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Your first Village newsletter brings you news and views on local events: the Parish Meeting, an interview with the oldest person in Shutford, new neighbours, jumble sales and much more.

Coming numbers will depend on your contributions. So why not put your ideas, opinions, advertisements (e.g. buy & sell, babysitting), meetings, etc. in the next issue of SHUTFORD NEWS - to make it a newsletter by and for everyone in the village.

Anything you wish to put in the next issue should reach me by 15 April: Maria Morris, Compton Cottage, Cooks Hill. Tel.: Swalcliffe 591.

PARISH MEETING *** PARISH MEETING *** PARISH MEETING

The annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on April 1 (this is not a joke) at 8 p.m. Anyone can attend the meeting and raise any questions. If you can, send your questions in advance to the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs. Hodgkins, Slatters Barn, Epwell Rd., Tel.: 204 - but it is not absolutely necessary.

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE!

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on March 25, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. As usual the public is invited to attend.

Allotment Rents will be collected on March 25, 6-7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

By the time you read this, Shutford should have a new website and here is a sample of what is to come. The dual aims are for the site to become a valuable resource for everyone in our community and to provide a means that conveys life, work and play in our wonderful village to a wider audience.

The site promises many new features and everyone can play a part in helping to keep the information current and relevant. From the outset, the site has been designed to deliver a more visual and interactive experience, with graphics, photos, an events calendar and links to the Shutford Facebook and Twitter pages (did you know we had those?). Over time, more features are being discussed, which will include competitions, polls, a forum and perhaps even a marketplace where you can sell (or buy) items for which a good home needs to be found.

So, why not check out the new website; leave a comment or send an email with any thoughts or suggestions to shutfordwebmaster@gmail.com



SAY 'HELLO' TO YOUR NEW-LOOK WEBSITE!

As a result of the recent village survey, your views regarding the website have been listened to and I am delighted to launch this new website. I hope it will become a resource which we can all be part of and one that we can all be proud of.

I would really like to hear comments and ideas for the future direction of this site and its contents. All you need to do is contact me, which you can do simply by visiting the [Contact](#) page, then complete information on-screen.

The Shutford Webmaster

WHAT'S ON?

Today March 2016

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GREEN BINS THIS WEEK



Download the collection schedule for the coming months [here](#).

Tweets Follow

- Shutford Village @ShutfordVillage
Village Life and Forum now live on the website! <http://www.shutfordvillage.co.uk> @shuford
- Shutford Village @ShutfordVillage
Oxfordshire Theatre Company are coming to Shutford in 2011. For details on times and tickets check the website - <http://otc.org.uk>

Dear Villagers,

The front cover shows the very first **edition** of the **Shutford News, March 1980 - 35 YEARS AGO!** Inside you can read the full edition and a note from the first editor Maria Morris



'Festival Fever' is hitting the village once again.

This great tradition in the village has involved many devotees who have tirelessly worked to raised funds over the years and made the event a very special one. Our next annual event is on **Saturday 20 June!** More details are inside, and again we are looking for your support to make this an amazing event, so please put the date in your diary now!

The Shutford News has received further contributions to the Village Hall Project which are inside for you to read.

Shutford Circular Walk

Our beloved Shutford Circular Walk is treasured and enjoyed by all those in Shutford and surrounding communities. To remind everyone about the walk, enclosed in this edition is the latest leaflet showing the route for the circular walk from Cherwell Council.

Just remember if you have pets, whilst there is **no** legal requirement for dogs to be on a lead as long as they are under effective control, as outlined in **The Countryside Code**, it is recommended that dogs should be on a lead **at all times**. around livestock (sheep) or in other sensitive situations (please check as seasonal local rules may also be in force). **Enjoy the countryside!**

A big thank you to all our contributors and advertisers.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rita".

Rita Livesey, Editor Shutford News E: rita@rlmarketing.co.uk

Maria Morris was the first editor and to this day both Martin & Maria are still reading the Shutford News from their home in Sweden! Here is a



message from them. *“Maria and Martin Morris who own Compton Cottage on Cooks Hill moved to the village in 1979, when Maria started the Shutford News. They raised four children and in 1995, the family went to Sweden on an extended overseas assignment. “We’re happy to remain in touch with the village, not least*

through the Shutford News”.

