

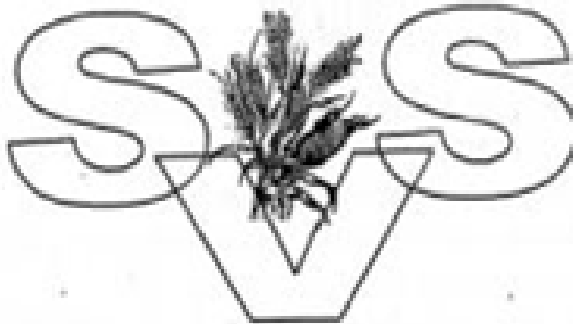
# SHARNFORD NEWS

1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

Issue No 86

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## SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

Entries to be delivered on the day to the Evergreen Hall from 8.30am

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## SHARNFORD VILLAGE SHOW



The cake to bake this year is Coffee & Walnut, always a favourite. In the children's section it is a Victoria Sandwich. For the men's only cake it's a Bakewell Tart. A recipe is provided for the Victoria Sandwich, note that the only correct sugar to dust the top with is caster sugar and the only jam to use is raspberry. Anything different and it might be sponge but it's not a Victoria. Keep watching The Great British Bake Off.

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are producing something for someone else to taste!

Also read our handy hints on the website about jars and closures. If you have the WI guide "On with the Show" this also gives wise advice, we are happy to give further advice if you need it.

Please support the Show, it is chance for some friendly rivalry and meet up with friends at The Evergreen Hall. Light refreshments will be served by the Evergreen.

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**Tony Curtis ☎ 272532**



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## HINCKLEY BULLOCKERS

Hinckley Bullockers practice on Tuesday nights in the Evergreen Hall. Our weekly practice sessions start on 28<sup>th</sup> November from 8pm and run through until Christmas with the dance out on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If there are any male dancers, male or female musicians that would like to join us it will be great to see you.

*Emma*

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### SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE VILLAGE FETE

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June was Fete Day this year and once again the sun came out for us, even though it was a bit too hot at times (if that's possible).

Our local MP Rt. Hon. Alberto Costa visited us again and he opened the fete. He also presented the Jubilee Cup on behalf of the Parish Council. This year the cup was awarded to Mr Eric Washbrook and his late wife Gay in recognition of their many



years of service to Sharnford and the surrounding community in running the local shop and Post Office. The theme for this years fete was 100 years of Disney which, meant that there was no shortage of ideas for dressing up. We saw the return of the Fancy Dress competition and Eloise and Sunaina were this year's lucky winners. Thank you to everyone who entered. We had all of the usual attractions and live music was provided by "Take It From The Top". We would like to thank them for their continued support. The committee was really pleased with the attendance, and profits for the day amounted to just under £4,000 which a great result. This means that each of the participating village groups will receive £500 to help fund their activities. A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped in any way, donated goods, or came down to the field on the day. It all helped to make it a great success again.

For the fete to continue in future years, we are in desperate need of new volunteers. We struggle to have enough people to man the regular stalls and activities during the day. This also means that we do not have any extra people to help with new activities.

We will be holding our AGM in January next year and this is where the planning for the 2024 fete begins, so if you would like to volunteer and have a say in what you would like to see at future fetes then please come along. Everyone is welcome. The time and date of the AGM will be publicised a bit nearer the time.

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

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## THE FATE OF THE SHARNFORD FETE

First of all I would like to thank all those people who made this year's Fete possible. A great deal of work goes into hosting the Fete - many people wouldn't know how much preparation goes into making the Fete a success.

The fate of next year's Fete will hinge on how many new volunteers we can get to rejuvenate an ageing Fete Committee. Various key positions will need to be filled these are the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. I myself reluctantly filled the position of Chairman, a position I am still youthful enough to carry on with at the present time.

We need new volunteers for the various stalls and events that are hosted, it's no good thinking someone else will do it, those someone else's are diminishing fast.

The various village groups that received a donation from the proceeds of this year's fete are as follows: Good Neighbour Scheme, Evergreen Hall, Sick & Dividend Fund, Parish Council – Environment, St Helen's P.C.C., Parent Teacher Association, Youth Club, Youth Club - Food Bank and the Evergreen Hall Lettings - hire for Craft Group.

