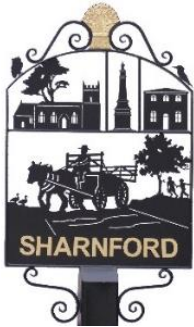


# SHARNFORD NEWS

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## SHARNFORD SINGING FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Back in September *The Leicester-Shire schools Music Service* were asked to provide the East Midlands Choir for this years Televised Children in Need programme for the East Midlands taking place on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.



Leicester-Shire Schools Music Service provides Sharnford School with singing and ukulele lessons. This invitation was accepted by 64 schools across Leicestershire of which 7 schools were selected.

Sharnford School (as a collective bid together with Ullesthorpe and Sapcote schools) were successful. So the three schools then selected pupils to represent each school for such an important event.

During the day of the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 the 6 pupils from Sharnford along with selected Sapcote and Ullesthorpe pupils attended the Mountsorrel Memorial building, along with pupils from Tugby, Newlands, Mountfield Lodge, Ravenhurst, St Josephs, and Mountsorrel schools, rehearsed the selected Children in Need song of "True Colours". The BBC presented the East Midland news from the Mountsorrel Memorial building and then during the actual BBC children in Need programme the song was performed. It was an amazing experience and although it was a very long day, it was great for our school to be part of something nationwide!



You can still donate to children in need here  
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## **SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE VILLAGE FETE**

We had another great fete back in June. The weather was kind to us again and the event was well supported by the village. All of the participating groups from the village each received £300. Sharnford Golden Jubilee Committee will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm in The Evergreen Hall.

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

Please can all of the groups who wish to be included in the share of any profits from the fete, please send a representative to this meeting. The meeting is also open to anyone else who wishes to help with the fete for 2020, If you have any ideas or just want to get involved, it would be great to see you.

***Sue Stanley (Tel: 273861) SGJC Secretary***

## **SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW**

Another year flashes by. The Show in September was well supported. Another difficult year for growing yet you overcame the wet weather somehow. We also had some great entries in the home produce and crafts including a stunning stained glass panel made by Rosemarie Simpson which won the prize for best in show. I cannot single out every entry but amongst the many great entries one which appealed to me was a stunning killer whale stuffed toy. A reminder now that we still have funds to distribute to village causes. So if you have any project for the benefit of the village please let us have your proposal for consideration. We are looking for projects to help financially.

It is with some reluctance that we have decided to discontinue our running of the plant sale. We have been running this every May since the Evergreen decided to stop about 9 years ago. We make a profit on the plant sale which we have been able to put to projects in the village. If there is a group out there who would like to take over and boost their funds let us know. We can offer help and advice to get you started. The Village Produce Show will be on Saturday 12th September 2020 so put the date on your calendar and more importantly please enter, it is just a bit of fun and it helps raise funds for village.

A big thank you to everyone who entered this year came along to support or helped make it all happen. A thank you also to the Bricklayers, Sapcote Garden Centre, Sharnford Arms, Sharnford Garage and others for the lovely raffle prizes and to Sharnford Lodge for sponsoring the Best in Show prize. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

***Tony Curtis and the team.***

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We have All Age Worship on Sundays, starting at 10am and all are welcome. Please see the church notice board for details of the services.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month 10.30 – 11.00am. Our Harvest Festival was well supported. The harvest offering and a coffee morning enabled us to send a donation to the charity Send a Cow. We were delighted to welcome staff and children from the school to hold their harvest service in the church. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our traditional carol service at 3pm. everyone is welcome to attend.

**Tuesday Coffee and Cake**

Drinks, delicious cakes, a craft stall, chat and laughter continue to be enjoyed by all. Quite a few people have been buying extra slices of cake to take home! Come along and enjoy chatting with friends old and new. Bring your children or grandchildren along too.

December 10 <sup>th</sup> (10am-3pm)	January 14 <sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 12.00	February 11 <sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 12.00	March 10 <sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 12.00	April 7 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>Date change due to Easter</i> ) 10.00 – 12.00
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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 and money raised for good causes.

Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Tree Festival (10am-3pm)

Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup> : No coffee morning

Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> : Hope for Cancer (Leicestershire)

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> : Fair-trade (Joint at the Evergreen Hall)

### **Teams4U**

We have been busy putting together shoeboxes full of gifts for our new shoebox charity, Teams4U. The filled boxes will be distributed to deprived children in Eastern Europe. As well as boxes for children, we were able to fill some home boxes with useful and decorative items that will be presented, primarily, to the lady of the house.

We have already starting preparations for next year's boxes. We need lots of empty shoeboxes so we will be delighted if you can recycle yours by passing them on to us.

### **Sharnford Christmas Tree Festival 2019**

Our Christmas tree festival during December this year will see the church decorated with lots of trees provided by village groups, businesses and individuals and will look beautiful, reflecting the joy of the Christmas season. The trees have a variety of themes from "An Equine Christmas" through "A Christmas Garden" to more traditional themes such as the School's tree on the theme "Be an Angel"!

The church will be open Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of December between 10am-3pm for visitors to enjoy the Christmas decorations. There will be a variety of refreshments on offer, tombola and a range of crafts, seasonal foods and other items on sale. See the poster elsewhere in the Sharnford News for more details.

