



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

June 2011

Town Council to develop design guidance for future development

Shipston Town Council is to develop a Town Design Statement to help ensure that any future local development maintains the town's unique character and qualities.

Town Design Statements do not deal with **whether** development should take place, but **how** any planned development should be carried out, so that it is in harmony with the setting and makes a positive contribution to the local environment.

The Town Council wants your views on what makes the town special in terms of the character of its built and natural environment as a whole, so that the statement reflects the views of those who live and work in Shipston.

There will be a number of opportunities for residents to get involved, including a public consultation workshop in the summer, followed by an exhibition of the workshop findings. Those findings will then be used to inform the draft Town Design Statement.

This is an important opportunity for us to work together to maintain and enhance Shipston. Find out more in the Clark House News column on page 3.



Photo by Richard Sampson, Lensmedia.com

Fundraising efforts are royally rewarded

Despite tough financial times, Shipston residents are continuing to do wonderful work to support charities.

In keeping with the town's woolly history, some of Shipston's knitting enthusiasts created a fabulous knitted Royal wedding party, which raised £175 for Warwickshire's Community First Responders Scheme. All the characters were hand-knitted by Nicky and Jane and their customers from the Needlecraft Shop in Sheep Street and were then sold on eBay.

Nicky Hill said "We are thrilled to have raised money for such a worthwhile cause doing something we enjoy. Thank you to our loyal knitting group for all their hard work – it really has paid off."



The money raised will be put towards funding a 'First Responders Ambulance' – a specially equipped car for use by trained responders in emergency

situations. Nicky, who is applying to become a community first responder, continued: "Having this facility based in Shipston means we will be able to administer specialist first aid within minutes of an emergency call and support the paramedics when they arrive."

This is just one of many fundraising initiatives that have happened recently in and around Shipston, with thousands of pounds being raised for charity. The annual Rotary Cotswold Walk is expected to bring in between £2-3,000 once all sponsorship money is received, the Wool Fair Auction raised over £800 pounds to support the town's annual event and Shipston Home Nursing's Plant Sale netted an impressive £2,300 for the charity.

Mayor, Paul Rathkey, said: "The fun and creative ways our residents find to raise money for important charities and services never cease to amaze me. Well done everyone – and keep up the good work!"

Shipston Proms 2011

June heralds the start of the 13th Shipston Proms fortnight, which runs from the 17th June to the 2nd July. The event will be officially launched by Nadhim Zawahri MP on the 10th June.

Find out what's in store on pages 6, 7 and 16.

Mayor's welcome

It is both an honour and a privilege to be elected Mayor of Shipston for the forthcoming year. My congratulations to the outgoing mayor, Simon Welch, and to Fay Ivens, the incoming deputy mayor.



The town faces a number of challenges. At a time of major public expenditure cuts the council has to demonstrate that it spends the residents' money wisely – that we do provide value for money in the delivery of our services.

The other major challenge facing the town is planning applications, both actual and proposed. I don't believe the town to be 'full' and neither do I believe that a further significant increase in the town's population is necessarily a bad thing. The town has doubled in population in recent times and that has brought enormous benefits to both its prosperity and to the quality of the educational provision at nursery, primary and secondary levels.

The development of the Pettipher's garage site seeks to provide residential accommodation plus a competitive retail outlet to challenge the current monopoly the Co-op has in the town. I welcome that development.

The major challenge for the town will, of course, be the mooted developments of the former Norgren site and the land between that site and the town. These proposals are not subject to any planning applications at present. However, it would be naive to believe that they won't be in the future. The council will need to consult widely and to address any such proposals on their merits.

I look forward to my year in office and to working with my colleagues to meet all the challenges we will face.

Paul Rathkey

Need the police? Go to the library, says County Council

Warwickshire County Council has announced that Police front office services in Shipston, including the reporting of crimes, incidents, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance, are now being delivered from Warwickshire Direct at Shipston Library.

Services previously offered at Shipston Police Station will be available at the Library, where staff will be able to put you in touch with local officers and access the local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Warwickshire Police argues that this represents a better use of resources. However, with library opening hours also under threat, the Town Council is concerned about the growing number of local services facing closure or reduction.

Town Mayor, Paul Rathkey, said: "While I have no doubt the library staff will do their best to deliver these services on behalf of the police, the fact remains we are losing our police station in the town. When added to the cuts to youth services, potential loss of public toilets and questions over the long-term viability of Low Furlong, Shipston is being hit hard by cuts at county and district level".

Warwickshire Direct will also provide local access to county council services and information.

Ellen Badger Hospital boasts new equipment thanks to generous donation

The League of Friends of Shipston Hospitals has generously spent £20,000 on a new piece of equipment called a Humphrey Visual Field Analyser to support eye clinics at the Ellen Badger hospital.

This type of specialist equipment, which tests people's lateral vision, is increasingly being used to diagnose and support treatment of eye conditions. Until recently, Shipston residents had to travel to Banbury for the test, often waiting months before getting an appointment.

The League of Friends has also helped fund staff training, all of which has been possible thanks to the generous donations made through the League's fundraising activities.

Frances French, Chair of The League of Friends said: "The support from the community for Ellen Badger Hospital is fantastic and we are delighted to support the provision of more services locally."



Glen Burley, CEO of South Warwickshire NHS, and colleagues try out the new machine

Talking Shipston Forum is launched

Thanks to the efforts of Victoria Botting and students of Shipston High School, Talking Shipston Forum, an audio recording of this newsletter, is now being produced every month.

Intended for people who have difficulty in reading the hard copy, the first recording has been distributed to Rainbow Fields, Low Furlong, Stour Court and some individuals. Stour Valley Lions helped fund the equipment used to produce the recording, which is available on CD.

May's hot topics

New bins: New bins with cigarette stubbing facilities have now been installed in the town. Shipston Town Council (STC) is encouraging people to use them so we can keep the streets butt-free.

