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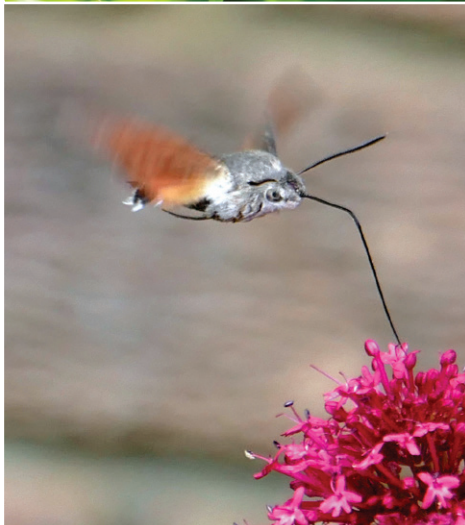
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**WE NEED PHOTOS FOR THE
SHUTFORD CALENDAR 2023!**



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

Tim Edmonds has sent me these fascinating photos of moths and butterflies which I've featured here. I'd love to see some more animal pictures, but the four legged variety!

Email your pictures to shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com

Dear villagers...

We've had a very busy June with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the welcome return of the Shutford Festival. You've been sending in your photos, so take a look at pages 10 and 11. The Beacon lighting on Jester's Hill was amazing with lots of people enjoying the spectacle. Unfortunately the Jubilee Picnic had to move to the Village Hall because of the rain, but everyone who went had a great time. Thanks so much to Helen Nixseaman and the various committees for all their hard work. We all appreciate the amount of time and effort that goes to make a successful event, even if there's nothing anyone can do about the weather!

It's great to see the Village Hall being used so much - The Shutford Curry Club had an 'at home' last month that looked amazing, gutted I missed it! Have a look at page 14 and 15 to see the Great Khan's write up. We've still got the half-price rental deal till the next financial year, so don't forget to take advantage of this. To support the regular clubs and activities check the Village Diary on page 7 for information - this is updated regularly on the village website.

Keep sending in your photos and stories - weddings, new babies, special birthdays and anniversaries 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** and completing the on-line sign-up form.

Angela

Angela Bliss, Editor

Email: shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com

*Thanks to Tim Edmonds for the cover photo
of a very well known Shutford resident...*



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

Congratulations to...

Flora McEwan and Seb Ward, who were married on the 28th May 2022 at St Martins Church.



Congratulations to...

Sarah and Jake Blackwell, who were married on the 4th June at St Martins Church. Teddy their Yorkshire terrier was part of the wedding (and the cake!).



SHUTFORD'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

These photos of the Jubilee races were sent in by Jaqueline Hone of Manor Cottage. Her daughter Lucy Cross was 13 at the time (below in the red jumper), and her brother William is on the far left.



SAVE THE DATE FOR BINGO

After a break of three years we are holding the **CHRISTMAS BINGO** on Friday 2nd December 2022 in the village hall at 7.30pm. All being well we will see you then.

REFLECTIONS ON THE LATE DENNIS BASTEN, FROM THE OLD MANOR HOUSE By James Waters

"He was a good hearted, honest and pure soul. He truly was a gentleman, and as his gardener I went several times a week for some time. I do still think about him, to me he was like an extra Grandad. He never failed to make me feel welcome, it used to warm my heart to see how happy he was when I went to visit. I was glad to help give him his garden back before he passed away, I know it was a real joy for him and his wife when they were younger."

