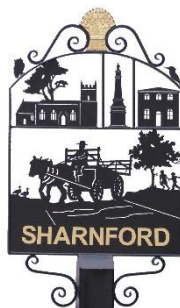


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SHARNFORD VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL REDEDICATION



On the 28th May, a service of rededication was held at St Helen's Church following the renovation of the War Memorial.

Approximately 90 people attended a really moving service involving the Royal British Legion, County Council and District Council Members

representing Sharnford, members of the Parish Council and many villagers. We also had the pleasure of meeting family members of names recorded on the memorial. After the service, a buffet tea was served in the churchyard and we were blessed by the lovely weather.

A big thank you must go to all who supported the restoration project, the farming family who donated the new flag pole and to the three dedicated gardeners who keep the churchyard looking so pristine.

The whole area looks quite splendid in time to be handed over to the Parish Council and we hope that villagers will continue to enjoy the tranquil area in the churchyard.

Rosemarie



SHARNFORD OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB

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The Over 60s Club continues to thrive, encouraged by last Spring's purchase of a new Short-mat Bowls Mat thanks to the support of local organisations.

We have taken a break throughout August but will resume activities on the first Wednesday in September. Officially operating from 10.00-12.00 every Wednesday, we welcome all who wish to come. There is no Membership; this is a drop-in facility for all. Various activities to keep you young and fit, but coffee and chat amply available if that is all you want.

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QUIZ - SCIENCE AND NATURE

1. Which is the commonest bird in Britain?
2. What is the study of birds eggs called?
3. What colour are the spots on a Plaice?
4. How many arms does a squid have?
5. Which wood is used for the black piano keys?
6. Which tree do we get turpentine from?
7. What colour is the Silver Jubilee Rose?
8. Which two flowers would you find in an orchestra?
9. Which wild flower is also known as knapweed?
10. What is the world's largest fish?
11. Which boys name is also the name of the derived SI unit for inductance?
12. Copper is named after which island in the Mediterranean?
13. Which gas makes up over 90% of natural gas?
14. Which element has the lowest atomic number?
15. What name is given to the study and use of frequencies beyond the limits of human hearing?
16. In computer terminology what does the acronym RAM stand for?
17. What is the chemical symbol for gold?
18. What name is given to the lowest layer of the atmosphere?
19. Which planet in the solar system is thought to weigh two and a half times that of all the other planets combined?
20. What type of machine was ENIAC built in 1946?

Answers on page 23

SHARNFORD SILVER JUBILEE CUP



The Silver Jubilee Cup was won this year by a group from St Helens Church. They were responsible for getting the War Memorial renovated and rededicated in May this year (see previous article). They were presented with the Cup by Sam Harrison, a member of the Leicester Tigers Rugby Team, at the Sharnford Village Fete on Sunday 25th June this year. The photo shows the group with the Cup after the presentation.

Editor

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.

Our children at BBT have been very busy getting creative in the craft corner, being station master at our train station, making people better with our doctors and nurse kits and making their own town with our happy land toys amongst others.

Before the summer break we had our end of term party where the children had a great time playing on the soft play and jumping on the bouncy castle. Alongside this we had our popular craft table as well as a few party games. We also said good bye to two of our regular children as a new chapter begins at school. We wish both Clara and Sophie the best of luck in their new adventure!!



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

After a long summer break we shall return on Tuesday 5th September.

Hopefully See you soon

The PTFA Team



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if you wish to come.

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that people offer to bring.

In June was the funeral of Glenis Ricketts. In July, we welcomed Sharnford C/E School for the Leavers Service which was led by the children. We pray that the children who moved on to Senior Schools go on to lead successful and happy lives..We also celebrated the Wedding of Craig Abbotts to Kelsey Armiston and in August, we welcomed Freddie Thompson on the occasion of his Baptism.

Also in August we held our 'Songs of Praise' with our friends from Sharnford Methodist Chapel. The Rector, Mick Norman led the 'service', Nick Baker gave the 'address' and the Community Choir sang.

We will be holding the last of our 'Cream Teas' for 2017 at St Helen's.

Come and enjoy tea, scones, cake and good company on September 17th, 3pm-5pm. We thank all who have supported the Cream Teas during the summer. Monies will be donated to the charity 'Alex's Wish' and towards the upkeep of the Church building.

