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SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW 2015 SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

This year the Show will be on Saturday 12th September, as usual at The Evergreen. Most entry classes are unchanged but please do check the schedule. If you have entered before you will have been sent one. If you need one you can get one from Tony Curtis, Kaye & Andrew Wormleighton, The Post Office, Four Winds or print one from the Village website.

We are very pleased to announce this year that there will be a £25 prize for the best exhibit in Show, kindly sponsored by Sharnford Lodge Saddlery, Bumblebee Lane, so worth making that extra effort to win. The men's only cake this year is a request from the judges, Chocolate Cake, they love your cakes. The recipe is as per the schedule. Keep watching The Great British Bake Off for tips.

It has been a yet another funny old season for growing, a mild winter, a dull spring. Still we are all in the same boat and suffering the same trials and tribulations as to whether produce will be ready on the day. One final pointer, if you are making pickles or preserves with Vinegar make them as soon as possible to allow the flavours to develop and the vinegar taste to be absorbed. If you are making curds then leave it to just before the show. Remember to date every jar, you will lose marks if you do not and for short lived products like curd the judge is entitled to refuse to sample it if there is no date. This is a health issue, remember you are producing something for someone else to taste. Also read our handy hints on the website about jars and closures. If you have the WI guide, On With The Show this also gives wise advice, we are happy to give further advice if you need it.

Please support the Show, profits are recycled to Village causes, our last donation was £1,000 to the village Defibrillator now installed at the Evergreen. But the Show is more than fundraising, it is chance for a bit of friendly rivalry and meet up with friends at The Evergreen Hall.

Tony Curtis



Sharnford Village Show
Saturday 12th September 2015
Sharnford Evergreen Village Hall, Sharnford

There are plenty of categories to enter, including Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables, Home-baking, Handicrafts and Children's categories

Exhibits to be staged before 11.00 am.

Public Viewing from 2.30 pm.

Produce Auction from 3.30 pm.

Admission 50p (Free for exhibitors)

Raffle, Tombola & Refreshments will be available

Pick up your copy of the show guide from the post office or download your show guide on www.leicestershirevillages.com/sharnford

For further information please contact show organiser
Tony Curtis on **01455 272532**

SHARNFORD ACCIDENT HITS HEADLINES – IN TWO NEWSPAPERS



John Rowley, of Sharnford Fields Farm – on the corner of Bumble Bee Lane and Coventry Road, Sharnford, had the shock of his life at 7.30am on Friday 14th August. As reported in the Leicester Mercury he told how a 44-tonne HGV demolished a corner of his house – leaving the bed he was in dangling precariously over what was left of the lounge below him. John said “I thought a plane had come through the roof. I was half asleep, listening to Radio Leicester, when there was this big bang and bricks started flying everywhere. My bed was left hanging over what was left of the lounge. If it hadn’t been for the blue cedar tree I planted when I moved in here, which the lorry brought down, it would have taken the whole front of the house off – and me with it!”

The lorry belonged to Cobley Transport and the driver was taken to Leicester Royal Infirmary for precautionary checks, but escaped unharmed. The police stated that it appears the lorry lost control, hit a large tree and jack-knifed before colliding with the property. The B4114 main road was closed to all traffic for a number of days, firstly to remove the lorry and debris, but then to ensure there was no danger of the house collapsing onto the road. The road was only reopened after two way traffic lights were put in place until a structural engineer deems the property, close to the road, is safe. As we go to press, that is the current situation.

ED: I thank the Leicester Mercury and Hinckley Times for details of the accident.

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SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

June 14th 2015 was Fete Day in Sharnford.

As usual, the day began early with people meeting down on the park at 7.30am to help put up the marquees and gazebos and generally set up for the day. It was really nice to see the regulars down there and also new and young faces who also turned up to help.

The fete was officially opened by Mr Ernie White, the former leader of Blaby District Council. He was also given the difficult job of judging the children's fancy dress competition, which this year had a circus theme.

During the afternoon, the Jubilee Cup presentation took place. This year it was presented to Mrs Karen Smith in recognition of her continued contribution to many groups in the village. She is a very worthy holder of this award. Photo is of Karen & PC Chair Jack Feast.



We had another successful day – the weather was kind to us again, with only an odd spot of rain. As usual there were lots of stalls and attractions. The BBQ, bottle stall and tombola were very popular, as was the lorry, kindly loaned to us for the afternoon by Eddie Stobart. We had a fantastic response to calls for raffle prizes with 27 prizes being up for grabs. Thank you to everyone who donated.

