



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 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

"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...

In case you haven't noticed, we've gone full colour for our Christmas issue so no more black and white photos! I think this is a big improvement for the Shutford News and I hope you all think so too. Thanks to Mervyn Benford for the great cover photo.

The Shutford 2022 calendar is ready to go to print - please see page 9 for a sneak preview. This is for pre-order only, so please email shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com if you'd like a copy. And don't forget to keep sending your photos in for the 2023 calendar!

The village hall half price special offer for Shutford residents is being extended until 31 March 2022, so get your Christmas parties booked in! We have lots of classes and groups restarting, so keep checking the Village Hall Diary on the Shutford website.

Zoe Monaghan, our comms lady, has moved to pastures new, and John Bailey has kindly offered to take on the job of sending out the village emails, for which I'm very grateful.

Debbie Pitt has written her last article about her travels around the world - she's given us all a fascinating insight to places well off the beaten track, so thank you for your hard work Debbie! If anyone has any interesting stories or local history to share, please get in touch.

Keep sending in your photos and stories - weddings, new babies and special birthdays are all very welcome. Are you doing anything for charity? Our two marathon runners, Juliette Currums and Stuart Cringle, have written about their experience on page 16 and 17.

Remember to keep up with all the village news - simply sign up to our newsletter by visiting www.shutfordvillage.com and completing the on-line sign-up form - we won't share your details with anyone and you can unsubscribe at any time. If you have any stories, just email me at shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com.



Angela

Angela Bliss, Editor

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PS. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!!

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



FILM CLUB

It is hoped to re-start the Film Club in the Village Hall in the next few weeks. Friday nights mid-month have been suggested. We would like a volunteer to arrange the film showings by liaising with an existing group of people who have done this in the past.

Membership of the Film Club before the pandemic will be extended without further subscription to cover the winter season. New members welcome at

£6 for 6 months. One film due for showing in 2019 is still available as the first offering. Cost of future films will be reimbursed on presentation of receipt.

Apply to: shutfordvhc@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!! 18th JUNE 2022

*We are planning to hold the
**2022 SHUTFORD
FESTIVAL**
on 18th June. Put the date in
your diaries!*

*More details will follow, but
the idea will be to have a
'Royal' theme as it is also
around the time of the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*

NEEDED.....

*Gardening enthusiast for
Village Hall garden to plan
and organise monthly
weeding sessions with
an existing workgroup of
villagers. Budget available
for purchase of new bulbs,
plants and gardening
sundries.*

*Apply to:
shutfordvhc@gmail.com*

VILLAGE HALL OPENING OFFER EXTENDED TILL 31st MARCH 2022

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 until 31st March 2022.

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

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Shutford Village Hall 100+ Club Results

OCTOBER RESULTS:

First Prize	£35.00	Sharon White
Second Prize	£15.00	Eamon Gillespie
Third Prize	£10.00	Andrew Whitehouse

NOVEMBER RESULTS:

First Prize	£35.00	Peter Pal
Second Prize	£15.00	John Hodgkins
Third Prize	£10.00	Mike Carwithen

The next Prize Draw will take place on December 2nd

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...*

I had never lived anywhere other than cities and towns before renting in Shutford a few years ago. I remember having no idea what a village fete would be like and, as an introvert, being slightly apprehensive about being sociable in such a small community. Within weeks of getting to know people (in the pub mainly) and enjoying the beautiful countryside on our doorstep, I knew that I didn't want to leave and luckily Andy also felt the same!

The village is so welcoming, so full of life and activity that neither of us could think of a place we would rather live. It is by happy accident that Andy and I ended up renting in Shutford but we couldn't be happier to have now found and bought our home together here. **Becky & Andy**

WELCOME TO...

