



# SHUTFORD

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[www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com)

## The village hall has missed you!

**HALF PRICE  
RENTAL  
EXTENDED!**

"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...

Spring has sprung! The weather (at the time of writing!) is beautiful, crisp and sunny, the gardens are full of dancing daffodils and the lambs are in the fields. If you're out for a walk, don't forget to take your phone and send me a picture for the calendar.

It's time to say farewell to Juliette, Ian and the boys as they leave the pub for pastures new in the far north of Scotland. They've been great landlords during some very difficult times, and we wish them all the luck in the world in their next adventure. And of course, we say a big hello to the new landlord Richard when he opens in April.

We have some excellent news regarding the village hall - the Committee has decided to extend the half price rental offer for another 12 months. A villager can rent the hall from only £4 an hour which is fantastic value - just email [shutfordvhc@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvhc@gmail.com) for more information.

We have some changes to the Shutford News & Comms team - we have a new webmaster, Hilary Pillin, who has recently moved to Shutford - check it out, it looks fantastic. We also have a new delivery team: Jennie Carwithen and Fiona and Nick Simon-Norris. I'm personally very grateful as this will save me shoe leather! Thank you to Ashley Taylor for his work on the website in the previous 12 months, and especially to Pam Whittle and Di Wood for delivering the Shutford News come rain or shine for so many years.

Keep sending in your photos and stories - weddings, new babies and special birthdays are all very welcome. I'm a sucker for a puppy or a kitten so send those in too ;-)

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.



*Angela*

Angela Bliss, Editor

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*Thanks to Bill Boucker*

*for the appropriate April cover photo...*

## 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)*

### SHUTFORD PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The current Shutford PC has been in place for 4 years, and we are now required to hold an election, on 5th May 2022.

We welcome anyone who is passionate about the village and wants to make a difference. All current Councillors who want to remain as Councillors after 5th May will also have to stand for election.

**If you are interested in standing as a Parish Councillor, please contact David Best, the clerk at [clerk.shutfordpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.shutfordpc@gmail.com) or 07787 496774.** You can also contact the Returning officer at Cherwell District Council.



**There's a new arrival at Middle Hill Farm, Epwell Road! Dawn Gibbs and William Boardman have had a baby girl, Bess Boardman born 11th March 2022.**

### Shutford Village Hall 100+ Club Results

#### FEBRUARY RESULTS:

|              |        |                |
|--------------|--------|----------------|
| First Prize  | £35.00 | Bob Stanley    |
| Second Prize | £15.00 | Sharon Jackson |
| Third Prize  | £10.00 | Ethan Corry    |

#### MARCH RESULTS:

|              |        |                |
|--------------|--------|----------------|
| First Prize  | £55.00 | Ian Currums    |
| Second Prize | £15.00 | Emilia Cringle |
| Third Prize  | £10.00 | Sandie Long    |

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



**We are being given a long weekend to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, from Thursday 2 June 2022 to Sunday 5 June.**

Suggested activities in Shutford are likely to include:

#### Thursday 2 June

Lighting the Beacon on Jester's Hill, along with beacons around the country. We are planning to walk to the hill in the evening, have drinks, refreshments, a brass band, followed by lighting the beacon (at 9.45pm).

#### Sunday 5 June

A street party/picnic lunch, probably on the Dairyground.



#### Saturday 18 June

**A bigger and better event than last year's Get Together!**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

***We have a meeting at 2pm at the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd April to discuss ideas and plans for the Jubilee weekend and the Shutford Festival. Everyone welcome!***

***Please email [helennixseaman@gmail.com](mailto:helennixseaman@gmail.com) if you would like to help with any of these events. We have a small events committee but more help is always appreciated. Thanks!***

**Please keep sending in  
your photos for next year's  
Shutford calendar!**

Don't forget to bring your phone with you if you're out on a walk - spring flowers, lambs and horses, as well as lovely landscapes - anything goes! This photograph taken by John Bailey was in last year's calendar.

**Email your pictures to  
shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com**



**VILLAGE HALL OPENING OFFER  
EXTENDED TILL 31st MARCH 2023**

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 2023.**

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

| Rate                | Residents                           | Non-residents |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Regular Hourly      | £8.00 (£4.00 until 31 March 2023)   | £10.00        |
| One-off hourly      | £12.00 (£6.00 until 31 March 2023)  | £14.00        |
| 4 hour sessions     | £30.00 (£15.00 until 31 March 2023) | £50.00        |
| Full day (9-5 pm)   | £60.00 (£30.00 until 31 March 2023) | £100.00       |
| Full use of Kitchen | £5.00                               | £5.00         |

