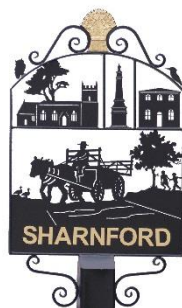


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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO YOU ALL**

LETS LIGHT UP SHARNFORD AT CHRISTMAS

One of our readers asked if we would print this request and, because we so much agree with their suggestion it takes pride of place in the 'Christmas' Edition.

Last year Sharnford looked really dull at Christmas time and it has been suggested that we Light Up the Village this year. If you can put a few lights up, especially if you live on the main roads, it will really lift spirits. The Evergreen Hall will be putting up lights for their Christmas Fayre on the 3rd December so why not join in and make 2016 a bit special.



SANTA CLAUS: AN ENGINEER'S PROSPECTIVE

There is an average rate of 3.5 children per household in the world that Santa needs to visit. That works out at 108 million homes, presuming there is at least one good child in each.

Santa has about 31 hours of Christmas to work with, thanks to different time zones and the rotation of the earth; assuming he travels east to west, which seems logical. This works out to 967.7 visits per second.

This is to say that for each household with a good child, Santa has around 1/1000th of a second to park the sleigh, hop out, jump down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left for him, get back up the chimney, jump into the sleigh and get on to the next house.

Assuming that each of these 108 million stops is evenly distributed around the earth (which, of course, we know to be false, but will accept for the purposes of our calculations), we are now talking about 0.78 miles per household; a total trip of 75.5 million miles, not counting 'bathroom' stops or other breaks.

This means Santa's sleigh is moving at 650 miles per second – 3,000 times the speed of sound. For the purposes of comparison, the fastest man-made vehicle, the Ulysses space probe, moves at 27.4 miles per second, and a conventional reindeer can run at 15 miles per hour.

Assuming that each child gets nothing more than a medium sized Lego set, weighing two pounds, the sleigh is carrying over 500 thousand tons, not counting Santa himself. On land, a conventional reindeer can pull no more than 300 pounds. Even granting that the "flying" reindeer could pull ten times the normal amount, the job can't be done with eight or even nine of them --- Santa would need 360,000 of them. This increases the payload, not counting the weight of the sleigh, another 54,000 tons, or roughly seven times the weight of the Queen Elizabeth (the ship, not the monarch)

600,000 tons travelling at 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance – this would heat up the reindeer in the same fashion as a spacecraft re-entering the earth's atmosphere. The lead pair of reindeer would absorb 14.3 quintillion joules of energy per second. In short, they would burst into flames almost instantaneously, exposing the reindeer behind them and creating deafening sonic booms in their wake. The entire reindeer team would be vaporised within 4.26 thousandths of a second, or about the time Santa reached the fifth house on his trip.

Not that it matters, as Santa, as a result of accelerating from a dead stop to 650 miles per second in 1/1000 of a second, would be subjected to centrifugal forces of 17,000G. A 250 pound Santa (which seems ludicrously slim) would be pinned to the back of the sleigh by 4,315,015 pounds of force, instantly shattering the sleigh and scattering Santa and the presents all over the place and unable to go on.

WHICH PROVES SCIENTIFICALLY THAT SANTA CLAUS IS MAGIC.



ST HELEN'S CHURCH

The Children Society boxes were collected and emptied. The total for the village was £462. Thank you to all who support this good cause, which helps children in need in this country.



The Churchyard Working Party took place on a sunny, warm Saturday morning in October. Again, we give heartfelt thanks to all who responded to our plea for help to tidy up the Churchyard. We achieved such a lot in a relatively short time with everyone bringing suitable equipment, which helped to make such an improvement to our Churchyard. Hope we sustained you with drinks and hot dogs! Thank you, Residents of Sharnford, it was such a good morning!

On Sunday November 13th we held a joint Remembrance Service with the Methodist Church followed, by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial to remember the fallen.

We now look forward to the Christmas

season:- On Friday 16th December, 3pm to 7pm we invite you to come and 'Light a Candle' in memory of loved ones who have died, 'Light a Candle' for family and friends who live abroad in e.g Australia, Canada. 'Light a Candle' for loved ones you won't be spending Christmas with this year. 'Light a Candle' for loved ones you will be spending time with this Christmas.

Just a short pause in your busy day to remember them.

All ages welcome, particularly children, to come and see the St Helen's Church decorated for Christmastide and 'light your candle'.

St Helen's Church Christmas Events

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Sunday 11th December Nine Lessons & Carols. 6.30 pm

Friday 16th December 'Light a Candle' .3pm – 7pm

Sunday 18th December Christingle Celebration. 9.15am

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve Communion, All Saints Church, Sapcote. 11 pm

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day Celebration. 9.15am

You would be most welcome at any of these events to celebrate our Saviours birth and we wish you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Chris Berridge

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MP 'DELIGHTED' TO HOLD CONSTITUENCY SURGERY IN SAPCOTE'S NEW COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Member of Parliament for South Leicestershire, Alberto Costa, visited the new Community Library in Sapcote to meet with members of the library's committee and to hold a constituency surgery for the people of the village and the surrounding area.

The Community Library, which was previously operated by Leicestershire County Council, was one of several village libraries to be transferred over from the Council to Parish Councils and volunteer organisations.

Mr Costa said, "It was a pleasure to visit the Sapcote Community Library on Friday and to see the excellent work the

library's committee and the other volunteers have been doing to ensure that this vitally important provision is kept open for the benefit of all in Sapcote".

