

# Shirenewton

## Parish Magazine

June 2017



***Shirenewton Fete 2017***  
***June 10th 2:00 till 5:00 pm***

Price: £1

## FROM THE VICARAGE JULIAN ELL WHITE

Dear People of the Parish,

I sit here incapacitated. The doctor has ruled me out of action for a few weeks (high blood-pressure if you must know) and it is a little strange to be out of the loop except for prior commitments I have undertaken to honour.

The usual, of course, has happened. There is a medical note to say that I am unfit for work (but most of you would suggest that this is normally the case, anyway) on one hand and unknowing people, on the other, brightly declaring "Don't you look well!!".

I would like to have you believe that I am using the time to explore personal spirituality. In fact, Sandra has propelled me into the garden with the assertion that fresh air and manual physical labour is just what I need. Besides, why should she be left to tackle all the horticultural chores on her own?

But there is no escape. The other day Rick Hayes left me with a load of material, to be circulated around the churches, advocating the advantages to be found by adhering to a directed spiritual commitment. Normally, I would have consigned these to the bin, faintly annoyed in that this was an intrusion into ones private life not unlike being asked intimate details of the health and condition of ones bank account (rubbish, actually, if again, you must know). But second thoughts, not least feeling sorry for myself, kicked in and I realised that this attitude indicated typical Anglo-Saxon thinking of the last hundred years or so. Yes, it was only twelve months ago I believe, I wrote that much of contemporary Greek society, for example, experienced little difficulty in combining the practice of the sacred with the secular. They readily take a break from the divine service offered, to pop outside and have a fag. No problem. What do we do in this country? Heap mimsy ridicule on smokers and all but outlaw the availability of cigarettes.

Besides all this, I was aware that the material-to-be-circulated was endorsed by a bunch of bishops representing a variety of opinions. One of them was our Bishop, the Right Reverend Richard Pain. In usual circumstances I would have regarded them – speaking *en mass* - with the same degree of trust and gravitas I reserve for motor traders. However, I value the opinions of our Bishop (and his wife) and I just hope that he is reading this piece to appreciate what influence he commands. Anyway, because of this I decided to scrutinise the offering and found it to be rather engaging.

It reminded me that we as a church in this country have lost sight of much that is fresh and invigorating about spirituality but are rather good at promoting religiosity. This can be a dangerous path to tread.

There is often something dry and suffocating about religiosity. The New Testament, for example, records how the first followers of Jesus enquired of him how to *pray*. Not the best way to form some committee to deal with faculties and leaking drain-pipes. They were given what we call *The Lord's Prayer* in reply. I have often quoted the words of Tennyson – *'More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of'*.

Regular and sustained decline in those who view the structure of the church as instrumental in fostering spirituality imply that we have lost sight of our outreach in this direction. We need to rediscover or reformulate our charge in this direction.

Yes, it is alarming how serious a bout of ill--health can render one. I must keep taking the pills in the hope I shall return to usual banality!

With every good wish and blessing.

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

St. Thomas á Becket Church

### **Burial**

Tuesday 9th May 2017

Richard Driver 1952 - 2017

### **Baptism**

Sunday 14th May 2017

Ethan Carter son of Richard and Alison Carter

### **Marriage**

Saturday 27th May 2017

Fran Maclean to Leo Greaves

Saturday 27th may 2017

Nicola Evans to Jack Tomlins

*Meg Driver would like to thank everybody in the village for their huge help and kindness following the recent death of Richard. It has given my family great heart to know that I am surrounded by friends who will support me in future months.*

## **Christian Aid Week**

Thank you to everyone who came along to The Chantry to support Christian Aid Week.

We ate a lot of bread and cheese, had a lovely time and we raised £276:00

Glynis and Jane

## **200 CLUB**

Calling all 200 Club members

Thanks for your continuing support via the 200 Club. A few of this year's subs are still outstanding, so if you want to be in with a chance of winning and haven't yet sent in your money then please contact me.

It would be tremendously helpful to have email addresses for all members. If you're happy to provide this please would you email me at 200ClubShirenewton@gmail.com.