Kate & Rupert Turnbull who have moved from Brill in Buckinghamshire to Barton Barn on Church Lane. They have two sons, Archie, who is at Edinburgh University studying History of Art, and Hamish who is starting his A Levels at Bloxham. They have two dogs, Monty, a Parsons Jack Russell and Myrtle, a labradoodle puppy. Kate is Head of Fashion & Textiles at Headington School in Oxford and Rupert is a Media Broker. Rupert enjoys sports, outdoor challenges and wild swimming, whereas Kate grows her own plants to extract dye to print her own sustainable textiles. They moved to Shutford because "it sounds like a friendly village" and their home has space for a studio.

Kate would also like to know if there are any local spinners or weavers, and if anyone has any spare land available to grow flax to process into cloth! Email shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com if anyone is interested, and we can pass the message on.



TONY WHITTLE
who sadly died recently

The No 6 bus going through the village has been cancelled. Unfortunately numbers were too low for the service to be justified

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

SHUTFORD NEWS BENCH ON JAME CORNER

We are very grateful to Nick Turner for repairing the bench.

SHUTFORD CALENDAR 2023!

Please keep sending in your photos for the Shutford 2023 calendar!



Try Bridge for FREE



Come and make new friends at Kings Sutton Bridge Club

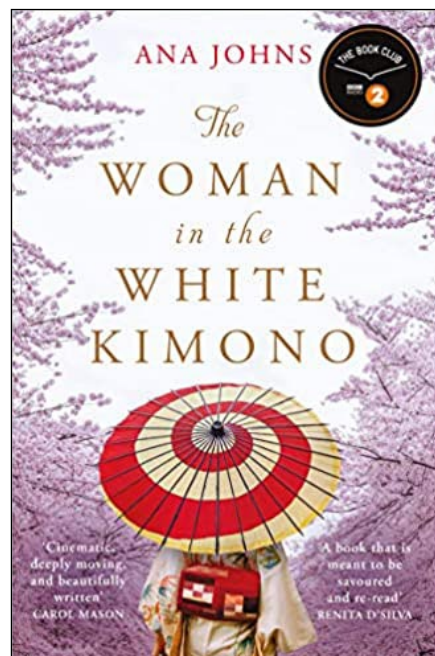
Free taster sessions are on Thursdays December 2nd and 16th from 2.00 to 4.00. Then you may choose to join the bridge course proper at the beginning of the term in January.

We're at the Memorial Hall, Kings Sutton, Banbury OX17 3PG.

More details and booking on our website: www.bridgewebs.com/kingssutton
Or call Ken Langdon on 07850 616069
(Booking desirable but not necessary)

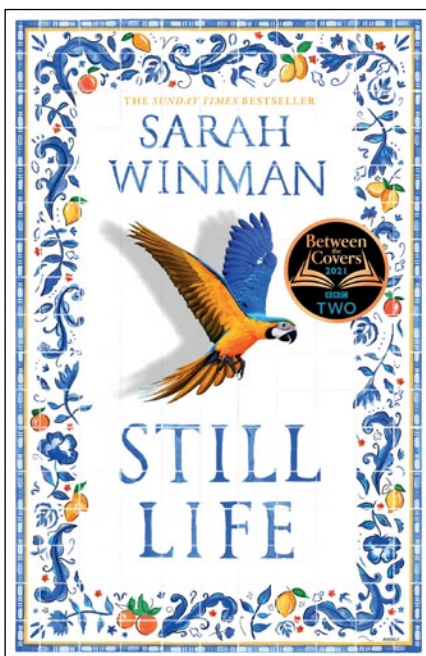
Shutford Book Club

The Shutford Book Club normally meets on the last Monday of each month in Shutford Village Hall 7:30 pm.



NOVEMBER: 'The Woman in the White Kimono' by Ana Johns. Wendy Hall is hosting.

Currently the book club is full, however, you can always take part virtually. The books we are reading are regularly published in the Shutford News and on the village website, so feel free to read them alongside the Book Club.