Police enquiry desk: STC expressed concern that leaflets were being handed out promoting the library as the place to go to contact the police without the council being informed of the plans. STC has asked for clarification about which services will be provided via Warwickshire Direct.

Righting a right of way: STC has asked the county council to clear the right of way at Hanson's Track as it is currently impassable.

Wool Fair: STC extended thanks to the Wool Fair organising committee who have been doing a great job. The date for the 2012 Wool Fair will be Sunday 27th May (there will not be a Whitsun bank holiday due to the Diamond Jubilee).

Speeding: Following complaints of speeding cars on the approach to Greenfields nursery, STC will ask the Mayo Road Trust to consider applying a speed limit to the road.

Diamond Jubilee celebrations: STC confirmed it will be lighting a bonfire as a 'beacon' to mark the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Shipston in Bloom is currently considering what species of tree to plant to mark the occasion and where to put it. Further plans for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations will be reported as they progress.

Campaigning for Shipston

Planning victory: STC has successfully campaigned for retrospective planning permission to be denied for the new, lit sign outside Sheldons. An appeal is expected.

The Outhouse: STC has been approached to look at ways it could support a bid to keep the youth club in the town. The council is keen to protect this important service. The Finance Working Group will assess how best to provide support.

Council business highlights

New faces: STC welcomed Paul Rathkey as the new Mayor, Fay Ivens as Deputy Mayor and Arthur Ivens as a new town councillor. The town's new district councillor, Jonathan Gullis, was also welcomed and STC paid tribute to the sterling work done by Philip Vial as a district councillor in recent years.

Planning applications: Among others, two major planning applications were discussed. The first, a residential development proposed on Stratford Road, backing onto River Way, was presented in outline form. Concerns were expressed by some members of the public and some councillors but STC decided not to make any representation to the District Council at this outline stage.

STC also voted not to make representation to the district in response to the proposed development of the Pettiphers garage site into a retail and residential unit, though some concerns were raised regarding parking and pedestrian access.

It was also reported that Waitrose has secured planning permission from Stratford District Council for its proposed site on Shipston Road.

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

Have your say at the Stour/Shipston Community Forum

Shipston's next Community Forum's meeting is on Tuesday 7th June at Quinton & Admington Village Hall, The Close, Lower Quinton, CV37 8SE. To have your say, come to the drop-in surgery from 6.30pm. The Community Forum begins at 7pm.

For more information, please contact Lizzie Price on 01789 260133 or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums

Clark House news

Town Clerk, Georgina Beaumont, shares the latest news from the Town Council office.



Calling all Shipston enthusiasts

As described on the front page, the Town Council is beginning work on a Town Design Statement and will be running a public consultation workshop in the summer. We need volunteer leaders to help guide some of this work.

The workshop will involve groups taking photographs of parts of the town to identify and describe the important aspects of the town's visual qualities and character, followed by discussions.

Although the historic centre will be the chief focus of attention, it is also important that all the other areas of Shipston, the main approaches to the town, and the town's setting in the landscape, are covered.

Each workshop group (consisting of around 6 people, depending on attendance on the day) will need a leader, a volunteer from the community, who will be able to guide the group in their task and keep them focused.

We are calling for volunteer leaders to come forward. There will be a one hour training session for leaders a couple of weeks before the workshop. If you are interested, please email me at clerk@shipstononline.org or write to me at the Clark House address on page 15.

Thank you to allotment holders

A big thank you from myself and Liz to all those allotment holders who have paid their fees so promptly this year. It has made our job much easier and we're very grateful.

Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk
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e: clerk@shipstononline.org

Going out? Go to The Outhouse

Shipston's Outhouse Youth Club might be facing some challenges, but in the meantime, all young people from the local community and schools are being encouraged to join in our informal, friendly and fun sessions and make the most of what the youth club has to offer.

Based at the High School, the Outhouse is open on Wednesday evenings (7:30-9:30pm) for years nine and above and on Thursday from 7-9pm for the Junior Youth Club (year eights). Those in years ten and eleven can take advantage of the Chillout Zone on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes, while Shipston's young carers regularly meet there on Monday afternoons (3:15-4:45pm).

If you're looking for something more challenging, those prepared to go for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award can take part on Monday evenings from 7-9pm.

There's no shortage of activity so why not give the club a try? For more information, contact Katie Corby on 01608 661080.

Shipston Beavers prepare for county camp

A group of Beavers bravely slept in the Scout Hut overnight on 16th April in preparation for the County Scout Camp in May. The boys were all charged with putting up tents, preparing sleeping bags and playing a variety of games.

Angie Dexter, Beaver Scout Leader, said "The County Camp is a big, exciting event but it can be daunting. That's why we decided to give the Beavers a practise run. It was a great night and we're now all prepared for camp."



Badger Valley Children's Centre now open

The Children's Centre in Shipston is now open and has already begun providing services to children and their families.

Activities and groups already taking place include Chatter Matters, Sing and Sign, Big Chef, Little Chef and a childminder stay and play session. New timetables are due out very soon.

The Shipston Health Visiting Team is now based at the centre and all clinics and groups previously held at The Ellen Badger Hospital are now taking place at Badger Valley.

Head of the centre, Debbie Muitt, said: "We're thrilled to be properly up and running. We've already had a lot of interest in our services and look forward to welcoming and supporting families from Shipston and surrounding areas."

For more information call the centre on 01608 664259/664771 or just pop in to the centre on Tilemans Lane.

Terrific tarantulas delight at Greenfields

Children attending the Greenfields holiday club in April were treated to a variety of special guests and exciting activities.

Topping the bill was a performance by Moreton-based 'Jive Ponies', where the horses 'dance' to music while their riders perform mesmerising stunts. Other attractions included a visit from a snake, tarantulas and other unusual creatures thanks to 'Animal in Hands'. The children were invited to hold some of the animals – though the staff weren't too keen!

