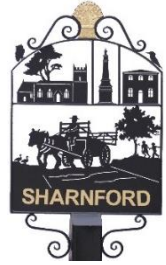


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ERNIE WHITE

County Councillor Ernie White passed away on the 2nd January 2018. Some of you will have worked alongside him with your problems and concerns for your village over the years and you will miss him greatly.

I worked with Ernie as District Councillor for the Ward, he was a best friend to my husband and I for over 40 years.



The service of thanksgiving took place at the Heart of England Crematorium and was attended by friends and colleagues, County and District officers and members. For me it was sad that I couldn't attend, because Ernie loved the water so much, I took my candle down to the lake (Geneva) and said my farewells in the peace and quiet at 11.15am along with the service here in England.

I miss him dearly, but I know that he would want us all to continue looking after each other and our villages, which were very special to him.

We have all lost a very special person and we wish all the very best to Hilary and the family.

Rest in peace our very special friend.

*Deanne, Iain and Sheila
District Councillors*

PRIME MINISTER BACKS MP'S MAGNA PARK MEETING

The Prime Minister has given her backing to South Leicestershire MP, Alberto Costa, and his request for a meeting with a Government Minister in order to further discuss the introduction of a national planning policy framework for the placement of logistics parks.

In light of last month's decision by Harborough District Council to refuse developer IDI Gazeley's application for the further expansion of Magna Park near Lutterworth, Mr Costa raised with the Prime Minister the need for a better and more robust policy around the location of future logistics parks.



Mr Costa said, “The proposed expansion of Magna Park has, understandably, been an issue of some consternation and concern for my constituents in South Leicestershire, and given the decision made by Harborough District Council last month, I was very pleased to receive the backing of the Prime Minister in my efforts to discuss a national policy for the location of future developments of

large logistics parks”.

In response to Mr Costa, the Prime Minister said in the House of Commons, “Of course we need to get the right balance between enabling development and therefore growth to take place while continuing to protect and enhance our natural environment. The purpose of our planning system is to contribute to achieving that sustainable development, and with regard to the specifics of these logistics parks I am sure that one of the Ministers from Housing, Communities and Local Government, possibly my right honourable friend the Housing Secretary, would be happy to meet with him and discuss this with him”.

Mr Costa also added, “While I entirely recognise the importance of logistics parks and the key role they play in terms of economic development. However, given the very negative experience of my constituents with the enormous expansion of Magna Park, I am very keen to have much clearer legislation in place that will allow the planning of logistics parks to be much more cognisant of local and community-related concerns”.

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MP CALLS FOR 'BIG IMPROVEMENTS' TO THE A5

South Leicestershire MP, Alberto Costa, has called for the Government to give greater priority to the A5 and to carry out much needed improvements, such as the doubling of the carriageway.

Speaking in a Westminster Hall Debate on Wednesday afternoon (7th February) with MPs for Hinckley & Bosworth, Rugby, North Warwickshire & Bedworth and Nuneaton, Mr Costa stressed the existing burdens of heavy traffic on the A5 and made the case for the Department for Transport to add the A5 road to the Government's 'Roads Investment Strategy 2' which prioritises infrastructure improvements for some of the UK's major roads and motorways.



Mr Costa said, "The proposed doubling of the A5 has been a topic of discussion for many years, however now is the time to make these improvements. With the scale of development taking place, not only in my constituency of South Leicestershire, but also the rest of the Midlands, it is vital that the A5 receives the improvements it requires to keep up with development".

Mr Costa concluded, "It has been a long standing concern of many of my constituents of the Fosse Villages in the very western part of my constituency, and while I have worked very closely with residents of these villages - especially those in Sharnford - constituents desperately need to see associated infrastructure improvements alongside future developments. I will continue to work closely with my Parliamentary colleagues to ensure that the A5 receives the full consideration it deserves".

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DOG FOULING/WASTE

We are sorry to include this article within the Sharnford News, however we feel it necessary to highlight the issue in our village. Over the winter months it has become more evident of an increase in dog fouling around the village.

Within the village we are blessed with two parks and we are located next to Fosse Meadows, these are all utilised by all villagers including children. **They should not have to avoid dog waste whilst using these facilities.**

The local council are looking to invest/improve the facilities of the local parks, but it would be a shame if the parks were a “no go zone” due to dog waste deeming these investments a complete waste of time and money.

