

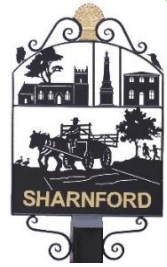
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO YOU ALL**

LETS LIGHT UP SHARNFORD AGAIN AT CHRISTMAS

Last year Sharnford looked really great at Christmas-time and it has been suggested that we Light Up the Village again this year. If you can put a few lights up, especially if you live on the main roads, it will really lift spirits. St Helen's will be putting up Christmas Trees this year, all lit up in wonderful colours, so why not join in and make 2017 another special treat.

SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council welcomes applicants for the position of Parish Councillor. There are two positions in Sharnford. If there are more applicants than positions an election will be held. Have you ever considered volunteering to become a Parish Councillor? If the answer is "No" then you should reconsider. The Parish Council plays a vital role within the Parish of Sharnford. The Parish Council works towards keeping the Parish an attractive place to live and can influence the future of the area. Here are a few reasons why you should give the role your consideration:

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Interested parties should contact:

Jack Feast, Chairman of Sharnford Parish Council on 01455 274678

Matthew Scott the Parish Clerk - email info@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk

or attend a Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council meets the third Thursday every month at the Evergreen Hall 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be the 18th January 2018.

Jack Feast - Chairman

SHARNFORD SCHOOL REPORT

Sharnford C E Primary School welcomed 11 children to school in August and a further 2 children have joined since, taking our total number of children at the school to 71.

We were very pleased to be able to take 61 year 3 and 4 children from Sharnford School and All Saints C E Primary School, Sapcote, to Beaumanor Hall, Loughborough, for a two night residential. The children took part in many exciting activities including canoeing, climbing and archery. The children enjoyed this fantastic opportunity and the group leaders at Beaumanor Hall complemented the children on their behaviour.

Other events that have taken place this term include an old toy box session, a talk about World War 2, year 2 and 3 children dressed up as Romans, a visit to the Space Centre and Leicester Cathedral. Children in year 5 continue to learn to play the Ukulele, year 4 children are learning to play a brass instrument and year 3 children are taking part in 'Diosing' a singing project set up by Leicester Cathedral.

During Harvest we collected food items for Hinckley food bank, we are supporting Children in Need and have sold poppies. Individual photographs have been taken and the children have had the opportunity of designing their own Christmas card. Parents have also been invited to attend parents evening.

During this term Mr Peter Law from Stoney Stanton Tennis Club has provided tennis lessons for all children and they were also invited to attend an afterschool club, a multi sports after school club has also been offered.

Following the hard work and fund raising over the last few years of the PTA, we have been able to buy a new stage for the children to use for performances. Without this fund raising we wouldn't be able to provide the children with these extras, so a very big thank you to the PTA for organising events and raising much needed funds, and to parents for supporting the events that are organised.

The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help, if you are interested please contact the school office. We still have the old stage, 11 x 1m metal frames with a wooden top. If anyone is interested in collecting this for a small contribution to school, please contact the school office on 01455 272456.

Children in Reception, year 1 and 2 are busy rehearsing for their Christmas production in December and we are already planning a Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day and Christmas design technology session. The PTA have organised a Christmas disco and workshop.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who come in to school to listen to the children read and help on school trips.

Carol Proctor Secretary

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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.

Halloween happened to fall on a Tuesday this year so in true BBT style we had a spooktacular party. Children and parent/carers alike enjoyed donning their spookiest fancy dress. We had witches, pumpkins, Frankenstein and Dracula himself. The children enjoyed the party games as well as the Halloween cupcakes and trick or treat sweets. The children also enjoyed getting crafty in our Halloween craft corner making mummies and pumpkin tea light lanterns. A gruesome time was had by all.



The children have been celebrating all things autumn this term collecting fallen leaves, taking leaf rubbings and creating some amazing collage masterpieces. They have also been having the usual fun playing with their friends with our kitchen and dolls pretend play. The younger ones have also enjoyed the addition of the new lights in our sensory room. We are keen to get to BBT group this week and show the children our new farm set, lots of animals to talk about and play with. We also have a few new games and some playdough and cutters for one of our craft tables.

Christmas is fast approaching and everyone at BBT is getting very excited especially as we are treating the children to a super morning out to meet Santa and his reindeer at Sapcote Paradise Found farm. We can't wait... we hope Santa is ready for us all!!!

Just to make you aware our last session at the hall will be on Tuesday 12th December returning in the new year on Tuesday 9th January 2018!!

Happy Christmas all and we look forward to telling you about our visit to Santa in our new years article. Hopefully See you soon

The PTFA team



SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Sharnford Golden Jubilee Committee will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30pm in The Evergreen Hall.

