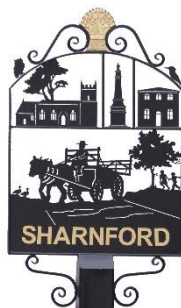


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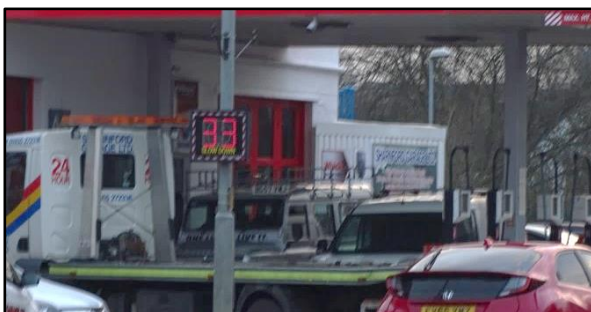
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STAG SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP 109mph in 30mph zone

The headline above was published in The Hinckley Times and Leicester Mercury in October 2016. It looks like a far-fetched figure but this was taken from the STAG speed monitor that has been located on the B4114 and Aston Lane.

They demonstrate the unarguable need for proper, enforceable speed monitoring 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the interests of safety.

The monitor has now been operational for over twelve months and the statistics taken from it are eye watering. Since November 2015:



B4114

2.75 million vehicles travelled through Sharnford

Nearly 250,000 drivers should have received Fixed Penalty Notices

Nearly 2000 drivers should have found themselves in court

Aston Lane

720,000 vehicles travelled along Aston Lane

300,000 drivers should have received Fixed Penalty Notices

10,000 drivers should have found themselves in Court

Nearly 1000 drivers travelling at over 60mph in a 30mph limit!!!

WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

A Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued if someone is travelling between 35 – 50mph in a 30mph limit.

A FPN carries a £100 fine + 3 point on your licence.

A Court Summons can be issued if someone is travelling over 50mph in a 30mph limit.

A Court Summons carries a fine up to £1000 + 6 points on your licence + a 56-day ban

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

STAG have had meetings with Alberto Costa MP, Lord Willy Bach – Police & Crime Commissioner, Meetings with Ernie White – County Councillor, and Director of Highways LCC. Alberto Costa MP, Willy Bach, and Ernie White have been very

supportive of our cause, bringing pressure to bear on the county council and encouraging local media to publicise the predicament we find ourselves in.

What is the predicament? We have been knocking our heads against a brick wall for over ten years with Leicestershire County Council refusing to help Sharnford make our roads safe by funding a bypass to remove HGV's and quarry lorries off the B4114, or at the very least, funding fixed average speed cameras.

A spokesman for the county council said ".....traffic is not travelling at speeds that would justify county council funding. The council has no realistic prospect of obtaining funding for a bypass and, under current policies, the village would not qualify for speed cameras."

A spokesman for Leicestershire and Rutland Road Safety Partnership said "We are aware of local speeding concerns in Sharnford. the partnership would be willing to review their position if there is a future change of events." In other words, our bureaucrats will do nothing until people get killed!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Alberto Costa MP will take our cause to Parliament if sufficient residents are in favour. Alberto will be sending out a questionnaire to every adult in Sharnford in the next few weeks.

This is NOT a political communication, but an information gathering exercise to support further action, please fill in the questionnaire and send back to Alberto via the boxes which will be sited around the village.

JUST A THOUGHT...

Average speed cameras would cost around £100,000 to install and maintain for one year.

One week's fines from Aston Lane would result in an income of £750,000

The estimated total cost to the public purse of a fatal accident is more than £700,000, let alone the distress and misery they cause.

2017 UPDATE

We have been well publicised this year:

1. Article in Hinckley Times
2. Interview on BBC1 East Midland News
3. Interview on BBC Radio Leicester

If you want to be involved in STAG, and help to make Sharnford a safer place for everyone, then please contact *Mike Shirley at mikelennox99@aol.com*

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REPORT FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT – ALBERTO COSTA NEWS RELEASE: MP Wants to Hear Residents’ Views on Village Traffic

Member of Parliament for South Leicestershire, Alberto Costa MP, will be writing to all residents of the Leicestershire village, Sharnford, in the coming week with a traffic survey to hear their views on the issue affecting the village.

With the cooperation of Sharnford Parish Council and the Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG), the survey will be sent to almost 800 residents in the village with a range of questions asking for their views on the speed and volume of traffic travelling through the village, while it also asks residents for their opinions on the calming measures they would like to see implemented.

Mr Costa said, “I’m delighted to be reaching out to the residents of Sharnford with this traffic survey. I’ve been aware of some of these traffic issues for some time, both in terms of the volume and speed of traffic travelling through the village, therefore I would greatly welcome the views of the people of Sharnford to hear of the issues affecting them most and the measures they believe would be most suitable in addressing these issues”.