### **Our Building**

The church has recently had a detailed structural inspection. The building itself is sound but there are repairs that need to be carried out in three phases over the next ten years. The building is grade 2 listed so some of the works, replacement of the windows, for example, will be costly to carry out to the required specification. We will be hoping to get some grants towards the work, but we will also need to do a large amount of fundraising as our contribution to the cost. This will begin with the Christmas Tree Festival where there is no charge to visit but we will be inviting visitors to donate towards the repair fund. We will be delighted if you can support us with a small contribution. After all - "every little helps"!

**Wishing you and your family Peace and Joy at Christmas.**

***Penny Ross 01455 272797***



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Free tuition for those who want to learn French, help with French homework or need a little extra support for upcoming exams.

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## New Museum Display

'Winter Lights' – the new library display provided by Leicestershire County Council Museum Service. The picture to the right gives an example of the new display. Have you any unique items you could add or any stories to benefit the display.



## Opening Times

	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am – 12.30pm</b> <i>Including Coffee Morning from 10am</i>	<b>CLOSED</b> <i>Knitting Group 1.30pm – 3pm</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10am – 12 noon</b> <i>Stories &amp; Rhymes 10.30-11am</i> <i>Book Club 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 10.30am</i>	<b>5pm – 7pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>2pm – 5pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>2pm – 5pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10am – 1pm</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

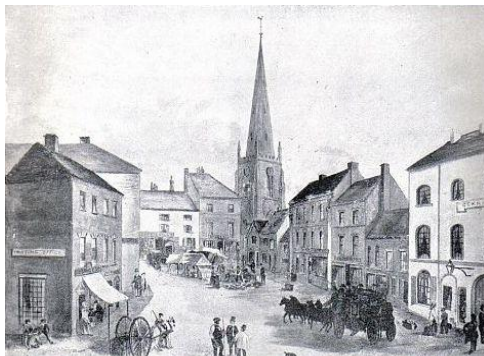
**Teresa Lee – Volunteer Co-ordinator**

## A LOCAL COACHING ACCIDENT- 200 YEARS AGO

“The vilest inn, in the nastiest town, in the dirtiest county that imagination can conceive”.

This was Mr George Canning’s (a future Prime Minister) view of his visit to Hinckley in 1807, of The George coaching house in the Market Place. No doubt Mr Canning’s view was influenced by the reputed 100 horse stabling for the coaching to the rear of the building –the stench and flies must have been quite overpowering especially on the warmer days

The George – the white building on the far right – a drawing by J.T.Burgess c. 1840. A busy connecting coaching relay station with a terminus that reached far and wide as seen on this schedule below of 1826. This published list appeared in the *Hinckley Guardian* in 1923. The coach names appear on the left.



Our story starts with the *Defiance* coach just prior to six o'clock in the evening of Friday 14 July 1815 arriving from Coventry at the George Inn. A change of four fresh horses was required after the punishing journey from Warwick via Coventry – also to unload and take on new passengers. Perhaps the passengers had little time to refresh themselves – before John Gough, the coachman, eager to be off, set his four-in-hand on their way to

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	to Coventry, Leamington, Cheltenham and Bristol, every afternoon at four.
Alexander,	to Leicester, Cambridge and Nottingham, every evening at six.
Accommodation,	to Leicester, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday at eight in the morning – Leaves Leicester in evening at five.

Leicester, via Earl Shilton (A47). Was John Gough trying to make up lost time? Witness reports that the coach was going at a furious pace when it overtook another coach down the steep Brick- Kiln hill (opposite Hinckley Golf Course) causing the coach to career out of control and to collide, smashing to pieces against the tollgate gatepost with fatal consequences.

**Do read the following account of the tragic accident above - from the Leicester Chronicle Saturday 27 July 1815.**

The late hour at which we received the account given in our last, of the melancholy accident on the Hinckley road, on Friday evening, prevented our entering into particulars. It appears that the Defiance coach (and not the Balloon coach, as stated last week) was overturned at Burbage Common Toll gate, between Hinckley and Earl Shilton.—The evidence adduced before the Coroner went clearly to prove, that the misconduct of the coachman, in driving at a most unwarrantable rate, led to this dreadful catastrophe. The wife of the person who keeps the toll gate, stated, that such was the rapidity with which the coach descended the hill, at the bottom of which her house is situated, that she could scarcely perceive the horses' feet touch the ground, and was in consequence led to exclaim—"I see Death before you—the Lord help you through the gate."—The first sentence, alas, proved too true; for she had no sooner uttered the words, than the coach struck against the gatepost and was dashed in pieces, the horses galloping away with the wheels until they got to the next toll gate; and three persons laid prostrate before her in the arms of death, and several others most severely injured. There were four passengers inside the coach, and five out. Of the former, Miss Page, (of whose amiable qualities some account is given in another part of our paper) was killed on the spot; and Miss Basford, a friend and companion of Miss P., and Mary Storer, a native of Hinckley, were severely handled, the latter particularly, who had her collar bone broken; while, strange to say, the fourth, Mr. Tebbut, bookseller of this town, escaped unhurt, though he was thrown from the coach at least a dozen yards. Of the outside passengers, Gough, the coachman, was instantly killed; Smith, the gentleman's servant, died shortly after; and a young man of the name of Bishop, a straw hat manufacturer of this place, had his arm and thigh broken, and was almost dashed to pieces, but is still alive and three others were very much hurt. The Jury which sat on the bodies of the deceased, brought in their *Verdict*—*Occasioned by the furious driving of the Coachman.* Deodand, 50*l.*

In addition to the above accident, we regret to record another, namely, that of a gardener of Hinckley, who met with his death by falling from the shafts of his cart, while making the best of his way to assist the poor sufferers at the turnpike gate.

