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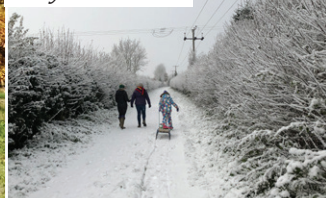
Sandie Long



John Bailey

*Thanks to everyone who sent in photos, unfortunately there will be no Shutford Calendar this year, so here's a selection!*

Andy Whitehouse



Hilary Pillin



Bob Squires

## Dear villagers...

Lots of happy news for this issue! We have had three weddings in the last couple of months, with some gorgeous photos to see, and the rain held off long enough for the Shutford Festival to be a great success! Check out pages 8 and 9 to see all the pictures.

This is the last edition of the Shutford News that I will be editing, but I'm delighted to let you all know that Lisa Sinclair has very kindly agreed to take over and will create a digital version, which will arrive straight into your email inbox. If you already get the 'What's on in Shutford' email every Sunday you don't need to do anything. If not, you can either sign up by visiting **[www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com)** and completing the on-line sign-up form, or email **[whatsoninshutford@gmail.com](mailto:whatsoninshutford@gmail.com)** and ask to be added to the mailing list. Lisa will be looking after the Shutford News email in the next couple of weeks so please do keep sending your news and photos to **[shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com)**.

I would like to thank a few people: Margaret Holloway for always giving me the heads up on who's who and what's what around the village, proof-reading and just generally being fabulous company; the lovely ladies who always found time to deliver the News each time for me - Jennie Carwithen and Fiona Simon-Norris (and friends!); Hilary Pillin for managing the village website so well; Ken Jeffs for auditing the accounts; and John Bailey for completely transforming the village emailer into such an excellent resource for the whole village.

That just leaves me to say thanks to everyone who has contributed in the past - the many clubs, the councillors, the committees, the church, the gardeners, the photographers, the newly weds, the new parents, and the advertisers - I think that covers everyone! There wouldn't have been a Shutford News without you.



Angela

Angela Bliss, Editor

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**Cover photo by Eleanor Stanley**

## VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

Please check the website for updates on village activities or sign up to the village emailer by visiting [www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com) or emailing [whatsoninshutford@gmail.com](mailto:whatsoninshutford@gmail.com)

### PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Become a Councillor on Shutford Parish Council. You will be elected for a term of four years to represent the interests of the local community as a whole and promote a harmonious local environment. The Parish Council meets at 7.30 pm once every two months and meetings normally last 1-2 hours so it is not onerous.

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters, crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities. The Parish Council hopes to fill this vacancy before the next meeting on 13th September.

*If you would like to serve your local community in this way, please contact the parish clerk, David Best on 07787 496774 or [clerk.shutfordpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.shutfordpc@gmail.com)*



### VACANCY for Village Hall Committee Secretary

Please contact Roger or Geraldine Bancroft on 01295 780579 or email [shutfordVHC@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordVHC@gmail.com) for more details

*The Sunday Breakfast on SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023 took £223 and donated £155 to the Trussell Trust (food banks)!  
Keep supporting us on the last Sunday of every month!*

### Local markets

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

### Shutford Village Hall 100+ Club Results

#### JUNE RESULTS:

First Prize	£50.00	Sue Lock
Second Prize	£15.00	Maria Morris
Third Prize	£10.00	Anne Pritchard

#### JULY RESULTS:

First Prize	£35.00	Rose Hancock
Second Prize	£15.00	Sue Roe-French
Third Prize	£10.00	Gillian Holliday

*The next Prize Draw will take place on 3rd August*

## 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*





## Congratulations to...



The wedding of Emily Bailey and Ben Richards took place at St Martin's Church in Shutford at 1pm on Saturday 10 June. It was a beautiful sunny day and just perfect for such an occasion. Emily walked to the church from The Old Brew House in the High Street to the chiming bells of St Martins pulled by Paul Berresford and Steve Lock, and was accompanied by Mum and Dad, Janice & John Bailey, her three bridesmaids, friends Vicky, Alice & Abbie, her flower girl, niece Annabelle, and page boy, nephew Edward.

Around 110 guests were accommodated in this beautiful 900-year old church for whom off-road parking was very kindly provided at Shutford Manor by Sir Dominic Cadbury. This was Reverend Neil's last marriage service at St Martin's before moving to his new parish in

Bridlington during July. Many guests had travelled from outside the UK including France, Spain, Luxembourg, Hungary, Poland, Hungary and the USA. It was quite a lively service!

The church was beautifully adorned with amazing floral displays arranged by Fiona Richards, Ben's Mum, Sue Lock and Max Richards, Ben's Dad.

