



Shipston Forum

The community newsletter for Shipston-on-Stour

September 2014

Remembering Shipston's fallen, one hundred years on

The Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion is working with Shipston Town Council to dedicate an open space in the town to be come a Centenary Field, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

The Centenary Fields project is a Legion UK-wide initiative aiming to secure recreational spaces in perpetuity to honour the memory of the millions of servicemen and women who lost their lives in World War I.

Subject to discussions with Stour Valley Lions, Shipston Town Council has identified the Gyratory Garden to be Shipston's Centenary Field.

Mayor, Philip Vial, said: "The Gyratory Garden is a central open space, well maintained by the Lions, which is why we have chosen it to be our Centenary Field. However, we recognise there are other recreational spaces around the town so if residents want to put forward alternatives, we would be happy to consider them". Residents are invited to contact the Town Clerk on 01608 662180 or clerk@shipstononline.org.uk with suggestions before the next council meeting on the 8th September.

Shipston lost 36 servicemen in the war, the first of whom died in March 1915. From March 2015, the Shipston Forum will run an article in memory of each local soldier who died on the centenary anniversary of their death. Richard



HRH The Duke of Cambridge KG KT launched Centenary Fields in Coventry in July

Adams, Chairman of the Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion, suggested the idea which town councillors were only too happy to support. "I'm delighted the town council will be supporting this idea which will allow residents to find out a bit more about each of the Shipston men who made the supreme sacrifice during the First World War." Said Mr Adams.

For more information about the work of the Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion, please visit www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/shipston or find them on Facebook.

Shipston Food Festival launches Sheep Pie-Making Contest!

The Shipston Food Festival is celebrating Shipston's woolly heritage in gastronomic style with the launch of its Sheep Pie competition.

The main category in the cooking competition will be the creation of a sheep pie to serve four people. There are no restrictions on other ingredients, the shape or the style of the pie, as long as lamb plays a leading role. Chairman of the festival, Dan Scobie, explained: "Shipston owes a great deal to sheep. The wool industry is a vital part of our history and Shipston itself translates as "Sheep Wash Town". We're combining that history with the Great British Pie to make the perfect cooking competition. Not surprisingly, we have a number of willing judges lined up!"

With less than a month to go to Shipston's Food and Beer Festival weekend, the organising committee are calling on all bakers and jam makers to take part in the event's cooking competition.

With youngsters having their own categories (see page 4)

adults will not only have the pie championships to enter, but will be encouraged to fight it out in the bread, jam and chutney challenges too. Keen bakers will also be tasked with making a cake from a choice of two set recipes.

For more details about Shipston's Food Festival, turn to page six.



Are you up for the Sheep Pie Challenge? Photo by Ruth Ellison @RuthEllison

Mayor's column



This has been a month of remembrance for most, and I was honoured to attend the service of commemoration for the anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1, organised by the Lord Lieutenant, in Warwick. I was also delighted that so many people observed the lights out on the 4th August – and on that night attended a commemorative reading of Trench Poetry organised by Baggie Saunders. We should not forget the sacrifice made by so many people for our country. The Shipston Forum will be printing potted biographies of all of the fallen on the 100th anniversary of their death (see page one for details).

The Fish 'n' Frolics event organised by Shipston's Anglers was another superb event and I was delighted to give out the prizes on its final day. I'm pleased that they recruited many more juniors to their ranks – Shipston is becoming the place to be for youth sport.

September 1st remains the deadline for you to nominate yourself for the vacancy on the Town Council. Please write to the Town Clerk introducing yourself and why you may be an asset to the council.

Finally the second Shipston Food Festival is coming on September 21st. There are competitions coming up this year – with the centrepiece being the 'Shipston Pie Competition' for sheep-based pies! If you'd like more information on how to enter contact Rachel Vial on rachelhelenvial@gmail.com

Philip Vial

Town Council urges local businesses to clear the way for pedestrians

Shipston Town Council is calling on local businesses to spare a thought for pedestrians when using advertising boards (so-called A-boards) and displaying products outside their business.

While councillors are keen to support businesses in attracting customers, the growth in A boards around the town centre is making it harder of pedestrians to get around, particularly those in wheelchairs, mobility scooters and those using pushchairs. Mayor, Philip Vial, said: "We have to be particularly careful about the use of A boards on our streets. Many are already narrow so any obstruction can become hazardous."

According to the Warwickshire County Council guide: "It is important that the number, size and positioning of items on the pavement are regulated to ensure that they do not become unreasonable and cause difficulties for pedestrians, particularly those with impaired vision or mobility problems, the elderly or those with young children."

A copy of the Code of Practice can be downloaded from the town council website at www.shipstononline.org/downloads. If you have any queries or would like to report a concern about advertising boards, please contact the Town Clerk on 01608 662180.

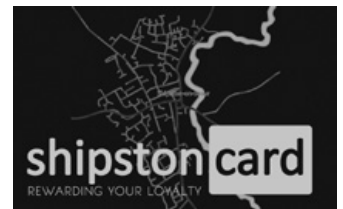
Shipston Loyalty Card celebrates third anniversary

The Shipston Loyalty Card Scheme is gearing up to celebrate its third birthday, with a host of offers and treats in store for cardholders.

The Shipston Loyalty Card was launched in 2011 to help local businesses attract new customers and share information about new offers and products. Over 2,500 people now have a loyalty card and have been benefiting from points-based offers and discounts over the past three years.

To mark the anniversary, participating shops will be running a series of special offers based around the number "3". If you don't already have a card, sign up between now and the end of September to be included in the cardholder prize draw which will feature goodies from local traders.

Look out for more information in the shops and online at www.facebook.com/ShipstonCard or follow @ShipstonCard on twitter.



New manager, new future for Stour Enterprise Centre

The Stour Enterprise Centre has appointed a new centre manager, Vaughan Randle (pictured), who will be responsible for raising the profile of the centre and ensuring it is well used by businesses across the Stour Valley.

Vaughan, a recent Business Management and Enterprise graduate, took up the post in August, which is being funded by Coventry and Warwickshire University, with support from Shipston Town Council.



To find out more about how the Enterprise Centre can support your business, visit www.stourenterprise.co.uk or call 01608 619693.

Free electric blanket tests coming soon

Warwickshire Trading Standards is testing electric blankets free of charge, for residents aged 50 or over. The nearest test centre for Shipston residents will be Briar Croft, Stratford on Fri 3rd October 2014.

