

SHARNFORD NEWS

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THE SCARECROWS ARE COMING

With the pandemic affecting us all, with the loss or postponements of regular events it's time to welcome back village events. Many of our regular groups are starting to return and businesses are opening to serve customers again. This year we welcome the 1st Sharnford scarecrow festival, themed around the emergency services/key workers.



SHARNFORD Scarecrow Festival 2021

4th and 5th September

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Let's get behind this and our future village events

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1ST SHARNFORD SCARECROW FESTIVAL ON THE WEEKEND OF 4TH & 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021.

Flyers have been delivered to all houses in the village which include entry forms so hopefully we will have lots of entries.

These will then be entered into the competition for “Best Scarecrow” which will be judged by people voting for their favourite. There will be 2 cups given as prizes – one for the winner and one for the runner up.

Guides to where the scarecrows can be found, together with a voting form will be available from The Evergreen Hall on 4th September and Youth Club on 5th September from 10am to 4.00pm each day for a voluntary donation. The voting forms will need to be dropped off at the drop-off points by 4.00pm on 5th September so that they can be counted, and the results can be announced by 5.00pm (ish).

At the Evergreen Hall on the Saturday, and at Youth Club on Sunday there will be refreshments of tea, coffee, cold drinks, cakes etc available from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

There will also be sweets available to buy and there will be face-painting available on the Sunday. Let’s hope that the weather is kind to us and that we have lots of scarecrows to find.

Sue Stanley Fete Secretary 01455 273861

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SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

I am delighted to report that the Club is up and running again. Members' meetings began in July with a quiz and a get-together with Committee members so there was a lot of chat during the afternoon tea.

Our first Bacon Buttie morning was held on 14th August and was a great success. Everyone had really missed them and it was so nice to see everybody again. The next one will be on 25th September with proceeds going to MacMillan.

The Club is open to everyone over 60 who lives in the village or surrounding area. We meet every two weeks on a Wednesday for games and high tea. In addition, a fish and chip supper in September, an outing to the Concordia Theatre pantomime in January and an evening dinner in April.

New members are always welcome, so, for further information please contact Jean Dale on 274774. We look forward to seeing you.

Carol Hunter, Chair

SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW

A quiet year so far for us. No plant sale, 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 also decided not to hold the Flower & Produce Show this September. We had no idea back at the planning stage as to whether it would be possible. It was pleasing to see the Evergreen finally reopen for Bacon Butties and a social but the hall is a bit short on space to allow enough space for visitors so we will not be running the Show this September. So, we hope you put all your efforts instead into entering the scarecrow competition run by the Village Fete who likewise decided against running their event this year.

A reminder that we still have funds available for village projects. If you have something in mind let us have your proposal. Let's all hope for a more normal 2022.

Tony Curtis



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HOPE IN THE SUMMER



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We would like to thank everyone whose generous financial donations have made this possible. The Church Council, The Parish Council, the Fete Committee, the Village Show Committee, Hinckley Food Bank and several donations from individuals.

We would also like to thank those who have given their time so willingly to help with 'HOPE IN THE SUMMER' and enabled it to run smoothly. Much shopping, cooking, packing, fetching, carrying, dish washing etc has been involved, as you can well imagine.

We would also like to thank the schools and staff in Sharnford and Sapcote for their involvement in this project

Our thanks also go out to all of those who have prayed for the success of this venture. Above all we thank God for his wonderful provision, for the opportunity and privilege of helping others

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Hope to see you there!





THE SHARNFORD GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

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 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

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COVID 19

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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 30th 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

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.



ST HELEN'S CHURCH With St Mary's Wigston Parva

At last we are able to meet in church for our services and also be able to sing!! It has been a really long time but hopefully we will all be able to join together once more. As Mick Norman, our rector, has retired, we shall be having 2 services per month led by visiting preachers.

1st Sunday in each month – Family Service 10 am

3rd Sunday in each month – Holy Communion 10 am

On the 2nd and 4th Sunday we will be joining with the Methodist congregation at 10 am.

