

SHAPWICK NEWS

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Talks at the Church

Hi folks,

Is faith credible in a scientific age?

Unfortunately, the media often portrays science and faith as being in conflict, and some groups indeed act in this way. But as a Christian who originally trained as a scientist, I am bound to ask: if God created the universe, why would the scientific study of this same universe be in conflict with faith in God? Over the next couple of months, we'll be looking at this issue.

Having been an astronomer, I have been fascinated by the development of the science in measuring **the age of the universe**. But how reliable is it, and what does that mean for our understanding of God's creative work? We'll be looking at that on **Oct 11**. (All talks in Shapwick Church starting at 7.30)

Two weeks' later on **Oct 25**, we'll look at **evolution** – perceived by some as particularly controversial. We'll also look at how this applies to humans, both scientifically and spiritually.

On a gentler theme, we will look at how we care for the **environment** on **Nov 8**. Caroline Pomeroy, who heads up Climate Stewards, will help us with this.

Finally, we'll look at **Miracles**. Many people ask whether it is credible in a scientific age to believe in such one-off, irregular and unrepeatable events. We'll address this on **Nov 22**.

Do come as we explore these vital questions at the interface between science and faith! Full details on the website.

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



*Two Shapwick babies, born a few hours apart in
Musgrove hospital.*

*Rich, Jen & Joshua, Lizzie & Ewan, James. Photo by
Ollie.*



Shapwick and Polden CC

The 2018 cricket season ended with the Shapwick & Polden 1st XI in 6th place in the West of England Premier League Division 2 having won 8 matches and losing 8. After a relegation scare, the 2nd XI finished 7th in the Somerset League Premier Division while the 3rd XI were 5th in Somerset League Division Six. Although playing a limited number of matches, the Sunday XI were winners of the Taunton Sunday League Division C while availability problems led to the Under 19s failing to qualify for the Somerset final stages.

With 54 members, the junior section fielded teams in the Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 age groups. The juniors also included a section for "All Stars" aged 5-7 and for the first time, a separate section for girls.

As there are plenty of opportunities for cricket, prospective new members should contact Martin Baker m.baker396@btinternet.com. Any boys or girls aged between 5 and 15 who wish to join should contact Judith Wanliss judithwanliss@hotmail.co.uk

The Pavilion will be open for a number of events and social events during the coming months, to wish all are welcome. These will include Music Evenings with local musicians performing. The first ones are arranged for Friday October 12th and Friday November 2nd—all welcome.



Library Van

The next visit by the mobile library, is on **Tuesday 23rd October.**

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



Shapwick Starlets WI



It was lovely to meet up again after the summer break, although we did have a social evening get together, playing skittles at the 37 Club in August, with partners invited. This was great fun, thank you to 37 Club for providing us with a scrumptious Skittlers' Supper and for Calum for being our sticker up.

And an opportunity not to be missed, was another photo opportunity with Shapwick Man and his horse. Unfortunately we chose the wettest, windiest, coldest evening in the whole of August. However the resulting photo will definitely be going in our calendar.

Our speaker for September was Eve Bickerton from the Somerset Archives and Records Office and we were all keen to learn more about family history and genealogy. Eve gave us a brief outline of the history of the Somerset Archives service where there are records dating back to 1617 and over 8 miles of shelving.

Eve shared snippets from old records with us such as in 1812 a gentleman was recorded as too drunk to say his wedding vows, and another where the deceased lady was buried with the leg of a gentleman (that had been cut off the day before!) We were given a glimpse of some wills where a gentleman left all his worldly possessions to his relatives, these being a pan, some candlesticks and some napkins. How times have changed! And finally, according to the Quarter Session Records, one certain criminal was charged with cutting off mens' beards without their permission.



Our Book Club and Film Clubs are continuing to flourish, our next book being One Pair of Feet by Monica Dickens and next film Philomena.

Sadly, we lost one of our honorary members over the summer, Gladys Champion, who was well known, and loved, and played an enormous part in the life of the village. She loved her games of whist and bingo and was an excellent baker of sponges and cakes. Even when her health deteriorated, she always greeted you with a smile. We will be placing a brass plaque in memory of Gladys on the bench in the church yard, and also decorating the bench with knitted and crocheted poppies to celebrate Remembrance Day in November.

