



March/April 2020

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the relaunch.

The revised Shapwick News will be bi-monthly. The print edition will contain dates, contact details and a brief round up of local news. On the Facebook page you will find detailed articles, recipes and local contacts. Village photographs will be regularly uploaded to our Instagram Page.

We extend our gratitude to the team of volunteers, who have kindly stepped up to take on the print production of Shapwick News and the all new social media addition, 'Shapwicklive', to roll out a 2020 version.

We welcome input from everyone, please send your contributions to our email address, text to the mobile or post to Facebook. We look forward to hearing from you with your feedback. Please remember that this is voluntary and input from everyone is welcome.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 21st Jan 2020

There was a full turnout of Parish Councillors together with The Clerk for the January meeting with three parishioners and our County Councillor in attendance. The salient points:

- There is a broken culvert under Northbrook Road which is giving rise to flooding, and is already a significant hazard causing at least two cyclists to crash. Without repair the situation can only get worse and the matter is being pursued by the Parish Council.

- Dog fouling - (please see later)

- Some of the village's 'fingerposts' are in need of re- painting and possibly repair. Apparently nobody is permitted to undertake this paint job themselves until they have attended a County Council course.

Other matters were discussed but space prohibits further reporting here. We have been annoyed for some time at the number of HGVs which pass through the village; apparently nothing much can be done about it, but the Parish Council remain optimistic for a solution.

Next Meeting Tuesday 17th March 7:30pm in the Village Hall

VILLAGE NEWS

Following a spate of burglaries in the surrounding areas we would like to suggest that all residents take a few minutes to subscribe to Ewatch.

Membership is freely available to all at

www.ewatch.org.uk.

Please send copy for the May/June issue to shapwicknews@yahoo.co.uk by 10th April. Publication of any submission is at the News Committee's discretion. Articles submitted may be amended.

Views expressed in articles and letters are not necessarily those of the NC nor the Parish Council. Articles should generally not exceed 200 words.

DOG FOULING

Not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous, and whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis. Most dog owners are picking up their pet's excrement, however there is an increase in the amount of dog mess around the village.

The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled OR not having a suitable bag is NOT a reasonable excuse and failure to clean up after your dog WILL result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to Court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1000. The Parish Council are in discussions with the Sedgemoor Dog Wardens, installing signs to remind residents to 'pick up' and dog waste bins will be in place soon, although we are reminded that any **public** bin can take the bagged waste. **Please pick up.**

VILLAGE LITTER PICK 2nd FEBRUARY

Eighteen volunteers representing all age groups (100% increase on last year) turned out on a lovely sunny morning to collect litter from hedges, verges, and ditches around the village. The usual collection of cans, bottles and cardboard were picked up, together with a few bags of dog mess which, sadly, some find easier to hurl into the hedge rather than take home. All volunteers were rewarded with bacon rolls and coffee kindly donated by Brian Norris, and a worthwhile time was had by everyone.

SHAPWICK SCHOOL SIXTH FORM RAISE £827.56 FOR AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRE RELIEF CHARITIES

The Sixth Form Team held a coffee morning; opening up the Sixth Form Centre to students, parents and the local community. During the previous week's Student Council meeting, students had discussed the Australian bushfires and the impact that they were having on local communities and wildlife, and decided to contribute to the rescue efforts.

Students baked a range of delicious cakes, which they served with tea, coffee and cold drinks. Students also held a raffle, with generous donations from local businesses such as Wayes Cider, Strode Theatre and The Albion Inn. Overall the event raised £827.56, which will be split between the Australian Red Cross and the WWF, for the full story and accompanying photos please visit: [f Shapwicklive](#) and [i Shapwicklive](#)

DATES AND EVENTS

SHAPWICK STARLETS WI

Tuesday 10th March - Annual outing, visiting Somerset Cider Brandy Company, Martock.

Tuesday 14th April 7.30pm Shapwick Village Hall - Guest speaker, Holly from Somerset Sight, a not for profit organisation, providing practical and emotional support to families who are blind or visually impaired.

More information and photos of all our events are shared on our Shapwick Starlets Facebook Page.

MOBILE LIBRARY: - Visits Shapwick Cricket Pavilion, TA7 9LN every 4 weeks. Next dates are **Tuesday 10th March, Tuesday 7th April 12:10pm-12:35pm.**

LITE BITE LUNCHES: - St Mary's Church will be held on the **third Monday in the month, 12.30pm - 2pm**, minimum donation of £3 and all welcome. Next dates are **17th Feb, 16th Mar, 20th April**. If anyone is willing to help, by making a pan of soup, occasionally, that would be brilliant. Please let me know. **Helen 210885.**

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Friday 6 March 7:30pm –World Day of Prayer.

Sunday 8 March 10:00am–Lent 2(Purple)
Shapwick Café Church at the **Pavilion.**

For a full list of services & events visit:

<https://poldenwheel.co.uk/>

SHAPWICK PAVILION EVENTS

Open Mic Music Nights are held on the **4th Friday of every month starting at 7:30pm.**

Polden Wheel Church Café on the **2nd Sunday of every month from 10am** at Shapwick Pavilion.

