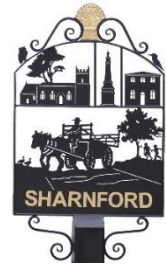


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THE GREATEST SHOW IN SHARNFORD



On Saturday the 2nd February 2019 the “Sharnford Film Club” came to the village. Advertised locally and via the internet the Evergreen Hall was the venue for the premier. This follows a little investment within the

Evergreen Hall to install a projector and projector screen.

Despite the weather, over fifty people attended the showing followed by a round of applause and cheers at the end of the successful showing. On leaving the show; guests were asked to fill in a survey of how to improve and what they would like to see next time.

A very successful day that raised over £147.00 from donations for the Evergreen Hall.

Our next film showing will be on the Saturday 9th March 2019 at 16:00. For more information please contact Richard Bacon on 01455 324835



SHARNFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Our lay pastor is Mrs Anne Haddon. She can be contacted on 01455 617692

We have All Age Worship on Sundays, starting at 10am and all are welcome. A village choir group meets on Mondays at 6.45pm. Everyone welcome and no auditions are required!

A joint fellowship group with St Helens meets at the chapel on the first Thursday evening of the month, 7.00 – 8.00 pm

everyone is welcome to come along. There will be a Lent Group meeting on Thursdays starting on 7th March. Friday Prayer Time is an opportunity for quiet personal prayer and meditation. It takes place on the 3rd Friday of each month 10.30 – 11.00am. Up and coming dates are: 15th March, 19th April (Good Friday), 17th May.

We made up 25 shoeboxes full of gifts for children in November as part of the annual Operation Christmas Child Appeal. These have been sent, with our love, to needy children in Belarus. We are now starting to make and collect items for next Christmas.

Our Carol Service in December was a joyful time to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We recently welcomed children from Sharnford Primary School, for a visit and a look at different aspects of the church and worship.

On March 1st we will be celebrating World Day of Prayer with a service at the chapel at 7pm to which everyone is invited.

We will be enjoying pancakes on Shrove Tuesday – March 5th, before the beginning of Lent on 6th March which is Ash Wednesday. Our Easter Sunday service will be on 21st April at 10:00 am.

The first Saturday of each month we have a coffee morning, with second-hand book sales, cakes and bring and buy. Lots of refreshments are consumed, lots of chat and laughter and money raised for good causes.

Saturday March 2nd : Fair-trade Event at the Evergreen Hall
Saturday April 6th : Send a Cow
Saturday May 4th : Smiles
Saturday June 1st : Doctors without Borders

Our new venture, Tuesday Coffee and Cake, has been very well supported, with drinks, delicious cakes and lots of chat enjoyed by all. Quite a few people have been buying extra slices of cake to take home! Come along and enjoy. Bring your knitting, do a jigsaw or just chat with friends old and new. Bring your children or grandchildren along too.

The second Tuesday of every month 10–12:00 on March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th

Penny Ross

JUBILEE CUP

Nominations for the Jubilee Cup are invited from people living in Sharnford Parish and all nominees must live in Sharnford Parish.

The Jubilee Cup is awarded annually to anyone or group who has provided or been involved in a service or project that has benefitted the residents or Parish of Sharnford.

The closing date for nominations is Sunday May 5th 2019. Sealed nominations can be given to any member of the Parish Council or left at the Post Office; alternatively you can present your nomination at a Parish Council meeting before this date. This gives the Parish Council just over a month to decide the award prior to its presentation at the village fete in June.

Sharnford Parish Council

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

I was delighted to be voted in as the Club's new Chairperson at the AGM last November. The first event of my year was the Christmas Bazaar on 8th December. This was extremely well attended giving us record sales in the kitchen. Our thanks go to everyone who supported us and made the Bazaar such a great success.

Our early January Bacon Buttie morning was also very busy. It was an enjoyable, social opportunity for many people to catch up with friends after the Christmas and New Year break. As always we are very grateful to those who contributed to its success.

Our annual visit to the Concordia pantomime in January was a very happy evening with lots of laughter and was enjoyed by everyone. The next event is the Coffee and Bacon Buttie Morning on 2nd March. This is organised by St Helen's Church and The Methodist Chapel working together, with our committee in full support mode, so I hope to see you all there.

The Club meets every two weeks on a Wednesday afternoon for games or just for a chat and a high tea. Please feel free to join us if you are over 60 and live in the village or surrounding area. In addition, our annual programme consists of a visit to the Concordia pantomime in January, a dinner in the Spring, a cream tea during the summer, a fish and chip supper in September and a Christmas social. For further details please contact Jean Dale, Secretary, on 274772

Carol Hunter - Chair



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SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The make-up of Sharnford Parish Council is soon to alter, not so much the current membership of the council, unless we have changes as a result of the forthcoming council elections which take place at the beginning of May. Be sure to vote should there be a contested election, although this seems unlikely as vacancies exist on the current Parish Council.

