

Shapwick News

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Get Involved—Village Litter Pick—Sunday 19th March



After last year's successful litter pick the PC are organising another one! Meet at Village Hall 10.00am—wear sturdy footwear and strong gloves—litter picking equipment will be provided.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the litter pick –bacon rolls, tea and coffee etc.



SHAPWICK SCHOOL



WarGen Project *Lisa Pool –History @ Shapwick School*

Shapwick School has been lucky to win a grant from the Chalke Valley History Trust, to support our aim to widen community links and promote History to all ages.

WarGen Project: Established by historians James Holland & Dan Snow, this project aims to record a sound archive of all experiences of WW2 by the people who experienced them first-hand. Shapwick pupils in Year 7 are taking up the mantle, and are seeking local veterans - military and civilian, regardless of role and station, to participate in an interview at Shapwick School. Are there any residents who are willing, or who would like, to contribute? Please contact Lisa Pool at lisa.pool@shapwickschool or the school office on 210384.

Shapwick Village Hall Curry Night

Back By Popular Demand

March 25th at 7.30pm

Bring own drinks and glasses

**For catering purposes please buy tickets
by March 11th Nerina 210329 or
Claire 210784 or email
shapwickvillagehall@gmail.com**

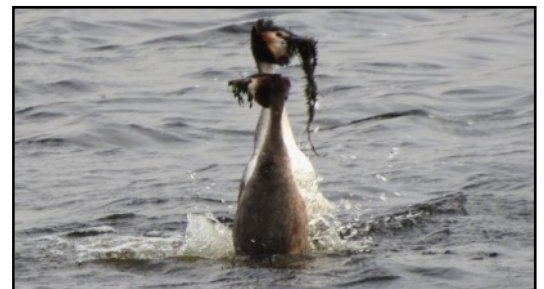
Hi folks,

How important is it to live a balanced life?

This is a question Jen and I have been contemplating recently, as we went to a Pastoral Refreshment Conference at Hothorpe Hall in Leicestershire. We know far too many church ministers who have burned out in the job, so we're keen to make sure we get things right from the outset...

The main speaker at the conference was a guy called Mark Meynell (who had been a minister at Jen's old church in London), who spoke about his experience in dealing with depression over ten years. It was obviously quite hard for him to speak about, partly because it's still an active issue for him. One thing he did realise was this: we have faith in Jesus, not because it feels right, but because it is true. That's quite hard in a culture which values things 'feeling right' so highly – but in depression, almost everything feels bleak.

My wildlife highlight of the month came unexpectedly. Jen's friend Rachel came over from Vienna for a couple of days, and I managed to persuade them that a trip to a bird hide on Shapwick Heath would be a great treat. While there, I pointed out the great crested grebes and mentioned that they're famous for their elaborate courtship rituals, including the weed dance that I had never seen. Ten minutes later two grebes rushed together and performed the full dance right in front of the hide!



If you were a grebe, you'd find a beakful of weed very alluring...

Every blessing Rich Tweedy— vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk

Parish Council Website - www.shapwickparishcouncil.org.uk—minutes, agendas etc.

As many of you will have seen, 1st Poldens cub pack, based at Shapwick Village Hall, has gone from strength to strength over the last year. However, we are now in urgent need of one or two individuals, over 18 years, who would be interested in training to become uniformed leaders to take over or assist in the running of the pack. If you would like to know more, contact Adam on 07508 468173.

Shapwick Starlets WI *Sue Sellick*

Thank you to everyone who supported our Crafternoon Tea event which was very successful. Our plantable seed hearts were very popular, and don't worry if you missed out as they will be on sale at other events. There will be lots of wild birds enjoying the peanut butter seed treats in gardens all around Shapwick, so watch out for the 'tweets'. As always, there were delicious cakes, and Bente's Apple Cake is a must. For little fingers there was plenty of cutting and sticking going on and it was so successful we are aiming to hold more events like this.



This month's speaker was Dawn Lawrence from the Born Free Foundation. Dawn has written a number of books on wildlife conservation which have been used for educational purposes in schools. "Dragons and dinosaurs, both are consigned to a legendary world now left far behind, and those creatures today have but one thing in mind, 'Cant you see they exclaim we're just two steps behind" - excerpt from '2 Steps Behind, the Last of the few'. Thank you Dawn, some of your animal poems are humorous, a few are sad but definitely thought provoking.



Our calendar for 2017 is already looking pretty busy including Kurling in Walton, walking through the Polden Villages with Bridgwater Firecrackers, a Craft Taster Day in Bridgwater and our first skittles match for this season.

Our book club is evolving into a Book and Film Club, so popcorn has been purchased in anticipation. Local events that we will be featuring in are the Litter Pick in March and the Bunny Hop in April.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th March - Driftwood, the art of making crafted items from drift wood with Emma Duke. The history behind the driftwood to be found in the Bristol Channel and what can be made from the extraordinary pieces to be found.

If you fancy giving us a try, please come on down to Shapwick Village Hall at 7.30pm.