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An Action Group is to be formed in the village to carry out work to improve the appearance of the village: grass cutting, footpath maintenance, litter collecting, etc.

Anyone interested in joining contact Martin Morris, Compton Cottage (Tel. 591) or Colin Rodda, Bailiff's Cottage.

BUS SHELTER *** BUS SHELTER *** BUS SHELTER ***

The bus shelter at James Corner which has been only half built for the past two winters, could be finished in no time.

John Messenger, who is building the shelter, told Shutford News that he now has all the material required to finish the project.

All that is needed are a few volunteers to help carry out the work. Anyone strong and willing to put in a few hours labour please contact Mr. Messenger (Tel. 387) or Shutford Action Group.

COLLECTIONS *** COLLECTIONS *** COLLECTIONS ***

World Wildlife Fund is having a house-to-house collection in the village during March 10-22. Collector: Maria Morris, Compton Cottage.

Newspapers are collected in aid of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (Their charities have helped pay for children's holidays, Cambodian refugees, etc.).

Tie any newspapers without staples both ways in neat easy-to-carry bundles and leave at Miss Turner, The Old Manor House, West Street, Shutford.

Wool in odd balls or clean, hand-knitted wool-lies for the making of Oxfam blankets by Shutford W. I.: Miss Turner, The Old Manor House, West Street.

PROFILE *** PROFILE *** PROFILE *** PROFILE ***

The oldest inhabitant in the village - Mrs. Amy Messenger, tells about her happy childhood in Shutford

"I will be 93 on my next birthday, September 22. My father was John Gibbs, wheelwright in Shutford. My mother's name was Sarah Tustain Ward. I had six sisters and a brother, who fought in the Boer War.

I went to Shutford village school until I was twelve and passed the Labour Certificate. I was Christened at the Methodist Chapel, West Street. Once a year we went with the Sunday School in a horse and cart to Edge Hill for an outing.

May Day was a big day in the village. I remember making garlands the night before in the school house. We used to have a nice tea in the fields where the council houses are now.

We had such a happy childhood in the village. We played with hoop and sticks, tig and other games. In the winter we used to go sliding on the pond (which no longer exists). Sometimes we collected clay from a claypit and our mothers burned the figures we made in the oven.

On Club Day, always the first Friday and Saturday in June, there was a fair in the village. The Foresters had a brass band - my father played in it - and they went all round the village.

I trained as a dress maker and then worked as a cook in a gentleman's Estate. There I met my husband-to-be: Robert William Messenger.

I am now staying with my son John at Malt House Lane. I have six children, 15 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Every day I go for a walk, about a mile, always up to the cemetery where I sit and rest and look out over the fields where I used to play as a child."

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING INTERESTING ABOUT SHUTFORD?
let SHUTFORD NEWS know.

SHUTFORD NEWS would like to welcome any newcomers to the village, hoping that they will enjoy life here.

PADDY and JOHN CAMERON have moved into Fort Rise, Ivy Lane after living in the West Indies and Rhodesia where John worked as a manager with Barclay's Bank. They originally came from the Oxfordshire/Warwickshire area, and have found Shutford a nice place to retire.

CHERYL and JIM WINEGAR, with their two daughters JAMIE, 10, and LAURIE, 6 1/2, have moved to Plush Mill House, from Tampa, Florida. Jim works as a gifted specialist coordinator at Upper Heyford, setting up educational programmes for advanced children. Cheryl has worked as a guidance counselor.

MRS. LILIAN MARCHANT has moved into Ilios, West Street, for the Manchester area in order to be nearer her daughter in Swalcliffe.

MIKE ASPLUND, ART BITTERMAN, and CLAY DODGE have moved to The Cottage, West Street. They are all technicians at the Upper Heyford airbase.

WANTED *** WANTED *** WANTED *** WANTED ***

Someone interested in contacting the advertisers once a month for this newsletter.

Budding artists to brighten up the paper with sketches.

SHUTFORD NEWS is put together, typed and distributed free of cost to all households by volunteers. But each copy costs around 15p to produce. This will mostly be covered by advertising - but donations will be needed. (Please leave any contributions at the village post office.)

Tin Foil in aid of a kidney machine (milk bottle tops, pie dishes, etc.) - contact Mrs. Eileen Cullan, Shutford Stud, Cooks Hill (Tel. 303).