As a result of everyone's hard work, the following groups in the village will each receive a cheque for £240 – St Helens Church, the Methodist Chapel, Evergreen Group, STAG, PTA, PTFA, Sick and Divi, Youth Club, Environment Group, Village Show. If there are any other groups in the village that would like to be included, then they need to have a representative on the fete committee and help with organizing the day.

The committee would like to send out a big "Thank You" to everyone involved with the day, whether it was in helping to set up, man a stall, donate prizes or cakes, or doing some of the many other jobs to make the day a success. We would also like to thank everyone who visited on the day to enjoy the attractions. It wouldn't be a success without you!

If you would like to get involved or just have some new ideas or suggestions, then please come along to the AGM which will be held on Wednesday 27th January 2016. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

*Sue Stanley - SGJC
Secretary*

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SHARNFORD VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP

After the successful installation of the Defibrillator on the front wall of the Evergreen Hall we had a Trainer from the Community Heartbeat Trust offer us an 'Awareness Evening' on how and when to use a Defibrillator.

In June, 40 Sharnford residents attended this 'Awareness Evening' where there was an opportunity, as well to update our skills, by doing heart compressions on a Resuscitation Dummy.

The Trainer advised us that it would be very useful to have one of these Resuscitation Dummy's to be available to all in Sharnford.

Mr & Mrs A Wright, residents of Sharnford very kindly offered to buy a Resuscitation Dummy for Sharnford. We thank them for their generosity. So 'Little Anne' is now in residence at the Evergreen Hall and is freely available to all groups, clubs, churches, school etc., in Sharnford, who would like to practice 'heart compressions' maybe on an annual basis. 'Little Anne' will also be available at the Evergreen 'Bacon Buttie' Mornings for anyone who wants to 'have a go'.

Tony & Chris Berridge

ST HELEN'S CHURCH

We welcomed into our Christian Community on the occasions of their Christenings, Marcus Burbage in June and Finlay and Freya Oliver in July. All families are welcome to our Family Service on the first Sunday of each month starting at 9.15am. We have just invested in new toys!

The 'Clean-up the Churchyard' was very successful again. We thank the willing volunteers for all their hard work. The Churchyard is looking lovely. (see a separate report later on)

Our four 'Cream Teas' held monthly have had over 60 people each time coming to St Helen's to enjoy tea, scones, cake and good company and on two of the Cream Teas some people managed to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine! We thank you for your support and generosity, we are donating a total of £680.30 to the Brain Trust Charity, a worthy cause and near to our hearts here in Sharnford.

On Sunday 16th August we held our joint 'Songs of Praise Celebration' with our friends from Sharnford Methodist Church. We enjoyed 'a good sing' with lively hymns and an inspiring address was given by the Methodist Minister Rev. Sue Howe.

Ride and Stride Event takes place on Saturday 12th September, you can cycle or walk to as many Churches in the area as you can. Sponsor forms available from St Helen's or just visit St Helen's as it will be open all day.

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Harvest Festival and Brunch on Sunday 4th October 9.15am. A Family Service to celebrate the Sharnford & local Farmers Harvest and the wider world. Brunch is available after the Service so don't eat too much breakfast! Come and join us in this celebration.

We will be making a collection of tinned goods for Hinckley Homeless and Lawrence House, Hinckley at this service.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 10am. A United Service will be held at St Helen's Church followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Churchyard at 10.50am.

The Children's Society boxes will be collected the first week in October.

We are blessed to be able to welcome more people to St Helen's Church with the use of the servery and toilet. If you have not had the opportunity to 'walk through the door' come and join us sometime you would be very welcome.

Chris Berridge

ST HELEN'S CHURCHYARD



Many thanks to all who gave up their Saturday morning at the end of May to help spruce up the churchyard. Your efforts are much appreciated by the regular team and compliments have been received from church visitors.

We are hoping to organise another working party shortly, to chop up and dispose of the various branches which resulted from the Spring tidy. Bill Edge has kindly volunteered to drive the cuttings to a bonfire in the



Rectory field but before that we need help with the chopping and moving to a suitable collection point.

If you are able to help please contact me on the number below so that we can arrange a convenient date.

John Evrall 272602

Members of St Helen's Church would like to thank everyone who helped in our general clean-up of the church yard in May. It proved another great success after last year new graves were discovered and even an old jug was found under all the weeds. Many thanks to everyone.

