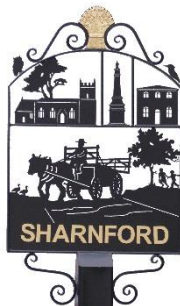


# SHARNFORD NEWS

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## SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE “SHARNFORD COME DANCING” SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

It's time to dust off your dancing shoes and put your glad rags on because the theme for the fete this year is DANCE - whatever sort of dancing, whether it is ballroom, ballet or belly dancing, hopefully there will be something for you.

The fete will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 12 o'clock to 4 o'clock, on the park in Park View. There will be the usual favourites such as raffle, tombola, duck races, cakes, refreshments, BBQ and bar. Also, the group "Take It From the Top" (previously known as "No Strings Attached) are back by popular demand to provide some music.

There will be some dance demonstrations in the arena, with hopefully a chance for people to have a go themselves. Other attractions in the arena will include traditional races such as 3 legged races, egg and spoon races etc for the kids.

Leicester Tiger star Sam Harrison, has agreed to open the fete so be there from 12.00 so that you don't miss him. This year, the bells of St Helens will be rung to announce that the fete is about to start so please listen out for them from about 11.45am.

Although we are not having a fancy dress competition, dressing up for all ages on the day will be actively encouraged so that everyone enters into the spirit of the day

**Door-to-door collections.** If you would like to make a donation of goods for the fete, helpers will be calling on the weekend of 17-18<sup>th</sup> June. We will be delivering a flyer prior to the collections date. If you do not want anyone to call, please display the "NO" flyer in your window and we will not call.

Donations can be for the raffle, bottle stall, tombola, book stall and toy stall. Please make sure that any items are un-opened and within the "best before" date, and that any toys are clean and in good condition.

If you would like to donate cakes or other fresh goods, then please drop them off at the park on the day or drop them round to Sue at 15 Park View, or Julie at 33 Henson Way. We can always use help on the day – either help with setting up, manning a stall or clearing away at the end of the day. Even if you can only spare an hour, it would be appreciated.

Please support this event if you can - all profits are distributed amongst the various groups in the village to help them with their activities. Even if you are not coming to the fete on the day, please buy a raffle ticket or duck for the duck race (available from the village groups, Post Office, Sharnford Arms and The Bricklayers).

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us again this year, so look forward to seeing you all there.

*Sue Stanley (Tel: 273861) SGJC Secretary*

*Sharnford Golden Jubilee Committee  
presents*

*Bring your dancing shoes for this  
years village fete*



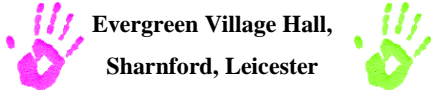
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Come  
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*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
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on the park*

*duck racing · BBQ · Cakes & Jams · STALLS · music  
Raffle · GAMES · Bouncy slide · BAR*

## SHARNFORD LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

### Sharnford Little Explorers Playgroup



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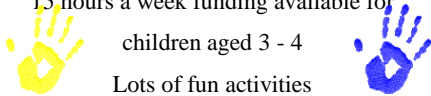
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some spaces at our new Broughton Astley setting too.

We are pleased to announce that Diddy Rugby sessions will be held every Wednesday for our PE session. The children have already had a taster session and we are excited for this to start.

*Alison, Laura, Carlie, Clare and Nat*

## SHARNFORD VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL REDEDICATION

The rededication service took place on the 28th May in the afternoon - in between the deadline for the newsletter and the publication. We shall have more to show in the next issue but hope that many villagers came to see the renovated memorial. The finished project looks complete and we are really pleased with it. Special thanks to all who supported this worthy project completed in time before the churchyard is handed over to the Parish. Special thanks also to the 3 gentlemen who keep the churchyard looking wonderful for their help in landscaping the area around the memorial.

*Rosemarie*



## SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP

### RESULT – Average Speed Cameras are coming to Sharnford

For years Sharnford has been trying to get a bypass or at the very least speed cameras to control the high speeds and volume of traffic through the village. Leicestershire County Council would not entertain the idea, as national policy stated that there must be at least three fatalities at a location before average speed cameras could be installed.

So, short of sacrificing three villagers to the cause, how did we achieve our goal?