Penny Holmes said "We always try to lay on something a bit different during the holidays so that parents having to work feel confident that their children will have lots of fun in a safe environment. The dancing ponies were a real hit so I suspect they'll be back in the future."



Grants available for those seeking further education

Shipston-on-Stour Educational Charity is now inviting bids for grants for the 2011/12 academic year. These small grants are designed to help those who want to continue their education but need additional financial help to do so.

Under 25 year-olds living in Shipston (or with parents living here) who are intending to go to university or undertake training for a profession, trade or apprenticeship, can apply.

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 Primary School



Royal celebrations

To celebrate the nuptials of HRH Prince William to Catherine Middleton, Shipston Primary School pupils staged their own Royal Wedding in 'School Hall Abbey'.

Each child received an invitation from the 'Lord Chamberlain of Shipston' requesting their attendance at celebratory events in school.

Pupils from Reception played the role of brides, grooms, kings, queens, princes and princesses, while dignitaries from other year groups dressed in red, white and blue. Year 6 pupils were journalists and paparazzi, writing articles and



taking photographs for the school newsletter, and children from Year 5 composed poetry for the ceremony.

Royal correspondents Liam, Luke and Oliver said: "In all it was a brilliant day and the merciful rain yet again stayed in the clouds."

Children also created castle art work in the playground to mark the occasion before tucking into wedding cakes made by Year 5 for the Wedding Breakfast.

Head of Shipston Primary, Christian Hilton, said: "Our pupils were extremely excited by the Royal Wedding and we were delighted to bring the event to life for them. The wide range of activities supported our curriculum of Religious Education, History, Literacy, Design Technology and Art."

If you would like to see Shipston Primary's coverage of the School's Royal Wedding please log onto www.shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk

Football supporters required

Shipston Primary School's Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 18th June from 12pm-3pm and a 6-a-side football tournament will be taking place for pupils from Year 2 to Year 6.

The school is looking for as many local businesses as possible to help support sport in their community by sponsoring a team. If you are interested, please contact the school on 01608 661266 or drop into the main reception.

Shipston High School

High School promotes young ambassadors for the environment



At the start of May, over 90 Year 5 pupils from local primary schools accepted an invitation from the High School to take part in an 'Eco Day' being held at the High School. The day was organised by Mrs Farah Ahmed, a member of the school's Science Department.

The pupils were divided into mixed groups and spent the day taking part in a range of environmentally themed workshops, including making bug-boxes and table coasters out of recycled materials; exploring the science behind some of the impacts of pollution on the planet; learning about plants and how to propagate them; creating artwork out of waste resources; and taking part in a team quiz on the environment. The day ended with a formal presentation of certificates and prizes.



Supporting the day were members of the High School's Technology, Science and English

departments along with a team of Year 9 students. The day was also supported by Caroline Larson, the Shipston Cluster Co-ordinator for Extended Services and by members of 'Transition Shipston'.

At the end of the day the pupils all agreed that they had enjoyed a brilliant experience. The staff were also unanimous in their praise for the excellent behaviour and commitment of the Year 5 pupils. Thanks to Mrs Ahmed and her team, Shipston now has a large number of young and very enthusiastic ambassadors for the environment.

Excellent attempt at Rotary Youth Speaks Final

On Sunday 1st May, Connor Elliott, Josh Hurwood and Jay Bransby headed off to the national final of the Rotary Club "Youth Speaks" competition, held at Cranleigh School, Surrey. The team was one of the top seven schools in the country to reach the national final after competing in the local, district and regional finals earlier this year. The team of three boys, spoke on the topic of "Should goal-line technology be introduced?"

Although narrowly defeated by a team from Roundwood Park school in Harpenden, the boys did a wonderful job.

Headteacher, Jonathan Baker who has been following the team's progress said, "The three boys did fantastically well and showed real determination and maturity in the way they handled the pressure of each level of the competition. I would like to thank them for the way they were superb ambassadors for the school".

'Hit me with your rhythm stick' – The Blockheads to perform at Shipston Proms

From 17th June until 2nd July, Shipston will be awash with musical talent as the town's 13th annual Proms Music Festival takes place.

Organised by a small independent group of volunteers, the festival has always been designed to provide something for all tastes, ages and budgets and this year will certainly not disappoint. Highlights include a performance by Stratford's Orchestra of the Swan 'Black Swan Quintet', a jazz concert by the Midlands Youth Orchestra, an opera evening at Townsend Hall plus regular favourites such as the 'Songs from the shows' event and High School concert.



The Proms provides a platform for the amazing array of talent in the area, including its own X-Factor-style Fame Contest, open to residents of all ages. Tim Porter, chair of the organising committee, is encouraging everyone to take part.

"Past experience tells us that there is a great deal of musical talent out there and we'd like to know about it. The Fame Contest winner will have a chance to perform alongside our headline act – The Blockheads – at the last night of the Proms and really make their mark in Shipston."

The spectacular 'Last Night of the Proms' is the climax of the two-week festival. Rock and roll legends, The Blockheads, will be performing alongside some of our local musicians and singers at this free family event in the High Street.

We only have room to include the Proms events taking place in Shipston in the What's On calendar (page 7), but there are plenty of other Proms performances taking place in surrounding villages. For the full details, visit www.shipstonproms.org or pick up a programme in town.

Photo shoot

To help raise funds, the Shipston Baby and Toddler Group is having a photo shoot with a professional photographer on 6th June.

With Shipston Primary School closed for the day for teacher training, the group is encouraging all parents, particularly those wanting shots of their sons and daughters with pre-school siblings, to come along. You only pay for the pictures you order, and a percentage of all income will be given to the Baby and Toddler group, which meets regularly on Monday mornings.

For more information, contact Katrina Collie 01608 662608.

