

Shaftesbury Civic Society

June Newsletter

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CIVIC SOCIETY AGM THURSDAY 21ST JUNE AT 6.00PM

This year's AGM will be a critical one for the Society's future and we would ask all our members to attend. We need more trustees to take the work forward and to make the Society's voice heard. Currently a handful of trustees and committee members are working hard to raise the profile of the Society and to contribute to keeping Shaftesbury special. Pride in Place being our overriding theme.

The society has been in existence for over 50 years and during that time has given ordinary people a chance to have a say about matters that affect their town. There has been a consistent attendance at Town Council planning meetings, keeping a vigilant eye on developments. We have a role within the Neighbourhood Planning process and encouraging pride in our town. If you would like to see that work continue then please step forward and take an active role. Contact us on shaftesburycivic@gmail.com and we will be in touch.

At the AGM, in the Town Hall, there will be an opportunity to enroll new members, pay your subs and sign up to the new data protection rules. We will also attach those papers to this newsletter so that you can send them to us beforehand.

You must be a member before the meeting if you wish to vote at the AGM.



Trustees – duties and responsibilities

Mike Madgwick, chair of Shaftesbury Civic Society has given some advice about the duties of being a trustee for a small charity like ours. “Charity Commission rules and regulations can seem daunting and being a trustee does have responsibilities. I would urge anyone considering joining us as a trustee to look at the many positives;

- Such as the benefit of being with people who share a common passion
- Learning and personal growth opportunities
- Access to a forum within which one can highlight concerns from across the community”

“As a very small charity, (with a turnover below £25k per annum) our regulatory framework is reduced but there are a few core items to bear in mind.

- Legal compliance – completing returns, registering documents, keeping Charity Commission up to date.
- Always act in the best interests of the charity, balancing the personal drivers with what is right for the charity.
- Manage resources responsibly – common sense really. Spend wisely, invest carefully and always after discussion with other trustees.
- Act with reasonable care and skill. What is reasonable? Actions should be based on discussions with colleagues in the trustee group to find the ‘reasonable’ answer.

The Society has three officers; Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The Chair may act as spokesperson for the charity. Proper accounts must be presented by the Treasurer and must allow for total transparency about the use of funds.

Being a trustee of the Civic Society involves attendance at roughly 6 formal trustee meetings a year. In addition, small working groups meet to organise meetings and events and discuss planning issues.

The real opportunity, if one feels passionately about Shaftesbury and contributing to a lively and sustainable community, is being involved. We embrace the future and value the past. We hope to contribute to enhancing the built environment and associated natural spaces”.

<http://www.gov.uk/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3/>

Shaftesbury's Cattle Market Site

Reflecting the concern and unease of many members and residents, Shaftesbury Civic Society has applied to have the Cattle Market site registered as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act. In practice, at this stage, what this means is that any sale of the site prior to full consultation with local people will be delayed until at least July 8th. Currently North Dorset District Council is considering whether this nomination can be confirmed.

Shaftesbury Town Council has called a Town meeting for June 11th in the Town Hall to allow the community to have full information and to question a representative from North Dorset District Council. The Civic Society has acted as it has, to allow people to think about what they believe is suitable for this very important and unique site with its attached car park. Please come along to the meeting and hear what is said and ask your questions.



There are many factors to consider.

- What have been the processes and rationale behind the District Council's decision to sell the site without consultation?
- This land is in public ownership, how can it best be used to serve the community?
- Is another supermarket necessary for the town? We have many other brands available within a short drive of Shaftesbury, do we need another one here? Should the A30 employment site be considered for another supermarket to serve the east of the town?
- What effect could another supermarket have on the Town centre shops?
- Could better use be made of the site? Community facilities, other retail, housing etc?
- Should the car park remain available to all residents?
- How will extra traffic affect Christy's Lane?
- Will a supermarket on this site rule out the town centre 'Budgen's' site ever being used as a convenience store? What should happen to that site?

Clearly, it is a complicated issue and one which should be fully considered. Please help us to open up the debate and try to make sure that the right outcome is achieved.



Shaftesbury Civic Society Civic Day

Thursday the 21st of June

Celebrating Pride in Our Special Town

Town Hall from 2pm - 5pm*

A showcase of Shaftesbury's Volunteer Organisations.

Gold Hill Museum from 2pm - 5pm

Sir John Stuttard will talk about his forthcoming biography of John Rutter. It's 90 years since all men and women aged over 21 were given the right to vote. Tea parties will mark this occasion across the UK. Join us for cake and a cuppa!

Town Hall 6.15pm - 8pm (AGM)

The first Rachel Caldwell Award will be presented to a group or individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Shaftesbury life. West Wiltshire MP Dr Andrew Murrison will discuss his new book, 'Redemption'.

SHARE, DEBATE, CELEBRATE

***Come join us for a lively and full Civic Day
celebrating our vibrant community!***

More information please email; shaftesburycivic@gmail.com

****(Organisations taking part 12.30pm - 1.30pm set up at the Town Hall)***



A bench and a cherry tree have been dedicated to the memory of Rachel Caldwell, a 'tireless worker' for the community of Shaftesbury.

Representatives of clubs and societies in which Mrs Caldwell played an important role attended the ceremony. It was held on the green space at the top of the Lower Blandford Road on 5th May.

