

SHARNFORD NEWS

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UNDER SIEGE

Over the last few years, it feels like we are under siege by developers and the County Council. There is the latest warehouse development on the A5, adjacent to the Jury Inn Hotel, the proposed HNRFI between Burbage Wood and Sapcote (see



plan). The potential for a County Council led 'strategic development area' near the motorway which could include 4,500 homes and 2.8 million square feet of office, commercial and industrial premises, between Sharnford, Sapcote and Stoney Stanton. The A46 Eastern Expressway cutting through farmland from the M1 to M69 Junction2. The ever increasing development of Magna Park.

To fight against unsubstantiated, inappropriate development, there is the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan which defines the level of development in our area. This plan which has taken several years to be produced has gone to Blaby District Council for approval. Blaby also have a plan which takes precedent over our local plan and has to be approved by Leicestershire County Council. Leicestershire County Council's plan has to be approved by central government. So, we now have a plan which will be full of compromises, but we have

a plan!! However, all of this work can be undone with the stroke of a pen by the Planning Inspector and/or the Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Could there be light at the end of the tunnel, or a dark cloud on the horizon?

Robert Jenrick, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government published a White Paper last week called "**Planning for the future**" (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>) which proposes a radical overhaul of the planning and development control system in England. It suggests that the new system will be "*One that is simpler, clearer and quicker to navigate, delivering results in weeks and months rather than years and decades.*".

The headline proposal is that, through Local Plans, all land will fall into one of three categories:

Growth areas suitable for substantial development

Renewal areas suitable for development

Protected areas of protection

In Growth areas no planning permission would be required, leading critics to describe the White Paper as a "**Developer's Charter**". At first sight the White Paper appears to be an attack on representative local democracy where councillors at parish and town councils and Local Planning Authorities will have little say over development in their area. The government is consulting on the White Paper for 12 weeks from 6 August 2020 to 29 October 2020 and Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils has requested that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) gives this matter the highest priority and that the whole sector, from NALC down to the smallest parish meeting responds to the consultation to make it clear that removing local determination will have a detrimental effect on housing provision. We are sure nobody wants a return to the 1970s free for all, when so much of what was developed then was later deemed to be wholly inappropriate. More details and a briefing paper will be circulated in due course.

The White Paper will be considered at our parish council meeting and would strongly recommend residents input. Our meetings have been conducted via video conferencing on "Zoom".

The White Paper and details of our to get involved can be found on Sharnford's website www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk

SHARNFORD SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

Despite the events of the last few months due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus, it is hoped by Christmas there will be more signs of normality returning to everyday life.

Quite a few people have asked me whether there will be a Sick and Dividend Fund raffle this year. All being well this should be possible but to make it a success we will need greater support than in previous years, particularly in the area of ticket sales and prizes. We don't have a crystal ball and don't know how generous previous donors will be following this crisis. The distribution of the Festive Food bags shouldn't be a problem unless there are any localised spikes in the current pandemic. Obviously we will be taking all the necessary precautions when it comes to the packing and distribution side of this and the same applies to raffle prizes. We will have to review things again in three months' time and will let everyone know what is happening in the next edition of the Sharnford News.

We may even have an impromptu raffle before the main raffle to get people in the mood we already have a large prize recently donated for such an event.

Jack Feast



SHARNFORD FILM CLUB

Will be back - But not yet.

It was planned to restart the Film Club at the Evergreen back in April. Well for reasons you all know April, May, June, July and now August have passed us by with no date for the Evergreen being allowed to reopen. So it's just a case of when we can restart and how many we will be allowed to accommodate for a Film evening.

Tony Curtis -01455 272532 or visit our new Facebook page

TOLLGATES & MAIL COACHES (PART ONE OF TWO)

Sharnford 1832.....“It’s coming! It’s coming! It will be the Regulator with Jeb, that’s got the reins!” cry the village children. The strident clarion call of the Royal Mail coaches post horn, announces its arrival on the edge of Sharnford village. TA-RAAAH. TA-RAAH!! . Past the church and down Front Hill (as the hill on Leicester Road was called) – a swaying mass of usually overladen heavy wooden coach – with the top passengers holding on to their beaver or silk top hats. The four steaming, lathered horses with their body odour, ascending like a cloud, are about to come to a halt outside the Old Star.

