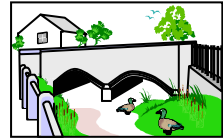


SHARNFORD NEWS

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SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP

Just as we thought we could take a breather and take a step back from the traffic issue, an article appeared in the Hinckley Times. It was written by Sam Dimmer - who incidentally wrote *that* article about the road causing a cancer scare in the village. This recent article said that the Sharnford Bypass had been axed. The journalist based the article after the East Midlands Assembly reported their spending for 2009 - 2014 and Sharnford was not mentioned. This also triggered an article in 'Contract Journal' as many contractors were counting on a bypass being built around Sharnford for jobs and revenue.

So, is it true? We have not to date had this confirmed directly from Leicestershire County Council or the Highways Agency. Both STAG and the Parish Council will be finding out what the situation is. LCC has already spent a considerable amount on the surveys for the project, but we need to know what their intended timescale is.

STAG and the Parish Council have been contacted by LCC to attend a meeting to discuss the outcome of their Lorry Movement Plan for Sharnford, which was one of the short term options to relieve the lorry situation through the village. We will pass on any information we receive in the next Sharnford News. Details may also be available on our minutes, posted on the Noticeboards around the village.

Two planning applications have also come to light in the last month. Details are as follows:

1. Bio Digester - Old Fosse Way Bridge.

This is to convert a farm into a Bio-Digester Plant. This uses waste food and dairy products from companies such as Tesco, Sainsbury's and Arla etc. It biodegrades them to produce energy and fertilizers. An excellent project, but sadly it will mean approx 10,000 extra lorry movements passing through this area.

2. Powners, Manor Farm, Aston Flamville Lane.

An application has been made to expand the business from its current composting to include plastic re-cycling. Once again an admirable project, but means even more lorry movements passing through Sharnford and Aston Flamville.

STAG have lodged a formal objection based on the traffic issues both applications will place on Sharnford. Leicestershire County Council have already agreed that the traffic situation in Sharnford is unacceptable. To put extra lorries through the village without having a bypass in place would be intolerable.

Speedwatch is back! You may have seen the monitoring taking place in surrounding villages such as Sapcote, Stoney Stanton - even Hinckley has been at it! Although we realise LCC have agreed there is a traffic problem in the village, we felt it was a good idea to continue with the scheme, as the official figures have been, and will continue to be

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instrumental in negotiations. We have been out monitoring the village since 23rd August and will continue until 6th September.

STAG will be hiring a pollution monitor - similar to the ones seen at the Beijing Olympics. We hope to monitor pollution for a 2 week period in September. We feel this is the final piece to the jigsaw. We have never been allowed access to the results of the LCC and Blaby monitoring

that has been carried out over the past 3 years.

It seems STAG will be busy over the next few months. We will report any information we receive as soon as possible.

Finally we would like to thank the Parish Council for dedicating the Jubilee Cup at the village fete to STAG. Your cheers were much appreciated. Also a big thank you to everyone who came to our Hoopla stall, for all your support and good wishes.

Angie, STAG Chairwoman

SHARNFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Firstly, a few words of grateful appreciation for the support and input we had from Mike Thomas. As many of you will know, he died on August 1st. Our thoughts and condolences are sent to his wife Anne and family. Mike's care and knowledge of wildlife proved the measure of the man. He supported the Group by giving practical help and advice, particularly along with Veronica Smyth when bird boxes were installed in gardens of the village. He led the Group on several walks around Fosse Meadows, and we learned much that is not obvious to the general public. We will not forget him or his dedication to the natural world, including his favourite, the wild birds.

Many of you will have noticed that the two culverts adjacent to the footpath on Poors Meadow have disappeared! The work was done by Leics. County Council. The final surface will be grassed over but some sinkage is inevitable and therefore needs a little time before being finished. The Group now has to find funding for the planned curved path between the roadside gate and the existing footpath, together with two seating benches. We are still in discussion on this project, as it may be more practical to combine the grant application with that for the proposed village sign, which could be incorporated in this work. So watch this space.....

Other activity planned for this Autumn is to move the planters on the Aston Lane (they are being replaced with two from the Coventry Road). They will then be re-modelled and installed by the road crossing. Whilst this may not seem a major task, those boxes are very heavy even when empty. The contents will have to be removed prior to the re-modelling work and refreshed when the re-siting is complete.

