

SHARNFORD NEWS

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TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN SIR TOM MOORE

2020 began all shiny and bright,
Clear skies ahead, no fear in sight,
Then out of the blue came Covid-19
It took all the light and it shattered our dreams.

No friends we could see, schools closed to keep us safe,
At home with our families was the safest place.

One day an old chap gave us all a glimmer of hope
When he walked 100 laps of his garden, thank goodness it wasn't on a slope!
A ray of light and hope shone through,
He broke his £1000 target, he couldn't believe this was true.
£33 million Sir Captain Tom raised,
Everyone rejoiced and all give him praise.
This wonderful man did so much for our beloved NHS
Sleep easy Sir Captain Tom, you've earned your rest

Archie McGunigle – Age 11

Details of the “BLABY LOCAL PLAN” are included in this issue, please read them and have your say on the future of the village
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SHARNFORD SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

Despite the many twists and turns in the Covid pandemic lockdown restrictions the Sick and Dividend Fund were able to undertake its normal distribution of festive food bags, despite not being able to hold a raffle last Christmas to raise funds.

The distribution was made possible by significant donations from the former Sharnford Cricket Club following the sale of their cricket ground and a handsome donation from Sharnford Parish Council's funds allocated to cover the current crisis.

As a result, not only were the pensioners of the village provided for but households that were on a previous Covid food distribution

were included in the roll-out of festive food bags, there were around 130 recipients in total.

Some extras were included in some of the food bags thanks to a large donation of food and necessities provided by Blaby District Council, this arrived in three large bags, which were subsequently made into several smaller bags, thus enabling the distribution to go a little further.

None of this would have been possible without the highly efficient distribution team and the fact that many more people were at home to receive their bags because of the lockdown.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped out on the day making this achievement possible. We had a greater number of thank-you cards and letters than ever before - even a letter was sent via proper post.

Hopefully we will be running a simplistic raffle later on in the year to make sure this year's Christmas distribution can go ahead. This will be followed by the usual Christmas raffle assuming things are back to near normality when the time comes.

Thanks again to everyone concerned.

Jack Feast

WALKS OF LEICESTERSHIRE

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Leicestershire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/leics is the website for you!

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Walking in Leicestershire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris, john@walkinginengland.co.uk

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND WINDOW COMPETITION

After a shaky start, Sharnford entered into the Christmas spirit with a Christmas lights and dressed window competition. Only 9 entries this year but hopefully, with more notice, 2021 will light up Sharnford. You never know we may be visible from outer space....

Prizes ranged from £30 for 1st, £20 for 2nd, and £10 for 3rd, in each category. Judging took place on a very wet and windy Saturday night and first prizes were awarded to Lesley Ashton for her garden lights and Emily & Sophie for their Snowman window painting. Well Done to all who entered.



BLABY LOCAL PLAN

THIS WILL AFFECT SHARNFORD –COMMENTS DEADLINE BY 12TH MARCH 2021

The District Council is consulting on the New Local Plan Options document between **Thursday 28 January** and **Friday 12 March 2021**. The consultation will take place under the requirements of Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Comments can be submitted by email to planning.policy@blaby.gov.uk or by sending to Blaby Local Plan Options Consultation, Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicester, LE19 2EP.

The consultation focuses on three key areas:

- **Options for the location of future development. It sets out the direction that the Council expects to take.**
- **All reasonable site options. These are sites promoted to the Council for built development by landowners, developers, and site promoters.**
- **Initial information about the main policies we expect to include in the Local Plan.**

Following this consultation, we will consider the comments that have been made and take them into account when writing the Local Plan.

You are encouraged to have your say, read the 68 page New Local Plan Options, and answer the 32 questions. The document is available to download on the Blaby District Council website <https://www.blaby.gov.uk/planning-and-building/local-plan/new-local-plan/> or on Sharnford Parish Council's website www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk

For those who cannot access the internet I have summarised the 68 pages and tried to remove the gobbledegook used by local government.

INTRODUCTION

Over the coming decades Blaby District will undergo change. The population will increase, commuting patterns will change, and businesses will expand and move. In order to help to ensure that Blaby remains a great place to live, work and visit, we are now updating our Local Plan. Community involvement will contribute to shaping the plan to make sure that we can secure the best outcomes for the next 15 to 20 years and beyond. This document considers a range of planning related issues and potential options. It will help to deliver the following priorities:

- **Live** – Strong, healthy, safe, sustainable communities where the most vulnerable are supported.
- **Work** – A thriving, prosperous, innovative local economy with a skilled and healthy workforce contributing to the local community.
- **Visit** – A strong leisure and tourism sector with well-maintained and accessible attractions available in the local area to encourage visitors to the district.

All local authorities are required to develop a Local Plan to develop sustainable development in their area, which should plan ahead over a minimum 15 year period. The Council's latest Local Development Scheme (2020) sets out the timetable as detailed below:

- Issues and Options Consultation – July / August 2019
- **Options Consultation – spatial strategy, sites, and strategic policies. January / March 2021**
- Consult on Publication Local Plan – February / March 2022
- Submit Local Plan for Examination – August 2022
- Local Plan Examination – November / December 2022
- Local Plan Adoption – August 2023

The Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan (SGP) 2018 was jointly prepared by the seven District and Borough Councils, Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership which sets out the strategy up to 2050.

The SGP recognises that significant new development cannot be accommodated in Leicester and Leicestershire without significant investment in infrastructure and services.

Five key growth areas are identified. Those relevant to Blaby District are: Leicester – Our central City, the A46 Priority Growth Corridor, and the A5 Improvement Corridor.

Delivery of the strategic growth areas will be 21st century garden towns, villages, and suburbs. New housing and employment will be planned together with new and improved roads, public transport, schools, health services, local shops, and open space.

EMERGING STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Social

1. To direct new growth to the most sustainable locations. New homes and businesses will be well located, of high-quality design and accessible by walking, cycling and public transport.
2. Easy access by walking and cycling to shops, schools, health care services, open space, sports, leisure, and community facilities, with employment opportunities.
3. To provide a suitable level of housing to meet overall need within the district and the wider Housing Market Area. A range of housing types, size and tenures to meet the need of different groups, including those with affordable housing needs, older persons and specialist housing needs. To provide sufficient pitches and plots to meet the identified needs for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Show people.

Environmental

4. To support the move to a low carbon future.
5. To increase the District's resilience and ability to adapt to a changing climate and the associated risks of flooding and other extreme weather events.

