

SHARNFORD NEWS

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DAY OF THE FLOOD

The 2nd of January 2024, another day to remember for Sharnford suffering the effects of flooding.

But before I go into detail, I would like to thank all those volunteers who helped out diverting and dissuading motorists away from the floods where possible. As things were at full stretch and without people pitching in, I'm sure things would have been absolute turmoil. Thank you all again for your efforts at the height of evening rush hour through Sharnford.

As a flood warden I have very few powers and the main road and Aston Lane needed closing. Despite this there were a few idiots that braved the flood waters at their own risk. Quite a few came to grief and had to be rescued. *(Picture on the right courtesy of Sharnford parish council)*

Long before the flood waters closed the centre of Sharnford I was already in action mid-afternoon dealing with flood water in gardens, some a foot deep, which was in danger of actually getting into properties, most of this was caused by run-off from the already sodden fields. If I didn't come to your aid, it's important to remember that I'm an unpaid volunteer as one of your village flood wardens and we could only spread our help and advice to a limited number of people.



I'm sure in the future there will be further risk of properties being flooded, it is in your own interests to get flood prevention equipment and deploy it at times of flood. Help and information is available from Blaby District Council., whose resources were fully stretched this time around.

My day connected with floods started around 2:30 in the afternoon and I didn't finish until around 11:00 o'clock at night. I was grateful to the people who were unaffected by the floods provide hot drinks, etc. to the volunteers, who we would have been lost without. *(Picture on the right submitted to Facebook).*



Further work was required in the early hours of the morning as the flood waters had receded. Being unable to sleep I was out and about around 4:00 in the morning checking the condition of the roads affected by floods and redeploying traffic signs where needed and generally clearing debris and rubbish left behind by the flood,

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before the morning rush hour began although this was somewhat muted because of the widespread disruption caused by the floods.

Again, volunteers and members of the Parish rallied round to clear up rubbish and debris which covered a wide area centred on the Bricklayers.

I checked on most of the properties affected by the ingress of flood water to see what help we could give them if they needed it.

Councillor Nigel Grundy, Blaby District Council Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services and Assets, said: "Storm Henk was just overwhelming so we really want to be supporting our residents at this challenging time. We hope our work and that of our partner agencies is going some way to help ease the burden of the aftermath."

If any residents still need support following Storm Henk then please contact our Customer Services on 0116 275 0555 or email: customer.services@blaby.gov.uk
Also see our webpage on flooding: [Flooding – Blaby District Council](#)

Most of you affected in the village by the flood should by now have been visited by officials from Blaby District Council and possibly your local MP, Alberto Costa.

Many thanks again to the volunteers for the sterling response to this flood

Jack Feast - Flood Warden

SHARNFORD SCOUTS



You will see on page 31 in the Community Centre events that Scouts are listed. Yes this is correct we welcome back a Scouts group to Sharnford. Initially the Scouts group will meet on Mondays and Tuesdays from April for 10½ to 14 year olds, however this the group are keen to introduce Squirrels (4 to 5 year old) and Beavers (6 to 8 year olds). For further details please get in touch at liam.curtin@hinckleydistrictscouts.org.uk

Liam Curtin – Sharnford Scout Group

OUR SHARNFORD NEWS - CAN YOU HELP?

We have been distributing SHARNFORD News to all residents in the parish for over 20 years. We have a small team of volunteers who deliver each Issue, which is just 4 times a year. Some of us have been doing it from the start in 2000, so it's time for new blood. I will continue to coordinate the distribution but we need more help.

The rounds are relatively small and only take an hour or so. If anyone would like to volunteer to join us, please contact myself, Dave 272901, our editor Ian via email at sharnfordnews@gmail.com, thank you.

SHARNFORD GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE VILLAGE FETE

FETE DATE 9th JUNE 2024

Thanks go to Sue Stanley who is now stepping down as secretary since 2015. We welcome Laura who has now taken on the role. After the overwhelming turnout at the AGM, we are pleased to confirm the Fete will go ahead this year. Every year the profits raised on the day are distributed amongst the contributing voluntary groups within the village. This year we have 7 deserving groups who work tirelessly in the village.

We will be raising money for the Sick and Dividend Fund, Sharnford Craft Group, Environment Group, Evergreen Hall, Youth and Community Centre, Good Neighbour Scheme and St Helen's Church.

This year we wanted to try and lift everyone's spirits after a difficult few years by choosing 'Eurovision' as a theme. We want to see big, bold costumes where anything goes! Glitter balls, platforms, flares and big wigs.