There is no known record of the Coroner's Inquest into the accident that has survived. But the story of accident went viral in the newspapers of the day—the London Courier, the London Evening Gazette, the Northampton Mercury, the Gloucester Journal, the Perthshire Courier and the Gentleman's Magazine – much of a muchness but each one of these accentuating some point or other, or exercising a touch of journalistic licence here and there. 'Five people killed'; 'the coach driver drunk' reported the Perthshire Courier. Another report on a "broken rein". Yet another report 'took fright at something lying in the road'. All though report on the "Defiance wildly overtaking another coach" down Brick-Kiln hill is perhaps the truth. The Leicester Chronicle no doubt was privy to the inquest – and makes it the preferred account shown in our study.

**Right** – Brick Kiln hill – the steep gradient stretches away into the distance. Two hundred years ago the road would have been unmetaled and little better than a track. The photo is taken from the layby (the route of the original roadway) opposite Burbage Common road entrance where once the tollgate stood and the site of the tragedy.



Only one passenger of the nine on board the coach, a Mr Tebbut, a bookseller of Leicester, escaped without injury.

A Mr Bishop ( a straw hat manufacturer of Leicester), had his arm and thigh broken. Three unnamed passengers were '*very much hurt*'. Mary Storer of Hinckley received a broken collar bone. Miss Basford, companion to Miss Page who was one of the fatalities was '*severely handled*'.

The three fatalities of the accident included the coachman Gough, Daniel Smith, a gentleman's servant and Miss Mary Page, a Quaker, of Leicester. A fourth fatality was a gardener whose horse and cart stampeded.

The Leicester Chronicle eulogised Miss Page in the 27 July 1815 edition of the paper .... '*Mary Page, a member of the Society of Friends of Leicester, whose instant death was occasioned by the furious driving of the coach*'.....'*Her care and unremitting assiduity in the various branches of female education was universally approved and valued by all who placed their children under her care....*' Miss Page, 36, spinster, was buried 17th. July 1815 in Leicester's Northgate Quaker cemetery. Fowler's Leicester Directory of 1815 does not mention any female schools, seminaries or academies in the town –perhaps she may have been a governess.

John Gough, the coach driver, was quickly buried next day after the accident without too much ado in St. Mary's churchyard, Hinckley. Probably in a pauper's grave for we read simply in the burial book ...'*July 15 1815 John Goff - 40 years' - unusual* in that there was no home address given.

Smith- the gentleman's servant – was buried in Barwell churchyard on the 17 July. His entry in the parish burial book reads '*Daniel Smith of Duncombe Park, Yorkshire , age 25 yrs, who was killed by being thrown from a coach near the Brick-Kiln Turnpike gate on Friday evening the 14 July 1815*'.



**Right** - Duncombe Park in 1829.

Lastly, the unnamed gardener, who met his death when his horse and cart was panicked by the confusion of the coach crash. My research reveals him to be James Choice, aged 64, of Hinckley - who was buried three days after the accident on July 17 1815 in St. Mary's churchyard, Hinckley.



Fatal accidents in the days of coaching were quite common – usually with a person falling from the roof seating due to the violent swaying of the coach. Multiple fatalities with crashes through overturning or collision were however quite rare though. It would be another twenty-five years (May 1840) before Leicestershire saw a further multiple fatal coaching accident. The verdict of the accident on the 14 July 1815 at the Burbage Common tollgate, which was brought in by the Coroner's Jury ..... *'Occasioned by the furious driving of the coachman'*. Interestingly... this Statute from the reign of George 111 reads..... *'Every driver of a public stagecoach, who by intoxication, furious driving, or other misconduct, who shall endanger the safety of the passengers of their lives, their limbs, or their property, shall be liable to a penalty of £10, and, on non-payment, to six months imprisonment'*. That fine (current in 1815) of £10, would translate today to £622. A small price to pay for the loss of so many lives had John Gough the coach driver survived.

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## **SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB**

Since my last report we enjoyed an afternoon tea in August which took place at The Rectory by kind invitation of Rosemarie. Then in September it was our annual Fish and Chip Supper, which, for the first time, was held in The Bricklayers. It was an enjoyable evening by all accounts with delicious food and good company.

There have been a couple of Bacon Buttie mornings during the late summer and autumn months, plus Club and Committee members were also involved with the village MacMillan coffee morning. Thanks to everyone who make these events so successful.

We now have our Christmas Fayre on 7th December at 12 noon to look forward to - hope to see you all there. Later in December we are having a Christmas lunch outing, and our annual December social get-together with bingo. The next Bacon Buttie morning will be held on 4th January 2020.

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**

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# SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As promised in the last Sharnford News, fitness training took place on the new Poors Meadow Fitness Equipment. Several residents were shown how to use the equipment with the ages ranging from early teens up to a plucky gent in his eighties. Hopefully when the weather eventually improves more use will be made of the



equipment.

