

# SHAPWICK NEWS

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## MOBILE LIBRARY SCHEDULE AMENDMENT

With effect from **10<sup>th</sup> 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.



## St. Mary's Church, Shapwick

Hi folks,

As you may know, **café church is moving to the Shapwick cricket pavilion!** Our first day is **Sunday September 9 at 10am.**

Why are we doing this? It's because we want to enable our monthly café church to be a more accessible event. If you've rarely or never been to a church event, you may find café church to be refreshingly relaxed and informal. Moving to the pavilion means that we can use a light, spacious and modern facility, that has a less 'churchy' feel to it.



We start at 10am with fresh filter coffee and bacon butties (vegetarian options are available), and then have an informal service from 10.30. The style of this service has been changing as well, with more emphasis now on discussion of relevant topics than on talks from the front: the aim, if you are there, is for you to feel that what we do is relevant to your life.

Shapwick Church will continue to be a really important building within the parish of the Polden Wheel, and probably gets more usage than any other. Messy Church meets there once a month, and during the next term we'll be running Alpha once a week as well. It is often used for other events.

I'm also excited that we're putting on the **Alpha** course: this is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to stimulate conversation. Alpha takes place all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. There are three key things: food (there is a full meal each evening), a talk (a very well-produced video) and good conversation. It starts on **Wednesday Sept 18 at 7pm**. If you're interested, drop me an email.



Every blessing,

"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!"

SHAPWICK & POLDEN CRICKET CLUB  
PRESENTS

# MUSIC ON THE PITCH

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER FROM 6PM

FEATURING

## RaZaR

### Speed & the Demons

### Steve Henderson & Polly Carroll

Live Music, Bar & BBQ

£5 on the door

Under 13s free

Accompanied by paying adult

SHAPWICK & POLDEN CRICKET CLUB  
NORTHBROOK ROAD, SHAPWICK, TA7 9LN

## Nowhere To Go *Dora Watkins*

Nowhere to go, nowhere to hide  
In cosy nest my wife beside  
Scant are the hedgerows scant and thin  
No safe place to nest within  
Men their big sharp cutter wield  
Chop off branches that would shield  
Wearily flying to find a place  
To carry on the feathered race

Nowhere to go, nowhere to run  
Nobody cares for the old bun  
Fields with even longer furrow  
Nowhere for poor old me to burrow  
We really do not do much harm  
We're part and parcel of the farm  
You get your fun when us you shoot  
So please do not put in the boot

Nowhere to go nowhere to fly  
So we can spy with beady eye  
A tasty vole in coarse rough grass  
Without them barn owls cannot last  
Farmers plough right to the edge  
Please leave us a little wedge  
Where voles can multiply and thrive  
So owls like me can stay alive

Nowhere to go no woodland glade  
Cool and dark with dappled shade  
Woodland animals and flowers  
Do we see our final hours  
When man with unrelenting sway  
Takes our habitat away  
Can't we all live side by side  
In an idyllic countryside.



## Music Night

Friday  
13<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2019

At the  
**Pavilion**  
**Shapwick**

Northbrook Road  
TA7 9LN

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

**Open  
Mic**

Performers & audience welcome

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

Lots of exciting plans for the Autumn - our speaker for September is Kate who is a Volunteer Rider with Freewheelers EVS. Their service to the NHS is provided free of charge and is funded entirely by public donation and sponsorship. They transport blood, pathology & microbiology specimens, patient notes, X-rays, breast milk, and other medical supplies. In 2014, they made 3,648 deliveries, riding more than 120,000 miles. Freewheelers EVS operate a fleet of motorcycles each equipped with high-visibility markings, blue lights and sirens for emergency use. If their service did not exist hospitals would be forced to use taxis or commercial couriers. Freewheelers EVS is run entirely by volunteers. All their riders hold an advanced motorcycling qualification, such as the advanced riding test by RoSPA, or IAM.