The coach driver – could it be Jeb? – applying the skid-pan (a metal plate) which was attached to the near rear wheel trying to bring his swaying vehicle under control, to a stop. Within minutes of coming to a halt, he would pick up or set down passengers, handover and then collect the leather mail bags, preparing to be off.

Jeb would just have had only time for a ‘Flash of Lightning’ – a glass of brandy or gin supplied gratis by the grateful innkeeper of the Star (Joseph Cotton in 1832) for bringing would be prospective customers to his Inn. Then – with horses impatient to be off - the crack of the ‘Tommy’ (whip) and the coachman shouts out a cheery “All right”, and away they go.







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The coach driver achieved something akin to the status of a celebrity Formula One driver today such was his skill in controlling a four-in-hand team of horses – he was a legend of his time. Children became the trainspotters of yesteryear. The coaches whose beautifully japanned paintwork showed emblazoned in gold letters, fanciful names like the Union; Royal Defiance, Hope; Express; Regulator, Independent, Pilot – which were all known to the children of Sharnford as well as the names of the coach drivers.

All these names above at some time travelled Leicester to Coventry via Narborough- Sharnford- Smockington-Wolvey-Bulkington-Foleshill turnpike.

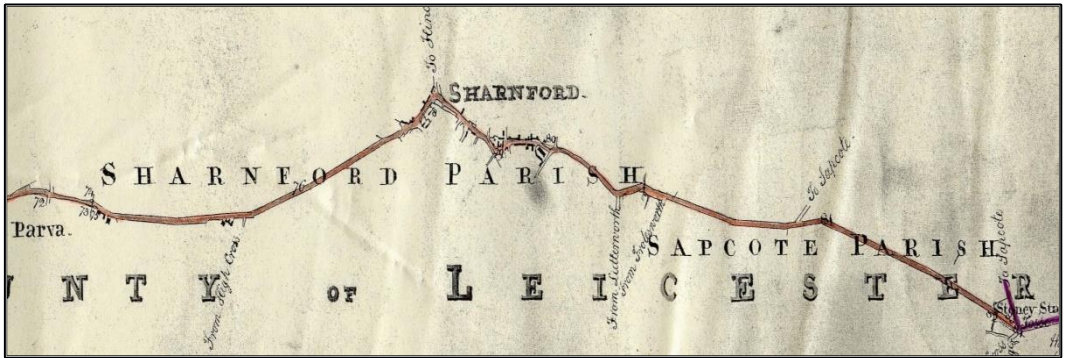
The Sharnford to Coventry section was in use with the mail coaches from 1831 to 1874.

It was a twice daily service from the Stag & Pheasant, Humberstone Gate Leicester, every morning at 8.00am and every afternoon at 2.00pm to its terminus in Cook Street Coventry. The shortness of the journey -26 miles – being relatively flat going - meant there were no posting/ coaching house at Sharnford where teams of horses would have been changed. If by chance the horse team became exhausted by labouring through deep snowdrifts etc., there was a change possible at the Blue Pig (now Axe & Compass). at Wolvey.



Royal Mail coaches always (by law) got preferential treatment. Lateness of delivery of the mails incurred at cost of one shilling out of the drivers wage. The working life of a Mail draught coaching horse was three years.

Left - The Stag and Pheasant, Humberstone Gate, Leicester.



The Sharnford section of this original 1830 surveyor's map of the Leicester-Coventry coaching route.

