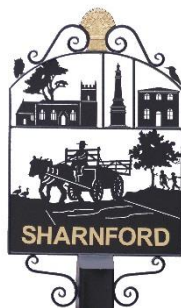


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## SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE Sharnford “Sports Day” June 26th 2016



The fete was a little later this year but it was well worth the wait. With 2016 being the year of the Olympics and Euro 2016 it was decided that a sporting themed day would be a good idea.

This year, Alberto Costa MP, our local MP for South Leicestershire attended the fete with his daughter. He officially opened the fete and also assisted Jack Feast in presenting the Jubilee Cup, which this year went to Mr Derek Gibbons in recognition of

the work that he has carried out for the village over the recent years.

All of the usual attractions were there including tombola, bottle stall, raffle and lots of other stalls, and of course there were the ever popular duck races. Also, to tie in with the sporty theme, we had Matt Elliott Football Development running activities in the arena.

Music was provided by “No Strings Attached” who proved to be very popular.

As a result of everyone’s hard work, the fete made over £3,000 profit and this will be shared out between the various groups in the village that form part of the committee. The final amount that each group will receive will be decided on at a meeting to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

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 in January 2017 (the exact date to be announced later). Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

**Sue Stanley - SGJC Secretary  
“Sports Day”**



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## **SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL** **Sporting Opportunity in Sharnford**

A valuable village amenity, the Sharnford Cricket Ground, is available to rent. It has some facilities on site, including electricity, water and changing rooms. It would be suitable for junior sports such as football and rugby; other suggestions have been tennis and bowls.

The sports field has become available because Sharnford Cricket Club has closed; this once had three teams, one senior and two junior sides. In recent years it has been more difficult to recruit up and coming players, which of late has just left the club with just a senior side. However, this was disbanded in July for a number of reasons, mainly because of the commitment involved

with cricket matches taking up a whole day – either Saturday or Sunday. Also the age of some of the players and with few up and coming new players it has meant they could no longer continue.

It would be nice if we could find a local sporting club to continue at the ground. Ideally cricket could be continued to be played there. Other junior sporting activities have been suggested and the most favourable would be football or rugby.

Suggestions should be put forward to Sharnford Parish Council and details of rental would be drawn up. Please contact Jack Feast at Sharnford PC or Roger Simons of Sharnford Cricket Club.

### **A BUMP & CONSEQUENCES – SHARNFORD 1789**

Sharnford village tongues are wagging. ‘With childe’, ‘she’s no better than she ought to be’, ‘led him on’ said some! Whatever the outcome, opinion would be surely weighted against poor unmarried 20-year-old Elizabeth Crane now pregnant. It was nearly always the case in bygone days – the men always took the high moral ground. Wasn’t their fault?

Elizabeth Crane was the 2nd. eldest child of seven to Thomas Crane and Sarah (nee Coltman), and was christened 25 July: 1769 at Ashby Parva. Records show the family living respectively at Leire, Ashby Parva and then at Sharnford by 1785. Sadly, two of the Crane children died here in 1785 – Susannah 1 year and John 4 years. Elizabeth’s elder brother Nathaniel was married at St. Helen’s to Sarah Elliott 17 May 1789.

A woman discovered pregnant and subsequently giving birth, outside of marriage, and apart from the social stigma attached to such behaviour, would become chargeable to the charitable parish purse to mitigate distress under the Parish and Poor Law Act, especially if the putative father failed to admit his responsibility. And Thomas Lord was not about to admit that.

Thomas Lord was christened in St. Helen's Sharnford 30 Aug;1767, the 3rd. eldest child of John Lord and Elizabeth (nee Smalley). John Lord, Thomas's father, was the licensee and a freeholder/ landowner of the Blue Bell Tavern (the white house in the picture below). And that gave him the right to appear on the electoral roll (non-freeholders were



not) and to have his say in village matters.

The village elders were far from happy with the situation. In the first instance, Parish and Poor Law problems such as this, were deemed to be resolved at source by a meeting (or examination as it was then called), that would put heavy pressure on the reputed father to

financially maintain the child. We know from papers who was on that board - Joseph Sanders (-1795) churchwarden; Mr. Jarratt, Overseer of the Poor; Gabriel Nixon (1738-1818), parish clerk; and Sharnford's incumbent 77-year-old vicar (in 1789) John Horton.

Quite a messy brouhaha from all accounts - for we understand that Thomas's father John Lord, involved Thomas Almey of Earl Shilton (see next paragraph). In what capacity we just don't know. If the putative father resisted signing a bastardy Bond, (which Thomas Lord did), the parish officials could apply to the Justices for an Affiliation order which (if proved by a Magistrates Court) forced the father to pay for the upkeep of the child.

And that was what happened. Next we hear is that an Affiliation order being invoked; and that Thomas Lord, John Lord and Thomas Almey were summoned on a surety of £20 each to appear before the Easter Quarter Sessions at Leicester Castle 1789. (These Quarter Sessions held immense powers even over life deportation or public execution - but obviously not for bastardy).

The court examination did not go well for Thomas Lord. He was adjudged to be the

putative father and was fined £1 7s. 6d. to be paid to Elizabeth for 'lyeing in' (confinement) and a weekly maintenance of 1s.6p. per week; this was to be paid to the Overseer of the Poor of the parish of Ullesthorpe. This would be paid until the child reached the age of apprenticeship - a tender 11 years old. The Quarter Session records show Elizabeth to be living now at Ullesthorpe; and was judged in her absence to be partly responsible - and was fined a weekly payment of 6d. to be paid to the said overseers. No doubt John Lord, Thomas's father, tried to make some

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'wriggle' room by involving Thomas Almey – but the judges were clearly unimpressed.

