



# SHUTFORD

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## *news*



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# The village hall has missed you!

**OPEN FOR  
BUSINESS!**

"Brilliant celebrations for my 70th with 45 friends and relatives. We even managed to cook a meal in the hall kitchen for everyone." DP

"Lots of us enjoyed a brilliant Race Night and raffle to raise money for the new play equipment. Great fun and great food, washed down with the wine that we all brought. We even raised over £1400!" HNF

## **Have you something to celebrate? Thinking of holding a party?**

Check out **[www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com)** to look at the various facilities that the hall has to offer including fully fitted kitchen, children's tables and chairs, table cloths, cutlery, crockery & glasses for 60 people.

There is an audio system including roving microphone, big screen, projector and internet access.

Have you or do you know anyone who wants to start a class or hold a workshop? Classes previously held were very well attended.

What ever you have in mind, we would love to hear from you.

**Please contact us at [shutfordvhc@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvhc@gmail.com)**

"I have always enjoyed the Sunday breakfasts in the Village Hall. Cooked brilliantly and to order. Good company, good value and great food." CB

"The Village Hall has great natural light, which is wonderful for the art classes. It's an ideal environment for learning and tuition." GF

**Hourly rental from only £4 for Shutford Residents**

## *Dear Villagers...*

We finally managed to hold the Shutford Get-Together on 11th September - it looks like a great time was had by all! I was unfortunately on holiday so I'd like to extend a special thank you to David Speck for his fantastic photos and John Hodgkins for sending in the results for the Produce Show, and to all the volunteers who helped set up and take down.

The Village Hall is open for business again! The WI has returned - please see the article on page 9 for news of this month's meeting. We have the Shutford Pingers on Tuesdays, two pilates classes every Thursday, the Book Club and the monthly Sunday breakfasts are back on the menu. Check on the village website to see what's on.

If you're thinking of having a party or holding a class in our village hall, there's a special offer of 50% off for Shutford residents - prices are from only £4 an hour. This great deal is available till the end of the year.

Keep sending in your photos and stories - weddings, new babies and special birthdays are all very welcome. Are you doing anything for charity? We have two marathon runners in the village, and their 'Just Giving' charity info is later in this issue.

Remember to keep up with all the village news - simply sign up to our newsletter by visiting **[www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com)** and completing the on-line sign-up form. If you have any stories you'd like to share, just email me at **[shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com)**.



*Angela*

Angela Bliss, Editor

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# VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

*Please check the website for updates on village activities  
restarting or sign up to the village newsletter by visiting  
[www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com)*

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## RITA LIVESEY

It seems right and fitting that Shutford should acknowledge the long lasting and enormous contribution made by Rita Livesey to village life. Many of you will be aware that as well as being an excellent Editor of the Shutford News for many years she also maintained the website, dealt with village circulars and organised the Festival. Not many events in the village didn't involve Rita's considerable energy and organisational skills including Craft Fayres and Film Clubs. The list is unending.

In particular, an acknowledgement must also be given to the wonderful work she did to fund raise and organise the building of the village hall. Many applications to trust funds and donors were put together by her including Big Lottery and Calor, both of which were successful. The village's own 'build team' were regularly rounded up by Rita, who would schedule helpers on a weekly basis to make sure we got the job done. Materials were ordered largely from Nichols Builder's merchants with whom she negotiated supplies at cost.

**Thank you Rita for all your great help over the  
years and all the very best for the future.  
*From a very grateful Shutford community***





## RE-OPENING OFFER FROM SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL

The Hall is now open for bookings, subject to the current Covid guidance. We would like to welcome you back to a Covid secure premises. The committee would like to offer **Shutford Residents** a discount for the remainder of 2021.

**Hire charges will be reduced to HALF the normal price.**

Rate	Residents	Non-residents
Regular Hourly	£8.00 (£4.00 until Dec 2021)	£10.00
One-off hourly	£12.00 (£6.00 until Dec 2021)	£14.00
Four hour sessions	£30.00 (£15.00 until Dec 2021)	£50.00
Full day (9-5 pm)	£60.00 (£30.00 until Dec 2021)	£100.00
Full use of Kitchen	£5.00	£5.00

**Please contact us at [shutfordvhc@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvhc@gmail.com)**

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## Shutford Village Hall 100+ Club Results

### AUGUST RESULTS:

First Prize	£35.00	John Hodgkins
Second Prize	£15.00	Oliver Currums
Third Prize	£10.00	Cathy Elmore

### SEPTEMBER RESULTS:

First Prize	£55.00	Ann Yeomans
Second Prize	£15.00	Tate Corry
Third Prize	£10.00	Janice Bailey

*The next Prize Draw will take place on October 7th*

# SHUTFORD NEWBIES AND NON-MOVERS!

We always like to welcome newcomers to our village, but recently we've had a lot of families who have moved, but not very far! Here another of our non-movers share their story...

## **WELCOME TO...**

**Renata & Alex Newton and baby Violet**, and their 11 year old cat Donkey, who have moved from Manchester into Alex's grandad's house at Orchard Cottage in West Street. They are a restaurant manager and a home-maker, and they enjoy walking, hiking, travel, cooking and IT/computers.

