



Garden Club—Anthea Beale

The final session of the Garden Club was held in November. We were visited for the last time by Mike Short, who once again amused and puzzled us with one of his excellent quizzes.

It is always sad when a village club 'folds' but on this occasion we had an enjoyable meeting. Sheila Coles was presented with a Waterford glass vase, a massage experience at Wraxall Road and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. It has been Sheila who has been the leading light and stalwart organiser of Shapwick's Garden Club for many years. Delicious refreshments were provided by a few members of the club with mince pies and stollen giving a hint of Christmas amongst the party food.

Alongside the customary teas and coffees we 'closed' the club with a glass of sherry each.

Happy New Year to all our Readers.

Shapwick WI - Sue Sellick

Hall beautifully decorated, mulled wine on arrival and table decorations to impress (thank you Patricia, Sandy and Peggy), yet another enjoyable Christmas party in our warm and cosy village hall. It was lovely to see some new faces too. Highlights of the evening were the surprise visit by Father Christmas, a younger version than normal and some of the ladies were heard to say it has been a long time since they have sat on Santa's knee. Sandy's pass the gift game, to an adapted version of Twas the night before Christmas was a great success with gifts going left, right and across. It was a case of spot the tin of biscuits and try and hold onto them. And then the traditional but hilarious performance of Biddy and Fanny at the fair. The final quiz questions were asked to determine which team would win the cup, crackers pulled, party poppers popped, rounded off with a nice cup of tea.

We said thank you and farewell to Margaret who has been our Secretary for a number of years, and presented her with a book of photographic memories.

Well done to Emma and Dora who did us proud at the annual concert in Walton in November with a poem that Emma wrote herself, and for those that missed it, the dynamic duo will perform this again at our January meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm, guest speaker Matt Kilner (Majestic Wines) who will be talking about 'New wines from around the World'. Matt is back by popular demand and there is only one thing one can say to that - Cheers!



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 School

The Autumn Term has now drawn to a close after a busy and successful few weeks.

There has been excellent progress in the classrooms, mock exams have been completed. Shapwick has also been awarded financial support from the Chalke Valley History Trust, to facilitate a number of projects, including an Evening Talks programme next year and a Year 5 'worst jobs in History' day in July 2017. We're very proud to have won this funding from the History Festival.

6th form is going well. In a recent assembly we talked about adapting to change and how quickly the year disappears. The students have settled in well and have taken on board that they are over halfway through their first year of coursework.

This term is often the most tiring for our students, coping with new year groups, routines and changing expectations. However students have coped remarkably well and within the boarding houses we have offered the support needed to help students adjust.

Another highlight of the term included the weekly outdoor pursuits afternoons led by Steve Windsor – skiing at Mendip High Action as a change from more traditional Games afternoons.

Our last week included a Christmas sing along for the residents of Shapwick, a wonderful Christmas lunch, a Christmas jumper and jeans day, A Christmas Extravaganza – where our students performed and entertained the school, the Christmas prizegiving and finally the beautiful carol service held in the church.

We would like to wish all our students, parents and all the residents of Shapwick a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



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



Thank you to the members of the Parish Council who put up the tree in the churchyard.

Villagers and pupils from the school spent an enjoyable evening singing carols around the tree followed by refreshments in St. Mary's Church - thank you to the friends of the church for organising the evening.

Poppy Appeal 2016
Shapwick Door-to-Door Collection raised £560.



Thank you to all who generously donated to the door-to-door collectors. This was a marvellous total. Our best yet!

Nearly every house in the parish was visited at least once during the appeal and we were very touched by the response.

The Royal British Legion's charity work through the Poppy Appeal raises funding towards the £1,000,000 a week they need to support the Armed Forces wounded and bereaved - now and for the rest of their lives.

Thank you so much to Jill Knight, Stephanie Qadir, Claire Brown, Jo Wright, Shapwick School and Denis for collecting.

Ros Murphy

Hi folks,

The start of a new year is a good time to review what's happened in the previous year and to look forward to the future.

For Jen and myself, 2016 has been a year with many big changes... This time last year I was preparing for my final Christmas in Worcestershire and wondering where my first vicar post would be. I'd heard about a vacancy for a place called "The Polden Wheel" in Somerset and was wondering whether to apply for it. As you know, we arrived in April, and it's been great to get to know people in the Polden Wheel in the intervening months. It's a lovely area with some wonderful people, and we're looking forward to seeing the church grow in the future.

There are some exciting plans for the church in the new year. The first of these is for the café church, which will happen monthly on the 2nd Sunday, in Shapwick Church. The aim of this is to provide a more relaxed and informal way of doing church, with opportunities for creativity as well. For those who prefer a more traditional form of worship, there will be a communion service in Chilton Polden at the same time.

	<p>Café Church in Shapwick</p> <p>On the 2nd Sunday of every month at 10am.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 8• February 8• March 12• April 9 <p><i>Fresh coffee... bacon butties... newspapers... chat... and an informal service.</i></p>
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We'll also be launching our Messy Church for kids of primary-school age and their families in the new year – probably in February.

Details will appear as soon as we have them.

I hope you all have a great 2017!

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

Church Services in January 2017

Sunday 1 January – Naming of Jesus (White)

10.30 *Edington* Family Communion

Sunday 8 January – Epiphany 1 (White)

10.30 *Shapwick* Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Family Communion

4.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 15 January – Epiphany 2 (White)

10.30 *Catcott* Matins (BCP)

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 22 January – Epiphany 3 (White)

9.00 *Shapwick* Holy Communion (CW)

10.30 *Burtle* Family Communion

4.30 *Edington* Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 29 January – Epiphany 4 (White)

10.30 *Shapwick* Family Communion

Sunday 5 February – 4th before Lent (Green)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

10.30 *Edington* Informal Worship

6.30 *Shapwick* Praise 'n' Prayer

Thursdays 5, 19 and 26 January: 10.00 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Wednesday 25 January: 10.00 *Edington* Holy Communion (BCP)

(This will be at Ballintaggart, Manor Road followed by coffee)

QUIZ NIGHT at The Hall

A very successful quiz was recently organised by Bridget and Nerina in aid of Village Hall funds. Over 60 people took part in a fun evening and a delicious Fish & Chip supper was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the villagers who supported the event, and we've been asked to repeat it again next year!

What's On in Shapwick

Next Full Parish Council Meeting
17th January 2016 7.30pm Village Hall



Shapwick WI

Tuesday 10th January 2017
7.30pm Shapwick Village Hall
'New wines from around the World!'

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For the February edition of the Shapwick News the Polden Cubs will be guest editors of the Shapwick News—helping Sue Williams to produce the issue.

It would be really helpful to receive copy for the February edition by 19th January 2017.

Thank you.

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