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Dear Villagers,

“The decision to postpone further discussion of a Public Works Loan by Shutford Parish Council puts at risk the plans to rebuild our only village-owned building and, without additional funding, its very future is in doubt.”



Please read the following articles which are an account of what has been happening to date and have been given a priority in the Shutford News!

For those in the village who may want a reminder or who are not fully up to speed on the project following open meetings in the village, initial FAQ's on the project were published in the **Shutford News January / February 2015 edition** these can be viewed on the village website under the community heading and subsequent reports ongoing in the Shutford News: www.shutfordvillage.com

In this final edition for 2015, firstly would like to thank all those who sent in photos for the 2016 Shutford Village Calendar. Thank you also goes to Phil & Marian from Mail Boxes Etc who kindly chose the photos that we will use, sponsored by Anker and paid for by the Shutford Community Association, delivery to your home will be during the first week in December. So it leaves me to say Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone who has contributed in 2015, advertisers and those who read our local magazine. Please continue to support us in 2016!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita".

Rita Livesey

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Shutford Village Hall what happens now?

The decision to postpone further discussion of a Public Works Loan puts at risk the plans to rebuild our only village-owned building and, without additional funding, its very future is in doubt.

Plans to rebuild on the site have been three years in development and widely shared with everyone in the community over the last 18 months through a series of public meetings and in newsletters. Throughout this period the Village Hall Committee has sought to engage openly in discussions with the Parish Council but the process of discussion and debate has been largely confined to the Parish Council Meetings and written submissions by the VHC.

One private meeting between the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council was organised by Chairman Roger Bancroft and Parish Council Chairman Ashley Taylor to discuss in more detail the reasons for the Parish Council's rejection of the Public Works Loan and to try and find a way forward. Not all councillors attended and some walked out before the end of the meeting.

It now appears that plans to rebuild the hall, which started out offering a chance to strengthen our community, are now dividing it with strong views being expressed by those on both sides of the for and against debate. Regrettably, however, the mechanism which best resolves issues like this - discussion - is not taking place. Defenders of the Parish Council's record on this matter made it clear last month that they will only discuss matters in a PC bi-monthly meeting. However, villagers are not able to speak at PC meetings until the end - after decisions have already been taken by the PC.

Villagers have also now found that the PC are not replying to valid questions readily, if at all, so there seems to be no way that councillors, who, under their code of conduct are meant to act in the public interest, can establish what the public want.

Furthermore, since the PC does not have to record everything in its minutes reasons for their decisions, villagers cannot even find out

what is going on in the village unless they turn up to each of the six PC meetings held each year.

This seeming breakdown in communication does not augur well for the future of the existing hall, let alone a new one. The Village Hall Committee does not have enough money to undertake the essential repairs to the existing building and, even if it did so, it has consistently put forward that the lack of disabled access and its increasingly poor general condition make it unlikely that usage by parishioners will increase. Currently the hall running costs are met mainly by fund-raising activities, not the income from lettings.

Research shows that all newly-built halls experience an increase in lettings which cover running costs over the year and provides surplus for maintenance.

Asked to comment on the risks of closure to the existing hall the chairman of the Village Hall Committee explained that the condition of the deteriorating asbestos roof was now being monitored continuously. The trustees are concerned bad weather will damage it further.

Villagers at the meeting wanted to know how the hall had fallen into such a state of disrepair and others asked why grants for repairs or rebuilding were unavailable. The Village Hall Committee have addressed all of these questions in considerable detail in published and widely circulated newsletters, including the Shutford News, in recent months but, regrettably, the meeting was closed before the arguments could be summarised again.

The dilemma of the Village Hall which was built to last around 20 years (and is now 60 years old), is now in sharp focus. The trustees have a personal responsibility to maintain the safety of the hall, so whilst the majority of villagers have an interest in the future of the hall and have voted to part fund a new one, the trustees are unable for now to move forward with its replacement. They can only make decisions about its future based on the evidence for or against its structural integrity.

New funding plan review deferred until March 2016!

Shutford Parish Council will not now consider a new funding plan to rebuild the village hall until March 2016, it decided at its bi-monthly meeting.