All welcome at either or both churches We are pleased to announce that our bell ringers will be back in action too.

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER

Welcome back Harvest service at 10 am

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SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

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**Deadline for articles for the next issue of Sharnford News is the
Wednesday 17th November 2021**



SHARNFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Our lay pastor is Mrs. Anne Haddon. She can be contacted on 01455 617692

It is lovely to meet again in person after so many months of zoom services even though we aren't singing and are still socially distanced! We have All Age Worship on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, starting at 10am and all are welcome. Please see the church notice board for details of the services.

Our Building

A detailed structural inspection has shown that, although the building itself is sound, there are repairs that need to be carried out in three phases over the next ten years. The building is grade 2 listed so some of the works, replacement of the windows, for example, will be costly to carry out to the required specification.

During lockdown some essential repairs have been carried out on the rear chimney and guttering to remedy a problem with water ingress. We will be hoping to get some grants towards the work, but we will also need to do a large amount of fundraising as our contribution to the cost. Fund-raising activities have been on hold for the last 18 months, thanks to the pandemic, but have now restarted in a small way with a book shed in Donkey Lane, Sapcote, next to the Donkey Shed - thanks to the Watts family. Lots of second-hand books are on sale so go and have a look. I can also recommend the produce on sale in the Donkey Shed, especially the Danish Pastries!

Reaching Out to Communities

We have been pleased to be a part of the Hope in the Summer scheme, in conjunction with St Helen's and the Sapcote Churches, over the school holidays and lots of meals have been cooked and delivered.

Collections of donated goods for the Hinckley Area Foodbank have continued throughout the pandemic so thank you to everyone who has contributed. If you would like to donate any goods please drop them into the church, chapel, Ladies group, or get in touch with me so that I can deliver them to the warehouse.

We have begun to collect and make items to fill shoeboxes full of gifts for our shoebox charity, Teams4U. The filled boxes will be distributed to deprived children in Eastern Europe at Christmas. As well as boxes for children, we were able to fill some home boxes with useful and decorative items that will be presented, primarily, to the lady of the house. We need lots of empty shoeboxes so we will be delighted if you can recycle yours by passing them on to us. We are also happy to receive new or preloved toys that will fit in a shoebox, especially toy cars, cuddly toys, fashion dolls or baby dolls (phone Penny on 272797).

Penny Ross

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SHARNFORD HISTORY

Sharnford's Old School Masters & Mistresses 1846- 1939

Education. Education. The knowledge and development resulting from instruction. Prior to 1870 when sending a child to a school became compulsory, education bypassed the majority of Sharnford's youngster population during the 19th. century (as was in previous centuries).

A minority though -being sons and daughters of the landed and more affluent - could afford a tutor or governess or the child sent away to receive an education at a boarding school. One village family - the Harris's - sent their male children in

the 1820's to be boarded at the famous and prodigious Rugby grammar school. Closer to home was another opportunity, the Grammar school at Hinckley (which of course also had to be paid for) But by and large the sons and daughters of our agricultural labourers and frame work knitters went without any formal learning - until the commissioning of a purpose build national school in the village in 1846. Learning now was available - and that's if the parents could afford the cost of sending their child to school at 2d. or 3d. per diem.

Little known is the fact that Sharnford had a classical academy back then in 1846. (This will become the subject of a future piece in the SNews). Here a child (who had moneyed parents) could be taught the 'dead' languages, higher mathematics and the sciences. It thrived - and due to lack of boarding space it moved to Ullesthorpe by 1848.

Just what was available for our working-class children prior to the building of the National School in 1846? Of course, there was the ubiquitous 'Dame school'. Of little or no educational value and were often little more than a day care facility for smaller children usually located at the home of a women 'teacher' for one or two pennies daily. Every village had one or more Dame school . From the Leicester Advertiser an article on the 15th April 1977 we read of our St. Helens church.....'in the early 1800's Sharnfords first school was held there, as the rector then was the schoolmaster, too.