Testing is by appointment only and on a first come first served basis. A two blanket per person maximum has been set.

To book, call Trading Standards on: 01926 414016 or email: ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk. Find out more at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/productsafety

August's hot topics

Great British High Street: Shipston has entered the Great British High Street Awards which now has a prize fund of £50,000 to be shared across five categories. To add support for the bid, residents are being asked to tweet what they love about Shipston using the hashtag #GBHighSt or post on www.facebook.com/ShipstonCard

Fishing for fun: Philip Vial led the congratulations to Shipston's Angling Club for arranging another successful Fish 'n' Frolics event, during which approximately 25 new junior members joined the club.

Fewer floods: Councillors cautiously welcomed the work which has been completed at the end of Darlingscote Road which appears to have fixed the surface water flooding issues. Work is also planned to rectify drainage problems on Station Road. Jackie Warner reported concerns from a resident at Cripplegate that drains on the Stratford Road were still blocked.

Vehicle activated signs: The Town Clerk will write to Warwickshire County Council to formally request a date for installation of the 30mph signs on the Stratford Road and London Road. In the meantime, General Purposes will request more 'kill your speed' signs from the Road Safety team at WCC. Separate concerns were raised about very fast traffic in the early hours of the morning on London Road.

Crossing demand: Shipston Town Council will request a feasibility study be done by WCC road safety team to look at a crossing on Darlingscote Road, near Greenway Road, to help children going to the primary school.

Campaigning for Shipston

Wool Fair Future: Representatives from the Wool Fair Committee gave a useful insight into the success and longer-term impact of the increasingly successful Shipston Wool Fair. The committee is looking for funding from the town council to secure the event's future. Ian Cooper will liaise with the team to enable a formal proposal to be put to the council through the community grants scheme.

Polling station frustration: Concerns were expressed about the continued use of the Sheldon Bosley Hub as a polling station given its relative inaccessibility for those who don't drive. A review of polling stations may lead to changes although there is some doubt over the size and parking availability at the Scout Hut which had been suggested as a potential alternative venue.

Planning applications: Councillors unanimously opposed the proposed vehicle access for the development at Springhill on Stratford Road which is thought to be dangerous due to lack of visibility and the speed of passing traffic. Concerns were also expressed about the lack of any s106 provision being made for the medical centre as part of the Banner Homes development on Campden Road which has now been approved.

Town Council business

Playground inspections: These will now be carried out by Lawns2Mow on behalf of the town council.

Forum business news: The Shipston Forum will aim to run short news pieces when new businesses open in the town. However, it will be the responsibility of the business concerned to alert the editor.

Sustainability group: Ronnie Murphy has replaced Philip Vial on the Sustainability Working Group.

Monthly markets: Ian Cooper is liaising with the market provider to come up with a series of monthly markets, beginning in October. The plan is to hold a market every second Sunday in the town square.

New Clark House Update



Understanding the role of your Town Council

With three tiers of local government operating in this area, it is not uncommon for there to be confusion over which council is responsible for what in Shipston. Although we champion a full range of issues on behalf of Shipston residents, it is often the county or district council which has the power to take action to resolve an issue.

In most cases, highways issues are the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council's Highways Department. Potholes, street light faults and blocked drains can all be reported directly by residents by calling 01926 410410 (or the dedicated numbers shown in last month's Forum).

Most planning matters are dealt with by Stratford District Council, although the town council is invited to give a view on all applications. If town councillors reject an application, it will be heard at Stratford District Council's Planning Committee, giving the opportunity for Shipston's voice to be heard.

Free and Confidential Advice on your doorstep! – The CAB Outreach Service

The Citizens' Advice Bureau has been running an outreach service for residents of Shipston for many years, and in the last year has helped over 120 local residents with a wide variety of issues.

The service is free, confidential, and impartial and available to anyone who needs advice. The CAB can assist with any problem, but typical enquiries include debt, benefits, housing, employment and relationship problems. In all cases, advice given is free of charge.

Your CAB adviser is available every Monday at New Clark House on West Street. The service is run on an appointment basis, and residents of Shipston can book an appointment by calling 01789 200136. A home visit service is also available for those who cannot make it to New Clark House.

Georgina Beaumont

Town Clerk

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New website for DASH - Drugs Action Shipston

Drugs Action Shipston, the local charity which provides support, advice and counselling to those affected by drug or alcohol abuse, has just unveiled its new website at www.dashshipston.org

The website has been rebuilt to provide information about the charity, future planned events as well as useful articles and advice regarding the dangers of drugs, smoking and alcohol.

The site includes information about counselling services and contacts for further information and advice.

Rachel Vial, Chair of Dash, said "We are delighted to launch our new site which we hope will make it easy for Shipston's young people to access balanced, useful information about drugs, alcohol and smoking including where they can find confidential advice and support."

DASH is one of The Mayor's chosen charities for 2014/15 and continues to be supported by volunteers and community organisations.

Stour Valley Lions set poetry and calligraphy challenge

Stour Valley Lions recently challenged the students of Shipston High school to create a poem, present it in beautiful handwriting and design a border to compliment the theme of the poem.



The competition was designed to enable the students to show off their creative and artistic talents. The results were impressive and judging was tough.

The winners of the competition were:

Year 7 – Maria Booth, Lucy Jones, Tobias Perkins

Year 8 – Amba Prickett, Hettie Gardner

Year 9 – Freya Liddell, Jess Digweed,

Sam Bowers, Megan Watkins

Year 10 – Dale Boswell.

Congratulations to all the successful students.

Shipston High School to host Open Evening

Following a very successful Open Morning for Year 5 pupils in July, Shipston High School is holding an Open Evening on Thursday 18th September from 7pm to which everyone is welcome.

For those parents who are unable to come on that evening the High School is happy to arrange separate visits up to October half term before the closing date for Warwickshire admissions at the end of October.

Please contact the Headteacher's Secretary on 01608 661833 for more information.

Welcome to Dash

Dash has now been going for over 10 years and was formed by the local police and is supported by WCC, Stratford DC, Shipston Town Council, Shipston Medical Centre and local schools.

To date DASH has been successful in achieving its aims as there is no longer the drugs problem there once was and hundreds of our young people have received education, counselling, and support as a result of the work DASH undertakes. DASH is also very mindful of how situations can change and keeps in close contact with the medical Centre, Schools, The Youth Club and the local Police to monitor the situation.