Our October meeting is on Tuesday 9th October 7.30pm - "Cybercrime - A Tourist's Guide Through Internet Fraud'. Our speaker will be guiding us through many of the scams to be found on the internet. Very informative and intriguing, as internet fraud, in particular incidents involving social media, has become more and more sophisticated. The evening will include a pizza supper plus wine and mocktails.

Music and Quiz Evening Saturday 27th October

7.30pm

St. Mary's, Shapwick

Tickets £2.00 per person

Maximum 6 people per team

Refreshments available

For tickets contact: Rosemary Hargreaves (Church Warden) or
Andy Savage (07563 372107 - 12stringandy@gmail.com)

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls Tim Harding is
proud to present

The Spook Zone

The Spook Zone is an interactive experience of all things spooky with a twist of frights. Prepare to be spooked (but not too much!!!)

The Spook Zone will be open between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on
Wednesday the 31st of October, at 12 Station Road, Shapwick.

To gain access to the Spook Zone ring the bell
and a Spirit will guide your way. This is a free event.



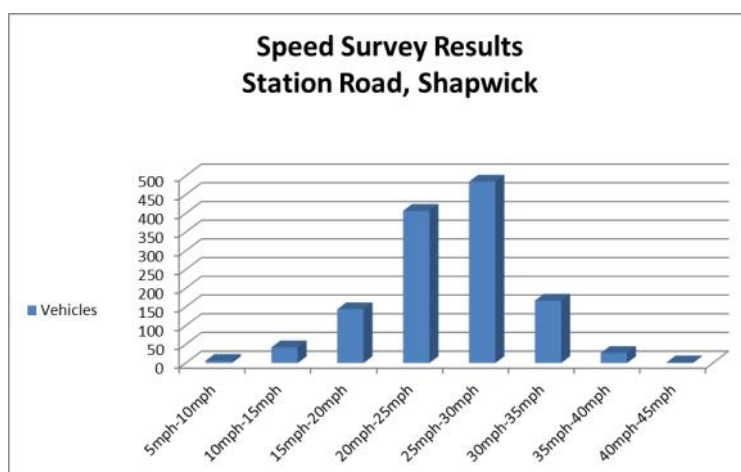
Shapwick – Traffic Surveys—Report by SCC Traffic Engineer (carried out in March and April 2018)

Speed Surveys – March 2018

Somerset Highways deployed traffic survey radar equipment for 9 days in March 2018 on Station Shapwick within the 30mph limit. From the daily reports sent back, an average traffic flow was established. Results were as follows.

Over a 24 hr period, the average traffic flow was 1280 vehicles. 85% of the vehicles were traveling at a speed of 30.1 mph (85th percentile) and the mean speeds were calculated at 25.1mph. A visual representation is also shown in the graph opposite.

This would not constitute a speeding problem.

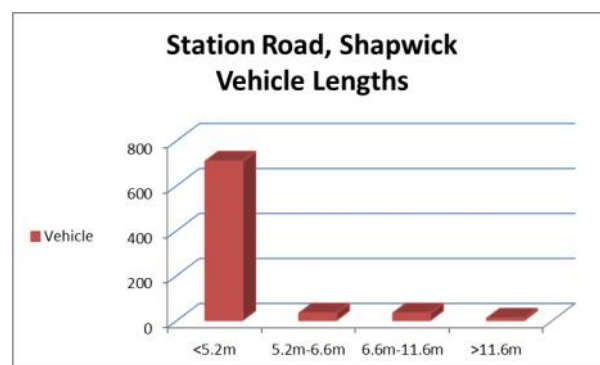


Vehicle Lengths – April 2018

Following the speed surveys, this was then followed up on the request of the Parish Council a survey to identify the lengths of vehicles travelling through the village. This was deployed again on Station Road within the 30mph limit in April of 2018. Results as follows.