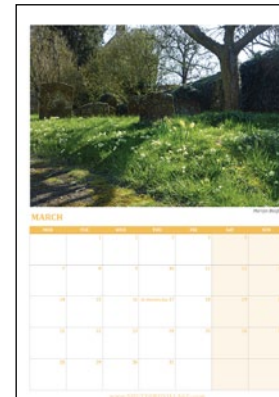
JANUARY: 'Still Life' by Sarah Winman. Jane Moffatt is hosting.



SHUTFORD CALENDAR 2022 Ready to pre-order NOW



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www.shutfordvillage.com



Thank you to everyone who sent in photos for the 2022 Shutford Village calendar. We are now taking orders at cost of £5.00 each.

Email shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com to place your order.

BACS payment details will be supplied when ordering. **The closing date for orders is Sunday 5th December.**

Calendars will be delivered week commencing 13th December.



Some time ago two blokes in the G&D were talking.

Bloke 1. "I love curries but my missus is not keen."

2nd Bloke. "I'm the same and my wife is not a fan either. We should go for a curry, just us two?"

"Can I come" said 3rd Bloke, ear wiggling.

Bloke 1. "Yea no problem shall we try The Indian Queen?"

The Shutford curry club was born!

As the word spread we had more punters with the same line, "I love curries but my missus is not keen." There are 25 names on the list as of today.

We meet in the G&D at 18:30 on the first Monday in the month and head off with volunteer drivers to eat at a pre-nominated restaurant around the Shutford area. Our Khan will have sent out an email asking for participating numbers, i.e. drivers and eaters.

At the end of our meal we score marks out of 10 and each place gets rated. Our top 3 are: Purple Mango: 8.4, Voujon: 8.19. Shukurs: 8.15. Someone is then asked to comment on the evening or the meal or anything; it's just a bit of fun. "It's too bloody green" is one of the comments. You had to be there for that one. Also, "Just give me an onion and I'll sweat", "Nice place and poppadoms. Let down by curry."

Then we split and pay the bill. The drivers pay less than the non-drivers. We think this is fair. It usually is a good night of light-hearted banter and jollity. Most get dropped off back at the G&D and may go in for a digestive. There is only one rule in the Shutford curry club. But nobody has thought of it!

This is not a closed group. It's not even a group, more of a body of people who just like curry.

**If you want to come along to the next one on
6th December (venue to be announced), email**

The Great Khan at crew@marymo.me

"Keep Khan and Kurry On"



Christmas Cupcakes - Recipe from Holly Cringle



Ingredients for the cupcakes

- 150g baking margarine • 150g caster sugar
- 150g self raising flour • 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons of cocoa • 3 tablespoons milk

Ingredients for decorations

- 150g butter • 300g icing sugar
- Green food colouring • Cocoa powder
- Red smarties • Curlywurly • Icing eyes
- Coloured sprinkles • Gold icing stars

1. Pre heat the oven to 180 degrees and place cupcake cases into cupcake tin.
2. Cream the margarine and sugar together.
3. Add the eggs one at a time and combine
4. Add the flour and cocoa powder and mix together
5. Slowly add the milk a tablespoon at a time and mix together.
6. Spoon into the cupcake cases and bake for 15 mins.

To decorate:

1. Mix the butter and icing sugar together to make a buttercream.
For the Reindeer add 2x tablespoon of cocoa powder, for the Christmas trees add green food colouring.
2. Using a piping bag and a large nozzle, pipe a large tall swirl of icing on top of the cupcake.
3. For the reindeers: cut a Curlywurly into pieces to form "antlers" and place them in the top of the icing, then add a red smartie for the nose and some icing eyes (available in supermarkets)
4. For the Christmas trees: use coloured sprinkles for the "baubles" and a gold icing star for the top (available in supermarkets)

At our October meeting, Jane Abbot gave us an excellent history of Alpacas and the varying qualities and value of their different wools. Various examples were on display and members were able to feel the wools and hear about the type of very high quality garments produced. Jane also demonstrated “felting” and “hand rolling” which were very hard work. The pieces she had brought were greatly admired particularly the toys and animals made with the “needling” technique, which was not so strenuous!