At the time of writing this I understand that the Cricket Ground has been sold. Despite asking the trustees of Sharnford Cricket Club, they have refused to tell the Parish Council who the new owners are or what the ground will be used for. We can only hope that the footpath to Fosse Meadows is not affected and the ground is used for sound environmental purposes.

You may have noticed that tree surgeons have been busy in the village, giving hedges a much needed trim and carrying out vital tree work



Last year the Parish Council found out that we had become responsible for the insurance and maintenance of St. Helen's churchyard. At the same time we also found out that we should have been carrying out tree inspections in the village, which is a legal requirement. Both these new responsibilities meant that we had to cater for the increased costs and an additional £2000 was added to the budget. So far this year these additional responsibilities have cost the parish £6000!

This does mean that next years budget will have to be increased to ensure that we, as a Parish Council, are meeting our obligations. The budget is currently being worked upon and has to be submitted to Blaby District Council early in the new year. It is worth mentioning that of the 21 parish councils in Blaby District we are the 19<sup>th</sup> lowest for Council Tax charges. The only ones lower than ourselves are Elmesthorpe and Kilby. This excludes the three Parish Meetings who do not employ a clerk.

Carrying on with the environment thread of this article, the Parish Council have been in discussion, over several months, with Severn Trent Water, Leicestershire County Council, and the Environment Agency, about pollution in Soars Brook. Apart from problems with sewage overflow and back-up from the pumping station located on Bumblebee Gardens, there is sewage parafanalina including wet wipes, discharging from a storm water outlet pipe at The Park into the brook. The various agencies are investigating but it does appear that someone around the vicinity of Park View or Brookfield has inadvertently connected a toilet to a storm water pipe and not a sewage pipe. If you think it is you then get in touch with Tracey Avis – Sharnford Parish Clerk, who will arrange for it to be checked out. I am sure you can appreciate the potential hazard to health that this causes. In any case wet wipes should not be flushed down the toilet, they do not degrade and end up in rivers and eventually oceans.

Last year we were pleased to receive a bequest from the estate of the late Helen Smart for £1500, to pay for a memorial bench and tree. Helen and her husband Dennis lived on Park View and were very interested in the future of the Youth Club on The Park. Our Parish Clerk, Tracey Avis, has been in close contact with Helen's

**SHARNFORD EVERGREEN HALL**

**BACON BUTTIE DATES**

**2020 - SATURDAYS**

**4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (FAIRTRADE)**

**25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER (MACMILLAN)**

**7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

executors of her will, David Anscombe, and is pleased to announce that further funds have been made available for good causes. David has donated £6000 to the school to provide a much needed classroom, and to the Youth Club £4000, to provide gas central heating in the clubhouse. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank David for the more than generous contributions from his late aunts estate.

Don't forget to look at our website on <https://www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk> for what is going on in the village. You will find Parish minutes and agendas of meetings, and important news in Blaby District. The link to river levels has been especially important with the amount of rain experienced lately. Contact either Tracey Avis or me if you want to add anything to the website. Our contact details can be found on the website and the Information Sheet on the last page of the Sharnford News. Finally, I am pleased to announce that we have a new councillor on the Parish Council, Lee Martin. Lee had previously been a councillor and has now decided to return to the fold.

**Mike Shirley, Chairman – Sharnford Parish Council**



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**Please note that the deadline for articles for the next issue of Sharnford News is the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

## SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP (STAG)



Hope Santa drives carefully and slowly through the village this Christmas, although it doesn't matter too much because the powers-that-be have been so swamped with potential offenders that they are not penalising them.

It has been good to see the police have been on duty on Aston Lane with their mobile speed camera van. The operator told me that he didn't expect to catch many culprits, so imagine his surprise when he caught a dozen or so travelling at speeds up to 50mph during the afternoon. Either they didn't see him, couldn't slowdown in time, didn't care, or were too busy on their phones. Either way, the fines and penalty points will be in the post.

2019 has seen a general slowdown of traffic on the B4114 but with an increase in volume of approximately half a million cars, vans, lorries, and don't forget the tractors, in a year. It now totals about 3.5 million vehicles travelling over the pedestrian crossing, and not all of them stopping when they should. This abuse of the Highway Code is becoming more apparent with the lack of consideration for other road users, reflected in the crossing of traffic lights when on red, not giving way to the right at traffic islands, not indicating when turning, tailgating, using mobile phones on the move,





not giving sufficient space to cyclists, not giving sufficient space and slowing down for horse riders. And while I am on the subject of cyclists and horse riders, **WEAR SOMETHING BRIGHT AT ALL TIMES.**

Aston Lane has seen an increase in speed and traffic volume over this year which has culminated in 6 cars ending up in the ditch, on their side or roof. Luckily no one appears to have been seriously injured. The cars were not so lucky. That's my rant over. Have a brilliant Christmas and **Drive Safe**

**Mike Shirley – [mikelennox99@aol.com](mailto:mikelennox99@aol.com)**

## **MP launches 2019 Christmas Card Competition**

South Leicestershire MP, Alberto Costa, this week is launching his annual Christmas Card Competition. Mr Costa will be writing to all primary schools within South Leicestershire this week inviting them to take part in the competition.