“At long last Sharnford is being listened to” added Mrs June Feast, Chairman of the Sharnford Traffic Action Group. “As a small rural village, Sharnford has the misfortune to be cut in half by what must be one of the busiest B roads in Britain. Continuous convoys of heavy goods vehicles thunder through the village on a road which is so narrow that they have to mount the pavements to pass each other.” She continued, “We have had houses almost demolished, pedestrians hit on the zebra crossing and general breaching of the speed limit, including idiotic driving at speeds into three figures. We could not be more delighted that Mr. Costa our M.P. is taking up our case and researching our views”

Mr Costa concluded, “I’m very grateful to both the Sharnford Parish Council and STAG for their assistance and local knowledge in formulating the survey. I do hope residents will take just a few moments to complete the survey and share their views so I can assist the village of Sharnford in finding a solution to their traffic issues”.

The survey, which should be returned by the deadline of Friday 24th March, will be sent to all Sharnford residents currently listed on the electoral roll. It can be returned by simply folding the completed survey and posting it via the freepost address located on the back, or it can be posted into one of the ‘MP Survey Return boxes’ located at one of the following locations in Sharnford: The Sharnford Arms , The Evergreen Hall, Sharnford Post Office and the Countryman Inn. (now the Bricklayers)

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

The attached photo shows Alberto Costa MP (L) with (from inside R) Mr Michael Lee, from the Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG), Leicestershire County Councillor, Cllr Ernie White and Mr Jack Feast and Mr Michael Shirley, both also from STAG.



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SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Save the Date: Sunday 25th June 2017
“Sharnford Come Dancing”

This year’s fete will be held on Sunday 25th June 2017, on the park in Park View, Sharnford, from 12 o'clock until 4 o'clock. We are having a dance themed day with all sorts of activities. These will include favourites such as the duck races, tombola, raffle, cakes, refreshments and bar, and lots of other stall and attractions.

We hope that you will come along and enjoy the day – any profits from this event are shared out between various groups in the village.

If you would like to get involved and help with the event, please contact me and I can

let you know when the next meeting will be.

Donations for the tombola and raffle would be greatly appreciated and we will let you know how to make your donations a little nearer the time.

Looking forward to seeing you all there

Sue Stanley (Tel 273861) SGJC Secretary

SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL IMPORTANT NEWS - SHARNFORD TOMORROW?

By now an important survey that may help to shape life in Sharnford for a number of years in the future, should have been delivered to your household - if you haven't received this or require further copies, these are available at the village post office or from any Parish Councillor, the details for Parish Councillors can be found in the survey information.

As Chairman of your Parish Council I cannot stress enough the importance of this document which is designed with your input to shape the environment of the area in which you live, with a focus on the importance of preserving green spaces and improving the facilities and amenities in Sharnford. So please be sure to complete the survey for your household, on-line if possible using the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan survey website through “Survey Monkey”, the details for this are also given in the survey information. For those that would prefer to complete a hard copy of the survey these can be returned to Sharnford Post Office.

The survey has evolved from an exhibition that took place at the Evergreen Hall some time ago and is the final step in a project that your Parish Council has been engaged in for nearly four years. It would be a big disappointment if all this hard work were wasted for lack of a few minutes of your time. The survey will be widely advertised on the various notice boards around the village. The survey has to be completed by the 31st of

March and if you need any help in completing this please contact one of your Parish Councillors or attend the next PC meeting on the 16th of March.

Finally, the importance of this survey cannot be stressed enough and it's coverage has been given priority over other Parish items, but these will be covered in my yearly report in the next issue of the Sharnford News.

Jack Feast Chairman Sharnford PC

SHARNFORD LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

We have nearly completed our topic 'All about me' and have learned about living in different homes and different countries. We have also enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year and pretending to be Roosters!

We are delighted at the early implementation of the governments 30 hours funding for working parents, which can be spread across our 3 settings. However, this does mean that playgroup spaces are disappearing fast and we only have SIX spaces left for September intake at Sharnford. If you know of anyone who wants a space, please ask them to get in touch with us as soon as possible as the Council believe there will be a national shortage.

Our Easter bonnet parade takes place on Friday 7th April at 11.30am. Families and friends welcome

Alison and the team

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 carer's 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 9am-10.30am 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 ended on a high last year with our annual Christmas party! We had Christmas crafts, party games and soft play. It seems like all of our children were on Santa's good list as he left them each a little present. The children (and adults) had a fantastic time thank you to all that came!

After a little break we returned in the New Year fresh with new craft ideas as well as some lovely new toys. The children have loved playing with the new babies, dinosaurs, chalkboards amongst other things. This term we have also been exploring with kinetic sand, drawing, sticking and decorating.

We will be having an **Easter party on 4th April. Tickets are £2.50** which includes a little treat from the Easter bunny!! Please purchase a ticket or let us know if you would like to come on our Facebook page. It'll be great to see you all!!



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).

Hope to see you soon

The PTFA team

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

The Evergreen Club has started meeting again after the winter break on alternate Wednesday afternoons at 3pm. Our Christmas bazaar was very successful and thank you to all those who supported us then and at all our other events during the year.