Last minute May reminders

Don't forget the Wool Fair on 30th May in the town centre. It promises to be a great day out for all the family so come along and immerse yourselves in all things woolly!

For all those with an interest in business, the new Stour Enterprise Centre on Stratford Road is now open for business and will be officially launched by Nadhim Zawahri MP at a ceremony on 27th May at 10am. For more information, visit www.stourenterprise.co.uk

Don't miss the amazing Giffords Circus

If you have never experienced the unique event that is Giffords Circus, don't miss your chance to enjoy a fabulous night out while raising vital funds for Hospice-Care-at-Home charity, Shipston Home Nursing (SHN).

The event, at Cheltenham Racecourse on 11th June, promises to be a fantastic night of stunning and unique entertainment for adults and children alike. Tickets cost just £75, including live comedy, amazing stunts, and music, with champagne and a hog roast supper followed by dancing to a live band! Tickets are free for accompanied children (under 16).

For an extra £10, you can take advantage of the buses being laid on from Stratford and Shipston.

SHN need to raise £150,000 this year so why not help them while having a great time.

To order tickets call Rebecca on 01608 674929 or email rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk



Regular events:


- Mon Badminton Club:** Turn up and play from 7pm. Townsend Hall.
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (14 and 28). 10am, Roman Catholic Church Hall. Contact Sarah Bridgewater, 07582 130855
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Alternate Tuesdays (14 and 28). 10:45am Shipston Library. Free.
- Tues Dance with Dash:** Melody Bear classes for pre-schoolers. 10am and 10:30am. £3.30. Contact: Sarah, 641253
- Tues Shipston Stitches:** Fortnightly (2, 16, 30 June). 10am, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Kath, 663486
- Weds Calypso Kids Singing and percussion for pre-schoolers:** Townsend Hall 9:20, 10:15 and 11am
- Weds Slimming World:** 7pm, Townsend Hall
- Thurs Yoga:** Beginners. 7-8:30pm, Townsend Hall. £8. Contact: 07717 221 756 or www.yoga-in-brailles.co.uk

June Diary

- 1 National Association of Widows:** Lunch. Contact: Barbara Bean, 663230
- 1 Shipston-on-Stour WI** (Evening group): 'The Canal Boat Women'. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Mal Lawrence, 662122
- 2 Story Stomp:** Storytelling for 2-5 year olds. 10:30am, Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- 3 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library). To donate books contact Lion David Squires on pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk
- 3 Dementia Café:** Outreach worker, Gerardine Sykes, on 'The Power of Positive Thinking'. Stour Court, 2-4pm. Contact: Barbara Smith, 662433
- 4 Shipston Town Council monthly litter pick** (weather permitting): All welcome. Meet at Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment and refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens, 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- 4 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- 4 Community Arts Fair:** 10am-5pm Townsend Hall. Music event at 8pm
- 7 Multiple Sclerosis Society:** 'Drop-in' meeting, 10-11:30am, The George Hotel. Contact: Pauline Hunt, 666161
- 7 SWIB (Supporting Women in Business):** Networking event. 6:30-8:30pm, The Old Mill, Shipston. Contact: Natasha Roderick-Jones, natasha.roderick-jones@virgin.net
- 7 Stour/Shipston Community Forum:** see pg 3 for details.
- 8 Stour Valley WI:** Garden Party, venue tba. Contact: Betty Thomson, 664462
- 9 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Visit to Shipston gardens by Swalcliffe Gardening Club, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Tony Mitchell, 666933
- 10 Proms launch:** Nadim Zahawi MP to officially launch Shipston Proms. 12:30pm, George Hotel
- 10 Stour Valley Lions cinema presents "Black Swan":** See ad on pg 8.
- 11 Shipston Home Nursing (SHN) Giffords Circus event:** Cheltenham Race Course. Tickets £75 contact Rebecca 01608 674929.
- 11 Alexandra Rose Day:** League of Friends of Shipston Hospitals will be raising funds in the town.
- 11 Royal British Legion's 90th birthday party:** see article on pg 10.
- 14 Shipston Flower Club:** New members welcome, £3.50. 7:30pm, Shipston Primary School. Contact: 664467
- 15 National Association of Widows:** Meeting. 10:30am, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean, 663230
- 16 SUBs Local Producers Fair:** 2-6pm, Sheldon Bosley Hub. Business event enabling local producers to showcase products to retailers/other businesses. Free. Contact: Mike Robbins, 01608 664439
- 17 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm. Details as above
- 17 Proms – Shipston Music Society:** Blockley Ladies Choir followed by AGM. 7:30pm, Methodist Church. Contact: Clare Faulkes, 663207 or visit www.shipstonmusic.org.uk
- 18 Shipston Primary School Summer Fete:** see ad on pg 9
- 18 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- 18 Shipston Proms Fame Contest:** 7:30pm Townsend Hall. £5, under 12s £2. Musicians and singers of any age invited to enter. Download a form at www.shipstonproms.org
- 19 Proms – Fathers' day afternoon tea:** Music at the Old Mill. Contact: 01608 661421
- 19 Whichford & Ascott Gardens Open Day:** 2-6pm. Enjoy six colourful gardens in two beautiful villages followed by tea in Whichford House. Adults £5, children free. Follow the yellow 'Open Garden' signs.
- 19 Proms – Opera evening:** 7:30pm, Townsend Hall. £10.
- 20 Royal British Legion (Shipston):** Monthly social event. 12:30pm, Horseshoe Inn. Contact: Mike Dobbin, 664636
- 21 Proms – Shipston Primary School concert:** Primary School Hall, 4pm.
- 21 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** John Busbridge on the Art of Vienna, Munich and Berlin. 7:30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Penny Law
- 22 Proms – Young Musicians Concert:** 7:30pm, St Edmunds Church. Donations.
- 23 Mrs Porter's Chamberpot Pourri:** 7:30pm, Townsend Hall. £8. Under 12s £2.
- 24 Proms – Midlands Youth Jazz Orchestra:** See ad on pg 8
- 24 Proms – The Copycats:** Music in the Courtyard. 7:30pm, Sheldon's Wine Merchants, New Street. Contact: 661409
- 25 X-Fest:** See ad on pg 8 for details.
- 25 Proms – Music in the Courtyard:** 1-4:30, Sheldon's Wine Merchants. Contact: 661409
- 25 Proms – Shout! Gospel Choir:** See ad on pg 9.
- 26 Proms – Shipston Town Band with Silver Lining Choir:** 7:30pm, Townsend Hall. Donations.
- 27 Proms – Shipston Junior Band:** Concert. 7pm, Methodist Church.
- 28 SHN Midsummer Shopping:** See ad on page 8.
- 28 Shipston Proms presents Barney and Jerv:** 7:30pm, The Old Mill. Contact: 661421
- 29 Proms – Folk Music:** 8:30pm. The George Hotel. Free
- 30 Parkinsons Support Group:** 1:30pm, Townsend Hall.
- 30 Proms – Shipston High School Concert:** 7pm, High School. £3 (accompanied children free)