We moved to Shutford almost 7 years ago from France into a rented bungalow that our eldest son had viewed for us, just for 6 months until we decided where we wanted to live! We found the Shutfordians a friendly bunch and the George and Dragon was the place to be to meet people. It didn't take us long to realise this was where we wanted to live. We have now purchased a property in the village and couldn't be happier. We love the countryside, the walks and have met friends for life. Basically, Shutford is HOME.

**Sandie & Kevin Long**

## **Local markets**

- **Banbury** - every Thursday & Saturday
- **Banbury Farmers Market** - 1st Friday of the month
- **Chipping Norton** - every Wednesday
- **Deddington Farmers** - 4th Saturday of the month



***Congratulations to  
Lucy & Tom Birks from  
West Street!***

Florence 'Florrie' Amelia Birks  
was born on 13 August at the  
JR in Oxford weighing in at  
8lb 5oz.

Tom is of course loving her  
initials are FAB!



**Shutford Village Hall**

**The Annual General Meeting  
will be held in the Village Hall on  
Monday 1st November 2021 at 7pm**

***All Welcome***

***Please come along and support  
your Village Hall***



## SHUTFORD FINGERS

- **FREE** for everyone in August (every Tuesday)
- **FREE** for children under 16 (accompanied by an adult)
- **ONLY** £20 annually from September
- **2 TABLES**, bats/balls provided
- **ALL ABILITIES/BEGINNERS** are welcome

VILLAGE HALL, TUESDAY 24 AUGUST 6-8pm

## GIVE IT A GO!





## SHUTFORD WI

Due to the coronavirus crisis, Shutford WI has had no meetings since March 2019. Our 2020 AGM was conducted by email and the existing committee consented to be re-elected.

At last we had a meeting in August when we welcomed 3 new members from Sibford. Our speaker, Steven Bruce, gave us some interesting facts on antiques and auctions thereof. He had many exhibits to illustrate his advice which he passed round. Members were amused by several stories of his experiences.

To celebrate our return to 'normal' meetings, coffee was served with excellent cakes baked by a villager in aid of the Silver Star charity. Some portions were taken at the close of the meeting to deliver to members who could not attend.

At our September meeting, Andrew Baxter gave an illustrated talk on the Tea Gardens of Edgehill, which were a tourist attraction in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He showed pictures of postcards from those days and recent photographs as a comparison.

Visitors will be made very welcome at any of our forthcoming meetings, held in Shutford Village Hall on Tuesdays at 10am, when our future speakers will be:

- **Oct 5th Jane Abbot –  
Alpacas Felting Demonstration**
- **Nov 2nd Roger Butler – The Silk Road**

***For further information on our WI,  
please contact Geraldine on 780579  
or Jenny on 780570***



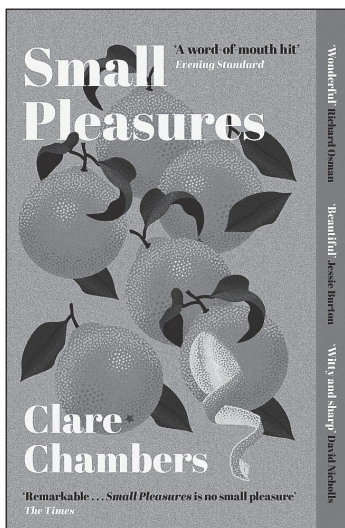
# Shutford Book Club



Shutford Book Club met face to face in the village hall once again as of September, having resorted to virtual sessions since March 2020. It's been a real lifeline over months of various lockdowns and brought companionship and solace in difficult times - especially to those who were shielding - but we all got

pretty fed up with sharing thoughts about books online so it's good to be face to face again!

After enjoying Kathleen Leeson's suggestion 'Girl, Woman, Other' by Bernardine Evaristo at the 're-launch', October's book will be '**Small Pleasures**' by **Clare Chambers**, suggested by Sara Swann.



It's not the only fresh start for the club, as Kirsten Parrish is stepping down from leading the group after forming it nine years ago. The book

that kicked it all off was 'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak, the story of a girl who finds her own escape in books during the second world war:

*"Books everywhere! Each wall was armed with overcrowded yet immaculate shelving. It was barely possible to see paintwork. There were all different styles and sizes of lettering on the spines of the black, the red, the gray, the every-colored books. It was one of the most beautiful things Liesel Meminger had ever seen."*

**THE BOOK THIEF - MARKUS ZUSAK.**

***New book club contact information to follow in the next issue, in the meantime happy reading!***



## *Recipe from Holly Cringle*

### **RHUBARB & CUSTARD CAKE**

I love this cake as it is so versatile, I have served it as a dessert fresh from the oven with ice cream, as a cake with an afternoon tea. I have even used it before for a wedding cake.

- 2/3 stalks of rhubarb
- 250g soft margarine
- 3/4 tin of custard
- 250g self raising flour
- 250g caster sugar + 1 tablespoon for the rhubarb
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 8 inch cake tin

Take the rhubarb and cut into approx 5cms lengths, put it in a bowl with 1 tablespoon of caster sugar and coat the rhubarb. lay onto a baking sheet and roast at 200 degrees for 15 mins until just soft (this will depend on how thick your rhubarb is). Drain off any excess juice and leave to cool

Cream the margarine and sugar together, then add the eggs, vanilla extract and flour and mix.

