

# SHARNFORD NEWS

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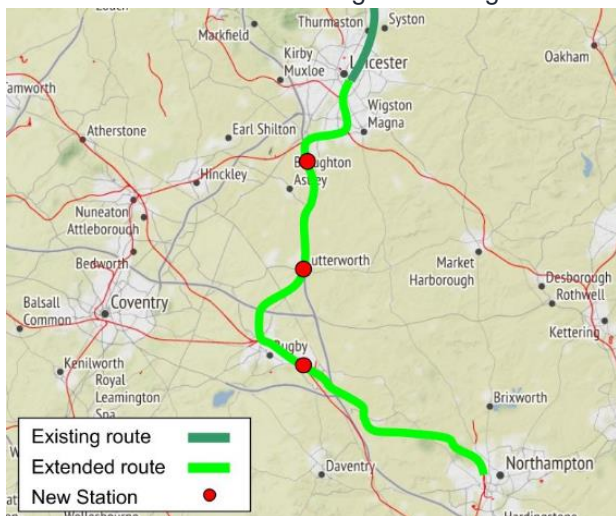
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## MP backs 'exciting Lutterworth Line' railway plans

MP for South Leicestershire, Alberto Costa, has given his backing to 'exciting' plans from local campaigners to reopen a Rugby to Leicester railway line which was previously closed under the Beeching cuts in the 1960s.

The 'Lutterworth Line' proposals put forward by Sustainable Transport Northamptonshire would seek to reconnect the old railway line between Rugby and Leicester, and would include two new passenger stations at Lutterworth and Cosby – the route would also operate services between Northampton and Nottingham with a plan to link up the Magna Park logistics hub near Lutterworth.

The project would see the railway line following its original position on the Great Central railway adjacent to the M1 motorway before linking up with the Birmingham to Leicester line near the existing Narborough station.



The plans have been put forward by campaigners to the Government's 'Restore Your Railway Fund', which seeks to restore lost rail connections. The proposals have been submitted to the first stage of the fund which would allocate further resources under an 'Ideas Fund' to explore the feasibility of the route.

Following on from worrying future developments around our village within previous editions of Sharnford News this project/plan does not directly affect Sharnford, but it will have traffic benefits around the village as the freight capacity will utilise the new line taking pressure off local roads such as the busy A5.

## DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 elections of a District Councillor for Stanton & Flamville Ward (Aston Flamville, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, and Wigston Parva) were held, results were as follows: -

Name of Candidate	Description	Number of Votes
COUSIN, Luke Graham	Liberal Democrats	552
COX, Nicholas David	Green Party	197
SHIRLEY, Michael Reginald	Conservative Party	1651 <b>Elected</b>
STEPHENSON, Courtney Jane	Labour Party	265

On the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 elections of a County Councillor for Stoney Stanton & Croft Division (Aston Flamville, Croft, Elmesthorpe, Huncote, Potters Marston, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, and Wigston Parva) were held, results were as follows: -

Name of Candidate	Description	Number of Votes
COUSIN, Luke Graham	Liberal Democrats	611
COX, Nicholas David	Green Party	351
CRANE, Steve	Labour Party	493
WRIGHT, Maggie	Conservative Party	2494 <b>Elected</b>

Maggie Wright, your re-elected County Councillor, and Mike Shirley, your recently elected Blaby District Councillor, would like to thank all voters who gave us their trust and confidence. To all residents, whoever you voted for, we can both assure you that we will fulfil our promise to represent you and give you a voice at District and County Councils. Our contact details can be found on either the Leicestershire County Council website, or Blaby District Council website.

“We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the candidates from the other parties for a clean contest. It was good to meet you at Stoney Stanton polling station for a mature discussion on the issues that affect our villages”.

There was also fantastic support for the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan referendum:

**YES votes = 3439 and NO votes = 586**

Maggie Wright continued to say “We are sure the NO votes would have been a lot less if the message had been more clearly communicated. A lesson to be learned for the future. This victory gives us the opportunity to have a say on the future of our communities”.




# NATURE TRAIL

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## OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB

Flags were flown, bands were marched, police riot squads were put on alert and party hats were thrown in the air.....well maybe it wasn't quite like that, but there was certainly great excitement on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May when the Sharnford Over 60s Youth Club was able to resume activities at the end of the Coronavirus Lockdown.

