



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

August 2011

Town Council gives Outhouse Youth Club a much-needed funding boost

Shipston Town Council unanimously voted to give a grant of £5,000 to help secure the immediate future of The Outhouse Youth Club.

The club was facing threat of closure after Warwickshire County Council announced its intention to cut funding from January 2012. However, thanks to the hard work and determination of The Outhouse Management Committee, two thirds of the funding required to keep the youth centre open for the first year has already been found. In addition to the funding from the Town Council, Shipston Rotary has pledged £1,000, and a further £1,900 will be raised by the club through its café and members' subscriptions.

The town's Baptist Minister, Daniel Pulham, who chairs the Committee, said "I am extremely grateful for the support we have received so far. The High School has made this process much easier for us by looking to take on management of the site. The Town Council's contribution will make a significant difference to our first year of operation and I feel confident that the community will help us to find the remaining money needed to keep this essential service open."

Mayor, Paul Rathkey, commented, "Although ideally we would have liked to spend money set aside for youth projects on new initiatives, we all recognise the value of the work done by The Outhouse. With the club's future now under threat, all councillors fully supported granting this funding to help secure the project's ongoing success."

The Outhouse still requires £3,100 to cover the first 12 months of operation and needs to secure regular annual income into the future. Coming weeks will see the launch of a campaign calling on members of the community to donate £10 a year – about 20p a week – to secure the project's future. More details of how you can make your pledge will be coming soon, but in the meantime, please contact Daniel Pulham on 01608 664876 for further information.



Outhouse supporters Katie Corby (left) and Guy Blacklock (right) with the graffiti artist who supported the recent X-Fest, just one example of the work made possible by The Outhouse. For more details see page 6. Photo by Philip Vial.

Town Council invites grant applications

Shipston Town Council is inviting community groups and voluntary organisations to apply for grants to support projects aimed at benefitting the community during the next financial year (April 2012-March 2013).

In recent years, the town council has supported a number of community projects and work is now beginning on planning for next year's budget.

Ian Cooper, chair of the Finance Working Group, commented: "Although the town council is fully supportive of initiatives that seek to benefit our local community, any grant requests will, of course, need to be considered alongside the increasing demands on our annual precept."

For full details, see the advert on page 9.

Opportunity to improve health services moves a step closer

Shipston Medical Centre has been given the green light to investigate an exciting new vision for delivering health and social care services in the town.

After hearing innovative proposals developed by Shipston's own GPs, NHS Warwickshire is to develop an Outline Business Case (OBC) for a new Health & Wellbeing Centre in Shipston, delivering GP services, a GP-led community hospital and an Extra Care housing scheme.

Dr Andrew Whiteley said, "Delivering health services locally is extremely important, particularly in a relatively isolated town like Shipston. We believe the best way to retain existing services and improve provision for the future is to combine health and social care facilities on one site, offering a service which local people of all ages could benefit from."

The OBC will consider which services could be included in the project, what would be required to make it happen and how it might be financed. This will be assessed in the early Autumn with a view to developing a full business case later in the year.

The Medical Centre is very keen to involve the community in developing this project and will keep residents informed about how they can take part via the Forum and www.shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk

Mayor's welcome

In researching the origins of 'mop fairs', I came across an article written 100 years ago describing the town of Shipston in the Edwardian era.



Some what tongue-in-cheek it describes it as "the forgotten town of Shipston on Stour...it fell asleep some two centuries since and so far the tumult and turmoil of the present age have failed to awaken it". I'm pleased when looking at more contemporary descriptions of Shipston to discover the characterisation as one of "a vibrant market town".

If I were to select a single event to match the vibrancy description, it would be the Last Night of the Proms. This year's was exceptional. The memory I will take away is the sight of such a wide range of ages from small children, to those of us beyond the first flush of youth, all mixing together and having a great time. Tim Porter and his hard-working committee are to be congratulated for the whole programme of music but particularly the Last Night, which demonstrates that there's plenty of life left in Shipston yet.

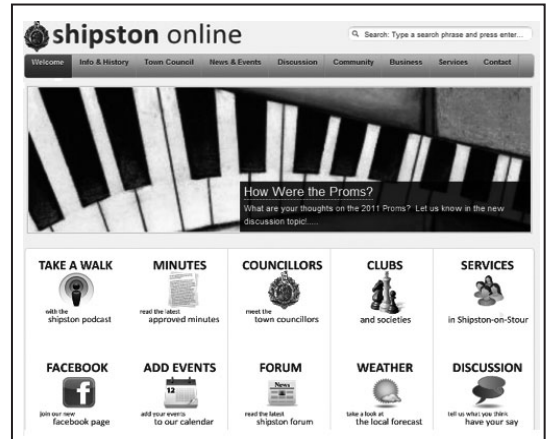
As mentioned in previous columns these are difficult times for the public purse. The Council has been working with others to try to mitigate the effects of these cuts on life in Shipston. We've had very encouraging discussions with the manager of the Co-op regarding sponsoring the Saturday bus service from outlying villages in order that Shipston Link can provide such a service in future and, as reported elsewhere, we are doing all we can to maintain the Outhouse youth club. Through the Forum we will keep you informed of these and other developments in service provision. Hopefully some of it will be good news!

Cllr Paul Rathkey
Town Mayor

Shipston Town Council website boasts new features

Shipstononline.org, the town council's website, has had a facelift with a number of new features being added. You can now keep up to date with news via the council's Facebook page, follow the council on Twitter (@shipstononline), share your views on important topics or start a new discussion.

Community groups and voluntary organisations are being encouraged to make the most of the free events calendar, which is a great way to publicise what's on in and around the town. Simply click the 'add events' button on the front page and follow the instructions.



Ronnie Murphy, Chair of the Communications Group, commented: "Keeping an eye on the website is a good way of staying on top of what is happening in Shipston. We hope these new features will encourage residents of all ages to get involved with and support community issues and events."