Jumble wanted for the Evening W.I. Jumble Sale later this month. Collection can be arrange. Contact Mrs. G. Bancroft (Tel.: 579).

Bazaar in aid of School Guild, at Bishop Carpenter C.E. Primary School, North Newington, March 15, 2:15 p.m. Admission Free. (If you have any plants for the plant stall contact Mrs. Bancroft-above).

CLUBS *** CLUBS *** CLUBS *** CLUBS *** CLUBS ***

Shutford and Balscote Evening W.I. meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Oct-March at Balscote Methodist Hall; April-Sept. at Shutford Village Hall.

Next Meeting: March 18 - Nature Slides by Mr. Wager (Secretary: Mrs. G. Bancroft)

Shutford Afternoon W.I. meet on the second Friday of the month at 2:30 at the Village Hall. (President, Mrs. V. Hodgkins).

Good Companions meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 2:30 at the Village Hall. Anyone over 60 is welcome. Contact Mrs. Banfield, Rojo, West Street (Tel. 474).

Last month a coachload of Good Companions went to see Oklahoma! at the New Theatre in Oxford. The show was a thorough success with good singing, colorful costumes, etc. and all the ladies fell for the leading man!

There is a chance of arranging tickets for the London Festival Ballet's Sleeping Beauty at the New Theatre, Oxford, April 14-16, if enough people in the village are interested. Please contact Mrs. Banfield (tel. 474) soonest.

WELCOME *** WELCOME *** WELCOME *** WELCOME ***

In January no less than three babies were born in Shutford: 20/1 Polly Cecilia Morgan, Scuffers Brook, Cooks Hill; 27/1 David John Olsson, Bali Hai, Ivy Lane; 30/1 Isabel Jane Reynolds, Grange Farm, Malt House Lane. Congratulations also to Margaret and Doug Gibbs who became grandparents last month.

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Hall planning approval kick starts debate over funding

Planning permission to rebuild the ailing village hall on its existing site was granted this month after 27 villagers wrote in to support the plan. There was one objection.

News of this approval came shortly before a Parish Council meeting on March 11 where councillors voted to appoint and pay for an independent survey to establish whether a majority of households would support a decision to raise a loan for £150,000 to pay half of the building costs. Over 40 per cent of the money - £125,000 - has already been either raised from individual pledges or sits in Village Hall funds.

Repayments on a loan this size are expected to add “no more than the cost of a Mars bar a week” for the majority of households in the village.

Councillors said the survey will be commissioned “as quickly as possible” to ensure it is completed before the holiday season so as many villagers as possible can be consulted.

Plans for the rebuilding of the village hall were drawn up after the questionnaire used to develop the village plan showed that 84 per cent of respondents wanted to see the hall either rebuilt or refurbished. However, at the time of the survey, no price was put on the project. Now it has been, villagers will have to decide if they feel an increase in the council tax of what is expected to be less than £40 a year for a band D property is worth it.

**Shutford Village Hall
Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday 19th May 2015

at 7.30pm

in the Village Hall

Please come along, everyone welcome

Our village hall

Dear Rita and all readers of the Shutford News,

Thank you for giving so much space in the last issue to the “village-wide debate” about a new village hall. I would now like to take issue with the proposal and thereby to extend the nature of the current debate, using your highlights on page 6 as the basis of my response.

The new build might well enhance the setting of some buildings but so might any number of other ideas at much less cost, and they might even involve more villagers. The often cited figure of 84 % of the village in favour of the scheme, which seems to be based on the Village Survey, means very little, in the absence of costings at the time of the survey, while a more conservative estimate of the number favouring something along the lines now proposed, drawing upon the *same* Survey data, would be around only 48 % of the village.

The proponents of the scheme argue that a new hall would be used by far more people but they have produced no evidence to support that claim. Built at a time when there were few televisions, let alone computers, the hall was a village amenity that was probably used far more than it is today... but that is just a guess, as so few residents alive now could confirm my supposition. As it is, usage has been broadly the same over at least the last 25 years in my experience so where are the extra users coming from? Are there so many clubs and societies waiting for a home? Are families keen to hold events there? I doubt it very much.

Access is clearly an issue but without properly researched projections about improved usage, whether it is by the elderly, the disabled or mothers and toddlers, it seems as though we are in danger of creating more of a problem for ourselves than the one we already face.

