



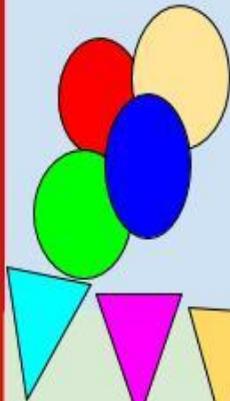
Shirenewton

Parish Magazine

June 2018

Shirenewton Church Big Summer Fete

9th June
2-5pm



A great day out for all
the family

Bouncy Castle

Dog Show

Sheep racing

J&J Burgers

Beer Tent

coconut shy

Refreshments

Plant Stall

Ice Cream

Games

Candy Floss

Bottle stall

Pimms tent

Army display

Cakes

Recreation field

Help with setting up and taking down always gratefully appreciated. If you are able to help, contact Tony on 641261 or tony.prout@hotmail.co.uk

Shirenewton Plant Stall



At last year's Fete we had a few disappointed customers who didn't get to us early enough to get what they wanted, so this year we are offering you the opportunity to pre-order bedding, begonias, geraniums and fuschias (subject to availability).



Why not get the Plant Stall to plant up your hanging baskets?

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Yes it's Shirenewton Church Fete time! Saturday 9th June on the Rec

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I would be delighted to receive your wonderful homemade cakes, sponges, cookies, muffins, biscuits, curds, jellies, jams, marmalade, bread and even your buns to sell on the day.

I can pick them up from you if you give me a bell on 641 818.

Or you could email me on glynis.macdonald@btinternet.com

Or I will be at the Rec on Friday 8th June between 6:00 - 7:00 ..

Thank you - Glynis



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

29th April 2018 Harri Idris Nagrani
Son of Bharat and Carol Nagrani

Funeral

27th April 2018 Noel Sylvia Williams 1928 - 2018

Notice

Christine Harper nee Miles wife of Brian Harper who both lived in Shirenewton for many years passed away in Shrewsbury Hospital on Sunday 20th May 2018 aged 79.

200 Club

The winners of the 200 Club draw in May were:

Ritchie Tout

Terry Hicks

Jane Eickhoff

Sophie Slater

Please would winners contact me at 200ClubShirenewton@gmail.com, or 01291 641175, and I will arrange payment.



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Dead Pig Project

Rob Pennington

Taffy was a Thief

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3 MPH

Outside Stage

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Wyld Bird Seed

Something Sultry

Big Sky

Fallen Temples

Toadstool

MotorLizzy

Finishing inside

The Ha Ha's

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1st Sunday of the Month - Family Eucharist

3rd Sunday of the Month- Evensong

All Services commence at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome warm
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Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 30th June 2018 12pm - 3pm Newchurch Summer
Event to be held at Church Farm, Newchurch.

Tel 01291 650672 for further details

Look out for the posters to be erected shortly.

Afternoon Tea After an Afternoon Walk



Sunday 8th July
Earlswood Hall's Annual Summer Walk
up to the top of Gray Hill. And back.

Starting at 2:30 from Earlswood Hall come rain or shine.

Followed by Afternoon Tea and Cake
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SHIRENEWTON CHARITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Shirenewton Charity Committee has organised two events so far this year with a third one planned.

On 2nd February we reintroduced the Six Nations kick off evening but changed with tradition by holding it in the Tredegar Arms who provided the buffet and a good selection of ales. The evening was very enjoyable and attracted a good number, some of whom had not attended previously. Dave Cornwell organised some video clips which entertained us and there was the traditional Six Nations quiz. Next year's Six Nations will be the lead up to the Rugby World Cup in Japan, so we are hoping for similar interest next year.

On April 27th we held the Shirenewton Golf Classic at St Pierre - again breaking with tradition since the previous 12 years have always been in September. We were treated to some awful weather but despite that the golf was enjoyable, the gin reception well received and the dinner (and wine) very convivial. Kevin Bounds and Mike Peirce then conducted an auction which saw some generous bids which contributed to the event raising over £4,000. It was particularly pleasing to have some new local teams participating this year making it more of a local event. There was great interest in continuing next year so we will wrestle with preferred timing but would welcome new teams so if you are interested please contact Kevin Bounds.