Local pupils get a head start

Shipston Rotary Club provides Osborne Illustrated Dictionaries for all pupils in the likely catchment area of the highly regarded Shipston High School. As well as Shipston Primary School itself, another six schools are supplied with the dictionaries, which are distributed in the summer term of Year 5, a year before the pupils would normally go on to the High School. Mrs Crowe, the Year 4/5 teacher at Ettington Church of England Primary School, thanked Shipston Rotary for their support and described the dictionaries as "really excellent and very helpful".



Year 5 pupils at Ettington School look up words in their dictionaries

Neighbourhood Watch – we still need your help!

We are delighted to report that a new chairman has been found for Neighbourhood Watch. However, the new chair is only able to take up the post if a secretary can be found as well.

The secretary's role is not an onerous task and can be very fulfilling. About one hour a week would need to be spent preparing minutes, maintaining the NHW Members database, organising meetings and liaising with the Chair as required.

If you have that spare hour to help ensure that Neighbourhood Watch within Shipston continues its good work, please contact Mike Robbins on 01608 664439.



**Shipston's retailers to launch loyalty card.
See advert on page 9 for details.**

July's hot topics

Community Forum: Ronnie Murphy attended the Community Forum, at which a number of issues were discussed, including the new policing arrangements, youth services and primary health services. It was also reported that Guy Blacklock is leaving the police force. Councillors expressed their thanks to Guy for all the excellent work he has done for the community.

Mop Fair: Paul Rathkey agreed to attend a meeting to discuss whether a Mop Fair should continue to be held in Shipston.

New seat on Furze Hill Road: Simon Welch reported that a new seat, donated by a local resident, has been installed on the corner of Furze Hill Road opposite Keetley Close, overlooking the fields. The response from many people has been positive although there has been one complaint, which he is following up.

Fundraising: Philip Vial commented on the success of the X-fest (see page 6) and thanked the organisers for allowing him to sell refreshments to raise money for DASH (Drugs Action Shipston).

Telegraph Street Offices: District Councillor, Jonathan Gullis, reported that it is expected the District Council's former office on Telegraph Street will be sold for residential use on the open market. Town councillors expressed their dismay at the length of time it has taken to make this decision.

Campaigning for Shipston

Police Station: Ian Cooper confirmed further negotiations have taken place with Warwickshire Police Authority regarding the purchase of the police station. Indications are that the Authority is keen to retain the Safer Neighbourhoods Team in Shipston and may even look to reinstate some front desk services. Discussions are ongoing and a further meeting will be held mid-August.

Public toilets: Simon Welch has had further discussions with Stratford District Council to find a way to retain the public toilets in Telegraph Street. A number of options are being proposed and further details will be provided when available.

Bus Services: Paul Rathkey has had a positive meeting with the manager of the Co-op to discuss potential financial support for a village bus. Shipston Link has provided details of costs and negotiations are ongoing. District council colleagues are also looking at ways to encourage support/funding for bus services in and around the town.

Proud of My Town: Fay Ivens reported that the campaign is going well, with a growing number of people volunteering for the monthly litter picks. Weed clearance is currently being planned and the Town Centre will now be cleaned twice weekly with a leaf sucker.

Flagpole vandalism: Shipston Town Council's solicitor has contacted the offender to offer an instalment plan to pay for the damages. If this cannot be agreed, bailiffs will be sent in to recover the equivalent value.

Town Council Business

Town Design Statement: Dot Courtney reported that there will be a Town Design Statement workshop on the 24th September. Further details will follow in the September issue of the Forum.

Flyposting: There continue to be concerns about the town being littered with too many roadside posters for local events. The General Purposes Working Group will look at establishing a policy to be applied to all future signage.

Signage: New signs are to be purchased for the play areas giving details of who to contact in the event of an accident. Fay Ivens has chased Warwickshire County Council for elderly persons crossing signs outside Rainbow Fields as well as requesting a stop sign for the junction opposite Sheldons.

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

Clark House news

Proms Road Closure

We worked hard with the Proms organisers and local retailers this year to try and improve the management of the road closure for the Last Night of the Proms and minimise the impact on traders and shoppers in the town.

After much consultation, we adopted a phased approach to the closure. The Proms committee were able to access the High Street in sufficient time to get all their equipment up and running, but without requiring the whole High Street to be closed before 3:30pm.

Although in these situations it is very difficult to please everyone, a number of traders have commented that they felt this year's arrangements worked much more smoothly and had less of an impact on trade in the town. As a result, councillors have decided to adopt the same approach in future years.

Keep your hedges in trim

We've had lots of requests recently for the town gardeners to trim back hedges where they are starting to encroach on pavements and footpaths. Although there are some hedges the town council is responsible for, a surprising number are actually owned by householders.

If you have a hedge around your property that is starting to look untidy and is getting in the way of pedestrians, please check your deeds to see whether you own it. If you do, you are responsible for ensuring it doesn't obstruct any paths. This is important for safety, not only in terms of visibility but also in ensuring pedestrians are not forced to walk too close to the edge of the pavement.

If you have an overgrown hedge near your property that you don't own, it may be down to the town council to sort out. Please report any problems to Clark House.

Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk

t: 01608 662180

e: clerk@shipstononline.org



High School pupils double their money

Fundraising pupils at Shipston High School raised £147.69 for Rotary International's Polio Eradication campaign – nearly twice as much as they had hoped. The Bill Gates Foundation has promised to add another £258.46 to the money the pupils raised.

Their efforts should ensure that no fewer than 812 children will be immunised. Signs suggest that if things continue the way they have been recently, this disease could be beaten in 2-4 years.

Nigel Willis, President elect of Shipston Rotary, gratefully accepted the cheque on behalf of Rotary's 'end polio now' campaign and thanked all involved for their remarkable fundraising effort and achievement.



From the left, Elinor Bird, Ben Bryan, Alex Russell, Hope Spalding and Charley Mack represent all the fundraisers in the Head Teacher, Mr Baker's, Year 7 Skills Group.

Greenfields tour Shipston's Sensory Garden

Greenfields children have been on the move again – but this time on foot. The children were taken to the Sensory Garden, opposite Libbylous Playground, where they met the architect of the recent improvements, Ray Luker.

Ray has spent the last few months redesigning and enhancing the Sensory Garden to make it open and accessible. It now boasts an enviable range of flowers and trees – including strawberry plants, which proved particularly popular with the children.