The Parish Council over the last 12 months has been slowly moving forward and will shortly be appointing a new Parish Clerk, this is one of the changes that the council have been working on since my report of last year.

One of the projects the Parish Council has been involved with is the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan; this is in its final stages of completion. There will be new challenges with the growing number of distribution centres being built in the area, the newest threat being the planned hub at the M69 island between Sapcote and Hinckley, this will cause more congestion on the roads and possibly affect air quality which is already below standard. An action group has been started which is in its infancy and this will need support from Sharnford Parish Council and the Sharnford Traffic Action Group [STAG]. Look out for reports in the press and possible notices through your door as we enter the next phase. The developers will be organising formal consultations in the area before they approach the government for approval of their planning applications.

The biggest undertaking of the Parish Council over the next few months is the provision of new play equipment in the park and Poors Meadow. This has been subject to delay due to red tape and tender constraints for the new equipment. This project has been spearheaded by Sharnford Parish Councillors; after many months of frustration we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel and all being well work should start in the spring.

This will be my last report as the Chairman of Sharnford Parish Council, having spent four years at the helm, which allowed time for a new elected Chairperson to have the confidence to fill the role.

Jack Feast, Chairman, Sharnford Parish Council



SHARNFORD EVERGREEN HALL

BACON BUTTIE DATES
2019 - SATURDAYS

2ND MARCH - FAIRTRADE MORNING -
27TH APRIL
8TH JUNE
10TH AUGUST
28TH SEPTEMBER - MACMILLAN EVENT
9TH NOVEMBER

**BACON BUTTIES WILL ALSO BE SERVED
AT THE VILLAGE PLANT SALE ON 18TH MAY**



SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP (STAG)

DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS.....

Time and again we read that the average speed cameras have been switched off. After detailed discussions with Leicestershire County Council, we (STAG) can now give the truth behind the rumours and blatant distortion of the facts. The cameras have NOT

been switched off and are still recording speeds and licence plate numbers of the offending drivers. The only difference is, that sometimes, the offending motorists are not issued with fines.... this is down to the Magistrates Court time that would be needed to administer the collection of said fines and issuing of points on licenses.

If speeding drivers want to take the chance and play Russian Roulette with their driving licenses, then carry on. It is noticeable that when the papers mistakenly advertise that cameras have been switched off, speeds through the village increase, but not as much as before the cameras were installed.


Complaints have been received by STAG and Sharnford Parish Council that the speed cameras are just there to fleece the poor motorist out of their hard-earned cash, and this is the reason why the speed display signs have been covered over. This is not the case, according to Leicestershire County Council, the signs have been covered over and STAG's own speed monitor removed to see what effect the average speed cameras have on their own. It is also worth noting that the county, district, and parish councils do not receive any revenue from the fines imposed on the poor driver who cannot keep their right foot off the accelerator, all money goes to the treasury.

Below are just a few relevant headlines from local newspapers since the last publication of Sharnford News. These will all have an effect on Sharnford's roads, and the residents who live near them.... that is all of us!

**CROFT QUARRY COULD BE FILLED WITH WASTE FROM LONDON AND HS2
A46 EXPRESSWAY WILL BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY
PROPOSED NEW A46 SET TO START FROM THE M69
A46 WOULD CREATE CORRIDOR ALONG WHICH 38,000 HOMES AND
EMPLOYMENT SITES WOULD BE BUILT.
H&BBC LEADER VOWS TO STOP RAIL FREIGHT PLAN IN ITS TRACKS
SIXTH NEW HOUSING ESTATE PLANNED NEAR HINCKLEY**

It is now a more important time than ever to get involved. Contact Mike Shirley on 07539 99470 or email mikelennox99@aol.com

Mike Shirley – Secretary



TUESDAY COFFEE AND CAKE

**Sharnford Methodist Church, Chapel Lane,
Sharnford**

Sharnford Methodist Church
2nd Tuesday of the month
10.00—12-00pm
**2019 - March 12th , April 9th. May 14th,
June 11th**

Take a break
Come along and meet friends old and new
Enjoy a drink and delicious homemade cake
Children Welcome

SHARNFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Despite the cold and chilly weather, Sharnford Group has still been out and about in the village! January saw members chipping Christmas Trees for local residents. In six hours, Sunday 6th January a total of 13 trees were delivered and chipped. Volunteers then used the chippings to spread on the footpath between the cricket ground and Fosse Meadows to reduce the amount of mud for local dog walkers. If you walk up that way you will spot the recycled trees, and be able to smell them!