The basic problems that the proponents ignore are that the site is in the wrong place and that it is too small. Even to secure retaining walls around

the site will result in a massive amount of disruption: where will existing traffic go and how will we absorb all the additional cars and lorries? How will the road itself stand up to that kind of increased usage?

At the meeting, it was reported, there was talk apparently about the new hall as a legacy project for the village. I agree that the role of all communities facing future change is difficult to predict but why would anyone think that a small hall, on a main road without parking is part of the answer? Where once the village supported several pubs now there is just one and the chapels have gone leaving just the church. There is no evidence of residents wanting more pubs or churches and no evidence that anyone apart from those promoting this scheme want an expensive new village hall, let alone keeping it on the present site.

Raising money via the precept for a white elephant will not make the white elephant disappear, but it might just make a splendid monument to the vanity of the group of people who think that the new hall in the same small space will generate a surplus and be vibrant and active from the day it re-opens. A rebuild in one village may have done well but would it be true in Shutford? No one knows but raising the precept for however long it takes to cover the loan is an expensive way of finding out and that really would be a legacy for the future that I do not want to leave behind me.

Andrew Parsons

**Mr A. & Dr H. Baud
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andrew.baud@teamtala.com

Dear Editor,

Since way before Christ, even the smallest and most rudimental communities have come together in a physical space to talk, laugh, pray, trade and organise their lives in a way that benefits their constituents.

From ancient Greek *agoras*, to the Norse *thingstead* and the Anglo Saxon *folkmote*, they all served as a place of daily religious, political, judicial, social and commercial activity. These central meeting places were revered and treasured.

While the church and the pub have their role, it came as no surprise then that the recent survey of the village showed a virtually unanimous desire to upgrade/replace the village hall and to create facilities for the benefit of the whole village.

We know that despite years of effort, and the current committee having cared for the hall with pride, the facilities are no longer fit for purpose. It's a money pit. There is an undeniable need for a sustainable new space which the village can use - and be proud of.

Speaking personally, we attend some events, but would never book the hall for our own kid's parties - despite having five, including one born in the village.

Having participated in the consultation exercise, it was interesting to hear the pros and cons over the public works loan and the location – the two key issues to my mind.

In respect of the loan, the percentage increase in our overall council tax bill will be negligible. I'm taking the view that to be paying a small set amount, towards something that we can immediately see the direct benefit of, will be a satisfying novelty!

At the meeting, parking was a concern in respect of a central location. Having considered it, it's clear though that parking has never been an issue. Why would it become one now? The busiest days have probably been the last two community association-supported shows. No grid-lock, no fire engines struggling to pass double-parked vehicles, just families walking down the lane, as they have done for decades.

Following the brilliant triumph over the mineral rights holders adjacent to the village, where some motivated Shutfordians and village organisations saw off the quite grotesque quarry plans, and their major threat to our way of life, we should now be riding the crest of a wave.

And with over £100k already pledged, it feels like we have a once-in-a-generation chance to do something quite fantastic for our little village, with the building of a spanking new village hall. Let's embrace this opportunity and not let it slip from our fingers.

Yours,

Andrew & Hannah Baud

Growing ambitions

By Kirsten Parrish



Firstly, thank you so much to everyone who's shown such an interest in my horticultural adventures at Pershore College, and to all those who have been so kind to enquire about the exams which ended up being the main feature of the last column. A particular thank you goes to Marian McClellan who kindly gave

up several weekends to help me understand the life cycles of various fungi species and ensure I could quote the equations for photosynthesis and respiration - as well as many other topics! As she was trying to explain all this to someone who hadn't done biology since the age of 13 and who now seems to have the memory span of a goldfish, this was no mean feat.

I would also like to thank Lorraine Wakelin for her very, very welcome bottle of bubbly, which was a lovely surprise and certainly gave me something to look forward to after a rather testing day of exams at the beginning of February!

So, those exams. In short? Four papers in one day: one felt good, one felt really, really, really bad, two felt average. Nothing I can do about them now, but still annoyed that I wittered on about making alkaline soil less alkaline when they actually wanted to know how to make conditions better for alkaline plants. Hint to all those doing exams in the next few months? Read the question. Then read it again. And don't go at it like a bull in a china shop. 10 minutes not actually answering the question is ten minutes wasted.