Mr Mervin Wallace, the Library's Marketing Co-ordinator, said, "As our new Community Library in Sapcote continues to grow, I am very pleased and very thankful for Mr Costa's support in holding his constituency surgery here with us. It's a real step forward in publicising the community element of the library as we continue to enhance the community spirit of the village as a whole. For those local residents who might be interested in hearing more, regular news and updates can be found on our website and Facebook page".

Mr Costa concluded, "Libraries, especially in smaller villages such as Sapcote, often act as a hub and meeting place for the local community and so I was delighted to add to the community atmosphere by holding my constituency surgery here. The turnout for the surgery was excellent, and it was great to see so many local people dropping in and using the library and its services, I very much look forward to visiting again and holding another surgery here soon".

More details of future events at the Sapcote Community Library and information on how to get involved can be found at - <http://www.sapcotecommunitylibrary.org.uk/> and their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Sapcotevillage/>

Sharnford news: Will Bateman, Alberto Costa's Constituency Assistant, tells us that as soon as any stories relevant to Sharnford arise, he will include them in any further Issue of Sharnford News. We're looking to get a Traffic survey out to the residents of Sharnford early next year so you can certainly expect some news on that.

For further information contact: Will Bateman, Constituency Assistant, 07814 840296



Attached picture shows Alberto Costa MP (centre) with the Library's Committee Chair, Robert Allen-Turl (Far Left), Marketing Co-ordinator (2nd from Left) with Library volunteers and members of the Sappcote Parish Council.



SHARNFORD PRE-SCHOOLERS PTFA

Sharnford Pre-schoolers PTFA is a committee of volunteers that run the Bumps, Babies and Toddlers (BBT) group. BBT is aimed at preschool children and their carers giving them the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, play and music. It's also a fun way of making new friends!! We are open Tuesday Mornings in the Evergreen Hall 9-10.30 term time only, raising money for the children of Sharnford. The cost is £1.50 per child and 50p per additional child. The price includes a drink and snack.

BBT has been very busy this term. Our pre-schoolers have been making paper plate caterpillars, autumn leaf printing, torn paper scarecrows amongst lots of other fun and creative crafts. To add to the fun we had a Spooky party for the children at the end of October. The children loved dressing up, where they had lots of spooky fun, made some scary Frankenstein and pumpkin masks and played some party games.



Our term ends on a high with our annual Christmas party on Tuesday 13th December. It would be great to see lots of children and their families. Tickets will be available nearer the time £2.00 per child including a present from Santa (Only if they're on Santa's good list !!)

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

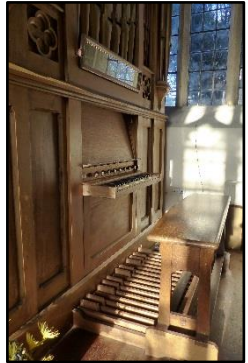
ST. HELEN'S ORGAN PLAYING APPEAL



In St Helen's Church we have an Organ which was made c.1800, remade in 1865 by Harry Bevington, and restored in 1985 by Mr Martin Renshaw, who still services and tunes it annually. It was donated by the late Rev W.W. Evans, a former Rector of St Helen's Church, after its restoration in 1985.

The Organ has a problem. We no longer have a regular organist and therefore the organ is not played often enough. Some of its parts are now seizing up due to the lack of use. On a Sunday we use alternative musical instruments for our worship!

If you are a keyboard player and would like to help our organ, we invite you to come



to St Helen's, at any time to suit you, to play our organ so that it is used and does not seize up.

If you could save our Organ by playing it, please contact *Churchwarden Mrs Cynthia Oliver Tel: 01455 272977*

COUNTRYMAN SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

Our annual prize draw takes place at the Countryman on Friday evening, the 16th of December starting at 8:00 pm. We are still looking for donations of prizes for the raffle – these can be accepted right up until the day of the draw. Last year we were supported by many local businesses and individuals with prizes/gifts and most are supporting us again this year.

The continued success of the event is mainly reliant on tickets sold for the raffle so please be sure to buy yours; these are on sale at the Countryman and Sharnford Arms public houses and the village Post Office. For ticket sales and prize/gift donations I can be contacted on 01455 274678.

Distribution of the festive food bags will be on Saturday morning, the 17th of December.

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(tapas selection)

SHARNFORD'S HARRIS FAMILY, AT WAR

Trouville-sur-Mer, Northern France, Spring 1918
No. 74 General Military Hospital.

Numb fingers and cold hands. A cold dawn starts for Beatrice Harris, a Sharnford girl. Beatrice is a VAD (Volunteer Aid Detachment) ambulance driver and needs to start and attend to her vehicles' maintenance – an American GMC Heavy ambulance – it's going to be a long day. No electric starter here – the vehicle needed to be cranked into life by hand. She may well work throughout the day into the late evening. Trouville has just come into being, as the latest military Base hospital (March 1918,) and there is a frenetic haste to collect beds and medical supplies, and ferry injured soldiers to and fro from the railway station. The rest of the time- if there was any time left – they were used as taxis by the RAMC doctors and dentists.

Beatrice Harris was one of six children of retired Col. Harris and his wife Rose of the Shades, Coventry Road, Sharnford, the children who were all to 'do their bit' for King and Country. Violet, as was her sister Beatrice, opted to become VAD's ambulance drivers (more on Violet later), whilst sisters Constance and Theodosia became VAD nurses. We know by Spring 1918 Connie and Theo were nursing at the Newark military hospital, Notts. Meanwhile, brother Robert, attained the rank of Lt/Commander, Royal Navy, and was appointed to H.M.S. Moon from July 1916 to Nov. 1918. Tragically, younger brother Percy, a Captain in the 1st. Bat. Suffolk Regiment (his father's old regiment) was killed in action near Ypres, France 16 Feb:1915. The village remembers his sacrifice by a wall mounted plaque inside the nave of Sharnford's St. Helen's church and of his name placed on the War Memorial to the fallen in the churchyard.