Shutford Village Hall 100+ Club Results

JUNE RESULTS:

First Prize	£50.00	Andrew McEwan
Second Prize	£15.00	Shelia Andrews
Third Prize	£10.00	Geoffrey Townsend

JULY RESULTS:

First Prize	£35.00	Cathy Elmore
Second Prize	£15.00	Erika Doe
Third Prize	£10.00	Helen Nixseaman

The next Prize Draw will take place on 4th August



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

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VILLAGE DIARY

AUGUST

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Yoga 9.00	2 WI 10.00 Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30	3	4 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	5 Green bin	6 Painting 9.30	7
8 Yoga 9.00	9 Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30	10	11 100 Club draw Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	12 Brown & blue bin collection	13	14
15 Yoga 9.00	16 Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30	17	18 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	19 Green bin	20	21
22 Yoga 9.00	23 Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30	24	25 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	26 Brown & blue bin collection	27	28 Breakfast 9.30
29 Yoga 9.00	30 Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30	31				

SEPTEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2 Green bin	3 Painting 9.30	4
5 Yoga 9.00	6 WI 10.00 Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30	7 Arty Crafty Group 7.00	8 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	9 Brown & blue bin collection	10	11
12 Yoga 9.00	13 Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30	14 Parish Council 7.30	15 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	16 Green bin	17	18
19 Yoga 9.00	20 Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30	21 Arty Crafty Group 7.00	22 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	23 Brown & blue bin collection	24	25
26 Yoga 9.00 Harvest Supper TBC	27 Table Tennis 6.30 & 7.30	28	29 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	30 Green bin		

The Shutford Arty Crafty Group

ARTY CRAFTY NEWS - POPPIES REQUIRED

Have you noticed yarn bombing around our village? If you knit or crochet could you make a few poppies? It would be great to create a display for our War Memorial for Remembrance Day. I have included a Royal British Legion pattern but there are many more online and all shapes and sizes would be welcome. Feel free to join us at our Arty Crafty meetings too.



Knitted Poppy Patterns

For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK Yarn). The size of needle you use will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9). If you have different yarn available just use that and the appropriate needle size.

EASY GARTER/KNIT STITCH PATTERN

Colour A - Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies)

Colour B - Black - (either scrap of wool or Black button)

Body of Poppy.

Using Colour A: Cast on 120 stitches

- Rows 1-4: Knit
- Row 5: Knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches)
- Rows 6-9: Knit

- Row 10: Knit 2 stitches together across the row (20 stitches)
- Rows 11-14: Knit
- Row 15: Knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 stitches)
- Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm.

Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.

Centre of Poppy.

Using Colour B: Cast on 16 stitches.

Cast Off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre, or use a black button with 4 holes and sew to the centre of Poppy.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

SHUTFORD WI

At our June meeting, Marcus Ferrar recounted his family's experiences in "A Foot in Both Camps". As the child of a British father and Jewish German mother, he covered events involving family members before, during and after WW2.

In July Carole Humphries told us how the Banbury Talking Newspaper is organized and how modern technology has improved the service. Registered blind people are provided with a special machine to listen to the articles recorded on a USB stick. This device was demonstrated to the meeting. The charity, which is funded mostly by donations, is now working normally after measures to counter Covid disruptions are no longer needed.

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:

- **August 2nd: Summer Social**
- **September 6th: Ian Scott-Hunter - Memoirs of a Royal Footman**
- **October 4th: Pam Nixon - Writing my First Novel**

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



**WE'RE TAKING A BREAK IN AUGUST, BACK ON
SEPTEMBER 7TH, ANY ART & CRAFT WELCOME!**



Alison Hughes



Julie Holloway



Julie Holloway



Mervyn Benford



Mervyn Benford

**This library
comes to you.**



If you or someone you know are finding it difficult to get to the library, the Home Library Service can help!

Run by Oxfordshire County Council, the Home Library Service is completely free and delivers books and other library materials to hundreds of people across the county. Friendly volunteers choose items you like and visit every three weeks to deliver and collect them.

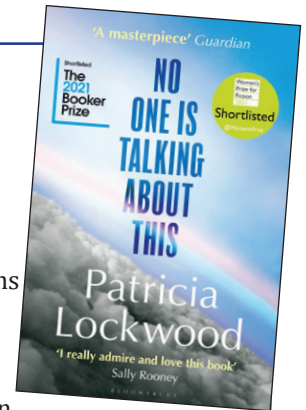
The service is open to people who struggle to physically visit a library. It's also available on a short-term basis after illness or hospitalisation, and to people with caring responsibilities.