The Fate of Sharnford Fete is therefore in your hands. There will be plenty of reminders in the Sharnford News and on the various village media sites. Watch these sites as we usually begin planning the Fete early in the New Year. If you can help with next year's event please give me a call on 274678.

**Jack Feast – Chairman**



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Paul Gardner came in June to give us an illustrated talk on Bygone Times - Hinckley past and present. The slides were excellent and merged from past to present and vice versa, so that we could see exactly how the scenes had changed. In July, a puddings, quiz and knitting social evening was much enjoyed, obviously the puddings were very popular. In August Roxanne Dinsdale entertained us with amusing anecdotes from her life as a professional belly dancer, snake charmer and fire eater. She showed us some belly dancing and demonstrated how she used her snake, we also learnt the correct way to do fire eating, although I don't think anyone was going to try it!

In September Wendy Martin is coming to give us an illustrated talk on, 'Trails of the Garden Route - South Africa', in October it is our annual dinner at the Bricklayers and November's meeting is still to be arranged.



Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Evergreen Hall at 7.30pm, visitors are very welcome at a cost of £4 to include coffee.

Lynda

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Just a reminder about the help and support available via the Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme:

Short term support to anyone over the age of 18 in the village, who from time to time might need some assistance. We can provide lifts to doctors, hospital or dental appointments (we would be grateful if you could provide as much notice as possible, ideally at least 5 days, as this is by far the most requested area of support)

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Please note the Scheme is primarily there for those who do not have any other source of support. The support is provided free of charge by the volunteers except for lifts, when there will be a charge to cover petrol expenses, for example a lift to Hinckley and back is £4.00. We will always tell you in advance how much a journey will cost.

To request support call **07502 615535** to speak to the Good Neighbour Scheme Co-ordinator, you may need to leave a voice mail, but messages will be picked up at some point during that day.

*Edwina Grant, Chair Sharnford Good Neighbour Scheme*



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# HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE

## Start of rail freight hub examination

The Planning Inspectorate will start its examination of the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange scheme on 12 September. The examination into the 662-acre scheme, earmarked for rural land south-west of Elmesthorpe, will take around six months. The process starts with what is termed the Preliminary Meeting, scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September, to be held at the Leicester Tigers Conference and Events Venue at Welford Road in Leicester.

This will be a public meeting and anyone who has registered their interest in being involved in the HNRFI examination process is entitled to attend. People will also be able to join the meeting on Microsoft Teams if they can't attend in person.

The meeting will discuss procedural matters only and these will include a schedule for the examination process, deadlines for various formal submissions and topics to be covered.

Anyone wishing to attend in person or speak on the procedural matters during the meeting must register with the Planning Inspectorate by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. People will also need to register if they intend to speak while using Teams, however, they don't need to register if they just want to watch the meeting online. Whether they attend or not, interested parties will then be sent details of how to take part in the examination.

Blaby District Council is already preparing its Local Impact Report and Written Representation, estimated to be due early October. These will outline significant concerns with numerous aspects of the scheme. Previous representations have stated the Council believes developers, Tritax Symmetry, have failed to sufficiently mitigate against the negative impacts the development will have on elements such as highways, landscape, ecology, noise and light, air pollution and, specifically, extended downtime at Narborough level crossing.

Councillor Terry Richardson, Leader of Blaby District Council, said: "We are now heading into a critical time for this development when the scheme's plans are looked at in detail. As a Council we are spending a significant amount of time and effort in ensuring we are able to make reasoned and sound responses on any aspects which are of concern. As part of our commitment we are engaging a number of specialist consultants to scrutinise the plans, bringing a raft of expert opinion to bear. "We will continue to respond and challenge in a timely and robust manner and I would urge all interested parties to take the opportunity to attend meetings, either in person or online, and ensure they speak up and make their own responses and voice any concerns. This examination period offers the chance for us to speak out on any elements with which we may take issue. "For more information visit:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/East%20Midlands/Hinckley-National-Rail-Freight-Interchange/#>

# SHARNFORD ARMS

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## SHARNFORD SICK AND DIVIDEND FUND

It's almost time for us to start thinking about our Christmas 2023 raffle and the distribution of festive food bags.