STOUR VALLEY LIONS CINEMA
"BLACK SWAN" (15)


A New York ballet company preparing for a production of Swan Lake, choose to cast a newcomer as both the White and Black Swan. Dancer Nina Sayers (Natalie Portman) competes for the part alongside several other young dancers.




POUYHAN CASSEL KUN'S
BLACK SWAN

FRAN EXTRAORDINARY, INTOKICATING MASTERPIECE

SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY 10th JUNE at 7:00 pm
 Advance Tickets £3.50 (£4 on door)
 From: R. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston
 Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608-661148 - Raffle and Refreshments



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midland youth

 jazz orchestra

part of shipston proms
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 townsend hall, sheep street
 shipston on stour CV36 4AE

bar and refreshments available
tickets £10

available from ivy heart 5, market place
 shipston on stour. 01608 664461
 jenny 01608 662197 or dave 01608 664085
 on line www.orbitoffice.com tel 01608 661928 or www.myjo.co.uk
 or e-mail: p1rnnegarub@tlocalf.co.uk

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 10am - 4pm @ Shipston High School GV36 4DY

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 (must bring helmet and pads)

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the Townsend Hall
Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour

Saturday 25th June 2011
Doors open 7.00 pm - Concert 8.00pm - Licensed Bar

Tickets £7.00 available from
R. Clark Electrical 27, High Street, Shipston on Stour

All 01608 - 661185
Gerlinde 01608 - 662673
Dave 01608 - 664065




NORTH COTSWOLD JAZZ

At the Sheldon Bosley Hub
(formerly the Norgren Social Club)
Pittway Avenue
Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4DQ

SPECIAL SUMMER JAZZ EVENING

Friday 1st July

Part of the annual Shipston-on-Stour Proms

LAURIE CHESCOE'S GOODTIME
JAZZ RE-UNION BAND

Having recently re-formed after a break of several years, this is a top class 7-piece band.

Admission £11. Includes buffet supper (pay on entrance)

Doors open 7pm. Music commences at 8pm.

For information/booking,
contact 01608 652705 or 07747 625454

Shipston-on-Stour Primary School

Summer Fete



ATTRACTIIONS		DETAILS	
Giant Slide	Plant Sale	Popcorn	DATE: Saturday, 18 June 2011 VENUE: School Field, Tilemans Lane TIME: 12.00-3.00pm TICKETS: Adults 50p, children free
Fire Engine	Hit Pool	Photo2	
Music	Bouncy Castle	Concert Stage	
Mappys	Wagon Truck	Cake stall	
Trampoline	Face Painting	Marsh corner	



Alzheimer's Society | Leading the fight against dementia

The Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Café presents: -

MUSIC for SUMMERTIME

Sunday 3rd July at 3pm

A concert of popular songs and dances by the talented young people of

Young Rogues and Vagabonds of Stratford-upon-Avon

Refreshments Raffle

Tickets £5

Contact: Jo Palmer 01608 664285

Charity Reg No: 295355

Royal British Legion 90th birthday party

Come and join us in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of The Royal British Legion.

The Shipston branch will be holding a party and grand draw at 4pm on Saturday 11th June in the courtyard of Edward Sheldon Wine Merchants.

All are welcome to come along and celebrate this special time in The Legion's history and raise awareness of the work carried out by assisting former and serving members of the Armed Forces in need. Entrance is free of charge.

Also, with the help of The Stour Valley Lions and Shipston in Bloom, we are planting poppies all around the town. We hope to get local businesses, schools and organisations involved so that together, we can "paint the town red".



The Society meets at the Catholic Parish Centre on the third Tuesday of each month. If you enjoy fine art and craftsmanship, do join us - you will be most welcome. On 21st June John Busbridge will speak on the Art of Vienna, Munich and Berlin, and on 19th July we will learn about Penny Varley Ceramics.

Shipston Music Society

In April, Banbury "Young Musician of the Year" flautist Catriona Bourne Swinton Hunter entertained the Shipston Music Society accompanied by Jo Benlalam on the piano in a change to the scheduled programme.

Catriona was Banbury Young Musician in 2010, going through to the national final of "Rotary Young Musician", winning the title of Chipping Norton Young Musician in the same year. Catriona has played with the Warwickshire Youth Orchestra for four years, where she is Principal Flautist, and with whom last year she played the Chaminade Concertino. She takes part in many competitions and has even played for the Queen. Catriona also plays piano and harp.