- Firstly, we were fortunate in having people with the right skills who were prepared to spend significant time and effort on the cause.
- STAG set out with clear objectives.
- We raised money to fund the project.
- We made a DVD which graphically illustrated the appallingly dangerous conditions in the village.
- We collected data and photos to support our cause.
- We relentlessly used the media – press, radio and TV – to embarrass officials.
- We enlisted the valuable help of Alberto Costa MP and Lord Willy Bach – Police and Crime Commissioner.

Finally, after ten years, national policy has suddenly and miraculously been changed, the County Council managed to find the money and we, together with other villages, have been promised average speed cameras by September 2017.

Initially the cameras will cover part of the village as part of a county trial.

So, in the future, if you do more than 30mph through Sharnford, you will get a speeding fine and points on your licence.

This is a good result, but it doesn't stop there. We still need a bypass, especially with the massive increase in housing in surrounding villages and HGV traffic to DIRFT,

Magna Park etc. We need to remove the ever-increasing volumes of traffic through the village, which includes a very high proportion of HGV's spewing out toxic NOx fumes and particulates which affect the whole village's health and, in particular that of our children.

Finally, we also need to address the dangerously high speeds that are regularly being recorded on Aston Lane.

We need to keep up the pressure so, for those of us who are concerned about traffic issues in the village, and our quality of life, join STAG and help us win again!

Contact **Mike Shirley** at [mikelennox99@aol.com](mailto:mikelennox99@aol.com) for more information.

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## SHARNFORD GARDEN CENTRE

## GETTING READY FOR ... SUMMER

Sharnford Garden Centre is now open for business with a vast range of quality plants, stone ornaments, terracotta pots, stone chippings, seeds, wild bird care and garden sundries.

Formally known as 4 Winds Nursery, Sharnford Garden Centre is now under new ownership and new management. We have already made significant improvements to the centre, with lots more to come. Come and visit us, say hello and see all our hard work!

**SHARNFORD GARDEN CENTRE** Coventry Road, Sharnford, LE10 3PG  
**Opening hours:** Monday – Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

01455 220175 [info@sharnfordgc.co.uk](mailto:info@sharnfordgc.co.uk)

### 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. 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.



Last term we had our Easter party which was very popular. We all had a brilliant time getting creative with our Easter crafts, egg hunting as well as playing party games. Lots of fun and laughter was had by all.

This term our children have loved getting imaginative using our chalk boards and kinetic sand. Many masterpieces have been created using colouring pens, chalk and stickers. We have also welcomed Kellyanne Swinton from Precious Pixels UK into our group. Lots of beautiful photos of our children were taken with their fab pop up studio. Thank you for visiting us Kellyanne!!



Finally at this year's Sharnford fete to be held Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June on the park. BBT will be having a toy sale alongside a sweetie pick and mix stall and craft table. If you have any toys that you would like to donate, or if you can help in any way 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). See you soon



*The PTFA team*

## SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The make up of the Parish Council has changed little over the last 12 months, the only new member is Mike Shirley who was co-opted on to the Parish Council around last September. Mike has given a great deal of time to both the Parish Council and STAG and is proving to be a great asset, having a clinical eye for detail and an astute mind when dealing with issues such as planning which affect the well being of the Parish.

Two of the biggest undertakings the Parish Council has been involved with are the two surveys, the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan which had a modest response and the traffic survey which achieved a 57% response from the 780 electors – this survey was organised by Alberto Costa, your local MP at the time of the survey. If re-elected at the forthcoming General Election, Alberto will be contacting the villagers who responded to the survey towards the end of June, with a full report and update of measures that can be introduced in the form of an action plan to improve the traffic problems of Sharnford.

Undoubtedly there will be information published about the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan survey that was not so well supported, this will possibly be in a future Sharnford News.

Another ongoing project the Parish Council has supported is the restoration of the War Memorial, a service of rededication was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May.

Various organisations within the village have benefited with support from the Parish Council: the Fete Committee will be receiving a new barbecue for future events in lieu of financial support. Other beneficiaries are the Defibrillator



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Support Group; the Environment Group which provides the hanging baskets and flowers, etc. around the village; the Good Neighbours Scheme which is going from strength to strength; the over 60's Club was assisted with the purchase of a new indoor bowling mat – a useful and much needed asset to the Club; the school and STAG.