**Please contact us at shutfordvhc@gmail.com**

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## VILLAGE DIARY

### APRIL

| MON  | TUE                                       | WED                          | THU                       | FRI  | SAT   | SUN                  |
|--|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
|  |   |                              |                           | 1<br>Green bin collection<br>10:00 WI Committee    | 2<br>Painting 9.30<br>Jubilee Planning 2.00<br>Festival Planning 3.00 | 3                    |
| 4<br>Yoga 9.00<br>Private table tennis 6.45<br>Book Club 7.30    | 5<br>WI 10.00<br>Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30 | 6                            | 7<br>Pilates 6.30 & 7.45  | 8<br>Brown & blue bin collection                   | 9   | 10                   |
| 11<br>Yoga 9.00<br>Lent lunch 12.30<br>Private table tennis 6.30 | 12<br>Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30            | 13<br>Arty Crafty Group 7.00 | 14<br>Pilates 6.30 & 7.45 | 15<br>Green bin collection<br>10.00 Messy Church   | 16  | 17                   |
| 18<br>Yoga 9.00<br>Private table tennis 6.45                     | 19<br>Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30            | 20                           | 21<br>Pilates 6.30 & 7.45 | 22<br>Brown & blue bin collection                  | 23  | 24<br>Breakfast 9.30 |
| 25<br>Yoga 9.00<br>Private table tennis 6.45<br>Book club 7.30   | 26<br>Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30            | 27<br>Arty Crafty Group 7.00 | 28<br>Pilates 6.30 & 7.45 | 29<br>Green bin collection<br>Memorial lunch 12.00 | 30  |                      |

### MAY

| MON  | TUE                                       | WED                          | THU                       | FRI                               | SAT                | SUN                  |
|--|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 30<br>Yoga 9.00<br>Private table tennis 6.30 | 31<br>Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30            |                              |                           |                                   |                    | 1                    |
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| 9<br>Yoga 9.00<br>Private table tennis 6.30  | 10<br>Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30            | 11<br>Parish Council 7.30    | 12<br>Pilates 6.30 & 7.45 | 13<br>Green bin collection        | 14                 | 15                   |
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## SHUTFORD GOES GREENER (and CLEANER)



*Let's do what we can to keep Shutford beautiful, green, and safe for all of us, including animals and wildlife.*

### VILLAGE LITTER PICK – 11AM SUNDAY 3 APRIL

Please help us to pick up litter in and around the village. Meet at the bus shelter at 11am on Sunday 3 April for our Litter Pick. Bin bags and gloves will be provided. There will be some high-viz jackets and grabbers, but if you have some of your own, please bring them along.

### POLITE REMINDER FOR DOG OWNERS

There have been various complaints about the behaviour of dogs, and their owners, so please:

- Always keep your dogs under control, and particularly so when lambs are in fields. Put your dog on a lead if you can't control it.
- Pick up your dog poo and put in the dog poo bins. There are poo bags available in various locations, please use these if needed, but don't take them all!

## The Shutford Book Review

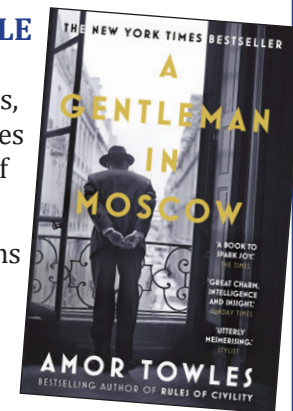
### A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW BY AMOR TOWLE

The gentleman is Count Roskov who finds himself confined to the Metropol one of the cities best hotels, which in better times he knew well. The Count makes the most of his confinement as he becomes aware of the changes going on in the hotel around him.

The author keeps focus on the Count, his interactions with staff and guests, as slowly he becomes part of the hotel fabric.

During his stay 2 little girls and an actress have lasting interest for him. His friendship with loyal friends and staff, in time, are key to his ability to flee, as is one of the girls and the actress.

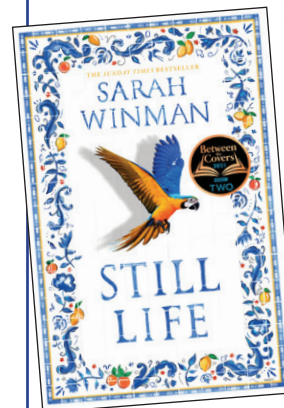
An interesting read, witty and informative, we gave it 4+ stars, do read it.



### STILL LIFE BY SARAH WINMAN

We gave our January book, 'Still Life' by Sarah Winman, a majority 5 Star rating.

This is a joyous, vibrant book, huge on unforgettable characters with engaging dialogue, which sweeps between Florence and London across history from the end of WW2 to the late 20th century. Themes of art, history, the restorative and generous nature of people and just a touch of the surreal are all held within an absorbing narrative.



Sarah Winman is a masterful storyteller as Bookclub found a couple of years back when we enjoyed her earlier novel: 'A Year of Marvellous Ways'. So, if you want to feel fully involved in a good read and be transported to glorious Florence - give it a go.

Incidentally, Waterstones chose 'Still Life' as their fiction book of the month for March.

