

SHARNFORD NEWS

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SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW – OUR 10th YEAR

This is the 10th year of the show, hard to believe. This year it will be on Saturday 14th September and as usual held at The Evergreen Hall. Further details

are included with our advert on page 26 however this year we have included categories from our first ever show. Every year we say that it has been a funny old season for growing; this is what we wrote a few years ago, “*mild winter, a dull spring, floods, droughts, the only thing we have missed out on so far is a plague of locusts*”. So after last year’s long hot summer it has reverted to, good old British weather.

Every house had a schedule delivered back in May, if you are on our mailing list a copy has been emailed to you. If you have lost yours one is available from the Post Office or contact Tony Curtis on 272532 and he will get a copy to you. If you are new to the village or haven’t entered for a while, come along and join us. It’s all a bit of fun with a friendly atmosphere.

There is a produce auction at the end with some bargain produce to have. Next a big thank you to everyone who helps make the May Plant Sale a success. This is either by helping or by attending or by providing growing space for the plants.

The Sharnford Village Show continues to look for village projects to support. Our last major donations have been contributions towards the War Memorial restoration and a bowls mat for the Seniors’ Youth Club’. If you have a project or major expense for something which will benefit the village please come forward to discuss. We will need to see a costing plan and to know if you will also be raising funds from other sources.

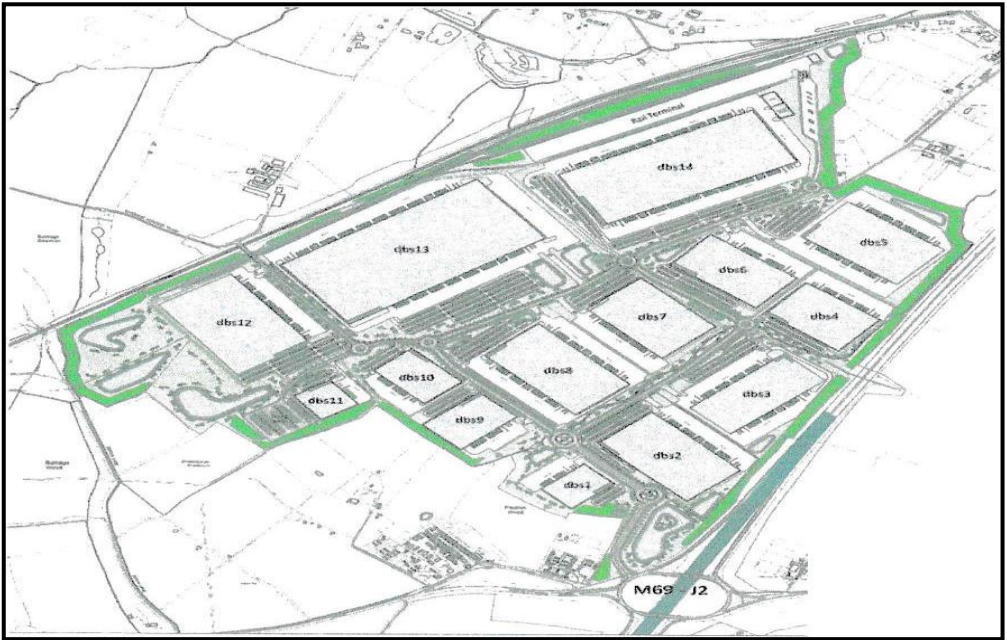
A final reminder: If you want to be sure of entering, get your entry form in by **Wednesday 11th September**. Late entries and additions will be accepted on the day subject to space. You do not need to pay until the day.

HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE (HNRFI)

Sharnford to help Sapcote Parish Council fight to stop the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange. We need your help!

Please read the following detailing the impact that the HNRFI will have on Sapcote, but it directly affects Sharnford with increased traffic volumes, noise, pollution, and parking. If you didn't attend the consultation displays it is not too late. Get educated on the potential catastrophe for our village and surrounding areas by reading the following.

Developer, db Symmetry is proposing to build a rail freight interchange on land between Burbage Common and the M69. This development will comprise 850,000 square metres of warehouses and will be partly located in Sapcote less than 1 mile from the western edge of the village.



- 13 x warehouses will be the largest structure in Leicestershire.
- 6 x warehouses will be the size of Sapcote playing fields.
- Floor space will be 850,000 square metres that is 10% bigger than Magna Park.
- These warehouses will be visible for miles.
- As the crow flies, the site is less than a mile from the Limes development.
- As the crow flies, one and a half miles from the Co-op.

What the Hinckley National Rail Freight Railway Interchange will mean for Sapcote and Sharnford. The interchange will:

- Operate 24 hours per day/365 days per year
- Dwarf Sapcote
- Bring light, noise and environmental pollution to all villages including Sharnford.
- Bring high levels of diesel exhaust pollution
- Bring more traffic and increased accident risk to the village centre
- Bring thousands more HGV's to our already busy roads.
- Vehicles parked on local roads, including B4114 & Aston Lane, for unloading slot
- Only bring in up to 10% of freight by rail, if any, the rest will be by road
- Create mainly minimum wage jobs which in time will become automated
- Force local wildlife out of their habitat
- Destroy our rural heritage forever
- Take up to 15 years to build and cause massive disruption to our villages
- Bring no economic value to the immediate area

How big is the Hinckley National Railway Freight Interchange?



This shows the size of the freight depot compared with the size of Sapcote. It will provide 850,000 square metres of floor space and that is bigger than Magna Park (771,000 sq. m) and it will be practically on your doorstep. It will be visible for miles and will ruin the Sapcote environment forever.

The rail freight interchange will dwarf Sapcote as shown on the diagram (left).

