

Shapwick News

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Marathon Story *Steve Campion*

"On Sunday 24th April, I will be pounding the streets of London in this year's Marathon. As the "chosen one" from the only athletics club on the Polden Hills I'm honoured, and slightly daunted to be representing Shapwick Runners this year.

Training started on Boxing Day, and has continued through the gloom of January, progressing to 18 miles by the start of March. It's been great to have the support and encouragement of Shapwick Runners throughout (all levels welcome for our 0830 run every Sunday morning). It's all about avoiding injury now, as well as learning how to eat and drink while on the move.

I will be using my place to raise money for two charities, Teenage Cancer Trust and Breast Cancer Now (previously Breakthrough) the former concentrating on post diagnosis care, the latter on research. You can support me at :

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Scampi2016>

or just beeping your horn in encouragement if you pass a brightly coloured MAMIL (Middle aged man in Lycra!) on the highways and byways of the Polden Hills"



picture Great West Run -with my children Elliot and Izzy, who attend Crispin and Catcott schools - Oct 2015)

Shapwick WI *Sue Sellick*

"Bond.....James Bond". Cocktails, and mocktails, shaken, not stirred, canapes, music and entertainment, what a fantastic evening we had! On arrival, we were greeted with a selection of tempting cocktails appropriately named Octopussy and Moonraker, thank you to Mo and Fran.

Tables beautifully decorated, thanks to Sandy and Patricia, and a chance to brush up on our Q's and M's in preparation for our team quiz. The team competition this month was for a James Bond themed 'Nick Nack', and the individual competition was to create a home made cocktail, to be judged by our own 'James Bond'. No time for Solitaire tonight, as everyone had a chance to play Aces High and Bacra to win more team points. Well done Emma.

The winners of the quiz were Starlings, followed by Dovecote 2nd, Willow 3rd and Heron 4th. Nicky won the team points for the 'Nick Nack' competition and the winners of the cocktail competition were Helen, Fran and Debbie.

The birthday girls this month were Shelley, Helen, Joan and Peggy and Pauline won the rare prize.

Thank you to Mo, Fran, Amanda, Angela and Helen for providing the refreshments for the Clean for the Queen event and also to the volunteers for the Easter Bazaar. Welcome to Ros, our latest new member, we still have space, if anyone is interested in joining us. The competition for April is to make four coconut macaroons.



St Mary's Church *Polden Wheel PCC*

Can you believe it isn't even a year since we officially haven't had a vicar! Even though Trish left in January she had sometime on sabbatical, so officially we weren't in Vacancy until April 2015.

So we are really pleased to bring you the good news that an appointment has been made and in late May the Reverend Richard (Rich) Tweedy, and his wife Jennifer (Jen), will be joining us as the new Polden Wheel vicar.

Rich comes from a rural parish of 5 churches in Worcestershire and is looking forward to his move to the Somerset countryside, especially as he is a keen "twitcher".

Over the last year the 6 churches, as one Parochial Church Council (PCC), have worked hard to keep things going and the time has enabled us to grow closer as a team. Not only delivering the established rota of services, the regular pew sheet, celebrating the Christian festivals of Easter and Christmas, but also the day to day running of the churches. We have been dearly blessed with the mix of skills that are in the PCC and the church congregations of our Polden Wheel. We would like to thank all of you who have helped in your own personal ways and also to those of you who have held this parish in your prayers during the vacancy.

We very much look forward to welcoming Rich and Jen in the near future and we know they look forward to meeting with you over their time of ministry here.

Parish Council News *Sue Williams Clerk to PC*

Clean for the Queen - See separate article. On the basis of the success of this event the PC will ask SDC for a set of litter picking equipment on permanent loan. The PC would like to thank the WI for providing refreshments.

Flood Mitigation Work – The ditch clearance and repair work has been completed and an improvement in water flow along the water courses through the village has been seen. A grant of £1,800 towards the work carried out has been received from Somerset County Council.

HGVs Through Shapwick – A number of issues were considered. 1. Vehicles over the 7.5t weight limit using Northbrook Road to access the wood recycling plant at Meare - it is difficult to 'police' the commercial tractors using this route. The Clerk will continue to liaise with the PCSO and will contact the plant owners to ask them to encourage their customers to use the previously prescribed route set out with highways. 2. Vehicles accessing the wood recycling operation at Burtle – it was agreed to liaise with other parishes experiencing similar problems and to contact the major hauliers.