VAD ambulance driver, WWI



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Left to Right - The four Harris sisters of Sharnford

Rose Constance - 1881-1969

Violet Georgina - 1882-1979

Theodosia Lavinia Elizabeth - 1885-1925

Beatrice Gertrude - 1884-1970

Some 90,000 volunteers came forward to work at home and abroad in some capacity in the Volunteer Aid Detachment whether nursing, cooks, laundresses, kitchen/ house/ ward maids, motor drivers etc., during the First World War. They provided this vital aid

to naval and military forces, for which they received no payment or salary for these duties – all the women would have been in a position at least initially, to give their services free. The VAD. Organisation, which was under the auspices of the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance, flourished from 1909 onwards, with the system still in place at the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939.

Ullesthorpe, Middle England, Spring 1918....

Ullesthorpe Court VAD auxiliary hospital near Lutterworth

Things are little easier and relaxed for Violet Harris than her sister Beatrice in Trouville-sur-Mer, France. Ullesthorpe Court, today a leisure complex, hotel and golf club, was once a private house, that was transformed into a military hospital from 1915 to 1919 with some 20 beds that were available for the sick and wounded. The patients were mostly convalescent, who came to Ullesthorpe from the Carlton Hayes hospital, Narborough, (designated 5th Northern General Military Hospital). Ullesthorpe Court was one of thirteen auxiliary County hospitals that were subordinate to Narborough.



Both photos on the right – Staff and patients at Ullesthorpe Court Auxiliary Military Hospital 1915 – 1919. Reputedly, according to reliable sources - Robert, the ghost of one of the soldiers still haunts the buildings!



Only one of the Harris sisters was to marry – Beatrice Gertrude to Guy de Vic de Havilland 10 Jan: 1920 - marrying at St. Helens church, Sharnford.



Left – Violet Harris – perhaps in a quieter moment.

Right – Contemporary VAD recruitment poster.



Sources. (with Thanks).

The memorabilia collection of Richard Parry-Jones of Santa Rosa, California – a modern day descendant of the sister's brother, Lt./Com. Robert Harris RN.

Hospital photographs courtesy of Mrs. D. Bevin.

SHARNFORD LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

We hope you have seen around and about collecting resources for our autumn pictures. We love to say Hello and wave to you if you see us. We found lots of exciting things on our nature trail and spotted a squirrel collecting acorns. Our favourite activity was running through all the leaves and scooping them up and throwing them. We took some back to playgroup where we enjoyed looking at all the different colours on the leaves and then mixing paint to match.

We had great fun using our pumpkin from the Sharnford Show to make our Halloween display. We used spoons to scoop out the middle and then dried out the seeds to plant for next year.

We are raising money for Children in Need and are going to playgroup in our pyjamas! We have been learning about how the money is spent for Children in Need and understanding how some lives are different to ours.

We are now practising our Christmas play and learning our songs and routines. This

will take place on Wednesday 7th December at 9.30am at The Evergreen Village Hall. Tickets are £1.00 each and are helping raise funds towards new play equipment.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas

Alison and all at Little Explorers Playgroup

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2016

I Have been the local area rep for Operation Christmas Child for many years and I would like to thank everyone in the village and surrounding area for the brilliant contribution they have made this year. To all of you who

have shopped, knitted, covered boxes, packed boxes and provided donations of materials, time or money – a massive thanks from me, from Samaritan’s Purse UK and especially for the children who will receive a box at Christmas this year.

I have collected 1519 boxes from the local area this year and taken them to the OCC warehouse in Leicester for processing before they are



shipped to Eastern Europe and beyond to give joy, love and hope to a child in need.

You can read some of the stories of these children on the OCC website:



<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Many thanks again. See you in 2017! Penny Ross

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SIERRA LEONE

I would like to thank everyone who supported my fundraising for Vision Aid Overseas. Our team of 4 Optometrists, a Dispensing Optician and a Workshop Technician were the first team since the Ebola crisis to travel to this very poor country. The project was a success, I will tell all about it for the next issue.

As many of you will already be aware while I was there I broke my ankle in 3 places and

dislocated the main ankle joint and had to return early. On the 5th October. I finally had the joint pinned and came out of plaster on 18th of November only to have a big problem with my sciatic nerve which has curtailed my recovery.

So, when I can concentrate better I will produce a fuller account of my trip for the next newsletter.

Once again thank you to everyone who has sent their best wishes. Regards

Janet Curtis



SHARNFORD YOUTH CLUB & COMMUNITY CENTRE

The dark nights are well and truly upon us now and Youth Club activity ideas for indoors are coming in thick and fast. Amongst them are Disco Nights, Arts and Craft projects, table tennis and table football tournaments and bingo nights. If anyone else has any suggestions or can help put one of these ideas into action, we would be very grateful.

The very successful Baby Sensory Group which has been running on a Friday morning, is now changing to a Tuesday Morning. 2 Classes will run at 10am and 11.30am and is open to anyone with a baby between birth and 13 months old.

Youth & Community Centre Timetable of Events

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

Contact Gabrielle on 01455 631026

Tuesday 10am & 11.30am – Baby Sensory Classes.

Contact Judy Marshall 07825 710979 nuneaton@babysensory.co.uk

Wednesday 10am-12.30pm we have the Over 55's Club.