Thanks to the clean up last year, we had a marvellous display of primroses in the spring. Most of these had been lost inside the 'jungle' previously. Hopefully they will come again next year and we hope that many will come and have a glimpse in the spring.

Rosemarie Simpson

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

The Club does not meet during August at the hall but we did have an enjoyable outing on the river Trent aboard the "Nottingham Prince" instead. The sun shone and we were served an excellent roast dinner as we sailed for three hours along the river and all agreed it was a very good day out.

At the beginning of September we open with our fish and chip supper, after which the meetings will take place fortnightly in the afternoons at 3pm on Wednesdays, and new members will be most welcome from September 16th onwards. Darts, cards and various board games are available or you can just sit and chat, and then enjoy tea, cakes and sandwiches.

On September 26th our annual fundraising event for the MacMillan's nurses will take place, bacon butties cakes, books and clothes will be on sale and we do hope you can give us your support for this worthy cause. Although it sounds a long way off, our Christmas Bazaar will be on December 5th and our final Club meeting will be on December 9th with a party atmosphere and food. We do not meet in January but go to the pantomime at the Concordia instead and our annual dinner will be held at the end of that month before we start regular meetings again in February.

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Our members help out at various events in the hall during the year with refreshments or serving behind stalls to raise money for the upkeep of the building, which is a great asset to our village, and I would like to thank everyone involved for their support, whether buying, selling or donating.

One of our members, Eileen Thrasher, has moved to Bude to live with her daughter following a fall and we wish her a speedy recovery and every happiness in her new home, and sadly another member, Mavis Bray, passed away in July and we extend our sympathy to her family. We shall miss them both.

Beryl Devenyi

SHARNFORD SCHOOL PTA

As we write this it's the summer holidays, schools out! Children are playing hide and seek in the park, going on cycle rides, visiting relatives and taking trips to the beach. Families are climbing mountains and going camping. Friends are fishing and playing football and enjoying BBQ's and picnics.

Soon though, it'll be trips to the shoe shop and trying on new uniforms. Teachers will be steeling themselves ahead of the new term, as will the children. Before we know it'll

all be checking PE kits, making packed lunches and looking for lost homework. Enjoy the rest of the summer holidays!

Upcoming dates:

Our first coffee morning of the new term will be on the 10th September at the Evergreen Hall, 10-12noon. Please come along for a cup of coffee or tea and a piece of homemade cake and have a bit of time for a chat. Anyone is welcome so please bring your friends too. All money raised goes towards the PTA and addressing the school's wish list.

The second coffee morning will be on the 3rd December.

And, as always, the PTA is on the look-out for new parents to help out at events or if they're really brave, join the committee. So please come along to the AGM in September!

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SHARNFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sharnford C E Primary School had an incredibly busy year which came to an end on Friday 10th July. Over the year the children have been offered 18 trips including a 5 day residential, there have been 21 visitors to school to support the delivery of the curriculum and children have been offered music projects and the opportunity to take part in a number of different sports. This term the visits included a talk for year 1 and 2 children about the dangers of dogs, year 4 and 5 children visited Caterpillar at Desford and year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a visit from Mr Jed Jaggard who runs the company 'Up n' at 'em! who acts out time in history, on this occasion it was about the plague. Year 3 children

took part in a musical at Leicester Cathedral called 'The King in the Car Park' following their singing lessons this year with 'Diosing'. Year 6 children spent a day at their new high school and we held two transfer days for the children to spend time with their new teachers. Children starting school in September also spent the morning and lunchtime with us on one of the days. 'Open the Book' team, who are members of local churches, have been visiting school once a month to act out a story from the bible, the children were really excited to watch these assemblies and they have been enjoyed by all. School reports were sent home at the end of June and parents had the opportunity to visit school at the end of term to look at the children's work that had been completed during this academic year. The PTA held a leavers disco in the school hall which was very enjoyable and they continue to raise funds for school. We would like to thank all parents and helpers that have been in to school over the last academic year.

I hope that you have a good summer.

Carol Proctor Secretary

SHARNFORD LOLLIPOP MAN RETIRES

Norman Burrows recently retired as Lollipop Man for the village. He will be much missed by everyone. He wanted to send this message;



'I would like to thank all Sharnford Primary School Staff, all the wonderful children and their parents and grandparents from the past and present, and all the dog walkers I got to know over my many years on the job.

I would also like to thank everyone for the cards and presents given to me and for the lovely booklet with pictures and messages from the staff and children.

Thank you all once again - I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the crossing with you all.'