What a relief to get back to the Youth & Community Centre for table tennis, bowls and Bridge for the first time since September. We have clearly been fortunate that no-one from the Club has been affected by the pandemic and the turn-out of members for this first occasion was an indication of how much these Wednesday activities have been missed. Certainly, there have been a number of bubbles formed to help each other through such difficult times but that is nothing to match the group comradeship available with greater freedom.

Naturally a cautious approach has been adopted for these early meetings with all bats being sanitised, surfaces and handles, taps and tables all being wiped down and this will continue at least until the projected lifting of constraints in June.

A huge welcome back to one and all, including anyone else who wants to come along. Let us all proceed carefully and intelligently as we slowly move forward towards something approaching normality. Wednesday mornings, 10.00-12.00, and everybody is welcome.

**Derek Gibbons**

## SHARNFORD SCHOOL PTA

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and took part in the PTA Easter Egg Hunt on the 4th April 2021. We raised a total of £230.00.

A special thanks to Louise (childminder) for donating all the chocolate bunny prizes,

Sharnford Garage for their generous £100 donation, The Bricklayers pub for their gift voucher which was raffled, the Evergreen Hall and all the PTA helpers on the day.

### WELL DONE WINNERS:

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## SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

Disappointingly, a further few months have passed and we are still not allowed to meet. However, circumstances are improving as the restrictions are eased and we can now start looking forward to getting together again. Our plan is to restart regular meetings in late June if there are no set-backs, and that is not long now. Meanwhile let's all continue to keep well and safe.

*Carol Hunter, Chair*

## SHARNFORD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP (STAG)

I received a text from a concerned resident on polling day. His wife showed him an article from the Leicester Mercury about speed cameras and the plans to take some down in the Fosse Villages. Imagine my surprise when I read the article and found out that Leicestershire County Council have been talking to the press before the Parish Council. Here are sections of the article:

### **Leicestershire's average speed cameras could be dismantled and moved to new roads**

*Seven speed traps have been operating since 2018 but some are catching far more drivers than others*



**An average speed camera is enforcing limits in Walcote** (Image: Peter Fothergill)

*Average speed cameras covering a number of Leicestershire roads could be dismantled and moved to other locations.*

*Leicestershire County Council has a network of seven sets of cameras, and latest figures show that they caught more than 3100 drivers flouting speed limits over a five-month period up to the start of last month*

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## Sharnford Over 60s Youth Club

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(April). However, some of the devices proved to be more prolific than others in issuing £100 penalties to offenders, who also got three points on their licences.

Now County Hall highways officials are deciding whether they are all located in the best locations or whether they could be moved to new roads where speeding traffic is an issue. Between October 1 last year and the start of April this year, the average speed cameras on the A6 in Oadby were triggered just nine times.

On the B4114 in Sharnford just 15 drivers were caught speeding in that time. The average speed cameras on Beacon Road in Woodhouse Eaves caught 35 speeders – just four more than the cameras on the B676 in Freeby. Larger numbers of drivers were caught

on the A50 in Groby where 510 penalties were issued. The cameras in Burton Road, Measham, caught 1,001 drivers and 1,531 fines were issued to people speeding through Walcote.

Councillor Trevor Pendleton, the county council's Conservative cabinet member for transport said "The cameras are popular. Most communities tell us they want them to deal with speeding traffic. But we do have to look at the numbers and decide and decide if they are all in the right places. Some will obviously stay where they are, but others can be moved. They have been in place since 2018 and we are reviewing them" Where do I begin? Well, Leicester Mercury, I am sure your photographer knew he was not on the outskirts of Walcote but on the edge of Sharnford!!! What is known as sloppy journalism.

Councillor Pendleton states they have to look at the numbers when deciding where the cameras should be. Cllr Pendleton, if your highways department had discussed the location of Sharnford's cameras we would have told them "THEY ARE IN THE WRONG PLACE", and we have continued to tell them. The number of 15 offenders were all caught travelling towards Leicester and not towards Coventry, Why? Because all traffic has to slow down to take the bend outside the Bricklayers. However, it can be argued that the cameras in Sharnford have done their job by keeping speeding figures low, whereas the cameras through Walcote have failed dismally by not slowing the traffic down at all.

I will be writing to Cllr Pendleton voicing my dismay at not being appraised of the council's plans before the press, and also being ignored by LCC Highways 'experts' over the last three years.

**Mike Shirley – STAG**



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We hope you all continue to stay safe and well in these challenging times. Whilst at this time the Sharnford good Neighbour Scheme and it's volunteers aren't able to provide it's 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. We will be following the Government's Road Map regarding the lifting of restrictions, and will decide as a Steering Group as and when we feel it will be appropriate to resume our full range of services. Our priority remains the health and safety of our volunteers and those we aim to support.