No detailed updates this month as I'm quite sure people have heard enough, but I did promise Rita that I would share the answers to the quiz I set in the last issue, so here they are:

1. What is the Latin name for this plant?

Answer: *Erigeron karvinskianus*.

2. What disease are these plants suffering from, and what is the name of the organism that caused it?

Answer: Late blight, caused by *Phytophthora infestans*.

3. What is a *Cucurbita pepo*, and what is unusual about how its seeds should be sown?

Answer: Squash or pumpkin would have sufficed, and seeds should be sown on their side.

4. What is this tomato suffering from, and which mineral is it likely to be deficient in? **Answer: Blossom end rot, and calcium.**

5. Can you tell me the difference between an orthodox seed and a recalcitrant seed, and give me one example – in Latin – of each?

Answer: Orthodox seeds can be dried to low moisture contents and stored (e.g. *Lactuca sativa*, (Lettuce)). Recalcitrant seeds will not survive drying and if collected would need to be sown immediately (e.g. *Mangifera indica*, (Mango)).

No exam results yet, and I'm well into the garden design and plant selection part of the course now. I'm trying to see the sense of committing to memory how and when to sow a lettuce seed when I could just look at the packet, but perhaps I'm just being lazy. I'm also being a little cynical about discovering the 'genus loci' in a garden or deciding where to put my focal points, so perhaps I'm not cut out for this after all?

However, I have really enjoyed days in the orchard learning about rootstocks and how and when to prune various fruit trees....maybe I need to get some apple trees and a press and we could all share some Shutford cider? In any case, I'll check in with a final update once the course is over and let you know how it all went. In the meantime, I'm way behind with sowing seeds for the allotment and the garden looks like someone has attacked it with a JCB, so better stop talking and start doing.

Kirsten

**NOTES FROM THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 11th March 2015**

All Councillors were present.

Highways: Certain potholes have been ringed for repair, two in Malthouse Lane.

It was reported that the parking was getting bad again at the junction of Malthouse Lane and West Street. It was agreed to put notices on the cars, again.

Red Telephone Box: The concrete base has been installed at Jame Corner and is awaiting the box. The idea of a defibrillator as its use, cannot take place as it requires electricity. The Parish Council would like any suggestions for its use to come from Parishioners. Please contact the Clerk.

Speed Checks: The Council is awaiting contact from the police.

War Memorial: The work will commence as soon as the weather improves.

Dog Bins: Residents in Church Lane have expressed concern about the siting of the dog bin, it was agreed to abandon that idea for the time being.

Village Hall: Cllr. Duffield has resigned as the Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Gibbs volunteered to become the replacement.

The survey of the village about the Public Works Loan for a new village hall was discussed. ORCC have offered to do this and it was agreed to meet with them to discuss the format, questions etc.

Dairyground: It was agreed to order a new bench.

Finance: The Council are to receive a Grant from the Epwell Grounds Solar Park of £1500. A letter of thanks will be forwarded.

Planning: The Glass garden room, Shutford Grounds and the New Village Hall applications have been passed by CDC.

Cllrs. Have to make comments about the proposal for 5 terraced homes in Ivy Lane.

Ironstone Mining Application Update: Confirmation has been received that the Prohibition Order for mineral extraction has been received. The Council would like to thank all villagers for their hard work in getting this Order.

Litter Pick: This annual event will take place on Saturday 11th April, meeting at Jame Corner at 9.30am. All residents are urged to help.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May, the Parish Council Annual General Meeting at 7pm and Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

The Parish Council Official Minutes are on the village website.

SHUTFORD'S PARISH COUNCILLORS & PARISH CLERK

Barbara Reynolds (Clerk)	-	780479
Ashley Taylor(Chair)	-	788788
Malcolm Goldie	-	788538
Athene Duffield	-	788332
Rose Hancock	-	780622
Lynne Parsons	-	780649
John Yeomans	-	780564
Helen Gibbs	-	07500937390



**EASTER EGG COMPETITION
ON
EASTER MONDAY, 6 APRIL
IN
THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 2.45pm**

There will be two categories:

Best Decorated Egg
Best Concept Egg

Prizes will be awarded to the Winners in the following age groups:-

Under 7 years
7 - 10 years
11 - 15 years
Adults 16 and Over

Weather permitting we will then go up to the Beacon for the

EASTER EGG ROLL

There will be a prize in each age group for the person first to roll their egg to the bottom of the hill.