SEG members have recently taken over the upkeep of the burial ground. In January a working party schedule began and volunteers are giving their time twice a month to maintain the area. A new compost heap is in situ, the brambles are being cleared from the fencing and the car park has been de-weeded.

SEG Members have been rewarded for some of their hard work by Mother Nature recently. You may have noticed before Christmas a large amount of brambles were cut back and chipped in Poor's Meadow. Snowdrops have begun to sprout on the site and the brambles do not seem to be making a reappearance. Nature's way of saying 'Thank You'.

Plans are already underway for 2019's hanging baskets and changes are due to be made in some of the villages planters as well. Keep your eyes peeled for some new plants and colours.

Sharnford Environment Group warmly welcomes anyone local who would like to get involved. Our working parties are open to everyone – please feel free to contact the SEG Secretary or look at our Facebook page for more details.

Please follow our NEW Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/SharnfordEnvironmentGroup

Naomi Allen

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THE SHARNFORD GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

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.

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

OFFERING SHORT TERM HELP TO ANYONE IN THE VILLAGE, WHO FROM TIME TO TIME MIGHT NEED SOME ASSISTANCE

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. Whilst some jobs may be deemed too big, it is rare that we say no to smaller jobs i.e. you may just need a light bulb changing, or a picture hanging.
- We can also provide lifts for essential appointments such as 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 isn't just for older people, we 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 our dedicated phone number: **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

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Edwina Grant – Chair

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Everyone is welcome to come along to these free computer classes. They are held at the Evergreen Hall on Thursday afternoons. Refreshments provided.

Thanks to generous donations, we now have 3 laptops and a tablet for people to use at the classes. Even if you don't have a computer or tablet you can come along and borrow one of ours. We are still looking for more donations so if you know of anyone who has a laptop they no longer need, please let us know

Dates

March 7th / 21st , May 9th / 23rd and June 6th

Adult Drop-in is at 2.00 – 3.15pm

A drop-in group is for the terrified, beginners or experienced users.

Are you thinking about getting your first laptop, tablet or smart phone?

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When: Friday 8 March

Where: Roadley House Farm, 8 Leicester Road, Sharnford LE10 3PR

Time: 10.30 – 12 Mary 07931558492

Please support the Coffee Morning which will support the work of Women's Aid Leicestershire Ltd raise vital funds to help us continue with our work.



Donations of cakes and / or raffle prizes would be appreciated!

Are you concerned about online security?

Do you want to find out about new or interesting websites or apps?

Can you help pass on skills to others?

Learn how to make more of your laptop, tablet or smartphone.

Become more confident to using your technology.

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Children's Code Club is at 3.30 – 5pm

Children aged 6 – 11 years

Everyone is welcome. No experience of coding is needed,

Penny Ross on 01455 272797.

CHILDREN GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. How many months of the year have 30 days?
2. In which street does the Prime Minister live?
3. Name the most famous nurse of Victorian times who improved care for wounded soldiers?
4. What is the name of the toy cowboy in "Toy Story"?
5. Pharaoh is the title given to the rulers of which country?
6. Which Italian city is famous for its leaning tower?
7. What is the nickname for the bell of the clock at the Palace of Westminster?
8. How many years are there in a millennium?
9. What sweet food is made by the bees using nectar from flowers?
10. In the nursery rhyme, who sat on a wall before having a great fall?
11. Name the school that Harry Potter attended.
12. Which big country is closest to New Zealand?

SHARNFORD SCHOOL PTA

We had a great time at the Christmas Disco on the 14th December. This was our first time having the evening split between Key Stage 1 and 2. The DJ and music was super as always, and the children all seemed to have a lovely time. Thank you to everyone who attended and also to everyone who helped organise and run the evening. Thank you!

The Christmas workshop took place after school, on the following Monday. Another great turn out. The children made reindeer themed bags which they filled with their chosen recipes

of reindeer food. They could choose from a few different ingredients all of which were pet and wild bird/animal friendly, so hopefully the children shared it between Rudolf and the local critters!. We're currently about half way towards raising the £3000 towards the new school computers, and fingers crossed the quiz will have helped that along a bit. We've also recently started a PTA Shop of Facebook; We're accepting donations and all money raised from sales will go to the PTA. Search for 'Sharnford PTA Online Shop' to find us!

On Saturday 20th April we are holding a Village Easter Egg Hunt. We'll be hiding large painted eggs around the village for the children to hunt. The event is running from 1pm until 3pm and based at the Youth & Community Centre by the park. Entry is £2 and we'll have tea, coffee, cakes and everything else indoors for you to enjoy too!