Lesley from Greenfields commented: "The work Ray has done is incredible. Thanks to his hard work, the children have a safe place to explore and enjoy a picnic. We'll definitely be coming back."



Upton House offers summer volunteering placements

The National Trust at Upton House is offering students and young people new volunteering opportunities supporting a busy, local tourist attraction.

There is a diverse range of opportunities such as Website Assistant, Gift Shop/Restaurant Assistant, Events Assistant, Marketing Assistant, and room guiding, where volunteers can gain valuable experience working in a busy, friendly team with people from all walks of life.

Volunteering can really enhance your CV and give you the chance to gain confidence in meeting and talking to people, problem solving and working with the public. It's a great opportunity to kick-start a career in the charity sector or heritage industry, improve your skills and have something different to talk about at interviews for university or employment.

To find out more, download details from the 'join in' pages at

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse
or email

Uptonvolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk

Shipston High School crowned National Grand Prix Champions

Students from the High School returned triumphant from Silverstone having been awarded National Champions in the Formula Schools Grand Prix.

Formula Schools epitomises everything that is good and exciting about current technology, where innovation, combined with excellent technical knowledge, is essential for success.

Shipston High School's Engineering Race Club students managed to design and build two cars from scratch. Following lots of hard work, the cars passed initial judging and the 8 key students travelled to the Silverstone Grand Prix circuit to do battle with selected schools from across the country.

Superb technical and driving skills gave Shipston its best result ever of coming 3rd in the Electric class and National Champions in the Formula Schools Grand Prix. Congratulations to everyone on the team.



Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Pupils Enter the Den

Budding entrepreneurs from Shipston Primary entered their own version of the Dragons' Den as part of 'My Money Week' in school. Each year group took up the challenge to create and pitch their own product to Shipston's 'dragon' Ms. Freeman. Business ideas such as peglets, biscuits and cakes, popcorn, fresh fruit smoothies, a juice bar and mobile phone socks were presented in the den and, after some tough negotiation, all year groups were offered investment. The products were then produced and marketed on a larger scale and put on sale in the playground after school. All year groups made a profit!

Each class has benefited from the profits from the scheme with pupils spending their money on various items including a iPod docking station for the class, an online supermarket order for an end of term party and playground games equipment.

Head Teacher, Christian Hilton, said: "All staff have been impressed by our pupils, who have embraced this opportunity to develop their ideas into profitable products. I am very grateful to the local business community for the positive way they have encouraged enterprise at our school. Mrs. Clarke (teacher at school) and Louise Harvey from Richard Harvey Collection kindly arranged for local shopkeepers and businesspeople to talk to pupils over lunch about setting up their business, how they market their



products and the skills they need to make their business successful. Many thanks to Kate King from Ivy Heart, Sonia Reynolds from Lloyds TSB, Jim Cherry from Taste of the Country, Brigette Nix from Shipston Therapy Centre and Louise Harvey from Richard Harvey Collection for wonderful insights into their professions and for answering pupils questions so expertly.

Learners go with the flow

Year 6 pupils have been enjoying Shipston's natural heritage as part of their project on rivers. The children took a river walk that included Fell Mill and paddling through the Stour to experience the features they have been learning about in the classroom. Pupils looked at an oxbow lake, measured river depth and flow, and sketched wildlife and surroundings.

Shipston High School

Year 10 visit the House of Lords

A lecture by Professor Lord Robert Winston on "Politicians' Problems and Doctors' Dilemmas – ethical issues at the beginning and end of life" in the grand surroundings of the House of Lords finished off a lovely day out in London. The Lord Speaker, Baroness Hayman, invited eight students in Year 10 from Shipston High School, one of only 16 schools selected from across the UK, to attend the lecture.



Lord Winston, the eminent scientist, writer and television presenter spoke frankly and authoritatively about the dilemmas faced by doctors and politicians when dealing with ethical issues relating to the early stages of human life and with its end, which prompted considerable discussion afterwards. A great day out from start to finish and an experience not to be forgotten.

Shipston Proms Concert

On 30th June the School was delighted to once again host a musical evening on behalf of Shipston Proms. For one evening only the school hall was transformed by the Friends of Shipston High into a cabaret-style venue and the audience was treated to a varied selection of musical entertainment. Members of the audience remarked on the amazing range and depth of talent in the school and all agreed the evening had been most enjoyable.

Creative Arts

The Creative Arts Summer School is again taking place during the summer holidays. This year for the first time it will run over two weeks. Twenty-two students will produce and perform an original play written by Mrs Cathrine Hunt, Head of Creative Arts with a storyline devised by the students themselves.

Meanwhile auditions have taken place for the school's Christmas show "A very Shipston Christmas" which will take place on 25th and 26th November. Look out for tickets on sale from the beginning of November!



Lucky thirteen for Shipston Proms

Shipston Proms organisers have proved that 13 doesn't have to be an unlucky number by putting on yet another highly successful festival for the thirteenth year running.

Much has already been reported about the success of the Last Night of the Proms, with attendance being estimated at approximately 1500 people. However, that was only part of the story.

Throughout the fortnight-long event, different venues in and around the town hosted all manner of musical talent from jazz to folk music, pop singers to choristers. There was something for all ages, tastes and budgets, with many of the events being free to attend. Both schools were also closely involved with the event, hosting their own concerts and benefiting from meeting some of the musicians taking part.

Tim Porter, chair of the organising committee, commented, "We are really pleased with how well this year's Proms Festival went and I'm grateful to all those

who helped make it such a success. We received lots of positive feedback from people who attended the different events on offer and will now take a short breather before starting to plan next year's Proms!"



Stour United Businesses pitch against each other at summer barbecue

Representatives from over 30 local businesses attended the annual Stour United Businesses (SUBs) barbecue on 7th July, hosted by Feldon Valley Golf Club in Brailes.

Guests competed in a friendly pitch & putt challenge, which was won by Sam Russell of Sheldon Bosley, before tucking into a delicious barbecue. Enjoying the sunshine and stunning scenery, SUBs chairman Ian Cooper was delighted with the attendance. He commented "I am especially pleased to welcome several new faces this evening who came along to find out more about the group and also to welcome back a couple of old friends who we haven't seen for a while".