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<p>Counselling</p> <p>A fast and slick theme framework which provides a rich tool set to develop cross-platform themes.</p> <p>read more</p>	<p>Drugs</p> <p>If you or someone close to you has developed a problem with drugs, there is help at hand.</p> <p>read more</p>	<p>Alcohol</p> <p>Drinking is considered by many to be a harmless social activity.</p> <p>read more</p>	<p>Smoking</p> <p>Eighty per cent of adult smokers commenced smoking before the age of 18 years.</p> <p>read more</p>
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Get baking ahead of Shipston Food Festival!

With Shipston's Food Festival fast approaching, the town's youngest bakers are being encouraged to get stuck in and enter the baking competition, which takes place on Saturday 20th September.

There are four categories for youngsters to show off their creative skills:

- Three decorated biscuits
- 6 homemade biscuits
- Best vegetable model
- Shipston Food Festival logo colouring competition. (Templates available to download from www.shipstonfoodfestival.co.uk)

The entries will be judged in the following age ranges: under 7s; 8-11 years; 12-16 years. All entries need to be taken to the Townsend Hall between 2 and 2:45pm ahead of judging at 3pm.

Mayor, and judge, Philip Vial, said "I'm really looking forward to judging the entries from our young bakers and artists. I'm afraid you really can't judge a biscuit without tasting it so I will have to take a bite out of the entries to make a really sound decision!"

Visit www.shipstonfoodfestival.co.uk for more details.



Practising those baking skills ahead of competition day

Shipston Primary School

Shipston On Stour Primary School



Children go wild for My Money Week

Kind hearted children from Shipston Primary School were so moved by a visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, they decided to raise money for endangered animals during an entrepreneurial week.

Every year the school holds 'My Money Week' when each year group creates, designs and makes a product to go on sale.

Children are provided with a small sum of money to cover costs and are challenged to make a profit when the school playground is transformed into a market place at the end of the week.



In the case of Year 1, pupils recently heard a talk about African animals at the Cotswold Wildlife Park. The five and six - year olds were concerned to discover that some animals are in danger of becoming

extinct and decided to make wildlife themed greetings cards, postcards and bookmarks.

The children, who raised over £50 for the Cotswold Wildlife Park's work to support conservation in the wild in Africa, wrote a letter which said: "We were inspired to help you save the animals".

Shipston Primary achieves academy status

Shipston Primary School is starting the new autumn term having achieved academy status.

The school officially becomes an academy on 1 September and has converted along with its federated sister school Acorns Primary in Long Compton.

Over the past two years school governors have been investigating and assessing the full benefits and implications of the schools having greater autonomy under academy status. This includes the schools receiving direct funding from central government rather than through the local authority and increased control over the curriculum.

Head of Federation Christian Hilton explained: "We needed to be absolutely sure that any conversion would be in the best interests of pupils, staff and our schools. Shipston Primary and Acorns in Long Compton are very successful schools and we feel that the move to academy status will give us greater independence to innovate and raise standards."

He added: "As the schools will continue to keep their separate identities, uniforms and school day, pupils, parents and carers are unlikely to see any changes in September. However, behind the scenes the schools will be able to do more with their resources and in time people should notice improvements as a result of the schools becoming an academy."

Shipston High School

The start of a new school year

Returning to work following any kind of holiday is sometimes difficult. Things seem to have changed but inevitably by the time morning break has arrived it feels as though you have never been away! When our students return to school on 2nd September there will be some changes, but changes in a positive and exciting way.

Mr Paul Chapman has taken over as Chair of Governors with immediate effect from Mr Bob Armstrong who until now has been Acting Chair. The school would like to formally record its thanks to Mr Armstrong and his predecessor Mr Gary Feary for all of their work leading to the conversion of the school to become an academy. Their tireless efforts on our behalf have been exceptional and we are delighted that they are both continuing their involvement with the school by remaining on the Board of Governors.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new intake of Year 7 students and have once again exceeded our admission number to accommodate every student who wishes to attend Shipston High School. At just over 450 students the school is set to be the largest size it has

been for a very long time. At the top end of the school the new prefect team is ready to take up their responsibilities, being headed by the four new Senior Prefects Connor Rose, Emma Richardson, Ben Bryan and Holly Holcombe.

These senior prefects were chosen following a very rigorous selection process including staff and student consultation, submitting a formal "job application" and attending a panel interview by the Shipston High School "Dragons Den" of Mr Baker, Mr Harris, Mr Chapman and last year's senior prefects. A daunting experience for even the most practised job seekers!

In a more material sense, building work on our new teaching block is due to commence in the Autumn for completion next Spring. Finally after the long wait and meetings too many to count Phase 1 will come to fruition with the appearance of new mathematics classrooms and a specialist languages centre. In the meantime we will be taking advantage of three temporary classrooms to tide us over until the new block is finished.



Shipston Food Festival receives boost from local businesses

The countdown to this year's Shipston Food Festival has begun, with organisers busy putting the final touches to what promises to be an even bigger and better event than last year.

Thanks to support from local businesses Shipston Food Festival will take place over three days, beginning on Friday 19th September with the Beer Festival at Shipston Rugby Club. On Saturday 20th, entries will be invited into the baking competition (see pages one and four for details) and the all important judging will take place.

The Town Square will host the main event on Sunday 21st, with the High Street and Market Place expected to be full to bursting with gourmet goodies. The event is being sponsored by Hook Norton Brewery, Cooperative Food, Shipston Card, Taste of the Country and KMS Litho Print.

Chairman, Dan Scobie, said: "We are very grateful to all our sponsors who have helped make this year's festival possible. We are really excited about the event and we look forward to welcoming as many people as possible throughout the



Crowds packed the square during last year's food festival

weekend."

As well as stalls, there will be live entertainment and a fundraising raffle with fantastic prizes. The best advice? Arrive hungry!

Have fun while fundraising in Shipston this month

There are many charity events in the Shipston calendar this month which provide the perfect opportunity to have fun in aid of a good cause.

Shipston Home Nursing has a very busy schedule, starting with the Armscote Manor workshops and continuing with the glitzy "Strictly Hetherington" ball on the 13th September. A short while later, the SHN team will be busy baking during their annual Bake-a-thon (and sell-a-thon at the Food Festival), rounding the month off with a Golf Day on the 30th.

For details of all events, visit www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

On Saturday 6th September, everyone is welcome at the Cancer Research coffee morning at the Townsend Hall, followed a month later by a Race Night on the 4th October.

Shipston Cricket Club is hoping to be able to reschedule its fundraising fun day sometime in September so keep an eye on www.shipstononline.org for the latest event news.