Ride and Stride Event takes place on Saturday 9th September, you can cycle or walk to as many Churches in the area as you can. Sponsor forms available from St Helen's or just visit St Helen's as it will be open all that day.

Harvest Faith Supper on Saturday 30th September 6.30pm at the Evergreen Hall. Open invitation to all to this Bring and Share Supper. Please contact either Cynthia Oliver Tel 01455 272977 or Beryl Devenyi 01455 273740 if you wish to come They will keep a list of food etc.that people offer to bring.

Family Harvest Festival to celebrate Sharnford & local Farmers Harvest will be held on Sunday October 1st at 9.15am. We will be making a collection of tinned goods for Hinckley Homeless and Lawrence House, Hinckley at this service.

Musical Evening on Friday October 6th at 7.30pm at St Helen's (See separate advert)

Remembrance Sunday 12th November 10am. A United Service will be held at St Helen's Church followed by an Act of Remembrance, including the 2 minute silence, reading the names of Sharnford's 'Fallen', The Last Post & Reveille and the laying of a wreath. This will take place at the War Memorial in the Churchyard at 10.50am. This is an opportunity for all in Sharnford to remember the 'fallen' in two World Wars.

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

Chris Berridge

SHARNFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR

A group who enjoy singing meet at the Chapel on Mondays 6.45pm for about 1 hour. We are a small group and invite anyone who would like to join us. We are not perfect but we do have fun while we strive!

SHARNFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

ENVIRONMENT GROUP REMINDER.....

Our meetings continue to be the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7pm in the Evergreen Hall. All residents of Sharnford are eligible for membership.

The remaining meetings for this year are September 14th, October 12th, November 9th and December 14th.

Please support us if you can.

Yvonne

SHARNFORD SCHOOL REPORT

Sharnford Primary School has had a very busy summer term.

Once again our children have enjoyed a wide range of interesting and exciting topics and activities. Highlights have been the residential to Kingswood, 20 trips, sporting events, swimming lessons and musical performances - year 5 a brass concert at De Montfort Hall and year 3 a singing service at Leicester Cathedral. Year 6 children have spent two dates at their new schools and took part in a leaver's service on the last day of term at St Helens Church.

Sharnford School and All Saints School, Sapcote have joined 7 other schools Gilmorton Chandler, John Wycliffe, St Margaret's Stoke, Golding, Ullesthorpe, Bitteswell, Dunton Bassett and Claybrooke to become Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust (IPAT) and we are looking forward to developing our schools and extending the opportunities given to our children.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that have helped in school this year and hope that everyone has a wonderful summer break. School starts again on Tuesday 29th August.

Carol Proctor Secretary

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GEORGE BACON - WORLD CHALLENGE BORNEO 2017

I said goodbye to my friends and relatives, travelled to the airport and many miles, many hours and three planes later I reached Borneo. I was to stay in Borneo for 31 days, trekking through the dense jungle, carrying out community work in a remote village and lastly for some r and r to recover!

After two years of planning and working to raise money for the trip and simply waiting for it to happen I had finally arrived and the great adventure lay ahead of me. There were 12 in our group (see photo), both male and female. Our first few days were spent in Miri



(Sarawak) the city of the airport. I am quite sure that a few people think that Borneo is where visitors either end up in large cooking pots or with their shrunken head waving on a pole so they would be very surprised to find that

Miri is a place of shopping malls, supermarkets and all the usual amenities of western civilisation!

We spent the first day orientating ourselves, making travel arrangements and buying supplies. We then spent the next two days trekking to the spectacular caves in Niah National Park and Lambir Hills National Park. These treks were intended to acclimatise us ready for the jungle trek. It was very, very hot and very, very humid. Our clothes



were wringing wet within minutes of putting them on. We slept in dormitory accommodation in both places. After the treks we returned to Miri and spent the day doing some washing and food shopping before repacking our kit. We then flew (in a 12 seater twin-engine plane!) to Bario in the Kelabit Highlands. Here the real trekking began!