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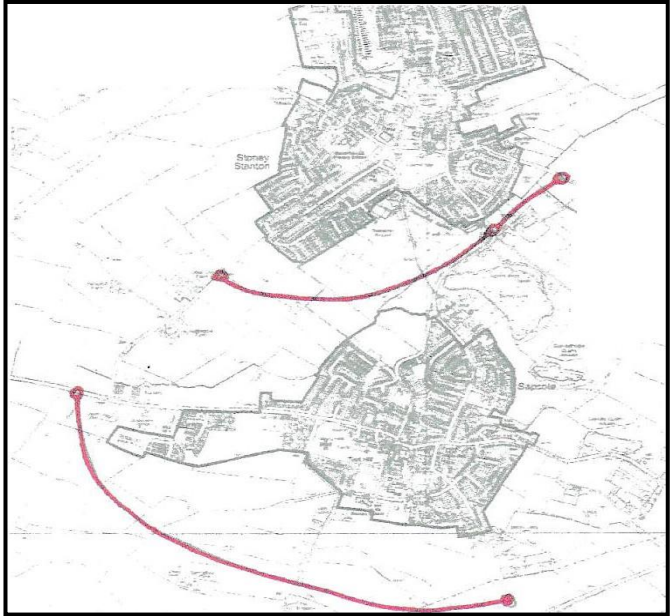
Clearly, the success of the rail freight interchange is dependent upon the opening of the south facing slips at junction 2 of the M69. This again will throw even more traffic onto the roads of our villages so the developer is required to draw up highway arrangements which will reduce the impact of the additional traffic.

The options for alternative highway arrangements recommended for Sapcote and Stoney Stanton are shown on the attached plan. While only one will be implemented, both options blight even more open countryside and raise more questions than they answer.

They clearly fail to address what happens to the additional traffic once it leaves the new proposed by-passes. These proposals appear to have been drawn up in total ignorance of the massive congestion that occurs daily on the B4114 and the B581, both leading to Sutton Elms crossroads. They are also silent on how any by-pass will be funded.

In the early 1970's the then Ministry of Transport refused to allow the opening of the south facing slip roads because local villages would be unable to cope with the traffic. Given the increase in traffic in the interim, this stance is even more relevant today but does not seem to concern either the developer or the County Council who are both promoting the opening of these slip roads. It has been estimated that the opening of these slip roads will raise the present daily use of junction 2 from 17,000 to an estimated 50,000.

The HNRFI has capacity for over 1,000 articulated trucks and 5,000 cars. The work force will be 8,400. In its promotional material, the developer has made great play of the fact that the HNRFI is within four hours driving time of eighty percent of the country. This, together with the limited capacity on the rail network, clearly indicates that what is proposed at this location is a road freight operation with a LIMITED rail freight service, IF ANY. This also supports the suspicion that the rail freight aspect of the planning application is a cynical device to get the application elevated to one of national significance to avoid the scrutiny of the local planning processes, unfortunately it has worked.



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To be an effective rail facility, and in the interest of minimising vehicle exhaust pollution, the HNRFI should under no circumstances be allowed to become a long-haul road facility. This would be highly damaging to the environment and for the health of local communities and be in direct conflict with government policy of long-haul rail/short haul road freight movements.

Does the proposed Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange stack up?

The proposed location of the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) will not only have very serious negative effects on the surrounding road network, it will also have major implications for the surrounding railway routes. In the last few years there has been major investment in local railways to accommodate large containers and freight vehicles as the route is a major link between a number of ports. Notwithstanding this, the line does impose considerable capacity constraints and restrictions on the HNRFI project.

Clearly, railway traffic is strictly regulated because only so many trains can operate at any one time, and with the routes through Leicestershire already being heavily trafficked, it is difficult to see where the additional capacity to service the HNRFI will come from, indeed additional traffic to the HNRFI is likely the plunge the line into an operational nightmare both for freight and passenger services because of the complexities of operating additional freight trains and the necessity to cross both up and down Midland fast lines. Even more seriously, on parts of the rail system, there is no provision to side track slower trains.

It is worth noting that even if only 10% of the freight traffic is carried by rail, this will exceed the capacity of the train paths available for expanded Leicester to London and Coventry services through Wigston junctions let alone the potential new Croft aggregate and spoil traffic in connection with HS2.

All these shortcomings support our contention that this development is a road-based freight operation masquerading as a rail freight hub to elevate its status to one of national significance thereby avoiding the rigors of local planning scrutiny.

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But do we need a new rail (or indeed a road) freight interchange (RFI)

It is interesting to note that db Symmetry is promoting the Hinckley Rail Freight Interchange as being constructed to serve the automotive industry even though the automotive industry is situated in the West Midlands. Midland Connect* has recently announced plans to improve the railway line between Hinckley and Birmingham, and the West Midlands councils are actively looking to set aside brownfield sites near to the automotive factories for the development of their own rail interchanges. There is absolutely no reason to take the freight off the line at Burbage Common and drive it to Birmingham; it makes no sense at all.

Furthermore, the statistics do not support the Hinckley RFI. Birch Coppice RFI is 13 miles from the proposed HNRFI. DIRFT is 16 miles away and the East Midlands Gateway is 29 miles away. The first two of these sites are nowhere near capacity and the latter will be looking for business in the same market as the HNRFI. Some 36 miles away we have proposals for the Northampton RFI and Rail Central RFI. These proposed sites are on opposite sides of the M1 at Junction 15. In addition to the above, we have a 39 acre super hub for parcel firm DPD is under construction on the A5 near to its Junction I the M69, this is just 2 miles from DPD's Hub 4 and its International Gateway, both also on the AS at Sketchley and both of which opened in 2015. Then we have the Coventry Gateway distribution centre being constructed on the A46 which is 15 miles from the HNRFI and not forgetting Magna Park 8 miles east of the HNRFI which itself is being expanded. So why on earth do we need another freight depot?

The HNRFI is a speculative venture without any earmarked distribution companies signed up. The developer wants to build this massive distribution depot on your doorstep, and then try to attract customers. **This will blight Sapcote forever.**

*(Midlands Connect is a partnership of 22 local authorities and other organisations whose objective is determining the region's transport needs).

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The important bit: What can you do to help stop the Rail Freight Interchange

We have now had two informal consultation events, both of which were for the benefit of the developer, db Symmetry. The important formal consultation will be held later this year in Oct/Nov although the exact dates have yet to be confirmed. All households will be notified by letter of these dates at the time and advised of where to send comments. It is vitally important that you respond to this formal consultation if we are to have any chance of stopping this ill-conceived project. You can pick and choose the facts in this article as the basis of your objection. To be effective, letters must be sent by individuals rather than by petition.