Raffle tickets will be ordered in mid-September and they will go on sale in the mid-October. Last year we were supported by many local businesses and individuals with prizes for our Christmas Raffle, which this year will take place on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, followed by the distribution of festive food bags on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Further information will appear in the next issue of the Sharnford News, but in the meantime I would be grateful if any local businesses or individuals could donate a prize, there is no urgency at the moment but I can be contacted on 274678 if you would can help this year, both with prizes and helping on the day with the distribution of the food bags. I will be contacting previous donors from local business and individuals in due course.

### ***Jack Feast - for the Sharnford S & D Fund***



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The Home Upgrade Grant funding is targeted at households with the most inefficient heating systems which may also emit the most carbon emissions. It aims to support a range of enhancements. These could be large scale such as insulation, heat pumps or replacement doors and windows or smaller scale measures like smart heating controls or LED lighting. All

bring the benefit of improving the warmth and comfort of homes, while also reducing energy bills and making homes greener. Households must meet one of the following criteria to be eligible for the funding:

1. Have no mains gas for primary heating, using other sources such as electric, oil, LPG or solid fuel
2. Be in a priority neighbourhood postcode
3. Have an annual household income below £31,000
4. Have a household member on certain benefits

Leicestershire County Council has received the funding on behalf of Green Living Leicestershire. This is a partnership between Leicestershire authorities, including Blaby District Council, who work together on sustainable and net zero projects. The new two-year scheme follows previous funding delivered through the Warm Homes service or Green Living Leicestershire partnership.

Cllr Les Phillimore, Blaby District Council Portfolio Holder for Housing, Community and Environmental Services, said: "These grants are designed to help people whose homes may be the coldest and dampest. Not only do they help make homes warmer and more comfortable but greener too. "Families benefit from reduced fuel bills and we benefit from reduced emissions. This supports our target of the District becoming carbon neutral by 2050. I would urge anyone who thinks they may be eligible to find out more." For more information on eligibility or to apply, visit [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/home-upgrade-grant](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/home-upgrade-grant), or call YES Energy Solutions on 03309 126 199.

### SHARNFORD EVERGREEN HALL

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# HIGHCROSS DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Our feet haven't touched the ground since being elected in May, to represent the new District Ward of Fosse Highcross. The ward is made up of Aston Flamville, Elmesthorpe, Sapcote, Sharnford, and Wigston Parva, and we are so fortunate to represent all residents. Apart from the training sessions of over 10 x 2 hours each, and more to follow, we have attended over 20 meetings, covering subjects as diverse as Planning, to Online Abuse and Intimidation. Below is a list of a few things we have been up to:

## Fly Tipping



We have noticed a large increase of fly-tipping over the last few months, this is a constant battle between the police and Council stopping illegal dumping of waste. We met with the Police and Crime Commissioner – Rupert Matthews and investigated ways in which we can all work together in catching and preventing fly-tipping. We have reported multiple fly-tipping sites, ensured these were collected by the Council and worked to get preventative measure in place.

## Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI)



The HNRFI proposals continue to take up lots of our time, especially at Blaby District Council (BDC). We have helped shape the first response document and the relevant representation. We joined other Fosse Villages Councilors to work up a plan of action to challenge the HNRFI proposals. Only recently we joined Alberto Costa MP and Dr Luke Evans MP on a conference call with

the planning inspectorate to share our concerns on the process. Our work with officers at BDC will continue and the next documents to be submitted will be the written representation and local impact report documents.

The Planning Inspectorate have now published the Rule 6 Letter (56 pages long) providing further details of the Preliminary Meeting and the proposed timetable for the Scheme's examination. The Preliminary Meeting, which is the start of the 6-month long examination process, is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Planning

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (H&BBC) continues to give us headaches with their lack of a 5-year housing allocation.