ED: On behalf of the whole village we would like to say a big thank you Norman. Over many years you have ensured that our children and their parents are safe crossing the very busy main road.

SHARNFORD METHODIST CHAPEL

Our coffee mornings, held on the 1st Saturday of each month have been very successful in raising funds for our Chapel, Methodist run charities, plus Christian Aid, The Leprosy Mission, Send a Cow and the recent disaster in Nepal. Thank you to all those who drop in and support us throughout the year. On September 12th we will be open, along with St Helen's, for the annual "Stride and Ride" event for Leicestershire to raise money for the upkeep of ancient churches.

We were pleased to receive into full membership Kathy Bryan, Margaret Wood and Kath Wakeham who have all worshipped with us for many years. Also, it was a happy occasion for us in July when baby Cal David Simons, son of Emma and Heath, was baptised and his name added to our baptismal register going back over 150 years.

Our craft group, which collects and makes items for the Christmas Shoe Boxes, is now meeting on alternate Tuesday afternoons in the Chapel and anyone who would like to help in any way would be welcome to join us.

On the first Monday of the month we have a book club at 2pm, where we talk about a passage selected on the day so no previous reading is necessary, anybody interested just come along.

One of our congregation, Mavis Bray, a faithful member for many years died recently and our prayers and sympathy go to all her family. We also miss Eileen Thrasher who has moved to Bude to live with her daughter after a fall. She is recovering well and has already made new friends from the local Methodist Church.

The Remembrance Day service will be held at St Helen's this year at 10am followed by a gathering outside at the memorial as usual.

Our own Chapel services start at 10 am every Sunday and a warm welcome awaits everyone.

Beryl Devenyi

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

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Come and join us at the Hall in Sharnford – meetings twice monthly on Wednesdays. Full high tea enjoyed at each meeting and last year we enjoyed full Christmas Dinner in December and a Fish and Chip Supper in September. We also have outside trips, recent ones include Gloucester Docks, Chatsworth and Ironbridge, the last one was a boat trip on the Nottingham Prince.

We also have occasional speakers to entertain us at our meetings.

ALL WELCOME – Meetings afternoons in the winter and evenings in the summer.

Contact Jean Dale 274772

SHARNFORD LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

This term sees us reopen on Wednesday 2nd September with only 4 spaces left for the entire year!!!!!! If you haven't registered your child for the academic year of 2015/2016 then you really must pop down and see us as soon as we reopen!

We are already planning for this terms topic - 'marvellous me' that the children chose to focus on. We will be talking about our families, pets and our favourite things so please send in photos for us to use with your child. Little Explorers will be having a Harvest Festival collection so please send in non-perishable items you would like to donate. We will send these on to St Helen's Church for them to distribute on our behalf.

Later in September, we will be offering families attending Little Explorers Playgroup or Sharnford Bumps, Babies and Tums, the opportunity to join us on a Gruffalo hunt at Burbage Common, so look out for further details of this at playgroup.

A warm welcome back

Alison, Sue, Laura M, Carlie, Clare and Laura R

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SHARNFORD PRE-SCHOOLERS PTFA



Sharnford Pre-schoolers PTFA is a committee of volunteers who raise money for the children of Sharnford Little Explorers Playgroup and Sharnford Bumps, Babies and Toddler (BBT) Group.

Our pre-schoolers at BBT have been kept well entertained this term with lots of fun and crafty activities. These activities have included chalk pictures, paper plate snakes, cress heads, yoghurt pot monsters and lollipop puppets. Our music sessions with Tracey, continue to prove popular. These music sessions allow the children of all ages to explore music through singing, dancing and musical instruments. The Sensory room, particularly used by our smallest members, continues to be popular.

The children had a fabulous time during our leavers party bouncing on the bouncy castle and playing on the soft play. They also particularly enjoyed the array of snacks including cake! What's a party without cake!?!?! Our leavers party was our chance to say a fond farewell to some of our regulars who start a new journey at school in September. Goodbye and good luck to you all.

Sharnford Fete was a great success. The nearly new toy sale, craft table, hook a duck and sweetie stall proved very popular. It was lovely to see lots of people supporting us and other Sharnford groups. Thank you for all for the donations and a big shout out to the volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!!



In the last newsletter we were considering changing when we meet but due to popular demand BBT is to remain on a Tuesday morning at The Evergreen Hall, Sharnford from 9.00am-10.30am (term time only). BBT's first session back after the summer break is Tuesday 8th September.