6. To protect new and existing communities from the harmful effects that poor air quality causes, reducing the emissions of pollutants.
7. To make efficient use of land, water, minerals, soils, waste, and other resources. Maximise the use of previously developed land and ensure that any loss of the best and most versatile land is balanced against development needs.
8. To ensure that the District's most valued natural assets are protected, and that biodiversity can thrive.
9. To ensure that our towns, villages, and countryside benefit from high quality design for all new developments. The local character and distinctiveness of Blaby's towns and villages will be protected and enhanced.
10. To conserve and enhance the District's many heritage assets, including Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, and Scheduled Monuments.

Economic

11. To provide appropriate quantity, quality, and mix of land for employment uses to support a diverse range of business needs. Provide training and job opportunities for current and future populations.
12. To support rural communities and help to create a vibrant rural economy.
13. To promote and develop tourism and leisure opportunities including existing facilities.
14. To prioritise the use of sustainable modes of transport, to travel to work, leisure, and services. To promote an efficient transport network and mitigate the adverse impacts of growth on congestion, road safety, and air quality.
15. To plan for the continued vitality and viability of Blaby town centre and other District and Local Centres recognising changing retail patterns. To maximise the opportunities offered by Fosse Park.

Q1. Do you think that the Strategic Objectives are suitable aims for the future of the District?

HOW MUCH GROWTH AND LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT

Amount of Housing Growth

- The starting point for calculating housing requirement for Blaby District is currently 350 new homes per year. However, one of the factors to be considered is whether we take a proportion of housing from Leicester City because they cannot supply the amount of developable land for their growing population?
- Leicester City has declared they need space for an additional 7,800 dwellings up to 2036. The Government have revised this figure to show uplift in the city's housing of approx. 35%. This is another 10,000 dwelling on top of the confirmed 7,800.
- It has been indicated that Blaby District will have to take a significant proportion of Leicester's shortfall.

Scale of Growth Options for Blaby District

Option	Total Housing Requirement 2019 to 2038	Annual Requirement
1 Standard growth	6441	339
2 Standard growth with minimum increase from Leicester	9000	474
3 Standard growth with maximum increase from Leicester	12000	632

AMOUNT OF EMPLOYMENT GROWTH

The Local Plan should seek to deliver sufficient employment land to meet its local needs and contributing to wider strategic needs (including a contribution towards Leicester's land shortfall). The District Council has been working with other local authorities in Leicester and Leicestershire to consider the wider needs for employment land and premises. There has been joint working in relation to strategic warehousing. Some 35 hectares of employment land have been delivered in the last 10 years. Blaby District requires 3 hectares per year. (10,000 sq. metre = 1 hectare). We will assess the employment implications of a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange close to junction 2 of the M69.

Q2. Do you consider that Blaby District meet only its own employment needs or contribute to meeting the needs of other areas in Leicester and Leicestershire?

LOCATION STRATEGY

Settlement Hierarchy – we have looked at the role of the settlements across the District and carried out an audit of local services. This has influenced the assumptions used to identify a settlement hierarchy. The settlements are grouped according to the level of local services, access to public transport and access to employment opportunities.

Proposed Settlement Hierarchy

Tier	Settlement included
Principal Urban Area (PUA)	Braunstone Town, Glenfield, Glen Parva, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forest East, Lubbesthorpe
Extended Principal Urban Area	Blaby, Countesthorpe, Enderby, Narborough, Whetstone
Medium Villages	Stoney Stanton, Cosby, Croft, Huncote, Littlethorpe, Sapcote
Smaller Villages	Elmsthorpe, Kilby, Sharnford, Thurlaston
Hamlets	Aston Flamville, Leicester Forest West, Potters Marston, Wigston Parva

Q3. Do you agree with the proposed Settlement Hierarchy?

ASSESSMENT OF LOCATION OPTIONS

The Interim Sustainability Appraisal Report considers:

- Meeting local housing needs
- Potential housing capacity
- Housing delivery and market capacity
- Sustainable locations and local infrastructure
- Strategic infrastructure
- Physical and environmental constraints

The appraisal shows that no single option is wholly better than the others. There are positives and negatives for each option. We must consider the option with higher housing numbers because of the need to contribute to Leicester's housing needs.

Despite the physical and environmental constraints in some areas, there is sufficient potential capacity to accommodate the scale of growth for most of the options. The main exception is the single standalone new settlement (town or village) at the highest level of growth. No single site has been promoted that is large enough to accommodate the number of homes required.

There are also concerns about the creeping growth of medium and smaller villages without sufficient improvements to local infrastructure. Significant growth will result in car-based journeys due to a lack of services and enjoyment. At the same time, such growth would maintain vitality and keep essential services, such as schools, open.

Well-located, well designed, and well-connected sites that include supporting infrastructure and a wide range of local services should be considered. Four site options have been submitted to Blaby for consideration:

- Whetstone Pastures (between 3,500 to 6,000 homes)
- Land west of Stoney Stanton (5,000 homes)
- Land at Hospital Lane, Blaby (1,018 homes)
- Land north of railway line, Elmsthorpe (1,100 homes)

Limited growth should be considered for smaller villages.

Q4. Do you consider that the Location Strategy should include Strategic Sites where there are higher levels of growth?

Q5. Do you consider that a range of smaller and medium sites located across a settlement hierarchy will also be needed to ensure the delivery of the total housing requirement?

Small Sites Requirements

The government require local planning authorities to identify, through the Development Plan and Brownfield Register, sufficient land to accommodate at least 10% of their housing requirement on sites no larger than one hectare unless it can be shown that there are strong reasons why this 10% target cannot be achieved. The evidence for Blaby District shows that there is limited capacity on sites of less than one hectare to accommodate significant number of new homes, On 1 April 2020, there were 301 dwellings with planning permission or under construction on sites of less

than one hectare. There are 17 sites of this size with a combined yield of 275 dwellings.

We need to find smaller sites to provide housing, but they must be in sustainable locations. One option is to sub-divide larger sites to allow for small and medium-sized house builders to provide diversity in the housing market.

Q6. How should we diversify the housing market in the District to meet the requirement to provide more housing on smaller sites (less than one hectare)?

Q7. If you promoted a site for development and it is considered a reasonable option in the Council's site assessment work, would you consider sub-dividing the site to allow small and medium house-builders or self-builders to enter the housing market?

