

SHAPWICK NEWS

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Hi folks,

Some years ago I went to Knapdale Forest in Argyll to see the beavers that had recently been released. Early one morning before dawn I stood on the edge of midge-infested loch. I heard gnawing but could see nothing. Later, as I wandered around the loch, I noticed a floating log – only when I saw its eyes and ears did I realise it was a beaver!

The release of beavers in Scotland – and an ‘accidental’ release in Devon – is an example of re-wilding: the re-introduction of once-native species that have become extinct in the UK.

This week I went to a conference which focussed on Fresh Expressions of church in the countryside. It’s an exciting conference to go to because it’s full of pioneer ministers who like to think outside the box, to dream about new ways of doing church – and who have the courage to enable these dreams to become reality.

In the final talk of the conference, George Lings mused about whether we need to think about re-wilding the church. This is a phrase that immediately struck me. He was effectively asking whether the church has become so tame that we’ve lost the essential wildness of what it means to follow God. The ancient Celtic Christians, who were the pioneer Christians in these islands, knew and loved the wildness of the Holy Spirit.

One of the characters in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* speaks about Aslan, the lion, this way: “Safe? Who said anything about safe? ‘Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the King, I tell you.” Perhaps we need to remember that God is neither safe nor tame – but that he is very good.

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy
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One of the beavers in Knapdale Forest Argyll in 2012; and signs of their engineering.

Temporary Road Closure

School Lane, Shapwick

1 July 2019 for two days

to allow Wessex Water to carry out sewer rehab

Litter Pick

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Annual Litter Pick.

Also, thank you to the WI for providing refreshments at the end of the pick.



Music Night

Friday
21st June
2019

At the
Pavilion
Shapwick

Northbrook Road
TA7 9LN

Free Enty - Bar from 7:00
Music from 8:00

Open Mic

Performers & audience welcome



This month's speaker was Nick who is a Community First Responder. Such an interesting speaker who also showed us some basic first aid tips. Nick did receive an emergency call whilst he was with us, however as one of his colleagues was closer to the emergency, Nick was able to carry on. We presented him with some equipment that he needed to add to his kit.



We meet the 2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm Shapwick Village Hall, all welcome!

Parish Council Roundup—*Sue Williams Clerk to PC*

The recent local Parish Council election was uncontested—Councillors are: Brian Norris (Chair), Sally Richardson (Vice-Chair), Laura Anderson, Martin Davis, Jerome Hayes, Nigel Phillips and Sue Sellick.

The Parish Council meets on the third Tuesday of alternate months—the next meeting will be 16 July 2019 at 7.30pm in the village Hall. Villagers are welcome to attend the meetings. Agendas for meetings are posted on the Parish Council website and Village Noticeboard on Northbrook Road.

Library Van

The next visit by the mobile library, is on **Tuesday 18 June 2019**

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



12th Annual Bunny Hop 2019 *Kate Bullock*

Phew! Well, what a scorcher that was! Conditions were ideal for a memorable run and a course record, and that is exactly what we got.

The legendary Easter Monday 'Bunny Hop' sounds rather benign and gentle, but it is a rigorous seven and a half mile cross country run that is highly enjoyable as well as challenging in a way a straightforward 10k is not. Some of the 144 participants this year were 'Couch to 10k' runners who were delighted by their success, and all runners were enthusiastically encouraged by each other and the delightful atmosphere that prevails at this yearly event.

The blazing winning time was set by City of Salisbury Athletic Club runner Stuart Holloway at 41:45, with second place, Neil Golding, a respectable 45:55. Ruth Thom, also City of Salisbury, was the first female runner in at 52:23.

Shapwick Runner's own Tom Mills was the first local athlete home with Jennifer Tweedy in 2nd for Shapwick. Lovely to have the village so well represented. We had our first international runner this year. Zoltan Svavai from Hungary was holidaying with his family in Devon and decided to join in. His wife and two sons walked the 4 mile route round Shapwick organised for non-runners. Please join in the walk next year as we'd love to see more local participants.

Simon Clarke, the Senior Reserve Manager of Shapwick Heath also ran again. He is happy to encourage us to disturb the quiet of the reserve!

There was an excellent show from local individuals as well as clubs; from Wells, Langport, Cheddar, Clevedon, Mendips and Weston amongst others. Ages ranges from 21 to 75, which is extraordinary. Some runners' vests bore the legend, 'No Excuses'! Sue Nicholls, from Burnham-on-Sea Harriers, aged 73, won her age category at the Bunny Hop and then repeated this feat at the London Marathon on the following Sunday.

As well as the main event, there is a junior run for young athletes. Unusually there were no Key Stage 1 (age 5-7) runners this year - we'd love to see some new recruits in 2020!

The winners of the KS 2 race (age 7-11) were James Huddart and Chloe Carter, a really hard run and exciting race, closely contested right up to the finish line for both.

For the first time this year we held the Junior Mile Race, filling the gap for 11 to 16 year-olds who are too young to enter the full Bunny Hop.

They navigated a potentially treacherous course along Kent Lane, over ploughed fields and a plank bridge, but we're happy to say all of our ten pioneers returned safely. First boy was Jay Anderson, first girl Harriet Hobbs.

All runners received chocolate and swanky new style medals.

Many thanks to all local landowners who give permission for the runners to pound their fields.

The all essential food was provided by the women of the village hall committee, the usual high standard upheld. Donations for this will go to the Village Hall funds.

All profits from the race will go to the Bridgwater Food Bank and it is expected that £500 will be donated.



What's On in Shapwick

Church Services June 2019



See Polden Wheel website for a list of services.

<http://poldenwheel.co.uk/services/>



CRICKET FIXTURES

- 1 June 2nd XI vs. Staplegrove
- 8 June 2nd XI vs. Taunton St. Andrews
- 15 June 1st XI vs. North Perrott
- 22 June 2nd vs. Wells
- 29 June 1st XI vs. Keynsham

"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!"

SAT. 8TH JUNE
ON THE VILLAGE
HALL GREEN

PROFITS TO
SHAPWICK
VILLAGE HALL

S.H.A.P.W.I.C.K

JAM!

A DAY OF
GOOD VIBRATIONS
& MUSICAL MURMURATIONS

3PM-7PM • JOIN US FOR TUNES, SCONES & JAM FREE
£5.00 7PM-12AM • STAY ON FOR THE MAIN EVENT!
BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE FROM SID - 07834 671322
OR GRANT - 07770 751 697 OR BRIDGET - 01458 210 185
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL SHAPWICKJAM@HOTMAIL.COM OR FIND US
ON FACEBOOK • UNDER 16'S FREE IF ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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Lite Bite Lunches

The next lunch is on 17 June 2019.

12:30pm—2.00pm

St Mary's Church.

For further information please contact Helen on 210885



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