A record number of schools entered the competition last year with the winner being Reggie Welham from Dunton Bassett Primary School with his festive robin design. First runner up in last year's competition was Lotte Bowes from Gilmorton Chandler C of E Primary School and the Second Runner-up was Neave Haines from Greenfield Primary School – both Runner-up designs were featured on the reverse of the cards.

Mr Costa said "I am extremely delighted to be hosting the Christmas card competition again this year. The card will be sent out to hundreds of people across the constituency. I am thankful to all children who took part last year and it is fantastic that local schools can become involved in this competition. This is a great opportunity for children across the primary schools to showcase their artistic talents."

The competition, which will again be sponsored by Stoney Stanton based Color Gas, will invite all primary schools to take part in designing a festive handwritten picture which will be the MP's official Christmas Card which will be sent to stakeholders throughout the constituency and nationally.

Mr Costa added "I am so pleased that Color Gas are again kindly sponsoring my competition and am very grateful to them for this, they are a fine example of a great business in South Leicestershire. Last year we had more entries than ever before and I hope the competition is even more successful this year, I am very much looking forward to seeing all of the festive entries from all the primary schools in South Leicestershire."

**Office of Alberto Costa**



## SHARNFORD EVERGREEN VILLAGE HALL

We have enjoyed a busy 3 months and in September we held the MacMillan Bacon Buttie morning where we raised an amount of £712.50 for this worthy charity. Over the years we have organised this event, we have raised a total of £5452.00 and would like to thank all those who support our event and their generosity.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November we held our usual Bacon Buttie morning and over £450 was raised towards funds for improvements

At the end of the year we are hoping to replace the front door and lay wooden floors in the hall lobby and Nellie Veasey room making it much easier to keep clean

During the temporary closure of the Pre-School the hall will be free for hire on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The Pre-School will be re-opening when the relevant Ofsted changeover is complete

We are holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12-3 pm. Please come and support us in our efforts. Father Christmas will be visiting us again we hope.

***Rosemarie Simpson***



### Sharnford Village Show & Plant Sale

The team behind the Plant Sale & the Village Show would like to thank everyone who has supported these village events.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and our best wishes for 2020  
Produce Show 12th September 2020  
See you all in 2020



# SHARNFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Ruffle the Rail Dog

We had a super start to October by welcoming Ruffle the Rail Dog in to school to tell us all about his railway adventures. The children loved it and joined in very enthusiastically! It was great to see so many children buying books and we've ordered a set for school too!

## Holly Class Assembly

In the same week we had Holly's class assembly. We found out all about how easy it can be to fall out, how hard it can be to forgive but how we need to make sure we do! The children said their lines beautifully and it was a lovely message for us all to hear. Parental comments were all very positive and the children loved seeing them!

## Charity Fundraising!

Our children have been very busy raising awareness or raising money – with the help of parents and carers of course! So far we have raised money for Macmillna, Hello Yellow and Children In Need. We have raised awareness of anti-bullying by having an odd socks day!

## Redwood's Harvest Service

Redwood class led us all in thinking about sharing and caring for others less fortunate than ourselves. They talked about how much food we have on earth, how we can distribute it equally and how we need to share with others. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and members of the community there during this important service. A big thank you to Mrs Haddon at the methodist church and to everyone who sent in donations for the local food bank.

## Beaumanor Residential

This year's trip to Beaumanor was one of the best yet. Split over the week, the Year 3/4 pupils spent 3 days each canoeing, climbing, doing archery, learning survival schools and getting thoroughly dirty. As always, playing Hide and Seek in the cellars was the highlight for many of the pupils, and we are very proud that every child had a go at hiding in the dark. Pupils from both

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schools mixed freely socially, and they were a credit to their parents and the school. There is a very small amount of lost property held at All Saints if you are missing anything. We would like to say thank you for the support of the governors, all teachers and parents for making these trips possible; they create memories for a lifetime.

### **Keeping Sporty...**

We've had lots of sporting opportunities and events this month. Miss Ward has begun netball club with KS2 and it's now KS1 who are having multisport. We had a rather muddy Fun Run with bubbles and obstacles and an even muddier cross country event!

Children from Y1-Y6 also had a dodge-ball session which they thoroughly enjoyed.



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## SHARNFORD SCHOOL PTA

The autumn term is well under way, Christmas is just around the corner, and it is time to share what the PTA have been up to and what we have planned into the New Year. We held our AGM in the middle of September where we discussed our plans for the year and what the school would like us to focus our fundraising efforts on.


We said goodbye to two long standing members of the PTA in the summer, so it was lovely to see some new faces at the meeting. As the school has grown so much over the last 2-3 years (we now have 92 children I believe), the decision was taken to convert the library area in the school into another class room. This has worked really well, but unfortunately it has left the school with no proper library space. The plan is to have a new purpose built space on the grounds that can serve as the library and offer enough space for some teaching too. The cost of this project is about £8000-£10000 and the PTA is going to work towards £4000 of this, with the rest being donated through the council.

