

**A Happy New Year to all our readers!!**

## **Churchyard Cedars**

Thank you to Jerome Hayes and David Bateman (Brent Tree Services) for their advice, help and efficiency during the removal of the two cedars from the churchyard. Sadly the trees were diseased with honey fungus and there was no alternative other than to fell the trees before they became a health and safety risk.

*Jan Jones*



Counting the rings on the trunks of the recently felled cedars in the churchyard suggests that one was planted in the 1770s, the other in the 1660s. The larger survivors to the north of the church must be even older, perhaps dating back to the early 1500s .

*Frank Barnard*

## **SHAPWICK & POLDEN CRICKET**

As the new pavilion has been open for more than a year we are interested in views of the facility and how things can be improved – very limited funds permitting! - and invite suggestions by completing the on the online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RXN95W3>

Before the start of the new cricket season in April, there will be a number of events in the pavilion including Music Nights, Quizzes and Mouse Racing – details of which will appear in the What's On section.

Following the considerable growth in cricket as a sport for girls and women in recent years, we hope to introduce a Women's section in 2019; the number of cricket clubs offering Girl's/Women's cricket rising from around 50 in 2005 to more than 500 today

This section would cater for those aged 14 and over and would follow the successful introduction of a dedicated section for girls in 2018. Ten girls aged between 8 and 13 attended regular training sessions while a further five aged between 6 and 8 attended the mixed "All Stars" introductory programme. Both the Girls and All Stars programmes will continue in 2019.

As plans need to be finalised before the end of January, anyone interested in giving cricket a try or finding out more information should email :

Martin Baker [m.baker396@btinternet.com](mailto:m.baker396@btinternet.com) or Judith Wanliss [judithwanliss@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:judithwanliss@hotmail.co.uk). All necessary equipment will be provided together with a dedicated coach and an opportunity to participate in one or more softball tournaments during the summer.

## Library Van

The next visit by the mobile library, is on **Tuesday 29th January**

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



### Dog Fouling reminder

Once again dog fouling is becoming an issue in the village, some areas worse than others.

All dog owners or person responsible for a dog must clean up after their dog. On July 22nd 2008 the Fouling of land by dogs legislation came in to effect in Sedgemoor. The fine is a fixed penalty of £75 or a criminal conviction. The law covers all public spaces, in effect all areas other than your garden. So roads, footpaths, verges, playing fields and other open spaces. You are required to remove the poo and dispose of it in a council bin or your own general refuse bin. Picking it up and throwing the bag in the hedge or verge is not considered disposal, if you carry the bags then please carry the used ones home.

Please report any fouling you see to the Sedgemoor Dog Warden with the following details, time and location, a brief description of dog and owner, any vehicle details. On 01278 435297

The same subject is covered by the 2014 Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act.

Most of us do pick up after our dogs, sadly it's just a few who don't. None of us like having to clean shoes, bike or pushchair wheels when we get home from a walk so let's all pick up the poop.

Belinda Coney and Casper

### Tracey's Tableaux *Anthea Beale*

During the past year villagers and visitors have been 'entertained' by a variety of tableaux in Tracey's field on Shapwick Hill. They have been witty, scary, tongue-in-cheek, amusing and topical, depending on one's point of view!

Man and Horse have withstood all weathers celebrating events, national highlights and popular days, such as Halloween 🎃. Horse had two legs broken in a high wind but was tended to and returned to the field soon after the repair. Man has looked dapper all year - the snorkel and goggles were an amusing take on this summer! Their year ended with a charming scene for the festive season.



Thank you very much Tracey for lifting our spirits and making us smile.



It would be great to see more local entries in this year's 7.5 mile Bunny Hop race, so we're inviting new and lapsed runners to join us for gentle group training sessions on Sunday mornings, starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> Jan.

The race isn't until the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We'll start with gentle half-hour jogs, and increase the distance over the next few months. You won't have to sign up and there's no fee.

Find out more about how to build your fitness levels by searching 'NHS running tips for beginners' online and try a few runs beforehand. Remember to take it really easy to start with and hope to see you soon!

The group meets every Sunday morning at 9am by the postbox opposite Shapwick Cricket Pavilion.

**The Shapwick Runners Team**



"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!"

Hi folks,

It's a new year – a good time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new one.

