

Somerset's James Hildreth Opens New Pavilion



Shapwick & Polden Cricket Club *Alistair Barr*

The evening of Tuesday 18th July saw up to 500 people at the cricket ground to witness the opening of the new pavilion by Somerset County cricketer James Hildreth and a T20 game between Shapwick & Polden CC and a strong Somerset County XI of whom 5 played the following Sunday against Middlesex at Taunton.

Chairman Alistair Barr paid tribute to the major funders of the project including Viridor Credits Environmental Company (Landfill Communities Fund), Sedgemoor District Council (RLT3 fund), the England and Wales Cricket Board (Grant Aid Programme & Small Grants Scheme), the Holly Hill Charitable Trust, the Western Somerset and Somerset Levels & Moors LEADER Programme (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development) and the Estate of the late George Heywood who used to play at Shapwick.

Alistair also thanked Cave Builders for construction of the building and many members of the club and committee who had put a huge amount of time into the project over the past 5 years.

The club was also extremely grateful to many members of the Shapwick community for their help on the night including Sue Sellick and the Shapwick WI for providing catering for the evening, the Village Hall for loan of their chairs to seat spectators and the Shapwick School for allowing parking on their field.



For the record Somerset beat Shapwick by 10 runs in a close fought game and the promised rain did not arrive until the early hours of the morning. A great evening was had by all and formally opens a facility that will be available for wide community use when not being used for sport on the field. Anyone interested in hiring the facility should contact the secretary Martin Baker at admin@scpfcl.org.uk

Shapwick Starlets *Sue Sellick*

Our July meeting was slightly different from the usual as we learned how to move through poses and movements, precise and controlled - pilates!

Our Pilates teacher was Dr. Lita de Alberdi. Lita who has been practising Pilates since 2001 and is fully qualified as a Fitness Instructor specialising in Pilates. Last time Lita came to our meeting we learned how to do facial palates. Lita is a Psychologist and also a meditation and mindfulness teacher.

At the end of our session, we all took away simple exercises to do at home and a few of our members signed up to join in with Lita's regular classes. We were definitely enthusiastic and motivated to learn more, thank you Lita.

Our next meeting in August will be our annual Cream Teas event on Saturday 12th August at Honeycrock, Monks Drive 2 - 5 pm. Apart from delicious cream teas, there will be games, a book sale, plant sale, bric-a-brac, raffle and the renowned WI homemade cakes for sale. Please come and support us, thank you.



Jan Swain's Leaps—Follow up on Dora's article in last month's issue provides more information on Jan Swain

Jan (or John) Swain was a native of Shapwick in Somerset. He was taken in his bed a few nights after the Battle of Sedgemoor by two of Kirke's dragoons who, on the following morning, were marching him to Bridgwater. His young wife and two children, attended by several of the villagers, followed him and when they arrived at that part of the parish called Loxley Wood he fell on his knees and petitioned that the prayer of a father doomed to death might be heard and that he might be allowed to show how far he could leap, that his children, when grown up, might keep him in remembrance. His prayer was granted, when he ran and took three successive leaps and before the soldiers had recovered from their astonishment, he had entered the adjoining coppice which is thickly wooded and full of swamps as to render it impossible for the horses to follow. He remained in the ditches of the neighbourhood until the time of slaughter was overpassed, when he returned to his happy family.

Extract from Tait's Edinburgh Magazine, 1845, a collection of eclectic information akin to a Victorian Google.

Thank you to Frank Barnard for providing some more details to this interesting piece of history.

Letter from the Vicar vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk

Hi folks,

I've come to realise that one of the specialities of the area is cream teas.

With Devon and Cornwall so close by it's hardly surprising that Somerset folk should excel in this as well – but I've really enjoyed those I've been to in Catcott, Chilton Polden and Shapwick, and there are others upcoming as well.

Jesus himself acquired a reputation for enjoying food and drink – in contrast to his ascetic cousin, John the Baptist. He said, "John came fasting and they called him crazy. I came feasting and they called me a lush, a friend of the riffraff. Opinion polls don't count for much, do they?

The proof of the pudding is in the eating." (*The Message* paraphrase of Matthew 11).

If you were to ask "What would Jesus do?" if he were presented with a cream tea – well, he'd enjoy tucking in! But at the same time he would heal a few people, while having alarmingly accurate prophetic insight into the hearts and minds of those around. I can manage to eat the cream teas – I'm just not so good at the other stuff. 😊

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy



St. Indractus *Dora Watkins*

In the 7th Century St Indractus and two followers were murdered at Shapwick while on a pilgrimage to Glastonbury. The thieves saw the end of their staffs gleaming and that they were carrying full bags. Thinking the bags were full of gold and their staffs tipped with gold they murdered then and took their bags.

