

SHARNFORD NEWS

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SHARNFORD BUSINESS WINS GOLD AT CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW



Phil and Linda Smith from Waterside Nurseries, Sharnford, won their 'THIRD' Gold Medal at the Chelsea Flower Show just days ago. They have won gold for the past three years - First a Gold Medal, then a 'Jubilee' Gold Medal and this year the special 'Centenary' Gold (celebrating 100 years of Chelsea). The photo (taken by Ian Pickering of Sharnford) shows Phil and Linda on the right, with helpers Angela and Ollie.

Their achievement was covered by the Leicester Mercury, who reported 'Husband and wife team Linda and Philip Smith of Waterside Nursery, Sharnford, struck gold – for an aquatic garden charting the water lily's history in Britain over the past 100 years.' Phil said "We are more than thrilled. Three gold's in a row is a great achievement, especially for a small village nursery like ours." "We were also nominated for 'Best in Show' and finished in the top five, which isn't too bad."

Sharnford News also adds our congratulations on such a wonderful achievement.

SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL – AGM 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 23rd May. The Chairman first thanked all members of the Council for their support and input throughout the year. In his report on the work of the Council during 2012/13 the Chairman spoke first of the outstanding achievement of the year, the completion and official opening of the new Youth and Community Centre. He said that the whole Community was to be

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congratulated but that the Joint Committee of Parish Council members and Youth Club Trustees were to be thanked for overseeing what had been a demanding but rewarding project which had added an outstanding asset to the Village. It was to be hoped that the Youth Club Committee and the Evergreen Hall Committee would work tirelessly to ensure an overall complementary provision of activities for village residents.

The Parish Council had dealt with a number of issues arising throughout the year and was still involved in a number of on-going matters. Arrangements had been made for the cutting back of overhanging trees, trimming

of hedges, the provision of road name signs and the alleviation of regular flooding of the road and fore-court in front of Sharnford Garage. Support had been given to Jubilee celebrations at High Cross and to the proposal to re-establish a monument marking the Centre of Roman England, and the village's own Union Flag was now a permanent feature on the mast outside the garage.

Serious floods in November had caused major concerns and the Council had worked with County, District and Environment Agency officers to consider with residents what should be done to prevent recurrences. With regard to the latter, a volunteer group willing to undertake the occasional clearing of debris from the Brook had been formed but had not yet been in action because of the extremes of weather conditions.

Of the various on-going issues in which the Council was still involved, there were still concerns relating to planning proposals for Hovercraft activity in the grounds of The Shade, the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Planning group action plan that had still to be finalised, the traffic volumes and related pollution issues that were still being monitored and a by-pass demand still being pursued. The problem of parking availability throughout the village continued and the Council had expressed its concern on a number of occasions to Blaby District and the police with particular worries about the area in front of the Sharnford Arms and in Brookfield as well as the difficulties arising from on-pavement parking which restricted the passageway of wheelchairs and pushchairs. Matters relating to horse-riding had been raised by residents and the Council had held discussions and negotiations with Blaby officers concerning horse-riding in both Halls Crescent and Fosse Meadows.

The Parish Council had continued to oversee the maintenance of Poors Meadow, the Burial ground and the Children's Play Area in Park View, and with regard to the latter the Chairman was able to announce that Blaby District Council had agreed to hand over ownership of the additional piece of ground which would enable the Parish to install new facilities in the near future. The realignment of the fencing was expected to occur shortly.

Finally, the Chairman stated that, having been Chairman for four of the last five years and having seen through developments affecting the new Burial Ground, the Youth & Community Centre and the extension of the Children's Play Area, as well as establishing

the position of Sharnford in the Fosse Villages Group, he would not be standing for election for the coming year.

In the subsequent Election of Officers for 2013/14, Angie Timson-Jones was elected Chairman with Bill Fallowfield as Vice-Chairman.

Derek Gibbons

ST. HELEN'S CHURCH

In March we started with the Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Sharnford Methodist Church with France being the chosen country. The following day, the Fairtrade Coffee Morning held jointly with our friends from Sharnford Methodist Church raised over £400 for Action Aid.

Tyler Turvey was baptised on the first Sunday in March and we welcomed Sharnford C/E Primary School for their Easter Celebration in the Church on 20th March.

On a very snowy morning on March 23rd a wonderful band of volunteers arrived at the Church to 'Spring Clean'. Windows sparkled, cobwebs disappeared and brasses shone. Many thanks for all the hard work, willingly and cheerfully given that morning.

In April we had a very successful Sunday Cream Tea at the Evergreen Hall, in aid of the Bishop of Leicester's Lent Appeal for Mission in Tanzania, raising over £500. St Helen's Sharnford and St Mary's Wigston Parva's Annual General Meeting was held 24th April. Church Wardens were re-elected and Parochial Church Council members whose term of office was completed were re-elected. The Funeral of Rita Bullmore, a longstanding member and supporter of St Helen's Church, was held in April.

In May we celebrated the Baptism of Anthony Burbidge, which was a joyful occasion for our Church community with the Church bells ringing out to celebrate the event.

In June we look forward to taking part in the Golden Jubilee Fete. Whilst in August we will be holding our Annual Songs of Praise on August 18th at 6.30pm to which all are warmly invited.

September we will be starting (at last) on our Servery/Toilet development now that the necessary planning permission has been given and funding is being obtained. Saturday September 14th is 'Ride and Stride Day' where people can walk or ride bicycles to as many Churches and Chapels as they can and are sponsored to raise money for 'Historic Churches'. So our Church will be open all day so why not call in for a look around and have a cup of tea/coffee.