Alastair Cooke very kindly chauffeured the bride and groom to the Primrose Hill Farm, Arlescote, which provided the perfect setting for the wedding reception and the guests to dance the night away!

Emily & Ben started their married life by embarking on a five-week honeymoon in Japan, Hawaii and Canada; they will live in Marlow, Buckinghamshire on their return.



## Congratulations to...



Dawn Gibbs and William Boardman were married at St Martin's Church in Shutford on 30th June



Lucy Holliday and Ed Burrows who were married on 8th July at St Mary the Virgin church in Broughton









## News from Thistle Hill...

Hello from Thistle Hill Allotments. I am writing just after the Shutford Festival and same as last year, after a long dry spell, the rain has finally returned - maybe we should change it to the Shutford rain dance. How the rest of the summer turns out is anyone's guess.

4th of July is when I find that the majority of my first crops are ready to harvest: early potatoes, peas, broad beans, summer onions (Japanese), garlic, shallots, salad, carrots and beetroot. Yields have been variable, the potatoes suffering the most from the lack of rain.

Soft fruit has been good, plenty of strawberries and raspberries, the black and red currants are ready and gooseberries just about ripe.

The onion fly has returned, later than usual, just waiting for me to take off the netting. The summer onions and shallots escaped but the maincrop got hit fairly hard, but even so they seem to have shrugged it off and are now looking good.

Aphids have been particularly heavy this year but the main impact in the allotment has been on the broad beans and a quick wash with soapy water soon sorts them out. Not a massive crop but then again, you don't need that many. There's lots of other pests around: pea moth, carrot fly, cabbage white butterflies, slugs, and of course an explosion of rabbits this year.

The plots are looking good, but I haven't seen as many people up here digging this year. But there's still plenty of produce growing, sweet corn and maincrop potatoes are doing well, with runner and French beans inching up the poles. Squash and pumpkins are starting to take off and the ubiquitous courgettes are spitting out baby marrows whilst your back turned.

For those who are thinking that the season is over, we still have over 90 days of warm and frost-free weather until the start of October, so there are still plenty of things you can plant.

Here are 10 seeds you can sow now: spinach, chard, beetroot, carrots, Pak choi, Florence fennel, spring cabbage, cauliflower, kale and dwarf beans. Choose quick maturing varieties and many can then be harvested as baby veg. If you sow most of them in modules, you can hold them back and slot them into the empty spaces as the earlier crops are harvested.

We hope to have a produce show to coincide with the Harvest Festival on 24th September with a Harvest supper and sale the next evening (more info closer to the time). As well as the usual biggest and best veggies, we can discuss the highs and lows, top tips, and successes and failures of the season. Hopefully with plenty of tea and homemade carrot cake thrown in....

***Keep on digging as the wife says.***





## The Shutford Book Review

### THE MAID BY NITA PROSE

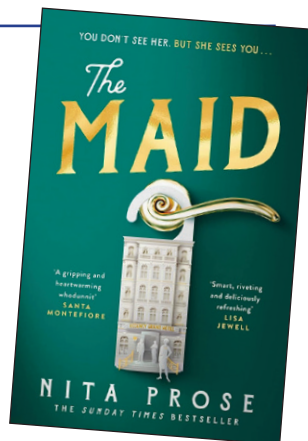
The Maid is Molly, a young woman who appears to be on the autistic spectrum though this is never referred to explicitly. Thus she misinterprets other people and their actions leading her to move through life oblivious of some of what is happening. She works in a grand hotel (probably in North America though we are not told) and takes great pride in the order and cleanliness she imposes. Her small salary allows her and her beloved Gran to live simply but happily in a spotless flat in a seedy building.

Then she finds a body in one of her rooms. We now follow her as she is confronted by a frightening world of unkind police and colleagues who have major secrets. Fortunately she also finds real friends and help to navigate her way.

The author, Nina Prost, is described as an editor in the book but research reveals her to be the vice president and editorial director of Simon and Schuster Canada, the well-known publisher. This is her debut novel written before going into the office each day. As such we expect perfect presentation with a coherent plot and well-drawn characters. To a large extent she succeeds and it is certainly a good read, soon to be filmed. Book Club however had some reservations about the ending. This seems rushed and details are pushed in which should have come earlier. For some this spoiled the book. As a result we rated it 3 out of 5.