Fabulous Fishing Festival attracts record numbers

Shipston Angling Club's annual Fishing and Entertainment Festival weekend, Fish'n'Frolics, was a great success, with a number of new members joining the angling club and a fun time being had by all.

Record numbers of children and young people queued up to try fishing on the river with licensed casting coach, Angus Campbell, with many given free fishing equipment donated by sponsors Bait-Tech, The National Fishing Month and The Environment Agency.



The Fish N Frolics event was a great success

Visitors flocked to the Environment Agency's Marquee to see a large tank full of coarse fish and live video link into the river showing fish swimming by. In addition to the fishy fun, children enjoyed fairground rides, a giant slide and trampolines, while parents tried their hand at Laser Shooting and maggot racing.

The Sports Club and restaurant marquee both reported record attendance numbers. Friday night's main band 'Zool' was supported by Chloe Hanks and Chris Wright. Saturday night's live band J.E.E.P supported by local band 'Me, Him & The Others' went down very well. The closing evening on Sunday featured a spectacular sound and light display by Shipston based company, Clearsound Productions, set to the sound of Stratford band 'Off The Grid'. Hundreds of people made the most of the warm evening and the dancing and chatting continued until late.

The Festival was launched the previous weekend when four Duck races were held at Willington Bridge. The launch event was well supported by the local community and organisations, resulting in £440 being raised for Shipston Home Nursing and Fight for Sight. Mayor Philip Vial presented the cheques on the Sunday of the main festival.

For details of the fishing results, see the write up on page 11.

Regular events:

- Mon Citizens Advice Bureau:** Mornings, New Clark House. To book a free appointment, call 01789 200136
 - Mon Fitsteps:** 9.30-10.30am, Sheldon Bosley Hub. Other classes available. Contact Michelle on 07764496947.
 - Mon St John's Ambulance:** Badgers, 6-7pm. Cadets 7-8:30pm. Meet at Shipston Fire Station. Contact: Josie Bayliss, 684834
 - Mon Shipston Duplicate Bridge Club:** 7pm for 7.15pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Rd, Shipston-on-Stour. Call Penny Law 663871
 - Tues Stroke Club:** Fortnightly (2, 16, 30) 10am-12pm Scout Hut
 - Tues Rhyme time for under 2s:** Now every Tuesday. 10.45am Shipston Library. Free. Contact: 0300 555 8171
 - Tues Age Concern Lunch Club at Stour Court.** Contact: Stella 686224
 - Tues Silver Surfer Computer Lessons,** Shipston Library 2pm. Booking essential. Contact: 0300 558171 (also on Thurs)
 - Tues Bingo:** Alternate Tuesdays. Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Sheldon Bosley Hub. Contact: 661886
 - Tues Aerobics:** Shipston Rugby Club. 6.30-7.30pm. Suitable for all fitness levels. Contact Vanessa on 0797 140 3383
 - Tues Shipston on Stour Rotarians:** Halford Bridge Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Adrian Ramskill 0797 656 6525.
 - Weds Coffee at St Edmunds Church.** 10.30am-12pm. All welcome.
 - Weds U3A Chicago Bridge:** Social Bridge 2pm-4.30pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact Roger Smith on 01608 238400.
 - Thur Shipston Stitchers:** 10am to 3pm, alternate Thursdays.
 - Thur Story Stomp:** Shipston Library, 11.30am-12pm. Stories and rhymes for children aged 2 – 4. Free.
 - Thur Age Concern Lunch Club at Rainbow Fields.** Contact: Diana 01789 740627
 - Thur Safer Neighbourhood Team:** Fortnightly. Public surgery, 2.30pm to 3pm. New Clark House, West Street.
 - Thur Aerobics:** (details as above)
 - Thur Stour Singers,** open to all, 7.40pm at Shipston Primary School. Contact Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587.
 - Fri Walks over fields** with friendly group. Leaves Old Mill car park at 10am. Contact: Marlene, 663616
 - Fri Age Concern Lunch Club Stour Ct** Contact: Linda 01789 722433
 - Fri Shipston Probus:** alternate Fridays
- There are lots of regular classes on at the Townsend Hall. Visit www.townsendhall.com or call Lisa Bryan on 07800 771368.**

30 Aug Broom Hill Mardi Gras Festival: Nr Compton Wynyates. From 2pm. For details www.bluesatbroomhill.co.uk or call 07775 644075.

September Diary

- 2 Chatterbooks:** Reading group for 8-11 year olds. 4pm-5pm, Shipston Library. Join us for games, activities and refreshments
- 3 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. The Coach House, Church Street, Shipston (opposite the Library). To donate books contact Lion David Squires on pinnegards@tiscali.co.uk
- Shipston Widows:** Lunch. 12pm. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Shipston-on-Stour Women's Institute:** The Hat Box - A Day at the Races by Christine Abel. 7pm, Catholic Church Hall, Darlingscote Road. Contact: Jane Hanks 664519
- 5 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston Dementia Cafe:** 2pm-3.30pm, Community Lounge,

