



Shirenewton Parish Magazine

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FROM THE VICARAGE

Julian E LI White

Dear People of the Parish,

I ask for your prayers in respect of one of our Ministry Team, Rick Hayes.

Rick has been recently diagnosed with medical issues which will result in his absence from parish activities, including officiating at services, for some time. I am sure that we all agree that priority must be given to his medical treatment and, in the circumstances , I very much appreciate the willingness of others to cover for him during the period that he is out of action.

Not least, this impacts upon the service rota of the four churches within our group. I am greatly indebted to Revd. Nansi Davies and Gilly Lambert for so freely offering their additional ministry during this period. I also sincerely thank, in advance, other ministers who, doubtless, will be requested to contribute their services.

Rick, a former Diocesan Evangelist, has been associated with our grouped parish for a number of years. We were instrumental in supporting his ambition to become ordained as Priest and after an arduous time of training whilst holding down secular employment, he was duly made Deacon and then Priest a few years ago and charged with ministry in this combined parish. Rick has always manifested the highest standards of reliability and commitment whilst – especially as a chaplain in the work-place – he extended valuable outreach to people of all faiths. In particular, I am grateful for his efforts to engage the wider community to the church. In this role, he receives no financial recompense from the diocese or the Church in Wales. Tribute must also be extended to his wife Tracy. She has walked alongside Rick through the many demands of everyday life, the working environment and the challenge of ministry offering both support and strength.

Remaining on matters ecclesiastical, I can confirm that Church hierarchy in the form of The Electoral College of the Church in Wales will meet on the 17th September for up to three days to elect a new Bishop of Monmouth. News of the appointment will be conveyed at the earliest opportunity. Change also touches this magazine! We have a fresh Editor in the shape of Bill Clark. Bill will be well-known to many of you not least as a very 'hands on' member of the church and where he has served with distinction as Secretary of the Parochial Church Council. Until recently he was also secretary to the Deanery Chapter. We bid a fond farewell and grateful thanks to former Editor Terry Walters who has been instrumental in bringing us this magazine produced to a high standard for many years.

This, by tradition, is the time of year when many people are enjoying a holiday break. Lucky you! Your church, however, continues its task unabated whether it involves local spiritual outreach or deliberations concerning the repair and future use of the building fabric. May we all anticipate the future with enthusiasm and confidence.

With every good wish and blessing,

Julian E LI White (Vicar & Rector)

EDITORIAL

It is not usual for this magazine to have an editorial piece, but the PCC felt that they could not let Terry Walters retire as editor of this amazingly popular publication without his ten years in charge being properly recognised. Terry has overseen the magazine brilliantly and consistently, produced it professionally and made it a very valuable source of local information, with reports on community events and a disparate collection of interesting articles that we have all enjoyed. He chases contributors, inveigles advertisers, sources images and pictures. He is an excellent photographer and takes many of the photographs himself. He has developed a fool-proof system for pulling it all together (I will find out how fool-proof in the next few months!) He is patient with contributors who ignore his requests about formats and tolerant about deadlines and spends time ensuring the images he uses are suitable and freely available. This is not a trivial task, and I know I have a very large pair of shoes to step into. And we must not forget the support he receives from Barbara. We wish them both the very best for the future and hope they enjoy their extra leisure time.

Bill Clark

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JULY WINNERS OF THE 200 CLUB:

1. Emily Ashby
2. Chris Sturcke
3. Brian Harper
4. Frank Atkinson

The 200 Club is on its holidays in August and will return in September.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, NEWCHURCH

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CAFE STYLE SERVICE SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER AT 2.30 P.M.

HARVEST SERVICE FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.00 P.M.



Repairs to the Church and Shirenewton 800



Repairs; Keen readers of this mighty Mag will know that significant repairs are needed on the church building and that the volunteers who look after it for us all have been working hard to raise the funds. They have been successful in securing grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and other funders, which will cover a large proportion of the most pressing repairs, but the cost of this work is extraordinary and so additional funding is also being sought.

We expect the first part of the work to begin during September – this will entail the rear part of the interior of the church being screened off behind plastic sheeting, scaffolding inside and out, a trench being dug across the path and through part of the churchyard, the failing render being removed, drainage being improved, repairs to windows and roof, new lighting, the infrastructure for new heating, upgrades to the electrical supply and hopefully making a direct route between the church and the church room. The organ will need to be wrapped and protected against dust and debris and many of the interior fittings will be moved out for safety to avoid deterioration as the work progresses.

The church will very much remain in use during this time. We know that many people value the opportunity to pop into the church during the day. It is usually open during daylight hours and everyone is welcome to come in and take a pause in busy lives. You are warmly encouraged to continue doing this - the area under the tower is probably a good place to head for. Do feel free to use the choir stalls or one of the priest's chairs next to the Altar if you wish to sit.

The school and playgroup will be taking an interest in the work as part of their curriculum during the autumn term. The History Society is also keen to learn more about our church as the work progresses.

How can you help? Volunteer effort is important to this project. If you would be willing to help with clearing the interior and preparing the building, or perhaps you are up for some digging? (the trench will need a proportion of hand-digging under the supervision of archaeologists), please do let me know. You will be very welcome.

Shirenewton 800; As a response to having to secure the church for our future, we thought it would be fun and appropriate to commemorate the long existence of the village and its church. A range of activities organised by the community for the community will take place between now and June 2020. Dates will be set and advertised as quickly as possible. The current list of events and commemorative activities is as follows;

12 & 13 th Oct	SHAMBLE Window Art event – Theme this year is 'TIME' to include Shirenewton 800 ideas
15 Feb 2020	Concert in the church – St Woolos Sinfonia, with Philippe Schartz, Principal Trumpet of BBC National Orchestra of Wales
April 2020	Strictly Shirenewton! At Earlswood Hall. Date and details to be confirmed; with Monmouth Big Band
Dates being finalised;	Concert with Something Sultry (a 5 piece Jazz, blues and swing band)
	Teddy Bears' picnic and Bear Parachuting from Church Tower
Commemorative	'Book of Shirenewton' being created by the Shirenewton History Society

Project to digitise the Churchyard (marking grave locations for posterity)

Elsewhere in the Mag you will see that we are checking out the level of interest in setting up and running either a Rainbow and/or a Brownie group in the village. If this would be of interest, please let me know or call Amanda who is the volunteer co-ordinator for Chepstow area (number on the poster). Please do also spread the word to those who might be interested.