STRATEGIC GREENFIELD DESIGNATIONS

As well as areas for growth, the Local Plan will identify areas to protect and enhance. Currently 76% of the District is identified as either Green Wedges, Areas of Separation, and Countryside. Green Wedge is designated to prevent the merging of settlements. Areas of Separation operate at a local level and maintain the character and identity of settlements. It is recognised that such designations will be the subject of review and so will not, at this stage, prevent sites being allocated for development.

Q8. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to urban design quality and place-making?

REASONABLE SITE OPTIONS

This consultation presents all of the site options that are considered reasonable to take forward. We would like your views on these sites. At this stage, no decision has been made about which site to be included.



I HAVE ONLY SELECTED SHARNFORD SITES FOR THIS SUMMARY

SH008 Land west of Coventry Road (marked in red) accessed off Butlers Close.

Proposed use – Housing

Number of dwellings – 21

Building on land designated as Countryside

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ESHA001 Aston Lane (marked in blue) Field opposite Holyoak Drive

Proposed use – Employment and Retail

Size – 21,600 sq. m. Class B employment ranges from Business, Offices, Light Industry, General Industry to Storage and Distribution.

Size – 5,400 sq. m Class A retail floorspace, basically shops.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICIES

Proposals will contribute to climate change mitigation / cutting greenhouse gas emissions through:

- Locating development in the most sustainable locations where walking, cycling, and public transport are reasonable to access local shops and services.
- Providing for energy through renewable / low carbon technology (generation and on site)
- Energy performance of buildings
- Use of sustainable materials and construction

Proposals will contribute to climate change adaption and resilience through:

- Design and layout of sites and buildings to be resilient to extreme weather events and overheating.
- Locating development and design of development to minimise flood risk.
- Reduce water consumption
- Incorporate green infrastructure and biodiversity into the development.

Q9. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change?

FLOOD RISK

We have undertaken a new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 to map and identify sources of flood risk across the District. Flood Risk is included as a consideration in the site selection work. This will enable the sequential test for flood risk to be demonstrated. We will undertake a Strategic Flood Risk Level 2 to assess the flood risk of specific sites. This will assist in the selection and layout of site allocations. We will develop a policy relating to managing flood risk in the District taking account of national policy and the local evidence.

Q10. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to flood risk?

BIODIVERSITY AND GEODIVERSITY

We have reviewed the Local Plan policies and consider a strategic policy on biodiversity and geodiversity is required. We are monitoring progress on the Government's Environmental Bill. This will have an impact on the approach we take to biodiversity. We will produce a study considering national policy and the local evidence.

Q11. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to biodiversity and geodiversity?

HERITAGE ASSETS

We have considered the existing Core Strategy policies on the historic environment, culture, and heritage assets against national policy.

The following approach is suggested:

- Recognise the District's heritage assets and their contribution to local character and distinctiveness
- Seek to protect and enhance heritage assets in line with the approach in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Q12. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to heritage assets?

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ISSUES

We are working with colleagues, the Environment Agency, Natural England, and Severn Trent Water to ensure that environmental protection matters are properly considered.

Development proposals will need to demonstrate that unacceptable adverse effects can be mitigated for the following issues:

- Landfill, land contamination and land stability
- Waste management facilities
- Waste water
- Groundwater and surface water pollution
- Air quality
- Noise or light pollution
- Soils of high environmental value.

Q13. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to environmental quality?

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING POLICIES

Delivering healthy communities is at the heart of planning policies. The Local Plan will seek to have a positive influence on health through a range of policies that:

- Promote walking and cycling
- Promote walkable and compact neighbourhoods
- Secure health care, education, other local services, and access to employment
- Protect and encourage access to the natural environment

Q14. How does the Local Plan best assist in the delivery of healthy communities?

Q15. What specific health-related requirements would you wish to incorporate in the Local Plan and its policies?

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

We have reviewed the existing Local Plan policies and evidence on Green Infrastructure. We consider a strategic policy is required on this matter.

Q16. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to Green Infrastructure?

OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION

We have worked with colleagues in Health and Leisure to develop a new playing pitch policy. We consider a strategic policy is required on space, sport, and recreation.

Q17. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to open space, sport, and recreation?

LOCAL GREEN SPACES

The District Council considers that the designation of Local Green Spaces should be devolved to Neighbourhood Planning groups because Local Green Spaces are locally-driven designations. This allows for community involvement and ownership.

Q18. What do you think about the proposed approach for the designation of Local Green Spaces being undertaken through Neighbourhood Plans?

HOUSING NEEDS POLICIES

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – Secure a minimum % of affordable housing for sites over a certain threshold (10 to 15 dwellings). Include rented, home ownership routes.

MIX OF HOUSING – Major developments to provide an appropriate mix of housing types (house, flat, bungalow) and size (number of bedrooms)

OLDER PERSON AND SPECIALIST HOUSING – Support the provision of a variety of homes for older people (including age restricted general market housing, housing with support, housing with care and residential or nursing care) and to provide for those with specialist needs (including people with ambulatory difficulties, blindness, learning difficulties, autism, and mental health needs).

Q19. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to affordable housing?

Q20. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to the mix of housing?

Q21. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to older persons and specialist housing?

ACCOMMODATION FOR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS

Research of national policy and existing evidence has led to the following policy approach:

- Set out the level of need for permanent and transit accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers, and Travelling Show People.
- State the approach to identifying new accommodation where an outstanding need is identified.

- Set out criteria to identify sites / determine planning applications against, including:
 - Location
 - Impact on landscape and character
 - Impact on protected areas such as wildlife, geology, and heritage.
 - Scale of development and relationship to settlement
 - Safe access to highway
 - Satisfactory living conditions for residents and nearby neighbours

Q22. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to accommodating Gypsies and Travellers?

ECONOMY, RETAIL AND LEISURE POLICIES

In addition to identifying the amount of new employment land required and potential sites, the Council will need to set out policies that respond to changing economy and employment working patterns (such as changes to home-working, technology advances, and automation).

The following work requires completion before employment policies can be finalised:

- Updating the Local Employment land and premises evidence.
- Identify and agree the distribution of employment needs from Leicester City Council because they cannot meet the development required.
- Gather detailed evidence in relation to planning issues that could impact on potential employment sites, including transport impacts, infrastructure delivery, environmental impacts, viability, and deliverability of sites.
- Agree how the requirements for Strategic Warehousing and Logistics sites can be distributed across Leicester and Leicestershire.