In order to help us make this happen, we are requesting donations of the following items: Bottles of booze and soft drinks, Bric a Brac, Books, Toys including soft toys, Cakes and jams (closer to the day), Plants, and Craft items. Collection dates will be confirmed nearer to the time via leaflet.

Are you a business in the village that would like to help? Are you able to help with a financial contribution to the fete, knowing your generosity will create a positive impact on those contributing village groups? Or are you able to provide a raffle prize? Please get in touch. Do you work for a company who can provide a raffle prize or a resident who can provide a raffle prize? Please get in touch!

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SHARNFORD LADIES GROUP

In December we celebrated our last meeting before Christmas with mulled wine and mince pies and were then entertained by Four Play. In January Roxanne Dinsdale demonstrated different types of belly dancing and explained the significance of the different costumes, an enjoyable evening.

The February meeting was our AGM which was full of discussions and laughter, an unusual occurrence for an AGM! In March Paul Gardner is visiting us again to talk about Bygone Times in Hinckley.

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

Lynda

SHARNFORD EVERGREEN HALL

HIRING

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

£12 per hour for casual hire

Regular Groups enjoy a reduction in rates

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

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

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Classes are suitable for anyone who suffers with mobility issues and are adapted for those who are wheelchair users or need walking aids.

Classes are taught by Hollie and teaching assistant Mikaela. We start with seated exercises and then progress to standing, but for those who wish to remain seated can do so and still participate in the same exercises by following Mikaela. No one is excluded.

We use a range of music throughout the class and once a month, we will have a live pianist join us.

Dance for Parkinson's has been proven to improve gait, postural stability, flexibility and balance, as well as providing social stimulation and support, which can be helpful in reducing depression and improving quality of life.

You don't have to have any dance experience, just bring yourself, your sense of humour and we'll do the rest!

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FORGING FUTURES

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Forging Futures, located at High Point on Market Street, Lutterworth, is a day support provision for adults of all ages with learning disabilities, Forging Futures opened its doors on Friday 9th February and initially we will be open every Friday from 9am to 3pm.

Forging Futures' mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for adults with additional needs. The aim of the organisation is to promote independence, enhance social connections, and foster a sense of belonging, while offering personalised support to improve overall quality of life.

The Forge Cafe, is making links with local education providers, offering opportunities for supported work experience internships for young people with additional needs.

Any further assistance please get in touch with Ben and the FF team on 07795 388036 or visit our website www.forging-futures.org.uk

Ben Salisbury

LOST CAT - CAN YOU HELP?

We are on a search for our lovely cat, Pharoah. We haven't seen him since the end of Oct/November and have come to the understanding that someone may be feeding him.

My awesome friend on School Lane regularly sends us updates from his night camera of Pharoah visiting and he's looking very well fed. Last seen this week.

He is a honey coloured Bengal. He is well known within the village and he's quite obviously not a stray. So if anyone has any information please let me know as myself and the kids really do miss him.

He is chipped and neutered and has a specialist diet due to being a special breed. When not on his diet he develops skin problems.

Any sightings please let us know, my children have high care needs and he was very much a therapy cat.

