



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

November 2011

Queen's Avenue Park Proposals receive substantial boost

Shipston Town Council has voted unanimously to grant £10,000 in matched funding to the Queen's Avenue Park Action Group (QAPAG) and Transition Shipston, in support of proposals to create a new play area.

Polly Taylor, project leader, presented the park proposals to the Town Council at its October meeting. Working with Transition Shipston, QAPAG hopes to raise £60-70,000 to fund a new play area, offering a broad array of equipment and facilities for children of all ages, as well as picnic benches and an orchard for use by the whole community.

Of those that responded to the recent public consultation about the proposals, over 99% were in favour of the plans, with many citing the need for more facilities for children as an important consideration.

Town Mayor, Paul Rathkey, commented: "We have been keen to look at improving the Queen's Avenue play area for some time. Although Shipston has a number of small playgrounds, the town desperately needs more activities for children and play areas with more demanding apparatus to suit all age groups. With the proviso that we recommend the group looks carefully at the long-term maintenance implications of wooden equipment, we fully support this initiative and wish the group every success."

Responding to the council's grant, Polly said "I'm absolutely delighted with the outcome. We had hoped to secure £5,000, but to have it doubled shows that we are focusing on the right community issues. Here's to the next £60K!"

The funds will be granted on the proviso that the remaining budget can be found to secure the project's future. QPAG is interested in hearing from anyone with ideas. Please email Polly Taylor at tinkers@btinternet.com



An artist's impression of what the play area could look like

Town Council clarifies status of Health Park proposals

Support for the proposed Health and Wellbeing Park project to improve local health and social care services, is gathering pace, following presentations of the vision by Dr. Whiteley at two public meetings in September.

However, the Town Council has sought clarity from the Medical Centre and Warwickshire County Council (WCC) on the status of the proposals, following a WCC report which gave early indications that land at the High School was a preferred option for the park.

County Councillor, Izzi Seccombe, has since confirmed that no site has been identified as a preferred site. "Although there is some county council-owned land adjacent to the High School which is likely to be assessed for its suitability alongside other sites, we have not yet reached that stage. We want this project to work well for the town as a whole and any firm proposals will be subject to full public consultation as the project progresses" she said. Criteria used to assess any possible sites will include proximity to the town, accessibility, environmental impact and affordability.

In the meantime, much work is still to be done simply to get the project off the ground. Dr Whiteley urged the

public to consider the vision and share their views: "Before we even get close to assessing possible locations, we must convince the wider NHS that this project is needed to secure a healthy future for Shipston" he said. Leaflets summarising the proposals are available from the Medical Centre and Clark House.

Paul Rathkey commented "The Town Council continues to support these proposals and we will be taking a more active role in the project going forward to help secure the right outcome for Shipston."

Shipston remembers

This month, Shipston residents are being encouraged to take part in the poppy appeal and support the Remembrance Day parade on the 13th November. See page six for details.



Mayor's column

I made reference last month to the possible siting of the proposed Health Park at the High School. I am pleased to report that I have had assurances from Dr Whiteley that there is no 'preferred site' at this early stage of the process.



The reason for mentioning it again is that the Town Council is currently undertaking two important exercises which could have great significance for the future shape and development of the town. One is a Design Statement (what we want the town to look like) and the other is a Neighbourhood Plan which should feed into the District Council's Core Strategy. When concerns are being raised that new government legislation will relax planning regulations to the benefit of developers, which could threaten the rural environment, it is vital that we in Shipston identify what future developments we want to see for the town and what we don't.

There is no question in my own mind that the town will continue to change over the next twenty years. We need joined up thinking to guide and support future changes to ensure they benefit the town. Personally, if I had a crystal ball, I would like to envisage that in 2031 Shipston would have a new High School with a 6th Form College attached to it, a new Primary School, new Medical Centre, new hospital and new residential care facilities, plus a new public park to provide better recreational facilities for the people of the town.

This may be a wish list but we have to have a vision of where we want to be to guide immediate decisions.....and we are going to face some decisions over the next couple of years.

Paul Rathkey
Town Mayor

Police force launches new, non-emergency number

From the 1st November, Warwickshire Police will become part of a new national scheme to enable people to make non-urgent calls to their local police force by dialing 101.

Calls should be made to 101 to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to local officers. Non-urgent calls include: reporting the theft of a vehicle or property damage, providing information about crime, reporting minor traffic collisions and general enquiries.

101 is being introduced to ease pressure on 999 calls. Calls will cost 15p from landlines and mobiles, regardless of the length of the call and will be answered by the control room of the local police force. If the caller is on a boundary between forces, a recorded message will offer a choice of which force to be connected to.

999 should still be used in an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.



New Competition launched to capture Shipston for 2013

A new photography competition has been launched as part of the Diamond Jubilee Fundraising initiative, which will culminate in the creation of a unique charity calendar.



Submissions are invited in the following categories: Landscape; Sport and Action; Natural History; Creative; Town Architecture and Local Personalities. The public will be invited to judge the entries at The Sheldon Bosley Hub on 4th June 2012, as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

The winner and runner-up in each category will receive a cash prize and see their work incorporated into a 2013 charity calendar for Shipston.

Professional photographer, Richard Sampson, who is leading the project on behalf of the Jubilee Crew, said "As part of the celebrations, we want to provide something of lasting value which celebrates Shipston and its environment. We're looking forward to seeing the best images displayed for all to enjoy, both at the exhibition and in the 2013 calendar."

The competition is open to all amateur photographers living within a five mile radius of the town. The closing date for entries is 31st May 2012. For full guidelines and information on how to enter, visit www.shipstonjubileecrew.com

Designing Shipston's future

The development of a Design Statement for Shipston is officially underway following a successful public workshop on the 25th September. Town Councillors, Ian Cooper, Dot Courtney, Alan Noyce, Philip Vial and Simon Welch, joined members of the public to discuss the town's current design features – both good and bad – and tour the town to capture images of different local styles.