The Parish Council is also looking for a volunteer to look after the village website to work with Tony Curtis, the present Webmaster, and eventually take over the role.

**Jack Feast Chairman Sharnford Parish Council**

## SHARNFORD'S WINDMILL & BAKERY

Sharnford can aspire to having once its very own windmill which unfortunately, in disrepair and disused, was taken down in 1920-1922. (*Windmills of Leicestershire and Rutland – Nigel Moon*). An unconfirmed report is that the sails blew off in a gale on 20 Apr. 1922. It is sad to say that nothing remains of this 40 foot high wooden structure today save for the name Mill Lane to remind us of its passing. Windmills had almost disappeared from the Leicestershire landscape during the last hundred or so years, victims of storms, fire, safety, technological and economic changes. Our windmill was perhaps one of the last survivors in the county which was still working in 1912 according to a recent study by *J. Bennett (University of Leicester)*. He charts in his treatise the dramatic demise of windmills in Leicestershire.....88 shown on Greenwood's 1826 map of Leicestershire...by 1860 that there were perhaps 70 mills still operating, but by 1895 this number had dwindled to 24, with the downward trend continuing into the following century. Certainly by 1912, that total had sunk to 16, ten years later only 7. The Waltham-on-the-Wolds mill was the last in the county to be worked by wind power. Today we see the emergence of aficionados and enthusiast groups who have resurrected and restored some to their former glory i.e. Whissendine and Ullesthorpe tower mills.



Left – Found! In Cheltenham - the only known photograph of Sharnford's post windmill. This original photograph is now in the the archive mill collection of Frank Ogilby, Reading, Berkshire.

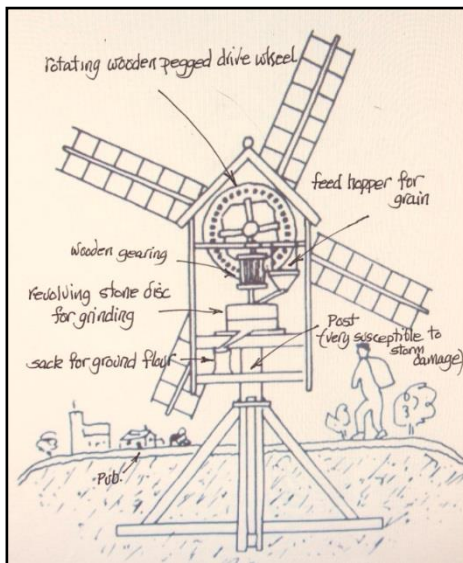
Sharnford's earliest mentioning of a windmill – or to give it its full name – a wind postmill – comes from a study by Edward J. Keal '*Harvesting the Air*'. He cites.....'*before 1230, postmills were also erected at Claybrook, Bitterswell and Sharnford*'. He gives provenance for this statement. Sharnford has never been subjected to a manor or manorial rights and no doubt it was under the

control of an ecclesiastical institution most probably the patronage of the Prior of Monks Kirby, Warwicks. There certainly was a mill at Wigston Parva in 1137, its patron William the Almoner, whose beneficiary was Reading Abbey. In 1279 this mill was precisely identified as to be a 'windmill' and was the earliest to appear as 'windmill' in Leicestershire records.



**Above** – a medieval post windmill. For over 800 years these mills remained virtually unchanged. They were cheaper to build than water mills hence their popularity. But the greatest pitfall was that they needed constant windy days to operate them.

**Right** – the working parts of a post windmill – simple yet innovative.



**1675** – Sharnford windmill appears on Ogilbys roadmap of 1675.

**20 Jan.1699** – from a conveyance deed in Leicester Record Office.....'Thos. Lea of Sharnford and his wife, formerly widow of John Bunney of Sharnford.....cottage, homestead and land including a piece whereon a **windmill** used to stand in Sharnford'. Windmills were notorious for being struck by lightning and burning down not to mention flour being highly combustible material always a potential hazard. Gales were also another unavoidable hazard. The windmill at Sproxtton blew down in May 1889 and killed the miller, Wm. Gamble.

**1764** – Land Enclosure Act.....'vicarial tithe from Sharnford windmill payable to the rector and his successors' (Nichols). The incumbent rector in 1764 was John Horton inducted 1738 died in post 1793.

