

SHAPWICK NEWS

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Shapwick and Polden girls cricket team entered a team into the Girls U11 Somerset County tournament at Wembdon recently. Despite training every Monday night this was only their second ever tournament. They battled hard and came away with an amazing 3rd place out of 7 teams - a massive improvement on their first tournament when they finished last!

They supported each other beautifully, truly played as a team and grew massively in confidence and organisation with every game. They were only beaten by Chard, the team who went on to win the whole tournament.

And best of all they all had massive beaming smiles at the end of the afternoon! Most dads were watching the England v New Zealand game so the mums took to umpiring and scoring, picking up new skills along the way.



MOBILE LIBRARY SCHEDULE AMENDMENT

With effect from **10th September 2019**, the Mobile Library will be visiting Shapwick at the slightly later time of 12.10pm. An extra 5 minutes has been given to our visit so we shall now be there for 25 minutes and depart at 12.35pm.

Our visit in July is looking doubtful due to on-going repairs to the old vehicle. The arrival of the new vehicle has been postponed until a later date.

The next scheduled visit will be on **13th August** at the current schedule time of 10.55am.

In summary:

- ♦ 13th August visit 10.55am.
- ♦ 10th September visit 12.10pm and every 4 weeks thereafter.



Wanted! If anyone has any fancy dress, wigs, shoes or any other useful items the Shapwick horse may find useful in his dressing up antics please phone me!! Thank you Tracey 210553



The Rescue



Oh my goodness.....I was scuffling along the grass verge when I spotted a lovely big field the other side of a tall net. A patch of the grass in there had been watered so I thought I'd go and do a dance on it to bring up some worms. I tried to push my way through the netting but got my head and neck stuck. I don't do walking backwards so I turned around and got stuck again. In the end I couldn't move my forelegs, my tongue was hanging out and a lot of my body was covered with black plastic. It was getting hotter and hotter and I could have been there for ten or more hours. Then I heard a Human say, "You poor little chap".

It all went quiet for a short while. The next thing to happen was that two Humans started talking and I felt something cold and hard against my spines. Very gradually I could feel the net let go of me and I could breathe properly. As soon as I could I rolled myself into a defensive ball (a good sign). I was so tired with having struggled for so long in the sunshine.



What a lovely place to recover! The box was in the shade, thank goodness. It was lined with soft grass and nearby were bowls of food and water. I learned later that it was called the Hospital Box and I was the fourth hedgehog to be brought there after being tied up in that plastic net.

Wow! I have had ten hours of sleep and feel so much better. This is me at 10.04pm just after leaving the Hospital Box, ready get back to my little patch in Shapwick. As you can see it was just about dark! The Humans were pleased to see that I could walk normally and look after myself.

Thank you for reading my story.



Hedgehogs and Netting



For many people hedgehogs are fascinating animals yet relatively few of us see them because they are nocturnal. That being the case we are not immediately aware of the dangers and obstacles that we humans create for hedgehogs. Ponds, cattle grids and deep holes in the ground left uncovered can lead to their deaths.

There is one other hazard which might not be so obvious and that is netting of the flexible type such as protects or surrounds fruit and vegetables in the kitchen garden; netting round cricket fields; netting round goal posts etc, etc. This situation is made dramatically worse if netting is left in folds on the ground as was the case for our little Rescue hedgehog. He was caught in the cricket net during his nightly jaunt searching for food. Fortunately he was spotted in time.

How can we help our rapidly declining hedgehog population? Try to ensure that they cannot fall into garden ponds, providing a ramp, for them to clamber out, as extra insurance. Where netting is involved try to keep it from being in contact with the ground and, particularly, don't let it lie in heaps or folds. It is a good idea to check the netting each morning to ensure that no hedgehogs have been trapped.

Sheep Shed Break-in

As many of you probably know my sheep shed in Blacksmiths Lane was broken into overnight on June 24th 2019.

My trailer and sheep equipment was taken totalling around the £2,000 mark.

Equipment included shears, foot trimmers, drench and drenching guns along with motor equipment.