We carried all our own kit which included clothes, food, hammocks, three litres of water, medical supplies, pots and pans for cooking and lots more. We walked for five or six miles a day through the dense jungle with the heat and moisture which was extremely tiring. We spent five days in the jungle, stopping each evening to make camp, eat and get some sleep. We slung our hammocks between two

trees and put a form of cover above them called a boshier and mosquito nets around them. The en-suite was a long drop toilet (dug out with a spade) a few leafy branches stuck in the ground for some privacy and a shovel which the occupant stuck in the ground to indicate the facilities were in use! The kitchen was an open fire on which we cooked our meal (usually rice or noodles) and that was it. There were some interesting noises coming from the jungle through the night!

When we were in the jungle there were sweat bees bigger than our native bees with bigger and more painful stings, mosquitoes in great clouds and leeches. The latter troubled everyone. Having the cheek to first inject an anaesthetic into the flesh, the leeches then inject an anti-coagulant allowing them to drink to their heart's content before dropping off. The only indication of their presence is the continued gushing of blood from the site of the bite which refuses to stop for, if you are lucky, half an hour.

We were promised that the discomforts would be well worth it because the Kelabit Highlands were so beautiful and how right they were, they were astounding.

After the trek ended, we set out to the village of Pa'Lungan which was 13km north of Bario to carry out our community project. We lived in the village where we had a chance to spend time with the locals and learn about their customs and way of life. Our project



was to re-lay some very unreliable water pipes between a reservoir and the village and this we did by carrying huge lengths of PVC pipe (which we had raised the money to buy) through the jungle, digging them into trenches, rooting out the old split pipes and replacing them with the new. (see photo)

During our time in Pa'Lungan I learned a lot of new skills and got to know, talk with and laugh with the residents of the village who were extremely grateful for our work.

The project completed, we said our goodbyes and made our way back to Bario, then to Miri, then onward to Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah. From hereon we had a week of rest and relaxation.

KK as the locals call it is a thriving town with office blocks, hostels, shopping malls and a night market on the sea front which is a sight to behold. There were various trips and activities that could be pursued and we chose three of them. First we took the six hour road trip to Spilok and visited both the orang-utan rehabilitation centre and the sun bear conservation centre. We then spent a day on a tropical island reached by boat which was absolutely stunning and lastly we went white-water rafting.

All too soon it was time to cram everything into our rucksacks and head for the airport. The trip was over, leaving me with memories that will last a lifetime and I can honestly say that I enjoyed every single moment of it.

I cannot end without thanking all the people who helped me to get there. I knew that to raise the £4,000 required to go would be a mammoth task. I was willing to undertake any job I could find and a lot of the villagers found me jobs and paid me well for completing them. Some were one-offs and some became regular (and still are!). I jet-washed, mowed, gardened, tidied, delivered leaflets, dog-sat - anything to earn money!

I would also like to thank everyone who came to the two quizzes, helped organise and run them, provided food and donated raffle prizes. These two quizzes raised around one-third of the total I needed! Thank you all.

George Bacon



Borneo – Between India & Australia

SHARNFORD LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

Welcome back to our existing families and our new starters! This term we are initially focusing on our entries for the Sharnford Show that we love to support and take part in.

We are also exploring water and what sinks and floats and how water can change from ice to water and steam. Please talk about these things at home to help your child's understanding. Maybe make some ice lollies that they can help with. Please put photos on Tapestry of your creations!

Also, as promised, we will be having our 'Bring your Mum to Playgroup' session. We are very excited about it! Details will be in the playgroup Newsletter and maybe some photos could appear in the next edition?

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Due to complete her Level 5 in Management and Leadership soon, Laura Martin has now formally taken over as Manager of Little Explorers Sharnford. Laura used to manage Market Bosworth playgroup and has been part of Alison's Senior Leadership team for several years now. Alison remains as Senior Manager/Owner and spends her time between her 3 settings, Sharnford, Burbage and Broughton Astley.

With the Government offering up to 30 hours of childcare available to working parents, spaces are going quickly, so please register with us as soon as possible to guarantee a space.