In November we were shown slides of Roger Butler’s journey along the Silk Road in central Asia. Most of the roads were very poor and the markets had some curious goods for sale. He had taken some interesting portraits of the inhabitants of the region and photos of their daily lives, local transport and amenities.

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:

- **Dec 7th Christmas Buffet & Social (no speaker)**
- **Jan 4th Andrew Parsons – Unlocking your Local Church**
- **Feb 1st Peter Tickler – Blood on the Keyboard**

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



ST MARTIN’S CHURCH, SHUTFORD

Illuminate & Celebrate

If you have a special celebration, a birthday, an anniversary or someone you wish to remember, please contact Ken Jeffs at KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk to arrange to illuminate the church tower.

Donations of £10 per occasion, for church funds, are welcome.

Below is a list of recent occasions remembered:

Date	Name	Occasion
24th September	Anon	James H’s Birthday
25th October	John Hodgkins & family	Emma Hodgkins & Michael Law’s Wedding
1st/2nd November	Anon	All Saints & All Souls Days
5th November	Margaret & Brian	In Memory of Bob Andrews
9th November	Sue Roe-French	Sara’s Birthday
11th November	Anon	Armistice Day
14th November	Anon	Remembrance Sunday
16th November	Kirsten Parrish	Tom’s Birthday
26th November	Anon	In memory of Obby Waller
9th December	Geraldine Bancroft	Roger’s Birthday
10th December	Roger Bancroft	Geraldine’s Birthday

The tower will be illuminated over the Christmas & New Year period when additional sponsorship is anticipated. 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.



Table tennis pings back to Shutford!



In the summer of 2019, the village hall committee seized an opportunity given by Sports England to fund a table tennis facility for the benefit of the local community; under the scheme, they paid £200 for two tables and a significant amount of equipment. The club was later named the Shutford Pingers and membership rose to nearly twenty regular players; weekly sessions were thriving until the pandemic hit the UK and the rest of the world.

In August this year, the club relaunched Tuesday sessions which, unfortunately, were only attended by a relative few. This was understandable given people's fear of contracting Covid in public places although it should be noted that the village hall is well ventilated with hand sanitiser provided.

Later in September, Eric Barlow, a local licenced coach, dropped by and offered to help the club raise its game, and after an extremely productive meeting (in the George & Dragon of course), a series of taster sessions were planned.

Since that time, Eric and his trainee coach, Nick Walker, have spear-headed five tasters which have re-energised the whole team, attracted new members and provided fun-filled and entertaining evenings for all!

A typical session would start with a warm-up followed by coaching and practices for playing forehand & backhand drives, pushes and serves intermingled with games, such as 'Round the table knockout', that encompass newly acquired skills. These structured activities have cleverly been aimed at all levels of ability including beginners.

The evenings end with a drink (or two!) in the George and Dragon which provides the perfect atmosphere for the team to socialise with each other.

Looking towards the future, the current team have been trained to run the sessions by Eric and Nick in a structured and fun-loving way and there is also the possibility of a table-tennis partnership between Shutford and North Newington. Matches with other village clubs are on the radar!

Tuesday evenings (7.30-9pm) in the village hall are now just too good to miss, so come along and learn to play!

**REMEMBER -
MEMBERSHIP
REMAINS FREE UNTIL
2022!**





LONDON
MARATHON
2021

We had two Shutfordians running in this year's London Marathon - here are their stories....



STUART CRINGLE

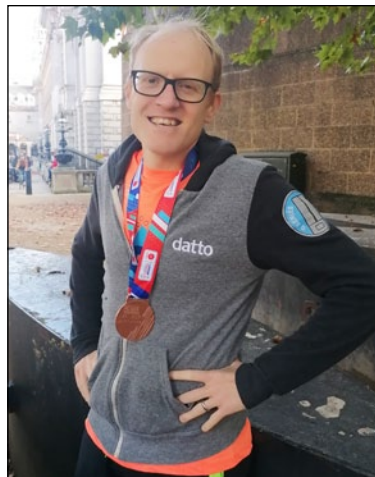
My London marathon journey started a little bit later than most, just 12 weeks before race day. It had been a "bucket list" thing for me to complete a marathon before I turn 40 next year. When we heard that a member of the Oxfordshire Hospitals Silver Star team had to drop out I volunteered to step up to the plate and take over the place. I have always been a runner completing 5-10ks and the odd half marathon, but never this sort of distance.

