on the 11th November and will be marked by a service at St Edmunds Church. The Shipston branch of the Royal British Legion will be collecting donations for the annual poppy appeal with support from volunteers. Turn to pages 2 and 11 for more information.



Mayor's column

The month began with an invitation to an evening reception at Shire Hall, Warwick, by the Chairman of Warwickshire County Council. This was a very interesting experience as we were also able to have a tour around the vast building, taking in the all of the magnificent rooms. Looking at the old Magistrates Court and the underground cells was creepy, damp and cold, though!



Along with the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Ronnie Murphy, I attended the Mayoress of Stratford's 'At Home' at Stratford Town Hall. This was a delightful occasion when our best hats were worn – we even had our photos taken by some American tourists as we were going in.

It was a delight to be invited to a concert by Warwickshire Boys Choir by Shipston Music Society. It was both inspirational and joyous to witness such a talented choir of young boys.

As a member of Shipston WI, I was privileged to attend the historic occasion of their 90th Birthday Celebration on October 3rd, which was also attended by guests from Warwickshire Federation, Stour Valley WI and Brailes WI. I was very touched that the celebration cake had been made without alcohol so that I was able to have a slice!

We attended the AGM of Warwickshire Young Carers at Warwick. It is good to know that young people who find themselves in this position have access to help and support during difficult times in their lives.

We have also represented Shipston at the 'Civic Services' of the Chairman of Warwick District Council and the Mayor of Alcester.

I look forward to welcoming all townspeople to Shipston's Civic Service and Patronal Festival on Sunday 25th November at St. Edmund's Church at 10am. I would be particularly delighted to see previous winners of the Anne Sankey Award joining us, ideally wearing their medals.

Fay Ivens

Shipston Educational Charity helps 18 more youngsters

Eighteen youngsters aged between 16 and 25 have been awarded small grants by Shipston Educational Charity, to help them with their studies. A total of £1520 was split across the applicants, with individual amounts depending on the nature of the submission.

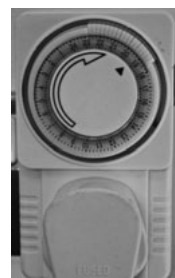
Shipston Educational Charity has been helping young residents of Shipston for a number of years and is entirely dependent on legacies and donations to continue its work. The charity not only helps those seeking academic qualifications but also awards grants to support apprenticeships and vocational qualifications.

Richard Taylor, secretary, said "We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is willing to donate money to keep this important fund going so we can continue to support Shipston's young people". For details, please contact Richard on 661511.

Warding off winter burglaries

Winter is well on its way and with the reduction in daylight, Shipston's Safer Neighbourhood Team has issued the following advice to help protect your property after dark.

- Use an automatic time switch on an indoor light, either in a room that cannot be peered into from the road, or upstairs. Change the timings regularly.
- Put a time switch on a radio that has been tuned to a chat station
- Ensure that gates or other accesses to the rear of the house are locked and secure and don't forget to lock your shed.
- Secure windows, paying particular attention to those on the ground floor and above flat roof areas. Keep all your keys out of sight and out of reach.
- Property-mark your valuables by using your postcode and your house number or name. If they're not suitable for marking, photograph them with a ruler in view for scale.
- Make use of your intruder alarm if you have one, or consider investing in one that is suitable for your needs.
- Join a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. For details of a local scheme, see the article on page 11 or call 101.
- Trust your instincts. If you think a crime is about to happen or is in progress dial 999.



Remembering the fallen (continued from page 1)

All residents are invited to join the Service of Remembrance at St Edmund's Church, which will mark Remembrance Sunday on the 11th November 2012.

The Royal British Legion will be joined by the Scout Group, Young Fire-fighters and St John's Ambulance in a parade from the High Street to St Edmund's prior to the service. The parade, accompanied by the Town Band and civic dignitaries, will commence at 10.30, halting at the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths before entering church.

The annual Poppy Appeal to raise funds for ex servicemen and women and their dependants, will begin on the 28th October for two weeks. Richard Adams, Chairman of the Royal British Legion, Shipston branch, said "the generosity of Shipston is touchingly legendary and the Legion asks for similar support this year so that its work of supporting ex-service personnel, including the wounded and bereaved of current conflicts like Afghanistan, can be continued".



October's hot topics

Dangerous Zebra: Jackie Warner expressed concerns about the position of the Zebra crossing in Church Street. Its proximity to the gyratory means cars approach it too quickly and often don't notice it at all. Chris Saint will raise the matter with the Highways department.

Loud and clear: A hearing loop has now been purchased for New Clark House and will be available for use soon.

Primary problem: Station Road keeps flooding opposite the entrance to the Primary School. A blocked drain is the likely cause. The Town Clerk will raise the issue with Warwickshire County Council (WCC)

No way through: Roy Munden reported concerns that a Right of Way opposite the Honnington turn on Stratford Road is impassable. WCC will look into whether it falls within the Shipston or Tredington parish boundary but stressed that parish paths are most effectively managed when there is support from local volunteers.

Car park blackout: Jackie Warner alerted councillors to the faulty street lighting in the Mill Street Car Park which is currently in darkness outside daylight hours. The Town Clerk will investigate further.

Out of date signage: The Town Clerk will ensure out of date signs for the Harvest Fair and Stratford Food Festival are removed following a request from a member of the public.

Luminous lines: The white lines in the market square are due to be repainted soon, including the markings for the disabled parking space.

Campaigning for Shipston

Engaging with developers: In line with previous approaches from developers, Shipston Town Council has agreed to meet with Banner Homes, to hear the developer's initial proposals for a site on Campden Road.

Planner's briefing: Peter Yates, acting planning manager at Stratford District Council has offered to visit Shipston to better understand the area (he is new to Warwickshire). Richard Cheney will meet him alongside town councillors.