SUBs has been supporting local businesses for five years and holds around eight meetings a year in addition to organising business fairs, producing information packs and leaflets, and supporting many local trade initiatives to encourage business growth in the Stour Valley.

For more information on SUBs and for future events please visit www.stourunitedbusinesses.co.uk



Love a bargain? Don't miss the Country Car Boot Sale

If you love hunting for bargains, or need to have a clear out, Shipston Home Nursing (SHN) has just the event for you. The charity is running a Car Boot Sale at the Honington Estate this autumn, by kind permission of Bengy Wiggin.

So if your attic is stuffed full of things that are still in good condition but you no longer want, apply for a slot at the SHN sale and see if you can turn your unwanted goods into hard cash.

Pitches are available by application only and cost no more than £5 per car. To secure your spot contact 01608 674929 or email rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk

If shopping is more your thing, it costs just £2 per head to get in and the deals are yours for the taking. Gates open at 9am (car booters can set up from 8am).

Extreme fun had by all at Shipston X-Fest

Hundreds of young people headed to Shipston High School a few weeks ago to enjoy the town's X-fest. The event included a climbing wall, mobile skate ramp and a rare opportunity to play outdoor laserquest. A number of different community groups came together to offer different activities and raise money for local charities including The Outhouse, DASH and the Young Parenting Group.

Guy Blacklock, who helped organise the event, said: "It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves. Lots of families came along and were able to find out more about some of the fun activities available for young people in Shipston."

Regular events:

- Mon Badminton Club:** Turn up and play from 7pm. Townsend Hall.
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (9 and 23). 10am, Roman Catholic Church Hall. Contact Sarah Bridgewater, 07582 130855
- Weds Calypso Kids Percussion Workshops:** For ages 5-8 years. 9:30-10:30, Townsend Hall (except 31 Aug). £4, booking essential. Contact: EmmaJane Roberts, 07890 399162
- Weds Calypso Kids Storytelling and Music:** For 5s and under. 11.00-12.00, Townsend Hall (except 31 Aug). £4, booking essential. Contact: EmmaJane Roberts, 07890 399162
- Thurs Shipston Stitches:** Fortnightly (11 and 25). 10am, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Kath, 663486
- Thurs Yoga:** Beginners. 7-8:30pm, Townsend Hall. £8. Contact: 07717 221 756 or www.yoga-in-brailles.co.uk
- Fri Walks over fields with friendly group.** Leaves Old Mill car park at 10 am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
- Fri Hi 5 Multisports and swim day:** Sports and swim days for 8-16 year olds during August. Shipston High School and Leisure Centre. £5, booking essential. Run by Stratford District Council. Contact: 01789 260115.

August Diary

- 2 Multiple Sclerosis Society "Drop in" meeting:** 10-11:30 am at the George Hotel. Contact: Pauline Hunt, 666161
Bingo: Doors open at 6:30. Eyes down at 7:30. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- 3 National Organisation of the Widowed:** Lunch. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute: 7pm, Roman Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Mal Lawrence, 662122
- 4 Story Stomp:** Storytelling for 2-5 year olds. 10:30am, Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- 5 Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Café:** see ad on page 8
- 6 Cherrington, Stourton and Sutton Country Fair and Flower Show:** See ad on page 8
Upton House Millionaire's House Party event: Experience the luxury and entertainment of a 1930's house party with music, dance, costume and food demonstrations. Free for under 5s and National Trust members. Garden only admission: £5.95 adults, £2.90 kids, £14.75 family.
- 8 Shipston Visually Impaired Club:** Tea Party at Tysoe. Meet at 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington, 662684
Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting: 7pm, Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont, 662180
- 9 Shipston Flower Club:** 'Shapes and Spaces', by Mrs Ninon Linnell. Shipston Primary School, 7.30pm. Non-members welcome, £3.50.
- 12 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library). Books include fiction, children's, cookery, gardening, art etc. To donate books contact Lion David Squires on pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk
- 13 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above.

Shipston Town Council monthly litter pick: All welcome. Meet at Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens, 662133 or fayivens@aol.com

Brailes Horse Show 2011: Family show with show jumping, ridden showing, working hunter and junior classes. 9am start. Ringside parking £5. For details visit www.brailesvillageshow.com

Shipston Family Fun Day: Action-packed afternoon for families including a Calypso dance workshop, karaoke competition, fancy dress competition (ages 0-8), and battle re-enactment by Warts 'n All. 1-4pm, Shipston High School. Contact: Sam, 07971743273

Brailes Show 2011: Annual family show with range of attractions including bouncy castle, human Grand National and falconry display. Family ticket £7. Adults £3. Show will be followed by evening party and live music, £5 (u12s and 65+ free). For details visit www.brailesvillageshow.com

- 15 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Monthly social. 12:30, Horseshoe Inn, Contact: Mike Dobbin, 664636
Bingo: Doors open at 6:30. Eyes down at 7:30. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- 17 National Organisation of the Widowed:** Meeting. 10:30am, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean, 663230
- 21 Upton House Hobby Horse Activity Day:** Make a hobby horse and take part in our Hobby Horse trials! Free entry for under 5s and National Trust members. Garden only admission: £5.95 adults, £2.90 kids, £14.75 family. Small charge for children's activities.
- 22 Shipston Visually Impaired Club:** 'Three Little Maids from School', Mikado. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington, 662684
- 24 Turn Up For Free Sport:** 9:30-12:30, Ilmington playing field. Suitable for all children. No need to book but remember to bring your completed consent form with you. Run by Stratford District Council. Contact: 01789 260115.
Stour Valley Women's Institute: Ilmington WI Lunch Visit followed by "My Trip to India with Save the Children" Presentation by Marilyn Payne. 2:00 pm Stour Court. Contact: Betty Thomson 664462
- 26 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- 27 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
Shipston Loyalty Card Launch activity day. See ad on page 9
- 29 Ilmington Village Show**
- 31 Calypso Kids 1st birthday picnic:** Come and celebrate Calypso Kids' first year with a party packed with art and craft, musical instruments and party games. £6, booking essential. Contact EmmaJane Roberts, 07890 399162



Traditional English Fun

There are lots of opportunities to enjoy village shows this month. Check out the What's On calendar above for details of the Shipston Family Fun day, Brailes, Ilmington and Cherrington fairs.