Alison, Laura, Carlie, Clare and Nat

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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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Edwina Grant

SHARNFORD YOUTH CLUB & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Timetable of regular clubs

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

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

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

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

VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS - PLOTS AVAILABLE

Following an approach to the Parish Council by plot holders, the Parish Council are interested in becoming involved in the allotment site to further enhance it as a village amenity. The agents are now taking action over plots which are not being worked. There has been a longstanding issue over many years of a few plots not being worked and falling into a state of abandonment. It is hoped that in the future there will be more local control over the plots, with the involvement of the Parish Council if agreement can be reached between Leicester Church Diocese, the agents and the Parish Council. The Parish Council are very supportive of our attempts to be able to manage the plots at a more local level.

At present there are two plots available with the possibility of several more becoming available shortly. This is a good time of year to start, you will have all winter to clear the plot ready for planting in the spring.

Taking on a plot can be very rewarding, providing fresh produce untainted by pesticides. Growing what you want, getting away from the stresses of every day life in a quiet setting on the edge of the village with fine views over Fosse Meadows. There is a warning however, taking on an allotment is much like taking on a dog, it is a long term commitment involving a lot of time and effort if you are to make it work. If you do not have at the very least half a day a week, spread over evenings and weekends, you will fail, the weeds will defeat you. If you have the time and energy and enjoy fresh air a plot can be a good way of relaxing. If the whole family enjoy this so much the better.

The soil on the allotments is very good, alluvial soil, it never gets waterlogged even

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in winter, not heavy clay as in other parts of the village. The downside is that owing to short sighted decisions made many years ago there is no water supply on the allotments. Nor is there vehicle access, only by foot. Also your plot will need clearing, not having been worked for some time. The autumn is however a good time to take on a plot, plenty of time to clear it ready for planting in 2018.

We will be looking to see whether there is a cost effective way of getting a water supply onto the plots. At present the annual rent for a plot is only £10, less than the cost of a round of drinks. In the long term if a water supply becomes possible the cost will need to be covered by plot holders. A shed with guttering and large water containers can collect enough water to generally last into June.

It is possible to become an associate member of Broughton Astley Allotments for £1 which then allows you to purchase from their trading hut at great prices.

If you think you could make a go of a plot in the first instance contact Tony Curtis 01455 272532 or any member of the Village Show Committee. Four members of the Village Show are also plot holders on the allotments and can tell you everything you need to know. You can also message either the Sharnford Village Show or Parish Council via facebook.

We will be happy to talk to you about the allotments at the Village Show, Evergreen Hall on the 9th September. Preference for plots will be given to villagers but if there is insufficient take up and you know someone from a surrounding village who is interested they will be considered as we want to see all the plots worked.

Tony Curtis, Sharnford Village Show

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SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP (STAG)

Average Speed Cameras coming to Sharnford – Update

Leicestershire County Council Highways Department have sent a message to Sharnford Parish Council stating that they will give an update on the installation of Average Speed Cameras late September. All they can say now is that the trial will go ahead but cannot

say, with confidence, exactly how the trial will run. Currently they are waiting for tenders to be returned from potential contractors.

More traffic to come

The following developments are envisaged in the near future:

- New development by DPD for a parcel hub on A5 adjacent to Jurys Inn Hotel. Notice of application for Planning Permission has now been sent to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council. LCC and Blaby District Council can only consult. Decision up to H&BBC.
- Eastern Bypass plan to relieve congestion on A46 around Leicester, running from the A46 east of Syston to the A47 at Houghton on the Hill, the A6 at Burton Overy and the M1 and A426 between Dunton Bassett and Countesthorpe. An onward link connecting to the B4114, M69 and A5 are also suggested.
- As part of the “Midlands Engine” economic development policy: -
 - i. A5/M1/M69/A46 corridor improvements
 - ii. M1, proposed new junction 20a
 - iii. Toton link station, between Midland Main Line and HS2
 - iv. Leicester-Coventry rail link, to connect MML, WCML, Thames Valley and South Coast.
- 780-acre rail hub and housing development straddling M69 near Sapcote.
- 103-acre increase in size of Magna Park
- 4250 houses in Lubbethorpe.
- 2500 houses in Barwell
- 480 houses in Sapcote – already near completion.

One, or all, of these proposed developments could cause more industrial / housing development in the South Leicester/Sapcote/Sharnford area, throwing even more vehicles onto the B4114 and/or Aston Lane.