Public meeting feedback: The Town Council would like to thank all those who attended the meeting on the 24th September, designed to find common ground between the campaign groups currently focusing on the supermarket issue (see article on page 1).

Town Council business

A second look at CCTV: STC will invite the operators of the CCTV service to give a presentation about the service before further discussions need to be had regarding 2013/14 budget. The council is particularly keen to hear evidence from police about the impact of live 24/7 monitoring of the cameras.

Improving New Clark House facilities: A basic kitchenette will be installed in New Clark House to support the building's meeting room facilities. This money will come from the original amount allowed for improvements to New Clark House.

Clark House: Plans are progressing well for a potential long-term lease of Clark House. Further details will be announced when confirmed.

Bus shelters: STC will consult a specialist to find out whether bus shelters at the bottom of Telegraph Street and on Mill Street might be feasible and affordable. General Purposes working group will report back in due course.

New Clark House Update

New contracts awarded

Shipston Town Council has awarded contracts for mowing, cemetery maintenance and street cleaning (including litter removal) to Lawns 2 Mow following a competitive tendering process.



Lawns 2 Mow won the cemetery contract initially last year, and took on other responsibilities on an interim basis a few months ago. We have received much praise for the work they have done already, and with a robust contract now in place, we look forward to maintaining those high standards.

These contracts will also deliver savings over the next three years, which will help the council to hold the precept at its present level, whilst aiding additional investment in much needed local services and charities.

Vandalism

A newly-planted tree on Telegraph Street has been snapped off in what we can only assume was an act of vandalism. This is the second time this has happened to a new tree in the town recently and is a real shame. Shipston Town Council has a successful track record of taking action against vandals. If you see anyone damaging public property, please report it immediately to the Safer Neighbourhood Team (see contacts on page 15) or report it to New Clark House.

Neighbourhood Plan

Stephen Miles has kindly agreed to lead the Neighbourhood Plan process on behalf of the Town Council. As the Forum went to press, we were in the middle of producing materials for the launch event on the 24th October. We plan to keep residents informed throughout the process via www.shipstononline.org and the Forum. Look out for a special pull-out section being planned for the Forum's January edition, with lots of information about neighbourhood planning and how you can get involved.

Community Forum

The next Shipston and Stour Community Forum will take place in Shipston on the 4th December and will be streamed live over the internet. If you're not able to attend in person, you can still take part in voting on topics such as policing priorities using the online voting system. For the latest updates, keep an eye on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/shipstonforum

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Terrific tractor ride raises over £1,500 for charity

Thirteen adventurous youngsters ranging from 3-8 years of age recently took part in a sponsored tractor ride to raise money to support research into the treatment of brain tumours. The kids and their parents travelled for 4 hours on tractors and trailers across local countryside during a Sunday afternoon in September. This, of course, included a well earned break for sandwiches and cakes half way through!

The band of friends from Shipston decided to do their bit after Oliver Highway, father of Elliot Highway, was diagnosed with a brain tumour earlier this year, aged 39. Oliver said, "Thanks to the brilliant work done by the children raising sponsorship and the people driving the tractors and supporting the event, a terrific amount of money has been raised for the Cantab Neuro Oncology Research Fund. This will directly go towards the research undertaken by my consultant, Professor Ian Brown. Everyone involved had a fantastic afternoon in such lovely countryside and I'm incredibly proud of all the children."

Elliot was delighted to hand over a cheque to Professor Ian Brown at Coventry Hospital and said: "We had a great time doing the tractor ride. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us!"



From left: John (kneeling), Paul, Adam, Cameron, Noah, Ollie, Charlie, Benji, Jake, Rory and Elliot

Shipston High School speaks up with success

Eleven students at Shipston High School have just notched up another major 'speaking in public' success for the school by completing the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) examination in 'Speaking in Public'.

The prestigious award is equivalent to an 'A/S' level, normally taken in the sixth-form, and gains all the students points towards admission to university. At the time the students were in Years 9, 10 and 11, and all passed with flying colours.

The successful students recently received their certificates from LAMDA, together their medals, during a special school assembly.

Shipston High School has built up an impressive track record of success in public speaking. Last year nearly half the school entered the annual inter-House public speaking competition and teams of speakers from the school have reached the final stages of competitions at local, regional and national level.

Headteacher, Jonathan Baker, said, "Public speaking is really important in helping students build up their confidence and it teaches them a skill much in demand by employers. These students have done fantastically well in an examination

intended sixth formers and they have shown, yet again, the depth of talent at the school."



The students proudly show off their certificates

Shipston Young Fire-fighters receive thank you donation from Stour Valley Lions

On behalf of Shipston Young Fire-fighters, Katie Judd, was delighted to accept a donation of £50 from Lion, Roy Arkell, and Lion, Keith Higginson, in recognition of the youngsters' dedication to the service.

Stour Valley Lions wanted to thank Shipston Young Fire-fighters for the help they give to Lions, particularly during the annual Lions senior citizen party.

Shipston Young Fire-fighters provides children aged 11-17 with an opportunity to learn important skills, make new friends and work as a team. The group meets every Thursday evening throughout the year and regularly supports community events. For further information visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/yfa



Head to the Sports Centre for a whizz bang bonfire night

Fingers are crossed for a dry, clear night on 2nd November when Shipston Sports and Social Club will be holding its annual family bonfire and fireworks night.

In addition to an impressive bonfire and a dazzling display of fireworks, a cash prize is being offered for the best Guy so it's time to get creative. There will also be stalls and other attractions on the night, plus refreshments, including hot food.

Entrance costs £5 for adults and £2.50 for children and gates open at 6pm. For further details, see the ad on page 8.

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Into Africa

Drumming, dancing, singing and storytelling were all part of Shipston Primary School's recent Africa Week.