### NEXT ON THE READING LIST:

- **Summerwater** by Sarah Moss
- **Hamnet** by Maggie O'Farrell

At our February meeting, Peter Tickler gave us an interesting and humorous talk entitled "Blood on the Keyboard". He told us how to set about writing a crime novel and then, with the assistance of his wife, we had an interactive session where we suggested various things about two main characters for a novel.

March was the month of our AGM when we received the Annual Financial Statement and Annual Report. The committee was elected with 2 new members to bring the numbers back to normal.

At the end of April several of our members will be attending a Group Meeting with those from three other local WIs at Hornton when, after a hot supper and pudding, Baroness Christine Crawley will talk about her experiences as a Peer in the House of Lords.

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

• **April 5th**

**Patrick Baddeley – My 1500 Mile Walk Across India**

• **May 3rd**

**Resolutions Meeting (no speaker)**

• **June 7th**

**Marcus Ferrar – A Foot in Both Camps**

*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](mailto: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:

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Name</b>                   | <b>Occasion</b>                           |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 17th January  | Wynne Gardner                 | John's 60th Birthday                      |
| 29th January  | Mervyn Benford                | Wishing Oscar Crofts a speedy recovery    |
| 18th February | Mervyn Benford                | Birthday                                  |
| 21st February | Mervyn Benford                | In memory of Daphne                       |
| 23rd February | Anon                          | In memory of Jennifer Aldous              |
| 28th February | Mervyn Benford                | In memory of Bill Goodhand                |
| 1st March     | Anon                          | St David's Day                            |
| 3rd March     | Clare McEwan                  | In memory of Anne                         |
| 17th March    | Anon                          | St Patrick's Day                          |
| 21st March    | Pauline, Yvonne & Norman      | In memory of Keith Mark Lunness           |
| 24th March    | Pauline, Maxine & Jon         | Keith Mark Lunness' Birthday              |
| 26th March    | Rita Livesey                  | In memory of Mum, Grace                   |
| 29th April    | Anon                          | Thanksgiving – Tim Rootes & Oswald Waller |
| 7th May       | Joel Berry & Ellie Norrington | Wedding Day                               |

*The church tower is illuminated each Sunday.*



## News from Thistle Hill...

Winter is nearly over: the spring equinox was on 20th March so with increasing daylight and better growing conditions our crops should thrive.

For the first time in many years, if ever, sheep grazed on the farmers land next to the allotments for several weeks enjoying their fill of a crop of turnips. They have now gone to new pastures and the field has been ploughed and a new crop planted. At least the farmer will have been able to reduce his input of phosphates thanks to the sheep's organic deposits.

As mentioned by Jef in the last News, wildlife abounds with pigeons and pheasants enjoying some late greens, and mice or rats or voles eating parsnips. Moles continue to burrow across many of the allotments so there must be an abundance of worms. I don't know if the muntjac deer does any damage?

Most of my allotment has been dug with a few purple sprouting plants left. Others have some Brussels, other greens and parsnips still to harvest. There are also a few leeks which have survived the winter, despite early setbacks.

Those who have greenhouses on the allotments have new vegetable seeds germinating and early potatoes chitting. Some have over wintering broad beans but mine are germinating in pots in my greenhouse at home where they are safer from the hungry mice and rats on Thistle Hill.

I've bought my vegetable and flower seeds for this year, along with onion sets and seed potatoes. We have just finished eating last year's onions and have plenty of potatoes remaining from last summer's crop. We also have runner and french beans and raspberries and gooseberries in our freezer.

I notice my rhubarb is shooting back which may be large enough to harvest in a few weeks. The raspberry canes are also showing signs of new growth.

As the soil warms, sowing and planting outdoors can start – broad beans, peas and onion sets with early potatoes at the end of March. We are inclined to take risks and plant outside hoping for an early crop, however it is wiser to be patient as many of us have been caught out by poor seed germination and late frosts. However, our water butts are full ready for spring irrigation if needed.

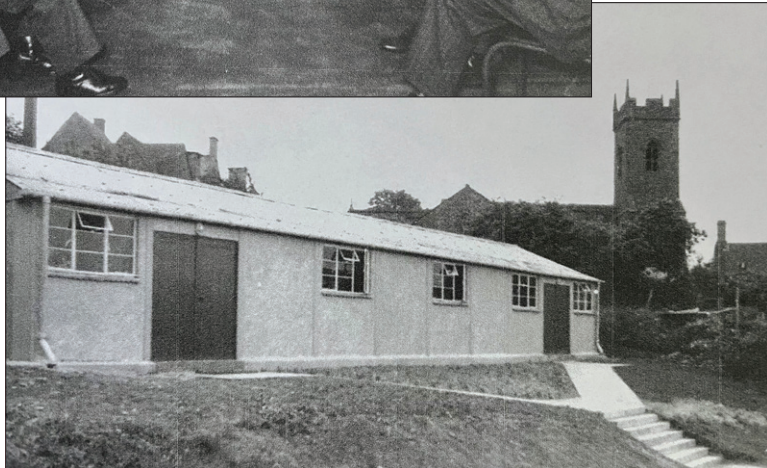
March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers..... and some good vegetable crops we hope.