At the meeting we will elect the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary for the year. It is also the meeting where the date and theme for the annual Fete will be discussed.

Please can all of the groups who wish to be included in the share of any profits from the fete, please send a representative to this meeting.

The meeting is also open to anyone else who wishes to help with the fete for 2018. If you have any ideas or just want to get involved, it would be great to see you

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ST. HELEN'S LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group continues to have a varied and interesting programme of events.

In June, Felicity Austin gave us a talk on the history of Big Brand Food names; some of which have been around for over one hundred years and still going strong. Some members joined Hinckley Trefoil Guild on their outing to the small, but lovely, city of Ely. In July Penny Ross gave an illustrated talk on her holiday in Myanmar, visiting her daughter who is serving as a doctor over there. The BBQ in August was well attended and very much enjoyed.

A talk by the author of the book "Dancing In The Rain", Maggie Silk proved very interesting. The Annual Dinner was held at Stanton Lakes restaurant and it was agreed that the menu was lovely. A representative from the Air Ambulance charity came along in November to tell us about this wonderful charity which is non-government funding and relies on donations and profits from the shops to keep going. A valuable service that we cannot do without.

Looking forward; in December we have the Christmas social when we will be entertained by the "Rockapellas" singing group.

As is usual the meetings are held in the Evergreen Hall on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings at a cost of £3.00 to include coffee and raffle. Further details can be found in the Sharnford News or by contacting our leader Mrs. Pat Jordan, Tel. 272229

Jean Ryan

SHARNFORD BELL RINGERS COMMEMORATE WORLD WAR 1

On October 4th, a full peal was rung on the bells of St Helen's church, to commemorate the death, 100 years ago, of a Sharnford bell ringer. This is how it came about :-

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers hold a 'Rolls of Honour' to commemorate those ringers who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 and the 1939-1945 War.

The Council commissioned a handwritten Memorial Book for each War. These books can be viewed in a display case on the way up to the ringing chamber at St Paul's Cathedral, London. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers website contains photographic copies of the pages of each Book together with a listing of the text. Each entry shows the ringer's name, initials, home tower and society name where known.

In recent years much more information has become accessible on the website of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and additional names have been obtained from ringing societies and individual ringers. Alan Regin, the current Steward of the Rolls of Honour, has collected and organised this material to provide updated and more complete lists of casualties. The additional information includes age, date of death, rank, regiment, and cemetery/memorial where known. Alan's growing collection of photographs of headstones and memorials is also gradually being added to.

Through his research Alan identified Private George Atkins Mason, a bell ringer at St Helen's Sharnford, as one of the casualties. Private Mason does not feature on the War Memorial at Sharnford; he was a resident of Dares Walk, Hinckley who travelled to Sharnford to ring here and he is listed on the memorial in Hinckley. He was a member of the Northumberland Fusiliers 12/13 Bn. He was born in 1881 and prior to enlisting he worked in the hosiery trade. He died on 4 October 1917. He is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Early in 2014 Alan launched a campaign for ringers nationally to commemorate the centenary of each of the deaths by ringing a full peal of 5000+ changes, taking approximately 3 hours, in the tower in which they rang. Fortunately for Alan's research, there were not too many casualties known to be ringers in Leicestershire. The anniversaries of the soldiers from Whetstone who died in 1916 were not marked with a peal. A quarter peal was rung at Anstey in July 2017 for their late ringer. The final known Leicestershire ringers' deaths were from Quorn, who died in 1918, they will be commemorated in 2018.

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Arrangements were put in place to ring at Sharnford on 4th October 2017. Permission was obtained, the village was told of the commemoration and the ringers had learned methods that were particularly appropriately named. Alan had agreed to find time in his busy schedule to ring. As is customary for peals the ringers shut the doors securely so that they would not be disturbed as peals require a great deal of concentration.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of communication, not of the bell ringers making, after they had been ringing for over two hours, a group of hand-bell ringers and a choir let themselves in the church for a rehearsal. They had no idea a 'full peal' was in progress, and obviously this disturbed the concentration of the ringers so they had to stop ringing, well short of the required length. The ringing could therefore only be claimed as a 'long length'.

In his research Alan Regin found another Sharnford resident who had perished in the Great War and his name has been added to the refurbished war memorial. Alan was also instrumental in organising the funding and installation of the set of eight 'Ring of Bells' for St Georges Church in Ypres, Belgium, to commemorate WW1. More about this fascinating story in the next Issue.

Some members of the original band of ringers were joined by others and rang a peal on 10th November, to commemorate the end of the Battle of Passchendale.

Photo of the ringers assembled before the attempt on 4th October 2017.