In his opening speech, former Mayor Ray Humphries listed the many organisations Rachel was involved with, including Shaftesbury in Bloom, Swan's Yard, the Historical Society, the Royal British Legion, Shaftesbury Chamber of Commerce, Hope, the Snowdrop Festival and the Friends of St Peters Church.

"Rachel will be fondly remembered for her contribution to our town," Mr Humphries said.

Mrs Caldwell was awarded the status of Freeman of Shaftesbury. Ray went on to read a short tribute from the Shaftesbury Civic Society, of which she was a founder member. Rachel was passionate about protecting Shaftesbury's unique assets, its built, natural and community environment. To that end she also made the Civic Society a key, founder member of Civic Voice the national civic movement which plays an influential role throughout the country. Reverend Helen Dawes blessed the tree and bench by referencing the Prophet Jeremiah's call for people to seek 'the welfare of the city'. Revd Dawes said that Rachel was a devoted member of St Peters Church and, "lived that injunction, to see the welfare of the whole community in everything she did." Helen asked everyone to pray that, "we might all be inspired" by Rachel's example to "continue her work of seeking the welfare of the town."

Shaftesbury Mayor Piers Brown planted the tree with Mrs Caldwell's step-daughter Judy and son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Jennifer Fawkner-Corbett. The couple had travelled from Leeds for the ceremony. Bill says that his mother would have been, "very touched and very pleased" by the ceremony.

The location of the bench has been carefully considered. It is opposite the house where Rachel lived and near the school. Rachel's school governor role followed on from her earlier teaching experience. "She was a teacher and then she had two children, the first of whom was me," Bill said. "When my parents moved to Shaftesbury in the late 1960s she set up an office services business, undertaking copying, printing and secretarial work. She ran that for 25 years," he added. Bill remembers his mother as a passionate supporter of Shaftesbury. "She phased her retirement and gradually stopped her working career and took up her charitable work. Until three months before her death she was really working fulltime on charitable things, because of her sense of duty," Bill said.

Swan's Yard, Shaftesbury in Bloom and the Chamber of Commerce contributed towards the bench purchase. Chamber member Rob Neeley said those organisations wanted to offer a permanent sign of their gratitude - a well-crafted metal bench. "She helped start the Chamber of Commerce and they held meetings in her house," Rob said, adding, "she was a great lady."

Gill and John Hunt became friends with Rachel through St Peter's Church. "She always sorted me out and made sure that I did things properly," Gill recalled. "I was quite frightened of her at first but grew to love her very much," she smiled. "Her memory will linger on. She can't help it. She won't be forgotten," John added. "She was always in the background supporting so many things. It wasn't about her. It was about Shaftesbury. That was Rachel," said Gill.

To celebrate Rachel's long association with the Civic movement, Shaftesbury Civic Society is instituting a new annual award, the Rachel Caldwell award for outstanding service to the community. The first if these will be awarded after this year's AGM on the 21st June at around 6.45pm in the Town Hall.

Blandford Civic Society have sent us this invitation: please respond directly to them

We have a few places available for our visit to Hampton Court Palace on 19 June, and wonder whether you would like to join us. We'll be leaving the bus stop at Tesco's PROMPTLY at 8 am and expect to be back in Blandford by approximately 7 pm.

The cost of travel alone, will be approximately £20.00 per person: this includes a tip for the coach driver. The cost of admission to the Palace is free to members of Historic Royal Palaces, and £16.60 per person for group visits by Senior Citizens, or £14.60 per person if you book online; and so we are asking you to pay for your ticket when you arrive, or in advance so that you can take advantage of this discount.

Refreshments are available in the Privy Kitchen Café, the Tiltyard, and the Fountain Court Café. Please could you let us know whether you would like to come on this visit, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Please find on next pages your membership renewal forms and gift aid certificate. Remember that in order to vote at the AGM you need to be a paid-up member.

See you on the 21st June at 6pm.

Shaftesbury Civic Society

Membership Renewal Form

April 2018 to March 2019.

To vote at the AGM on 21st June you must be a paid-up member

Name(s):

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Address:

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Post Code: SP7

Phone: e-mail:.....

Membership rates are: £6 per person per annum or £10 for two people at the same address. Membership runs from 1st April to 31st March each calendar year.

To apply for membership or to renew your subscription, please complete this form and send with a cheque or take to:

Mick Hicks, Treasurer, Shaftesbury Civic Society,
35 Lower Blandford Road, SHAFTESBURY, SP7 8NR.

To pay by BACS ; Santander; Sort code 09-01-28; Account no. 75394502

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Shaftesbury Civic Society may hold your data (name, contact details and subscription payment details) in order to send out by email or post (please delete if either method unacceptable) newsletters, details of events, forthcoming meetings and any other communications relevant to the Society. We will not share your data with anyone and you are entitled to see any data at any time and ask us to correct data errors.

Any requests should be sent to the Treasurer, Mick Hicks, 35 Lower Blandford Road, Shaftesbury SP7 8NR. Tel 01747 853062 or email: mick_hicks@lineone.net

Shaftesbury Civic Society: Shaftesburycivic@gmail.com

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Registered No: 264546

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I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or community amateur sports clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Donor's details:

Title: First name or initial(s)

Surname:

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Post code: SP7

Date/...../..... Signature

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