



A Happy New Year to all our readers!!



Christmas Lite Bite *Helen Wade*

Twenty five of us enjoyed a lovely selection of Christmas food in St Mary's last Monday (crackers too!).

Lite Bite lunches have been held on ten Mondays in 2017.

It has been a good opportunity for social interaction with those, not only in our village but from Catcott and Walton villages and probably for the first year people, passing through the village on holiday, have called in and enjoyed lunch with us as well.

Special thanks to Meriel, Mary, Rosemary, Ros, Sue, Jane and Walton ladies for their input and support in providing food over the year.



Annual Village Quiz

Nerina Scott

Another successful Quiz was held at the Village Hall. Bridget and Nerina set a good selection of questions - identifying the cheeses went down well - and everyone enjoyed eating Fish & Chips. Thank you to all those who supported this annual event.



1st Polden Cubs

The year the Cubs made some decorations for the church Christmas tree —Well done they looked great!



Message from the Vicar

Hi folks,

Happy new year!

A new year is a good time to give thanks for what has happened, and to look forward to the future.

One of the highlights for me over the past year has been the **Messy Church**, for which we regularly get about 15 to 20 kids and their parents. We have a passionate and dedicated team, led by Fiona Livesley, who put together events full of fun activities, games, and stories about Jesus. It has been great to see how the Messy Church has developed roots and grown over the year.

There are very many people who serve the churches of the Polden Wheel in many different ways – I'm often amazed by how many there are! There are teams of church cleaners, churchyard gardeners, flower arrangers, people who serve in the Friends groups, those who assist with social events; others who read lessons, do intercessions, act as vergers, play music, ring bells and serve refreshments – and I am sure there are others who serve in other ways. I am very grateful to everyone involved for all that they do, and I know that each of the church wardens and PCC members are as well. We are very dependent upon each of these teams!

We're therefore putting on some **services of thanks**, so that we can express our gratitude in a more personal way. We'll be sending letters out to team members of each church – but here are the times and locations:

Sunday 21 January	10.30 Chilton Polden (Informal Worship)
	6.30 Ashcott (Holy Communion)
Sunday 28 January	9.00 Shapwick (Holy Communion)
	10.30 Burtle (Family Communion)
Sunday 4 February	9.00 Catcott (BCP Communion)
	10.30 Edington (Informal Worship)

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy

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Note from the Editor

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed articles and photos to the Shapwick News during the past year—keep them coming—it is always nice to have a good variety of items in the News each month!

I wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Library Van

The first visit for 2018, by the mobile library, is on **Tuesday 16th January**.

The time and place remain the same. The van arrives at the Cricket Pavilion at 10.55 for 20 minutes. There is a new list of future visits on the village notice board.



Shapwick Starlets WI *Sue Sellick*

As the year draws to a close, our year finished with our usual Christmas Party and then the not so usual Carol Singing. Although there were only six of us, we had our own backing music, thanks to



Amanda, and plenty of Christmas spirit. And what a warm welcome we received, everyone was very generous with their donations for the Marie Curie charity, so thank you.



Unfortunately we were only able to cover the lower part of the village, however next year, we are hoping that more villagers will join us.

Events planned for 2018 include a Scrapbooking session, Pasty Making with Burns the Bread in Glastonbury and a talk by Jack Negus, our local successful young entrepreneur who founded The Slipper Box and is an active Charity Campaigner for Little Hearts Matter.



We know that Shapwick is full of interesting and talented people, so if anyone would like to come to one of our meetings, as a guest speaker, we would be delighted.

Shapwick School *Sue McAuliffe*

The end of a long and busy term has drawn to a close. This term is often the most tiring for our students, coping with new year groups, routines and changing expectations. Our students have coped remarkably well in school and within the boarding houses where we have offered the support needed to help students adjust. We have managed an induction for a relatively large amount of students who joined new in September across the years from all over the world. It is always amazing to watch how young people adapt and help one another to cope with a new environment - not always plain sailing but to watch friendships form, trust build and self-esteem begin to rise is what the start of the Shapwick journey is about.