It is also not limited to the parks as evidence can be found in some streets and footpaths.

- Don't forget that leaving dog mess behind is actually illegal, and dog owners can be prosecuted and fined for doing so. If you spot somebody leaving dog mess behind when out on a walk, particularly if they do this regularly, this can be reported to the local council.
- Don't forget dog waste is harmful to the health of both people and the land that it pollutes, as well as posing an eyesore, and potentially causing further mess, unpleasantness and inconvenience if stepped in or tracked about, particularly if it is unwittingly walked back into the home/school/local business.
- Don't forget that dog mess can carry parasites and diseases such as toxicariasis, and always wash your hands thoroughly after dealing with dog waste; even if you do not physically touch it with your bare hands.

Please can we ask dog owners to help keep our village clean and utilise the provided dog waste bins.

Sharnford news team



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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.



Christmas ended on a high last year when, with some of the money raised and donated, we took our children on a trip to Paradise Found Educational Park in Sapcote. The children had festive fun playing in the soft play and meeting Santa.

The team at Paradise Found made us very welcome and even took us to meet and feed their real reindeer. The children and adults had a fantastic time and really put us in festive spirits! Thank you to Paradise Found Educational Farm Park for a lovely visit!



After a Christmas break we returned fresh and ready for 2018 with new craft ideas and some new toys. Our children at BBT have been very busy getting creative in the craft

corner making pom pom caterpillars, sticking and decorating butterflies as well as playing with play dough and kinetic sand. Alongside our crafty corner our children have also had great fun being station master with our train station, using their imagination with the happy land village as well as dressing up and playing with jigsaws amongst others.

If you would like to join then please contact us on our Facebook page 'Sharnford Bumps, Babies and Toddler Group' or pop in and see us every Tuesday morning 9-10.30 (term time only). Hopefully see you soon

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The PTFA team

EVERGREEN HALL COMPUTER CLASSES

Some 2 years ago, we were fortunate to be picked for the Barclays Bank and BT community projects for those wishing to know more about using a computer and for children to understand computer programming (coding).

On the 11th January, we started our classes in the hall led by the 2 Barclays Bank Eagles, Martin from Barclays and Jack from Derby University and assisted by Penny Ross, a retired IT teacher from the village. 15 adults registered for the early class, 4 children from the later class and lots of hands on help were also available.

Our first class introduced everyone to logging onto the internet and members were able to download a teaching programme provided by Barclays. Penny took a class at the beginning of February going over the programme and the Eagles again visited on the 9th February and gave a talk on internet security. This informed the class of scams and fraud making people aware of what to avoid and what to do. Future classes will show how to use the computer for photographs and other social fields. The classes will continue as long as we have an interest in them and anyone can join.

When the children came after school, we were joined by 2 parents, Ian and Scott, well versed in computer applications and the children learned how to code and create a game using their new skills.

Penny is well versed in the software for this and they created a shark and fish game. Next time, Penny will help them create a game, using coding and Pac Man. The children all seemed to enjoy it.

Come and join us if you wish to know more

Rosemarie on 274158 or Penny on 272797

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Six Acres Counselling
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SAPCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPDATE

Wednesday Lunchtime Talks at the Library – 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Following our very successful talk from author Tony Robinson-Smith we have arranged four more talks as follows: -

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|----------------------------|------------------|---|
| 21 st March | Richard Evans | The Work of the Citizens Advice Bureau |
| 16 th May | Marianne Whiting | Britons, Saxons, Vikings – Who are the English? |
| 19 th September | Keith Hextall | It started With a Barrel – A Sapcote Girl's Story |
| 21 st November | John Martin | The Story of Sherlock Holmes |

Only £4 including tea, coffee and delicious scones. Please support this new adventure.

SUMMER FAYRE - Saturday, 2nd June

Following the success of our 2017 Summer Fayre we are, by popular demand, following with an even bigger and better event. If you would like to be involved in any way please contact Vic on vichowell@bopenworld.com.

LOVE BLABY LOTTERY

Sapcote Community Library is now a participating charity in this new venture. When you register for you ticket please choose Sapcote Community Library as your chosen charity and 50p of your lottery ticket will go to the library. You can register and read all the information at www.loveblabylottery.co.uk.

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.