Looking into further bastardy cases of that time, a fine of 2s. per week seems to be normal. But the fines could be *pro rata* if the putative father was a married man with children. We know from papers that John Lord – Thomas's father – was already bound by a promissory Bond to the parish to provide support and upkeep for his deceased sister's (Susannah 1760 – 1783) illegitimate daughter Ann Bray Lord (born 1779). Probably this may go some way to explain his spirited defence at the examination of his son. We have no idea why the child's father Allen Bray was not made financially responsible.

And where was Elizabeth Crane? Her testimony was not required it seems. She was busy birthing a male child who was duly christened Thomas Lord Crane at Claybrook Magna parish church 9 April 1789. (Ullesthorpe does not have an Anglican church).



A fine of 1s. 6d. (7½ pence today) a week does not appear excessive. But

200 years ago this was a huge piece of a man's weekly earnings. To give some idea the rates of employment for, say, a farm labourer working long hours getting in the harvest, could earn 7 to- 8s./ per six day working week (with free farm beer). Contemporary prices for a locally bought mega sized 3lbs. 4ozs. loaf of bread would cost a shilling in those days. A pound of cheese was 9d. By juggling and careful planning a man's wages could just about provide food, clothing and shelter for his family.

Thomas Lord is mentioned in court to be a servant – and no doubt his income would be cushioned and perhaps provided by his publican landlord father John.

Perhaps lastly to provide some idea of what Sharnford looked like in 1789. The population for the parish in the year 1801 contained 77 houses, inhabited by 81 families consisting of 181 males, 193 females – a total of 373. Sharnford village, as today, contained no woods. 10 July 1783, the village post windmill (top of Mill Lane), was struck by lightning during a violent thunderstorm and suffered catastrophic damage. 1780 saw a foot and horse bridge built in place of the old pedestrian bridge. The new bridge did duty until 1841 when a more permanent one that was wide enough for carriages and waggons, was built. This was again partially rebuilt in blue brick in 1884 - it survives today – it is the smaller of Sharnford's two bridges).

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A contemporaneous description of Sharnford comes from the historian John Nichols, obviously a regular visitor, who stayed with Rector John Horton (1712-1793), at Sharnford rectory ... *'this town has somewhat improved in its buildings of late years. The houses stand on each side of the stream, which divides them, as it were into two little villages; the upper or eastern part of which is more elevated and healthy than the lower part, which is liable to floods, fogs, and damp.'* Nothing new there then!

Thomas Lord died 31 Dec 1789 aged just 22 years – 8 months after the christening of his son Thomas Lord Crane. Elizabeth Crane (1769 – 2 July: 1846) never married. She lived the remainder of her life at Ullesthorpe. The census for 1841 shows her to be a schoolmistress aged 68 years with 2 of her grandchildren living with her.

Thomas Lord Crane married Martha Needham at Broughton Astley 13 Oct: 1807. He died in 1859 in Claybrooke at the age of 69 years...

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**Final Note.** The writer of the above article would like to thank all those villagers who gave time and information recently, relating to the innkeepers of Sharnford. It will be extremely useful for future articles. It is appreciated.

### **SHARNFORD LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP**

This term sees us exploring colours and textures. We will be looking at the effects of nature on the environment around us, such as leaves on the trees and farmer's fields. We shall be exploring with our eyes, ears and other senses.

We are busy preparing our entries for the Sharnford show, and look forward to seeing past children and families there!

We would like to wish Natalie our Congratulations on her marriage and look forward to hearing all about her day when she returns from honeymoon.

*Alison, Laura, Carlie, Nat and Clare*

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### **REPORT FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT – ALBERTO COSTA**

It has been a real pleasure to represent South Leicestershire in the House of Commons and I am incredibly grateful to residents for providing me with this wonderful opportunity. In May this year I completed my first full year as your MP and would like to report back on my experiences of representing you in Parliament and I would also like to tell you about some projects and plans that I will be working on in the next year or so.



The constituency, being semi-rural in nature, presents a wide and varying number of differing issues. We have rolling countryside and lovely picturesque villages, such as

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Sharnford and Sapcote, but also more urban areas too, so while the constituency does present challenges, these are challenges my team and I are more than happy to help to address.

In order to take a more proactive and responsive approach to assisting my constituents, I have opened a new Parliamentary office in

Blaby village dedicated to supporting the local community and the wider constituency. I am particularly proud to be the first MP in the history of the constituency to open an office of this nature, and for those readers who may have concerns or issues they wish to discuss I would encourage them to visit my constituency office as my team are on hand to arrange an appointment and assist you with your issue – details of my office can be found in my website which I have included a link to below.

While my Parliamentary duties understandably take up much of my time, I do dedicate a great amount of time to visiting schools, businesses and organisations in the constituency and with regard to Sharnford, I am very pleased to say that my family and I very much enjoyed attending this year's Sharnford Fete and I am very thankful to Sharnford Parish Council for their kind invitation.

Visits of these nature are of the utmost importance, not only to ensure that community leaders, charities and stakeholders have someone they can speak to and share their views, but it's also a great way for me to gain an insight into the brilliant and interesting things happening around the constituency. I have been hugely impressed by the visits I have undertaken so far; particularly the levels of enthusiasm and dedication of so many people I have met.

Sharnford has been a village I have greatly enjoyed visiting on numerous occasions, and I am particularly grateful to the members of the Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG) who have brought to my attention the very important and significant traffic and vehicular issues that are affecting many residents of both Sharnford and the wider constituency. I know instances of near misses and accidents have been well publicised and STAG have been very kind in bringing me up to date with issues of this nature that have been concerning residents of Sharnford.