To allow BBT to continue volunteers are needed to help set up, if you feel you can spare an hour on a Tuesday morning please contact us on our facebook page on 'Sharnford Bumps, Babies and Toddler Group' or email us on Sharnfordbbt@gmail.com.

We will be holding our AGM on 23rd September at 9.15 Nellie Veasey room, Evergreen Hall. It would be great to see lots of new faces there.

We look forward to seeing you in September

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1. What is so unique about British Postage stamps?
2. Which iconic British car went on sale in 1959 for £500?
3. Harry Corbett was nephew to Harry Ramsden, founder of the world's largest fish and chip shop, and played the piano there. What was the name of his puppet?
4. What is the most common adjective used in the Oxford English Dictionary?
5. Which is the only English Cathedral to have 3 spires?
6. What is the name of the English coastline's only Cape?
7. What is Britain's longest river, 220 miles in length?
8. What is the largest historic county in Britain?
9. Which British monarch was the first to live in Buckingham Palace?
10. Which prime minister went to the same school in Scotland as James Bond?
11. Which prime minister was born in a ladies loo?
12. Who was the first golfer to be knighted?
13. Which is the only non-English football team ever to have won the FA Cup?
14. What was the name of the first horse to win the Grand National?
15. Which chocolate maker made the first solid chocolate and also the world's first edible chocolate bar?
16. Which English cathedral was the first building in the world to be constructed higher than the Great Pyramid?
17. Which English castle boasts the largest keep in Europe?
18. Which British town or city do you associate with the following:- the biggest biscuit factory in the world, Henry I's burial place, the Royals, Oscar Wilde?
19. Which British county do you associate with the following – the birth of evolution, the Industrial Revolution, the modern Olympics, A.E Housman and the Wrekin?
20. What do these acronyms stand for? ODEON HMV TIP

SHARNFORD'S MILLIE HAINGE ATTENDS THE JDRF CHILDREN'S CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON DC



I have just returned from attending the JDRF Children's Congress in Washington DC in the United States, it was an honour to have been chosen to represent the UK and I had an amazing time. When I first received the phone call, last October, inviting me to attend it was an enormous surprise and I was very excited.

Since being diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, aged 9, I have wanted to raise as much awareness of the disease as possible and help people to understand what living with this disease is really like. Going to Washington offered an excellent opportunity to do just that. People get very confused between Type 1 and Type 2 – type 2 is linked to lifestyle but type 1 occurs when your pancreas stops working and producing insulin.



While I was in Washington I had the experience of a lifetime and a lot of fun. Our hotel was next door but one to the White House and was very close to all of the main sites, although I had little free time I was able to visit the Washington Monument and walk along the National Mall to the Lincoln Memorial. The Lincoln Memorial was very impressive and just proves that one person can make a difference if only they try.

I was very lucky to be invited to the British Embassy, the Ambassador's residence was amazing, particularly the gardens and all of the people were extremely nice, they wanted to show their support for the work I was doing and I was presented with lots of gifts including a large wooden plaque, recognising my visit. It was a wonderful gift and something I can keep forever but it really weighed down the suitcase on our journey home! (see photo below)

During my stay I visited Capitol Hill, the home of the US Government, where I met with both Senators and Congress men and women to tell them what it is like to live with type 1. I wanted them to understand that type 1 is a global disease that does not recognise age, race or geography and that at the moment no one knows what causes it and that there is no cure. But with their help and more money for research together we can find a cure.

The visit was full of many one off experiences and I enjoyed them all, but the best thing about my trip was meeting lots of other inspiring young people from all across America who live with type 1.

It was so nice not to be the odd one out as everyone had to monitor their blood glucose and count carbs. It was really funny when an insulin pump beeped and everyone looked around to see who it belonged to. I enjoyed being able to share type 1 experiences like how they manage their blood sugars during PE at school and seeing all of the different types of equipment being used to keep each person healthy. I made some great friends who I know I will stay in touch with and hopefully meet up with in the future.

This visit has taught me that I can make a difference so I will continue to share my message and demand a change until Type 1 finally becomes Type none.



SHARNFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

All of you can see for yourselves the planters and hanging baskets installed for this summer. Unfortunately we are sorry to report that a thief is active again in the village.