Ed Bryan and the PTA

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ADULT QUIZ

1. According to the Robin Hood legends, Little John was a nickname, what was his real name?
2. In 1996 Los Del Rio spent 14 weeks at No.1 in America with a song from their 31st album that became the world's bestselling single of the year. What was it?
3. If parrots talk, ravens croak and pigeons coo, what do screech owls do?
4. Which movie star has portrayed Steve Biko, Malcom X and "Hurricane" Carter?
5. If you were locked in a sealed capsule, what would kill you first: carbon dioxide poisoning or lack of oxygen?
6. Which US President coined the phrase "The buck stops here"?
7. Which former Monkee auditioned for the role of the Fonz in "Happy Days"?
8. What city was patrolled by Superman?
9. The body builder Angelo Sciliano, who won the title The World's Most Perfectly developed man in 1922 was better known by what alias?
10. Complete the title of this classic country song by Roger Miller - "My Uncle used to Love Me but....."?
11. In 1959 who led a revolution that overthrew General Batista?
12. In the 1930 movie 'Anna Christie' the line " Give me a whiskey, ginger ale on the side- don't be stingy baby" were the first words spoken by which actress?

SHARNFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL



What's going on at Sharnford Primary School?

At Sharnford Primary School we have been up to a lot of things. We have been learning about a wide variety of topics and composing music

Redwood Class have been extremely busy! For example; we went to warning zone which teaches you a lot about staying safe online and in the real world. In our topic scream machine we made cam mechanism toys that had a pulley or a lever

Hazel Class have been singing at Sapcote with Mrs Dent. The Year 3s and 4s have been swimming at Hinckley leisure centre. The Year 2's performed at Lutterworth College; they sang I'd do anything and The Bare Necessities.

Holly Class have been learning about Paws, Claws and Whiskers (Animals) and the Antarctic. They have been learning about different habitats and have also been using bee bots in computing lessons.

School Council

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN VILLAGE HALL



The Evergreen Hall is available for Hire 7 days a week.

There is a main hall, with tables and chairs, a small meeting room, toilets, including disabled, stage and a fully fitted kitchen with crockery and cutlery, cooker for reheating (but not for full cooking)

£12 per hour for casual hire

Regular Groups enjoy a reduction in rates
Charity events are discretionary but usually village charity events are free or by donation

We now have a digital projector and screen. These can be hired for the showing of films etc. at a fee of £10 per session. All licences are in place for the showing of films.

Telephone: Margaret 01455 274038

Let's hope that the weather will be kind to us again and we hope that this event will be well supported by you all. Even if you cannot attend on the day, you can still take part by buying raffle tickets or ducks for the duck races. Profits made will be shared amongst various village groups to help them with their activities.

Sue Stanley (Tel: 273861) SGJC Secretary

SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

**Save the date for the fete! -
Sunday 9th June 2019**

The village fete this year will be on **Sunday 9th June 2019** 12 o'clock to 4 o'clock, on the park in Park View. A theme has not yet been finalised but we will let you know more details in a flyer through your door in a few weeks.

There will be the usual favourites such as raffle, tombola, duck races, cakes, refreshments, BBQ and bar. Music will be provided by "Take It From the Top", back for a third year by popular demand.

As in previous years, we will be asking for donations of tombola prizes, bottles for the bottle stall, toys and books etc. Your donations are really appreciated so please start saving anything suitable. We will do a door-to-door collection at a date nearer to fete day.



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LAST ORDERS LADIES AND GENTLEMAN!



Responsible drinking, surely that isn't something which needs to be highlighted to the over 50's? Well, did you know that those aged 45-64 are the most likely to drink, while those aged 16-24 are the least likely to drink? With more and more

people drinking alcohol in the comfort of their own homes rather than going out to public houses, measures may be misjudged or units not accounted for. This is why Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland are pleased to be working in partnership with Turning Point to deliver the Last Orders Project.

The Last Orders Project has now been presenting workshops to groups of people for over 2 years. The informal approach and fun props makes the topic light hearted yet educational. After all, who wouldn't smile at their friends wearing beer goggles?! The aim of the session is always to highlight units and safe drinking. The quiz gives some surprising facts and statistics, sparking a variety of conversations. People reminisce about holidays or celebrations when they may have had that one drink too many!

There are often people present at the workshops who are or have been affected by alcohol at some point in their lives. At the end of each session there is information on display about support services for the individual who is affected as well as their loved ones. We are also able to have confidential discussions with people either over the telephone or through a face to face meeting in order to signpost towards the support which they need.