We have been asked by the Parish Council to install a hard surface for the bus stop on Aston Lane. The necessary materials have been acquired and we plan to complete this task well before the winter.

We plan to install a bird feeding station on Blue Bell Green, probably close to the 'sleeper' flower beds. Another task to be completed before the winter. Norman Burrows has volunteered to carry out the maintenance of the station.

As you can see there is a lot going on. Please keep in mind the Open Gardens Weekend, planned for late June 2010. If you haven't signed up yet, contact any member of the Group to express your interest. It could spur you on to a best-ever colourful display!

Finally, the group is in need of more members; perhaps you would like to join us? The only 'qualification' needed is to be a village resident. The members tend to be divided into three groups (1) those who attend meetings regularly and help out with practical tasks and projects, (2) those who attend meetings regularly and are regarded as a 'village voice' but are unable to give practical help (for varying reasons) and lastly (3) some members who seldom attend meetings but are able (and prefer) to help out with ongoing projects. Do any of these options sound like you? If you think you are able to support us please come to a meeting, if only to express an interest. We meet on the second Thursday of each month, 7.30pm in the Evergreen Hall. The next meeting date is September 10th, then October 8th etc etc.

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ST HELEN'S CHURCH

We were so fortunate that the two main events of our summer were both blessed with excellent weather. The first was the village fun day, where we held a stall featuring three different competitions and the second was the Explorer's outing to Twin Lakes. It was the first time for three years that the children were able to picnic and have fun in the sunshine, which greatly added to the exuberant enjoyment of their day. Their treat was well deserved as they had recently cleaned our church until it shone.

Sadly, there have been four funerals over the past three months. Services were held for Gertrude Archer, Mabel Atkins and for Sharon Lewis (nee Thomas). Mabel and Gertrude were full of years but sadly Sharon was not. After a brave fight she finally succumbed to her liver disease and leaves a grieving husband and very young son. In the absence of our vicar (who was on holiday at the time) the Revd. Michael Taylor gave a very comforting and moving tribute to Sharon, which was much appreciated by her grieving relatives, whom we continue to hold in our thoughts. On the 26th August there was a funeral service for Christopher Lees who died suddenly on the 9th August.

On the 5th June we welcomed Lily-Rose Wood into the church by her baptism and on the 27th June the wedding ceremony of Andrew Burbage and Eleanor Rowan took place. Both bride and groom live in the village and the wedding proved to be a splendid occasion with guests singing the rousing hymns with gusto and the men folk of the party truly pleasing the eye in their kilted ensembles.

On the 9th August the Revd. Norman dedicated the Robert Orton memorial bench, which stands in the churchyard. On the 12th August, Karen and Mavis Smith organised a summer picnic to be held at Bumblebee Farm (but ultimately held at the Evergreen Hall due to inclement weather) which raised the sum of £150 and on the 15th August a “bacon buttie” coffee morning, organized and staffed by the Evergreen committee and held at the Evergreen Hall, raised a sum in excess of £500. Both of these events were held to raise money for the unglamorous but very necessary provision of a toilet in St. Helens. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who helped in these ventures.

On the 16th August we held our annual chapel/church Songs of Praise evening. The hymn singing rattled the rafters and the sermon preached by Rev. Barbara Bircumshaw (based on psalm 96) was very thought provoking. It was at this service that Mr.

Higginbotham officially launched our fund for the toilet installation. With the money raised at the two events mentioned and our £300 gift from the fete committee we already had over £1000 to kick start it. We also received a very generous gift of £400 from Liz and Tony Allen who donated this money on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. This brought our total up to £1400. Thank you so much, Mr. and Mrs; Allen, for your generosity to the church.

Unfortunately the ‘Bat Evening,’ on the 1st September has had to be cancelled. But do not despair as it is being re-arranged at a future date.

The annual ‘Ride and Stride’ (see fuller details in a separate article) takes place on the 12th September and Harvest Festival will be celebrated on the 4th October. As this is one of our most informal and easily understood services we are also making this our “Back to

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RIDE AND STRIDE

Each year we announce the date of this event but do you know what Ride and Stride is all about? For those who don't, let me explain.