England Rugby 6 Nations Matches (Big screen) **bar open 45mins before kick-off.**

**Saturday 7th March 4:45pm vs Wales,
Saturday 14th March 4:45pm vs Italy.**

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Cubs: - Thursday 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Boys & Girls 8-10yrs.

Contact: 1stpoldens@gmail.com

New volunteers always welcome.

Pilates: - Wednesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Contact: Gemma Carpenter 07989 371796

Yoga: - Monday 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Contact: Mel Blackshaw 07812 567911

Shapwick Starlets: - Second Tuesday

Every Month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Contact: Sue Sellick 01458 210357



SHAPWICK BUNNY HOP:

Monday 13th April 8:30am onwards

ARTS & CULTURE

I was lucky enough to attend the opening night of Sister Act, at Strode. The performance was put together by Crispin School from a cross section of pupils from yr7 upwards. The talent was truly amazing, the enjoyment and enthusiasm from the pupils was a joy to behold. As a Sister Act, Whoopi Goldberg fan of old I had to pinch myself to remind myself that this was indeed a school production. Well done Crispin, a "Tour de force" Stephanie Qadir.

To find out more about Strode Theatre events why not visit strodetheatre.org.uk and sign up to receive their excellent Programme.

Other local cultural events include: -

McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater, **Friday 27th March**, Jon Culshaw: The Great British Take Off and **Saturday 28th March**, Clive Anderson: Macbeth & I.

SPORTS

The Shapwick locale has a full range of sporting activities here are some updates.

SHAPWICK & POLDEN CRICKET CLUB: -

The 2019 season was one of mixed fortunes, with the 1st XI being relegated from Premier Division, however the 2nd XI finished 5th in their Somerset Cricket League Premier Division and the 3rd XI finished 4th in the Somerset Cricket League Div 6 North.

Captains elect for 2020 are: -

1st XI John Stratton, they will play in WEPL Somerset Division, 2nd XI Stephen Spencer, they will play in the SCL Premier Division, 3rd XI Nigel Mogg who will play in the SCL Div 6 North.

The first match of the season at Northbrook Road, Shapwick will be on **Saturday 25th April** and the League season starts on **Saturday May 2nd**. Third XI team matches are played at Compton Dundon Cricket Club.

Outdoor nets start on **Tuesday 7th April** and run from **6pm-8pm**. Junior training for boys & girls runs from **Monday April 20th** starting at **6:30pm**. A taster session for U7's Year 1 players will be held on **Sunday March 1st** at **10:30am**.

For more information contact Martin Baker on m.baker396@btinternet.com or Jon Ball jon1978@hotmail.com. For junior cricket contact judithwanliss@hotmail.co.uk

ASHCOTT FOOTBALL CLUB was established in 2013. Our club enables Children and Adults from the local community to come together and enjoy playing football, in a fun and safe environment. We have over 120 children and 60 Adults playing for Ashcott FC. All home games are played at the Coronation Playing Fields in Ashcott. We are an FA Charter Standard Club with FA level 1 & 2 qualified coaches leading in all training for children registered with us.

Last season the Adults won the Yeovil League to secure promotion to the county league allowing us to become a Senior football club. The focus of the club is for children to have a clear progression into adult football following the U16's age group, as part of this link the adult players will be helping with coaching the youth players. We hold "Mini Kickers" training sessions for 3-5 years old each Saturday morning at Ashcott School from 10am during the season. This gives young children their first taste of football, with each session focusing on the fun element of sport and teamwork.

For more info contact Colin Macpherson, Club Chairman Email:

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SHAPWICK ROUNDERS

Matches are played at the cricket ground on **Tuesday** evenings starting after Easter, more details in next Edition.

SHAPWICK RUNNERS

shapwickrunners.com

Our regular club run takes place on **Sunday mornings, meeting at 9am** by the cricket pitch in Shapwick. We usually do a 4.6 mile route around the lanes at a chatty pace.

SHAPWICK NATURE

Shapwick is at the centre of a Nature Conservation hotbed; we aim to provide regular updates: -

RSPB HAM WALL: Regular visitors will be aware work has now begun on the refurbishment of the three viewing screens at the Waltons section of Ham Wall.

It was decided that they would change the designs so that viewing is fully open at the front and screened from behind. The screens will also allow for larger groups and easier access for wheelchair users.

They will be reusing much of the plastic planking and old plastic posts from the previous structures. This plastic surround is then infilled with stone – the idea being to have as little wood as possible at ground level in the wet conditions of Ham Wall. A covered seating area is included in each screen with further screening behind the structure made from timber infilled with reed bundles cut from the reserve. This has all been possible thanks to generous funding from Virador Credits. (Follow RSPB Ham Wall on Twitter @RSPBHamWall).