In other news, we held our first every Halloween Party at the Youth Club on the 26th October. The evening was fantastic, with all the children dressed up, dancing, playing spooky themed games, and eating ghoulish food. Thank you to all the members of the PTA who organised such as super party, and thank you to everyone who came along and supported the school. Many thanks

Our Christmas Disco is on the 6th December and fingers crossed, Father Christmas will be making his usually flying visit. Because the school has grown, we're going to split the evening and have the Early Years/Key Stage 1 children first, then after a quick break, carry the disco on for the Key Stage 2 children. It is brilliant that the school is growing, but it does mean that we have to change how we run the discos to accommodate everyone and still be safe.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> we have our Christmas Workshop after school; We've got another super craft project planned and the children will be choosing and wrapping gifts for their families. This is always a very hectic and fun afternoon, and the children love being able to choose something themselves to wrap up. We haven't got a date yet for our annual PTA Quiz Night, but we're looking at the end of February or very beginning of March. If you'd like to enter a team of 4, then please get in touch. I think that's all the PTA news for now. Have a very Happy Christmas!

***Ed Bryan and the PTA***



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## THE SHARNFORD GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

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The Good Neighbour Scheme continues to be very well utilised, and we are able to help and support our community at times when they most need it, thanks to our team of very dedicated volunteers. **However, we would welcome a few more volunteers who could support in providing occasional lifts to the local GP surgery or hospital, as this is by far the most sought after support.** Whilst volunteers would need to use their own car, scheme users do pay a small fee to cover your petrol costs.

**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. 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?

### **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.**

**For further details please contact Jean Dale, Secretary, on 274772**

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2. 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**

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***

# YOGA



**Mon 6.15pm & 7.30pm Barwell,  
George Ward Centre**

**\*\*Tues 12pm Sapcote Pavilion\*\***

**Tues 6.30pm Earl Shilton 'Stute'**

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## SHARNFORD LADIES GROUP



In September we had an illustrated talk on Mercy Ships by Alison Briggs which was both interesting and thought provoking. We were astounded at the work they manage to do on a voluntary basis, some people living on the ship with their families! Some ladies have knitted little teddy bears, as each patient is given one to keep. In October Paul Taberner came to tell us all about what happens in the real CSI and also gave us some insights into television programmes he'd advised on. There were some hilarious moments! In November Tom Phillips, a chocolatier, demonstrated making chocolates which we all got to taste and he made this piece

for us to raffle. We were also able to buy some for Christmas!

In December we are looking forward to having our annual dinner at the Bricklayers. January's meeting is a painting demonstration by Jayne Good and will be on the 2nd Wednesday as we didn't think a meeting on New Year's Day was a good idea! And February is our AGM. We are still knitting little hats for Innocent smoothies so keep your eyes on the bottles in the coming months. We also collect old, broken and unwanted jewellery for Alzheimer's UK, if you have any; please give it to one of our members. We meet in the Evergreen hall at 7.30pm usually on the first Wednesday of the month and visitors are welcome at all meetings, cost £4 to include coffee and the raffle.

**Wendy Kendall Tel.273889 or Jean Ryan**

## SHARNFORD SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

Tickets for the Sharnford Sick and Dividend Fund raffle are now on sale at the village Post Office, the Sharnford Arms and the Bricklayers or they can be bought directly from myself. As always we need donations of prizes for the draw and many local businesses have already promised prizes - if you have a prize to donate please contact me on 274678 or leave the prize at the Bricklayers or Sharnford Arms.

The prize draw will take place at the Bricklayers on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December at 8:00 pm and distribution of the Christmas gift bags will take place on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. Any assistance with selling raffle tickets or the distribution would be greatly appreciated - please contact me if you can help in any way.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Teddy Raffle in September to raise extra funds, we raised £148 and Teddy was won by Hazel. I do hope you will all continue to support this prize draw which provides Christmas gift bags for the pensioners and widows/widowers of Sharnford. Thank you in advance for any help that you can give.

**Jack Feast**

## ST HELEN'S CHURCH

On the 1st September we held the Baptism of Nancy Thompson and on the 8th September we held a Confirmation Service, the first one at St Helen's for 45 years. Bishop Robert confirmed church members from Burbage, Sapcote and two members from our own congregation, Matt Dickersen and Andy Burbage. It was a wonderful happy occasion followed by a delicious buffet tea afterwards. Many thanks to those who helped make this a memorable occasion.



The collection through the Children's Society boxes raised £415.00 and thanks go to everyone who donated.

### Advent Events at St Helen's

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sunday 8th December	Service of 9 Lessons & Carols	6.30 pm
Sunday 15th December	Light a Candle in Memory of Loved ones or for those we will not see at Christmas	10-12 am
Sunday 15th December	Carol Service at St Mary's, Wigston Parva	3 pm
Sunday 22nd December	Christingle Service for all	10 am
Tuesday 24th December	Midnight Communion at St Helen's	11.15 am

There is no service this year on Christmas Morning at St Helen's as we are holding the Midnight Communion the night before

We wish everyone a joyous Advent and Christmas Time

***Rosemarie Simpson***

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## THE BEVIN BOYS



After attending the Remembrance Sunday service at St. Helen's Church, it got my memory going. I can remember asking my dad "what did you do in the war dad?" His reply was "not a lot, I couldn't join the armed forces because I failed the medical, caused by scarlet fever as a child. I was in the Civil Defence in Coventry for a while and then went down the mines". I thought no more about it, a bit disappointed because I had uncles who had served in the army and navy, with one spending time in a prison-of-war camp in Italy. It was not until 2008, when my dad received a badge, that I really thought about his role in the war effort.