Early in January we had a bacon buttie morning which was well attended, with the added interest of "The Bullockers" dancing on the car park.

The annual visit to the pantomime at the Concordia to see "The Frog Prince" was enjoyed by everyone and then we had our annual dinner, shared with members of the St Helen's Ladies Group, followed by party games.

We would welcome new members and invite you to come along and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and games, followed by tea, cakes and sandwiches.

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EVERGREEN HALL

OVER 60s YOUTH CLUB – COMMUNITY CENTRE

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The table tennis table is at the centre of most people's approach and arrangements are made to ensure everyone gets a look in. We have now started a Bridge Table for those wanting to test themselves or to learn the basics of this fascinating game, and the Short mat Bowls has become so popular that we are negotiating for the purchase of a new mat. Pledges of cash from the Parish Council, the Village Show Committee and the

Community Fund of the Earl Shilton Building Society mean that we are close to reaching the target figure. An application to Blaby District Council has been submitted and if successful would trigger the green light.

The darts, Table football and the Wii TV activity centre are less used but available for anyone wanting to use them.

No-one has to 'join', because there is no 'membership' of this club – it is just a drop-in facility for those who fancy a game, or merely to call in for coffee and chat rather than sitting at home alone.

Everyone is welcome – Wednesday 10 .00-12.00 in the Youth & Community Centre.

Derek Gibbons

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COUNTRYMAN SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

Another successful year for the Countryman Sick and Dividend Fund, we were able to distribute just over 120 festive food bags this Christmas just gone. This was made possible by many local businesses, local supermarkets and individuals donating raffle prizes that amounted to around 40. The prize draw is only held once a year, but it is a year long process to procure prizes for next Christmas and is quite reliant on the generosity of individuals who have supported us for many years.

A superb day for the distribution, made possible by a handful of dedicated volunteers with everything running smoothly. A special thanks goes out to all those people and establishments that made the ticket sales, this is probably the hardest job of all, closely followed by the purchase of all the goodies required for the bags.

We had a record number of thank you letters and cards, these will spur us on for this year's Christmas raffle and distribution - it may seem a long way off but it soon comes around.

By next Christmas the Fund will be known as the "Sharnford Sick and Dividend Fund", this is following the change of name from the Countryman to the Bricklayers. If anyone has any further suggestions regarding this please contact me. You would be surprised at

the amount of work generated by this simple change of name and this all has to be in order a long time in advance of what will be the 80th year of the Sick and Dividend Fund in Sharnford which I believe started in 1937.

Many thanks again to all those involved.

Jack Feast for the Countryman Sick & Dividend Fund

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
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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

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. What is a corn cockle?
2. Which is larger, Mars or Earth?
3. What makes stainless steel, stainless?
4. How many feet in a nautical mile?
5. Which song mentions a jolly swagman?
6. What is a peri?
7. What was John Lennon's middle name?
8. Who invented the Polaroid camera in 1947?
9. Where is the Louis Armstrong stadium?
10. Where on your body is the philtrum?
11. Inigo Jones was famous in which profession?
12. Who was the first musician to be made a life peer?
13. What colour is fudge?
14. What colour wine is Valpolicella?
15. Which animal is often given the name "Brock"?
16. What was sold in an apothecary?
17. What are collected by a philatelist?
18. What do most sharks live on?
19. Which ship sent the first SOS?
20. Where would you normally play shovel-board?

Answers on page 26

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ST HELEN'S CHURCH

St Helen's Nativity - Sunday 18th December 2016

St Helens took a different approach to the traditional nativity play this Christmas. The adult members of the church and the PCC performed the telling of the birth of the baby Jesus.



Whilst the congregation were arriving at the church the players were getting dressed in their best period costumes. By the time the first Carol, COME & JOIN THE CELEBRATION, was sung, the church was filled with a congregation of over 90 people.

As the result of this generous turn out Mary and Joseph had to pick their way through the church toward the Inn Keeper, who up to that moment, had been enthusiastically counting the money

resulting from an inn full to the rafters (much like St Helens).

Joseph (played by Bill — another one ticked off his bucket list), asked if there was any room at the Inn, the Inn Keeper pointed to the stable, which was screened off and as good as any film set I might add. As the Shepherds approached, they had to squeeze by the fire because the area set aside for them had been occupied by the congregation. The kings also had to be lead round and squeezed in by the Inn Keeper.

But the show must go on and once everyone was in place the screen was taken away to reveal a very special baby, for the first time at St Helens, a real baby and mother played the parts of Mary and the baby Jesus.

After the two Narrators concluded the story, they gave out Christingles to the children in the congregation. There were over 50 Christingles lit in celebration of our saviour's birth to signify that Christ is our light, the light that shines in the darkness.

Many thanks to everyone that took part and those who joined in the celebration. A special thank you to our relatively new member of the Church, Helen (Mary).

William Higginbotham Church Warden

In February we welcomed to our Church, Eloise Hibbert, family and friends for her Baptism.