**To request support please call our dedicated phone number: 07502 615535 to speak to the Good Neighbour Scheme Co-ordinator.** They will then find a volunteer to help with your request, and call you back to confirm who will be providing the support. Please note all our volunteers will be wearing an identity badge. 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.

***Edwina Grant – Chair Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme Steering Group.***

The advertisement for Sharnford Pre-school features a green and blue color scheme. At the top, the text 'Sharnford Pre-school' is written in a large, green, serif font against a background of a blue sky with white clouds. Below this, a green banner contains the text 'Free places for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds' and 'Wrap around and holiday care available' in white. The central part of the ad shows a landscape illustration with rolling green hills, trees, and a small building. Overlaid on this is the text 'Call: 07495 432569' in a large, bold, black font, with the website 'www.sharnfordpreschool.co.uk' below it. At the bottom, there are two lines of smaller text: 'Ofsted Registered by Petite Academy Ltd' and 'Available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:00 to 14:00' and 'Holiday care available provided by local Nurseries and child-minders'.

## SHARNFORD SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

The Sharnford Sick and dividend fund hope to have a small raffle to clear the backlog of prize's left over from last Christmas. The expectation is to sell 500 £1 tickets. Sales will be confined to the two pubs in the village and the post office. Unless a real rapid semblance of normality looks to be emerging from the current crisis we may print some proper tickets. At this stage we are keeping it simple and are hoping to do a prize draw in August or September whilst there may not be as many prize's as a normal the proceeds of the planned prize draw will put us on course for a full-blown Christmas draw and distribution.



I urge you to support the proposed prize draw and support a cause that has continued for many years within the village. The Sick and Dividend relies heavily on your generosity and the generosity of many local businesses and organisation's which we hope to have back on board for the coming Christmas. This may seem quite distant at the moment, but I'm sure the months will rush by and be with us in no time at all. Hopefully by this stage things should have got back to something near normal.

**Jack Feast**



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We still need to take certain precautions to keep everybody safe and we will provide gloves, masks and sanitisers which will be available for your use. We are pleased to confirm that we will be allowing both adults and children to visit the library. Unfortunately, we will NOT be able to accommodate groups of children.

I hope you will understand that it has been necessary to make these adjustments 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 look forward to welcoming you all back into our library.

A promotional poster for 'Stories & Rhymes' at Sapcote Community Library. The poster is framed in black and features the library logo at the top center, flanked by two book icons. The text is centered and reads: 'Stories & Rhymes' in blue, 'For the under 5's' in blue, 'Every Tuesday' in red, '(Term Time Only)' in red, and '10.30am—11am' in red. Below this, it says 'Sapcote Community Library, Church Street' in blue, 'Come with your children and share Stories, Songs & Rhymes' in blue, and 'FREE – DONATIONS APPRECIATED' in blue. At the bottom is a 'STORY TIME' logo with a house illustration.

**Stories & Rhymes**  
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**STORY TIME**

# SHARNFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL



This year has certainly been one of ups and downs for the children and staff here at Sharnford Primary. We started so well with getting everyone back together, but then another lockdown came along and separated us all again! But we must say how fantastic everyone has been. The children have shown such fortitude and resilience; parents and carers have managed to juggle the demands of work and home learning; governors and

community members have been messaging their support and the staff have been resolute in delivering home and school learning simultaneously - with a horrendous internet connection to boot! Let's hope for a much calmer Summer Term!

As always, the children have been wowing us with their excellent behaviour and superb attitude to learning! The children in Y5/6 are currently learning all about the Ancient Greeks, Y3/4 are finding out about the Romans, Y1/2 are discovering what life was like in Victorian times whilst the children in EYFS children are looking at, and making, castles!

It was Mental Health Awareness Week from 10-14<sup>th</sup> May and the children spent time on the theme of 'Connecting with Nature'. We've all really benefited over this last year from getting outside, going for walks and generally exploring our local area and it has been great to get the children outside and appreciating what nature has to offer – when the weather allows us too anyway!

Miss Ward has been busy with our PE provision and has signed our school up to

'Totally Runnable', a group that aims to tackle gender stereotype in sport and help girls achieve more in all sports. We look forward to seeing what this brings us in the future!

We said a sad goodbye to Mrs Sippitt last term as she swapped her hectic school days for calmer retirement days! Mrs Sippitt has shown Sharnford School complete and utter dedication for the last 18 and a half years, putting the children at the heart of all she did. She was a valued staff member and, as a staff, we will miss her kindness,

## **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 3-5 pm. 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.