The Judges' decision is final.



SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL
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Gillian Holliday David Lydon Mary-Ann Shaw

The Draw for April will take place at the Easter Egg
Competition in the Village Hall on Easter Monday.

100+CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
April – September		Prizes	365.00
145 members x £5.00	725.00	Expenses – Printing	4.89
October – March		Prizes	375.00
150 members x £5.00	750.00	Expenses	0.00
<u>Total</u>	1475.00	<u>Total</u>	744.89
<u>Less Expenditure</u>	<u>744.89</u>		
<u>To Village Hall Funds</u>	<u>730.11</u>		

This makes a grand total of £11,472.49 raised since the
Club started in 1998
Well Done!

Kineton Art Group will be holding their Open Art Exhibition and Sale of
Paintings at Kineton Village Hall
on Saturday and Sunday, the 9th & 10th May 2015

Doors will be open from 10-00 am until 5-00 pm each day. Adults, 50p: Children, free. Please come and enjoy the variety of paintings by our members and other invited local artists. Home-made cakes are available throughout each day, along with other refreshments. We sponsor painting for pleasure, a not for profit organisation for disabled people and those living with or recovering from illness including respite for carers.

If you need any other information please email:
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www.kinetonartgroup.co.uk



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Illuminate & Celebrate in 2015!



Don' forget to get your special dates in for 2015!

If you have a special celebration, maybe a birthday coming up, or a loved one you would like to remember, a christening or some other occasion in 2015. How special it would be for the church tower illuminated specially for this occasion. It only costs £10.00 per occasion:

Please get in touch with Ken Jeffs on KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk

Here is a list of those who have been or will be remembering a special day:

Date	Name	Occasion
22 January	Robert Squire	Birthday (23 rd)
1 March	Anon	St David's Day
2 March	John Hodgkins	Julie's Birthday
5 March	Nigel Voce	Lyn's Birthday
8 March	Sharon Jackson	Luke's Birthday
15 March	Ken Jeffs	Mothering Sunday
16 March	Debbie Pitt	Fin Pitt-Smith's 1 st Birthday
17 March	Anon	St Patrick's Day
26 March	Rita Livesey	Rita's Mum, Grace Livesey's birthday
28 March	Kirsten Parrish	Birthday
18 April	Shutford Womens institute	Centenary of the WI

Any other donation details received after Shutford News publication day will be included in future issues.

Shutford Book Club

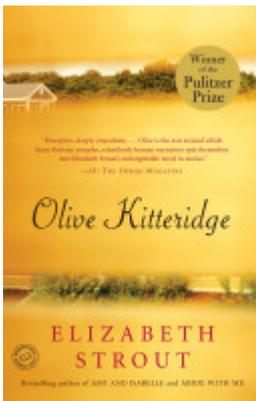


The Shutford Book Club has been active for over two and half years now and has a regular monthly attendance of up to 15 people. We meet on the last Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the George + Dragon restaurant.

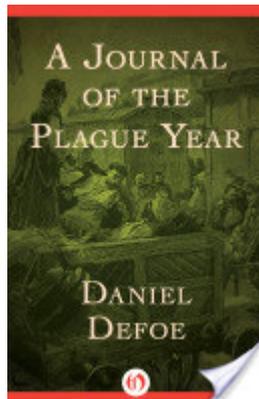
Sadly, membership is full at the moment as we have limited space to meet in and want to encourage discussion from everyone who can attend: but people do sometimes move away or get busy with other things, so if you'd like to express interest in joining in future, do contact Kirsten Parrish at kirsten@kdpr.co.uk or telephone 780412 for details.

Otherwise, why not take part virtually? The books we're reading are regularly published in the Shutford News and on the village website, so feel free to read them alongside the Book Club. You can volunteer your thoughts via email or a note in the door of "The Nook" in Church Lane if you'd like to, and we'll share them at the meetings! The next meeting is **Monday, 27 April 2015,**

The George + Dragon, Shutford.



The April (meeting 27 April) book is "**Olive Kitteridge**" by Elizabeth Strout, hosted by Christine Yarborough.