Registering is easy, simply call your local library or the Home Library Service on 01865 810259 or email homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice

The Shutford Book Review

NO ONE IS TALKING ABOUT THIS BY PATRICIA LOCKWOOD

The book was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2021. It's fair to say that the majority of book club members - with a couple of exceptions - were not enamoured! It's certainly a highly original book which touches on very current and at times acutely sensitive issues, and splits into two very distinct sections. The first describes the life of a woman entirely engrossed in an online world to the extent that she experiences panic when being away from her phone for a matter of minutes. But her obsession with Twitter and scrolling is seriously challenged when her sister is faced with a life changing decision surrounding her unborn child, bringing issues such as abortion rights in the US, the power of family ties and the powerful lasting legacy any life can have on others, however short and challenging it might be. Certainly not an easy read, and some members didn't attempt the second half feeling utterly bewildered by the first! But others said it would stay with them for a long time even if they found it a challenging read. The 2.5/5 score reflects the fact that we ranked it as a 'Marmite' book - some would give it zero, others a five!

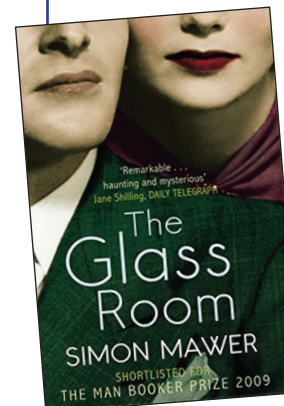


THE GLASS ROOM BY SIMON MAWER

This book was enjoyed by the majority of book club members with some reading it for the second time. It was rated 4.5 out of 5.

Set mainly in Czechoslovakia in the late 1920s the story spans seven decades. But it is more than an historical novel; it's a novel that explores the nature of love, betrayal and secrets. It particularly resonates with the Russian invasion of Ukraine today.

Viktor and Liesl want to build a house that embodies the future and abandons the past. Liesl lost a brother in the First World War and they both experienced the break up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The main feature of this house is the "Glass Room which is supposed to be a sanctuary of calm. But over the years and through World War 2 and then the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia so much goes on in the Glass Room that it is anything but calm. The Glass Room goes through various incarnations over the years; it is a laboratory, a gymnasium, part of a hospital in which the lives of the different protagonists are played out. Simon Mawer is a clever writer and his style of writing draws you into the story making it a compelling page turner even with those heart-stopping moments.





Shutford Curry Club entertained at home this week, Friday 24th June.

Two of our members are Chefs. Mr Keron Marles & Mr John Butlins and with the help of Sue Kennard, Ron & Bernie Whittle

on service, prepared and provided a fantastic Indian meal for nearly 30 people. The meal was a "Thali", the Indian version of a Greek "Meze" or in English "Bits of everything"

Starters included more freshly cooked popadoms. Mountains of them. The relishes were brilliant with a lime pickle that was to die for. Other starter dishes included vegetable samosa, onion bhajis & relish salad.

We all sat around one, lovely prepared and flower decorated, long table. In the background, Sitar serenaded us with Indian music

playing on the PA system. We had a projection of the "Shutford Taj Mahal" decorating the far wall. If it had been 30 degrees warmer we could have been in Bhagat Dharmshala village hall. I wonder if the people in Bhagat Dharmshala village hall ever get together for an English?

The company was very convivial. Chatting and laughing throughout the evening. Drinks were "Bring your Own" so no complaints there. Then we get to the main event, "The Mains." There were five curries to taste, consisting of beef, lamb, chicken, prawn, vegetable dhal rice and flat breads all served on a lovely recyclable multi bowl Thali tray. The vegetarian option was a paneer with mushroom, tandoori butternut squash pepper and tomato curry.