Earlier this year I organised a meeting between representatives from the Parish Council, STAG and Leicestershire County Council in order to comprehensively discuss this issue. As a result of this meeting I will, this year, be writing to all residents of Sharnford with a simple, but detailed, survey on this incredibly important matter.

I would greatly welcome your views on this subject and would be grateful if you could please take a few moments to read the survey and answer the questions as your feelings dictate. I will be sending out this survey in order to gain the views of residents concerning this issue and how best the village of Sharnford believe this issue should be addressed.

Following receipt of the completed surveys I will then take the results forward and continue to work closely with partners and stakeholders at a local and national level to ensure that the issues raised, and the measures chosen, will be given the proper due attention and consideration.

I look forward to writing to the residents of Sharnford with this survey soon and look forward to hearing back from the residents in due course. With your assistance and support, I am hopeful that we can address this issue concerning Sharnford and ensure that both the village and the constituency is a safer place for all.

*Alberto Costa MP [www.albertocosta.org.uk/](http://www.albertocosta.org.uk/)*

### SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

During the summer break in August we enjoyed a day trip to the botanical gardens in Birmingham, they are well worth a visit with plenty to see and a very nice restaurant too.

We will start again in September with our traditional fish and chip supper and then, on **September 21st**, the tea meetings will start up again at 3pm on alternate Wednesday afternoons.

We would welcome new members to come and join us for table games, cards and darts, followed by cakes and sandwiches. We would like to thank all those who donated cakes for our stall at the village fete which we all thought was a great success. Our own bacon buttie mornings continue to raise funds for us and we shall be supporting the annual fund raising event for MacMillan nurses as usual on **Saturday September 24th**.

Our Christmas Bazaar is on **December 3rd** and then we look forward to a pantomime trip and the annual dinner in January.

All the club members were very sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Wright who had served for many years on the committee before joining the club. Mary will be missed, and we send our condolences to all the members of her family.

*Beryl Devenyi*

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### EVERGREEN HALL WI-FI UPDATE



Sincere apologies to everyone waiting to join in the classes. We are still waiting for Barclays Bank to arrange these for us and hopefully after the holidays we will have more luck. Please be patient and I will let you know as soon as we do.

*Rosemarie Simpson*



## SHARNFORD METHODIST CHAPEL

The Chapel continues to hold our charity coffee mornings on the first Saturday of the month and thanks to all those who faithfully support us.

Our Christian fellowship group starts again this month on the first Monday at 10am followed by Book Club at 2pm and all are welcome at both or either of these.

On **Saturday Sep.10th** the chapel will be open all day for the annual Historic Churches "Stride and Ride" event and visitors from the village would be welcome. Our harvest festival will be on **Sunday September 24th** at 10 am.

We enjoyed sharing in the flower festival and Songs of Praise at St Helen's and we shall be with them again for the Remembrance Day service on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the church followed by the Act of Remembrance around the war memorial.

Our Minister, Rev. Sue Howe is retiring because of ill health and the Rev. Wes Hampton has taken over responsibility for Sharnford, he can be contacted on 01455 637588.

*Beryl Devenyi*

### SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

**Open to anyone over 60 who lives in the Village or the surrounding areas  
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**We have a full three course hot meal around Christmas time and a Fish  
and Chip Supper in September.**

**We also have outside trips, recent ones include Oakham and Rutland  
Water and The Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. We also go to the  
Pantomime in Hinckley and have occasional speakers.**

**Meetings are afternoons in the winter and evenings in the summer.**

**ALL WELCOME - Contact Jean Dale on 274772**

## COUNTRYMAN SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

Christmas 2016 still seems a long way off, in reality it is probably just over three months before we hold our annual raffle and the distribution of festive food bags takes place.

Last year we were supported by many local businesses and individuals with gifts and prizes for our Christmas prize draw, which this year will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of December, followed by the distribution of festive food bags on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Further information will appear in the next issue of the Sharnford News, but in the meantime I would be grateful if any local businesses or individuals could donate a prize, there is no urgency at the moment but I can be contacted on 274678. I will be contacting previous donors from local business and individuals in due course.

***Jack Feast - for the Countryman S & D Fund***

## SHARNFORD'S CELEBRATION OF OUR QUEEN AT 90

This year the nation has joined together to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday year and Sharnford marked the occasion in a number of different ways.

To start the celebrations, on 21st April 2016, the Queens official birthday, the flag was raised at St Helens Church.

The members of MONUMENT@C.O.R.E. along with local High Cross residents gathered together to hold a tree planting ceremony. The oak tree was planted near the ancient monument at High Cross - the centre of Roman England -along with a plaque in commemoration, the plaque reads;



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I walked along the Fosse Way to High Cross to join in the celebrations and in honour of the Queen we all raised a glass of champagne.

On Saturday April 23rd members of the village took part in the 'Clean for the Queen' Litter Pick.

On Sunday 12th June, St Helens dedicated morning worship to the Queen. The rector gave thanks for her commitment as head of the Church throughout her reign and recognised the importance of the moral family values she has brought to her role in support of the church. The service concluded with the congregation singing the National Anthem.



### Sharnford Christmas Tree Festival 2016

The Methodist Chapel is excited to be holding a Christmas Tree Festival during the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> of December 2016.

You are invited to visit on Saturday or Sunday to enjoy the Christmas Trees and other decorations. There will be light lunches and other refreshments on offer and a range of items for sale including crafts, books and cakes.

Look out for a new children's trail around the village, following the fun sheep trail last year.

On Sunday 19th June Sharnford residents were invited to a complementary Birthday Cream Tea at St Helen's Church. Volunteers served over 80 cream teas to visitors who came to join in the celebration.