### THE ENCHANTED APRIL BY ELIZABETH VON ARMIN

A chance finding of an advert in a newspaper leads to 4 women spending a month in an Italian castle by the sea. Strangers at first, with a desire to escape the dissatisfaction of their lives, the beauty and peace of their surroundings - blue skies, sunshine and abundant spring flowers - however casts its spell. Friendships develop and each begins to see a way forward. First published 100 years ago, it gives an insight into the lives of women in the 1920s although many of its themes remain relevant today. Charming and often humorous, this book will transport you to the Mediterranean and the joy of gardens in spring. It was voted 4/5 by us.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

SHUTFORD WI

On April 15th we received sad news of the sudden death of our President Jenny Ingham. Several members attended her Memorial Service on May 15th in St Martin's Church. We have since decided to make a donation to County Memorial Bursary Fund in her memory with her name being entered in the County Memorial Book.

At our June meeting, Analiza Jones told us about "Shells from the Philippines" with on-screen illustrations of some of the more common types. There was also a display of items that could be made from shells such as jewellery and lamp shades.

In July we learnt all about the Burford Mutiny from Dr Muriel Pilkington. This was a rebellion by a section of Cromwell's army after the Civil War as they had not been paid and did not want to be sent to fight in Ireland. The 3 ring-leaders were executed by firing squad in Burford churchyard.

We have recently been pleased to welcome 4 new members to our WI. 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:

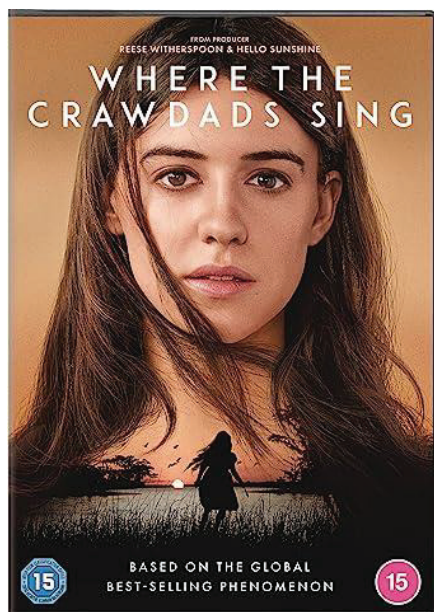
- **August 1st: Social Get Together (no speaker)**
- **September 5th: Magistrates – Tim Pocock**
- **October 3rd: Roman Coin Hoard – Andrew Baxter**
- **November 7th: Christmas Wreath Making – Jackie Page**

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





**Films for Friday 28 July and Friday 25 August**  
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## VILLAGE DIARY

### AUGUST

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 WI 10.00 Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30	2 Arty Crafty Club 7.00	3	4 Green bin	5 Painting 9.30	6
7 Yoga 9.00	8 Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30	9 Arty Crafty Club 7.00	10 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	11 Brown & blue bin	12	13
14 Yoga 9.00	15 Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30	16 Arty Crafty Club 7.00	17 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	18 Green bin	19	20
21 Yoga 9.00	22 Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30	23 Arty Crafty Group 7.00	24 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	25 Brown & blue bin Film Club 7.30	26	27 Breakfast 9.30
28 Yoga 9.00 Book Club 7.30	29 Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30	30 Arty Crafty Club 7.00	31 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45			

### SEPTEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31 Yoga 9.00 Book Club 7.30				1 Green bin	2 Painting 9.30	3
4 Yoga 9.00	5 WI 10.00 Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30	6	7 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	8 Brown & blue bin	9	10
11 Yoga 9.00	12 Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30	13 Parish Council 7.30	14 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	15 Green bin	16	17
18 Yoga 9.00	19 Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30	20 Arty Crafty Club 7.00	21 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	22 Brown & blue bin	23	24 Breakfast 9.30 Harvest Produce Show 3.00-5.00
25 Yoga 9.00 Harvest Supper 7.30-9.30pm	26 Table Tennis 6.00 & 7.30	27 Arty Crafty Club 7.00	28 Pilates 6.30 & 7.45	29 Green bin Film Club 7.30	30	





We wouldn't exist without the incredible support of our community, whether it's taking part in an event, playing our lottery, volunteering or even spreading the word about Katharine House – it all makes a difference. We're sharing just a few of the ways you can help our hospice this summer. Thank you!

### TAKE ON OUR ACCUMULATOR CHALLENGE

Do you have what it takes to compete with local businesses, schools, colleges and community groups in our Accumulator Challenge? Four months, a £50 stake and a competitive team challenge to raise as much as possible for Katharine House... all while having lots of fun, of course! Inject a little fun into the workplace, classroom or local community space and sign up to take part in our Accumulator Challenge now.