I drew up a training plan and started pounding the streets! As you all know, nothing is flat round here so training was slightly challenging. My longer routes took me to places such as Wellesbourne, Cropredy, Chacombe.

Race day came around quickly, I stayed in London the night before to avoid travelling in the morning. I had set a personal goal of completing in under 4 hours. It was great weather conditions on the day and I was very happy to complete in 3 hours and 53 minutes!

Huge thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported me. Sibford Gower School ran a mini marathon and I hope you all enjoyed the tuck shop!

Total raised £1500+ with money still coming in.



JULIETTE CURRUMS

On Sunday 3rd October I embarked on a huge personal challenge of running (ish) the London Marathon. I have entered the ballot for this race consistently for about 18 years and never got a place. This year I decided it was now or never and signed up for a charity place with Children with Cancer UK! The training had been good, running distances up to half marathon but as I extended beyond that, I damaged my knee and had a two month full running break just before the marathon. I must say, this increased my feelings of terror massively!

On the day, as I exited the tube and walked round to the start line it was amazing to see the sheer number of people both preparing to race and also supporting. From the second I crossed the start line, the crowd support was immense. There was a plethora of music carrying you forward at every stage and so loud I could feel it vibrating through me. As the miles wore on, I found myself scanning the runners more and noticing all the different people putting themselves through this fun event/ordeal! There were people with physical disabilities, blind people running with a guide, a man on crutches who alternated running and hobbling, not to mention the rhinos, unicorns and other weird and wonderful costumes. Whilst running amongst these crazy and determined people, there was a real sense of joy because every single person was raising money for a charity and giving their all.

There was no 'wall' as such, just sore bits that you had to ignore! The crowd cheered from the very beginning until the very end. They cheered with everything they had and it really pushed me forward. Crossing the finish line was such a high and a feeling I will never forget. The day after the marathon I said 'Never again!', the day after that, I entered the ballot again for next year! It was physically gruelling and I suspect I have mentally blocked out sections but it's a challenge I would recommend to anyone! Fingers crossed for next year!

Thank you to all that sponsored me, the total raised was £3612.53 which is £4407.66 when gift aid is included.



Travels with my memories by Debbie Pitt

Lasting impressions



As I wrote in my first account, I have been so incredibly privileged to have travelled to so many countries for my work and where I have met such amazing people.

This last account is summing up my lasting memories which I will always treasure.

One of these being when I assisted in a research project into the life of a nomad tribe in Pakistan. These nomads take their livestock up north to the summer pastures and then back south in the winter. Being nomadic, they weren't registered anywhere so had no health care or formal education for the children. They were desperate for more government support in these areas but they just failed to fit into the system. The child and maternal deaths were horrific with some mothers giving birth to 'blue babies' (one cause is interbreeding), underweight babies and difficult births all confined in their tents. Also as a result of the huge earthquake in 2005, many of their livestock were lost and consequently both income and food.

The nomads were also suspicious of foreigners as it seems that previous researchers had been asking similar questions but nothing had changed for them. I never knew what happened to our research but rather think that it was just discarded into someone's waste bin like many others.

On a brighter note, I have attended a few weddings in different countries. In Uganda they still have 'bride money' in the form of how many cows a daughter is worth. In Pakistan and India, the bride and groom have to sit motionless and expressionless on a platform while

everyone around them is eating and enjoying themselves. On the other hand, in Afghanistan the men will all dance and sing while the women are kept hidden although still manage to peak a look (none of this is probably allowed now, I'm sure). But all weddings seem to involve much the same as in this country – dressing up in fine clothes and eating lots and possibly drinking!