Various organisations in the village received a book 'The Servant Queen' which paid tribute to her Majesty in her 90th Birthday year.

Before the end of term, the school children of Sharnford decorated St Helens Church with the flags of the commonwealth which they had made themselves. The flags were hung down one side of the church and along the other side of the church, they displayed the essays they had written on the subject.

The photo shows the Tree Planting at High Cross.

*William Higginbotham*

## ST. HELEN'S LADIES GROUP

During the summer months we have welcomed two interesting speakers. In June, Ann Parsons, representing Guide Dogs for the Blind, gave us an enjoyable talk about her experiences in having a guide dog. A much loved companion and valued member of her family.

In July Margaret Hudson entertained us with amusing anecdotes about her time as a Tiller Girl at the London Palladium and on cruise ships.

On August 3rd the weather was kind and we all enjoyed our Annual B B Q. An evening of good food and friendship.

For St. Helen's Flower Festival, 'Sharnford's Community Spirit', our display, by Jean and Jan, celebrated our 60th Anniversary. We were pleased to be part of a wonderful weekend.

Our celebration Tea Party on September 14th in the Evergreen Hall promises to be a special occasion. We look forward to an afternoon of fun and friendship.

Future meetings are: October 5th. Annual Dinner at The Badger's Mount.

November 2nd. Quilts for Heroes and 7th. December. A Bring and Share Buffet.

Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7.30pm. In the Evergreen Hall. Visitors are welcome at all our meetings, cost £3 to include coffee/raffle. Information about the group can be found in the Sharnford News or by contacting the Leader, Mrs Pat Jordan Tel. 272229.

*Jan Sewell*



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## FAMILY QUIZ - POT LUCK

1. Which Italian food has a name that means 'little strings'?
  2. What do chandlers make?
  3. What is a dik-dik - a motorbike, a watch or an antelope?
  4. What was the name of the ship upon which Charles Darwin voyaged to the Pacific?
  5. What nationality was the painter Picasso?
  6. What colour is the cross on the flag of St. George?
  7. Which British soap opera is set in Albert Square?
  8. What did St. George kill the dragon with?
  9. How many strings does a violin have?
  10. Which travels faster - light or sound?
  11. What name was given to the wars fought between the houses of York and Lancaster?
  12. Who was the creator of Tracy Beaker?
  13. Which German commander suffered a reversal of fortunes at El Alamein in 1942?
  14. What appears once in a minute, twice in a week and once in a year?
  15. What is the emblem of St. Patrick?
  16. Who came to the British throne in 1837?
  17. What do the initials GPS stand for?
  18. Which part of the body is affected by tinnitus?
  19. A dog called Montmorency was one of the main characters in which classic book?
  20. Which pop groups comprising Beyonce Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams broke up in 2005
  21. Where is the bulk of the USA's gold reserves kept?
- Answers on page 26

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Our pre-schoolers at BBT have been kept well entertained this term with lots of fun and crafty activities which they love. In the craft corner this term we have made wind chimes, paper plate flower collage, bird collage, paper butterflies, ladybirds, caterpillars and bees. Some of the craft pieces made by our children were displayed alongside the flowers for St Helens flower festival. Thank you for all the children who worked very hard.

BBTs end of term party was well turned out. We celebrated with lots of toys, games and soft play!!! We also said good bye to the school leavers. Good luck to all of those who left. We

shall miss you!!

Sharnford fete was a great success. It was lovely to see lots of people supporting us and other Sharnford groups. The nearly new toy sale, craft table and the sweetie stall were particularly popular with the children. Thank you for all for the donations and a big shout out to the volunteers, we couldn't have done it without you!

We start the autumn term with some sad news, unfortunately Karen who has set up nearly every week and helped during the sessions will no longer be able to continue. Thank you for all your support Karen. You will be missed!! Anyone who is able to help on a Tuesday morning please contact us!

If you would like to join then please contact us on our facebook page 'Sharnford Bumps, Babies and Toddler Group' or pop in and see us every Tuesday morning 9-10.30 (term time only). If you would like to see what we're up to keep an eye out for our Activities Calendar on the notice boards around the village or on our facebook page.

Hope to see you soon

**The PTFA team**

### **ST HELEN'S CHURCH**

In August, we held our Flower Festival 'Sharnford's Community Spirit'. Organisations in the village were invited to contribute. What an amazing village community we have here in Sharnford! All who were asked contributed and although many claimed they were not Flower Arrangers, they certainly gave us a super display. The Church looked fantastic and there was a lot of interest in our various organisations. It was a truly Community project. Our thanks go to Cynthia Oliver and Angela Greaves for 'masterminding' the project and also a huge thank you to all who contributed. We had many visitors including nearly 100 for the Cream Tea on the Sunday afternoon! We raised £538 for the local Cancer charity 'A Gift to Lift'. Our 'Songs of Praise' on the same evening was a joyous occasion, when we all had a really good sing of well-loved hymns. A fitting end to a very active weekend.....SEE PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE NEXT PAGES

# ST HELEN'S FLOWER FESTIVAL



**Environment Group**  
**Bell Ringers**  
**Craft Group**  
**Little Explorers**  
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# 'SHARNFORD'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT'



Methodist Church

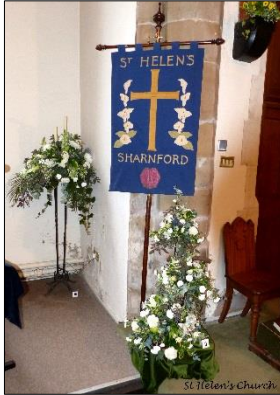


Over 60's Youth Club



Evergreen Club

Methodist Chapel  
 Over 60's Youth Club  
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 The Countryman and Sharnford Arms  
 St Helen's Church  
 St Helen's Ladies Group  
 Traffic Action Group  
 Bumps, Babies and Tots  
 Farming



St Helen's Church



St Helen's Ladies Group



Sharnford Arms and The Countryman Pubs



Bumps, Babies & Tots



Farming



Traffic Action Group

## ST HELEN'S CHURCH..... continued

We welcomed to our church, baby Ella Ricketts who was baptised in August.