I ask all of you to keep your eyes open and call / report any unfamiliar vehicles the distress it causes is unbelievable. Thank you to everyone who supported and offered me help during this.

I would rather you call me than think it's nothing, at no times would I let anyone into my fields of sheep to gather them I would always be there. My number is 07794 606088 or 01458 210553.

this last week there has been a series of unlawful killings of sheep in their fields in Northampton shire they have been killed by slitting their throats and carcasses left in the field with the meat gone . How distressing for everyone including the sheep.

So please keep your eyes open ring me or the police. Let's help all the farmers in this area.

Thank you Tracey Lockyer



Shapwick Starlets WI



Games Night and Shapwick's own version of Wimbledon!



On **Sunday 18th August, 2 - 5 pm** we will be hosting **Shapwick's 75th Anniversary VJ Day afternoon tea** in the village hall.
With traditional games and food, street party style, all welcome. Please come and

Thank-You

Stephanie, Zafar and Patricia Qadir would like to thank everyone for their cards and flowers on the occasion of Farouk's death. The outpouring of love gave us strength at a very difficult time. As a family we really appreciated your thoughtfulness.

Planning Application 43/19/00004

Mendip View, Shapwick Hill, Shapwick.

Change of use and extension of existing steel framed portal building to provide storage and maintenance of classic cars including B1 (Business) and B8 (storage and Distribution) uses. The erection of a building to include a café (A3), shop (A1), goods and visitor centre (D1) uses. Use of land for the storage of lorry trailer parking for up to four trailers.

SDC welcomes comments by 17 August 2019.

What's On in Shapwick

Church Services August 2019



See Polden Wheel website for a list of services.

Shapwick's 75th Anniversary V-J Day afternoon tea



SHAPWICK VILLAGE HALL
SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2 - 5 PM

Useful Contact Details

Parish Council - Clerk - Sue Williams 01458 210749

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Village Hall - Secretary Claire Brown 01458 210784

shapwickvillagehall@gmail.com

Hall Bookings—shapwickvhbookings@gmail.com or 01458 210329

St. Mary's Church - Rosemary Hargreaves 01458 210533

Edington Doctors Surgery 01278 722077 Prescriptions 01278 723459

Bridgwater Hospital 01278 436555

Sedgemoor District Council 0845 408 2540

Shapwick Starlets Events

On **Saturday 28th September at 7 pm**, we are hosting a **Pie and a Pint night**, sponsored by Pieminster. Tickets are £10 per head which includes a two course meal and a drink and are available from Jude: 01458 210481 or judiffcarr@googlemail.com

On **Saturday 12th October**, we will be holding a Knit and Natter session 2 - 5pm, open to anyone who would like to knit or crochet poppies to help us have enough to trail from the church tower. If anyone would like to contribute, here is the pattern:

Cast on 120 stitches. Knit 4 rows; next row knit 3 together all the way along (40 stitches left); knit 4 rows; next row, knit 2 together all the way along (20); knit 4 rows; next row knit 2 together all the way along (10); break off wool and thread end through the 10 loops and pull tight to make a round. Sew up side of poppy and with black wool sew large stitches in middle. Not important if you lose count and knit 5 rows instead of 4 it'll still make a poppy. You could start with 80 stitches and knit 2 together, the fewer initial stitches the flatter the poppy but as part of a display they still look effective!



"If you are looking for local news and events, try the [Shapwick Village Community Group](#) page on Facebook. Other villages are successfully running similar pages where items can be advertised for sale, local events and services are promoted etc. So please go and have a look and feel free to start posting!"

Next parish council meeting is
Tuesday 17th September
7.30pm Shapwick Village Hall
All welcome.



CRICKET FIXTURES

3 Aug 1st XI vs. Winterbourne
10 Aug 1st XI vs. Midsomer Norton
17 Aug 2nd XI vs. Middlezoy
24 Aug 1st XI vs. WSM
31st Aug 2nd XI vs. Uphill Castle



Lite Bite Lunches

The next lunch is 16th September.



12:30pm—2.00pm

St Mary's Church.

For further information please contact Helen on 210885

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