Contact Derek on 01455 272401

Wednesday 7pm & 8pm – Pilates for HORSERIDERS ONLY.

Contact Jo on 07881 201254

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

Friday 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.

Sharnford Golden Jubilee Committee

Just a quick reminder that the AGM for the Fete Committee will be held on

Tuesday 27th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Evergreen Hall.

At the meeting we will elect the committee members and discuss the 2017 fete.

We had a very successful fete last year so it would be great if we can build on that success. Profits made on the day are shared amongst groups in the village so it is in everyone's interest to **make Fete Day a Great Day!**

Any village groups that would like to participate in the fete and receive a share of the profits, needs to have a representative at the meeting. You don't have to be part of a group to join in – the meeting is open to anyone who would like to get involved. New people and new ideas are always welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Sue Stanley

Secretary SGJC

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We would like to invite Parents and Carers
of children who will be four before
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Open afternoon on

Wednesday 14th December 2016
Between 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Come and meet our Headteacher
Mrs K Allsopp and classroom practitioners.

You will have an opportunity to look around
the Early Years Classroom.

SHARNFORD SCHOOL

We were pleased to welcome 14 children to Sharnford C E Primary School in August. They've all settled well in to their new class and are now used to the daily routines of our school.

Over the summer holidays we had new fencing and a security gate fitted at the front of school. Also, members of staff from Jaguar Landrover spent two days working on the school grounds improving and upgrading our peace garden. This is now a lovely area that all the children can use for some quiet time. Jaguar Landrover, the school and Sharnford Village show contributed towards the cost of the improvements. We really appreciate their hard work and would like to thank all the staff who helped with this project.

We held parent's evening last week where parents had the opportunity to look at their child's books and meet the class teacher. In September, a total of 48 children from year 5 and 6 across the Federation attended a week's residential at Kingswood Activity Centre,

*Are you going to miss
Someone this Christmas?*



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Light a Candle to remember
them? Friday 16th December
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You will find space and
Stillness to be quiet
with your own thoughts.
There will be someone to
listen if you want to talk.*

Telford, Shropshire. They took part in many outdoor activities including caving, abseiling, climbing, zip wire, fencing and bush craft. Children in year 2 and 3 at the start of term enjoyed a visit to Cadbury World spending time in the main exhibition, museum and 4D cinema to learn about the history and heritage of the company.

Every child in school has received tennis coaching and visits to Stoney Stanton Tennis club have been arranged. Children from years 1 to 6 have also taken part in Roller Hockey this term. A number of after school clubs continue to run and a before and after school club runs every day on the school premises. Parents were invited to a consultation meeting to discuss and learn more about the proposed conversion to an academy.

We held our Harvest service at the Methodist Chapel and collected food for

Hinckley Food Bank. A total of 12 shoe boxes were filled on behalf of the Rotary shoe box appeal and sent to children in Eastern Europe. We have sold poppies in school and collected money for Children in Need. The immunisation team visited school and administered the flu vaccine to those children in years 1 – 6 whose parents had given permission. We continue to hand out certificates at the end of each week for children who have demonstrated Christian values.

The PTA continue to raise funds for school, they have already held a cake and book sale and a Christmas Disco and workshop are planned for December. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who come in to school and help.

Carol

THE ENVIRONMENT GROUP

It has been a busy autumn for the group this year with routine tasks to complete before the winter sets in. The hanging baskets were taken down, emptied and washed before being stored away for next year. You may be interested to know that all the contents have been composted rather than thrown away and

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the compost will be used around the village. A big thankyou again to all the villagers who watered and fed the baskets this year.

There have been several working parties on Bluebell Green, dead-heading, weeding and cutting back. The bird feeders are kept topped up and made use of by a range of different birds throughout the year.

The last of the old planters around the village are being replaced with new rot-proof designs and you may have noticed that the new one on Aston Lane has now been planted up. The triple planter on the corner of Aston Lane will be completed in the next few weeks. We are pleased to welcome Stuart Rowan as our new treasurer after his election at the AGM in October.

Our current long-standing treasurer, Dave Sewell, is standing down from the group at the end of this year after many years of service. He has been instrumental in many of the major projects carried out by the group and has proved invaluable in sourcing grants to help with the required funding. His final triumph was the design and successful completion and erection of the village sign on Bluebell Green this time last year. I am sure that you all agree that it is wonderful addition to Sharnford and greatly admired by locals and visitors. Dave will be greatly missed by the group and we wish him well in his "retirement".



Anyone who would like to be involved in the group or at any of the working parties is most welcome. We meet in the Evergreen Hall at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month. Please phone me on 272797 for further information.

Penny Ross (chair)

ST. HELEN'S LADIES GROUP



2016 has been a milestone year as we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the group. The group began in 1956 as St. Helen's Young Wives, affiliated to the Mother's Union, but a name change to St. Helen's Ladies Group came about as members became grandmothers, and in some cases, great grandmothers!

In September, 44 former and current members of St. Helen's Ladies Group celebrated

with a sumptuous afternoon tea in the Evergreen Hall. The party, organised by some of the members and opened by the Leader, Pat Jordan, was very much enjoyed. The afternoon was an opportunity to look back on 60 years of friendship, family news and commitment to helping the church and other organisations with various fund raising activities such as helping at the Church Fete, Whist Drives, jumble sales, Sharnford village fetes, collecting newspapers, sponsored walks, and some intrepid ladies cycled around Rutland Water, a distance of 21 miles! Knitting blankets for local care homes and, to date, over 800 little hats for the Innocent Smoothie bottles for the Age UK annual appeal. In excess of £5000 has been donated to local, national and international charities such as Help for Heroes, Breast Cancer, Children's Leukaemia, Motor Neurone disease, Keep the Beat, Shoebox appeal, Quilts for Heroes and many more too numerous to mention here.