And back by popular request on September 7th is the annual Call My Bluff wine tasting evening. The format is simple – you get to taste six different wines, Kevin, Dave and Charles give a description and you have to guess which one is correct. Spittoons are provided but have never knowingly been used – which might explain why it is such an enjoyable evening. Tickets are £15 and advance booking is necessary but payment on night is fine – so get in early by booking with Kevin on k.bounds@btinternet.com

We are always on lookout for new committee members so please get in touch if interested in joining us or if you have a charity you feel should be supported. Our events are a mix of social and fund raising and in addition to supporting the local church we have supported a number of other charities.

Kevin Bounds, Chairman, Shirenewton Charity Challenge



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FAIRTRADE NEWS MAY 2018



Chepstow Fairtrade Tea Party finally took place on May 17th at the Palmer Centre, having been postponed from its original date in Fairtrade Fortnight because of the snow! In this current wonderful weather it seems quite hard to recall just how cold it was – and how often it snowed last winter (4 times I think!). If you missed the Tea Party do make an effort next year - £2 for tea and home-made cake is a bargain (using FT ingredients of course!)

FT sugar is an obvious ingredient – but so is vanilla. Jonathan Watts has written a very informative article in the Guardian (Sat 31st March) 'Madagascar's vanilla wars : prized spice drives death and deforestation'. Madagascar is the world's primary supplier of the pods and there has been a more than ten-fold surge in the value of the spice over the past 5 years. Apparently rosewood was the world's most trafficked wildlife commodity, much of it grown in Madagascar, and much of it destined for China. Trade has slowed, due to the efforts of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) and the gangs have now turned their attention to vanilla. Impoverished farmers are enticed by the (relatively) good return from this hard to cultivate crop. They slash and clear the forest to cultivate it. Forest defenders say the tree cutting is done stealthily to avoid detection by satellites. Armand Marozafy spent 5 months in prison in 2015 ostensibly for defamation – after he denounced illegal logging. Human rights groups say such criminalisation of critics is much more common now. Already this year there have been reports of 20 deaths of environmental defenders world –wide, not to mention harassment, arrests and threats of violence, from criminals or corrupt government officials. I absolutely admire David Attenborough but these people are on the front line in the DRC and Uganda defending gorillas, protecting elephants in many countries in Africa or trying to stop illegal mining and logging eg in the Brazilian rainforest.

FT vanilla is produced by 12,000 small scale farmers, guaranteeing workers' rights but also the highest environmental standards. As ever, if we consider the provenance of the products we buy, we have more chance of helping to minimise conflict and environmental degradation and of course enabling producers to live with dignity. FT vanilla is available from Waitrose (and possibly elsewhere) Marion McAdam 641 316 msm316@gmail.com

Do look at Plastic Free Chepstow on Facebook or Twitter or contact them for more info. The current campaign relates to single-use plastics eg straws – hand them in to Cherished Earth (Riflemen's Way) in Chepstow where they will be distributed to schools for arts projects to be exhibited later.

SHIRENEWTON CHURCH WEBSITE

www.shirenewtonchurch.com

www.shirenewtonshop.com



You may recall that last month I left you eagerly anticipating the arrival of my £2.89 Contactless Smart Card Reader from China so I could run some tests on the RFID blocking card I had purchased.

Well, I learnt a £2.89 lesson in RFID technology. The Contactless Smart Card Reader duly arrived and I tried to test it. Nothing. I contact the nice Chinese vendor and explained it didn't work. He kindly explained that it only worked on ID cards and not credit cards which use a different frequency from ID cards. So it's useless and I can't run the test. But I did learn something about RFID frequencies. So if anyone wants a contactless ID card reader operating on the 125kHz frequency I have one going cheap!

