

# SHUTFORD NEWS

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT ..... Get Inspiralized!

Most of you will have seen the articles and products used to create healthy alternative ways of eating your vegetables. It's trendy, fun and encourages more vegetables into your diet. You can buy these already done, but have a go and try for yourself; many different spiralizers are on the market now (see picture below) and available from independent kitchen shops such as Abraxas in Banbury or larger kitchen shops like Lakeland. Here are a few suggestions:

Courgettes make a great alternative to pasta – Courgetti!

Butternut Squash makes great noodles

Sweet Potatoes make healthy Tagliatelle

Carrots, raw Beetroot and Celeriac have many uses – make the French Remoulade or mix into any salad or stir-fry.

Try a winter salad mix any of the above with your choice of dressing and don't forget sliced raw Brussels – promise they are wonderful.

### More Winter inspiration for veggies!



Try the new healthy alternative to Couscous, Cauliflower on its own or with Broccoli - crumble the floret's and roast in the oven.

Take a Little Gem lettuce cut in half then fry lightly in oil with salt, pepper and chilli flakes, few minutes each side till just beginning to brown. Blow - torching a whole plate of salad until just browning is great – I am told!

Spice up Green Cabbage, boil, add onions, stir in curry powder, place in oven dish with blobs of butter and roast for 20 mins or until brown on top. Goes with chops, sausages, burgers and lots of other meats.

Here is a great topping for Cauliflower cheese, Shepherds Pie etc - Brioche breadcrumbs lightly browned in butter then add Prosciutto and maple syrup. Getting a bit unhealthy now! Lastly, please try raw sliced Brussels either stir-fried for few minutes on their own, or my favourite stir-fry to go well with a good steak – sliced Brussels, onions, French beans and asparagus – try it!

Dear Villagers,

Happy New Year wishing you all a very positive and happy 2016.



The last couple of months I have been busy getting our advertisers back on board for the new season and am delighted to say that most if not all have renewed with a few new ones for 2016. If you know of anyone who has a service that would be of value to the village please do let me know. Remember the advertising revenue is a vital source of income as it covers the cost to print our Shutford News and means we can deliver it FREE to each household.

Festival fever has already started with our first meeting that took place in January. Thank you to all those who have already expressed their interest to support this year's event. There will be further updates in our next edition. For those on social media please like our facebook page: facebook/shutfordfestival

As the **Village Hall Project** is still very much on everyone's minds, my hope and one that is shared with many others is that the village will once more have a village facility befitting to Shutford, that we can be proud of and one which villagers will enjoy for many years to come. There is criticism of my coverage of the Village Hall Project in this edition. Editorial that has appeared in recent editions regarding the progress of the Village Hall has been published as it represents a true account. In this edition, we are publishing the recent fact sheet that was delivered to Shutford villagers, ahead of the **Shutford Village Hall Open Meeting on 4 February** when everyone is encouraged to attend and to share their views.

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

Rita Livesey

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(Front cover amazing photo by Derek Matthews)

# Shutford Village Hall Fact Sheet

Dear Shutford Villagers

Following last year's request for more information to be available on the Village Hall Project we have put together a fact sheet on **frequently asked questions** which you can see below. We also invite you to an Open Meeting on 4 February see details here:

## Open Meeting

4 February 2016 at 7:30pm

in the Village Hall

for a chance to discuss these issues.

Members of the Parish Council have  
been invited to attend.

Please submit any further questions in writing,  
before the meeting to [shutfordvhc@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvhc@gmail.com)  
or to Pipers Rise, Ivy Lane.

### Q. Who is on the Village Hall Committee?

Constitution, as stated in the Conveyance, specifies that the Management Committee shall consist of:

Seven members who are the representatives of and appointed by village organisations

Currently: Parochial Church Council – Sue Roe-French  
Parish Council – Helen Gibbs  
WI – Lena Cusiter  
Community Association – Gordon Freeman  
Toddlers – Wendy Whitehouse  
Shutford News – Anne Pritchard

Three members elected at the AGM to represent the Village

Currently: Roger Bancroft, Christine Yarborough, Geraldine Bancroft

Up to two co-opted members

Currently: Rita Livesey, Debbie Pitt

### Q. What is the role of the Trustees?

1. Ensure your charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
2. Comply with your charity's governing document and the law
3. Act in your charity's best interests
4. Manage your charity's resources responsibly
5. Act with reasonable care and skill
6. Ensure your charity is accountable

Source: Charity Commission

Current Trustees: Roger Bancroft, Christine Yarborough, Geraldine Bancroft

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## **Q. Who owns the existing land where the current Village Hall is situated?**

In Trust for the residents of the parish of Shutford.

This site was donated by formal agreement by the then Lord Saye and Sele in 1952 as a site for a Village Hall building. At that stage there was still a shortfall in funds for building a Village Hall. To make this up the Social Club room was sold by tender which raised the princely sum of £125. The Hall was opened and the Conveyance completed in 1954.