It is also recommended that write to your MP Alberto Costa, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA as soon as possible and raise the issues highlighted in this article.

Sapcote Parish Council

Local MP update regarding HNRFI

- We sent surveys to almost 11,000 residents on the electoral roll in the villages of Aston Flamville, Croft, Elmesthorpe, Huncote, Potters Marston, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston and Wigston Parva, asking for their views on the proposals for the HNRFI.
- We received almost 2,000 back, a return rate of 18% - which is very good for a survey of this size.
- Our office will be writing back to all respondents at the end of next week to thank them for completing the survey, and to detail the next steps Alberto will be taking on their behalf.
- Our local MP Alberto Costa will use the survey results to inform his own opposition to the proposals, and will also use the findings to make representations to the relevant Secretary of State who will ultimately be making the final decision on the development.

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN VILLAGE HALL



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

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- Alberto will be hoping to hold a debate in the near future in Parliament on the HNRFI proposals in order to ensure that constituents are being heard at the very highest levels of Government.

Alberto Costa said, *'I have been delighted with the very large response to my recent survey, which asked constituents for their views on the proposals for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) proposed to be built to the south of Elmesthorpe. I am immensely grateful to the almost 2,000 constituents who took the time to complete the survey. I will soon be writing*

to all respondents with the survey's findings, and to inform them of the next steps I will be taking to fully oppose this development on their behalf. Once Parliament returns at the beginning of September, I will be seeking a debate on this matter in the House of Commons to ensure the views and opinions of my constituents are heard at the very highest level. My thanks again to the people of Sharnford for completing my survey, and my thanks to your brilliant District and County Councillors - Cllr Sheila Scott, Cllr Maggie Wright and Cllr Iain Hewson – for their assistance in helping to prepare this survey and in always standing up for local residents?'

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WHISPERS FROM SHARNFORD & BEYOND

Fancy. Do you ever wonder just what got tongues a-wagging in our village two hundred years ago? Let us return to the years 1806 to 1809 and read of the gossipy news that was currently doing the rounds. Without the aid of television to dull the brain – conversation back then was wonderfully rich and intense - a whiff of scandal here and there- with the occasional old broadside (newspaper) which was passed hand to hand giving the news of a wider world – landlady Martha Harrison since 1793 of the old Star who also did her bit with the perpetuation off all that was currently abroad. Sharnford was so very different from today on account that its people were so closeted – few people could leave the village for back then the majority of village people were employed by other villagers as domestic servants or farm labourers. Perhaps the only people with any freedom of movement were the framework knitters who were self- employed in their own cottage industry.

News of what was gossipy often reached the ears of the schoolmaster of Sapcote, William Spencer. He wrote between 1790 - 1814 numerous letters to the Squire of Sapcote, John Frewen Turner of Cold Overton Hall, on estate matters. Often these letters contained little jewels of Sharnford news and gossip, and that when collectively put together, provides today a wonderful and unique insight of their time.

As William Spencer quaintly puts it to Squire Turner ‘I think it is my Duty to inform you of what is passing. God forbid I should be the means of injuring anyone’.

William Spencer’s actual wording and spelling is spoken in parenthesis.....

Feb 21st 1808: ‘Sharnford church is quite full, Mr Cotman is becoming popular among the dissenters (**dissenters meaning a nonconformist – a person who refuses to conform to the established Anglican church**).....’he encourages the singing of Hymns, and that I believe the best if not the only way of filling a Church....He has twice borrowed my collection of Hymns to copy from for the use of his congregation’.

June 15th 1808: ‘I was eye-witness last Sunday to Mr Cotman’s large congregation. I believe every stall in the Church was full, and the Chancel was full too. He has drawn most of the Methodists to Church...’

July 12th 1808: “I was invited to drink Tea with Mr Cotman yesterday. Mr. Cotman is about to establish a musical society.’

July 25th 1809: ‘Mr. Cotman lately purchased 7 acres of Hay for keep for his mares.....he has asked me to survey the whole of the Glebe Land in Sharnford, and was delighted in showing me his Mares of which he now has ten, besides foals..’

Of horses....Nichols in his 1811 book Antiquities of Leicestershire writes of the horse population of Sharnford for the year 1810 to be 12 the number of teams, 18 saddle horses, 46 draught-horses. I presume that teams refer to those drawing



carriages, chaises etc. I can account for 29 landed yeomen and gentry in Sharnford for that year of whom I am sure were affluent enough to afford teams or saddle horses.

June 1st 1809: 'the Rev'd Mr. Cotman and his Lady have had a violent quarrel, which has caused much talk and various reports in this Neighbourhood. His Wife is said to be Jealous of the servant maid'.....'Mr.Cotman left his house and slept at Jarratts a night or two'.

The Rev. Joseph Cotman (right) was the incumbent rector of St. Helens Sharnford from 1799 to 1850. This little brouhaha shows that we are all human - but this incident would certainly have cast a penumbra over his ministry with the more pious of his congregation. Jarratt's mentioned above was the farm and home of yeoman Thomas Jarratt that bordered on St.Helens churchyard - who was also the village Constable. William Spencer became a close friend of Mr. Cotman and they often dined together.

Aug 7th 1809: 'I fear all is not right at Mr. Cotman's...'

Extracts part 2

A particularly virulent malady mysteriously appeared in the winter of 1806. It was not to discriminate amongst the young or the old, the rich or the poor. It was to last well over a year. What was true of Sapcote was applicable for Sharnford and other surrounded villages.

Nov 7th 1806: 'a Fever has appeared in the neighbourhood, and several of the younger inhabitants are afflicted by it.....'

Jan 30th 1806: 'Carter, the new tenant, died this morning of the Fever, and Nichols is much worse, he now keeps to his bed and it is feared he will not recover. A child of Chapmans is also dead of the Fever.....A child from Dunton in the Industry (*the House of Industry – the poor house*) and a child of Thos. Ellis's are both ill of the Fever and that their recovery is doubtful...'