**10 July 1783** – Sharnford's windmill is seriously damaged 'during a heavy storm of thunder and lightning, and so much damaged that it was found necessary to have a new post, and considerable repairs' accords Nicholls History and Antiquities of Leicester.

**1805** – Thomas Bray, Sharnford's first identifiable miller (from a document in Coventry History Centre).

**1841 Census** – William Pratt, 35, miller. He may have been a journeyman who was living next door to his employer, the then village baker, Henry Bray.

**1848** – Henry Bray is named as both the village miller and baker in the 1848 Leicestershire Post Office Directory.

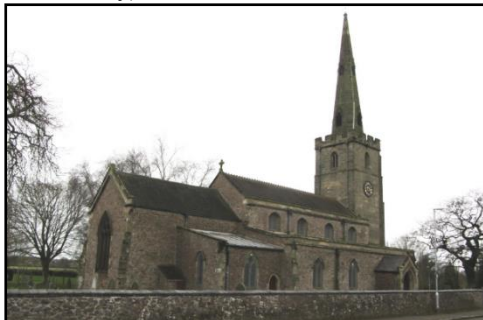
**1911 Census** – Henry Bray, born 1865, son of the above Henry, identified as both miller and baker, unmarried, living in Back Lane with his unmarried sister, Lizzie.



NOTE: both Chapel Street and Chapel Lane were part of Back Lane yesteryear. Sometime between 1912 and 1916 the windmill fell in disrepair.

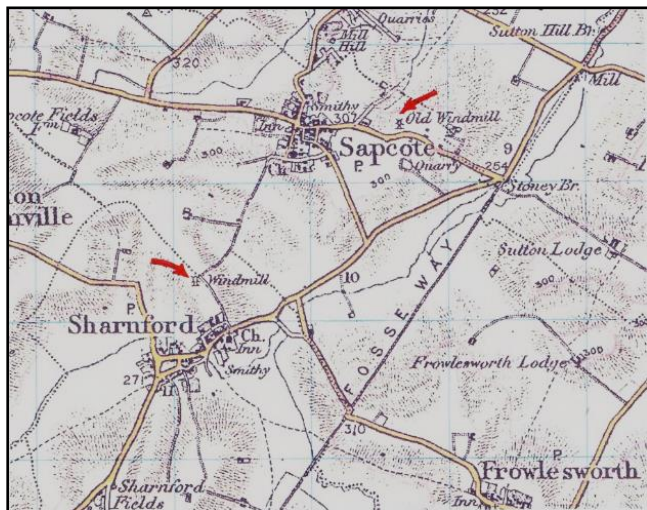
**1916** – Kelly’s 1916 Directory says the bakery was still soldiering on.

**1922** – the bakery had gone. (Kelly’s 1922 Directory).



**Above Left** - an accurate representation of Sapcote’s All Saints church viewed from a northwest perspective dated 1811 (from Nicholls). Sharnford’s windmill stands sentinel on the distant high ground.

**Above Right** – All Saints (viewed from the church carpark). Today is little changed from the 1811 etching but for the building additions added in Victorian times



**Left** – Ordnance Survey map of 1901-1902. Shown is Sharnford’s windmill and Sapcote’s derelict tower windmill. Sapcote’s mill was situated on the Leicester road, built in 1806 on the site of an old former windmill. It was constructed of red brick at a cost of £1300 2s. 3d. The money for this construction work was raised by subscription with investors receiving

shares. It was not an economic success. The OS map for the year 1888 records Sapcote’s windmill to be ‘in ruins’, its working life would have been less than 80 years.

Nothing remains of Sharnford’s wooden windmill today, but to view its once footprint, walk to the top of Mill Lane onto the bridal path, look to the highest point in the first field on the left.

One of the millstones from our windmill went to Evington Road, Leicester, where it remained until the garden was built on in 1998 and was then lost. The other, which is part only, resides at Whissendine mill with owner and miller Nigel Moon (the man in white!) author of *Windmills of Leicestershire and Rutland*.



**Left** – Sapcote’s tower windmill before 1888. In its heyday it would have stood well over 60 foot tall. Today nothing remains of this once imposing building.