My number is 07762319456 and we live at 5 Coventry Road



Many Thanks, Sophie

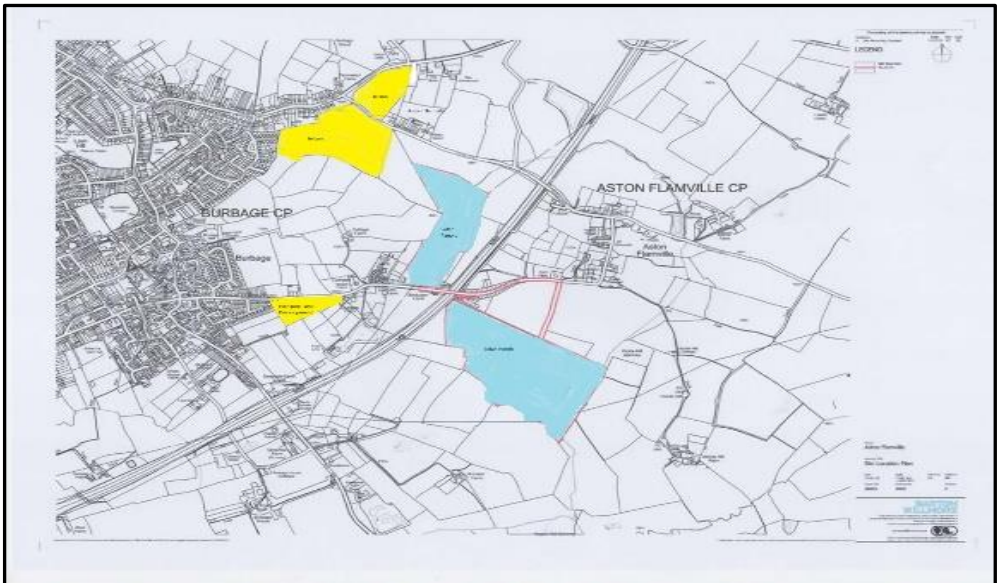
HIGHCROSS DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Our report starts with the continued examination of the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) by the Planning Inspectorate. The examination comes to an end on 12th March 2024. The inspector and his team will then take three months to review all of the evidence put before them by the applicant Tritax, and all councils, from parish councils up to county councils. In addition, there will be evidence submitted by National Highways and National Rail, although National Rail could not be bothered to turn up at the last open meeting, much to the annoyance of the planning inspector.



Once the inspectorate have completed their review they will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport. The Secretary of State will then take up until mid September 2024 to make a final decision on whether the application should be approved or refused.

Hinckley & Bosworth Planning Application 22/01037/OUT - Erection of 343 homes, Jelson Homes, Aston Flamville Road, Burbage This application was refused



by H&BBC and a new application submitted in August 2023. Jelson Homes have now appealed to the Planning Inspectorate for the first application. In tandem with this application, a new proposal was presented to H&BBC Planning Committee (23/00673/OUT) on 13th February, where Cllr Mike Shirley spoke in objection.

Unfortunately, the planning committee voted in favour of officer's recommendation to approve the application, 8 members voted to approve, none voted against, and 9 voted to abstain. The map shows the development marked in yellow, either side of Aston Flamville Road and new housing development on Lychgate Lane, adjacent to the proposed solar panel farm either side of Lychgate Lane marked in blue.

Sharnford Evergreen Hall volunteers taking time out of feeding the hungry villagers bacon butties, to meet their councillors and the Chair of Blaby District Council, Cllr Cheryl Cashmore. Thanks to the Chair of the Sharnford Evergreen Club, Karen Smith for welcoming us.



In the last Sharnford News we showed the melted remains of the public toilet on Fosse Meadows but Blaby District Council has lost no time in replacing the toilet within a secure cage. Hopefully vandals will leave it alone for the benefit of visitors to the meadows. *Photo of your Cllrs Ben & Mike and Mason Cashmore, key holder, and owner of Mason's il Cappo Del Caffè.*



We continue to attend Parish Council meetings each and every month and also produce a monthly report on the work we do across Fosse Highcross. Please check out the Sharnford Parish Facebook, and website for the latest reports, and also our website www.FosseHighcross.uk Please do reach out if you have any local issues and thank you for your support.

Your District Councillors – Mike Shirley and Ben Taylor

OUR SOLAR JOURNEY

For this article we thought we would share our experiences of using solar power to provide electricity to our house. It started about 3 years ago we decided to experiment with solar power that could generate power in our shed.

Being a complete novice in this area, I purchased 3 x 120watts solar panels and a small battery and inverter (converts the DC solar to AC power giving you a standard plug to use for an appliance). This allowed us to charge and provide free power to a lawn mower battery, power lighting and a garden pond pump (not all together!!). We initially spent around £700 for this small system....this proved a success.

In September 2022 we started to consider an installation for the house, following all the uncertainty of energy price hikes and also could we do a little something that would benefit the planet that we are all responsible for

To help with our decision making we started to understand what power was being used in the house. The below chart gives some rough estimates of popular appliances in the household. The wattage amount is given for an hour of usage, clearly a kettle is not on for an hour it's between 30seconds to 1 minute.



The figures shown for a fridge and a freezer are for a total day, as these are appliances that are normally on all the time. If you look at a dishwasher this will not be using 1500w for whole cycle it will fluctuate. (Left : The wattage shown on a hair dryer)

Appliance	Total wattage per hour		Appliance	Total wattage per hour
Blender	500		Internet Router	6
Ceiling Fan	120		Iron	1200
Tumble dryer	3000		Kettle	1200
Clothes Washer	1300		Microwave	1000
Coffee Machine	1000		Oven – Electric	2000
Desktop / Gaming Computer	200 to 500		Smart Phone – Recharge	6
Dishwasher	1200 to 1500		Toaster	850
Freezer – Chest	1080 Wh/Day*		TV – LCD	150
Fridge -16 cu. ft.	1200 Wh/Day*		Vacuum	1000
Hair Dryer	1500 to 2000		Water Heater	4500

1000watts = 1KW , **Note:** TVs, Computers, and other devices left on standby still draw some power.