We sadly lost a longstanding member and supporter of our Church community, Mary Wright. She had been a member of our Church Parochial Council and Box Co-ordinator for the Children's Society for many years. She was well known in Sharnford and will be missed.

In June, we took part in the Churches Together 'Fun Run' which raised money for charity.

The new Bishop of Leicester came to All Saints Church, Sapcote where he confirmed candidates including Jill Lawson from Sharnford.

The Primary School helped decorate the Church and attended a special service for the Queen's Birthday. Children at the Primary School, Playschool and Bumps, Mum's & Tots and Members of the Church, Chapel & Evergreen Club received a special Commemoration Book 'A Tribute for her Majesty's 90th Birthday'. The Church also held a complementary 'Queen's 90th Birthday Cream Tea' for all who wished to come and celebrate. That was enjoyed by many.

Children Society Boxes will be collected the week beginning **10th October** or you could leave your box at the Church at Harvest Festival. Harvest Festival will be celebrated at St Helen's on **October 2nd, 9.15am** followed by Brunch!! This is a service for families and others to thank God for the Harvest. Come and join us. You would be very welcome.

Remembrance Sunday, November 13th when we all remember the 'fallen' of Sharnford and the wider world. A United Service at St Helen's Church at 10am followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.55am starting with 2 minutes silence.

*Chris Berridge*

### RESUSCITATION TRAINING EVENING SEPTEMBER 22ND 7.30PM - EVERGREEN HALL

**If your child or grandchild chokes do you know what to do?  
If someone you are with stops breathing -  
Do you know what action you would take?**

The local 1st Responders are holding a Training Evening for us in Sharnford on how to use a Defibrillator, apply CPR and how to deal with Choking in Adults and Children. This is a hands-on training when all will have an opportunity to use equipment and try the techniques required.

There are 30 places available on this training but if it is oversubscribed the 1st Responders will hold another Training in Sharnford. To book your place. Telephone, **Fiona Holliland 01455 699051** or **Chris Berridge 01455 273560**.

There is no charge for this training,  
but we would appreciate donations to the 1st Responders as they are a charity.



## CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Again we are appealing for your help to tidy up the Churchyard on **Saturday 22nd October 9.30am-12 midday**. Please bring wheelbarrows and tools suitable to clear ground, hedges, brambles etc. All ages are welcome and we can sustain you with cake, coffee and hot dogs!!! Please join us, even if it is for just a short time. It all helps.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHARNFORD – A LENT COURSE (BUT NOT IN LENT!)

Following on from the success of our journey through Lent, we have decided to meet again to pray and study Scripture together. The next six session course will be loosely based on Hilary Brand's *Not a tame lion* (London, 2008). Using the films *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Prince Caspian* and *Shadowlands*, the course aims to bring the writings of C.S. Lewis into our everyday lives. Each clip is related to the sayings of Jesus and will provide starting points for discussions about gifts and goodness, pain and suffering, belief and hope. No previous knowledge necessary; materials will be provided and the sessions are very informal. Be prepared to look at Aslan, Mr Tumnus, the White Witch and Turkish Delight in new and exciting ways!

**First Thursday of each month commencing with 6th October 2016 at Sharnford Methodist Chapel**

**Starting at 7.30 pm (coffee/biscuits from 7). Each meeting will end by 8.30 pm  
ALL WELCOME!**

## SHARNFORD SCHOOL REPORT

We have come to the end of another academic year at Sharnford C E Primary School, one that has been extremely busy. In 2015/2016 we offered our children a total of 18 trips, a 3 day residential, roller hockey and a total of 22 visitors.

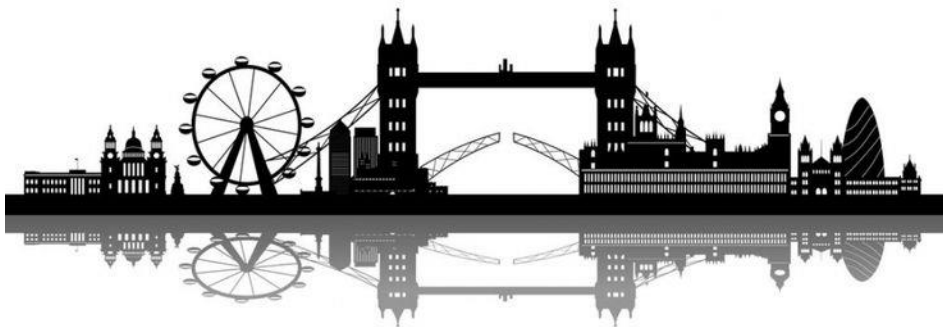
During the last few weeks of term our year 6 children took part in a Pilgrimage Walk where they reflected on their time at Primary School, they enjoyed a leavers trip to Hinckley Water Activity Centre building a raft and racing it, they were also challenged to raise money for our School during Enterprise morning. The children were given £2 each to set up their own stall/activity and tried to make a profit for school. The whole school took part in the event, raising £40.27 and everyone had a great time.

The whole school took part in a sponsored walk/run/sports event and raised £297.05. The money raised is going to be spent on curriculum resources and improvements to the Peace Garden. Sharnford Village show also donated £200 towards the improvements of the Peace Garden and we are very thankful for this donation. Jaguar Land Rover are also offering funding and the help of a team of workers for two days to carryout vast improvements to the Peace Garden.