The decision follows the PC's rejection in September of a request for a £150,000 Public Works Loan by the Village Hall Committee to help rebuild the existing hall which is beyond economic repair and facing closure as the roof deteriorates. The trustees cannot recommend the use of the 'roof funds' for ANY OTHER PURPOSE unless all the funding is in place for the new hall.

When combined with the £100,000 pledges from the benefactors and the £25,000 already in the VHC funds, the PWL would have fully covered the re-building costs. The delay in approving the PWL means that these costs are now rising - building cost inflation is running at over 5 per cent. Also, since the pledges have been made for the rebuilding of the hall only - not its refurbishment - the VHC does not now have the funds to maintain it properly.

That option was strongly backed by the village who voted 57 per cent to 43 per cent in favour in the June referendum independently conducted by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC). The referendum voting papers agreed by councillors, sent to each household, advised parishioners that "the results of this survey will determine the Parish Council decision to take out a Public Works Loan."

The new plan which will be considered in March will extend the length of time over which the loan will be repaid to cut the annual repayment cost for each household in the village to around £28 a year for a band D household. That's only **£2.33 per month!**

Over 50 people turned out to see how the councillors would view the new funding plan proposed by the Village Hall Trustees. Many were disappointed when the Parish Council opted to exercise a six month rule. This says that a subject cannot be debated again after a vote on it has been held until six months have passed.

It is understood this rule, which is designed to stop villagers wasting the meeting's time by continually raising the same questions, can be overridden if two councillors propose it and the rest agree. When the council decided to enforce the rule many villagers walked out in protest.

Parish council chairman Ashley Taylor delivered strong criticism of his fellow councillors who, he said, had ignored Cherwell's Code of Conduct guidelines in making their decisions in recent months.

"I have significant concerns that these guidelines have not been adhered to, and indeed in some cases it could be argued, have been breached by a number of councillors," said Ashley. Along with Helen Gibbs, Ashley was one of two councillors to vote in favour of taking out a Public Works Loan at the September PC meeting. The other five councillors rejected the proposal.

"Unfortunately, I find it very difficult to stand behind some of the decisions that have been made recently due to an apparent lack of objectivity, accountability and openness," he said.

Explaining why he had voted in favour of the PWL he said: "(It) was based on the result of the village survey which was independently managed by ORCC and gave a clear majority outcome. The statistical validity of the survey from the responses received was confirmed by ORCC. I appreciate that from the outcome of the survey there are a number of villagers who would be unhappy with my decision (but) this decision was reached objectively and democratically and with a view to maintaining our village and community - not for us today or tomorrow, but for future generations."

Councillor Lynne Parsons defended the actions of the council to date saying that some councillors had explained their actions after rejecting the PWL proposal from the village hall trustees in September.

At that meeting three councillors explained their reasons for rejecting the plan. One said the vote's outcome was not sufficiently clear and should be seen as "pretty much 50:50" and another said they were worried about the ability of villagers to pay the increase in the precept which would have been £43 /year for band D households under the terms proposed. The third councillor justified their decision by arguing that the business plan put forward by the village hall committee would not yield the income they claimed.

In the public discussion at the end of the meeting it became clear that many villagers who had not attended the September meeting had asked why councillors had decided to turn down the loan application.

No replies had been received by those who spoke and the Parish Council acknowledged that its minutes of the September meeting had not recorded the reasons stated for rejecting the Public Works Loan.

A villager said minutes did not have to record the reasons decisions are made. This explanation, made against the backdrop of Ashley Taylor's criticism of the PC's lack of openness and accountability, met with audible disappointment from some villagers present who had expressed concern about the lack of transparency about the council's decision-making in recent months.

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**NOTES FROM THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 18th November 2015**

Present: Cllrs. Hancock, Duffield, Parsons, Gibbs, Taylor, Goldie and Yeomans

Cllr. George Reynolds (OCC & CDC)

Over 45 members of the public

Highways: The parking at Malthouse Lane/West Street junction has improved however it has been reported that people are parking on the pavement along West Street, notes will be put on cars.