[www.khh.org.uk/accumulator](http://www.khh.org.uk/accumulator)

### BE IN THE RUNNING...

Dig out your Lycra, limber up, and join Team Katharine House for the Oxford Half on 15 October. As well as taking in a spot of sightseeing during the 13.1-mile run around Oxford's iconic landmarks, you'll be helping to raise vital funds so we can continue to support our wonderful community. We have a limited number of places, so secure your place by registering now: [www.khh.org.uk/oxford](http://www.khh.org.uk/oxford).

### PLAY OUR LOTTERY!

Playing the Katharine House weekly lottery couldn't be simpler! For just £1 a week, you can be in with a chance of winning one of our 20 weekly cash prizes. When you join the Katharine House Hospice lottery, you'll be supporting local people living with an incurable illness, as well as their families and loved ones. Players must be 18 and over. Find out more and sign up here: [www.khh.org.uk/lottery](http://www.khh.org.uk/lottery).

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## 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](mailto:KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk): small donations for church funds are welcome.

With longer day light hours during the summer, the illuminations are less effected, however, the lights come on about 8.30pm until midnight, with adjustments as the nights draw in.

Below is a list of recent occasions remembered:

17th June	Sheila Andrews	in memory of Bob on his Birthday and their Wedding Anniversary
19th July	Mervyn & Val Benford	Wedding Anniversary
24th July	Jeffs Family	Family Birthday
8th August	John Gardner	Wynne's Birthday
29th August	Rita Livesey	Special Anniversary

The church tower is usually 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 another day. Details of sponsorship received after the Shutford News deadline will appear in a later issue.



## Church news

**Clergy** - Revd Canon John Tattersall

**Churchwarden** – Ken Jeffs – 788308

**Safeguarding** – John Bailey - 780478

**SERVICES:** See Wykeham News or Website



Our Christian Aid collection raised £535 plus £108.75 Gift Aid. Thank you to everyone who gave money which can still be donated via the Christian Aid website or <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/st-martins-church-shutford>.

As reported last time, the existing PCC and officials were re-elected on 15th May to serve for a further year. There were only 8 people at the meeting which included refreshments and time to chat afterwards. Copies of the annual report and accounts are published on the village website. Our churchwarden was formally enrolled on 9th July by the Archdeacon of Dorchester, David Tyler at a service in Witney. There is a vacancy for a second churchwarden!

St Martin's Church, and the Wykeham Benefice, are in a strong position financially with higher church attendances boosted by special family occasions such as weddings and baptisms. The rector thanked those in Shutford who have helped and supported him during his ministry here.

St Martin's Church was pleased to host the weddings of Ben & Emily and Will & Dawn in June and to welcome their friends and families to these special occasions. The church was decorated with additional flowers which were left for us all to enjoy for a week or so afterwards. Another young village couple, Edward & Lucy, were married in Broughton on 8th July. We wish them all well during their married lives. There are plans for another wedding in September and a wedding blessing later in the year.

Reverend Neil Bowler's final service in Shutford was on 25th June after which he was thanked for his work as our Ideal Priest: he was presented with a cheque, some local honey and a coffee mug with sheep on it, representing his "Shutford Flock". Jake & Sara brought their son, Tommy Roy, to be baptised by Rev Neil later in the day: he was supported by his extended family, and we welcome him as a member of our church.

The Wykeham Benefice became vacant on 26th July. Rev Canon John Tattersall will lead a team of retired clergy during the interregnum and most services will continue as before. Lay people, including our licensed lay minister, Jocelyn Merris, will lead worship from time to time. Rev John

will be in the benefice at weekends but can be contacted at [revjohn@wykehambenefice.org.uk](mailto:revjohn@wykehambenefice.org.uk) with enquires about baptisms, weddings and funerals at any time. The churchwarden is also a source of church related information. A meeting will be held in August to discuss the appointment of a successor to Rev Neil Bowler, but it is unlikely that a new priest will be in place until after Easter 2024. The Area Dean, Sara Sharp and members of the Dorchester Archdeaconry, will help us with the recruitment process.

A Churchyard Nature Hunt was held at St Martin's church in June and the results have been posted on the church noticeboard.

Most of the early summer flowers have faded with grasses again dominating – however there is lots of yellow lady's bedstraw and orange hawkweed blooming. Blackbirds and pigeons have nested in the churchyard but no swallows again this year. St Martin's Church has been given a Bronze Eco Church Award to celebrate the ways the church community in Shutford has engaged with caring for the earth as part of Christian Faith. See certificate for the Ecochurch website.

With electrical work in church completed, the PCC have asked our architect to draw up plans for plaster repairs and the complete redecoration of the building before the end of the year. We will also replace the pew cushions. We have received a legacy to help with the cost and funds from the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust should also be available. The annual OHCT Ride & Stride Event takes place on Saturday, 9th September raising funds for the trust and local churches. Village walkers and cyclists please take part this year.