For further information or to get involved in any of the various projects or activities, please call Janet on 641783.

If you have any ideas for community events or activities you'd like to share, please email shirenewton800@gmail.com

The Reverend Rick Hayes

We were all very sad to hear that the Reverend Rick Hayes is very unwell. He submitted a piece to this magazine before he was aware of his illness, and another piece after he had been diagnosed, and both pieces are printed here.

Giving Something Back.

We all spend our time looking at what we can gain in life. We look at increasing our material wealth, bigger TV, bigger car, Bigger house and alike. But what about our thoughts on 'Giving'?

Proverbs 3:9 *Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.* How many of us think about what we can or could share with others less fortunate than ourselves? In the Bible those who owned land were instructed to leave the outer perimeter if the field so that the poor could go in and harvest what was left. The same with the olive trees and fruit trees. So, the landowners were showing kindness, they were giving back some of the crops the land produced for them and more importantly they helped people within their community who were less well off. Giving back into the community can come in many ways, some may volunteer in a charity shop, or others volunteer to help maintain a forest path etc. Time is a way of giving back and making a payment.

Also, in the Bible people were expected to take the first of their crops and the first of the livestock to give to the Lord. Part of the donation was given to the Priests serving at the time because they were not allowed to own anything, so they had to live on the gifts provided by those within their community.

One of the easy ways of giving is giving away some of our possessions, either material items we no longer use or money. These could be given to a local charity to help those needing to find a home and items to put in the home to make it homely. The really easy way to give is by donating some of our surplus income to some cause, which can convert that money to help those in need around the world.

With all the events that happen within our churches, I know we're are all very kind and generous without fault when others are in need. No one could ever say the church doesn't care.

The other day I was going to a chemist in a town, after I had received a new prescription from the doctor. I was wearing my clerical collar at the time and thought nothing of it. This may of course have been what the other person saw and responded to.

I was minding my own business when someone walking on the other side of the road to me shouted, 'Hello father!' I looked and said 'Hello' back. The person ran across the road to join me. The person, who I did not know then shared all the problems they were facing in life, and some of these problems I wouldn't wish upon anyone. This poor person was shunned by many who knew them, and the person felt low, and thought what was all this about? I listened for quite a while and prayed to the Lord to give me some form of answer that may help this person. Then I felt directed to say the following to the person concerned. "Is what you shared with me true? Have you really done this and that? Do you like your new job and are you happy to be able to work every day?" The person answered that they

were pleased with all that they had said and that they were speaking truthfully. I replied that they should then be very pleased with all that they had accomplished in their life and be proud of all that they had achieved. I went on to tell them that they need never feel alone because the Lord is with them all the time, no matter what.

The person smiled and looked very relieved and replied, "You are right father, thanks, I never thought of anything like that, I am proud of myself." they then stuck their thumb in the air and wished me goodbye.

So, you can see from this we can all give something back, even if it is to give the time to listen to someone and if guided give them some words that may come for God. This can in some cases mean far more than anything material, or monitory. It can show we care no matter what.

Yours in Christ.

23rd July 2019

R & the 4 Cs

R is Rick and I am afraid I go through the 'C's without much hesitation.

C is Chaplain; wherever I am, I am first and foremost chaplain to everyone, whoever they are.

C is the Cross of Christ, which is something I need to re-address.

C is Christianity which is a great part of my faith.

C is that wonderful word 'Cancer' and believe me 'cancer' is not a woolly birth sign.

Rick: I need to assess what I am to do and reset all my goal clocks, because I need to re-address what is needed from me. When I faced cancer, I asked the doctors why? I was surprised that I had spent at least one part of the week cycling 34 miles and walking each day 14000 steps. My expectation may not be someone else's. When I asked the doctors why, they said if I wasn't so fit they may not have been able to trace the illness.

Cancer said 'hello' and shortly after this an expansion of my brain allowed cancer to flow out into other parts of my body. Cancer is also in my left lung; this shook me, as I gave up smoking over 9 years ago and smoked a vape instead. I then thought how I felt over the past few months of smoking vapes. And guess what vapes have? Don't let the retailer fool you, you can still get ill using a vape. I was silly really, feeling that I had chosen the right path and fooled Mr Cancer.

Whilst I was in hospital I asked Tracey to throw out my long standing vape shelf and guess what? With the liquids and all, there is nearly £200 worth of items. Some friends said we could try to sell it on-line and I have said no, let's just get rid of it. Destroy it, so no one else's life is affected. Because, believe it or not, I have been in hospital for just over a week-and-a-half and three people have been allowed in ill because of vaping - they never ever had a real cigarette in their lives.

The other 3 Cs are my faith. They are what God has made me, and nothing can ever take that away from me. I am what God wants me to be, doing what He wants me to do, when He/She wants me to do it. It is what I am, so no apologies for that. I pray that Mr. Cancer stops treating me like we know each other better than my creator knows me.

Everyone has been kind enough to send me get well messages via my private email address, letters or text. Thank you so much. The writing does mean a lot to me but I had to ask Tracey, my wife, to read it to me so I can understand what has been written. I am quite simple at present; please just write what needs to be said - three lines and that way I may be able to understand.

I now have to take time out for Rick, to follow instructions of the doctors, which will include all the drugs they are about to put me on. Morphine is great; it's amazing what you can invent with a few milligrams of that.

Take care all and may you all keep well.

16th August 2019

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1st FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH



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Shirenewton Community Council

Vacancies on the Community Council

There are two co-opted vacancies for members to represent the Shirenewton ward.

If you are interested in supporting the community and would like to join the Council, then please contact the Clerk (details below)

Extracts from the minutes of meetings held in July and August 2019.

Planning applications considered:

1. DM/2019/00822 Ashfield Cottage, Earlswood Road, Shirenewton

Second storey extension over existing first floor to create two additional bedrooms and internal reconfiguration. Remove window to side elevation facing the road. Construct detached double garage with associated external works.

Council noted that the proposal was to add a second storey above the study and kitchen to provide two extra bedrooms, which would be under a second pitched roof in parallel with the existing roof line. This would have some impact on the street scene as the cottage is sited end on to the Earlswood Road, which at this point is particularly narrow but the cottage is on the north side of the road and thus the impact on light is less. There are no houses directly opposite on the other side of the road.

