



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

September 2013

Shipston Town Centre sees growth from new and existing businesses

Shipston Town Centre has recently seen the opening of three new shops, offering an even broader range of goods and services for residents and visitors alike.

Shipston's town centre is often cited as one of the best features of the town, with a number of independent shops offering excellent products and services alongside national and regional retailers.

The latest boost to the town centre includes the opening of a second-hand technology and software store, expansion of a local florist in a new location and the opening of a new ice cream parlour and takeaway lunch shop.

Shipston already boasts an impressive range of shops offering everything from sandwiches to sandals, vegetables to vacuum cleaners, and plenty more besides. Free parking in the town centre, though not without some spatial challenges, does help encourage a regular flow of people, whether they're popping in for that one missing ingredient or enjoying a leisurely mooch around the shops and cafes.

Local residents play a vital role in keeping the town centre thriving, as do the many and varied events which attract visitors to the town. Shipston's retailers often make a special effort to support events such as the Wool Fair and Shipston Proms with competitions, promotions and other activities,

which help ensure maximum enjoyment for all.

Mayor, Ronnie Murphy, said "Despite growing national concerns about the loss of high street shops, Shipston appears to be holding its own. We have seen our fair share of businesses close, which is always disappointing. However, it is wonderful to see new retailers and caterers turning empty shops into vibrant opportunities. I wish all our businesses, old and new, every success, now and in the future."



Photo courtesy of Box 3 Design

Shipston in Bloom rewards fabulous floral displays

The judges of this year's Shipston in Bloom gardening competition were hugely impressed with the colourful spectacle that awaited them as they began the process of assessing the town's gardens, containers and allotments.



One of the winning blooms at Ellen Badger Hospital

Homes in the aptly named Greenfield Road and Greenfield Close snatched the overall town front garden awards (medium and large), while the overall winning rear garden was found in Hawthorn Way. The Household Waste site was commended for an excellent display, just missing out on first place in the public places category to the Day Centre at the Ellen Badger Hospital. See page 13 for all results.

"Thanks to all the keen gardeners who helped make this competition so enjoyable to judge. Thanks also go to the judges themselves as well as the local organisations which support Shipston in Bloom" SIB member, Mal Lawrence said.

All winners and runners up will be invited to a presentation evening in the autumn.

New housing development proposed for Campden Road

A development of 72 houses on the left hand side of the Campden Road is being proposed by developer, Banner Homes.

Residents were invited to view the outline proposals and provide feedback at a recent public consultation meeting. In addition, town councillors were invited to attend a 'without prejudice' meeting to discuss the plans.

These proposals are in addition to the 112 houses due to be built on the former Norgren factory site and the 180 homes proposed as part of the supermarket development, opposite the Banner Homes site.

In other areas of the town, Orbit Housing are planning a private development of approximately 70 houses on the London Road, while a further 22 homes are expected to be built at the end of Hornsby Close.

Mayor, Ronnie Murphy, said "there is no doubt that housebuilders have identified Shipston as a good location for development. Combined, these proposals represent a very significant amount of growth for the town, which will bring challenges for our existing services.

"The town council will continue to look at individual applications on their own merits as they are submitted but will also be considering the implications of all developments on the town's infrastructure and amenities as a whole."

Mayor's column

August has been another busy month. Congratulations to the winners in the Shipston in Bloom competition - and well done to all who took part.

There are a few areas in the town that need attention. Please cut back overhanging branches so pedestrians aren't at risk.

I was pleased to attend the angling club's 60th year celebrations and welcome my cricket boys back from their charity walk. It was a pleasure to welcome our new rector, Rev Andrew Coleby and his wife, Marion, to Shipston.

There will be plenty to look forward to in September - plans are in place for the Food Festival and the Community Arts Festival among other events.

On October 13th, ladies of Shipston are warmly invited to my Charity Tea Party at the Sheldon Bosley Hub so please make a note in your diary.

It was disappointing that one of the developers failed to receive a good response to their proposed workshops. Your ideas may have helped to shape the finished design.

I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Peter Drinkwater - a Shipston character who will be sorely missed.

Finally the town sent congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of Prince George and an acknowledgement has been received.

Veronica Murphy



Shipston Primary School pupils get planning

Shipston Primary School pupils have been debating what the town's Neighbourhood Plan should be focusing on, with some interesting results.

Assistant Head Teacher, Mrs Wallace, explained about the Neighbourhood Plan in a lively assembly presentation in July, before tasking the children with thinking about what they like about Shipston and what they think the town needs. The result is a colourful canvas packed full of ideas for the Neighbourhood Plan team to consider.

Many of the ideas relate to new activities including playgrounds, a waterpark, laserquest, play centre, museums and even a velodrome. Well-known brands were also much in demand, with calls for high street clothing shops, retailers and restaurants. Toyshops and sweet shops were among the requests, as well as practical items such as an Accident and Emergency department, maintaining a fire station and installing more pedestrian crossings.

Head Teacher, Christian Hilton, said "It is really important to give children an opportunity to have a say in how their town develops and it was fascinating to see the broad range of ideas coming forward from pupils across the school. We were pleased to have an opportunity to contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan and look forward to seeing how it develops."

The Neighbourhood Plan topic groups will consider the suggestions from the primary school when developing initial options for the draft plan and will also be working with the High School to gain further feedback during the autumn.



Shipston group launches self-build housing project

Local people in Shipston are being invited to come along to the launch of a group which brings together people hoping to build their own homes. Founder Mike Ashton said: "There are many local planning applications from developers that offer new homes to locals that they might not be able to afford. I want to see if there is a need for local people to develop their own homes without having to move out of the area or take on a mortgage they can't afford."

The group will look at finding suitable sites, planning applications and methods of building homes. Anyone wanting to find out more, contribute some ideas and maybe become a self builder, is invited to attend the first meeting at the Black Horse on 3rd September at 7.30pm.

Shipston cricketers complete Three Peaks Challenge

Shipston-on-Stour Cricket Club's attempt at the Three Peaks Challenge in July was a resounding success, taking 20 hours and 57 minutes to complete the charity fundraiser in aid of their club and Shipston Home Nursing.

Following extensive training, the four mountaineers started up Ben Nevis at 4pm on 18th July and finished the descent down Mount Snowdon at 12.57pm on 19th July, calling in at Scafell Pike at 1.20am on Friday to climb it in the dark! The climbers and their support crew travelled well over one thousand miles during the challenge.