Feb 13th 1807: 'I am unwell myself, and my eldest boy is very ill of the fever, he has taken no solid food this 4 days. Several others in the parish are ill....'

Feb 29th 1807: 'My little Boy is much better.....his complaint was similar to my unfortunate Girls, it lay chiefly in his mouth, his cheeks swelled, and all his teeth were loose, he could not eat and a Fever was strong upon him...

Extracts part 3

Naturally the weather was always, like today, a common topic of conversation.....

Feb 21st 1806: 'The late high Winds lifted the Lead up off the roof of the House of Industry, and took off 10 of the upper course of slates but it did much more Mischief in the Neighbourhood'.

The gale force winds destroyed thatching on people's homes too. Straw was high priced and practically unattainable due to being out of season . It brought great hardship to the poorer families who could not afford the straw.

Nov 11th 1807: 'We have had a very heavy rain....it is now a great flood...''

Feb: 13th 1808: 'We have had more snow this week, than I can remember; most of the Farmers were employed yesterday in digging their Sheep from under the drifts. The roads are totally impassable for carriages, and nearly so for horses....'

July 18th 1808: 'the heat was so intense of Wednesday last that several people round about us lost their lives. My thermometer in the parlour stood at 70 degrees but on removing it into the courtyard, it rose in less than two minutes to 124 degrees'.

Oct 21st 1808: 'the Comet I believe I can see in the position pointed out by the Leicester paper this week'.

Often referred to as Donati's Comet, the 1808 comet was of spectacular brilliance with an extraordinary tail. It was visible across most of the country and Ireland.

Extracts part 4

Some notable jottings and occurrences which merit a mention between the years 1806 and 1808.

Feb 1st 1806: 'more than 20 of our schoolchildren are ill this week of the measles'.

Feb 10th 1806: 'our country Guinea Bills are not payable in London...'

It seems that paper money was not valid against cash in the city.

Apr 6th 1806: 'Carter's Daughter that had cancer of the Breast is dead'.

Mar 1st 1807: 'The Sutton preacher opposes Parson Hinks with much vehemence and discharges his followers from having any connection with him. I consider the Sutton parson as a character nearly similar to Mr. Clark of Sharnford'.

Aug 22nd 1807: 'Dr. Delap.....who has arrived at the furthest end of the last stage of ale'.

Sept 12th 1807: 'The whole of the harvest is in ...and never was got in better order'.

May 30th 1808: 'I believe we have not less than a score of new retail shops in the parish, of which 9 or 10 are retailers of gingerbread and sweetmeats, 2 toy shops, a pot and china shop. Three clothiers' shops, a flour shop, 6 day schools, 2 Sunday schools &c &c who could have thought of all this some years ago.'

Sharnford's expansion of its retail trade must have been something akin to Sapcote above although written evidence is lacking at this time. In fact it would have been in a better position - for being astride and equi-distant between Leicester and Coventry - a busy road that would have constant passing trade. Sapcote was not so well positioned. The populations in 1811; Sharnford 394; Sapcote 692 (Pugh's History of Leicestershire).

Feb 16th 1809: 'there are 44 children belonging to the school at this time' and 'this very hard winter has proved the utility of the House of Industry (**poor house**) the whole Family in Sapcote House is now 51'.

It provided secure and refuge for the unfortunate, the poor in Sapcote's House of Industry on 27 Jan: 1809 totalled 48 of which 8 were men - 18 were women and 22 were children. There were 15 paying parishes whose poor would have had a place at Sapcote including Wigston Parva. Strangely, Sharnford from 1803 sent instead its poor to the Ullesthorpe House of Industry.

Mar 27th 1809: 'of thirteen Sapcote Lads that have been into Spain one only is killed, and 12 are returned to England'.

This refers to the Peninsular wars against Napoleon. The only positive identification of a participating soldier from Sharnford was John Callington . He was 'wounded thro the breast', returned home and died at Sharnford in 1859 at the remarkable age of 78.

Extracts part 5

Now for the juicy bits!

Apr 10th 1807: 'A report is very current now, that two young Methodist Girls are in the family way, and one of them by her Master, who is a Methodist and a married man...'

Aug 22nd 1807: 'says Mr.Ashmore's youngest Daughter is in the family way by the servant man, and she says her Mother may hold her tongue about it, for her Mother likes him as well as she does'.

Oct 12th 1807: 'it is reported that Mrs.Ashmore is nearly crazy on account of her Daughter marrying the servant man. Poor Mr.Ashmore feels a double portion of the effects of her frenzy...'

Nov 11th 1808: 'it is in everybody's mouth that Old John Messenger is the Father of the Child his servant maid is now pregnant of, and I hear to-day his Wife has left his house on account of it. She is a simple young Girl, and Niece to him...'

Dec 2nd 1808: 'I am sorry to confirm for truth what I reported of John Messenger in my last. That man is certainly is on the brink of ruin. His Niece has been sent into Northamptonshire....'

Well what a to-do. Luckily for us William Spencer was something of a fish-wife and left behind for us this wonderful legacy of gossipy news. It's a pity that I can only impart at this time for you excerpts of his letters between 1806 and 1809. Other years are no less interesting. Perhaps on another occasion in the near future

With special thanks to my good friend Keith Hextall of the Sapcote Heritage group , who without his help I could not have achieved this piece of work.

If you have any old photos or any Sharnford history stories that you would like us to investigate please email sharnfordnews@gmail.com

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A village choir group meets on Mondays at 6.45pm. Everyone welcome and no auditions are required! 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.

On Sunday 22nd September we will hold our harvest festival service at 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend. 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 September 7th : Historic Churches

Saturday October 5th : Send a Cow

Saturday November 2nd : Teams4u

Saturday December 7th : to be confirmed

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 10.00 – 12.00

September 10th, October 8th, November 12th and December 10th

SHARNFORD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2019

The Methodist Chapel is excited to be holding a Christmas tree festival during December this year. The church will be open during the weekends 7th / 8th and 14th / 15th of December and on Tuesday 10th December for visitors to enjoy the Christmas trees and other decorations. There will be a variety of refreshments on offer and a range of crafts and other items on sale.