Add the custard leaving approx. 6-8 tablespoons back.

Line a cake tin with parchment and spoon the mixture in.

Take the roasted rhubarb stalks and place them on the top, pushing slightly into the mix.

Take the remaining custard and “dollop” it in various places across the top of the cake.

Bake in the oven at 190 degrees for approx. 30 mins.



*Really really really!!*  
**WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!**

## **Shutford Village Calendar 2022**

**We're still looking for your local photos for the 2022 Shutford Calendar. Please don't be shy, send them in! We can feature them on the front cover too!**

Please send your portrait (ideally) jpeg photos to:  
[shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com)

Deadline for photos is 14 November 2021.

Orders can be placed later this year for calendars.

**Happy photo taking!**





## News from Thistle Hill...

Vegetable harvest on my allotment has been good this year with a bumper crop of potatoes and climbing French and runner beans. As ever the courgettes grow at a great pace and soon turn into marrows if your back is turned for any length of time. Onions turned out well despite a scare early in the season.

Carrots and beetroot grew well but the local voles, or something with sharp teeth, has taken a liking to them chewing them at ground level making some unusable. Sweetcorn coming into season – so much sweeter than those from the supermarket.

Cabbage, purple sprouting, cauliflowers and broccoli were excellent in the spring but, despite being covered, are now being eaten alive by caterpillars – where are the birds when you need them?

Outdoor tomatoes suffering with blight and need to be destroyed. However, cucumbers are plentiful, despite the intermittent rainfall.

Sweet peas grew well, as have sunflowers – sunflowers, poppies, marigolds (calendula) and foxgloves pop up everywhere, with plenty of plants for next year. All encourage pollinators.

It is good to see everyone enjoying growing on the allotments and to share our surplus veg from time to time – especially courgettes and beans. It is a great pleasure to be able to share the fruits of our labours!

One small request, dog owners, please be aware of your companions' habits and pick up after they have done their business. Those who do not clean up and those who leave their plastic parcels – please think of others and treat the allotment field with respect: it is good that the farmer allows us to wander at will around the field, away from the designated footpath.

Let's hope we all have a successful harvest and continue to enjoy the Thistle Hill location and the company around us.

**Ken Jeffs**

# Shutford Parish Council Meeting

*8th September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall*

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs: Helen Nixseaman (Chair), Ashley Taylor (Vice Chair), Stephen Barnes, Sandy Forrester, Paul Huewen, Chris Hall, and David Best, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

<b>21/042</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs George Reynolds
<b>21/043</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
<b>21/044</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2021 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
<b>21/045</b> 21/045/1 21/045/2	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> Holly Tree Felling on Thistle Hill - It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Kai O'Hanlan to see if he can cut down the Holly Trees on Monday as he will be working in Shutford on Monday 13th September. <b>Litter Pick</b> – It was agreed that the Clerk would contact CDC to enquire if the litter picking equipment is available all the year round. It was agreed that the litter pick needs to be completed earlier in the year before the verges have grown up in 2022.
<b>21/046</b> 21/046/1	<b>Parish Matters:</b> <b>Allotments –</b> 1. Two beehives have been located on one of the allotment gardens. 2. The shed that is used for water harvesting needs some attention. It was agreed that Cllr Helen Nixseaman would contact a resident to see if he could complete the repairs. 3. It was agreed that the Clerk will report the Allotment Reserve in the accounts at every meeting. 4. Someone looking to rent an allotment on Thistle Hill to keep chickens has decided not to do this now.
21/046/2	<b>Shutford Goes Green</b> – No volunteers have come forward yet to take on responsibility for this, but it was agreed that the parish council would consider the environment and sustainability in all decisions. Residents are requested to contact the Clerk or a councillor if they have any ideas to promote the environment and sustainability further.
21/046/3	<b>Dairyground –</b> 1. It was agreed that bulbs would be planted around the bench which Cllrs Helen Nixseaman and Stephen Barnes would purchase. Cllr Sandra Forrester has scattered some seeds around the area. 2. One of the benches is very rickety and it was agreed that this would be monitored and replaced next in the spring. 3. Cllr Ashley Taylor will tidy up the bench near the bug hotel.