Expedition leader, Tom Cox, said "We are absolutely delighted to have completed the Challenge in under 21 hours and we would like to say a massive thank you to all the kind people who have pledged us money in support of our club and Shipston Home Nursing".

Shipston CC would also like to extend special thanks RK Services of Evesham and Leversedge Telecom Services, who supplied equipment for the trip. Sponsorship is still coming in. Please visit <http://www.gofundme.com/2dclpc> to donate.



Three Peaks Crew at the top of Mount Snowdon - left to right: Joe Godson, Sam Hince, Tom Cox, Ben Cox.

August's hot topics

Memorial to Peter Drinkwater: Paul Rathkey suggested that Shipston Town Council (STC) considers an award scheme set up in Peter Drinkwater's name as a tribute to his contribution to the town. Ian Cooper also suggested that money may be available to fund a permanent memorial, such as a sundial. The Communications Group will consider the ideas and make recommendations to the council. In the meantime, a group of residents is inviting contributions to a photographic memorial. For details see page 13.

Poorly play area: The surface underneath the play equipment at the London Road park is in need of repair, with a significant hole at the end of the slide. The Town Clerk will investigate.

New homes consultations: A number of councillors will be attending the Cala Homes workshops as well as the public consultation by Banner Homes regarding its site on the Campden Road.

Tree tragedy: Shipston Town Council is liaising with Planning Enforcement regarding what measures can be taken against the developer responsible for felling an established tree on the Stratford Road.

Pavement problems: The Town Clerk will investigate and report any problems with broken paving outside Taste of The Country after a visitor suffered a fall there.

Road safety: A number of concerns were raised about speeding traffic and the dangerous set up for pedestrians crossing the bridge on Mill Street. Following requests, the flashing 30mph sign will soon be moved from Stratford Road to London Road.

Campaigning for Shipston

Queen's Avenue Park: Shipston Town Council confirmed it will take on responsibility for the maintenance of the play equipment at the Queen's Avenue park once installed. This assurance should enable the group to secure a £20,000 grant from Orbit Housing.

Core Strategy: Mark Wildish raised concerns about Stratford District Council's (SDC) revised draft core strategy currently out for consultation. Councillors agreed to hold a separate meeting to debate the strategy and agree a suitable response.

Loss of car parking: STC will formally write to Councillor Chris Saint to ask him to explain why he supported the granting of nine parking spaces in the Telegraph Street car park to the developer of The Bakery flats/houses despite local and STC objections.

Community transport scheme: STC has informed the town council that funding for the existing transport scheme has been cut. SDC may look at an alternative scheme which could benefit from additional funding support from STC. The Finance working group will look into what is proposed and what service will be offered before making recommendations.

Town Council business

County councillor grants: Applications for county councillor member grants are due by 1st October. For details, see the Warwickshire County Council column on page 14.

Sports Club lease: Town councillors agreed to convert the Sports Club's licence into a lease to enable them to access funding from Sport England.

Cemetery record books: STC will scan and retain electronic copies of the cemetery records locally, while the hard copy books will be sent to Warwick Records Office for safe storage. It is hoped that eventually the records will be available via the Internet.

Play area funds: STC agreed to reallocate £5,000 of the s106 funds from the Stratford Road Cala Homes development to the Queen's Avenue Park, and retain the rest to help maintain other play areas in the town. This is, of course, subject to agreement with SDC.

New Clark House Update



Allotment price increase

Following the concerns about the planned allotment price rises, all allotment holders have been sent letters with a number of questions as part of a consultation process. Of the 13 responses received, one person said they were unhappy with the proposed rise, three were happy with it and the remainder did not have a view either way but did take the opportunity to raise questions.

A meeting was then held with a number of representatives from the town council and Rachel Vial, representing allotment holders. At that meeting it was decided that a consultation meeting should be held to which all allotment holders will be invited. The results of the recent questionnaire will be presented, together with details of the costs of providing the allotments over the last six years.

The meeting will enable all the issues to be discussed openly, with a view to reaching an agreeable conclusion. One possibility is the formation of an allotment association. The meeting will be held on 2nd October, at a location to be confirmed once we know the numbers.

Neighbourhood Plan

The community planning group leading the Neighbourhood Plan development has agreed with the Steering Committee that a project manager is needed to drive the project forward and maintain momentum. A number of funding opportunities exist which will now be explored in the hope we can identify a consultant to help steer us through the process.

A notice to Peter Drinkwater's gardening clients

Councillor Fay Ivens would like to hear from anyone who employed Peter Drinkwater for gardening services if he held a key to their property. Please contact her (details on page 15) and she will arrange to visit your property to hand the keys over following security checks.

Georgina Beaumont:

Town Clerk

01608 662180

e: clerk@shipstononline.org

Shipston churches host the Greatest Show on Earth

Over seventy enthusiastic youngsters filled St Edmund's Church throughout the last week of July to take part in the Shipston Churches annual holiday club. This year's theme was the "Greatest Show on Earth" and judging by the comments from the children, the event lived up to its name.

During the four morning sessions, Daniel Pulham from Stour Valley Baptist Church, led the group in full Ring Master dress, with the willing support of an army of volunteers. Arts and crafts, storytelling, singing and dancing were among the many activities completed during the week, tied into stories from the bible. The most popular event, however, was the daily custard pie-throwing competition!

As well as their own decorated bags, artwork and models, the children brought home handmade "grass heads" which are believed to still be flourishing on local windowsills (some in major need of a haircut). On the last day, parents were invited



to join their children for hot dogs and final celebrations.

Parents and children were full of praise for the event, with some children asking if they could book for next year's club!

Taekwon-Do summer camp packs a punch

Nearly twenty Taekwon-Do trainees took part in a dedicated summer camp designed to put them through their paces and prepare them for their next grading at the end of September.

The week-long course saw youngsters aged from 5 to 17 train, practice and compete in a range of activities including sparring, pattern training, technical line work and games such as 'Simon Says Taekwon-Do'. Alongside learning the right moves in the correct order, students were encouraged to absorb the correct Korean terminology from dobok (uniform) to jonglee (line up) and learn more about the ethos behind the art.