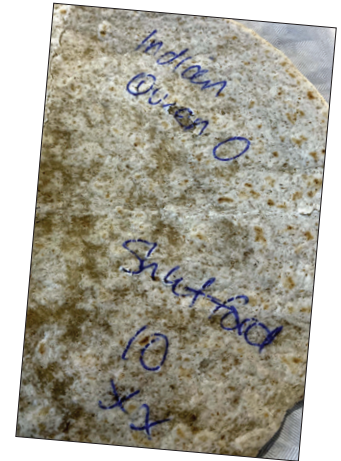
At this point people were all filling up and dessert was to follow. Fortunately the Indian dessert bites were a mouthful each but none the less scrummy.

After paying all our expenses we had £52 left. This will be paid into Keron's charity of choice.

That is all from The Shutford Khan

REVIEWS:

- *What a fantastic evening yesterday! A sumptuous Thali banquet and delightful company, a winning combination!*
J.F.B from Shutford.
- *Unbeatable.* **B.B. from Shutford.**
- *It was a great night. Toughly enjoyed the food and company.*
J.S. from Shutford.



I think it's safe to say no one came away disappointed. I can definitely say from everyone, thank you to Chef Keron and his team.

Anyone wanting to join the Shutford Curry Club only has to contact The Khan by email: billy.boucker@gmail.com

You will get an email telling you where we are going & what time. It will ask who is going and who can drive that evening. We leave the G&D @18:30



News from Thistle Hill...

Its fast-approaching factory fortnight and all the allotments are looking really good, tidy and well cared for with plenty of produce growing away.

First early potatoes are ready to lift, and our peas, beans, carrots, early cauliflowers and broccoli have already been harvested and eaten! French and runner beans are climbing upwards, and the pumpkins, squash and courgettes are scrambling across the ground. The sweetcorn is planted in blocks to maximise fertilisation. Leeks and brassicas are either already in the ground or waiting to go in.

The weather has been pretty good in the last two months, a nice mix of sun and rain and warmish nights; much better conditions than last year. As I write, we are facing apocalyptic sunshine which you will give your right arm for next week, when on holiday, dressed in anoraks and entertaining bored kids.

All the plots are taken now, with one new plot holder taking on the last remaining plot in July. This has already been knocked into shape ready for next year.



Although the planting season is coming to a close, there are still things you can plant for a late crop. Try oriental greens such as pak choi, cabbage, mustards, etc, and a late harvest of French beans, lettuce, radish, beetroot, carrots, spinach and chard.

Watering is a problem as the soil is pretty stony and sharply drained. The answer is plenty of organic matter each year, but in the short term the majority of crops that are well established can survive, so save your watering for newly planted veg. August will bring plenty of rain so if you can, leave planting till it rains.

Pests are also taking full advantage of your hard work, so keep your crops covered up from butterflies, carrot flies and leek moths which will all be making an appearance soon. Keep on top of the weeding - hoeing works well, but if it's getting out of hand, wade in with a spade and scythe them off at ground level. I have even mowed them to stop them flowering and setting seed.

Looking forward to see what everyone has grown this year, such as unusual crops, the successes as well as failures. They'll be a produce show in the autumn, so check out the village email for updates.

Keep on digging...



*A shaded lamp and a waving blind,
And the beat of a clock from a distant floor:
On this scene enter—winged, horned, and spined—
A longlegs, a moth, and a dumbledore;
While 'mid my page there idly stands
A sleepy fly, that rubs its hands...
Thus meet we five, in this still place,
At this point of time, at this point in space.
—My guests besmear my new-penned line,
Or bang at the lamp and fall supine.
"God's humblest, they!" I muse. Yet why?
They know Earth-secrets that know not I.*

Dear friends,

These two beautiful verses from Thomas Hardy's poem, *An August Midnight*, describes the poet sat at his desk as he welcomes visitors; a longlegs, a moth, a Dumbledore (an old English term for a bumblebee) and finally a fly. Each of these visitors are personified as they gather around the light of the lamp with the poet.