Dementia Resource Café

An Information and Support Service



Stour Court, Old Road, Shipston on Stour
Friday 5 August, 2pm – 3.30pm

Dr Sue Pritchard, Shipston Medical Centre
 will be speaking on the medical
 aspects of dementia.

For further information contact

Gary Stanley, Café Co-ordinator – 02476 652602 or
 Barbara Smith, Local Information Volunteer – 01608 662433
www.alzheimers.org.uk



CHERINGTON, STOURTON & SUTTON
COUNTRY FAIR & FLOWER SHOW
 SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 2011

Fun & Attractions for everyone of all ages!
 Show Marquee, Stalls, Games, Displays, Classic Cars,
 Refreshments. All this & Sumo Wrestling too!
 Boot Sale at 12.00 noon – Events Begin at 1pm

Shipston Home Nursing

Country Car Boot Sale

4th September 2011
 Gates open at 9.00am
 at the Honington estate

Public entry fee £2 per head
 maximum £5 per car

Car booters by application only:
 Please call 01608 674929,
 email rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk
 or visit www.shipstohomenursing.co.uk
 for further details

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STRATFORD ATHLETIC CLUB AND THE HEART RHYTHM CHARITY PRESENT:

SHIPSTON AQUATHLON

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 2.30PM

SHIPSTON LEISURE CENTRE AND HIGH SCHOOL

NEW DATE

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

Entry fee £8 - £15.

To register your place contact
 The Heart Rhythm Charity on 01789 450 787
 or email fiona@heartrhythmcharity.org.uk
 Alternatively enter on line at www.runnersworld.co.uk.



Launching...
Saturday 27th August
Shipston Town Centre
Come join the fun!

Free food, drinks and children's entertainment for all.

The first 200 people to pick up their free Shipston Card will receive a free cotton shopping bag!



TOWNSEND HALL
 01608 661218
 www.shipstontownsendhall.com

Regular Events – Summer Season

Mondays 7pm (Large Hall)	Badminton (contact Nick on 01608 664163)
Mondays 7pm (Small Hall)	Sidliners – Line Dancing (contact Julie 01608 683280)
Tuesdays 6pm	Exercise Class (contact Jenny 01608 662197)
Wednesdays 9.30am to 12noon Two Classes	Calypso Kids (contact Emmajane 07890 399162)
Wednesdays 7pm	Slimming World (contact Christine 01608 686288)
Thursdays 7pm	Ashtanga Yoga (contact Angela 07717 221756)

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 2012/13 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 2011 for consideration by the Finance Working Group. The Group will make recommendations to the Town Council in November 2011. Grants awarded will be for the year commencing 2 April 2012.

For full conditions and an application pack, please contact:

Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk
 Shipston on Stour Town Council
 Clark House, West Street, Shipston on Stour CV36 4EL
 T: 01608 662180
 Email: clerk@shipstononline.co.uk



Grow your business and skills at the Stour Enterprise Centre, Shipston-on-Stour.

If you run a business from home and need a meeting room, office space, wi-fi access, or somewhere to run an event, then the Stour Enterprise Centre provides:

- low cost and flexible
- office space
- board and meeting rooms
- conference / training room
- wi-fi and internet access workstations
- half a day, a day, a week – whatever you need

We are open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and by arrangement at other times.

www.stourenterprise.co.uk
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Townsend Hall

Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra came to Town

Once again the Townsend Hall came into its own on 24th June as the high spot for the award winning Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra (MYJO). It was clear that the Orchestra's excellent National and International reputation was not exaggerated as they performed numbers from swing to jazz.

Under the direction of Musical Director, John Ruddick, the 20-piece band of young musicians played their hearts out to the huge appreciation of a large audience packed into the Hall. In addition, the enthusiastic audience was treated to the joy of hearing the orchestra's exciting young vocalist, Sophie Freek, a 17 year old from Worcester Grammar School, who sang some classic songs in great style.

It is difficult to believe that these musicians are not fully professional. Since its inception some four decades ago, the band has played with numerous artists, Kenny Baker, Jacqui Dankworth, Jools Holland to name but a few and were unbeaten in the BBC National Big Band Competition for twenty years until the BBC decided to end the programme. Further information about the band can be obtained on www.myjo.co.uk

It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying a great night out at the Townsend Hall and we hope we will host this fabulous orchestra again at some point in the future.

SCAN

At the meeting on 12th July, Rebecca Mawle, Fundraising Manager of Shipston Home Nursing gave us an interesting insight into the history of the charity which now costs £150,000 a year to provide the service free of charge to users as far afield as Kineton and Wellesbourne. The Nursing Manager of the charity, Janet Oakey, explained that all the nurses employed by the charity are Registered and have experience in palliative care. Care covers not only the nursing requirements of the patient but also the emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of both patient and carers which is tailored to individual circumstances.

On a lighter note, Tim Porter, Chair of the Shipston Proms committee, talked to us about the work of the very successful Shipston Music Festival. The committee organises not only the annual festival comprising performances for the general public, but also workshops in schools combining musical performances with challenging and educational question and answer sessions. Tim is now also involved in the creation of Shipston Community Arts which is dedicated to the promotion of other art forms – literary, visual and tactile. The ultimate aim is to create a Community Arts Centre in the town which will require substantial funding. Individuals can contribute with a subscription of £10 per year.



Shipston Arts & Crafts Society

We met in June to hear Mr John Busbridge talk on the work by Eastern and Middle European artists between WWI and WWII. As this was a subject the West knew little of, he chose two artists, Otto Dix from Dresden and Oskar Kokoschka from Austria. Both attended Dresden Art College - Otto as a student and Oskar as lecturer, both fought in WWI and both suffered under Nazi rule.