We have objected to 2 applications, one for 85 houses on Lychgate Lane and the other for 343 homes either side of Aston Flamville Road. Both would have a detrimental effect on the conservation village of Aston Flamville. The Lychgate Lane development was turned down by H&BBC but has now gone to the Planning Inspectorate under appeal. We await the result. The 343 homes on Aston Flamville Road includes a traffic roundabout on a 60mph road and has received negative comments from Leicestershire County Council Highways Authority. This is the second time that Jelson Homes has applied for this development, and we hope it is turned down again.

## Sharnford Fete



Sharnford Fete was an amazing success this year, thank you so much to all the volunteers that helped. We joined Alberto Costa MP who also came to open and support the event. Great turn out on what was a very hot day.

The Jubilee Cup was awarded to Eric Washbrook who now runs the post office after the sad death of his wife Gay.

Both of us enjoyed the afternoon tea event at St Helens Church, which is becoming a regular event. Thanks again to all the volunteers that helped run this.

We continue to attend Parish Council meetings each and every month and also produce monthly Councilor reports on the work we do across Fosse Highcross, please check out the parish or our website for the latest reports – [www.FosseHighcross.UK](http://www.FosseHighcross.UK) Please do reach out if you have any local issues and thank you for all the support.

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It is Sunday.....the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1844. It is unseasonably mild for late February here in Sharnford. London and the South have endured thick fog from the 22<sup>nd</sup> February but today (the 25<sup>th</sup>.) it is beginning to clear.

The village parson, **Rev. Joseph Cotman**, (1769-1850) Rector of St. Helen's Church, Sharnford, leaves his home and walks the few steps from the Rectory to his adjacent church. He is going to have quite a busy day today especially for, perhaps, an arthritic 75 year old widower- as apart from the usual Sunday morning and evensong services - he has a burial and two families with seven children to christen. It was normal, back in those days to baptise, bury, and marry on almost every day of the year (extremely popular for marriages and christenings was Christmas time).

The church interior is dank and cold, and the **Rev. Cotman's** thoughts quickly turn to a hot welcoming Sunday roast to be shared with his son **John**, the village's wine merchant - at the Rectory, that would be prepared later by their servant and cook - **Martha Furbrow** . (more on Martha later).

**Above** - Somewhat askew - the St. Helen's tombstone of the **Rev. Joseph Cotman** and his second wife **Jane (Gray)** - 1790-1838. They married at Holy Trinity church, Coventry 7 May 1817. His first wife **Caroline (Barratt)** died in 1816.

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1844	No. 539. July 25 William John & James son's	Thomas Elizabeth	Lapworth	Sharnford	Cordwainer	Joseph Cotman Rector
1844	No. 540. July 25 Richard Joseph & Elizabeth son & daughter	Thomas Ann	Buckingham	Sharnford	Cordwainer	Joseph Cotman Rector

**Thomas and Elizabeth Lapworth's** three children ....**William (6), John (3), James (1)** are present. **Thomas and Ann Buckingham's** four children ...**Richard (3), Joseph (1)**, and new-born babies **Elizabeth and Ann** are also present. I do not envy the Rector undertaking the ceremony of baptizing and naming of the children. The seven children are cold, upset and not understanding what is happening. Possibly the Rector has taken them all as a one job lot, the sentence of long years in the church has made him immune to their raucous presence.

The mechanics of researching history into a Sharnford family are a joy to me - especially if I find something of unique interest. Looking at one of our Christening families - the **Buckinghams** - it did not disappoint. Here (**below**) the Sharnford **Buckingham's** wedding Banns of 16<sup>th</sup> February 1837 . It was the maiden name of new wife Ann - a **Furbrow** - that caught my interest . Note also a witness at the wedding - **Jane Furbrow**. Wasn't the Rector Cotman's