Thefts from rural churches are still a problem so please report any suspicious activity: we are all members of our neighbourhood and must keep it safe.

Special thanks to the Shutford Festival committee for organising the event: a team of church members were pleased to serve tea and cake in the afternoon.

This year's Harvest Thanksgiving is on 24th September with a Produce Show and refreshments in Shutford Village Hall during the afternoon and a service in church at 6.00pm. A Harvest supper and sale will be held in the hall at 7.30pm on 25th September raising funds for local charities.

**For information about any church issue or services, contact [KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk](mailto:KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk) or visit the Wykeham Benefice website.**





# Shutford Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday 12th July 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, Lynne Parsons and David Best, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Three members of the public attended the meeting.

23/029	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr Paul Huewen
23/030	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
23/031	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2023 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
23/033	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b>
23/033/1	<b>Tree above slide on Dairyground</b> – The lower branches have been pruned but birds lime continues to be dropped on the slide. It was agreed that the crown will be lifted further.
23/033/2	<b>Tree Survey</b> – It was agreed that the clerk would ask the insurers how often a tree survey should be undertaken and depending on the answer book another one as the last survey was undertaken in 2018.
23/034	<b>Parish Matters:</b>
23/034/1	<b>Footpath 346/18 from Ivy Lane to the Allotments</b> – This has been reported to OCC as dangerous at the top where it is steep especially when wet. It was agreed that the clerk would chase this up with OCC. It was very overgrown at the top, but the vegetation has been cleared back.
23/034/2	<b>Footpath 346/12 behind The Dairyground</b> – Mr Mike Carwithen, Footpath Warden, has reported that this path is overgrown, and it is scheduled to be cleared by OCC.
23/034/3	<b>Registration of the George &amp; Dragon as an Asset of Community Value</b> – The application has been submitted to Cherwell and further information provided subsequently. A decision is expected in August.
23/034/4	<b>Erratic dog bin emptying</b> – Cherwell have not been emptying the bins twice a week and this was reported by Mrs Debbie Pitt. Cllr George Reynolds has also taken the matter up with CDC and will follow this up again.
23/034/5	<b>Telephone Box</b> – This has now been refurbished and turned into a book exchange. Some books have been exchanged and residents are encouraged to use the facility.

23/035	<b>Finance:</b>
23/025/1	<b>Accounts</b> – The accounts to 3rd July 2023 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Allotment Reserves are currently £137.
23/025/2	<b>Bank Balances</b> – The bank balances on 3rd July were £16,681.75.
23/036	<b>Correspondence:</b>
23/036/1	<b>Resignation</b> - Cllr Paul Huewen has resigned. A vote of thanks was given for all his hard work especially with managing the allotments.
23/036/2	<b>Pop up Bar</b> – A local North Newington business with a boutique pop up bar operated from a vintage Citroen has offered to come to Shutford. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and it could possibly be co-ordinated with the pizza van. The Dairyground and the Village Hall are possible locations.
23/036/3	<b>Glass at Bottle Bank</b> – An anonymous email was received complaining about broken glass by the bottle bank. It was cleared up. It was believed that it occurred when the bins were last emptied, and CDC will be contacted to ask them to take care. Residents are also asked to take care when using the bottle bank and clear up if breakages occur.
23/036/4	<b>Garden Waste on Allotment next to footpath from Ivy Lane to the Allotments</b> – A resident pointed out that garden waste is being put on this allotment. The clerk will follow this up.
23/037	<b>Planning:</b>
23/037/1	<b>22/02396/F</b> – George & Dragon – Change store to holiday accommodation – CDC refused 12/05
23/037/2	<b>22/02411/F</b> – Slatters Barn – Shepherds Huts – CDC refused 13/06/2023.
23/037/3	<b>23/00048/F</b> – Balscote Mill – Residential garden building – CDC permitted 31/05/2023.
23/037/4	<b>23/00606/F</b> – Scufflers Brook – Rear extension – CDC permitted 16/06/2023.
23/038	<b>Any Other Business:</b>
23/038/1	<b>Asset Register</b> – The internal audit reported that the Asset Register was not available for inspection. It was agreed that this would be circulated and updated.
23/038/2	<b>20mph Speed Limit</b> – It was confirmed that OCC had been advised of the interest in implementing this in the village.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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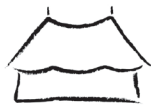
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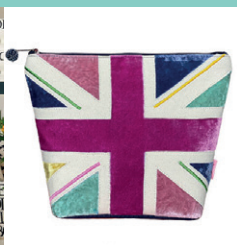
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