I am not a religious person but I couldn't help but be moved when I was in Ethiopia. There is an amazing place called Lalibela known for its churches which are hewn into the rocks below revealing just the very top of them. I watched one early Easter Sunday morning as worshippers walked over the large smooth rocks holding their staffs and wearing long white robes. It was a truly Biblical scene.

Of course, not all sights were moving or beautiful. In Bangladesh there is a muddy 'beach' where old ships are floated up on at high tide and then manually broken up. These workers are not wearing any protective clothing and sometimes no shoes although they work with heavy machinery.

I had to smile when I saw women in India digging a trench for what I assumed to be for cabling. I expect the contract was with the EU or similar which stipulated that hard hats must be worn. So these women were, indeed wearing hard hats, but also no shoes and flowing saris which would have caused more health and safety risks than could have warranted a hard hat!

I hope that my accounts of my travels might inspire anyone else to travel – I have been so incredibly honoured to have done so and as great as Shutford is, there are also so many other places in the world worth visiting. And it is never too late – I only really started in my mid-fifties!



Shutford Parish Council Meeting

10th November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Helen Nixseaman (Chair), Ashley Taylor (Vice Chair), George Reynolds, Paul Huewen, and David Best, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

21/050	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Stephen Barnes, Sandy Forrester, Chris Hall
21/051	Declarations of Interest: None
21/052	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
21/053	Matters arising from the minutes: The Action list was reviewed, and the following were agreed: 1. A working group would get together to clear the footpath along the Dairyground. 2. Bulbs would be purchased, and a working party would plant them 3. The clerk had obtained quotes for the annual playground inspection and would circulate the example reports to Councillors.
21/054 21/054/1	Parish Matters: Response to the CDC Community Involvement Paper2: Developing our Options – The draft response to CDC had been revised to incorporate feedback from residents at the public meeting on 27th October. The revised draft was agreed (unanimous). It was agreed that the clerk would submit the response to Cherwell immediately after the meeting to meet the deadline.
21/054/2	Allotments – 1. All Allotment holders have paid except one. 2. There is one person on the waiting list. 3. It was agreed that permission will be sought from newer allotment holders to join an email distribution list so that allotment holders can communicate with one another.
21/054/3	Shutford Goes Green – 1. A resident had asked whether community renewable energy schemes could be implemented in the village. It was agreed that the clerk would check the feasibility with a consultant that he knows. 2. It was agreed that advice would be sought for maintaining the ponds in the village. 3. The trees are overhanging the Tyte Pond and need to be cut back

21/054/4	OCC 20mph Toolkit – OCC is one of the first county councils to consider widespread reductions from 30-20mph and have budgeted £8.5m to the initiative. OCC is asking villages that wish to have their speed limit lowered to 20mph to prove that they are taking initiatives to reduce speeding such as Community Speedwatch, joining the 20's Plenty campaign etc...It was agreed that the clerk will check if Shenington Parish Council would like to share the cost of a Community Speedwatch camera which is approximately £200.
21/054/5	Quote from Kai O'Hanlan for clearing the footpath from Lower Road up Thistle Hill – The quote was accepted for clearing the path and cutting down the dead apple tree.
21/055	Finance: 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 £16,597.07. The clerk will make a VAT reclaim of £1,04.06 for the VAT paid on invoices this financial year.
21/056 21/056/1	Correspondence: Post at the Tyte Pond – A resident has asked if these can be removed to allow vehicles to turn round in the road. The posts were installed by the Parish Council to stop vehicles parking there and to prevent vehicles reversing into the pond.
21/057 21/057/1	Planning: 21/02864/LB – Cambrai – Permitted by CDC on 18/10/2021
21/058 21/058/1	Any Other Business: Fly Tipping Reporting – A CDC enforcement officer had spoken to a Councillor following a report of fly tipping along the footpath at the Dairyground. It was concluded that the items were not fly tipping but items belonging to a resident that had been stored there. The Enforcement Officer recommended that people reporting do it directly to Cherwell rather than reporting it on Fix my Street,
21/058/2	Sewage discharge into the Brook – There was an article about this on the Banbury Guardian website
21/058/3	Builders Sign along West Street – This had appeared recently, It was explained that this is common practice and should be removed when the building work is ½ completed.
21/058/4	Village Communications methods – It was agreed that a volunteer would be sought to advise how to better co-ordinate the emails, website and Facebook communications.
21/058/5	Potholes at the top of Malthouse Lane – It was agreed that the clerk would report two very deep potholes at the top of Malthouse Lane.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Community Connect