Don't worry I'll find another way to test it and report back in due course.

This is late (Terry's reminder had a technical hitch and the sun was shining) so forgive the short entry. However, there is just time to warn you about giving too much away on social media. Things like your first school, where you first lived, your favourite colour, etc. Recognise those? They are frequently the security questions for access to online accounts! If you use real answers and social media has those answers you can see the issue.

The key point with these is that it is not necessary to answer honestly. So long as you know the answer you gave. The online account doesn't care if you answer the question 'what is your favourite colour' by saying 'peanuts'. All it does is know that there is an answer and it simply compares the answer you give against the one recorded. Personally I never answer the security questions with real answers. Any answers will do so long as you can remember them!

Answers which are technically 'wrong' (i.e. it not a colour) are much more secure because nasty people can't guess them.

Anyway, on that happy note, please don't forget to shop through www.shirenewtonshop.com

Until next month

Safe browsing

Drc Webmaster

SHIRENEWTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 1090167

Our April speaker was Tony Hopkins who is the County Archivist, he gave us a superb talk entitled 'The Raglan Archive'. The County Archive has acquired the contents of the late Lord Ragland's family papers, which is a very important national treasure. We will be visiting the Record Office this month to view some of the contents of this archive.



Around twelve (not forgetting one dog) intrepid villagers walked the parish bounds on Rogation Sunday, it was a sunny day, and our walk took us around the south west boundary of the parish, along the Caerwent Base fence to Dinham Castle and back up to the Church for light refreshments. Well disserved, as the temperature was quite high by the end of the afternoon.

Dates for your Diary:

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| Monday, 11th June | Archive Meeting at the Recreational Hall. Between 2.00 pm & 5.00pm |
| Tuesday, 26th June | A visit T.B.A. |
| Monday, 9th Junly | July Archive Meeting at the Recreational Hall Between 2.00 pm & 5.00 pm |
| Saturday, 14th July | Shirenewton Day' held at the Church Room, St Thomas a Becket Church.
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for further

Nerys's Natty Nosh



This cake is lovely and moist and keeps well in a cool dry place wrapped in foil and sealed in a polythene bag. My husband was a Yorkshire man and as part of his tradition a slice of cheese would always accompany a beautiful fruit cake. My son really loves it and so do I and I hope you will too.

Good luck.

Eirwen Wilson

Dundee Cake. Serves 16

Ingredients

- 6 oz Butter
- 5 oz Castor Sugar
- 2 tablespoon orange marmalade
- 4 eggs, beate
- 8 oz plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 oz ground almonds



10 oz sultanas
2 oz cut mixed peel

Topping

2 oz blanched almonds
2 tablespoons Whisky

Method

Preheat the oven to 140C, 275F Gas Mark 1. Grease and line a 7 inch round cake tin.

Cream the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Beat in the marmalade, then add the eggs a little at a time.

Sift together flour, baking powder and ground almonds, fold gently into the creamed cake mixture. Add the sultanas and candid peel.

Transfer into the prepared tin and level the surface.

Arrange the blanched almonds on top of the cake.

Bake for 2 hrs. or until a skewer inserted in the centre of the cake comes out clean.

Once the cake is out of the oven, pour the whisky over the surface of the cake and leave in the tin for 5 minutes to rest.

Cool on a wire rack. **Enjoy!**

I like to put brown paper around the outside of the tin for extra protection to stop the cake from over cooking and drying out.

Thank you **Eirwen Wilson** for sharing this recipe and tips with us.

Shirenewton Fete on Saturday 9th June.