Instructor, Daniel Lewis, said "Running a summer camp gives the students the opportunity to really get to grips with the moves and patterns they need to learn for their gradings as they are doing some Taekwon-Do everyday. The course has been designed to deliver the right mix of training and fun to keep the students engaged, while also ensuring they end the week feeling confident that they have improved their martial arts skills".

Normal Taekwon-Do lessons resume in September on Mondays and Thursdays at the High School, with separate classes for children and adults. For more information, visit www.shipstontkd.co.uk or call Daniel Lewis on 01789 777209.



The summer camp squad with instructors, Mr Lewis and Mr Noddings

Tumbletots gym classes arrive in Shipston

The Sheldon Bosley Hub is soon to host energetic children from six months to seven years at Tumble Tots and Gymbabe classes, starting in September.

The classes, based on a national activity and play programme, are designed to offer youngsters the chance to improve their balance, climbing and co-ordination skills with support from trained staff. For more information on the classes, contact Robyn on 07813 940172 or visit www.tumbletots.com/witney

Shipston's schools host Open Evenings

Shipston Primary School will be hosting an Open Evening on 11th September for current and prospective families. Children will show visitors their classrooms, each of which will contain a showcase of the learning opportunities in school, including music, Lego and the use of iPads to enhance learning. The school will also be welcoming Chipping Norton Astronomy Group who will bring their telescopes for children and adults to view the Moon, Venus and Saturn if the skies are clear! For details, contact the Primary School on 661266.

Shipston High School will also be welcoming visitors to its annual Open Evening on 19th September from 7pm to 9pm. Prospective new parents and interested members of the local community will be able to find out more about school and see some of the work completed by the children.

During the evening there will be an opportunities to hear from the Headteacher, Jonathan Baker, as well as visit all the different departments and speak to staff and students. Plans for the development of the school site will be on display as well as information about the school's first year as a new academy. Refreshments will be available courtesy of the Friends of Shipston High.

An Open Morning is also being held on 24th September from 10-12. For details, contact the High School on 661833.

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Awesome Aristocats

At the end of term, Year 5 and 6 pupils played to a packed house three nights in a row with their superb musical performance of Aristocats. Children who attended the Production Club since Easter have worked extremely hard on their acting, singing and dancing. A group of children also worked on designing and making the props, scenery and controlled the audio and lighting arrangements, which was far more complicated this year with 8 wireless microphones to control.

Head of Federation Christian Hilton said: "I was extremely proud of everyone. It is always wonderful to see such talent, confidence and enthusiasm from our children. Many thanks to Mr. Walsh and Mr. Wright for expertly directing and choreographing the production and working with the children on the props and scenery changes, thanks to Mrs. Gray for the wonderful costume design and all the parents who helped with face painting and set design."



A Love of Languages

Year 5 and Year 6 children have celebrated the French festival Bastille Day, which is held every year in France to commemorate the date in 1789 when the French Revolution began. The pupils learnt about the history of the date and why it is so important to French people. They took part in drama activities related to the revolution, they made food and drink for the afternoon celebration, they learned how to ask for the food in French, and they prepared decorations for the party, as well as revolution rosettes to wear.



The classes were visited in the morning by Patricia Valentin from the French bakery Boulangerie Valentin who helped some of the children to make tartelettes aux fruits. After lunch, a party was held on the playground and field - the children all asked for food in French and tried lots of different things such as baguettes with ham and gherkin, pancakes with lemon and sugar, and brioches.

Afterwards pupils played games which are often enjoyed in France such as badminton, boules and table tennis. All the children and staff made a great effort to speak French and to get the party ready, and the day was enjoyed by all.

Shipston High School – Looking forward to the new school year

New Building Update

This month should see the end of the long wait for the High School to see if it is finally to receive the funding it requires for its urgently needed new teaching block to accommodate the increase in pupil numbers. Hopefully, by the time this goes to press there will have been a positive announcement either from the Department of Education or from the County Council. As readers may know the school is currently managing just under 450 students in a building with a capacity for 388! Not only that, but by the Local Authority's latest figures, the school will need to expand to well over 600 students within the next few years. County Councillors have been out to the school to see the issues for themselves and the school's building plans have received the enthusiastic support of local MP, Nadhim Zahawi.

Welcome to the new teaching staff

Three new members of staff have joined the High School for the start of the new academic year: Following the retirement in July of Mrs Ann Clucas, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, the school is delighted to have appointed Mr Mark Watts to take up the position. Mr Watts has moved to Shipston from a



senior position at Stratford upon Avon School. Prior to that he was an adviser for special educational needs with the county and so he brings with him a wealth of experience in the role. Meanwhile, the school is not losing Mrs Clucas entirely as she will be returning part-time to teach Religious Education.

Mr Matthew Yuill has been appointed to the permanent position of Teacher of Physical Education. Matt is no stranger to the school having already worked at Shipston on a fixed-term contract for a year. As part of his permanent role he will be working one day a week as sports co-ordinator for local primary schools, a new role, which the primary schools have jointly funded. This is a pioneering joint venture between the schools and the first of its kind in the county.



Mrs Surekha Kamath has been appointed to the staff on a fixed term one year contract as Teacher of Mathematics. Mrs Kamath has a vast amount of experience in her field and will be a great asset to the school.



Food glorious food, at Shipston's first edible festival

Final preparations are underway for Shipston's first Food Festival, taking place in the town centre on the 29th September.

Organised by a small group of local foodies and supported by local businesses, the festival is designed to be a truly interactive celebration of local and artisan food. Cookery demonstrations will be held throughout the day by Francis Green, The Cotswold Traiteur, while special children's workshops will be encouraging the youngsters to get stuck in.

Keen local amateur chefs will have the chance to show off what they can do by entering a dish into one of the competitions being judged on the day, while local producers will also be in with a chance to win an award.

With almost all the stalls reserved by the beginning of August, a hog roast confirmed, plus wine tasting and a beer tent booked, the town centre promises to be a sumptuous showcase of gastronomic delights to tempt all taste buds.

Deputy Mayor, Philip Vial, one of the organisers of the event, said "this event started as a bit of a personal passion shared among a small group of foodies and has grown into a really exciting, full-day event. We are thrilled with the amount of

interest we've received and feel very confident everyone attending will have a fantastic day out. The best advice I can give is arrive hungry – you won't be disappointed!"