21/046/4	<b>Queens Platinum Jubilee</b> – Celebrations will take place from 2nd to 5th June 2022. Parishes are asked to light a beacon on 2nd June. It was confirmed that Shutford has a beacon that has been used for previous celebrations. Parishes are encouraged to hold a Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June. It was suggested that the Shutford Get Together could be brought forward to 5th June.
21/046/5	<b>District Governance Review</b> – The responses were agreed to the questions raised by CDC (no changes to current Parish Council makeup).
21/046/6	<b>Playground Inspection</b> – A few remedial actions were suggested. Cllr Ashley Taylor will check the tightness of the nuts and bolts. It was agreed that the Clerk would source another inspection company next year as the report is not considered to be particularly clear. The Clerk will also ask for clarification on the Adventure Trail section of the report. The report suggested that the goal post could be fixed but it is believed that it has never fallen over and there is a benefit to it moving to reduce impact if someone runs into it. It also needs to be moved to facilitate mowing.
<b>21/047</b>	<b>Finance:</b> The year-to-date accounts and bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting. The spending is below budget. The current combined bank balances are £14,238.
<b>21/048</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b>
21/048/1	<b>Recycling Bins</b> – Residents are requested not to dump glass by the bins if they are full. They are emptied regularly but CDC should be contacted if they are full. A new sign will be made with the number to call.
21/048/2	<b>Dog Bins not being emptied regularly</b> – The Clerk will raise this again with CDC as they have not responded to previous correspondence on this.
21/048/3	<b>Step by the Flagpole</b> - A resident requested a step is installed near the flagpole. Cllr Stephen Barnes will discuss this with the Village Hall Committee
<b>21/049</b>	<b>Planning:</b>
21/049/1	<b>21/01711/F</b> – Rose Cottage – Permitted by CDC on 16/07/2021.
21/049/2	<b>21/01876/F</b> – Honeysuckle Cottage – Awaiting CDC decision
21/049/3	<b>21/02305/F</b> – Plush Mill Cottage – Permitted by CDC 27/08/2021
<b>21/050</b>	<b>Any Other Business:</b>
21/050/1	<b>Footpath to allotments from Ivy Lane</b> – It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain a quote from Lighthorne Tree Care (Kai O’Hanlan) to cut back the trees.
21/050/2	<b>Village Hall</b> – The Village Hall has received grants and is currently offering a 50% discount for bookings.
21/050/3	<b>Cherwell Local Plan</b> – The PC briefly discussed concerns about areas of potential development noted in the plan and will investigate how these can be raised with CDC.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.24pm

# Shutford Village Hall

## INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT 01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020

### INCOME

<b>Booking Income</b>		
Regular	2,858.00	
Special	<u>1,133.00</u>	3,991.00
<b>Fund Raising</b>		
Festival	2,500.00	
100 Club	560.00	
Community Lunch	1,295.84	
Breakfast Club	888.39	
Bingo	552.40	
Film Club	583.13	
Xmas Fayre	369.71	
Recipe Books	16.00	
EasyFundraising	80.03	
AmazonSmile	<u>5.13</u>	6,850.63
Bank Interest		14.19
Misc		23.31
<b>Donations</b>		
Steps to Church	-	
Misc	<u>37.00</u>	37.00
Grants for Steps to Church		8,000.00

**Total Income** **18,916.13**

**Surplus/Deficit** **9,507.78**

### EXPENSES

<b>Overheads</b>		
Insurance	830.08	
Licences etc	174.01	
Cleaner	1,909.00	
Admin	92.99	
Electricity	944.82	
Water	282.00	
BT & Plusnet	589.91	
Servicing	<u>286.08</u>	5,108.89
<b>Misc</b>		
Donations	1,000.00	
Maintenance	<u>785.83</u>	1,785.83
<b>Equipment</b>		
Kitchen	177.47	
Misc	<u>832.28</u>	1,009.75
<b>Consumables</b>		
Paper products	67.49	
Cleaning Materials	79.12	
Plastic Bags	9.85	
Misc	<u>16.62</u>	173.08
<b>Rebuild</b>		
Interior	480.00	
Exterior	<u>792.80</u>	1,272.80
Steps to Church		58.00

**Total Expenses** **9,408.35**

### FUNDS at 31/03/2020

Cash	95.89	
Lloyds Current A/C	4,316.46	
Lloyds Savings	38,220.32	
	<u>42,632.67</u>	

### RESERVES

AV	2,598	
Rebuild	6,166	
100 Club Prizes	790	
Overheads	5,000	
Steps to Church	14,942	
Future Developments	<u>13,137</u>	
	<u>42,633</u>	



# Shutford Village Hall

## INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT 01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021

### INCOME

<b>Booking Income</b>		
Regular	24.00	
Special	-	
		24.00

<b>Fund Raising</b>		
Festival	-	
100 Club	1,520.00	
Community Lunch	120.48	
Breakfast Club	-	
Bingo	-	
Film Club	-	
Xmas Fayre	-	
Recipe Books	-	
EasyFundraising	-	
AmazonSmile	33.60	
		1,674.08

Bank Interest 10.86

Misc 8.31

<b>Donations</b>		
Steps to Church	-	
Misc	72.00	
		72.00

Grants for Steps to Church -

Covid-19 Grants 20,707.83

**Total Income** **22,497.08**

**Surplus/Deficit** **11,831.26**

### EXPENSES

<b>Overheads</b>		
Insurance	836.25	
Licences etc	217.70	
Cleaner	281.50	
Admin	111.74	
Electricity	522.53	
Water	13.19	
Plusnet	360.00	
Covid expenses	227.46	
Servicing	33.60	
		2,603.97

<b>Misc</b>		
100 Club	807.00	
Film Club	-	
Donations/Loan	2,000.00	
Maintenance	6.49	
		2,813.49