Shipston Town Council is supporting the creation of the Design Statement to inform planners and developers about the style of design that people in the town want to see in future development. The statement is purely about design and does not deal with whether development should or shouldn't happen.

Architect, Paul Richardson, who is leading the project on the council's behalf, will use the information and feedback given at the workshop to write a draft document, which all local residents will have the opportunity to comment on.



October's hot topics

Litter let down: Fay Ivens expressed concern about the overflowing litter bins in Granville Court. The Town Clerk will raise the issue with the housing management committee.

Community Forum: Ronnie Murphy updated councillors on the issues raised at the recent community forum, including that speed checks have been carried out in response to local demand in Tysoe, Loxley and Whatcote and that less crime is being reported. Town councillors echoed Ronnie's concerns that people may be put off reporting 'small' crimes due to difficulties accessing officers locally.

Transition Triumph: All councillors congratulated Transition Shipston on an excellent Harvest Fayre, which was very well attended.

Hornsby Close headaches: Dot Courtney reported that some residents from Hornsby Close had expressed concerns, both about speeding on the Stratford Road and about uneven paving where pavements have been damaged by heavy lorries.

Broken bench: Shipston Town Council (STC) is looking into the most suitable option for replacing the damaged bench on Darlingscote Road.

Campaigning for Shipston

Snow wardens on alert: Arthur Ivens reported that 20 new snow shovels have arrived and will be distributed to snow wardens who will help keep pavements clear in wintry weather. More wardens are needed. Please contact Clark House if you're prepared to sign up.

Grass cutting budget cuts: The Town Council is actively negotiating with Stratford District Council (SDC) following an intended cut to the grass cutting budget. SDC is intending to reduce its contribution from £400 per year to just £274 despite a significant expansion over the years in the areas needing to be cut. The General Purposes Working Group is now mapping the areas cut on behalf of SDC with a view to requesting more money.

Queen's Avenue: Councillors offered the park action group some useful advice about the long term maintenance implications of wooden play structures and encouraged them to look at steel and plastic alternatives. Jackie Warner will join the group to provide a formal link between the project and the Town Council.

County highways projects: County councillor, Chris Saint, has invited bids for small highways projects costing between £6-10,000. STC will consider priorities for the town and feedback to Chris next month.

Protecting our environment: STC has objected to a planning application for a 2 storey extension in Donnington Road due to concerns about its impact.

In response to an alert from the Town Council, any repairs carried out by the Tandoori Cottage will be done so on a like for like basis, as appropriate for a listed building.

Town Council Business

Commemorative tree: Simon Welch confirmed that Shipston in Bloom has ordered a Chinese birch tree to be planted in commemoration of the Royal Wedding. The tree will be sited in the Gyrotory Garden and planting is expected to take place in November.

Cemetery management: A number of councillors have now been trained in cemetery management and will work with the Town Clerk to establish appropriate rules to ensure the town's cemetery is well maintained. STC thanked the Town Clerk for an excellent presentation about the cemetery.

Next year's budget: The Finance Working Group is beginning to look at the budget for 2012/13. Councillors have been asked to put forward items for consideration.

Clark House news

Police Station



Following the Town Council meeting in October, the Stratford Herald reported that the sale of the police station had been agreed, with the Town Council purchasing the building.

Although negotiations have indeed progressed well and we are reasonably confident we will be able to agree suitable terms with the police, there are still a number outstanding issues to address.

The Town Council is committed to doing all it can to maintain a cost-effective, visible base for the police force in the town. In addition, we are keen to ensure that a building, which was significantly refurbished at public expense, remains a public building.

Moving the council offices to the police station building will enable us to respond to the needs of our growing community and save costs currently spent on a separate base and storage facilities for the town gardeners. Funds for the purchase will come from the council's reserves, which have been built up through cautious financial management over the years, together with income from the sale or rent of Clark House.

Although councils are not required to consult on proposals of this nature, informal feedback received from the public in response to earlier publicity of the council's intentions has been positive. Decisions of this nature are not taken lightly and we will only proceed if we are confident the purchase will be financially viable in the short and long term.

**Georgina Beaumont
Town Clerk**

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

Beaver Scout Camp – a first for Shipston!

Nights Away Badges will be awarded all round to the 12 Beaver Scouts, aged between 6 and 8 years old, who recently took part in the first ever Beaver Scout Camp with the 1st Shipston Scout Group.

Beaver Scouts have only been allowed to camp since April 2011 and this was the first opportunity that the busy Shipston Colony had found to set up the tents, having already participated in two indoor sleepovers this year.

The excited campers set up their site on Hardiman’s Field and spent the evening exploring, designing and building cane gadgets and playing games. They were joined by 18 Shipston Cubs, aged between 8 and 10 years old, after the Cubs had completed a four mile hike to get to the site, each earning a Hikes and Nights Away Badge for their fantastic effort.

All of the youngsters joined together for supper, followed by a very noisy singing session around the campfire, ending with everyone devouring melted marshmallows and hot chocolate.



Angie Dexter, Beaver Scout Commissioner said “It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved and planning for the next camp is already underway!”

For further information about Beaver and Cub Scouting opportunities contact 0845 300 1818 or www.scouts.org

Shipston Pre School children take babies in buggies for a weigh-in

As part of their "All About Me" topic this term, some of the children from Shipston Pre School recently enjoyed a visit to the Children’s Centre. The children took their dolls in their buggies to the Centre and carefully weighed them. The children really loved using the scales and the babies were very well behaved!

"We would like to thank the Children’s Centre for their hospitality. It’s lovely to be able to take the children on outings such as this which reflect the topics we are learning about within Pre School." said Rachel Rossiter, Pre School Manager.