Our Sunday morning Service is held at 9.15am every Sunday and you would be most welcome.

Christine Berridge

ST. HELEN'S CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP

I am part of a small team who volunteer to cut the grass at St Helen's churchyard and generally try to keep the area nice. Because of the layout it is very difficult to mow and in some parts the mower is no good as there is not enough room between the headstones. The small mower has packed up and we would ask if anyone has a working spare petrol

mower, or petrol strimmer, please contact Eric or Gaye in the post office and we will collect. (phone 01455 272210)

It would be very helpful to us if, when you visit the churchyard, you remove old flowers etc and any spare ornaments on or around the graves. Any help will be welcome and if you want to trim around the stone, or maybe a couple, then please do so. Our aim is to keep the area around our beautiful church in the best condition possible.

Tony Allen

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHARNFORD

St Helen's and Sharnford Methodist Church

**Invite you to our Annual SONGS OF PRAISE
18th August 2013 at St Helen's Church at 6.30 p.m.**

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SHARNFORD YOUTH CLUB

Well the doors were officially opened to the new Sharnford Youth & Community Centre on Sunday 14th April with an absolutely fabulous turnout from local residents, their friends and family and Council dignitaries all clambering to get a look inside at the new facility Sharnford now has to offer.

Nicola White from the 2012 Olympic medal winning ladies hockey team and Matt Elliot, former Leicester City Football Club Captain helped to pull in the crowds on this lovely sunny afternoon, both taking part in the unveiling ceremony.

With an abundance of cakes supplied by anyone and everyone in the village, and tea and

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coffee being handed out in copious amounts (as well as the odd alcoholic beverage of course), the afternoon couldn't have gone any better.

It was heart warming to see so many smiling faces as people took in the exhibition on display, 'From Humble Beginnings', which showed the progression of the build over the last two and half years, starting with the old wooden blue shack, which was condemned by Blaby Council in 2010 under Health and Safety Regulations, to the present day Centre.

The blood, sweat, tears and stress (of which there was an abundance I can tell you) was all worth it.

Sharnford Parish Council Chairman, Derek Gibbons, thanked everyone for making the build possible, from the Committee, fundraisers, W J Edge Builders and other local businesses and District and County Council Grants.

The current Youth Club already has 56 members on its books, which even exceeds our expectations, and still new faces turn up every week. With the warmer weather now with us we are managing to get out on the field for football, basketball and other outside games. For the less active, which seems to include quite a few of the dads I have to say, there is always time for a game of table tennis, pool or a quick competition on the Xbox or Wii.

Check us out on Facebook to keep up to date with any Youth Club activities etc.

In addition to the weekly Friday night Youth Club which runs from 6.30-8pm and caters for children from 5 to 18, the Centre also holds a fortnightly Crafters Club on alternate Monday evenings and we are also in talks with a qualified dance teacher who is looking to hold various clubs both daytime and evening throughout the week. We'll keep everyone informed on any progress with that one.

The Centre is also available to hire for parties and get-togethers as well as any other regular clubs. If anyone is interested in having a look around and getting some prices, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01455 271321 anytime.

Julie Edge - Chair of Sharnford Youth Club

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT MAY 2013

Residents should have received copies of the BDC Contact magazine, which has an article explaining the new refuse and recycling scheme commencing in June. If you did not receive a copy please let me know, I have some spare copies and I will ensure that you have one.

The Older Person Forum is on Monday 10 June 2pm- 4pm in the Chamber. If you are over 50, come along listen to the speakers and share your views with others.

Dog fouling is becoming a major concern in our villages and I am working with the officer at BDC to try to educate residents that they have a responsibility to clean up after their dogs. Green areas are not toileting places for the animals. When the dog leaves a 'parcel' it is up to the owner to clean up the mess! Parents do not want their children to come home from the park with dog excrement stuck to the soles of their shoes. Let us all try to be aware of our communities and take pride in keeping all our areas clean.

Blaby District Council is ambitious for it's area and the people living, working and visiting the District, this is a statement from our Leader's Statement to Annual Council — May 2013.

Our Leader Cllr Ernie White BDC and LCC, is proud to lead us forward through the next few challenging years.

Looking back at the Taste of Our Achievements:

- Vibrant Places — Sustaining and Improving the Environment
- Health and Well Being for All
- Access to Quality Provision for Children and Young People
- High Quality, Responsive, Efficient and Valued Public Services
- Delivering Priorities and Improvements for Local People by Building our Reputation and Challenging Ourselves

At our Annual Council meeting Cllr Alan Tanner was elected Chairman for the coming year with Cllr David Clements taking on the role of Vice-Chair.

The New Cabinet for the coming year will be:

- Cllr E.F. White — Leader (Stanton and Flamville)
- Cllr AN. Greenwood — Deputy Leader (North Whetstone) Planning, Economic Development & Housing Strategy.
- Cllr T. Richardson (Narborough & Littlethorpe) Finance, Efficiency & Assets

- Cllr D. R Clements (Forest) Corporate Services, Performance & Leisure
- Cllr S. Scott (Stanton and Flamville) Policy, Partnership & Health Improvement
- Cllr F.G.H. Jackson (Pastures) Neighbourhood & Environmental Health Services
- Cl M. Wright (Normanton) Community Services

Ernie, Iain and myself will continue to serve the ward to the best of our ability.

I will be holding my next surgery on the 18 July 2013. If you are going to be away on holiday on this date and have a concern, please give me a ring and I will arrange to meet you on a suitable date.

Very best wishes from all your Councillors.