If you are planning a health event or would like to arrange a Last Orders workshop for your group, please do not hesitate to me

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SHARNFORD AND THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO

Did Sharnford have anyone present at the battle of Waterloo? The schoolboy in me decided it was time to do some research. This battle which took place on Sunday 18th June 1815, in present day Belgium, between the Duke of Wellington's Anglo-allied force and the French army of Napoleon Bonaparte. It was to be the last of 23 years of successive battles which swept across Europe, and once and for all saw the end to Bonaparte who was to be exiled to the isle of St. Helena.

My research led me to bring Sharnford's 'olde' soldiers back to life, a lost world where Leicestershire young men spoke in their own village dialects that left the recruiting sergeants scratching their heads. To the left of both pages is a sampling of Leicestershire villages from where the young men took the King's shilling for George III (1760-1820) was on the throne. See how you fare with unscrambling the village names – they are but a few I have taken from the recruiting attestation books between the years 1755-1820. If you consider that 200 years ago very few people in their entire lives travelled more than twenty miles from their home village, and so developed a strong dialect which differed from village to village. Couple this dialect with a recruitment sergeant's phonetic spelling it produced some splendid malapropisms. Have fun.

Sharnford can lay claim to only having one man present at Waterloo. The 1861 census for the village reveals that a **John Forryan**, pensioner of the Grenadier Guards. Checking the Out-Chelsea pensioner records we find**Jns. Fooryan**, (sic.) Sergeant, 3rd. Battalion Grenadier, 1st Regiment of Foot Guards. War office document WO116/59 tells us that **John Forryan** was a Waterloo veteran serving with the Grenadier Guards – Sergeant Armourer – served a total of 43 yrs. 5 months. Received 2s.9d. per day in pension and retired 9th December 1851 to Sharnford.

John was 35 yrs. old when he fought at Waterloo and we know from the 3rd. battalions service record that there was 29 officers and 818 men present on that fateful day 18th. June 1815. The 3rd. Battalion actually fought two battles in three days – a fierce encounter on the 16th. June at Quatre Bras as well as Waterloo. The two battles produced heavy casualties within the battalion

Balston
Stoke Inkles
Crashall
Kegith
Linnett
Elbot Sorrel
Notherboughton
Longwater
Womandun
Lufburgh
Siston
Thulston
Trigby
Hodstead
Hipstock
Lovenham
Grinson
Rosby
Crowson
Milton Monbury
Showell
Roddy
Stinkly
Keen
Narbury
Button Overy
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Sepcoat
Swetland
Thrinkstom
Clickwarden
Bloffaby
Floungoton
Weston Steeples
Costen Wild
Mockingson
Marlboro Weslang
Wixley

John Forryan died 19 Jan: 1862 and was buried in St. Helen's churchyard 23 Jan: 1862 aged 82 yrs.

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Right.....the Waterloo medal as given to the veterans – faces and reverse shown. The name of the recipient of the medal was engraved on the edge. Looking at the surrounding villages I was



able to locate other Waterloo veterans with Cosby **providing** (1) – **Jno. Bingley**; Croft (1) – **Jno. Morton**; Stoney Stanton (1) – **Thos. Holmes**; Sapcote (1) **Thos. Bray**; Claybrooke (1) – **Josh. Scotton**. Hinckley provided the largest contingent (7) **Wm. Cully**; **Wm. Beale**; **Stephen Brookes**; **Michl. Goldsby**; **Wm. Woodward**; **Nathl. Smith** and **Jno. Lower**. We do have three interesting Sharnford young men that served in the Wars although unfortunately not present at Waterloo - **John Callington** ; **Richard Bailess** or **Baileys** and **Joseph Carter**.

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John Callington of Sharnford took up residency at the home of the Chelsea Pensioners (that cared for invalided and infirm destitute old soldiers) when he was 37 yrs. old – 11th Nov: 1817. His army service life spanned 12 yrs. 10 months during which time he received a severe wound described as ‘wounded thro the breast’. Probably he was of small stature for he served in the 31st. Light infantry - a fast moving, always to the front, skirmishing and softening up the enemy prior to a general engagement. His regiment was present through the Portuguese and the Spanish Peninsular **campaigns** from 1808 to 1814, mostly under the command of the Duke of Wellington. **John Callington’s** early life is something of an enigma for we know little of his past. We know that he **was** born about 1780, a framework knitter, and was buried at Sharnford 17th July: 1859 aged 78 yrs.