If any parents would like to have a look at what the children have been doing this term, Pre School will be holding an open afternoon on Tuesday 1st November from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. All parents and prospective parents are welcome to attend and maybe try some arts and crafts with their children. For further details contact Pre School on 01608 666029.



Shipston Pre School is open from 8.30am until 4.00pm offering a variety of sessions for children aged from two years old.

New to school? Come and take a peek

If your child is starting school in September 2012, don’t miss the opportunity see Shipston Primary School in action during its Open Week.

Rated ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted, Shipston Primary is in the top 6% of primary schools nationally and is one of the highest performing schools in the county.

Open Week runs from 21st-25th November, when you and your children can have a tour of the learning environment, meet the headteacher and get advice on the admissions application process. Please call the school office on 01608 661266 to make an appointment.

“Strictly Got Fashion” wows audience at Shipston High School

Never mind ‘Strictly Come dancing’ or ‘Britain’s Got Talent’, Shipston High School’s ‘Strictly Got Fashion’ was a fashion show like no other.

The party got off to a rousing start with the ‘Shipston St Trinians’, followed by a display of costumes from ‘Alice in Wonderland’ and students’ own work completed as part of their GCSE in Textiles.

Students wowed the audience further by modelling Prom dresses from The Frockshop in Stow and some of Redditch Design Studio’s amazing hats, straight from the 2011 Birmingham Clothes Show. Students also modelled a range of outfits from the Design Studio based on Vivien Westwood designs, in what proved to be a fun and memorable evening.



Pictured: Holly had to eat lots of sweets to get enough wrappers to make this dress!

Shipston Primary School



Mountains to learn about the world

Pupils 'flew' to mountain ranges around the world when they celebrated European Day of Languages. Dressed in flag colours and national costumes, children checked in at the school hall airport before boarding their flights.



Classes spent the day on virtual tours of mountain ranges and other key locations in their chosen countries, as well as learning about languages and culture.

Supporting Fair Trade

The school has also been reaching out to the wider world through the 'Make Shipston a Fairtrade Town' campaign.

Reception Leader, Mrs. Piercy, who has been leading the project, was at the recent Harvest Fayre event to promote the cause with the local community.

Mrs. Brown's Tea Room has agreed to help achieve Fairtrade Town Status for Shipston, as have both branches of The Co-operative who stock over 150 Fairtrade products in each store.

Other organisations have also shown their support including the Town Council, Shipston Medical Centre, the Shipston branch of the NFU, St. Edmund's Church and Stour Valley Baptist Church.

However the last hurdle is to achieve public awareness of an event organised by a local workplace or organisation, which is not related to the school. The event simply needs to spread the word about Fairtrade. If you can support us please contact the school on 01608 661266.



Shipston High School

High School Students Become Independent Learners

As you might expect with a school that is in the top ten of over 2,200 secondary schools nationally for its sustained, year-on-year improvements in its examination results, Shipston High School likes to be at the forefront of new educational developments. One such development this year has been the introduction of a new course called 'Independent Learning'



Independent Learning students Freya and Olivia

into the curriculum for Years 7 and 8. In these lessons all students are taught how to set their own learning objectives and to evaluate formally their achievement of them.

This new curriculum development is part of the school's philosophy that if students want to learn, and they have the right attitude to learning, then they are more likely to become successful learners higher up the school with the right kind of support from their teachers. By encouraging their youngest students to take more responsibility for their own learning the school believes they will become more mature and motivated learners later on when they embark on their GCSE courses. Judging by their GCSE results, the school definitely seems to be on to something important.

School Lights Up with Song and Dance!

There is never a dull moment at Shipston High especially after the bell goes at the end of school. This is when the school catches its second breath and more students than ever stay behind to engage in a huge variety of after school activities. In November this means rehearsals for the annual Christmas production are taking place, involving lots of students. Last year's production of the musical 'The Dracula Spectacular' was a sell-out success. This year's show has been specially written by the school's Head of Creative Arts, Mrs Cathy Hunt, and is being kept carefully under wraps. All she will reveal is that the show will include a toxic mix of drama, song and dance.

Performances will be on the 25th and 26th November and tickets are available to the public.

Shipston welcomes home successful actor, Oliver Hume

This month the Townsend Hall will be hosting the hilarious new show, Panto Girls, starring former resident, Oliver Hume, who first trod the boards of the hall some 25 years ago at the tender age of 16.

Oliver moved to Shipston with his family as a young boy. His father, the late Roger Hume, also a well-known actor, was heavily involved in the local amateur dramatics society, which gave Oliver his first 'break' in *The Importance of Being Ernest* while still a teenager.

Over the last 15 years, Oliver has moved around in response to work opportunities but last year settled back in Warwickshire, where he now regularly performs at Warwick Castle, and in theatres in Leamington, Solihull and Birmingham. It was during one of his performances as a panto dame in Solihull that he and his colleague, Andrew Cullum, decided to embark on Panto Girls. The play, written by Andrew and perfected by the pair, is a light-hearted comedy about the theatre, with some darker moments, as two performers struggle to amicably share a dressing room.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see Oliver in action on his home turf. The show is on for two nights in November – see the ad on page 8 for details.



Oliver Hume



Andrew Cullum

Residents urged to support Remembrance

The Shipston branch of the Royal British Legion is encouraging residents to buy a poppy and honour Britain's service men and women at two important events this month. On Friday 11th November, Armistice Day, a two-minute silence will be held at 11am outside the George Hotel to honour those who gave their lives in the service of their country.

On Sunday 13th November, the Remembrance Day Parade will begin at 10:15am outside the George Hotel, before heading to St Edmund's Church for the Remembrance Day Service at 10:50am. Everyone is invited to take part in this important parade and service. Medals should be worn.