GARDENING CORNER

I'm not sure where the last month has gone. Since the success of getting the tunnel cover on last month it has been a case of all hands on deck, desperately trying to catch up with the backlog of chores. I have to wait to see what the weather is going to bring that day before deciding just what gets done. The problem is that, because there is so much moisture in the ground, any warm weather results in the weeds in the borders that have remained un-weeded, romping away. I have problems with the one bed as this has not received any attention for several years. There are still flowers there, but the whole bed has been taken over by couch grass. One of the worst weeds you can wish for as any broken piece of root, no matter how small, will shoot out and form a whole new plant. What to do? After some deliberation I think the only way forward is to literally dig the whole lot out, save any plants and remove any bits of couch and then re-pot the flowers on so that they have the chance to recover. All of the weeds and especially the couch will be removed to the bonfire. Once the border has been dug and some extra soil and manure added, I will plant up entirely with annual plants especially for the flower arranger of the household. These will die down and will need to be removed at the end of the year, but this will allow a thorough going over and easy removal of any further couch or other weeds that grow through. I may do this for a couple of years, by which time we will hopefully be on top of the weeds and we can then revert back to an herbaceous border again if that's what we decide to do. We have three flower beds that have missed a good weeding operation in recent years so hopefully they will get well sorted in the next month or so. Fortunately the weather has come back warm again after a few days of being 'up and down'. Unfortunately this has meant that the first beds I weeded now need a good going over with the garden hoe, as a load more weed seed has germinated. The weeds will then shrivel and die in the sun – the easiest way to keep the beds weed free.

The main 'cottage garden' area had suffered badly in past years as I had worked away from home, which allowed weeds, brambles and even ash trees to grow amok. Most of these have now been tackled and the replanting programme is now well under way. A bit more hoeing and I will be able to complete the planting job. I am still planting a few annuals among the various herbaceous (perennial) plants, so hopefully another year will see the weed seed store that had been deposited on the ground almost depleted. I have planted a lot of hardy geraniums as these enjoy our soil, they grow quickly, and soon smother the ground preventing further weed growth. Unfortunately I imported some soil for this area some 12 or 15 years ago and brought with it some 'bibby-vine' or some call it 'Jack in the hedge' (think its Latin name is *convolvulus*). Every time I weed the bed I find a little more, so I keep removing it or poisoning it with a little bit of herbicide in the hope that I get on top of it. This like couch grows from the smallest piece of root, but it can smother ground (and plants) in no time if left unchecked. We visited Dyffryn gardens, a National Trust property near Cowbridge during last summer and the poor gardeners

there were pulling handfuls of bibby vine out of the plants. Like the Forth railway bridge (with painting) - a never ending job! Hopefully things will never get to that situation here!

With the weather being wet it has meant that I have gone on apace with the seed sowing, although now I have the problem of getting the plants out into their allotted spaces in the garden. First to go out were the leeks and onions, all grown from seed. I have discovered that, although a little more effort initially, onions grown from seed seem to do better than buying prepared 'sets'. Not only are they cheaper overall, but they seem to store better as well, lasting longer. With those planted out it was then time to plant out some of the cauliflowers, cabbages and broccoli. One investment made this year was a small tunnel, some four feet wide by fifteen feet long, which easily fits one of our larger raised beds. This has been covered with a very fine insect mesh, which not only keeps the butterflies off the crop, but also keeps the smaller insects, such as cabbage root fly away as well without the need to resort to chemicals. I had excellent results with a homemade frame last year, so thought I'd try an up market product instead. The homemade effort (using plastic waterpipe and the fine mesh cover) is still in use, but this year is protecting the carrot seed instead from the ravages of carrot root fly. With all of these plants out of the way, it has freed some room up in the smaller polythene tunnel, so the remaining broccoli and other 'greens' have been planted inside. The extra warmth will ensure faster growth, so hopefully these will mature at least two weeks and maybe three, before the outside crop, thus spreading the harvest period over a much longer period.