A close study reveals the coach route passed the church on Leicester Road, bearing left at the bottom of the hill (by the Sharnford Arms/Old Star) to travel over the old wooden/ brick bridge constructed in 1780 (this was replaced in 1841 by a more substantial 2-arched brick bridge that did duty till 1884 when it was rebuilt yet again as a single arch in engineering brick- it survives today – the smaller of Sharnfords two bridges). Turning a sharp right over the bridge the coaching route continued up the Rompers,(adjacent to Poors Meadow), to connect with Coventry Road that took it down to the Aston Lane corner, whereupon it took a sharp left and continued on until it left the village.

So what was it like to travel on a coach in this, as it was termed, the Golden Age of coaching 1820 -1850? I think we can truthfully say it was totally devoid of any glamour with which we might associate today with snowy coaching depictions on Christmas cards. Travelling topside in the winter became an ordeal, so much so that it was very rare for women to travel as outsiders. Recalls a traveller of that time 'Ordinary coat and hats

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

Open to anyone over 60 who lives in the Village or the surrounding areas

Come and join us at the Hall in Sharnford - meetings twice monthly on Wednesdays. Full high tea enjoyed at each meeting. We have a full three course hot meal Annual Dinner and a Fish and Chip supper in September. We also have outside trips, go to the Pantomime in Hinckley and have occasional speakers.

COVID 19

We are looking at when we can re-open our club and for further information contact Jean on 274772 or Rosemarie on 274158

**ALL WELCOME - Meetings are afternoons 3-5 pm
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afforded little protection from the cold.....the rain beat down on your neck; the sleet and snow was driven in at every buttonhole; your overcoat was speedily saturated.....'. The memoirs of Charles H. Monks in the winter of 1826 of a journey from Leicester to Northampton records 'I shall remember it as long as I live for it rained heavily incessantly. There was a rush by passengers to travel inside and I was unfortunate and so was forced to travel topside. The getting up alone was at the risk of one's life and when I was up I was obliged to sit just at the corner of the coach, with nothing to hold on by, but a sort of little handle fastened to the side. I sat nearest the wheel, and the moment we set off I fancied I saw certain death before me.....'.

Travelling in the confines of coaches interior could prove both grating and insufferable.....'Usually a more genteel class of person travelled inside.....but if by chance they were obliged to suffer a set of fellow travellers, more accustomed to be found on the roof who continued to laugh and talk loudly, enjoying themselves in the elementary and vociferous style only possible to low persons, it disturbed their genteel reflections...'

Travelling topside proved popular because it was half price – sometimes as many as eleven people with perhaps only three inside – was surely an accident waiting to happen. By an Act of 1788 stage coaches were not permitted more than 6 passengers on the roof in addition to the coachman and the mail guard - but of course this Act was flagrantly violated. Coaches overturned, by being so top-heavy due to stacked heights of luggage and just too many 'outsiders' - fatalities occurred often. People travelling on top 'between heaven and earth' as it was known fell off or were thrown off, broke bones or necks due to the violent swaying of the coach which could average up to eight miles per hour on good dry roads. In 1815 three people were killed when the Coventry- Hinckley-Leicester coach overturned, after hitting the Burbage Common tollgate at the bottom of Brick-Kiln hill. (see *Sharnford news Dec 2019*).



A poignant reminder to another accident is on a gravestone in Elwell churchyard in Sussex is inscribed 'Catherine – wife of James Bailey, who in consequence of the overturning of the Dorking coach April 1826, met her death in the 22nd year of her age'.

Just what would be the volume of wheeled vehicles/coaches travelling on our local roads? Some idea we have is from the year 1820 when it was estimated that 1,500 coaches alone departed or entered London every 24 hours. Yes, our roads were busy - as attested to, by viewed revenue returns taken at our local tollgates. Royal Mail coach passengers were exempt from paying any tolls.

Right - A whimsical romantic image of, a passing through a tollgate – but was it really like this?



Find out in Part Two in the next issue of the Sharnford News All about our local tollgates and much more.

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Leicester Records Office – various.

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SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

We have had no Members' meetings or events since lockdown and I'm sure we are all missing getting together and catching up. Everyone is keeping safe, although I do have a special mention for Mrs Pat Jordan who recently fell and broke a hip. We are thinking about her and wishing her well.