We examined our usage through past billing and obtained a number of quotes. On average throughout the year we were using around 9KW of power each day

In December 2022 we finally opted for the following specification:-

Item	Notes
16 x 370Watts Panels with side panels	A generation of 5.7KW, side panels to prevent wind from lifting panels from roof
1 x 8.2kwh /3.0 AC GiVenergy battery system	A battery storage , stores excess power for future use
1 x GiVenergy invertor & controller system	Invertor to convert DC to AC and controller allowing you to manage via mobile app/computer

This equipment allowed us (if the sun was fully shining at the correct angle) to fully charge our storage in an hour and half. Clearly this does not take into account appliances that you will have running and also we live in the UK so there are days when the sun does not shine. However if the battery was fully charged it could run a microwave for over 8 hours or the have the electric oven running at full power for 4 hours for example..

On the 26th January 2023 our system went live and so at the time of writing this report on the 31st January 2024 we have now been live for just over a year. The



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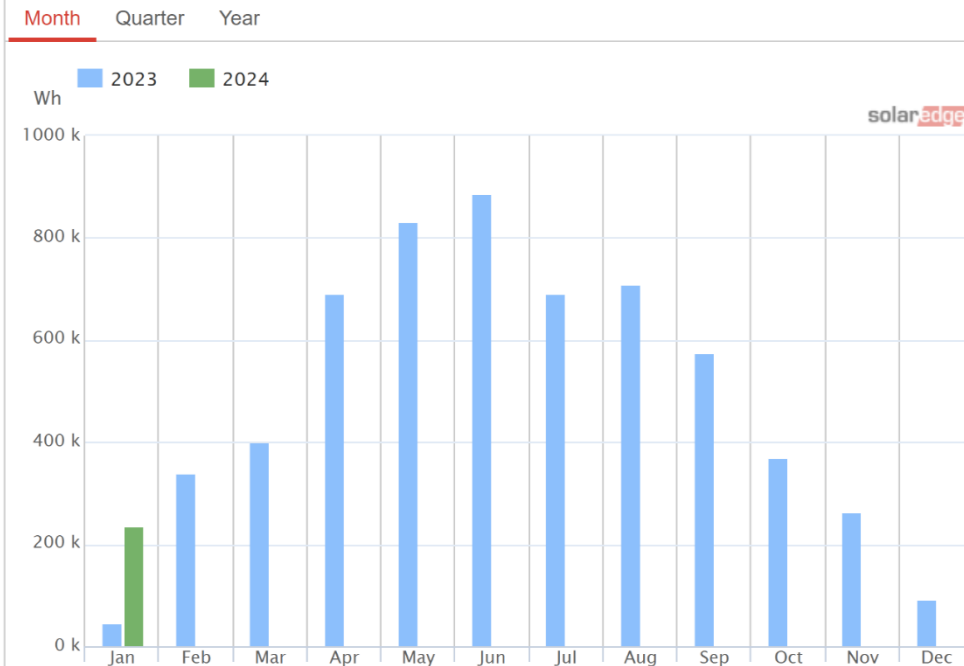
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following chart shows how much electricity our system has generated. As expected June (longest daylight month) generated the most, being nearly 900KW of power. What is also interesting April generated about the same as August.



The positioning of our house does help with the roof being in a south east position. With the sun rising in the east and then setting in the west, but the angle of the sun does also change during the year (June being the highest in the sky month). This is something to consider if purchasing solar panels.

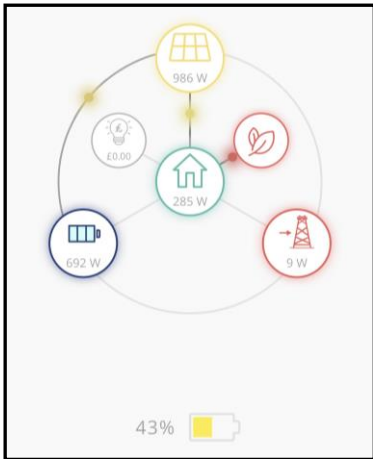
The table below details further information about our usage. This was taken on the 31st January so after one year the system generated the following amount of electricity (6.13MWh) that's 6013KW equaling to 715 full (8.2KW) batteries or running the vacuum for over 6000 hours!!