There is a courtyard to the front face of the cottage and it is further proposed to construct a double garage some 9m wide and 6m deep. The garage would be set well back from the road leaving a parking area in front for several cars. The paired garage doors are to be in oak and the front facings in stonework.

Insufficient measurements are given but as a rough assessment the increase in volume of the house appears to be less than 25%. Council recommended approval of the application with the following recommendations:

If the application is approved by Mon CC, attention should be drawn to the Highways Dept. for the potential increase in vehicles accessing the courtyard parking area having insufficient room to turn in order to exit onto the road facing forwards. The Council also recommended a planning condition that all builders' vehicles park off road.

2. Proposed diversion of Footpath 34 (Planning application DC/2018/00999)

Council recommended that the proposal be refused pending clarification of the following points:

- ownership of the affected unregistered land,
- who is responsible for public liability insurance if the ownership of the land is in dispute,

- an explanation of how the diverted footpath would link with the current steps onto the recreation field and assurance that the steps would remain in use,
- who pays for the diversion costs and maintenance as the proposal is not on land registered to this Council, therefore it has no expectation to bear any costs,
- whether Footpath 30 remains open or has been discontinued.

3. DM/2019/01158 Gaerllwyd Farm, Newchurch West

Change of use of existing agricultural building to B1, B2 & B8 use.

Firstly Council noted that there was no public notice of this planning application on site.

Members further noted the following - that the building lay at the head of the Mounton valley and was prominent in its position, also that no discernible farming activities had been carried out at the farm in recent years. The application was to make internal alterations to form three units each with a small office and toilet, the intention appearing to be to leave the external appearance in its existing form. The application was very sparse on detail and purported that there were no protected species nor important habitats. No proposals were included for foul drainage despite the provision of three toilets. No proposals were included for the parking of vehicles, external lighting or landscaping.

The application was for change of use from agricultural to use classes B1 B2 and B8. The application stated it did not include areas to store waste, nor was there a need to dispose of trade effluents or waste nor did it require the employment of staff and that hours of opening were not relevant.

Councillors made note of the following:

- No bat or other protected species survey was included with the application,
- A single unit may not be sufficient for an industrial process but the three combined could be,
- There was no indication of the nature of the intended use by future occupiers and no business case in support showing a need for the proposed units, Council questioned whether any industrial use is appropriate in an area of open rural landscape and considered that, if approved, restrictions should be imposed limiting opening times for example to 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank and public holidays),, also that restrictions on noise should be imposed and, if necessary, soundproofing installed.

The lack of detail on parking arrangements, external lighting and foul water disposal should be rectified before approval is given.

That the proposed siting of industrial units with the inherent increase in commercial and private vehicle movements runs counter to the encouragement of the Welsh Government for the use of public transport

Council felt that

- a) the application was invalid through lack of detail, and
- b) Class B1 use was acceptable as rural enterprise, but an industrial process operation would be out of keeping with the rural landscape. Council recommended refusal.

4. b) Pre-application consultation on EE Emergency Services Network (ESN)

The community council received information from Mr Garry Smith of Savills Projects Ltd regarding the above pre-consultation and requested being invited to join any meetings that are arranged with Mon CC and the applicants, also being kept up to date with developments as they arise.

Other items of interest

Take a look at our new and improved website
www.shirenewtoncc.org.uk

Police reports - CSO A Jones attended the July meeting. There had been two reported incidents during the month – an illegal rave at Wentwood Forest on 30.5.19 and a road traffic accident on the Usk Road on 30.6.19 involving a motor-bike and a car. CSO Jones reassured the Council that the police had found that speed was not an issue but rider error, the rider was airlifted to hospital.

Council and local residents expressed concern about a second illegal rave held in Wentwood Forest on Sunday 30th June. A multi-agency meeting was arranged by County Councillor Brown between the police, Natural Resources Wales, the Woodland Trust, Mon CC (Environmental Health), and this Council aiming to develop a protocol with a point of contact that local people could use for a quick response.

Please read the information at the end of this article.

CSO Jones confirmed that traffic patrols on the B4235 were continuing, generally on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Council requested that these are recorded on the monthly police reports so that this can be fed back to residents.

Annual grants from the 2019/20 budget were allocated as follows –

Organisation	£
Shirenewton PCC	500
Village Christmas Tree	50
Shirenewton Recreation Association	300
Earlswood Hall	350
Shirenewton Local History Society	100
Earlswood Valley/Hope churches	120
St Peters church, Newchurch	60
Shirenewton Playgroup	200
Monmouthshire County CAB	100
Shirenewton Toddlers	95
Shirenewton & Mynyddbach Window Art Trail	130

Village Plan Survey –

Councillor Butterworth circulated draft information which was closely examined and some minor amendments made. A summary of information is to be developed by Cllr Martin, also a list of the changes needed for the next survey in 5 years time by Cllr Butterworth.

Members discussed how the results could be fed back to residents, Cllr Smith-Haddon to check whether paper copies (approximately 300) could be delivered

With the Parish Magazine in October. The results will also be available electronically on the Council website. It was suggested that links could also be made with the church and school websites.

Following analysis, the following points were put forward for a 5 year plan:

1. Continue with updating of play equipment,
2. Research costs of a hard path around the recreation field,
3. Budget for picnic tables and benches,
4. Revisit with Mon CC compulsory 20mph speed limits, and alteration of contradictory signage.

Wentwood Forest and Unlicensed Music Events (Illegal Raves)

Unfortunately this year there have been two Raves in Wentwood Forest, the first on 5th May and the 2nd on 30th June.

Each time access was gained by the Rave to an area of Wentwood Forest through gates on the forest tracks. To try and make it difficult for the Rave organisers to use Wentwood Forest there are a few things that can be done by the local community.

If you notice a gate in Wentwood Forest is not secured:-

- 1) If the sign by the gate has a number, report the unsecured gate to Natural Resource Wales by phoning 0300 065 3000 and quote the gate number
- 2) If there is no sign by the gate report the unsecured gate to Woodland Trust by phoning 02920 027732 and reporting the location of the gate.

If you notice either of the following, report it to the Police by phoning 101

- 1) An unusual amount of traffic heading towards Wentwood Forest particularly in the late evening,
- 2) If you hear loud music and sound checks in locations where this would not be expected.