I am looking forward to when we can all meet up again and, in the meantime, continue to look after yourselves and take all precautions.

Rosemarie Simpson

SHARNFORD NEWS

We want your stories...

If you want to share any stories or you would like any history articles researching please contact us by email at Sharnfordnews@gmail.com.

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OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB

We are back!

In common with every other group activity in the country, the Over 60s Youth Club has been suspended since the middle of March – very disappointing for those village residents for whom Wednesday mornings mean reviving teenage memories, and

activities. We have decided that, subject to coronavirus restrictions, we can resume some of our activities from 3rd September.

We invite those people who have their own table tennis bats to thoroughly sanitize them and bring them along for their own sole use. For those who do not have their own we can provide bats that will be sanitized each morning and then allocated to an individual for the whole morning. Similar precautions will be taken with sets of bowls.

We are less sure about how to protect the Bridge players but this can be discussed.

For any - and EVERY – body else, all are welcome and coffee will be available as usual from 11.00, so come and have a chat.

It's not going to be easy, but we can do it. Let's show 'em (whoever 'they' may be) that we are of the generation that conforms to the rules, but still keeps the life of the nation flowing! - Wednesdays 10.00-12.00 in the Youth & Community Centre, Park View.

Derek Gibbons

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SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW

It's a shame but owing to COVID-19 the September show is cancelled for this year. Those of you who entered last year will already have been informed. We came to the conclusion some months ago that we could not comply with any social distancing rules and as it turns out the Evergreen Hall is still closed. This is also the picture happening right across the County

It would have been great to get out and relax after the lock down but the situation looks to be with us into next year. We had already made the decision to stop running the Plant Sale and as it turns out there would have been a lot of effort for nothing as that would also have had to be cancelled.

So let's hope for some normality in 2021 whatever that might look like the Show will be on Saturday 9th September, as usual at The Evergreen. Most entry classes are unchanged but please do check the schedule. If you have entered before you will have been sent one. If you need one you can get one from Tony Curtis, Kaye & Andrew Wormleighton, The Post Office or Sharnford Garden Centre.

We are very pleased that the £25 prize for the best exhibit in Show continues, kindly sponsored by Sharnford Lodge Saddlery, Bumblebee Lane, so worth making that extra effort to win. There is also a special class this year sponsored by the Leicester Judges Guild to celebrate their 60th year, '1 Pot Plant 1 Flower and 1

vegetable' there will be additional prizes for 1st and 2nd places in addition to the normal prize money. We still have funds available for village causes so please get in touch if you have a project which will benefit the village.

Tony Curtis and the team.

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN VILLAGE HALL



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

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

£12 per hour for casual hire

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Charity events are discretionary but usually village charity events are free or by donation

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

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OUR LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN

We are pleased to confirm that Sapcote Community Library is now open. Initially in order to protect our customers and volunteers we will be opening for two shifts per week on

Monday morning 10am – 1pm and Friday afternoon 2pm – 5pm

This will provide us with sufficient time between shifts to ensure we can clean the library thoroughly and allow returned books to be left for a period of three days between handling. We will need to take certain precautions to keep everybody safe and therefore we have had to make a few temporary changes and the following restrictions will be in place:

- At this time we would only allow adult customers - this is not what we want but the library is small and distancing with children would be challenging.
- We will provide gloves, masks and sanitisers which will be available for your use. The wearing of masks is now mandatory and the wearing of gloves would be particularly appreciated given that most customers like to pick up a number of books and read the synopsis before making their choices.

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 - Refreshments

I hope you will understand that it has been necessary to make these adjustments



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to allow us to reopen safely for all our customers and volunteers. Over the coming weeks and months, we hope that we will be able to open fully and continue to offer and provide the many other activities that you have come to enjoy.

We are delighted to finally be able to reopen and look forward to welcoming you all back into our Community Library.

