

An Invitation to Gain an 'Ology'

Are you looking to gain a new skill? Maybe you have never had an 'ology'! If that is you then we have just the thing for you. This is an excellent opportunity to become a Campanologist!

In two of our six Polden Wheel churches, Ashcott and Shapwick, we have six lovely bells that have faithfully rung out, over centuries, for all kinds of occasions. Sunday services, weddings, national events and a regular weekly practice night alternating between the two churches.

This is a traditional art, much valued and enjoyed both by those who ring and those who hear the familiar sound. During the 1914 – 18 war some 1400 young men and women who were bell ringers lost their lives in the conflict and 63 of those were in the Bath & Wells Diocese. In 2018 there is a national push to recruit new ringers or inspire lapsed ones to return.

Bell ringing is a great thing to do. It is physical but not strenuous, brain teasing if you want it to be and very social as well. We are a friendly group who come together on a Friday to practice and ring the bells Sunday by Sunday for services when we have them. In addition being part of a wider local and national network of bell ringers is great and, as most towns and villages have bells, you can be sure of a very warm welcome at any one of the 5750 towers in the UK.

We would love to teach you to master the art of bell ringing and whether you are still at school, working or retired this could be just the thing for you.

If this little piece has appealed to you and you would like to find out more, why not contact Keith Prime on 210485 or Ken Wade on 210885, for a chat and more information. We are usually at Ashcott (1st & 3rd) or Shapwick (2nd & 4th) on a Friday evening. 7.30 – 9.0pm. Pop in anytime but best to ring first as things can change from time to time. We would love to see you.



Thank you to Shapwick Runners

As someone with MS I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the £500.00 raised for the MS Society at this year's Bunny Hop. This was such a fantastic achievement and a very successful race too!

Multiple Sclerosis is a condition that affects the central nervous system, causing damage to the nerve fibres which in turn disrupts messages sent from the brain. This can affect all parts and functions of the body.

The MS Society works to improve outcomes for everyone affected by the condition. This includes funding research into causes, cures and the management of symptoms; supporting people with practical, financial and emotional support and is a campaigning voice for all those with MS. Thank you again for supporting this work.

Pam Motum

For more information see

www.mssociety.org.uk

The [MS Helpline](http://www.mshelpline.org.uk) is available for free on 0808 800 8000 It's there for you whoever you are, and whatever your connection to MS. Professionally trained staff and volunteers are available between 9am and 7pm from Monday to Friday.

Library Van

The next visit by the mobile library, is on **Tuesday 5th June**.

The time and place remain the same. The van arrives at the Cricket Pavilion at 10.55 for 20 minutes.



Shapwick Starlets WI



We have had a busy time this month, starting with our monthly Book Club meeting where we reviewed *The Rosie Effect*, and exchanged this for the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, both very good reads. This was followed by the Village Litter Pick, where we prepared bacon baps and sausage sandwiches for the hardy bunch of litter pickers. Not forgetting Flash the cat, who was keen to meet and greet everyone. We hosted the Group Meeting, where we were educated on the perils of Cyber Crime by Amanda from Avon and Somerset Constabulary and then concluded the evening with a beetle drive, raising money for the Marie Curie charity. Another popular event, was our monthly film club meeting at Honeycock Cinema. More training is required for the DVD operators as we almost had to watch *Antiques Roadshow*. However we did manage to settle down with our tubs of popcorn to watch *Suffragette*, which was an appropriate choice as the Banner Parade was happening on Saturday. This event celebrated the WI's centenary year and there were over 500 of us, starting off at the Cathedral and then parading down the High Street. It was lovely to see so many banners and meet some old friends and make some new ones. We were stopped by one gentleman and asked why we were called Shipwrecks. And although Shapwick Shipwrecks has a certain ring to it, we politely suggested he should have gone to a better optician.



Next, this month's meeting was our AGM, with the added bonus of fish and chips and home made wine. It is great to be able to report that we are growing in number and that we might have to change our name to Shapwick, Sutton Mallet, Chilton Polden, Meare and surrounding villages Starlets, however that doesn't exactly roll off the tongue.

Our skittle team continue to be resilient and I think it is very magnanimous of them to let the opposing team win occasionally. Well done to the Pink Ladies of Puriton, and I now believe the crucial technique is in how you wipe the ball with the damp cloth before throwing it or letting go, whatever the correct term is.

And still there was more to come - our Somerset Day Craft Fayre which was a very successful event which was definitely helped by Angela stopping passing cyclists to ask if they would like a cream tea.

We will again be supporting the Bath and West Show and also the Taunton Flower Show in August. And finally we are planning a trip in July to join the Weston and Clevedon Craft Club, hosted by two of our favourite people, Phil and Sam.

The speaker for our next meeting on Tuesday 12th June is Beth French - Becoming your own hero. Beth has had a less than ordinary life. Her journey through debilitating illness and being in a wheelchair to forging her way across channels is inspiring. Beth was the first woman to swim the Molokai Channel in Hawaii and her story is truly amazing. Come along and be inspired!

Sue Sellick

FOR SALE
Full size indoor
table tennis table
£75
Foldable, two
years old
Contact Ben
Ruffell
07808 093114

URGENTLY NEEDED—Leaders for Local Cub Pack

1st Poldens Cub Pack are in urgent need of one or two individuals, over 18 years, who would be interested in training to become uniformed leaders to take over the pack/get involved.

If you would like to know more contact 1stpoldens@gmail.com or Elaine Collins 07837 616030



Volunteers wanted: Would you like to be an editor or maybe a one off guest editor of Shapwick News? Contact Shapwicknews@yahoo.co.uk

Village Litter Pick—Thank you

Thank you to the dedicated few who took part in the recent litter pick—your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the WI for providing refreshments.