The celebration of the African continent culminated in a Harvest Festival at St Edmund's Church where pupils raised money to support two girls in the World Vision Development Programme in Malawi.

As well as bringing Africa into the classrooms, the school turned the hall into a cultural space where guests shared their rich knowledge and expertise.

In2Cultures ran workshops for children from Reception to Year 4 on a variety of African dance, song and storytelling, while professional drummer Bo Davies taught Years 5 and



6 how to drum.

Bo, who is passionate about African music, was delighted to spend an enjoyably noisy afternoon with pupils before embarking on his drumming tour of Senegal.

Big Maths

Following the success of the 'Big Writing' initiative in school, Shipston Primary has introduced 'Big Maths' to improve children's numeracy skills and make learning even more enjoyable.

'Big Maths' is a totally new approach in teaching primary mathematics. It seeks to improve children's confidence and ability in mental processes of numeracy.

'Big Maths' is based upon the principle that there are four core skills that lie at the heart of numeracy. These core skills form the platform for virtually all other maths skills and are affectionately known as 'CLIC', Counting, Learn its, It's nothing new! and Calculations. Because it is so important for all children to make progress in all four core skills, 'Big Maths' involves teaching through the CLIC phases every day in a fun, engaging and lively manner.

Head of Federation, Christian Hilton, said, "we are delighted to introduce 'Big Maths'. Children practising their basic skills every day will lead to rapid and sustained progress and I am confident it will have the same impact as 'Big Writing' on raising standards even further."

Shipston High School

Do you have the skills to help Shipston's new academy?

When Shipston High School became an academy at the start of the new school year, it also announced some of its ambitious plans for its future development. These plans include a phased redevelopment of the existing school buildings which date back to the 1950s. In part the development is needed to make the buildings fit for the demands of 21st century education but the school also needs to create more space for the increased number of students now on roll. Currently the school is looking to appoint an architect to help with their plans.

A small team of senior staff and governors is overseeing the project and would very much appreciate the assistance of anyone from the local community with any experience of planning and carrying out a major building development. If you think you may have some of the skills needed and some time to spare the school would very much like to hear from you. Headteacher, Jonathan Baker, said, "Shipston High School is a school for all the community and by being involved in this project you would be making a huge contribution to the education of young people from all over the area."

For an informal chat in the first instance please contact Jonathan Baker.

ESSA Swimming Championships

The West Midlands region held one of the qualifying heats for the English Schools Swimming Association competition at Warwick School on 28th September. In each of the heats

the top sixteen teams qualify for the National Championships in November.



Shipston High School took thirty swimmers and made up teams of four who competed in the boys' and girls' freestyle relay and medley events. The highlight was the Junior girls team of Elinor Bird, Elka Hair, Lucy Griffiths and Izzy Caswell who posted the fastest medley relay time in their event, beating stiff opposition on the way. In the words of some of the students "all the teams tried their best and we cheered each other on even though we may not have been the best swimmers" May Walker and Holly Holcombe. "A great experience" Melissa Jones. "I think our team swam brilliantly and I hope we have qualified for the National finals" Elinor Bird



Pictured: Izzy, Lucy, Elka and Elinor waiting to hear if they have qualified for the National Finals

The countdown begins to an Olympic Victorian Evening

This year's Rotary Victorian Evening will have a distinctly golden touch thanks to special guests, Paralympic Gold Medallist, James Roe, and Olympic Torchbearer, Camilla Hadland. The inspiring pair will be switching on the Christmas lights at 6pm, heralding the start of a fun-packed evening, which continues until 8pm.

New attractions, including fire eaters, dancers and a Ukelele Band will join regular favourites such as the Punch and Judy Show and Best Dressed Shop Window competition which, this year, takes on a Diamond Jubilee theme.

Local charities and businesses will be operating stalls offering a tempting array of presents, prizes and treats. Best of all, Father Christmas has organised a new grotto and is looking forward to seeing Shipston's younger residents again.

The Rotary Tree of Life will glow throughout the festive



Olympic torchbearer, Camilla Hadland, will join the Victorian celebrations

season, each bulb sponsored in memory of a loved one. For details of how to sponsor a bulb, see the form on page 10.

SHN cyclists raise over £2,000!

One hundred and forty cyclists turned out to support the Shipston Home Nursing Cycle Challenge at the end of September, raising over £2,000 between them.

Conditions were ideal for the cyclists, with some tackling an expertly designed 65km route, while others chose either the 25km or 10km option.

Shipston Home Nursing would like to thank cycling guru, BJ, for designing the routes, Rob Gullen for sharing his expertise, local supermarkets for helping to rehydrate and refuel the cyclists and all the volunteers who helped on the day.

Don't worry if you missed out this year - the date has already been set for next year's challenge. Put 29th September 2013 in your diary now and start training!



Calling all line dancing enthusiasts!

Shipston's Line Dancing class is desperately seeking new members to keep this fun and active club going. The classes are held on a Monday night at 7:30 at the Townsend Hall. You don't need a partner and beginners are welcome. For more details, call Julie on 07508 721685.

Mayor's Charities set to benefit from series of fundraising events

Town Mayor, Fay Ivens, is about to embark on some festive fundraising initiatives in support of her chosen charities, Shipston First Responders and Shipston Youth Club.

On 7th December (the morning of the Victorian Evening) everyone is invited to New Clark House to enjoy a charity coffee morning from 10am until 12pm, complete with mince pies. Later that evening, the Mayor will be running a festive tombola stall at the Victorian Evening.

The main fundraiser, however, will be the Mayor's Charity Gala Dinner on 15th December at the Townsend Hall. Tickets cost just £25 and include a three-course meal and dancing to a live band. Rumour has it a magician may put in an appearance and all money raised will be split between the charities.