First Meeting hopefully will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 3 pm where we will have a quiz before tea.

### **COVID 19**

We are hoping to re-open fully towards the end of June when most restrictions will be lifted.

ALL WELCOME - Why not come and join us and while away a friendly afternoon in good company. New members are always welcome

Contact Jean Dale on 274772 or Carol Hunter on 271591

her caring ways and most of all, her humour and funny stories!

We have a Facebook page which shows our daily life in school and our website for further information:

<https://www.sharnfordprimaryschool.com>

## SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW

A quiet year so far. We have come to the conclusion that we cannot compete with the supermarkets when it comes to selling plants, hence we no longer run a plant sale. The complications around COVID and the temporary closure of the Evergreen Hall sealed its fate.

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 make it difficult.

A reminder that we still have funds available for village projects. If you have something in mind let us have your proposal.

*Tony Curtis*

### SHARNFORD EVERGREEN HALL



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)

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## SHARNFORD HISTORY

### SHARNFORD'S VICTORIAN ENTREPRENEUR

A fresh-faced young **John Siddons Sanders** looks out from this early portrait in oils by an unknown artist. **John** was born in Sapcote, christened 21<sup>st</sup> March 1830 at St. Helens, Sharnford, the fourth eldest of seven born to **Allan** and **Elizabeth (Siddons) Sanders**.

From humble beginnings **John** was to make headway and was able to 'pull himself up by his boot straps' to become a well-known and respected prosperous villager.

**Right - John Siddons Sanders** (1830 - 1898)

Tracing the Sanders family back to 1709 in Crick, Northamptonshire, where records show that they were farmers, we fast forward to a Sharnford marriage in October 1776 between **Joseph Sanders** and **Mary Clay** - this being the first account of a Sanders living in our village. A first born to them was **Thomas** (1777-1845) who provides our next stepping stone, and who was to have an advantageous wedding on the 6<sup>th</sup>

June 1798 at St. Helens to village girl **Elizabeth Bray** (1771-1837). The Brays were the village windmill and bakery owners. **Thomas** and **Elizabeth Sanders** went on to have eleven children.

In the 1841 census for Sharnford **Thomas** is described as a farmer -but an earlier reference 'to him as being a cordwainer - an artisan in leatherwork. He was also adept at shoemaking for his family and other villagers. In 1822 he started to keep an account of his transactions in a ledger as he began to further supplement his income by venturing into the wholesaling of seeds and the transport needs of the local farming community. This was the start of the account ledgers of the Sanders family undertakings which stretch unbroken until 1900.

Into the scene now steps grandson **John Siddons Sanders** who we can assume is already working manually for grandfather **Thomas**, and soon became well versed in the workings of his grandfather's books for we see his first written account in a clear and fine handwriting - '*Jany 2 1844.....Joseph Cotton; 800 of straw - 18s.*' (meaning eight hundred weight of straw - 18 shillings). He is barely fourteen years old.

**Thomas Sanders** died 5 Jun: 1845 - leaving his greatest gift of a strong work ethic to his grandson, young **John** -who simply carried on with his grandfather's interests by wholesaling in seeds like 'taters' and,'pease' 'carage' of straw, sand, bricks etc. His teenage years 1845, to 1847 were quite lean in the ledgers and perhaps were supplemented in other ways not shown. But years 1848 & 1849 were the years when he really came out of the wilderness - for there are page after page of transactions for





these years and beyond. He is clearly renting himself out for ploughing - '3 horses 1 days work - 11s.' Another good money spinner was 'drawing muck' at 11s. per day. It appears no job was to be overlooked. '6 cwt. of lime and carriage - 5s.6d.' collected from the limekilns at Hinckley canal wharf.



By 1850 John is clearly in a strong attractive financial position for he marries the 23-year-old village schoolmistress **Harriett Hardy** - 3rd. October at St. Helen's church, Sharnford. Soon to be born to the couple are three children - **Thomas** (1852), **John** (1854) and **Elizabeth** (1855) but tragedy arrives for the family 7 Dec: 1855 as wife **Harriett** dies of tuberculosis to be followed 6 days later by 3-month-old **Elizabeth** of atrophy - a *wasting away due to malnourishment*.