**Below** - 2 photos of the Sharnford village bakery. Hand in hand with the Sharnford village windmill must go the bakery. Always known to us old villagers as the ‘old bakery’, it is only in quite recent times that the old bread baking ovens were removed. Dating reputedly from 1647, this was home to the Bray family certainly by 1819 as recorded in the will of Soloman Bray. Soloman, his son Henry (born 1793), grandson Henry (born 1831), great grandson Henry (born 1865), all became both the village millers and the bakers. It is

possible that the Bray’s were in these trades much earlier.



The Bray family were of some importance for we see them throughout the centuries living in Sharnford as freeholders (landowners). Of twenty-one wills/probates found in the records of the Archdeaconry Court of Leicester (*Leicester Record Office*), several relate to being both yeomen (farmers) and freeholders. The earliest dating for a Bray will – ‘*William Braye of Sherneford*’ – 1530. This puts him nicely into the reign of Henry VIII (1509-1547).

**Right** – once the old village bakery that morphed over the years from bakery, to café, to restaurant, to the family home we see today.

Prices for milled flour were at a premium as we see locally for the year 1810 – from ‘*Sapcote 1958 by Gillian Johnson Turl*’. Flour was £4/10/- to £5 a sack. Wheat was £6 a quart. Barley 52-56 shillings a quart. Oats at 30-40 shillings a quart. The high prices may have been influenced due to a poor harvest. The year 1831 harvest was a countrywide disaster. At the bakery - bread was a shilling for a mega 3 and a quarter pound loaf. By comparison at the butchery – beef



was 7 and a half pence a pound. Mutton at 8 pence a pound. Pork was 8 and a half pence a pound. At the pub – best ale 7 pence a quart. Port at 7 pence a quart.

\*\*\*\*Acknowledgements.....many thanks to Ron Mann for the challenge, to Dave Sewell for his ace techno assistance, to Nigel Moon for the old photographs that made this article possible, to the Wormleighton family for their considerable help. \*\*\*\*

### **SHARNFORD OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS ARE BOWLED OVER BY THEIR NEW MAT.**

Bowlers have a new mat to play on thanks to the help from several donors.

The club offers older people a chance to relive their youth club days and keep active. We offer activities including table tennis, darts, bowls, bridge and video games.

But bowlers have been unable to play properly since our second-hand mat became too worn. We made an appeal for donations back in December. The Parish Council, the Village Show Committee, Blaby District Council and the Earl Shilton Building Society and others all offered their help, such that sufficient funds were raised for a new mat.

On behalf of all the members of the club I would like to say how much we appreciate the support given by our donors. The attached photos show some of our members enjoying the new mat.

The Over 60's Youth Club, at the Community Centre, runs on Wednesday's from 10-12.30pm. You do not have to be a member, just turn up on the day and pay a small fee.

Everyone is welcome

**Derek Gibbons 272401**



### **SUMMER QUIZ**

1. What is the collective name for a group of seventeen hundred islands between Canada and the USA which are popular summer resorts?
2. Whose summer villa is at Castel Gandolfo?
3. When is the Christian Festival of Midsummer Day?
4. Where were the 1968 Summer Olympics held?
5. What is used as the filling of a summer pudding?
6. Which institution, introduced by Harold Wilson, consists of TV and radio lectures and summer schools?

7. In "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland", what was done on all summers day?
8. Elvis Presley was the King, Bruce Springsteen was the Boss. What nickname was given to Donna Summer?
9. In which capital city in the Northern Hemisphere, the name of which is a local tribe, has almost 19 hours of daylight during the Summer Solstice?
10. Which actor, later to find fame in "It aint Half Hot Mum", played the part of one of Cliff Richard's friends in Summer Holiday"?
11. Which brothers wrote the song "Summertime"?
12. Esther Summerson is the heroine of which novel by Charles Dickens?
13. Which duo had a hit in 1978 with "Summer Nights"?
14. Which hit song describes summer thus? Those days of soda and pretzels and beer?
15. The film "Summersby" starred Richard Gere and which actress?
16. What are the three summer signs of the Zodiac?
17. Who had a hit record in 1961 with "Summertime Blues"?
18. The tiny summer isles are a few miles Northwest of which Scottish port?
19. How is the singer La Donna Gaynes better known?
20. Which group had a hit with the song "In the Summertime"?