At the end of the academic year, our year 6 children were presented with a Good News Bible which was purchased by St Helens Church Council, Open the Book team presented our children with a book about starting Secondary school, the PTA contributed towards a leavers photograph book and awards were handed out to each class.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteers in school and work carried out by the PTA who helps to raise much needed funds for the School. We are expecting our order from Sainsbury's Active Kids in September, thanks to everyone who sent in vouchers. We hope everyone has a good summer break.

*Carol*



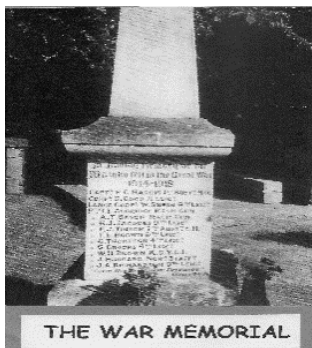
## WOULD YOU LIKE A TRIP TO LONDON FROM SHARNFORD?

I have a trip going to London on **Tuesday 27th September** departing the Evergreen car park at 7.45am. We will be leaving London around 5.30pm for our return journey home.

I have 9 spaces left at the moment so if anyone is interested please give me a ring asap. If all spaces are filled the cost would be £20 per person. The day will be yours to do whatever!!

**Karen Smith 221350**

## SHARNFORD WAR MEMORIAL



We have successfully started the procedure for a faculty in the church yard to undertake all the work necessary for the restoration of the war memorial. Hopefully we shall have full permission for the go ahead in the next couple of months after the necessary consultations have taken place. We have all the quotations in place and our preferred contractor so once we have the go ahead from the Diocese, we shall be full steam ahead.

Our fund raising is on-going and we extend grateful thanks to all who have supported us so far. We still need additional funds to make the whole project a complete success so if you feel you could help us in any way, any donations can be left at the Post Office or sent to Rosemarie Simpson at the Old Rectory.

Thanks to everyone for all their support so far.

*Rosemarie Simpson*

## INNER WHEEL

**Do you want to have fun?  
Do you enjoy meeting people?  
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We are one of the largest voluntary women's organisations in the world. Have a look at our Website([www.innerwheel.co.uk](http://www.innerwheel.co.uk)) With Clubs in Leicestershire, Rutland, Northants, Lincolnshire and Bedfordshire and approximately 1,000 members. Membership is available to all women over 18, guaranteeing fun and fellowship, whilst working on exciting projects which have an impact on the lives of millions of people, locally, nationally and internationally.

As with most organisations we are mindful of recruitment and I am thinking of arranging an interest meeting in Sharnford depending on the response.

**“We are women of action, working together to make a difference and improve lives. Come and Touch a Heart and make the World a better place!”**

Our Future depends on you – so come and see what we do or come and join us. If you are interested, please contact Glenys Hasdell as below.



## INNER WHEEL

*Make friends  
Make a difference  
Be inspired*



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**We make firm friendships with like-minded women who become friends for life. We work on exciting and fun projects that leave us with an inspiring sense of satisfaction.**

**“We are **women of action**, working together to make a difference and improve lives”**

**We have plans for the future and we're calling on women like you to join us.**

**For more information about us and our meetings please contact  
Glenys Hasdell Tel: 01455 273327 or 07786391413  
Or email: [glenyshasdell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:glenyshasdell@yahoo.co.uk)**

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## SHARNFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Dear villager, we are saddened to report that our most treasured treasurer Dave Sewell is retiring from the group on December 31st. Dave has been with us from almost the beginning, and has proved to be a valuable asset to the group in so many ways, and not just at maintaining the accounts. His knowledge and skills with our varying projects over the years, speak for themselves. They are there for all to see around the village.

So where do we go from here? – we are only 7 members and are not able to find a replacement treasurer with that small number. **Would you be willing to join us?**

Dave says the job takes a few hours a month, some essential banking duties and regular monthly attendance at the meeting (except holidays!). If we cannot find a replacement, the group is at risk of closure. This would mean, no hanging baskets, no planter maintenance, no work on Bluebell green. The village would seem ‘empty’ without its summer flowers and the weeds would flourish and take over, as we all know they can....

**PLEASE have a think about this.** Dave is willing to advise a new treasurer with what is needed in the role. You can contact Penny (chairwoman) on 272797 or Yvonne (secretary) on 274112 if you feel you can help – as we continue to say ‘we cannot do the job without each other’.

The next two meetings are **Thursday September 8th. and Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>.** 7.30pm in the Evergreen hall.

## THE SHARNFORD GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME



### What does the Scheme offer?

The purpose of the Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme is to offer short term help to anyone in the village, who from time to time might need some assistance.

The support is provided by a group of local volunteers within the village, and includes: Assistance around the house and home, for example: light gardening duties, small DIY jobs, shopping, cleaning, cooking a meal, dog walking, help with letters and correspondence, or you may just want a friendly face to talk to - and even this is not an exhaustive list.

Essentially it's there for when friends and family aren't available, or if your circumstances change, for example, if you have just returned from hospital, or recovering from an illness. We can also provide lifts for essential appointments such as doctors, hospital or dentist, again for times when you have no one else to call upon.

Please note the scheme isn't just for older people, for example, you may be a younger parent who could also benefit from some occasional support.

**Is there a charge for the support?**

The support is provided free of charge by the volunteers, except for lifts, when there will be a charge to cover petrol expenses, which will reflect the distance of the journey, for example, a lift to Hinckley and back is £3.00. Those requesting the support would also be expected to cover any car parking charges.