Fay Ivens said "I want the gala dinner to be an opportunity for the community to get into the festive spirit and start their celebrations early. We are putting in a lot of effort to make sure the event is extra special but we need the people of Shipston to give the event a real buzz. I hope lots of people will join me in raising money for these important charities."



Give your Christmas shopping an early boost

Shipston Loyalty Card Traders are holding a pre-Christmas shopping evening on Thursday 22nd November from 6-9pm.

There will be lots of offers on purchases and orders placed on the night, entertainment and yummy tasters from food retailers, to get you into the Christmas spirit.

If you want to get Christmas wrapped up early – it's an event not to miss and to make it even more tempting, new retailers have recently joined the scheme. For more details, including latest offers, visit the scheme's Facebook page via www.bit.ly/shipstoncard.

Regular events:

- Mon Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Mon Zumba:** 7:45pm Shipston High School. £5. Other weekly classes also available. Contact: Debbie 07966 746794
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (13, 27). 10am-12pm Roman Catholic Hall. Contact: Adrian Collins, 661576
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Alternate Tuesdays (9, and 23). 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Stella, 686224
- Tues Bridge:** 2pm, Shipston Rugby Club. Contact Val 07516 091786
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays (2, 16 and 30). Doors open at 6:30pm. Eyes down at 7:30. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Tues Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** Halford Bridge Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Adrian Ramskill 0797 656 6525.
- Weds Stour Valley Lions Book Sale (14, 28):** 10am-4pm. The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library)
- 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
- Fri Stour Valley Lions Book Sale (2, 16, 30):** 9am-4pm, Coach House
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Yoga & relaxation for all ages:** 10:30am - 12pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Leigh, 665995
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Linda, 662290
- Sat Stour Valley Lions Book Sale (3, 17):** 9am-2pm, Coach House.

There are lots of regular classes on at the Townsend Hall. They include: line dancing, badminton, short tennis, yoga, ballet, Calypso kids music, Zumba, modern jazz dancing and circuit training. For more details, visit www.townsendhall.com or call Lisa Bryan on 07800 771368.

November Diary

- 1 Neighbourhood Watch Meeting:** 7.30pm, the Scout Hut. Contact: George Houghton 662603
- Story Stomp:** Storytelling for 2-5 year olds. 10.30am, Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- Shipston Home Nursing:** Christmas Gift Fair. 9.30am-4pm, Ettington Community Centre.
- 2 Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Cafe:** Reminiscence Therapy. 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Road. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433
- Jeremy Huggett's Harlem Band:** Jazz concert at Sheldon Bosley Hub. Doors open 7pm, concert starts 8pm. £11 including buffet supper. To book call 652705 or 07747 625454.
- Shipston Grand Bonfire Extravaganza:** See ad on page 8
- 3 Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment & refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- Shipston Flower Club Fashion Sale:** see ad on page 8
- 5-9 Shipston Primary School Open mornings:** See ad on page 9
- 6 Multiple Sclerosis Society 'Drop in' meeting:** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161

- SWIB (Supporting Women in Business):** 6-8.30pm, El Cafe, Granville Court. To book contact: Simone 07749 298253
- 7 Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** 'Edinburgh Festival' by David Howe. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Mal Lawrence 662122
- National Organisation of the Widowed:** Lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 8 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark House, West Street. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 9 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Remembrance Friday. High School. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- Shipston Home Nursing:** Designer Sale, Darlingscott House, Darlingscott. Open house. Kindly hosted by John & Maggie Sargent.
- 10 Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning:** See ad on page 9
- Stour Valley Lions: Ascot Race Night.** See ad on page 8
- 11 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Armistice Day – The Silence. 11am, High Street. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 12 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Reminiscences. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 13 Shipston Flower Club:** 'Magic of the Musicals'. See ad on page 8
- Stour Valley Lions monthly meeting:** 8pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. All welcome.
- Senior Citizens Action Network meeting (SCAN):** See details on page 12. Contact: Jane Pearce on 663491
- 14 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Alpines in the Wild by Peter Sheasby. 7.30pm, Catholic Church, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- 16 Shipston Music Society concert:** See ad on page 10
- Stour Valley Lions Rural Cinema:** Salmon Fishing in the Yemen. For details, see ad on page 8
- 17 SHN Tree and Shrub Auction:** see ad on page 10
- 19 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Monthly Social. 12.30pm, Horseshoe Inn. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 20 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** In Search of Pictures (photography) by Ian Bailey. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Penny Law 663871
- 21 National Organisation of the Widowed:** Meeting. 10.30am - 12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 22 Christmas Shopping Evening:** See ad on page 16 for details
- 23 Reeds United concert:** Sheldon Bosley Hub. Doors open 7pm. Concert starts at 8pm. £11 including buffet supper. To book contact 652705 or 07747 625454.
- 24 SHOUT in concert:** in aid of DASH. For details see ad on page 16.
- 25 Civic Service and Patronal Festival:** See ad on page 9.
- 26 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'Warwickshire Murders' with Bill Hannis. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 27 University of the 3rd Age:** Meeting to discuss setting up an U3A in Shipston. 2pm, George Hotel. Contact: Jackie Williams, 01789 841155.
- 28 Shipston and District Literary Society:** 'Primo Levi's The Periodic Table' by Professor Michael Bell. 7.30pm, George Hotel. Contact: Mary Edwards 01789 450737 or Malcolm Pollard 663482
- 30 CoC Business Advice:** Free sessions by appt. To book, call 629693

Interested in starting University of the 3rd Age in Shipston? Join the meeting on the 27th

STOUR VALLEY LIONS – NOVEMBER FILM

EWAN MCGREGOR, EMILY BLUNT, KRISTIN SCOTT THOMAS,
TOM BEARD, TOM MISON, CATHERINE STEADMAN, AMR WAKED,



A fisheries expert is approached by a consultant to help realize a sheik's vision of bringing the sport of fly-fishing to the desert and embarks on an upstream journey of faith and fish to prove the impossible possible.

SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL

Friday 16th NOVEMBER, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Advance Tickets £3.50 (£4 on door)

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



Shipston Sports Club Ltd



Grand Bonfire Extravaganza

This year – Bigger & Better!

Friday 2nd November

Shipston Sports Club, London Rd

Gates open 6pm - Bonfire lit 7pm - Fireworks from 7.30pm

Raffle / Bar / Hot Food / Stalls & rides

"Best Guy" competition – Cash Prize!

Parking available

Adults £5 Children £2.50

**SHIPSTON FLOWER CLUB****'NEW TO YOU'**

**Ladies Fashion Sale
with Accessories**



**Saturday 3rd November
Townsend Hall
10am – 12.30pm**

Great bargains at very reasonable prices including makes from Phase Eight, Kaliko, Per Una and Boden to H&M, New Look and Top Shop

STOUR VALLEY LIONS PRESENT:



Saturday 10th November 2012

Townsend Hall, Sheep Street Shipston on Stour CV36 4AE

Have a party with a table of 6-8 race-goers!
Bring your friends, its a great night out of fun and excitement with wooden horses and your own jockeys.

Tickets: £7.50 each
(which includes a light supper)

For table reservations contact:

Lion John: john.cavana@btinternet.com **Lion Judith:** jmj_pjj@yahoo.co.uk

Lion Graham: gwiliat23@aol.com **Lion David:** pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk
or www.townsendhall.com

Prizes to be won for

'Best Dressed Table' and 'Best Ladies Hat'

Doors open: 7pm Racing Starts: 7.30pm
Bar Facilities

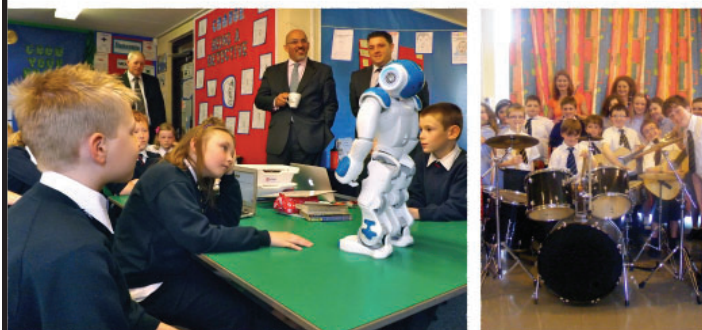


Shipston-on-Stour Primary School

Open Mornings

5th-9th November 2012, 9.30am

www.shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk



Starting School in September 2013?

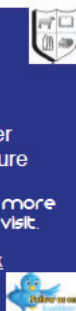
- Take a Tour of the school
- Meet pupils, staff and the Headteacher
- Get advice on the admissions procedure

Please contact the school office for more information and to arrange your visit.

Email: primary@shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk

Tel: 01608 661266

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/shipstonhead>



**You are invited to the:
CIVIC SERVICE
AND**

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Preacher: The Rt. Rev'd John Stroyan

Bishop of Warwick

at the

Parish Church of Shipston on Stour

10am, Sunday, 25th November 2012

A special welcome to all our Anne Sankey Award winners – please wear your medals



Coffee Morning & Tombola

Saturday

November 10th

10am until 1pm



At the
Townsend Hall
In Aid of
Breast Cancer

YouCan help beat breast cancer by fundraising your own pink way
www.youcanbeatbreastcancer.org

SHIPSTON FLOWER CLUB

presents



**A Floral Art Demonstration
by
Mr Nigel Whyles
NAFAS Demonstrator**

Tuesday 13th November 2012
Sheldon Bosley Hub
Pittway Avenue
Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £8.00
Telephone: 01386 841707
or 01295 788099



SHIPSTON MUSIC SOCIETY

Presents

John James

Musically Illustrated Talk

"French Horns Ancient & Modern"



Friday November 16th 7.30pm
at Shipston Methodist Church
Guests Welcome £5.00

For further details ring 01608 663207

Rotary Tree of Life



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

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

All contributions will be donated to the Horton Hospital Special Care Baby Unit in Banbury and other Rotary Charities.

The illumination of the **Rotary Tree of Life** will take place at the opening of the Rotary Victorian Evening on **Friday 7th December at 6pm**

Rotary Club of Shipston-on-Stour Tree of Life

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

In Memory of: (Name) _____

From: (Name) _____

Your address: _____

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

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



STOUR VALLEY LIONS

BOOK SHOP



Now open on Wednesdays,
10am-4pm

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

**This month – buy one book,
get another of the same
price or lower, free**

**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



in support of Shipston Home Nursing
invites you to a

Tree & Shrub Auction

Saturday 17th November
Auction starts 10.30am

with Auctioneer
Mr Roddy Llewellyn

pre-auction viewings on Friday 16th November (all day)
and 9am to 10.15am on day of the Auction

Wyatts Tea Room - open for Refreshments from 9am

Pre Registration Information

Anyone wishing to bid for lots is asked to register in advance of the Auction day. To register, please contact Wyatts Office Tel: 01608 684835 ext 2. You will also be able to register on Friday 16th November at the pre-auction viewing. A list of the lots for the auction will be available at Wyatts or on line at www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/fundraising_events.php



Charity no. 1061405

Venue Address:

Hill Barn Farm, Great Rollright, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 5SH

Shipston in Bloom

Shipston in Bloom entertained winners and guests with a buffet dinner and drinks at the annual Presentation Evening on 13th October.



Winners of the many categories in the summer competition were presented with cups or trophies (which they will hold for one year) by the Mayor, Fay Ivens, while runners-up received a certificate. As usual, the standard of gardens and allotments was admirable, despite the dreadful summer. Shipston gardeners saw the weather as a challenge and refused to be dictated to.