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Joseph Carter was yet another Peninsular veteran – who was also to become a Chelsea Pensioner. Christened at St. Helens 27 Apr: 1778 , he was the second eldest child of five to Thomas and Mary Carter. By profession a woolcomber, he finishing his military service in 1815 with the 31st. Buckinghamshire Regiment after serving 13 yrs. and 5 mths. His record shows that he was to become unfortunately '*blind from Ophthalmia*' – all his travails and misfortunes for a pension of the princely sum of 1/3d. (6½p.) per day.

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Another occupant of the Chelsea Pensioner's home was Sharnford born Richard Bailess or Baileys. His date of residency at the home 1 June: 1807 when he was 56 yrs. of age. Prior to service in the 19th. Dragoons, in Sharnford he was a ribbon weaver. The 19th Dragoons served exclusively in (then) British India until 1806. He served 28 yrs. in India. After his admission to the home, on his record it simply states '*worn out*'.

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Sharnford would have been a prime location for recruitment being on a busy major turnpike between Leicester and Coventry. With the Bluebell and the Star pubs facing each other across the street – an ideal spot for the recruiting sergeant to set up shop. It wasn't as difficult to get enlisted as you may think – for recruiting parties scoured the county constantly – the party getting a bounty for any enlistment they made. And they were not overly fussy about who they took. In Sept: 1790 they took Richard Julius Caesar Hutchins of Leicester who was just 10 yrs. old.

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The four young men shown below from Sharnford enlisted in the Royal Marines. They give me some of the earliest recorded young men from the village that joined the services that I can find. Luke Marvin, gardener, enlisted 4 Dec: 1766 age 19 yrs. Luke was the 7th. child of 11 children of Wm. & Anne Marvin. John Johnson, butcher, enlisted 20 May: 1780 age 34 yrs. John Smith, carpenter, enlisted 3 Dec: 1782 age 17 yrs. John IIs(t)on, framework knitter, enlisted 3 Dec: 1812 age 17 yrs. The IIs(t)on family appear regularly in the parish

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Overseer of the Poor book receiving small cash payments beginning 1807. John was the 3rd. child born to John Illston & Mary Murby.

....oOo....

In the course of my searches I came across this interesting old soldier. John Atkins of Ullesthorpe, participated in the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion (in which Bonnie Prince Charlie laid claim to the English throne). He was a soldier in Lord Fielding's company in the volunteer regiment of Lord Bedford. In later life, of John Atkins it was written..... *'has been employed in the useful occupation of preparing, and vending at the different market-towns in this neighbourhood, a never failing mixture for the destruction of rats'*.

....oOo....

Another of interest from the 1861 census we read Thomas Johnson, a 'discharged soldier', of Sharnford. He is a boarder at George & Mary Hanes Sharnford grocery shop at the time of the census. Lastly..... The oldest mentioning of a Sharnford man who did military service was Edward Gilberte. The parish records read *'Edward Gilbert was pressed & wente to serve the Kinge for the towne of Sherneforde the 12th. Day of December 1624. By me Alan Washington, rector ibidem'*. Note the word pressed!

**How did you fare with unscrambling the Leicestershire village names?
My favourite undoubtedly was Stinkly.**

**Score 0-10 Rubbish; 11 and above definitely a
Mensa I.Q!!!**

Children quiz answers

1. September, April, June and November (4), 2. Downing Street, 3. Florence Nightingale, 4. Woody, 5. Ancient Egypt, 6. Pisa, 7. Big Ben, 8. 1000, 9. Honey, 10. Humpty Dumpty, 11. Hogwarts, 12. Australia.

Adult quiz answers

1. John Little, 2. Macarena, 3. Screech!, 4. Denzel Washington, 5. Carbon dioxide, 6. Harry S. Truman, 7. Mickey Dolenz, 8. Metropolis, 9. Charles Atlas, 10. She died, 11. Fidel Castro, 12 Greta Garbo



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security of glass. One of the cheapest and most effective I have found is anti-shatter film. This sticks to the glass and instead of shattering the



glass with one hit it sticks it together making it a lot harder

to break and gain entry and is something definitely worth looking in to.

PCSO Mike Walker - Fosse Villages Beat Team

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SHARNFORD SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

What a great response we had this year with over 50 prizes in our annual raffle, many of these came from local businesses and individuals.

Special thanks goes to Next of Enderby who provided four exceptional gift bags crammed full of goodies, these were well received by the lucky prize winners.

Local supermarkets Asda, the Co-op, Morrisons, Tesco and Waitrose all provided prizes; Asda at Hinckley produced a huge box jokingly suggesting it was full of mince pies! Fortunately it wasn't, as these had already been purchased, it was filled with a variety of goods which made up other prizes.