- 6 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Litter Pick:** All welcome. Meet at New Clark House, West Street at 10am. Equipment & refreshments provided. Contact: Fay Ivens 662133 or fayivens@aol.com
- Cancer Research Coffee Morning:** 10am. See ad on page 9
- 8 Shipston Home Nursing Cable Knitting Workshop:** Armscote Manor. 10am - 4.00pm. Contact: Deborah 01608 682375 to book
- Shipston Town Council Monthly Meeting** 7pm, New Clark House. All welcome. Contact: Georgina Beaumont 662180
- 9 Senior Citizens Action Network meeting (SCAN):** 10am-11.30am, Townsend Hall, Sheep Street. Free admission, all young-at-heart over 50s welcome. Contact: Jane Pearce 663491
- Shipston Home Nursing: Pruning and Training Workshop.** 10am - 4pm, Armscote Manor. Contact Deborah 01608 682375
- Shipston Flower Club:** 'Happiness is' with Jane Fox. 7.30pm, Shipston Primary School. Contact: Elaine 01608 238255
- Stour Valley Lions Monthly Business Meeting:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel, Shipston. Contact: John Cavana 01295 722287
- 10 Shipston and District Gardening Club:** Members Evening. Vegetable, fruit and produce competitions. 7.30pm, Catholic Church, Darlingscote Rd. Contact: Tony Mitchell 666933
- 11 Library Reading Group:** 7pm, Shipston Library.
- Royal British Legion – Shipston Branch:** Committee Meeting. 7.30pm, New Clark House, West St. Contact: Mike Dobbin 664636
- 12 Lions Rural Cinema:** The Love Punch. 7pm. See ad on page 8
- 13 Mayor's Surgery:** 10am, High Street
- Shipston Home Nursing Strictly Hetherington:** See ad page 8
- 16 Shipston Arts and Crafts Society:** 400 Years in the Stroud Textile Mills by Ian Mackintosh. 7.30pm, Catholic Church Hall. Visitors most welcome. Contact: Penny Law 663871
- 17 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 10am-4pm. Details as above
- Shipston Widows: Meeting.** 10.30am-12pm, Coach and Horses. Contact: Barbara Bean 663230
- Wool Fair AGM:** 6pm, New Clark House, Shipston
- 19 Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-4pm. Details as above
- Stour Valley Carers Group - Supporting Dementia Carers:** 10.30am-12pm, Ellen Badger Hospital. Friendly welcome for all visitors. Contact: Carl Watkins 663808 or Lizzy Feather 686013
- Dementia Friendly Singing Group:** Singing Down Memory Lane. 2pm-3.30pm. Community Lounge Stour Court, Old Road. Contact Dave Hollingworth 654444 or Barbara Smith 662433
- Music Society: Young Musicians Concert.** See ad on page 8
- 19-21 Shipston Food Festival:** See page 16
- 20 Shipston Home Nursing:** Bake-A-Thon. See ad on page 10
- Stour Valley Lions Book Sale:** 9.30am-2pm. Details as above
- Safer Neighbourhood Team:** Drop-In Surgery. 10am -11am at Shipston Library
- 23 Multiple Sclerosis Society:** 'Drop in' meeting. 10.30am at the George Hotel. Contact: Ann Bartlett 666161
- U3A Meeting:** 2pm, Townsend Hall. Visitors are welcome. Entry and refreshments £2.00
- 24 Shipston & District Literary Society:** 7.30pm, The George Hotel. Contact: Mary Edwards 01789 450737 or Malcolm Pollard 663482
- 27 Oxhill Barn Dance:** see page 13
- 30 Shipston Home Nursing:** Golf Day. Contact: Rebecca 674929 or rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk

STOUR VALLEY LION'S CINEMA



The Lovepunch sometimes love needs a little adventure
AFILM BY JOEL HOPKINS

PIERCE BROSNAN EMMA THOMPSON TIMOTHY SPALL CELIA IMRIE



SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL
Friday 12th September at 7:00 pm
Advance Tickets £3.50 (£4 on door)
 From: R. Clarke Electrical, 27 High Street, Shipston On Stour.
 Or Lion Judith Jackson. Tel: 01608-661148
 Interval for Raffle, Refreshments and snacks
 Disabled parking, access and toilets



Shipston Music Society
www.shipstonmusic.org.uk

Young Musicians' Concert



Hannah George Lyn

Hannah Brooks-Hughes (violin) George Wilkes (cello) accompanied by Lyn Carter (piano)
 Following their acclaimed performance in 2013!

In the Methodist Church
New Street, Shipston-on-Stour
@ 7.30pm Friday 19th September 2014

Guests £6.00 - Students & Under 16 £2.50
 New Members are always welcome
Registered Charity Number: 1140459 (England)



SHIPSTON HOME NURSING
 invites you to


Strictly Hetherington



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 2014
 Hetherington House, Idlicote Road, Halford CV36 5BP
 By very kind invitation of Peter and Anthea Whale

8.00pm - 2.00am | Black/white tie | £85 per ticket | 4 bottles of wine per table of 10
 CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION | DINNER | LIVE BAND | AUCTION

Please contact Rebecca to book a table on 01608 674929 or rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk



Wool Fair AGM

Join us for the the first Annual General Meeting of the Wool Fair committee

Wednesday 17th September
6pm at New Clark House

On the agenda will be a review of the 2014 Wool Fair and thoughts on how we ensure 2015's event is even better.

For more information, contact the Town Clerk on 01608 662180

Stour Valley Carers Group
Supporting Dementia Carers

Caring for a person with memory problems?

If so, drop-in to the monthly support group for family carers

on the
Third Friday every Month

10.30am - 12.00 noon

Day Unit Entrance
Ellen Badger Hospital
Shipston-on-Stour

Call in at any time to suit you and relax with a cuppa

Please contact
Carl Watkins on 01608 663808
or Lizzy Feather on 01608 686013
if you are interested in joining our support group

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SDCMBPESH

Drink Tea

Eat  Cake

Help Raise Money for Cancer Research

DONATIONS ONLY

The Townsend Hall

Shipston-on-Stour

Saturday 06th September 2014

10am till 12.30pm



SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

"HOSPICE CARE AT HOME"

Invite you to take part in our

Bake-A-Thon

on
Sat 20th September 2014 at 8am to 10pm

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

You can bake as many items as you like!

All produce baked will be sold at the Shipston Food Festival (21.9.14) in aid of Shipston Home Nursing.

There will also be a raffle with great prizes so come along and say hello at the sports club or at our stall at the food festival.

You will need to bring your own ingredients and baking tins on the day- we provide preparation space/tables and ovens. Possibly even a washer-upper or two!

Please contact Jodie Wright on 07835425244 or email ntyujw1@hotmail.com for more information or to register your place.

Race Night

& Supper

In conjunction with
The Lions

4th October

2014

In aid of Cancer Research!



The Townsend Hall

Doors open 7.00pm

Adults - £7.50

Children - £5.00

Raffle

Prizes to be Won

Price includes entry and supper

Tickets available from Shipston Post Office

Licensed Bar

Awards of Community Grants

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

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

All applications must be received by 31 October 2014 for consideration by the Finance Working Group. The Group will make recommendations to the Town Council in November 2014. Grants awarded will be for the year commencing 2015.

For full conditions and an application pack, please contact:

Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk
Shipston on Stour Town Council
New Clark House, West Street,
Shipston on Stour CV36 4HD

T: 01608 662180

Email: clerk@shipstononline.co.uk



Shipston Forum and Shipstononline website

The Town Council is inviting submissions for the following work:

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

The new contracts will begin on the 1st April 2015. Companies or individuals located in the town wishing to tender should submit their proposals no later than 10th October 2014.

For full details, please contact

Georgina Beaumont, Town Clerk
(Details on page 15)

Volunteer Transport Service

VASA's Volunteer Transport Service takes patients who are without their own transport to medical appointments at hospitals, doctors' surgeries and day centres both across the District and County, and outside.

