

SHIPLAKE NEWS

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Are You Connected?



One of the biggest issues raised in the Shiplake Villages Plan (SVP) was very poor broadband services. Well that is about to change! The new BT fibre cabinets have been installed and OxOnline is confident of delivering high speed services by the end of June that exceed our minimum objectives. This should a be fantastic improvement whether working from home, downloading TV programmes and films, watching 'live' events online or simply not being frustrated by what some call 'snail mail'.

The parish council is increasingly using the website to keep everyone informed of what is happening in the villages and gaining feedback on its initiatives. Email notifications have been successful in this context but so much more can be done in keeping people in touch with community activities, local businesses, what is happening in our schools, local planning issues and perhaps a 'local eBay', within a new approach to the forum. We want to know your views and will be asking for them shortly via the website.

So, the key question is **'Are you connected?'** and can we help you if you are not? We think we can and do not be afraid to ask us, not least via the website: feedback@shiplakevillages.com. Used well, online communications can make big improvements to everybody's lives ….let's all get connected via the villages website: www.shiplakevillages.com and if you are not already a registered user let us help you become one.*

There is much more in the newsletter on forthcoming elections, SVP updates, the latest on planning matters in the area, the way our local businesses keep adding variety to what they offer, rail electrification, updates on the schools and the farm……

*If you are a little apprehensive and concerned about computer fraud, advice is also available on the website and from people in the villages too.

Elections on the horizon

The General Election is on May 7th and will be combined with the SODC district council elections. Shiplake Parish Council elections will not need to take place for the 9 councillor positions, as only 7 nominations have been received, represented by existing councillors seeking re-election. The parish council always welcomes those who wish to become more involved and have the opportunity to make a real difference to the community; more information on the role of councillors is available via the website and an insight into its responsibilities reflected in the Council Matters on page 3 of this issue of the newsletter. Do not hesitate to contact Roger Hudson, Parish Clerk on 07809 829628 or email: shiplakepc@hotmail.com for further information.

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Shiplake Villages Plan (SVP) Update

Improved Broadband

Cabinets have now been installed in Shiplake and roll out of faster broadband is on schedule for June this year. You might experience some disruption/deterioration of service occasionally until then, as work is undertaken. This has happened in Wargrave during implementation there.

Cycleway

No progress on the proposed cycle way to Henley, which would run alongside the railway, can be expected until survey work on electrification of the branch line is undertaken, followed by a proposal to the Dept for Transport and a decision as to whether the line will be electrified in the foreseeable future.

Traffic Calming

The proposed 20 mph limit was set out by OCC*, featured on the Shiplake Villages website, and views were sought. There were many! The Parish Council (PC) backed the proposal at its meeting in March and submitted this view to OCC as part of the consultation process. OCC will now decide on the matter, even though the PC would fund it.

Rail services

The SVP request for a later connection from Paddington has been implemented. Other schedule change proposals will be put out to consultation by FGW** in time for possible Dec. 2015 implementation. It is expected that these would include faster peak time services from Paddington.

Station Ticket machine

FGW have formally acknowledged our request and will include it in their plans to eventually have such machines at all stations. So, we will not be overlooked but don't expect anything soon!

Station lighting

FGW have formally acknowledged our request to have the lights switched off or dimmed after the last train. Numerous issues have arisen but we are assured that the matter will be progressed if possible.

Housing

The appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for Thames Farm has taken place and a decision is expected by the end of April. Other matters are reported elsewhere in this newsletter

Street lighting

The Parish Council (PC) supported the proposal for an additional street light and selected a site on Mill Road. Opinions of residents in the area will be sought and the matter then referred to OCC as its approval would be required, although funding would come from the (PC)

Shiplake Party and Picnic

There is a provisional plan to hold an event this year on Sept 13th. A grant, to help fund the event, has been requested from the Parish Council. No final decision has been made yet - but book the date!

Badgers Walk Playground



The Parish Council has sought and obtained some grant support for this project. Installation of the chosen equipment is expected to be completed by mid April. Tell your children – check it out!

Defibrillators

It is hoped that two defibrillators can be acquired – one to be placed in Lower Shiplake and one at the Memorial Hall. Both would be placed outside and thus available 24/7. Funding will be needed and following a request on the Shiplake website some generous offers have been received. Discussions are ongoing with the local organization Millie's Dream, which helps fund defibrillators in the area, for the provision of one in Lower Shiplake; a suitable location is being sought. An application has been made to the British Heart Foundation for help in establishing one at the Memorial Hall. Both would be linked to the local ambulance service. The defibrillators are fully automatic, but it is planned that some training in their use be offered, probably combined with training in CPR (resuscitation).