Telephone Boxes: The usable telephone box had a technical fault which has been repaired. The Council has heard nothing about the Red telephone box.

Grass Verges: Any extra grass cutting required around the village will cost between £100 - £120 per cut.

Flower tubs: The spare tub at Jame Corner has been taken over by Mrs. Parish, thanks were given for this action.

Cllr. Parsons reported about a meeting that she had attended at OCC. Because of the cuts in services she learnt what roles the Parish Council could take on. Whatever is agreed this will impact on the Precept. It was agreed to meet with other local Parish Councils in the area to see what is the best way forward.

Cllr. Gibbs reported on a training session which she had attended at Bloxham for new Cllrs. She would recommend these sessions.

Standing Orders: It was agreed to review these and report to the Clerk by e mail with the possibility of 9 or 10 points to go on the Agenda next time.

Code of Conduct: It was agreed to adopt a policy of transparency.

Statement by Chairman: The Chairman stated that openness and transparency by Councillors was required at all meetings.

Village Hall: Because of new proposals by the Village Hall Committee this matter will now be discussed at the March meeting because Standing Orders say you have to wait 6 months.

Allotments: One allotment has now been given to Mr. Hughes, and because it is in such a bad state it was agreed to give him 1 year's free rent.

Finance: The Grant from the Solar Farm has still not been received, despite e mails it was agreed to pursue further.

Planning: Garden Room at Lower Barn, Epwell Road – Granted
Porch at Grooms Cottage, Cook's Hill and 2 storey side
Extension, Pear Tree Cottage, West Street – No objections
from the Parish Council.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

Open Session: After much discussion about the new proposals for a new village hall for a Public Works Loan of £150,000 over 50 years it was proposed by the Chairman that the Village Hall Committee held an Open Meeting for anyone to ask further questions.

The Parish Council Official Minutes are on the village website.

Finding Edward W. Winslett

A medal has been found in a garden in West Street, Shutford. The medal is for faithful service in the Special Constabulary and has George V on the reverse side.

John Yeomans has tried various ways of finding out who this person was, and is keen to have any information that anyone may have to try and find the family. Please contact John on 01295 780564 if you have anything that might help him in his quest.

SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL
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SEPTEMBER	£105.00	£10.00	£5.00
	Joan Wright	Simon Boulton	Sue Gibbs
OCTOBER	£35.00	£10.00	£5.00
	Malcolm Jones	Sheila Andrews	Ken King

We started this half year in October with a total of **150** members.

First Prize for March 2016 will be £95.00

The draw for November will have taken place at the Parish Council Meeting on 18 November.

The December Draw will take place at the **Christmas Bingo** on **Friday 4 December** in the Village hall with a **First Prize of £50.00**

GOOD LUCK!

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS TO
Geraldine & Roger Bancroft - 780579

BANBURY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

Joan Wright,
32, The Dairyground, Shutford
Tel: - 788336

Stuff the TURKEY! Apricot & hazelnut stuffing



What you need:

2 large onions,
chopped
50g butter
50g hazelnuts, roughly
chopped
140g ready-to-eat
dried apricots,
chopped
175g fresh white
breadcrumbs

20g pack parsley, chopped
Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
1 egg, beaten
Olive oil, for drizzling

What to do:

Fry onions in the butter. Stir in nuts; fry until golden. Remove from the heat, add apricots, breadcrumbs, parsley and lemon zest. Mix in the egg and season. Use half to stuff the neck end of the turkey; shape the rest into balls.

Put the balls in a buttered baking dish, then drizzle with oil. Bake for 30 mins until golden, or roast them around the turkey.

Logs for Labour is on again!

Would you like free firewood, or do you have a woodland that needs managing?

The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment's "Logs for Labour" programme aims to promote sustainable use of firewood by running events where volunteers help to manage woodlands in return for logs.

The events run most weekends in the winter, are about 3 hours long, and could involve coppicing hazel, thinning trees or piling up brash.

All you need are sturdy gloves, shoes and a saw (only hand tools are allowed for insurance reasons)... or let us know if your woodland needs the help of volunteers.

Information about forthcoming events is at:

www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour

or 'like' www.facebook.com/oxonwood

Riki Therivel, 01865 243488.