L to R - Tony Rowan, Stuart Rowan, Alan Regin, Graham Hayward, Richard Brown and Mick Angrave.

Carol Franklin



SERVICE IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY NOVEMBER 4TH 2017

During the Hinckley Division Girl Guides Thinking Day Service in February, I was presented with a brooch in recognition of 40 years service to Girl Guiding which was a lovely surprise. I was even more surprised when an invitation was received to attend A National Scout and Guide Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey on November 4th, in the presence of the Lord Mayor of London, Locum Tenens.

On a damp and miserable November morning myself and my daughters, Jane and Lindsey, caught an early train from Nuneaton to London Euston, only to have to change trains at Rugby! However, we arrived in London in plenty of time to arrive at our hotel to leave our luggage and travel by taxi to the Abbey. Unfortunately, as only one guest was allowed, Lindsey went to find a coffee shop to wait for us. Jane and Lindsey tossed a coin to see who would accompany me to the service!

It was very gratifying to see the abbey filled to capacity with Guiders and Scouters, who had received various awards, from all over the United Kingdom. The service itself,



Jean Ryan

lead by the Dean of Westminster, was very good with readings given by Guide and Scout members, hymns - O Praise Ye the Lord, Fight the good Fight! (wasn't too sure why this was chosen!) and He Who Would True Valiant Be. Anthems sung by the choir included Jubilate Deo and Let All the World in Every Corner Sing.

Renewal of the Guide Promise was led by Sally Isley, Deputy Chief Guide and for the Scouts by Tom Kidd, UK Chief Commissioner. The National Anthem was sung followed by the parade of flags and exit of the clergy and choir. I really felt very honoured to have been invited to this special service.

SHARNFORD SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

I would like to thank all those people who supported the impromptu raffle for the large cuddly toy, this was won by a surprised Helen Beasley. There were several other prizes and these have all been claimed.

Tickets for the raffle proper are now available at the Bricklayers, Sharnford Arms and the Post Office.

We are still looking for donations as prizes and hope to have around 40 prizes donated by local business and individuals. The grand Christmas draw takes place at the Bricklayers on Friday the 22nd of December at around 8:00 pm.

The distribution of the festive food bags will take place on Wednesday the 20th of December. Anyone who can help or support this annual event would be greatly appreciated.

Prizes can be delivered to Intex [my workplace] and tickets will also be on sale here.

Jack Feast for the Sharnford S & D Fund



SHARNFORD LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

We hope you have seen us around and about collecting resources for our autumn pictures. We love to say Hello and wave to you if you see us. We found lots of exciting things on our nature trail and spotted a squirrel collecting acorns. Our favourite activity was running through all the leaves and scooping them up and throwing them. We took

some back to playgroup where we enjoyed looking at all the different colours on the leaves and then mixing paint to match.

We had great fun with our pumpkins for our Halloween display. We used spoons to scoop out the middle and then dried out the seeds to plant for next year.

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

We are now practising our Christmas concert and learning our songs and routines. This will take place on Monday 4th December at 1.00pm at The Evergreen Village Hall. Tickets are £1.00 each and are helping raise funds towards new play equipment.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas

Alison and all at Little Explorers Playgroup

ST HELEN'S CHURCH

At the end of August the wedding of Ben Bradshaw and Angelina Brincat, and in September, the wedding of Nathan Jennens and Lucy Karen were celebrated.

Also in September we were delighted to welcome Josephine Cullinane at St Helen's for her Baptism. This was a very special occasion for her family, friends and the congregation at St Helen's as it was the third attempt for her to be christened. Josephine has had a traumatic first year of life, spending a lot of time in hospital. Despite this she managed to be 'Jesus' in the church nativity play last Christmas and we enjoy seeing her at Family Service with her family.

In October the funeral of Freda Kibble took place.

The Children Society boxes were collected and emptied. The total for the village was £413.76. Thank you to all who

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support this good cause which helps children in need in this country.

Harvest was celebrated with a Harvest Supper, which was enjoyed by many with a Bring and Share Supper and entertainment, the following day we held our Harvest Service in church with a play which gave the message of Thanksgiving and Sharing our gifts at Harvest. The food donated was shared between the Hinckley Food Bank and Lawrence House, Hinckley and money donated was given to Tear Fund.

The following Friday we enjoyed a Musical Evening presented by Mark Bennett and friends which raised over £450 towards our 'decorating the interior of the Church Fund'.

November 12th we held a joint Remembrance Service with the Methodist Church followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial to remember the fallen.

We now look forward to the Christmas season;- On Friday 15th December, 3pm to 7pm we invite you to come and

'Light a Candle' in memory of loved ones who have died,

'Light a Candle' for family and friends who live abroad in e.g Australia, Canada.