A STITCH IN TIME

Adam and Brin Cub Scout Leaders

1st Poldens cubs have started the New Year with a varied and active programme including team building, making bird feeders for the Big Garden Birdwatch and learning to sew. The pack continues to thrive with four new arrivals bringing our numbers to nineteen. Our sewing session was led by Jolene Phillips ably assisted by parent helpers Sue Clarke and Vanessa Mynott.

Popcorn and duvets set the scene for a showing of The Jungle Book to round off the first half-term, Our sincere thanks to Shapwick School for allowing us to use The Hayloft as our 'cinema'.



Village Hall News *Claire Brown*

We have just had a lovely new floor laid on the mezzanine area of the hall. We were fortunate enough to have this donated by Wickes in Taunton. Surplus stock that would have otherwise gone into landfill. Wickes informed the Community Council for Somerset of its availability. The Community Council duly sent an email out to all village hall committees in the county. This was offered on a first come first served basis. A quick phone call and two trips to Wickes later we were in possession of nearly £1,000 worth of good quality laminate flooring!

You will see from the picture that the upper level of the hall is now a lovely, light, airy space. The floor compliments the improvements we made to the upper level of the hall last year and has finished it off beautifully. It is now a practical, useable space.



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Shapwick RUNNERS

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the 10th annual
shapwick bunny hop
7.5 mile trail race • easter monday 17th april
with junior fun run and 4 mile non-competitive walk
race HQ Shapwick village hall, TA79NJ • registration from 9am for 10.30am
start • £12 or £14 on the day (less £2 if with EA) • junior run (ks 1 & 2)
9.30am start, £1 entry on the day • more info shapwickrunners.co.uk
or call Teresa on 01458 210107 • enter direct at fullonsport.com

Shapwick and Polden Cricket Club— Winter Training Sessions



The cricket club are preparing for the summer season with some winter training sessions.

Shapwick & Polden Cricket Club indoor nets will be held at Strode Sports Centre in Street every Sunday in March from 2.30pm until 4.30pm with under 13s and younger to join in after 3.30pm.

Outdoor training starts in April. For juniors - U11s and U13s training will be on Mondays from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Starting April 24th.

New members welcome.

Juniors (8-16 years) should contact Judith Wanliss judithwanliss@hotmail.co.uk

Seniors should contact : Jon Ball jon.ball@uk.thalesgroup.com or Martin Baker martin@aandsc.org or visit website www.aandsc.org

Litter Pick

19th March 2017

10.00am Village Hall

Local Plan Consultation

The proposed submission draft of the new Local Plan for Sedgemoor (the key strategic document that will set out the future policy agenda for the long-term development of Sedgemoor between now and 2032) is under consultation until 17th March 2017. Comments can be made online, by post or by email.

The Local Plan can be reviewed online at <http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/LocalPlan>

What's On in Shapwick

Lite Bite Lunches

'Lite Bite' Lunches will run again this year on the 3rd Monday in the month, 12.30pm - 2pm In St Mary's Church Shapwick

The next lunch is on 20th March.

Everyone is welcome. A real chance for residents to meet new friends.

For further information contact Helen on 210885.



Tea & Cakes

St. Mary's Church

Friday

24th March

3.00pm to 5.00pm



Shapwick Heath Nature Reserve

11 March

Beginners' Guide to Birdwatching
@Ham Wall 9.30am—12.30pm

25 March

Mr Boombastic @ Ham Wall—
hear the bitterns 6.00am—9.00am

FOR SALE—2 Pushchairs

One with hood, apron etc. excellent condition £5.00

One metal folding £3.00

Telephone 01458 210493

Useful Contact Details

Parish Council - Clerk -Sue Williams 01458 210749

shapwickpc@btinternet.com

Village Hall - Secretary Claire Brown 01458 210784

shapwickvillagehall@gmail.com

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St. Mary's Church - Jan Jones 01458 210804

Edington Doctors Surgery 01278 722077 Prescriptions 01278 723459

Bridgwater Hospital 01278 436555

Sedgemoor District Council 0845 408 2540

Somerset County Council 0300 123 2224

Polden Wheel Church Services March 2017

Wednesday 1 March – Ash Wednesday

7.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion (CW)

Friday 3 March – Women's World Day of Prayer

2.00 *Edington* Chapel

Sunday 5 March – Lent 1

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 *Ashcott* Informal Worship

10.30 *Edington* Family Communion

6.30 *Edington* Revive

Sunday 12 March – Lent 2

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship with baptism

4.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 19 March - Lent 3

10.30 *Catcott* Informal Worship with baptism

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship (BCP)

6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 26 March – Mothering Sunday

9.00 *Shapwick* Holy Communion (CW)

10.30 *Burtle* Family Communion

4.30 *Edington* Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 2 April – Lent 5

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

10.30 *Edington* Informal Worship

6.30 *Burtle* Revive

Thursdays 2, 16 and 23 March: 10.00 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Next Parish Council Meeting

21st March 2017 7.30pm Village Hall

Clubs

Cubs—Adam Smith 07508 468173

Cricket Club—Martin Baker 01458 831131

Friends of Shapwick Church—Jane Walker 01458 210137

Pilates—Lita de Alberdi 01458 446883

Shapwick Runners— www.shapwickrunners.co.uk

WI – Sue Sellick 01458 210357

Yoga—Mel Blackshaw 07812 667911

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