Activities have included the Queen's Silver and Golden Jubilee celebrations, ten pin bowling, skittles, walking treasure hunts, guided walks around the surrounding towns and villages, barbecues, evening meals and socials. Visits to Croft Quarry, the Concordia theatre, Hinckley Museum, Fosse Meadows and Highgrove House gardens proved to be very enjoyable. Speakers have been many and varied from talks on crime prevention, precious stones and jewellery to medical detection dogs and political correctness. We have learnt how to arrange flowers, surf the internet, decorate pottery and cakes, keep fit and wrap presents beautifully. We have travelled around the world with talks on Africa, the Himalayas, Burma, Australia and many other wonderful places.

We are experts at organising raffles, making coffee and tea, brass cleaning and flower arranging in church. St. Helen's Ladies Group is well supported and continues to attract new members and is looking forward to continuing the success of the last 60 years.

Our next meeting, 7th December, is a 'bring and share' supper in the Evergreen Hall 7.30 p.m. We meet usually on the first Wednesday of the month and guests and new members are always welcome.

For further information contact the leader, Pat Jordan on 272229.

Jean Ryan

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

**Open to anyone over 60 who lives in the Village or the surrounding areas
Come and join us at the Hall in Sharnford - meetings twice monthly on
Wednesdays. Full high tea enjoyed at each meeting.**

**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

TELEVISION AND MOVIES QUIZ

1. The song 'When you wish upon a Star' is from which Disney film?
2. The 2009 Science fiction film 'Moon' was directed by Duncan Jones, Jones is the son of which famous British musician?
3. The following are evil characters in which Disney films?
(a) Maleficent, (b) Frodo (c) Jafar
4. In 1984 Margaret Thatcher wrote a sketch for, and played herself, in which T.V. Series?
5. Which T.V. Series featured International Rescue?
6. What period drama was set at 165 Eaton Place, London?
7. What is the name of Captain Pugwash's ship?
8. Who did Reggie Perrin work for in GROT?
9. Who did Dennis Waterman play in 'The Sweeney'?
10. What does Rumpole of the Bailey call his wife?
11. In the T.V. Series 'Porridge', what is the name of the prison?
12. The two amiable lawbreakers Robert Leroy Parker and Harry Longabaugh are better known as what?
13. In film, which genteel family own 'Twelve Oaks' plantation?
14. Marion Crane is the tragic figure in which cult horror film?
15. The following horses are found in which films?
(a) Pilgrim (b) Boxer (c) Bill (d) Antares
16. Eric Claudin is the disfigured genius in which classic 1943 film?
17. In which animated Disney films would you find the following characters?
(a) Pumba (b) Si and Am (c) Pongo (d) Edna E. Mode?
18. In the Tarzan films, what is Jane's surname?
19. Sue Nicholls and Molly Weir starred in which 1980's children's series?
20. Who chaired 'Question Time' before Peter Sissons?

Answers to quiz on page 26

EVERGREEN CLUB

Our meetings started after the summer break in September with a lovely fish and chip supper brought to us from Windsor Street in Burbage. We continue to meet on alternate Wednesday afternoons at 3pm and new members are always welcome.

Our next fund raising event is the Christmas Bazaar on December 3rd when Father Christmas will be calling in as usual. We start at 12 noon until 3pm and there will be cakes, books, crafts, bottle stall etc plus hot pork batches and mulled wine on sale and we look forward to seeing you there. Our last tea-meeting is on December 14th as we do not meet during January.

However, a bacon buttie morning is planned for January 7th, we are off to the Concordia on the 11th to see the pantomime and then our annual dinner is on Saturday 14th. Tea meetings start again on February 1st. Thank you for all the support you give to the events at the Evergreen Hall throughout the year, at our AGM we welcomed Karen Smith as our new chairperson for 2017 and the members and committee wish you all a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Beryl

Thank you Sharnford for once again supporting our Macmillan Coffee Morning held in the Evergreen Hall Saturday 24th September. This year £605 was raised bringing the total raised since 2009 to £3691 your generosity is very much appreciated. Many thanks also to the Bacon Buttie makers and all the stall holders. We have already been asked to repeat the event in 2017 and we said we would.

Jean Dale



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SHARNFORD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2016



Preparations are well underway for the festival at the Methodist Chapel during the weekend of the 10th/11th of December 2016. Trees will be decorated by a number of village groups and the school, on the theme of "What Christmas Means To You".

Come and see the trees and decorations on display and get into the spirit of Christmas.

There will be homemade cakes (including a number of small, decorated Christmas cakes), preserves and other edible treats for sale to eat yourself or give as gifts. Browse the craft stall to get last minute stocking fillers for family and friends and pick up a paperback to read by the fire when the weather keeps you at home!

You are invited to visit on :-

Saturday 10th December between 10am and 4pm when there will be refreshments available all day. A light lunch of homemade soup and rolls will be on offer between 12 and 2pm

Sunday 11th December between 2pm and 4pm when refreshments will be available.

All proceeds will be shared equally between Rainbows Children's Hospice and the Chapel Window Replacement fund.

SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW

Its December and the Village Show seems like a lifetime ago. We had a very strange spring and summer causing difficult growing conditions for everyone and then we had heavy rain on show day, the first time ever that we could not put tables and chairs out the front for visitors to enjoy their tea or coffee in the sunshine.