The May (meeting 25 May) Book is "**A Journal of the Plague Year**" by Daniel Defoe, hosted by Marian McClellan.



After the cold, dark winter months, the SCA are making headway with the telephone box restoration and are close to getting it into position at Jame Corner (the site selected by the Parish Council). The new windows are to be installed once it is in place. I am sure many of

you will have noticed that the ground works are now laid. If anyone is wondering why there is a plastic pipe sticking out of the concrete, this is to allow us to supply electricity to the box should the opportunity arise. Facing us now is the challenge of moving the box to its new home, any suggestions, or offers of help would be greatly appreciated.

In January the SCA sponsored Carl and Dave's comedy magic show, with all the proceeds going to help the village hall project. The event was a great success with in excess of 60 people attending, raising £498. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this initiative, feedback suggests that everyone had a great time.

We really appreciate the generosity shown by Daisy from Syds Plods who has kindly waived her fee of £100 for attending the village carol singing in December. Without Daisy the carols would not be the same and we are very thankful for the time she dedicates to make this venture extra special each year. During our most recent meeting we learnt that there used to be a beer barrel run/race around the village. This sounds like a fun event, and we are keen to know if this is something you would like to see reinstated? Does anyone remember how the race worked? Any comments/info on this would be very welcome.

As always, we hold a meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the George and Dragon and welcome any new people joining us. We aim to make the meetings fun and you can get involved in as many or as few of our projects as you wish (or just come along for a drink and meet fellow villagers). We welcome any suggestions for new projects that will benefit our village.

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Shutford Summer Festival “Bake Off” competition

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Look out for entry forms in the next edition of Shutford News out end of May!

Category	Children’s Category
6 Decorated Cup Cakes	“I Made it Myself” Ages 3 – 7 Years
6 Fruit Scones	
Victoria Sponge	“My Favourite Recipe” Ages 8 – 14 Years
Loaf of Bread (hand or machine made)	
6 Cookies or Biscuits	
Savoury Pastry (6 if small or 1 tart size)	



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couple of flowers can be combined to make
attractive posies so don't feel we need the whole
bunch from any one donation. We would please
like these the day before the festival so flowers
can be prepared and arranged.**



**We will put the address in the next Shutford News where you can drop
off items or bring them along to the stall on Saturday 20 June!**



**Create your own
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The mini garden can be made using easily available materials! It can be in a jar, pot or plastic container, you choose. Maximum size 50 x 50 cm. Use items such as moss, stones, pebbles, sticks, craft items, small plants, mirrors, pebbles, etc. (no artificial plants). Choose your own theme and name your entry!

Prizes will be awarded to four age groups:

Under 7

7 - 11 years

11 - 16 years

16 & over!

We will put entry forms* in the next edition and then come along on Saturday 20 June to the large marquee and we will judge your gardens – happy planting!



*Entries, together with completed form and fee, to be brought to the Shutford Festival at 1.00pm on 20 June 2015, prior to judging. Winners will be announced during the Festival at approximately 2.30pm.

SHUTFORD WI

At our February meeting, Ray Allen gave examples of the "Vital Clue" which enabled crimes to be solved, some of which had local connections.

Our AGM in March began with the singing of 'Jerusalem', and then the Annual Report and Financial Statement were presented to the members. Afterwards the committee, with Jenny Ingham as President, was elected and other responsibilities for the coming year agreed. Possible venues for our summer outing were discussed.

On April 18th, when the Centenary Baton passes through the district, the WI has arranged that the Church tower be floodlit under their "Illuminate and Celebrate" initiative to mark this event.

Visitors will be made very welcome if they wish to join us at any of our forthcoming meetings, held in the Village Hall at 10am, when our speakers will be:

- April 7th - Wendy Norman - Oxfordshire Country Markets
- May 5th - Resolutions Meeting (voting in preparation for the AGM in the Royal Albert Hall in June.)
- June 2nd - Valerie Burton - Witney Blankets

Enquires can be made to Geraldine on 780579 or Jenny on 780570.