Cllr Sheila Scott, Cllr Ernie White and Cllr Iain Hewson



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SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB



It seems only five minutes since I was writing the report for the March edition of the Sharnford News. My how time if flying by, hopefully we will be seeing better weather by the time this comes out.

Our evening meetings have now started commencing at 7.00pm every two weeks. We also held another of our famous bacon butties mornings in April, and by the time you read this we will

have also catered at the Village Plant Sale.

Our visit to Bletchley Park in May was a great success. A guided tour helped everyone understand the important part the Code-Breakers played during WW2. It was fascinating to learn how they broke the codes the German Enigma cypher machines were creating, especially since they had odds of 150 million to one to solve them – AND they changed the codes every day! The site, near Milton Keynes, is based around Bletchley Mansion House (photo attached) and all the huts and buildings erected during the war remain and now contain various exhibitions and museums. If you want a good day out – go to Bletchley Park.

Dates for the diary:-

Thursday 8th August - Tewkesbury and River Severn Cruise with Afternoon Tea

Saturday 17th August - Bacon Buttie Coffee Morning at the Evergreen Hall

Wednesday 4th September - Fish and Chip Supper at the Evergreen Hall

Karen Smith Chairman

SHARNFORD C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a very busy time at Sharnford C E Primary School since our last report. In February we were inspected by Ofsted who judged the School be to 'Good'. The inspectors spent two days looking at all aspects of the Schools work and were extremely positive. They praised the behaviour and enthusiasm of our pupils, the quality of teaching and identified the good progress made by all groups of children. They also commented on the improvements made since the last inspection, identifying federation as an important part of this success.

The children have been involved in many activities in school including world literacy day, world maths day and world science day. Class 1 led a Mother's day assembly, class 2 led an Easter Service at St Helens, all children were involved in a Sharnford Bake-off for the Red Nose appeal, parents were able to bring in electrical items for recycling by Leicestershire County Council, Thornton's offered parents the opportunity of purchasing personalised Easter eggs, children had the opportunity of ordering reading books from Scholastic and class photographs were taken.

Lots of trips have been organised for all children this term including an Egyptian workshop, Tanzania Link Day at Leicester Cathedral, Pilgrimage walk, a nature day at Beaumanor Hall, visit to Sapcote Garden Centre, high ropes adventure, faith stories visit, Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre, Leicester, warning zone and Botanical Gardens, Oadby.

Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 had the opportunity to enter the Hinckley Area Cross Country races, years 5 & 6 have played football matches against local schools and years 4, 5 & 6 are preparing for Area Sports in June at Saffron Lane, Leicester.

Parents evening was well attended and parents have been asked to complete a questionnaire for their views of the school. In September children in year 4 started to learn how to play the Violin or Cello and joined in the Hinckley Music Area performance at John Cleveland College, year 3 children have been involved with 'Diosing' and will be singing at Leicester Cathedral in June. The PTA organised an Easter party which was well attended and an end of term disco has been arranged for July. The PTA work very hard to try and raise much needed funds for school and we thank them for their efforts.

All three classes are making a scarecrow ready for Sharnford Fete in June.

We are currently collecting vouchers for Sainsbury's and Nestle box tops and if you do have any spare vouchers please bring them in to School.

Carol Proctor Secretary

SHARNFORD LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

In anticipation of the forthcoming Sharnford Fete, the creation of Little Explorers scarecrow is well underway. This week the children have helped to gather recycled items from various places. Some have brought items in from home and we have been to Poors Meadow, searching for sticks anything else that is interesting to make our scarecrow. The children have really enjoyed putting their imaginative skills to use! Look out for our entry at the fete!

This term we have been looking at the dangers of the road and how to stay safe. To help us, we have had a visit from Simon to talk to us about road safety. He taught us all how we should act by reading us a special story. The main message we learnt is to hold hands with an adult. We practised driving around in our car and on the bikes and took turns to be the lollipop person. We all crossed over the road safely and learned how to look left and right. We then drew around our hands, cut the paper hands out and coloured them in brightly to put on our display. This will help us to remember!

Following a successful 'Come and Visit' session from our Mums and Tots group, we are looking forward to welcoming lots of new children to playgroup in the forthcoming weeks. We are eager to make them all feel welcome and have been planning for their first days. Sadly, it is nearly time for our pre-schoolers to leave us on their journey to big school. We have held parent forums supporting these children in their transition to school and playgroup staff will be attending their first stay and play sessions at their schools. A new idea for this year is to welcome the school staff and some Year 5 children into Little Explorers setting so that our pre-schoolers can get to know other children at the school who can help them settle in.

Before we enjoy our summer break, we are off to explore Oak Farm Park at Market Bosworth on our summer trip. The children and staff are very excited and we would like to thank the PTFA for all their hard work, fundraising and contributions throughout the year!

Alison, Laura, Karen, Jenny and Clare

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SHARNFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Another interesting and active period for the group. The new planter on the corner of Coventry Rd & Leicester Rd went up in May. The old planters although looking reasonable from a distance were falling apart, as evidenced by the ease with which Ron demolished them, though someone did assume a truck had hit them! Dave Sewell designed the new planters which look so much more interesting than the old boxes. They are built of plastic designed to look like wood and unless you get within 12 inches of them you can not tell they are not real wood. They should last for years. Once the risk of frost has passed we will be planting them up. There is a plan to gradually replace other wooden planters in the village as they are all starting to deteriorate. The second planter now all in plastic has been modified in line with our preferred design scheme and moved a little. It is opposite the Countryman and again will soon be planted up for the summer. Photos below show them both with Dave, Ron and Tony.