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Although the late Jean Philips in her superb book "A Photographic History of Sharnford" cites the first named Master in 1846 at the new school as being Mr. W. Silvester, this is not quite the case - for William Gilder Silvester would have only been 15 years old in 1846. But William Silvester's story is interesting for indeed he taught later at Sharnford which I will relate a little further on. Jean also cites a Miss Murphy but I have been unable to place her or find her.

The earliest definitive evidence I can find for an early Sharnford teacher comes from Hager & Co's commercial directory of the county of Leicester, 1849. 'Elizabeth Wawman, schoolmistress -number of scholars 50'. Elizabeth was 26 years old in 1849 and was from Burlescombe, Devon. Along with her younger sister Caroline - who may have been her assistant teacher - their tenure here in Sharnford was short. Caroline married John Hissey, a joiner, in October 1849 and Elizabeth married Edward Wright, a miller of Monks Kirby, Warwickshire. in May 1850 - both here at Sharnford St. Helens. We see Elizabeth once more again (now Mrs. Wright) in the 1851 census with her 10-day old baby William visiting the next incumbent schoolmistress - Fanny Price. Fanny Price (24) was from Middlesex, London.

The census of 1851 for Sharnford shows another further two schoolmistresses in the village in that year - a Mrs. Sarah Jacques (29). Sarah, the wife of the village tailor, it is doubtful if she would had been teaching, for she had 5 children between the ages of one and ten by 1851. Likewise, with Mrs. Harriet Sanders *nee* Hardy, a Sharnford born girl, who bore three children by 1855- when she died of tuberculosis,



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aged 28 years. She was married and buried at St. Helens. I mentioned earlier I would relate the tale of William Gilder Silvester. He was next to follow on from Fanney Price. He was born in Lincoln in 1830, the son of a hatter and hosier, who taught here at Sharnford in

the early/middle 1850's. Prior to Sharnford William had arrived from another teaching post at Rearsby, Leicestershire. He was to meet here and fall in love with Miss Jane Jeffrey. Jane, born at Rugby, Warwickshire in 1838- who was a servant at Sharnford Rectory whose employer was the Rev. Henry Lacombe Watson - who married the couple at St. Helens church - 10 August 1858. It seems that William's and Jane's tenure was for a short time only - by 1860 they were at Oundle, Northants, where their first child was born. A year later the Silvester's were both teaching at Ropsley, Lincs. - Where I expect Jane was teaching sewing and needlework.

Drakes directory of 1861 and the 1861 census tells us of the latest newcomer to follow on from the Silvester's - bachelor Arthur William Howse (25), certified schoolmaster and accomplished organist of Birmingham. He met his future wife here, Mary Holyoak, yet another servant at Sharnford Rectory. The Rev. Watson married them at St. Helens -26 Dec: 1860. Mary, a daughter of a policeman, was orphaned at 2 years old and can be seen as a 13-year-old at the female orphanage in Southgate Street, Leicester, in the 1851 census. Assisting Mr. & Mrs. Howse was also Sharnford born Emma Hanes (1863 Whites Directory). Emma's tenure as assistant schoolmistress was too be short for she married William Tolton, a butcher, of Bruntingthorpe at St. Helens 14 July 1868.

The Howse family only stayed until 1874 when they moved to Rothley - and later to Castle Rising, Norfolk. I expect it was the pressures on such a large household in the small schoolhouse - there was eleven occupants including the servant - and that eventually forced them to depart. (see below the Sharnford 1871 census for the Howse family).

Above -A tad cramped at the schoolhouse in 1871. The Howse family was to grow by a further 2 children.