Restoration work has been done on the Church Tower and the flagpole has been removed. Work on the war memorial will begin soon.

As a result of the plea in the last Sharnford News for volunteers to play the organ in the Church, to keep it in good working order, I am delighted to say that someone has volunteered, so this wonderful instrument

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will be played regularly, so thank you Sharnford News and our volunteer.

Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 26th March at 9.15am. We would like to invite all Mothers, regardless of age, with or without your families to our Service of Thanksgiving for all Mothers. If you would like to come but find it difficult to get to the Church, transport could be arranged for you. Tel. Chris Berridge Tel.324003 if you require transport.

Easter Sunday Service on Sunday 16th April at 9.15am. All welcome, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt!

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CLOSURE OF ST HELEN'S CHURCHYARD, SHARNFORD, HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE

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Provision would be made for the following exceptions:-

a) in any existing earthen grave in the churchyard, the burial may be allowed of the body of any member of the family of the person or persons previously buried in that grave, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave;

and

b) in any grave space in which no interment has previously taken place, the burial may be allowed of any person for whom, or any member of the family for which that grave space has been reserved and appropriated, with exclusive right of burial there, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.

Any representations about the proposed closure should be sent to the Coroners and

Burials Team, Minister of Justice, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H9AJ (quoting reference OPR/075/359) by 31st March 2017.

Additional information:-

i) Concerns about the condition of the churchyard or the financial implications of any transfer of maintenance are not issues which are relevant to an application for a closure Order.

ii) A closure Order in itself has no effect on public access to the churchyard.

iii) The Parish Council has provided a Parish Burial Ground which is situated on Mill Lane, Sharnford and is already in use.

Any queries: Chris Berridge, Secretary of St Helen's Parochial Church Council, Tel 324003.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHARNFORD

Fair trade Coffee and Bacon Buttie Morning on Saturday 11th March 9.30am -12 midday at the Evergreen Hall. (See separate advert in this issue – Ed)

Lent course: Roger's Diary, run by Nick Baker at the Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane, Sharnford at 7pm on the following dates. 9th March, 23rd March, 6th April, 27th April, 4th May. All welcome. The story of Jonah is well-known but not often studied in detail, even though it has an important spiritual messages for us today. This Lent course looks at the nature of God and how it affects our own personal Christian journeys. Through humorous drama and discussion, we focus primarily on the Book of Jonah but also consider other passages from Scripture. The sessions are: Called to Serve; Hard Times; Crying out to God; Loved and Valued; True Repentance and a Fresh Start.

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SHARNFORD SCHOOL REPORT

At Sharnford C E Primary School we started the year with our annual pantomime which was provided by Chaplin's, the UK's premier touring children's pantomime company, they performed a production of 'Dick Whittington'. The children enjoyed this and lots of cheering, clapping and laughter could be heard. Children in year 4, 5 and 6 have also enjoyed a talk about the Frozen Kingdom which included the Artic, Antarctic and polar explorers.

A number of visits have already been arranged for the rest of the academic year. During the spring term we take children in year 3 and 4 to Hinckley Leisure Centre for swimming lessons, this is a life skill that we want all children to learn. A meeting has been arranged for parents of children in year 6 who will be taking the Statutory tests in May, this will help explain the significant changes made to the assessments last year and how parents are able to help their child. School food support who provide lunches have given the children opportunities to take part in cooking competitions, the most recent was to design a perfect pancake filling and win a meal for themselves and 3 friends, the winning pancake will be served to the whole school. The children have been offered the opportunity of taking part in multi sports after school clubs and cross country training during lunchtime for the older children.

Volunteers continue to come in to school to listen to children read and help out on school visits, their help is very much appreciated. Following our application to convert to academy status and establish a multi academy trust, notification has been received from the Department for Education that they have agreed in principal to Sharnford School along with 8 other schools, joining the Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust. More information will be available about this conversion in due course.

If anyone has any spare Sainsbury's Active for Kids vouchers, we would welcome them in school. We are collecting vouchers to increase our PE and cooking equipment, thank you.

Carol Proctor Secretary

SHARNFORD SCHOOL PTA

Since school went back in September, the PTA have had a few events. We had a couple of Coffee mornings that were well attended by members of the village and involved plenty of cake and tea. The children also helped the PTA run a cake & book sale after the half term which seemed to go well!

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It was a busy end to the term, with the School Christmas Disco on Friday the 9th of December, followed by the Christmas Workshop after school on Monday the 12th! The disco was great fun with DJ Pavey who had the kids up and boogieing on the dance floor and ran competitions for the children, including the limbo! We also had a visit from Father Christmas who brought presents for the kids and looked very at home in his pop-up grotto in the school library.

The Christmas workshop is always a good laugh and this year we had the children making reindeer and skiers decorations from pine cones. The children also chose and wrapped gifts for their parents. It's a hectic hour and a quarter, but very enjoyable for all involved. We had a lot children this year and had quite a few parents help on the afternoon, so a big thank you to you!