Henley Branch Line Users Group (HBUG)

The Henley Branch Line Users Group seeks to coordinate user and business input to future rail strategy affecting us. It represents local views in discussions with Network Rail (NR) and First Great Western (FGW) and aims to hold FGW to account for service failures.

The group regularly updates members on issues, service problems and disruptions and takes up local issues with senior NR and FGW staff. The work of HBUG is of particular relevance to regular users of the service and those affected by the line in other ways.

HBUG would welcome more members from Shiplake and to join HBUG contact:

Henleybranchusersgroup@gmail.com

* OCC refers to Oxfordshire County Council

** FGW and NR are often used as abbreviations in the newsletter for First Great Western and Network Rail respectively.

Council Matters

Your Council

As mentioned on the cover page, the council has up to nine councillors and with Ann Law* standing down after many years of service, there are currently two vacancies. The council should be representative of the village communities it represents and seeks to have a mix of talent, experience and skills to discharge its responsibilities in the most effective manner. A background to the workings of the council is provided in the Council section of the website together with reference to the background of the current councillors, who are listed below. Roger Hudson is the Parish Clerk from whom more details can always be obtained:

Tudor Taylor – Chairman and Member of Finance and Planning Groups
Geoff Thomas - Deputy Chairman and Chair of Planning Group
Gregg Davies – Finance and liaison with Shiplake Primary School
Roger Head – Memorial Hall Trustee and AONB Project
Fred Maroudas – Finance and legal counsel
David Pheasant – Planning, Shiplake Villages Plan, parish website and newsletter
Chris Smith – Finance
Roger Hudson - Parish Clerk

*An appreciation of Ann Law's contribution to the council and the community will be featured in the next issue of the newsletter.

Planning

2014/15 has been a busy year for planning in the parish. There were 64 planning applications in the year, an increase of 60% over last year's total of 39. The parish council registered no objection to 52 and objected to 12. Of these 4 were referred to the SODC Planning Committee and 3 approved (Yule Lodge, Chelford House and Ferry Cottage) and 1 (Collingwood) instructed to be modified in response to the parish council's representations. Our other objections resulted in the withdrawal of 2 applications and the modification of another.

The major planning issue of the year was the **Thames Farm Public Inquiry**, heard over 8 days in December. The parish council, together with Harpsden PC, supported SODC in its case versus the appellant, Mrs C Engbers. We are pleased and satisfied with the conduct of our case and of the inquiry itself. We now await the Inspector's decision, which is expected before the end of April. We should like to thank all concerned in supporting the parish's case, particularly those residents who wrote to the Inspectorate and attended the inquiry proceedings. All of this was both helpful to our cause and noted by the Inspector himself.

Regarding the related issue of highway safety on the A4155 the parish council is also concerned at the impact of additional housing on the Chelford House corner site and is maintaining its objection to a further application here.

Also, further afield but none the less significant for that, an application by Lafarge to extend its aggregate extraction activity at Sonning Eye was approved by OCC. We and the neighbouring parish councils are liaising with our Ward OCC councillor David Bartholomew to monitor any plans for further development.

SODC Local Plan to 2031

One matter of strategic importance is that of SODC currently consulting on a new Local Plan extending to 2031. This addresses the increased housing requirement identified in the recent Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) exercise and the impact of the 'overspill' of Oxford City's housing requirement on the county districts. The Parish Council is closely involved in the consultation process now underway.

Joint Henley & Harpsden Neighbourhood Plan (JHHNP)

The JHHNP has recently published its latest proposal for consultation, following feedback on its initial proposals and the availability of further sites. This has enabled a more balanced distribution of housing across the neighbourhood area. The Parish Council is broadly supportive of these proposals, particularly the plan for a sustainable transport strategy to address the problems of traffic congestion and pollution by alternative modes of travel e.g. improvements to the cycling network in the area, including a Henley to Shiplake cycle path. With regard to the former Wyevale Garden Centre site, the parish supports its development as business site sensitive to the rural nature of the location but not B2 general Industrial usage.

Flooding

Progress on addressing the problem of Station Road flooding near the car park continues. OCC Highways have completed the work of clearing the blocked pipe and relining it to prevent further root damage. Thames Water conducted a survey of their local area network of foul water drainage and pumping stations in December and reported no problems found. As the water table was low at that time, they are now in the process of carrying out a repeat survey and the results of this are awaited. Network Rail have also found related drainage issues, which they will address.