*Happy gardening! Ken Jeffs*

## 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

## From the Archives...



### THE HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE HALL, 1998

As you will see from the adjacent plaque on the wall here, this Village Hall was built by the Shutford Social Club and opened by Mrs M. J. Bauer, who lived in Shutford Manor, on 21st June 1954, in a ceremony attended by Lord Saye and Sele and other dignitaries.

Before the present Hall was erected, larger functions were held in one of the outbuildings of Shutford Manor. Smaller functions were held in the Foresters Hall, the former blacksmiths shop or the small brick building, known as the Social Club room. This was formerly a Primitive Methodist Chapel. It was then owned by the Shutford Social Club, who were later responsible for providing this Village Hall.

It was a slow process raising the money for this in the hard times before the second World War, and then fund raising was interrupted by the outbreak of war.

One of the mainstays of the fund raising was Walter Padbury, who with his record player and set of drums, provided music for dances and other functions and who was secretary to several village committees.

Shutford was originally two villages, Shutford East and Shutford West. Most of Shutford East was part of the Broughton Castle Estate. On Banbury Hill, where the Village Hall is now, were the derelict remains of a cottage where a Mrs White once sold ginger pop. Along the plot and adjacent to the pub was a path which led up to the churchyard. The stone stile is still there but the path is overgrown. This site was donated by formal agreement by the then Lord Saye and Sele in 1952 as a site for a Village Hall building. At that stage there was still a shortfall in building funds. To make this up the Social Club room was sold by tender which raised the princely sum of £125.

Temporary and hazardous steps with a handrail were put in, temporary being a flexible word as the steps and handrail were finally replaced in 1998!

Under guidance of ORCC, a Village Constitution was drawn up. This included a list of village organisations to be represented in the Village Hall Committee, plus 3 village representatives elected at each AGM.

Having erected the hall there was no money left for maintenance work. Over the years, however, and thanks to energetic fund raising and grants, it has been possible to maintain and extend fund raising and grants, it has been possible to maintain and extend the building by adding a kitchen and storeroom and to carry out various works of decoration, improvement and equipment.

Coming up the steps you will have noticed the Shutford War Memorial and you may have wondered why it is not closer to the Church. Because of the strong and deep running feeling withing the village, the war memorial, unveiled in its original form in 1957 was placed outside the village hall - a site acceptable to all villagers.

## UPDATE FROM THAMES WATER

*Following up from a query several months ago about discharges into the Shutford Stream and maintenance on the sewage plant, we received this update on planned work from Thames Water.*

### SEWAGE DISCHARGE

The request for figures for the discharge into the Shutford Stream over the last 6 months shows that discharges have happened 244 times for just under 743 hours in the 6 month period prior to 10 July 2021.

We're working hard to make these discharges unnecessary with the help of the government, Ofwat and the Environment Agency as even when legally permitted, discharges into rivers are simply unacceptable. By working with local partners, we're actively listening to our customers and we want to do the right thing for rivers and the local communities who love and value them.

### SHUTFORD SITE

The Shutford Sewage Treatment Works has been identified as a site which is not always able to meet the permitted flow to full treatment (FtFT) level and other conditions set out in its environmental permit.

A major capital scheme is currently being undertaken to resolve the current flow compliance risk. This scheme is being delivered in conjunction with a project to reduce the levels of Phosphorous being discharged within the final effluent. The following gives details of both upgrades and timescales for delivery.

#### **Flw Compliance**

- Provision of a new elevated inlet balance tank (Balance tank to include FtFT flow control to the distribution Chamber, Storm overflow to the existing chamber and a new FtFT flowmeter) to enable FtFT /storm spill flow control.
- Upsized pipework from the distribution chamber to percolating filters

- 2 New distribution arms to each of the existing percolating filters
- A new humus settlement tank

#### **Low phosphorous scheme**

- Provision of a Ferric sulphate dosing package plant
- A Sodium hydroxide dosing package plant
- A Tertiary Treatment plant, including a new backwash & liquor return combined balance tank and pumping station to return flow to the existing distribution chamber downstream of the storm water flow split.
- New primary settlement tank
- New Sludge Holding/Consolidation tank

The forecasted date of beneficial use from these upgrades is currently expected to be June 2024.

In addition to these schemes, we are installing spill to storm tank monitors to provide definitive data regarding when flow goes into the storm tanks. This is due to be installed by the end of March 2022.