More details will appear in the next issue of Sharnford News.

We are looking for individuals, village groups and businesses to participate by decorating a tree to go on display. Please contact me for details



Penny Ross 01455 272797.



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The refurbishments to the inside of the library building are complete. We now have a disability compliant toilet for our volunteers and library members and a fitted office / kitchen. It would be remiss not to give special mention to the Garfield Weston Foundation who funded the alterations. Together with the new windows, central heating and loft insulation, which were paid for by fund raising, our Business Friends and grants from Leicestershire County Council and Blaby District Council, the library is now a much more efficient and comfortable environment to work in and visit.

Please feel free to ask for a ‘conducted tour’ next time you visit the library.

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES’ & ‘STORIES & RHYMES under 5s’ SESSIONS

These are held on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am, during term time, with lots of singing and musical instruments. This session is excellent for the development of the children’s listening, language and reading skills and is great fun.

LUNCHTIME TALKS

May saw a return visit from Marianne Whiting who gave an amusing and very interesting talk titled – ‘My Obsession with Historical Fiction’ and in August we had a stimulating talk by Brian Negus on ‘Blind photography – sight loss needn’t stop you doing the things you love’.

Our next talk is on Wednesday, 27 November - John Martin – ‘Crime Round the World’. Talks begin at 12.30pm for one hour but come a few minutes early to collect your drink and delicious fresh scones. All inclusive for only £4.

COFFEE ZONE (a super way to start the week)

Our Monday morning 'Coffee Zone' is where refreshments including toasted teacakes and, most importantly, friendly companionship can be enjoyed. Tea, coffee and soft drinks are also available during all library opening times – just ask a volunteer.

MUSEUM DISPLAYS

The current display contains 13th & 14th century artefacts from Sapcote Castle which were discovered during excavations in 1969.

KNITTING GROUP

This is a very friendly group that meets on Mondays from 1.30pm – 3pm. If you or you know someone who would like to join please call Ann on 01455 273091.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This year's theme was 'Space Chase' to mark the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children of Sharnford who took part. Pictured are Nicholas, Anthony and Marcus proudly showing their certificates and gold medals. Anthony was the first to complete the challenge so a special 'Well Done' to Anthony.

Please support our **fund-raising RACE NIGHT at Sapcote Club on Saturday, 28th September**. Tickets are £8 including a Fish & Chip supper (£4 if supper not included).

Tickets are available from the library, from Sapcote Club or call Teresa on 07774 276488



Teresa Lee – Volunteer Co-ordinator

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SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

During this summer we have had quite a variety of weather but nothing affected any of our events. Our Bacon Buttie mornings continue to be very popular and since the last report we have held two. We greatly appreciate everyone's help and support on these occasions. Some of our committee members served teas at the Plant Sale on 18th May - it is good to be involved in this annual Village event. As ever we ran the cake stall at the Village Fete and the choice of baked goods for sale attracted lots of customers.

On 26th June members, committee and guests enjoyed a very nostalgic afternoon watching some of our old concerts. We intend to transfer more of them to DVD with improved sound quality and will hold another such afternoon.

On a sad note I have to report that one of our members, Jeannie Jackson, died on 21st July, following a long period of illness. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

The Club meets every two weeks on Wednesday afternoons for games or just a chat, followed by a high tea. Do come and join us if you are over 60 and live in the Village or surrounding area - you would be very welcome. In addition to the fortnightly meetings we have an afternoon tea in August, a fish and chip supper in September, an outing to the Concordia pantomime in January and, of course, the annual dinner in April. Our advert includes further details, or please just contact Jean Dale, Secretary, on 274772.

Carol Hunter – Chair

QUIZ - THINK YOU KNOW LEICESTERSHIRE! (answers p.25)

1. On which Leicestershire hill does a flag fly on which is portrayed a Wild Boar with rather large feet?
2. What is the old Barrow upon Soar rural district council now known as?
3. Quorn is one of two Leicestershire villages beginning with "Q" name the other.
4. Where did King Edward the 8th, when Prince of Wales, reputedly meet his wife for the first time?
5. Name the village lying on the most southerly tip of Leicestershire.
6. Which building is the administrative centre of Leicestershire County Council?
7. Which Leicester building served as the town hall prior to 1876?
8. It's a village in the Belvoir valley pronounced 'Nipton', how is it spelt?
9. On which river does the village of Asfordby stand?
10. What did a pastry cook and pork butcher produce which became a famous local food?
11. In local dialect what does 'maungering' mean?
12. Where in Leicestershire is the birthplace of the first English Bible?
13. What became known as the "Gondola of London"?
14. What date was the Battle of Bosworth Field?
15. The above battle was the last battle of which war?

SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On 9th June, at the village fete, the new playground was officially opened by Andy Cross of Brampton Valley Homes, who provided most of the funds under their S106 obligations. S106 is a section of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) which makes a proposed development acceptable in planning terms.

The development on the new road, Butlers Close, provided the Parish Council with the majority of the £58,045. This, together with Parish Council savings, gave sufficient funds to provide the new playgrounds on The Park and Poores Meadow.



On **Saturday 7th September** 2019 from 11.00 til 1PM fitness training will be provided. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for details.

In 1919, residents of Sharnford raised enough money to provide a war memorial, to be sited in the churchyard of St. Helen's Church. With the ravages of weather and traffic pollution the memorial needed to be refurbished, which took place in 2017. The rededication service took place on 28th May 2017.



I am now pleased to say that the endeavours of the ladies from St. Helens Church has come to fruition with the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport deciding to add Sharnford War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The memorial is now listed Grade II.

The lists are compiled by the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (Historic England) and approved by the Secretary of State. The following comments can be found at historicengland.org.uk: *The aftermath of the First World War saw the biggest single wave of public commemoration ever with tens of thousands of*

memorials erected across England, both as a result of the huge impact the loss of three quarters of a million British lives had on communities and the official policy of not repatriating the dead, which meant that the memorials provided the main focus of the grief felt at this great loss. One such memorial was raised at Sharnford as a permanent testament to the sacrifice made by the members of the local community who lost their lives in the First World War. The memorial was unveiled on 20 March 1920 by Major Griffiths DSO. The names of the fallen in the Second World War were added later. The memorial was cleaned and restored in 2017.'