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I read with interest the article in the December issue entitled “A Poor Child of the Parish” concerning a John Bason who was born in 1797, the son of John and Susan Bason. Whilst researching the names on the War Memorial for our exhibition in 1914, a name which appears on that memorial is an Alfred Thomas Bason, a son of Alfred and Eliza Bason who at the time lived at Bumblebee Farm. Alfred joined the Machine Gun Corps and was posted to Belgium. He was killed in action on the 24th November 1917 aged 19 and is buried in the Nine Elms British Cemetery at Poperinge, Belgium. The cemetery was used by the Casualty Clearing Stations from the horrendous battle of Ypres in 1917.

The Basons were a large Sharnford family. One of Alfred’s cousins, Basil Thomas who was born in Sharnford but lived in Earl Shilton, was killed in Action on the 13th October 2015 and another member of the family through the female line, Thomas Ephraim Brown is also included on our war memorial and was killed on the 11th July 1916 in the Battle of the Somme.

When we staged the exhibition in 1914, a visitor who was a descendant of the Basons of Sharnford and now lives in Countesthorpe came. Since then, Basons have been to a memorial service at the church and joined us at one of our cream teas last autumn. It has been interesting to see that the the Basons had been constantly in Sharnford for well over a 100 years and I have now passed the December article on to their descendants today.

Rosemarie Simpson

SHARNFORD LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

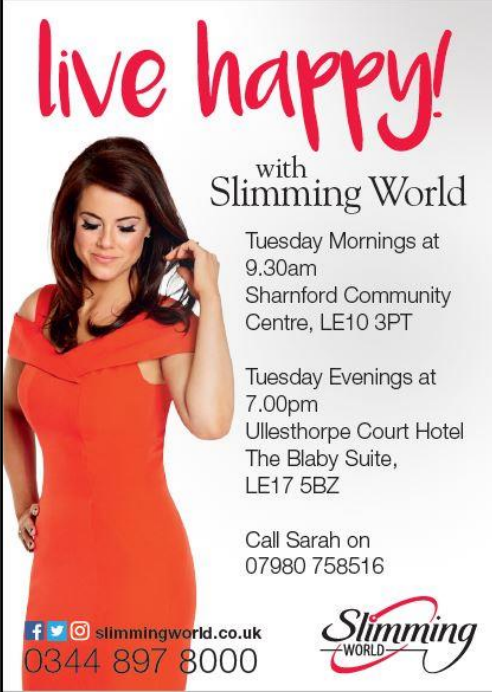
We have been investigating what we can make from recycled materials. The children have made paper aeroplanes and have measured how far they can fly them.

Our new water wall and mud kitchen are very popular, not only with the children but with mini beasts. We have noticed that some spiders have made their home on them and some earwigs are living underneath! We caught an earwig with our tweezers and looked at it using our magnifying glasses and binoculars but we didn’t manage to catch the spider, he was too quick at running away and hiding.

Parents had a great time at our last stay and play event, and we really enjoyed your company. Don’t forget to check our newsletter for our next date!

Alison and all at Little Explorers Playgroup

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This month we have had two burglary dwellings in the village and would like to reassure you that this is very much on the radar of the local beat team.

In order to tackle this issue and decrease the number of occurrences we have been studying local intelligence and crime reports which have enabled us to lead intelligence ran patrols and target possible suspects.

PC Chris Gutteridge has also been conducting some early morning and plain clothed operations in order to both prevent and also gather information and intelligence. Both Chris and I are happy to discuss crime prevention advice and tackle any issues you may have.

If you have any questions or concerns re crime in your area then please contact us via the force website: <https://leics.police.uk/local-policing/fosse-villages> .

PCSO Mike Walker (Fosse Villages Beat Team)

FAREWELL TO “THE LIMES”



So sorry to see the demise of “The Limes” to another re-development.

Yet another old building gone forever. We can just about count the old buildings left in our pleasant village on one hand now. Especially annoying is the imposition of the vacuous name of ‘the Paddocks’ .

The village seems to be losing its identity with losses of names like Dab Lane, the Rompers, Millers Faggot, Front

Hill and now the Lime. Am I the only one to mourn their passing?

ST HELEN'S CHURCH

Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 11th March at 9.15am.

We would like to invite all, regardless of age. Help us celebrate all Mums, we all have had a Mum. Bring your Mum to Church if you can. If that is not possible, come to remember and celebrate your own Mum.

