

# SHUTFORD NEWS

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A MERRY  
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CHRISTMAS

# Shutford Village Hall New Logo

We are delighted to announce the shortlist of our new logo. Below are three options and we need your help to choose the final one. The logo will be used both as signage for the new building, and also a version of this logo will be used for marketing materials and online. Simply email us on [shutfordvhc@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvhc@gmail.com) with the option that you prefer on or before 15 December 2016. Thank you.



Option One



Option Two



Option Three

Thank you to Jane King, in Shutford from PaleBlueDot, for the fantastic work in producing these designs.

The design is inspired by the *Bauhaus* art movement (literally translates a 'construction house') that promoted ideas about building communities and celebrated the arts and crafts through a strong work ethic. Bauhaus designs were characterised by simplified forms and often primary colours.... continued on Editor's page...

Dear Villagers

We are absolutely delighted that work has begun on our new Village Hall. Already progress has been amazing, a full report can be seen inside this edition. Together with news on the success the Shutford Village Hall Committee has had with various grant applications for Phase 2. If anyone has any recommendations of grants that we could apply for, please get in touch.



Shutford is set to emerge from winter into a blaze of colours. It's all thanks to the work of a hardy team of bulb planters who recently took to the verges throughout the village. Thank you!

**Shutford Calendar 2017** – with all the work on the new village hall we haven't been able to put any resources to creating a 2017 village calendar. However, if anyone would like to take this project on for 2018 (starting next year), please get in touch. Unfortunately too, the Christmas Carol Service around the village will also not take place this year.

**May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita".

Rita Livesey, Editor

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**Shutford Village Hall logo continued...** This design celebrates the new village hall as a multifunctional, democratic space that provides opportunities for people to come together. It also symbolises Shutford as a place of work past and present: From the makers of Plush and artisan metal workers, to artists and designers, people working in offices, trades and professions and those working in gardens and homes - although there isn't room to depict them all!

# IN REMEMBRANCE OF SHUTFORD SOLDIERS

who lost their lives in WW1



As our memorial has been covered for its protection during the building works, we thought it would be fitting to remember them by researching their brief lives in this month of remembrance.

**JOSEPH EDWIN BATCHELOR** was born in Shutford in the summer of 1888, son of Frederick BATCHELOR of Little Bourton and Florence Annie STUCHBURY of Charlton by Newbottle. Frederick was an agricultural labourer and in 1881 was living with the White family, next to the George & Dragon (the site of the village hall) as a threshing machine labourer. Frederick and Florence married in 1883 and had 3 children but Frederick died at the age of 40 in 1895. Florence was remarried in 1898 to Jesse Smith and had another 3 children.

Joseph was a silk plush weaver before the war. He was a private in Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, Household Cavalry and fought in France where he died of his wounds near Hazebrouck, Pas-de-Calais on 28 April 1915. He is buried there in the Communal Cemetery.

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**EDWARD HUNT** was born in Shutford on 11 September 1888, son of Thomas Henry HUNT and Hannah WYATT. Thomas was a Shutfordian and married Hannah from Little Bourton in autumn 1879. The family lived on Cooks Hill where Thomas was a plush weaver and his parents were Edward HUNT of Eydon, Northants and Hannah GARRATT of Balscote.

Edward was one of 12 children, one of whom died as a child. He was a plough boy at age 12 and a waggoner by 22. He enlisted in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on 19 June 1915 and was a sergeant in the 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Canadian Infantry when he was killed in action on 11 May 1917 in Pas-de-Calais, France. He is remembered on the Vimy Memorial.



**GEORGE HENRY PAGE** was the son of George PAGE and Emma MORRIS, and was born in Shutford in autumn 1893. His parents were married near Rugby in early 1891. George was born in Shipston-on –Stour, of a farming family who originally came from near Bicester; Emma was born in Yelvertoft, Northants. They lived in Grange Farm, Shutford.

In late 1911, George Henry married Mabel Elizabeth WEALSBY, born in Stanton, Gloucestershire and they had a son Frank in the summer of 1912. George was killed in action in Flanders, Belgium on 31 July 1917. He is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres.