The door-to-door service is essential to vulnerable people who otherwise would at best struggle to keep health care appointments, at worst not get to them at all.

The service is available to anyone who has a genuine need for transport. We usually require three day's notice prior to journey and for the volunteer driver's costs to be paid at the currently approved rate of 45p per mile.

If you would like to offer your services as a volunteer driver, we have opportunities in all areas of the Stratford on Avon District including Alcester, Shipston, Southam and surrounding villages, either on a regular or an occasional basis, depending upon how much time you have to give.

You will receive a mileage allowance of 45p a mile for authorised journeys. Your car will need to have a current insurance and, where applicable, MOT certificate.

If you have some time to spare, own a car, have patience and understanding and are willing to help others who would appreciate your support, please call Alison Moore on 01789 296344.

Guidance is available from the Inland Revenue for volunteer drivers who offer their services for an organised volunteer car scheme.

STOP PRESS: SOME BUS SERVICES IN SHIPSTON ARE CHANGING.

For details, visit www.shipstononline.org. For all local bus timetables, visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses

Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team

Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team and Warwickshire Trading Standards have been working together to tackle the problem of junk mail.

Through a joint initiative organised with Trading Standards and the local postal sorting office, the team has identified fraudulent postal companies who often target vulnerable members of the community.

One Company phoned a resident in Long Compton claiming to sell a medicine which cost £15. The company took the resident's personal details and the resident never received goods. The company also asked for bank details to set up a direct debit. Another resident was sold a call blocker via the phone costing £88 and received what looked like a cheap product worth a fraction of this cost. Trading Standards is currently investigating both companies.

Please do not trust anyone with your personal details or bank details. If you are receiving a lot of junk mail including lottery scams from abroad, clairvoyance's, money making competitions, contact PCSO Emma Turner at Shipston Police Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01789 444670.

September singing

Stour Singers and their audience alike were deeply moved by Brahms' Requiem, which they performed in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston, in May, with soprano Robyn Allegra Parton and baritone Quentin Hayes as soloists, and Fiona Brown and Sara Harris at the piano. As the choir approaches its fortieth anniversary year in 2015, Richard Emms as conductor and director since its inception continues to inspire and energise the choir to communicate both intimately and powerfully with the audience.



Stour Singers truly is open to all – whatever age, stage, or musical ability, and is a wonderful local opportunity to share in making music. If you have sung previously, or if the idea is new to you, and you would like to try singing with a friendly choral society, you would be very welcome. The choir meets in Shipston Primary School's Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30.p.m., starting on 4th September, and you can find out more by contacting Yvonne Ridley (Co-ordinator) on 01789 269587, or by visiting the website: www.stoursingers.org.uk

We would especially like to invite students in secondary and further education to join us, (and for you, there is no cost). The Christmas Concert this year – on 13th December – features works by Michael Haydn, Joseph Haydn, Mozart and Buxtehude, together with carols.

Citizens' Advice Bureau

Make your money go further with free help from the Citizens Advice Bureau

Life has its ups and downs. Some of us get married, some of us get divorced, and some of us stay single. We face redundancy and long periods of unemployment, then we find new jobs. Some of us have children who then go to college, while some children stay put. We all experience illness at some point in our lives, or we might need to care for a friend or relative who is ill or frail. All these things can impact on our ability to earn and to make ends meet, but we can all take a few simple but positive steps to stop our finances becoming an issue.

What is on the horizon for you? Have you been able to plan ahead?

Helen Knight is a financial capability worker at Stratford CAB. She can help you to adapt to the changes that life brings. Being more financially capable means many different things: making sure you've got the best deal for your fuel; knowing that you're claiming the right benefits for your particular circumstances; knowing how to deal with any debt in the safest and most efficient way; and generally being confident with money, how to manage it and knowing the best ways to spend and save. Financial capability is relevant to everyone, whether you have a little or a lot.

So when did you last give yourself a financial health check? When did you last have support to draw up a

sensible budget? Do you have a plan that will allow you to save for that thing for which you could really do with saving for? We all need a little help and encouragement to do this sometimes.

If you would like some free, confidential and impartial support please call Helen on 01789 200134. She can see you at CAB in Stratford or in your own home.

If you are a member of a community group Helen would be delighted to present a short session on her role (and some top tips for saving money!) at one of your meetings, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Shipston Angling Club

The Fish 'n' Frolics Festival was attended by 33 competitive anglers. The overall winner was Andrew Whieldon who came first on two days and second on another.

The river matches produced a number of double figure weights over 10lb whilst Aston Magna Lakes produced 40 to 50lb weights for the top anglers.

Town Mayor Philip Vial, Bait-Tech representative Hayley Goldsmith, The National Fishing Month's Naidre Werner and Dave Harrell, local angling professional, presented cash, fishing tackle and bait to the winners, donated by sponsors Bait-Tech, Stratford Angling shop, Alcester Tackle shop, Banbury Gunsmiths, Baileys of Warwick, Castaways, Evesham Discount Tackle and K & M tackle to Andrew and the top ten anglers.

The Mayor also presented fishing tackle prizes to six children who attended coaching sessions at Aston Magna Lakes and came top in a junior match. The overall junior winner was Megan Harris.

For full details about the Fish 'n' Frolics event, see page six.

Shipston Community First Responders

In April we took delivery of our brand new Community Response vehicle allowing us to continue to provide a dedicated service to the local community. By May the car had already responded to 40 emergency calls since its first day on the road.

We celebrated with an unveiling ceremony, held at Subaru CrossRoads Tredington, to officially launch our new Scheme car. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the League of Friends of Shipston Hospitals for your continuous support.

We would also like to thank Newbold Village Hall, The Rotary Club, Shipston Amateur Dramatic Society and Shipston Rugby Club for all their recent donations.

We continue to be extremely busy with our number of emergency call outs, particularly during June which has been one of the busiest months to date.

We are looking for new members to join our team of dedicated volunteers, if anyone is interested please get in touch with us at ambulance1991@yahoo.co.uk

Shipston Arts and Crafts Society

On Tuesday, 15th July, Mrs Jane Freear-Wyld came to lecture on her international work demonstrating, teaching and exhibiting contemporary hand-woven tapestries. She designs using computer digital photography, twisting and developing images into unique shapes and patterns. These are then pixellated into squares and rectangles before being weaved in often tiny shapes with silks or wool into movement and flowing organic shapes. The result is either a blaze of vibrant coloured shapes or a flowing gentle movement of pastel coloured shapes.