By the time this edition hits the streets we will have started, and perhaps completed all the hanging baskets so you can soon look forward to a colourful display courtesy of the Environment Group with lovely plants supplied by Four Winds. We will, once again, be hanging the baskets with military precision and then, our merry band of volunteer waterer's will be a regular sight of an evening as they attend to their baskets.

Other more mundane but essential activities included a village litter pick, and a tidying session on Bluebell Green to keep it looking good.

See you all at the Fete and if you want to join us contact the news editor Dave Sewell.

SHARNFORD PRESCHOOL PTFA

Sharnford Preschoolers PTFA has been busy this term. Since the last Sharnford News we have been quite busy as a committee. Before Easter we held a Coffee Morning in aid of Comic Relief and were really pleased to raise over £100 for them.

At the beginning of the Summer Term we organised a Sponsored Toddle Treasure Hunt for the children on Poors Meadow during Playgroup hours. The children thoroughly enjoyed finding all the cuddly toys, matching up the number on the toy with number on their chart, then stamping their charts; a big thank you to all those who sponsored them.

Sharnford Bumps, Babies and Toddlers goes from strength to strength with new parents and children joining us. If you are free on a Tuesday morning and are an expectant mother or have a pre- school aged child(ren) you look after please come down and join us at the Evergreen Hall between 9-10:30am (term time only).

We have also been involved in setting up this year's Summer Trip for both Groups which will take place in June. This has been funded in part by our Coffee Mornings (which are open to all), the last of which before the Summer Holidays was held recently. We would like to say a big thank you to all those who come along to them and make them such a success. Keep your eye on the village notice boards for the next ones in the Autumn!

Kathy Bryan

SHARNFORD METHODIST CHURCH

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Regular Activities to which all are welcome:-

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Evening Service – 3rd Sunday at 6pm.

Thursday at Ten - Last Thursday of each month at 10am.

Coffee Morning - 1st Saturday of each month at 10 – 11.30am.

United Fellowship - 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

Craft Group – 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. February – November.

“When, as a child, I laughed and wept, time crept.

When, as a youth, I dreamed and talked, time walked.

When I became a full grown man, time ran.

And later, as I older grew, time flew.”

Every time I'm reminded that it's time for another piece for 'Sharnford News' I think of this inscription on a grandfather clock in Chester Cathedral. How true it is, seems like only 5 minutes since I made my last contribution.

Things continue much as usual at the chapel. Coffee mornings having raised funds for 'Mind' and 'Christian Aid' in April and May. Contributions for Hinckley Food Bank are coming in at a steady rate. So far we have been able to send around 50 kilos and our basket is beginning to fill up again. The craft group is busy, as always, sorting and making things for the 'shoe box appeal', any contributions are always welcome.

We have continued to work with St. Helen's, the Fairtrade coffee morning in March being very successful and also the regular fellowship meetings. Hopefully we will be joining them in August for their 'Songs of Praise Evening'.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be serving 'Afternoon Tea' in the Evergreen Hall on August 3rd. There will be various stalls including books, crafts, children's tombola etc. Tea tickets will be on sale nearer the time costing £3 with accompanied children under 12 free. Please support us as we need to get our 'tatty' kitchen updated.

Finally I'd like to wish 'bon voyage' to Ria and Gordon Harris as they prepare to move to Wales. Ria became a member of our chapel after her arrival from South Africa several years ago and we will miss them both.

Whatever the weather, hope you all have a good summer!

Maureen Butcher

SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP

STAG is still meeting every month and continuing pressure on the authorities to make the village a safer place with regards to the road situation.

It is still proving difficult to obtain the readings and results from the pollution monitor which is slowly working its way through the village. Blaby District Council will be contacted again to try to obtain them.

There are still on-going parking problems within the village, as is the case in many small villages such as ours. Finding solutions is often difficult and all sides of the story need to be considered. STAG are trying to confirm a meeting with the Police and Highways to highlight some of the problems we are having and to find workable solutions. Finding solutions is one thing but finding funding is quite another. But unless we keep Sharnford's name in the minds of the Council then we are likely to be forgotten when funding does become available. So it is important to keep pushing ourselves forward.

Concerns about the pedestrian crossing have been discussed. With speeding cars and HGV's coming through the village, many often see the crossing too late and hence the screeching of brakes heard on a regular basis. Highways were approached with the idea that one concerned resident sent to us – Zebrite Belisha Beacons. These are much brighter and more visible from distance. Highways initial response has been 'No'. They believe there is no need to replace the existing ones.

STAG will be at the Village Fete this year running the 'Books and Bric-a-Brac' stall, so pop along and see us and pass on any of your ideas for the road safety in the village.

Angie Timson-Jones



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SHARNFORD HOSTS "TAKE ME OUT"

At the beginning of February observant Saturday night TV viewers may have recognised some familiar local surroundings. Sharnford Lodge along Bumble Bee Lane were hosts to the popular ITV show "Take Me Out".

Take Me Out is a provocative, cheeky and electrifyingly funny dating show - where it really is first impressions that count. Each week, four bachelor boys have to impress thirty girls, but if the girls don't like what they see then the boys face a black out and a trip

back home alone. The lucky couples who do find their dream date are whisked off to the exclusive sun-kissed 'Isle of Fernandos'.



Soon to be local resident Ashley Cain was a contestant and brought along a camera crew for a day of 'on location' filming. The weather was glorious and some of the best winter sunshine of the year ensured that all went well and our beautiful little corner of the globe did itself proud.