## **Q. What is the Village Hall to be used for?**

The constitution states that it should be “held upon trust for the purposes of physical and mental training and recreation and social moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms library lectures classes recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Shutford in the County of Oxford and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions subject to the provisions of these presents”

## **Q. How old is the Village Hall?**

The prefabricated building was acquired 61 years ago second-hand and was extended in 1973 to include a bigger kitchen & storeroom and improved toilet facilities.

## **Q. How long was the current Village Hall supposed to last for?**

Prefab design life was nominally 25 years.

## **Q. Why don't we refurbish and improve the existing Village Hall?**

There would still be no disabled access, a major disadvantage of the current building, which discriminates against universal usage and was the reason given for the loss of its use as a polling station.

This option would not attract the pledges made by our benefactors.

## **Q. What is the cost of refurbishment?**

£125,000 - £175,000 including VAT depending on the scope undertaken.

## **Q. Why do we propose to build a new village hall?**

The existing building is in a poor condition and close to the end of its useful life. It is no longer economically viable to continue the current improvement programme. It is not in keeping with the modern standards and markedly inferior to other public buildings in the district.

## **Q. Why does the Village Hall have to be rebuilt on the existing site?**

The village already owns the land, which has all the necessary services connected. It would be expensive to acquire a new site, even if one was available, and may not be possible to obtain planning permission or maintain the charitable status. The village have voted in favour of the hall being on the site under an independent referendum with 57% in favour and 43% against. The ORCC have advised that due to the high turnout in that referendum, that between 52.3% and 62.3% of the non-voters (54 households) would also have voted yes.

## **Q. Is there a problem with parking on the current site?**

The proposed new hall will improve the facility for deliveries and collections due to the planned pull-in. The limited parking opportunities are shared with the church and public house.

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## **Q. Why can't the church be used as a community hall?**

The PCC have formally considered that option and rejected it.

## **Q. What is the cost to rebuild a new Village Hall?**

The best estimate obtained, which was valid in 2015, was £265,000 on the current site.

## **Q. Where are we getting the monies for the rebuild of the Village Hall?**

Pledges of £100,000 have been made by our benefactors and the Trustees would be able to recommend the use of at least £25,000 already raised. The remaining funding is hoped to be raised through a Public Works Loan of £150,000 to be repaid by the parish precept on the council tax.

## **Q. Have we explored all other building materials to use for the rebuild? And why has a particular building material been chosen? Can we cut any further building costs?**

Conditions of the planning permission require a stone-faced frontage and roof tiling, to be in keeping with the locality. Local suppliers and tradesmen have already made offers to reduce costs. Final negotiations with contractors can only take place once the whole funding is in place.

## **Q. What additional facilities will the new Village Hall give us that the old one doesn't?**

The planned building will have disabled access and toilets, better heating, pull-in for unloading vehicles, up-to-date facilities, higher ceiling for activities, modern kitchen facilities, stage, more storage area and potential access from the church with whom we can share toilet facilities.

## **Q. How will the new facilities grow the demand?**

A dozen offers have been made by villagers to organise a wide range of ongoing new activities and all the existing users have pledged continued support. The venue will be more attractive for birthday, anniversary and other personal celebrations.

## **Q. Will the new Village Hall have increased running costs?**

The current village hall has very low running costs and the only fixed cost likely to increase will be building insurance reflecting the higher value of the facility. All other costs will be proportionate to usage. Maintenance costs will be reduced, certainly for the first ten years or so.

## **Q. Will the building quotes be fixed quotes?**

Yes, all tenders would be expected to be valid for a fixed period of three months.

## **Q. Have we explored grants to raise funds?**

The current financial climate is not conducive to significant contributions for projects of this kind. eg National Lottery Reaching Communities fund advises that we are not eligible as we are not a disadvantaged area (our postcode is the deciding factor for submitting an application). Approaches/applications have been made to a comprehensive list of other organisations as well as the National Lottery.

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## **Q. What will be the approximate increase in our precept per month?**

The increase in the precept will depend on the amount borrowed and the repayment period. For a loan of £150,000 repaid over 25 years at a rate of interest FIXED at acceptance for the full term of the loan (June 2015): Band C property - £3.85; Band D - £4.31; Band E - £5.29. If the loan was repaid over 50 years the reduction in repayment would be approximately one third i.e. Band C - £2.54; Band D - £2.87; Band E - £3.53

## **Q. How does our Council Tax compare with that of other villages in Cherwell?**

Of 72 Cherwell parishes, 11 have the highest average disposable income per household at £590. Shutford is one of those 11. Of the 61 remaining parishes with average lower net income, 39 pay higher council tax than Shutford.

Source: "Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) Rural evidence project"

## **Q. What are the VH reserves for?**

New roof when the old one deteriorates as asbestos should not be repaired (health & safety); other maintenance issues; running costs for the next 12 months. These funds can only be reassigned at a General Meeting of eligible villagers (over 18 years) for any other purpose, for instance towards the cost of a new hall or for demolishing the existing hall should this be the only alternative.