**Who should I contact if I need support?**

**To request support please call 07502 615535** to speak to the Good Neighbour Scheme Co-ordinator. They will then find a volunteer to help with your request, and call you back to confirm who will be providing the support. Please note all our volunteers will be wearing an I.D. badge.

**Please help us to spread the word by telling a friend or neighbour about the Scheme**  
*Edwina Grant*



**THE COUNTRYMAN**  
**Soon to be under new ownership**



As many of you would have already heard through the grapevine, sometime in the next few weeks we will be taking over the ownership of The Countryman Pub. Having lived in Sharnford all our lives, and bringing our family up here, we're all looking forward to taking on this new and exciting venture which we hope only serves to add to Sharnford's

already thriving community spirit.

The pub will keep open and running as normal up until, and including, the Christmas and New Year period, after which it will be closed for a six week major internal and external refurbishment.

A new bar menu will be on offer with immediate effect once the sale has been finalised, and a table service restaurant menu will be brought in after the building works have been completed.

Hoping to see you all soon.

*Frazer and Julie Edge*

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## **BLABY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

On the 14 July BD Youth Council successfully organised an event educating on 'Hate Crime'. They worked with Leicestershire Police Hate Crime Officer to make guests aware of this issue. The evening went well and was attended by members, officers and public. The YC is made up of 18 young people from across the district, meeting on a regular basis throughout the year.

Age wise BD is now an independently constituted group which has replaced the 'Over 50 Forum'. Blaby District Council handed over the reins to the Management Committee at their meeting in July. The group is open to residents of the district over 18 years of age, with an intent in supporting the aims of the group. The next meeting will be on the 12th September.

A Place to Grow welcomed over 300 people to their site 'Open Day' in July despite the monsoon weather conditions - what a downpour! But this did not keep family and friends away, we really appreciated their support and we raised around £1000. Music was played by The Enderby Band, this was excellent and enjoyed by us all. We had a BBQ, plants and produce sale along with many stalls. Thanks was given to our partners who had contributed to the site over the past 12 months. This year we had corporate partners giving their time and money to the site: Sytner, All Trucks, BDC Youth Council, Britvic and Santander. Some of these partners have been introduced to BDC by Leicestershire Cares. The corporate groups volunteer their services, time, and money on various projects. Work has been completed on the A Place to Grow site, also projects on the Fosse Meadow site. The groups have enjoyed

their projects so much that they have asked to return, this is very much appreciated by myself and officers and we look forward to seeing them on our sites in the future.

There was a fantastic article in The Times relating to Fosse Meadows, the article was entitled 'Best 20 Great Walks around Britain' (photos below)



On the 17th November Blaby District Council will be holding their 7th annual Local Sports Alliance event at Countesthorpe College. If there are any youngsters who deserve to be included on the nomination list, please complete the form which you can download or collect a hard copy from our team at Huncote. If this is not convenient please ask Iain, Deanne or myself, we will collect and deliver to you. If you require any further information on this event, please give me a ring.

On a personal note, my sincere thanks to all those residents of Sharnford who attended my husband's funeral, all the kind words, best wishes, and donations received was much appreciated by myself and my family. I was able to send £600.00 to the Alzheimers Society, on behalf of 'Jack'.

We all hope that you have had a relaxing summer holiday.

**Best wishes Iain, Deanne and Sheila**  
**District Councillors. - Blaby District Council**



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## **SHARNFORD VILLAGE HOLIDAYS TO SKEGNESS 3rd - 7th APRIL 2017**

There are still some places available on the above trip.

The cost for 4 nights' dinner, bed and breakfast is £225 per person, which includes outings and evening entertainment.

If you would like to join us for what is always a very happy holiday, please call **Carol on 271571 or Jean on 274772.**

A £10 deposit per person secures your booking

- we look forward to hearing from you.

## SHARNFORD YOUTH CLUB & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hope everyone has had a great summer break and looking forward to the regular Friday Night Sessions recommencing on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The tuck shop is all stocked up and ready to roll you'll be pleased to hear.

The Youth Club Committee are always on the look out for willing volunteers to help with the general manning of the Friday Youth Club. If you could spare maybe 1 evening every 4-6 weeks, please let a member of the committee know. Nothing too taxing just setting up, keeping a watchful eye out, manning the tuckshop and clearing away at the end of the session. Thanks in advance

Over the summer The Matt Elliott Football Academy have been running their Summer Camps every Thursday, which have proved exceptionally popular, both with villagers and those from the surrounding area. So much so they added an extra date to their programme. Thanks to all those who came along and supported them. Look out for further dates in the October half term. They also came along and supported us at the Fete back in June, laying on various games throughout the day.

A new class will be commencing on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September which the Committee are most excited about. Nuneaton Baby Sensory Group will be running 2 classes, 10am and 11.30am, for babies birth to 13 months old. The taster sessions

earlier this month were very well attended with both babies and parents having a really fun time. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested.



Sharnford C of E Primary School PTA

# Coffee Mornings

plus Phoenix Cards for sale

*Thursday 15th September*  
*Thursday 24th November*

10am - 12pm

*Evergreen Hall*  
*Sharnford*





The **Monday** Night Craft Club runs every other week from 7.30-9.30pm.

Contact Gabrielle on 01455 631026

**Wednesday** 10am-12.30pm we have the Over 60's Club.

Contact Derek on 01455 272401

**Thursday** 3.30-4.15pm Soccer Tots (ages 2-4 years) followed by the Football Academy and Performing Arts Classes from 4.30-5.30pm (ages 5-14 years)

Contact ME Soccer. [www.touchlinesports.co.uk](http://www.touchlinesports.co.uk)

**Friday** 10 & 11.30 – Baby Sensory Classes.

Contact Judy Marshall 07825 710979 [nuneaton@babysensory.co.uk](mailto:nuneaton@babysensory.co.uk)

6.30-8pm – Youth Club (ages 5 upwards) New members always welcome.