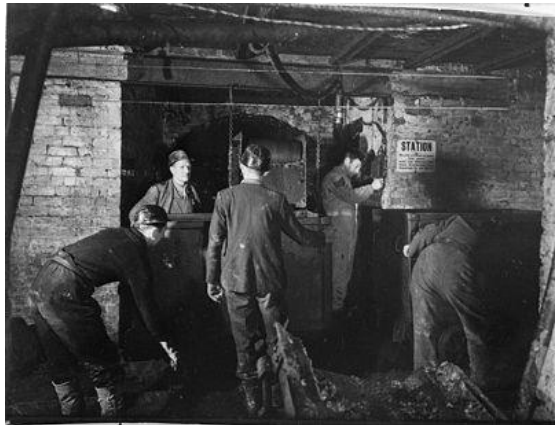
A Bevin Boy Veteran badge awarded to Bevin Boys by the British Government had arrived.

The role played by Bevin Boys in Britain's war effort was not fully recognised until 1995, 50 years after VE Day, when Queen Elizabeth II mentioned them in a speech.

On 20 June 2007, Tony Blair informed the House of Commons that thousands of conscripts who worked in

mines during the Second World War would be awarded a veteran's badge similar to the HM Armed Forces Badge awarded by the Ministry of Defence. The first badges were awarded on 25 March 2008 by the then Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, marking the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of discharge of the last Bevin Boys.

After receiving his badge my dad was a bit more forthcoming about his time down the pits. Dad volunteered to go down the pit and after six weeks training at Kemball



Colliery in Staffordshire he spent two years at Coventry Colliery, finishing in 1946. Unlike war-service veterans, Bevin Boys received neither medals nor the right to return to the jobs they had previously held.

**Bevin Boys** were young British men conscripted to work in the coal mines of the United Kingdom, between December 1943 and March 1948. Chosen by lot as ten percent of all male conscripts aged 18–25, plus some volunteering as an alternative to military conscription, or, as in my dad's case, had failed the medical for the armed forces, nearly 48,000 Bevin Boys performed vital and dangerous, but largely unrecognised civil conscription service in coal mines. Many of them were not released from service until well over two years after the Second World War ended.

The programme was named after Ernest Bevin, a former trade union official and then British Labour Party politician who was Minister of Labour and National Service in the wartime coalition government. At the beginning of the war the Government, underestimating the value of strong younger coal miners, conscripted them into the armed forces. By mid-1943 the coal mines had lost 36,000 workers, and they were generally not replaced, because other likely young men were also being conscripted to the armed forces. The government made a plea to men liable to conscription, asking them to volunteer to work in the mines, but few responded, and the manpower shortage continued.

By October 1943 Britain was becoming desperate for a continued supply of coal, both for the industrial war effort and for keeping homes warm throughout the winter. On 12 October Gwilym Lloyd-George, Minister of Fuel and Power, announced in the House of Commons that some conscripts would be directed to the mines. On 2 December Ernest Bevin explained the scheme in more detail. The colloquial name "Bevin Boys" came from a further speech Bevin made:

*We need 720,000 men continuously employed in this industry. This is where you boys come in. Our fighting men will not be able to achieve their purpose unless we get an adequate supply of coal.*

From 1943 to 1945 one in ten of young men called up was sent to work in the mines. This caused a deal of upset, as many young men wanted to join the fighting forces and felt that as miners they would not be valued. Many Bevin Boys suffered taunts as they wore no uniform, and there were accusations by some people that they were deliberately avoiding military conscription.

To make the process random, one of Bevin's secretaries each week, from 14 December 1943, pulled a digit from a hat containing all ten digits, 0–9, and all men liable for call-up that week whose National Service registration number ended in that digit were directed to work in the mines, with the exception of any selected for highly skilled war work such as flying planes and in submarines, and men found physically unfit for mining. Conscripted miners came from many different trades and professions, from desk work to heavy manual labour, and included some who might otherwise have become commissioned officers.

**Working conditions:** Boys, when they were nearly 18 years old, received an official postcard instructing them in five days' time to report to a training centre such as at Cresswell Colliery, Derbyshire. The Bevin Boys were first given six weeks' training (four off-site, two on). The work was typical coal mining, largely a mile or more down dark, dank tunnels, and conscripts were supplied with helmets and steel-capped safety boots. Bevin Boys did not wear uniforms or badges, but the oldest clothes they could find. Being of military age and without uniform caused many to be stopped by police and questioned about avoiding call-up. Since a number of conscientious objectors were sent to work down the mines as an alternative to military service (under a system wholly separate from the Bevin Boy programme), there was sometimes an assumption that Bevin Boys were "Conchies". The right to conscientiously object to military service for philosophical or religious reasons was recognised in conscription legislation, as it had been in the First World War. However, old attitudes still prevailed amongst some members of the general public, with resentment by association towards Bevin Boys. In 1943 Ernest Bevin said in Parliament: "There are thousands of cases in which conscientious objectors, although they may have refused to take up arms, have shown as much courage as anyone else in Civil Defence."

**End of programme:** An indication of their importance to the war effort was that Bevin Boys received the then generous sum of £240 per year plus education fees to study at a university after release from work.