The president, Nick Nickerson, thanked all those who took part in the competition and the independent judges for their support. He also mentioned the Friends of Shipston-in-Bloom who support financially by giving a donation each year. This extra income allows for the renewal of planters and equipment. Anyone can be a Friend, and the sums involved can be from a couple of pounds to whatever your bank manager will tolerate!

If you feel you would like to be an active member of Shipston in Bloom or simply a "Friend", we would love to hear from you. Please contact Nick on 662928, Secretary Nicci on 665057 or Mal on 662122 for details. Any ideas/suggestions to improve the appearance of our town by floral means are welcomed.

Shipston Neighbourhood Watch

Shipston Neighbourhood Watch is one of a number of links with the local police force.



The next meeting is on Thursday 1st November at 7.30 pm and everyone is welcome. Meetings last about an hour but the time is well spent and a number of local issues are discussed with views and information exchanged between the police and the members of the public attending.

We also attend the Stratford District Neighbourhood Watch meetings at Stratford Police Station where the wider district issues are discussed, some of which inevitably affect Shipston.

Stour Singers – a Christmas bonus



For many years, Stour Singers has provided music in Shipston-on-Stour regularly during the Advent season. This year there will be two concerts:-

On Saturday 8 December 2012 at 7.30pm in St Edmund's Church the choir will be joined by the Cherwell Orchestra (leader Judy Springate), Rachel Bird (organ) & a fine quartet of international soloists in a performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio (Parts 1, 2, & 3.) Bach wrote this lovely work in six parts to be sung over the first 3 days of the Christmas festival and three days of the New Year; its total duration is much longer than modern concert length!

The second concert, 'The Great Carol Sing' for choir and audience with seasonal readings by Anne Hume, is on Friday 14 December 2012 at 7.30pm in Townsend Hall, Sheep St, with accompanist, Helen Porter.

Tickets for the church concert cost £12.50, and for the Townsend Hall, £7.00. (If purchased together, the Townsend Hall ticket will be reduced to £5.00.) Accompanied children are admitted free of charge to all Stour Singers events.

Tickets available from R Clarke, 27 High St, Shipston, Choir Members and at the door. For further details, please call Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587 or Vic Twyman on 01451 870361 or visit www.stoursingers.org.uk

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – volunteers needed

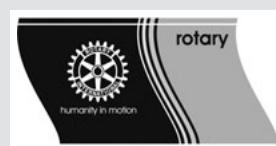


Prior to Remembrance Sunday the Royal British Legion annual Poppy Appeal starts on 27th October. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is willing and can spare an hour or two to be a collector. Additional collectors for one hour stints from 28th October to 10th November in the High Street are urgently needed. Please contact Richard Adams 01608 662328 or Mike Ashley 01608 661403 if you would be good enough to do this. You will find it rewarding and enjoyable but most importantly you will be standing shoulder to shoulder with our Armed Forces.

All Legion members are encouraged to be "on parade" at the Remembrance Service on the 11th November. Ex servicemen and women who wish to join us in properly remembering all who have made the supreme sacrifice are also very welcome. Please meet outside the George Hotel at 10.15 am.

For enquiries, please contact Richard by phone or by e mail richardadams5@hotmail.com

Shipston Rotary



Shipston on Stour Rotarians enjoyed a visit from their District Governor, Steve Cartwright, this month and also inducted a new member to the club.

A junior version of Rotary called Rotakids has been set up in Tysoe Primary School. Rotakids is a junior version of the Rotary Club for primary school children in years 5 and 6.

The ethos of service to the community is the same as that for senior Rotary clubs, including service within the school, the local community and the wider world. In recognition of Tysoe Rotakids fundraising, over the past year, it has been awarded its Charter from Rotary International of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

A presentation of the Charter was made to the Rotakids by Steve Cartwright, District Governor of Rotary District 'Heart of England', and Colin Black, President of Shipston on Stour Rotarians, during morning assembly on 1st October. It is hoped to extend other Rotakid Clubs to schools in the Shipston area.

Shipston Music Society September concert

The first concert of the Autumn season was given by about 40 members of the Warwickshire County Boys Choir. Their director, Garry Jones, apologised for the smaller than usual number of choristers but this was due to a larger than usual number falling victim to the natural phenomenon of 'breaking voices'!

The concert opened to Al Shlosa D'varim, a sacred Hebrew chant, beautifully sung by these young voices, then Catch a Falling Star by Chilcott followed by Sea Change by Jefferson.

We were next entertained by a very accomplished clarinet solo, then the choir sang She's like a Swallow, followed by the spiritual Elijah Rock in which the choreography really demonstrated the joy and discipline of the singers. The second instrumental solo followed, this time a beautifully played oboe. This concert had a large number of items and it is difficult to summarise them all but Akakomborerwa by Kesselmann encompassing both African and Latin text demonstrated the choir's depth and range and the performance closed with the uplifting song, You Raise Me Up.

It was evident that the boys were simply having fun. The superb accompaniment throughout was provided by Julian Grimshaw, certainly a very safe pair of hands.

Stour Valley Lions

A sky high Lion

Lion, Carol Higginson, bravely jumped out of a plane in order to complete a successful sponsored Skydive at Hinton Airfield near Brackley, recently. The weather was perfect on the day and Carol said she enjoyed the experience. All donations adding up to £1000 will be given to Northampton & Warwickshire Air Ambulance which regularly operates in South Warwickshire.



Monthly film shows

Lions continue to show highly acclaimed, award-winning films at the High School. The next film, on 14th November, is Salmon Fishing in The Yemen, starring Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt and Kristin Scott Thomas in a very funny comedy drama. The December Film is Hope Springs, a recently released romantic comedy drama starring Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones and Steve Carell. Make a note in your diary and watch out for the film posters round the town and in the Forum.

Lions Race Night – don't miss out!