Otto Dix was lightly wounded in WWI and returned to fight in the trenches. This had a profound effect on his work - portraying the brutality and pain of war, the neglect of the wounded post war and the decadence of Germany. During the Nazi rule he was pronounced degenerate and was banned. His work can now be seen in major modern galleries.

Oskar Kokoschka lectured at Dresden Art College, was badly wounded in WWI and invalided out. This reflected also in his work. His painting was more restrained and structured. He settled in Polperro, Cornwall, for several years, painting portrait and landscape. As he aged his painting became stronger in colour and form, joining rank with British modernists.

The talk was received with interest - and some shock, but members agreed we had been on a learning curve. Our next meeting is in September. Visitors welcome.

Shipston footballers win new sponsorship

Apex Credit Management is to sponsor Shipston Excelsior Under 10s Apex Football Team for a second year. The boys will have a new strip for the coming season.

Team manager Tom Wood said: "In a nutshell the two under 10 boys' teams that Apex sponsor had a good season with both teams finishing mid to upper table. Unfortunately we did not win the league like last year - but we did have a good run in the cup and plate competition narrowly missing out.

"The most important thing though is that all the children enjoyed it. They all wore both their training tops and football-sponsored kit with pride at all times. Thank you Apex for your support."

Stratford's Got Talent

Winner of this year's Shipston Proms, Marianne Harth, is now calling on Shipston residents to take part in Stratford's Got Talent, in aid of the Shakespeare Hospice. Stratford's Got Talent is based on the format of the hit tv show Britain's Got Talent. Acts of all ages try and win a place on the live final night at The Civic Hall in November with a number of great prizes up for grabs.

To audition on the 17th September 2011, all acts can apply online at www.stratfordsgottalent.org.uk or call 0777 292 5574. Closing date for the applications is the 3rd September. Good luck!

Probus Club



Time passes so quickly that it is hard to believe that Nadhim Zawahi has been our MP for just over a year. During that time, he has been very busy establishing himself in the constituency. On Friday 8 July he was able to spend the morning with us before going on to the High School in the afternoon.

As someone entirely new to Politics and Parliament we asked him to talk about his introduction to a different career and this he did with great interest and humour. He told us that after the election, he was handed an A4 envelope containing instructions as to when and where to report and on arrival at Westminster. He was handed a laptop but not given an office at first. He described how he quickly learned all the formalities and operations of Parliament and his maiden speech was a nerve-racking experience.

He said the Speaker is blessed with a photographic memory and to secure his attention it is best to sit in the same place when in the House. There is a method of reserving a seat by obtaining a card when the doors open at 8am.

When asked if he had Ministerial ambitions he said he just wished to be "Secretary of State for Stratford on Avon"! He has just become a near neighbour having bought a house in Tysoe, so hopefully we may see him in Shipston from time to time.

Shipston Proms

Thanks again to all those who supported the Shipston Proms. We are delighted to announce the winners of the raffle prizes as follows:

First prize £100: Piers Gregson
 Sunday carvery for two at the Horseshoe: Lisa Blunt
 Sunday lunch for two at the White Bear: Rose Watkin
 A bottle of champagne from Bennetts: D Hunt
 Ivy Heart voucher: Rebecca Ashley
 Lucy Walker flowers voucher: Ali Henderson
 Two bottles of Wine from the Mill Hotel: A Rose

Shop window competition, voting slip winner: Bev King

We always welcome comments on the event, and suggestions for 2012. If you have any thoughts, please contact Richard Taylor on 01608 661511 or poledede@talktalk.net

Shipston-on-Stour Cricket Club



Unfortunately Shipston CC has bowed out of the competition at the last 16 stage following a resounding victory by Manchester-based Woodhouses CC at London Road on Sunday.

Woodhouses batsmen soon got into their stride. Two early chances went begging but from then on it was one-way traffic as the openers put on 109 for the first wicket. Doyle eventually fell for 51 but Cassidy got

tantalisingly close to a century before being stumped on 98 by Jack Murphy off Phil Hall's bowling. Further contributions down the order saw Woodhouses post a daunting total of 267 for 4 from their 40 overs.

Shipston's reply hinged on getting a very good start but this was not to be as first Matt Corby was pinned in front and then both Julian Morris and Sam Hince were bowled by the very speedy Sweeney. Shipston was eventually dismissed for 119 in the 36th over.

Shipston found their opponents and their many supporters to be very friendly and most gracious in victory and would like to wish them all the best in the rest of the competition, suspecting that they will take some stopping in their quest to reach the final at the home of cricket, Lord's.

Stour Singers – the 36th Season



Stour Singers, Shipston-on-Stour's Choral Society, is devoting the forthcoming season to the music of Handel & Haydn. On Saturday 3 December 2011 at 7.30pm a performance of Handel's Messiah will be given in St Edmund's Church, Shipston with the Cherwell Orchestra and distinguished guest artists: Cheryl Rosevear (soprano), Shelley Coulter-Smith (mezzo-soprano), Nicholas Hawker (tenor) and Rodney Clarke (baritone.) The conductor is Richard Emms, the society's founder-director, who has developed the Singers from small beginnings to recognition as a major choral force today.

Ticket price has been held at £12.50 for this new season (accompanied children free) and tickets are available 4 weeks before each event from choir members, R. Clarke, 27 High Street, Shipston, & at the door on concert days.

Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm in the Community Lounge of Shipston High School, starting on 8 Sept 2011. It is a friendly choir with no auditions. Richard Emms has a rare ability to include novices together with experienced singers to everyone's enjoyment so 'be not afraid'! School students wishing to gain experience of a choral society (with parental consent) are welcomed as members free of charge.

For further details please contact Vic Twyman (choir manager) on 01451 870361

Town Twinning

Shipston's Town Twinning group recently hosted 56 visitors from Torigni Sur Vire in Normandy, in what proved to be an action-packed and very enjoyable weekend.

The visitors stayed with families in Shipston to give them a true taste of what it is like to live in the town. A number of activities were organised but the highlight of the visit was a trip to Coombe Abbey for a Medieval Banquet. Over 100 people attended and a great time was had by all.

Shipston's Town Twinning Association has been going for over 25 years, resulting in many strong friendships being developed – and even a marriage! New members are very welcome. Please contact Keith McCarthy for more details on 01608 662652 or macpak@tiscali.co.uk.