We're still raising money for new staging for the school. We're not far off now, and without the support of the parents and those in wider community, we wouldn't be able to help the school in the way we do, so thank you everyone!

We will be having another coffee morning soon, so please look out for the posters going up.

Ed and the PTA

THE SHARNFORD GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

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volunteers, and the very dedicated Steering Group. Everything achieved by the Scheme is only made possible by the generosity, goodwill and kindness of this community.

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- We can also provide lifts for doctors, hospital or dental appointments, again for times when you have no one else to call upon.

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 perhaps recovering from an illness. Please note the Scheme can provide support to anyone who is over the age of 18.

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, for example, a lift to Hinckley and back is £3.00. We will always tell you in advance how much a journey will cost.

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 identity badge.

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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 ENVIRONMENT GROUP

VACANCY – Volunteer waterer[s] for two pairs of hanging baskets sited on the Coventry Road, around the corner from the Bricklayers Pub. Volunteer[s] can expect to water twice weekly throughout the summer. A watering device will be supplied. Holiday relief can be provided. Interested? Please contact Penny [272797] or Yvonne [274112]. Post must be filled by the end of May! Thank you.

Yvonne

SHARNFORD ART & CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP

We meet regularly at the Sharnford Youth and Community Centre, Park View, Sharnford, LE10 3PT, usually every 2 weeks on a Monday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, although it does occasionally change to fit in with term dates and/or Bank Holidays.

We are an informal group who bring our own projects to work on, and enjoy spending a social evening with like-minded people. Interested in coming?

If you would like to contact someone, please call Gabrielle Bryan on 01455 631026. Please find our meeting times below – all Mondays

6th March 2017, 20th March 2017, 3rd April 2017 - 3 week gap till next one, 24th April 2017, 8th May 2017, 22nd May 2017, 5th June 2017, 19th June 2017, 3rd July 2017.

Gabrielle

SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW



Sharnford Plant Sale
Saturday 20th May 2017
Evergreen Village Hall
Sharnford

The usual mix of
quality Bedding Plants
Perennials, Herbs
Tomatoes and other veg

Open from 9.30 to 12 noon

Admission free Refreshments available

Pick up your copy of the show guide
if we have not already delivered one
For further information please contact
Tony Curtis on 01455 272532

Well here we are again, another year, we are already sowing seeds and gearing up for the Plant Sale in anticipation of a good summer! The plant sale will be on Saturday the 20th May at the Evergreen. There will be plenty of home grown vegetable plants and bedding plants. Just the right time to buy, just as the risk of any late frosts recede. For those of you without green fingers just come down for one of the famous Evergreen bacon butties.

The schedules for the September Show will be available on the day, packed with all the old favourite categories and the odd new one to test you! The Village Show is on Saturday 9th September at the Evergreen.

Please support us, the prices are competitive and the quality is first rate. Profits are recycled into Village causes. We still have limited funds available, so if you are a local group needing funds put your case to us and we will see if we can help. We look forward to seeing you at the plant sale.

Tony Curtis

SHARNFORD WALKING GROUP?

Would you be interested in joining others from the village on occasional walks on the footpaths in the area? If there is some interest, we will arrange to get together to plan a few dates.

Please contact Mary and Clive on 01455 272280

SHARNFORD METHODISTS CHAPEL THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2016

Christmas seems a long time ago now as we look forward to spring. We would like to thank everyone who visited the Christmas Tree Festival at the Methodist Church and hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We were pleased to be able to send a donation of £182.50 to The Rainbows Children's Hospice.



For those of you who took part in our competitions, here are the prize winners:-

Sheep Trail:

5 & Under - Zach and Joe Beard,

6-9 Years - Danielle Mason,

10 Years & over - Owen Avis-Catling

The sheep are now all rounded up and returned to their sheep pen!

Christmas Colouring Competition:

Reception/Year 1 - Winner – Florrie,

Runner Up – Isaac Berry

Year 2/3 - Winner – Kelsey Riley,

Runner Up – Matthew Bryan

Year 4/5/6 - Winner – Alex Nielsen, Runner Up – Mary



Christmas Carol/Song Competition

Winners - John and Lynda Everall, Joint Runners up – Ed and Gabrielle Bryan - Gwen Coley

Answers to the Christmas song competition:

O Christmas Tree; Silver Bells; Away In A Manger; The Holly And The Ivy; Mistletoe And Wine; Jingle Bells; Hark The Herald Angels Sing/Angels From The Realms Of Glory; Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer; When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney; When The Red Red Robin Comes Bobbing Along; Frosty The Snowman; Like A Candle Flame; Let It Snow; The First Noel; It Was On A Starry Night; We Wish You A Merry Christmas

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2016

This year, the shoebox gifts from Sharnford were some of 48,264 that have been delivered to children in Swaziland.