The event runs from 10am to 4pm in the High Street, with competition entries invited from 9am to 10am. To vote for your favourite local producer (within 30 miles of Shipston), please email dan@shipstonfoodfestival.co.uk. For all the latest news on the event, follow @ShipstonFood on Twitter, visit www.shipstonfoodfestival.co.uk or like the event's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/shipstonfood



Tasty treats are in store. Photo courtesy of Alex Lilley

Willington and Barcheston Fete is set to raise money for Shipston Stroke Support Group

The Green at Barcheston is to be transformed into a traditional village fete scene on the 21st September from 10.30am-12.30pm, to raise funds for the Shipston Stroke Support Group as well as the Willington and Barcheston village fund.

A variety of activities and stalls are planned for the event, including produce, cakes, white elephant, adult and children's games, raffle and tombola. Hungry visitors will be tempted by bacon and sausage baps which should provide the sustenance required to fully enjoy the fete.

Entrance is just £1 and includes a cup of tea or coffee - a lovely way to start a weekend.

Shipston Community Arts Festival

The Community Arts Festival is returning to Shipston for the third year running later this month, with a two-day showcase of local arts, crafts and music filling the Townsend Hall.

The event is free to enter and will combine a vast array of creative arts from poetry to photography, conceptual art to ceramics. Workshops will be held for children while Eleanor's Art Café will provide refreshments throughout the event.

The festival is open from 2-5pm on Saturday 21st September and 10am-4pm on Sunday 22nd September at the Townsend Hall in Sheep Street. For more details, see the advert on page 9.



Performers at a previous Community Arts Festival. Photo courtesy of Philip Vial

Angling anniversary celebrations prove a big hit

Shipston Angling Club marked the end of its 60th Anniversary celebrations by hosting an 'Introduction to Angling' day which was attended by over 25 children and their parents.

The day took place at the Club's lakes at Aston Magna on Sunday 4th August despite rain, which was at times torrential, and everyone, including some parents, caught fish. Club Chairman, Mike Wells, noted "we'd booked people into two hour slots and when the first two hours was up, no one left because they were having such a good time. Luckily the club members present just provided more tackle and everyone fished on."

The introductory day was the end of three weekends of fun and frolics that started with a charity Duck Race on the Club's stretch of the River Stour at Willington, which raised £251 for Shipston Home Nursing. The following weekend was the main festival weekend which saw anglers fishing in a competition that tested them over 3 days and 3 different venues. The overall winner was the Club's main festival organiser, Stuart Fleming, who got his rewards after putting in months of effort organising events and sponsors.

Mr Wells added: "We've put the fishing club on the map and we hope to have started something which will now develop into an annual event. A huge thanks to all those who had stands, sponsored us or just came down to see what was going on. You all made it a great weekend". For more information about the club, see page 12.

Regular events:

- Mon Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
- Mon Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club:** 7pm for 7.15pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Rd, Shipston-on-Stour. Call Penny Law 663871
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (10, 24). 10am-12pm Room No 2, Ellen Badger Hospital.
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Now every Tuesday. 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 0300 555 8171
- Tues Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Stella, 686224
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays. Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Tues Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** Halford Bridge Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Adrian Ramskill 0797 656 6525.
- Weds U3A Chicago Bridge:** 2pm-4.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Val Young on 01608 238754
- Weds St John's Ambulance:** Adults division. Meet at Shipston Fire Station, 7pm. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
- Thur Shipston Stitches:** 10am to 3pm, alternate Thursdays (5, 19).
- Thur Age Concern Lunch Club** at Rainbow Fields Contact: Diana 01789 740627
- Thur Safer Neighbourhood Team:** Fortnightly (5, 19). Public surgery, 2.30pm to 3pm. New Clark House, West Street.
- Thur Tumbletots & Gymbabes:** Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact Robyn on 07813 940172
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Bridge** 10.15am – 12.15pm Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Val Young on 01608 238754 or 07516 091786
- Fri Shipston Probus:** alternate Fridays (6, 20)
- Fri Age Concern Lunch Club** at Stour Court. Contact: Linda, 662290

There are lots of regular classes on at the Townsend Hall. For details, visit www.townsendhall.com or call Lisa Bryan on 07800771368.

September Diary

- 2 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** Outing. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 3 Multiple Sclerosis Society: 'Drop in' meeting.** 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- 4 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 10am-4pm.** The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library).
National Organisation of the Widowed: Lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute: Big Bands Day with Eric Hibbs. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 6 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm, details as above
Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Cafe: 'Maintaining Your Identity Through Your Dementia Journey' with Lynn Guyver. 2pm-3.30pm, Stour Court, Old Rd. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433
- 7 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm, details as above
Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick: All welcome. New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
Blues at Broom Hill: Live music 2pm-11pm. For details, visit www.bluesatbroomhill.co.uk
- 8 Shipston Home Nursing Country Car Boot Sale:** Honington Hall Estate. Contact: Rebecca 674929