Thank you

Shirenewton Community Council

Dates of future meetings – Monday 2nd September and Monday 7th October at 7.00pm at the Recreation Hall, Shirenewton Members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak with the Council for the first 15 minutes of the meeting.

Find more information in draft copies of the minutes on the Community Council notice boards. Previous, approved minutes of meetings can be found on the Council's website www.shirenewtoncc.org.uk

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Contact the Clerk to the Community Council - Mrs Hilary Counsell

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Shirenewton 800



**Should we try to set up a Rainbow Unit
to meet in Shirenewton?
Meeting day and time to be decided**

**For ages 5 to 7, a chance to have fun,
make new friends and be part of
something amazing**

**Joining Rainbows gives girls the chance try
new things and have adventures!**

**If interested, please call Amanda
on 07988 597655**



Shirenewton 800

Brownies Have Fun!



**Should we try to set up a Brownie Pack
to meet in Shirenewton?**

Meeting day & time to be decided

**For ages 7 to 10, a chance to have
fun, make new friends and be part of
something amazing**

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**If you are interested, please call Amanda
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The Huntsman Hotel

Will be holding our “Winterfest” music night , 3 bands, £10pp including hot buffet , ticket profits going to Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospital on Saturday 30th November 2019.

BRING AND SHARE

The PCC is re-starting the popular Bring and Share evenings in the Saysell Centre from November this year (with a break in December for Christmas festivities and another break in January for the Pantomime). We have lined up an exciting programme of speakers including:

Friday 8th November 2019 – Andrew Baker will talk about his time in Nigeria as an army doctor

December 2019 – break for Christmas – see Christmas activities elsewhere in this magazine

January 2020 – break for the Pantomime – book your tickets! – see advertisement in this magazine

Friday 21st February 2020 – John Burrows will talk about the six Grade One listed structures in Chepstow including the Castle and our Grand Knight William Marshall

Friday tbc March 2020 – we hope to have a retired Sapper Colonel who was awarded the Queen’s Gallantry Medal for his exploits in Bomb Disposal – watch this space

Friday 17th April – Mary Forr will talk about her experiences in Rwanda developing rugby whilst working at a teacher training college, supporting women’s cooperatives, helping young women set up in business, founding a nursery school and supporting former students, and training Rwandan volunteers and teachers.



BE PROUD OF YOUR COMMUNITY GWENT AWARDS 2020

The Best Kept Village Competition is over... but in its place is a new "Be Proud of Your Community Award"! It has a much broader remit and reflects communities in the 21st century. We

hope to take part in 2020. There are 6 categories:

Go Wildlife: wildlife and countryside work

Remembering Them: memorials to loss of life within the community

Taking Care of your Community: activities and events that improve the community

Saving the Planet: Eco project work

Primary Schools: Green Flag Scheme and a Theme for the year

My Favourite Place: for young people of 11 to 25 years, to detail their favourite place.

We have so many fine voluntary community organisations and events in our villages, it would be great to get the recognition they deserve. We hope you will take part next year, there's plenty of time, entries will need to be ready by June 2020. The entry forms are simple to fill in and the shortlisted organisers will be visited here in our villages to talk about their project.

I will be contacting various village organisations when we have next year's information, but to ensure you get involved you can email me at: jane.s@shirenewtoncc.org.uk and I'll put you on the list to be contacted.

Jane Smith-Haddon
Shirenewton Community Council

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WEST MEMORIAL HALL
BARN DANCE**

*featuring live music
and calling by Life of Riley*

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

TICKETS £12

INCLUDING HOG ROAST DINNER

(Vegetarian option available)

Tickets from: info@earlnew.com

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Tickets need to be purchased before for catering purposes.



It's Panto Time again. Oh, yes it is.

We are going to have a read-thru on Tuesday 17th September at 7:30 down at The Carps.

So what's the panto going to be this year? Well this is a big dark secret, so fee fie foe fum, you'll have to come along to find out. Also if you let me know soonest, I can email you the script as my printer isn't working. Yet again, if treading the boards isn't your thing but you'd like to be involved please let me know! We would be delighted to welcome new people for the refreshments, costumes props, publicity oh! the list is endless. Also could you let me know if you know of any Child Actors who would like to appear on stage. Although they needn't turn up at The Carps! No!

Glynis on 641 818

glynis.macdonald@btinternet.com



Village Litter Pick

A Big Thank you to Shirenewton Cubs, Lynn, Louise, Emma, Coralie, Verity, David, Stan, Hilary and Jayne who turned out at very short notice to clear litter from the village streets and lanes in June. Thank you also to the villagers who pick up litter on a regular basis.

From your Community Council

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Shirenewton Bible Study Group is a friendly group who meet on one evening a month in the home of one of our very hospitable members to study the bible.

We focus to the readings from the lectionary for the Sunday preceding our meeting, so you can come along at any time, you won't have missed anything! Although many benefit from attending regularly, there is no obligation to do so and many members come when they can.

Meetings in 2019 are scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday 26th September

Thursday 31st October

Wednesday 27th November

If you would like to join the group or to be kept informed of the location of meetings, please ask to be added to our distribution group by contacting me via lem.shirenewton@gmail.com or calling 01291 641175.

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SHIRENEWTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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We visited the Veddw gardens for our June meeting. The weather stayed fine and Anne Wareham did us proud by preparing the main lawn with chairs and a gazebo for our talk on the history of the Veddw.

We were welcomed to the garden with a glass of wine and around forty people sat down to hear a very interesting talk given by Anne on her research into the history of the area called the Veddw.

Anne who happen to be a member of our history society, very kindly donated the profit of the evening to our society. This was very generous and we give thanks for this gift.

July being our last meeting of our 2018/2019 year, was filled to capacity for the talk entitled 'The Chepstow Dambuster' given by David Priddis. This talk was very well received with members contributing to the speaker's knowledge of the subject.