## COUNTY PUMPS

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1977

### VACANCY - SALES & SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR

Established in 1977, we are a longstanding engineering company located in the new Apollo Business Park development near Wroxton. Working with some of the leading haulage, distribution and bus companies across the UK, we are looking to recruit a Sales and Service Administrator to join our small friendly team. The position will involve preparation of worksheet documents, updating database information, undertaking general office duties and being the first point of contact on the telephone. No previous experience is necessary but a good basic level of education and knowledge of computers would be an advantage.

The hours required preferably would be 09:00 to 15:00 Monday to Friday, with a short break to be taken for lunch at a mutually agreed time. Some flexibility on hours would be beneficial to help with holiday cover as required.

Own transport to our offices is essential.

Please apply in writing to: [Alison.Newport@countypumps.co.uk](mailto:Alison.Newport@countypumps.co.uk)

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# BROUGHTON CASTLE SPORTIVE 2022



Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

Gates open at 0600am

- all profits to local area charities
- Our 4 longer routes will give you a great cycling experience and a great day out in the beautiful Cotswolds
- Start and end at Broughton Castle
- Feeding stations at intervals on all routes
- Full para-medical support, Raynet VHF radio network across region & sweeper vans



- **Cotswold Beast** – 100 miles – all new routes
  - £34 entry – advance booking rate / £40 on the day
- **Windrush Endurance** – 75 miles – new distance / new route
  - £31 entry – advance booking rate / £35 on the day
- **Cotswold Classic** – 50 miles – all new routes
  - £28 entry – advance booking price / £30 on the day
- **Cotswold Tour** – 20 miles of local routes
  - £23 entry – advance booking price / £25 on the day
- **Family Fun ride** – 5 miles local tour for families of all ages
  - £5 entry – advance booking price / £6 on the day

**\*\*Payment - on the day entries will be strictly by debit / credit card only\*\***



Need more information or ready to register?

[www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk](http://www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk)

## 17 @ TEMPLE MILL 2022

OXFORDSHIRE **art** WEEKS

**SATURDAY 21st MAY**  
**- SUNDAY 29th MAY**  
 10am - 6pm all days

**AN EXCITING, DIVERSE INTERESTING MIX OF RENOWNED ARTISTS & ARTISANS**

**FORGED SCULPTURE • GLASS**  
**VARIOUS ART • PHOTOGRAPHY**  
**WOODWORK • JEWELLERY**  
**POTTERY • CERAMICS**  
**CARVING • YURT MAKING**  
**& WILLOW WEAVING**

**SITE**  
**445**

Stunning location with café, run by Miss T. Catering with ample parking & a picnic area  
**Temple Mill, Sibford Gower, Banbury, OX15 5DA • Jonquilsabin@hotmail.co.uk**

Kineton Art Group

## KINETON ART GROUP

### Annual Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th May 2022**  
**Kineton Village Hall, Mill Street, Kineton CV35 0LB.**

Doors will be open from 10.00 am until 5.00 pm each day.  
 There will be a wide range of original artworks at affordable prices for sale along with prints and greetings cards created by our artists.  
 Home-made cakes and other refreshments will be available.

*For further information see our website,  
[www.kinetonartgroup.com](http://www.kinetonartgroup.com)*

# Shutford Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs: Helen Nixseaman (Chair), George Reynolds, Stephen Barnes, Chris Hall and David Best, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

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| 22/010   | <b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs Ashley Taylor, Paul Huewen, Sandy Forrester  |
| 22/011   | <b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None  |
| 22/012   | <b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2022 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman   |
| 22/013   | <b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b><br>The action list had not been circulated and was not reviewed.  |
| 22/014   | <b>Parish Matters:</b>   |
| 22/014/1 | <b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b> – The first event on 2nd June will be the lighting of the beacon at the top of Jesters Hill. This will be held in conjunction with Swalcliffe, Tadmarton and possibly North Newington. It is anticipated that other parishes who join the event will contribute to the cost. It is hoped to provide a cash bar and that the Deddington Brass Band will be able to play. The second event that is planned in a picnic on The Dairyground on Sunday 5th June. It is hoped that a photographer will record the events. A risk assessment will be completed but the insurance company will only need to be notified in advance if it is anticipated that over 1,000 people will be attending. Cherwell District Council has announced that it is going to make grants available. |
| 22/014/2 | <b>Village Clean Up</b> – This will be held on Sunday 3rd April at 11.00am. Gloves, hi-viz vests, pickers and bags will be supplied by Cherwell District Council. Volunteers are invited to assist.  |
| 22/014/3 | <b>Election</b> – This will be held on Thursday 5th May. All seven Councillors will be eligible for re-election. More information will be provided by Cherwell District Council at a briefing on Friday 11th March.  |
| 22/014/4 | <b>Allotments</b> – Repairs will be carried out on the shed that is used for water harvesting as soon as possible. An old shed has been replaced by an allotment holder.   |
| 22/014/5 | <b>Mowing</b> – It was agreed that an area of verge along Church Lane and the verges leading to The Rickyard will not be mown until later in the year.   |
| 22/014/6 | <b>War Memorial</b> – It was agreed that a group of councillors will clean the war memorial and repaint the names if necessary. A company was used the last time that it was cleaned but it was not considered to be cleaned very well.  |