*Answers on page 21*

## 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, go to the Pantomime in Hinckley and have occasional speakers.

**ALL WELCOME**

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

Contact Jean Dale on 274772

### **ST. HELEN'S LADIES GROUP**

The 2017/2018 programme opened with a very interesting talk on the subject of Beekeeping by Andy and Margaret Wilde. This was very informative about the importance of the bee and its role in pollinating the crops and flowers. Bees have been in decline due to various factors, viruses etc. so beekeeping plays a vital role in ensuring that the bee survives.

In April we were very much entertained by Paul Thompson regaling us with stories of Life in and out of the Tudor Court; dressed appropriately of course in a Tudor outfit. In May we had a games evening, after which we sampled a wide variety of puddings made by members. This is always a popular event!

In addition to our monthly meetings ladies of the group are busy knitting for the Samaritans Purse Shoebox appeal, Twiddlemuffs for people unlucky enough to be suffering from dementia. These are made using different wools, stitches etc. to give different textures designed to soothe patients. In addition little hats are still being knitted for the Age UK Innocent smoothie fund raiser. This is an ongoing appeal and Sharnford Ladies will have donated in excess of 1000 over the last three years. A superb effort!

The programme continues on 14th June with a talk by Felicity Austin on Big Brand Food Names, Illustrated talk on Myanmar (Burma) by Penny Ross on July 12th and our Annual BBQ on 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Although we are officially St. Helen's Ladies group and do support the church from time to time, we are more usually known as Sharnford Ladies Group and the group is open to all. Meetings are mostly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 7.30p.m. in the Evergreen Hall, but occasionally we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. Visitors are welcome at all our meetings, cost £3 to include coffee and raffle. Information on the group can be found in the Sharnford News or by contacting the Leader, Mrs. Pat Jordan, Tel..272229

*Jean Ryan*

## SHARNFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Litter Pick April 22nd: We are pleased to report that a total of 17 villagers came and helped with the litter pick, which meant that almost all of the village was cleaned. We are especially grateful to Kaspar & Alex Nielson, Jack & Sam Holliland, Matt & David McConnell, plus parents and other villagers. This was the best turn-out we have ever had and we truly appreciate all their help and support. As usual we were able to loan litter pick sticks & bags from Blaby District Council.

Hanging Baskets: This year the owner of Sharnford/Sapcote Garden Centre Andrew, asked if we would like them to plant up the baskets and grow the plants on, for the same price of providing more mature plants and planting up ourselves. So we said 'yes please',

in consideration of our small membership, this helps considerably. We have chosen mostly begonias with some trailing plants, and although begonias can be slow to get going, they should provide a colourful display. The baskets should be in situ by the time you read this.

Village Fete 25th June: We shall have our usual plant stall, plus a children's treasure hunt, and the 'Nail in the Log' game. Sorry, no maggot racing this year, they are having a well-earned rest! Please look out for us when visiting the stalls.

*Yvonne*

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## ST HELEN'S CHURCH

In April, the funeral of Rita Wray took place, she had been a resident of Sharnford for many years and known by many.

We celebrated Mothering Sunday with flowers for the Mums and Easter Sunday saw some attending an outdoor early 6am Easter Holy Communion followed by a delicious cooked breakfast at Sapcote Methodist Church. The Family Easter Service at St Helen's was followed by a Children's Easter Egg Hunt, which proved popular and Hot Cross Buns were served to all.

### Future Events:

4.5 km Charity Fun Run organised by Sapcote/Sharnford Churches Together on June 4th 10.00am starting from the Church Hall in Sapcote. Details from Karen Smith 01455 221350

Cream Teas are again to be served in Church during the summer months.

Dates: Sundays, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> August and 17<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm - 5pm.

'Songs of Praise' at 6.30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Faith Harvest Supper on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the Evergreen Hall (Details later).

Harvest Festival on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9.15am at St Helen's Church.

Musical Entertainment presented by Mark Bennett and friends on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm.

Please make a note of these dates in your diary We would love to see you at any or all of our events during the summer, or on a Sunday morning at 9.15am. You would be most welcome.

*Chris Berridge*



## SHARNFORD SCHOOL REPORT

Children at Sharnford school have been involved in different projects and visits since our last report. They took part in the Diocese of Leicester's 'Give Thanks' project which took place over the period of Lent. Children were challenged to carry out 40 acts of kindness.