They threw the bodies into a pit from where the shafts of light shone for three days.

King Ina (King of Wessex) saw the light, came to investigate and caught the thieves who were put to death. King Ina had the bodies of St Indractus and his followers taken to Glastonbury Abbey for burial. The bags were in fact full of seeds.

A friend of mine always maintains that one night, alone, in what used to be the servants quarters of Shapwick House she was frightened by seeing three rings of light on the ceiling (1940s).



St Mary's Shapwick FLOWER FESTIVAL

Fri 22 September 2.30-5pm

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Sat 23 11-5pm;

7pm evening buffet with

'Starry-eyed about fur & feathers'

*A photographic journey by Rich Tweedy
(tickets £10 from Helen @ 01458 210885)*

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Sun 24 9am Patronal Service

church open 2.30-5pm

Refreshments at all events

LIBRARY VAN—USE IT or LOSE IT!

Library Van at Shapwick
Our village was fortunate to retain the mobile library, when there was a major reorganisation by the Somerset Library Service a couple of years ago. Shapwick had already had the van's visits being demoted from fortnightly to three weekly prior to austerity measures by the Library Service. Furthermore the stop at the south of the village was cut from the schedule.

Although the old post office/cricket ground remained a stop in the last reorganisation the service was cut to four weekly visits. We have been warned recently that we may well face the end of the library van visits in Shapwick unless a few more people support it. One can use the van as well as the libraries in our towns on the same ticket. Books can be requested and sourced from libraries around Somerset for a nominal feemore reasonably than paying for petrol and parking!

What is certain is that once curtailed the service would not be reinstated.

Please help us to retain one of our last remaining free facilities by visiting our library van on Tuesdays at 10.55 - 11.15am as follows:
September 12
October 10
November 7
December 5

Parish Council *Sue Williams*

Lime Kiln Junction—County Councillor David Huxtable is working with both Shapwick PC and Catcott PC to try and find a solution to making the junction safer.

Housing Needs Survey—The PC had met with two possible HNS report providers—the Community Council for Somerset and Sedgemoor District Council (SDC). The aim of a HNS would be to find out what housing needs, if any, there are in Shapwick - gaining feedback from villagers will form part of that survey. It was agreed that SDC would be used to produce the HNS.

Northbrook Road Verge— It was agreed to support the reinstatement of the verge. Highways will be approached about extending the kerbing.

Defibrillator— PC continues to investigate feasibility of purchasing a defibrillator for the village. Any thoughts from villagers would be welcome.

Date of Next Meeting— Tuesday 19th September 2017 7.30pm

Save the date! Harvest Supper

Saturday 7th October More details to follow next month.



What's On in Shapwick

Lite Bite Lunches

The next lunch is on 21st
August
12:30pm-2pm St Marys
Church.

Everyone welcome

For further information please contact Helen on
210885

Church Services August

Sunday 6 August – Trinity 8 (Green)
10.30 Ashcott Fellowship Service Family
Communion



Sunday 13 August – Trinity 9 (Green)

10.00 Shapwick Café Church
11.30 Shapwick Holy Communion

Sunday 20 August – Trinity 10 (Green)

10.30 Chilton Polden Fellowship Service Family
Communion

Sunday 27 August – Trinity 11 (Green)

10.30 Burtle Fellowship Service Family
Communion

Sunday 3 September – Trinity 12 (Green)

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

Thursdays 3 August, 17 August and 7 Sept:

Ashcott 10.00 Holy Communion

Wednesday 23 August: Edington 10.00 Holy
Communion (this service will be in St. George's
Church, not the School Room, followed by coffee)

Clubs

Cubs—Adam Smith 07508 468173

Cricket Club—Martin Baker 01458 831131

Friends of Shapwick Church—Jane Walker 01458
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Pilates—Lita de Alberdi 01458 446883

Shapwick Runners— www.shapwickrunners.co.uk

WI – Sue Sellick 01458 210357

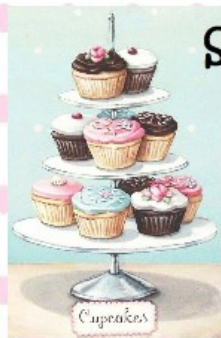
Yoga—Mel Blackshaw 07812 667911

Games

Raffle

SHAPWICK STARLETS WI
Invite You To Join Them For A

GARDEN PARTY



Saturday 12th August

Honeycrock,

9 Monks Drive,

Shapwick

2:00pm – 5:00pm



Cream Teas & Bake Sale

Everyone Welcome

Quizzes

Bric A Brac

Useful Contact Details

Parish Council - Clerk -Sue Williams 01458 210749

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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 01278 723459

Bridgwater Hospital 01278 436555

Sedgemoor District Council 0845 408 2540

Somerset County Council 0300 123 2224

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