1	Arthur William Howse	Head	Mar	25	Certificated Teacher & Dept	Marwickham Birmingham
	Mary	Wife <td>Mar</td> <td>33</td> <td></td> <td>Liverpoolham Marwickham</td>	Mar	33		Liverpoolham Marwickham
	Arthur Edwin	Son		9	School	do do
	William Thomas	do		8	do	do do
	Laura Anne	Daughter		5	do	do do
	Mary Chamberlain	Son		3		do do
	Francis Edward	do		2		do do
	Samuel Ernest	do		1		do do
	Joseph Bridget Palmer	Wife <td>Mar <td>30</td> <td></td> <td>Marwickham Birmingham</td> </td>	Mar <td>30</td> <td></td> <td>Marwickham Birmingham</td>	30		Marwickham Birmingham
	Thomas Edwin	Stepson <td></td> <td>9</td> <td></td> <td>Liverpoolham Liver</td>		9		Liverpoolham Liver
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Left - the school and schoolhouse about 1975. The smallness of the schoolhouse is evident. Do note the school door (behind the car) leading directly onto School Lane which now has been tastefully bricked up.

Left below - the playground and the rear of the school about 1953.

Our next incumbents in the schoolhouse we are informed by White's 1877 directory was Miss Josephine Rimmer, National Schoolmistress. Miss Josephine Rimmer was aged 27 in 1877, a native of Radcliffe, Lancashire. She may have been appointed when the Howse's left in 1874 but we have no factual evidence of this. Josephine was joined by her other two sisters - Margaret (28) and Agnes (25), both 'Teachers of Elementary school'. Their mother, widow Sarah Rimmer (62) came too. The Rimmers remained incumbent until 1902 when all three sisters took retirement



together. Noteworthy is the class size for 1883 - 72 children. Nevertheless, the annual inspection and summary of the Inspector of Schools reveals '*the discipline, order and the instruction continue as excellent as ever*'. The prevalence of appointing unmarried female teachers stems from the fact that male teachers for the same job were paid £40 a year more in 1880 (that £40 is equivalent to £3346 today). Because they were cheaper some School Boards were keen to employ women and sometimes a condition of appointment was that female teachers must resign on their marriage.

Following on the Rimmers, and directly from St. Stephens school, Maidstone, Kent in 1902, came the Barkers. Alfred Barker (49) schoolmaster, wife Louisa (49) school mistress and son Alfred George (12). The only service references to the Barkers comes from Kelly's 1904 and 1908 directories. By 1909 both Alfred and Louisa Barker took retirement. The 1911 census shows they retired to Kings Norton, Birmingham.

Our next incoming teachers in 1909 were Frederick (1878-1953) and Beatrice Emma (nee Ironmonger) Anderson (24) - Frederick a native of Workington, Cumberland - and Beatrice of Hinckley. They became our longest serving teachers at Sharnford -1909 to 1938. Frederick trained at Bede College, Durham, took 5 minor posts as assistant master (1899 to 1909) before coming headmaster at Sharnford in 1909.

Below- A page from the punishment book for 1926. The children's names are redacted for privacy. (Courtesy of Mrs. Sharon Boyd-Hope). Overlaid is the headmaster - Frederick Anderson. Punishment of this calibre certainly would not be countenanced today - mind you it did not do me any harm in my day!

Year 1926		PUNISHMENT BOOK.		
DATE: Month & Day		NATURE OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT	SIGNATURE (OR INITIALS) OF TEACHER WHO ADMINISTERED THE PUNISHMENT
Dec. 3 1927		Inattention & temper	3 slight strokes with a cane.	F. Anderson
Apr 1.	15	"	2 strokes	F Anderson
June 5		Disorder & impudence	2 strokes and 2 more for impudence	F Anderson
	6	Playing during droll.	2 stroke on each hand.	
Sept 29		Inattention during history lesson	1 stroke	
Dec 6		Insubordination	2. Strokes	
1929.		Slovely work.	2 Strokes.	
June 13 1932		Talking & lying	1 stroke	
Feb. 23		Insolence & disobedience	5 strokes	



As war clouds gather over Europe, our next headteacher was Mr. Pratt - who safely took our children through the war years 1939 - 1945. Sidney George T. Pratt was born at Sutton Elms, Broughton Astley, Leics. in 1902, son of a farmer, and whose teaching appointment prior to Sharnford was headmaster at Broughton Astley school. With him at Sharnford was wife Millicent and their two children, Margaret (1931) and Richard (1933).