**Left** - the Sanders ledgers - which are complete from 1822 to 1900.

From April 1853 John became the new licensee of the New Inn (now the Bricklayers)

in Sharnford village while still undertaking his other lucrative ventures. From the Leicester Mercury Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> March 1854 we read .....'*John Sanders, licensed victualler, New Inn, Sharnford, was charged by Supt. Deakins with knowingly permitting drunkenness in his house*'.....

His account/ledger for 28<sup>th</sup> April 1853 shows examples of his prices (How about this, chaps!!!)....'*best ale @ 3d. - rum @ 3d. - gin @ 3d.*' He kept immaculate records of slate (credit) in his ledgers, due from several of his favoured farming clientele.

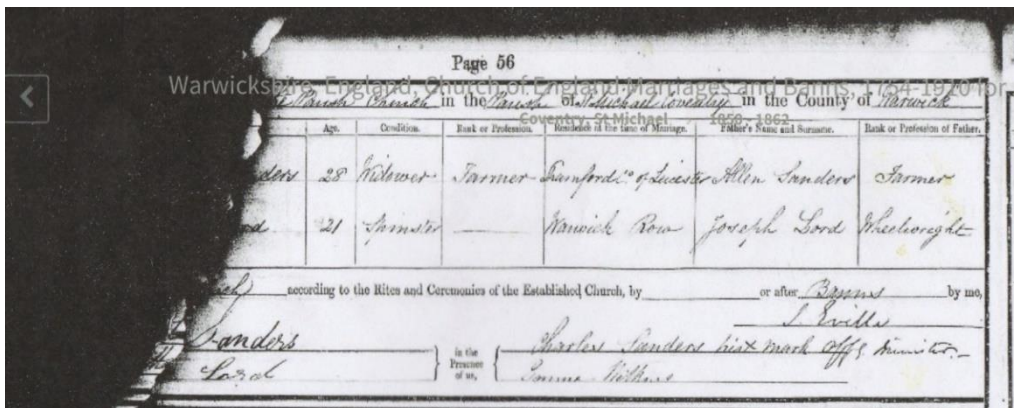
**Above** - the New Inn, Sharnford - externally remained structurally unchanged from the 1850's to seen here - about 1900.

**John Siddons Sanders** dealings with the Inn diminish on the death of wife **Harriett** and completely disappear by February 1856. By the autumn of 1856/57, he appears to have diversified more towards haulage contracts- with many journeys recorded to '*Lester*', Nuneaton, Birmingham and Coventry. It was at Coventry that he was to meet future second wife 21-year-old **Ann Lord**.

Indeed, widower **John** needed a new wife - for he had two motherless young children to care for. He knew his intended **Ann Lord** from childhood, for although born



at Leire, she spent her early life at Sharnford - the daughter of Joseph and Martha Lord, one of the village wheelwrights. **Ann** was living now on affluent Warwick Row, Coventry - probably as a house servant - when they married in Jan-Feb-Mar: 1858 (unknown date) at the church of St. Michael in Coventry.



**Above** - the fire damaged remains of the wedding certificate for **John Siddons Sanders** and **Ann Lord**. The cathedral church of St. Michaels where they married was bombed to destruction during the Coventry Blitz of 14 Nov: 1940.

By the time of the village census of April 1861 - **John** and **Ann** are farming 58 acres of land in Sharnford with the addition of baby **Joseph Allen** (1860). By 1874 the family had grown by another 4 children - **Allen** (1867), **Arthur** (1869), **Ernest** (1872), and **Elizabeth Siddons** (1873) - plus the acreage was up a further 26 to 84 acres.

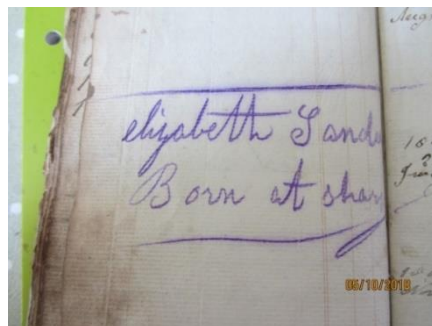
Through these intervening years **John** is again dealing in turnips, carrots, peas, *sweeds* (swedes), *mangolds* (mangols), *taters* (potatoes), wheat, barley, drawing muck, lime, bricks, sand and stone - renting out horse and cart, working horses, *stirk joisting* 19s.6d. (mating bull to cow) and loaning money at a 5% interest return rate.

**Right** - **John's** 15-year-old daughter, **Elizabeth Siddons Sanders** naughtily wrote this in her



father's ledger in 1889 - it reads 'Elizabeth Sanders Born at sharnf'. and left - **Elizabeth** (1873-1927).