Visits have taken place to the Belgrave Road area of Leicester, Sharnford Methodist Church, The Big Bang Fair at the NEC, Birmingham, Martyrs Church and Shree Jalaram Prarthana Mandal temple, Leicester, Respect for All conference and Change 4 Life conference.

Danny Chesterman, who is a first aid training coordinator from Birmingham Airport Fire and Rescue, visited school in March and gave first aid training free of charge to our

year 4, 5 & 6 children. In January, all children took part in Primary Active Travel Month along with other schools in Leicestershire, to try and increase the number of children walking, cycling and scooting to school. Sharnford won the competition and received a trophy for their efforts.

Parents have been offered the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher at parents evening and also asked to complete a questionnaire for their views of the school. Parents of children in year 6 were asked to come along to a SATs meeting to discuss the tests their child would be taking in May.

School food support, who supply school meals, have offered a number of themed day menus for the children and these have been very well supported. Children in year 5 took part in cycleability to help them understand how to be safe whilst riding their cycle on the road.

Parents, family and friends were invited to our Mother's Day service in the school hall and Easter Service which was held at St Helen's Church, Sharnford. Children helped to raise money for the Red Nose day appeal and we were delighted to welcome a GB athlete, Beth Dobbin to our school who helped to raise money for school and to support Beth in her bid to attend this year's Commonwealth games. Multi sports clubs have been offered to our children and some children have represented the school by running in cross country races.

We appreciate all the help received from volunteers who come in to school and listen to children read. The PTA is continually looking at ways to raise much needed funds for school and they would appreciate additional help from parents if anyone is available to help.

*Carol Proctor Secretary*

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### **SHARNFORD YOUTH CLUB & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Great to have the light nights back and lovely to see the members making full use of both indoor and outdoor activities.

The regular roller discos are becoming ever popular and, thanks to a Duke of Edinburgh volunteer, more outdoor sports will be organised throughout the summer.

We have also thankfully gained a couple more parent volunteers which means we have been able to put together a proper rota. If anyone can spare an hour and a half, once a month we'd love to hear from you.

Bookings for the Community centre are still coming in thick and fast, so get in quick to avoid disappointment if you have an event or party coming up. Remember, a bouncy

castle can be erected both outside on the adjacent grassed area and indoors so the English weather can't ruin your day.

Timetable of regular clubs

Monday - 7.30-9.30pm - Craft Club - contact Gabrielle Bryan 07905 512132

Tuesday - 8-9pm & Wednesday 7-8pm - Pilates (for horse riders only) - contact Joanna Smith 07881 201254

Wednesday 10am-12.30pm we have the Over 60's Club. Contact Derek on 01455 272401

Thursday - 9.30-10.30am - Slimming World - contact Sarah 07980 758516

Thursday - 1.45-2.45pm - Pilates for All - contact Joanna (as above)

Friday - 6.30-8pm - Youth Club ages 5 upwards - contact Julie 07775 530602

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## SHARNFORD PLANT SALE AND VILLAGE SHOW

We hope you enjoyed our recent plant sale, bought lots of lovely plants and had a quality bacon butty.

Lucky with the weather on the day. We recommend that you do not plant out annual bedding until the risk of late frosts has gone, probably by the time you get this edition! Summer is due to arrive as I write this.

We grow what we can ourselves, Rosemarie Simpson kindly lets us grow plants in her greenhouse but there is a limit to what we can do ourselves. So as usual we have bought in plants from Sharnford Garden Centre and their plants were jolly good plants.

Sapcote Garden Centre took over Four Winds last year and it became Sharnford Garden Centre, they have recently reopened after a winter refit. It might not look very open but it is, with about 10 staff on site busy planting up and running the retail side. They continue to supply us with quality plants. They now have Adrian back on board, Adrian as you may remember worked for the original owners, he moved on a couple of years ago. Adrian has planted up the hanging baskets for the Environment Group, covered separately in their article. Sharnford Garden Centre have extensive growing facilities out the back so they can supply Sapcote Garden Centre as well.

The Village flower and produce show goes from strength to strength. This year it will be on Saturday the 9th September. Please enter, you have to be in it to win it. If you really

cannot find anything to enter we would still like to see you in the afternoon. Only 50p to get in, refreshments available and you can admire the entries. Hang around for the produce auction afterwards and pick up some bargains.