Throughout the day I chaperoned Ashley's sister, Alissia, who featured in the programme. The farm was turned

into a film set and I was kept busy providing unlimited tea, coffee & biscuits to a thirsty but grateful crew.

I'm pleased to say that a wonderful day was had by all, and I like to think that we did our bit in making sure Ashley did get to go to the Isle of Fernando's!

William Higginbotham

PLANT SALE - SATURDAY 18TH MAY

After a dismal Spring (what Spring?) it was welcoming to have reasonable weather for the Plant Sale. Four Winds provided most of the bedding plants and the Sharnford Village Show Group grew the Veg, Herbs and various other bits and pieces, and some donated plants.

We had a fantastic morning with sales up on last year, the Evergreen Ladies famous bacon butties pulled in the crowds, including a taxi driver on his way to Heathrow! Once again Four Winds supplied us with quality plants which we were able to sell at reasonable prices. We could not run this event without their help, there are not enough hours in the day for us to produce enough bedding plants to their standards, nor do we have the space.

We did wonder what we had let ourselves in for when we took over running this event from The Evergreen Ladies last year, a hard act to follow. This is now our second year and we took notice of what you said last year about the choice of plants, you wanted more trailing plants so we had a lot more and they flew out of the door. Next year expect us to have an even better selection of plants you want to buy - we do listen to what you have to say. We will now take a well earned break and then start planning for the 2014 Plant Sale.

Thank you for all your support which has enabled us to raise money which we will be able to distribute later in the year to deserving village causes after the Sharnford Village Show in September. See you all at The Show on the 14th September. Get your schedule from the Post Office or one of the group members. If you entered last year, you should by now have a copy.

Tony Curtis



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CRAFT GROUP

Meeting once a fortnight on a Monday evening at the **Sharnford Youth and Community Centre** we have started an Arts and Craft Group. We meet to craft together, chat, share ideas and if we are honest to escape to do something for ourselves. We have a range of crafts going on at any one time and that has included painting, embroidery, sewing, crochet and knitting, but who knows what it will be next time.

Intermittently we will have speakers and our first speaker will be on 3rd June and will be Tony Curtis who will be talking to us about the village show, the craft categories and hopefully telling us a bit about the judging process.

If you have a portable craft and would like to come to join us please do, the next couple of dates are **3rd June, 17th June and 1st July**. It is £2 a session including refreshments (usually coffee/tea and a home made cake).

Please contact us if you would like further information Kathy 272335 or sharnfordcraftgroup@gmail.com

Kathy Bryan

SHARNFORD ST. HELEN'S LADIES GROUP

In April Keith Hextall from the Sapcote Heritage Group , provided a fascinating insight into the lives of villagers in Sapcote between 1790 and 1815. He read extracts from colourful letters of William Spencer, who was a school master in Sapcote at the turn of the 18th century. The letters described not only the hardships of the day to day life, including failed harvest, lack of coal and Smallpox, but also the jubilant celebrations that lasted for 2 days, after the victory over Napoleon.

In May, Jo Thorpe from The Workshop in Strutt Road Burbage, gave us a very interesting insight into her work in Jewellery Design. She brought along examples of her work, which involves designing and making bespoke items such as engagement and wedding rings. Jo also gave us handy hints on how to choose the best diamonds for their

quality and clarity. The evening visit to Four Winds - Sharnford Garden Shop - was most enjoyable. The group were shown around the greenhouses and given a demonstration of how to plant-up a hanging basket using the best kind of compost and technique. They were then given the opportunity to fill their own hanging basket or pot with plants of their choice. The evening concluded with coffee and refreshments.

July 3rd is the evening of our BBQ at the home of Jan Sewell at 7.30pm. This is always an enjoyable get together. Stuart Sewell is taking us on a world



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travel experience on August 7th. He has recently returned from a trip to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Belize. On September 4th, Alice Smith will be telling us about her time as a contender on Sir Alan Sugar's programme The Young Apprentice.

These meetings will be at the home of Jan Sewell, 48 Leicester Road , at 8pm.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and further information about the group can be obtained from the Leader, Pat Jordan , Telephone 27229.

LONDON MARATHON SUCCESS FOR IAN PICKERING

Following the hard 4 months training from Christmas through to April, in the freezing cold and wet, Ian succeeded to run the London marathon in 4 hours and 32 minutes. On the day of the London Marathon, it was the hottest day of the year, taking the runners out of their comfort zone!

"It was an amazing experience, and I was so pleased to take part - It was very hard but exhilarating at the same time, I was glad to finish without injury and in one piece"

I want to thank everyone who contributed towards my charity and I am pleased to announce I raised **£2552 for Children with Cancer**, exceeding my target. Over £1660

was raised from the party held at the Youth Club alone, so thank you to all of you for helping me achieve my goal.

Special thanks go to my lovely wife Jo, for all her support and fundraising help, and to Frazer and Julie for their amazing help and support with the party and for putting up with my running madness!

I've now bought a bike to give my knees a rest, so until the next time...."

Editor's note: Ian runs a photographic business in Sharnford and is very active in our community.

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SHARNFORD CRICKET CLUB

Rain hasn't stopped play yet this season, but the weather certainly created a few difficulties in preparing the ground and making it match worthy. So a big thank you to everyone who put in a big effort in those last couple of weeks before our first match.

This year we are proud to have the Youth of the club who have worked their way through to the Senior teams, taking over the reins. This is a big move forward for the club and will help its longevity. Billy Kilbourn is the 1st team Captain, with Joe Richings as Vice Captain. Tom Dale is Captain of the 2nd Team with Steve Johns as Vice Captain. It hasn't been easy for them finding enough players every week, but they are doing a great job and we look forward to some well deserved wins coming their way. The more mature

members of the team appear to be enjoying taking a step back from the running of the teams and concentrating on their game, with their usual determination, wealth of experience and copious cans of deep heat.