Ron, who attends the planter at the entrance to the village from Leicester, has let us know that plants have again been stolen from that planter. Over half of the flowers from one side and nearly three quarters on the other side, have disappeared. We can't think



its vandals messing about since there is no evidence of damage or sign of the plants strewn around. It is not as if the plants are worth much and they wouldn't probably do very well so late in the season anyway. It is a sorry state of affairs when folks can't afford to buy what they need and frustrating for our small group. The time, effort and funds put into making the village look better, are clearly not appreciated by everyone.... need we say more. (see photos above) On the same subject, the ground bird feeder has also gone missing from Bluebell Green.

The planter by the phone box adjacent to the Countryman car park is causing us some concern since twice this summer the person responsible for mowing the area, moves it with the mower!! Well he must have given it a good thwack last time, since it is now damaged and cannot be repaired until the plants are finished and we empty the whole thing, then repair. The local authority have been informed.

The work to the front of Bluebell Green is on-going. It's not yet finished due to our own commitments, but it will be worth waiting for, since it will make the site a little easier to maintain. The village sign is ordered and will be in position by the end of the year.

May I remind you that we are, very much, in need of support and new members? Truth is, the current membership is so low, we don't know how much longer we are able to continue. **We need you.** If

you have something to say, or want to know what we are about, our next meeting is September 10th, always the 2nd Thursday in each month. 7.30pm Evergreen Hall.

The photo on the right shows how another planter looks – quite different from the vandalised ones above. Please give it some thought to join our group.

Yvonne Jordan



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I regret to have to inform you that funding for our Village website, paid for by Leicestershire County Council and hosted by leicestershirevillages.com will end in August 2016. The website was set up over ten years ago to provide every village with its own free website. As far as I know, no other council does this and funding cuts have finally caught up with the website. This will affect not only us but every village in the County. The website will cease to function from August next year. If you have content on the website you will need to consider your options. The village site attracts over 55,000 page hits a year from around the County and indeed around the Globe. We have visitors from Australia and Canada who visit the site! It would be shame to lose all the information which is on there.

If there is sufficient interest in the village to set up a new website then we will form a group to do so. Please register your interest on our website page if you want to be involved <http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/sharnford/>

You might like to consider as an interim measure setting up a Facebook page for your group. These are free and work very well. If you are not familiar with Facebook I am willing to show you how to get started.

Tony Curtis

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'West End Wonders' is dedicated in fond memory of Keith Smith, and we will be holding a bucket collection to donate to **The Brain Tumour Charity**.

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SHARNFORD YOUTH CLUB & COMMUNITY CENTRE

As the end of the school year drew to an end mid July, the Youth Club celebrated in the best way they know how... a mass water fight! Armed with water pistols, hoses and sprinklers, anyone going home dry was classed as extremely lucky.

The Committee decided to close for the first three weeks of the holidays but started back on 7th August with a full house. New members are joining us on a weekly basis and its particularly encouraging to see new faces moving into the village joining in with such enthusiasm.

The Community Centre is also still proving popular with party bookings which is helped, of course, by the ability to site a large inflatable both inside and outside the building allowing any party to be fun whatever the weather.

The regular clubs are also going from strength to strength with the Matt Elliot Soccer Academy and Fitsteps classes, both taking place on a Thursday, seeing their numbers increase weekly. See the table over the page for more info on all the clubs up and running at the minute.

Monday

7-9pm

Craft Club

Contact Kathy Bryan 272335

Wednesday

10-12.30pm

Over 55's Youth Club

Contact Derek Gibbons 272401

Thursday

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Contact www.touchlinesports.co.uk

6.30-7.30pm

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Contact Alison www.abdance.co.uk**Friday**

6.30-8pm

Youth Club (age 5-16)

Contact Julie Edge 271321

The room is also available to hire out for private functions or fundraising events and more information can be obtained by ringing Julie Edge on 271321, or check out our website at sharnfordyouthclub.wordpress.com

BLABY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Local Government Associations Annual Conference

I recently attended the Local Government Association's annual conference with the Chief Executive. There were numerous presentations and workshops across a whole range of subject matters. Of most relevance and interest to us were sessions around Combined Authorities, councils who are now leading the way with house building programmes and discussions around health and social care integration.

During the conference Leaders from Leicestershire District Councils and Leicestershire County Council met with Greg Clarke, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. We set out our ambition and intentions to establish a Combined Authority quickly so that we can deliver growth, homes, jobs and opportunities in our locality in a joined up way with better outcomes for people at less cost to the public purse.

It is often hard to evaluate the real benefits of going to conferences. In my new role as your leader the benefit to me of this conference was very clear. I met and forged relationships with key councillors and organisations which will be of great benefit as we progress our ambitions for Blaby.