Especially with vegetable gardening, half of the art in success is making sure you maximize production. So with the new mini tunnel, hopefully the crops will mature and be used, freeing the ground for a crop of salad (such as lettuces, radish and spring onions, which are fast maturing, and then following this in the autumn, releasing the ground for shallots and garlic which are planted and left to grow over the winter. The tunnel itself will not be needed for either of these crops, but will be moved to another bed to cover over the winter greens, such as dwarf kales and savoy cabbages. The beds in the small tunnel on the other hand will see the broccoli mature and consumed by mid to late June, and these will then be replaced with and consumed by mid to late June, and these will then be replaced with sweet and hot peppers which are currently being grown in large pots in the smaller greenhouse. The large tunnel, complete with its new cover, is currently full of plants waiting to be planted out in the flower borders. Holes have started to appear as some varieties are moved on, which is creating enough space for me to bring out the tomato and cucumber plants which are also in pots in the large greenhouse. It's a never ending game of one in and one out!

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Because the ground has been too wet for so long I decided to start most of the seed potatoes off in pots under the benches in the small greenhouse. Last week I planted the resulting plants out in the vegetable patch and earthed the plants up, but the foliage produced was still well above the ridges of soil. With a couple of mornings of near frost, I had to make sure that these were covered over with horticultural fleece, as the cold would have made very light work of the fresh foliage. I have also planted out the first dwarf French beans (also brought on in pots initially) and these will also need protecting as the very sniff of a cold night will finish them off completely. The first runner beans are also growing on strongly too and these will also be planted out in the coming week. Hopefully by then, any threat of an actual frost will be a dim and distant memory, although I'm not convinced. Winter seems determined to hang on until the very last this year. With a little more room in the small greenhouse it is now time to get the winter greens, such as Brussel sprouts, savoy cabbages, kale and purple sprouting broccoli sown, ready for planting out next month. This will almost be the last of the vegetable varieties to be sown for production this year apart from repeat salad crops such as lettuce and radish. The time will be spent nurturing and then hopefully enjoying the fruits of our labour.



In the fruit garden the large cage needs finishing off – a job I hope to complete this week with the help of one of the son in laws! I have been able to keep the beds weeded, and the strawberries, thorn-less blackberries, redcurrants, raspberries and jostaberries are now starting to grow away well. For the second year running I planted some new raspberry canes to fill the gaps and none have grown. Fortunately I had cleared one area where I had earthed in some new canes several years ago and never planted them in their new intended home. Rather than dig them up and burn them, I potted some of these on 'just in case'. Well the 'just in case' has just arrived, so the potted plants will be used to fill in the gaps instead. To complete the cage I need to add another level of rabbit netting to the top of the sides (hence the help from the son in law), after which a mesh bird netting will be draped over the top. Hopefully the wire will deter the squirrels from chewing through it, but the mesh will still be susceptible so we will have to keep a close eye on things and persuade the horrible critters to go elsewhere. Bring on the goshawk and pine martens I say – they both love grey squirrel!

The bees are proving a massive headache so far this year. Fortunately I did manage to feed them one warmish day several weeks ago and place a queen excluder on each of the hives. With the weather being so variable since and temperatures relatively low, I have been unable to open the hives up to see what is going on. The plus side of this is that, so long as they stay alive, they are slow in getting going so hopefully I will have time to open them up shortly and do the necessary without there being too many major headaches. By this time last year I had already collected several swarms as the warm weather early on had got things moving very early. Unfortunately of course the weather then deteriorated, which will improve slowly and stay improved without going backwards. There is certainly

plenty of forage for them at the moment with copious blossom on some of our apples, but especially the pears. In the hedgerows I don't think I have ever seen so much 'May' (hawthorn) blossom. Some of the hedgerows have been so covered in flower that they look as though we have had several inches of snow! Time to move some more pots around.

Happy gardening until next month, Steve and Felicity Hunt.

SHIRENEWTON WI

The May meeting of Shirenewton WI was our AGM which saw Diane Ashton Smith staying in post as President. Many thanks to Diane for continuing to lead us for another year and to Gill Duckham for continuing as Treasurer.

Thanks also to the WI members who look after the Spout throughout the year, weeding and planting so it looks it's best.

Our June event will be a visit to the Drill Hall to see a live streaming of Swan Lake with a pre ballet meal.