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Average speed cameras may slow vehicles down but the volume of cars and HGV's is set to increase dramatically.

WE NEED A BYPASS

We need your help to keep pressure on the local councils and government, a bypass may be provided by the above mentioned B4114 <> M69 & A5 link, but we must make sure it does.

Join STAG now!

Contact Mike Shirley at mikelennox99@aol.com for more information.

SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE **“Sharnford Come Dancing”**



Our annual fete was held on Sunday 25th June this year. The weather was kind to us again, with only a few spots of rain.

As usual, a team of eager volunteers appeared on the park in the morning to set up the stalls and marquees. This year, from about 11 o'clock, we had the pleasure of hearing the bells of St Helens – the bell ringers did us proud with a Quarter Peel to mark the start of the fete.

The event was opened by Sam Harrison, a member of the Leicester Tigers. He did a great job and it was nice to see lots of kids taking part in a kick about in the arena with him. Sam also presented the Jubilee Cup which this year went to the group from St Helens Church who were responsible for getting the war memorial renovated and rededicated earlier in the year.

Entertainment on the day was provided by dancers from The Dance Factory who performed some great routines, and music was provided by 'Take It From The Top' who were back by popular demand.

We had the usual attractions including the duck races, tombola, refreshments, BBQ, bottle stall, and lots more. Also this year the bell ringers brought their bell simulator so anyone could have a go at ringing a bell.



All in all, it was another very successful fete, with a good profit to share amongst the various village groups. A big thank-you to everyone involved, whether helping on the day, donating items or turning up and taking part.

We are always looking for new helpers, so if you would like to be involved then please come to our AGM which will be held sometime in January 2018 (the exact date will be published later in the year).

Sue Stanley

Secretary for Sharnford Golden Jubilee Committee



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SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP SHARNFORD TRAFFIC SURVEY FINDINGS

Summary

The Sharnford Traffic Survey was implemented following meetings between Alberto Costa MP and the Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG) a voluntary community organisation based in Sharnford which was formed to discuss the traffic issues affecting the village. The survey was delivered by post to all residents listed on the electoral register (correct as of March 2017), numbering just over 780 respondents. There was a four week window allocated for the return of this survey which could either be returned via freepost or by hand delivering the survey to a number of locations within Sharnford village. The survey achieved a return rate of 57% which, in comparison to other surveys of similar size, is particularly high.

Findings

The first two questions in the survey asked respondents for their views concerning both the volume and speed of traffic going through Sharnford. The responses for these questions showed that 95% of respondents said that the volume of traffic was unacceptable and unsafe through the village. Similarly, in concern of the speed of traffic passing through the village, 95% said that this was both unacceptable and unsafe through the village.

The next question detailed options of a bypass for the village in order to reduce traffic volumes. The responses in this case were somewhat split in regard to the favoured options; with 48% favouring option A – taking traffic south of Sharnford direct to Junction 2 of the M69 motorway – while 41% chose option B – a B4114 bypass around Sharnford between the B4669 junction and the A5 ‘Smockington Hollow’ junction. The remaining 11% of respondents had no favoured option or chose not to respond to the question.

The fourth question offered respondents three alternative measures for improving safety along the B4114 running through the village if the bypass was not a viable option. Option B and C, which advocated the introduction of average speed cameras alongside a

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20mph speed limit and a 30 mph speed limit respectively, were favoured by 87% of respondents, with 38% preferring option B (20 mph speed limit) and 49% choosing option C (30 mph speed limit). Option A, which offered the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit, with no speed cameras, was chosen by 5% of respondents while 8% favoured no option or chose not to respond to the question.

The penultimate question focused on the improvement of pedestrian safety in Sharnford. Option A, which suggested the installation of safety kerbs along the narrowest stretch of B4114 was chosen by 53% of respondents, while option B, the proposed relocation and conversion of the existing zebra crossing to a light controlled (Pelican) crossing to a new location near the Countryman Inn, was favoured by 37% respondents. The remaining 10% favoured no option or chose not to respond to the question.

The final question asked respondents for their views on the most effective measure toward improving safety on Aston Lane in Sharnford. 54% of respondents favoured option A, the installation of a chicane on Aston Lane when approaching the village from Aston Flamville, while 39% favoured option B, the installation of a speed activated sign on Aston Lane. There was a remaining 7% of respondents who chose no option or did not respond.