Easter Sunday Service on Sunday 1st April at 9.15am.

To celebrate 'Christ is risen'. All welcome, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the Family Service for the children and refreshments will be served.

Concert by 'Mark Bennett and friends' Friday 13th April.

After the successful concert by 'Mark and friends' at the church in 2017, we look forward to a programme with a 'Wedding Theme'.

Wedding Displays Saturday 14th April and Sunday 15th April

Please see advert within the Sharnford news

Churchyard

In pursuance of the Order in Council made on 11th October 2017 representations have been published and taken into consideration by a Committee of the Privy Council..

On the 13th December 2017 at The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council. Representations were duly made to Her Majesty in Council by the Secretary of State for Justice that, subject to exceptions stated, burials should be discontinued forthwith in: -St Helen's Churchyard, Sharnford, Leicestershire.

St Helen's Churchyard is now closed other than exceptions already documented. The care of the churchyard is now the responsibility of Sharnford Parish Council

Our first Cream Tea at St Helen's this year will be on Sunday 13th May 3pm-5pm.

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Strategic Growth Plan - Draft Consultation

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BDC are holding a “Road Show” in the chamber on the 27th February 2 - 9pm

Officers will be available to answer questions.

Other venues

Whetstone Parish Hall Thursday 1st March 2018 - 4 - 8pm

Sapcote Pavilion 19th March 2018 Monday - 4 - 8 pm

The Road Shows will be “drop in” sessions and not formal Q & A.

Officers will be attending all the events to answer your questions and concerns.

The Strategic Growth Plan has nothing to do with the Rail Freight, which appears to be racing around our villages via social media. Blaby District Council have not received any Planning Applications, bearing in mind we are only consultees, along with HBBC, the Planning decision would be determined in London and not in our area.

The Blaby District Lottery is proving to be a great success, “good causes” and players signing up every day. The public launch took place at Fosse Park on the 27th January. The first draw will take place on the 24th February

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TELEVISION QUIZ

1. In which American towns or cities were the following set?
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2. In which classic comedy do the characters Polly and the Major both appear?
3. In Dad's Army, what was Private Fraser's occupation?
4. Which sitcom about a local cricket club starred Josie Lawrence as Timothy Spall's wife?
5. Which Last of the Summer Wine character narrates Wallace and Grommit?
6. In which comedy series did a giant cat terrorise London?
7. What was the name of the pub in Only Fools and Horses?
8. In Absolutely Fabulous, what is Edina's surname?
9. Which comedy series was set in a Leisure centre?
10. What was the name of the cab firm in the series Taxi?
11. In which town is Fawlty Towers set?
12. In Minder, name Arthur Daley's club.
13. Who played the first Dr. Who?
14. In which Asian country was "The Far Pavilions" set?
15. In "Brideshead Revisited" what sort of toy was Aloysius?
16. Which compass points formed the title of an American Civil War drama?
17. What was the profession of the Duchess of Duke Street?
18. Which James Bond once played Mr. Rochester in a TV version of Jane Eyre?
19. In Upstairs Downstairs what was the butler, Hudson's, first name?
20. Aidan Green plays which character in Poldark?

Answers on page 24

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SHARNFORD SCHOOL REPORT

Sharnford School started the new year with a pantomime production of Aladdin which was presented by Chaplins the UK's premier touring company, everyone had a great time and enjoyed the traditional features of a panto.

During the spring term children in year 3 and 4 are taking part in swimming lessons at Hinckley Leisure Centre.

Year 6 children visited Warning Zone, an interactive centre in Leicester which gives children the opportunity to take part in various safety scenarios including fire, arson, criminal damage, water, ICT and personal safety.

Year 3 children will be visiting a Church and Temple in Leicester to hear stories from different faiths.

Children in year 5 will be going to the Belgrave district of Leicester to gain an understanding of the rich cultural diversity of Leicester's vibrant Asian community.

Parents of the children in year 6 have attended a meeting on how to help their child through their SATs tests, which take place in May and all parents have been invited to attend parents evening in March.

We continue to offer a number of clubs, multi sports, musical theatre, tag rugby, cross country and football.

Older children were invited to take part in Leicestershire Schools cookery

competition to rustle up their best two course recipes. The winner being crowned Junior Chef cookery champion 2018, also winning £100 and a family carvery at Beaumanor Hall.