<b>Equipment</b>		
Kitchen	-	
Misc	56.43	
		56.43

<b>Consumables</b>		
Paper products	-	
Cleaning Materials	7.00	
Plastic Bags	-	
Misc	4.93	
		11.93

<b>Rebuild</b>		
Interior	4,820.00	
Exterior	-	
		4,820.00

Steps to Church 360.00

**Total Expenses** **10,665.82**

### FUNDS at 31/03/2021

Cash	491.19
Lloyds Current A/C	7,741.56
Lloyds Savings	46,231.18
	54,463.93

### RESERVES

AV	2,238
Rebuild	1,346
100 Club Prizes	790
Overheads	5,000
Steps to Church	14,582
Future Developments	30,508
	54,464



## *Dear friends,*

*O hushed October morning mild,  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;  
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,  
Should waste them all.  
The crows above the forest call;  
Tomorrow they may form and go.  
O hushed October morning mild,*

*Begin the hours of this day slow.  
Make the day seem to us less brief.  
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,  
Beguile us in the way you know.  
Release one leaf at break of day;  
At noon release another leaf;  
One from our trees, one far away.*

The above opening of Robert Frost's poem, simply titled 'October', captures the essence of the changing season that we are about to embark upon. October is a time of change, as we travel towards the 30th October when Summer time ends and we put back our clocks an hour. Gone will be the days of long summer evenings as the night draws in. It also is a time when I have to remember to get my torch out, especially after the evening services and events in church. I've also become ever more aware of the thousands of leaves on the Sycamore tree directly opposite me here at the Rectory, knowing full well that autumn will also bring with it for me, a sweeping brush and lots of days of leaf collecting.

It was another poet, Emily Dickinson, who reflected upon time in her famous poem 'Forever is composed of nows,' in which it's suggested she presents the idea that every small moment is happening now and collectively adds up to 'forever' or a lifetime. When we think about time it might seem so intangible, almost impossible to define and yet the journey of our life is being created out of the experiences that we have.

October and the beginning of November have been times, that across the generations, has been used to reflect and remember maybe not only those whom we continue to love but see no more, but also those who we remember on Remembrance Sunday on the 14th November.

As a Christian, when I think about the vastness of the concept of time, I'm always drawn to what is written in the second letter of Peter 3 v8 where it says;

***But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.***

So as we journey in our lives through time and the changing season of Autumn, let us individually and together not only be aware of the moments of the here and 'now' but also how they are formed together to build our lifetimes together in our villages and communities.

Love & prayers

*Revd Neil*

**Rector, Wykeham Benefice, Tel: 788005**

# **Illuminate & Celebrate in 2021!**

**Don't forget to get your special dates in for 2021!** 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 2021.

How special it would be for the church tower to be illuminated for this occasion for a donation of only £10. 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 in 2021.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Occasion</b>
2nd August	John Bailey	Emily's Birthday
22nd August	Roger & Geraldine Bancroft	Mathew's Birthday
12th September	Sam, Tilly & Lottie	Iain French's 50th Birthday
14th & 22nd September	Ken Jeffs	Family Birthdays
22nd September	Sue Roe-French	In memory of Frank
27th September	Rita Livesey	In memory of sister, Janet
28th September	Lloyd Sabin and all the family	Andrew & Louise Sabin's 30th Wedding Anniversary
29th September	Rita Livesey	In memory of Dad
1st October	Debbie Pitt	Fynn's Birthday
3rd October	John & Julie Hodgkins	Wedding Anniversary
10th October	Roger & Geraldine Bancroft	Caroline's Birthday

**The tower is usually illuminated on Sunday. When more than one sponsorship is received for a particular day the tower is illuminated on additional days.**

# Church news

**Rector** - Revd Neil Bowler – 788005

**Churchwarden** – Ken Jeffs – 788308

**Safeguarding** – John Hodgkins – 788609

**SERVICES:** See Wykeham News or Website



The PCC has not met since the annual meeting in July with the next general meeting scheduled for 4th October. Because we could not have refreshments at the annual meeting, a social get together was arranged for 18th August when church members and others were able to meet our new rector, Rev Neil Bowler, informally over drinks and nibbles. Despite coronavirus restrictions, Rev Neil has been able to carry out pastoral care visits in the village and will get to know other villagers at social events, we hope to hold, in the autumn.

Weekly services have been held as planned and, with further relaxation of coronavirus restrictions, the wine chalice can be shared at communion. We can now sing in church and use music recorded on our electronic organ to accompany hymns. Masks in church are voluntary and we are sensitive to other people's space. The church is only open for services and private prayer on Sunday, however, church opening times will be reviewed in October.

Our core congregation continue to cover the cost of ministry and the half -yearly accounts show a surplus of £1800. We are grateful for all the support we receive either monetary or parishioner's valuable time spent on grass cutting, cleaning, flower arranging and admin. Special thanks to John for painting the church noticeboard, railings, gates and lamp post. In the absence of other fund raising, income from our Illuminate and Celebrate Initiative has again been used towards the cost of the church insurance this year.

Churchyard summer flowers have now faded, and the long grass will be cut and removed over the coming weeks. For the first time in many years, swallows did not return to their nests in the church porch this summer.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving was / is on 26th September with a Supper on 27th - money raised to be shared between the church and Katharine House Hospice.