Learning & Development Opportunities

The Human Resources team have successfully organised a number of employment initiatives and programmes that provide essential skills for council staff and real work opportunities for young people. Two exciting Apprenticeships vacancies have been made available within Neighbourhood Services and by the end of July there will be at least one person starting a job with the council. These opportunities will provide on-the-job training, a recognised qualification through local colleges and real future prospects for permanent employment.

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Further opportunities for Apprentices have also been planned to ensure that these opportunities continue to develop and be offered to young people in our district.

The council also currently has a student Intern on a 12 week placement from Leicester University and another student will also start on a 6 week placement in July. These placements provide students with an insight into duties that local government undertake, alongside proving them with valuable work experience.

In partnership with Leicester College and Skills for Life, a small number of staff have embarked on and achieved a Level 1 Functional Skills qualification (Maths and English) in July. This

training initiative has been an outstanding success and given the staff involved essential life skills in literacy and numeracy that they have previously missed out on. It has also increased the confidence of these individuals to develop themselves even further and to progress to a Level 2 qualification. The next stage of the initiative is to now provide more opportunities for staff to undertake this development.

New Play Equipment at Fosse Meadows (Sharnford)

Following consultation with local schools at Sharnford & Stoney Stanton a new slide, carousel and zip wire, were installed at Fosse Meadows. This has gone down really well with families visiting Fosse Meadows. (see separate article on page 20)

Prevention of Accidents (RoPRA)

Blaby District Council has been awarded a gold achievement of its commitment to health and safety by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA). The judges were impressed with the operations in place to maintain high levels of safety and as a result, presented the local authority with the prestigious Gold Award as part of its Occupational Health and Safety Awards. This is the second Gold Award Blaby has received for its health and safety management since entering for the first time last year. On Tuesday 14th July 2015 Jon Thorpe, Corporate Health and Safety Adviser at Blaby District Council, and I accepted the award at the NEC in Birmingham.

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The health and safety of both our staff and the public we serve, is extremely important and we are delighted our commitment has been recognised. This award demonstrates that we are a responsible and conscientious council that places health and safety as a top priority throughout our services.

A Place to Grow

A Place to Grow community garden, Mill Lane, Enderby hosted a spectacular Open Day on Saturday 27th June 2015. Over 180 residents attended the site, there were information stalls, plant produce for sale, a treasure hunt, free taster sessions in Tai Chi and Early Years physical activity, refreshments, a raffle and gardening tips/advice. Over £500 was raised on the day. Opportunities were available for volunteers to register their interest in helping at the site and residents thinking of taking part in the gardening sessions. People wishing to volunteer or participate at A Place to Grow can telephone Health and Leisure Services on 0116 272 7703, email leisure@blaby.gov.uk or visit <http://www.blaby.gov.uk/resident/leisure-and-parks/countryside-areas/a-place-to-grow/>
Leyland High School Students Revamp Bird Hide at Fosse Meadows (Sharnford)

It may have been a wet and miserable day but this didn't dampen the creative spirits of the students from Leyland High School, who helped to brighten and renovate the Bird Hide at Fosse Meadows. There were 11, Year 8 girls who attended after the Art Club who were involved in the project and they worked with Phil, Head of Art and developed their ideas. They felt that their design should complement the picturesque view from the hide and decided on stencils of birds in flight in contrasting colours, with a meadow border along the bottom. The project was completed in a day, a day that didn't see the rain stop, and Phil said "they were fantastic, they organised themselves and it was the best team I have seen work together and despite the cold and wet conditions, I didn't hear one complaint. The finished design did feel joyous and very much a part of Fosse Meadows". Leyland High School has been involved with other projects at Fosse Meadows and the bird hide project came about through the partnership working of Liz



Oakes, Community Development Officer and James Poyton, Green Space Engagement Officer both at Blaby District Council and Sharon Brown the Extended Services Co-ordinator for Countesthorpe Family of Schools.

Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Checks

Blaby District Council is now set up to be an umbrella body for DBS checks – this means that we can administer

and process checks on behalf of other companies, organisations and parish councils. This helpful assistance to the community has now resulted in 12 checks so far being swiftly provided to local organisations that would previously have been restricted in obtaining these clearances.

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Nominations for this year’s Outstanding Achievement Awards are now closed. There are four categories: Good Friend/Good Neighbour, Volunteer of the Year, Young Achiever of the Year and Best Community Group/Community Achievement. Cash prizes are available in every category.

The awards evening will take place on Thursday 1st October 2015 at the Marriott Hotel. Nominations have now closed.