The best in show prize of £25 sponsored by Sharnford Lodge Saddlery was won by a magnificent pair of cucumbers. Not only did they match almost perfectly but they were twins on the same stalk. We had lots of lovely cakes and preserves. Beautiful flower displays to brighten the room and some great entries from the children.

We had a successful Plant Sale in May which is now supported by Sapcote Garden Centre the new owners of Four Winds. Even though we bought in bedding plants from them we still had many hours work to grow from seed the stuff they could not supply. We then ran a stand at the Fete, put on a display at the Church flower festival in August, took part in the Fete, ran the Village Show and finally, the Christmas Tree festival at the Chapel. So hundreds of hours of work carried out by the team to make our events happen and play our part in village activities.

It is only because of the generous support from villagers that we are able to raise the money which we can then distribute. We appeal to everyone we have supported to reciprocate and support us. By buying plants at the plant sale (and our prices are competitive) you help us raise the bulk of our funds. Also we need your support with lots of lovely entries at the Show to make it a great event. Many exhibitors have been staunch supporters over the years and we thank you greatly.

Special thanks go to Rosemarie Simpson for letting us use her greenhouse to grow all the plants we do not buy in. To our sponsor, Sharnford Lodge for the £25 best in Show prize and to the many exhibitors who have supported us over the years. We also thank all those who turn out to view the Show and thanks to the Evergreen Ladies for doing the refreshments. We also thank The Sharnford Arms, The Garage, Ian Pickering, Sapcote Garden Centre and Sharnford Garden Centre, Wilkinsons, and others for giving their support with raffle prizes.

We now have funds to distribute to deserving causes and projects in the village. We look at all requests on merit but will look more favourably at requests from groups or individuals who have supported our activities in the past. If you are looking for funding please contact us.

We have in the seven years we have been going distributed a few pence short of £4150, and that is all thanks to you.

The beneficiaries include;

The Youth Club - to help towards the initial building costs

The Evergreen Hall - to help with all the maintenance and improvements

The Church - for a new lawn mower and towards the servery & toilet

Defibrillator - a major contribution to the cost

War Memorial - a pledge towards the forthcoming repairs

The Chapel - decorating

The School - towards their new Peace Garden.

The Environment Group - for plants around the village and funds towards their running costs

Stag - towards the cost of the speed monitor

Sharnford News - by paying to place adverts we help to support their running costs.

We celebrate those who have supported us and made this all possible.

Please support our Plant Sale on Saturday 20th May 2017 and the Village Show on Saturday 9th September, rearrange your holidays.

Looking forward to seeing you there to enjoy the displays and support these two good causes.

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BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL NOTICES

ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS COUNCIL PERFORMANCE:

A yearly publication giving residents an insight into the performance of their District Council is now available to view.

The 2016 Annual Report contains information on the Council's highlights throughout the year, including the award of LLEP Apprentice Large Employer of the Year, results from the 2015 Residents' Survey and the successful Blaby District Youth Council.

Other highlights from the easily digestible report include over £65,000 in Community Grants handed out in the last year, the completion of the new Depot in Whetstone and future projects taking place in Blaby District.

A summary of accounts and performance indicators also give residents an insight into how their local authority has improved in the last twelve months.

Councillor Terry Richardson, Leader of Blaby District Council, said: "The Annual Report is our chance to give residents information about the district, to share our success and demonstrate that we are always striving to improve the performance of our services.

“This is an important part of our openness with residents and it emphasises how confident we are about the future of Blaby District, which is a thriving area and, we feel, truly is the heart of Leicestershire.”

The report is available on the Blaby District Council Website via www.blaby.gov.uk/annualreport. Hard copies are available at local district libraries.

WIN A MONTH OF FREE COUNCIL TAX!

Residents are being given another chance to win a month of free Council Tax.

The competition is part of the Council’s drive to encourage district residents to ‘Save Time, do it Online’ to change the way they interact with the Council.

To be in with a chance of winning all residents just need to set up a Direct Debit to pay their Council Tax and sign up to receive Council tax bills electronically (eBilling.) Participants will be automatically entered into a FREE prize draw with a chance to get a monthly instalment of Council Tax paid for them!

Direct Debit is the free and flexible way to make automatic payments, with no payment dates missed. Signing up to receive a Council Tax bill electronically will ensure a notification is received by e-mail when the next bill is available to view.

Nicola Lee from Glen Parva, who won back in September, said: “This was a really nice surprise as I never win anything! The call to tell us we had won came at a really good time for us.

“It took me two minutes to log in and register to receive an electronic bill through My Account. I would definitely tell everyone to have a go, if I can win then anyone can!”

Residents who have already signed up to Direct Debit and eBilling will be automatically entered into the draw.

Read more information about the competition and full terms and conditions at www.blaby.gov.uk/council-tax-comp.

Don’t delay! The deadline this competition round is Tuesday 31 January 2017, with the winner announced in February.

ILLUMINATE YOUR DOG TO WIN A CHRISTMAS HAMPER!

Blaby District Council is giving residents the chance to win a fantastic Christmas hamper for their pooch this festive season!

Between now and Thursday 15 December, anyone living in Blaby District or using a park within the area can take a picture of their illuminated dog out and about on their daily walk. There are two easy ways to enter:

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The competition is part of an initiative to promote visible pets during the winter, including the prevention of dogs fouling out of sight of their owners and reduce the number of incidents of dogs with vehicles or other residents.

The hamper, worth £50, was donated by the local Pets at Home store on Grove Farm Triangle and includes dog toys, treats and a comfy wicker basket. The lucky dog and winning owner will be drawn at random.