It's suggested that the main theme of Hardy's poem is a reflection upon the meaning and purpose of life, in relationship with the natural world around him. Why does this meeting happen, why do the insects gather together at this very moment around the light?

On one level the poem might be thought of as just being a nice poem about a man sitting at a desk with his lamp on, which in turn is attracting various insects, (we only have to have a light on in our houses at night during the summer and a window open, to know what happens next). But of course for Hardy there is much more happening, because it's suggested that he uses this simple imagery to begin to question about the meaning and purpose of his own life in relationship to whether he believes there is a God.

As a Christian the verse of the Bible where Jesus says 'I am the light of the world' comes to mind as I read the poem, those who see and hear of the wonderful attraction of the light in their lives, are drawn towards it, whilst there are others who look on and wonder why?



Love & prayers

Revd Neil Wykeham Benefice, Tel: 788005

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
16th June	Mervyn Benford	Val's Birthday
17th June	Sheila Andrews	In memory of Bob on his Birthday and their Wedding Anniversary
18th June	Anon	Shutford Festival
14th July (13th)	Rita Livesey	Charley Dog Birthday
19th July	Mervyn & Val Benford	64th Wedding Anniversary
24th July & 14th & 22nd September	Ken Jeffs	Family Birthdays
25th/26th September	Anon	Harvest Festival & Supper
27th September	Rita Livesey	In memory of sister, Janet
29th September	Rita Livesey	In memory of Dad, Brian

*The church tower is illuminated each Sunday
and on other days without publicity.*

Church news

Rector - Revd Neil Bowler – 788005

Churchwarden – Ken Jeffs – 788308

Safeguarding – John Bailey - 780478

SERVICES: See Wykeham News or Website



We continue to collect non-perishable food for Banbury Young Homeless Project and are thankful to those who make donations. There is a box at the back of the church with a note of items welcomed by them.

Christian Aid Week was 15th to 21st May. Collection envelopes were delivered to most households in the village and an e-envelope set up to receive donations. A total of £355 (plus gift aid of £86) was collected but it was disappointing only a few villagers responded to this important appeal. Perhaps we are suffering from charity appeals fatigue with so many needing money?

A Benefice Service to celebrate Pentecost (Whit Sunday) and the Queens Jubilee was held in St Martin's Church on 5th June at 10.30am. Members of the benefice choir led the singing of the hymns with Ruth playing the organ. Refreshments were enjoyed in the church after the service.

Father's Day, 19th June, was celebrated with a lay led All Age Family Service. Dads present were given some goodies to take home but like Mothering Sunday in March, there were no children in church. Absence of families with children in church is an ongoing concern with many other activities on a Sunday taking priority. To try to encourage involvement, our Messy Church Events will continue with one on 24th September at 3.00pm in Shutford Village Hall. This will have a harvest theme to co-inside with our Harvest Festival in church on 25th September at 6.00pm and Harvest Supper and Sale in Shutford Village Hall on 26th September at 7.30pm. Money raised at the supper will be given to a local charity.

Despite a wet day, the Shutford Festival was a social and financial success and a church team, led by Sue, was pleased to serve tea and cake during the afternoon. Special thanks to our lady bakers who made and donated the cakes. The teas raised £447, an excellent result. Thanks also to the festival organisers and sponsors for their hard work and generosity. £800, from the festival, given to St Martin's Church, will be used towards the church annual insurance.

All local churchwardens were enrolled at a service in Adderbury church on 28th June. This service was led by the Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester, Revd Canon David Tyler who thanked churchwardens and others for their work in local churches over the past year. He also encouraged everyone to continue to keep churches flourishing at the heart of our various communities.

A PCC and Benefice meeting have been held on successive days: items on the agendas included Worship, Mission and Outreach, Finance, Wykeham News, Eco Church and lay ministry.