Monday, 9th September Archive Meeting at the Recreational Hall,
2.00 pm – 5.00pm

Tuesday 24th September Meeting at the Huntsman, the talk entitled,
'Thomas Henry Thomas, Painter & Poly
math. Given by Christabelle Hutchings

Monday, 14th October Archive Meeting at the Recreational Hall,
2.00 pm – 5.00pm

Monday, 29th October A.G.M. at the Huntsman, Hotel, proceeded
by a talk entitled 'Chepstow's Six Grade 1
Listed Structures with special emphasis on
the Castle and its Medieval knight William
Marshal' given by John Burrows

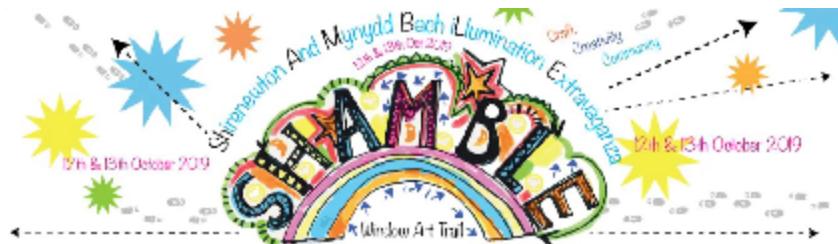
SHIRENEWTON WI

Our July meeting was entitled "What is a Celebrant?" and turned out to be a very interesting and enjoyable event. Jane Grayer from Abergavenny enlightened us as to her role in Naming Ceremonies, Weddings, Celebrations of Life and Landmark celebrations. She brought along a wonderful range of items used in the wedding ceremonies including Unity candles and ribbons for Hand Fasting and showed us examples of the Wine Ceremony, Rose Ceremony and Unity Sand Ceremony. Jane also has a Steampunk persona – Unity Ironbright! She changed into her Steampunk clothing and gave us a flavour of the Steampunk genre which is a science fantasy movement that incorporates technology, artistic styles and clothing fashions inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery. Some of our members tried on the clothing which contributed greatly to a fun filled evening!

We had an excellent turn out for our Summer Garden Party at the home of our President Diane. We were extremely lucky with the weather and enjoyed a culinary feast of delicious food provided by members themselves. This was an evening for relaxing and getting to know each other a little better in beautiful surroundings. Thanks must go to Diane for letting us invade her beautiful home and garden once again. Everyone is welcome at our meetings. For more details please contact Diane Ashton Smith (01291 628838) or Jane Butterworth (01291 641704).







Shirenewton and Mynydd Bach iLLumination Extravaganza Returns 12th and 13th October 2019

Fantastic news—ShAMBLE is back! Last year we asked people in the village to decorate their windows over one weekend in October to turn the village into a spectacular outdoor gallery for everyone to enjoy, and you did not disappoint!

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 21st September, 2-4pm — community crafting session at the rec hall

Saturday 5th October, 2-4pm— community crafting session at the rec hall

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October, 6-8.30pm —ShAMBLE window art trail all around the village , with a party at the rec hall on Saturday 12th.

Better still, more than 200 people called in at the hall on the Saturday night to collect a map, have a drink and chat with their neighbours. So by popular demand, ShAMBLE is back for 2019!



As last year, there will be an *optional* theme to provide a little bit of inspiration. As you may know, this year is the 800th anniversary of the founding of the church in Shirenewton and to celebrate the extraordinary amount of time that the church has been part of the community, so:

the theme for ShAMBLE 2019 is 'Time'

CRAFT ~ CREATIVITY ~ COMMUNITY

The 'Extravaganza' is a great opportunity for the community to come together and the best thing is that you don't need to be an artist to get involved - all you need is a window and a willingness to join in! It's free to take part in and free to walk around.

To make it a success again we need lots of people to join in—even more than last year. You can do whatever you want, from a candle in the window, to a band in your living room or a cut out silhouette, simple to spectacular- it's completely up to you, anything goes!

Here's what to do if you'd like to get involved:

If you'd like to decorate your windows, that's brilliant. So that we can include you on the map, **please follow this link and complete the very simple form: www.shirenewtonshamble.org.uk**

If you'd like to decorate a window, but where you live isn't suitable that's fine too. Perhaps you'd like to make a display in one of the public windows in the village? Or help someone who'd like to take part but might struggle to do the decorating themselves. We'd love to hear from you too; you can still contact us through the link above or email us shirenewtonshamble@gmail.com

This year will also see the return of the successful community crafting sessions in September and October where there will be free materials to use, some crafty inspiration and a chance to meet others who are creating displays. Get all the latest updates at shirenewtonshamble2019.blogspot.com or follow us on social media. AND there will be a supply of free craft materials for you to use stored at the church.



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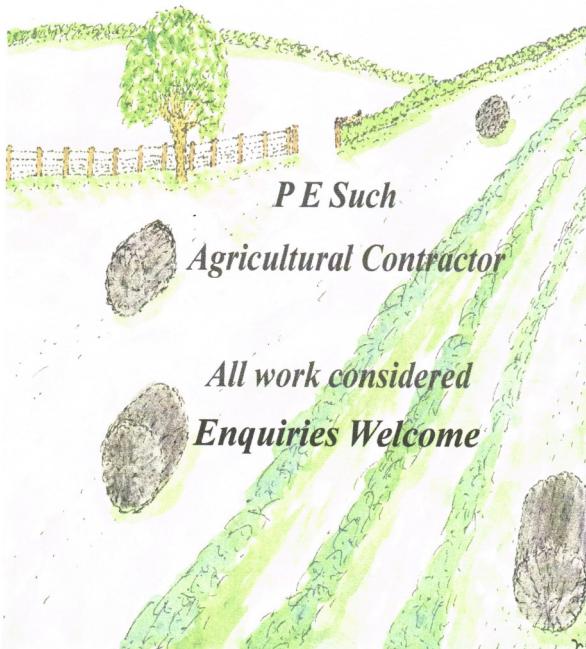
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I hope everyone had a great holiday period and you are back refreshed, revitalised and ready to face the run in to Christmas!



If anyone is using BT mobile (you get £5 per month discount if you have BT Broadband), before summer they were running a stunning promotion giving 50GB (yes that is five zero people) of data per month for £15 (incl discount). I'm not sure whether it's still available but it certainly sorted out my time in Spain. I simple hot spotted my phone (which now has 50GB of data per month) and we were able to happily browse away. It's a deal worth getting if it's still available!