By 1870 - a new departure - a business in letting property for rent. There are at least four other rentals beside this one - 'John Wood took the house and garden at 1s. 7d. per week'. On 21<sup>st</sup> October 1871 - we see a let at a bargain price 'Martha Tilley took the house at 9d. pw.'



Sometime between Sept: 1874 - Dec: 1875 **John Siddons Sanders** and his family left Sharnford village in a surprising move and went to live at Upper Parks farm, Markfield, (11-12 miles from Sharnford) which according to the 1881 census came with a 127 acreage. He was never to relinquish his hold on the old village for he appears to have visited weekly to collect rent etc. - and even expanded further his property holdings in Sharnford.

Life for **John** at Markfield was at a much slower pace - still dealing in seed, raising pigs and sheep, some haulage. As far back as 1854 (when licensee of the New Inn) **John Siddons Sanders** was dealing in 'cheeses' in a small insignificant way e.g. 'Aug:28 - 2 pound cheeses - 1s. 1½d. But by 1880 a part of **John's** business was selling huge 25+lbs. cheeses to farmers and innkeepers in and around Markfield including the Old Star at Sharnford. Mrs. Lord, the licensee, receiving on many occasions 20+lbs. cheeses (and an occasional pig). A bumper year for **John** appears to be 1891 when a Mr. Wardle of Markfield received a total of 197 lbs. of cheese from him.

Another lucrative venture was gardening allotments - some 27 of which he parcelled out to the local residents of Markfield which the annual income for 1883 generated from this venture £9. 6s. 5½d. (equates today £765).

With consummate skill and ingenuity, John **Siddons Sanders** for 50 years provided an income and a comfortable life for his family. He died 26<sup>th</sup> December 1898 at Markfield aged 68 yrs. His wife **Ann (Lord) Sanders** died 6<sup>th</sup> May 1899 aged 62 yrs. also at Markfield.

#### Sources

With special thanks to Mrs. Joan Lee of Manitoba, Canada - a descendant - for her kind help. The Sanders Ledgers 1822-1900 donated to me by the late Keith Hextall and the Sharnford parish records.

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## SHARNFORD EVERGREEN HALL

### OPENING UP THE HALL AFTER COVID

We are hoping to open the Hall up fully after the 21st June, subject to Government regulations in this pandemic. We have followed all the guidance during these last months and it will be good to be back, hopefully, to normal. We will be contacting our regular users before then to see when they might want to return.



The Hall has been regularly cleaned and has followed all the Covid rules so there will be no worry about hygiene etc.

We hope to start our "Bacon Butties" mornings again and have penciled in dates (see advert) which hopefully we will be able to fulfil.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN - LOOK OUT FOR THE RED BANNER!!

### SHARNFORD EVERGREEN HALL

## BACON BUTTIE DATES 2021 - SATURDAYS 9:30am

3<sup>rd</sup> JULY

14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

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## SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been over 12 months of Covid-19 lockdown which has been a challenge for many in the village. We have had our share of deaths through Covid and other causes. Our thoughts and sympathies are with those

who have lost loved ones. Our two pubs have been hit hard but with improvisation and fortitude they have managed to come out of the dark tunnel into the light. It is up to us, their public, to stick to the rules and keep this virus, in all its variants, at bay.

There are a number of other challenges on the horizon with the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) development entering the formal consultation stage. TRITAX, the developer, should have started consultation in March 2021 but they appear to be dragging their heels, I wonder why? At the time of writing (18<sup>th</sup> May), we are still waiting. After formal consultation TRITAX have to submit their formal application to the Planning Inspector in September 2021. This leaves us all (Leicestershire County Council, Blaby District Council, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, and many Parish Councils) extraordinarily little time to formulate our reply to their proposals.

The other major challenge gave everyone concern when Blaby District Council issued their Blaby Local Plan Options Consultation Document. This document comprised of 66 pages with 32 questions and 14 downloadable attachments. Great if you are computer savvy but those who do not have internet access would have been disenfranchised if an abridged version had not appeared in the Sharnford News. Many were confused but it is worth mentioning that this is only a consultation with the final plan due to be adopted in August 2023. Plenty of time for residents to have their say.

Once adopted the Plan will set out a blueprint for how Blaby District will grow and change over the next 15 years and beyond. One major talking point was the potential for a 5000 house 'garden village' on the outskirts of Stoney Stanton and Sapcote. A possible control over these types of development may well come from the landslide YES vote for the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan. This will enable Sharnford and other local parish councils to have their opinions considered when planning applications are submitted.