Alongside the events, the Legion will be running its annual poppy appeal from 29th October to 13th November and urgently needs volunteers to help raise funds. For details, see page 11.

Successful Harvest Fayre proved heavy for some

Crowds flocked around the stalls at this year's Transition Shipston Harvest Fayre, where a number of businesses and charities were displaying their wares, providing entertainment and raising money for good causes.

One of the many highlights was the 'guess the weight of the pumpkin' competition, which was won by Jo Ames whose guess was just half a pound out. Three year-old Isaac Peardon came a close second having guessed 22kgs when the actual weight was 46.5 lbs (21.25 kgs).

The campaign to award Shipston 'Fairtrade Town' status also attracted lots of interest with many residents walking away with "Year of the Swap" cards, encouraging people to start using different fairtrade goods every month.

Dave Passingham said "This year's event was a real triumph of community spirit. A lot of effort was put in by volunteers to make sure there was something for everyone and feedback we've received suggests a good time was had by all."



Racing to raise funds

Stour Valley Lions recently assisted the Newbold On Stour Village Hall Committee in raising over £900 by running a race night for local residents. A great deal of audience participation was involved, including the jockeying of four-legged horses of a wooden variety.

Over 70 adults and children took part in the event. Audience members had to bid for each horse, select a team member to ride the horse and then race along the track and over jumps on the role of a dice. A great time was had by all.



There's so much going on, we've had to extend the what's on section!

Regular events:

- Mon Badminton Club:** Turn up and play from 7pm. Townsend Hall.
- Tues Stroke Club:** Alternate Tuesdays (1, 15 and 29). 10am, Roman Catholic Church Hall. Contact Sarah Bridgewater, 07582 130855
- Tues Dance with Dash:** Melody Bear classes for pre-schoolers. 10am and 10:30am. £3.30. Contact: Sarah, 641253
- Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Alternate Tuesdays. 10:45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays (1 and 15). Doors open at 6:30. Eyes down at 7:30. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
- Wed Calypso Kids Singing and percussion for pre-schoolers:** Townsend Hall 9:20, 10:15 and 11am
- Weds Zumba:** 7.45pm Shipston High School. £5. Other classes also available. Contact Debbie 07966746794.
- Thur Shipston Stitchers:** Fortnightly (3 and 17). 10am, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Kath, 663486
- Thur Badminton Club:** Turn up and play from 7pm. Townsend Hall.
- Thur 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

November Diary

- 1 Multiple Sclerosis Society "Drop in" meeting:** 10-11:30 am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett, 666161
Shipston Pre-School Open Afternoon: See what the children have been up to so far this term. 1-3pm. Contact 01608 666029
SWIB (Supporting Women in Business): Networking event. 6:00-8:30pm, George Hotel. To book, contact: Simone Ryder 07749 298253
- 2 National Organisation of the Widowed:** Lunch. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
Stour Valley Lions Book Sale: 10am-4pm The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library). Books include fiction, children's, cookery, gardening, art etc. To donate books contact Lion David Squires on pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk
Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute: "Remarkable Restraints" by Rod Quilter. 7pm, Roman Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Mal Lawrence, 662122
- 3 Story Stomp:** Storytelling for 2-5 year olds. 10:30am, Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 661255
- 4 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-4pm. Details as above
Shipston Dementia Resource and Support Café: Sallie Rutledge talking about her Holiday Home near Exeter which caters for people with Dementia and their family or friends. 2pm. Stour Court, Old Road. Contact Barbara Smith, 662433.
Shipston Home Nursing One Day Designer Sale: Annual sale of fabulous designer clothes and accessories at unbelievable prices. 10% of purchases will be donated to SHN. 9am-7.30pm, Darlingscott Farm, Darlingscott, CV36 4PN
Grand Bonfire Extravaganza: See ad on page 9
Panto Girls: Townsend Hall. See ad on page 8
- 5 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

- Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
Panto Girls: Townsend Hall. See ad on page 8.
- 7 Diamond Jubilee Crew Open Meeting:** Sheldon Bosley Hub, 7:30pm. All welcome.
- 8 Senior Citizens Action Network meeting:** 10am-12pm, Townsend Hall. Contact Brian Fletcher, 01608 661308
Shipston Flower Club Open Evening: 'Countdown to Christmas', a demonstration by Andrew Lloyd. Sheldon Bosley Hub, 7.30pm. Tickets £8. Contact 01608 664467
- 9 Stour Valley Women's Institute:** "Stories Grandad told" Presentation by Vanessa Morgan. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact Betty Thomson, 664462
Shipston and District Gardening Club: "Remedies from your kitchen" by Sharyn Singer. 7:30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Tony Mitchell, 666933
Shipston Home Nursing Christmas Gift Fair: See ad on page 8.
- 10 Shipston Home Nursing Christmas Gift Fair:** See ad on page 8.
Royal British Legion – Shipston: Committee Meeting. All members welcome 7:30pm, Clark House. Contact: Mike Dobbin, 664636
- 11 Royal British Legion – Shipston:** Armistice Day. Two minutes silence. 11:00am, High Street. All welcome. Contact: Mike Dobbin, 664636
Stour Valley Lions Cinema presents 'Arthur': see ad on page 8
- 13 Remembrance Day Service and Parade:** High Street, 10:30am. All welcome. Contact: Mike Dobbin, 664636
- 14 Shipston Visually Impaired Club:** 'The Music Hall' by Mr Fairhurst. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington, 662684
Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting: 7pm, Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont, 662180
- 15 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society Meeting:** "Engraving". 7:30 pm Catholic Church Hall. Contact: Penny Law, 663871
- 16 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
National Organisation of the Widowed: Meeting. 10:30am, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean, 663230
- 18 Shipston Music Society:** "Mirror Images" by Graham Kiteley. 7.30pm, Methodist Church, Shipston. Visitors welcome, £5.00. Contact 01608 663207
Ladies Hockey Club 70s, 80s and 90s disco: See ad on page 8
- 19 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9am-2pm. Details as above
- 21 Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Monthly social. 12:30, Horseshoe Inn, Contact: Mike Dobbin, 664636
- 25 Caramba Theatre Company presents Jane Eyre:** See ad on page 9
- 26 Shipston Community Arts Photography Exhibition:** St Edmunds Church.
Caramba Theatre Company presents Jane Eyre: See ad on page 9
Shipston Jubilee Disco: See ad on page 10
- 27 Shipston Community Arts Photography Exhibition:** St Edmunds Church.
- 28 Shipston Visually Impaired Club:** "Muck and Money" by Tim Price. 2pm, Stour Court. Contact: Shirley Pilkington, 662684
- 30 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
Shipston and District Literary Society: "The Arthurian Legend in Medieval and Post-Medieval Literature" by Dr Christiania Whitehead. The George Hotel, 7:30pm. Contact: 01608 663482 or 01789 450737