Iain Hewson – Blaby District Councillor

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We are particularly keen to identify those who may need our support, so if that's you, or someone you know please get in touch on **07502 615535**.

We would also love to hear from you if you're interested in becoming a volunteer.

Edwina Grant

FOSSE MEADOWS NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT GETS KIDS AND COUNCILLOR'S APPROVAL



New play equipment at Fosse Meadows has been met with approval by a class of primary school children.

The new slide, carousel and zip line at the popular Sharnford site was installed by Blaby District Council, majority owners of the meadows. Children from Sharnford Primary School were asked what type of equipment they preferred, with a zip line by far the most popular choice. As a thank you for

their help the class were invited to play with the new equipment before the end of the school term.

Chairman of the Council Marian Broomhead and Councillor Sheila Scott joined in with the children in having a go on the zip wire.

Councillor Scott, Portfolio Holder for Health and Leisure Services said: "It is a pleasure to have this 142 acre site within both my ward and my portfolio. This site is available to dog walkers, horse riders and walkers, as well as being a lovely day out for families. "I am delighted to see how much enjoyment the children got from using the new equipment in the meadows' play area. This helps Fosse Meadows reputation for being fun for all the family throughout the year and is free to everyone."



Fosse Meadows is a 142 acre site in Sharnford with extensive paths through flower meadows and newly planted woodlands. The site also includes places for bird watching, a permissive bridleway and a permanent orienteering course. There is a car park, picnic area and two wheelchair friendly gates.

For more information on the meadows visit www.blaby.gov.uk or call 0116 272 7703.



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XPLORER FAMILY FUN ORIENTEERING CONTINUES ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Blaby District Council, in partnership with British Orienteering, is offering young people and their parents the chance to enjoy the family friendly events of the Xplorer Navigational Challenge.

Having started in June and running until 30 October 2015, the educational and fun navigational challenge gives children a sense of adventure as they explore the park to find markers. The challenge involves a healthy mix of physical activity and decision making that the whole family can enjoy together.

A number of community sessions will be taking place across the district at various sites; including Mossdale Meadows, Fosse Meadows, Glen Parva Nature Reserve, Bouskell Park

and Countesthorpe College. The orienteering activity involves using a simple map to help find the markers places across the park. Each marker has a fun fact that children will be able to share with their friends.

Maps are available for just £1. No experience of map reading is necessary and parents are encouraged to join in on the fun!

For more information, visit www.sportblaby.org.uk or contact the Health and Leisure Services team on 0116 272 7703 or e-mail leisure@blaby.gov.uk.

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**Please note that the deadline for articles in the next issue of
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Answers to Quiz

1. They are the only stamps not to show the country of origin, 2. Mini, 3. Sooty, 4. Good, 5. Lichfield, 6. Cape Cornwall, 7. River Severn, 8. Yorkshire, 9. Queen Victoria, 10. Tony Blair (Fettes), 11. Winston Churchill, 12. Sir Henry Cotton,

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Meetings are usually held 3rd Thursday month 7.45pm Evergreen Hall
- Leicestershire County Council Councillor** Ernie White 272136
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- Evergreen Club:** Wednesdays twice monthly – contact Jean Dale 274772
 - Little Explorers Playgroup:** Evergreen Hall Daily – contact Alison Bates 213779
 - Bump, Babies & Toddler Group:** Tues 9.00- 10.30 Evergreen Hall (Term time only)
 - Youth Club:** Community Centre. Fridays 6.30 – 8.00 pm Julie Edge 271321
 - Over 60's Youth Club:** Community Centre. Wed 10-12.30pm Derek Gibbons 272401
 - Craft Group:** Community Centre. Mon (fortnightly) 7 – 9pm Kathy Bryan 272335
 - Fitsteps Ballroom Boogie:** Community Centre Thurs 6.30-7.30pm Abdance.co.uk
 - Environment Group:** Evergreen Hall 2nd Thursdays 7.30pm Yvonne Jordan 274112
 - Sharnford Traffic Action Group:** Evergreen 3rd Mondays 7.30pm June Feast
 - St. Helen's Ladies Group:** 1st Wednesday Contact Leader Pat Jordon 272229
 - Sharnford Golden Jubilee Fete Committee:** Contact Sue Stanley 273861
 - Sharnford Cricket Club:** Contact 282542
 - Sharnford Village Show:** Annual show in September Contact Tony Curtis 272532
 - Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme:** Chair Edwina Grant 07969313154

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