The good news that we have received is overshadowed by the continuing vandalism at the cricket pavilion. The cricket ground is not owned by Sharnford Parish Council but by Sharnford Cricket Club, however, the Parish Council



are concerned by the damage, as are the many dog walkers who make comment when they pass close by, on their way to and from Fosse



Meadows. The Parish Council are keeping the owners informed. The condition of the pavilion reflects badly on our village. I hope the vandals do not live in Sharnford but have come from outside the parish.

This picture above shows happier times compared to the mindless vandalism to the right.

If you see anything suspicious phone the police, do not approach these troublemakers.

To end on a good note, the Parish Website <https://www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk> goes from strength to strength with over 3000 views in the last 3 months and new information being added frequently, such as the River Level link to Gov.uk.,

Trainline timetable, and changes to bus service timetables. The website is only as good as the information that is fed into it. I need you to let me know of any activities, meetings, group functions that are taking place. Look at the Latest News section and if it is not up to date then let me know what needs adding. If you have photos, both historic and current, then let me have a copy. If you have group Facebook pages then the link to them can be inserted. The website belongs to Sharnford residents, not just the Parish Council. Finally, your councillors and Parish Clerk contact details can be found on the website under 'About The Council'



Mike Shirley, Chairman, Sharnford Parish Council

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SHARNFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wow what a busy summer term we have had!

Holly Class have loved learning about dinosaurs, making them out of clay was their highlight!

Hazel Class have studied water wheels and animals that live in rivers.

Redwood class have been gardening, making sure that the school is looking amazing. KS2 have had 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies' take over their half term. It has been a superb production and

the feedback was amazing. Thank you to all parents and staff for everything contributed. We had the best area sports to date where a number of children made the finals and some even won their finals!

Years 6's have had their water sports days, transfer days and they made some money for the school with an enterprise scheme. Super job - we'll be sad to see them leave. Everyone is looking forward to a lovely summer break.

School Council



SHARNFORD EVERGREEN VILLAGE HALL

We held two successful Bacon Buttie mornings in June and August raising funds for the onward upkeep of the Hall. The next Buttie morning is on Saturday 28th September when we will be raising money for the MacMillan Cancer fund.

Alison who has ran the Little Explorers Group in the Hall for the past 11 years has now handed over the batten to Joy and Paula. We wish them great success in the future and would like to thank Alison for all her hard work in the hall and village over the last few years.

Rosemarie Simpson

SHARNFORD ANNUAL ROUNDERS MATCH

On the 18th August the annual Sharnford rounder's match took place for the 5th year on the village park. Like each year it is competed by Team RACHAEL and Team MARK. Each team consists of adults and children with around 25 people taking part this year.

The game was a tense affair with Team RACHAEL setting a total of 12 ½, leaving Team MARK needing 13 to win. It went down to the last hit with Team MARK needing 2 off the last bat, but with two people holding bases. CAUGHT!, leaving Team RACHAEL to take victory.

SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP (STAG)

If anyone wondered what had happened to the Average Speed Camera sign on the approach to Sharnford on Leicester Road then here is the answer. A car travelling towards Sharnford left the carriageway and collided with one of the two posts holding the sign. The car came to rest in the bushes. One post down and the sign twisted around. The car was soon moved and hopefully the driver was shaken but uninjured. Leicestershire County Council have been informed. We wait for the sign to be repaired with bated breath.



Coopers Close can be seen on the right where a unique solution to inconsiderate parking has been acted upon by the erection of a sign. Unfortunately, the Close is part of the public highway and residents cannot take it upon themselves to erect signs, according to Blaby District Council. The only section of the sign that is accurate is that it is a 'No Through Road'. It is not a 'Private Driveway' and it is not 'Residents Parking Only'. Blaby District Council are arranging for the sign to be removed.



Average Speed Cameras

Leicestershire County Council have reluctantly furnished STAG with the latest figures for the Speed Camera Trial in Sharnford. The following table is copied from the information received:

B4114 Leicester Road, Sharnford	Jan 2019	March 2019	May 2019	Total flow
Total Flow: 24 hours , 1 weeks period	59,316	65,867	69,206	194,389
“85 th %”	27.8	27.6	28.1	
Mean Speed (mph)	24.9	24.8	25.3	

The number of notices issued to date

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“the speed at or below which 85 per cent of all vehicles are observed to travel under free-flowing conditions past a monitored point.” This means that in May 2019, 85% of vehicles were travelling at 28mph in a 30mph speed zone. This means that the remaining 15% are above that figure.

What does Mean Speed mean?

The mean speed is calculated by the time a vehicle takes to travel between two points, in this case the cameras at either end of the village.

Conclusion: Because of the location of cameras at either end of the village you get more vehicles breaking the speed limit in a NE direction (A5 to Leicester) than in a SE

direction. Vehicles have to slow down to travel around the bends on Coventry Road. This means that the average figures submitted are meaningless. The only figures that matter are the penalty notice figures. If the cameras had been situated as recommended by STAG, at Coopers Close and The Bricklayers, the figures would have been far higher.

The traffic flow figures show that vehicles travelling through the village have increased by approx. half a million per year since the camera trial began. 3.5 million cars, vans, lorries, emitting carcinogenic polluting chemicals per year!!

Speed isn't the only cause of accidents. The driver of this car travelled down from Huddersfield and ended up on Aston Lane....in a ditch. He fell asleep at the wheel. Finally, STAG and the Parish Council would like to give thanks to Fraser Edge and the staff of The Bricklayers for their success in preventing drivers from parking on the pavement opposite the pub. WELL DONE!

STAG are always looking for new members.



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The Sharnford good neighbour scheme - seeking volunteer drivers

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As a volunteer driver, you would not have to commit on a regular basis, but agree to be on our list of potential drivers for any requests that come in - we request that scheme users give us as much notice as possible.