As regards river flooding, a representative of the parish council has attended a number of workshops held by OCC and SODC on flood emergency planning and an outline plan is being prepared in readiness for implementation whenever needed.

Tribute to Duncan Ritchie

Before retiring to Gloucestershire, Duncan was for several years Clerk to Shiplake Parish Council - a period during which there were extraordinary demands on the council in dealing with issues related to the provision of affordable housing in Binfield Heath and the preparation for the formation of Binfield Heath and Crowsley as a separate parish. We remember him for his consistent

dedication to his duties, all carried out in a professional and calm manner, which ensured a smooth transition for Roger Hudson into his current role.
Roger Head - Shiplake Parish Councillor

Learning is Fun

Nursery School

We have explored different countries and cultures this term with our fabulous "around the world" theme being central to our activities. We have pretended to be travel agents, stamped passports, made tickets and travelled on planes and trains. Such fun! We continue to count, practice our letter sounds and learn about safe, healthy living. Outside learning continues to gather strength as the weather improves. We see the flowers grow from the bulbs the children planted last autumn and as spring arrives we talk about the changes that happen around us in nature. The Easter holidays are upon us and in the build up we enjoyed singing, dancing and making things to share with the parents at our special Easter concert on 26th March.



The Nursery Committee continues to look for new recruits to take over in June. Several new members have stepped forward but we are in desperate need of a Chairperson and a Treasurer. The Committee plays a crucial role in supporting the Nursery and must continue to do so in order to deliver a high quality provision for local children in the future. Part of the Committee's role is to raise crucial funds, and one such event coming up in April is our Bi-Annual Car boot Sale. Please come along to sell, buy or just to have a bacon 'butty' with friends - all in aid of an extremely good cause.

CAR BOOT SALE - 26th APRIL - 9am. (Contact Nursery on www.shiplakevillagenursery.co.uk/ for pre-booking)

Shiplake College

As part of its ongoing commitment to provide an engaging, rounded education for young people, Shiplake College has announced key structural changes to its weekly timetable which will be implemented from September 2015.
Traditional 'Saturday school' lessons are being replaced by sport and other 'co-curricular' activity slots, to broaden the diverse range of experiences offered to Shiplake pupils. More academic contact time has been factored in to the weekday timetable, ensuring the new Saturday format will not harm students' academic progress.
As the College continues to broaden its academic provision to cater to pupils' evolving requirements, a number of new qualifications are being added to the Sixth Form curriculum for 2015-2016. These include Photography A Level and Sport BTEC, to suit students who thrive on practical, hands-on learning.
The Headmaster Mr Gregg Davies explains: 'The structural changes reflect our firm belief that developing skills in domains such as music, drama and outdoor pursuits can



have a positive effect inside the classroom. The co-curricular activities undertaken by our students on Saturdays will not only leave them refreshed for the following week, but also develop confidence, leadership and other key interpersonal qualities required in later life.'
The diverse experiences acquired at Shiplake appear to be serving students well, with an increasing number of Oxbridge candidates emerging from the College's senior cohorts. Furthermore, current Year 13 pupil Henry Cawthorne has been offered an unconditional rowing scholarship to an Ivy League university in America.

Shiplake CE Primary School Spring Update

As we race through the Spring Term, the opportunities for our children to develop and grow outside the normal classroom environment have been extensive. Academic progress is always a priority, however, ensuring children have opportunities to experience new things and learn new skills as a vital part of the all-round education we provide here at Shiplake. Positive academic progress was acknowledged in a letter we received last term from David Laws, Minister for Schools. He wrote to us congratulating the school for the achievement children had shown in their Key Stage 2 tests last summer. However, a range of trips and experiences have been enjoyed, which support other areas of the curriculum, such as children from years 5 and 6 sang in a mass choir event at the O2; 'Young Voices' is an annual event and it is one that many of the children look forward to taking part in. Our Year 5 class were also invited to visit and share lunch with members of a Gurdwara in Reading. The children enjoyed hearing about the activities at this place of worship and speaking and sharing stories with their hosts over a very delicious lunch.