### **March winners:**

Diane Marlow  
Sylvia Cullimore  
Andy Williamson  
Barbara Walters

### **April winners**

Hugh James  
Caryl Wilson  
Peter Morris  
Ian Moore

### **May winners:**

Maura Dorrington  
Mrs Maclean  
Graham Lambert  
Mr and Mrs Campbell

## **ST PETERS, NEWCHURCH**

Service times and dates until the end of June 2017 are as follows:

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pentecost	14.30	Family Worship	John Waters
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pentecost 2	14.30	Eucharist	Glyndwr Hackett

### **Churchwardens:**

Sarah Stone 01291 650672  
Liz McCombe 01291 652957

If you would like to see round the church, please contact the churchwardens.

### ***Events at St Peters, Newchurch***

***Summer Fayre at Church Farm from 12.00 till 3.00 on Saturday 5th. August. Stalls and refreshments for all ages.***

***Harvest Festival and Supper also at Church Farm at 7.00 on Friday 29th. September. Tickets will be available over the summer from church members.***

***Do come and join us for what has now become a very well attended act of Christian worship and subsequent fellowship.***

# SHIRENEWTON CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

## **Thank you to all who have supported the church in the last year**

Shirenewton church recently held its Annual Vestry Meeting – in effect its AGM. At this meeting, we run through our annual accounts, which have been posted in the church porch since the end of March for everyone to see. For those unable to attend the meeting I thought you might like to know something of the church's financial health.

We have two accounts: the main fund which is used for the day-to-day running of the church, and a restricted fund which is used for major maintenance of the church and the attached Saysell Centre.

### Day-to-day running costs

The main fund receives income from collections and regular giving, donations and small grants, the parish magazine, the 200 Club, the annual fete, fees from weddings and funerals, a few small fundraising events, and from fees for hiring out the Saysell Centre. Income to this account averages around £28,000 per year.

This money is used for the general running of the church including: the parish share (paid to the diocese to cover clergy salaries, pensions, housing, training etc.) averaging £15,000 per year, service running costs £2,000, electricity £2,000, insurance £600, churchyard maintenance £2,000, "minor" repairs and maintenance £5,000, magazine printing costs £2,000 etc. – totalling just over £28,000 per year.

Huge efforts from the whole community go towards keeping our church open and available, and we just about keep our head above water - you'll see from the above figures that we typically run at a small loss each year.

### Long-term major maintenance

The restricted fund exists to build up reserves over time so that we can undertake occasional major maintenance projects; its funds are not available for the day-to-day running costs. We're required to undertake a review of the fabric of the buildings every five years, and have a long list of significant projects in the pipeline, not least of which is a major problem with damp. The fund currently has a relatively healthy balance of £50,000, but despite this, we will need significant help from the Heritage Lottery Fund if we are to fulfil our obligations and maintain the church for future generations.

The fundraising team make amazing efforts to boost this fund each year – these include the golf day, the Call My Bluff wine-tasting event, income from the web-site shopping portal, and several regular donations.

So – we hope you're not offended if the church always seems to be asking for your support – we really do need it to keep the church open for services, baptisms, weddings and funerals for Shirenewton and the surrounding area.

## **Thank you**

Graham Lambert  
Shirenewton Church Treasurer

## MUSIC FOR A SUMMER AFTERNOON



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## STARGAZING



The Constellation of the Plough lies high in the evening sky to the north-west. The curve of the handle of the Plough points down to a bright red star called Arcturus. Above and to the left of Arcturus can be seen a semi-circle of stars making up Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown. The W-shape of Cassiopeia lies in a north-easterly direction. Leo the Lion, its head shaped rather like a reversed question mark, can be seen in the west. Cygnus the Swan lies in the eastern sky. It is one of the most distinctive constellations, often nicknamed the Northern Cross.