# Marie's

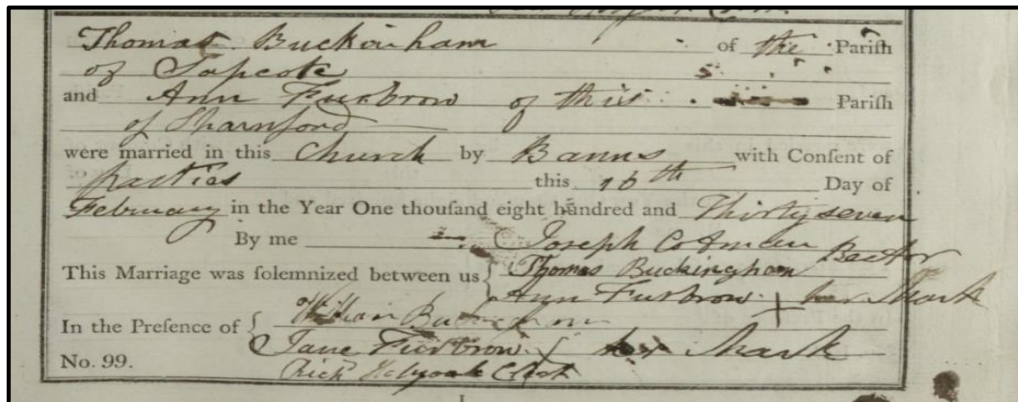
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cook a **Furbrow**? Indeed it was - **Martha**. How are they related?

The **Furbrow's** were a Sharnford farming family. To the parents John and Mary



Furbrow were born 12 children - 11 of these were female and one boy **John** (1816) who died in infancy.

The girls were **Ann** (?); **Susan** (1813); **Jane** (1814); **Sarah Mary** (1815); a double baptism of **Rebecca** and **Martha** (1817) - who both died in infancy. Another **Martha** (1818) - this is our cook at the Rectory. **Mary** (1820); **Rebecca** (1821); another **Rebecca** (1822; ) and lastly **Eliza** ((1823) who lived only a few days.

**Here right** - how the ladies dressed for best by the middle 1840's. This was in the age of the novelist Bronte sisters.



### What of cook Martha Furbrow?

With the death of the Rev. **Joseph Cotman** in June 1850 (his second wife died in 1838) - the son **John Carter Davidson Dove Cotman** (that's a bit of a mouthfull!) - had to vacate the Rectory. Arriving from a Curacy at Bexhill, Sussex - **Henry Lacon Watson** who was inducted and elevated to Rector of Sharnford 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1850. He brought his household with him - Maria, his wife, his wife's

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sister, his brother - and cook **Helen Peck**.

It was now an opportune moment for **Martha** (outgoing cook) to depart, to marry and to have her own home . **Below-** the marriage at St, Helen's church of **Martha Furbrow** to **William Aldridge** Sunday 30 Mar: 1851.

**Martha** knew **William** for several years - as he may have worked as a labourer for the Rector or perhaps rented Glebe land to farm himself. (Glebe land belonged to the benefice of the parsonage - was often farmed or rented out by the Rector to cover his stipend (living expenses)).

1851. Marriage solemnized in the Church of *St. Helen* in the County of *Lincoln*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
61	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Aldridge</i> <i>Martha Furbrow</i>	<i>full</i> <i>full</i>	<i>Bachelor</i> <i>Spinster</i>	<i>Farmer</i> <i>Spinster</i>	<i>Stamford</i> <i>Stamford</i>	<i>John Aldridge</i> <i>John Furbrow</i>	<i>Farmer</i> <i>Farmer</i>

Married in the  *parish church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Church of England* by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *William Aldridge* and *Martha Furbrow* in the Presence of us, *George Rowley* and *Rebecca Hardy* *Rector*

Home for **William Aldridge** and his bride **Martha** was a farmhouse and 30 acres of land in Workhouse Lane, Burbage. Their household also contained William's sister, Betsy, and 2 servants. A child, **Mary Furbrow Aldridge** was born to them Dec: 1852 - their only child. The Aldridge's continued to work the land and prosper - for they appear in the 1870 Poll book & Electoral Register meaning, they now owned outright

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## Breakfast Church Coming Soon!

Starting on 8<sup>th</sup> October we are holding a new, informal style of service. There will be a light breakfast with tea, coffee and fruit juice available as we explore Bible passages in new ways. Suitable for all the family, this service will incorporate the traditional elements of worship such as hymns and prayers along with craft activities, quizzes and more!

Join us at St. Helen's Church at 9.15am on the second Sunday of each month

their farm and lands. By 1881, they were still in Burbage - their farm now called the White House with 40 acres employing 2 labourers.