To follow up on a previous item I mentioned (that of real people listening to the stuff recorded via the voice activated so called 'smart home' units), early July saw Google admitting that "workers are given access to voice recordings made by owners of its Google Home smart speaker". Furthermore, the tech press reported that hundreds of recordings were where the 'trigger command' (by default: OK Google) was not used. In fact, of the sample journalists listened to about 15% of conversations should never have been recorded as the command OK Google' was clearly not given (source: <https://tinyurl.com/y2mye8uc> and <https://tinyurl.com/yxk2883g>). You have been warned!

There was also a bit of a fuss in mid-July created by the popular FaceApp selfie application which 'went viral' i.e. lots of people started to use it finally – it's been available for over 2 years. For those unfamiliar with it, it uses "artificial intelligence" to deliver an 'aged' photo purporting to show what you will look like at my age i.e. about 40 years older than the average user! It can also convert you into the opposite gender and add other effects. Generally used for selfies but it is also possible to upload a photo of someone else. It is created by a Russian software company and its terms give FaceApp "a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, fully-paid, transferable sub-licensable license to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, create derivative works from, distribute, publicly perform and display your User Content and any name, username or likeness provided in connection with your User Content in all media formats and channels now known or later developed, without compensation to you unlimited royalty free license to use your face image in whatever capacity it desired!".

In other words they can do pretty much whatever they want to with your photos and any of those you upload! FaceApp appears to use the information it gathers to deliver targeted ads however, it also appears to be building a rather useful database of people's photos at a time when face recognition technology is the

centre of attention! To be balanced, FaceApp have published a statement on their privacy practices which can be found by searching.

The message when it comes to apps is that: if it's free you are the product. As part of the press reporting around this subject it was noted that a lot of data harvesting is undertaken by 'fun free' applications. As I've mentioned before, if an app is asking to access your data (i.e. location, contacts, photos, etc.) ask why and think whether you really want it.

On a final note I've noticed that there appears to be an issue with the forwarding of Shirenewtonchurch.com to shirenewtonchurch.info where it is really hosted. I'll sort that out when I get back from holiday. Hopefully by the time you read this.

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Webmaster

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Shirenewton Church website. At the top, there are four large images: a photograph of the church exterior, a sketch of the church, a photograph of the church in winter, and a photograph of a tall tower. Below these images, the text reads: "Welcome to the Shirenewton Church website and shopping portal. This website provides information on Shirenewton Church including details of its fund raising activities and social events. It also acts as a resource for the local village community. Please use the shopping portal to support us. [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)". A "Quick Links" button is located on the right. The main content area is titled "Around the site" and features four smaller images with links: "The Church", "Fund Raising", "Community", and "Other Information". The "Fund Raising" section includes a link to "Read more" about the annual 'Call my Bluff wine tasting'. The "Community" section includes a link to "Read more" about the church's history and local groups. The "Other Information" section includes a link to "Read more" about the shopping portal and its impact on the church's finances.



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GARDENING CORNER

I was asked the other day why there was little mention of the assistant Head gardener these days. Unfortunately she has been shirking her responsibilities in the garden department in the last year or so and as she has done little to deserve mention, then she has remained very much 'in the background'! I should add very quickly (for my own health) that this was through no fault of her own. She had suffered with painful knees for several years and time had come to do something about them. Unfortunately events took over and she needed a new hip as well. By the time you read this she will hopefully have had her second knee operation, so will have been on the receiving end of two new knees and one hip in a little over 13 months. Hopefully things will be on the up and the assistant Head Gardener will feature extensively in these pages over the coming months.

I said in the July newsletter that the varying weather was playing havoc with the crops this year, and this has continued in recent weeks. The garden was extremely dry and plants were struggling, but with all the rain we have had in recent days, things perked up a bit, but it is too late for many of the crops, including the cut flower garden. With Chepstow Show looming large and decisions having to be made as to exactly what we would have to enter with, it was a case of taking a punt and hoping that what had been selected would still be available when show day arrived. Generally we were lucky, but trying to find two marrows or two cucumbers that looked the same was a major challenge. They were nearly there but not quite – but then we were relatively safe in the knowledge that others would be suffering the same issues as well. I needed to dig some potatoes up to select some entries from. It turned out to be a nice day weather wise and the potatoes on digging were actually better than I had expected they would be. In the end I decided to dig them all up, dry them off, and get them stored away for winter use. Since then, it has rained nearly every day and the risk of potato blight spreading in has risen greatly. Fortunately I don't need to worry about this as the crops are safely stored. For some reason a lot of onions either never grew very well or they rotted away in the ground. I needed to select seven large onions for the classes I had entered into and I had the choice from just eight! Fortunately one was larger than the rest so that was the heaviest onion sorted and the others fell into two distinct shapes and sizes, so that was the other two entries of three onions a class sorted as well. The last remaining onion ended up in the first batch of tomato sauce to be cooked for this year. I had grown some cracking cabbages this year – but don't ask me how given the problems with many of the other crops! Unfortunately a pair of cabbages class had been removed from the show for this year, so needless to say we are eating rather a lot of cabbage at the moment! With the change in weather from wet and windy to hot and dry, most of the bean crops have suffered to some extent. The French beans prefer the hotter weather and will still set beans in these conditions. The runner beans are not so keen on hot dry conditions however and the first to be sown simply shed their flowers, with only an occasional bean actually forming – not that they grew very big after with the then lack of rain. Oh to have the conditions of old back – a few days warm, followed by a good thunderstorm overnight and then a few days warm again, before more rain – overnight.

Unfortunately the weather on show day was appalling and the show suffered very badly from lack of visitors. The numbers of exhibitors in both the handicraft and the horticultural tents seemed to be up, and the standard was high. It was nice to see so much effort going in and in the end we did pretty well with the vegetables, the flowers and a few flower arrangements and bits of produce all adding to our overall score of certificates. With the number of entries we put in, it took the best part of two and a half days to cut, prepare and then clean up afterwards. Without this effort on everyone's part these traditional shows will disappear, along with many other countryside connected pursuits, which will be a very sad day indeed. Both the assistant head gardener's parents showed produce, going back as far as the 1940's. I'm sure that they would be very proud to see not just us following on with the traditions, but also our children and now our grandchildren as well.

The vegetable garden has pretty well finished for this year apart from harvesting produce and clearing the beds as the crops finish. I'm still undecided whether to plant onion and shallot sets this autumn. Apart from shallots, I grew everything else from seed this year and this seemed to work well at least to begin with.

Unfortunately we can't do anything about the weather after planting out, so simply have to pin our hopes on a good growing year.