Speed Indicator Device – the collated results for the device installed on Main Road (14 day periods) September 2014 through to January 2016 show a median speed of 30mph with an 85% percentile speed of 36mph. The village will continue to be part of the scheme and the device will be installed on Main Road at regular intervals. County Councillor David Huxtable encouraged use of the shared hand held speed camera. Volunteers are needed to operate this – if you would like to volunteer to be part of the speed camera programme for Shapwick please contact the clerk.

Highways – A number of potholes and signs have been identified for repair and will be reported to highways. Please notify the Clerk if you come across any potholes in the village.

Audit – New arrangements will take effect from 1 April 2017. Members of the PC agreed to opt in to the external audit arrangements that the SAAA is putting in place and although, exempt from a limited assurance review, will decide nearer the date how often such a review should be carried out.

Date of Next Meeting – 17 May 2016 – the first part of this meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting – more details to follow in the May edition of Shapwick News.

Shapwick Village Hall *Claire Brown*

The Shapwick Village Hall Committee have submitted an application to vary the existing premises licence granted in 2008. This application is for a licence to sell alcohol and late night refreshments. At present we have to apply for a TENs (Temporary Event Notice) every time we hold an event where alcohol is sold i.e. pub nights. This has to be done in advance and whoever makes the application is responsible for ensuring alcohol is sold in an appropriate manner.

If our application is successful this responsibility will be shared by all committee members, will save the hall committee time and money and make the organisation of events such as pub nights easier.

If you have any questions please contact Mike Motum 210618/Claire Brown 210784 or Bridget Dawes 210185.

Village Hall - Licensing Act 2003 Public Notice

Shapwick Village Hall Committee are applying for the variation of the premises licence for Shapwick Village Hall, Station Road, Shapwick, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 9NR.

The Committee are applying to sell alcohol in addition to the activities already covered on the licence. The hours applied for are Monday to Sunday 8.30am – Midnight. New Years Eve, Valentine's Day, Burns Night, St Patrick's day, Bank Holiday Weekends: finish 1.00am. Plus 12 occasions per year until 1.00am. Notice to be given to police in writing in advance.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to this application may do so in writing to the Licensing Unit, Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR. Representations may be made for 28 consecutive days from the date of this notice.

A copy of the application for the grant and variation of the above licence is kept by the Licensing Unit, Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR. The application can be viewed Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and 9am to 4.30pm on Fridays, except Bank Holidays.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on a standard scale.

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a computer? Do you have a couple of hours a month to spare? Could you help with compiling the Shapwick News?

If you are interested please either email Shapwick News on shapwicknews@yahoo.co.uk or contact Sue Williams on 210749.

Shapwick News Website—Many of you will remember Felicity Kelly who used to live in the village—she very generously sponsored the Shapwick News website. Felicity has made her final donation which sees the domain name and web hosting renewed until May 2017. Her vision was that one of the Shapwick bodies would take over the site. So the question is—what happens next? Is there a village group/organisation that would like to take on the site and its running costs or should the site be closed down? Your thoughts would be welcome—please email shapwickpc@btinternet.com or shapwicknews@yahoo.co.uk

Sea of Green

*A cool and shady wood
with dappled sunlight
Falling on banks of primroses
on swathes of bluebells
Blue heads softly swaying
between hues of pleasant green
Green grass, green trees, dark and light
green the colour of life
Green spikey horse chestnuts
clinging to large green tree
Walnuts encased in green
getting ready to fall
Hard little green apples
getting ready to blush
England's brilliant sea of green
is a very pleasant scene.*

Dora Watkins

The Garden Club

The Garden Club was treated to an excellent talk by Mrs Sally Leaney in February. She and her husband had been involved in farming for many years but decided that they would like a change and so became garden designers. They have exhibited at the Taunton Flower Show as well as at the Malvern Show.

Sally spoke enthusiastically about planting schemes for all year colour and fragrance. It is a good idea to have areas or specimen plants for each season and Sally emphasised the importance of providing plants for butterflies, lacewings, hover flies and bees. We enjoyed the task of designing the planting of a summer or a winter garden using lists supplied by Sally. It was very unusual to have a speaker who made us all work!

We have one more speaker session, [on 26th April](#), before going on three garden visits in May, June and July. The speaker, with a presentation about sweet peas, will be Mr Kerton. The Garden Club is open to anyone who would like to attend. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the village hall [at 7.30pm](#). Details can be obtained from Sheila Coles, sheilacoles01@gmail.com or by telephoning Sheila on [01458 210664](tel:01458210664).