And a first for Shapwick - a Pie & A Pint Night, kindly sponsored by Pieminister on Saturday 28th September at 7 pm in Shapwick Village Hall, a Little Act of Pie-ness!

In 1867 Jon's (the co-founder) great-great-great grandfather William Gillard started the family pie tradition by making sauces, pickles and pies in London. The company even supplied tinned food for Captain Scott's ill fated Antarctic expedition. Pieminister has been making great tasting British pies in Bristol for 14 years and only uses 100% free range British meat and the finest fresh ingredients. As well as five Silvers and two Bronze medals, their Gluten Free Ranger took Gold in the 2018 British Pie awards. Now all of their GF pies are gold medallists, making them some of the best free-from pies in Britain. Over the years they have used their pies to support good causes. Their ongoing partnership with **FRANK Water** means that you can support their DrinkMe:SaveLives campaign. They have raised over £11k in total, bringing safe water and sanitation to men, women and children in northern India and Nepal. So if you would like to join us for what promises to be an excellent evening, tickets are £10 which includes a 2 course meal and a drink; to purchase tickets please ring 01458 210481 or email: [judiffcarr@gogglemail.com](mailto:judiffcarr@gogglemail.com).

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7.30 pm in Shapwick Village Hall, and we have members from Chilton Polden, Moorlynch, Sutton Mallet, Burtle, and Meare. If you want to find out more, telephone Sue on 01458 210357.



## Nature by Canoe at RSPB Ham Wall



Saturday 07/09/2019 and 08/09/2019 10:00 am—3:00 pm (One hour group tours between 10 am and 3 pm)

Have you ever thought what Ham Wall would look like if you were an otter? Now here's your chance to find out. Join a qualified instructor and an expert wildlife guide on this unique opportunity to experience this amazing nature reserve by canoe! No experience needed.

**Booking Essential** RSPB members £14.40; Non RSPB members £18 RSPB child members £7.20; Non RSPB child £9  
<https://naturebycanoehamwall2019.eventbrite.co.uk>

## Beginners guide to Bird Watching at Ham Wall

Saturday 14 September to Saturday 19 October 10am - 1pm Price: £4.80 RSPB member / £6 non-member / £2.40 RSPB child member / £3 child non-member **Booking essential** Suitable for children age 12+ (all children must be accompanied by an adult)

Have you ever wondered which bird is which and want to learn more? Can you tell your bittern from your blackbird, or your marsh harrier from a mallard? If not then this is the event for you. Come along and learn how to identify some of the brilliant birds that call Ham Wall their home during the winter months. Be sure to wear suitable clothing (long sleeved shirts and trousers are recommended), stout footwear and dress for the weather.

All bookings online via Eventbrite - <https://beginnersguidehamwall2019.eventbrite.co.uk>



## What's On in Shapwick

### Church Services September 2019

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

6.00 for 6.30 **Shapwick** Praise n Prayer

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 **Shapwick** Café Church

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

4.00 **Shapwick** Messy Church

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

10.30 **Shapwick** Harvest Communion

See Polden Wheel website for a full list of services.

[http://poldenwheel.co.uk/services/  
service-listing/](http://poldenwheel.co.uk/services/service-listing/)



#### Next Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

7.30pm Shapwick Village Hall

All welcome.

### Shapwick Starlets Events

On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:judiffcarr@googlemail.com)

On **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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!



### Useful Contact Details

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Hall Bookings—[shapwickvhbookings@gmail.com](mailto: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

Somerset County Council 0300 123 2224



The Pavilion @ Shapwick, ideal for functions, parties and workshops. To hire :

[bookings@pavilionatshapwick.co.uk](mailto:bookings@pavilionatshapwick.co.uk) or 07778-617751

### Lite Bite Lunches

The next lunch is 16<sup>th</sup> September.



**12:30pm—2.00pm**

**St Mary's Church.**

For further information please contact Helen on 210885

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