Energy this month 232.08 kWh	Lifetime energy 6.13 MWh	Lifetime revenue £1,829.44
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In our conclusions we have shown how much power I have generated along with what that equals to in money terms (at 30p per KW). Prices and tariffs have fluctuated in my first full year, however what is also not captured in this report is on my tariff we

have the ability to feed back into the grid, thus generating money back. So when our battery is full and the solar is directly powering your house consumption it will feed back into the grid.

Look at the image below. This shows at the time it was taken the solar panels are generating 986watts. Our current consumption in the house is 285watts, so the rest of the generated power is going to



the battery. The battery is now 43% full.

The image to the right shows the battery now full, so the generated power is feeding the house consumption and the rest feeding back into the national grid

We are happy with the system and from our initial outlay of £14,500 we are on target within 8 years to recoup the money (could be sooner), but

already helping our environment. The system is intelligent enough to firstly use the solar input, if there is no solar input it will go to the battery, then if you have no stored power it will use the grid at your current tariff rate.

One change we would make is the 3.0 AC GiVenergy, as this gives you a maximum draw from the battery at 3KW (battery will be used when insufficient Solar is not present). So if you put a number of appliances on at the same time that would total over 3KW/3000W then it will draw from the grid (even if you have more in the battery), increasing this slightly would prevent this. We may also in the future consider adding a further battery to store more power, especially for the winter months where we have a need to utilise the grid more.

Sharnford Over 60s Youth Club

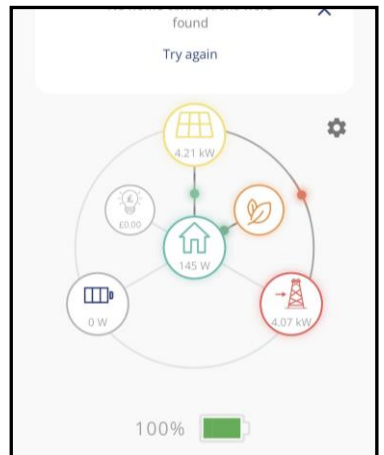
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SHARNFORD HISTORY

Thoughtful Spot.....

Peaceful and yet largely forgotten - to the rear of St. Helen's church, is a collection of twenty small slate tablets and cast iron memorial markers mostly leaning against the building, each containing only the briefest of inscriptions (*example C.H. 1847*).

With dates ranging from 1810 to 1898, these were often thought to be the markers of children; but this was proved to be not the case. I was fortunate to be able to unravel these unnamed markers and put names to them; for it is only fitting that they should not be forgotten. Four of the markers contain a full name so I have omitted them from my listing.

Have you ever wondered why there is a wall or animal proof fence around the perimeter of churches? An old saying used to say that it was to keep its inhabitants from getting out, or perhaps thought to keep stray animals out of the graveyard?. Not so – it was to keep animals **inside**. It was fashionable to keep a couple of cows or a small flock of sheep in the graveyard to keep the grass down. These were the days long before the motorised grass mower.



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Slate	G.H. 1812	George Holyoak aged 20 yrs.
Slate	E.H. 1819	Elizabeth Holyoak aged 22 yrs. (of Smockington).
Slate	T.C. 1822	Thomas Corby aged 46 yrs.
Slate	C.H. 1847	Chamberlain Holyoak aged 82 yrs. (of Smockington).
Slate	J.C. 1853	Jane Corby aged 75 yrs.
Slate	J.H. 1862	Joseph Bates Holyoak aged 63 yrs.
Slate	C.S./J.S. 1868 & 1869	Catherine Scotton aged 75 yrs./ John Scotton aged 74 yrs.
Slate	T.S. 1872	Thomas Saunt aged 39 yrs.
Iron	G.B.F. 1872	<i>Remains unknown.</i>
Iron	J.T. 1874	John Townsend aged 55 yrs.
Slate	M.H. 1881	Mary Holyoak aged 73 yrs. (of Burbage).
Slate	E.S. 1885	Elizabeth Saunt aged 19 yrs.
Slate	M.T.C. 1898	Mary Toone Campion aged 88 yrs. (of Hinckley).
Slate	J.S./C.S. undated	<i>Remains unknown.</i>

It is always a tragedy when a young person dies - especially a teenager. Below I have chronicled briefly the short life of the youngest of the above- **19 year old Elizabeth Saunt.**

Elizabeth Saunt was born in Sharnford in 1866, the 2nd child of four. Her parents were Aaron and Elizabeth Saunt nee Whitmill. Father Aaron Saunt- a waggoner & labourer - was also born in Sharnford in 1847. The Saunt's were quite an old Sharnford family whom I can trace back in a continuous line to a wedding in 1736 at St. Helen's church.