Social Prescribing Service

We can help with.....

- Social isolation and loneliness - befriending and finding social groups
- Lifestyle changes to help with depression and anxiety
- Benefits, debt and money advice
- Supporting carers
- Learning new skills, volunteering and looking for work
- Motivational support with making healthier choices eg. exercise
- Linking in with Citizens Advice, Age UK, Dementia Oxfordshire, and other charities that can support you

Tel : 0300 004 0401

Email : community.connect@nhs.net



*Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and to all people,
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

Dear friends,

This beautiful poem by Christina Rossetti captures I would suggest the real essence of what we truly celebrate at Christmas. As a Christian I do believe that we see God's presence in the world around us whenever we encounter and see an act of love for and to someone else, because as it says in 1 John 4 v16;

***God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and God lives in them.***

The birth of Jesus, that we celebrate at Christmas, is the physical birth of God's presence in world, the physical birth of God's love on earth. Jesus is what is known as God's incarnation. As a Christian I believe then that Jesus is God's son and so, therefore, is the physical embodiment of God. If I believe that God is love then I also believe that Jesus is also the embodiment of this divine love.

So however we might be preparing to celebrate Christmas, be it on our own, be it with family and friends, be it attending one of the several church services taking place in our village, let us remember what we are truly celebrating; the birth of Jesus, the birth of God's divine love in our lives.

Love & prayers

Revd Neil

Rector, Wykeham Benefice, Tel: 788005

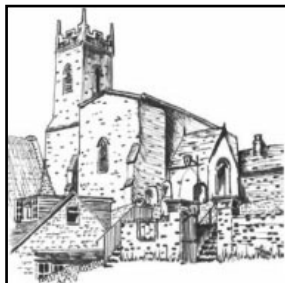
Church news

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The annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride took place on 11th September. Although there were no participants from Shutford, Rev Canon Glyn Evans walked around the benefice and some of the funds he raised will help our local churches. Glyn was one of the only 3 people who visited St Martin's Church this year. As the church was not open, refreshments were provided in the church porch with toilet facilities available at the George and Dragon. (KJJ apologises for his typing error in the OHCT article on page 21 of Shutford News Sept/Oct 2021 edition: Street should have read Trust!)

A church team served tea and cake at the Village Get Together in the manor field which was a social success. We are grateful to the organisers of the event and to Shutford Village Hall Committee and other sponsors who covered the costs of it. St Martin's Church has received a donation of £600 which will be used towards the church annual insurance bill of about £2000.

Benefice churchwardens were enrolled, for the coming year, at a service in Deddington Church on 21st September. The Bishop of Dorchester, Rt Rev Gavin Collins and The Archdeacon, The Ven Judy French officiated.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving was held on 26th September. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables donated by villagers. The usual harvest hymns were sung but the small congregation was outnumbered by those in the pub garden enjoying a late summer drink. Perhaps we should have the courage to hold our Harvest Thanksgiving outside the church in future – at least one of our benefice villages has done this?

A Harvest Supper and Sale was held in Shutford Village Hall on 27th September – it was a good evening with great company and food raising £420. £250 has been given to Katharine House Hospice. Thanks to everyone who supported the event with donations of food, produce, raffle prizes and cash.