I was lucky enough to visit Swaziland in 2011 and see this beautiful country for myself. Swaziland has a higher prevalence of HIV and AIDS than any other country in the world. Estimates indicate that about 26% of the population are HIV positive. This is impacting the demographics and

family structure leaving an increasing number of child headed households. Around 40% of the population are under the age of 15. There continues to be a stigma attached to AIDS. The average life expectancy is around 49 years. Many Swazis live in chronic poverty and food shortages are widespread. These gifts will make a huge difference to these children, not because they are of great monetary value (they aren't), but because these children have so little and most will never have received a gift of any kind before. The greatest joy though, is that the children know that someone, somewhere has thought about them and packed a box for them with love.

Penny Ross (Hinckley Area Coordinator for Operation Christmas Child)



**LEICESTER ANIMAL AID
NEW COMMUNITY COMPANION PET SUPPORT SCHEME
(CPSS)**



This new programme launched during Leicester Animal Aid's 60th Anniversary



year aims to enhance human and animal wellbeing in the community for as long as it is mutually beneficial.

The initial six-month pilot will run in three districts Blaby, Oadby and Wigston and Hinckley and Bosworth.

The scheme aims to sustain the relationship between companion

animal and human through offering support in two main areas:

- Providing elderly, physically disabled, vulnerable and housebound people with assistance to care for their companion animals in their own homes.
- Creating a foster support network (for the temporary care of owned companion animals or companion animals at Leicester Animal Aid seeking an alternative environment).

The pilot will work in conjunction with professional referral partners (e.g. Local social services, health services and voluntary organisations). This is a free to use service.

The agreed support will be delivered by trained volunteers with the support of a dedicated Co-ordinator and the team at Leicester Animal Aid.

Following independent evaluation in the autumn it is hoped that the scheme will become an ongoing outreach initiative managed by Leicester Animal Aid working in partnership with local and national bodies.

To find out more about this new scheme or to get involved please contact:

Sarah Moakes, CPSS Co-ordinator

Telephone: 01455 888257

Email: CPSS@leicesteranimalaid.org.uk

Please note that this six-month pilot is running in three districts only (Blaby, Oadby and Wigston and Hinckley and Bosworth) and is focused on supporting the elderly, physically disabled, vulnerable and housebound people.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Congratulations for brightening up Sharnford at Christmas. The request made in the last Issue of Sharnford News to “LETS LIGHT UP SHARNFORD AT CHRISTMAS” seemed to have triggered off a great response. We print the following photos, as a sample, as a thank-you to all those who made the effort.





RE-CREATING SHARNFORD 1800 – 1801

Recreating the people, the families and those who inhabited Sharnford more than two hundred years ago is not easy, nor will ever be complete, for much of it has been lost in time.

Records for the year 1800-1801 and earlier have been diligently searched (courtesy of the Leics. Record office), and the results are quite surprising and satisfying. Everything that is written here below is not guesswork – but people who really breathed, lived and worked in the village that year - the shoemaker; the tailor, the cordwainer, the baker, the agricultural worker, the stockinger, the widow, the children, the rich and the poor. No doubt some of you will recognise possible ancestry within the names and facts.

By a return to Parliament in 1801, it appeared Sharnford contained 77 houses, inhabited by 81 families, consisting of 181 males, 192 females, a total of **373**; of whom, 213 were chiefly employed in agriculture, and 159 in trade, manufacture, e.g framework knitting (both Pugh and Nichols gives the same figures). It would be a further 40 years before a census came about that would carry the names of the inhabitants of Sharnford.

Aldridge Isaac & Elizabeth (*Weaver*) & 5 children :-

Ann (1790), James (1792), Joseph (1794), Isaac (1796), Thomas (1798).

Aldridge John

Arnold William & Jane (*Bailey*) & 3 children :- Thomas (1796), Catherine (1800).

Also we assume Anne (1782) from previous wife.

Ashmore John

Bason John & Susannah & 3 children :- Thomas (1794), Mary (1795), John (1797).

Bates Sarah

Bates Thomas & Alice (*Lapworth*) & 1 child :- Thomas (1800). Coffin maker.

Bailey Hannah

Bailey James & Mary (*Elkington*) & 6 children :- John (1789), William (1793), Elizabeth (1794), Thomas (1795), Mary(1797), James (1799).

Bailey John

Baxter

Bishop Jane & 3 children :- .Sarah (1793), William (1795), John (1798).

Bishop Anne :-...mother of Jane Bishop.

Bray Allen

Bray Soloman & Sarah (*Campion*)

Bray Thomas & Elizabeth (*Bray*) :-..glazier

Brown John & Elizabeth (*Kenny*) & 1 child :-..Richard (1798).

Buckingham Thomas

Campion John & Mary (*Harrison*) & 1 child :- .John (1786).

Campion Thomas & Hannah (*Vernen*)

Carter Mary

Cheney John & Mary (*Freer*) & 2 children :- .William (1797), Eleanor (1799).

Clarke Joshua & Elizabeth (*Ashmore*) :-...Village constable.

Clarke Seth

Cook Thomas marries Anne Eltington 23 Mar: 1800.