As part of the campaign the Council has given out 200 free light-up collars to dog owners, making it easier for them to spot their dog in the dark.

Michelle Ikin, Senior Animal Services Officer for Blaby District Council, said: "There is a noticeable increase in dog fouling on our streets and parks during the winter.

This can be because owners can't see their dog when it's dark. But we also want to make sure our residents' dogs are as safe as possible during the winter season. "It's important to remember that 'if your dog stops prowling, it might be fouling!'"

Light-up collars are available online from as little as £2. To enter the competition visit www.facebook.com/blabydc or www.twitter.com/blabydc. Full terms and conditions are available via www.blaby.gov.uk.



**SHARNFORD ACTION GROUP 'STAG' HITS THE HEADLINES
IN BOTH THE HINCKLEY TIMES AND THE LEICESTER MERCURY
Driver is clocked at 109mph in 30 zone says reporter ROBBIE GORDON**



A motorist has been recorded hurtling at 109mph through a 30mph zone near a pedestrian crossing in Sharnford. The reckless driver was clocked racing through the village on the B4114 Leicester Road at 9am on October 3rd.

Other heart-stopping speeds recorded over a three week period included 95mph,

90mph, 74mph, 71mph and eight at more than 60mph on the village's main roads the B4114 and Aston Lane. The shocking figures come from a temporary speed camera owned by Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG) which is calling for more to be done to clamp down on offenders.

Parish councillor Mike Shirley, Sharnford secretary of STAG, said: "Speeding is a major issue in Sharnford, it is only a matter of time before somebody gets seriously hurt.

"Far too many vehicles use Sharnford as a shortcut and villagers' lives are being put at risk by reckless drivers. We also have loads of HGVs using the narrow roads and there's not enough room for them to get by safely. They often have to mount the kerb by the post office, and we've had lamposts and signs felled and even a house partially damaged by vehicles."

Between September 18th and October 9th, more than 56,200 vehicles used the busy roads and more than 7,200, or 13%, of motorists were recorded driving above the speed limit. If the camera had been real, motorists would have been slapped with more than £70,000 in fines and 98 would receive a court summons for speeding 20mph or more over the limit.

STAG has been campaigning against dangerous driving in the village for more than 10 years. The group installed the temporary speed camera in November last year and has been sending the figures to Leicestershire Police and County Hall ever since. But Mr Shirley said nothing has been done about the issue.

County Hall offered to install speed bumps on Aston Lane at a cost of £12,000 to the parish council, which is almost their entire annual budget. Mr Shirley said: "We need fixed speed cameras and preferably a bypass. The traffic flow and pollution is increasing every month, and with the expansion of Magna Park, the Lubbethorpe development and other projects, it is only going to get worse. There haven't been any fatalities thankfully, but we have had loads of near misses - it is an accident waiting to happen."

A spokesman for Leicestershire County Council said: "We have shared proposals for traffic calming with STAG and Sharnford Parish Council. These proposals would depend on third-party funding from the parish council or other sources as speed count surveys carried out by the council earlier this year show that traffic is not travelling at speeds that would justify LCC funding. The council has no realistic prospect of obtaining

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Government funding for a bypass and, under current Government policies, the village would not qualify for speed cameras."

Jonathan Clarkson, spokesman for the Leicestershire and Rutland Road Safety Partnership, said: "We are aware of local speeding concerns in Sharnford and the B4114 remains one of our regularly visited core mobile camera sites. The partnership would be willing to review this if there is a future change of events."

SHARNFORD ART & CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP

Sharnford Art & Craft Social Group will be meeting at the Sharnford Youth & Community Centre - 7.30pm-9.30pm - on the following dates:

Monday 9th January

Monday 23rd January

Monday 6th February

Monday 20th February

Monday 6th March

Monday 20th March

Monday 3rd April

Please contact Gabrielle Bryan on 01455 631026 for further information.

Regards Gabrielle

SOME NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF SHARNFORD

Harry Roberts and his wife Hilda moved to Sharnford from Nuneaton in the mid 1970's. Harry had an interest in local history, having already won a competition run by Warwickshire Libraries, on Local History. He soon made Sharnford the subject of his interest and started his notes. These notes were discovered recently, by their son Richard, whilst sorting out the family records stored in the loft of Harry and Hilda's home. These are the main abstracts from those notes.

SHARNFORD and WIGSTON
PARVA

Notes taken from the Rev AW Fothergill "Historical Notes 1928". The name Sharnford is said to be derived from SANDY-FORD or SAND-FORD.

Leicester = King Lear 844BC or (KING LEIR) SAXON LEIRCESTRE. Medieval Historians, now discounted as Legend. Leicester founded by the Romans 43AD

"The Shade" farmhouse erected 1779. Post Mill destroyed July 10th 1783. In 1810 a few houses in the centre of

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Sharnford, belonged to the Vicarage of Claybrook and were assessed for the repairs of Claybrook Church and had been since time immemorial that ended in 1810.

The Wesleyan Church in the village was erected in 1827, although there had been a Methodist Society in Sharnford since before the death of John Wesley in 1791. Before the chapel was built, the Sharnford Society met for worship in a house at Frowlesworth, the leader being a Michael Clayton. The site on which the chapel stands formed part of a piece of land known as Allen's Orchard and owned by a Joshua Clarke, who sold it to the Methodists for £15. The building cost £600. In 1852 an additional piece



of ground was purchased from the estate of Joshua Clarke for £10 for a burial ground. Joshua Clarke died on 22nd December 1851 and this accounts for his grave at the front of the Chapel. Chapel House built for approx. £80 by Mr Lord. Don Lapworths father.