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Why not have some fun making a scarecrow (or two) in the lead-up to the Village Fete. The theme is "Kings and/or Queens" (this is to coincide with the Queen's Birthday celebrations) and scarecrows need to be on show outside your house by Saturday 4th June.

Judging will then take place from 6th June and the winner announced at the Fete.

Clean for the Queen

A huge thank you to those villagers who took part in the Clean for the Queen litter pick. The volunteers, armed with HiViz jackets, gloves, litter pickers and purple rubbish sacks worked throughout the village picking up litter. Thanks to Shapwick WI for providing tea, coffee and delicious cakes to the volunteers at the end of the morning.



Last call for Recipes

If you would like to contribute to the Shapwick Recipe book, please send the details of the recipe and any special accompanying story or fact to

Bridget Dawes, 15 Vicarage Lane, Shapwick
Or 01458 210185

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Shapwick and Polden Cricket Club *Alistair Barr*

Spring returns and with it cricket for both Children and Adults at Shapwick and Polden Cricket Club.

New members are always welcome. Parents of potential junior players should contact Judith Wanliss at judithwanliss@hotmail.co.uk while new adult players should contact Jon Ball at jon1978@hotmail.com

Juniors

U11 and U13 training Monday's 6:30-8:00 U15 training 6:30-8:00 Wednesday's—These sessions will start week beginning **Mon 11th April** straight after the school Easter Holidays and continue through until the end of the school summer term.

For more information <http://www.aandsc.org/> Up to date league fixtures and tables on Taunton and District Youth Cricket League website at www.tdycl.org.uk. Hope to see all last years players again this season and some new recruits for all age groups.

Seniors

Tuesday night from 6pm is club night for seniors when all players will be able to train. First and second XIs will also train Thursday nights. Outdoor training will begin Tuesday 5th April – further information on the website.

Catering.

We also have an opportunity for provision of match day catering for both home fixtures. This will involve preparing and delivering teas for two matches Anyone interested who would like more information should contact the Club Secretary Mr Martin Baker at martin@aandsc.org

The Village Fete – Saturday 11th June 2-5pm

Preparations are under-way for what is hoped to be a great afternoon for everyone. We are asking villagers for any donations for various stalls:- **Bric-a-Brac : Books : Plants : Silent Auction : Bottle Tombola : Cakes**. Please start to keep anything suitable instead of passing on or throwing out, and nearer the time we will collect whatever you can donate. If anyone has a gazebo they would be happy to lend for the afternoon, please call Nerina Scott – 210329. Thank you!

For **MEN ONLY** we will have a 'bake a Victoria Sponge' class, so all you men of the village you will have your chance to show just how good your cake making skills are! More details next month.

SHAPWICK ROVING SUPPER IS BACK.

Saturday 9th April

**If you are interested and would like to take part,
It may not be too late to join in, please contact**

Candy Wall on 01458 211176.

What's On in Shapwick

SHAPWICK WI

Next meeting "Buying a Home in France - The realities, the fun, the cultural differences and challenges" will take place on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm in Shapwick Village Hall. Are you dreaming of sunny skies, great food, fine wines and glorious beaches? Then France could be for you. Come and listen to Rosie Evitt's essential tips for living in France.

Church Services for April

3rd April

- Ashcott 10:30 - Holy Communion.
- Edington 6:30 - Praise n Prayer

10th April

- Shapwick 10:30 - Family Communion
- Burtle 6:30 - Holy Communion

17th April

- Catcott 10:30 - Family Communion
- Chilton Polden 10:30 - Informal Worship
- Ashcott 4.30 - Holy Communion

24th April

- Shapwick 9:00 - Holy Communion
- Burtle 10:30 - Family Holy Communion
- Edington 4.30 - Evensong

MAY

1st May

- Catcott 10.30 - Holy Communion

Clubs

Cubs—Adam Smith 07508 468173

Cricket Club—Martin Baker 01458 831131

Friends of Shapwick Church—Jane Walker 01458 210137

Gardening Club—Sheila Coles 01458 210664

Pilates—Mary Huntington 01749 677786

Shapwick Runners— www.shapwickrunners.co.uk

WI -Patricia Bragg 01458 211146

Yoga—Hannah Schwabe 07881 815195

If you would like your contact included email it to shapwicknews@yahoo.co.uk

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