Our Year 2 children have taken part in an African drumming workshop, culminating in a presentation to their parents of both African dance and drumming, wearing beautiful masks made during art lessons. The Year 6 children travelled to Oxford to take part in a Junior Citizen activity. They spent the morning working through various different life choice scenarios, such as safe internet use and stranger danger, and even made 'real life' 999 emergency calls. Learning how to cope with these sometimes difficult situations will help them as they move towards the next stage of their school careers. These same children are also travelling to the Houses of Parliament to take part in a 'Your Voice' workshop, where they will learn about the British value of democracy. We hope to also have a tour of the inside of the Houses of Parliament and our local MP, John Howell, is going to try and meet with us. All in all, a very exciting day! We are also looking forward to Rebecca Matthews visiting our school to see us `in action`. Ms Matthews is the Deputy Director for Education and Learning at Oxfordshire County Council and will visit on a day where the School Council have organised a `non-school uniform day` in aid of Comic Relief.

Katherine Page - Head Teacher

(The full version of this article is on the website)

Time Capsules Unveiled

Pictures of Shiplake, diaries and children's toys were among items placed inside two time capsules to represent life in the village. Trustees of Shiplake's Memorial Hall organised a competition for villagers to submit suggestions for what to include in the wooden boxes. The contest was launched to commemorate the £430,000 modernisation of the building in October 2013.



Isabella Barlow, who pulled a curtain to unveil her box, said she was happy to have won the children's competition and that she would be taking her friends and family to see her box. She included a photograph of her classmates at Shiplake Primary School in their school uniform and pictures of the village, including Shiplake Lock where she likes visiting the ducks.

The Blanchards filled their capsule with diary entries from friends and families in the village, photographs of the Memorial Hall before and after its refurbishment and an aerial shot of the village.

Memorial Hall Chair Retires

At the AGM of the Memorial Hall Committee on Wednesday March 18th Rachel Lloyd retired as Chairman, having served on the committee for 34 years.

To mark the occasion Guy van Zwanenberg gave a short address and presented Rachel with some flowers and framed photos showing the hall before and after the recent modernisation.



Guy recalled that Rachel joined the committee as a young lady on 25th March 1981. She joined a relatively small committee (compared with today) as the representative of the 'Friends of the Hall'.

She played a leading role in a sub-committee to raise funds, a skill which has again come to the fore in the huge effort she put into helping raise the funds required to help build the extension we see around us.

Her roles on the committee have been various. In January 1983 she became Chair of the Friends of the Hall. She became deputy chair in March 1991 and Chair in 2007!

Guy concluded by stating that there is no doubt that as Rachel leaves the committee, the others members will feel a distinct void which will be hard to fill. She has been a great force in the life of the Hall and we all owe her a huge debt of gratitude. I am sure we all wish her a happy "retirement".

Local Girl Wins Mastermind

Marianne Fairthorne has won the coveted Mastermind Trophy. Recently, there has been comment that not many women are represented in the competition. Well, they were this year and Marianne won a closely fought final. The full story is on the website.



Marianne receives the trophy from John Humphries

Local Businesses going Strong

You do not stay in business for more than 10 years unless you are doing a lot right!







So, having recently passed this significant milestone, Alan , Kate and Kevin at The Baskerville, must know something about customer service…hospitality and innovation, giving customers what they want. Watch out for the launch of its new Spring menu and the return of the garden barbecues in the coming weeks.

The same applies in good measure to Mark and Carol at the Corner Shop over the past 10 years; the new delicatessen range of cheeses and meats reflect this.

Go beyond 10 years to almost 20 years and you will find Keith going strong at the butchers…he does not look old enough? You will find seasonal Spring lamb and turkeys replacing the venison at this time of year, plus all you need for your own barbecue.



Who can beat can beat 20 years of business in the villages? Shiplake Motors can. It's good to know you can rely on a good service.

All of the above said, Matthew and Ruth at the Plowden Arms have brought another aspect to the villages in the past couple of years, with their focus on a warm welcome and traditional approach to the use of locally sourced foods and recipes from a bygone age…well almost.

Then Liam and Ryan at Orwells, add a different dimension to cooking and, not so far way, The Flowing Spring with Nick and Hazel becoming well known for their 'home made' food, real ales and musical events.

We are lucky to be so well served…check out their websites to find out what's new!

Farm Bulletin March 2015

Much of our time over the winter is spent feeding and bedding the beef cattle. Now that they have finished grazing the kale opposite Shiplake School, last year's crop of beef cattle are enjoying a dry bed indoors. They are now 18 months old and are finished, ready for slaughter.