Church attendance in Shutford is stable and we have been pleased to welcome an additional 500 to church through weddings, baptisms, and thanksgiving services. We are presently financially stable thanks to our regular worshippers, fund raising and additional money from collections.

The Wykeham Benefice News is delivered to every household in our benefice (about 1400 copies) free of charge. Although the information in the WBN is available on our website, it is important that a paper copy is delivered, especially to those who do not have or wish to use electronic communication systems. The Benefice will continue to update the website on a regular basis and in due course will introduce other means of electronic communication, for those who prefer to use it. The Deanery is setting up a Facebook page.

Eco Church: as a church we are presently measuring our environmental footprint with an aim of reducing our carbon usage. Small steps can lead to change, so we have undertaken a survey which covered worship and teaching, buildings, our churchyard, community engagement and lifestyle. Turning off lights, use of LED bulbs and non-use of oasis for flower arranging and the wilding of our churchyard have helped. We use green energy.

Our All Age Worship Services are lay led with further involvement planned for communion services. We have appointed Jocelyn Merris as a lay minister, initially based in Swalcliffe, which will enable us to continue to offer a service in each of our churches most Sundays. Lay people also help at Messy Church.

The annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride Event takes place 10th September. Details on how to take part, raising funds for our local churches, can be found on the OHCT website or from Ken Jeffs.

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

Shutford Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

22/029	Apologies for Absence: None
22/030	Declarations of Interest: None
22/031	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2022 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
22/032	Matters arising from the minutes: The action list was reviewed. The Old Manor House – It was agreed that an application to list the property will be investigated by Cllr Chris Hall and Cllr George Reynolds would check if any of the trees in the garden are subject to Tree Preservation orders.
22/033	Parish Matters:
22/033/1	Parish Councillor vacancy – Mrs Lynne Parsons expressed interest in being re-elected as a councillor. It was RESOLVED unanimously to co-opt Mrs Lynne Parsons as a councillor.
22/033/2	Allotments - All allotments are currently being rented out and there is no one on the waiting list.
22/033/3	Solar Panels – Cllr Chris Hall has drafted guidance on solar panels. Residents thinking of installing them are recommended to contact Cllr Chris Hall for a copy.
22/034	Finance:
22/034/1	Accounts – The clerk had not completed the accounts prior to the meeting but will email them to councillors by the end of the week.
22/034/2	Bank Balances – The bank balances on 1st July were £5,859.99 in the current account and £11,762.94 in the savings account.
22/025/3	Bank Mandate Changes - These had not been made by Barclays so Cllr Helen Nixseaman will chase them.

22/035	Correspondence:
22/035/1	Dog Poo Bin emptying – Cherwell are only emptying them on Tuesdays, not twice a week. It was agreed that the clerk would take this up with Cherwell District Council.
22/036	Planning:
22/036/1	22/01057/LB – Oak Tree Barn – Replace windows and doors – CDC Permitted
22/036/2	22/01276/F – 4 Barton Cottages – Removal of condition 2 – CDC Permitted
22/036/3	21/01877/F & LB – Honeysuckle Cottage – CDC Permitted
22/037	Any Other Business:
22/037/1	Hygiene concerns at the pub – Concerns had been expressed to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the clerk would discuss this with Cherwell District Council.
22/037/2	Tyte Pond – It was agreed that lilies would be planted, a bench installed and the broken posts replaced after consultation with neighbours.
22/037/3	Possible development of 4 acre plot on edge of village – A Shutford resident who owns a 4 acre plot attended the meeting and advised that he is investigating developing it for houses. The Parish Council thanked him for advising them and asked him to keep them informed of progress.
22/037/4	Weeds around the Dairyground – It was agreed that a working party would remove these.
22/037/5	Bird mess on the slide – Cllr Ashley Taylor has agreed to investigate this and look at pruning the branches of the tree above it.
22/037/6	Holly tree on corner of High Street/West Street – Cllr Helen Nixseaman will talk to resident of Briar Cottage to see if tree can be pruned back.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

THE SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST

(Charity No. 304364)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Firstly, I must thank all our hirers and users of the Village Hall for restoring our activity levels to those we enjoyed before the Covid-19 pandemic. Also, I must thank our Committee and volunteers who made this possible. During the course of the year a few of our volunteers withdrew and their contributions will be greatly missed.