Catriona began the evening with pieces by Clarke, Bizet, Donizetti, Honegger, Vivaldi and Poulenc. Music for the second half of the programme was in a lighter vein with several Jazz pieces and "The Great Train Race" by Ian Clarke, requiring residual/breathy fast tonguing, multiphonics, singing & playing, lip bending, explosive harmonics to describe in music the sounds of a steam train in motion, all to the delight of the audience. She finished the evening with "Concertina for flute and piano" by Cecile Chaminade.

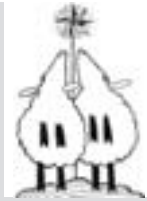
For information about future meetings, please ring Clare Faulkes on 01608 663207

Transition Shipston

Shipston Transition Tower

Transition Shipston has just won a £2,000 grant to build a "transition tower" from the environmental charity Artists Planet Earth.

We propose creating a "Transition Tower" which will display everyday items made entirely or partly from oil based materials and highlight the impact these will have in terms of climate change. The tower will also display sustainable alternatives that can substitute for these in the future. It will be 3.5 metres tall with fixing points to hang objects and artwork on highlighting aspects of "peak oil" and climate change.



Shipston Harvest Fair – Sunday 25th September, 2011

Transition Shipston, with the support of the Town Council, will be running a Harvest Fair from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 25th September, with food stalls and music in the High St. Applications for stalls will open in July. Contact Pam Bennett, 01608 685606 pam@pambennett.com for details.

Shipston on Stour Arts & Crafts Society

The Society met on Tuesday, 19th April and welcomed a return visit by Mrs Alice Foster to speak on Velasquez and Goya - Old Masters or Innovators?

Mrs Foster described how Velasquez, followed by Goya – both well-known artists of 15th-16th centuries – had created pattern and shape in their painting using the shape of a body and echoing this in drapes and furniture, with a group of people as a shape echoed again in nature and architecture. They were followed by Matisse, the 18th century impressionist. He studied Goya and began to create shape and impressions in his work, as did others down to Picasso, a modernist, proving that Old Masters, Velasquez and Goya, were indeed Innovators! A fascinating insight into the history and creativity of these great artists.

The Outhouse Youth Club

With its finances severely cut, The County Youth Service has invited communities across Warwickshire to explore taking on the running of their local Youth Club.

Here in Shipston, Daniel Pulham, representing the existing management Committee, has been meeting with various community leaders and the High School with a view to submitting a formal expression of interest. At this stage it seems likely that the School will take on the management of the building itself and will use the facilities there, and an expanded community led group will fund and employ staff and volunteers to continue as much of the existing work as possible.

This will cost money! The ballpark sum looks like £11K a year. Whilst positive responses have been received from the Town Council, Lions and Rotary, we will be asking members of community whether they can make a donation or offer some volunteer hours to make these things possible.

All ideas and offers of support would be gratefully received. Please contact Daniel Pulham on 01608 664876 or danpulham@svbc.fsnet.co.uk

Shipston-on-Stour Rugby Club

Shipston-on-Stour Rugby Club has been awarded the RFU's Whole Club Seal of Approval accreditation. The accreditation recognises the effort and achievement of volunteers in reaching the standard required in the development of rugby across the whole club, and to plan for the long-term sustainability of the club and rugby union.

Clubs are assessed by the RFU and must demonstrate evidence of good practice in areas such as club management, player development & recruitment, child protection, sports equity, coaching, refereeing and volunteering.

Shipston RFC has developed strong links with the local community and schools to promote involvement in a safe, healthy and fun game. This award will help even more players, coaches, referees and volunteers enjoy the game to its full potential as the club moves forward.

Club Chairman Mark Ashworth said "This is a well-earned award recognising the huge amount of effort put in by club members. I'm particularly proud of our Minis and Juniors section which now underpins the success of our club.

For more information please contact Mark Ashworth 07710 005705 or visit www.shipstonrugbyclub.co.uk

Rotary Cotswold Walk

Almost 200 walkers, including a large contingent of Shipston Young Firefighters, enjoyed the spring sunshine and cooling breeze at the 21st Rotary 7 mile Cotswold Walk above Ilmington.

We were particularly pleased to welcome our visitor from Kansas City Rotary Club, Jim Scott. A Vietnam War veteran, he was sponsored to the tune of nearly US\$2,000 in aid of Wounded Warriors, the American equivalent of Help for Heroes. He certainly earned his sponsorship after walking eight miles in the wrong direction having missed a direction sign! Jim said, "Vietnam veterans were just forgotten and I am determined to ensure today's veterans are never forgotten". Shipston Rotary was thrilled that Jim decided to join our Walk during his holiday, in company with his wife Martha.

The walk itself raised nearly £1,000 and we estimate a further £2,000 will come in through sponsorship. This is a tremendous achievement and many good local causes will benefit in addition to Wounded Warriors. Thank you to all those who supported us.

Watching your blood pressure

Rotarian Barbara Newell is a nurse at the NEC and recently took part in the Rotary's blood pressure and pulse rate checking day by kind permission of the George Hotel. Three checkers were fully occupied all morning, mostly reassuring people that all is well and occasionally highlighting warning signs. This is a free service and if it helps prevent just one stroke, then it is time very well spent.

Shipston-on-Stour Cricket Club



Shipston-on-Stour Cricket Club would like to hear from prospective new members of any age and ability. We run two teams in the Cotswold Hills League on Saturdays and a Sunday team playing friendly matches against local clubs. In addition we have entered the prestigious National Village Knockout Cup this year and will be touring North Devon in July.

We are proud of our facilities, which are among the best in the league; we are blessed with an excellent playing surface and have invested in mobile net facilities, a bowling machine and an electronic scoreboard in recent seasons. We also offer our members the chance to play indoor cricket during the winter at the Banbury Spiceball Leisure Centre.

Our friendly and progressive club needs you!

For more information on club membership please contact secretary Neil Harper on 01608 662502 or visit www.intheteam.com/shipstoncc

Shipston and District Literary Society

Crime is a popular subject in Shipston-on-Stour!