In the evening sky, the bright planet Jupiter lies to the south-west to the right of a bright star called Spica. The slightly yellow coloured planet Saturn is in the south-east and quite close to the horizon. The Moon is close to Jupiter on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and close to Jupiter on the 9<sup>th</sup>

Sometimes it is possible to see satellites in the night sky. The International Space Station (ISS), carrying a crew of astronauts orbits the earth regularly. It is particularly bright since it is about the size of a football field. The web-site <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/index.html> gives up-to-date information on where and when to look for it. You can check a satellite is not an aeroplane – planes carry their own lights so provided it's clear it should be possible to follow a plane to the horizon. Satellites can only be seen when they are in sunlight – so they appear and disappear well above the horizon quite abruptly as they leave and enter the Earth's shadow. The time zone used on board the Space Station is GMT. The windows are covered during night hours to give the impression of darkness because the station experiences 16 sunrises and sunsets a day. At present the ISS is manned by four men and a woman: two Russian cosmonauts, one French astronaut and two American astronauts. The commander of the Space Station is Dr Peggy Whitson.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June the Earth's axis is tilted towards the Sun to its greatest extent giving the longest day or summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere.

### **EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS GROUP**

We trying to start an emergency first responders group ( first aid, trained by the ambulance service) from members of the villages.

If you interested please email,

Name, Address, Phone number and email address to:

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# Shirenewton Fete

## DOG SHOW

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June 14.00

Calling all pooches

This is the time to get yourself and your owner out for a day of showing off your finest behaviour and skills in front of the local competition

### Classes for the Family Fun Dog Show

(entries taken from 2.00 at the dog show ring - £1/dog/class)

- 2.30 Best Child Handler – 2 Age Groups;  
Child at primary School  
Child at secondary School
- 2.45 The Prettiest Bitch and the Most Handsome Dog
- 3.00 The Most Appealing Eyes and the Waggiest Tail
- 3.15 Best Six Legs (Dog's 4 and Owner's 2!!)
- 3.30 Dog that looks most like its Owner  
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- 3.45 Dog judge would most like to take Home
- 4.00 Best in Show – Judged by our Sponsor



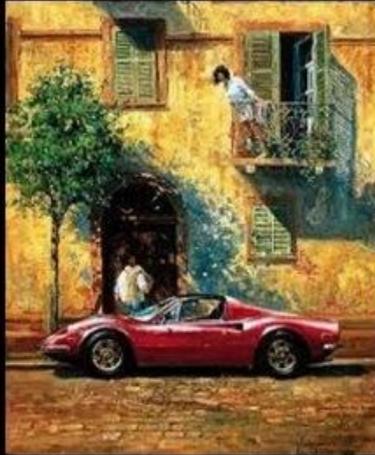
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## Shirenewton Church Fete



### It's cake making time again!

If you would like to donate a cake or biscuits, cookies, bread, jams, marmalades, chutneys etc for the Cake Stall we would be very grateful. The Rec will be open between 6-7 pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June if you would like to drop off your cake, or on Saturday morning from 10.30 onwards

Thank you so much - and happy baking.  
Jane 641 525 and Glynis 641 818

## **Afternoon Tea After an Afternoon Walk**



**Sunday 18th June**  
**Earlswood Hall's Annual Summer Walk**  
**up to the top of Gray Hill. And back.**

Starting at 2:00 from the Hall  
come rain or shine.

Followed by Afternoon Tea and Cake  
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## SHIRENEWTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At our April meeting we saw Roger James give a talk entitled 'The Battle of Rorkes's Drift'. It's a battle we are all familiar with, but what was interesting, Roger gave us an account of the facts leading up to the event, which very few of us were aware of. He also had researched the recipients of the Victoria Cross, of course two were local Monmouthshire men.

We joined Chepstow Archaeological Society at the visit to Llanmelin Iron Age Fort on the middle week end of May and were lucky to have a fine day. Both societies turned out in force for this visit, We were given a very interesting talk by Dr Amelia Pannett, who had been involved with the last dig that had taken place at the site.

I'm sure many of you would be interested to know that the '*Chepstow Coat*' is featuring in an exhibition at Chepstow Museum. It has just returned from the British Museum where it has been on display in an exhibition of Indian textiles. It is an unique garment made out of woven silk (lining made around 1680 in Assam) and is only one of twenty such garments left in the world. Others are in museums in Los Angeles and Paris, well worth a visit. It's quite fascinating how this gem has made its home in Chepstow.