Shipston on Stour Educational Charity

Grants for the year 2011/2012

There is still time to apply for small educational grants to support those needing financial help to undertake academic or professional/trade qualifications.

If you are a Shipston resident under 25 years old (or with parents living here), you can apply for a grant for the 2011/12 academic year. To do so, pick up a form from the library or write to the Clerk to the Trustees, Mr Squires, at Pinnegar House, Telegraph Street, Shipston, CV36 4DA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Completed forms must be received by 5th September.

Shipston Music Society

The final meeting of the season was a concert opening Shipston Proms given by Blockley Ladies Choir, formed 24 years ago, originally as a W.I. venture.

Their programme was mostly of the sacred or mystical genre and commenced with the anthem With a Voice Singing by Martin Shaw, followed by Schubert's Thou Art My Rest, then River Song, one of two items by the American composer Andy Beck. The audience was then introduced to Adiemus by Carl Jenkins, which is a beautifully haunting song with an invented language. The programme continued with Joshua, always popular with choirs, then Come Who Thirst, Cherubini, May it Be, from Lord of the Rings, Syahamba (Marching in the Light of God) and closed with Joyful Joyful by Andy Beck.

This was a most enjoyable evening, with excellent singing and an interesting programme, a good way to finish the season.

The new season opens on 16th September with Young Musicians, followed by the Orchestra of the Swan in the Townsend Hall on 21st October. For details contact Clare Faulkes on 663207.



Shipston Home Nursing

Gifford's Circus Fundraising Event

Over 200 tickets were sold for this event, dubbed, 'The Cotswolds' Most Surprising Spectacle', and, despite a chilly night, a lovely evening was had by all. We raised a staggering £5000 for our charity. Plus, as an added bonus, we sold over 60 of the exclusive 'Polka Clown' limited edition mugs, designed for us by renowned pottery artist, Emma Bridgewater.



Midsummer Party at Dorsington Arboretum

The weather was much kinder to us for the Midsummer Party and over 280 people partied the night away in the beautiful surroundings of Dorsington Arboretum. Many thanks go to Felix Dennis and Marie-France Demolis. Guests thoroughly enjoyed the live band 'Wired', and the auction was a great success, raising over £3300. Plus, again we sold lots of 'Polka Clown' mugs. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

SHN is a local charity providing 'hospice at home' nursing care throughout south Warwickshire. The charity needs to raise £150,000 this year to cover the cost of this service, which is completely free to all who use it. For more information visit www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

Shipston-on-Stour WI

The July meeting, being the last before the 'Summer Recess', was a light-hearted affair.



The meeting began with a hearty rendition of Jerusalem, then members picked their favourite work of fiction (so many chose Pride and Prejudice that a second choice was necessary), and explained why it was important to them. There was a wide and varied selection from Wind in the Willows to living authors.

Members had scoured their cupboards and hoarding places and brought along an eclectic mix of objects which the indefatigable and energetic Mal Lawrence (Secretary) proceeded to auction. Mal got money out of stones for some items which absolutely defied description (the charity shops will receive an influx of donations next week!) Wine was on offer and it all added up to a hilarious evening.

The next meeting will be on 7th September at 7pm in the Catholic Church Hall when Phred Newbury will be talking about Apes with Attitude!

Shipston Rotary Club

Shipston Rotary Club's Presidential handover from Dr Christopher Wood to Nigel Willis at a gathering of nearly all Club members at Upton House on 28th June was not just a formality.



It is the President's job to set the tone for the coming year before taking over. What sorts of charities and good causes should the Club support? Should they all be local causes or can funds be spared for the needy, especially disaster victims, worldwide? How should funds be raised and how should the people of the Shipston area be thanked for their generous support? Most important, how to make sure it's all a lot of fun.

Nigel said the Club would be aiming directly towards young people, in the Shipston area, this year, perhaps even more than last, but not forgetting the elderly, disadvantaged and the disabled. Interested? TEXT 07757089420

Readers' letters**Letter from Bill Hannis, Chairman, Stour Valley VIP Club**

Warwickshire Association for the Blind (WAB) held a collection in Shipston Town Centre on Saturday 4 June and collected the magnificent sum of £400. Thanks to the generosity of the Shipston people, the local VIP Club, for the blind and visually impaired of the Stour Valley, will receive half of this sum to support their activities and the remainder will be used to help the work of WAB throughout the County. Donors can be certain every penny will benefit the blind and visually impaired.

Many thanks to all who helped in this wonderful effort.

Letter from Richard Taylor

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

We would particularly like to thank Shipston Town Council for all their help in the organisation of the main event in the High St on the Saturday. In addition, a big thank you to our sponsors for their financial support. In these difficult times this is much appreciated and is very necessary in providing a base on which to build our Music Festival.

Again we would like to thank the shops that took part in our shop window competition.

Thank you all.

Letter from Mike Ashley

Our Town Council has refused my many requests to reinstate the provision of minutes of their monthly meetings in the Town Library on the grounds that their present arrangements 'meet the need'.

These arrangements are availability on the Internet and hard copies at Clark House.

I do not accept that this is satisfactory and will be providing facilities for hard copies of these minutes to be available for scrutiny at leisure. The speed at which I will be able to offer this service month by month will be entirely dependent on the efficiency of the Council website of course, together with a suitable location at which they may be read. Firm data will be announced as soon as possible.

**"Love – Worldly and Divine" – Cantamus in The Wolfords
Review by David Farman (edited)**

A 70-strong audience turned out at St Michael & All Angels Church, Great Wolford on Saturday, 9th July for a sparkling evening of choral music from Shipston-on-Stour's a cappella choir, Cantamus, interspersed with readings from Three's Company.

When this concert was first proposed, the initial reaction of many had been: "Well, that's really not my cup of tea". In the event, however, the programme devised by soprano and reader Anne Hume and the choir's Director, Richard Emms, really did include something for everyone. Not only that, but many in the audience will also have discovered an unfamiliar genre (or perhaps several!) that would prove unexpectedly enjoyable and rewarding for them.