***For church info see benefice website or contact  
KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk***

## **OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES STREET: Supporting Oxfordshire Churches since 1964**

Over the years, OHCT has raised over £10 million of which £6 million has been used to maintain and support churches.

Locally, a grant of £7000 was awarded to SS Peter & Paul Swalcliffe for drainage works in 2020/21 and Horley church received £8000 for repairs and replacement of windows.

Income comes from members subscriptions, donations and legacies and other fund raising such as the annual Ride and Stride which takes place each September. This year St Martin's Church welcomed visitors with refreshments in the church porch and the George and Dragon provided toilet facilities. No one from Shutford took part, but Rev Canon Glyn Evans, who regularly leads worship in our benefice, will be raising funds for the trust and our local churches.

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## **WHAT'S COMING UP LATER THIS AUTUMN AND INTO WINTER?**

*We may be most of the way through the year, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved and events to enjoy. Your support helps us to make every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Below is news of just some of what's coming up in the next few months.*

### **MAKE A WILL FORTNIGHT – 4-15 OCTOBER**

Our Make a Will event is back and this time it's running for two weeks. Between 4-15 October, a number of local solicitors have very generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will, and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. Check our website for a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment.

### **BLenheim 7K FUN RUN – 10 OCTOBER**

On 10 October, why not run, jog or simply take in the spectacular scenery at Blenheim Palace and raise money for Katharine House at the same time? To find out more about the event and how you can get a 20% discount on entry fee when fundraising for us, visit our website.

### **OXFORD HALF MARATHON – 17 OCTOBER**

There's still time to sign up for the Oxford Half Marathon and represent Katharine House! Challenge yourself to complete the 13.1-mile route through the beautiful city of Oxford.

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## **CARE FOR A CURRY**

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## **SANTA FUN RUN – 5 DECEMBER**

If you thought that Santa's elves worked hard, you should see our fundraising team in the run-up to Christmas. December may feel far away, but we're already planning how to make our next Santa Fun Run the best one yet.

The race is taking place on Sunday 5 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury. Get the date in your diary and don't forget to let your friends and family know!

## **DIGITAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – KEEP UP TO DATE WITH YOUR HOSPICE**

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## **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

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## **FIND OUT MORE**

*Head to our website to find out more about all these events and news: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)*

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# Travels with my memories by Debbie Pitt

## *Transport*

During my 15 years of travelling in exciting (and sometimes not so exciting) places, I have used a variety of transport modes. I have ridden side saddle on motor bikes through the traffic jams of Bangalore and push bikes taxi (very uncomfortable) in Uganda. Cycle rickshaws are very common in a lot of countries and you can get some very dodgy taxis where you can see the ground through the rusted car floor. But there is no doubt some of the most beautiful, interesting but hairy mode of transport have been by small planes.

One of the most memorable is flying in a seaplane in Bangladesh. Dhaka, the capital, is in a delta which spends a lot of the year virtually underwater. It is not until you are in the air can you see the true effect that water has on this country. I was visiting a floating hospital run by Sight Savers who visit remote rural villages using the water channels and volunteer doctors who give up their free time to perform, mostly, cataract operations. People would pour in from surrounding villages bringing in elderly relatives for the operation which only takes a few hours before they return back through the bush. As I flew down onto the water next to the hospital boat, the banks suddenly erupted with a throng of women in brightly coloured saris, children shyly hiding behind their mothers and elderly people being led by relatives. This charitable service offered to the blind or semi blind people allows many to return to providing a living for their families.

Not all flights were traditionally scenic. The rugged landscape of Afghanistan is quite amazing but I would not like to repeat the journey from Kabul to Jalalabad as when we were coming into land the pilot announced that the near vertical impending descent, was necessary to avoid any rockets that the Taliban might send up – maybe if he had mentioned it at the start of the journey, I wouldn't have got on the plane. (I wrote this before the terrible recent takeover by the Taliban and my heart goes out to all those people who rejoiced when they left in 2002 and who now live in fear of their life and liberty. The majority of Afghans are peaceful, carefree people who just want to get on with their lives and as such, not unlike us.)



*A 'jingle lorry', so called because of the chain curtains attached to the bumpers, are always so overloaded with goods but also provide entertainment for kids who hang onto the back for a ride as they drive slowly pass making their way across Afghanistan.*

Local buses are a good way of seeing any country. When travelling with my daughter, we made many bus journeys. At one 'comfort break' we wondered why the other women on the bus went off into the fields, lifting their saris, squatting but still remaining discreet while we headed for some of the most revolting loos in the world. We learnt bladder control very quickly after that!

On one bus journey in Nepal, the driver had his 10-year-old son sitting on his lap steering while the father was operating the pedals. I suppose I had to be grateful that

the child wasn't tall enough to reach the pedals as well! But seeing I was sitting next to an elderly man with a dreadful cough, which I was convinced was tuberculous, I thought I would meet my end one way or the other.

We all might complain at the state of our roads in Oxfordshire and the size of the potholes but in Nepal they are more proactive with some great practical solutions.