'Light a Candle' for loved ones you won't be spending Christmas with this year.

'Light a Candle' for loved ones you will be spending time with this Christmas.

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

Come and see St Helen's Church decorated for Christmas and 'light your candle for your loved ones'

St Helen's Church Christmas Events

Sunday 26th November Advent Service 9.15am

Sunday 10th December Nine Lessons & Carols. 6.30 pm

Friday 15th December 'Light a Candle' 3pm – 7pm Drop-in

Sunday 24th December Christingle Celebration. 9.15am

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve Communion 11.15pm

Monday 25th December Christmas Day Celebration. 9.15am

You would be most welcome at any or all of these events that celebrate our Saviour's birth.

We at St Helen's wish you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

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THE SHARNFORD GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME CELEBRATES ITS GREAT VOLUNTEERS

On 2nd October the Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme celebrated its second Birthday, at an event organised to recognise the great work volunteers in this village undertake, in delivering this important community provision.

The Good Neighbour Scheme offers short term help to people in our village, such as: assistance around the house and home, light gardening and DIY jobs, cleaning, cooking a meal, shopping, help with letters and correspondence, as well as befriending. We also provide lifts to doctors, hospitals or dental appointments.

We've now been operational for 2 years, and on average the Scheme supports at least one person per week, all made possible because of our brilliant volunteers. Therefore we brought together our volunteers, along with those organisations who have provided support and/or funding including Blaby District Council, Sharnford Parish Council, Leicestershire County Council's Shire Grant Scheme.



See photo above.

Our local MP Alberto Costa is a great supporter of both our village and the Scheme, and whilst he was unable to attend on this occasion, sent a letter of thanks which was read out at the event, he said "The Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme does excellent work, and it is great to see this being celebrated tonight. The success of the Scheme is testament to the dedication, commitment and generous nature of all the volunteers involved in this invaluable programme, selflessly giving up their own time and making a real difference to the lives of other residents".

Following the formal part of the celebration event, volunteers and guests were treated to delicious food at The Bricklayers Arms, in Sharnford, who kindly provided this splendid treat at a very charitable rate, in doing their bit to support this great local charity.

To find out more about the Scheme, or if you live in Sharnford and would like to volunteer or request support, please contact the dedicated phone number 07502 615535, or email sharnford.gn@outlook.com

Edwina Grant

SHARNFORD YOUTH CLUB & COMMUNITY CENTRE

As you will be aware we have been asking for more parent helpers to run YC sessions as things had got very difficult for the existing small group of volunteers. Our plea worked and we are very pleased to announce we now have a good number of parent volunteers to carry on running the Youth Club long term. Many thanks for all who came forward.

However, following a meeting between ourselves and Youth Leicestershire Organisation back in October, they have requested that all volunteer helpers gain the appropriate training in both Safeguarding and First Aid as well as up to date DBS checks before we run any future sessions. This is to protect both the children and ourselves should any situation arise.

Unfortunately, the bad news is that until we have all these in place, we will be unable to run any further Friday Youth Club sessions. We will endeavour to get everything in place asap but it does mean that YC won't be back on till the New Year. Sorry guys, but we will make sure we keep you updated & plan lots of fun stuff for once we are back up & running.

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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 - 10-11am Yoga contact Adele 07837927227 - 1.45-2.45pm - Pilates for All - contact Joanna (as above)

Friday -- Youth Club starts early 2018

The Centre is still proving to be a popular party venue so please contact Julie Edge 01455 271321 for any booking info.

Julie Edge Chair Sharnford Youth & Community Centre

TOP PUB DECEMBER EVENTS

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WINTER QUIZ – answers on page 25

1. Which French skier won 3 gold medals at the 1968 Winter Olympics?
2. Which song begins with these lines “Sleigh Bells ring, are you listening”?
3. Which bird turns white in winter?
4. From which play does the line “now is the winter of our discontent”, come?
5. After she eats the poisoned apple, the 7 dwarfs, believing her to be dead, place Snow White in what?
6. Who had a hit song in the late sixties with “Hazy Shades of Winter”?
7. What is an Alberta Clipper?
8. What is an Ushanka?
9. What is the more common name for the Mangetout?
10. Which Russian composer wrote the music for the opera “The Snow Maiden”?
11. Moreten Frost won the All England Championship in which sport 4 times in the 1980's?
12. Where does snow have to fall for there to be an official declaration of a white Christmas?
13. Who had a hit with “Ice Baby”?
14. What is the real name of the American footballer know as The Fridge?
15. Which carol includes the line “When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even”?
16. What is the name given to a moving sheet of ice or snow?
17. In what year was “Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs released?
18. In the 1980's which couple dominated the world of Ice Dancing?
19. The Panto “Snow White” was so popular in 1994 that there was a shortage of what?
20. Which Sir played Richard Lionheart in the prize winning film “The Lion in Winter”?