There now appears to be a down turn in their circumstances - for we now see in the 1891 census, **William** and **Martha** living in Little Harrowden, Northamptonshire. William is now described as an 'agricultural labourer' - at the age of 73. He died in 1896. It was not a happy ending for **Martha** - for she died alone, a widow, and a pauper (meaning that the church burial tax could not be paid) at Little Harrowden, Northants in 1905 at the age of 87 years.

A vibrant floral poster for the PTA 14th September Annual General Meeting. The background is dark blue, adorned with various colorful flowers and leaves in shades of pink, red, yellow, green, and white. The text is centered and reads: "PTA 14th September Annual General Meeting" in large white letters, followed by "7.30PM, EVERGREEN HALL, SHARNFORD." in smaller white text. At the bottom, a white banner contains the slogan: "New Ideas, New Friends, No Pressure Environment, A Good Time, The Best Purpose." in bold white text.

**PTA** 14<sup>th</sup> September  
**Annual General Meeting**  
7.30PM, EVERGREEN HALL,  
SHARNFORD.

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# SHARNFORD PRESCHOOL

Hello! I am Victoria Hibbert, I am excited to be joining Clare and Alison at Sharnford Preschool this year (August 2023). I enjoyed every minute of my induction at preschool before the summer holidays and can't wait to get back and welcome the children alongside our manager Clare who has over 20 years' experience in childcare and preschool settings.

Our Preschool welcomes children Aged 1- 4 years Monday and Thursdays 8:30am - 4pm (Term Time) with wrap around care available at Green Acres in Aston Flamville. We aim to provide the very best care and early education for your children before their transition into primary school.

A bit about me, I am a mum of 3, who loves crafts, the great outdoors and sparking that drive in children to learn through play. After completing my degree way back in 2005, I spent a year travelling the world which sparked my love of travel and experiencing new places and different cultures.



I am currently back to university working towards my Early Years Teacher Status with Sharnford preschool and will be completing placements at a nursery and a primary school across my Teacher training course. I am keen to complete this course so I can bring more in depth knowledge of Early years teaching, phonics, maths skills and new fun ideas for your children to help them learn and develop through play at our preschool.

I look forward to meeting some new faces and welcoming back the children and parents/carers on Thursday August 31st.

For anyone interested in joining Sharnford preschool please call 07964736601 to arrange a stay and play session and to meet our friendly team.

**See you all soon, Victoria**

A graphic advertisement for Sharnford Preschool. It features a blue sky with clouds at the top, a green field in the middle, and a green field with rolling hills at the bottom. The text is arranged in sections: the school name in large green letters, the address below it, opening times in a green box, wrap-around care details, a 'Stay & Play Session' section, the phone number in large black letters, the website URL, and the Ofsted registration information at the bottom.

**Sharnford Preschool**  
The Evergreen Village Hall Leicester Road Sharnford LE10 3PP  
(Opposite the Bricklayers)

Free places for eligible 1, 2, 3 and 4 year olds  
Opening Times:  
Monday 8:30am - 4pm  
Thursday 8:30am - 4pm  
Wrap around and holiday care available at Green Acres  
Aston Flamville 7:30am - 5:30pm Every Weekday

**Stay & Play Session**  
Every Monday 10am - 11am  
ALL WELCOME  
Please Book

**07964 736601**  
[www.sharnfordpreschool.co.uk](http://www.sharnfordpreschool.co.uk)  
Ofsted Registered by Petite Academy Ltd



**ST HELEN'S  
SHARNFORD  
& ST MARY'S  
WIGSTON PARVA**



**AUTUMN DIARY – ST  
HELEN'S**

ALL SERVICES ARE AT 9.15 AM

FIRST SUNDAY IN THE MONTH  
SECOND SUNDAY  
THIRD SUNDAY  
FOURTH SUNDAY

Breakfast church Service (NEW)  
Morning Worship  
Holy Communion  
Morning Worship

24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

SPECIAL SERVICES - Harvest

(When there are 5 Sundays in any month, a service is held alternatively at Sharnford or at all saints, Sapcote at 10 am)

29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 10 am

Joint Communion at Sapcote

**AT THE SERVICE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN THE MONTH WE ARE HOLDING  
A BREAKFAST SERVICE. COME AND JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AND A  
NEW TYPE OF SERVICE FOR EVERYONE**

We would like to thank everyone who continues to support us on a regular basis. Without your contribution we would not be able to continue as a village church  
Repairs to the vestry wall, long overdue, have now been successfully completed.