Over a 24 hr period, the average traffic flow was 784 vehicles. Of which 708 were less than 5.2m in length. 33 vehicles were between 5.2m and 6.6m, 33 were between 6.6m and 11.6m and 10 were longer than 11.6m in length. Again this can be shown in the visual graph opposite.

This shows the majority of vehicles through the village are not HGV's.



Village Hall AGM 2018 Wednesday 17 October
7.15pm

The AGM is an open meeting everyone is welcome and is as informal as we can make it.

We are always looking for new members for the committee anyone can join as long as they live in Shapwick and are over the age of 18.

Or if you are someone that does not want the commitment of joining the committee but would just like to help us out occasionally we would love to hear from you. There are always lots of little jobs that need doing and we are always grateful for a helping hand at our fundraising events.

Following the AGM there will be a normal committee meeting.

If you would like more information contact, Michael Motum (Chair) 210618, Bridget Dawes (Treasurer) 210185 or Claire Brown (Secretary) 210784 shapwickvillagehall@gmail.com



Don't panic, Shapwick's favourite 7.5 mile trail race is still over 6 months away! We'd love to see some new faces on race day though, and will be inviting newbie and lapsed local runners to join us for some gentle group training sessions later this year. And if the newfound healthy glow isn't enough, you'll have the chance to earn a 'Sofa to 7.5 Miles' certificate, and even win our new starters race category. You won't have to sign up, and there's no fee or age limit. In the meantime, find out more by searching 'NHS running tips for beginners' online, and start building your fitness levels. Remember to take it really easy to start with, and watch this space for more information. Hope to see you soon! **The Shapwick Runners**

What's On in Shapwick

Summer of 2018

Dora Watkins

Autumn is knocking on summer's door
Saying please let me in
You've had your day of glory now
You have set records new
Those days and days of hot blazing sun
Balmy nights which were too hot to sleep
Sales of ice-cream took a leap
People remember seventy six
Now that magic summer
Has been well and truly been eclipsed



Eighteen will be remembered
Will be on people's lips
So move over summer
Let me begin

Church Services in Shapwick October 2018

Sunday 14th October – Trinity 20

10.00 am **Shapwick** Café Church

Friday 26th October (subject to change so please contact the Church office on 01458 210260 nearer the date)

4.00pm **Shapwick** Messy Church

Sunday 28th October - Bible Sunday

10.30am **Shapwick** Holy Communion

A full list of services can be found on the Polden Wheel website.

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

St. Mary's Church - Jan Jones 01458 210804

Edington Doctors Surgery 01278 722077 Prescriptions

Quiz 'N' Chips

**Village Hall Quiz Night with Fish and Chip
Supper**

Friday 23rd November 7.30pm

Maximum 6 in a team

Bring your own drinks and glasses

**Tickets £10 per person Contact Nerina
210329 or Claire 210784**

Shapwick Halloween Parade through the village.....

Everyone welcome - bring a bag of sweets to share and a carved pumpkin so that we can create an amazing display at the end of School lane.

(Let's see if we can beat last year's fabulous display !)

6:00pm Wednesday 31st October (Halloween)

Meeting at junction of School Lane and Mill Lane

(alternative to 'Trick or Treat', we won't be knocking on doors!
So listen out for the children passing by)

For more info call Lorraine 210539

Shapwick Harvest Supper

Saturday 13th October 7.30pm

Traditional two course Harvest Meal

**Tickets £15 available from Nerina Scott 210328 or
Claire Brown 210784 purchase by 7th October
please for catering purposes.**



Car Storage Wanted

Dry storage for a car needed in or close to Shapwick.
Garage or space in a barn, lock-up etc.

Call Mike 01458 210 155 / 07779 245 479



Shapwick Free Range Lamb

I am having some lambs prepared for the freezer (early October). All born and bred by myself in Shapwick. If you are interested in having half a lamb or whole lamb already bagged. Cut to your request and labelled please give me a ring Tracey Lockyer 210553 (evenings)

Lite Bite Lunches



The next lunch is on

15 October 2018 12:30pm–2.00pm

St Marys Church.

For further information please contact Helen on 210885



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