Q23. How can the Local Plan best deliver the necessary employment land and premises required to meet identified needs?

Q24. Are there any specific sites that you consider are suitable to deliver the employment land required?

Q25. Are there any employment related requirements you would like to see incorporated in the Local Plan and its policies?

RETAILING, LEISURE, AND TOWN CENTRE USE

Monitoring shows that the Council has met and exceeded its current retail needs. The Council's existing retail evidence shows that there are no significant surpluses or deficits of retail floorspace. New housing growth will need to be supported with associated retail growth in the form of convenience retail such as supermarkets.

We will undertake a new retail and leisure study to identify the amount of retail floorspace we need to plan for, and the existing shopping areas should be protected from other uses. We will develop a policy relating to retail, town centres, leisure, and Fosse Park.

Q26. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to retail, leisure, and town centre uses?

TOURISM

Q27. Are there any tourism related requirements you would like to see included in the Local Plan and its policies?

TRANSPORT, LOCAL SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES

Engaged with Highways England and Leicestershire County Council to consider high level implications such as improvements to the A5, A46 Corridor and potential for a new junction 20a on the M1. Commissioned a study by Sustrans that seeks to examine the potential for new development in Blaby District to maximise the potential for walking and cycling.

Q28. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to transport issues?

Q29. Are there any specific transport issues that the Local Plan should address?

**SHARNFORD EVERGREEN
VILLAGE HALL**



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

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Telephone: Margaret 01455 274038

INFRASTRUCTURE, SERVICES, AND FACILITIES TO SUPPORT GROWTH

An Infrastructure Delivery Plan will consider what is required to support sustainable communities, including schools, health care, libraries, community halls and other services / facilities. We need to engage with key partners including NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), Local Education Authority (LEA), utilities companies and Waste Authority.

Q30. What do you think about the proposed policy approach to provision of infrastructure and services and facilities to support growth?

Q31. Are there any specific infrastructure issues that the Local Plan should address?

PLANNING OBLIGATIONS AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

We will continue to engage with infrastructure providers to understand the potential costs that could be sought from developers. We will carry out a viability assessment of the emerging Local Plan to test the implications of potential financial contributions and policy burdens on the whole plan and specific sites.

Q32. Are there any specific issues that the Local Plan should address in relation to planning obligations and developer contributions?

*Any questions then contact Blaby District Council. Still stuck?
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SHARNFORD PRE-SCHOOL

My name is Alison Lancaster and I am the new manager of Sharnford Preschool at the village hall.

I am married to Paul, with 2 children, Amy age 16 and Jack age 13. I have an 8 year old cockerpoo called Ozzy and a 14 week old mini dachshund called Cooper.

I have 12 years' experience working with children from birth to key stage 2 with the majority of my experience with preschool children. I am level 5 qualified in early years and childcare and am currently half way through my early year's teacher qualification.

I absolutely love children and am completely dedicated to giving them the best possible start in life. I am very much looking forward to working with Clare Walker and Natalie Snook at the preschool who also have many years' experience of working with children. We look forward to a new term and working closely with our community. If you would like more information about our setting and arrange a look round please do not hesitate to call on 07495 432569.

Alison Lancaster

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SHARNFORD NEWS QUIZ – ADULT GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 1: Charles Darwin attributes on which British bank note?
- 2: Nelson's Column is a monument in which London square?
- 3: In a cricket game, how many runs are awarded for hitting the ball without bouncing over the boundary rope?
- 4: Au is the symbol of which metal?
- 5: Who was the first European person to reach Lake Victoria? He was also well known for producing the Hamitic hypothesis.
- 6: What was the former name of Sri Lanka prior to 1972?
- 7: What is the name of the famous mountain range that separates France and Spain?
- 8: Which two colours feature on the flag of Sweden?
- 9: Which is the biggest cathedral in the UK?
- 10: Tunde Baiyewu is a vocalist well known for performing with which group that had chart success in 1996 with 'Lifted'?
- 11: Which Darts player struck the first ever televised nine-dart finish?
- 12: What triggered The Sydney Riot of 1879? a) The arrest of a prominent campaigner for social justice b) A government decision to raise taxes on local shop owners c) A controversial umpiring decision in an England vs Australia test match?
- 13: What was the name of Sherlock Holmes' landlady?
- 14: Designed by James Hoban and completed in 1801, which building has housed all this country's leaders bar one?
- 15: Born in Chinatown, San Francisco in 1940, who is this martial artist?

SHARNFORD NEWS QUIZ – KIDS KS2 SCIENCE (answers p32)

1. How long does it take the Earth to orbit the Sun?
a) One day b) One month c) One year
2. The Earth is divided into its northern and southern hemispheres by what?
a) Its axis b) The Equator c) The North and South Poles
3. In which season are the nights much longer than the days?
a) Spring b) Summer c) Winter
4. What causes day and night?
a) The Sun moves around the Earth b) The Earth rotates on its axis
5. On two days each year, the Earth receives equal amounts of daylight and darkness. What are these days called?
a) Seasons b) Solstices c) Equinoxes
6. When summer in the Northern Hemisphere, which pole is tilted towards the Sun?
a) The North pole b) The South pole
7. Which of the following causes the seasons to change?
a) The Moon b) The Earth's tilt on its axis c) The Earth's rotation
8. How long does it take the Earth to rotate once on its axis?
a) One day b) One week c) One month

WILDLIFE WATCH

Following on from “wildlife watch” article in the last issue. This time we continue with two animals that frequent our local garden



Firstly, we have a family of foxes, these have been entering the garden at night for a number of months now. Can you spot them eyes?



Next, we have the Muntjac which is part of the deer family. Muntjacs are widespread across England and parts of Wales, with the greatest numbers in the south east. They have steadily spread across the country and its population is expected to continue growing, with no predators to the adults. However, the fawns are threatened by foxes.

Muntjacs feed on trees and shrubs, shoots, herbs, berries, nuts and fungi.....oh no my new flowers!!!



JOB VACANCIES IN SHARNFORD

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Helen Beesley, helen@johnbrindleyltd.co.uk

SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW

In the Christmas edition we ran a free to enter colouring competition. One for adults and one for children to enjoy. We had just two entries in the children's section but nothing from village children. Two young brothers from N. Ireland won, their mother found our competition on the internet. It's very disappointing that not a single child in the village entered. Thanks to the lady from Mill Lane for a deserved winning entry in the adult section.