Although I feel my listing of my Sharnford teachers 1846 - 1939 is substantially complete, I have no doubt that perhaps one or two have slipped through the net - here's one that nearly did - a Miss Pither. Her name appeared in Jean Phelp's pictorial history book. Jean cited 1872 for Miss Pither, which was when Mr. Howse taught, and this would make Miss Pither an assistant mistress. Research reveals this to be a Miss Matilda Pither, who was born 1850, a native of Shinfield, Berkshire. She would

have spent a short time here at Sharnford for she was not here in 1871. By 1881 Matilda Pither was Headmistress of her own school at Woolbeding, Sussex. She never married.

Below- An unpublished photograph of Sharnford children on a Treat outing pre-1914. (Courtesy of Mrs. Rosemarie Simpson).



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SHARNFORD EVERGREEN HALL

The Hall is now fully open and we welcome back our regular groups.

Whilst it is not mandatory to wear masks etc, we would ask hirers to be careful when using the hall. Masks and antibacterial gel etc are available in the lobby if you feel more comfortable using them.

We have held our first Bacon Buttie morning of the year and it was great to see so many old friends.

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN HALL

BACON BUTTIE DATES
2021 - Saturdays 9.30

25th SEPTEMBER - MACMILLAN MORNING

30th OCTOBER

11th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS BACON MORNING

A close-up photograph of a Bacon Buttie sandwich served on a white plate. The sandwich is filled with layers of white cheese, sliced tomatoes, and strips of cooked bacon. The plate is set against a light blue background.

Rosemarie Simpson

SHARNFORD LADIES GROUP

We resumed our meetings at the beginning of August with a puzzles and puddings evening which we all enjoyed. It was lovely getting back together and socialising after our prolonged break. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the Evergreen Hall at 7.30pm and there is a varied programme of speakers and socials. There is a meeting fee of £2 and guests are welcome at £4.

Our programme for the next few months is: September 1st David Bell is talking about Leicestershire Ladies, October 6th is the annual dinner at the Bricklayers, November 3rd David Goldsmith is introducing us to the Beauty of Nature and in December Four Play, an a cappella quartet are coming to entertain us for Christmas.

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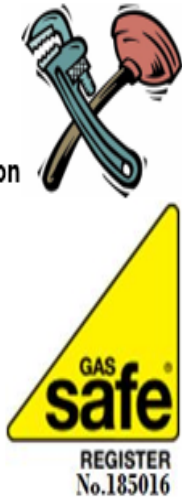


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Sharnford is starting to get back to normal, in other words the Sharnford Arms and Bricklayers are open, but don't get too complacent. Only in the last week there have been reports of residents, and staff at one of the pubs, having tested positive for Covid-19.

In my June Sharnford News report, I mentioned the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) development and the developer Tritax missing the deadline for formal consultation. Well, nothing new has

happened. Tritax are still dragging their feet and the public consultation of 8 weeks duration is unlikely to commence until late September with the subsequent application to the Planning Inspector by the end of March 2022. Tritax have to give 2 weeks' notice in the local press, when the consultation is due to start. Tritax will be sending out literature to 40,000 properties within 3km of the proposed site. Unfortunately, this will not include Sharnford residents who live 4.35km (2.7 miles) from the site, even though we will bear the brunt of HGV traffic when the M69 is closed (which often happens). I will be making representation to the developer (with my district councillor hat on) for Sharnford residents to be included. Tritax and their planning agents (Framptons) proposed that statutory consultation would not include face to face events.

Blaby District Council and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council disagreed with this approach and asked for face to face events. The developer has now said that Face to Face will take place in addition to virtual Q&A sessions, video presentations and online social media. Finally, the developer cannot begin public consultation until Blaby DC and HBBC have been formally consulted. Any further details will be posted on Sharnford's website, Facebook page, and notice boards.





Locally, the Parish Council has been busy. We now have a new fence in front of the Youth Club / Community Hall which provides a secure area for the children who will be attending the Sharnford Kids Club, one hour before and one hour after school. Look out for information on our website and Facebook page.