Corby Thomas & Jane (*Hanes*) & 3 children :-..Sophia (1797), Mary (1799), Ann (1801).

Cotman Joseph :- .Rector of Sharnford.

Cotton William & mary (*Pridmore*)

Crafts Hannah & 1 child (illigit) :- .Richard (1801).

Crane Nathaniel & Fanny (*Pegg*) & 3 children :- .Mary (1791), Ann (1793), William (1795). These children from a previous marriage to Sarah (*Elliott*).

Crisp George

Darrington Mrs.

Elliott John & Ann (*Grant*) & 2 children :- .William (1792), Mary (1795).

Elliott Thomas & Ann (*Underwood*) & 6 children :- Benjamin (1787), Thomas (1788), John (1790), Absalom (1793), Mary (1795), Joseph (1799).

Elkington James marries Fanny Daws :- 11 May 1800 at Sharnford.

Elkington John marries Elizabeth Lord.1 July 1800 at Sharnford.

Elkington Judith

Fairbrother Jane

Fairbrother Joseph & 1 child :- .Thomas (1790).

Garbut (or Corbett) Thomas

Garle John & Anne (*Thorpe*).

Goade William marries Ann Saunders. 27 Oct:1801 (banns read Oct:1800).

Godfrey George

Groom John & Elizabeth (*Johnson*) & 4 children :- .Thomas (1786), George (1787), William (1789), Elizabeth (1791).

Groom Mary

Hackett William & Helen (*Bailey*) & 1 child :- .Sarah (1800).

Hanes John & Elizabeth (*Hurst*) & 2 children :- .William (1799), James (1801).

Hanes Timothy

Harris Martha

Harrison James & Susannah (*Lapworth*) & 4 children :-..William Leader (1794), Charles (1795), William (1799), Susannah (1800).

Harrison John & Phillis (*Bingham*) & 1 child :- Elizabeth (1800).

Harrison Martha :-...landlord of the *Star*.

Harrison Robert & Elizabeth (*Jakes*) & 1 child :-..John Goude (1799).

Hollingworth & girl

Howkins Thomas & Charlotte (*Brown*) & 2 children :- Jane (1798), William (1800).

Hurst Benjamin & Alice (*Marvin*) & 6 children :- .Fanny (1784), Mary (1786), Benjamin (1787), Sarah (1791), John (1797), Daughter Elizabeth (1776) wife of John Hanes.

Illife John & Jane (*Thorpe*) & 3 children :- .Richard (1785), Archelaus (1789), William (1790).

Illstone John & Elizabeth (*West*) & 5 children :-..Elizabeth (1791), John (1795), Susannah (1799), Alice (1801), Anne (1801).

Also we assume from a previous marriage Sarah (1782).

Jarratt Thomas & Anne (*Crowder*) & 5 children :- .Richard (1787), Kitty (1791), Lydia (1793), Thomas (1795), Harriet (1797).

Jarrom

Johnson George & Ann (*Bray*)

Johnson Thomas & Sarah (*Smith*) & 1 child :- .William (1799), John (1801).

Johnson William & Elizabeth (*Grant*) and 1 child :-..William (1799).

Kenney Ann :- .wife of Thomas Kenney.

Kenney John & Mary (*Smith*) & 2 children :- ..John (1795), Thomas (1799).

King John & 1 child :- ..unknown

King Thomas & Mary (*Cave*) & 1 child :- .William (1800).

Lawrence :- the molecatcher

Leader's wife

Letts Benjamin & Elizabeth & 1 child :- .Thomas (1800).

Lord Joseph & Elizabeth (Hanes) & 1 child :- Ann (1800).

Lord Mary

Lydall Edward & Ann (*Hardy*) & 4 children :-.....Mary (1789), Thomas (1793), Hephzibah (1797), Joseph (1800). **Marvin** Ann & 1 child (illgit). Sarah (1799).

Marshall Ann

Morton Hannah

Murby Thomas & Ann (*Carter*) & 1 child :-..Edward (1799).

Murby William & Jane (*Brown*) & 1 child :- John (1799).

Musson John & Sarah (*Hopkins*) & 1 child :- .Hephzibah (1798).

Neal William

Nixon Gabriel & Mary (*Lord*)

Nixon Nathaniel Waring & Sarah (*Hudson*) & 3 children :- .George (1796), Mary Ann (1798), William (1800).

Perkins Thomas & Dorothy & 2 children :- Joseph (1795), Edward (1798).
Landlord of the *BlueBell*.

Pratt Philip & 4 children :-..Mary (1789), Christopher (1793), Elizabeth (1795), Philip (1798).

Pratt Mary (*Lee*) wife of Philip Pratt :- was buried 8 July 1800.

Pridmore William & Mary (*Bass*) & 6 children :- John ((1790), Mary (1792), Catherine (1793), Thomas (1796), William (1798), Sarah (1800).

Rogers Susanna (*Murby*) :-wife of James Rogers.