### Dates for your Diary:

- Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June** Look out for us at the Church Fete
- Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June** Archive Meeting at the Recreational Hall,  
2.00 pm– 5.00pm
- Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June** Meeting at the Huntsman Hotel at 7.30 pm  
Speaker for the evening Keith Tayton, his talk is entitled Murder at the Hall' the family of Edward Joseph Lowe who live in Winchester has been invited to attend this meeting

Everyone welcome at the above events

Further information on our web-site: [www.shirenewtonlocalhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.shirenewtonlocalhistorysociety.co.uk)

### Shirenewton Tennis Association

The 2017 tennis season has started and membership is now due. The tennis court has recently been renovated and membership has increased last season due to the improvement to the court and we hope you will take advantage of this village facility and subscribe this year.

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## GARDENING CORNER

Bees are meant to be a rewarding hobby, not only by returning a golden harvest of honey, but by the sheer joy and contentment they can provide. They are certainly fascinating to work with, but boy can they be frustrating as well, as 20,000 bees, move and act as one organism. Of course it is all down to the queen at the end of the day, as she dictates pretty well what the bees do by the numerous pheromones that she produces. However, I'm sure sometimes the unruly women of the hive have a mind of their own. They are the ones that do all the work, whilst the idle males (the drones) just hang around, eating the hard won food (sound familiar?!). Every day the drones will drag themselves out of bed and go outside on the off-chance of finding the odd, loose virgin queen who is hell bent on a good time with as many men as can catch her! So what do you do whilst it is too cold outside to really do much flying and food gathering? The boredom can no doubt lead to frustration, and often the usual way that this manifests itself in a hive is for the bees to start building things. This is often what we call wild comb (so wax cells built anywhere other than where it should be – on the special frames provided by the beekeeper). It also includes small cups, which are like practice for building the real thing – queen cells. This is the bees 'piece de resistance' as they turn an ordinary worker cell, with a young egg into a long elongated cell, big enough to accommodate a new queen. The egg develops into a queen because the bees spend effort in feeding the developing grub royal jelly – a protein packed food that tells the larvae that it is going to turn into something special. Well the last month has been a bit on the cold side, and it has not really been warm enough, on the days that have been available, to spend a long time dismantling a hive to check what the bees have been up to. So inevitably the first few warm days we get, the bees decide that, as there are now some nice new sealed queen cells in the hive, they should all clear off, with their existing queen, to find a new life for themselves elsewhere. Fortunately the bee hives are positioned in our small orchard, so inevitably they exit out of the hive and settle immediately in one of the trees closest to the hive whilst they orientate themselves to their new live, and the scout bees go off to find a new home somewhere – usually a hole in a tree, or down some nice householders chimney! So first sunny day there are two swarms, which are safely boxed up, followed two days later by two more. One of the swarms on each day is very small whilst the other two are very large. Normally I box them up immediately in a plastic carrying hive, let them settle during the day and then move them to a permanent hive in the late evening, which seems to work well. For some reason both of the smaller swarms decided that they didn't want to stay with me and just cleared off elsewhere, to a doomed future as the majority of swarms rarely survive their first winter. The two large swarms (fortunately) decided that they were better off where they were, and have now set up home in a new hive. I feed them sugar syrup to help them with the food they need to produce the wax to build up the frames quickly and to allow life in the hive to return back to normal once again. The first of the swarms is now well established and working well, and the other isn't far behind. I expect there will be one or two more swarms, even though I do the best I can to discourage them by provided as much space as possible for them as it is over-crowded bees that most usually decide it is time to move on.

The continuing dry weather has created some major problems in the garden. I have had to abandon weeding the main flower beds as the flower plants were collapsing immediately after I had shown the ground the garden fork. Instead I have turned my attention to another couple of areas that were left to run wild for a number of years and I'm now trying to get back. There are few flower plants left and those that are probably fifteen or more years old so most are due to be replaced. I have therefore carried in digging through these, removing Hunt. wheelbarrows full of weeds and pulling out what appears to be miles of ground spreading nettles! The ground is then dug and replanted with some new plants. Most of these are annuals that I have grown from seed, most are bee friendly, and they will serve to cover the soil in the short-term until later in the year when I can split up some of the established perennials and replant when the annuals die down for winter. This is a cheap way of doing it, but the cost of hardy perennials means that this is the way to go. I do buy new plants in nurseries, but try to look for well established plants that are then divided up at home, re-potted and grown on for a few weeks and then planted outside in the garden. Usually I will manage to get three, or sometimes four, separate plants from the one pot bought, which makes them much better value for money!