On Tuesday 7 May 2013, a memorial to the Bevin Boys, based on the Bevin Boys Badge, was unveiled by the Countess of Wessex at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire. The memorial was designed by former Bevin Boy Harry Parkes; it is made of four stone plinths carved from grey Kilkenny stone from the Republic of Ireland. The stone should turn black like the coal that the miners extracted. The Bevin Boys Association is trying to trace all 48,000 Bevin Boy conscripts, optants or volunteers who served in Britain's coal mines during and after the war, from 1943 to 1948.

*To the left One of the memorial stones at the National Memorial Arboretum.*

**Postscript:** Dad passed away in 2013 aged 86. Cancer was the main cause but for several years he had suffered considerable discomfort caused by Emphysema, a debilitating lung condition caused by the inhalation of chemical fumes and coal dust, amongst others.

*Mike Shirley*

## SHARNFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Sharnford Environment Group has had a busy few months gearing up for the chilly weather in the village. In October the Annual AGM saw a few changes to the committee and our monthly group meetings see new plans being made for the green spaces of Sharnford. The position of Chair has been filled by Samantha Owen with Philippa West supporting as Vice Chair. Naomi remains as group secretary and Mike Shirley has now taken on the role of treasurer.

A very big thank you again to all the volunteers who support the group in the watering of the hanging baskets – we couldn't do this job without you. The red and yellow theme this year looked spectacular and the plants provided by Sharnford Garden Centre grew beautifully.

A new contractor is now taking care of the Burial Ground and residents will now see more regular work taking place here.

Working parties have continued at Bluebell Green and you can see in the pictures that volunteers are working hard to keep this gem at the heart of the village looking clean and tidy. Plans are underway to start cutting back the shrubs ready for good regrowth come the spring. The sun dial has been scrubbed and the edges trimmed so this can be seen clearly and enjoyed by all.



You may see SEG volunteers around the village working on the planters. During the winter months these require replanting to ensure they look fantastic all round and to encourage better growth from the plants.



The group are already thinking ahead to 2020 and will begin the year with a 'New year, New Ideas' themed meeting. We are keen to get started with some new initiatives around the village and have encouraged group members to think about new ways we can make Sharnford more beautiful. New members are always welcome to join the group and we meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Evergreen Hall. If any residents would like to volunteer with working parties, we always encourage more pairs of hands and details can be requested from the group secretary Naomi.

**Naomi Allen**

## SHARNFORD NEWS NEEDS MORE DISTRIBUTORS

I have a team of 9 wonderful volunteers who deliver Sharnford News around the village 4 times a year. The truth is we need a few more. We have 11 rounds, so some do a double run and none of us are getting any younger! SO – we would like a few more to help us. If you can spare just an hour or two just 4 times a year. We circulate the News the first weekend in March, June, September and December.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER and contact Dave Sewell Phone 272901, email: sharnfordnews@gmail.com or call in at 48 Leicester Road.

**Dave Sewell**



**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.

**2020 Dates**

**January 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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



## SHARNFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>ARTS AND CRAFT CLUB</b> 7pm – 9pm	Come along and bring your own craft project to work on.	Gabrielle Bryan 01455 631026
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>PILATES FOR RIDERS</b> 7pm – 8pm & 8pm – 9pm	Solely for horse riders	Joanna Smith Joanna.smith@me.com
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB</b> 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
	<b>PILATES FOR RIDERS</b> 7pm -8pm 8pm – 9pm	Solely for horse riders	Joanna Smith <a href="mailto:Joanna.smith@me.com">Joanna.smith@me.com</a>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>YOGA</b> 10am – 11am	Open to all. Come along to develop mind, body and spirit	Adele 07837 927227 <a href="mailto:yogawithadele@live.co.uk">yogawithadele@live.co.uk</a>
	<b>PILATES FOR ALL</b> 1.45pm – 2.45pm	Working on core strength and flexibility. Open to all ages and abilities.	Joanna Smith <a href="mailto:Joanna.smith@me.com">Joanna.smith@me.com</a>
	<b>ZUMBA</b> 7pm – 8pm	Combining Latin and international music with dance moves. Great way to keep fit	Chrissie Orr 07562 475446 <a href="mailto:Zumba.wtg@gmail.com">Zumba.wtg@gmail.com</a>
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**Julie Edge Chair Sharnford Youth & Community Centre**

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### VILLAGE BUS TIMES

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### MOBILE LIBRARY – ROUTE 13

	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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month - 0116 305 3619

# TAXI

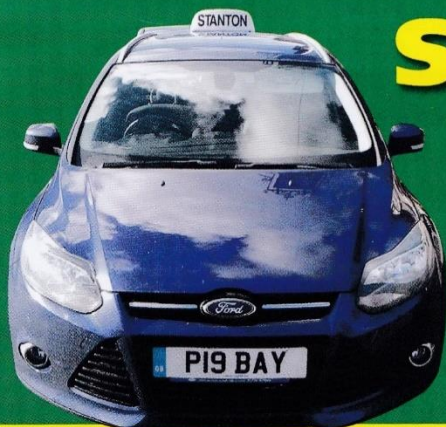
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## SHARNFORD VILLAGE INFORMATION SHEET

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