Events also taking place this term are the Mother's day service, class photographs and Easter Service at St Helens Church.

Carol Proctor Secretary



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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" are back
by popular demand to provide
some music.

*See next edition of the Sharnford
News for further details*

**Please save the date in your diaries and support this event if you can - all profits
are distributed amongst the various groups in the village to help them with their
activities.**

Sue Stanley (Secretary) 01455 273861

SHARNFORD ART & CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP

Sharnford Youth and Community Centre, Park View, Sharnford, LE10 3PT

Got an art or craft project on the go? Would you like some company at the same
time? We are an informal group who bring our own projects to work on, and enjoy a
social evening whilst we do so.

We meet nearly every 2 weeks on Mondays - 7.30pm to 9.30pm, at the Youth &
Community Centre on Park View, although it is sometimes 3 weeks to fit in with
School or Bank Holidays. Please see our list of dates below.

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

March 5th & 19th, April 9th & 23rd, May 7th & 21st, June 4th & 18th, July 2nd & *16th &
*30th August *13th September 3rd & 17th October 1st & 22nd November 5th & 19th
December 3rd & 17th

* These 3 dates are during the Summer Holidays, and will be confirmed nearer the
time.

Gabrielle Bryan

ST. HELEN'S LADIES GROUP

The 2017 programme of events ended with a Christmas Social in December, when we were entertained by the Rockapellas ladies singing group, a lovely finish to the year.

January saw us making an attempt to keep fit after the Christmas season with a series of chair exercises demonstrated by a pilates teacher.

During the next few months we are having a talk on Wind and Water Mills in Leicestershire with Susan Tebby. In April (11th) a Quiz and Games evening with puddings! Always popular!

Heather Jacks from the Great British Sewing Bee is coming along on 9th May to talk to us about this television programme.

“Birds of the UK” is the subject of a talk by Ken Reeves in June. Jan and Dave Sewell after a number of years of being our hosts for a barbecue, are retiring from holding this event so a barbecue will not be held this year. Many thanks to the both of them for their support over the years, an afternoon tea in the Evergreen Hall is to be arranged instead.

The Ladies Group is well supported with over 30 members and meetings are mostly on the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 7.30pm in the Evergreen Hall, but occasionally we meet on the 2nd 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 YOUTH CLUB & COMMUNITY CENTRE

As many of you will know, the Youth Club has been unable to operate for some weeks now as the Committee and Volunteers have been informed that all adults involved will need DBS checks and Safeguard training.

We have a gentleman from Youth Leicestershire coming in to do the training for us but a mutually convenient evening is proving hard to arrange. We will endeavour to sort this out during March and hopefully be up and running again straight after the Easter Break.

Sorry for any inconvenience this closure has caused but, rest assured, we are working hard behind the scenes to re-open as soon as possible.

The Community Hall side of things is continuing to be a success with the various classes being held throughout the week including Craft Club, Slimming World, Pilates, Yoga and the over 55's Club.

The Centre itself is still available for private hire at the weekends and for more information on this, please contact Julie on 01455 271321.

Julie Edge Chair Sharnford Youth & Community Centre



SHARNFORD ARMS

Monday to Thursday 4pm to 12pm
Friday open from noon, also now serving food
Sat and Sunday open from noon
Sunday lunches now available from 12.30 – 5pm
Open bank holidays from 12am.

Upcoming Entertainment

10th March

007 night ad roulette starts at 7pm. Bow ties and posh frocks

11th March

Mother's day lunch – Bingo and play your cards right from 6pm

17th March

Pub by candle light for Jane

1st April

Petrol heads and BBQ and from 2pm we have a fantastic band on singing songs from all decades. It is also Doggy Sunday.

All beers/lagers £3.00 a pint before 7pm every day of the week.

SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP (STAG)

New Milestone

Not the best milestone we could hope for! Nearly 61,000 vehicles passing through Sharnford on the B4114 in one week. This figure was registered on the speed monitor week beginning 28th January 2018.

Compare the figures taken at the same time since 2016:

2016 41,000

2017 47,000

2018 61,000

Over three years there has been a **47%** increase in traffic crossing the pedestrian crossing!

With all the latest developments happening or proposed in the near future, this figure will only get worse. I wonder how many of you have waited at, or been crossing the zebra crossing only to be totally ignored by passing traffic? It is an everyday occurrence.