In the vegetable garden, nearly all of the raised beds have now been planted up with either veggies or flowers. We had a heavy frost one night last week, but fortunately I covered over everything that was likely to be affected, with fleece. This was just as well as when I removed it in the morning before heading off to work, the fleece was still frozen, but it had done its job. Since then I have planted out the first runner beans (actual plants) which were coming on in the greenhouse and also the first French beans. Elsewhere the broad beans are now in full flower and the first sowings of peas are well up their supporting sticks. I haven't sown any carrots or other root crops, as I'm leaving this until after the first of June, when hopefully the first carrot flies will have hatched, 'done their stuff' and died again. I have got small netting that is meant to stop them flying and laying eggs on the carrots, but when I tried this last year it wasn't very successful. Hopefully I'll get it right this year. The first greens have been planted outside as well. IN order to prevent these getting the affections of the cabbage white butterflies, I have covered them in a frame made out of plastic water pipe that is also covered in a fine net. I haven't done this before (I simply haven't grown anything other than Brussels sprouts outside) so I'm hoping that this works as well. I remember visiting a National Trust property last year where all of their greens were protected by such netting. Unfortunately there were cabbage white butterflies everywhere, but trapped inside the net, so not sure quite what had happened there! In the tunnels the early planted calabrese and cauliflowers are now growing well and hopefully we will be picking in the next two to three weeks. The dry weather has at last given, and the promise is for a couple of inches of rain over the next day or so, which means I have to get on with the rest of the planting. So its happy gardening until next month.

Steve and Felicity

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### **SUMMER CELEBRATION CONCERT**

**Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 -- 7.00pm**

**The Arts Hall, Chepstow Leisure Centre**

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*Do you Spit or Swallow?*

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**Call My Bluff wine tasting**

**on Friday 7th July in the Saysell Centre  
(aka The Church Room)**

**7:30pm for 8:00pm**

Call my Bluff wine tasting is fun wine tasting evening which requires absolutely no knowledge of the subject but does require a sense of humour.

You will taste a number of wines each of which will have 3 descriptions - guess which one is the real description!

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Organised by Shirenewton Charity Committee



## FAIRTRADE NEWS



This is an article written by Julia Parsons, one of my colleagues on Chepstow Fairtrade Forum.

### **GOLD**

Gold – we love it!

Gold – beauty, glitz, wealth, power, or danger, accident, sickness, death.

Gold – 40% is recycled from old jewellery. 60% is newly mined, much of which is from large-scale mines with health and safety provision. But 12% of newly mined gold is from small-scale mines with no health and safety.

Gold – the workers use mercury to extract the gold from the rock, contaminating utensils and water, leading to sickness, death and birth defects. The price of gold fluctuates leaving small-scale miners with little money for food for their families, and unable to invest in safe mining methods. There is no money for education and the children have to work. The International Labour Organisation lists mining as one of the worst forms of child labour because of the dangers.

Gold – an easy answer you say, we should buy from large mines only? Many traders will buy from any mines they can for as little as they can and it all gets mixed together with gold from larger mines for refining, making it impossible to trace the source of the gold in the shops. Gold is also mined in areas of conflict or where there are human right abuses, where there is poor regulation; this gold also flows into the global supply.

The solution? Fairtrade Gold is now available. Fairtrade mines are audited and must have a Child Protection Policy. They must show no contribution to conflict or human-rights abuses. Fairtrade gold can be traced from the mine through the refining process and into finished products, so we can know it has been sourced socially and environmentally responsibly.

Gold on the shopping list? We don't often buy gold, but we may know someone who is thinking of doing so as a gift, or for wedding rings. Please let your family and friends know Fairtrade gold can be found at Argos and in small independent jewellers and help reduce the danger to, and exploitation of small-scale miners.