There will not be a plant sale in May. We had decided last year before COVID that this event was no longer viable to hold and events reinforced this decision. We have also decided not to hold the Flower & Produce Show this September. Social distancing will likely still be part of life in September and the number of people who attend, we do not think it will work, the hall is too cosy to fit in the exhibits and all the visitors. Also, we would need to print hundreds of schedules in May with no idea of whether we could go ahead.

We are open to suggestions for an event later in the year. A reminder also that we still have funds available for village projects. If you have something in mind let us have your proposal.

Let's hope life gets back to some kind of normality by the end of the year.

Tony Curtis

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OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB

Have no doubt everyone...We will be back! There is no question about the Over 60s being among the first to be back in action at the earliest opportunity. If this period of lockdown has proved anything it is that our Wednesday morning sessions are crucially important for the well-being, both mentally and physically, of we Oldies.

It has been interesting throughout the pandemic to see how many of the Group have taken pretty much daily exercise but not helped at all more recently by the appalling conditions underfoot of the Fosse Meadows footpaths. But these things are sent to try us and we will overcome! So, watch the village notice boards for signs that we are ready to go.

The table-tennis tables are being polished, the bowls carpet being vacuumed, the Bridge table dusted and the coffee facilities re-stocked. We will be delighted to welcome back all who have been regulars in the past, but even more pleased to meet any more who recognise the value and importance of getting some weekly activity to keep us young. Wednesday mornings 10.00-12.00 in the Youth & Community Centre. We will be there.

Derek Gibbons

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SEEKING VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

We hope you all continue to stay safe and well in these challenging times. Whilst at this time the Sharnford good Neighbour Scheme and its volunteers aren't able to provide its usual range of support, we are still available to help with things like: picking up prescriptions, small gardening jobs, or you might like to hear a friendly voice via our telephone befriending service as this can be very lonely time. **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.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to honour and remember Jan Cox, a founding member of the Good Neighbour Scheme, who sadly passed away in January (*seen here far left at the 2018 village fete*). As well as undertaking many volunteering tasks, Jan was also a member of the Steering Group and worked extremely hard in supporting the smooth running of the Scheme. Jan will be remembered by her fellow Steering Group Members for her kindness, community spirit and for that very distinctive and infectious laugh. In line with her wishes we have made a donation to LOROS, a charity that continues to do incredible work. RIP Jan.



Edwina Grant – Chair Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme Steering Group.

SHARNFORD LADIES GROUP

Sharnford Ladies Group usually meet on the first Wednesday of every month in the Evergreen Hall at 7.30pm. We have a variety of speakers and activities, followed by coffee and socialising. "We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, But I know we'll meet again some sunny day." So, Watch This Space....

Lynda

A TANTALIZING MYSTERY

In a forgotten unmarked grave in Sharnford St. Helen's churchyard lies the remains of **Mordecai Dulson**.

A notation in the church burial book reads - '*January 1st. 1892 - Mordecai Dulson aged 63 years. Travelling Clockmaker from Norfolk. Found drowned in ditch by the side of road to Hinckley*'.



From the above we assume - that he was a journeyman artisan, and was found somewhere on the Aston Flamville Lane. But how did he come to perish - was he drunk and just succumbed to cold and hyperthermia. Foul play? extremely unlikely - for gossip would have resonated down to us during the next century or so. As the mystery deepens, it is going to require some thoughtful research to find some answers to Mordecai's life and his death.

Above - the last resting place of Mordecai Dulson - Sharnford's ivy covered St. Helens church c. 1908.

Carefully checking out the 1891 Sharnford census - we see there are no Dulson's living in the parish. The church registers also do not record any Dulson births, marriages or deaths. We can conclude from this that he was not here to visit relatives. One thing we can dispel almost straightaway, is that he was not born in Norfolk - but Essex.

Geo. Sampson	Geo. & Ann	of Lees	2 July 1820	
Louisa Smith	Geo. & Ann	Bradwell	9 Jan 1827	
My Ann Miller	Mother & Co's	Selsted	1 Apr 1828	
Eliza Stockly	Geo. & Sarah	Blk Nathy	10 Dec 1826	14 Sep 1828 for Carter
Rebaiggins	Saml & Eliza	of Lees	27 May 1827	
Geo. Sandridge	Jm & Rebecca	Leaping	26 May 1828	
Jm Lunnar	Geo. & Jm	Rayne	18 July 1828	
Sarah Park	Eliza & Stephen	M Nathy	21 July 1827	
Sarah Digby	So. & Eliza	Selsted	3 May 1828	
Mordecai Dulson	Edw. & Jm	Braintree	12 Mar. 1828	
William Fuller	Jm & Jm	Selsted	23 Mar. 1826	
Emma Formell	Jm & Jm	Selsted	7 July 1828	
My Ann High	Jm & Milliam	Braintree	10 May 1828	

On the previous page - this entry for Mordecai's baptism appeared in this non-conformist register somewhere in Essex in 1828. The entry shows Mordecai Dulson - born Braintree, 12 Sept: 1828. The minister, John Carter, had a backlog - and cleared a full page of **35** baptisms (yes, **thirty-five** - that is correct!) all in one day - the 14th. September 1828. Parents John - a silk weaver - and his wife Sarah (*nee* Joice) raised 4 children, with Mordecai, first born. His three siblings each bore also a biblical names Esther, John and Hannah.

1841 census -Mordecai is motherless by Sept 1839, appears in the census for Braintree, a 13-year-old agricultural labourer.

1851 census - Mordecai is a visiting weaver at the Wheeldon family home, in Bag Lane, St. Peters parish, Derby. He married Hannah Roberts at St. Mary's Roman Catholic chapel Oct:1851 in Derby. A son was born in 1853 - Henry Charles Dulson - his wife Hannah died possibly at the birthing or shortly after-but certainly prior to 1855.

1861 census -Back in Braintree, Mordecai once again marries - now to Ellen Jane Wilson. They married in All Saints Catholic church at Withan, Essex sometime in the Dec quarter of 1855.

1871 census -we see Mordecai a silk weaver, his wife Ellen a shopkeeper and Mordecai's son by his first wife, Henry Charles, all living at 11 Sandpit Lane, Braintree, Essex.

1881 census -There are no recordings of Mordecai or the family in 1881.