SHUTFORD CAROLS

Join us on the 22nd December at 6:30pm for
Shutford Carol Singing in aid of
Banbury Young Homeless Project.



We will meet at Jame Corner with
Sydney's Exploditions. All are welcome.



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XMAS BINGO

Friday 4th December 2015

**In Shutford Village Hall
Eyes Down 7.30pm**

**Any Donations, Prizes etc. to either
JOAN WRIGHT: 788336 or
MARGARET HOLLOWAY: 788396**

In aid of Shutford Village Hall Funds

SHUTFORD WI

In October, Peter Preece, showed us some wildlife pictures of amazing quality and explained the steps he took to achieve them. He has had several photos in the BBC Countryfile calendar in the past and has one in this year's edition.

On the evening of October 15th, 6 of our members attended a Group Meeting in Cropredy Village Hall, where we were entertained by Richard Wescott, who told us of his life as a pantomime dame while he gradually changed into one before our eyes.

At our November meeting, Patricia Justice, caused the members many deliberations with her quiz on bygone objects. We had to guess the use of 20 items as varied as a witch-scaring glass sphere to hang in the garden, a foot warmer for use in a carriage and a thimble case.

In December, we will be having a Christmas Buffet & Social at our meeting and later in the month we are going to the Wroxton House Hotel for a Christmas lunch.

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 the speakers will be:

5 Jan Revd Ronald Hawkes - Why would anyone want to be a vicar?
2 Feb Pam Newall - A Glimpse of Transylvania

Contacts: Geraldine on 780579 or Jenny on 780570



NORTH NEWINGTON VIG SCREEN



Films for Sept 2015 to Feb 2016
Fridays at 7-30pm (door opens 7-00pm)
School Hall on Park Lane (park in school yard)

(click on trailer link to get a small preview of the film trailers)

Friday 4th December

TRAILER LINK <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AabCFCEVbQ>

Girlhood

2014 film

6.8/10 · [IMDb](#)

95% · [Rotten Tomatoes](#)

85% · [Metacritic](#)



Marieme joins an all-girl gang in the projects of Paris and is slowly turned out of her shell by her three sassy neighbors. As she falls further under their bravado and volatile energy, she begins making brave and foolish choices.

Initial release: October 20, 2014 (France)

Director: Céline Sciamma

Running time: 1h 53m

Cinematography: Crystel Fournier

Music composed by: Para One

Friday 15th January 2016

TRAILER LINK <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6t7vVTxaic>

Selma

2014 film

7.5/10 [IMDb](#)

99% - [Rotten Tomatoes](#)

89% - [Metacritic](#)



Although the Civil Rights Act of 1964 legally desegregated the South, discrimination was still rampant in certain areas, making it very difficult for blacks to register to vote. In 1965, an Alabama city became the battleground in the fight for suffrage. Despite violent opposition, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (David Oyelowo) and his followers pressed forward on an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, and their efforts culminated in President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Release date: February 6, 2015 (United Kingdom)

Director: Ava DuVernay

Running time: 2h 8m

Cast

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David Oyelowo
Martin Luther King Jr.



Oprah Winfrey
Coretta Scott King



Carmen Ejogo
Coretta Scott King



Common
James Bevel



Tim Roth
Governor George Wallace

Friday 29th January

TRAILER LINK <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cs2dYAlBjNY>

Timbuktu

2014 film

7.2/10 [IMDb](#)

99% - [Rotten Tomatoes](#)

91% - [Metacritic](#)



A Malian cattleman (Ibrahim Ahmed) and his family face the wrath of Islamic fundamentalists after a tragic accident.

Initial release: May 15, 2014

Director: Abderrahmane Sissako

Running time: 1h 40m

The city of Timbuktu is under the occupation of Islamists bearing a [jihadist black flag](#). Kidane is a cattle herder who lives outside of the city. One day, one of his cows accidentally damages the net of a fisherman. The enraged fisherman kills the cow. Kidane confronts the fisherman and accidentally shoots him dead. The Islamists arrest Kidane and,

per sharia law, demand a blood money payment of 40 cattle to the fisherman's family. As Kidane has only seven cattle, he is sentenced to death. His wife shows up at his execution with a pistol, and as they run to each other the husband attempts to stop her. Mistaking this for an escape attempt, the executioners gun them both down.