Details provided by the Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG)

Contact Mike Shirley at mikelennox99@aol.com for more information.



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**SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW
9TH SEPTEMBER**

This year the Show will be on Saturday 9th September, as usual at The Evergreen. Most entry classes are unchanged but please do check the schedule. If you have entered before you will have been sent one. If you need one you can get one from Tony Curtis, Kaye & Andrew Wormleighton, The Post Office or Sharnford Garden Centre.

We are very pleased that the £25 prize for the best exhibit in Show continues, kindly sponsored by Sharnford Lodge Saddlery, Bumblebee Lane, so worth making that extra

effort to win. There is also a special class this year sponsored by the Leicester Judges Guild to celebrate their 60th year, '1 Pot Plant 1 Flower and 1 vegetable' there will be additional prizes for 1st and 2nd places in addition to the normal prize money.

It has been yet another funny old season for growing, a comment I seem to make every year! Still we are all in the same boat and suffering the same trials and tribulations as to whether produce will be ready on the day. If you are making pickles or preserves with Vinegar make them as soon as possible to allow the flavours to develop, ideally you should have already made them or even saved your best one from last Autumn, this allows the vinegar flavours to be absorbed by the contents. If you are making curds then leave it to just before the show. Remember to date every jar, you will lose marks if you do not and for short lived products like curd the judge is entitled to refuse to sample it if there is no date. This is a health issue, remember you are producing something for someone else to taste. If you are reusing a jar make sure no advertising is displayed on the jar or lid. If you have the WI guide, 'On With The Show' this also gives wise advice, we are happy to give further advice if you need it.

Please support the Show, profits are recycled to Village causes, the over 60's youth club had a contribution towards their new bowling mat, a donation was made to the Evergreen Hall and we contributed to the works required for the new peace garden at the village school. We are also pleased that we could contribute to the excellent refurbishment of the war memorial, a worthy project which should now look good for another hundred years.

If your group is looking for funding a village project please contact us to see if we can help you. But the Show is more than about fundraising, it is chance for a bit of friendly rivalry and meet up with friends at The Evergreen Hall.



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MP SUPPORTS LOCAL CHURCH'S PUBLIC APPEAL

MP for South Leicestershire, Alberto Costa, has voiced his support for a local church's public appeal after they were left with a shortfall of almost £12,000 following two burglaries and a flooding which took place earlier this year.

The appeal has been launched by the Misterton Parish Church Council in aid of St. Leonard's Church in Misterton, near Lutterworth. The Grade II listed church, which had its crypt flooded following a boiler malfunction, was also burgled on two subsequent

weekends, including Good Friday, when roof metal was stolen alongside the church's safe, parish records and organ piping.

Mr Costa said, "I was very sad to hear of the terrible events that have affected St. Leonard's since the beginning of the year. As a Grade II listed building, the church has a very rich history and takes pride of place in the local community around Misterton and Walcote, which only highlights the importance of this appeal".



Misterton District Councillor, Jon Bateman, added, "The Parish Church Council have done excellently in promoting this appeal, and I am very grateful for the support of our local MP, Alberto, in raising it further. The church is incredibly important to the people of this area and of course, I'm sure the congregation would be very grateful for any donations members of the public might wish to make".

Priest of St. Leonard's, Canon Brian Davis, said, "'Misterton church is an outstanding building, well worth preserving, but like many other churches is very vulnerable and has recently suffered two break-ins and the theft of all the copper from the north aisle roof.

Our appeal is to cover the shortfall in the insurance cover but also for a badly needed new boiler. We have already received several generous donations but we still have a long way to go to meet our target of £12,000".

Mr Costa concluded, "I am very proud to support this appeal for St. Leonard's. The church plays such an incredibly important role in the local community, both as a place of worship and a place of meeting, and I am confident that the people of South Leicestershire will be more than happy to support this very worthwhile cause".