Mabel was living in The Home Farm, Adderbury at that time. She later remarried in 1920 and had a daughter Betty with William Jason HONE.

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**THOMAS RICHARDS** was born in Wroxton Mill in autumn 1888, son of John Joseph RICHARDS, gristman and Sarah WEST. John and Sarah were married in Ipswich, Suffolk in the summer of 1878 where Sarah was born. John was born in Warmington and after the marriage they returned to live in North Newington where John was a carter. They had 3 children before moving to Wroxton. By 1911, the family had moved to West Street, Shutford.

Thomas was a waggoner before enlisting, first in the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and then the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Hampshire Regiment. He was killed in action on the Somme on 1 July 1916 and is buried in the Redan Ridge Cemetery No 2, Beaumont-Hamel, France.

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**ALBERT GEORGE MANN** was also killed in action in Fampoux, Pas-de-Calais on 4 November 1917 but not included on our memorial. His wife Alice (nee COMPTON) was from Shutford. Albert's brother Horace was also killed in WW1 in Basra on 6 April 1916. Their parents lived in Moreton Morrell.

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If anyone would like to exchange any further information about these men, or have any details about those who died in WW2,

John **HANCOCK** & Bryan **DALY**

please get in touch with [geraldine@pipersrise.plus.com](mailto:geraldine@pipersrise.plus.com)

**On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October this year I (Ken Griffin)** and my partner Pam visited Shutford as my Grandfather, Fred Griffin was born there in 1892, and many of the Griffin's were Plush Weavers going back to the 1740's. Although I have been to the village twice before, once when I was 7 with my Dad, all that I remember on that occasion was the Church being on top of the Pub. The second time was a flying visit over 30 years ago to find any Griffin gravestones in the Churchyard (there appeared to be none) but I did come across the new graveyard on the Sibford road and stopped and looked out of my car window to see the gravestone of my Great Grandfather, Simon Griffin, without even getting out of my car!

This time I came armed with a photograph (attached) of a painting by W. Bamber of a row of cottages in Shutford that adorns the fireplace of the house of my Uncle Stan. He thought that it was probably where Simon might have lived. On my visit in October we first of all went to Banbury Museum and viewed their Plush exhibits and were able



also, to look at their notes and photographs of Shutford. Amongst the papers was the Obituary of James Griffin in 1946, the younger brother of Simon, which solved the mystery of their father's death (also James), as he died at sea going to America in the late 1850's presumably, looking for work. He left his wife, Louisa (Morgan,) with a family of eight children according to the 1861 Census, the youngest one, James, would have been under five when he left. Louisa later remarried in 1861 to George Nicholls.

In Shutford we visited the Church late on the Saturday afternoon and just as we were leaving around 20 people arrived for a beetle drive which would have taken place in the village hall had it not been pulled down, so I explained why we were there and what we were doing. We showed the photograph of the house to find out where in the village it was located. Everyone was extremely helpful and gave suggestions as to where it could be although it had probably changed in the last hundred years or so. Next we went down the steep steps to the George & Dragon with a welcoming roaring fire and a few of the locals having a tea-time ale. Again they were extremely helpful suggesting that it might be in Malthouse Lane or Cooks Hill.

We organised Sunday Lunch at the Pub and left to take photographs of the houses in the village and of the place where the Plush Mills were situated. We walked down Malthouse Lane and saw a similar house, then back to Cooks Hill where Simon lived from 1871 onwards. Having taken some photographs I explained to a lady who was tidying up her garden for the winter what I was doing and why, as it did look a bit suspicious taking photographs of all the houses in the street. She was again extremely helpful in trying to find someone who would know about the house in our photograph. She introduced us to Ken King who very kindly offered us tea while he went to find his archive of Shutford photographs so that we could try and confirm where the painting was taken.



Although we didn't have tea as the kettle had blown the electrics, he was extremely helpful and we went away with a photograph of the house many years later than the painting which I'm now sure is Simon's House in Cooks Hill.