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 Harvest Festival and Ploughman`s Supper and Sale held at the end of September were both well attended. The Supper raised £555 from donations for food, a raffle and sale of produce: £300 has been given to Katharine House Hospice. As usual villagers were generous with their gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers and members of the PCC donated and prepared the food for the supper which was attended by 44 people.

The PCC met on 13th October. The treasurer reported a very positive financial situation with additional funds coming from fees and fund raising. There will be a Christmas Raffle to help pay for the church building insurance: £100 prize + Christmas goodies – tickets £1 each.

The churchwarden reported that the church steps had been repointed. Tiles on the north side sloping roof are damaged resulting in water coming into the church. The roof will be repaired and damaged plaster replaced. The rear of the font needs repair. Two broods of swallows have been raised in the church porch: five or six young fledged the last of which left 28th September. At the PCC`s request David Lovesey has cut back the brambles in the hedge in the churchyard extension.

This year`s Remembrance Service on 8th November at 6.00pm had a congregation of 50. Deddington Brass played music for the hymns and before and after the service. A retiring collection of £131 has been given to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Earlier in the day 13 people gathered at the war memorial to observe a minute`s silence.

Wreaths were laid by Rose Hancock for Shutford Parish Council and Bob Squire for The Royal British Legion. Julie Jakeman played the last post and reveille at both the evening service and at the war memorial.

Nationwide church attendance is falling and the future for some churches is uncertain.

Here in Shutford attendance at our weekly services has fallen but St Martin`s Church will remain open provided we can continue to pay our way. Our present core congregation, PCC membership and others who support the church are very generous. Although we need funds to keep the church open we are keen to help our neighbours, hence our specific fund raising for charity during the year. In addition to KHH and RBL mentioned earlier we have also helped Water Aid and BYHP and given £50 to Shutford News to help with printing costs and £25 to Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

The PCC will continue to organise social and funding raising events in the village hall with a Beetle Drive and Souper Saturday Lunch held in late November. Church members organising these events do so as a way of getting villagers together socially and if we raise some money so much the better. If the demand was there we could also have regular coffee mornings during the week with an occasional afternoon tea on a Sunday! It would be encouraging if more people came along to our various events and to the special church services we hold. Although we had 50 people in church on Remembrance Sunday less than half were current Shutford residents. How do we get more people involved with village projects and events to help build up a better community spirit?

To keep in touch with church news, services and events visit www.wykehambenefice.org.uk or the church which is open every day.

Some December services and events are as follows:

Confirmation Service in Broughton on 6th December at 10.00am.

Messy Church in Shutford Village on Saturday, 12th December: 4.00pm – 6.00pm. Ideal for younger children and their guardians: fun for all.

Annual Christingle on Sunday 20th December at 3.00pm with carols, candles and seasonal refreshments. A collection will be given to The Children`s Society. The Christmas Draw will take place.

Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm.

Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 9.30am.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2016.

Illuminate & Celebrate in 2015/2016!



Don't forget to get your special dates in for 2016!

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 2016. 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. Below is a list of those who have been or will be remembering a special day up until the end of 2015:

Date	Name	Occasion
22 nd October	Dot Harvey	Memory of Margaret Parrish
23 rd October	Jamie Rigby	Harriet`s 1 st Birthday
1 st November	Sue Roe-French	All Saints Day
12 th November	Mervyn Benford	In Memory of a Friend
15 th November	Dot Harvey	Debbie & Mark Watts 1 st Wedding Anniversary
19 th November	Julie Hodgkins	John`s Birthday
21 st November	Jim Gale	In memory of Maija
8 th December	Debbie Pitt	Dominic`s Birthday

Any other donation details received after Shutford News publication date will be included in the next issue.



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Upton House is being transformed to take visitors back in time to Christmas in the 1940s.

This Christmas visitors to Upton House near Banbury will have the chance to experience what celebrating the festive period was like during the wartime years.