In addition, we have installed a defibrillator and replaced the car park bollards with a pedestrian gate and a car access gate. Please close the gates after you have passed through.

At long last we will be replacing the tarmac paths at St. Helen's churchyard. It will hopefully be complete when you read this. The cost of the tarmac paths and Youth Club fence and gates have been covered by S106 funds provided by the Roadley House development. S106



Grant Funding comes from developer contributions to provide facilities that benefit the village and community.

Now the moaning bit! Some dog owners are still not picking up after allowing their pets to defecate on the Park, Poors Meadow, and Fosse Meadows footpath alongside the river. I wonder if they leave their dogs poo on their gardens. If they do then there is no help for them. If they don't then why is it acceptable to leave the mess in our public places? **PICK**



UP YOUR DOGS MESS

Speeding and Car Parking are ongoing problems. I receive regular updates from my local correspondent who informs me that speeding on Brookside and Chapel Street is worse than ever. I am reliably informed that one motorbike and one lady driver of a red car speed every day. You know who you are so please SLOW DOWN before you kill or seriously injure someone. If you live on Halls Crescent please park considerately, remembering there are disabled and elderly residents who need access to their properties and cars. If you don't live on Halls Crescent then don't park there!

Finally, after advertising for residents to join the Parish Council, we have been able to fill our two vacant seats by co-opting Rosemarie Simpson and Steve Waters. Rosemarie and Steve will provide a valuable contribution to the council whose prime purpose is to make Sharnford a safe and pleasant place to live.

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Mike Shirley, Chairman – Sharnford Parish Council

INVESTING IN SHARNFORD

From the 12th August work started on the resurfacing Leicester/Coventry road. With the amount of traffic as previously highlighted in reports from the STAG team, it's been long overdue.

With work being conducted at night, traffic diversion around the village have been in place (sometimes to the frustrations of local villagers). (Right/Below) Showing the machinery starting to dig up the current road.

(Below) The team ready to start the



nightshift.



The work did cause some disruption but hopefully with the investment of thousands of pounds it is an improvement to our village.



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BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The first charging points in Blaby District Council's pay and display car parks are live and ready to use, as part of a project to make electric vehicle owning more accessible to residents.

Johns Court and Enderby Road car parks in Blaby are the first to charging points to go live, with eight bays in each car park exclusively reserved for EV car owners to charge their vehicle using the 7kW chargers installed.

The phased launch will also see charging points go live in Narborough, with six bays in Weavers Court and two bays in Leicester Road available for use in

the coming weeks.

£77,000 for the project came from the Office of Low Emission Vehicles for the 'On-Street Residential Charge Point Scheme'. The rest of the funding will come from EB Charging, who installed and will manage the charging points.

Local residents who cannot access a charging point are being encouraged to take advantage of the new chargers, as well as for shoppers in Blaby and Narborough taking advantage to top up their electric vehicle. EB Charging will be offering the first two months of charging for free as part of the scheme. After the free period ends, charging will cost 30p per kW, with cashless payment made via the EB Charging app.

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Dedicated charging bays will have a three-hour maximum stay from 8am-6pm Monday to Saturday, and cars parked in the bays must be plugged in to a charging point and displaying a valid parking ticket. Out of hours and Sunday parking is free, but the 30p per kW charge will apply at all times.

Councillor Les Phillimore, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Community and Environmental Services, said: "We are delighted to launch these charging points in our car parks as part of our ambition to make electric vehicle ownership as accessible to as many people as possible, as part of our Carbon Neutral Action Plan for the district. "We are hopeful that residents in Blaby and Narborough who can't access a charging point where they live will now have the opportunity to take the plunge into the world of electric vehicle ownership. "Our new EV charging points will also support local businesses by encouraging Electric Vehicle owners to shop and relax locally, and will be able to top-up their electric vehicles whilst they do."

