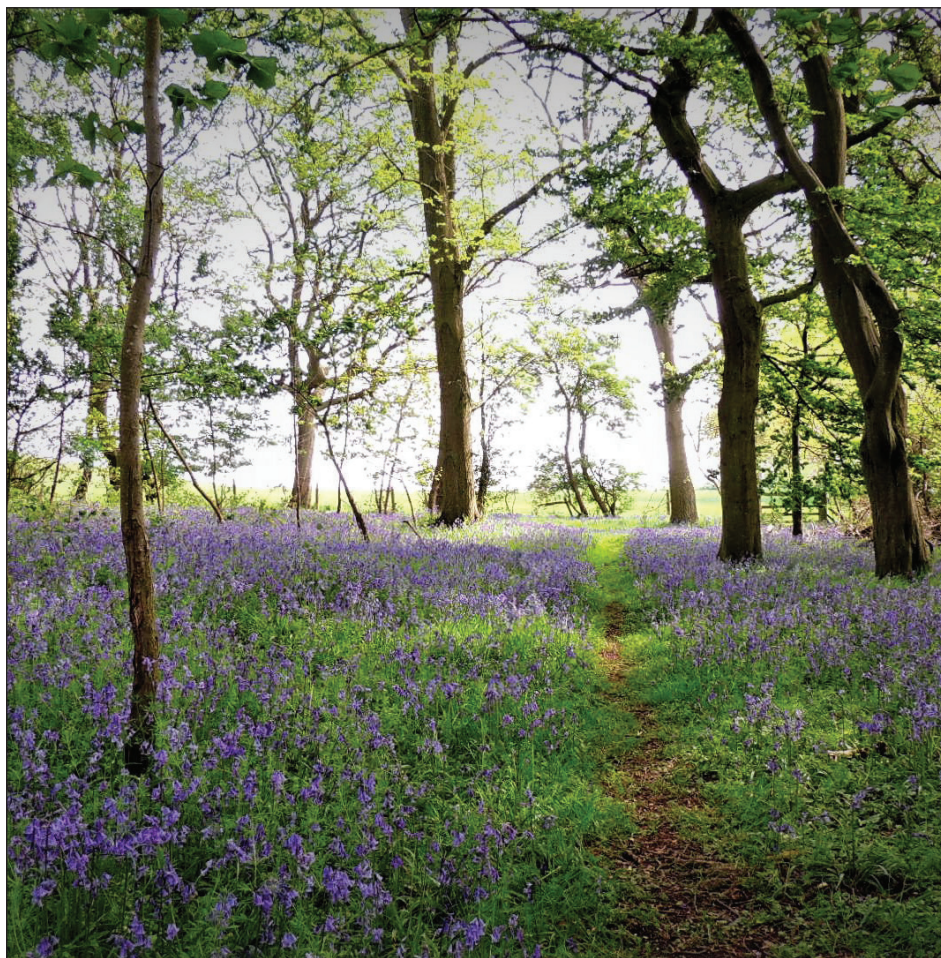




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Dear villagers...

Like many people, I've enjoyed watching the pomp and ceremony of the King's Coronation, and was very impressed with those hardy individuals waiting in the pouring rain! Luckily the sun shone the next day for the picnic on the Dairyground, and a very convivial lunch was had by all, with fun entertainment for the children. Andrew McEwan took these great pictures opposite of the crown competition.

The Shutford Festival is coming round quickly, and the itinerary has been published! The Festival Committee would be very grateful for any prize donations - please see pages 8 and 9 for info. If anyone can help out, before, during and afterwards, with putting up and taking down the marquee, manhandling the bales for seating, and just generally lending a hand, email helennixseaman@gmail.com or andrewmcewan78@gmail.com.

I've had no photos to share this month, so please send some in! The flowers and blossom are looking amazing now, and who doesn't love a cute lamb? Let's have some sunny spring photos for the next issue.

A lot of people have been asking me about what will happen to the Shutford News. As yet, no-one has come forward to take on the role of Editor. If you have a few hours to spare, please do consider taking the News on, I've got to know lots of lovely people since working on it. The village as a whole needs new people to volunteer with the various community activities that we all enjoy, so don't be shy!

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. If you have any stories, just email me at shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com.