A few of the generous prizes donated to our raffle

Ticket sales went well and we sold out very early and we had to print some extra ad-hoc ones. The prize draw itself was split between the two village public houses. We had quite a few cash donations this year and I would like to thank all those people who supported us with a donation, these donations will be used to purchase prizes for our next event in December 2019. Many thank you cards were received from recipients of the festive food bags, most commented on how tasty the chickens were, these were purchased from Crowhill Butchers of Nuneaton. We distributed 120 plus festive food bags, this wouldn't have been possible without the well organised distribution team and a special thanks goes to them, most of the bags had been delivered by mid-day. A great result for all those connected with the Sharnford Sick and Divided Fund - thank you again.

Jack Feast - Sharnford S & D Fund



Sharnford Village Show

We look forward to seeing you at The Plant Sale.

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ST. HELEN'S LADIES GROUP

2018 proved to be another good year for the group. We had some very interesting speakers with a variety of subjects. Water mills of Leicestershire by Susan Tebby, Heather Jacks, winner of the Great British Sewing Bee, Ken Reeves with some lovely slides of birds and wildlife in Norfolk and Paul Thompson, suitably dressed as Guy Fawkes, on the Gunpowder Plot and Tony Donovan of Age UK on the work of this charity.


Over 600 little hats knitted by members were given to him to help with their fundraising. 25p from each Innocent Smoothie bottle with a hat sold goes to this charity. We are continuing to support Age UK in 2019 and making Twiddle Muffs for patients with Dementia, blankets for premature babies, Hinckley Food Bank and the Alzheimer's Society.

We have had a games evening, quizzes, a trip to the Concordia Theatre backstage, a superb afternoon tea and a lovely evening meal at Stanton Lakes restaurant, a pudding evening (always enjoyed!). 2018 ended with the group being entertained by "Fourplay", ladies originally from the Rockpellas group, at our December social.

Looking forward to 2019, in March we have a talk on the Stoneywell National Trust property and in April a pudding tasting and games evening

As is usual the meetings are held in the Evergreen Hall on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30p.m. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings at a cost of £4.00 to include coffee and raffle. Further details can be found in the Sharnford News and by contacting our leader Mrs. Pat Jordan, Tel. 272229

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Please note that the deadline for articles in the next issue of Sharnford News is the 22nd May 2019

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ST HELEN'S CHURCH

The time around Christmas was a busy period for St Helen's. On the 2nd December we welcomed Jessie Burbage at her Baptism. Jessie also

played Jesus in our Christingle service, with mum and dad playing Mary and Joseph

We enjoyed the usual Christmas services and joined with our friends at The Methodist Chapel for their carol service. St Mary's at Wigston Parva also held their carol service

At The Christingle, it was a joy to see over 90 adults and children sharing the Christingle message. All money collected at this service is sent to The Children's Society to help in their very important work with disadvantaged children

Our services to Easter are:-

Mothering Sunday – 31st March. Family Services with Flowers

Easter Sunday – Family Holy Communion 9.15 am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the church grounds. We look forward to seeing you.

Rosemarie



SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW

A belated thank you to everyone who supported us in 2018. Thank you to those who donated raffle prizes, The Garage, The Sharnford Arms, The Bricklayers and Sapcote/Sharnford Garden Centre and apologies to anyone I have forgotten. Thank you to Sharnford Lodge for sponsoring the £25 best in show prize. Thank-you to everyone who bought plants entered the show, or who just turned up and supported the Show.

The plant sale will be on Saturday the 18th May at the Evergreen Hall. There will be loads of plants on sale, bedding plants, perennials and vegetable plants. Grow your own fresh veg, if we do not get a good Brexit deal you might have to. A hark back to WW2 and dig for victory. Just the right time to buy, as the risk of late frosts recede. For those of you without green fingers just come down for one of the famous Evergreen bacon butties.

The Show will be on Saturday 14th September. The schedules for the September Show will be available from the Plant sale. Please support us, the prices are competitive and the quality is first rate. Profits are recycled into Village causes. We have funds available, which we would love to use to help with village projects. So if you are a local group needing funding for a project please contact us so can see if we can help. We look forward to seeing you at the plant sale.