- 9 Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting:** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 10 Senior Citizens Action Network meeting (SCAN):** Jo Barnes (Act on Energy) and Donna Ranchhod (Healthwatch Warwickshire). 10am-11.30am, Townsend Hall. Contact: Jane Pearce 663491
Shipston Flower Club: 'Autumn Surprise' Workshop. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School. Contact: 01608 238255
Stour Valley Lions Monthly Meeting: 7.30pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. All welcome.
- 11 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Annual Show. Members only. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933.
Shipston Primary School: Open Evening. See article on page 4
- 12 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark House, West Street. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 13 Stour Valley Lions Cinema presents 'Song for Marion':** See pg 8
- 14 Mayor's Surgery:** 10am, High Street
Shipston Sports Club Beer & Bubbles: See ad on page 9
- 16 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'Gentle Exercise and Relaxation' with Lee Figures. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684
- 17 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** 'Contemporary Textiles' with Liz Brooke Ward. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Centre. Visitors most welcome. Contact: Penny Law 663871
Shipston and Stour Community Forum: Informal drop-in surgery at 6.30pm. Forum meeting at 7pm. Little Compton Village Hall.
- 18 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm, details as above
National Organisation of the Widowed: Meeting. 10.30am-12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- 19 Shipston High School:** Open Evening, 7pm-9pm. See page 4
- 20 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm, details as above
Dementia Carers Drop-In Support Group: 10am-12pm, The New Scout Hut, New Street. Contact: Barbara Smith 662433 or Carl Watkins 663808
Bridge Taster Session: 10.15am, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Val 238754
Shipston Music Society: 'A Young Performer's Concert' see pg 10
- 21 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm, details as above
Willington & Barcheston Fete: 10.30am-12.30pm on the Green at Barcheston. Raising funds for Shipston Stroke Support Group and the village Fund. See page 6 for details.
- 21-22 Shipston Creative Arts Festival:** See ad on page 9
- 24 Shipston High School:** Open Morning 10am-12pm. See page 4
U3A Meeting: 2pm, Townsend Hall. All welcome
The Greyfriars Consort: 7pm, St. Martin's Church, Barcheston. Contact: 664310 or www.stmartinsinperil.org
- 25 Shipston and District Literary Society:** 'Thanks to Shakespeare' with Roger Pringle. 7.30pm, The George Hotel. Contact: Mary Edwards 01789 450737 or Malcolm Pollard 663482
- 27 Shipston Home Nursing Supper and Dancing:** 7.45pm-1am, Magpie House, Honington CV36 5AA. £45 per ticket, tables of 10. Contact: Rebecca 674929
- 27-28 SHN Bakeathon:** See ad on page 9
- 29 SHN Cotswold Lion Cycle Rides:** Shipston Leisure Centre. Contact: Rebecca, 674929
St Edmund's Church - Harvest Festival: See ad on page 10
Shipston Food Festival 2013: 10am-4pm, see ad on page 16
- 30 Stour Valley Visually Impaired Group:** 'Holiday in India' by Nic. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington 662684

STOUR VALLEY LIONS FILM (PG)

TERENCE STAMP GEMMA ARTERTON
CHRISTOPHER ECCLESTON WITH VANESSA REDGRAVE



"A FILM TO FALL IN LOVE WITH"
BAZ BAMBOOYE, DAILY MAIL

Song for MARION

"A REAL CHARMER"
MARK ADAMS, SUNDAY MIRROR
MADE: CLAIRE

SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL
Friday 13th September, 2013 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
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Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour CV36 4AE
Friday 30 August 2013
Doors open at 8pm - Full bar facilities

Tickets in advance £12 available from John Lyne Home Hardware, 1 High Street, Shipston on Stour
telephone 01608 661422; all major credit & debit cards accepted. Tickets on the door £15

Shipston Amateur Dramatic Society
Present

'Curtain Up!'



One not to be missed!
Five women inherit a derelict theatre; so how are they going to bring it back to its former glory?
Find out in this hilarious comedy by Peter Quilter
At Townsend Hall, Sheep St, Shipston
Thurs 10th, Fri 11th & Sat 12th Oct 2013
Curtain Up at 7.30pm
Tickets – £5 Thurs, £7 Fri & Sat
Available from John Lyne Home Hardware,
High Street, Shipston-on-Stour or on the door

Stour Valley Lions
Presents

Ynysowen Male Choir
Musical director Jennifer Jones

Saturday 5th October 2013, 7pm



At St. Edmund's Church
Church Street
Shipston-on-Stour

Tickets £10

Tickets Available from:
The Post Office 9, High Street, Shipston on Stour
Tel:- 01608-661465

R. Clarke & Son.
27, High Street, Shipston on Stour
Tel:- 01608-661394 or any Stour Valley Lion

Charity No 1053629



SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

"HOSPICE CARE AT HOME"

Invite you to take part in our

24 Hour Bake-A-Thon

on
Friday 27th September 2013 at 12noon to Saturday 28th September
2013 at 12noon

at
Shipston Sports Club, 21 London Road, Shipston-On-Stour
Warwickshire, CV36 4EP

You can bake for as long as you like!

All produce baked will be sold at the Shipston Food
Festival in aid of Shipston Home Nursing.

Entry is £5 per person, and if you are baking more than one product
we would like to encourage you to get sponsored for your hard work!

Please note that you will need to bring your own ingredients on the day.

Please contact Jodie Wright on 07835 425244 or email
ntyujw1@hotmail.com for more information or to receive a booking
and sponsorship form.



Shipston Sports Club Ltd



BEER & BUBBLES 2013

Saturday 14th September 2013 2pm
Shipston Sports Club, London Rd

Local beers & ciders sourced by
North Cotswold Brewery

Local bands playing, including fame
contest winners "Battered Soul"

Headlining : "Inside Job"

Free entry & commemorative glass
£2.50 a pint
BBQ from 5pm



Beer & bubbles 2pm - BBQ/bands 5pm



**FREE
ENTRY**

CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 21/22 September

Townsend Hall Sheep Street Shipston-on-Stour

the **THIRD** showcase event to celebrate the wealth of art in the area, and act as
an inspiration towards setting up a local Arts Centre to serve the community

PAINTING DRAWING SCULPTURE CONCEPTUAL ART PHOTOGRAPHY CERAMICS
TEXTILES POTTERY PRINTING POETRY READINGS MUSIC DANCE CRAFTS
BLACKSMITH WATERCOLOUR DEMONSTRATIONS WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN
SCHOOLS EXHIBITS SHIPSTON GROUPS STANDS SECONDHAND BOOKS
ARTS & CRAFTS STALLS ELEANOR'S ARTS CAFÉ...AND LOTS MORE

Saturday 21st September 2-5pm
Sunday 22nd September 10am-4pm

www.shipstoncommunityarts.org.uk

Ladies Charity Tea Party

The Mayor of Shipston,
Councillor Ronnie Murphy,
invites all local ladies to join her
for afternoon tea at the
Sheldon Bosley Hub
on 13th October 2013

Come and enjoy the food, music and raffle,
all in aid of the Mayor's charities.

The event runs from 3 until 5 pm
and tickets cost just £5.

Dress code: Sunday Best – with hats!

For more details and to buy tickets,
please call the Town Clerk on 01608 662180.



Come and celebrate Harvest Festival

St Edmund's Church, 10am on September 29

short, simple service – children very welcome!

If you like, do bring a donation
for the Shipston Food Bank



SHIPSTON MUSIC SOCIETY

Presents

A Young Performer's Concert

*Local young musicians together
with Charles Matthews to
accompany*

*Friday September 20th 7.30pm
Shipston Methodist Church
Guests Welcome £5.00*

For further details ring 01608 663207



Saturday 19th October
Starts 7.30pm at the Norgren Social Club

Tickets **£7 per person** and can either be purchased at the door on the night or from the NFU Mutual office at Sheep Street in Shipston

Light Refreshments included

Will be **bigger** and **better** than the last time!