Angela

Angela Bliss, Editor

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VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

Please check the website for updates on village activities restarting or sign up to the village newsletter by visiting www.shutfordvillage.com



The ladies at the Arty Crafty Group decorated the bus shelter with Easter bunnies and spring lambs, and also made a fabulous display for the King's Coronation.





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for Village Hall Committee Secretary

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Shutford Village Hall 100+ Club Results

APRIL RESULTS:

First Prize	£35.00	Bob Stanley
Second Prize	£15.00	Sue Gibbs
Third Prize	£10.00	Gillian Holliday

MAY RESULTS:

First Prize	£35.00	Claire Freeman
Second Prize	£15.00	Sue Gibbs
Third Prize	£10.00	Brian Ailsby

The next Prize Draw will take place on 6th June

LOCAL CLUBS

Arty Crafty Group - meets every Wednesday evening at 7pm
Table Tennis - Juniors and adults - meets every Tuesday from 6pm
Yoga - every Monday at 9am
Pilates - every Thursday from 6.30pm
Film Club - last Friday of the month at 7.30pm
WI - Once a month on Tuesdays at 10am

VILLAGE DIARY

JUNE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2 <i>Brown & blue bin</i>	3 <i>Painting 9.30</i>	4
5 <i>Yoga 9.00</i>	6 <i>WI 10.00 Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30</i>	7 <i>Arty Crafty Club 7.00</i>	8 <i>Pilates 6.30 & 7.45</i>	9 <i>Green bin</i>	10	11
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26 <i>Yoga 9.00 Book Club 7.30</i>	27 <i>Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30</i>	28 <i>Arty Crafty Club 7.00</i>	29 <i>Pilates 6.30 & 7.45</i>	30 <i>Brown & blue bin Film Club 7.30</i>		

JULY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31 <i>Yoga 9.00 Book Club 7.30</i>					1 <i>Painting 9.30</i>	2
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FILMS FOR MAY, JUNE & JULY

*7.30pm in the Village Hall,
last Friday of the month*



Want to join? Contact cmb1963@hotmail.co.uk

SHUTFORD

Festival '23

DONATIONS WANTED

**Bring to Village Hall 5pm-7pm
Wednesday 5th July**

• Bottles of wine • Books and Jigsaws
Toys & games (in good condition) • Tombola prizes

*If you would like items collected contact:
helennixseaman@gmail.com
or andrewmcewan78@gmail.com*

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Festival '23

Saturday 8th July

FREE AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES FROM 1PM, INCLUDE:

1.30pm Children's Activities

2.00pm Tug of War

2.30pm Dancing Display

3.30pm Dog Show

**4.00pm Prizes for Penalty Shoot Out, Teddy,
Sweets, Balloons**

4.45pm Raffle Draw

**1pm-5pm Interesting Vehicle Show
in Car Park field**

Bands from 6.30pm, marquee, Manor Field - £7 entry

The Shutford Book Review

THE CHEF, THE BIRD AND THE BLESSING BY ANDREW SHARP

This is the author's third novel. Set in an unnamed African country, the novel is a story of friendship and our relationship with the natural world. It is both poignant and funny.

The central character is Mozzy, a cook in a struggling safari business who has dreams of escaping from his disorganised employer to become head chef in an upmarket restaurant in London. An unplanned set of circumstances allow his fantasy to become a reality, however, life in London is not all that he imagined that it would be and he returns home having had time to reflect on what is important to him and also to face up to past life events.

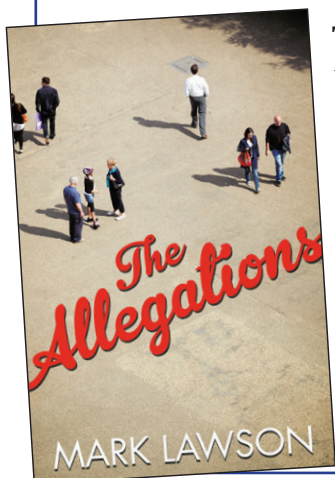
This was an interesting read and the group particularly liked the author's descriptions of life in an African village and of the wildlife inhabiting the surrounding bush areas. We gave it an average score of 4 out of 5.

THE ALLEGATIONS BY MARK LAWSON

The book deals with 2 men accused in one case of sexual abuse and in the other case of bullying at work.