All of our Angus cattle are reared on contract to a joint venture between Tescos and McDonalds. Supermarket shoppers tend to prefer premium cuts of meat such as the fillet, topside, sirloin and rump. These are marketed in Tesco's Finest Aberdeen Angus Dry Aged range. The cuts from the front of the animal such as the brisket and forequarters are less popular on the supermarket shelf but are ideal for beef burgers for McDonalds. In this way we make the best use of the whole animal.



Angus cattle are capable of turning grass into some of the most tender and tasty beef available. The price we are paid depends on the weight of the animal, the depth of muscle and the fat cover. The only way we can meet these targets is by growing healthy, happy cattle. By managing the grazing carefully over the summer and feeding home grown cereals over the winter we can produce meaty animals with just enough fat to give plenty of flavour. Each animal is weighed every month to make sure they are growing well.

All of the produce from our farm is 'farm assured' by Red Tractor standards. This means that we have been independently assessed to ensure that we follow best practice in animal husbandry and crop production. For more information: Food standards throughout the UK supply chain - Red Tractor

Reflections from the Rectory

I wasn't able to stay up and watch the Oscars recently (past my bedtime!) so I only caught a glimpse of the highlights of the awards ceremony later on the following day.



I was delighted that Eddie Redmayne won Best Actor for his compelling portrayal of Prof Stephen Hawkins in *'The Theory of Everything'* – one of the best films I have seen in a long time. If you haven't seen it – do! It's beautifully filmed, sensitively told and Redmayne thoroughly deserves his Oscar.

I was also struck by the incredibly powerful song *"Glory"* from Ava DuVernay's film *Selma*. I haven't seen this film as yet but I was moved how the two young songwriters and performers (Common & John Legend – *aren't those great names?*) chose to describe the famous march to Selma in terms of 'glory'.



The march to Selma and the wider struggle for civil rights is packed with pain, confrontation, suffering and sacrifice – hardly stuff that we willingly want to embrace, not what we naturally think about when we think about 'glory'. But I wonder whether we discover that we find glory – and even real power, true strength and the right kind of security – in those moments when we surrender our claims to worldly power, strength, security and glory *in order* to serve others. The Gospels and the way of Jesus seem to suggest this is so.

I think that's what Jesus meant when he invites his disciples – then and now, you and me – to take up their cross and follow him.

Of course, this doesn't mean that we have to become doormats in society and have to subrogate and suppress who we are and our needs in the name of Christ. Jesus calls us to *give* ourselves in love – rather than have others take it from us through violence, abuse and injustice. And when we are able to give ourselves in this way – the way of love - this will always involve sacrifice, denying ourselves so as to meet another's needs.

We often do this best as parents or grandparents. We can all remember those instances when we sacrificed all kinds of things in the hope of providing for our children, to make sure they had what we never did. We do without for the sake of loving and blessing them. But the challenge that Jesus lays before us is to extend this to the 'other', to make it a natural part of our lifestyle. Something that is hard to do, at times difficult to understand, but amazingly attractive when we see it.

When we stop worrying about gratifying our wants and instead look to the needs around us, and others begin to do the same, we find more than we'd ever imagined – more life, more joy, more happiness, more acceptance – because we find a whole community looking out for us instead of only ourselves, just as we are looking out for the community around us.

To go back to the Oscars, this is, I think, the *Gospel's Theory of Everything* – that the more we give, the more we receive; the more we seek to be a friend, the more friends we discover; and the move we love, the more we are loved.

It's hard. It's not what the disciples expected or wanted. They imagined that the secret to life was strength and power rather than vulnerability and love. But Jesus remains steadfast to their desire from him abandon that way and calls us to do likewise and follow him and the example he has given us. In the end God takes what looks like weakness and demonstrates strength; transforms what looks like disgrace and reveals life-giving glory.



I wonder whether in your journey through Lent this year you will have had the opportunity to experience the strange kind of glory that comes from sacrificial love? It can happen in so many ways…….when we stop to help another, stand up for someone, share a smile and affection with others in need, listen to someone who is being ignored or marginalized, reach out to meet a practical need, let our own idea go, not insist on our own way…….these and many more ways. I do hope so.

Revd Paul Bradish, Rector, Shiplake with Dunsden & Harpsden.