Mrs Freear-Wyld does not exhibit to sell her work, she uses it to teach and inspire others. However, she does work to commission. Her work ranges from tiny, framed pictures to large tapestries totally hand made and is a combination of design by computer and artist's colour. Unfortunately Mrs Freear-Wyld did not bring work for us to see, but we were fascinated by her skill from computer-generated designs. An unusual, clever and very inspiring art.

We will welcome Mr Ian Mackintosh on Tuesday, 16th September who will be speaking on 400 years in the Stroud Textile Mills. We meet at the Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm - visitors welcome.

Stour Valley Lions

Spectacles, mobile phones, hearing aids and used Stamps

Every year Lion members across the UK collect unwanted spectacles, mobile phones, hearing aids and used stamps from shops and residents. These are collated, packed and dispatched via the Lions worldwide network of clubs to third world countries. Please hand any unwanted items you may have into the book shop or to any Lion member.

Lion's Cinema

Our film shows commence again on the 12th September with "The Love Punch" Certificate 12, a comedy about a divorced couple who scheme to recover their retirement money that was stolen from them. The film stars Pierce Brosnan, Emma Thompson, Timothy Spall and Celia Imrie.



Shipston Probus

In Barcheston, there is a small booklet available titled "A tapestry in time" which makes reference to tapestry weaving at Barcheston and to William Sheldon who acquired the estate at Weston Park (just beyond Long Compton, now demolished). Numerous tapestry maps were produced but the best known survives and hangs in the Warwick Museum. At our meeting on the 4th July, Maggie Wood described with excellent illustrations how it was carefully restored and cleaned. A visit to view this huge treasure at Warwick is highly recommended – and is free!

This year the club decided it would, in future, have two special meetings each year to which our wives would be



invited – the first was on the 18th July. The speaker was David Howe, well known throughout the Midlands and beyond and his appropriate talk was "Partners of Prime Ministers." True to form, he was humorous, knowledgeable and interesting. The meeting ended with an excellent buffet lunch provided by Emma Morris.

Congratulations to Paul Hickley who used us as guinea pigs for one of his talks which, when presented in London, won first prize. His prize was presented by the Duke of Edinburgh.

Shipston Proms



We are delighted to announce the lucky winners of the Shipston Proms Grand Prize Draw:

1st Dave Petit, £100 cash

2nd Sheryl Murray, dining experience for 2 @ The White Bear

3rd D Hunt, Thai dinner for 2 @ The Black Horse

4th Annika, Tapas for 2 @ El Cafe

5th Maki, Sunday lunch for 2 @ The Horseshoe Inn

6th Mr Hunt (High School), Bottle of Champagne, Sheldon's Wine Cellars

7th Bill Turner, Bag and goodies from Rightons

8th Mrs M Kemp, Framed Print from Foxwist

9th Geoff Holtom, Cookies Gift Bag

10th B Broughton, Plant from Floras

Congratulations to all the winners.

Shipston Proms 2014 wish to thank every one who supported the Grand Prize Draw, and all of our events.

Oxhill Harvest Time Barn Dance

If you're a fan of barn dancing, Oxhill is the place to be on Saturday 27th September 2014.

The Harvest Time Barn Dance is being held at Willoughby Grounds Farm, courtesy of Bill and June Fox.

There will be dancing to the Silver Bough, a Ceilidh Band and a Pig Roast

The event starts at 7pm and is suitable for all the family.

Tickets cost £12.50, Children £7.00

To book, contact Carol Fox on 01295 680223 or email e-ceafox21@aol.com

Sue Hunt 01295 680419 sue.hunt@onebillinternet.co.uk

or Cath Pugh 01295 680958

Proceeds will go to St Lawrence's Church, Oxhill Restoration Fund

Readers' Letters

Letter from Mike Robbins

Article and personal experience story re VASA

I have recently needed assistance to get to a couple of Medical appointments, one in Coventry and one in Oxford. Having always been in a position to manage these journeys before, when experiencing a protracted period of ill health I suddenly realised that this wasn't possible and had to start searching for alternative ways of getting to them. Then to my delight I was told of the service that VASA run for exactly this. I rang, had a lovely friendly chat with a local organiser, transport was booked, bang on cue my 'chauffeur' appeared, and off we went.

Dropped off at the hospital on time, he was there when my appointment was finished, and dropped me back home with a friendly smile. I had a great feeling, all the aggro had been taken out of the whole situation by this amazingly useful service, and I could manage the rest of my day.

Whilst chatting to him, I asked about his run of the mill routine and the satisfaction he got from doing this, and was really pleasantly surprised how enthusiastic he was to provide essential community service. He had never experienced any problems with users, and I realised that we are so lucky to have such a wonderful service available to us.

One thing that was evident was that more people are required to help run the Volunteer Transport Service, and hence my article to advertise it and hopefully encourage people to join the team. Please see the article on page 10 outlining the details and the contact number to gather more information.

Letter from Bill Hannis, Chairman, Stour Valley VIP Club

On Saturday 26th July we held a Street Collection for Warwickshire Association for The Blind in the Town Centre. Once again I have to praise the great generosity of the people of Shipston and the Stour Valley. We collected the magnificent sum of £409.27.

The whole of this money will be used for the benefit of the Members of The Stour Valley VIP Club (for the Blind and Visually Impaired). The money will help to provide outings, entertainment and general support for the running of a vibrant and successful Club.

Thank you Shipston on Stour!

Proud of my town

Shipston resident takes part in 'incredible' cycle challenge

Shipston-on-Stour's Olivia Redgrave says she is very proud to have taken part in a national cycle challenge being organised by Greyhound Rescue West of England (GRWE).

The charity's Land's End to John o' Groats challenge passed through the midlands on Saturday, and Olivia joined in to pedal a section of the route; arriving in Frodsham, Cheshire at 2pm.

"While it was hard work the day was lots of fun for me, but our super-cyclist Toby Boram has an incredible journey to complete" said Olivia. "Toby set off from Land's End on August 5 and intends to ride all the way to John o' Groats in just 10 days" she explained.

GRWE is run with the support of just three administrative staff - so funds raised by the challenge will go straight to dogs in need.

If you want to show your support for Olivia's efforts, please visit www.justgiving.com/tobygrwelejog.



End of an era

After over a century operating in the town, Pettipher's Garage has announced its decision to close due to the retirement of owner, Mr Barney.