The book was written in 2014 but is sadly very relevant today. We had a very interesting discussion and decided that we liked none of the characters and we had all experienced some level of workplace bullying but it will take some time before it can be eradicated because so many people who do it don't realise that it is bullying.

We voted it 3 as the book's subject was so hard and the book was rather too long.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

SHUTFORD WI

At our April meeting, Susan Drage demonstrated "Recycling but not what you think" with a substantial display of articles made from items we usually throw away.

At our Group meeting in April, we entertained members from Hornton, Cropredy and Bloxham WIs. We learnt about the history of the Foundling Hospital from John Caldicott before enjoying afternoon tea.

In May, we supported the Resolution on Clean Rivers, which will be voted on at the Cardiff AM in June. Afterwards Sandy Forrester demonstrated how to make bears from fondant icing and then all the members tried their hand.



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:

- **June 6th** Analiza Jones – Shells from the Philippines
- **July 4th** Dr Muriel Pilkington – Burford Mutiny
- **August 1st** Social Get Together (no speaker)

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





News from Thistle Hill...

When I wrote last September, harvest time was upon us, and we were reflecting on how our summer crops had done. Jef brought us up to date last time so I will report what is happening now that spring has arrived. May is a suitable name for the month

when you can plant most summer vegetables.

Across the plots, there is still some purple sprouting, other greens, Swiss chard, parsnips and leeks to harvest, all of which have survived the winter.

Many of us are picking rhubarb, and spring cabbage is also ready. I've also seen asparagus in one raised bed ready to cut. Some have garlic beds, something I dislike, but it can deter pest insects, slugs, rodents and rabbits.

There are about a dozen plots of varying sizes, some gardeners use a no dig method, others have defined areas to allow for plot rotation. There are greenhouses, cold frames and raised beds, all of which have plants at various stages of development. With variable weather, it is wise to protect plants early in the growing season – there is a danger of frost even at the end of May.

Broad beans, either planted in pots or directly in the ground are growing well, as are onion sets. Early potatoes are sprouting in the earth but there continues to be the need to listen to the weather forecast and earth them up as soon as they are large enough. Peas, French and runner beans can be planted in the soil, but it is wiser to start them off in pots to ensure germination and protect them from mice and voles looking for an easy meal.

The weather has been variable with lots of rain, cold nights with an occasional summer like day – however May should be a good growing time. Radish, lettuce, carrots, beetroot, salad onions, parsnip - seeds can be sown but beware, those sown in cold soil will be slow to germinate or even fail. Sow outdoors if the weather is mild or undercover if it's been a late spring. What will grow however, are the weeds, especially dandelions, good for pollinating insects but can be a nuisance. Grass on the garden paths seems to grow overnight, with wildflowers, but a hiding place for slugs, snails, mice and voles, ready to eat the tender plants and munch on carrots and beetroot.

All types of brassicas can be planted soon, but they will need to be protected from birds and caterpillars. As we go through spring into summer, more delicate plants such as tomatoes, courgettes, squashes, cucumbers and sweetcorn will be planted out. There should also be regular sowing of salad crops.

As well as vegetables, many gardeners have fruit trees, raspberries and strawberries, all of which are now in flower and promising good crops later in the summer. Others have herb beds and flowers: perennials, sweet peas, dahlias, chrysanthemums, and sunflowers adding colour and attracting pollinating insects. Poppies and foxgloves pop up everywhere.

The hedgerows are also looking good with hawthorn replacing blackthorn with elder coming into bud and later dog roses – not so good for hay fever sufferers. There is also plenty of cow parsley and stinging nettles, hopefully with some dock leaves nearby!

There are lots of songbirds to be heard: robins, blackbirds, wrens and hedge sparrows. There are also red kites and buzzards flying high in the sky. A blackbird, who nested close to the ground on one allotment, had its nest predated and lost its four eggs overnight. Sad, but part of nature's pattern. However, where are the owls and kestrels to keep down the small rodents?

Bill arranges for a steady supply of horse muck to put on our allotments, but what is less welcome, is dog muck. Dog owners please be aware of your dog's doings, please keep them under control and even better on a lead so they do not run onto the allotment plots or corn crop growing in the field.

As in previous year's, there is sure to be a surplus of produce, beans and courgettes especially, and we all love to share our vegetables with others. Long may it continue. Perhaps we should meet up in late September to show off our produce – what about Harvest Sunday, 24th September?