Remember if anyone would like to join the club there is a game on every week at the Cricket ground, so just pop down and have a chat to the Captains and put your name forward.

LONDON MOONWALK 2013



At nearly midnight on Saturday 11th May three friends and I set out to walk 26.2 miles around the streets of London in black leggings and decorated bras. Why? To raise awareness of breast cancer and money for breast cancer charities through Walk the Walk.

We were taking part in the MoonWalk 2013.

Things are rarely that simple though, and as we found in the depths of a very cold and damp night; when progress was

annoyingly slow and tiredness was really kicking in, you need more than money and awareness to motivate you and keep putting one foot in front of another.

Here's our story.

20+ years ago my dad told us that his close cousin had died. We had known she was ill but we were young and people get ill and get better; don't they? Hilary left two teenage children and a husband behind. I spoke to her daughter Sarah before doing the walk and she simply said 'I miss her everyday'.

One sunny spring day a few years later in my uni digs I took a phone call from my mum, I knew something was wrong. A close family friend had passed away. Jackie had thought she had beaten breast cancer but it came back and spread and eventually she had lost. By now I knew of Breast Cancer and what it could do. Jackie left three children, husband and a young doted-on granddaughter.

7 or so years from then, three friends sat enjoying a quiet evening together chatting as friends do about dreams, fears and plans for the future. We were all of an age - children and starting families figured heavily. I however was the lucky one, I still had my mum to talk to. Lisa had lost her mum to Breast Cancer. During this evening was the first time that I heard of the MoonWalk and learnt that it was more than just a dance move invented by Michael Jackson. Lisa explained it was a marathon but instead of running we would have to 'power walk'.....okay, hard work but doable, because it's for breast cancer we have to do it in bras....okay (ish), at night...Gulp! Despite some reservations we all agreed



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to take part with Lisa. However fate determined it wouldn't be that year. By the time of the MoonWalk we were all pregnant and in no condition to take part.

Another 7 years and 3 children each later, Lisa and I were again chatting and both felt we wanted to do the MoonWalk, but were we ready? Possibly not, so instead we decided on the Sunwalk; half the distance and in the daytime, a nice introduction. It was still hard work and there are probably a number of tourists who were in London that day with photos of the Houses of Parliament or the London Eye and me and Lisa in decorated bras; but we did it.

It was however an amazing experience and we came away more convinced that we wanted to do the 'Full Moon'. You see the SunWalk and the MoonWalk are not just about the walking, they

are about the event itself as well. Everyone there has their own reasons for being there; some are there in memory of loved ones, others in thanks for having beaten the disease and others with a determination to make a difference. It is not all about loss and the atmosphere is positive and buoyant. The MoonWalk and the SunWalk are both organised by Walk the Walk who raise funds for a number of charities working with breast cancer sufferers and researching treatments. To find out more look at their website <http://www.walkthewalk.org/AboutUs/OurHistory> as their history is a whole article in itself.

11th May 2013 The Big Day/Night

So the Big Day arrived; now to put into practice all the walking we had done in training. All week people had been confidently saying that the weather would be good and the rain of the week would pass and with words of encouragement ringing in our ears we got the train from Rugby down to the big smoke. A few hours of quiet contemplation, carb loading and pink hat spotting at Victoria Railway Station we took the short ride to Battersea Park and stepped out into a crowd of women (and a few men) bedecked in pink baseball caps and Walk the Walk t-shirts. There should have been only a short walk to the venue, however, we had to join a queue, and what a queue.

Having walked for about 10 mins we finally got to the end of it, joined it and turned around to walk slowly back to 'MoonCity'. It was then that the dark and ever so slightly foreboding clouds rained on us and the wind whipped up and we were well and truly

soaked! As luck would have it the rain moved away then and it was the last we saw of it for the rest of the event. Arriving at the MoonCity we found ourselves a small piece of floor, stored our backpacks and joined in the pre walk warm ups, listened to more words of advice and encouragement and waited for our time to leave and **START WALKING!**
11:45pm We're Off.

It was still rather cold and damp when we set off and we and many of the other walkers decided that we needed to keep warm and would show our bras once we were warmer.

From our start at Battersea Power Station the route took us past many, if not all, of the famous land marks of London including Vauxhall Bridge and MI6, the Chelsea Hospital, The Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, St James Park, Whitehall, Houses of Parliament, St Pauls, the Tower of London, The Globe, the London Eye and finally and very welcomingly the towers of Battersea Power station again.

17,000 people took part supported on their way by many volunteers and numerous members of the public.

We found that the first half of the walk seemed to take a lot longer than during our training and as the hours passed by we began to get disheartened. Then at last the 13 mile marker: finally there were fewer miles in front of us than behind and a spring returned to our step. This may also have been because we had treated ourselves to our lone chocolate bars! 16 miles and we really felt like we were getting there; the sun was coming up over the river and finally we were getting a little bit warmer. Once we got to Tower Bridge and the Tower of London we really believed we would complete this challenge and crossed the river Thames to the south side for the last time. The remaining 4 miles passed quickly and we were then at 26miles, not far now and the bras were out; we had decorated them and were going to show them! The last 0.2 miles took for-ever! Then we were there, back at Battersea Power station, the party in full flow, medals draped around our necks and we could stop walking!

Looking back a week on, we still have the sense of achievement. Okay it was not a run marathon but it was still a challenge at night and we did it and raised lots of money towards a charity close to our hearts.