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SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP (STAG)



Average Speed Cameras are coming to Sharnford.

The signs have appeared on B4114 and Aston Lane after what appears to be a delayed start. We expected the cameras to be installed and working by end of September. The latest update from Leicestershire County Council – Highways Department gives an anticipated fully operational system by Spring 2018.

STAG have been pushing for Average Speed Cameras, or something similar, to improve

traffic safety and reduce pollution through Sharnford for at least the last twelve years, so we can wait for another few months! In view of likely forthcoming developments, as identified below, it could not be more timely.

New development by DPD for a parcel hub on A5 adjacent to Jurys Inn Hotel

Following on from discussion with IM Properties who are the developers for this site, we have received a letter attempting to answer our concerns about the potential impact on traffic through Sharnford. The developer's specialist transport consultants have indicated that there would only be a modest increase in traffic volume of 20 vehicles per hour, at the most. They would say that wouldn't they.... We measure traffic flow on B4114 through Sharnford which fluctuates between 45000 and 60000 vehicles per week. It will be interesting to see what the increase will be, as working on a 5-day working week at 12 hours per day would only increase traffic flow by between 2 and 2.6%. This is a ridiculously low figure for such a large development, especially if employee traffic is included.

Speeding continues

Even with the average speed signs now in place we still see the sad red face on the speed monitor. This means that vehicles are driving over the pedestrian crossing above 30mph!!

I hope these drivers have deep pockets because they will be fined once the cameras are in place.

In November cars were travelling at 70mph on Aston Lane as they passed Brindley's Haulage yard. Even worse a motorbike was seen travelling at 113mph just before it

reached the junction with the B4114.

Can you spot the speed monitor? because it spots you!!

Over 20% of all vehicles on Aston Lane break the 30mph speed limit. Unfortunately, average speed cameras are not being installed on the lane which puts pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, and ducks at risk. We all still need to bring pressure to bear on councils and government to rectify this. **Join STAG now!**

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

SHARNFORD PHOTOGRAPHER SHORTLISTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD

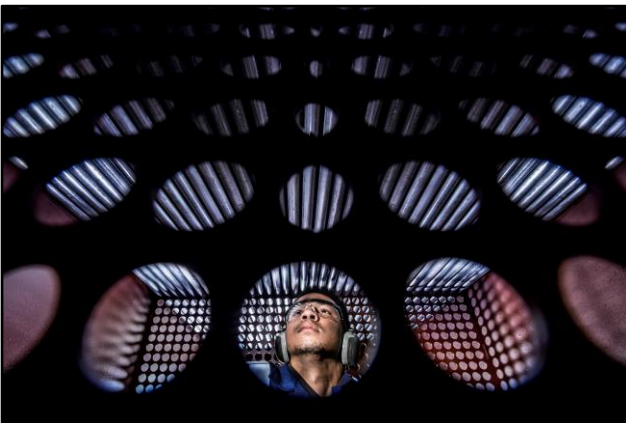
Ian Pickering, a photographer from Sharnford, has been shortlisted for a prestigious national award in the 8th annual EEF manufacturing photography competition.

Ian was shortlisted in the professional photographer category, for his images of Quartzelec and TS Metals in Rugby. His photographs will now go on display at an awards ceremony in the House of Commons where the winning photographers will be announced. There are £5,000 of prizes up for grabs for winners.

The competition aims to raise the profile of modern day UK manufacturing by showcasing the industry's creativity, diversity and heritage through inspiring photography. This year's shortlisted photographs portray the various stages of manufacturing - from design, process and technology in action through to the finished product - and cover both traditional and high-tech sectors.

Ian Pickering says: "I'm delighted to be shortlisted and honoured that my work will be on display in the House of Commons. Manufacturing offers lots of opportunities for exciting and dynamic images – the challenge as a photographer is to capture it in a single shot. I really hope my photographs go a small way to changing people's perceptions of manufacturing."

Terry Scuoler CBE, CEO of EEF, the manufacturers' organisation, says: "This competition is all about capturing how innovative and exciting modern manufacturing is.



Ian should be very proud that his image successfully captures the ingenuity and dynamism of our industry. I can't wait to see this incredible image, along with all the other shortlisted images, on display in the House of Commons later in December."

The awards ceremony is at the houses of parliament on the 12th December.