The picture shows a lady in front of the railings which may be Simon's wife Maria (Lines) who died in 1912 and at the end of the railings are Bee Hives. In the Banbury and Shutford Plush book by Vera Hodgkins and Christine Bloxham it mentions that this was one of his hobbies. The Arch obviously has gone and has been replaced by a green wooden door, and the houses beyond have changed somewhat or did

the artist use artistic licence to make these houses similar to Simon's?

In writing this article we would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all the people that we met on that Saturday afternoon who kindly made our visit very memorable and contributed much to knowing more about the Griffin's of Shutford. The community spirit of the village still survives and it was a pleasure to meet and talk to the locals. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a good New Year particularly with the opening of the new village hall.

Ken Griffin

## Notes of the Parish Council meeting 9 November 2016

### Your Parish Council

Barbara Reynolds (Clerk)	780479
Lynne Parsons (Chair)	780649
Malcolm Goldie	788538
Athene Duffield	788332
Rose Hancock	780622
John Yeomans	780564
Andrew McEwan	788266
Helen Gibbs	07500937390

The council met in the games room of the George and Dragon. Once again many thanks to Paul for allowing us to meet there. We welcomed four members of the public as well as Cllr. George Reynolds

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 7.30. Venue to be confirmed.**

**HIGHWAYS:** The council has received some complaints about the way in which some residents and visitors to the village are parking. Councillors would like to respectfully remind everyone that they should be aware of potential dangers in parking partly on the pavement and close to corners where sight lines are restricted. Councillors have agreed to keep monitoring this situation.

**SPEED CHECK:** Cllr. Reynolds has kindly agreed to liaise with the company from whom we will be hiring the “speed trap” so that this can be installed as soon as possible. Thanks to those residents who put forward their views and suggestions as to where the “speed trap” might be best located and we have taken their views on board. This is the first step in trying to reduce speed through the village particularly as traffic enters Shutford from the Epwell Road. However, it should be noted that the PC does **not** have a statutory right to determine where speed signs and speed reduction notices can be placed. We can only make suggestions on the basis of evidence to the county council. We will, of course, be firm in our recommendations.

**BUS SERVICE:** The service funded by the Parish Council has now ended. Kevyn Powell, the organiser of the service, has praised the Parish Council



as the only local council to have organised something for their residents. Kevyn has agreed to explore the possibility of combining the service with one that also serves part of Tadmarton. This would run on a Friday leaving Shutford at 10.00 and returning at 1.00. A fare would need to be paid. Please let me (Lynne Parsons) know if you would be likely to use this service. My telephone number is above or email me [lynneanda@aol.com](mailto:lynneanda@aol.com). The more people likely to use it the more likely I can persuade Kevyn to organise it.

**DEFIBRILLATOR:** The council has agreed to purchase a defibrillator to be located centrally in the village. Cllr. Helen Gibbs has kindly agreed to investigate costings and placement involving the ambulance service and the British Heart Foundation. We hope to confirm this at our next PC meeting. If you have knowledge/would like to assist Cllr. Gibbs please contact her directly – telephone number above.

**PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOX:** BT has notified CDC that it proposes to remove the public telephone box. BT has informed CDC that (0) zero calls were made from the box in the last 12 months. Robust evidence is needed to make a case for retention of the phone box and Parish Councillors did not feel they could make a case rigorous enough to ensure retention of the call box. The consultation process finishes on 5 December. BT has guidance that includes examples of factors relating to retention of call box designated for removal – PhoneBoxRemoval\_OFCOMGuidance.

**PLANNING:** The PC has now adopted a written planning protocol to ensure clarity when considering applications. As part of this protocol we agreed to publish notification of planning applications of interest to all residents. Planning application No. 16/02168/TEL56 is one such application, details of which can be found on the CDC web-site.

This was a busy meeting with many important decisions made; decisions which will improve the lives of all Shutford residents. Please support us by attending our PC meetings and contributing to the public session at the end of the meeting.