Elizabeth's mother died in 1877 (age 34) – her uncle Thomas – a wheelwright & carpenter – died aged 39 (see list above). In April 1881 Elizabeth was a 15 yr. old domestic servant at Abbey Farm, Wolvey. Elizabeth died 5th July and was buried at St. Helen's church 8th July 1885. The cause of death was pneumonia, phthisis pulmonalis (tuberculosis) and dropsy (water retention) of feet and legs. Present at her death was her sister Hannah Saunt.



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We run two Senior Saturday Teams playing in the Leics & Rutland League with our 1st XI in Div 7 West and our 2nd XI in Div 9 Central; a Ladies Squad and Junior All-Stars for 5 to 8 year olds.

With nets in full swing at Countesthorpe College on Sunday mornings 10.30-11.30am, we're all excited and revelling in anticipation for the new season ahead.

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT GROUNDSMAN WANTED

Ideally we are looking for someone who is retired for help with mowing, scarifying and watering etc. Full training will be given. Generally it would be for 2 to 3 hours Tuesday or Wednesday mornings throughout the season between 10.30 and 1.30. Then sometimes for an hour on a Friday afternoon helping to mark out the wicket. Times are always flexible depending on everyone's availability and weather conditions. This would be the perfect opportunity for someone who wants to get out of the house, meet some new people and have a laugh in a no pressure environment. The sense of satisfaction when the wicket is playing well and looking its best is always a wonderful perk of the job as well. As a groundsman you would be an integral part of the Club and all the camaraderie, fun and joy that goes with it.

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Ian Root

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**Deadline for articles for the next issue of Sharnford News is
Thursday 16th May 2024**



THE OLD SCHOOL SURGERY STONEY STANTON PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The Patients Participation Group (PPG) reformed again last year after COVID and with new volunteers. The primary purpose of PPG is to represent the views and experiences of ALL member patients at the surgery. This is to help the surgery be proactive in providing services that reflect the requirements of the patients. **Our mission is to aid communications between the GP Surgery and Patients.**

To date the PPG have conducted a patient's survey and assisted with the COVID vaccination weekends (car parking and surveys). Attended Integrated Care Board information days, looked at patients' areas of concerns and how we might assist in communicating changes. We are in the process of suggesting improvements to the website and looking at producing quarterly information articles.

The NHS and GP Surgeries have experienced significant changes since COVID and The Old School Surgery is no different. They are supporting approx. 8,000 patients primarily in the villages of Elmesthorpe, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton and Thurlaston. During a typical month they can deal with more than 6,000 telephone calls.

More face-to-face appointments are being requested by patients and were added in January 2024. The PPG encourage all patients to embrace the changes where possible, by using online services to book appointments and order prescriptions.

These are available on the Surgery website www.theoldschoolsurgery.com. You will need to visit the surgery in person to get a login and password to begin. The NHS



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..... or just turn up and see what's it all about.

APP is also available to patients and will give you access to such things as medical records and test results. This can be downloaded to your phone.

We are planning a joint training session on this subject with the surgery which will be open to patients. Look out for further details if you are interested on the surgery website, face book page or by contacting the surgery. There is also a Practice Information Leaflet available at the surgery containing a range of information about the surgery and its services.

Beginning shortly the surgery will be undergoing a re-fit, initially in the reception area, so some understanding and tolerance will be appreciated during this time.

For more information about the PPG, please contact the surgery, theoldschool.surgery1@nhs.net

Maggie Wright – Chair of The Old School Surgery Patient Participation Group.



HINCKLEY BULLOCKERS

On 6th January the Hinckley Bullockers went out for their traditional plough tour. Despite large parts of Leicestershire being under water for most of the previous week, everybody made it to Sharnford and The Bricklayers' Arms had worked tirelessly all week to empty the water and be able to open and provide us all with sausage and bacon baps. A massive thank you to them for this, it was definitely above and beyond the call of duty.