1891 census - Mordecai Dulson appears to be living in reduced circumstances at a lodging house on Lower Railway Street, Braintree, along with 12 other male lodgers. He is shown as still being married and that his profession was '*watch clockRsmith*' (as was written)

The circumstances of Mordecai Dulson's death required a Coroner's inquest but unfortunately the official records have not survived. We know that the inquest attracted the Leicester Chronicle. From its report in the newspaper dated Sat.2nd Jan:1892 (unable to reproduce due to poor reprographics) we are able to piece together a small précis of what occurred on that fateful December Sunday evening.....

The inquest was held on Wednesday afternoon 29th Dec: 1891 by Mr. G.E. Bouskell, coroner for the south Leicestershire district at the New Inn, Sharnford (now Bricklayers Arms). Edward Parker, a trimmer, of Hinckley first gave evidence - that he was going from Hinckley to Sharnford '*when on nearing Sharnford he noticed the deceased lying in the ditch on the right-hand side of the road, about ten yards from the bridge. He was lying on his face, which was covered with water up to his ears.*' Two further witnesses, William Wood and Thomas Forryan (fetched by Parker), went *to the ditch and saw the body of the deceased which was quite stiff*'. One of these witnesses, Thomas Forryan, the landlord of the New Inn, stated further at the inquest that he knew the deceased by sight and that he was a clock cleaner.

The deceased had visited the Inn at half past six on the Sunday evening (prior to the finding of him dead the Monday morning), and that the deceased '*had half pint of ale and that he wanted a few pence to make up his night's lodging money, and that he was going to Hinckley that night*'. ..'He was quite sober when he left the Inn,' said Mr.

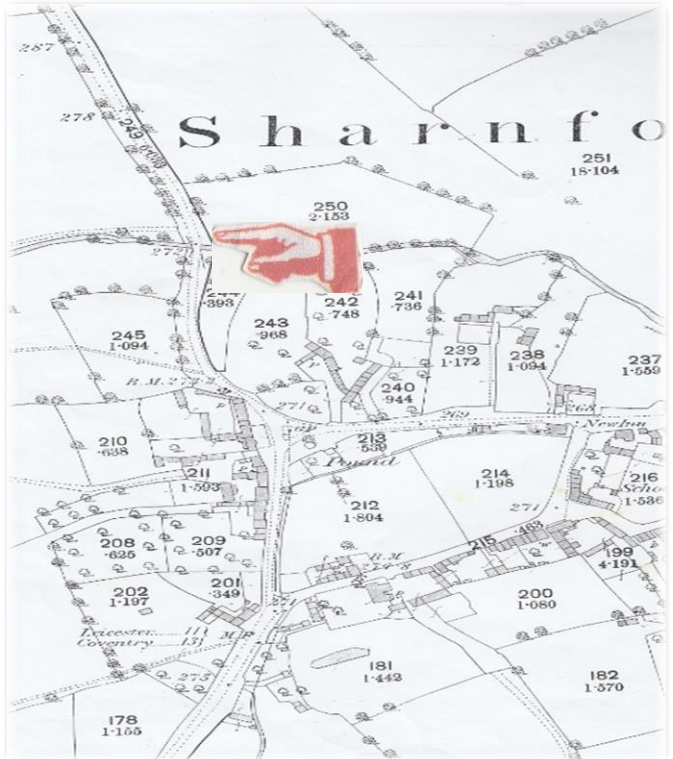
Forryan and that he had known the deceased for almost three years, and that 'he was a temperate man and had never seen him worse for drink'. The newspaper article does not relate what the weather was like when Mordicai set out on his journey to Hinckley on Sunday evening.

Mr. R.B. Smith, surgeon of Burbage, (who carried out the post- mortem), said he found no marks of violence on the body with the exception of a bruise caused after death by getting the body out of the ditch. Mr. Smith had medically attended the deceased on certain occasions in the past and considered him not an active man, and who would have great difficulty in getting out of the ditch. Death, he said, was caused by suffocation by drowning.

Two letters were produced which were found on the body that threw more light as to the identity. They were purported to have come from his brother, John Dulson, of 113 Lower Railway Street, Braintree, Essex, and that the letters 'were written in a religious strain and atrabilious circumstances'. Braintree police communicated with John Dulson who in his statement that was read out to the inquest, said that his brother was 63 years old, a travelling clock-cleaner, and that he went all over the country, and was last heard of at Northampton.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning.

Right - the Ordnance Survey map of 1903 for Sharnford - the red finger pointing to the bridge over the river Soar on Aston Lane, which was close to the location where Mordecai Dulson's body was found. The bridge was a humped pinch point type in 1891 probably similar to the one situated at Poors Meadow. It is quite easy to visualize Mordecai making his way on foot in the damp winter's stygian darkness along an unlit Aston Lane and blundering into a culvert at the side of the road. His cries for help would go unheeded for there were no houses then in the area.



BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL POSTAL VOTES – MAY 2021 ELECTIONS

The Government has confirmed that the planned local elections for May of this year will be going ahead on 6th May 2021.

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Vote for a District Councillor

Vote for the Police and Crime Commissioner

Postal voting is available if you cannot attend a polling station on election day or find it more convenient. Anyone aged 18 or over can apply for a postal vote and you do not need a reason to vote by post.

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All forms require a signature to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign due to a disability, illness, unable to sign in a consistent or distinctive manner or you are unable to read or write you can download the Signature Waiver Application form.

If you have not registered already for a postal vote we would urge you to do so.

Firstly, it will ensure that you stay safe and will not be at risk if you were to visit a polling station.

Secondly, whatever the weather or circumstances on polling day you will be assured of casting your vote if you register in advance for a postal vote.

It is easy to do so by following the link to Blaby District Council website.

<https://www.blaby.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/voting/postal-votes/>

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SHARNFORD EVERGREEN VILLAGE HALL

The Hall is currently closed for group activities but the Pre-School is open, operating as usual on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. As soon as the government give the all clear for normal life to resume, we will let everyone know about re-opening. The hall is constantly being cleaned and is well prepared for post lockdown operations

Rosemarie Simpson

POLICE SURVEY

Following a major on-line survey of over 6,000 residents of our city and two counties regarding local policing. The following results are reflective of the south Leicestershire area.