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| 22/014/7 | <b>Annual Meeting</b> – this will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 11th May. All residents are invited to attend this meeting.   |
| 22/014/8 | <b>Parking in Malthouse Lane/ West Street</b> – vehicles parked near this junction make it difficult and dangerous to turn in and out of Malthouse Lane. Residents are asked to be considerate when parking in this area.   |
| 22/015   | <b>Finance:</b><br>The bank statements for February had not been received prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the clerk would circulate the accounts as soon as the bank statements are received.  |
| 22/016   | <b>Correspondence:</b>  |
| 22/016/1 | <b>Out of Control Dogs</b> – Two residents have complained about out of control dogs off leads. One resident reported an incident with a large out of control dog that was not on a lead which nearly knocked her over and was worrying her dog. Owners are reminded that they should keep their dogs under control and to use leads.   |
| 22/016/2 | <b>Dog Mess</b> – Another resident has complained about dog mess. Dog walkers are reminded to use bag and the bins. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay for the bags around the village.   |
| 22/017   | <b>Planning:</b> No applications or notifications of decision have been received since the last meeting.<br><b>Solar Panels</b> - In view of increasing energy costs there may be an increase in the number of residents considering installing solar panels which could adversely affect the character of the village. It was agreed to research this and publish recommendations on what might be acceptable. |
| 22/018   | <b>Any Other Business:</b>  |
| 22/018/1 | <b>Potholes</b> – A lot have been marked with white paint and will be repaired soon.  |
| 22/018/2 | <b>Improved Broadband</b> - Cllr George Reynolds has been given some information from a supplier who can provide improved fibre connections, this information will be circulated.   |
| 22/018/3 | <b>Clerk Pay</b> – The national salary award 2021/22 has been published and it was agreed that the pay of the clerk would be increased to £11.05 per hour from 1st April 2022   |

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.00pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

*With the evenings getting lighter and signs of spring all around us, it's time to ditch the weekends stuck inside and get back to enjoying the outdoors. We have plenty of ways that you can support our hospice while getting some fresh air – from taking part in events to volunteering for one of our collections. We couldn't keep supporting local people without your help. Thank you!*

### **MOONLIGHT WALK - UPDATE**

Our Moonlight Walk has a new date and venue! Our much-loved fundraising event will now take place on 16 July, setting off from Easington Sports Football Club in Banbury. We're bringing back all the best bits of the 80s – so get some friends together and have your leg warmers at the ready! Tickets are on sale now. All that's left is to choose between our 6- and 10-mile walk.

### **OPEN GARDENS RETURN**

We have an incredible seven dates for our Open Garden scheme running throughout the spring and summer – with more to come! A huge thank you to all our green-fingered supporters who are opening their gardens to help raise money for our hospice. If you're looking for some fun family days out in the months ahead then take a look at our Open Gardens page to find out more.

### **OUT ON THE TOWN!**

We're always on the lookout for more volunteers for our street collections. Each collection slot lasts for 1.5 hours – so it's a great introduction to volunteering if it's something you've been thinking about. Find out how you can get involved on the volunteering page of our website.

### **A CRACKING 10K**

Ready to step-up your running this autumn? We've teamed up with Brackley Running Club and are excited to offer places on the 'egg-cellent' 10k Chicken Run!

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### **WALK THE WALK**

If you love nothing more than lacing up your walking boots and getting out to see the world then we have three new challenge events that will be right up your street.

- Cotswold Way Challenge - 25 June
- Thames Path Challenge - 10 September
- Halloween Walk - 29 October

So whether you fancy something beautifully scenic or a little bit spooky – we've got you covered! Find out about these challenges and more on our website.

*Head to our website for more details, events and news: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk).*



### **EASTER BLESSINGS**

**Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.  
Sing his praise without delays**

*Dear friends,*

These opening two lines of George Herbert's beautiful poem Easter encourages us all, whoever we might be, to some sort of celebration at Easter. In his poem he uses the description of music as being something we should have in mind when we think about a celebration.

Now for those of you who might have the wonderful gift of being able to play a musical instrument, or for those of us, like myself, who simply enjoy listening to music, what we all might have in common is the thought that music can emotionally change us. There is something about music that is not just physical but also I would suggest spiritual as well. It can affect maybe how we feel, it reminds us also sometimes of people and places. Music can be both exuberant and life affirming, whilst also it can be calming and can bring peace into our lives.

On Easter Sunday, on the 17th April, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, a time to once again hear the beautiful life changing music of God. This Easter we might, individually and together as a village, want to remind ourselves of something the great Greek philosopher Plato is reported to have once said about music:

***It gives a soul to the Universe, wings to the mind,  
Flight to the imagination and life to everything.***

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone who lives, works and studies in our villages, a very happy and joy filled Easter!