Tony Curtis

SHARNFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY	ARTS AND CRAFT CLUB 7pm – 9pm	Come along and bring your own craft project to work on.	Gabrielle Bryan 01455 631026
TUESDAY	PILATES FOR RIDERS 7pm – 8pm & 8pm – 9pm	Solely for horse riders	Joanna Smith Joanna.smith@me.com
WEDNESDAY	OVER 55'S YOUTH CLUB 10am – 12.30pm PILATES FOR RIDERS 7pm -8pm 8pm – 9pm	Join us for table tennis, indoor bowls, darts or just come along to meet up with friends and have a coffee and a chat Solely for horse riders	Derek Gibbons 01455 272401 Joanna Smith Joanna.smith@me.com
THURSDAY	YOGA 10am – 11am PILATES FOR ALL 1.45pm – 2.45pm ZUMBA 7pm – 8pm	Open to all. Come along to develop mind, body and spirit Working on core strength and flexibility. Open to all ages and abilities. Combining Latin and international music with dance moves. Great way to keep fit	Adele 07837 927227 yogawithadele@live.co.uk Joanna Smith Joanna.smith@me.com Nikki Peach 07732 730832 Nikkis.chores@gmail.com
FRIDAY	BOOGIE BOUNCE 7.00pm – 8pm		

Julie Edge Chair Sharnford Youth & Community Centre

SHARNFORD LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP



This term we have introduced Mindfulness and Relaxation. We are learning to listen to our breathing and relax. The children have really taken to this and I'm sure will be showing you at home what we do. Didi-Rugby continues to be a favorite on alternate Friday's. The children are picking up skills nicely and have learned to follow their routines.

With the spell of cold weather we are having we have been looking at the effects of frost and ice on our plants and outdoor area. We have been freezing things in ice and seeing how long they take to melt and guessing which one will melt first.

Thank you for attending our parent forums and stay and play dates. We really enjoy your company. Don't forget to check our newsletters for our next dates of Bring your Parents to playgroup days. We have lots of fun activities lined up for you! Finally, Congratulations are in order for Laura and Alison. Laura has passed her level 5 Leadership and Management Qualification and Alison has gained a First in her SEND qualification and starts her Master's Degree at Derby University shortly.

Alison, Laura, Clare, Nat and Nikki

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 does sometimes change to fit in with School or Bank Holidays. Our 2019 dates are overleaf.

2019 Dates

Starred Dates are during the Summer Holiday. Please check that we are meeting.

March	11 th	25 th	
April	8 th	29 th	3 weekgap
May	13 th		3 weekgap
June	3 rd	17 th	
July	1 st	15 ^{th*}	29 ^{th*}
August	12 ^{th*}		
September	2 nd	16 th	30 th 3 weekgap
October	21 st		
November	4 th	18 th	
December	2 nd	16 th	

If you would like to contact someone, please call Gabrielle Bryan on 01455 631026, or email gab.h.bryan@googlemail.com.

YOUTH CLUB

It is with great regret that the Youth Club Committee has had to make the decision that the Friday night youth club will no longer be able to run. Over the last 12 months Youth Leicestershire has laid down the requirements that each volunteer needs to adhere to by law. Training and checks have been carried out on a small number of the original group of volunteers but unfortunately not enough people came forward.

The committee is obviously very disappointed after all the work, time and effort funding the building of the Youth Club a few years back, but without a reliable group of volunteers committing on a rota basis, it just isn't viable to run any longer.

Thank you for everyone who was involved over the years. We are very grateful for the time and effort you put in.

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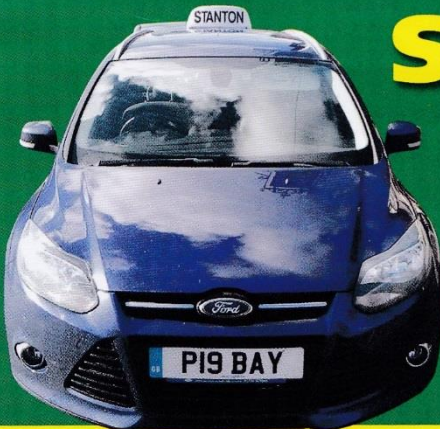
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Parish Council Clerk/	Mike Shirley 07539 994707 info@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	
Village website	www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	
Blaby District Clrs	Sheila Scott 272450, Iain Hewson 273957 & Deanne Woods	
Police	Call 101	For NON emergency
Doctors-Broughton Astley	282599	Evergreen Hall Thurs 12 - 13:30
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Sharnford Primary School	Mrs K Allsopp, Head teacher 272456 & 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	Facebook page 'Sharnford Bumps, Babies and Toddler Group'	Tues 9.00 - 10.30 Evergreen Hall - Term time only
Craft Group	Gabrielle Bryan 631026	Comm Centre Mon(fortnightly) 19.30 - 21.30
Evergreen Club	Jean Dale 274772	Wednesdays twice monthly
Environment Group	Naomi Allen, secretary naomiallen38@gmail.com, 07930232648	Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Evergreen Hall
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	
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Sharnford Village Show	Tony Curtis 272532	
Sharnford Ladies Group	Wendy Kendall 273889	1 st Wednesday of month
Youth Club / Community Centre	Julie Edge 271321	Fridays 18.30 - 20.00