- Only 21% of people in South Leicestershire are satisfied with the visibility of police.
- 31% had noticed a rise in crime as Covid restrictions were lifted in December.
- 79% felt more safe than unsafe walking near their home
- More people were worried about burglary [29%] than any other issue. Road safety was the second most serious worry at 27%.
- More people prioritised more police on regular patrols [24%] than any other law and order measure, with more support from the police for neighbourhood watch schemes coming second with 19%.
- 93% want to see the police more involved with our community here in South Leicestershire.

These results show that while most people support our police and appreciate the work that they do, there is some unhappiness about specific aspects of policing in our area. In particular, people want to see improved communications between the police and the public and an increased visibility of the police in our community.

**Police and crime
commission**



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SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Sue Stanley has resigned from the Parish Council after over 6 years working to make Sharnford a better place to live. Sue's fellow councillors would like to thank her for her contribution and hard work.

With Sue's resignation we now have two vacancies for Parish Councillor. Look out for the advert in the next few weeks if you would like to join us and make a positive contribution to the village.

2021 is going to be a busy year for the Parish Council with a number of challenges that will affect our village. The Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) moves into the formal public consultation stage with the developer, TRITAX, having total control over the timeline. We expect to see some form of on-line presentation in May, pushed back from March. This gives us little time for comments and/or objections to be formalised and submitted. Any review and design refinement by TRITAX will need to be complete by the final submission date of September 2021.

You will have seen the lengthy Blaby Local Plan document (68 pages) summarised in this Sharnford News. I implore you to read it and send your answers to the 32 questions, to Blaby District Council by deadline date Friday 12th March. Just answer the questions that you think are important to you. My summary is focused on Sharnford and any potential development, but the main impact on any future development will affect our neighbours, Sapcote and Stoney Stanton. Both the Local Plan and HNRFI propose more than one by-pass road for Sapcote and Stoney Stanton, funnelling traffic, private and commercial, onto the B4114. This in turn will mean a massive increase in traffic volume through Sharnford which already stands at over 3.5 million vehicles per year.

On Thursday 6th May there will be Local Government Elections. This is your chance to vote for your County Councillor, and Police and Crime Commissioner. At the same time there will be a by-election for a District Councillor and a referendum to accept the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan. Stay safe and apply for a postal vote.

It was only a matter of time but the fence on The Park has finally succumbed to rot and poor design. This now gives us the opportunity to replace it and also install a proper gate at the entrance to the Youth Club car park. It is hoped to have it all completed in the next couple of months.

St. Helen's Church path is in disrepair and is hazardous to walk along. We now have access to S106 Grant Funding which hopefully will allow the Parish Council to replace, rather than repair, both paths in the Churchyard. Again, we hope to carry out the work in the Spring.



Sharnford Over 60s Youth Club

Everybody welcome – Join in a relaxed and enjoyable morning with friends

Table Tennis, Bridge, Billiards, Darts

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Every Wednesday: 10.00-12.00

In the Sharnford & Community Centre



Will re-open soon

You may have noticed on Social Media, heated discussions about memorial inspections carried out in Broughton Astley cemetery. Basically, when their inspection was carried out, several memorials were found to be unstable and had to be laid flat. This was upsetting for relatives of the deceased and complaints were made, both direct to the council and, as appears to be the norm these days, on social media. Not everyone is aware that memorials are owned by the purchaser of the plot, normally a family member, and they are

responsible for its maintenance. Sharnford Parish Council are arranging for a statutory inspection to be carried out in St. Helen's Churchyard and Sharnford Cemetery in the next two months. The exact date will be posted on Facebook, website, and noticeboards. If memorials are found to require repair then the Parish Clerk and/or Church Warden will contact the owner so that they can organise remedial action. Ideally, we will give up to three months' notice for the work to be completed but if the inspector states that the memorial could be an imminent danger to the public then I am afraid action will have to be taken immediately. That normally means the memorial is laid flat until it can be repaired. It is the responsibility of plot owners to keep the parish council informed of changes of address and telephone numbers. If we cannot contact the owner then the Parish Council and/or Church Parochial Council will have to make the decision on remedial action.

Parish Council meetings will continue on-line via Zoom and I encourage residents to attend. Follow the link to be found on the Agenda. The Agenda can be found on our website <http://www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk>

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SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

Like all other groups we have not been allowed to meet in the last few months. However, we all live locally and 'bump' into each other from time to time, so it is good to know that we are keeping safe and most have had the first vaccination. We miss meeting up together and socialising and are very much looking forward to when the restrictions are eased. In the meantime, let's all continue to be careful and keep well.

Carol Hunter, Chair

SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE VILLAGE FETE

Annual General Meeting 2021

The fete committee held a virtual Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

Following some discussion, it was decided that there would be no fete this year due to the COVID 19 situation. There are still uncertainties about what would be allowed, so making plans is impossible.

Hopefully, in 2022 we will be able hold a fete that will celebrate HRH The Queens Platinum Jubilee together with bringing the village together after coming through this pandemic. We can have a "Come-back" fete to remember.

In the meantime, it was decided that there would be some sort of community event to be held later this year, possibly around the time of the August Bank Holiday.

We will let you know further details in due course.

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ST HELEN'S CHURCH

A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. MICK NORMAN



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offer vouchers to Hinckley Food bank (who can be contacted on 01455 697390

Sharnford Church of England Primary School is doing a brilliant job at the moment, simultaneously teaching children of key workers in the classroom and other children on line. Thank you and well done to all the staff and well done to local families juggling work with schooling at home.

Following the lockdown in 2020, St Helens was open for live worship during July to October with a reduced capacity and safety precautions. After the second lockdown, a brief window in December allowed us to have a communion service and a well-attended outdoor carol service before St Helen's closed for the current lockdown. We hope it will not be too long before we can welcome the community back for worship and events in St Helen's Church building

During the current lockdown we are offering online worship every Sunday at 11 am jointly with All Saints in Sapcote. Please contact me by phone on 01455 272215 or on

micknorman@msn.com

if you are interested in joining our online worship or If I can help in any other way please contact me.

The picture opposite shows the early signs of Spring taken in the Church yard, the season of new life and hope



Rosemarie Simpson

CROFT QUARRY

Recently South Leicestershire MP, Alberto Costa, held a virtual meeting with senior representatives from Aggregate Industries and local councillors to hear about plans to expand Croft Quarry and extend the lifespan of the site.

Proposals put forward by Aggregate Industries to Leicestershire County Council include plans to further extract minerals from the site and then to fill-in the quarry with inert materials such as clay, soils, concrete and rubble.