The categories are mostly the same as last year with just the odd change to provide some variety and to keep you and our judges on their toes! If you entered last year you should have had a schedule delivered or emailed to you in early May. If you still need one, pick one up from the Post Office, Sharnford Garden Centre, Tony or Kaye & Andrew, John & Barbara. Alternatively, you will be able to print one from our Facebook page

Please support the Show which is intended to be a bit



### Sharnford Village Show

Saturday 9th September 2017

Sharnford Evergreen Hall, Leicester Rd, Sharnford

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of fun with some friendly rivalry. As a bonus we have, over the years raised funds to help contribute to village good causes such as; the Defibrillator, St Helen's toilet appeal, the War Memorial renovation, work at the Chapel, the Youth Club, the Evergreen Hall, the new garden at the school, a bowling mat at the senior youth club, plants for the Environment Group planter in the one way system and a replacement mower for the churchyard. Thanks to everyone who helped or bought plants.

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### SHARNFORD WALKING GROUP

We asked in the last village newsletter if anyone was interested in walking the local footpaths. Some people contacted us so we met up and decided on a first walk. In April we walked over to the Pig in Muck and came back by a different route on a day with sunny spells. In May on a showery day we walked to The Chequers in Burbage via the

footpath at the southern tip of the village and back on a circular route through Aston Flamville.

We chat and walk steadily, not fast! Our next walk is on Saturday 10 June to The Bull in Broughton Astley via Fosse Meadows and Frolesworth. This is about 4.5 miles. We will meet at 11am at the entrance to the footpath up to Fosse Meadows, behind the garage. Everyone is welcome. If you don't want to walk back then you could take a car over to Broughton Astley earlier. Please ring Mary and Clive on 01455 272280 to let them know if you hope to come along as we will book some space at the pub for anyone who'd like to eat there, and we'll be happy to help drive people back to start the walk who'd like to take a car over earlier.

*Mary and Clive*



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## BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS WANTED



A call for volunteers has been made to help with community transport schemes within the District of Blaby.

Three organisations: Combus, Braunstone Town Community Minibus and the Community Action Partnership Social Car Scheme currently serve the district, making over 18,000 passenger journeys during 2015-16.

Each scheme is a lifeline for many older, disabled or isolated residents in the district who otherwise would not usually get out and about. All three organisations rely on volunteers to keep the schemes going, with recruitment of drivers being one of the main challenges.

No previous experience is necessary to become a volunteer driver, with the organisations offering support. There are opportunities for volunteers to drive a minibus or use their own vehicle for the Social Car Scheme.

Organisations also require admin help, including fundraising and taking bookings as well as assisting residents on and off minibuses.

Sarah Pennelli, Director of People & Finance at Blaby District Council, said: "We know that community transport is a really important issue for our residents. With demand only likely to increase for these schemes in future years, we have spent time bringing together operators and partners to strengthen community transport in our district.

"We'd encourage anyone who is willing to volunteer to get involved. This cause makes a huge difference to the lives of residents who would be isolated without these services."

To find out more, including an FAQ section, visit [www.blaby.gov.uk/community-transport](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/community-transport), e-mail [strategic.partnerships@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.partnerships@blaby.gov.uk) or call 0116 272 7566.

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

**Leicestershire County Council Councillor** Ernie White 272136

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

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

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Village contact Beryl Devenyi 273740

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**Sharnford Village Groups:-**

**Evergreen Club:** Wednesdays twice monthly – contact Jean Dale 274772

**Little Explorers Playgroup:** Evergreen Hall Daily – contact Alison Bates 213779

**Bump, Babies & Toddler Group:** Tues 9.00- 10.30 Evergreen Hall (Term time only)

**Youth Club:** Community Centre. Fridays 6.30 – 8.00 pm Julie Edge 271321

**Over 60's Youth Club:** Community Centre. Wed 10-12.30pm Derek Gibbons 272401

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

**Environment Group:** Evergreen Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays 7.00pm Yvonne Jordan 274112

**Sharnford Traffic Action Group:** Community Centre Mondays 7.30pm

Contact Mike Shirley for dates on 07539994707

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

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

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

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

Chair Edwina Grant 07969313154

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

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