Sapcote Community Library Volunteers

WANTED



**COULD YOU RUN A
YOUTH
GROUP?**

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO RUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE.

There is a certain irony in the fact that we have a thriving OVER 60s YOUTH CLUB in Sharnford but are not able to provide ANY organised activity for our younger residents.

The Youth and Community Centre in Park View, purpose built only seven years ago, no longer houses any youth activity. With nearly 100 children in the village school and probably that number again of secondary school age, there is surely a need for some provision.

Is there nobody out there willing to set up and run a weekly meeting? As a mixed Youth Club, the County Council Youth Club Services Development Officer could provide help and support. But if anyone wanted a more structured approach the Scouts and Guides Association can step in to support new Brownie, Rainbow or Cub Scout leaders.

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two before Covid-19 lockdown hit us. Hopefully, we will be able to complete interviews in September and have a new parish clerk in place by the beginning of October.

Covid-19/Coronavirus has affected the residents of Sharnford in many ways, some good and some bad.

The bad has meant many residents being furloughed, some losing their jobs, the elderly and vulnerable self-isolating or shielding. The closure of our new playgrounds and fitness equipment, the closure of Sharnford Evergreen Hall meaning no Parish Council meetings and, more importantly, no Bacon Butty mornings. No community group meetings/activities, no hanging baskets around the village due to garden centres closing. No Sunday Services at St. Helen's Church. Limited attendance at Funerals. Bags of clothing left next to the charity bins on The Bricklayers car park, including a suitcase! If the bins are full take your recycling home, who do you think will tidy up after you? And, one of the main events of the year, no village Fete.

On the good side there has been the formation of Sharnford Community Support Group ably administered by Beth Edge with financial support of £1000 from the

SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This time last year I was complaining about the state of the cricket ground and pavilion. I am now pleased to say that Sharnford Cricket Club have sold the ground to a local farmer who will return the land to agriculture. This may mean a fence being erected alongside the public footpath to Fosse Meadows, to prevent walkers and their dogs mingling with livestock. The village will also benefit financially from the sale, having provided a loan to the cricket club in 1989, of £1000, to support the purchase.

After our clerk resigning in December, we have had to start the recruitment process again. Four strong candidates applied, and we managed to interview

Sharnford Over 60s Youth Club

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estate of the late Helen Smart, provided by the executor David Anscombe. The group has provided support, food, and shopping to the elderly and vulnerable in the village. The opening of a fruit and veg stall at The Bricklayers two days a week. One benefit of lockdown has been the massive reduction in traffic through the village, resulting in less noise and pollution. It was even possible to see satellites and the Space Station moving across the night sky.

Parish Council meetings have now had to be moved on-line, via Zoom. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting by following the link on the Agenda. The Agenda can be found on our website <http://www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk> go to Agenda and Minutes, meetings calendar.

As previously mentioned in March's Sharnford News, one of our district councillors, Cllr Sheila Scott, decided to retire after many years sterling service to residents of the Stanton & Flamville Ward. I would like to personally give my thanks to Sheila who has been a good friend to Sharnford and has helped me through my first year as chairman of the parish council. In normal times there would have been an election in the ward to select a new district councillor, but these are not normal times so we will have to manage without full representation at Blaby District Council until elections in May 2021. We do have two district councillors to represent us with Cllr Iain Hewson and Cllr Deanne Freer. Their contact details can be found on Blaby District Council website.

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MP WELCOMES 'GOOD PROGRESS' MADE OVER VILLAGE QUARRY CONCERNS

South Leicestershire MP Alberto Costa has hailed the 'good progress' made in addressing local concerns over the activities taking place at two former quarry sites in the village of Sapcote. This follows two recent multi-agency meetings organised by Mr Costa and attended by senior representatives from the Environment Agency, Blaby District Council and Leicestershire County Council to discuss local concerns over the alleged draining of water and unauthorised dumping of materials at the Granitethorpe and Sapcote quarries in the village.

Following the first meeting in April, officers from the Environment Agency visited Sapcote Quarry and issued a formal warning letter to the landowner following their discovery that the rate of water being drained was above the legal limit.