The Historic Churches Trust of Leicestershire seeks to keep all the county's churches in good order and needs to raise funds for this task. It arranges for all Anglican churches to be open and manned from 10am to 4pm on a given date and invites people to cycle (or walk) to as many churches as possible, first seeking sponsors who will donate a given sum for every church they visit. In addition to an entrance form, participants are given a record card to be signed by an official at every church visited. When their sponsorship money is handed over, half will go to the Trust and half to their 'home' church. This year's ride is on 12th September.

This morning I met a man visiting the churchyard, who asked about the church fire (which gutted the east end of St. Helens in 1985). He also asked if it was true that it was lovingly restored by the efforts of the village and I proudly confirmed that it was. No one - not even people who had never set foot in the church - wanted to see it derelict and unused, because it was seen as the focal point of the village, so they pitched in to raise funds for repairs.

Now, 24 years later, St. Helens is once again in need of tender loving care (and a toilet!) and by taking part in the Ride and Stride you could help your church - not to mention the fact that you will be doing yourself a favour by getting some (probably needed) exercise! There are many churches (and the odd chapel that will open) that you could visit around here. How about Sharnford to Sapcote, on to Stoney Stanton and Broughton Astley before returning to home base via Frolesworth? If you feel you could take part, forms and record

cards can be obtained from the church or from Mr. John Collins on 01455 272585. Come on, pump up those tyres!

Estelle Perret

A QUIZ CALLED - WHAT ARE THE LETTERS?

All the answers are letters of the alphabet e.g.

Part of the body = I (first answer)

1) a part of the body 2) a drink with jam and bread 3) a colourful bird 4) a vegetable 5) an insect 6) a line of people 7) a river 8) a sheep 9) a large expanse of water 10) a woman's magazine 11) jealousy 12) to be in debt 13) a pavement in winter 14) an English county 15) a creeping vine

Answers are on the back page – if you need them!

EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

On August 12th the weather was not glorious so the planned outdoor picnic at Bumblebee Hall Farm had to be transferred to the Evergreen Hall where we had an indoor party instead. The wonderful food was provided by Mavis and Karen and afterwards a game of bingo was organised on our behalf by Liz and Dawn and the money raised from this, £150, started the fund for the provision of toilets at St Helen's Church. For the same cause we had a very successful " Bacon Buttie" morning and raised a further £560. On September 25th a Macmillan's Biggest Coffee Morning will take place at the Evergreen and we hope as many people as possible will support this worthy cause.

Our club tea-meetings start again after the summer break on September 2nd at 7p.m. and new members are always welcome. A fortnight later will be our annual fish & chip supper provided by The Countryman followed by games. A note for your diary, our Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday December 5th.

We were sad to hear of the death of Mabel Atkins, she was a well loved and long time member of the Evergreen Club and will be remembered particularly for her skill at playing whist.

Beryl Devenyi

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Thursday At Ten: 10 - 10.30a.m. A short act of worship with time for quiet prayer and reflection, as well as friendship, on the last Thursday of each month.

Coffee Morning 10 - 11.30a.m. 1st Saturday of each month.

Christian Fellowship Group 7.30p.m. - A united group with St. Helen's on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. An informal time of bible study, friendship and prayer.

Craft Group: 7.30 p.m. 1st. and 3rd Thursday of each month supporting Operation Christmas Child's annual shoebox appeal.

Singing Group 7.00 p.m. every Thursday. Learning new songs for worship.

Recent coffee mornings have supported the work of the "Send a Cow" charity and "Youth for Christ" an organization working among young people in some of our local schools.

On July 16th a large congregation was present in chapel for the funeral, and thanksgiving service for the life of Mr. Ken Bray. We extend our sympathy and best wishes to Mavis and the whole family at this time of great loss.

August 16th was the occasion of the annual united songs of praise celebration at St.Helens. A large gathering enjoyed the singing of favourite hymns and songs. The preacher was Revd. Barbara Bircumshaw of Burbage and Sapcote Methodist Churches.

The chapel will be open on Saturday Sept 12th to receive the participants in the annual historic churches cycle ride. Always a pleasant experience with visitors from different parts of the county calling for a break and refreshment on their sponsored journeys.

Harvest Festival thanksgiving services at the chapel are on Sept 20th. Leading worship on this occasion will be Malcolm Lapper (a.m.) and Revd. Barbara Fairburn (p.m.) There will be the opportunity to make donations on the day for "Water Aid" and the Methodist Relief and Development Fund.

The next coffee mornings are Sept.5th and Oct.3rd.