The PCC met on 4th October: church services rotas for the remainder of 2021 and the start of 2022 had been circulated. Average attendance in church for all styles of worship is stable but not growing. The monthly Benefice

Service time changes to 11.00am from January and non-communion services restyled as All Age Family Services – few younger people with children attend church so non church based interactive worship is being considered. As with many organisations, the church needs new members to join as at present there are no obvious successors to take on lead roles in the church to ensure its future. We have two vacancies on the PCC, including a second churchwarden.

Compared to 2020, the church is in a good financial position with regular donations from worshippers and others covering all costs. A donation of £2000 has also been received for any restoration work needed – this includes the installation of safety railings at the top of the church steps behind the George and Dragon, repairs to stone by the porch gates and replacement of plaster in the church ceiling. A meeting with our Archdeacon and a representative of the Diocesan Advisory Committee was held in September to discuss this work and the creation of a new area in the churchyard, to the north of the church, for the interment of ashes. A faculty (church name for planning permission) will be needed, and full details of any proposals will be published for all to see: this work should be done by summer 2022.

St Martin's Church is now usually open daily for private prayer from 10.30am until 4.30pm. Although there are hygiene measures in place, any visitors must take personal responsibility for their own health and safety. Everyone is welcome to visit the church and churchyard for some quiet time.

November is a special time for remembrance – All Saints and All Souls Days – 1st and 2nd, Armistice Day – 11th and Remembrance Sunday – 14th. The church tower has been illuminated for these and on other days to remember those we continue to love but see no more. Shutford has lost several members of the community in recent weeks – Tony, Anthony, Obby, Bob and Viv whom we remember: we offer our sympathy to their friends and families.

Deddington Brass played for the hymns on Remembrance Sunday and before and after the service. The retiring collection has been given to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal together with other money collected in Shutford.

With best wishes for Christmas and 2022 and special thanks to everyone for their support of St Martin's Church helping it to remain part of village life.

For information about Advent and Christmas Events and Services visit the Wykeham Benefice website or contact KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk.

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

As we head into winter, we've got some fantastic events lined up to see us into the festive season with a smile. Your support helps us to keep making every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Here are just a few things that are coming up...

ARE YOU A WRAP STAR?

If you're nifty with ribbons and a dab hand at wrapping, then we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to help with our gift wrapping on 3 and 4 December at Banbury Castle Quay. These sessions help us to raise much needed funds for the hospice, so if you could donate some time to help then email getinvolved@khh.org.uk or visit www.khh.org.uk/collectiondays to find out more.

CARE FOR A CURRY

This autumn, why not host a #CareForACurry event and help raise money for Katharine House? Simply pick a date, get some friends and family together and enjoy! It's a simple and tasty way to raise money for Katharine House.

WHAT'S ON THE CARDS THIS CHRISTMAS?

We have a fantastic range of Katharine House charity Christmas cards this year. As well as some great traditional designs, we have cards ranging from snow-covered local scenes to a rather glitzy partridge in a pear tree! So why not stock up on your Christmas cards now and get ahead of the game. Cards are available to buy in our shops as well as online.

SANTA FUN RUN – 5 DECEMBER

Forget mistletoe and wine, if you truly want to feel festive this Christmas then make sure to sign up to our Santa Fun Run. The race is taking place on Sunday 5 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury, and you have a choice of the 1.5km route or the full 5km – kitted out in stylish Santa suit, of course. Tickets are available to buy online now!

SCHOOLS SANTA RUN

Why should schools miss out on all the festive fun? We're bringing back the Schools Santa Run – and this year we plan to make it even bigger and better. We'd love to see as many local schools as possible helping to put the 'fun' in fundraising, so if you know of a nursery, primary or secondary school who might like to take part, then let them know.

RC BAKER CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN – 18 DECEMBER

The RC Baker Tractor Run is making a welcome return, bringing all the glitz and glam of Christmas. On Saturday 18 December, a fleet of fairy-lit tractors will be taking a tour around local villages to spread some Christmas cheer and raise money for Katharine House Hospice.

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