The event will be held in memory of Jacob Caple and all the money raised will go to SSNAP (Support for the Sick Newborn and their Parents), which is a charity that supports the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.



If you have any queries please email Gemma caple at gemma9@mac.com

Awards of Community Grants

Local community groups, voluntary organisations and sports/recreational groups are invited to submit applications for grants towards their activities during the 2014/15 financial year.

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

All applications must be received by 31 October 2013 for consideration by the Finance Working Group. The Group will make recommendations to the Town Council in November 2013. Grants awarded will be for the financial year commencing April 2014.

**For full conditions and an application pack,
please contact:**

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Shipston Arts and Crafts Society

We met on a baking hot evening to listen to Mrs Alice Foster give a fascinating lecture on portraiture past and modern, looking at status, power, love and costume.

Mrs Foster showed slides of wealthy clients of artists such as Hogarth, Titian, Reynolds and a rare portrait by Constable. She described the importance of sleeves, not set into the garment but fastened by tapes, as being the most heavily embroidered part of a dress or coat and which showed the status of the wearer. She described a portrait of a young lady whose pearl and ruby necklace showed she was betrothed into a wealthy family. Many portraits were "cosmetic" and totally unlike the sitter - as per one sitter who had her portrait painted many times during her life and kept her beauty and figure! As one senior member said of the engrossing evening - "I shall never look at a portrait the same way again". A wonderful evening of learning and interest, enjoyed and absorbed by all.

The next day members travelled by private coach to Highclere Castle near Newbury a.k.a. Downton Abbey. This was an eagerly awaited outing, having had to book almost two years ahead! Once again the weather was sunny and hot. As we entered the gates and drove up the drive to the front door the strains of the Downton Abbey music heralded our arrival in style. Highclere was well worth the visit. The Egyptian Museum, suitably dark and below ground, was most interesting even though sadly the major part of the Carnarvon find had to be sold to the Metropolitan Museum of New York to pay death duties, and has never been displayed there.

The house was set out in Downton style with knowledgeable guides in each room and gardens to enjoy. The members enjoyed a very relaxed and informal summer special. We left tired and happy after a lovely day.

On 17th September Liz Brooke Ward will speak on Contemporary Textiles -7.30pm at the Catholic Church Centre - visitors most welcome.

being destroyed in 1937, the monastery never recovered and it remains a shadow of its former glory.

The area we travelled in was located south of Mongolia's highest mountain in Altai Tavan Bogd National Park. The landscape was stunning, high glaciated snow capped mountains, alpine and sub-alpine forests, large lakes, rivers, streams, mountain grasslands, barren rocky mountain ranges and semi arid desert type valleys, a very rugged land.

The area is populated with Argau Sheep, Beech Marten, Golden Eagle, Ibex, moose, Red Deer and Snow Cock. The food was basic and Mongolian Tea an experience. It was a wonderful visit in the glorious isolation of the mountains beyond the Regional Town of Ulaangoy.

Probus

The club has enjoyed all Ian Shapster's six talks on the most important battles of the 100 Years War with France.



The first was the "Longbow" which was a vital weapon in the conflict and followed by Crecy, Poitiers. Agincourt, Verneuil and finally, on the 12th July was the last talk, Castillon in 1453. It was a battle on a much smaller scale outside Bordeaux. We hope he might prepare another talk because we shall miss his humorous and knowledgeable presentations typical of an "old soldier".

In a talk earlier in the year, Tore Fauske described his growing up in Norway during the German Occupation. On 26th July, he spoke about his ancestors, the Vikings. Their low draught boats ranged far and wide crossing the Atlantic, raiding nearer home and trading in the Mediterranean. Slides showed some villainous-looking kings, and one in particular who landed in America. In 1066, they had landed in the North when William the Conqueror was about to invade. King Harold raced north to defeat them at Stamford Bridge and raced back to fight William, covering 180 miles in 4 days.

U3A

Trekking the Asian Steppes, a talk by Tony Wells



At the last monthly meeting of the Shipston on Stour Area U3A the members were treated to an illustrated talk on the Western Mountains are of Mongolia. The talk covered the trip from arrival in the Capital Ulaan Baatar to the regional city of Ulaangom and beyond.

The regional City of Ulaangom is located near the shores of Lake Uvs Nuur and has a population of around 27,000. It has an extreme and harsh climate, with temperatures often dropping as low as -45C in the winter while rising to as high as +40C during the summer. Whilst the city does not boast an abundance of tourist attractions it serves as a good base to explore the North West corner of Mongolia.

The museum has good displays of flora, wildlife and Buddhist Art. Founded in 1757 the Dechinravjaalin Khiid Monastery once boasted 2,000 monks. However after

Shipston Music Society

Shipston Music Society was founded in 1989 and in its early years, meetings were dedicated to listening to recorded music. In 2002 the concert programme started to introduce live performances and it now offers eight live concerts and two illustrated talks in each season. With around 100 members it aims to keep the annual subscriptions as low as possible whilst offering a programme of events which rivals that of much larger music societies.

The concert programme includes a wide range of music from classical to jazz, acappella to opera and tries to include something that will appeal to a wide range of musical tastes. The society is fortunate to host internationally renowned artists as well as local rising stars and musicians from Shipston High School who feature regularly. The society is noted for a friendly and informal atmosphere.

The society is a registered charity and works closely with

the other music organisations in and around Shipston and was pleased when David Curtis, the artistic director of the Orchestra of the Swan, became president of the society, offering the opportunity to develop music in Shipston. As part of its outreach the society has secured grants and sponsorship to bring live music into our care homes and professional musicians in our schools.

Its next concert will be on the 20th September 2013 when young musicians from Shipston High school will perform for the assembled members and guests. Details of this and information about the society can be found on the web site: <http://www.shipstonmusic.org.uk>

Shipston on Stour and District Angling Club

Shipston on Stour and District Angling Club runs angling on seven sections of the River Stour which it rents from local landowners and farmers. It also leases the recently renovated Railway Cutting Lakes in Aston Magna from the Batsford Estate. The club provides over 100 local anglers with pleasure angling and a very active match section which competes for over 40 matches a year

For more information, visit www.shipston-angling.co.uk

Bridge

Have you thought about learning Bridge?