After a trip round various places in Sapcote, we then added a new venue to this year's tour and headed for Stoney Cove where we were made very welcome, fed a wonderful lunch, and could listen to the amazing echoes of the brass instruments off the side of the cove. None of us fancied a dive, so we moved on to Stoney Stanton.



The weather was cold but the rain held off for the day and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

If you fancy having a go yourself next year, new members are always welcome and we start practising on the last Tuesday evening in November at the Evergreen Hall.

Emma

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BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL JOB FAIR

Are you or someone you know looking for a new challenge? Perhaps you need help with those first steps into employment, or you are interested in a career change or maybe you just need to pick up some training or job advice.

Come along to our next Job Fair taking place on Wednesday 6 March 2024 from 3pm to 5.30pm at the Blaby District Council offices on Desford Road, Narborough. Pop along and meet representatives from local businesses to find out about employment opportunities and you can also speak to the team from Blaby District Council to find out about the vacancies we have.

There will be hundreds of jobs available across Leicestershire as well as plenty of advice available if you are considering further learning, training and up-skilling, apprenticeships or volunteering. The offices are easy to get to with parking available,

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ST HELEN'S

Sunday 10 th March 9:15AM	Mothering Sunday/ Breakfast Club - We would love to see all those mothers. Flowers will be given out
Sunday 24 th March 10:00AM	Palm Sunday - Joint Benefice Service at All Saints Sapcote
Sunday 31 st March 9:15AM	Easter Sunday - followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard – All welcome

The Christingle service was held on Christmas Eve and it was wonderful to see the church so full. The children performed in a poetic nativity with many amusing moments!! The collection amounted to £206.55 and this was donated to the Children's Society who help many children throughout the year.

Our breakfast services have been very well received and enjoyed by all. Includes puzzles, word searches and craft activities for all ages.

ST MARY'S, WIGSTON PARVA

The Carol Service in December was well attended – a record in fact, with mulled wine being served afterwards

Sunday 31 st March 3:00PM	Easter Sunday Service
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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHANFORD AND SAPCOTE

Do you know of anyone in the village who would like to receive the gift of a flower at Easter? Last year we delivered 58 flowers to people in Sharnford who are on their own or are lonely or just need a kind thought. If you do, why not nominate

them on the form indicated below.

<https://forms.gle/x5wf1lgomg6czsytA>

Rosemarie Simpson



SHARNFORD EVERGREEN VILLAGE HALL AND EVERGREEN CLUB

*** Next Bacon Buttie Date ***
Saturday 2nd March – Fairtrade and
Action Aid Charity event

Further dates for your diary

27 th April	22 nd June	3 rd August
21 st September – Macmillan	26 th October	7 th December – Christmas

EVERGREEN CLUB

Everyone enjoyed our Christmas Tea Meeting and in January we enjoyed a lunch at the Bulls Head in Broughton Astley.

We meet every 2 weeks in the Evergreen Hall to enjoy games, quizzes and a high tea – Wednesday's 3 pm New Members welcome.

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

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**Easter Hunt, Refreshments,
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OVER 60s YOUTH CLUB

Strength to Strength!

Once again it is a pleasure to report the success of the Over 60s Youth Club. Every Wednesday up to twenty village residents gather in the Youth and Community Centre for a morning of games, chat and coffee. Aimed at getting some of our older residents up and out of their homes, we now have more than ten years of success behind us and are always ready to welcome new members.

In January many of us were delighted to join the Evergreen Club in their annual trip to the Concordia Theatre's Pantomime and in February we were grateful to the Parish Council's support in replacing some of our ten-year-old equipment.

Anyone over 60 (and who's checking?) who would like to meet fellow residents, come along to Park View, 10.00 'til 12.00, any Wednesday.

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After a challenging start to 2024 we're glad to be back on track and looking forward to a great year.

I know we've probably said this a thousand times (including on ITV news) but we are so grateful for the help and support we received from members of our community during the flood. If it wasn't for the rapid response of our neighbours and their willingness to get stuck in, we honestly don't know what state the pub would be in right now.

So we just want to say, THANK YOU SHARNFORD!!

Frazer & The Bricklayers team x



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SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Rain and high winds have marked the last three months culminating in a devastating flood and the collapse of the cemetery gates.

The cemetery gates will be replaced soon but the rain keeps coming and Sharnford will need help to prepare for any more potential floods. Leicestershire County Council need to keep the drains clear of blockages and Severn Trent Water need to increase the capacity of our drainage system, both storm water and sewage.