SHARNFORD SCHOOL PTA



Sharnford C.E. Primary School PTA

Coffee Morning

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Thursday 7th December

10am - 12pm

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At the start of term we held another coffee morning at the Evergreen Hall which was went well and we had a little cake and book sale up at the school just after half term. Both events raised a nice sum of money, so a massive round of applause to those that helped organise this and a huge 'thank you' to everyone who came along to both events.

The big news is that we have been able to donate £3500 towards the new stage for the school hall. This is brilliant! The new stage is very solid, very adaptable, has proper stairs and a safety rail, and fingers crossed, will last the school for many years and be part of many productions. Thank you so much for supporting the PTA and the school.

As we get closer to Christmas we have three more events planned, both of which are very popular with the children. Firstly we have another coffee morning set for Thursday 7th

December, so if you fancy a cuppa and slice of cake then head on down to the Evergreen Hall from 10am. Secondly we have the Christmas Disco on the 8th December and fingers crossed, Father Christmas will be making his usually flying visit. Finally, on the 18th December we have our Christmas Workshop after school; this is always great fun and we have a super craft planned for the children.

On the 2nd February we're planning to hold our annual Quiz Night at the Evergreen. We haven't finalised all the details, but if you'd like to put forward a team of 4 then please let me or Emma Jones know.

Ed Bryan and the PTA

'A POOR CHILD OF THE PARISH'

John Bason was born in the year 1797, the second child of five (there may have been more children), to unmarried John and Susan(nah) Bason of Sharnford (no marriage details could be found despite extensive searches). An unusual family with only one child christened, this was not John. He was to spend his formative years being 'put to the frame' as we can see by this remarkable surviving document below, when at the age of **11** he was apprenticed to a Sharnford village frame-work knitter, Joseph Tilley.

The Bason family lived in impoverished circumstances. It is revealed to us in the parish Overseers of the Poor account book, that disbursements of parish money and goods, commenced from October 1793, to this family. There are literally many dozens of entries paid out and goods given to Susan Bason e.g. *'1 and a half c. of coal at 1/6d , 10 yds of linen for shirts and shifts at 10/-, 28 weeks Su.Bason 9 (weeks) at 5/6d and 19 (weeks) at 6/- pd towards shoes 2/-'*

The money was nearly always paid to Susan, never her 'husband' John - which can be probably be explained by this item which appeared 4 Oct:1800 - 'lent to Jno. Bason which was not paid back - 5/-!!!'. It would seem John Bason was not spending the money wisely. It was end of childhood for young John Bason 'a poor child of the parish' mentioned in this document below dated **11 April 1808**. He was to be taught and instructed in the 'Art, Trade and Myftery' of the framework knitter by Joseph Tilley, his now Master. He was apprenticed until he was twenty-one years of age - a ten year commitment. He was expected to dwell in the house of the Master, Joseph Tilley, who was to provide food, clothing and a bed, but **no wages**. Conditions that applied in another contempory apprenticeship indenture but not specified in our document (they varied from parish to parish), were that young John - would not play cards, roll dice, imbibe drink, steal from the Master, visit alehouses or get married. Tough conditions. Dawn to dusk working was the norm - and probably further by candlelight - depending on the whim of the Master - church obligatory possibly twice on a Sunday - for John Bason, life now for the next ten years was that of a virtual slave.

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AND shall and will during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide, and allow unto the said Apprentice meet, competent, and sufficient Meat, Drink, Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice: (PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the said last mentioned Covenant on the said Joseph Tilley his Executors and Administrators, to be done and performed, shall continue and be in force for no longer Time than Three Calendar Months next after the Death of the said Joseph Tilley in case the said Joseph Tilley shall happen to die during the continuance of such Apprenticeship, according to the Provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-second Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for the further Regulation of Parish Apprentices,") AND also shall and will provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any Way a charge to the said Parish or Parishioners of the same: but of and from all Charge shall and will save the said Parish of Sharnford harmless and indemnified during the said Term.

Apprentice Fee £4. 0. 0

IN WITNESS whereof, the Parties above said to these present Indentures interchangeably have set their Hands and Seals. the Day and Year first above written.

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Joseph Tilley

We don't know what sort of a master Joseph Tilley was to John Bason – but a search of St. Helen's church records reveals some interesting family detail. A Sharnford man, son of John Tilley – Joseph was Christened here 4 June 1777. He married a Sharnford girl Elizabeth Welton 12 July 1802 also here. As far as can be determined there were five female children from this union – Sarah, Ann, Elizabeth, Mary and Betsy. Multiple Christening dates of the children confuses things as to the true age of these girls, but we know Betsy died aged 14 years in August 1839. As a total family cottage industry commitment, these girls from the age of eight or even less, would be set to work seaming the stocking produced in the 'flat' by a worker like John Bason on this machine illustrated. Joseph Tilley was buried at St. Helen's, Sharnford -



21 March :1850 aged 73 years. **Above** – Framework knitting machine circa 1840. Looking like an instrument of torture – but an innovation of its day – cumbersome but effective. It remained relatively unchanged for 150 years. John Bason would become well acquainted with this contraption.