For Jen and myself there was one standout event last year: the arrival of Joshua. Since then he's almost doubled in weight. One of my favourite photos is this one, which Jen took while I was unaware, as we walked back along the Lizard Peninsula in Cornwall in November.

One of the privileges of my job is that I get to meet people at the highs and lows of life. For those contemplating marriage and children, the new year may well bring much joy and happiness. But for those who are facing ill health – perhaps even just a few months to live – then the new year is likely to be a more daunting prospect, both for the one suffering and those close by.

Some people turn against God in times of suffering – this is very understandable. But there are some who discover that God is present with them in a much more real and deep way than they had ever expected, in the very midst of suffering. I feel very inspired and humbled when I meet people who are in this situation.

As I wish you much blessing and joy in the new year, I do so realising that what this could look like will be very different for each person. But in God's way of doing things, if we let him into our lives, and particularly in the deepest moments, he will bring us great blessing in every circumstance – not just the obviously happy ones.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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## Shapwick Starlets

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INSPIRING WOMEN

*Tuesday 8th January - Pamper evening with Kala*



*Tuesday 12th February - Chocolate tasting with Lea*



*Tuesday 12th March - Book Art with Brendon*



**If you would like to join us, we will be taking new members in the New Year!**



Date: The second Tuesday of each month

Time: 7.30 pm in Shapwick Village Hall

Phone: Sue Sellick on 01458 210357

PC Website - [www.shapwickparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.shapwickparishcouncil.org.uk) –Minutes, Agendas, Shapwick News!

## What's On in Shapwick

### Polden Wheel Church Services January 2019

#### Sunday 6th January - Epiphany 1

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

#### Sunday 13th January – Epiphany 2

10.30 Shapwick Cafe Church (Bacon rolls/coffee etc from 10am)  
10.30 Chilton Polden Family Communion  
4.30 Burtle Holy Communion

#### Sunday 20th January - Epiphany 3

10.30 Chilton Polden Informal Worship  
4.00 Catcott Family Worship  
6.30 Ashcott Holy Communion

#### Saturday 26th January

4.00 Shapwick Messy Church

#### Sunday 27th January - Epiphany 4

10.30 Shapwick Holy Communion  
10.30 Burtle Family Communion  
4.30 Edington Songs of Praise

#### Sunday 3rd February - 5th before Lent

9.00 Catcott Holy Communion  
10.30 Ashcott Holy Communion  
10.30 Edington Informal Worship



### Useful Contact Details

Parish Council - Clerk - Sue Williams 01458 210749

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Hall Bookings—[shapwickvhbookings@gmail.com](mailto:shapwickvhbookings@gmail.com) or 01458 210329

St. Mary's Church - Jan Jones 01458 210804

Edington Doctors Surgery 01278 722077 Prescriptions 01278 723459

Bridgwater Hospital 01278 436555

Sedgemoor District Council 0845 408 2540

Somerset County Council 0300 123 2224

### Lite Bite Lunch

**No Lite Bite Lunch in January restarts February.**

Are you looking for a babysitter? -Well if you are, you're looking in the right place.

Hello, my name is Elliot and I am 15 years old. I live in Shapwick and I think I am the only boy babysitter!

If you need a babysitter don't hesitate to contact me at any time on- [07746910485](tel:07746910485)

Also, in the school holidays or at weekends I'm free to do pet sitting or dog walking or any small general jobs that need doing.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 15th January 2019 7.30pm Shapwick Village Hall

See PC website for agenda.



We are Jay & Iona. We are in Year 9 at Crispin (14 & 13 years old), live in Shapwick and are raising funds for a trip to Kenya with the Crispin School Kenya Crew. We will build nurseries, teach English and connect villages to a clean water supply. The money raised will also sponsor 20 Kenyan children to attend school.

If there are any jobs you need to have done, from washing cars, walking dogs, raking leaves etc, please let us know!  
£5 each per hour or negotiable for a bigger project.

Don't hesitate to call! T: 01458 210 687, M: 07767 276091  
Email: [thejayster20@outlook.com](mailto:thejayster20@outlook.com)

### CHILDREN'S GUITAR LESSONS WITH JAY!

Hi, my name is Jay Anderson. I'm 14 and have been playing guitar since I was 6. If your children are interested in learning, I'm offering beginner / intermediate level lessons.

Prices: Half hour lesson: £8 / One hour lesson: £15

I'm also offering a free half hour 'taster' session.

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