Rolliston John & Elizabeth (*Shun*) & 4 children :-..Mary (1789), Elizabeth (1792), Ann (1794), Charlotte (1797), Thomas (1801).

Saunders Thomas & Elizabeth (*Bray*) & 1 child :- Joseph (1800).

Saunders William

Scotton John & Elizabeth (*Clarke*).

Shuttleworth Mary & 1 child (illigit) :- Ann (1800).

Shuttleworth William :-..widower.

Spell Edward & Elizabeth (*Piles*)

Sperry Jacob & Prudence (*Sneape*) & 1 child :-...Thomas (1799).

Still (or Shill) Joseph

Sutton Seagrave & Ann (*Foreman*) & 4 children :-...Catherine (1791), Ann (1792), James (1797), Priscilla (1799).

Taylor Mark

Taylor Richard & Mary (*Bailey*) & 2 children :-Ann (1801)
Also we assume May (1794) from previous marriage.

Tew John & Hannah (*Warner*) & 6 children :- Ann (1789), Maria (1791), Joseph (1793), Thomas (1793), William (1796), Edward (1799).

Tilley John & Mary (*Lord*) & 1 child :-..Samuel (1797).

Tilley Joseph & Elizabeth (*Welton*) :- stockinger.

Townsend John & Mary & 2 children :- Elizabeth (1800), John (1800).

Ward Thomas

Ward's wife.

Welton Joseph & Mary (*King*).

Welton Sarah :-... wife of Joseph Welton (Snr).

Whitwell Daniel & Frances Mary (*Crisp*) :- ..shoemaker..

Widow **Baker** Sarah (*Lord*) :- .Relict of Joshua Baker who died 1783.

Widow **Bates** (*Kendal*) buried 10 June:1800 :-...Relict of George Bates who died 1795.

Widow **Brown**

Widow **Daws** Fanny (*Haycock*) :- .Relict of John Daws who died 1790.

Widow **Elliott** Ann (*Marshall*) :- Relict of Benjamin Elliott who died 1787.

Widow **Holyoak** Elizabeth (*Shenton*) :- .Relict of Richard Holyoak who died 1778.

Widow **Kenney** Ann :-...Relict of Thomas Kenney who died 1794.

Widow **Lord** Elizabeth (*Smalley*) :-..Relict of John Lord.

Widow **Lord** Mary :- Relict of Gabriel Nixon who died in 1772.

Widow **Morton** Betty

Widow **Morton** Elizabeth

Widow **Reeve** Elizabeth (*Holyoak*) :-..Relict of William Reeve who died 1798.

Widow **Tew** Elizabeth (*Limber*) :-..Relict of Edward Tew.

Widow **Toon**

Widow **Wormleighton** Elizabeth (Heathcote) :-..Relict of William Wormleighton who died 1794.

The criteria used for this exercise.....Spouses maiden names if known are given. No girl over 14 years of age. Older girls were more likely than boys, to be away from the village – and most would be farm servants or in service. No boy over the age of 17 years.

From our research of original documents there undoubtedly will be some errors - for the inks were very faded in places and names were often written phonetically. Falling through the net are unmarried couples, children not christened / or christened in another village, transitory people. Those with one word names e.g. Baxter or Jarrom – whom are not known to be male or female or a family – were counted as only one. **Achieved is a total of 327 out of population of 373 for the year 1800-1801.**

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Please note that the deadline for articles in the next issue of Sharnford News is Wednesday 24th May 2017

Answers to quiz

1. a flower, 2. Earth, 3. Chromium, 4. 6,080, 5. Waltzing Matilda, 6. A fairy, 7. Winston, 8. Edwin Land, 9. Flushing Meadow, New York, 10. Groove between nose and lip, 11. Architecture, 12. Benjamin Britten, 13. Light brown, 14. Red, 15. Badger, 16. Medicines/drugs, 17. Stamps, 18. Fish, 19. Titanic, 20. On a ship's deck,

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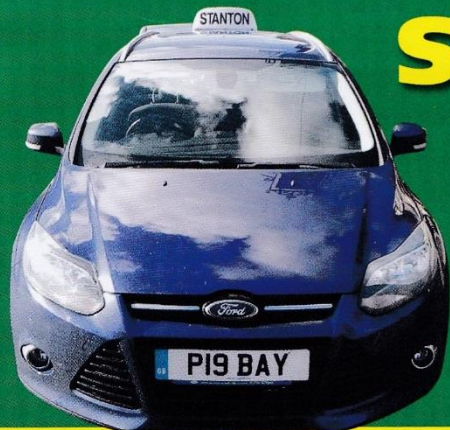
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Meetings are usually held 3rd Thursday month 7.45pm Evergreen Hall

Leicestershire County Council Councillor Ernie White 272136

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Broughton Astley Practice 282599 or Evergreen Hall Thurs 12 noon – 1.30pm
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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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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 2nd Thursdays 7.00pm Yvonne Jordan 274112

Sharnford Traffic Action Group: Community Centre Mondays 7.30pm

Contact Mike Shirley for dates on 07539994707

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

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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