John on completion of his apprenticeship, married a Sharnford girl, Elizabeth Harrison – 22 Apr:1821 in Sharnford. Soon to follow came the children – **eleven!!!** Mary (1821) Thomas (1823 - died an infant) John (1825) Martha (1829) Ruth (1832) Elizabeth (1834) Ann (1836) Thomas (1838) Joseph (1840) Alice (1847) and William (1844). At the time of John Bason's apprenticeship, the cottage industry of the framework hosiery knitter had reached its zenith, but within a few short years, the late 1820's, it would begin a terminal decline due to the mechanical achievements of the advancing industrial age. A few pockets survived through this, including Joseph Tilley, but for John Bason, he railed against the hosiery trade and we see him in 1841,1851,1861,1871 census working as a gardener.

- John Bason was buried at St. Helen's, Sharnford - 27 January 1880 aged 83 years.
- Susan(nah) Bason (John's mother) was buried at St. Helen's Sharnford – 8 July 1851 aged 86 years.

The Bason's poverty was not alone in Sharnford. For the half year Apr:1808 to October 1808 – (out of a population of 394) – accounts show there was 19 from Sharnford, of which 5 were children including a 'Bason's childe' , 4 widow's, were in and out of the poor house at Ullesthorpe. (see photo right). Sharnford was united with the parishes of Broughton



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Astley, Ullesthorpe and Claybrooke in establishing this poor house – dubbed the House of Industry – at Ullesthorpe . Newly completed in 1803, it took in Sharnford's poor and homeless. Records survive showing our Sharnford poor from 1806 to 1828 in the Ullesthorpe workhouse. Expenditure paid out by Sharnford parish for our poor for the six month period April – October 1808 were.....'General expense at poorhouse £7-3-10, To provision same £12-0-0, To clothing same £3-17-3 and a halfpence.' Offset against this total was 'Rec. by work at the poorhouse £3-5-7'. Prior to 1803 our village poor had to fend best for themselves as they could, living by charitable gifts of money and goods dispensed by the village Overseer of the Poor, who for the year 1803, was John Ashmore.

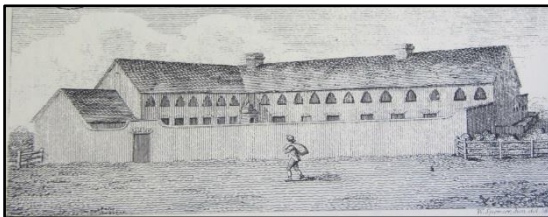
It was not all plain sailing at Ullesthorpe with which Sharnford had such close associations. About 1810 a furore was caused by the curate of Claybrooke (in those days Ullesthorpe was in the parish of Claybrooke) by not allowing sepulchre (burial) of a Sharnford pauper who had died in Ullesthorpe poorhouse.

Sapcote quickly followed suit, building altogether a much larger affair by 1806.

Right – the workhouse from a contemporary engraving by W. Spenser dated 1811.

Taking in the poor from 15 neighbouring parishes – Stanton, Earl Shilton, Barwell, Desford, Thurlaston, Barlestone, Bagworth, Aston Flamville, Wigston Parva, Dunton Bassett, Cosby, Whetstone, Croft and Leicester Forrest.

It survived as a refuge until 1840, when all inmates were transferred to Hinckley's large brand new, built for purpose 'House of Industry'. After 1840 ,



Sapcote's workhouse became a farm ,followed by a later conversion to 6 cottages till eventually demolished in 1959.

Research sources - Leics. Record Office, Apprenticeship indentures, Churchwardens Accounts Book (Sharnford) DE2401/8, Overseers of the Poor Accounts (Sharnford) DE2410/10, Pugh's History of Leicestershire.

Lastly, one 'chestnut' from the accounts book for Sharnford dated 2 Dec: 1807. Sharnford village militia drilled every Sunday (the spectre of Napoleon invading England was always omnipresent) – 'a surgeon called out to the militia - 5/-'. Accident or horseplay?

COMPUTER LESSONS IN THE EVERGREEN HALL

AT LAST - We have been able to organise with the Barclays Bank Eagles to help with lessons for "SILVER SURFERS" who wish to know more about using computers and accessing the internet and also CODING for CHILDREN. We have experienced teachers to help.