Upton House will be prepared for a truly nostalgic Christmas from 28 November in true make do and mend style with hundreds of decorations being made by our brilliant volunteers and visitors.

A wartime Christmas Fayre will start the celebrations on the 5 and 6 December with tents and stalls brimming over with local food and handcrafted gifts.

Father Christmas will also be visiting every weekend to have brunch or tea with families after some wartime games and delicious rations!

Exclusive evening blackout tours will also be available throughout December after which cocoa and crumpets will be served from our cosy kitchen.

**For booking information, prices and opening times visit
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse**

THE GEORGE + DRAGON

New Year's Eve 2015

£30

French onion soup



Carpaccio fillet of beef, roasted baby beets, horseradish cream

Goose rillettes, plum chutney

Warm goats' cheese, marinated beetroot

Seared scallops, pea purée, crispy prosciutto



Sea bass fillet, artichoke purée, creamed butter beans, red wine jus

Slow cooked feather blade of beef, creamed mash, braised carrots

Confit duck leg, Toulouse sausage cassoulet

Roasted butternut squash & wild mushroom pithivier, creamed truffle sauce



Spiced chocolate pot, ginger bread

Cinnamon & honey poached pear, vanilla ice-cream

Selection of cheeses



Shutford Calendar 2016

We are delighted to announce that the Shutford Calendar 2016 will be delivered FREE to all Shutford villagers during early December. We hope you are delighted as we are with the result.

Firstly, a thank you to all who submitted photos, there were many to choose from. Secondly, a thank you to Phil & Marian at Mail Boxes Etc., for not only judging the final photos that were submitted but to also producing the final artwork and print of the calendar. Finally, thank you to our sponsors Ankers. Enjoy from The Shutford Community Association.

Here are a couple of the final photos chosen:



Jane Roberts:
'Sunset Silhouette'



Helen Nixseaman:
'Snow at Bailiffs Cottage'

Church Lane stands up for hedgehogs – will the rest of Shutford join us?



The hedgehog is the UK's only spiny mammal - but **did you know they are disappearing from our countryside as fast as tigers are worldwide?**

We have **lost a third of our hedgehogs in 10 years**, and they will no

longer be a familiar part of British life unless we protect their habitat.

As one resident of Church Lane said, *"I remember hedgehogs being frequent visitors in our garden when I was a child. They were just always around. Now of course you are right, we hardly ever see them"*.

There are really simple steps we can take to help stop hedgehogs facing a similar fate to tigers, and several Church Lane residents as well as High Street supporters have already pledged to take the first: to **create our own Hedgehog Street right here in Shutford!**

We can all take part, right across the village. All we need to do is speak to our neighbours and agree to cut a small hole in our fences, or, if possible, create a tunnel under boundary walls – about the size of a CD. This will enable any hedgehogs that might visit us to forage for food, find appropriate nesting sites and seek mates: they need to travel a surprising distance to do this, up to 3km in just one night!

If anyone is interested, I have some useful leaflets which I could email to you. These not only give information about creating hedgehog highways, but other simple things we can do to help support these once familiar animals.

I am asking for Shutford's support in just two ways:

1. Talk to your neighbours about **cutting a small hole** or digging a channel between your boundaries – on either side and at the back of your gardens too if appropriate - so we can create Hedgehog Streets throughout Shutford.
2. Drop me an email or give me a call a) to **pledge your support** and b) **to get hold of the leaflets** (*N.B. they are pdfs up to 6MB in size: I have two which I would email separately, but I will print them out if it's easier for you*).

My email address

is kirsten@kdpr.co.uk

My telephone number is 780412.

My address is The Nook, Church Lane.



In the meantime, if you'd like to find out more about the Hedgehog Street campaign, get hold of interesting facts about hedgehogs and see how else you can support them visit www.hedgehogstreet.org.

Thank you for helping to make Shutford more hedgehog friendly!

Kirsten Parrish

Shutford Book Club



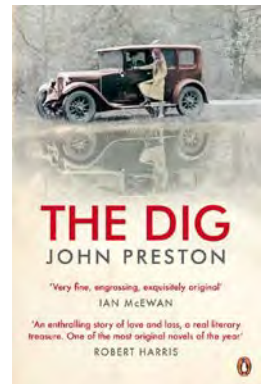
The **Shutford Book Club** usually meets on the last Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the George & Dragon restaurant.