More than 100 people attended a sell-out lunch at The Old Mill, Shipston on Wednesday, May 11, to hear Colin Dexter, author of the Inspector Morse series, speak.

Colin talked about his popular, Wagner-loving policeman in an event organised by the Shipston and District Literary Society. Both Morse and his creator enjoy real ale, so perhaps fittingly the event was part-sponsored by the Hook Norton Brewery.

Ynysowen Male Choir returning to Shipston

The Ynysowen Male Choir was set up in the wake of the Aberfan colliery disaster in 1966 in which 144 died, many of them children, when a rock slide on the Merthyr Mountain destroyed 20 houses and much of the Pentglas Junior School. Some of the Choir's present members lost children in the disaster.

The tremendous response from all over the world prompted the Choir's formation in recognition of the help they received.

Jennifer Jones has been Musical Director of the Choir since 1992. She studied pianoforte and harp at the Royal Academy of Music in London. A versatile musician, she has performed at major venues throughout Australia, Canada, France, Germany and the UK.

The Choir has been warmly received in Shipston on several occasions at the invitation of Stour Valley Lions. We greatly appreciate their contribution to our fund raising efforts. This year the proceeds will be donated to local good causes. The Ynysowen Male Choir will be performing in St Edmunds Church on Saturday 24th September 2011 at 7:30pm.

WI

Wednesday, 4th May saw another well attended meeting to hear our speaker, Lee Figures, give a most entertaining and informative talk on Natural Health/Natural Remedies. A great deal of interest was shown with Jenny Stacey giving the vote of thanks on behalf of the meeting.



After coffee there was a vote on the annual WI resolutions with support for local libraries winning by a slight margin. The Resolution supported by the majority of WI branches will eventually be discussed at the national AGM. Details were then given of the Warwickshire Federation WI Olympics - demon players at Snakes & Ladders, Scrabble, Whist and suchlike cut-throat games are needed urgently. Athletes need not apply!

2012 may be Olympic Year to some, but to Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute, it is the 90th Anniversary of our foundation and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We very much hope to link them together.

The emphasis of Shipston WI is on fun and friendship, so please do come and join us. Contact the President, Eileen Mitchell on 666933.

Shipston Beekeepers

Shipston Beekeepers' recent Introduction to Beekeeping day was a great success and fully subscribed by 26 attendees. As a result, about twelve people are looking to start keeping bees this season and hoping to catch a swarm of honey bees to populate their brand new hives.

Wanted, for new beekeepers – accessible swarms of honeybees. Not round, furry bumble bees that nest in masonry or in the ground, nor the distinctive black and yellow wasp in its papier maché nest in a roof space – but rather the tennis ball (or even rugby ball!) size cluster of almost hairless honey bees on a post or hanging from the branch of a tree.

Such a cluster of bees is midway from its nest and its, as yet undetermined, new home – it is docile unless disturbed and unlikely to stay put for more than a couple of hours.

Please contact Douglas Nethercleft of Shipston Beekeepers on 07850 352905 to advise the swarm's location and to arrange for its collection if practicable.

Probus club

On 15th April, the Club held its Annual General Meeting when the retiring President, Graham Nottingham handed over the Chain of Office to the new President, John Calderon. In many ways it has been a sad year with the passing of some long-term friends - Richard Holloway, Ken Jones, Peter Moncrieff, Ian Murray, Brian Smith and George Roberts. They are all sadly missed. However we are pleased to welcome some new arrivals so that the total membership has not diminished.



Our venue at the Sports Club continues to be most enjoyable with excellent speakers and also lunches provided by Val Saunders.

The retiring Treasurer reported a healthy bank account. Ray Christie has been a stalwart of the Club for many years, not only managing the finances but also acting as a tough negotiator when arranging the spring, summer and winter luncheons. To recognise his long service he has been appointed to the position of President Emeritus.

Otherwise there were no other serious matters to report and the remaining time to "bar opening" was filled by short talks from some of the new members.

The spring lunch was held at a new venue this year - The Brailes Golf Club which proved to be an excellent and enjoyable choice.

SCAN

At the May meeting, Carl Stanley, Registered Osteopath, gave an entertaining overview of how an osteopath works, explaining that this manual therapy for pain and lack of mobility is concerned with the whole body not just the skeleton and joints. He shared with us some simple exercises to improve joint flexibility, muscle strength and to relieve pain using only a towel and pillow.

Rachel Vial, Practice Manager at the Medical Centre, updated us on the recent changes at the Centre, all of which are designed to deliver a high quality health care service to the 11,000 patients who are registered. Rachel also gave an overview of the proposed changes to the NHS. Under the new system, responsibility for commissioning services will be transferred from the current Warwickshire Primary Care Trust to 37 GP practices that have formed a Commissioning Consortium committed to ensuring that patients will receive the best possible care.

Warwickshire County Councillor Izzi Seccombe and her colleague, Wendy Fabbro, Director of Adult Health and Community Services concluded the meeting by explaining that Shipston is at the heart of their aspirations to create an innovative model of care services incorporating the Medical Centre, home care, Extra Care housing, Low Furlong and the Ellen Badger hospital.

St Edmund's Church

The celebration pedestal in St Edmund's Church is used whenever anyone wishes to mark a special occasion eg.

1. Birth of a baby in family
2. Wedding anniversary
3. Achievements/exam success
4. Recovery from illness
5. Other

If you provide the flowers, we will do the rest including a card with your own message. Please ring co-ordinator Diane on 661709 to arrange.

Readers' letters

Letter from Daniel Pulham, Chair, the Outhouse Youth Club Management Committee

I am writing to thank everyone who has expressed concern about the uncertain future of The Outhouse Youth Club. It has been so heartening to know that the community really cares about its young people and the fate of their only Youth Club in the town.