Why not come along to a taster session on Friday 20th September 2013, at the Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road, starting at 10:15am. Val will be happy to introduce you to a fascinating game that is both fun and challenging.

Lessons for Beginners will be offered from October on a Friday morning, with lessons continuing for those with a basic knowledge on Friday afternoons.

For further details, please phone Val on 01608 238754.

Stour Valley Lions

It was all change at the recent Stour Valley Lions change over evening recently. Out going President, John Cavana, handed over the chain of office to Lion David Squires. Lion David thanked John and his wife Gabrielle for all their hard work on behalf of the club over the last few years which, despite the economic climate, has seen Stour Valley Lions continue to extend its service to the area. Several highlights included the continual improvement of the Gyratory area and the Senior Citizens party, which was attended by a record number of senior citizens this year.

The future, Lion David believes, will not be easy but with the continued goodwill of the residents of Shipston and the Stour Valley, the club will continue to flourish.

In the meantime, there is a particular need for a minute secretary for the club. If anyone is interested, please contact David on 01608-664065 or 07511694733.



Shipston Rotary

Following the Presidential Handover meeting in July, John Round is the new President for the Rotarian year 2013 to 2014.



Date for your diary: The Shipston Rotary Victorian Evening will be on Friday 6th December. Don't forget to mark it in your diary – it's an event not to be missed!

Shipston Proms Grand Prize Draw Winners:

The Shipston Proms Organising Committee is delighted to announce the grand prize draw winners, as follows:

- 1st Peter Hill, £100 cash
- 2nd Alan Marshall, Sunday Lunch @ The George
- 3rd Judy Glover, Voucher for £15 for S&G Entertainment
- 4th Sally Marshall, Thai dinner for 2 @ The Black Horse
- 5th Jane Misson, Lunch for 2 @ The White Bear
- 6th Peter Davies, Bottle of Champagne, Sheldon's Wine Cellars
- 7th Murphy, £25 voucher for Richard Harvey Collection
- 8th Bright, Mozart CD
- 9th Jilly Mills, Cookies Gift Bag
- 10th Gillian Connell, Rightons Goody Bag
- 11th S. Peachey, CD
- 12th S. Peachey, £25 voucher for Lucy Walker Flowers
- 13th M. Moore, Plant from Floras

Shipston Dementia Resource & Support Café



Dr Sue Pritchard from Shipston

Medical Centre was the guest speaker at the extremely well attended Shipston Dementia Resource Café on 2nd August.

As we know, early diagnosis of dementia is very important and it was good to hear that our local GPs are actively questioning patients in high-risk groups (those with heart disease or neurological disorders for example), when they have the opportunity, in order to identify any symptoms of dementia. An assessment is carried out comprising of a blood test and CT scan of the head, followed by a referral to Dr Smeyatsky's memory clinic at the Ellen Badger hospital. Following diagnosis the patient is referred back to the GP for ongoing support and monitoring. Since May 2013 our GPs and Practice nurses are now able to refer patients with early to mid-stage dementia to the Leisure Centre for Exercise on Prescription.

If you are worried about your memory, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with your doctor. You can also call in at the Dementia Resource Café on the first Friday afternoon in the month at 2pm in the community lounge at Stour Court, Old Road, or the Dementia Carers Support Group which meets on the third Friday of the month at 10am at the Scout Hut, New Street. For more information about these groups please contact Barbara Smith, 01608 662433.

Shipston in Bloom Competition Winners



Front Gardens (medium/large):

AREA 1	Winner	54 Donnington Road
	Runner up	63 Tilemans Lane
AREA 2	Winner	21 Queens Avenue
	Runner up	51 Queens Avenue
AREA 3	Winner	9 Mill Street
	Runner up	'Mornington' Wellington Fields
AREA 4	Winner	12 Greenfield Close
	Runner up	9 Clark Close
AREA 5	Winner	1 Hawthorn Way
	Runner up	13 Springfield Road

Front Gardens (small):

AREA 1	Winner	54 Railway Crescent
	Runner up	19 Signal Road
AREA 2	Winner	12 Hay Meadow
	Runner up	7 Horsefair
AREA 3	Winner	33 Greenfield Road
	Runner up	3 Redwood Park
AREA 5	Winner	33 Parsons Close
	Runner up	35 Parsons Close
AREA 6	Winner	24 London Road
	Runner up	3 Furze Hill

OVERALL TOWN MEDIUM/LARGE FRONT GARDENS:

Winner	12 Greenfield Close
Runner up	9 Mill Street

OVERALL TOWN SMALL FRONT GARDENS:

Winner	33 Greenfield Road
Runner up	54 Railway Crescent

TOWN REAR GARDENS:

Winner	7 Hawthorn Way
Runner up	84 Railway Crescent

TOWN HANGING BASKET/WINDOW BOX/MANGER

Winner	2 Bannister Way (junction Banister Way/Hanson/Simpson Rd)
Runner up	7 West Street

TOWN PUBLIC PLACES:

Winner	Ellen Badger – Day Unit
Runner up	Recycling Centre

TOWN BUSINESSES:

Winner	Sheldons Wine Merchant
Runner	Mrs Browns Tearoom

TOWN ALLOTMENTS:

Winner	Phil Batsford
Runner up	Paul Dibbens

TOWN SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION:

Winner	JOINT – 60 & 62 Railway Crescent
Runner up	22 Darlingscote Road

Readers' Letters

Letter from Tim Porter, Chairman, Shipston Proms

Thank you to everybody for making the 2013 Shipston Proms such a huge success. The 15th Proms was our best ever and again provided a wide variety of music across the area. A lot of effort goes into the organisation, and my committee of volunteers deserve special mention for their sterling work throughout the year to deliver the unique event.

There were too many events to mention each one, but I'm always moved by the spectacular turnout on the Last Night, and our involvement with young musicians from the community. Seeing 14 young guitarists playing along with Laurence Jones and Pete Rycroft at a workshop in the High School was amazing, and underlines what the Proms can do to inspire budding performers. Laurence is really making his mark on the British blues scene, and has played at many Festivals up and down the country this year. Battered Soul, a High School band and winners of our Fame Contest, performed impressively on the stage on the last night, and were a credit to the School and the community.