## CHURCH NEWS

**Rector** - Revd Ronald Hawkes - 780555

**Church Wardens:**

Mr Ken Jeffs – 788308

Mr John Hodgkins - 788609

**SERVICES:** Most Sundays 9.30am but see Wykeham News & Benefice website for details.

This year's Harvest Thanksgiving was held on 25<sup>th</sup> September. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables and produce. The following evening, 27 people came to the Coffee Evening in church and £216 was raised from donations for refreshments and produce. £200 has been given to Macmillan Cancer Support.

A Beetle Drive for families was held in church on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Only 16 people came to the church but those in attendance enjoyed the hour or so of fun: there was plenty of chocolate to be had with excellent refreshments at the end. With so few people wanting to attend our social events, any future ones may be in doubt: let's hope the building of the new village hall will encourage more people to join us.

Benefice Youth Group meets on a Thursday Evening during school term in the Sibford Quaker Meeting House with present age group 10 – 14. Meetings start at 7.00pm and youngsters from all benefice villagers are welcome to join.

Messy Church Events are planned for the Autumn: these are ideal for younger children and their guardians and include themed crafts and refreshments. The one held on 29<sup>th</sup> October in Tadmarton VH was in the morning with lunch. The theme was Saints and about 15 children and as many helpers attended. There will be another one on 19<sup>th</sup> November in Swalcliffe VH and on 10<sup>th</sup> December in Bishop Carpenter School North Newington: please encourage Shutford children to join in.

Our Remembrance Sunday Service at 6.00pm on 13<sup>th</sup> November was well attended with music by Deddington Brass. The retiring collection of £145 will be given to Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal.

The church was open to observe 2 minutes' silence by the church Roll of Honour on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday at 11.00am.

The PCC met on 18<sup>th</sup> October: matters discussed included finance, benefice activities and worship. The medieval font has been damaged over the years and the PCC have decided to have it repaired. Permission must be obtained from the Oxford Diocese and details of the work is held in church. The cost of the work will be about £2000.

Theft from churches is of great concern and roof and other alarms to deter thieves are being fitted. Any suspicious activity near the church must be reported immediately: there are no current plans to do any work on the outside of the church. Our local PCSOs are Lana Smith and Claire Brennan based at Banbury Police Station and they can be contacted on 101. Also, note Crime Stoppers number: 0800 555 111.

Advent Sunday is on 27<sup>th</sup> November and there will be the usual additional special services in the benefice between then and Christmas. Our Christingle service is on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm with a collection for The Children's Society. There will also be a candlelit Carol Service on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm. This year's Midnight Communion Services on Christmas Eve will be in Swalcliffe and Tadmarton. Christmas Day Holy Communion in Shutford is at 9.30am.

2016 has been a good year for overall church attendance with some good family occasions. Our core congregation is very loyal and generous and we have had good financial support from the wider community including **Illuminate and Celebrate: let's light the church tower for the 12 days of Christmas ... partridge in a pear tree anyone?**

Best wishes for a happy and healthy Christmas and 2017: see you in church soon and remember without you there is no church.

To keep in touch with church news, services and events visit [www.wykehambenefice.org.uk](http://www.wykehambenefice.org.uk) or the church which is open every day. To be on our church emailing list contact KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk.

# Illuminate & Celebrate in 2016!



## Don't forget to get your special dates in for 2017!

If you have a special celebration, maybe a birthday coming up, or a loved one you would like to remember, a christening or some other occasion in 2017. How special it would be for the church tower illuminated specially for this occasion. It only costs £10.00 per occasion. Please get in touch with Ken Jeffs on [KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk](mailto:KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk).

Below is a list of those who have been or

will be remembering a special day:

Date	Name	Occasion
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Anon	All Hallows Eve
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Kirsten Parrish	Tom`s Birthday
20 <sup>th</sup> November*	Lena & Joe Cusiter	Mark`s Birthday (*also Cambrai Day)
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Jim Gale	Maija`s Birthday
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Tony Ingham	Jenny`s 70th Birthday
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Andrew Baud	Torin`s Birthday
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Jim Gale	Ingrid`s Birthday
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Alasdair Gibbs*	St Andrew`s Day
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Gordon & Claire Freeman	25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Ruth Page	Tim`s 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday

Any other donation details received after Shutford News publication date will be included in the next issue.

**SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL**  
**100+ CLUB RESULTS**

**SEPTEMBER      £85.00                  £10.00                  £5.00**

David Homewood      Steve Mates      Tom Parrish

**OCTOBER          £35.00                  £10.00                  £5.00**

Kathleen Leeson      Lesley Gillespie      Malcolm Rann

**NOVEMBER        £35.00                  £10.00                  £5.00**

Fay&Simon Bosworth      Janice Bailey      Andrew Baud

The December Draw will take place at the  
**WI Christmas Social on Tuesday 6 December**  
in Wroxton Village hall with a  
**First Prize of £50.00**

We started this half year in October with a total of **143** members.  
**First Prize for March 2017 will be £80.00**

**GOOD LUCK!**

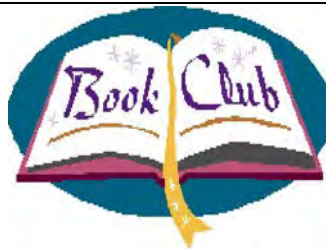
**Welcome to** Hannah Mizen and Shaun Humphris who have moved into Rose Cottage, West Street, together with their pets, a long haired Chihuahua named Pancho and a tail-less silver tabby named Teddy.

Hannah works in the service department at Karcher's in Banbury and Shaun is a marketing executive for a publishing company in Leamington.

Hannah lists her hobbies/interests as an abstract landscape painter and a keen interest in property and interior design. Shaun is interested in absolutely anything sports related!

They moved to Shutford from Middleton Cheney to be closer to Hannah's family. They both wanted to live in a more rural location – the cottage is a bonus! They are both really looking forward to Shutford Life!

# Shutford Book Club



The Shutford Book Club meets on the last Monday of each month. Membership is currently full as space to meet is limited, but you can always take part virtually.

The books we are reading are regularly published in the Shutford News and on the village website, so feel free to read them alongside the Book Club. You can volunteer your thoughts via email to Kirsten Parrish or a note in the door of "The Nook" in Church Lane if you'd like to, and we'll share them at the meetings! Forthcoming books are:



9 January 2017, **Strangers on a Train** by Patricia Highsmith, hosted by Lynne Parsons

30 January, **Conundrum** by Jan Morris, hosted by Kirsten Parrish

Contact details:

Kirsten Parrish: [kirsten@kdpr.co.uk](mailto:kirsten@kdpr.co.uk) or 780412





## **Shutford Striders, Strollers and Shufflers!**

We have formed an informal walking group for ladies in Shutford, to explore and enjoy the lovely walks around Shutford and the surrounding areas.

We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am by the bus shelter. We then decide where to walk and the length of walk (varies from 45 mins to 2 hours), depending on the weather conditions.

Regular attendance is not necessary, just come along when you can.

As a special Christmas walk, on **Tuesday 6 December**, we will do a slightly longer but scenic walk that will take us via The Chandlers Arms, in Epwell, with a break for coffee (or whatever your tippie)!

All welcome.



**KATHARINE  
HOUSE  
HOSPICE**

## **NEWSLETTER – November 2016**

### **KATHARINE HOUSE HAS A NEW LOOK AND A NEW WEBSITE!**

Over the next few months you'll notice a difference in the way we look. We're still the same Katharine House that has looked after local families facing life-limiting illnesses for over 25 years, but we've updated our look and feel to prepare us for the next 25 years, because we believe it's important to truly reflect what an organisation is like; its philosophy, its vision and what it feels like when you walk through the door.