JP

As ever I urge you to consider the provenance of all your purchases but surely buying gold as a gift, as a symbol of friendship or even love, does not fit well with exploiting impoverished miners and their families in the worst possible way, not to mention the environmental havoc such practices can cause. Look for the FT mark!

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# Shirenewton W.I April & May '17



## April

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances Dr Andy Thomas cancelled his talk on first aid. Our very own Jenny Bonner stepped up to the breach and regaled the meeting with her memories of her time living in South Georgia, an island in the South Atlantic, penguins were very prominent in the presentation. Due to technical problems beyond anyone's control, Jenny used her own laptop to display the beautiful photos, it was quite cosy huddled around the laptop. Thank you again Jenny for your presentation and stepping in last minute.



## May

This was well attended for an AGM, all the committee members kindly agreed to remain except for the president, Carole Jones, whose term of office had come to an end. Thank you for holding the reins Carole. Our new president is now Diane Ashton-Smith. I am sure she will fulfil the duties excellently, you have a good team to support you too.

The fashion show on June 8<sup>th</sup> has also been cancelled due to unfortunate circumstances. The W.I. members are planning to go to the Savoy theatre in Monmouth, they will also have a pre theatre meal in a local restaurant.



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## SHIRENEWTON CHURCH WEBSITE

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As I write this in late May it's about a month to the longest day before the nights start drawing in! Time flies!

Obviously the top topic at the moment is the WannaCry ransomware which hit the headlines as it crippled parts of the NHS. This was one of the most far reaching and largest attacks known and is a wakeup call for complacency. The attack really affect the NHS and other organisations still running Windows XP. Microsoft dropped support for XP in 2014, 12 years after it was launched. Microsoft had released patches for the vulnerability for its supported operating systems before the attack. So update system were not vulnerable.

So the first lesson is keep your operating system up-to-date. You should be running Windows 8 or, ideally, Windows 10 and make sure that updates are automatically installed. This would have kept you safe.

The ransomware was spread by email. Someone clicked on the attachment (it would have been disguised as an important document such as a bank statement, invoice or similar) which allowed the program to start. It then encrypted all drives it could find and popped up the ransom demand!

So the next lesson is do not click on any attachment unless you are 100% certain you know it's genuine. How can you test this? Simple! If you are not sure the best is simply to delete the item. However, if you are feeling confident (ish), RH mouse click on the attachment and do a 'save', saving it on your desktop or somewhere else. This should not activate anything as all you are doing is saving it. Then, locate the item on file system. DO NOT double click on it or open it, but RH mouse click on it and select 'Scan with ...'. All anti-virus programs, including the free ones, have a RH menu option to enable you to scan the selected item. Make sure your anti-virus program is up-to-date with the latest signatures (i.e. run the update option) prior to checking the file.

And, of course, that brings us onto the final part of the puzzle, make sure you have current up-to-date anti-virus. On my personal PC, I'm currently running the free version of Avira. However, the free version of Avast is well respected as are the free versions of many others. They all vie for top spot. Simple google 'best free anti-virus' and read the results.

Other tools to include in your armoury include: the free version of Malwarebytes; I've had Hitman Pro recommended to me and the online reviews are decent. Not used it myself; the free version of CCleaner is worth installing as it deletes all those temporary files which clutter up the disk drive; and, finally, I've had ADWCleaner recommended. Again the reviews are decent but I've not used it myself.

Now onto the boring bit: Please do use [www.shirenewtonshop.com](http://www.shirenewtonshop.com) for your online shopping needs. There is a huge travel section and includes shops like insurance4carhire which saves you a fortune on car hire in the hols by covering the excess. It's about £20 per day for excess cover in France and you can get a European wide, multi-trip annual policy from insurance4carhire for about £40. Also, airport parking. Book in advance and save. Lots of options on the shopping portal.

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## SHIRENEWTON SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

To celebrate, that this June it is 20 years since the first Harry Potter books hit our bookshelves, Shirenewton School is presenting a Harry Potter themed Summer Fete.