Membership is currently full, but you can always take part virtually and volunteer your thoughts via email to Kirsten@kdpr.co.uk or a note in the door of "The Nook" in Church Lane.

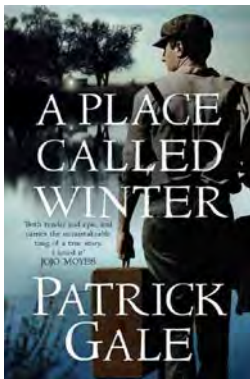


Forthcoming books are:

Monday 30 November, **"The White Castle"** by Orhan Pamuk, hosted by Lynne Parsons.



Monday 4 January, **"The Dig"**, by John Preston hosted by Kirsten Parrish.



Monday 25 January, **"A Place Called Winter"**, by Patrick Gale, hosted by Carole Ralph.

For more information contact Kirsten Parrish at kirsten@kdpr.co.uk or 780412

Premier



We operate every week day, including evenings for grooming, training and home visits, and can take advance bookings for weekends and bank holidays. We are able to take regular, long term and one off bookings. Discounts can be offered for multiple or bulk bookings of services.

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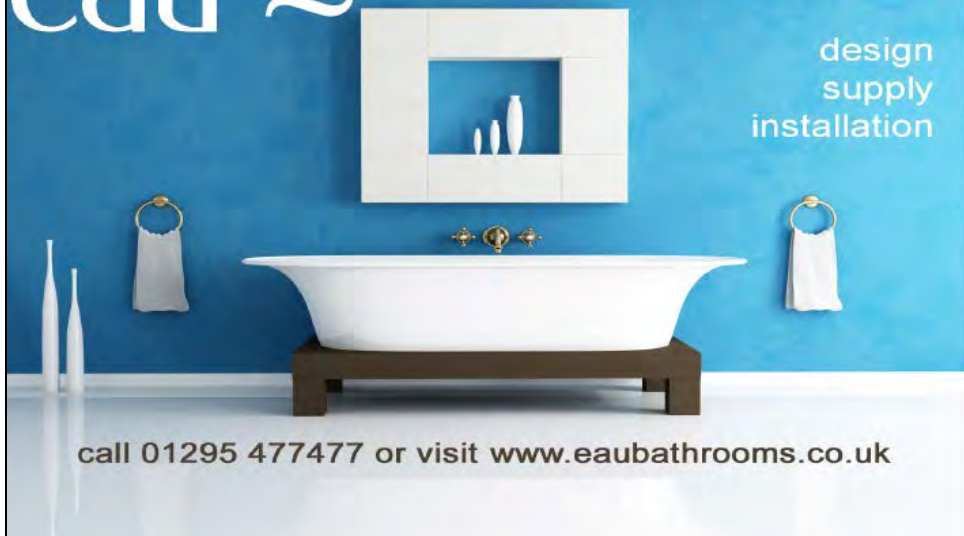
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Tuesday	1	WI- Christmas Social Time, 11am , Village Hall	
Wednesday	2	Mobile Library – West Street, fortnightly 9.30-9.50am	
Friday	4	CDC collection Blue/Brown bins fortnightly	
Friday	4	Xmas Bingo – Village Hall, 7.30pm	
Friday	11	CDC Normal Waste Collection fortnightly	
Tuesday	22	Village Carols	
January 2016			
Monday	4	Book Club The G & D – 7.30pm	
Tuesday	5	WI – Ronald Hawkes – Why would anyone want to be Vicar, Village Hall 10am	
Tuesday	5	Shutford News Planning Meeting, 3, Church Lane- 7.30pm.	
Saturday	16	Deadline for Shutford News	
Wednesday	20	Parish Council meeting 7:30 pm Village Hall	
Monday	25	Book Club The G & D – 7.30pm	
February			
Tuesday	2	Pam Newall – A glimpse of Transylvania. Village Hall 10am.	
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