Our 6th Form have taken up residence at our old DT Block in the village centre. As post 16, Key Stage 5 students, this relocation seems wholly appropriate and the students are adjusting to 'life up the road'. Still part of school, they enjoy greater independence, more work space and an age appropriate environment. Year 12 have settled positively into college life, learning how to balance work, rest and play.

Our Enrichment programme has continued with a variety of activities. Students have been offered a range of clubs such as; Dance, Gym, Trampolining, Handball, Horse Riding, Skiing, Parkour, Outdoor Learning, Basketball and Rugby.

We have supported a few charities this term with some activities and events; Jeans for Genes, Children in Need, most recently Movember and of course our charity of this year The Brain Tumour Trust.

To support our academic curriculum, The Young Shakespeare company made their annual visit and performed for Years 4-8 in our Hayloft, Year 10 have attended some History talks organised by Mrs Pool and opened up to the local community, English Lit students enjoyed a play at Millfield Theatre and the usual array of fixtures has taken place.

We welcomed our new Sports Patron to Shapwick School. Former Bath Rugby captain Stuart Hooper who paid a visit during the last week of term and was proudly introduced to the students. Stuart, who still holds a vital role within Bath Rugby as performance and player director met all the students and gave an inspiring talk to the whole school around leadership and what it means to him. Stuart also took questions and gave autographs for our rugby enthusiasts, staff and pupils. Stuart will be returning to Shapwick in July to present the inaugural "Hooper Cup" which will be awarded to the student who has shown the greatest leadership skills on and off the pitch. Being toured around the school, Stuart told the students how impressed he was with the standard of work in the classroom, the atmosphere within the school and of course, the lovely school dinners. We look forward to welcoming Stuart back again soon.



What's On in Shapwick

MESSY CHURCH!

Fun, food & friendship for young families
In Shapwick Church 4-6pm,
January 20th



Church Services in January 2018

Sunday 7 January – Epiphany 1

9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Ashcott Informal Worship
10.30 Edington Family Communion

Sunday 14 January – Epiphany 2

10.00 Shapwick Café Church
10.30 Chilton Polden Family Communion
4.30 Burtle Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 21 January – Epiphany 3

10.30 Catcott Matins (BCP)
10.30 Chilton Polden Informal Worship
6.30 Ashcott Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 28 January – Epiphany 4

9.00 Shapwick Holy Communion (CW)
10.30 Burtle Family Communion
4.30 Edington Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 4 February – 2nd before Lent

9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Edington Informal Worship
10.30 Ashcott Holy Communion (CW)
6.30 Ashcott Praise 'n' Prayer

Thursdays 4 and 18; 1 February: Ashcott 10.00 Holy Communion

Wednesday 24 January: Edington 10.30 Holy Communion (this service will be in Edington School Room, preceded by coffee 10am)

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Somerset Wildlife Trust

www.somersetwildlife.org



Polden Group New Year

Social Gathering

Wednesday 10th January 2018, 19.30 – 21.30

Shapwick Village Hall, Station Road, Shapwick TA7 9NJ

Open to all. Non members especially welcome. Please come and support us.

Free entry!

Cakes, sausage rolls, mince pies and friendly company.

Photographic Competition – just for fun! Bring along your wildlife photos, pictures of local reserves, points of interest!

Slots available for anyone who wants to give a ten minute 'conversation starter' talk. Please book using details below.

For more details contact Phil Bruss at poldenbruss@outlook.com or on 01278 722734

Protecting the species you love
in the county where you live



Shapwick Starlets WI

Whether you are 19 or 90, live in Shapwick or the surrounding villages, come and see what we have to offer!

Highlights:

- Craft events—learn new skills
- Book and Film club
- Skittle team
- Walking group
- Theatre trips and outings
- Road shows and Festivals
- Wine tasting
- Meet your neighbours



Date: The second Tuesday of each month
Time: 7.30 pm in Shapwick Village Hall

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