Now is the time to book your table at Townsend Hall on Saturday 10th November at 7.30 pm. This popular event for young and old involves audience participation with six jockeys from the audience riding and jumping fences in six races. There is a half time break for a meal, all for the price of £7.50. For details see the ad on page 8.

SCAN



The next meeting of Shipston SCAN will take place on Tuesday, 13th November 2012 at the Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston from 10:00 to 11:30. Admission is free and all young-at-heart over 50s are welcome.

Refreshments will be served from 10:00 and our meeting will open formally at 10:30. Our guest speaker, Susan Lee, Head of Community Nursing, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust, will be talking about Discharge from Community Services. A representative from Age UK Warwickshire will outline its pilot project, Rapid Discharge Service, and will be looking for your input for the design of this new service. We have a PA system in place for those who are hard of hearing and you will have an opportunity to 'Have your Say' at the end of the talks.

If you would like to attend SCAN meetings but have any difficulties such as personal mobility or lack of transport please contact Jane Pearce on 01608 663491 to discuss possible ways in which we can help.

ARTMIX

ARTMIX – an eclectic group of local artists is returning to the Upper Town Hall in Chipping Campden for its 5th pre-Christmas Exhibition.

The weekend will offer a mix of Art and Music from artists in and around Shipston. A complimentary glass of mulled wine is offered to all visitors which makes for a convivial and informal atmosphere to launch the festive season! All work is for sale and entry is free of charge. Opening hours are Saturday 24th November. 10am – 7.30pm and Sunday 25th November, 11am – 4pm Upper Town Hall, Chipping Campden High Street, GL55 6HB. For more information contact Heather Bailey on heather@bramleyhouse.com or 663394

Christians Against Poverty – money advice sessions

Save early for Christmas

Fear with finances and dealing with debt can be a problem for many families, according to a church-backed money advice group. CAP Money, which is organising a new course in South Warwickshire, has launched a campaign urging people to start saving for Christmas.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) says too many people who dread the expense of Christmas don't prepare early enough and end up using credit. A CAP survey shows four in ten people say their debts are driving them to contemplate suicide.

Anyone can take the stress out of managing their money by learning CAP Money's simple system. The free courses are run through local churches.

The latest course starts at The Houndshill, Banbury Road, Ettington, CV37 7NS on Wednesday 14 November at 7.30pm. To book, please contact Nikki on 07891 012 660.

Shipston Arts and Crafts Society

In September we welcomed Dr P J Crook MBE to speak of her life and work. She spoke of her need to paint from early childhood through being a student, meeting her husband and becoming a mother. She then showed her paintings on film, beginning with a view of a room filled with children ranging from baby to young adults - her two children as they grew and developed - the family through the years.

P J (as she is known) paints crowds - crowds of people such as a crowd watching a Gold Cup Race at Cheltenham Race Course on a small TV whilst the race itself ran outside. All of the racing fraternity were in the painting, from tinkers to lords. Among the pictures shown was one of lines of soldiers - heads wearing helmets denoting their country - faces all different hues and waiting to join the Gulf War was titled "A Mother's Son".

Commissioned to paint a mural for a college showing the classes they held, she painted an 18 x 6 ft study of students - a dancer, a budding dress designer, mechanic, IT student and so on, all in bright acrylic colours. Her work is now sought after by collectors worldwide and is also shown in galleries in USA, Tokyo, Paris and the UK. The paintings are not to be just looked at, but should be read as they reflect all humanity of which we are part. Therefore we related to them. A unique experience and great privilege for the society.

Probus

Ken Ingamells has spoken to the club several times and has a wide ranging list of travel and historical talks which result from a career as a meteorologist. On 14th September, the talk was 'Scott of the Antarctic', describing how, by chance, in 1901, Scott became involved in an expedition to the Antarctic. It took until 1904 to organise and equip, but having set out for the South Pole, he had to turn back due to illness.

A further attempt to be the first to reach the Pole was made in 1910 but the group was beaten by Norwegian explorer, Roald Amundsen. The tragic return journey encountered terrible weather and sickness and the party could go no further. All participants died within a few miles of a food supply that might have saved them.

On the 28th September, Hugh Davies was welcomed back to Probus. Hugh is a guide at Bletchley Park and has an expert knowledge of Enigma, the Special Operations Executive and intelligence during the war. The talk was about propaganda - white, grey and very dirty black.

Hugh's talk covered a wide range of wartime deceptions carried out by both the Allies and the Germans, including the development of a very high powered radio transmitter that was able to broadcast on a German wavelength so the listeners thought it was their own station.



Shipston-on-Stour WI



The October Meeting of Shipston-on-Stour WI was a celebration of 90 years as a WI Branch. Shipston Branch was formed on 20th October 1922 and has an unbroken record of active participation in the life of the town and as an important part of members' lives.

The President welcomed visiting members from other WIs and from the Warwickshire Federation. There was a delicious supper and drinks, and a display of records and documents dating from 1922. These records are a window into a forgotten world - during WW2 meetings began earlier at 6pm to save lighting and members voted to forgo their refreshments as part of the war effort!

In 1976 and 1987/88 the WI produced surveys of Shipston which capture the nature of the town at that time and it is fascinating to compare then and now. Shipston has changed physically, but many of the people remain the same!

Our gallant secretary has been keeping a diary of this 90th Birthday Year and in the future this will give historians an insight into life in a market town in the early 21st century.

Shipston WI is missing a chunk of records for the 1950s and 60s - if anyone comes across these, please get in touch.

The next meeting is the AGM on 7th Nov, 7pm. David Howe will be talking about the Edinburgh Festival.

Readers' Letters

Letter from Ruby Gates (edited)

I have now lived in the wonderful market town of Shipston-on-Stour for fifty-five years and can honestly say I would not choose to live anywhere else at this later stage in my life.