To warn people of the potential danger of the huge potholes, these are filled with very large branches but for just large potholes, I have seen some filled with a Yak jaw bone or even a Yak thigh bone – that is recycling taken to extremes.



*The road from Peshawar (Pakistan) to Jalalabad (Afghanistan) via the Kyber Pass. The road was narrow and very prone to rock falls and broken down lorries which made the journey very hazardous.*



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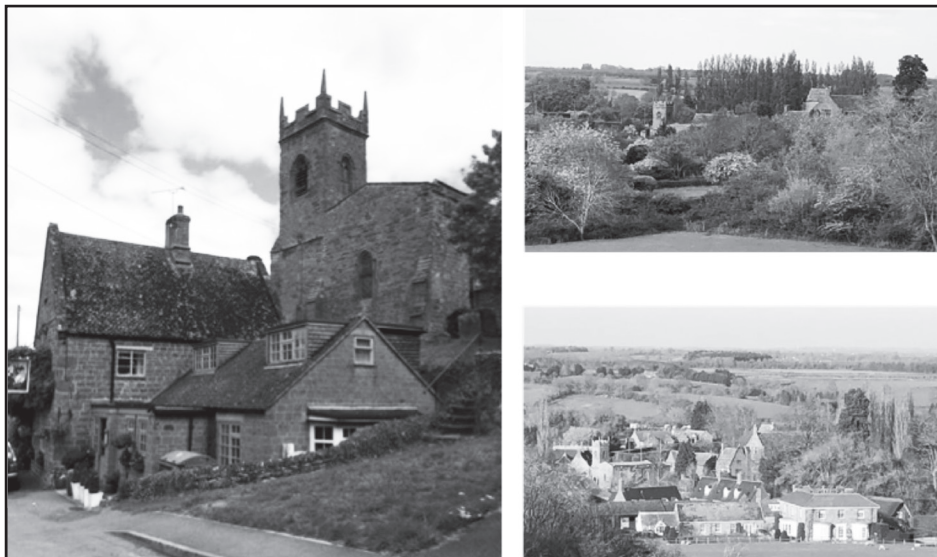




# The Shutford Village Produce, Flowers & Fruit Show

## The Results!

	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
Veggies	A collection of 5 different home-grown fruit and/or veg in a container	Steve Lock	Bill Richardson	Sarah Caruthers
	A display of 5 of the same variety home-grown fruit and/or veg in a container	Sharon White	Andy Whitehouse	Bill Richardson
	Heaviest squash or marrow	Bill Richardson		
	Longest runner bean	Geraldine Bancroft	Sue Lock	
Flowers	An arrangement of herbs	Sue Lock	Helen Nixseaman	
	Single stem of any flower	Geraldine Bancroft		
	Arrangement in an everyday kitchen container	Diane Speck	Erica Doe	
Cakes	Upside down Cake	Claire Freeman	Helen Cringle	Sue Roe-French
	3 ginger nuts	Bill Richardson	Sue Roe-French	
Children's entries	Potato print design or picture	Curtis Page		
	3 decorated cup cakes	Evie Tucker	Isobel Freeman, Harry and Isaac	Charlie and William Vickers
	Flowers in a jam jar	Ben Whitehouse	Evie Tucker	Ben and Isobel Whitehouse
Jams etc	Marmalade	Sue Roe-French	Mike Carwithen	Wendy Hall
	Chutney / Pickle / Relish	Helen Nixseaman	Mike Carwithen	



# **Shutford Parish Council Emergency Plan**

**DRAFT JULY 28, 2021**

**TO KEEP UP TO DATE, CHECK ON [SHUTFORDVILLAGE.COM](http://SHUTFORDVILLAGE.COM)**

The purpose of this plan is to ensure that all potential risks which could result in damage to property, injury to villagers or result in a denial of access to the village or inconvenience to residents have been considered and that all potential steps to reduce the risk or alleviate the impact have been investigated and suitable steps agreed. The plan includes contact details for all relevant personnel and organisations but should be amended/added to as appropriate.

However, at all times if you or anyone else is in immediate danger you should:

**CALL 999 and follow all advice provided by the emergency services before considering the content of this guide.**

## WHY WE NEED A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Whilst Shutford is a small rural village, which is fortunately considered low risk, emergencies do happen and whilst generally the impact will be limited in scope and severity it is important that we ensure that we have suitable communication channels and actions agreed to restrict the potential impact.

This document is intended to ensure that all necessary contact details and relevant actions are detailed in a single document which is available to everyone.

Whilst emergencies can make anyone vulnerable it is important that we recognise that some members of our community are more vulnerable than others and that our response always reflect this.

## PLAN DISTRIBUTION LIST – *PEOPLE HOLDING COPIES OF THE PLAN*

Date of this version: 28.07.21

In addition to those listed below, copies of the plan should also be kept on the website and at the Village Hall and in the pub.