As reported on page 10, work is underway to try and protect the Outhouse. As you might expect, this will cost money and I will be asking the community to help either through donations or by volunteering their time.

If your son or daughter uses the Club or if you were a member of the club when you were in your teens please help the next generation enjoy what others have been able to enjoy. All suggestions and support gratefully received. Please contact me on 01608 664876 or danpulham@svbc.fsnet.co.uk

Thank you again, for all your support.

Letter from Jack and Shirley Crimp

We recently attended the Shipston-on-Stour Town Council Meeting where a most comprehensive Annual Report was provided – a list of many actions the Town Council has taken during the previous year on behalf of the residents of Shipston, including the commitment to keep open the public toilets if the District Council withdraws its funding.

It was disappointing, therefore, that comments invited from residents were mainly critical. Criticism has an important role to play, but sadly those criticising did not feel the need to give praise or even thanks for the significant efforts of the Council.

We feel it important to remember that our mayor and town councillors are unpaid volunteers giving their time and expertise for the benefit of us all. Maybe they do not get everything right every time, but surely words of congratulation and thanks would not come amiss and indeed, we feel, have been well earned.

Letter from Alexandra Mann

I write with dismay and great sadness at the felling of the large poplar tree on Tilemans Lane which I have no doubt has been there for many years, long, long before any of the houses were built on The Village or the new houses being built on the site of the old Workhouse.

The question I would like to ask is; was anyone in our local community consulted about the felling of this most majestic tree? What about any protected species of bird that may have been nesting in its branches?

It seems to me that although Shipston is supposed to be a democratic community and we are all encouraged to make our voice heard, this is one time when no one was consulted because 'the powers that be' were too frightened to hear our reply!

Letter from The Wool Fair Committee

A huge thank you to the businesses, shops, pubs, and, people of Shipston, who so generously donated some fantastic lots for the Wool Fair fundraising auction, which was held on Saturday 14th May at The George Hotel.

The evening was tremendous fun and a huge success. The Wool Fair itself promises to be equally successful, attracting big crowds to see the vibrancy of this wonderful market town. Events marking the town's heritage bring our community together and show off all that Shipston has to offer.

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

Referee's commitment rewarded

Congratulations to Roy Munden who has just been awarded his 25-year long service award to refereeing from the FA – a little late as he's actually been refereeing for 33 years! A firm fan of Shipston, Roy, 73, still referees children's matches locally and has supported the town football club's activities for over thirty years. He received his certificate at a recent ceremony held at The Hawthorns, home to West Bromwich Albion.

Bowled over

Three cheers for the Norgren Bowling Club team, which has been crowned the first winners of the Chipping Campden Indoor Bowls League.

The league is held every Tuesday Night during the autumn/winter.

Well done everyone – we look forward to more trophies in the future!



Growing good

Thanks to everyone who supplied plants for the Shipston Home Nursing Plant Sale. Your generous support helped raise much-needed funds.

Majestic cinema

The King's Speech proved the biggest draw so far for the Lions Cinema, raising lots of money for good causes. It was a great night out for many - with The Black Swan likely to prove equally popular this month (June).

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

You will know that Philip Vial, my colleague for the last 12 months, was not re elected in the District Council election. I would just say that Philip has worked very hard for Shipston and I have very much appreciated working alongside him.



The Police will be providing their front desk service from Shipston Library as from the 10th. May, so by the time you read this it will be well established. Please let me know how you get on if you need to use this new service. As for Shipston Police Station, the Police Authority seem intent on their officers being based in a small office, either in Shipston or Wellesbourne.

There are two major planning applications under consideration, the first one is to build 16 houses on land along the Stratford Road next to the Riverway estate and the second one is to knock down Pettiphers' Garage on Church Street and rebuild a retail unit with 8 flats above.

As a member of the Youth Club Management committee I am fully supporting their work to maintain a youth club in Shipston, although this will mean raising a lot of money locally.

I will be holding a street surgery as usual on the 2nd. Saturday in the month. This will be in the High Street, near to the telephone kiosk.

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Richard Cheney and new district councillor, Jonathan Gullis, will take it in turns to provide the content for this column.

County Council update

Top local issues for the County Council are:

Less money is available for youth services than previously but I believe Shipston needs a youth club because of its relative isolation and I will be working alongside others to help protect this facility.



Warwickshire Direct – Warwickshire County Council now has an enquiry desk at Shipston Library, so if you have any queries or want to know more about the county council's services, please do pop in.

Efforts are being made to install a road sign alerting drivers to elderly people crossing in the Driftway.

Due to budget cuts, changes have regrettably had to be made to subsidised bus services. Please check the latest timetable information before travelling.

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NHS News – Shipston Medical Centre



Travel Health

Now we are into the summer months many people will be looking forward to their summer holidays. If you are planning a trip abroad do take the time to consider your health and whether you might need travel vaccines or anti-malarial medication. Our travel health nurses are happy to provide advice, but please be aware you do need to contact us in good time before you travel as some vaccines require a course of injections spread over a period of time. Please ask at reception for a travel information pack for further details.

Missed Appointments

During the month of April patients missed:

- 86 GP appointments, equivalent to 2.5 days of GP time
- 94 nursing appointments, equivalent of 4.5 days of nursing time

Please cancel your appointment if you are unable to attend so it can be offered to someone else.

Update from the Annual Town Council meetings

The Annual Town Council meeting in May saw the appointment of the new Mayor, Paul Rathkey, who takes over from Simon Welch, and the election of Fay Ivens as deputy mayor.

At the end of April, Shipston Town Council held its annual Town meeting, where members of the public were invited to come and hear reports on the council's work over the preceding 12 months and ask questions or make requests.

The Town Council would like to thank all those who attended the meetings and shared their concerns and support for the town.

For full details of the matters raised, you can view the minutes at www.shipstononline.org or contact the Town Clerk for a copy.



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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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