Would we do it again? Personally I would, like a shot, and hope to get a group together to do it next year.

Kathy Bryan

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IN SEARCH OF THE JARRETTS.....



The sales brochure of the estate agent tells us that.....'the picturesque Jarretts farm, sited next to the Parish Church, is of 17th century construction, with an intriguing past having been busy for centuries as a working farm, a hostelry, a butchers shop and impromptu village hall'. Not a bad description.....but what of the people who lived there.....

It is strange to think that the name Jarrett has endured to this

day, for the last of that name in Sharnford died out in the 1850's. Mary Jarrett and her brother Thomas never married, with Mary dying 11th Nov 1858 aged 77, and Thomas six days later on the 17th Nov aged 68. Their tombstones can be seen within St. Helen's churchyard, moved at some time in the past, but now nestling against the wall to their farm.

Mary and Thomas were two of the eight children of Thomas Jarrett (1755-1840) and his wife Ann (1758-1825) nee Pratt, who were married at Frolesworth 15th Mar 1779. Of their children only Richard appears to have married – to Elizabeth Farmer of Croft, 24th Jan 1826. They had 5 children but left Sharnford in the late 1830's.

I have read that Thomas Snr was a butcher, (original meat hooks can still be seen today) but I can find no written evidence to substantiate this.. Likewise, the hostelry – or packhorse inn most likely – there is nothing to show this existed. It does not mean that it didn't happen – it means history has left us with no written documentation, that I can find. Situated on a busy arterial turnpike from Leicester to Watling Street, a farm-cum-ale house would not have been out of place, and undoubtedly must have caused some mutterings amongst the more pious of the churchgoers next door.

Documentation does exist, though, in the Law Advertiser – Assignments for Benefit of Creditors, dated 7th April 1830. Thomas Jarrett Snr. was owed money from John Jones, butcher, of Blaby. It does not relate how much, or if indeed he received it.

Unravelling the Jarrett's lineage back from the 1850's to the 1660's was relatively easy, with plentiful sources in St.Helen's church records, the Leicestershire Record office – where four Jarrett wills were found. The oldest of these wills is dated 10th April 1706 – and is worth a look for it shows the considerable wealth accumulated by the

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Jarrett family, certainly by 1706 standards anyway. Extracts from the will of Thomas Jarrett (who would have been born in the time of Oliver Cromwell), show himleaving £4 to his son William and 5/- each to his 4 grandchildren, son Richard got £4, son Henry got a whopping £20, whilst son John had the farm, goods and chattels. Thomas's wife Mary does not appear in the will. Their daughter Grace died in

infancy in 1682. It is with Thomas's son John that the Jarrett line continued – he married Sarah Whitmore of Sharnford *by license* at St.Helen's 9th Nov 1711. Interesting that – by license meant that the bride could be under the (then) consensual age -16- or that there was a baby on the way – and that they did not want to wait for the reading of the Banns. John Jarrett also left a last will and testament – dated 1728.

The oldest document that I could find relating to the Jarrett's was dated 30 April 1686. It is a deed to declare uses of a 'fine' upon Thomas Jarrett, yeoman, and his wife Mary of Sharnford and others. It meant not a fine in the sense as we know it today, but a group purchasing or selling land, and using the same solicitor *collectively on one document* for the purpose of economy.. Here, Thomas and Mary are buying buildings and land, for we see '2 Messuages and land attached....a close adjoining the messuages....and all the yard land, arable, meadow and pastures.' Could this be the beginning of Jarrett's farm or are they merely adding to their portfolio?.

After the deaths of the remaining Jarrett's in 1858, the farm was bought by John Forryan of Burbage, who farmed it until 1880 when it was sold by auction in two lots. From the *London Gazette*, 26th Dec 1879....'freehold property, comprising a farm, buildings, and appurtenances adjoining, situated in Sharnford, in the County of Leicester, also four closes of land, fenced and watered, occupied by John Forryan, and containing together about 21A ,3R, 29P, (acres, roods, perches - author) or thereabouts, and a close of land, called Jarretts Orchard, occupied by the said John Forryan, and containing 1A, 0R, 13P, or thereabouts'...'to be sold at the Old Star Inn, Sharnford, on Thursday 22nd Jan 1880 at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely'. This is the last mention of the name Jarrett in connection with Sharnford that can be found.

The buyer was Thomas Hardy Hubbard, butcher and farmer. With his wife Elizabeth and son Thomas, a butcher journeyman, they remained at Jarretts farm at least until 1908 (*Kellys trade directory 1908*). Our thanks are now to villagers Eric Woods and Maureen Butcher, who were able to confirm the last known residents of Jarretts farm.

Jarretts farm was purchased during the 1914-18 War by Jack Orton of Burbage – he was now the village butcher and grandfather of the late Jean Philips. The property and lands were rented to James Cooper, both bandsman and stalwart of both Church and Chapel.



From the 1930's to 1962, son Ernest Cooper and family dairy farmed there – with parents James and Emily now retiring to 62 Star Cottages, Leicester Road. We presume that at some point the ownership of Jarretts reverted to the Coopers. On Ernest Cooper's death, his daughter Margaret Bailey inherited the farm – although its last occupant was a former Land Army girl, Esther Knight.

Esther (**above right**) – a Leicester city girl, arrived at the farm in 1943 and stayed for 60 years until her death in 2003.

In conclusion, I hope that when developers finish with the buildings that make up Jarrett's farm, that the name will not be lost to us. I would personally hate to see something inappropriate like Spring Close or Azalea Gardens. It would be a shame to lose an old name of many years standing which was such an integral part of village life.