Name	Role	Phone numbers	Email address
Helen Nixseaman	PC	788815/ 07710 058288	Helen.shutfordpc@gmail.com
Chris Hall	PC	780934/ 07739 032097	Chrishall.shutford@gmail.com
Ashley Taylor	PC	788788/ 07779 282186	ashleyt.shutfordpc@gmail.com
Stephen Barnes	PC	788685/ 07917 813788	Stephenb.shutfordpc@gmail.com
Sandy Forester	PC	780534	sandyf.shutfordpc@gmail.com
George Reynolds	PC	780479	george.reynolds@cherwelldc.gov.uk
Paul Heuwen	PC	07879 675553	Paulh.shutfordpc@gmail.com
David Best	PC Clerk	720566/ 07787 496774	clerk.shutfordpc@gmail.com

## LOCAL RISK ASSESSMENT

In undertaking this assessment, we have considered the size, location and potential impact on the village and its residents and graded the risk as low, medium or high including our rationale for the grading given.

<b>Risks</b>	<b>Risk Grading</b>	<b>Impact on the village</b>	<b>What we can do to prepare</b>
Flooding	Low	Damage to property in lower lying areas	Thames Water emergency contact number: 0800 316 9800
Snow	Medium	Village cut off re supplies, medical help	Being on a bus route helps. Need to keep gritter bins filled
Fire Fire in Village hall/church		Personal injury. Damage to property	Fire extinguishers in buildings. Regularly checked
Local virus lockdown	Low	Village cut off re supplies, medical help	Follow NHS/Government guidance and make sure villagers are aware
Power cut	Medium		Power Cut Information: Emergency Telephone: 105 or 0800 6783 <a href="http://www.westernpower.co.uk/power-cutinformation">www.westernpower.co.uk/power-cutinformation</a> Live Power Cut Map <a href="http://powercuts.westernpower.co.uk/tweets">powercuts.westernpower.co.uk/tweets</a>
Air/Flight accident	Low		Call 999
Minor/Single motor accident	Medium		Call 101
Major/Multiple motor accident	Low		Call 999
Wind	Medium	Damage and denial of access	Power cables down, phone western power Tree across road, phone 101 for immediate reporting (ie: blocking main roads/ access) or FixMyStreet for less immediate response



## LOCAL SKILLS AND RESOURCES ASSESSMENT

Skills/resources	Who?	Contact details
Medical/first aid	999 in an emergency, your GP surgery or Annabelle Macgregor in the village, if needed	Call 999 in an emergency Annabelle Macgregor 07947358689
De-fibrillator	Ashley Taylor	01295 788788 / 07779 282186
4x4/tractor owner		
Chainsaw owner/ tree surgeon		Road blockages should be reported on Fixmystreet. Call 101 if an immediate hazard
Electrical supply	Western Power	105 or 0800 6783
Water supplies	Thames Water	0800 316 9800
Communications	Angela Bliss Zoe Monahan	Shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com Wellszoe@hotmail.com
Local Police	999 or 101	

## KEY LOCATIONS -

### CAN BE USED AS A PLACE OF SAFETY IF NEEDED

Building	Location	Use	Contact details
Village Hall	Banbury Hill	Rest Centre/safe place	Roger or Geraldine Bancroft 01295 780579
Pub	Church Lane	Rest Centre/safe place	Juliette Currums 01295 780320/07709 581311
Church	Church Lane	Rest Centre/safe place. Note that the church has no running water or toilets. Reduced opening hours during Coronavirus. Call Ken Jeffs in advance.	Ken Jeffs, 9 The Dairyground 01295 788308



## **CONTACT OR TELEPHONE TREE**

Depending on the incident, there may be a need to contact residents in all or parts of the village, using the tree above and then others as follows:

- Helen Nixseaman and Stephen Barnes to contact residents in Banbury Hill, High Street & Ivy Lane
- Sandy Forester to contact residents on Cooks Hill & Lower End
- George Reynolds to contact residents in Malthouse Lane
- Ashley Taylor & Paul Huewen to contact residents in The Dairyground, The Green, The Rickyard and West Street
- Chris Hall to contact residents in Church Lane
- Zoe Monahan/Angela Bliss (shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com) to send email communications out to the Village
- David Best to contact any others outside the village as needed, e.g. Cherwell DC

## **ACTIVATION TRIGGERS**

As already detailed the first call in all circumstances should be to the relevant emergency service, followed by the service providers detailed before the telephone tree should be followed.

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: Friday 12th November.**

The next planning meeting will take place on  
Tuesday 9th November.

Please note dates are correct at the time of going to print.

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# *Juliette Currums Marathon*



This year,  
I will be  
running the  
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**<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stuart-crangle-silver-star>**

My lovely wife (who used to run a cake business) is also offering some amazing home-made Iced Buns and Cream Teas. These would need to be ordered by emailing [hollycringle3@hotmail.com](mailto:hollycringle3@hotmail.com)



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Welcome back!!

Quiz time is back!

Maximum 6 people per team. Please book to allow adequate spacing.  
Sundays at 7pm – October 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you to all who supported our Charity Bingo night on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July. We raised an amazing £400 for Children with Cancer UK and had an amazingly fun night too! We will be holding another pirate themed charity bingo night on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October!

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October the pub will be closed as Juliette will be running/walking/stumbling the London Marathon – any last sponsors most welcome at:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JulietteCurrums>

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 8pm  
Live music returns with Pete Watkins!

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Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.