Provided that the weather is kind in the coming weeks, I'm hoping to be able to catch up on cleaning some areas of the flower garden up. They need extensive clearance as brambles and some trees have started growing unchecked for several years. There are one or two flowers as well that are a little thuggish in their growth, so some of these need removing and throwing on the bonfire along with the other rubbish. I need the soil to dry out a bit before I can do this though as we have had very heavy rain of late, so in the meantime I'll be turning my attention to the numerous hedges and getting these in order now that the birds have finished nesting. Talking of birds we never saw any more house martens arrive and so ended up with just the eight artificial nest being occupied this year, a drop in numbers of some 40%. I've been trying to determine whether they have had a second brood or not this year, but haven't been able to tell. Even if they have had, the numbers returning to Africa this year from our little part of Wales will be a lot down on last year.

I eventually managed to get into the bee hives to see what was going on. Some of the colonies had been well behaved and everything was as it should be. The super frames were gradually filling with honey and all was right with the world. Others were the complete opposite and so a programme of cleaning them up was started which ended in me being covered from head to toe in honey and just about everything else that would stick to me! Several of the hives had been filling every space they could with supplies, and as a result had started building 'wild comb' in any tiny space that remained. Cleaning this up was the challenge, which ended up in both my bee suit and myself ending up in the wash as soon as I came back to the house! One hive was particularly challenging. When I first started seeing to it in the spring, I couldn't find the queen and I had suspicions that she wasn't where she should be. These were confirmed when I found all of the young brood and eggs in the very top of the hive – above the queen excluder

and any supplies were beneath – not an ideal combination and one that will be difficult to rectify – unless I can find and capture that damn queen! I did manage to put some clearing boards on several of the hives, so hopefully I'll be able to take some honey off and get this extracted in the next few days. I can then get clearing boards on the remaining hives. I couldn't do this before as most of my clearing boards were being used for other purposes as I currently have too many colonies of bees and not enough spare parts left to undertake the other routine jobs. A few days of nice weather to let me sort things out should solve the problem. Happy gardening until next month. *Steve and Felicity Hunt*



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HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD



Towards the end of term we were delighted to hear we became the first school in Monmouthshire to be successful in the re-verification of the Healthy Schools National Quality Award. Huge congratulations and thank you to the Healthy Schools Committee and indeed the whole school community for your dedication to promoting healthy living.

WELSH LANGUAGE CHARTER



Criw Cymraeg have worked extremely hard this year leading the school in working towards the Bronze Award of the language charter "Cymraeg Campus". There were 10 overall targets with each of these having 8-10 smaller targets ... totalling 93 targets altogether! Following a verification visit from an EAS welsh advisory teacher we were thrilled to successfully achieve the bronze award. Llongyfarchiadau i Criw Cymraeg a pawb yn Ysgol Gynradd Trenewydd Gelli Farch am y gwobrau efydd!

SUMMER FAYRE

Thank you to the PTA for organising another hugely successful Summer Fayre, resulting in a profit of £1750 to be spent on outdoor resources including some very exciting wigwams!

POND OPENING



Our pond is now officially open! Caitlin (Year 5) and representatives from The Chepstow and the Caldicot Lions (who funded this project) were in attendance, together with the volunteers who helped the project come to fruition. The Pupil Leadership Team led the opening ceremony and Caitlin cut the ribbon! We were treated to a rendition of Five Little Speckled Frogs by a group of Year 2 pupils and a strawberries and cream tea party. We are looking forward to pond dipping sessions once the wildlife becomes established.

YEAR 3 ART PROJECT



Following a visit an art teacher from Chepstow school, who taught Year 3 some new art techniques ... the artwork produced by all the Cluster Schools including Year 3 was proudly displayed in a recent art exhibition in Chepstow School.

MOUNTON BROOK

Maths and geography lessons came to life at the end of term for Year 5 who enjoyed their field trip to Mounton Brook ...



Nerys's Natty Nosh

Crayfish in Creamy Tomato

Sauce Serves 4

Ingredients

15g (1/2 oz.) unsalted butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 shallots, finely chopped
4 tomatoes peeled and chopped
2 tablespoons tomato puree
Pinch of dried oregano
450g 1 lb cooked crayfish tails or prawns
3 tablespoons single cream or Soya cream
Seasoning



Method

- 1 Melt the butter and oil in a frying pan.
- 2 Add the shallots and cook over a **low heat**, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes, until soft.
- 3 Stir in the tomatoes, tomato puree and oregano, cover and simmer **gently** for 5 minutes. Taste. If the sauce is a little sharp add a little sugar or honey. Season to taste.
- 4 Stir in the crayfish tails and cook for 2 – 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Making sure the crayfish are heated all the way through.
- 5 Stir in the cream and serve immediately, accompanied with lemon wedges and green salad.

I wanted to make a cold version of the crayfish in creamy tomato sauce, so I adapted the recipe.

Ingredients

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 shallot, **finely** chopped
1 clove of garlic
1 large tomato peeled and chopped
1 tablespoon sweet chilli dipping sauce
Small bunch fresh basil
450g 1 lb cooked crayfish tails or prawns
3 tablespoons single cream or Soya cream
Seasoning
1/2 lemon juice

Method

- 1 Melt the oil in a frying pan.
- 2 Add the finely chopped shallot and garlic and cook over a **low heat**, stirring occasionally, for 2 to 3 minutes, until soft.
- 3 Stir in the tomato, **gently simmer** for 5 minutes.
- 4 Add the cream, finely chopped basil, lemon juice and chilli dipping sauce.
- 5 Season to taste.
- 6 Refrigerate until **cold**.
- 7 Add the crayfish tails or prawns into the sauce. Refrigerate for an hour.
- 8 Garnish with smoked paprika and basil. Serve with melba toast.



I had a little of the above cold sauce left over so I mixed it with tinned tuna and served it on a bagel.

I buy my crayfish tails from Waitrose.

The recipe works equally well with prawns. The only difference is the texture and size. Crayfish tend to be firmer, smaller and sweeter. I served the cold version as a starter accompanied by Coronation chicken, falafel and salads. **Enjoy!**



Apologies for July's missing method.