For more information about charging points in the district visit www.blaby.gov.uk/ev-charging. The app to pay can be downloaded from the Google Play or App Store. A map of charging points in the district can be found by visiting <https://www.zap-map.com/live/>.

WINNIE WALBRUGH 1903-1998

It is some years since Winifred Hester Walbrugh passed away. Affectionately known as Winnie, she never married and lived out her later years respectively in Wigston Parva, and finally Halls Crescent, Sharnford. Winnie was born on her parents farm near to Cape Town, South Africa - with the family relocating to Bournemouth, England in 1952.

Winnie, during the war years, became a nurse for the blind and was recognised and received a medal for her selfless devotion.

With the passing of Winnie - a huge collection of family photographs, documents and letters lay lost, forgotten and left behind. They were never collected by her kith or kin. With thanks to a resident of Wigston Parva, they can be now found in the safe hands of the Sharnford News editorial team (details on page 8). It is our strong wish that they may be returned to a family member or a close friend.

So, can you help, find the family in order that these 'treasures' can be returned to the rightful owner?

SHARNFORD SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

After some thought we have decided that we are not going to hold a prize draw until Christmas

Many of the places where tickets are sold have a long way to go before what can be described as normality returns. At present we have no idea if former donors of the prizes will be able to donate a prize for the planned Christmas prize draw. We still have a number of prizes left from last year and we felt it prudent to shelve the planned mini draw for this reason.

I think the current situation will take many months after Christmas for a semblance of normality to return, there are signs this is on the horizon, but the situation is still somewhat fragile.

Hopefully tickets for this year's prize draw will be on sale in the usual places by mid-October.

Look out for further news in the next issue of the Sharnford News for details of the distribution of gift bags and the date of the prize draw.

Jack Feast

VILLAGE BUS TIMES (MONDAY TO SATURDAY ONLY, X55)

Hinckley via Aston Flamville & Burbage (stop near Bricklayers)

07:56	08:56	11:41	14:31	17:31	19:36
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Leicester via Sapcote, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston, Enderby & Fosse Park (stop opposite Bricklayers)

05:35	06:50	09:45	12:30	15:30	18:15
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MOBILE LIBRARY – ROUTE 13

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

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

SHARNFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB	07:45 - 08:45	Sharnford Kids Club
	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	15:15 – 17:15	Sharnford Kids Club
	ART & CRAFT CLUB	TBC	TBC
TUES	BREAKFAST CLUB	07:45 – 08:45	Sharnford Kids Club
	YOGA	10:00 – 11:00	Yoga with Adele
	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	15:15 – 17:15	Sharnford Kids Club
WEDS	BREAKFAST CLUB	07:45 – 08:45	Sharnford Kids Club
	OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB	10:00 – 12:30	Derek Gibbons
	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	15:15 – 17:15	Sharnford Kids Club
THURS	BREAKFAST CLUB	07:45 – 08:45	Sharnford Kids Club
	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	15:15 – 17:15	Sharnford Kids Club
FRIDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB	07:45 – 08:45	Sharnford kids club
	YOGA WITH ADELE	10:00 – 11:00	Yoga with Adele
	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	15:15 – 17:15	Sharnford Kids Club
	YOUTH CLUB	TBC	TBC
SAT	TOTS FOOTBALL CLUB	09:30 – 12:00	Footicubs

Contacts

Yoga with Adele – Adele 07837 927227 yogawithadele@live.co.uk

Sharnford Kids Club – Louise Moore 07976 509507

Over 60's Youth Club – Derek Gibbons 01455 272401

Footicubs – info@footicubs.co.uk

The hall can also be hired for weekend functions, please contact me 07825 924506

Laura - Sharnford Youth & Community Centre

SHARNFORD VILLAGE INFORMATION SHEET

Organisation	Contact	Details
Blaby District Cllrs.	Iain Hewson 273957 Deanne Freer 07530 319637 Mike Shirley 07539 994707	
Community Centre	Laura 07825 924506	
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	
Sapcote Library	Lorraine 3053674	
St. Helen's Church	Rev TBA, 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	