By-Pass

Average speed cameras are coming but they will not affect the increasing volume of traffic through the village. The only solution is a by-pass. Road closures and lane closures on the A5, M1, M6, and M69 always causes congestion in Sharnford. Highways England have designated the B4114 as a recognised diversion route for all types of vehicles when these motorways are closed. Let's face it, if you wanted to travel from Leicester to Coventry, and visa versa would you take the B4114 or try to negotiate your way through gridlocked Hinckley?

We have always been told that a by-pass is too expensive but with all the recent developments, now is our chance to push for one. Developers have to put money aside for improvements in the local area, this is called Section 106 funding. We should be pushing for these developers to pay for a Sharnford by-pass.

Alberto Costa MP spoke eloquently at Prime Ministers Questions on 7th February, asking for a co-ordinated response to future developments in our region. Rather than allowing government departments, county, district and borough councils to do their own thing, ignoring the knock-on effect in other areas, a master plan should be developed.

Accidents

Accidents are still happening in our area: Serious accident in November. A person had to be cut out of a car that had been travelling towards the A5 and went through a hedge near Sharnford Garden Centre. This resulted in the road being closed.



Picture shows car has taken the bend on Aston Lane, heading towards Sharnford, too fast. Hopefully nobody was injured. This happens all too often on this bend. In this instance it could have been ice or mud on the road.

Speeding

In January 2018 if speed cameras had been in place in Sharnford over £330,000 would have been incurred in fines in one week. But if the Chief Constable of West Mercia had his way, anyone travelling 1mph over the speed limit would be fined,

with points on their licence. This would increase fines for one week in Sharnford to over **£1.25 million!!** Lots of people have complained on social media that this is just a money grabbing scheme. What we in STAG say is “don’t speed and you won’t get fined”. No brainer really and there is a bonus – you might avoid an accident and injuring yourself or others!

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

COUNCIL URGES COLLAR AND TAG AWARENESS

Blaby District Council is urging residents to ensure they do not fall foul of a law fining dog owners failing to have appropriate identification on their dog.

The Control of Dogs Order (1992) says that a dog in a public place must wear a collar bearing the name and address (including postcode) of the owner engraved or written on it, or engraved on a tag.

As part of the Council’s efforts to make dog owners aware of the law, the Animal Services will be visiting parks and open spaces across the district throughout March, before enforcement of the law begins on Thursday 05 April.

Michelle Ikin, Senior Animal Services Officer at Blaby District Council, said: “A collar and tag are absolutely vital in ensuring a lost dog can be returned to its owner quickly. Too many times we keep stray dogs for several days, which we wouldn’t have to do if dog owners complied with the law by having a collar and tag on their pet.”

“We appreciate there has been a lot of focus on the microchipping law that came into force in 2016, but it’s important now that we look towards making every dog out in public within the district easily identifiable if it ever does get lost.”

Last year saw a total of 58 stray dogs collected by the Council, with 38 of those not having a collar on. Each stray can cost a minimum of £67 to collect. Any stray dogs from Thursday 05 April without a collar and tag will be prosecuted.

Tags can be bought and engraved from as little as £2.50 online, or from pet shops across the local area.

To find out more about the new law visit www.blaby.gov.uk/dogs.

THE WIGLEY FAMILY OF SHARNFORD

Although I have titled this piece the Wigley family of Sharnford – it is not quite the case. The Wigley's were quite a restless family and I plotted five homes within 20 years –with 17 of those years spent at Sharnford, their last home prior to Sharnford was at Littleover, in Derbyshire. But for our purposes and for clarity we will call them the Wigleys of Sharnford.



The Wigley family (photo dated 1913)...**L to R.....**William (1895); Wilfred (1908); Father William C. (1865); mother Elizabeth (1869); Aimee (1906); Maude (1890); Eva (1894); Daisey (1899); and Olive (1902).

The Wrigley family arrived in Sharnford about 1896 or 1897 from Derbyshire. Father William C. Wigley was born in Ullesthorpe and married Elizabeth Millner in 1890 at St. Chad's, Derby. There were to be 8 children to this marriage (one died in infancy). The youngest 3 were born and christened in Sharnford. William Wigley Snr. formative years were in the butchery trade and was later to supplement his income by rearing beast which he sold on.