A meter has now been fitted at the quarry site to monitor the water abstraction and further tests carried out by the Environment Agency have also revealed that the quarry waters, thought to be hydrostatically linked to nearby Stoney Cove, are not polluted.

Mr Costa said, "I am very pleased with the good progress being made by a number of agencies in addressing local concerns about these two quarries, and their associated activities, in Sapcote. This has long been a matter of deep worry for my constituents; however, I do hope they will be reassured by the outcomes and subsequent actions following these meetings which have resulted in firm action being taken by the Environment Agency".

Mr Costa concluded, "Both Granitethorpe and Sapcote quarries are natural, picturesque sites that are crucial to the local ecosystem hence why it is so important that we do all we can to protect them. I am immensely grateful to the Environment Agency who have acted swiftly and firmly in this case, and I should like to reassure constituents that my office will continue working closely with the responsible agencies to ensure that activities at these sites are closely monitoring moving forward".

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN VILLAGE HALL



It's good to be able to update everyone on what is happening to our hall. Whilst we have been in lockdown since March, we have taken the opportunity of updating some of the hall.

We have had all the carpets removed and replaced with the same flooring as that of the main hall. This looks much better and is more hygienic for everyone using the premises.

The new Pre-School will be open from the beginning of September and Joy, Paula and Nicky have spent the time since March completely re-ordering the pre-school. They have also laid out the back yard with astro-turf and provided new outdoor facilities for the children. We do hope you will support this new opportunity in Sharnford. We have replaced the old wooden front door and a new Village Hall Sign has been placed on the outside of the building. We have had the hall professionally deep-cleaned following all the renovations.

From the 1st September the hall will be open but not all activities can commence immediately. We have to work within the Government Covid19 rules. Social Distancing must be maintained and whilst many small gatherings will find this easy to comply with, large parties will not be able to use the hall. In fact our Bacon Buttie mornings, which are well loved in village, cannot yet recommence.

If you want to hire the hall, please give Rosemarie a call on 274158 to see if your event comes within the guidelines. We will be contacting all the regular users to advise them of the current position. All hirers will have to be responsible for their time in the hall and a written schedule will be given each time.

We hope that we shall all be able to re-start our normal lives and activities soon in a safe way.

Rosemarie Simpson

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Please note that the deadline for articles for the next issue of Sharnford News is the November 19th 2020

SHARNFORD COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP



With the outbreak of Covid-19 and the restrictions that followed for everyone, this impacted greatly on the elderly and vulnerable with our village. Following a donation to the parish of £1000 from the estate of the late Helen Smart, provided by the executor David Anscombe, the group has been able to provide support with food, shopping and medications. The group also hosted a "Sharnford Gallery", of which invited Sharnford residents to create and display their artwork created during the lockdown measures. These were also judged with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places being awarded.



Beth Edge



THE SHARNFORD GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Please note whilst the Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme is unable to offer lifts to people at the moment, we have continued to provide support that is safe and appropriate e.g. collecting prescriptions, telephone befriending to anyone who just wants to hear a friendly voice, and more recently small gardening jobs.

To request support please call our dedicated phone number: 07502 615535 to speak to the Good Neighbour Scheme Co-ordinator, however, please be mindful that the support we are currently able to offer is fairly limited, to ensure the health and safety of both our users and volunteers.

SHARNFORD ARMS

Leicestershire Dog Friendly pub of the year

**RUN BY A BLACK LABRADOR CALLED "SILKIE", COME AND
SAY "HI" AND TO STEVE TOO**



SUNDAYS - Sunday dinners 12:00 to 16:00 - Please book

Chinese Restaurant and take away service

New rooftop dining experience

DOGS ALWAYS WELCOME THROUGHOUT

**We welcome your thoughts and ideas. What would you like
to see at the Sharnford Arms? , please email us at
silkiesharnford@gmail.com or join us on Facebook to see all
events and read all about us on Tripadvisor**



ST HELEN'S CHURCH



The church was closed during the lockdown in accordance with government regulations. We opened again in July and now hold a short service each Sunday at 10 am. No hymns are allowed and masks have to be worn and we are complying with all government regulations on distancing etc.