We are also pleased to announce, that we are linking up with the Village Market, who will be joining us at the school with all their usual stalls too! Saturday 17th June 2017 - 11am to 2pm. Free entry.

All the usual stalls with a twist...

Come and have a drink at the Leaky Cauldron, lunch at Weasley's BBQ and try to win a bottle of potion on the tombola to name a few.

We are also running 3 competitions:

- \* Harry Potter fancy dress - open to adults and children
- \* Mystical beast made out of fruit and vegetables - children all ages (bring entries before 12pm)
- \* Create a potion - judged on smell, appearance and name - children all ages (bring entries before 12pm)

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*This loaf is best served buttered or as a pudding with maple syrup and custard.*

## *Banana Loaf*

### Ingredients

Butter for greasing  
125g/ 4½ oz self-raising flour  
100g/3½ oz light brown self-raising flour  
150g/ 5½ oz demerara sugar  
½ tsp ground cinnamon  
½ tsp ground nutmeg  
2 large ripe bananas, peeled  
175ml/6 fl oz orange juice  
2 eggs, beaten  
4 tbsp rapeseed oil

### Method

- 1 Preheat oven to 180C/350F/Gas Mark 4.
- 2 Lightly grease and line a 2lb loaf tin.
- 3 Sift the flours, sugar and spices into a large bowl.
- 4 In a separate bowl mash the bananas with the orange juice, then stir in the eggs and oil. Pour into the dry ingredients and mix well.
- 5 Spoon into the prepared tin and bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour. Test to see if the loaf is cooked by inserting a skewer into the centre. If it comes out clean, the loaf is done. If not, bake for a further 5-10 minutes and test again.
- 6 Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin. Turn out the loaf, slice and serve. **Enjoy!**



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All four Junior classes had a fantastic start to their "Coasts" topic on Ogmere beach ... rock pooling, fossil hunting, sand sculpting, beachcombing for wildlife, scavenger art work and sketching were just some of the activities they enjoyed!



Foundation Phase children were surprised to find a knight in school and very excited that he invited them to visit his castle in Caldicot the very next day! They helped the chef with his cooking and learned about what life was like in medieval times with Lady Alianore.

## DEFIBRILLATOR



We are now the proud owners of our very own defibrillator thanks to one of our Governors, Laura Saysell who ran the London Marathon last year, raising the money to buy us one. All staff have had training on resuscitation techniques and were shown how to use it.

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## TOOTY FRUITY DAY



Thank you to our Healthy Schools Committee for organising a 'Tooty Fruity' day and encouraging us to taste some exotic fruits ... Mmmmm!

## BIG BATTERY HUNT

Our Eco Committee ran a competition to see how many batteries we could collect & recycle ... they saved 1184 batteries from going to landfill.

## TESCO Bags of Help

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## SUMMER FAYRE & VILLAGE MARKET

All villagers are welcome to join us on **Saturday 17th June 11am-2pm** for our yearly Summer Fayre; this year we will be joined by Village Market stallholders.

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June	Event	Location
3rd 2:00pm	Shirefest 2017	Huntsman Hotel
4th 6:00pm	Evening Worship	Saysell Centre Shirenewton Church
4th 2:30pm	Pentecost Family Worship	St Peters Newchurch
5th 7:30pm	Community Council	Recreation Hall
10th 2—5 pm	Shirenewton Village Fete	Recreation Ground
12th 2:00pm	Shirenewton Local History Society	Recreation Hall
17th 5:00pm	The Thornbury Clarinet Choir	Saysell Centre
17th 11:00am	Shirenewton School Summer Fete and Village Market	School grounds
18th 2:00pm	Earlwood Halls Summer Walk	Earlwood Hall
18th 2:30pm	Pentecost 2 Eucharist	St Peters Newchurch
27th 7:30pm	Shirenewton Local History Society	Huntsman Hotel
July	Event	Location
7th 7:30pm	Call my Bluff Wine Tasting	Satsell Centre



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Sides Persons</b>
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11th June	Trinity Sunday	Bob Grattan Ruth Savagar	Bob Grattan Graham Lambert
18th June	First Sunday after Trinity	Mark Broughton Margaret Lock	Mark Broughton Margaret Lock
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