STOUR VALLEY LIONS CINEMA
"ARTHUR" (15)

Arthur's life of excess is threatened by his emotionally frosty mum (Helen Mirren) who, fed-up with his headline-attracting behaviour, demands he marries the career-minded Susan (Jennifer Garner) or be cut off. Just to complicate things, he's just fallen for a hard-up tour guide called Naomi (Greta Gerwig).



SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL
Friday 11th November 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

orbit
 Disabled parking, access & facilities.



Shipston Ladies Hockey Club
 presents


60s, 70s & 80s
disco

plus raffle

Friday 18th November 2011
Grooves start at 7.30pm
Shipston Rugby Club
Mayo Road

Tickets are £5 each
 in aid of:
Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance
 Shipston Primary School
 Shipston Ladies HC

Tickets available from: Jackie Williams: 07976 222891
 email: motowatkins@btinternet.com
 Shipston Rugby Club




SHIPSTON HOME NURSING
 Invite You to a

CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

ETTINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
 Rogers Lane, Errington

Wednesday 9th November 2011, 6.00pm to 9.00pm
 Thursday 10th November 2011, 9.30am to 2.00pm



NFU Mutual

TOWNSEND HALL
 SHEEP STREET, SHIPSTON DN STOUR CV38 4AE

ANDREW CULLUM **OLIVER HUME**



"SHE'S BEHIND YOU...!"

THE PANTO GIRLS
 By Andrew Cullum
 Directed by Marcus Fernando

Doors Open 6.45
 Performance Starts 7.30pm

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4th || SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5th
 Advance Tickets £10 (£12 on the door) - Concessions £8 (£10 on the door)

From: R. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston • On-line: www.shipstononline.org • Email: gillian@shipstononline.org

Don't forget to add your event to the calendar on Shipstononline.org

Shipston-on-Stour Primary School 

Open Mornings

21st-25th November 2011, 9.30am
www.shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk




Starting School in September 2012?

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

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

Email: primary@shipston.warwickshire.sch.uk
 Tel: 01608 661266
 Twitter: <http://twitter.com/shipstonhead>

To read more of our profiles visit www.bbc.co.uk/1/programmes/b001m3m3 and visit [BBC Music Magazine](http://www.bbc.co.uk/1/programmes/b001m3m3)

ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN

A CHRISTMAS CLASSIC FEAST

WITH ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN CHAMBER CHOIR

St Edmund's Church, Shipston-on-Stour

Saturday 17 December 2011, 7.30pm

A wonderful programme of festive music to include:

Purcell	Sonata for trumpet and strings
Vivaldi	Gloria
Traditional	In dulci jubilo
Handel	Excerpts from the Messiah and the Hallelujah Chorus
Hugh Davies	Trumpet
David Curtis	conductor

Tickets: £8.50 available from R Clarke (Electrical), High Street, Shipston-on-Stour or on the door.






PRESENTS

Charlotte Bronte's

JANE EYRE

At
 Our Lady & St Michael Parish Centre
 Darlingscote Road, Shipston
 (Opposite Low Furlong Residential Home)

NOVEMBER 25TH & 26TH
7.30 PM

(Also at The Shakespeare Institute, Church St, Stratford - NOV 28th / 29th / 30th at 7.30 pm)

TICKETS:
 Shipston: £7.50 / £6.50 (CONS) Stratford: £10.50 / £9.50 (Cons)
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Shipston Sports Club Ltd
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Friday 4th November
Shipston Sports Club, London Rd

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

Raffle / Bar / Hot Food / Stalls & rides
Parking available

Adults £5 / Children £2






Shipston Jubilee Crew

Disco!

70s, 80s, 90s
8pm till Late...
26th November 2011
The Sheldon Bosley Hub
£5.00 per entry

For more information, please contact us at: shipstonjubilee@btinternet.com
Or visit our website at: www.shipstonjubilee.org



Stour Singers

present

Handel's Messiah

with

Cheryl Rosevear, soprano
Shelley Coulter-Smith, mezzo-soprano
Nicholas Hawker, tenor
Rodney Clarke, baritone

The Cherwell Orchestra
Rachel Bird, organ
Conducted by Richard Emms

Saturday, 3 December 2011 at 7.30pm
St.Edmund's Church, Shipston-on-Stour

Tickets **£12.50** from choir members, R.Clarke, 27 High St. Shipston and at the door.(accompanied children free)

www.stoursingers.org.uk




Readers' contributions

A grateful Shipston Resident

As a Shipston resident who regularly visits the cemetery at London Road, I was overwhelmed by how much better the cemetery looked when I visited this week.

I usually bring my own tools, to tidy up around the grave I look after, because nobody seemed to care much about how the graves looked. All I can say is thank you, the improvement is appreciated, but can I ask what has happened to bring about such a remarkable change to the poor standard we've grown used to?