For those wishing to make a donation towards the St. Leonard's Church appeal, donations can be sent (made payable to Misterton Parish Church Council) to St. Leonard's Church, Misterton c/o Mr Keith Wilding, 24 Brook Street, Walcote, LE17 4JR



Sharnford Village Show
Saturday 9th September 2017
Sharnford Evergreen Village Hall, Sharnford

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

Exhibits to be staged before 11.00 am.

Public Viewing from 2.30 pm.

Produce Auction from 3.30 pm.

Admission 50p (Free for exhibitors)

Raffle, Tombola &
Refreshments will be available

Pick up your copy of the show
guide from the post office

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

MP THANKS SHARNFORD RESIDENTS FOR SURVEY RESPONSE

Alberto Costa, MP for South Leicestershire, wrote to over 400 residents in Sharnford in order to thank them for responding to his traffic survey and to share the survey's results.

Following discussions with Leicestershire County Council and the Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG), Mr Costa wrote to all residents of the Leicestershire village earlier this year asking for their views and opinions on the traffic issues affecting Sharnford, while also asking for resident's suggestions in tackling the problems.

Leicestershire County Council have announced the installation of an average speed camera in Sharnford later this year as part of a pilot project which will include further cameras being installed elsewhere in the county.

Mr Costa said, "I was delighted with the incredible response to my survey earlier this year and I am very grateful to the people of Sharnford for taking the time to respond to me. The excellent response rate clearly shows the strength of feeling from residents in the village and so I am very pleased to be able to write back to my constituents not only to thank them, but most importantly, to feedback the survey results and to share with them the plans to move forward".

Mr Michael Lee from the Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG), added, "Many thanks to STAG volunteers and a true team effort by Leicestershire County Council and our MP, Alberto Costa. Sharnford will be a vastly safer, quieter and cleaner village to live in".

Sharnford Methodist Church 190th Anniversary And Harvest Celebration

23rd September 10am-4pm

Refreshments available all day

Homemade soup and rolls between 12 and 2pm

24th September 2-3.30pm

Tea, cakes and cream teas available

Followed by

4pm Harvest Service

Led by Rev. Dr. Tim Woolley



Photo shows Alberto Costa, Jack Feast (Sharnford Parish Council Chairman) and Mike Lee (Chairman STAG)

Mr Costa concluded, "I do hope my constituents in Sharnford will be interested to see the results of the traffic survey and I look forward to continue working closely with the Sharnford Traffic Action Group and local councilors to ensure that the roads in Sharnford are safe for both pedestrians and road users alike".

Photo shows Alberto Costa, Jack

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VANDALS STRIKE AT COMMUNITY LIBRARY GARDEN



Some Sapcote residents living in Church Street became aware the results of some serious vandalism at around 11.00pm on Friday 18th August. A group of youths, some of whom appeared to be the worse for drink, had systematically pulled up plants from the recently refurbished library garden. The improvements had been made by a small team of the library's volunteers, and had received much positive comment.

The vandals attempted to remove and then smash up two planters, and to strew plants and soil across the footpath and Church Street itself. Fortunately, the antics of the vandals were captured by CCTV surveillance and according to a resident a number of those concerned appeared to be clearly recognisable. The images are therefore being passed to the Police.

The library is now a registered charity and run and funded by a team of volunteers and the village community, including the Parish Council. If anyone has any information about youths who were acting antisocially in Sapcote on Friday evening, would they please contact the Police on **101** or **0116 222 2222** quoting crime reference number **17000354817** or the Library Chairman, Robert Allen-Turl on **01455 272762**.

LIZ HEXTALL MEMORIAL CONCERT
Sunday 8th October 2017 4.30pm, All Saints Parish Church, Sapcote



HEART OF ENGLAND RECORDER ORCHESTRA

Pictured above are HERO who plan to perform a special memorial concert for the late Elizabeth Anne Hextall, a local musician and music teacher, on Sunday, October 8 from 4.30pm in All Saints Parish Church, Sapcote.

As one of her many and varied musical activities, Liz was for some 20 years a member of this group of enthusiastic and experienced recorder players from all over the country. Tickets price £6, accompanied children free, will be available nearer the date from Liz's parents Margaret and Keith Hextall on 274662. After expenses, all proceeds are to go to Sapcote Parish Church's Organ Restoration Fund, as did over £1,000 in kind donations at Liz's funeral last Autumn.