The plans will help create a long-term wildlife park for the local area and avoid the dangers associated with other quarries filled with water in order to help keep residents safe.

Since Croft Quarry first opened over 130 years ago, it has been an essential anchor to the local community and contributes about £8 million towards the local economy. Mr. Costa said, "I was most interested to hear the proposed plans for expanding the usage of the site at Croft Quarry, and it's eventual future as a wildlife park for local residents. The Quarry has a rich and deep history in South Leicestershire and has been a consistent source of employment and economic benefit for some years and I am pleased to see this continuing

Kirsten Hannaford-Hill on behalf of Aggregate Industries said "Croft Quarry has a long and prominent history and is a strategic site of importance to Aggregate Industries. As part of securing the long-term future of the Quarry the Company has sought the support of Alberto Costa regarding a current planning application to extend the life of mineral extraction at Croft Quarry and to enable a beneficial restoration of wetland conservation, visitor centre and improved rights of way through the importation of restoration material via rail.

The Company places great value in our relationship with the Community. The proposed planning application has been designed to limit any environmental impact and to protect our neighbours and provide long term benefits to employment, community greenspace, habitat creation and community funding." Councillor Maggie Wright has said "We have a good working relationship with Aggregate Industries through our quarterly liaison meetings. These provide a good opportunity to voice local resident and community concerns".

Mr Costa concluded, "I am pleased that the long-term plans for Croft Quarry will continue to benefit the local community through job opportunities, supply chain opportunities and also educational benefits. I am working with Aggregate Industries and our excellent local Councillors to secure a substantial community fund for the surrounding villages so that the site's legacy can be secured through giving back to local people by supporting community projects and infrastructure".

Parliament office

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
Contact Jean Dale on 274772

PUBLIC HOUSE SUPPORT

Following the ongoing restrictions caused by the current pandemic Mr. Costa has written directly to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to formally request a wider ranging package of support for pubs across the country, many of whom are only able to offer a takeaway service under the present restrictions.

The move comes following Mr. Costa's discussion with Everards Brewery, based in his constituency, and a number of local pub landlords who are deeply concerned as to the financial stability of their pubs moving forward.

Whilst both of our local pubs within the village have been offering a takeaway service (Menus can be found online), both are supporters of this newsletter and so hopefully some restrictions can be lifted soon to allow both our public houses to offer their services to our local community.

Sharnford news team

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ - Adult

1: Ten pound note, 2: Trafalgar Square, 3: Six runs, 4: Gold, 5: John Henning Speke, 6: Ceylon, 7: The Pyrenees, 8: Blue and Yellow, 9: Liverpool Cathedral, 10: Lighthouse Family, 11: John Lowe, 12: c) A controversial umpiring decision in an England VS Australia test match, 13: Mrs Hudson, 14: The White House, 15: Bruce Lee

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ - Kids

1. One year 2. The Equator 3. Winter 4. The Earth rotates on its axis, 5. Equinoxes, 6. The North pole, 7. The Earth's tilt on its axis, 8. One day.

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
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WEDNESDAY	OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB 10am – 12.30pm PILATES FOR RIDERS (please check due to Covid-19) 7pm -8pm 8pm – 9pm	Join us for table tennis, indoor bowls, darts or just come along to meet up with friends and have a coffee and a chat Solely for horse riders	Derek Gibbons 01455 272401 Joanna Smith Joanna.smith@me.com
THURSDAY	YOGA 10am – 11am PILATES FOR ALL (please check due to Covid-19) 1.45pm – 2.45pm	Open to all. Come along to develop mind, body and spirit Working on core strength and flexibility. Open to all ages and abilities.	Adele 07837 927227 yogawithadele@live.co.uk 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



FIRST WORLD WAR HEROS

Alberto Costa, MP for South Leicestershire is supporting the efforts of Andy Garford who runs the ww1leicestertigers.com website which seeks to identify the thousands of postcard images frontline soldiers sent to their families and friends during WW1 – Mr. Garford is asking for local people to send in any photos of their relatives who served in the regiment and to visit his site to see if they can identify any relatives who served among and are listed among the ‘unknown’ on the site. The names of soldiers are then updated on a central database and shared with the Regiment’s official museum and other Leicestershire war memorial sites as well as the soldier’s families.

Mr. Costa said, “I am delighted to be supporting Andy’s excellent work in trying to identify the images of those brave men who fought so valiantly in the First World War. I am immensely proud that the Leicestershire Regiment was stationed at the Glen Parva barracks in South Leicestershire, and of course the tremendous bravery and valour of all those in the Royal Leicestershire should not be forgotten, hence why Andy’s work to identify these soldiers is so incredibly important”.

Mr. Andy Garford, founder of the [ww1leicestertigers](http://ww1leicestertigers.com) site, added, “As there are many thousands of postcard images around, I would like to try and get as many identified as possible and also for the public to send images of family members of the Leicestershire Regiment. The website has been up and running for around a year now, and there are still families who have images of their distant relatives but as time goes by these become lost and more identities are lost forever. It’s important for future generations to remember these brave men and what better way than to put a face to a name”.

Mr. Costa said, “I would really encourage all residents of the county and elsewhere to please get in touch with Andy to send in their images of any relatives who served in the Royal Leicestershire Regiment and to also visit the site to see if they can spot a family member among the images yet to be identified. I know Andy has had a huge amount of success in reuniting family members with the images and stories of their serving relatives, and having a comprehensive, pictorial record of all those fought so valiantly on our behalf is crucially important in remembering their excellent service”

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Counselling/Psychotherapy

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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:

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VILLAGE BUS TIMES

Sharnford to Hinckley or Leicester (X55) - Monday to Saturday (not Sunday)
Hinckley via Aston Flamville & Burbage at 07:58, 08:05, 09:00, 11:40, 14:30, 17:30 & 19:30
Leicester via Sapcote, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston, Enderby & Fosse Park at 05:53 Mon to Fri, 06:13 Sat only, Mon to Sat 06:56, 09:44, 12:29, 15:23, 18:14

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

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

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	Karen Leck 07422 718186 clerk@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	
Parish village website	www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	
Post Office	Eric and Gay Washbrook 272210	
St. Helen's Church	Rev Mick Norman 272215, Cynthia Oliver 272977	
Sharnford Ladies Group	Wendy Kendall 273889	1st Wednesday of month
Sharnford Pre-School	Alison Lancaster 07495 432569	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	