Response from the Town Clerk: We have just outsourced maintenance of the cemetery to an external contractor. I am delighted to see the new arrangements are already having a positive impact.

Letter from Mr Eric Whitehead (edited)

I was appalled when the news broke in 2008 that the factory in Campden Road was to close... There is no doubt that the company... was good for Shipston. It provided work for Shipston men who might otherwise have left the town.

The proposal to demolish the factory and build houses and offices on the site is no more than a cynical attempt to profit from the closure of a business.

There is a big area of underdeveloped land in Campden Road eminently suitable to take any further orderly expansion of Shipston for many years to come. If the present owners of the factory are unwilling to reopen it as a factory... I would favour its compulsory purchase by the Town Council so that it could be demolished and the site restored to its agricultural use. Any other use would be completely alien to the expansion of the town.



Notice of Tenders

The Town Council is inviting submissions for the following tenders:

1. Writing, editing & production of the Shipston Forum
2. Distribution of the Shipston Forum
3. Management of the STC website

The new contracts will begin on the 1st April 2012. Companies or individuals located in the town wishing to tender should submit their proposals no later than 30th November 2011.

For full details, please contact
Clark House
(see contact details on page 15)

**Stour Singers present
Handel's Messiah**



On Saturday 3 December 2011 at 7.30pm Stour Singers, Shipston's Choral Society, is giving a performance of Handel's Messiah in St Edmund's Church, Shipston with the Cherwell Orchestra, Rachel Bird (organ) and distinguished guest artists: Cheryl Rosevear (soprano), Shelley Coulter-Smith (mezzo-soprano), Nicholas Hawker (tenor) and Rodney Clarke (baritone.) The conductor, of course, is Richard Emms, the society's founder-director, who has guided the Singers continuously for 36 years from small beginnings to recognition as a major choral force today. This season, some 20 new voices have joined Stour Singers making it an exceptionally large choir within this wide rural community.

Do make a note of the date in your diary now –although the Society always performs in December, this event is unusually early in Advent and it would be sad to miss a live performance of Messiah. (Nearer Christmas, Stour Singers will be taking carols to patients and staff of the Ellen Badger Hospital and to Rainbow Fields Residential Home.)

The ticket price for Messiah has been held at £12.50 (accompanied children free) and tickets may be obtained from choir members, R. Clarke, 27 High Street, Shipston, and at the door.

For further details please contact Vic Twyman (choir manager) on tel: 01451 870361 or visit the website: www.stoursingers.org.uk

Shipston Community Arts



We have made an excellent start on our mission to set up a permanent Arts Centre to serve Shipston and the surrounding area. Our plan is to put on a series of events to make people aware of this exciting new project and raise funds.

The Creative Arts Festival launch event on 4th June in The Townsend was amazingly successful, and very well attended. We hope to do it again in 2012.

The Poetry Picnic in Brailes in July drew fewer people, but was an excellent event, and totally in the spirit of what we are trying to do. If you weren't there, you missed some great original poetry...not to mention fabulous strawberries and cream!

Photography Competition Exhibition

The photography exhibition will take place on the 26 and 27 November at St Edmund's Church, Shipston. Please come along to view the exhibits.

**Orchestra Of The Swan Concert
Saturday 17 December**

We are working with Shipston Music Society and the Orchestra of the Swan to bring an exciting concert to St. Edmund's Church, Shipston. See the ad on page 9 for details.

Shipston Arts & Crafts Society

The Society met on 20th September after the summer break to hear about the past, present and future of Compton Verney from Mr David Jones.

We learnt about the rescue of the derelict building by Mr Peter Moores, buying it for half a million and then spending nineteen million on reconstruction and restoration. It opened in 2004, the first exhibition being Folk Art, followed by continuous additions to the collections. It is now growing from strength to strength and lends out pictures to various parts of the world as well as borrowing others in return.

From 15th October there will be exhibitions of Quentin Blake and also "Remember, remember" - a history of fireworks. Mr Jones told us about the projected programme for next year, including Gainsborough Landscapes, and Impressionists, whetting our appetites with some slides of the future collections. We are very lucky to have such a fine art gallery so near to Shipston and many members will be making more visits in future.

On the 15th November Jane Peart will be explaining etching. The Society meets at the Catholic Parish Hall on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Visitors are most welcome.

**Royal British Legion
Shipston Branch**



Poppy Appeal: 29 Oct – 13 Nov

We need Poppy People to join our team of volunteers and help the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal to keep on growing.

A little of your time will mean a lot of money for our vital work. In fact, the November Poppy Appeal raises over half the money we need to help service men and women, past and present, every year.

For just two hours of your time, you could raise £50, helping The Legion to stay on duty round the clock.

If you would like to assist by joining our team of collectors, please contact our Chairman, Richard Adams, on 01608 662328 or richardadams5@hotmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch



At our meeting on 8th September thanks were expressed to Mike Robbins who had acted as Chairman and Secretary for over 10 years for his past service with best wishes for the future. A new Chairman, George Houghton, agreed to take on this role and Helen Hall and Margaret Wilson jointly agreed to act as Secretary - all agreeing to do this for a maximum of three years. The police, who attend these meetings, were asked to look at speeding along Darlingscote Road, Telegraph Street and round the gyratory.

Although there is no longer a police presence in Shipston, in addition to the fortnightly surgeries at the library there is a free 24-hour helpline sited outside the former police station should they need to be contacted. The next meeting is on Thursday 8th December at the Scout Hut, New Road, starting at 8 o'clock and all members of the public are welcome.

Shipston & District Literary Society

The Society is fortunate to have Dr Christiania Whitehead of the University of Warwick to speak at the November meeting. Christiania's topic will be "The Arthurian Legend in Medieval and Post-Medieval Literature". The Society will meet at the George Hotel in Shipston, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th November. All are welcome, either to join the Society as members or as visitors to attend one meeting. For further information, please telephone 01608 663482 or 01789 450737.