On more local matters, the Youth Club / Community Hall has been redecorated and gas central heating installed. A new fence and car park gate have been ordered and a new defibrillator will be fitted to the outside wall.

Over the year there have been problems caused by the thoughtless few who either live in Sharnford or pass through. Pollution of Soar Brook caused by some flushing wet wipes down a toilet which has been incorrectly connected to the storm water drain, or simply depositing their dog's poo straight into the river. Dogs allowed into the playground where the sign clearly states **NO DOGS ALLOWED**, or not picking up after their dog on The Park, Poors Meadow, Fosse Meadows footpath, and all pavements in-between. The Blaby dog warden has been informed and we are assured that fines will be handed out which could total several hundred pounds. Continuing with my moan if a dog waste bin is full then take the poo home. And, similarly, if the charity garment bins on the Bricklayer's car park are full take it back home. Sharnford Parish Council do not employ anyone to keep our village clean, it is up to residents to do that!

On a brighter note, we had our first go at a Christmas Light competition with some stunning displays. It is hoped that with more notice residents will get into the Christmas spirit and light up Sharnford for 2021.

At the financial year end (31/03/21) our accounts stood at a healthy £47,984. This was made up by funds from our council tax (£25000), a percentage of the cricket ground sale (£2250), a Leicestershire County Council Community Project Fund (£5000) which was used to improve footpaths in the area, and a large bequest from the estate of the late Helen Smart who lived on Park View.

The Parish Council needs your help to improve our village and any ideas for projects that you have are most welcome. Contact our Parish Clerk, Karen Leck at the contact details below.

The parish council has seen some changes, Karen Leck, our new clerk, started last October. Cllr Sue Stanley has left the council after six years and is already sadly missed. This now means we have two vacant councillor positions which should be filled. You will find an advert for these positions in this edition of Sharnford News.

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

## **SHARNFORD LADIES GROUP**

Sharnford Ladies Group meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the Evergreen Hall at 7.30pm. We are hoping to restart in July, subject to the lifting of coronavirus restrictions, and look forward to meeting up again.

***Lynda***

## SHARNFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>ARTS AND CRAFT CLUB</b> (TBC due to Covid-19)	Come along and bring your own craft project to work on.	Gabrielle Bryan 01455 631026
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>PILATES FOR RIDERS</b> (please check due to Covid-19) 7pm – 8pm & 8pm – 9pm	Solely for horse riders	Joanna Smith <a href="mailto:Joanna.smith@me.com">Joanna.smith@me.com</a>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB</b> 10am – 12.30pm	Join us for table tennis, indoor bowls, darts or just come along to meet up with friends and have a coffee and a chat	Derek Gibbons 01455 272401
	<b>PILATES FOR RIDERS</b> (please check due to Covid-19) 7pm -8pm 8pm – 9pm	Solely for horse riders	Joanna Smith <a href="mailto:Joanna.smith@me.com">Joanna.smith@me.com</a>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>YOGA</b> 10am – 11am	Open to all. Come along to develop mind, body and spirit	Adele 07837 927227 <a href="mailto:yogawithadele@live.co.uk">yogawithadele@live.co.uk</a>
	<b>PILATES FOR ALL</b> (please check due to Covid-19) 1.45pm – 2.45pm	Working on core strength and flexibility. Open to all ages and abilities.	Joanna Smith <a href="mailto:Joanna.smith@me.com">Joanna.smith@me.com</a>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Currently available</b>		

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



## **Sharnford Parish Council welcomes applicants for the position of Parish Councillor**

There are two positions in Sharnford. If there are more applicants than positions an election will be held.

Have you ever considered volunteering to become a Parish Councillor?

If the answer is "No" then you should reconsider.

The Parish Council plays a vital role within the Parish of Sharnford and Blaby District. The Parish Council works towards keeping the Parish an attractive place to live and can influence the future of the area.

Here are a few reasons why you should give the role your consideration:

- You would like to help keep the Parish a desirable place to live.
- You are interested in planning and development.
- Be a voice for the people of the Parish.
- Training and support are available.
- As a resident your opinions are important.