Here's to a great summer and growing season on Thistle Hill – keep on digging, or mulching if you don't!

Ken Jeffs: May 2023



Winnie, the newest member of the allotments, 'helping' plant potatoes

BROUGHTON CASTLE SPORTIVE 2023

Don't miss out on the cycling event of the summer

Sunday 9th July



Four Major Routes Starting and Finishing at Broughton Castle

100 miles, 75 miles, 50 miles, 20 miles, plus a 5 miles Family Fun Ride, all through the wonderful Cotswolds countryside.

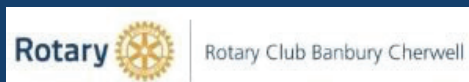
Broughton Castle Trophy: A team event for teams of four to six riders who participate in the 100 miles, 75 miles, 50 miles routes.

For more details and registration visit our website

www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk

Event organised by the Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell

All profits to local and nominated charities



Cricket for kids

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged **5-8 years old** where they're guaranteed jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Each participant that signs up will receive 8 weeks of cricket sessions, personalised All Stars t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack.



Dynamos Cricket (8-11 year olds) is an action-packed, fun programme centred around game play with each session including a skill building activity aimed at providing an active warm-up and focusing in on a skill for that week. During the programme, children will play 60-ball countdown cricket each week, with the skill building activity changing week to week. Every child that signs up will receive a personalised New Balance t-shirt.

More info can be found at ecb.co.uk/play

We've got plenty of ways to support our hospice as we head into the summer months. Whether it's visiting one of our Open Gardens, signing up for our events or organising a team to take part in our Accumulator Challenge – there's bound to be something for everyone! We've also got some great new resources on our website to share with our supporters as well as the wider community.

UPCOMING OPEN GARDENS

Have you taken a look at our Open Garden itinerary for this year? Once again, we have some incredible supporters opening their gardens and offering people the chance to pay a visit and enjoy the stunning outdoor spaces, all while raising money for our hospice. Make sure you get the dates in your diary now and check the website for full details of each event. www.khh.org.uk/gardens

THE ACCUMULATOR CHALLENGE IS BACK!

Do you watch The Apprentice convinced you could do a better job than the candidates? If so, the Accumulator Challenge could be right up your street! We'll be challenging local businesses, schools and community groups to put their entrepreneurial and fundraising skills to the test by raising the most money from a starting pot of £50. Hurry – we only have 20 places available so you need to sign up quickly to guarantee your space. www.khh.org.uk/accumulator.

CARING FOR OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY

As your local hospice, we're here to support our whole community – and that includes providing information and advice on issues around end-of-life care for anyone who needs it. It's why we're so thrilled to be launching a brand-new section of our website, our End-of-life and Palliative Care (EPiC) Resource Centre. Our hope is that patients, family members, medical professionals, carers and employers, will find the answers to all their questions about death and dying. www.khh.org.uk/epic

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter and keep in touch with all our latest news and events at the hospice. www.khh.org.uk/newsletter

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, SHUTFORD Illuminate & Celebrate

Thank you to everyone who continues to support this initiative. If you wish to arrange a light up, please contact Ken Jeffs at KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk: small donations for church funds are welcome. With longer day light hours during the summer, the lights come on about 8.30pm until midnight.



Below is a list of recent occasions remembered:

Date Name Occasion

5th May	Anon	in memory of Jacky Hone
6th May	Anon	King Charles III Coronation Day
15th May	Anon	in memory of Jenny Ingham
28th May	Anon	in memory of Tim Rootes (Birthday)
30th May	Jeffs Family	Ken's Birthday
4th June	Debbie Pitt	Magnus's Birthday
10th June	Ben & Emily	Wedding Day
16th June	Mervyn Benford	Val's Birthday
19th June	Clare McEwan	in memory of father, Peter

The church tower is illuminated each Sunday and on some other days without publicity. If more than one occasion is celebrated on a particular day, the tower is illuminated on the following day(s). Details of sponsorship received after the Shutford News deadline will appear in a later issue.

Church news

Rector - Revd Neil Bowler – 788005

Churchwarden – Ken Jeffs – 788308

Safeguarding – John Bailey - 780478

SERVICES: See Wykeham News or Website



The series of Charitable Lent Lunches across the Wykeham Benefice were very successful and raised a total of £1809 overall including £200 in Shutford.