Users and visitors have continued to praise the Hall, now in its 5th year since rebuild, for its quality and the facilities it provides. Thanks must also go to Cherwell District Council for their financial support during the Covid restrictions, which had such a significant effect on so many social activities, not just in our small village, but throughout the world.

Our cleaners have continued to keep the Hall in good order and the frequency of cleaning reduced only during the first three months of this period when Covid restrictions were still in place. Monthly Sunday breakfasts have now restarted and continue to be popular, as are the WI, Pilates, Yoga, Table Tennis and Art activities. We are still seeking someone to run the film club during the autumn and winter months. The flight of steps joining the Hall to St Martin's Church have been made and installation is expected during the next reporting period.

Fortunately, and because we pursued all the help offered, our financial position continued to be strong and therefore we extended the offer of half price hire charges for villagers to the end of March 2023.

Roger Bancroft

July 2022

SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL

(01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022)

INCOME

Booking Income		
Regular	2,438.00	
Special	<u>433.00</u>	2,871.00
Fund Raising		
100 Club	1,240.00	
Breakfast Club	618.90	
AmazonSmile	<u>23.49</u>	1,882.39
Bank Interest		5.74
Misc		83.51
Donations		
Misc	<u>35.00</u>	35.00
Covid-19 Grants		18,667.00
Total Income		23,544.64
Surplus/Deficit		13,356.32

EXPENSES

Overheads		
Insurance	838.85	
Licences etc	232.30	
Cleaning	1,615.00	
Admin	59.99	
Electricity	733.03	
Water	175.11	
Plusnet	341.92	
Servicing	<u>32.40</u>	4,028.60
Misc		
100 Club	813.79	
Donations	275.00	
Maintenance	<u>44.54</u>	1,133.33
Equipment		
Kitchen	135.12	
Misc	<u>14.00</u>	149.12
Consumables		
Paper products	68.92	
Plastic Bags	2.00	
Misc	<u>6.35</u>	77.27
Steps to Church		4,800.00
Total Expenses		10,188.32

FUNDS at 31/03/2022		RESERVES	
Cash	159.65	AV	1,896
Lloyds Current A/C	2,423.68	Rebuild	1,346
Lloyds Savings	65,236.92	100 Club Prizes	790
		Overheads	5,000
		Steps to Church	9,782
	<u>67,820.25</u>	Future Developments	49,007
			<u>67,820</u>



The first half of the year has flown by, and we're not slowing down in the months ahead. We've still got spaces on some of our brilliant challenge events as well as the return of our popular Make a Will Fortnight. Whether it's taking part in events, donating to our hospice, volunteering your time or making the most of our shops – your support and generosity means that we can continue to care for local people and families when they need it most. Thank you!

READY AND WILLING

This year Make a Will Fortnight celebrates its 10th anniversary and will be running from 3 to 10 October. Six local solicitors have generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will during the two week event and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. If you've been putting off making a will, then it's the ideal time. For a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment, visit khh.org.uk/make-a-will

IN THE RUNNING

There's still time to sign up for the Oxford Half Marathon 16 October! Missed out on the ballot? Join Team Katharine House for the 13.1 mile run around Oxford's most iconic landmarks and help raise money for our hospice. We'll be there to support you every step of the way. All runners will receive a branded running vest, as well as expert fundraising advice and top tips on training. Sign up now: khh.org.uk/oxford

SCARING IS CARING

Gather your bravest guys and ghouls and sign up for the Halloween Walk on 29 October... if you dare! Choose either a 10km, half marathon or full marathon for your spooky sponsored night-time walk around London. Do something a bit different this Halloween and help raise money for our hospice. Find out more about this spooktacular event and fundraising options on our website. khh.org.uk/halloween

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

Did you know that volunteering has been proven to reduce stress, combat depression and improve physical health? It's also a great way to learn new skills and meet new people. Plus, you get to work with a brilliant team supporting your local hospice. What's not to love? We're looking for volunteers right across the hospice, so there's bound to be a role that's right for you. Find out more khh.org.uk/volunteer

FIND OUT MORE

Head to our website for more details, events and news: khh.org.uk.