Cantamus clearly has a loyal following. Visitors travelled from as far afield as Redditch to hear this performance: little wonder, if this was their usual standard! I greatly look forward to welcoming them back to St Michael & All Angels Church in the future.

Got something to say?

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

Proud of my town**Childminder celebrates
30 successful years**

Fellow childminders, parents and children were among the guests at a party to celebrate Wendy Crook's 30-year anniversary as a registered childminder. Wendy decided she wanted to work with children at the tender age of 11 and has never looked back. As well as raising her own family, Wendy has provided love, care and learning for many other local children, some from as young as six weeks old. "Most parents start their children with me as babies and they stay here until they start school. It's quite a wrench when they go "admitted Wendy".

Wendy has no immediate plans to slow down and has just taken on her 90th child!

Proms success

Fay Ivens extended her congratulations to the Proms organising committee for putting on another successful festival which offered something to suit all ages and tastes and was a marvellous showcase for local talent in and around the town. All town councillors echoed her comments.

Healthy future for the Old Mill

Having enjoyed a successful run as a hotel and restaurant, the Old Mill is reinventing itself as a luxury health and fitness spa from October. The Spa will offer residential packages and spa days with treatments as well as cookery classes to teach guests how to cook a healthy meal in minutes. The current owners, Ashley James Paynton and Jill Lumb, said "We always envisaged the beautiful Old Mill as a retreat and are now going to realise our dream."

Want to share a good experience or write a review of a Shipston event?

Email your contributions to forum@shipstononline.org and we'll do our best to print them.

District Council update

Discussion about the future of the public conveniences in Shipston is continuing. I think it is essential that these amenities are retained. I have been told by District Council officers that the cost of running Shipston's toilets is up to £15,000 per year. Whether Shipston's ratepayers should be asked to pay for them I am not at all sure.



By the time you read this the District Council should have at long last decided what to do with their building in Telegraph Street. A report went to Cabinet on the 18th July with a recommendation that the building is sold on the open market. For some reason it has taken 10 months to consider the planning implications of a change of use to a house!

I am involved with plans to raise funds in Shipston to enable the Youth Club to continue in existence, I think this is a very important resource for our young people. It has been estimated that £11,000 will need to be raised per annum once the County Council withdraw their financial support.

I attended the Patient Participation meeting held by the Medical Centre and was very interested to learn about plans to build a new Health Park which will incorporate a medical centre. The aim is to improve the medical facilities for the town and surrounding area. I have talked to the Medical Centre and in principle support their plans for this joint project between them, the County Council and the Primary Care Trust.

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

County Council update

Bus services

I've secured partial restoration of the bus service into Shipston. Two new return services per day will enable people from Ilmington and Halford to get to the local doctors and the shops in Shipston. Still a bit more work to do.



The Library review

It is with disappointment that I have to report that by the time you read this, it is likely Cabinet will have approved the reduction of library opening hours to twenty hours per week. However, there is an opportunity to keep the library open for up to its existing 30 hours, if volunteers can be found to man it for those additional ten hours. I will be working with my colleagues on the Town Council to see if we can find a suitable way forward.

Community Forum

A major debate on the future of County Area committees and our Community Forum is underway. Opinions are finely balanced. Councillors in rural areas favour the Forum whereas they do not appear to work so well in towns, like Leamington or Rugby. I shall fight to retain the Stour Community Forum where all our local communities can meet the police and their local councillors as well as take part in a varied programme of topical discussion. All are welcome and the meetings are lively and well attended.

Please put this date in your diary:

Stour Community Forum

27th September 2011 at Shipston High School

Police surgery at 6.30 Forum proper at 7.00pm

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NHS News – Shipston Medical Centre

Can you help us improve our services?

Shipston Medical Centre is setting up a Patient Reference Group to ensure patients' views are included in the design and delivery of services.

We highly value the feedback we receive from patients and want to improve the way we receive this.

You can be involved in the Patient Reference Group in two ways:

- By becoming a member of the committee, which involves attending regular meetings, helping us find out more about what our patients think and helping us change our services in light of this feedback

- By becoming part of a 'virtual network' of patients who give us their opinions via email



The committee will help us decide what questions we ask the virtual network.

If you are interested in becoming involved please complete one of the Patient Group cards available at the Medical Centre, email shipston.patients@nhs.net or contact reception on 01608 661845.

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Something exciting to share?

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

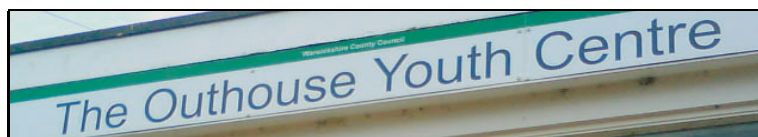
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Large print copies are available to read at the Library, Clark House and the Medical Centre.

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Become a Friend of Shipston Youth Club



If you want to find out the latest on efforts to secure the future of the town's Youth Club why not register as a friend and receive regular updates on how the campaign is going and what is happening at the Club? You will also hear about volunteering opportunities and ways in which you can help the club to meet its financial targets.

If you want to register for a regular email update please send an email to ycfriends@hotmail.co.uk

If you want to register for a mailed update please post a request to Shipston Youth Club c/o 2 Elm Road, Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire, CV36 4FA

If you want any further information about the campaign please contact Daniel Pulham on 01608 664876

The Summer Holidays don't have to be boring!

Aged 11-18? Why not come along to the Youth Cafe at The Outhouse?

1pm – 4pm and FREE!

Monday 1st August – Art & Sport activities

Tuesday 2nd August – 'Making things happen'

Wednesday 3rd August - Sports and outdoor cooking

Thursday 4th August - Cake & Cookie making

Friday 5th August - BBQ with your own home made burgers

Monday 8th August - Sports Tournament

Tuesday 9th August - 'Making things happen'

Wednesday 10th August - Pamper day

Thursday 11th August - Cup making competition!

Friday 12th August - day out to Kingsbury Water Park

£12 per person and only open to those who have participated in the 2 week activity programme – so come along and be a part of it all!

More info from Katie Corby, the Worker in Charge, on 661080