***Love & prayers***

**Revd Neil Wykeham Benefice, Tel: 788005**

**PS:** I look forward to being with you at our special Messy Church in Shutford village hall, for children and families, on Good Friday 15th April 10am-Noon.

**New Look website for the Wykeham Benefice:** there is now a new look website for the parishes in the Wykeham Benefice, which is updated every week, with news and events of what all that is happening in our churches. [www.wykehambenefice.org.uk](http://www.wykehambenefice.org.uk)

## Church news

**Rector** - Revd Neil Bowler – 788005

**Churchwarden** – Ken Jeffs – 788308

**Safeguarding** – John Hodgkins – 738565

**SERVICES:** See Wykeham News or Website



Church services have been held as planned each Sunday, with the benefice occasion moving to a 11.00am start. However, this will change again to a 10.30am start during British Summer Time. Our core congregation continue to worship regularly, but we have had no families with children in church this year so far, even for our All Age Family Worship. Because of this, in addition to Family Worship in church, we intend to hold 4 Messy Church Events in Shutford Village Hall – these could be held more often if help was available to organise them. The first Messy Church is on Good Friday (15th April) between 10.00am and 12noon. There will be crafts, the Easter Story and refreshments to finish. The other events will be on Saturdays: 25th June, 24th September and 10th December between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. These occasions are free, informal, great fun and are ideal for young families.

The PCC met on 9th February at which the annual report and accounts were accepted. The present financial situation is sound with regular worshippers covering our main costs, with others making donations and supporting fund raising initiatives. In addition to our usual income, we received a legacy of £2000 which will be used for restoration work, including the installation of safety railings in the churchyard and repairs to plaster work in church. Copies of the accounts are held in church and will be published on the village website in due course. Although the church can reclaim tax on gift aided income and is eligible for VAT relief on some building projects, all other costs must be covered by villagers. Based on 2021 figures, £220 per week is needed to keep the church open, which equates to about £60 per annum from each village household but excludes donations to charity and building restoration work.

During Lent, which started on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, various talks and discussions will take place across the benefice. The meeting in Shutford on 23rd March was entitled “What’s Prayer got to do with it?” - based on books written by Rowan Williams and Sister Wendy Beckett.

Also, Oxford Diocese is exploring the Lord's Prayer with daily bible readings and reflections. Our own congregation is undertaking a 40 day

challenge studying a Live Lent Embracing Justice Booklet. There have also been weekly Lent Lunches, with the one in Shutford on 11th April in Shutford Village Hall from 12.30 – 2.00pm. Good company and food guaranteed with soup, bread and cheese and hot crossed buns – donations to Katharine House Hospice.

The church annual meeting date is 4th April at which churchwardens and church council members will be elected for the coming year. With a core congregation of about 25, of whom only half wish, or are eligible to serve on the PCC, it is becoming more difficult to cover key roles. Parish life is challenging and with an ageing congregation, there is a need for younger members of our community to help, to keep the church viable and part of village life. Mission and outreach are top priorities with an emphasis on families with children, but not forgetting our existing congregation and our community pastoral care. The church building is a village asset for all to use. For the first time in three years, we have three weddings and two baptisms planned for the spring. We look forward to welcoming the happy couples and the two young children and their families to church for these special services.

On a sad note, we offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Jennifer Aldous whose funeral was held in St Martin's Church on 23rd February. Jennifer lived for many years at Fiveways Cottage and has been laid to rest with her husband Dr Michael Aldous who died 5 years ago.

The Deddington Deanery Synod had an online meeting on 8th February and discussed the work of the church in this area and how it can engage with all generations. The deanery has a resident population of about 66,000 and covers everything from affluent villages to areas of deprivation, both rural and urban.

The Bishop of Oxford visited the Deanery on 16th February – he held meetings during the day in Cropredy, St Mary's School, Banbury, Wykeham Park Farm and Deddington, culminating in a Questions and Answers session in St Mary's Church, Banbury in the evening. In the last six months or so, Bishop Steven has visited all 29 Deaneries in the Oxford Diocese, which covers Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, and has 812 churches in 626 parishes.

With the arrival of spring, we have primroses, celandines and daffodils in flower in the churchyard. Spend some time quietly there, or in church: everyone is always welcome.

**Contact [KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk](mailto:KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk) for church information or visit the *Wykeham Benefice or A Church Near You* websites.**

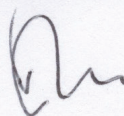
## Shutford News – Summary of Income & Expenditure 2021

| Income       |                 | Expenses     |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Advertising  | £1275.00        | Printing #   | £1425.20        |
| Donations @  | £ 200.00        | Admin *      | £ 49.63         |
| Calendars    | £ 335.00        | Trail Race = | £ 43.80         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>£1810.00</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>£1518.63</b> |

| Balance forward 2020 |                 | Balance end 2021 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                      | £ 501.38        | Cash             | £ 4.03          |
| Surplus              | £ 291.37        | Bank             | £ 788.72        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>£ 792.75</b> | <b>Total</b>     | <b>£ 792.75</b> |

Accounts examined and from various papers seen and explanations given, show a true reflection of Shutford News Financial Activities during 2021.