The shops of Shipston town centre have always, and will continue, to provide a range of goods and services, yet the debate [about supermarket proposals] rolls on, primarily led by the new 'Shipston Heart Alive Campaign'. I [spoke] to one of their representatives and was firmly informed that they oppose this development as it would decimate the town centre. On the same day, I had to wait a ridiculous amount of time in Shipston's (only) under-stocked and poorly maintained supermarket. I asked whether [the representative] was a regular user of the town's retail facilities and to my utter astonishment his answer was no! Nevertheless, he went on to say that their group were acting on behalf of the townsfolk and retailers as if these individuals did not understand the 'bigger picture'.

I for one found this stance to be patronising and hypocritical in the extreme. Shipston residents require access to affordable produce and more importantly a greater degree of choice, which another supermarket would no doubt provide. I will continue to use Shipston's shops and would also visit a supermarket on the edge of the town. It is the opponents of this who really fail to grasp the bigger picture.

Got something to say?

Send your letter of up to 200 words to forum@shipstononline.org
Letters may be edited to fit space the available.

District Council update

I would firstly like to thank Shipston Town Council and the Shipston Forum for allowing me to use my column to say goodbye and thank the people of Shipston-on-Stour.



It is with a heavy heart I have had to resign from Stratford District Council after a year and a half as your District Councillor. I was unable to find work in the area so accepted a job in London, a school I previously worked at and which gave me an amazing opportunity for me to advance my teaching career. I have therefore not been the district councillor you deserve and I apologise for that. However, I want to thank you so much for taking a chance on me, and letting someone so young serve you all. I always gave hundred percent to this job and wanted to do so much but sadly will be unable to do so.

Shipston's potential is massive and my hope is that whoever replaces me knows this and works to make a difference for the community and get the infrastructure it so sorely needs. My catchphrase in class is that "it is about co-operating to change our community for the better". My favourite quote is "one person can make a difference and everyone should try" (JFK). Together these quotes say as a collective community we must all work together to effect real change and I believe this is particularly pertinent to Shipston.

I have loved every second of being your councillor and hope that you felt I was there representing you and not constrained by party politics. I wish every single one of you the best in your lives and will always think of your support and kindness.

Jonathan Guillis

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A by-election is to be held on 29th November 2012. Elections for Police and Crime Commissioner will be held on 15th November

County Council update**Speed limits**

Yes, you did hear last month that I have been promoting new speed limits on the A3400 and the B4035. I can confirm that the Portfolio Holder approved the new restrictions on 21st September.



Warwickshire
County Council

There will be a 40 mph speed limit around the Brailes Road recycling centre and in Fell Mill Lane and the 30 mph speed limit in London Road will be extended.

Broadband roll out

Yes, you have heard me say this before. The money is in place and it will provide superfast broadband to 90% of South Warwickshire. That is 24Mbps to 90% of premises and a minimum of 2Mbps elsewhere.

Anticipated dates have now been published. Faster facilities will be introduced from September 2013 and be completed by March 2015. That appears slow, but do not shoot the messenger.

Do you want to be in the 10% that might miss out? I suspect that the answer is NO, so keep up the local survey on line at www.cswbroadband.org.uk. This web site will provide you with a facility to measure and record your broadband speed. These measurements will help determine the priority areas for a better service. Keep measuring to ensure we do not ultimately miss out on the enhanced facilities.

Bogus inspectors

Have you heard the story about the individual who visits homes to carry out a Government compulsory loft inspection? If he calls, don't let him in, there are no such inspections. Inform the Police or WCC Trading Standards. He could be looking around preparing for a burglary.

Councillor Chris Saint

County Councillor – Shipston-on-Stour Division

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Top Winter Health Tips – Shipston Medical Centre

There always seems to be more illness around during winter, so take precautions to keep well. Wash your hands regularly to help prevent colds, as this kills any bugs you might have picked up. Sore throats are common in winter and are almost always caused by viral infections. Gargling with warm salty water will help sooth a sore throat as it has anti-inflammatory properties.

Asthmatics can experience worsened symptoms as the weather gets colder, so try and stay indoors on cold windy days. Use a scarf to cover your nose and mouth if you do need to go out. Make sure you take your regular inhalers and have your rescue inhaler nearby, in case it is needed.

Flu – symptoms and management

Flu starts with a raised temperature, fever, headache, muscle aches and chestiness. There is no cure, and the

virus has to run its course but some symptoms can be managed with paracetamol and ibuprofen (never exceed the dose stated on the packet - watch out for cold remedies containing paracetamol).



The symptoms of flu can continue for up to two weeks, although the fever should resolve in 3 to 5 days.

When you should contact your GP:

- Your symptoms have got much worse, or you have developed other symptoms that are not typical of seasonal flu, such as a rash.
- Your symptoms have lasted for longer than a week.
- You have a medical condition that is making your flu worse

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

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Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk

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Something exciting to share?

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

Copy deadline: First Wednesday of every month

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

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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.

Useful Contacts

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Shipston Library:	01608 661255
- 24/7 renewal line	01926 499273
Highways customer services	01926 412515
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Forum	01865 600262
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
– Out of hours	03001 303040
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Town Council	01608 662180
Shipston Recycling Centre	01608 663560
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
Local police (non emergency)	101
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PCSO Hayley Ditchburn	07879 608696
PCSO Andy Steventon	07966 626908
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St Edmund's	01608 661724
Methodist Church	01608 661843



The Mayor of Shipston
Invites you to a:
CHARITY GALA EVENING
with a flavour of Christmas

at the
Townsend Hall
Saturday, 15th December 2012

Gala Dinner followed by
Dancing and entertainment
£25 per ticket

7.30 for 8.00 pm – carriages at midnight

Tickets available from New Clark House – 01608 662180



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Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour CV36 4AE

Saturday 24th November 2012
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