**Interested parties should contact either:**

Mike Shirley, Chairman [mike.shirley@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:mike.shirley@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk)

Karen Leck, Parish Clerk [clerk@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk)

or you can attend a Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council meets the third

Thursday every month at the Evergreen Hall 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be the on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## **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

## **MOBILE LIBRARY – ROUTE 13**

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

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

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## SHARNFORD VILLAGE INFORMATION SHEET

Organisation	Contact	Details
<b>Blaby District Cllrs.</b>	Iain Hewson 273957 Deanne Freer 07530 319637 Mike Shirley 07539 994707	
<b>Community Centre</b>	Julie Edge 271321	
<b>Craft Group</b>	Gabrielle Bryan 631026	Community Centre Mon(fortnightly) 19.30 - 21.30
<b>Doctors-Broughton Astley</b>	(01455) 282599	Evergreen Hall Thurs 12 - 13:30
<b>Doctors-Burbage</b>	(01455) 634879	Evergreen Hall Tue 11-12
<b>Doctors-Stoney Stanton</b>	(01455) 271442	
<b>Environment Group</b>	Naomi Allen, naomiallen38@gmail.com, 07930232648	Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Evergreen Hall
<b>Evergreen Club</b>	Jean Dale 274772	Wednesdays twice monthly
<b>Evergreen Hall</b>	Margaret Sanders 274038	
<b>Flood Warden</b>	Jack Feast 274678	
<b>Golden Jubilee Fete</b>	Sue Stanley 273861	
<b>Good Neighbour Scheme</b>	Direct Help Line 07502 615535	
<b>Leics. County Councillor</b>	Mrs M Wright 07815 450031 Mrs.M.A.Wright@leics.gov.uk	
<b>Methodist Chapel</b>	Local Pastor Anne Haddon 617692,	
<b>Over 60's Youth Club</b>	Derek Gibbons 272401	Community Centre Weds 10 - 12.30
<b>Parish Council Chair</b>	Mike Shirley 07539 994707 mike.shirley@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	Meetings held 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 19.30 Evergreen Hall
<b>Parish Council Clerk</b>	Karen Leck 07422 718186 clerk@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	
<b>Parish village website</b>	www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	
<b>Post Office</b>	Eric and Gay Washbrook 272210	
<b>St. Helen's Church</b>	Rev Mick Norman 272215, Cynthia Oliver 272977	
<b>Sharnford Ladies Group</b>	Wendy Kendall 273889	1st Wednesday of month
<b>Sharnford Pre-School</b>	Alison Lancaster 07495 432569	Evergreen Hall
<b>Sharnford Primary School</b>	Mrs S Boyd-Hope, Acting Head teacher & Secretary 272456	
<b>Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG)</b>	Mike Shirley 07539 994707	
<b>Sharnford Village Show</b>	Tony Curtis 272532	

# SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE VILLAGE FETE

## Sharnford Scarecrow Festival 2021

When we reported in the Sharnford News back in March 2021, it had been decided that due to the uncertainties of the COVID situation that there would not be a village fete this year but there would be some other community event later in the year so, on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> **September 2021** we will be holding a village **Scarecrow Festival**.

The theme for the festival will be "Emergency services and key workers". This is the first year that we are having this type of event so we would like as many households as possible to take part to help make it a success.

We are asking for entry fees to enter a scarecrow in the event - £5 for a household and £10 for a business. There will also be opportunities for a business to sponsor a scarecrow which can then display their logo and their name will be displayed as a sponsor. All entries will then be entered into the competition for "Best Scarecrow" which will be judged by people voting for their favourite. People wanting to vote in the competition can purchase a guide to where all of the scarecrows are which will include a voting form. The guides will cost £2.

As with profits from the fete, all profits from the weekend including the entry fees and guides, will be distributed amongst the village groups to help fund their activities and hopefully get them up and running again following the pandemic. The village fete is normally very well supported, so we hope that this will be as well supported as a village fundraiser.

It is hoped that it will be possible to have some attractions that are normally at the fete such as refreshments, cake stall, duck races etc. Details can be firmed up a bit nearer the time when we know a little more about what will be possible.

We have a closing date for entries as 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Please check out the entry form that is on the next page of this edition of the Sharnford News. Entries can also be made via the events Facebook page.

***Sue Stanley Fete Secretary 01455 273861***

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**Deadline for articles for the next issue of Sharnford News is the  
Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> 2021**



# SHARNFORD Scarecrow Festival 2021

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September

Open to all residents, groups & local business. Only rule is it that its fits with the theme of

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Scarecrow Title/Theme:

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Entry Type / Fee (circle)	Household £5	Community Group £5	Business £10
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**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

Please put entry form & fee in an envelope & submit to

Emma Jones @ 5 Henson way or Sue Stanley @ 15 Park View

Any questions or want enter online or if interested in Sponsoring a scarecrow please contact Emma on 07834 962986 or via the Event page of facebook

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