Ken Jeffs – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022



### Notes:

@ Donations: Parish Council £100 Church £100.

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:**  
**Thursday 12th May 2022.**

The next planning meeting will take place on  
Monday 9th May 2022.

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

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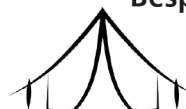
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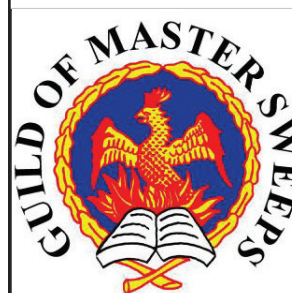
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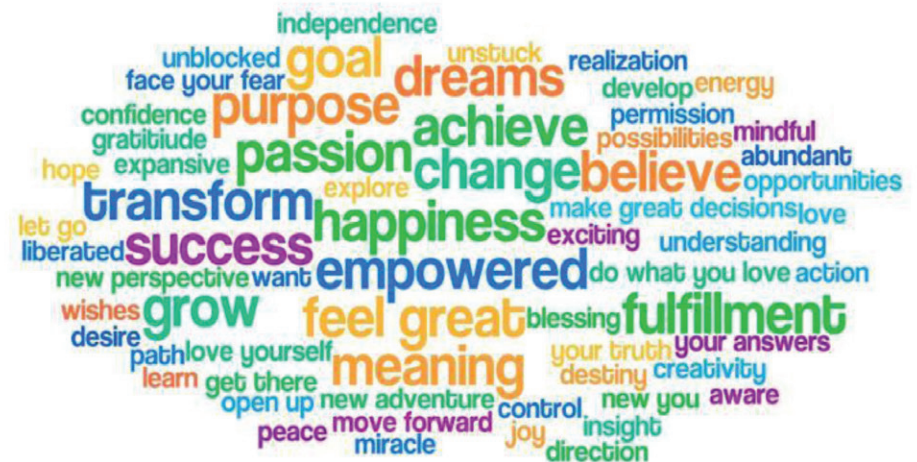


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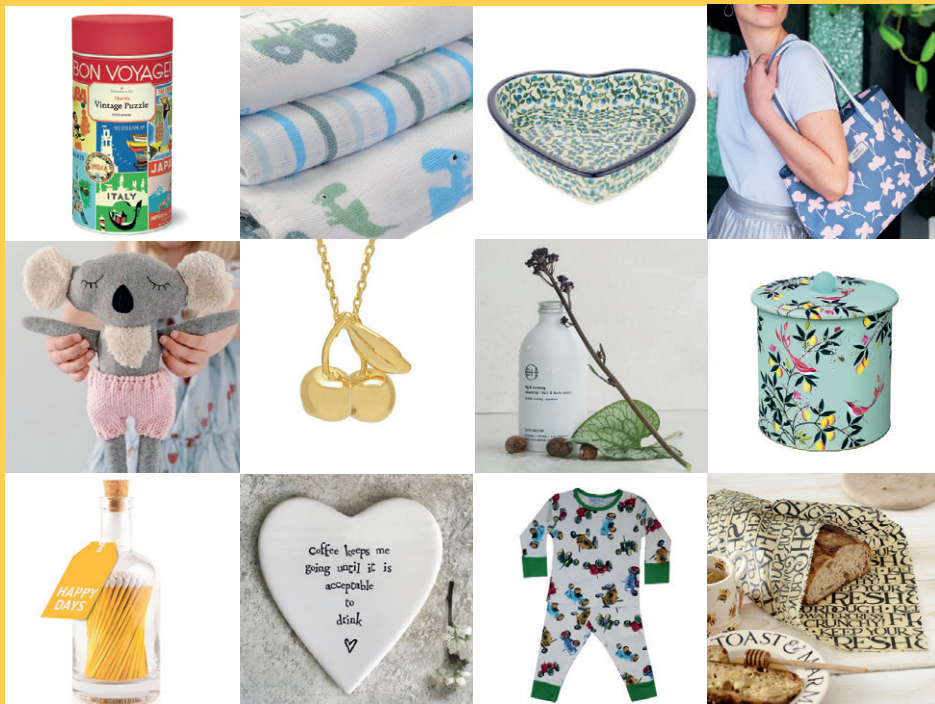




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We wish everyone all the best and hope to see you in the future as we will pop in from time to time.

Stay in touch and be happy.  
From  
Juliette, Ian, Charlie & Oliver

Thank you for your support and stay safe.