Please contact Julie Edge on 01455 271321 for any information on the above groups or to make a private booking.



## THE GOLDEN TOUCH

Sharnford was able to claim a tenuous link to Olympic Gold when Team GB won the final of the Women's Hockey in Rio. Many residents will remember that on the occasion of the Official Opening of the new Youth & Community Centre, in April 2013, the ceremony was conducted jointly by footballer Matt Elliott and 2012 Hockey Bronze medal winner, Nicola White.

Nicola retained her place in the GB Team for Rio and indeed played a major role in the team's winning of all eight games of the tournament, including being the scorer of the third, equalising goal that led to the very tense penalty shootout in the final.

Many young people were able to have their photo taken wearing Nicola's bronze medal, back in 2013. Those pictures may well hold more significance now that she is a Double Olympian and Gold Medal winner. Congratulations Nicola!

*Derek Gibbons*



## AGEING WELL GUIDE LAUNCHED ACROSS BLABY DISTRICT

With a new name and updated for 2016, the latest version of the popular Ageing Well Guide has been launched this week. Produced by Blaby District Council, the 94-page guide has an extensive range of information about services across the district and county to enable people to enjoy happy, healthy and independent lives. As one of the Council's priorities, the guide will enable the ageing population across the District of Blaby to feel involved and valued in their community during later life.

The guide has information on important county-wide contacts for older people, including health and wellbeing, community transport and crime. Details of activities, services and groups for each individual parish are also listed, from heritage groups to sports clubs.

Councillor David Freer, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships and Corporate Services, said: "Residents and professionals alike have told us what a valuable resource the Older Persons' Guide has been and this new edition is bigger than ever. "The Council and its partners provide a number of schemes and services that support our ageing population. The new Ageing Well Guide includes information about these and the numerous activities that are taking place across our parishes that are all helping in some way to reduce isolation and improve health and wellbeing."

The guide can be accessed via [www.blaby.gov.uk/ageing-well](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/ageing-well). Hard copies of the guide will be available from Blaby District Council sites, Libraries, GP surgeries and other key community venues.

For more information or to receive a copy by post, contact the Partnerships Team on **0116 2727566** or e-mail [strategic.partnerships@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.partnerships@blaby.gov.uk).

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**Please note that the deadline for articles in the next issue of  
Sharnford News is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**

### *Answers to quiz*

- 1. Spaghetti, 2. Candles, 3. An antelope, 4. The Beagle, 5. Spanish, 6. Red,*
- 7. Eastenders 8. a lance or spear, 9. Four, 10. Light, 11. The Wars of the Roses,*
- 12. Jacqueline Wilson, 13. Erwin Rommel, 14. The letter e, 15. The shamrock,*
- 16. Queen Victoria, 17. Global Positioning System, 18. The ears,*
- 19. Three Men in A Boat, 20. Destiny's Child, 21. Fort Knox*

## SHARNFORD VILLAGE INFORMATION SHEET

**Sharnford Parish Council** Chair: Jack Feast 274678 email: bottlejack@hotmail.com  
Clerk: Matthew Scott 07810010893 email: matthew.scott@neovialogistics.com  
Meetings are usually held 3rd Thursday month 7.45pm Evergreen Hall

**Leicestershire County Council Councillor** Ernie White 272136

**Blaby District Councillors** Shiela Scott 272450 Iain Hewson 273957 & Deanne Woods

**Police - Call 101** - To report a crime that has already happened and any other incidents or concerns that do not require an emergency response.

**Doctors** Burbage Practice 634879 or Evergreen Hall Tues 11am – 12 noon  
Broughton Astley Practice 282599 or Evergreen Hall Thurs 12 noon – 1.30pm  
Stoney Stanton Practice 271442 Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton

**St. Helen's Church Sharnford** Rector Rev Mick Norman (Sapcote) 272215  
Village contacts Cynthia Oliver 272977 or Chris Berridge 273560

**Methodist Chapel Sharnford** Revd Wes Hampton 637588 Burbage & Sharnford  
Village contact Beryl Devenyi 273740

**Mobile Library** Visits on Thursdays every two weeks.

Calls at - Evergreen Hall 9.30 – 10am, Halls Crescent 10-10.30am

& School/Henson Way 10.35-11.30am Contact Lutterworth Library - 0116 305 3619

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via Sapcote, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston, Enderby & Fosse Park  
at 0613,0732,1004,1204,1404,1526, & 1732

**Sharnford Church of England Primary School** Henson Way - Sec 272456

**Sharnford Flood Warden** Jack Feast 274678

**Sharnford Evergreen Hall** To hire call Margaret Sanders 274038

**Sharnford Youth Club and Community Centre** To hire call Julie Edge 271321

**Sharnford Post Office** Eric and Gay Washbrook 272210

**Sharnford Village Groups:-**

**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:** Comm Centre Mon (fortnightly) 7.30 – 9.30pm Gabrielle Bryan 631026

**Environment Group:** Evergreen Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays 7.30pm Yvonne Jordan 274112

**Sharnford Traffic Action Group:** Evergreen 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 7.30pm June Feast

**St. Helen's Ladies Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Contact Leader Pat Jordan 272229

**Sharnford Golden Jubilee Fete Committee:** Contact Sue Stanley 273861

**Sharnford Village Show:** Annual show in September Contact Tony Curtis 272532

**Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme: Direct Help Line 07502 615535**

Chair Edwina Grant 07969313154

**Sharnford Village Website:** Waiting new website via Parish Council.

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