The present organ in the Chapel was built under the supervision of the Rev. David Cooper from parts of an electronic organ and various other parts. This was carried out by the Rev. who was assisted by Mr Edwin Stevens and several members of the Methodist Church. Mr Stevens' father lived for many years in the Chapel Cottage adjoining the Chapel. The original small Pipe Chamber Organ circa 1840 (Church Methodist) was built by JW Walker about 1840 and was installed in Shephall Manor, Stevenage. It was later acquired by the nearby Parish Church of St Mary Shephall, where it did service until 1976. Dedication Service of the Pipe-Organ in Sharnford Methodist Church was led by Rev. Jesse Parkens and Mr Malcolm Lapper on Saturday 29 November 1980.

Post Office next to Bluebell Inn on the hill. Brick Hill Close ran from Main Road to Back Lane via footpath. The cottage at the top of the hill, built by Cannon Watson, bought by Mr Lapworth. The Windmill bought by William Lapworth from the Brays (now demolished). Mrs Buckingham changed the name from Sally's Alley to The Green. Bluebell Pub demolished about 1953. The Wakes, the Wakes Suppers, started with pickled onions. Cottages on Main St. fish shop. Ref Jack Arnold building. School photo names:- Reg Bott & Stan Bott, May Brown, Berel. A Page. Dolly Sheen Mrs Edgor Chamberline.

EDUCATION

Hinckley Grammer School founded in 1406. The population of Sharnford in 1564 is given as thirty two families and it's a bit difficult to assess the number of children of school age. The records show that in 1609 a certain Robert Taylor is cited for teaching school without a licence. In villages such as Sharnford, any gentlemen or worthy person who was prepared to take it on, would have to have a licence from the Bishop to teach.

There was no school building in this village until 1845, although it is on record that a boy named Edward Stokes was blinded by a pistol shot while at school in the year 1714 in Sharnford. Eventually he became the Rector of Blaby in 1748 where he remained for fifty years, dying at the ripe old age of 93. (The Blind Rector). It is thought schooling would be carried out in a room in a private house prior to the building of the school. In

June 1844 a meeting was held in the church vestry regarding the school and it was mentioned that a Mr John Campion and his wife conveyed a piece of land for a school and the Trust Deed is dated 8 August 1845.

CHURCH

Rev. Walter Evans conducted his farewell sermon on Easter Day April 11th 1982 and then retired to a house in Chapel Lane. Since 1655 the people of Sharnford have shown their generosity by giving financial help to other parishes. It is recorded that the sum of £1 was given to the poor Protestants of Piedmont. Feb 24th 1689, the sum of five shillings and sixpence for the Brief of Bungay in Suffolk.

St Helen's Church dates from about 1180 and belonged to the Prior & Convent of St Nicholas at Monks Kirby. The spire was removed in 1772 and the tower made higher. No bells until 1602. 1952 The Rectory was divided into two houses and what was the original kitchen quarter now became known as Rectory Lodge.

Rectors in Sharnford. 1909 Rev. E Douglas Starey. 1928 Rev. AW Fothergill. 1946 Rev. Alfred Boxley. 1953 Rev, WR Witcomb. Then Rev. Walter Evans. First recorded Rector of Sharnford was Rogerus de Sharnford 1219. One Geoffrey Trusell, about 1180, gave the church to the Prior and Convent of St Nicholas at Monks Kirby. There has been a church here for about 800 years. First bell in 1602. This was recast in 1872 Wigston Parva attached to Sharnford Parish December 12th 1904. The church, St Mary, reputed to be one of the smallest and oldest churches in Leicestershire.



In 1536, Henry 8th wanted a divorce and fell out with the Church of Rome. The Priory at Monks Kirby, together with other churches nearby, was given to Trinity College Cambridge, this is how that College was founded and right from that time 1536, the Rectors of Sharnford paid to that College an annual sum of £2 13s 4d.

1898/1901 Pews came from Sapcote.

Notes provided by Richard Roberts and constructed by Editor

Answers to quiz

1. Pinocchio, 2. David Bowie, 3. Sleeping Beauty, Hunchback of Notredame, Aladdin, 4. Yes, Minister, 5. Thunderbirds, 6. Upstairs Downstairs, 7. Black Pig, 8. Sunshine Desserts, 9. Sgt. George Carter, 10. She who must be obeyed, 11. Slade, 12. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, 13. The Wilkes in 'Gone with the Wind', 14. Psycho, 15. The Horse Whisperer, Animal Farm, Lord of the Rings, Ben Hur, 16. Phantom of the Opera, 17. The Lion King, Lady and the Tramp, 101 Dalmatians, The Incredibles, 18. Parker (Porter in the books), 19. Rentaghost, 20. Sir Robin Day`

' The Sharnford News team would like to apologise for printing an advert that caused upset to the prior proprietors and staff of the Countryman. We realise now that just a few simple words were hurtful to you all, at a difficult time. Please accept our sincere apologies.'

SHARNFORD VILLAGE INFORMATION SHEET

Sharnford Parish Council Chair: Jack Feast 274678 email: bottlejack@hotmail.com
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Leicestershire County Council Councillor Ernie White 272136

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

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Village contact Beryl Devenyi 273740

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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 2nd Thursdays 7.00pm Yvonne Jordan 274112

Sharnford Traffic Action Group: Evergreen 3rd Mondays 7.30pm Mike Shirley

St. Helen's Ladies Group: 1st 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

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