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Flying strong when the ground shakes

When a massive 7.5 magnitude earthquake shook Papua New Guinea (PNG) on 26 February 2018, our MAF team were immediately at work, flying in and out of the disaster zone bringing aid to the people of PNG.

Vaughan Woodward from MAF's Disaster Response Team helped co-ordinate our emergency efforts: 'When we received news of the quake, we immediately contacted our team in PNG to check they were all safe. And then we began to look for ways to help other people who might be impacted. The day after the earthquake we sent



up one of our aircraft on a three-hour aerial survey flight, where we flew over the affected areas, getting photos so we could gauge the scale and the size of the devastation.'

Once this information was circulated, it enabled the Australian Government to deploy a large C-130 aircraft with significant humanitarian aid cargo and PNG Defence Force helicopters were able to distribute this aid to the villages who were most affected.

MAF aircraft were also important to the relief effort, carrying out medical evacuation and smaller cargo flights taking food, water and items for shelter to earthquake-stricken communities.

The work of the MAF Technology Services team proved invaluable too, as they took calls on the high-frequency radio network we operate in PNG, gathering information about the community needs and then passing it on to the Defence Force to help them prioritise their deliveries.

Vaughan sums up MAF's response: 'MAF has been part of the fabric of PNG for over 60 years and we exist to show the light of Christ. Between our aircraft and our radio network, we can reach the most isolated people in remote communities. We have the right tools to help PNG in this time of need.'

Pause for prayer

Please pray for all those involved in responding to natural disasters that occur across the globe. Pray for the MAF Disaster Response Team as they decide how MAF can best help alleviate the suffering of those affected. Bless the people of PNG as they recover and rebuild from the recent earthquakes.

Floatplane visit

Thank you to everyone who came to our recent events to welcome our newest addition to the fleet, a Cessna 208 floatplane, headed to service in Bangladesh. You can read more in the next edition of *Flying for Life*. Sign up to receive or download the magazine here at www.maf-uk.org/ffl

Save the date

On Saturday 3 November 2018, MAF will be taking part in a mission focused prayer conference at the Bethel Convention Centre, Birmingham. Guest speakers include Rev Betty King, Paul Hudson and Noel Robinson. To find out more, visit forthesakeoftheworld.com



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The W-shape of Cassiopeia lies in a north-easterly direction. Leo the Lion, 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 the brilliant planet Venus can be seen to the west at twilight. The bright planet Jupiter is in the south and the slightly yellow planet Saturn is low in the south-east. The Moon is just above Jupiter on the 23rd and close to Saturn on the 27th when the moon is full.

On the 21st June the Earth's axis is tilted towards the Sun to its greatest extent and the Sun reaches its highest position in the sky at noon. This is the longest day or summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere. In Wales it is called Gŵyl Ifan Ganol Haf (St John's of Midsummer). Great agricultural fairs used to be held at this time, along with merriment and dancing. A bonfire was also kept this night. Its observance finally died out in SE Wales by the end of the 19th century.

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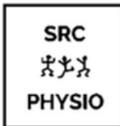
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17th June	Third Sunday after Trinity	Sally Saysell Aileen Dogget	Graham Lambert Claire Lewis
24th June	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Andrew Baker Sally Saysell	Graham Lambert Claire Lewis

DIARY DATES

Date	Event	Location
June	Event	Location
2nd 2:00pm	Shirefest	Huntsman Hotel
4th 7:30pm	Community Council Meeting	Recreation Hall
9th 2:00pm	Shirenewton Village Fete	Recreation Ground
16th 10:30am	Village Market	Recreation Hall
30th 12pm	St Peters Church Summer Event	Church Farm Newchurch
July	Event	Location
4th 7:30pm	Chepstow Choral Society	Chepstow Scoll Arts Hall
8th 2:30pm	Earlswood Hall Summer Walk	Start Earlswood Hall
8th 2:00	Shirenewton Local History Society	Recreation Hall
14th	Shirenewton Local History Society	Church Rooms
21st 10:30am	Village Market	Recreation Hall

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