Armix returns to Chipping Campden

Local Contemporary Art group, ARTMIX, will be holding its 4th Christmas Exhibition in the fabulous Chipping Campden Town Hall on the weekend of the 5th and 6th of November.

Visitors will be able to view and purchase stunning works of original art direct from the artists, whilst enjoying original music from professional musicians and friends of the Porter family, together with a glass of wine to begin the festive season.

Heather Bailey, artist, said, "As a group we are renowned for putting on an exciting, vibrant and welcoming display of local art in a beautiful setting. This year, photography, paintings, ceramics and glass will all feature in the exhibition and it will be an ideal opportunity to acquire unique and individual work, which could make that special Christmas gift."

The event kicks off with a preview evening on Friday the 4th, from 7 until 9pm and the exhibition continues on Saturday 5th, 11am to 6pm and Sunday 6th, 11am to 4pm. Entry is free.

Further information available from Penny Varley on 01295 680700.

Senior Citizen's Action Network



The next meeting of Shipston SCAN will take place on Tuesday, 8th November 2011 at the Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston from 10:00 to 12:00.

Guest speakers and their talks will be Chris Grimley, Service Manager, Guidepost Carers, - "The Challenges for Informal Carers", and Arthur Lowe, World Swimming Champion, "Tenacity is a Talent".

Admission is free and all young-at-heart over 50s are welcome. Free refreshments will be served from 10:00am, followed by the speakers at 10:30am. We have a PA system in place for those who are hard of hearing and you will have an opportunity to 'Have your Say' on the topics at the end of each talk.

If you would like to attend SCAN meetings but have any difficulties such as personal mobility or lack of transport please contact the Chairman, Brian Fletcher on 01608 661308 to discuss possible ways in which we can help.

Diamond Jubilee Crew



Fundraising continues apace with a disco this month (see ad on page 10) followed by Christmas Bingo on the 10th December.

There will also be another Coffee Morning at the Townsend Hall on Saturday December 17th.

The photography exhibition has now been launched (see news item on page 2) and many other events are planned. You can keep up to date with what is happening by looking at our websites: www.shipstonjubileecrew.com or www.shipstonevents.com where you can register to become a member and receive all the latest information.

Our next open meeting is on the 7th November and all interested parties are more than welcome, whether they are individuals or as a member of an organisation.

A successful weekend at Shipston RFC



At the recent Minis Festival on 2nd October, we were joined by teams from Claverdon, Stow and Evesham. The day was fantastic with over 300 players between the ages of 7 and 12 years participating. The weather was unbelievably kind for the time of year and we managed to BBQ match food for over 500 people.

All of our senior teams had a great day prior to the festival, with our 1st, 2nd and 3rds all winning their matches and now enjoying high positions in their respective leagues.

We have an open invitation to you to come and share in our success, watch rugby and enjoy our facility, hospitality and range of beers and snacks. All details of fixtures and events are available on our website www.shipstonrugbyclub.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you.

Shipston Proms – calling all event organisers

Music 2012

If anybody is planning a music event during the Shipston Proms period - June 15 to June 30, please contact Richard Taylor on 01608 661511 to discuss the inclusion in the Shipston Proms programme for next year.

Shipston on Stour WI



Mr. Bill Hannis stepped in bravely to fill the gap when the scheduled speaker had to cancel at the last minute. Mr. Hannis talked about his long and distinguished career in the police service: his worth was recognised early and promotion followed. His work covered a huge range of police work in Warwickshire, the Metropolitan Police Service, and nationally, and Bill rose high in the ranks. Bill recounted an early incident of moving a fellow officer into the Police House in Sheep Street (all the light bulbs had been taken!) and some old Shipstonians may well remember Constable Bob Smith. He also skilfully interwove his talk on police work with a fascinating insight into his family history. Bill has now retired back to Warwickshire and, remembering Bob Smith's days here, he has chosen friendly Shipston as the place to live.

The rest of the meeting was taken up with arrangements for the 90th birthday of Shipston WI and the 2012 Warwickshire Women's Institute Olympics, no less! There will be beetle drives, Scrabble championships, darts competitions, skittles - all challenging stuff. And the Queen's Diamond Jubilee has to be celebrated too. With all the above going on, the Shipston Branch will still find time to walk, knit, study drama, read books and talk about them, and lunch.

The next meeting is on 2nd November, 7pm at the Catholic Parish Hall, Darlingscote Road, when Rod Quilter will be talking about 'Remarkable Restraints'

Rotary Club

Honour for Rotary supporter

Neil Davis, Chairman of Fosseyway Hire, was recently awarded his 'Friend of Shipston Rotary' scroll from President, Nigel Willis. Neil was accorded this rare honour because he has helped Shipston Rotary for a great many years with the enormous quantity of lighting needed for the Rotary Victorian Evening.



Meeting updates

Shipston Rotary Vice President, Colin Black, recently organised a visit to Tamworth Castle to view some of the more than 3,000 items found in the Staffordshire gold hoard. Photos simply do not do justice to the astonishingly intricate craftsmanship. Few jewellers could make these beautiful objects with all the tools available today. Experts are baffled as to how they were made 1,500 years ago, in the so-called dark ages.

Shipston Rotary does a lot with the High School as Jonathan Baker, High School Head Teacher, readily acknowledged when he kindly came to talk to us recently. Rotary Young Chef, Rotary Youth Speaks, Rotary Awards, help with CVs and mock interviews were mentioned by Mr Baker. He said the school has made admirable progress in recent years in many areas but especially academically, and is now oversubscribed.

Jonathan kindly invited all members of Shipston Rotary to one of their delicious school lunches followed by a tour of the school. Super idea!