We could not do all this without the help of Shipston Town Council, the Police, and an army of people who give their time to help. More and more local businesses sponsor the Proms each year, and as we receive little funding from other areas, this is a vital lifeline. Thank you to all who threw money into our Proms collection buckets, and contributed in some way to our success.

Next year's Shipston Proms runs from 20th June to 5th July.

Peter Drinkwater, 26/7/47 – 28/7/13 by Pat Watson

As the news spread through the town, Shipston residents could hardly believe that Peter Drinkwater – 'the man with the rabbit' – had died.

Known to everyone for his habit of taking his pet rabbit everywhere with him on a lead, he was organist at the church of Our Lady and Saint Michael, and had spent all his life in Shipston, making his living by gardening.

A scholarly man, he wrote several books, including "Warwickshire Churches" and "The Art of Sundial Construction", complete with his own immaculate diagrams and illustrations. He also wrote poetry, even on occasion using a rabbit as a narrator.



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Eccentric in appearance, with his flowing white beard and unusual headgear, he could often be seen, his lawnmower on his back, heading steadily from one garden to the next. While he mowed the lawns, his rabbit crouched docilely nearby, nibbling the grass till the time came to go elsewhere.

Quietly spoken in conversation, he possessed an enviable singing voice, and also wrote music, usually for religious occasions.

It would be true to say his sudden and unexpected death has taken the whole town by surprise, and he will be very sadly missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Some Shipston residents would like to place the above portrait of Peter Drinkwater, with his pet rabbit Squidge, in a public building, as a memorial. Any residents wishing to contribute to the modest costs of the memorial are invited to contact Howard Watson on 661965. Any excess donations will be given to Shipston Home Nursing.

District Council update

One of the most rewarding parts of my work is helping to find creative solutions to, often quite small, problems. When planning permission was granted for the new development on the Stratford Road, the District Council insisted on an unnecessary play area backing on to nearby houses. I brought together residents, the developer and the District Council and we found a solution. The value of the unwanted scheme, £15,500, would go direct to play areas to be determined by the Town Council. I am delighted that £5,000 has been allocated to Queen's Avenue Park and the remainder to maintain play areas in the town – a win-win.

When the district council Cabinet decided to give residents permits for nine spaces in the Telegraph Street shoppers' car park, I initiated a procedure to "call-in" the decision because traders who would be adversely affected had not been consulted. In my opinion the decision put the interests of a developer, who had not included parking in his planning application, ahead of the interests of the town. Unfortunately, the Committee rejected the "call-in". However, the media coverage was embarrassing for the Council leadership. It should make them think twice before imposing harmful decisions on Shipston.

In my view the district council seriously mishandled the Norgren appeal. The Inspector found that the Council "deliberately concealed" a key document and awarded upwards of £100,000 costs. Following the Norgren appeal the Council's Regulatory Committee has acknowledged that the planning case for the proposed supermarket and extra-care housing on the adjacent site has been strengthened. I look forward to putting the case for supporting that development at the appeal in October.

Councillor Jeff Kenner

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**County Council update****Electric blanket tests**

We are approaching the time of the annual electric blanket tests, a free service provided by WCC to all residents who are over 50. Testing day is Friday 4th October at Stratford.

Appointments are essential and booked by ringing 01926 414016 or eMail to ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk

Councillor Grant Fund

The 2013 fund is now open. Each County Councillor has £5,000 to award to projects that demonstrate worthwhile community benefit and promote social inclusion. The closing date is 11th October.

A workshop has been arranged where guidance will be given to help community groups obtain support for their applications. This will be held at the SDC offices in Stratford-upon-Avon at 11.00 on Tuesday 17th September. Places are limited and need to be booked in advance.

To book a place at the workshop or obtain an application form, please ring Anita Kendall on 01926 456102 or Amanda Wilson-Patterson on 07780 995817

Last year grants were awarded locally to the Arrhythmia Alliance, the Xfest event to support the youth club and for the Orchestra of the Swan to perform Noyes Fludde at the Shipston Proms.

Events in 2014

A lot of events could be undertaken in this special anniversary year. A free guide has been provided by the Local Government Association. Despite its title, anybody can get the publication 'Community Events – A Councillor Handbook'. This is a guide for events, using case studies to help overcome the barriers that may be along the way. To get a copy, email info@lga.gov.uk

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**Warwickshire**
County Council**Shipston Medical Centre****Seasonal immunisations**

Flu is a highly infectious disease which is different from having a cold. The symptoms of flu come on suddenly and include fever, headache, extreme tiredness and an aching body. A dry cough, sore throat and stuffy nose are other common symptoms of the infection.

Flu occurs most often in the winter months and usually peaks between December and March. The national vaccination programme is particularly aimed at those individuals who have a higher risk of serious complications of flu, such as those aged 65 and over and people with serious medical conditions, such as chronic respiratory disease, chronic heart disease, chronic renal disease, diabetes mellitus, immunosuppression due to disease or treatment.

Last year we vaccinated nearly 3000 people in a six-week period, and this year we plan to do the same. If you are

eligible for a flu vaccination we will write to you inviting you to one of our flu vaccination clinics, which at the point of writing were scheduled for:

- Saturday 28th September 9am until 11:30am
- Friday 4th October 2.15pm until 4.45pm
- Saturday 5th October 9am until 11:30am
- Thursday 10th October 4:45pm until 6:45pm

Due to the number of patients requiring the vaccine, the programme is carefully planned, and we therefore ask you to attend one of the clinics to which you are invited. Due to available capacity we will not make individual appointments for flu vaccination for anyone aged 17 or over, so please attend one of the clinics.

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845**Twitter – @ShipstonM**

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

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Highways customer services	01926 412515
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
– Out of hours	03001 303040
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
UCHW Hospital	024 7696 4000
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
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Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01295 688193
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SHIPSTON ON STOUR

FOOD FESTIVAL - free entry

beer tent pig roast

raffle hot food

local food and drink producers

bread baking wood fired pizza

stalls competitions

cookery demonstrations

children's food workshops

local food producer awards

For all enquiries

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Stay in touch with developments

 Twitter - @ShipstonFood 

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29th SEPTEMBER 2013 - From 10am
Town Centre, Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4AJ



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