LOOK OUT!
for hedgehogs and other wildlife when working in gardens—Particularly when strimming and mowing long grass!

Hi folks,

Should we as Christians celebrate God's creation – or bemoan our sinfulness within it? Actually I think we should do both – but too often the church has tended to get the balance wrong.

In the middle of May, the **Celebration of Marriage** took place at St. Edward's, Chilton Polden, which was brilliantly dreamed up and organised by Susie Parsons and Anita Hayne. At a time when various aspects of marriage law are controversial, it's great to be able to celebrate what marriage is.

This month's **Eyes on Wildlife** weekend will be celebrating the wonderful array of wildlife on the Somerset Levels. The details are given in the enclosed flyer – do book your tickets in advance for the evening with wildlife writer **Dominic Couzens**.



Photo: Jan Jones



Photo: Chris Hooper

The **wildlife photography exhibition** will be running in Shapwick Church, throughout the weekend, with a café there at the same time. Much as I enjoy doing wildlife photography, those exhibiting are in a different league – they're outstanding exponents of the art.

Of course we can't escape the reality of our sinfulness, for example in the way that we are harming the environment, such as with plastic pollution in the oceans and with climate change. It's right to bemoan these things – but also to celebrate the goodness of God's creation!

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

More Somerset Timeline— Dora Waktins

- 533** : St Patrick said to have retired to Glastonbury maybe Patrick of Gower son of Mawan not St Patrick of Ireland
- 534** : Earthquake in Somerset
- 540** : King Arthur defeated Saxons at Mount Baden and saved church at Glastonbury—rebuilt by his uncle St David from destruction. Also said to have fought battle with Saxons at Stanton Drew
- 543** : Earthquake in Somerset
- 640** : Beckery with islands of Martinsey and Godney given to Glastonbury by Kenwald
- 645** : Battle of Parrett mouth. Danes beaten off by men of Somerset and Devon
- 658** : Saxons reach Glastonbury. Battle of Peonne—probably Penselwood near Wincanton
- 663** : King Ine granted land at Brent of East Brent to Glastonbury
- 670** : Manor of Meare said to have been granted by Cenwall 7th King of Wessex to Berthwald Abbot of Glastonbury, Berthwald 1st English Abbot of Glastonbury
- 686** : Taunton built

Meghan and Harry
spotted in Shapwick!!



What's On in Shapwick

Church Services in June 2018

Sunday 3rd June - Trinity 1

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)
10.30 *Edington* Informal Worship
7.30 *Ashcott Ring O' Bells* Songs and Skittles

Sunday 10th June - Trinity 2

10.00 *Shapwick Cafe Church*
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion (BCP)
6.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 17th June - Trinity 3

10.30 *Catcott* Family Communion
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship (Celtic)
6.30 *Ashcott Playing Field* Holy Communion (Celtic)

Sunday 24th June - Trinity 4

10.30 *Burtle* Family Communion
10.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion (CW)
6.30 *Edington* Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 1st July - Trinity 5

10.30 *Ashcott* Family Communion with Baptism
6.30 *Burtle* Praise 'n' Prayer
6.30 *Catcott* Open Gardens Service at Barton Farm

Thurs 7 and 21 June: *Ashcott* 10.00 Holy Communion
Wednesday 27 June: *Edington* 10.00 Holy Communion
this service will be in St. George's Church followed by coffee (Please note change of location and timings)

1st Poldens Cub Scouts would like to announce their annual AGM which will take place at **6.30pm on Thursday 5th July 2018**. All are welcome.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone qualified to audit our accounts. If you feel you can help us, please contact Cathy Papworth on 01458 210494 or 07816132020.



MESSY CHURCH!

Fun, food & friendship for young families
**In Shapwick Church 4-6pm,
June 16th**

Do you need a Babysitter?

Hi I'm Millie and I am 15 years old and live in the village.

If you are interested don't hesitate to contact me:

millieoats@gmail.com or 07572 088403

Useful Contact Details

Parish Council - Clerk -Sue Williams 01458 210749
shapwickpc@btinternet.com
Village Hall - Secretary Claire Brown 01458 210784
shapwickvillagehall@gmail.com
Hall Bookings—shapwickvhbookings@gmail.com or
01458 210329

CLUBS

Cubs—Elaine Collins 07837 616030
Cricket Club—Martin Baker 01458 831131
Friends of Shapwick Church—Jane Walker 210137
Pilates—Lita de Alberdi 01458 446883
Shapwick Runners— www.shapwickrunners.co.uk
WI – Sue Sellick 01458 210357
Yoga—Mel Blackshaw 07812 667911

Shapwick and Polden CC Home Fixtures

02/6 1st XI Bishopston CC
09/6 2nd XI Street CC
16/6 1st XI Weston-Super-Mare CC
23/6 2nd XI Taunton St. Andrews CC
30/6 1st XI Keynsham CC



Lite Bite Lunches

The next lunch is on

18 June 2018 12:30pm–2.00pm

St Marys Church.

For further information please contact Helen on 210885



Published by Shapwick Parish Council. Edited by Sue Williams NB Copy for the next Issue of the News should be sent to:

Sue Williams by 20th June or to shapwicknews@yahoo.co.uk

There is no guarantee that all material submitted will be used - publication is at the Editor's discretion and articles may be amended or condensed. We do not print anonymous contributions but are prepared to include items under a pen name, if so desired, on condition that we are given the name and address of the author(s). Opinions expressed are those of the author and are not necessarily those of the Editor nor Parish Council.