We know from our scheme users that this service is invaluable, when they really don't have any other option available to them, and they need to attend a vital GP or hospital appointment.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver/or would like to discuss this further please call the Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme dedicated phone number to speak with one of our Steering Group Members on **07502 615535**. Please note all our volunteers do need to have a DBS check, and have an identity badge, which can be arranged and funded via the Scheme.

And for anyone looking for support 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.

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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

We are a registered charity, and have all the necessary policy and procedures in place to ensure the health & safety of our volunteers and its users

Edwina Grant – Chair

Answers to quiz

1. Ambion Hill, King Richard III standard, 2. The Borough of Charnwood, 3. Queniborough, 4. Burrough Court, 5. Catthorpe, 6. County Hall, Glenfield, 7. The Guildhall, 8. Knipton, 9. The River Wreake, 10. Pork Pies, 11. Grumbling, 12. Lutterworth, John Wycliffe's translation, 13. The Hansom Cab, made in Hinckley, 14. 22nd August 1485, 15. The War of the Roses

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SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Our annual fete was held on Sunday 9th June this year. We were lucky enough to have another sunny day. The fete was opened by our local councillor Mrs Sheila Scott. She also presented the Jubilee Cup on behalf of the Parish Council. This year the cup was awarded to STAG (Sharnford Traffic Action Group) for their work on traffic issues in the village and particularly for getting the speed cameras put up in the village.

At the fete opening, we also had the opening of the new park equipment that had been installed on Park View. The equipment both in Park View and in Poors Meadow has been funded mainly from the s106 money that comes from the developers of the new properties in Sharnford. The playground was opened by Mr Andrew Cross from Brampton Valley Homes, the developer of the homes on Coventry Road.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the moon landings, the theme for the fete was all things "Space". This year saw the return of the kids Fancy Dress competition, so to fit in the theme of the fete, the fancy dress also had a space theme. We had 2 worthy winners – Sophie B and Finley H. Well done to them both.

"Take It From The Top" provided live music and in between their sets we had music provided by Andy on the PA system. We had a good turnout on the day with everyone enjoying the usual attractions. A big "Thank You" for everyone who donated items for the bottle stall, tombola and book and bric-a-brac stall. We couldn't run these stalls without your donations so they are really appreciated. Thank you to everyone who helped in the setting up, taking down, running of stalls and attractions. Also thank you to everyone who came to the fete and helped make it a success.

As always, we are in need of new helpers for next year so that we can continue to run many of the attractions. If you would like to help in any way, even in a small way, then please come to our AGM which will be held in January 2020 (the exact date will be published later in the year).

Sue Stanley (Tel: 273861) SGJC Secretary



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Equipment Demonstration

Poors Meadow Saturday 7th September

11am - 1pm.

Hopefully you will have noticed the new exercise equipment on Poors Meadow (The park between Bricklayers and Garage). A demonstration by a trainer and representative from supplier has been arranged to show equipment and answer any questions on how to use it. Each piece has several uses and these are also displayed through use of a related smart phone app (well worth while as a reminder as one piece of equipment has approximately 50 exercises), again instruction will be given on Saturday the 7th around the equipment. The demonstration will not take the full 2hrs but allows for flexibility to try and accommodate as many people as possible. Targeted at ages 14 to 100!



Some refreshments will be available, including bottled water but in the interest of reducing our use of single use plastics please bring your own water.

We look forward to seeing you at the park on the 7th.

If you have a Facebook profile and intend on attending please look for Sharnford Parish Council on Facebook, find this event and click on attending so we have a rough idea of numbers attending. No problem if not it will just help us if we have an idea of numbers.

SHARNFORD LADIES GROUP

Continuing our varied programme, in June Jane Arnold, dressed appropriately as a Roman lady, and entertained us with a demonstration of cooking Roman style during their occupation of the British Isles. In July, Mary Tyler gave an interesting and thought provoking talk about the work of Women's Aid in Leicester. August saw us taking a coach trip to Stoneleigh Abbey where, after coffee and cake, we enjoyed a guided tour of this lovely house before exploring the lovely grounds.

Looking ahead, we will be welcoming Alison Briggs on the 11th September with a talk on Mercy Ships. In October meeting will be a demonstration in the art of chocolate making by Tom Phillips. Ladies continue to support the Hinckley Food Bank, and are collecting unwanted jewellery and watches in aid of the Dementia Awareness scheme. We are also continuing to knit little hats for the Innocent smoothie bottles for the Age UK campaign. The Rainbows Hospice is celebrating 25 years and in support of this some of us are knitting or crocheting small flowers to be sold for 25p each; raising valuable funds for this very worthwhile cause.

The group usually meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30p.m 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.

Wendy Kendall Tel..273889 or Jean Ryan

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

**Open to anyone over 60 who lives in the village or surrounding area
ALL WELCOME**

Come and join us at The Hall in Sharnford - meetings are every two weeks on Wednesdays at 3 pm. High tea is enjoyed at each meeting after games. 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.

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Since our last news we joined in the Sharnford/Sapcote charity fun run where we organised a plant and cake stall. Over £500 was raised from the stall and sponsorship and this has been divided between Tear Fund, Cancer Research and the Parkinson's Society.



In July we held the School Leavers service in church and for the next school year, we welcome the new Executive Principal to the school. Emma Prokipcsuk starts her term with us on the 1st August

On the 2nd June, Rosa Ranaldi was baptised and on the 16th August, Ashley Tranter and Bethany Kerr were married. On the 1st August, we held the funeral of one of Sharnford's eldest residents, Cath Thomas. Cath was born in Sharnford in a cottage opposite the church and was a regular worshiper at St Helen's until her health deteriorated

Songs of Praise took place on the 18th August when Barbara Taylor of the Children's Society gave a presentation of the marvellous work they undertake on behalf of children

Looking forward to the next 3 months, we have a Confirmation Service at S Helen's on the 8th September at 4 pm which will be led by Bishop Robert. All welcome. The annual Ride and Stride charity cycle ride takes place on the 14th September. All sponsorship money goes to the Historical Churches Society and St Helen's to help with maintenance.