CHURCH NEWS

Rector - Revd Ronald Hawkes - 780555

Church Wardens:

Mr Ken Jeffs – 788308

Mr John Hodgkins - 788609

SERVICES: Most Sundays 9.30am but see Wykeham News & Benefice website for details.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 10th March in Shutford Village Hall with an attendance of only five. John Hodgkins and Ken Jeffs were re-elected as churchwardens and Dominic Cadbury, Alasdair Gibbs, Jacky Hone, Julie Hodgkins, Sue Roe-French and Iris Simons as PCC members. The 2014 annual accounts were adopted and a review of church activities was presented by the Rector, Reverend Ronald Hawkes. Copies of the annual report and accounts are held in church and are published on the Shutford Village website.

The church continues to be supported by a small loyal congregation who finance most of the cost of ministry with the wider community supporting other fund raising initiatives. Based on recent figures we need £250 per week to cover our costs excluding charitable donations and restoration work. Last year, thanks to additional fundraising and a rebate from the benefice, we had a surplus of £1239 in our accounts which has replaced money overspent in the previous two years. Money received from the Festival and the successful Christmas Draw paid for our annual church building insurance premium of £1800.

The average attendance in church is 12 on a normal Sunday, ranging from 3 – 19: the highest attendance at a service last year was 57 on Christmas Day. With so few people regularly worshipping their financial and work commitment is high. Although the Church of England as an entity does have wealth, owning historic buildings and artefacts does not pay the bills and all costs have to be covered by members. There is no governmental support except tax relief on giving and some VAT exemption on restoration costs.

It has been suggested that the church should be more involved with village activities which may encourage higher attendance and support. The church is made up of individuals, who do try to support non church

village activities and fund raising. Reverend Ronald is in Shutford every week and meets villagers in their homes and socially in the pub.

Over the years we have raised money for local and international charities and special collections. Last year we gave away £1179: this included donations to Maggie`s Oxford, Church Urban Fund, Water Aid, The Royal British Legion and the Children`s Society. We are grateful to all parishioners who have supported us.

In 2014, PCC members arranged two lunches partly to raise funds but also as social occasions, two Beetle Drives for families, a Harvest Supper and a Coffee Morning. These events were subsidised by church members. There has also been involvement with village door to door collections: Red Cross, Christian Aid, RNLI and the Poppy Appeal. We will hold similar social events during 2015 and hope that more people will join us: these gatherings are an ideal time to meet neighbours for a chat. There is some cost involved usually through a donation.

For many years church members arranged a fete initially for church funds but then for the benefit of the village as a whole leading to the formation of a Village Fete Committee. The fete until recently was held in the Manor Field so the Festival location last year meant the event returned to its original home. Church folk are still involved but to a lesser extent and are grateful that others have taken the lead with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Please enjoy the Festival experience on 20th June.

Messy Church Events for 2015 have started with the first ones in Swalcliffe and Tadmarton. One is planned for Sibford on Good Friday 10.00am until noon. These events are ideal for young children and their parents/guardians with crafts, a story and food. Shutford Village Hall will be the venue for one on 13th June.

Our Lent Lunch on 30th March will raise money for the Banbury Young Homeless Project: there is a box in church for food donations for them.

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Monday	30	Book Club The G & D – 7.30pm
April		
Easter Monday	6	Easter Egg Competition, Village Hall, 2.45pm
Tuesday	7	WI – Wendy Norman, Oxfordshire Markets, Village Hall, 10am.
Tuesday	7	SCA Meeting, The G & D, 7.30pm.
Wednesday	8	Mobile Library, West Street, fortnightly 9.30-9.50
Friday	10	CDC Normal Waste Collection fortnightly
Saturday	11	Litter Pick. Meet at 9.30 am Jame Corner
Friday	17	CDC collection Blue/Brown bins fortnightly
Monday	27	Book Club The G & D – 7.30pm
May		
Tuesday	5	WI – Resolutions Meeting, Village Hall, 10am
Tuesday	5	SCA Meeting, The G & D, 7.30pm
Tuesday	5	Shutford News Planning Meeting, 3, Church Lane- 7.30pm.
Tuesday	5	Shutford Festival Meeting, VH at 7:30 pm
Wednesday	6	Parish Council AGM and Village Meeting, Village Hall, 7pm and 8pm.
Saturday	16	Deadline for Shutford News
Tuesday	19	Shutford Village Hall AGM 7.30 pm
Monday	25	Book Club The G & D – 7.30pm
June		
Saturday	20	Shutford Festival, Manor Field, from 2pm

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