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- from 1.30 to 3.30 in the afternoon for the "Silver Surfers"*
- and from 3.45-5.00 pm for the Children.*

There will be a small nominal charge just to cover expenses.

As soon as we have further information we will leaflet the village but if you wish to register an interest please call –

Rosemarie on 274158 or Penny on 272797

SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW

The season was all over the place this year, whats new. We had a good village show with some new entrants. As colourful as ever.

Sharnford Lodge Saddlery Centre of Bumblebee Lane continue to put up £25 for the best in show prize. The winner this year was a fantastic art work by Jean Dales talented daughter. A well deserved prize.

We are again looking for projects to help financially. We make a profit on the plant sale and a very small profit on the September Show, after retaining a safe amount in our funds we distribute the rest. If you have a village project needing finance, then put your request in writing to us so that we can consider. Our most recent donations have been towards helping fund the war memorial renovation, a new bowling mat for the over 60's Youth Club and upgrading the first aid kits at the Youth Club. Our biggest donation in the past was towards the defibrillator. Thankfully it has not had to be used yet though there have been a couple of close calls. It only needs to be used once to save a life to



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The plant sale will as usual be on the Saturday a week before the half term break, 19th May 2018. Now that Adrian is back running the nursery side of Sharnford Garden Centre we know we can continue to get quality plants at reasonable prices. As you may have noticed the Garden Centre is closed till March 18, or rather the retail side is. Adrian and his team will be working over the winter on next year's plants. I understand from the owner of Sharnford & Sapcote Garden Centre's that he is planning an open weekend next year so you can see the growing area. Quite impressive and a lot bigger than the retail area you see at the front.

Next year's Village Produce Show will be on Saturday 8th September 2018 please enter, it is just a bit of fun and it helps raise funds for village causes. The cakes and preserves sections have proved popular with some tasty entries (the judges tell me), The men's only section for cakes has been hotly contested again.

A big thank you to everyone who supports these village events. Profits are recycled to village causes, so a reminder again, please contact us if you need help funding a local project.

Tony Curtis

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If you have any questions please call Gabrielle Bryan on 01455 631026.

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We have had to say a very sad goodbye to Mrs Bet Ellis who sadly passed away recently, Bet and her husband Bodge who passed away last year were long lasting members of the Club! We also lost a dear friend and past member Miss Marjorie Wood. Our condolences to all their families.

Christmas is now fast approaching how the year has flown, we end our tea meetings for this year on the 13th December with our Bingo afternoon and Christmas tea for

members and committee. We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fayre on the 2nd December and also our coffee morning on the 6th January.

May I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Karen Smith Chair

Once again Sharnford you have proved your generosity. The Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning at the Evergreen Hall in September raised £462.56 bringing the grand total raised since 2009 to £4153.16. Thank you so much. **Jean Dale**

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Any donations to go to Alex's Wish a local charity helping people with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Lisa Bacon

SHARNFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

The Environment Group offer their sincere **thanks** and appreciation to all those villagers who water the hanging baskets each year.

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We are always saying 'we cannot do the job without each other'. This continues to be true, as our membership gets smaller!

To you all we offer our best wishes for the coming holiday season, enjoy all you do. A final note: Our next meeting is January 11th, 7pm in the Evergreen Hall. We are **NOT** having a December meeting this year.

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Please note that the deadline for articles in the next issue of Sharnford News is Wednesday 21st February 2018

Answers to Quiz

1. Jean Claud Killy, 2. Winter Wonderland, 3. The Ptarmigan, 4. Richard 3rd. 5. A glass coffin, 6. Simon and Garfunkel. 7. an extremely cold, fast moving winter storm. 8. Russian fur cap with flaps. 9. Snow Pea, 10. Rimsky-Korsakov. 11. Badminton, 12. The roof of the Meteorological office in London. 13. Vanilla Ice, 14. William Perry, 15. Good King Wencelas, 16. A glacier, 17. 1937. 18. Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean., 19. Dwarf actors. 20. Sir Anthony Hopkins

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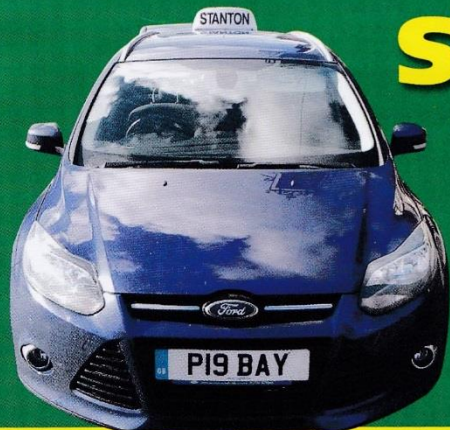
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