Rotary Tree of life and Victorian Evening

Don't Forget to contact Avryl Thompson on 01789 740 047 if you would like to sponsor a light on the Rotary Tree of life in memory of a loved one this Christmas.

The Victorian Evening on 2nd December is already shaping up to be a fantastic event. See the ad on page 16 for details.

Shipston Music Society

At the next Shipston Music Society meeting, Graham Kiteley will be presenting "Mirror Images" with Musical Illustrations.

The meeting is on November 18th at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church, Shipston. Visitors welcome, £5.00. For further details, please call 01608 663207.

Stour Valley Lions



It's been a busy time for Lions organising and running numerous events in the community. Your continued support of our book sales, monthly cinema, race nights, health checks, quiz nights, magazine deliveries and other events is vital in our efforts to raise funds for needy residents and organisations.

Recent fundraising events include the Race Night at Newbold (see article on page 6) and the following:

Musical evening. Ynysowen Male Choir and opera singer Susan Coates performed a repertoire of songs for an audience of 125 town residents at St Edmund's Church. The concert was organised to raise funds for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance and it is estimated that around £1,100 was raised on the night.

Health & Wellbeing. Lions have donated £100 to Shipston Medical Centre towards medical equipment for the surgery. Lions supported the Medical staff at the Active 11 Health and Wellbeing day at Shipston Sports Club. During the day, 57 residents came forward to have their blood tested and around 80 had their blood pressure taken. In addition health advice was given to everyone who was tested.

STOP PRESS:

Lions Book Shop now open alternate Wednesdays

Due to the fantastic support from our volunteers, and in response to public demand, the Lions Book Shop is now open alternate Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm. A wide range of second-hand books is available, including fiction, children's, gardening and art books.

If you're looking for the perfect Christmas present, the shop is now stocking the WI Lite charity cookbook, featuring recipes donated by some of our local area's finest chefs. The book features 60 food and drink recipes and costs just £8.

Profits from all book sales are used to support local charities. For details, contact David Squires on pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk

District Council update

The most important thing I believe to be raised is to give thanks to Alan Ridley and his staff at the Co-op in Shipston on Stour for launching a sponsored bus to bring residents on a Saturday from local villages and towns into Shipston. This is a scheme our local MP and I both worked on with Alan and are very pleased.



Regarding road adoption around Beecham Road I was happy to attend the residents' meeting and again, the MP and I are working closely to deliver the desired result and were only too happy to get the road adoption process started.

Shipston Youth Club is still an important topic and as I attended the recent Conservative Party Conference, I was given the opportunity to go onto the main stage and ask a question about Big Society to 3 Ministers and a Member of the House of Lords. I spoke of Shipston and The Outhouse and how young and old had come together to keep a much needed service going with help from many associations, such as the Town Council. Further help is still needed so please get in touch with Revd Daniel Pulham to offer your support and ideas.

As always the next street surgery will be held on the 2nd Saturday of November (12th November) and I look forward to seeing all who turn up. Please contact me on my e-mail, jonathan.gullis@stratford-dc.gov.uk or follow me on twitter @JonathanEGullis.

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

County Council update

Warwickshire Waste Core Strategy

The County Council has just launched an important consultation



upon its waste core planning strategy. Planning applications upon Waste Disposal, Landfill, Green Waste treatment plants, Recycling Centres and Sewage Treatment works are all dealt with at Warwick. They are not any matter for Stratford-on-Avon District Council. This consultation is about the County wide policies that will be in force when future planning applications for landfill or waste treatment are determined.

Why should you take an interest? Simple, this is one of the very limited opportunities for you to shape our policy. If you wait until a scary planning application comes in, it may be too late. Speak now, to provide control over future plans, so that your views are heard.

The consultation consists of a questionnaire upon the Core Strategy with waste policies and options described in an accompanying booklet. You can read this all on the Warwickshire Direct Website. Paper copies will be lodged in the Town library, Elizabeth House, Church St., Stratford-upon-Avon and Shire Hall, Warwick, off the Market Place.

Consultation responses should be returned to Tony Lyons at Warwickshire County Council on FREEPOST LG111, PO Box 43, Warwick, CV34 4BR by 7th November 2011

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NHS News – Shipston Medical Centre

Flu – symptoms and management

Flu is an unpleasant illness, which starts with a raised temperature, fever, headache, muscle aches and chestiness. There is no cure, and people suffering with flu have to wait until the virus runs its course.

The following can help relieve the symptoms of flu in adults:

- Stay somewhere where the temperature is even and drink plenty of fluids
- Regular doses of paracetamol, according to guidelines on the packet, will relieve the headache and help reduce the fever.
- Ibuprofen 200mg x 1 or 2 every 4-6 hours will help relieve muscular pain

It is safe to take both paracetamol and ibuprofen at the same time, but please do not exceed the dosage on the packet. Do be careful when taking cold and flu remedies, as these often have paracetamol in them.

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



If you think you have flu, please avoid infecting other people by covering your nose when you sneeze and by washing your hands regularly. We would also advise you don't go anywhere where lots of other people will be present as this reduces the possibility of affecting others.

When you should contact your GP:

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

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

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Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
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Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Town Council	01608 662180
Shipston Recycling Centre	01608 663560
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Something exciting to share?

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

Copy deadline: First Wednesday of every month

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

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

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Shipston Rotary

Rotary Victorian Evening

Shipston Town Centre

Rotary Tree of Life

Glowing proudly throughout the Christmas festive season in memory of loved ones.



Friday
2nd December
6pm to 8pm

Fun for all the family

To be opened by Kay Alexander



See Father Christmas in his Grotto at The Toffee Apple Toy Shop



Stilt walker, Punch and Judy, Victorian street organ, face painting, pig roast, Best Dressed Window competition, market stalls and much more.



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