**THANK YOU**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> September we will be involved with the Ride and Stride initiative organized by the Leicester Historic Churches trust. Cycle Riders and even walkers travel to churches in their area. If you are interested in joining in sponsorship forms are available in the church. Churches taking part in the scheme can apply for a grant if necessary.

**HOPE SCHEME**

During the school holidays the Hope scheme run by Churches in Sharnford and Sapcote delivered hampers and vouchers to 38 families who are struggling. Thank you to all who support this valuable scheme.

**ST MARY'S, WIGSTON PARVA**

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 3 pm

HARVEST

*Rosemarie Simpson*





## **SHARNFORD EVERGREEN VILLAGE HALL AND EVERGREEN CLUB**

Our bacon buttie morning in June raised over £500 towards hall maintenance

We are looking for help in the running of our hall and club. If you could spare a little time and are interested in joining us, please give Rosemarie a call on 274158 or 07831371515

### **Future Bacon Buttie Dates**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Aid of Macmillan cancer support**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Bacon Butties**

### **EVERGREEN CLUB**

We are currently on our summer break following a lunch at The Bull in Broughton Astley - this was a really good get together. The new session starts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September with the first regular fortnightly meeting for games, quizzes and afternoon tea and, of course, lots of chat. Also in September we will have our annual fish and chip supper which is always enjoyed by everyone. Our other annual events are a December bingo social and Christmas lunch, a trip to the Concordia pantomime in January, a meal out in the Spring and a lunch or afternoon tea in the Summer.

Our sincere thanks go to Jean Dale who has just recently resigned from the Club. She had been a committee member since the year 2000, including holding the post of Secretary for 13 years. We will miss her contribution but hope she will continue to get involved on future occasions.

The Club is open to everyone over the age of 60 and who lives in the Blaby district. A warm welcome awaits new members and if you like further information please contact Karen Smith on 07952 893156. We look forward to welcoming you.

***Carol Hunter***

## SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

For up to date information about Sharnford Parish Council go to our Facebook page or Website [www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk).

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**Deadline for articles for the next issue of Sharnford News is  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## SHARNFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OVER 50'S BALLE</b>	<b>09:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>Silver Swans</b>
	<b>KIDS ART &amp; CRAFT CLUB</b>	<b>18:00 - 19:00</b>	<b>COMING SOON</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>YOGA</b>	<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Yoga with Adele</b>
	<b>KIDS LEGO CLUB</b>	<b>18:00 - 19:00</b>	<b>COMING SOON</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB</b>	<b>10:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Derek Gibbons</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OVER 50'S BALLE</b>	<b>09:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>Silver Swans</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>YOGA WITH ADELE</b>	<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Yoga with Adele</b>
	<b>YOUTH CLUB</b>	<b>18:00 - 20:00</b>	<b>COMING SOON</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>TOTS FOOTBALL CLUB</b>	<b>09:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Footicubs</b>

**Yoga with Adele –**  
Adele 07837 927227  
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**Over 60's Youth Club –**  
Derek Gibbons  
01455 272401

**Footicubs –**  
[info@footicubs.co.uk](mailto:info@footicubs.co.uk)

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

### SHARNFORD EVERGREEN CLUB

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

Come and join us at the Evergreen Village Hall in Sharnford - meetings twice monthly on Wednesdays. Full high tea, games and a quiz enjoyed.

Dinners and Teas out during the year and a visit to the Pantomime in January.

ALL WELCOME - Meetings are afternoons 3-5 pm

Contact Karen Smith on 01455 221350

Carol Hunter on 271591

**Laura - Sharnford Youth & Community Centre**

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Organisation	Contact	Details
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<b>Parish Council Chair</b>	<b>Jack Feast</b> 274678 Jack.feast@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	Meetings held 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 19.30 Evergreen Hall
<b>Parish Council Clerk</b>	<b>Karen Leck</b> 07422 718186 clerk@sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk	
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