SHUTFORD FESTIVAL 2022			
Income		Expenses	
Tombola	£ 271.80	Wristbands	£ 81.97
Water & Wine	£ 114.00	Bands	£ 850.00
Books, DVDs & CDs, Toys	£ 183.05	Sound system	£ 322.50
Traditional Games + Toys	£ 64.15	Toilets	£ 91.20
Football	£ 9.50	Insurance	£ 116.00
Rides	£ 40.00	Entertainment Licence	£ 21.00
Teas	£ 447.00	Publicity	£ 108.88
Raffle	£ 141.00	Sundries	£ 95.60
		Raffle Ticket Printing	£ 58.00
		Raffle Prize	£ 100.00
Income from stalls	£ 1,270.50		
		Total Expenses	£ 1,845.15
Raffle (presales)	£ 909.00		
Evening Tickets	£ 571.00	TOTAL PROFIT	£ 1,478.90
Beer/Wine Bar Profit	£ 448.55		
Donations	£ 125.00	Bank Account Summary	
		Balance b/f from 2019	£ 1,082.56
Total Income	£ 3,324.05	Profit from 2022	£ 1,478.90
Toilets deposit c/f	£ 76.80		
Sound deposit c/f	£ 457.50	Total	£ 2,561.46
	£ 534.30		
Marquee kindly provided by Sir Dominic & Lady Cadbury		Funds Allocation	
		Church	£ 800.00
		Katharine House	£ 800.00
		Balance c/f to 2021	£ 961.46

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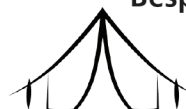
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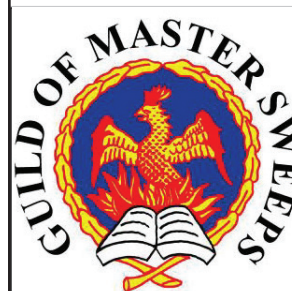
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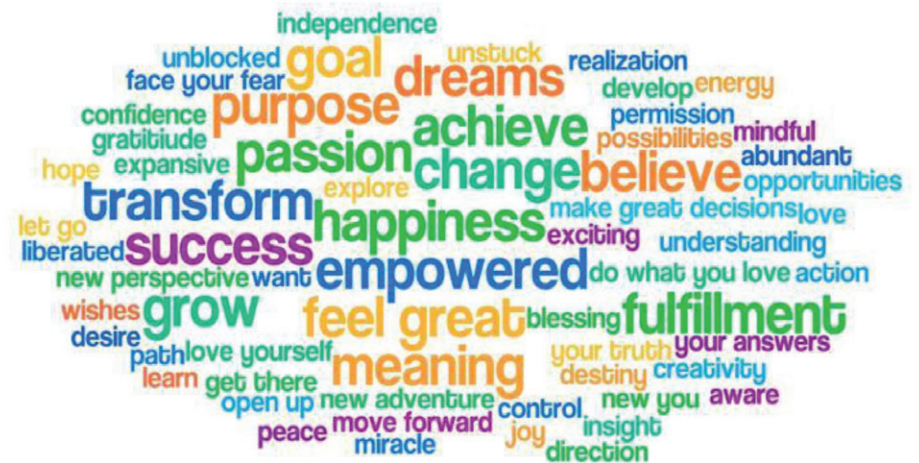


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Look forward to seeing your support in the coming weeks.

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