On the 28th September there is a joint Church and Chapel Harvest Supper at the Evergreen Hall and our Harvest Festival is on the 6th October. The service of Remembrance will be on Sunday 10th November at 10 am in the church and 10.45 am by the war memorial.

Rosemarie

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.

September	2 nd	16 th	30 th	<i>3 weekgap</i>
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.

OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB

The Over 60s Youth Club has had a very successful 2018/19 year, increasing numbers throughout. It is now very common to find up to 20 people every week thoroughly enjoying the activities, the chat and the coffee breaks. All village residents and their friends are welcome to attend – 10-12 on Wednesday mornings in the Youth & Community Centre – purely on a ‘drop-in’ basis. There is no ‘membership’, you don’t need to ‘join’ anything; you can come when you like.

A payment of £1.50 per session is all that is required and that has enabled us to contribute £1,000 towards the running costs of the premises this year. Activities are suspended for the whole of August each year but recommence on the first Wednesday in September.

If you are active and lively and want to revive your teenage memories.....we would be delighted to welcome you!

Derek Gibbons

SHARNFORD POST OFFICE

In the early hours of the 21st August ram raiders targeted the post office. The intruders used the car to smash the shop's front door. Leicestershire police have confirmed "officers were called at around 3.50am to a report of a burglary at the premises in Leicester road, burglars drove a vehicle into the front door of the property and after gaining entry made off in the vehicle." the safe, which was later found submerged in the river at nearby Kirkby Mallory, contained an undisclosed amount of cash.

Detective Constable Kerry Willden, who is leading the investigation, said: "Inquiries are being carried out to find those responsible and I would urge anyone who has any information to please get in touch. Perhaps you saw a vehicle in the area at the time which may be linked to this incident? or maybe you saw a vehicle leaving the scene at speed or saw which direction it went? Any information you may have no matter how insignificant it may seem could prove valuable to our investigation so please give us a call."

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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 60'S YOUTH CLUB 10am – 12.30pm	Join us for table tennis, indoor bowls, darts or just come along to meet up with friends and have a coffee and a chat	Derek Gibbons 01455 272401
	PILATES FOR RIDERS 7pm -8pm 8pm – 9pm	Solely for horse riders	Joanna Smith Joanna.smith@me.com
THURSDAY	YOGA 10am – 11am	Open to all. Come along to develop mind, body and spirit	Adele 07837 927227 yogawithadele@live.co.uk
	PILATES FOR ALL 1.45pm – 2.45pm	Working on core strength and flexibility. Open to all ages and abilities.	Joanna Smith Joanna.smith@me.com
	ZUMBA 7pm – 8pm	Combining Latin and international music with dance moves. Great way to keep fit	Chrissie Orr 07562 475446 Zumba.wtg@gmail.com
FRIDAY	BOOGIE BOUNCE 7.00pm – 8pm		

Julie Edge Chair Sharnford Youth & Community Centre

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	Location	Start	End
Sharnford	Halls Crescent	09.30	10.10
Sharnford	Evergreen Hall	10.15	10.45
Wigston Parva	Village Centre	14.35	14.50

Visits on the 4th Monday of each month - 0116 305 3619



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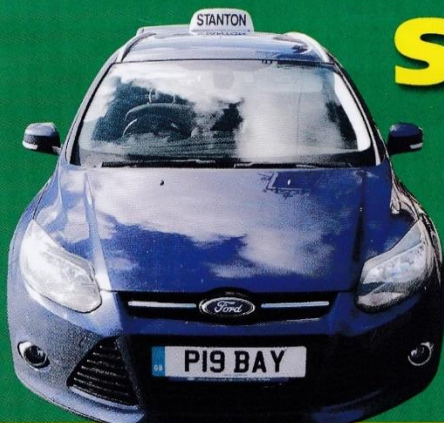
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SHARNFORD VILLAGE INFORMATION SHEET

Organisation	Contact	Details
Blaby District Cllrs.	Sheila Scott 272450, Iain Hewson 273957 & Deanne Woods 07530 319637	
Community Centre	Julie Edge 271321	
Craft Group	Gabrielle Bryan 631026	Comm Centre Mon(fortnightly) 19.30 - 21.30
Doctors-Broughton Astley	(01455) 282599	Evergreen Hall Thurs 12 - 13:30
Doctors-Burbage	(01455) 634879	Evergreen Hall Tues 11 - 12
Doctors-Stoney Stanton	(01455) 271442	
Environment Group	Naomi Allen, naomiallen38@gmail.com, 07930232648	Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Evergreen Hall
Evergreen Club	Jean Dale 274772	Wednesdays twice monthly
Evergreen Hall	Margaret Sanders 274038	
Flood Warden	Jack Feast 274678	
Golden Jubilee Fete	Sue Stanley 273861	
Good Neighbour Scheme	Direct Help Line 07502 615535	
Leics. County Councillor	Mrs M Wright 07815 450031 Mrs.M.A.Wright@leics.gov.uk	
Methodist Chapel	Local Pastor Anne Haddon 617692, Beryl Devenyi 273740	
Over 60's Youth Club	Derek Gibbons 272401	Community Centre Weds 10 - 12.30
Parish Council Chair	Mike Shirley 07539 994707 mike.shirley@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	Meetings held 3 rd Thursday at 19.30 Evergreen Hall
Parish Council Clerk	Tracey Avis 07754 684232 clerk@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	
Parish village website	www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	
Post Office	Eric and Gay Washbrook 272210	
St. Helen's Church	Rev Mick Norman 272215, Cynthia Oliver 272977	
Sharnford Ladies Group	Wendy Kendall 273889	1st Wednesday of month
Sharnford Pre-School	Paula and Joy 07925331497	Evergreen Hall
Sharnford Primary School	Mrs S Boyd-Hope, Acting Head teacher & Secretary 272456	
Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG)	Mike Shirley 07539 994707	Community Centre Mondays 19.30pm
Sharnford Village Show	Tony Curtis 272532	