Margaret and Keith Hextall

Answers to quiz

- 1. Wren, 2. Oology, 3. Red/Orange,***
- 4. 10, 5. Ebony, 6. Pine, 7. Pink, 8.***
- Viola/Bugle, 9. Cornflower, 10.***
- Whale Shark, 11. Henry, 12. Cyprus,***
- 13. Methane, 14. Hydrogen, 15.***
- Ultrasonics, 16. Random Access***
- Memory, 17. Au, 18. Troposphere,***
- 19. Jupiter, 20. Computer***



St Helen's Church
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ALL WELCOME

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SHARFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

Well we are now over half way into this year, the time goes so quickly.

The club enjoyed a trip to Moreton in the Marsh in May, where we were able to wander around the street market and the lovely shops there. We enjoyed a delightful lunch courtesy of the ladies of the local WI in their village hall. The members and committee and some special friends of the club attended an afternoon tea in the hall mid august, where a cake made by Mrs Joy Dickens of Croft was enjoyed by all. The cake was made to celebrate special 90th Birthdays for four of our members. A lovely afternoon had by all.

Our bacon buttie coffee mornings have continued, with as always much support from the village.

Meetings are held every two weeks on a Wednesday, during winter months these are held at 3pm. New members are always most welcome!!

Dates for the diary are as follows:-

Wednesday 6th September Evergreen Club Fish & Chip Supper 6.30pm

Saturday 23rd September, MacMillan Coffee Morning/bacon butties 9.30am

Saturday 28th October, Coffee morning/bacon butties 9.30am

Wednesday 15th November, Evergreen Club AGM 3pm

Saturday 2nd December, Christmas Fayre 12-3pm

Karen Smith Chairman

SHARNFORD SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

The newly named Sharnford Sick and Dividend Fund will be hosting its annual Christmas festive food bag distribution to pensioners in the village and holding its annual raffle.

Christmas may seem to be a long way off but it is surprising how quickly the months will race by and we have to start preparing early.

As Christmas Day falls on a Monday this year we are provisionally looking at delivering the festive food bags on Wednesday the 20th of December as it was felt that the Saturday before Christmas would be too close and people may have already gone away for Christmas and the previous Saturday would be too far away from Christmas, being too soon to be in the festive spirit. The raffle prize draw will be held at The Bricklayers on Friday the 22nd December starting at around 8:00 pm.

Last year we were supported by many local businesses and individuals and I will be contacting them again in due course to see if they can help again this year. I hope we can rely on your continued support for this year's prize draw. If you would like to donate a prize I can be contacted on 274678 but there is no immediate urgency at present

Both dates will be confirmed in the next edition of the Sharnford News.

Jack Feast for the Sharnford S & D Fund

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Please note that the deadline for articles in the next issue of Sharnford News is Wednesday 22nd November 2017

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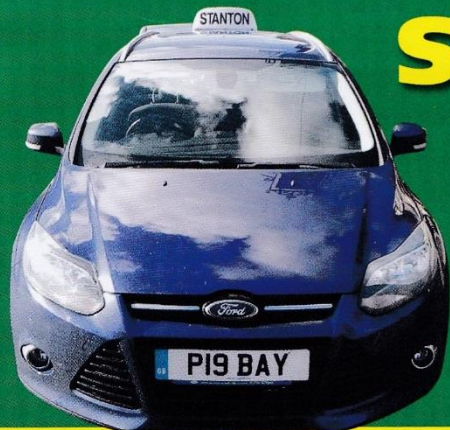
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Clerk: Matthew Scott 07810010893 email: matthew.scott@neovialogistics.com
Meetings are usually held 3rd Thursday month 7.45pm Evergreen Hall

Leicestershire County Council Councillor Ernie White 272136

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

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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 fourth Monday of month.

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Sharnford Church of England Primary School Henson Way - Sec 272456

Sharnford Flood Warden Jack Feast 274678

Sharnford Evergreen Hall To hire call Margaret Sanders 274038

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

Sharnford Post Office Eric and Gay Washbrook 272210

Sharnford Village Groups:-

Evergreen Club: Wednesdays twice monthly – contact Jean Dale 274772

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

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

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

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

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

Environment Group: Evergreen Hall 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

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