On our website you can now securely donate, register for the Santa Fun Run, or buy a Christmas card with the click of a button on your computer, tablet or phone. It's much easier for you and it saves us time and money when we process everything at our end. We've also changed the structure of the site so that it's easier for you to find what you need and clear for you to understand. That's how we'd talk things through with you if you visit us in person, so we think it should be the same on our website. You can see all the changes at [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)

### **SANTA FUN RUN – SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER, SPICEBALL PARK**

We hope you'll join us for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Santa Fun Run to raise funds for your local hospice. You can run (or walk!) the route for fun, fitness, or in memory of family or friends. Bring your family, or sign up to run with co-workers or your sports team. For further information, visit <https://www.khh.org.uk/Event/santa-fun-run> or pick up a leaflet from one of our shops.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Our ever popular Christmas cards are now on sale in our shops, and you can also buy them direct from our new website. To buy your cards online, please visit our online shop at <https://www.khh.org.uk/pages/shop/department/christmas>

### **LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICES 2016**

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## NEWSLETTER – November 2016

We'd like to invite you to our Lights of Love services this December. If you'd like to remember someone special, or just want to be around other people who are also thinking of loved ones this Christmas, we hope you'll join us in Banbury or Brackley. If you'd like to dedicate a light in memory of someone special, please visit [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk) or pick up a leaflet from one of our shops. The services are as follows:

**BANBURY: THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 7PM AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

**BRACKLEY: THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 7.30PM AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

### Dates for your Diary:

Event	Date & Location	Information
Lights of Love service – Banbury	1 December, St. Mary's Church	<a href="https://www.khh.org.uk/Event/lights-of-love-banbury">https://www.khh.org.uk/Event/lights-of-love-banbury</a> or pick up a leaflet from one of our shops
Lights of Love service – Brackley	7 December, St. Peter's Church	<a href="https://www.khh.org.uk/Event/lights-of-love-brackley">https://www.khh.org.uk/Event/lights-of-love-brackley</a> or pick up a leaflet from one of our shops
Santa Fun Run	4 December, Spiceball Park, Banbury	<a href="https://www.khh.org.uk/Event/santa-fun-run">https://www.khh.org.uk/Event/santa-fun-run</a> or pick up a leaflet from one of our shops
Jenny's Prize Bingo	12 November, Grimsbury Community Centre, Burchester Place, Banbury	

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## Christmas at the Upton Home Front



With Christmas fast approaching here at Upton we are busy preparing for another (and final) Christmas on the Home Front!

From the end of November the house will be decorated with beautiful foliage from our own gardens, real vintage Christmas decorations and Christmas decorations made for us by our wonderful volunteers and visitors, in make do and mend fashion.

Visitors over the Christmas season will find out about how people created delicious Christmas food whilst rationing was continuing: mock goose anyone? And watch your teeth on the “chocolate” Yule Log! (may contain actual splinters).

Or if you are just looking for a breath of fresh air, our winter walk will be open in the garden all season for a quiet stroll or a chance for the little ones to stretch their legs!

How about coming to join us for one of our fantastic events this season?

**Blackout Tours, 25 & 26 November, 9 & 10 December, 16 & 17 December 5pm & 6pm**

Experience the atmosphere of an exclusive evening tour after dark, includes mulled wine and fruitcake. £12 adult £6 child, pre-booking essential.

**Victory Christmas Fayre, 3 & 4 December 11-4pm** – Normal admission prices apply.

**Family Feast for Christmas Cooking Demonstration, 8 December 10-2** - £20 per person, pre-booking essential.

**1940s Christmas Curiosity Trail, 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 & 19 December 12-3pm** – Bring the family along for some vintage festive fun, solve our clues and claim your prize! £3.50 per trail, and normal property admission prices apply.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse)

# WINTER STARS DECORATE THE SEASONAL NIGHT SKY

With the arrival of the colder winter air and the ritual scraping of ice from the windscreen, everyone cannot be criticised for dreading the constant damp, and the threat of ice and snow to come. However, for stargazers and full blown astronomers it is the best time to observe the universe in all its glory as colder more stable air pushes away the last traces of any Autumn weather.

Just as the weather changes, the galaxy and nebulae laden constellations of the Autumn slip away into the evening twilight and the majestic Winter constellations begin to dominate the night sky. Already visible in the east and rising in the early evening is the superb constellation of Orion, easily recognised by its 3 'belt' stars Alnitak, Alnilam and Mintaka (Men in Black fans may already be familiar with these stars). The constellation Orion or 'The Hunter', according to myth placed amongst the stars by the Greek god Zeus, is a stunning sight on a clear night and contains examples of supergiant stars, stars of vastly different surface temperatures, colours and brightness's but most fascinating of all the superb Orions Sword nebulae, less inspiringly labelled Messier 42. Located just below the belt stars visible as a fuzzy patch with the naked eye, this nebula is a stellar nursery.