The garage was originally established in 1911 and became known as Pettiphers when the Pettipher brothers took over after World War II. Most recently under Mr Barney's direction, the garage has served the community well, providing car maintenance as well as petrol for many years until the floods in 1997 forced the closure of that service.

We wish Mr and Mrs Barney well in their retirement. In the meantime, a planning application has been approved by Stratford District Council to allow development of a retail unit with flats above on the Pettiphers Garage site.

Something to say?

If you have news to share or want to let us know about someone who you feel should feature in the Proud of My Town Section, please email your suggestions to Forum@Shipstononline.org. Letters and articles may be edited to fit available space.

District Council update

£4 million Orbit settlement

In 1996 the District transferred 5,000 homes to a housing association for £54 million - £10,800 each - an astonishingly low price even for the mid-1990s. The housing was transferred to Orbit who subsequently brought a legal action claiming that the council had not disclosed noise pollution issues relating to some properties. After several years a settlement has been reached. The council has paid £3.6 million including Orbit's costs. The council's own legal costs were £550,000 leaving a bill of nearly £4.2 million for council taxpayers, impacting significantly on the council's budget.

In my opinion, this saga highlights the waste of privatisation of valuable public assets. I believe it is therefore essential for the SDC to re-establish a Housing Committee and plan strategically to provide affordable housing where it is needed for local people. Otherwise, it is left to developers to decide where housing is built. The Council's Governance Review Group has made no such recommendation.

Latest planning news

- Campden Road supermarket/petrol station/extracare housing appeal by Ainscough – decision due mid-October.
- Budgens, Tilemans Lane. I welcome the Town Council's objection by 11-1. In my opinion, unlike the Ainscough proposal, it would only provide top-up shopping and therefore harm trade in the town centre. County Highways have also objected.
- Banner Homes near Oldbutt Road – approved on appeal and no allocation for the medical centre, highlighting problems with the appeal process.

Councillor Jeff Kenner

t: 07790 725415

Jeff Kenner & Richard Cheney take it in turns to provide the content for this column.



County Council update

Councillor Grant Fund

The Councillor Grant Fund from Warwickshire County Council is again open for community and voluntary organisations. The closing date for applications is Friday 10th October.



Like other colleagues, I have £5,000 to grant to small scale projects that meet community needs.

Amanda Wilson-Patterson, in Elizabeth House, Stratford-upon-Avon can provide advice on applications and the form that gives clarity about the type of project that would be eligible. She will be available on 07780 995817 or by email on Stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk

If you want detailed advice then please book to attend a workshop at Stratford from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16th September. Apply as above.

Why not use the Warwickshire direct website to download an application form using www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratford?

Dangerous imports seized

This story from Warwickshire Trading Standards shows how the County Council helps the rest of the UK.

All parcels weighing between 2kg and 30kg arriving in the UK by air or ship for delivery by the Royal Mail are taken to the Parcelforce International Postal Hub at Baginton. They are screened to identify parcels that might contain dangerous or illegal products. The highest incidence of problem packages are those containing cosmetics including those based on the cancer causing ingredient called hydroquinone.

Warwickshire trading Standards has been awarded national funding to carry out this work.

Councillor Chris Saint

t: 01608 664048

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Shipston Medical Centre

Flu vaccination

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness causing fever, stuffy nose, dry cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints, and extreme tiredness. This can often last several days. Some people can also get a very high fever, sometimes without the usual flu symptoms, and may need to go to hospital for treatment. Complications of flu can include a painful ear infection, bronchitis, and pneumonia. These may be severe.

This year the categories of people entitled to a vaccination to help prevent you catching flu are wider than ever. The traditional vaccine will be offered to:

- Those aged 65 and over
- Pregnant women
- Those in long-stay residential homes
- Those caring in an unpaid capacity for others with significant illness
- Those in the 'at risk' groups (people with chronic

respiratory disease, heart disease, liver disease, neurological disease, diabetes, or immunosuppression)



Shipston Medical Centre

The new fluenz nasal spray vaccine will be offered to:

- Those in the 'at risk' groups (detailed above) under the age of 16
- All 2, 3 and 4 year olds
- School age children in years 7 and 8

As ever, we will invite those eligible to attend our flu clinics for vaccination. Details of flu clinic dates and times will be sent to all patients eligible for the vaccine.

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

Website: www.shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk

Twitter: @ShipstonMC

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Vacant

Please notify the Town Clerk by 1 Sept if you are interested in becoming a councillor

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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 01608 495955 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.

The Shipston Forum is produced monthly by the Town Council to support the community and is distributed to all households. If you don't receive a copy, please contact the Town Clerk. The Forum can also be downloaded from www.shipstononline.org

Copies of the Talking Shipston Forum can be requested via New Clark House.

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

While every effort is made to ensure information is accurate, the Town Council does not accept responsibility for material submitted by readers or third parties and does not endorse any organisation or event publicised. Contributions may be edited to fit available space.



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- 24/7 renewal line	01926 499273
Highways customer services	01926 412515
Severn Trent Emergency Line:	0800 7834444
Shipston Volunteer Transport Scheme	01608 663122
Shipston Leisure Centre	01608 662354
Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Post Office	01608 661465
Shipston Forum	01608 495955
Shipston Recycling Centre	01926 412593
Stratford District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
UCHW Hospital	024 7696 4000
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
Local police (non emergency)	101
PC Craig Purcell	07977 456585
PCSO Hayley Ditchburn	07879 608696
PCSO Andy Steventon	07966 626908
Churches of Shipston:	
Stour Valley Baptist	01608 664876
Our Lady & St Michael	01608 685259
St Edmund's	01608 661210
Methodist Church	01608 642256

Please note the new contact number for the Forum Editor (above)



Friday 19th



SHIPSTON BEER FESTIVAL

Family fun from 4pm

With homemade curries

Live music from 6pm

At Shipston Rugby Club

Mayo Road, CV36 4BH

facebook.com/shipstonbeer



Competitions Day

Saturday 20th

Competitions Day

See website for details: www.shipstonfoodfestival.co.uk

Facebook: /ShipstonFood



Sunday 21st

Twitter: @ShipstonFood



SHIPSTON FOOD FESTIVAL

The main festival in the square from 10am

Local food and drink producers

Cookery Demonstrations

Wood-fired Pizza

Beer Tent

Live music

Hog Roast

FREE ENTRY



SHIPSTON ON STOUR 19/20/21 September 2014