A reminder that there is an open invitation to join in any part of life at the chapel. You are most welcome. Every blessing

Malcolm Lapper (Lay Pastor) 01455 843130

THE BIG SWITCH OFF

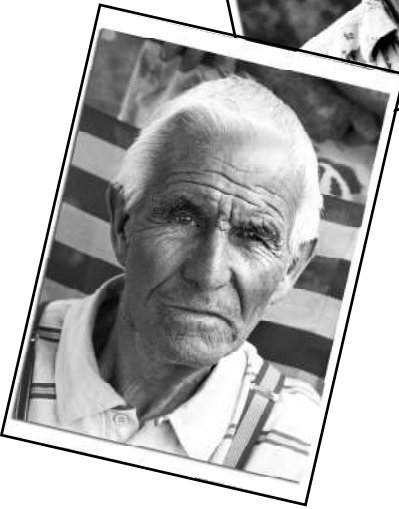
The Big Switch Off is a campaign encouraging households, businesses, schools and community organisations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to switch off all unnecessary electrical appliances and lighting. The campaign is taking place over the period of a week between the 12th and 18th October 2009 to help people save money, energy and the environment. By joining in, local residents could potentially save over £13 million. Get involved. Whether at home, work, school or in your local community you can join in the campaign and switch off. For further information visit leics.gov.uk/bigswitchoff and take "the pledge"!

Photographs taken at this years 'Family Fun Day' by Roy Reynolds.



The photo Ron took of the Swann, won him the 'Best Photo Award' judged on the day by our own village professional photographer, Ian Pickering





SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Sharnford Family Fun Day

Well, another year and another successful Fete if judged by the turn out, support and funds raised for the Village Causes. This year there were 10 Village Causes who benefited from the money raised; The Appraisal Group (Sharnford News), The Environment Group, The Evergreen Hall, The Methodist Chapel, Playgroup, PTA, St Helen's, Sick and Divi, Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG), The Youth Club; each of them have received £300 to put towards their various projects.

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The Theme this year was the Caribbean and despite a slightly rosey summer for weather the Fete day arrived with relatively clear skies and only a slight breeze. In a change to previous years, whilst the Fete started at 12noon it was formally opened at 1pm and this seemed to work well. The entrants to the 'decorate your ride' competition surpassed all expectations and this competition may become a regular sight at the Fete. The raffle was drawn at 3pm and again we were overwhelmed by the number of prizes donated. Music was supplied throughout the afternoon by Redmoor High School's Steel Band, interspersed by well-chosen music from

the compere. The duck races proved to be as popular as ever and even with the brook being quite low provided an exciting interlude. By the time the Fete came to a close at 5pm the bar was dry, the cake stall, BBQ and Tea Stall had all sold out and an emergency supply of ice cream had been fetched and sold!

The Committee would like to thank the entire Village for its support. The motto for the Committee is 'for the village by the village' and this was certainly true this year. So, if you put up the tents, donated something for stalls, bought raffle tickets or ducks, came on the day, helped with stalls, took part in the races, dressed up or helped to drink the bar dry, give yourself a pat on the back.

Special thanks are sent to:


- Mr Stocker who set the mood for the Fete with his lovely opening speech
- Simon the compere who helped keep things running smoothly all day and ensured there were plenty of silly races for people to take part in.
- Redmoor High School's Steel Band, who transported us to the Caribbean with their excellent music and also willingly took part in many of the races and visited all of the stalls!

We could not do this without the help of the Village and always welcome new members on the Committee to help with the preparation (you do not have to be affiliated to one of

the village causes - doing it for the village is enough). Preparations for Fete 2010 will begin at our AGM on the 28th January. Put this date in your diary and join us then! Next year the Fete will have a 'Rock 'n' Roll' theme and will be held on the 13th June 2010. See you there!

We were most grateful to receive Raffle Prizes donated by: Sharnford Garage Ltd, The Countryman Inn, The Sharnford Arms, Four Winds Nursery, Ian Pickering Photography, Village Flowers, Reilly Studio, Leicester City FC, Twycross Zoo, Hatton Farm Village, Ullesthorpe Court Hotel, Shackerstone Festival, Woodhouse Farm, Eden Beauty, Tesco, NEXT, Disney, Bardon Aggregates, plus private donations from individuals, for which we are equally grateful.