Young, extremely energetic stars are hot enough (+40,000 deg) to cause the surrounding gas and dust to glow, if you have binoculars take some time over this terrific object which is an incredible distance away, and as you observe its glowing dust clouds ponder on the thought that, because of its distance and the finite speed of light, you will only be seeing it as it was, over 1,300 years ago. With clear horizons, the subtle orange colour of the planet Mars should help identify it as it remains stubbornly close to the horizon over the winter. Very good binoculars held steady enough or a moderate telescope will provide a distinct disc. Known in the past to be more Earth like, Mars today is cold and barren but still a prime candidate for evidence of possible life. It will be joined in the western sky by the bright beacon planet Venus.



Reflecting almost all the sunlight falling on its toxic thick atmosphere it is a magnificent sight and can scintillate when close to the horizon, but its beauty hides a hostile and harsh world beneath the clouds for the unsuspecting adventurer.

The Gas Giant, Jupiter, the biggest planet in our solar system begins December as a morning object rising around 2am, will rise around midnight by the end of January. Well worth staying up for as binoculars will not only resolve the disc but also the 4 Galilean moons orbiting this incredible huge gaseous planet. Even a small telescope will show you its gas bands and the slightly squashed shape, the result of its high rotation speed causing it to bulge slightly in the middle - 1000 Earths could fit in its volume.

These are just barely a handful of examples of what can be seen in our wonderful night skies whenever it is clear and if you add to them the ever fascinating Moon, the Geminid meteor shower peaking on the 14th of December and the Quadrantids peaking on the 3rd of January, Venus being a brilliant evening object especially in January and high overhead passes of the International Space Station and other satellites, there will be plenty of objects to observe over the next 2 months, hopefully through the binoculars or telescope you received for Christmas

CNAAG exists for everyone with an interest in space and the stars and our meetings are open to all. On Friday December the 9th, weather permitting, we will be outside Jaffe & Neales bookshop in Chipping Norton from 5 - 9 to observe the Moon, Venus, Mars and Orion - if you are free, come along and meet us and join in the fun. January could also be BBC Stargazing Live and CNAAG will be participating and holding several events over the month, please keep an eye on the CNAAG website.



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Seasons greetings to everyone, have an astronomical time!

## SHUTFORD WI

Our October speaker was Marilyn Payne who gave a talk entitled "Child Poverty" which detailed the formation and history of Save the Children. This was formed at the end of the first World War due to the concern for starving Austrian and German children. She described some of her experiences with the charity and told us of its modern-day role.

After the meeting, 12 members enjoyed a convivial meal at 'The Falcon' to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In November, we enjoyed an amusing talk by Shirley Allen, when we were advised to 'Mind Your Language'. Examples of various errors, bad punctuation and mistranslations were given to illustrate the results of not following this warning. We were also told of the history of our language and the prevalence of others in the world today.

Christmas will be celebrated at our December meeting by a 'bring and share' buffet, after a social time. Then on December 9<sup>th</sup>, fifteen members will be attending the Wroxton House Hotel for a more formal Christmas lunch.

Visitors will be made very welcome at any of our forthcoming meetings next year, held in **Wroxton** Village Hall at 10am, when our speakers will be:

Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annie Broe - Colour Analysis
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	Liam D'Arcy Brown - The Opium Wars

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

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SHUTFORD

Christmas Menu 2016

1 Course = £12 2 Courses = £17 3 Courses = £22

Wild mushroom soup

Brie parcels, cranberry sauce (v.)

Smoked salmon, pickled cucumber, dill crème fraîche

Game terrine, plum chutney, crusty bread

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Roast turkey with all the trimmings

Butternut squash & goats' cheese puff parcel, roast potatoes, mixed veg (v.)