(**above left**) - . Rarely seen, the yard at Jarrett's farm.

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CRIME ALERT IN SHARNFORD

On Thursday night a number of sheds, garages and out-buildings were broken into in Sharnford. The police have issued the attached notice (on the left) – SO PLEASE contact them if you can help, quoting the Crime Reference Number stated.

Yet again this reminds us all to be alert to this kind of crime and ensure that all our houses, sheds, garages and out-buildings are secure. If you fit suitable alarms, especially to sheds etc., it will help deter the thief and hopefully prevent a gang ‘going from house to house’, as they did on this occasion.

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- 1 What is the most common boy's name in children's nursery rhymes?
- 2 How many times can an A4 piece of paper be folded in half?
- 3 Which facial features remain the same size from birth to adulthood?
- 4 Which is the largest continent on Earth?
- 5 Who was the first American President?
- 6 Which planet is nearest to the Sun?
- 7 Author Frances Hodgson Burnett wrote the children's novel 'The secret.'what'?
- 8 What is the square root of 36?
- 9 Which reptiles camouflage themselves by changing colour?
- 10 What type of angle is less than 90 degrees?
- 11 In the human body, the patella is commonly known as what?
- 12 What is the capital of Norway?
- 13 How many colours are in a rainbow?
- 14 What is the name of Dr Who's time machine?
- 15 How many reeds does an oboe have?
- 16 Which author wrote the 1991 book 'The story of Tracy Beaker'?
- 17 Singer Justin Bieber was born in which country?
- 18 What is a group of lions called?
- 19 The Eiffel Tower is in which European city?
- 20 Welsh rarebit is another name for 'what' on toast?

Answers on last page?

THE WRITE STUFF

Blaby district residents can put pen to paper in a new creative writing class exclusively for adults. The Write Stuff will be led by experienced creative writing tutor Polly Tuckett, taking place at Braunstone Town Library on a weekly basis.

Polly is a local writer with work published in various journals. She directs Short Fuse, a spoken word event dedicated to the short story form. The classes are flexible and will allow for personal interest to be developed, with the aim to improve health and wellbeing through art activity.

Sam Clarke, Health Improvement Officer at Blaby District Council, said: "Creative writing is an excellent medium to express feelings, release tension and can be a relaxing form of therapy that can also unleash hidden talent. I hope people will give it a go, no experience is necessary and all abilities are welcome."

Classes are taking place every Thursday at 2pm - 3.30pm. Each session costs £1 and all resources are provided.

For more information email leisure@blaby.gov.uk or call 0116 272 7544.

WEEKLY RECYCLING ROLLS OUT ACROSS BLABY DISTRICT

From Monday June 3 Blaby District Council will be changing the way it collects recycling. Residents will be asked to put all their recycling into one bin, the current green lidded bin, and the remaining rubbish into the black lidded refuse bin.

In November 2012 the Council was successful in obtaining £2,000,000 worth of funding from central government as part of the Weekly Collection Support Scheme. This funding means the Council can continue to empty refuse bins weekly for at least the next five years and increase the recycling collection from fortnightly to weekly.

It also means residents will only have two bins at their property, three if they choose to use the garden waste collection service, instead of two bins and two boxes. Glass will continue to be collected at the kerbside, rather than residents having to take it to recycling banks or disposing of it in the black lidded bin.

Councillor Guy Jackson, Portfolio Holder for Regulatory and Neighbourhood Services at Blaby District Council, said: "The new scheme will be an improvement by being more efficient and more environmentally friendly than current arrangements. There will be less sorting of rubbish, no lifting of boxes and less vehicles on the road each week."

For more information visit www.blaby.gov.uk , email env.health@blaby.gov.uk or call 0116 272 7555. **Q&A:**

What is the new scheme?

Weekly refuse collection – black lidded bin

Weekly co-mingled recycling collection – green lidded bin

Weekly battery collection (bag placed on green lidded bin)

Fortnightly textile and electrical item collection – in Mind bag

Fortnightly garden waste collection – brown lidded bin (chargeable opt-in)

When will the new scheme be introduced?

The scheme will be launched June 2013, look out for bin hangers, letters, leaflets and regular updates on www.blaby.gov.uk

What will happen to textile and electrical equipment collections?

They will be collected by Mind. Please put your small electrical items in the Mind bag provided.

What size recycling bins are available?

Please use the existing paper and card bin for one month. If you feel that the bin is too small after the first month, you will have the opportunity to swap it for a larger 240ltr or 360ltr bin. If you have access or storage restrictions you can also opt to have two of the standard 140ltr bins.

Do I need to wash my recycling?

Washing your recycling helps to keep bins clean and reduces unpleasant smells. Just a rinse after you've washed up will help. Please also squash plastic bottles and cans, and rip up cardboard to make full use of your bin.

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DAWN CHORUS WALK PROVES A HOOT

Early risers were rewarded with a fascinating selection of bird songs and sightings during their dawn walk round Fosse Meadows one Saturday. Led by experienced volunteer ranger, David Mitchell, the group of intrepid birdwatchers spotted 31 species and heard the songs of a further 7 before going home for breakfast.

The list of birds included blackcap, whitethroat, yellowhammer, willow warbler and bullfinch as well as the ever popular robin, blackbird and wren. Two more unexpected



sightings were a tawny owl in a kestrel's nest box and a green woodpecker perched on the side of a telephone pole nearby.

With its woodlands, flower meadows and wildlife lake, Fosse Meadows is a good area for bird spotting and natural history. If you are interested in supporting



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