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FAIRTRADE NEWS August 2019

A couple of facts about soya –

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I write this as the Amazon rainforest burns. There have been 72,000 outbreaks of fire this year so far. In fact the situation was worse in the 1990s and early 2000 but from then until the election of Jair Bolsonaro Brazil had made significant strides to protect the forest. He has allowed the drive for the development of agriculture and mining to **trump** care for the environment and the indigenous people who live in the forest.

Ah – Trump! A great fan of Bolsonaro. Enough said, perhaps.

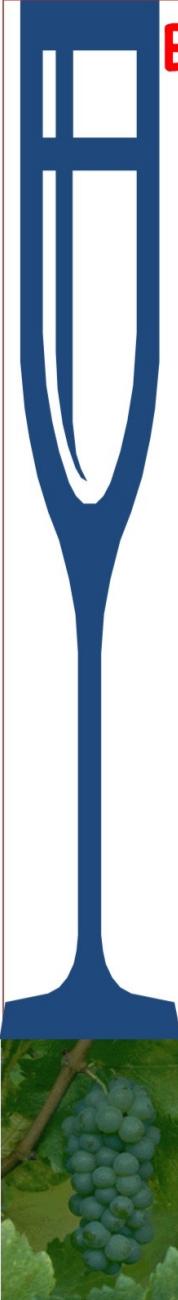
If you buy soya products – and many do – check the provenance and read the small print – some companies are proud to discuss their ethical sourcing of soy. It is possible. Certainly many quality supermarkets are trying to do the right thing. Apparently it is the large corporations (yet again!) which do not feel obliged to do so – we can criticize M&S or Tesco but the nameless multinationals are harder to take aim at. Similarly with palm oil. Ubiquitous ingredient. Much industrial scale production results in deforestation but as I have written before, Traidcraft fairtrade palm oil, produced in Ghana, is sustainable and is a valuable resource for small scale farmers.

Fairtrade products are available from Traidcraft (albeit currently with a smaller range) Ethical Superstore, People Tree (clothes), Thought (clothes) and many other outlets. Including, of course, Shirenewton Village Market!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BRUNCH

The PCC would like to thank Glynis MacDonald and Jane Smith Haddon for organising the Brunch for Christian Aid week. They catered for so many people we all lost count, but the cooking was excellent, the waitress service was faultless and it was a most enjoyable occasion. They raised just over £600 for Christian Aid.

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STARGAZING IN MARCH 2019

The seven stars of the Plough can be seen in the northern evening sky whilst the "W" of the constellation Cassiopeia lies to the northeast. The constellation Pegasus includes a large square that lies to the south. How did the ancient Greeks manage to see the shape of a winged horse in a square of not particularly bright stars?! The Summer Triangle made up of the bright stars Deneb, Vega and Altair continues to dominate the night sky to the South. Deneb forms the tail of the constellation Cygnus, the Swan which lies pretty much overhead. Its brightest stars form a cross against the background of the Milky Way, a dense band of faint stars from the north-east to the south-west. The Milky Way can be seen particularly well from a dark sight.



The bright planet Jupiter is close to the horizon in the South-West whilst the slightly yellow planet Saturn lies to the South. The Moon is close to Jupiter on the 5th and 6th and is near Saturn on the 8th.

The Autumnal Equinox occurs on the 23rd, when day and night are both 12 hours long. Traditionally farmers working late into the evening to gather their crops are aided by the light of the Harvest Moon – this year this is the Full Moon of 14th September. It's the closest Full Moon to the Autumnal Equinox.



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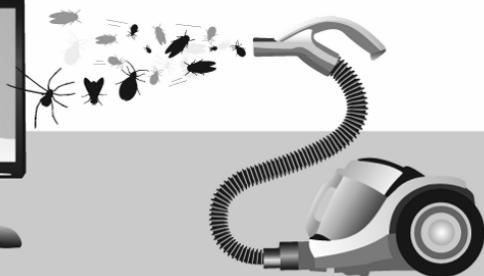
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September	Event	Location
9th 14.00-17.00	Shirenewton Local History Society Archive meeting	Recreation
13th 19.30	Call My Bluff wine tasting	Saysell Centre
24th 19.30	Shirenewton Local History Society - Thomas Henry Thomas, Painter and Polymath, by Christabelle Hutchings	The Huntsman Hotel
October	Event	Location
13th 10.00	Harvest Festival Service	St Thomas à Becket Church
13th 12.30 for 13.00	Harvest Festival Lunch	Earlswood Hall
14th 14.00-17.00	Shirenewton Local History Society Archive meeting	Recreation
29th 19.30	Shirenewton Local History Society AGM	The Huntsman Hotel
November	Event	Location
8th 19.30	Bring and Share - Colonel Andrew Baker - 'Nigeria'	Saysell Centre
December	Event	Location
1st 11.00	Advent Fair	Saysell Centre
8th 18.30	Carols round the Tree	Tredegar Arms car park
15th 10.00	Shirenewton Carol Service with the Netherwent Singers	St Thomas à Becket Church
17th tbc	Shirenewton School Christingle	St Thomas à Becket Church
24th 16.00	Nativity and Christingle	St Thomas à Becket Church
24th 17.00	Mulled wine and mince pies	Saysell Centre
24th 23.30 tbc	Midnight Mass	St Thomas à Becket Church
25th 10.00 tbc	Christmas Day service	St Thomas à Becket Church
27th 0.700	Shirenewton Local History Society walk up Grey Hill to see the sun rise	Grey Hill
January 2020	Event	Location
23rd, 24th, 25th 19.30	Village Pantomime	Earlswood Hall
February 2020	Event	Location
21st 19.30	Bring and Share - John Burrows - Chepstow's 6 Grade 1 listed structures	Saysell Centre

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St Thomas a Beckett Church, Shirenewton			
Date	Sunday Service	Readers	Sides Persons
1st September	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	Margaret Sturke Chris Sturke	Margaret Sturke Chris Sturke
8th September	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Mark Broughton Diane Marlow	Mark Broughton Diane Marlow
15th September	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	James Leney Glynis MacDonald	Claire Lewis
22nd September	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Aileen Doggett Ruth Savagar	Aileen Doggett
29th September	Michael and all Angels	John Montague Andrew Baker	John Montague Claire Lewis

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Sunday 1st September	Cynthia and Frances
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Sunday 15th September	Janet and Bill
Sunday 22nd September	Kerry and Andrew
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Sunday 6th October	Ruth and Aileen

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