He most likely worked as a butchers journeyman for the Sharnford butchers – pre-1903 Thomas Hardy Hubbard; post-1903 John (Jack) Orton. Their first home in Sharnford (**right**) was Shade Farm (as it was known back then). Today to us it is Wayside farm - situated at the T-junction of Bumblebee Lane and Coventry Road. This photo of the date Wigley family in front of Shade Farm dates around from 1900. Missing from it is Mr Thomas Stone Millner, Elizabeth's father, a widower since 1888. He joined his daughter and



son-in-more years as a chandler/grocery store keeper in New Normanton, Derbyshire. The 1901 census says of him 'cowman on farm'. He died in 1902 at Shade farm. This farm (Wayside) was rented from landowner Col. Harris who lived at The Shade, Sharnford. In 1911 the Wigley family moved once again to Lodge farm, Wigston Parva another of Col. Harris's properties.



Left - Lodge farm, Wigston Parva and the Wigley's in 1911 - and today still easily recognisable. It was only to be a short stay at Lodge farm for by April 1914 their restless spirit came to the fore once again, and it was Canada



or bust! After sailing on the Empress of Canada the family settled in Champion, Alberta – but without eldest daughter Maude – for she was married and remained here in Leicestershire.

This is tale of unrequited love. This is daughter Eva Wigley and her beau Will Rawby (sic). After the Wigley family sailed for Canada, Will was supposed to follow on after they had settled in. It never happened. What

happened we don't know or will perhaps never know. The postcard dates from late 1913 /early 1914. Eva is 17 years old.

Can anybody help? The name looks to be Rawby; or Rowly. Could be either Will or William but definitely a local family. Could he have joined the army for war clouds were already gathering? Did he eventually marry someone else? This is a mystery which begs to be solved.



Treasured photographs from Crystal Richards, a Canadian Wigley.

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SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW

Well here we are again, another year, another Royal Wedding! We are sowing seeds and sorting out our plant order with Adrian at Sharnford Garden Centre, gearing up for the Plant Sale in anticipation of a good summer!

The plant sale will be on Saturday the 19th May at the Evergreen Hall. There will be plenty of plants on sale, bedding plants, perennials and vegetable plants. There will be plenty of colour and choice. Just the right time to buy, just as the risk of any late frosts recedes.

For those of you without green fingers just come down for one of the famous Evergreen bacon butties. You can still get home in time to watch the Royal Wedding or the Cup Final.

The schedules for the September Show will be available on the day, packed with all the old favourite categories and the odd new one to test you! The Village Show is on Saturday 8th September at the Evergreen Hall.

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

Tony Curtis

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

Tea meetings have resumed after the Christmas break, meeting every two weeks on a Wednesday afternoon from 3pm. Our Christmas Bingo afternoon was held in January after the weather forced us to cancel the meeting in December.

Our Christmas Fayre raised just over £1800 which will be used for maintenance for the hall and will benefit the club members.

We enjoyed our annual trip to the Concordia Theatre in January to see "Robinson Crusoe" the members and visitors had a great evening.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our President Mrs Mavis Smith. Mavis was one of our longest serving members having joined the committee 50+ years ago, also serving as the Chairman numerous times. The Club would like to express their sympathy to her family.

We are holding our bacon buttie coffee morning on the 7th April, so please come and join us at the hall from 9.30am.

Our annual dinner will be held on Saturday 28th April at the hall. Sadly our membership is dwindling so we are at present looking at different ways to move forward with the Club.

We do however now have the facility to show films in the Hall, having purchased a digital projector, and a screen that has been kindly donated! We hope in the future to be able to have cinema showings for both adults and children.

Please look out for more information which will follow soon.

Karen Smith Chair



THE SHARNFORD GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

I am pleased to report that the Good Neighbour Scheme continues to be well utilised, and we are able to help and support our community at times when they most need it, thanks to our team of very dedicated volunteers.

However, the Scheme does need to secure some funding for ongoing expenses, such as our Public Liability Insurance, DBS checks that all volunteers must have, and the dedicated scheme mobile phone fees. Therefore,



I rose to the challenge of undertaking a charity abseil from the church roof of St Mary's in Hinckley, with proceeds going to my charity of choice - our very own Good Neighbour Scheme of course. I have to confess, it was a little higher up than I expected, and possibly not for the faint hearted, it wasn't the most elegant of descents, but here's a photo of me feeling very relieved to have got down in one piece!