Despite all the difficulties, it has been good to once again join together in worship and it has been wonderful to see each other in our parish church.

A warm welcome awaits anyone who can join us and pray for an end to this very difficult time for everyone

Rosemarie Simpson

SHARNFORD LADIES GROUP

Sharnford Ladies Group usually meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the Evergreen Hall at 7.30pm. We have speakers, followed by coffee and chat, social evenings and occasional trips. Obviously, this year has been slightly different but we are hoping to restart before the end of the year.

In March we had Janet and Team who told us about their times on different quiz shows, they are coming again in October when the title of their talk is, 'Fun with Antiques'. In November, rules permitting, we are hoping to go ahead with our annual dinner at the Bricklayers! December will see the group welcome back Four Play to entertain us whilst we enjoy our Christmas party.

Guests are always welcome, at a cost of £4 including coffee and a raffle, if you'd like to come and join the group for an evening.

If you would like any further information please ring Wendy Kendall 273889.

Wendy Kendall Tel.273889 or Jean Ryan

SHARNFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY	ARTS AND CRAFT CLUB (TBC due to Covid-19)	Come along and bring your own craft project to work on.	Gabrielle Bryan 01455 631026
TUESDAY	PILATES FOR RIDERS (please check due to Covid-19) 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 (please check due to Covid-19) 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 (please check due to Covid-19) 1.45pm – 2.45pm	Working on core strength and flexibility. Open to all ages and abilities.	Joanna Smith Joanna.smith@me.com
FRIDAY	Currently available		

The hall can also be hired for weekend functions, please contact me on 271321 Julie Edge - Chair Sharnford Youth & Community Centre

Counselling/Psychotherapy

Looking towards a clearer, brighter future

There may be a time when you need to talk to someone who will listen to what you really need to say, helping you get an understanding of the present, in the hope for a better future.

We are local Person Centred Counsellors, fully qualified, registered and experienced in a wide range of issues supporting and helping adults, young people and children.

Zoom or WhatsApp sessions are available

Face to face sessions are available with Covid-19 save processes in place

For a free initial session and discussion, without obligation, please contact:

Kelly Williams
Amukelani Counselling
07806 323 635
Kelerina@aoodlemail.com

Malcolm Soulsby
Six Acres Counselling
07715 178 874
www.sixacrescounselling.co.uk

VILLAGE BUS TIMES

Sharnford to Hinckley or Leicester (X55) - Monday to Saturday (not Sunday)
Hinckley via Aston Flamville & Burbage at 0758,0805,0900,1140,1430,1730 & 1930
Leicester via Sapcote, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston, Enderby & Fosse Park at
0553 Mon to Fri, 0613 Sat only, Mon to Sat 0656,0944,1229,1523,1814

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 4th Monday of each month - 0116 305 3619 (please check due to Covid-19)

AND FINALLYLOOK UP!!!

During the last few months it has been stated that air quality has improved and pollution reduced, thus resulting in clearer skies. The picture below shows a clear sky taken in a spring evening in Sharnford. It is displaying the crescent moon and the planet Venus.



SHARNFORD VILLAGE INFORMATION SHEET

Organisation	Contact	Details
Blaby District Cllrs.	Iain Hewson 273957, Deanne Freer 07530 319637	
Community Centre	Julie Edge 271321	
Craft Group	Gabrielle Bryan 631026	Community Centre Mon(fortnightly) 19.30 - 21.30
Doctors-Broughton Astley	(01455) 282599	Evergreen Hall Thurs 12 - 13:30
Doctors-Burbage	(01455) 634879	Evergreen Hall Tue 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,	
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	Mike Shirley 07539 994707	
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	
Sharnford Village Show	Tony Curtis 272532	