Residents need to prepare for future events and not to rely on councils, who are limited in what help they can give. We live in the countryside so most of the flood water is run-off from our neighbouring fields. If you are responsible for fields and paddocks, please make sure that your ditches and gullies are clear of debris. We shouldn't expect properties in Henson Way and Halls Crescent to be subjected to flooding.

The photograph to the right shows the river and footpath under water, this also includes Poors Meadow. **DO NOT LET CHILDREN OR DOGS GO IN THE WATER.** Despite notices being posted on the gates and Facebook people are still allowing their dogs and children to play in the water, it is full of human excrement from the sewage pumping station which, despite the assurances of Severn Trent Water, is not fit for purpose and discharging into the river at the slightest drop of rain. The Environment Agency are aware of this but appear to be powerless to action any penalties on Severn Trent.



The wooden cemetery gates have only lasted 13 years but have now succumbed to wind and rot. The new gates will be wrought iron and should last for many years to come; however, they will cost more than £5000. Luckily the parish council have been saving for this eventuality for many years.

In June the Sharnford Golden Jubilee Committee will be holding our annual fete. As part of the celebrations will be the presentation of the Jubilee Cup. The cup is presented each year to an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the village and is a resident of the Parish. The closing date for nominations is Thursday 16th

An advertisement for 'Paws 2 Go Sharnford Groomers'. It features a cartoon illustration of a white dog with blue markings on its ears and face, sticking its tongue out. The text 'PAWS 2 GO SHARNFORD' is written in a stylized, bold font. Below this, it says 'Groomers' with a paw print icon, followed by the phone number '07957993770'. At the bottom, there is an email address 'bookings@paws2gosharnford.net' and the text 'Prices Starting From £25 * Contact For Free Consultation'. The background has a light blue and white polka-dot pattern.

May. Sealed nominations can be given to any parish councillor or the clerk, or alternatively, you can present your nomination at the Parish Council meeting on that night.

Over the last three months there have been a number of planning applications in Sharnford, mainly home extensions, but the latest applications are of some note:

20/1461/FUL – Change of use of agricultural land to residential use. Bumble Bee Lane. This application is to build a home in a field which was applied for in 2021. It has now reappeared as a live application.

24/0090/FUL – Erection of 3 four-bedroom houses and 3 five-bedroom houses including the demolition of The Gables, Chapel Lane. This is a new application which is receiving a lot of criticism from neighbouring residents.

Both applications will be decided either by Blaby District Council Planning Committee or an officer from Blaby Planning Department.

Residents and public are welcome to attend the parish council meeting, held on the third Thursday of every month (excluding August) in the Sharnford Evergreen Hall at 7.30pm.

For up to date information about Sharnford Parish Council go to our Facebook page or Website www.sharnfordparishcouncil.co.uk.

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SHARNFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY	OVER 50'S BALLET	09:30 - 11:30	Silver Swans
	SCOUTS (VARIOUS AGES)	18:00 - 19:00	STARTING APRIL
TUESDAY	YOGA	10:00 – 11:00	Yoga with Adele
	SCOUTS (VARIOUS AGES)	17:00 - 21:00	STARTING APRIL
WEDNESDAY	OVER 60'S YOUTH CLUB	10:00 – 12:30	Derek Gibbons
	PILATES FOR HORSE RIDERS	20:00-21:00	Jo Smith
THURSDAY	OVER 50'S BALLET	09:30 - 11:30	Silver Swans
	KOKORO KARATE	18:30 - 20:00	Tim Wood
FRIDAY	YOGA WITH ADELE	10:00 – 11:00	Yoga with Adele
	BALLET 'ON THE BALL'	11.30-12.15	Silver Swans
	PARKINSON'S DANCE CLASS	12.45 - 14.00	Silver Swans
SATURDAY	TOTS FOOTBALL CLUB	09:30 – 12:00	Footicubs

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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

SHARNFORD VILLAGE INFORMATION SHEET

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Doctors-Stoney Stanton	(01455) 271442	
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Over 60's Youth Club	Derek Gibbons 272401	Community Centre Weds 10 - 12.30
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Sharnford Pre-School	Joy Jeffs 07964 736601	Evergreen Hall
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Sharnford Traffic Action Group (STAG)	Mike Shirley 07539 994707	
Sharnford Village Show	Tony Curtis 272532	