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SHARNFORD PRE- SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

During the summer, we ran a very successful playscheme and could not accommodate all due to its popularity. Apologies to those we couldn't accommodate, we will be back again next year, so please make sure you book early to avoid disappointment.

This term we start back on Monday 7th September and welcome some new children into our setting! This term's topic is autumn and we are collecting conkers, pine cones and acorns. If you have any to spare, please let us know.

We are fundraising for 2 things this term, one for some new rugs for the reading corner and also to subsidise our Christmas trip to the Winter Wonderland at Snowdome, Tamworth. Look out for our sponsored toddle in September, our fashion show in October, (remember last year's bargains!!) and our yummy cake raffle in November.

On 25th September only, playgroup will start at 12 noon in order to allow the Evergreen Village Hall to be used for a coffee morning to support Macmillan Cancer.

Hurrah!! Our soft play has arrived, and those children lucky enough to attend playscheme have already had a taster session! We will be using it for physical activities every week. The soft play and bouncy castle are available to hire when booking children's parties at the Evergreen Hall. Please call Alison on 01455 213779.

If you haven't already booked your child's place with us, please pop in and see Cath or call Alison on 01455 213779. We are nearly full, but we will endeavour to fit you in.

Mums and Tots Group on Mondays at 1.15pm is very popular and we have a "For Sale" and "Wanted" board advertising your items. Come along and join us for coffee and biscuits whilst your Tot plays and you can check out our bargains. Mums-to-be and breastfeeding welcome and we will soon be holding an "Ask the Midwife" session, when you can ask those questions to which you've always wanted to know the answers! Look out for posters in the village, confirming the date.

Alison, Cath, Karen, Lyn & Clare.

SHARNFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The summer term in school is always busy and this year has been no exception.

Children in years one and two enjoyed badminton training for three weeks and a multi skills festival for both year groups which was held at Burbage Infant School. Years four, five and six from Sharnford and All Saints Primary School represented both schools at Area Sports in Leicester competing against different schools from this area.

Years three and four children enjoyed two Dance Active sessions with Graham Fletcher a teacher from Leicestershire Arts. Selected children who were identified as having a particular physique and dance quality, that were suitable for dance training were invited to four initial taster sessions to further introduce the children to dance and theatre.

Key stage two children received a demonstration from Leicestershire Arts of around 15 musicians who played many different instruments. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and after talking to the musicians about the instruments, they had a go at playing them themselves.

A multi skills after school club has been available all year for children in classes one and two. French club has also been available for children in year's two to six and a bollywood dance club also took place for 5 weeks for children in classes two and three.

Our year three and four children enjoyed a visit to Conkers in May, year five went to Snibston in June and years five and six visited the Curve in Leicester after the school secured funding for their visit to watch a production of Puppets and Parade which involved many children from schools in Leicestershire. The year six children enjoyed a high wire day at Beaumanor Hall on 6th July.

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To help the transition for year six to high school, they have received a visit from the Head of Year at Hastings High School and two transfer days which gave them a taste of life at High School. Two representatives from Leicestershire Travel also talked to the children about travelling on school transport.

The children who will be starting school in September have spent three sessions in school so that they can get an idea of their new surroundings. A meeting was also arranged for the parents to meet the Head teacher and find out more information about the school.

Year six children were each given £2 for an enterprise day. The idea was to think of ways that the children could use this money and then make a profit. There was guess the name of the teddy, how many sweets were in the jar, penalty shootout and cakes were also on sale. The children made a profit of £61.75 which will go towards our new peace garden.

Parents had the opportunity to visit school for meetings regarding internet security and a Target café to gain more information about the work their children are completing.

The PTA organised an end of term disco and everyone had an enjoyable evening. Many thanks to the PTA members for all their hard work.

Mrs Denny, Assistant Head teacher has worked at Sharnford C E Primary School for the last seven years and she retired at the end of the summer term. She has made a huge contribution to the school and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues and pupils.

Thank you to everyone for sending in vouchers. Our order has been sent to Tesco and Sainsbury's and should be received at the start of the Autumn term.

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MIKE THOMAS

We were much saddened by the recent loss of our friend and colleague, Mike Thomas. In his capacity as a Ranger at Fosse Meadows, for more than six years, Mike provided us with a wonderful insight of their flora and fauna development. He wrote each quarterly report with a careful eye to the detail of the season under review, overlaid with many tales of the unexpected, particularly among his favoured species, the birds. His description constantly shouted "come and see, it's a wonderful display" and those who read and followed his advice were not disappointed.