The Benefice service on Palm Sunday was held in Epwell and started with a procession of palms following a donkey around the village. Various additional services and events were held during Holy Week including a Family Craft Morning in Shutford Village Hall on Good Friday. Attendance was good with 38 in the hall enjoying the crafts, listening to the Easter Story and finishing with hot cross buns and chocolate eggs. The Easter Day Family Communion Service was led by Rev Canon Glyn Evans. The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers donated and arranged by our team of ladies. Everyone was given an Easter Egg as they left church. Traditionally, eggs given up during Lent, represent new life and rebirth at Easter.

Electrical work in church, including the upgrading of lighting, has been completed by Alderwood Electrical at a cost of £3966. We have received a grant of £3000 from The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust towards this.

The PCC met on 2nd May: items on the agenda included Worship and Outreach, Safeguarding, Finance, Fund Raising and Restoration Work. Accounts as at the end of March show an overspend but this will be covered by an expected income tax rebate and legacy. Overall, the church's financial situation is sound thanks to the generosity of our regular donors. The next restoration work to be costed is some plaster repairs and then repainting of the church walls, porch and window frames. Grants towards the cost are available.

Christian Aid Week is 15th – 22nd May and an e-envelope has been set up for donations: <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/st-martins-church-shutford> Collection envelopes have also been delivered throughout the village.

After just over 2 years as our Rector, Rev Neil Bowler has been appointed to the role of Priest in Charge (Rector Designate) of The Priory Church of St Mary, Bridlington and will return to Yorkshire at the end of June. He was

installed as our Rector in January 2021 at a very difficult time coming out of the coronavirus pandemic. Rev Neil has led the Wykeham Benefice in a positive and outward looking way, always with a smile, even during the most challenging situations in our multi parish benefice. We are all sad that he will be leaving us but understand why he has been called to return northwards, to continue his ministry and be closer to his elderly father and wider family. He has been our ideal priest, fulfilling the challenges set, and we wish him well for his future ministry and life in Bridlington: home is where the heart is!

What next? The benefice will be in an interregnum from July until a new priest is appointed to fill the vacancy. The administration of the parish is the responsibility of the churchwarden and parochial church council during this time. Rev Canon John Tattersall, our associate priest, will continue to organise a rota for church services which will stay much as at present. We are fortunate to have retired clergy to lead worship on a regular basis with lay people to assist. The Area Dean, Sarah Sharp will be available for advice as will the Bishop and Archdeacon of Dorchester. Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held but with a likelihood of more visiting clergy officiating. Pastoral Care will be a local responsibility with all of us keeping a watchful eye on the needs of our neighbours. Meetings will be held during the summer to update our parish and benefice profiles and the vacancy advertised. A shortlist of applicants will be drawn up and interviews conducted. There are a lot of formalities to be completed, so the vacancy is likely to last many months.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Jacky Hone and Jenny Ingham and offer our sincere sympathy to their families and friends. A funeral service and a memorial service have been held and the church tower illuminated for them.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 15th May at which the annual report and accounts were presented, and church officials elected for the coming year. Ken Jeffs has agreed to remain as Churchwarden and Treasurer, Clare McEwan as PCC Secretary, John Bailey as Safeguarding Officer and Sue Roe-French as Deanery Synod Representative. With only 12 members on the church electoral roll eligible for service on the church council it is very important that we continue to have the support of the wider community and congregation keeping the church open and part of the village life. Everyone is always welcome in church for services or some quiet time.

For information about any church issue or services, contact KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk or visit the Wykeham Benefice website.