Homemade fishcakes, wilted spinach, peas & warm tartare sauce

Griddled pork chop, creamy mash, roasted sprouts & chestnuts, cider sauce

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Christmas pudding, brandy cream

Sticky toffee pudding, vanilla ice cream

Spiced chocolate pot, gingerbread biscuit

Cheese & biscuits

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Filter coffee & mince pies (+£2.50pp)

# Shutford Village Hall Grants Awarded

In addition to Banbury Charities grant for Phase 1, we are delighted to announce that the following organisations have granted funding awards for Phase 2 of the Village Hall rebuild project, see [www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com) for full details.



## LOTTERY FUNDED



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## Village Hall - Our Phase 2 Plans

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Our project plan for Phase 2 is coming together. All those villagers who have offered to help so far will be called upon



early in the new year to help move things forward on the internal work. Our plan is to make this building one to be proud of and one that villagers can all share in its development and continued vitality. Join the build team by emailing [shutfordVHC@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordVHC@gmail.com) with your offer to help. You will be put on our list and contacted in the new year. We need both skilled and non-skilled contributors and you can do as much or little as you like. Importantly, you will have a chance to make a real difference, to contribute to your community and to meet and work with our enthusiastic Phase 2 team.

We will prepare a work schedule and programme for people to follow and guidance will be available for those that need it.

The Village Hall Committee

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# Shutford Village Hall – first working party... thank you





**Pictured here and on the previous pages are just some of the helpers who gave up their weekend to help repair the wall. All good fun and some new skills learnt!**

**Thank you to Banbury Charities who generously provided a grant for Phase 1**

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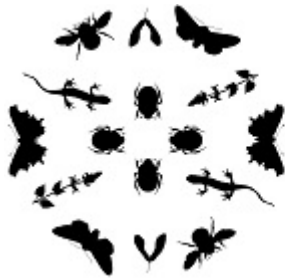
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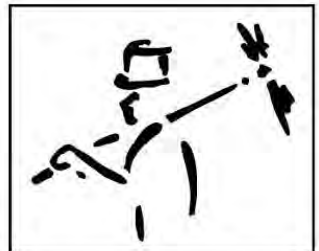
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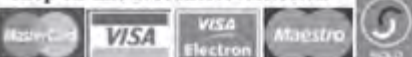
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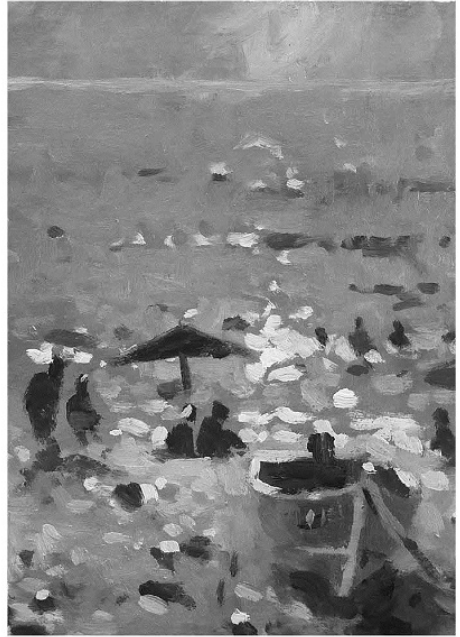




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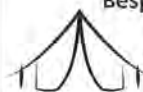
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Friday	9	CDC collection Blue/Brown bins fortnightly
Saturday	10	Messy Church Event, Bishop Carpenter School, North Newington
Friday	16	CDC Normal Waste Collection fortnightly
<b>January</b>	<b>2017</b>	
Monday	2	Shutford News Planning Meeting, 3, Church Lane- 7:30pm.
Tuesday	3	WI –Annie Broe, Colour Analysis Wroxton Village Hall, 10am
Monday	9	Book Club, G+D 7:30 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Deadline for Shutford News</b>
Wednesday	18	Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 pm Venue TBC
Monday	30	Book Club, G+D, 7:30pm
<b>February</b>		

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The next planning meeting will be on  
Monday, 2 January 2017 7:30 pm- 3 Church Lane, Shutford.

**DEADLINE FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE:** Saturday, 14 January 2017  
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# CHRISTMAS MARKET

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