Here's a quick reminder about what the scheme provides:

What sort of support is provided?

The support is provided by a group of local volunteers within the village, and includes:

- Assistance around the house and home, for example: light gardening duties, small DIY jobs, cleaning, cooking a meal, shopping, help with letters and correspondence, or you may just want a friendly face to talk to occasionally.
- 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.

Please help us to spread the word by telling a friend or neighbour about the Scheme

Edwina Grant, Chair, Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme

SHARNFORD SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

A bit of a bumpy start to the first week-day festive food bag distribution, with volunteers chomping at the bit only to be told by the butcher that the chickens were going to be a day late. Despite this set back the distribution went ahead on the following day and I must thank all those who turned out on both days, although we were a couple of hands short on the actual day.

We had our normal support from local businesses and surrounding supermarkets for donated prizes, there were some splendid donations offered making the tally of prizes around the forty mark.

A significant donation of £250.00 was received from the Sharnford Ladies Yoga Group which closed a few weeks ago. Naturally this donation was most welcome, thanks to the ladies concerned for this boost to the Fund.

Next Christmas's prize draw and distribution of food bags is away off, however thanks go to everyone who supported us again in 2017

Jack Feast Chairman



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Answers to Quiz

1. (10) (a) New York, (b) Boston, (c) Los Angeles, (d) Honolulu, (e) Walnut Grove, (f) Miami,, (g) Seattle, (h) Chicago, (i) San Francisco. 2. Fawly Towers, 3. Undertaker, 4. Outside Edge, 5. Peter Sallis, 6. The Goodies, 7. The Nag's Head, 8. Monsoon, 9. The Brittas Empire, 10. Sunshine Cab Co. 11. Torquay, 12. The Winchester Club, 13. William Hartnell, 14. India, 15. Teddy Bear, 16. North and South, 17. Cook, 18. Timothy Dalton, 19. Angus, 20. Captain Ross Poldark

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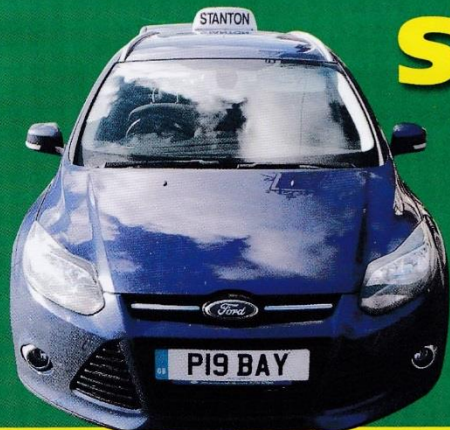
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| Parish Council Chair | Jack Feast 274678 bottlejack@hotmail.com | Usually held 3rd Thursday at 19.45pm Evergreen Hall |
| Parish Council Clerk | Matthew Scott 07810010893 matthew.scott@neovialogistics.com | |
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| Methodist Chapel | Revd Wes Hampton 637588, Beryl Devenyi 273740 | |
| Sharnford Primary School | Secretary 272456 | |
| Flood Warden | Jack Feast 274678 | |
| Evergreen Hall | Margaret Sanders 274038 | |
| Community Centre | Julie Edge 271321 | |
| Post Office | Eric and Gay Washbrook 272210 | |
| Bump, Babies & Toddlers | | Tues 9.00- 10.30 Evergreen Hall (Term time only) |
| Craft Group | Gabrielle Bryan 631026 | Community Centre Mon (fortnightly) 19.30 – 21.30pm |
| Evergreen Club | Jean Dale 274772 | Wednesdays twice monthly |
| Environment Group | Yvonne Jordan 274112 | Evergreen Hall 2nd Thursdays 19.00 |
| Little Explorers playgroup | Alison Bates 213779 | Evergreen Hall |
| Over 60's Youth Club | Derek Gibbons 272401 | Community Centre. Wed 10- 12.30 |
| Golden Jubilee Fete Committee | Sue Stanley 273861 | |
| Good Neighbour Scheme | Direct Help Line 07502 615535, Edwina Grant 07969313154 | |
| Sharnford Traffic Action Group | Mike Shirley 07539994707 | Community Centre Mondays 19.30pm |
| Sharnford Village Show | Tony Curtis 272532 | |
| St. Helen's Ladies Group | Pat Jordan 272229 | 1 st Wednesday of month |
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