Shutford Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

23/019	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Lynne Parsons
23/020 23/020/1 23/020/2	Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Helen Hixseaman was elected Chairman (proposed Cllr Reynolds, seconded Cllr Huewen) Cllr Stephen Barnes was elected Vice Chair (proposed Cllr Reynolds, seconded Cllr Taylor)
23/021	Declarations of Interest: None
23/022	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2023 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
23/023	Matters arising from the minutes: Tree in allotments at Lower End – It was agreed that Kai O’Hanlon would be asked to give an opinion on whether it is safe.
23/024 23/024/1 23/024/2 23/024/3 23/024/4 23/024/5 13/024/6 23/024/7 23/024/8 23/024/9	Parish Matters: Internal Audit – This had been completed and a report with recommendations circulated. It was agreed that the recommendations would be implemented. Annual Return, Certificate of Exemption from External Audit – This was agreed. Annual Return, Annual Governance Statement – This was agreed. Annual Return, Accounting Statements – This was agreed. Neighbourhood Watch – A resident had offered to co-ordinate this if there was a demand for it to be reinstated and volunteers could be found. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and might help to deter casual theft. Footpath Warden – Mike Carwithen has taken over from Debbie Pitt and has reported the difficulty of using the path from Ivy Lane up to the allotments which is steep and slippery. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the OCC Footpaths Officer, Tracy Sutton, about this. Telephone Box – This is already being used as a book exchange. The refurbishment will be completed as quickly as possible. Seat and replacement post at the Tyte Pond – The location of the seat was agreed and this will be fixed more permanently and the missing post replaced. Support for PC organised events – Cllr Helen Nixseaman requested that all Councillors to support these whenever possible.

23/025 23/025/1 23/025/2	Finance: Accounts – The year end accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. Reserves were £14,736 at the beginning of the year and £14,336 at 31/03/2023. Bank Balances – The bank balances on 3rd May were £17,487.
23/026 23/026/1 23/026/2	Correspondence: Complaint about trees being cut down along the footpath from Ivy Lane to Allotments – A resident had written complaining that trees had been cut down and the work carried out in the bird nesting season. Managing this area had been discussed with OCC the footpaths officer. The resident who cut the trees had advised that they were diseased. Responses will be sent to the residents involved. Minutes of previous meetings – a request had been received for previous minutes. Residents are reminded that these are available from the village website.
23/027 23/027/1	Planning: 23/00606/F – Scuffers Brook – The official notification had not been received but there are no objections to this application
23/028 23/028/1 23/028/2 23/028/3 23/028/4	Any Other Business: George and Dragon – It was agreed that the Parish Council would speak to the owner about applying for the pub to become a Community Asset. Works to improve the internet – Recent excavations to install cables had resulted in rainwater not getting to the drains so this will be reported to OCC. Potholes – It was agreed that everyone should take responsibility for reporting these via Fixmysteel. Dead tree on the land behind Weavers Cottages – It was agreed that this should be cut down.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.28pm

Shutford Parish Council Annual Meeting

Tuesday 10th May 2023 at 7.00pm by video conference

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Helen Nixseaman, Ashley Taylor, Stephen Barnes, Chris Hall, Paul Huewen, George Reynolds and David Best, Parish Clerk. Also present were 3 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr, Lynne Parsons

23/001/ APM	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2022 were a correct record and signed (unanimous).
23/002/ APM	<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>In the last financial year we continued to deal with usual parish matters, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting allotment rent, and paying Broughton Estates • Arranging grass and verge cutting • Ensuring dog poo bins, recycling bins etc were emptied (not always as much as we would like) • Playground safety inspection • Tree work on the Dairyground and on footpath from Ivy Lane to Thistle Hill • Reporting potholes where necessary • Dealing with correspondence • Reviewing planning applications <p>We managed our finances effectively and ended the financial year with healthy, but not excessive reserves. This has allowed us to keep the parish precept unchanged for this year.</p> <p>The village took part in the annual litter pick and many villagers continue to help keep the village tidy and the planters looking lovely, so thanks to everyone involved.</p> <p>We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee last summer and organised a successful event on Jesters Hill, with Tadmarton and Swacliffe. The Sancroft-Bakers very generously allowed us to use their land and barn, and provided hospitality for the event.</p> <p>The Queen sadly died in the Autumn and we have recently installed a bench by the Tyte pond to mark her reign.</p> <p>The village is currently without a pub, following the death of Richard Doxford. We all recognise that this is an important village asset and will be monitoring developments.</p> <p>In the next year we will continue to assess the benefits of introducing 20mph speed limits.</p> <p>All of us on the PC do our best to listen to views of villagers (from rats to dogs and potholes) and respond where we can. My thanks to all of my fellow councillors, and in particular the Clerk.</p>
2/003/ APM	<p>Open Forum for Parishioners:</p> <p>Thanks to Parish Council - A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for all their work.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7:16pm



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 14th July 2023.

The next planning meeting will take place on Friday 7th July 2023.

Dates are correct at the time of going to print.

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