Although we are slow to acknowledge it, we are so lucky to have Fosse Meadows on our doorstep, and we have been more than fortunate to have had Mike among us to voice the picture that continues to evolve there every day. We know that many of you looked forward to the contributions he provided to Sharnford News.

Sadly, too quickly, too early, there will be no more.
The Editors

THE COUNTRYMAN SICK AND DIVIDEND BENEVOLENT FUND

IMPORTANT NOTICE

At the A.G.M. on 29 March several members of the committee expressed their wish to stand down. However, because there were no members of the general public present at the meeting there was therefore no one to join the society and sit on the committee. Given these circumstances the committee decided to continue the society's activities until the New Year (including the distribution of the Christmas Gifts and support of the School's Christmas party in 2009) and, unless a replacement committee had been formed, proposed that the society would then be disbanded.

I believe that the 'Sick and Divi' was formed in the 1930s and its primary function at that time, as the name implies, was to provide financial support to its members should they fall ill. I can recall paying 1/6d per week myself in the late fifties to secure a dividend of 10/- if I was 'on the sick'. Today the welfare state or private insurance covers this eventuality and the actual 'sick and divi' aspect of the society has not been carried out for many years.

Similarly, the committee now feel that, although the tradition of distribution of Christmas gifts has in the past been a worthwhile cause, there is not the same need today for this type of charitable gift. Although each year messages of thanks

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football, street dance, hula hooping, as well as arts and crafts. The bus is also kitted out with play-stations, dance mats and Wi games. We had a great response with lots of the children from the village attending. A bar-b-cue was put on by the Youth Club, thanks to Julie Edge for doing this and any other volunteers.

We can now confirm that during September the 637 Youth Bus will visit us every week, but please remember that this is strictly for the 13+ age group. Further information on these visits will be made available at the Club.

On our quest for a new building, we are still in negotiation with Blaby District Council. I think this could be a long process but we will get there in the end! Youth Club is open from 6.30-8.00pm on Friday evenings. All children welcome. Year 2 children and below must be accompanied by an adult.

Karen Smith

are received, the consensus of opinion in general is that while the gifts are appreciated they are not really necessary.

A statement will be made in the New Year to inform the village of the outcome of the above proposal.

D.Barber, Secretary

SHARNFORD YOUTH CLUB

Sharnford Youth Club has been open all through the summer on a Friday evening. We were lucky to get the 637 Youth Bus to visit us on the 14th August between 1pm and 6pm. It was a great afternoon with all various activities provided eg. cricket,

TO THE SMOKE AND BEYOND

Karen Smith would like to thank everyone involved who made the London Theatre trip another great success. This year we went to see Mama Mia which was absolutely fantastic. At the end we were all dancing in the aisles! During the weekend a party visited The Ritz hotel for afternoon tea; Mavis Smith commented "if anyone ever gets the chance, you are treated like royalty". Other visits included Mike and Norma Bishop who were wine and dined in the restaurant at St. Paul's Cathedral. Apart from rain on the way to the theatre at night the weather was perfect. A great weekend was had by all.

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Thank you everyone, especially Robinson's Coaches, and as ever our great driver, tour guide and friend John Proctor.

The trip for next year has now been finalised, and we are arranging something really different and exciting, a trip to the wonderful city of Bruges in Belgium. This trip will take place next year from the 6th-9th August inclusive, travelling by coach and Eurotunnel. We will be staying at the 2* Hotel Ibis Bruge, very central and comes recommended. Dinner is included on the first evening at the hotel, then bed and breakfast for remainder of trip. There will be an optional visit to Ypres and the famous Tyne

Cott Cemetery, for those interested. Price per person £255.00. I have reserved 40 places and these will be taken on a first come first served basis! To reserve your places a deposit of £30.00 per person is required as soon as possible. Please contact Karen on 01455 221350 for more details.

SKYDIVE FOR MENPHYS

SHARON HARDING, a local lass, is raising funds for Menphys, which cares for young disabled children in Leicestershire. In spite of having the benefit of experienced counseling, she is preparing to do a sponsored TANDEM SKYDIVE at Langar Airfield, near Nottingham, on Sunday 27th September 2009. Your support can be deposited at Four Winds Nursery, Sharnford. Please help this brave lady raise shed loads for Menphys.

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