Get Safe Online

We will all be using and deriving more and more benefit from the internet via a myriad of websites, not least the parish's own, we hope. That said, there can be 'pitfalls' you should avoid and the **Neighbourhood Watch** section of the parish website gives some excellent advice on how to make sure you do. We recommend you read and take the advice: **6 Steps to Beat Scammers and 'Con – artists'**, Bob Nicholson's notes on **Avoiding PC Scams** and check out the excellent **Get Safe Online** website referred to below. Should you have any difficulties then you could contact Bob Nicholson via bob.nicholson@verona.plus.com; he hears about such experiences through his clients and via the Lower Shiplake Corner Shop and can help you to fix issues! **The Get Safe Online** website covers a wide range of topics and is a good start for parents, businesses, the vulnerable and elderly too. The link is on the parish website or just go to: **www.GetSafeOnline.org**

Next Issue

Highlights from the Wargrave and Shiplake Regatta, the Party and Picnic and a feature on garden lighting from Anna Mari Bull.

Also thoughts on how the Thames Farm decision and SODC's 2031 Plan might affect Shiplake's villages.

'Scammers' and 'Con-artists'

Follow the 6 guidelines below and you will have made yourself much more secure:

1.**Don't listen** to anyone who **tells** you to transfer money from your account

2.**Don't believe** anyone who says they will call back from a number that matches your bank's customer services department.

3.**Don't assume** a caller is genuine because they have information about you

4.**If you receive a call** from your bank's fraud department, **say you will call them back** and use the number on the back of your bank card - ideally on a different phone.

5.**Don't disclose the 4 digit PIN** for your cards to **anyone**, including the bank or the police

6.**Don't feel** you must keep talking to someone if you are suspicious. Again, **hang up, wait 5 minutes for the line to clear.**

SHADDO's Dick Whittington a real joy!



The SHADDO team seem somewhat shy in publicising their own success in staging an excellent and fun pantomime performance. So, here is the editor's brief personal review, strongly endorsed by two of his grandchildren who had a great time, completely absorbed by and involved with the whole show.

The script was topical, the scenery and staging excellent, there was close interaction with the audience and the standard of performance...acting and singing...of a high level. It must be great fun and a lot of hard work producing such a show. My thanks to all for a terrific afternoon's entertainment and I look forward to next year's show...and some photographs of Dick Whittington for the website!

Invitation from Shiplake Village Bowling Club

Join those of us who have taken up bowling and found friendship and an absorbing pastime that provides plenty of exercise in the fresh air. Bowling is for all ages - it can be family fun, a social activity, or a competitive sport – it's what you make it. Children (over 10) can join with their parents or grandparents.

The green will be open for you to have a go on Friday May 8th from 6-7.30pm and on Sunday May 10th from 10.30am. Wear flat shoes, all other equipment will be provided. The bowling green is off Memorial Avenue, behind the tennis courts. More information from Val Beaumont (0118 947 0535) and at bowlsShiplake.com.

Henley Branch Line Electrification

Engineering feasibility work by Network Rail is expected to be completed by December 2015. This will cover such issues as the need to lower the track at 6 bridges, the line side equipment required, location of stanchions, piling work etc. Also of significance will be the need to provide overhead structures on the river bridge, which is a listed building. The result of this study will be presented as part of a January 2016 review by Department for Transport (DfT). If the electrification of the branch is considered to be value for money it might then be approved, despite the fact that expenditure on the main line is greatly over budget. The merits of electrification of each of the three Thames Valley branch lines will be considered on an individual basis.

Separately First Great Western, as part of their successful bid to extend their franchise, have committed to getting electric trains for use on the branch line. This announcement has caused quite a fuss locally amongst those that support electrification. It, however, doesn't change the situation much as the electrification of the line is clearly a prerequisite and that is dependent on Network Rail making a case for it and the DfT finding the funds for it.

Useful Information

Parish Clerk	Mr R Hudson 07809 829628 Email:shiplakepc@hotmail.com
Shiplake Village Community Club	Mr J Jenkins 940 2041
Rosemary Club	Mrs J Bryant 940 3936 Mrs T Drew 9402823
Scouts	Angela Jones 07759839953
SHADDO (Amateur Dramatics)	Pip Collings 07799 646675 www.shaddo.org.uk
Tennis Club	Mrs C Cousins 940 1454
Bowls Club	Mrs V Beaumont 9470535
Football Club	C Wagner 07799 773296
Shiplake WI	Mrs P Hudgell 940 2105
Rector:	Rev Paul Bradish 940 6098 940 1549
Primary School	940 2024
Memorial Hall Bookings	0118 324 3303 www.shiplakehall.com
Church Room Bookings	R Appleby 940 3837
Corner Shop & Post Office	940 2932
Butcher	940 2728
Shiplake Motors	940 3125
Baskerville Arms	940 3332
Plowden Arms	940 2794
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