## **Q. Do you have any comparisons of other Village Halls being built and an increase in their income stream?**

Yes, we have surveyed in detail the performance of Wardington, Freeland and South Leigh Village Halls. All have shown an increase in usage and income stream after extensive rebuild and modernization.

**Shutford Village Hall Committee**

**Shutford Village Hall  
Open Meeting**

**4 February 2016 at 7:30pm**

**in the Village Hall**

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**or to Pipers Rise, Ivy Lane.**



## **Some thoughts and questions about the funding of the proposed new Village Hall**

Is a new village hall costing around £300,000 good value for money in a village with only just over 300 adult residents? Even if the loan is over 50 years, are you happy to pay around £1000 per head, using these broad brush sums, for a new hall which will stand empty almost every day of the year? Or would you agree with me that this is another example of unaccountable decision makers being happy to spend other people's money?

Why have the Village Hall Committee and its off-shoots been so inactive in fund raising for the new hall? Why has there only ever been one very expensive design on the table? Originally they were looking towards regular updates on the funds raised but after only one meeting of the Redevelopment group there were no further meetings and no significant fund-raising has since been attempted.

Why is the Village Hall Committee so wedded to the idea of a new village hall when the church is a really fine building that would not only make a very suitable meeting place but give it a new lease of life? This idea was discussed early on in minuted meetings but was ignored subsequently.

Will the Village Hall Committee agree to call a special meeting to look at all the alternatives once more, as requested at the last meeting of the Parish Council, or are they too in thrall to the present scheme and why?

What is the role of the Shutford Community Association in this proposal? Why should they take one third of the profits from the Fête/Festival and thereby diminish the share of the profits that would go otherwise to the Village Hall?

Why did the leaflet about the last meeting of the Parish Council say that the hall would be closed? We all know it will not last forever but it is not about to be closed, a point that was significantly ignored when one Parish Councillor put that very question to one of the proponents.

Do others feel, as I do, that the well-organised, well-funded and vocal people promoting the rebuilding of the hall have not given due consideration to the views of others? And why are they so keen to continue to promote the rebuilding by relying on an increase to the precept now that it is clear that not only is there is no overwhelming mandate to do so from the village as a whole but also no majority within the Parish Council either?

Why is the raising of the precept, as the only way forward, rousing such fierce support from the supporters of the rebuilding and why do its proponents spend so much time and energy on it? If those supporters are as publicly spirited as they claim to be, why is their publicity often misleading or only distributed to some and not all houses in the village? Why too have the Trustees of the Village Hall, who are solely responsible for the building and any rebuilding project, made inconsistent and poorly advertised use of a range of different email addresses that are not associated with any of their members and thereby make it very hard to follow what is minuted let alone going on.

### **Remember:**

This project grew out of a Village Survey...a speculative exercise that was supported by many of those who now wish to rebuild the Village Hall, but which has otherwise had no other demonstrable influence within the village.

Interpret the figures in any way you like but at no point has anything like a majority of all the village voted in favour of the present proposed scheme.

The new build is not a "done deal" and it is up to the Village Hall Committee to raise the funds for it.

Andrew Parsons  
10 The Green

Dear Rita,

I was amazed and not a little disappointed by the coverage you gave to the meeting of the Parish Council in the last issue.

First of all you published either one very long, or two shorter, anonymous articles about the meeting which only reflected one side of the argument about the proposed new Village Hall. The name(s) of the writer(s) may have been omitted during publication but if so the matter should have been rectified before copies of the issue were circulated. For a local journal with an established history of high editorial standards, the oversight is at best unfortunate in the present circumstances but it does however resemble communications from the proponents of the new Village Hall, which in recent months have been variously anonymous, misleading or only partially circulated.

Secondly you quoted verbatim some highly contentious and quite possibly misleading words of the Parish Council Chair when he alleged, but could offer no evidence for, councillors ignoring Cherwell's Code of Conduct guidelines.

Thirdly the closing date for submission to the November/December Shutford News had already passed before the meeting was held. You may well argue that such an important matter needed to be reported on as soon as possible after the event, but, in that case why did you not seek, or publish, anything from the opponents of the present scheme and why did you not seek clarification about the Chair's untabled remarks?

Such biased, one sided reporting will do nothing to help resolve an issue that is dividing the village and as a contribution to debate I attach a series of thoughts and questions for the next issue which I trust you will be able to publish along with my letter to you as editor.

More in sorrow...

Andrew Parsons,  
10 The Green



Parents looking for ways to occupy their children over the summer holidays can sign up to an array of activities being offered by Cherwell District Council.

Summer 2016 will again see the return of the council's ever-popular Holiday Hubs which will take place weekdays in Banbury, Bicester and Bloxham. Children aged between five and 15 can enjoy daily programmes full of arts and crafts, fun and games, sport sessions, plus a rotating guest activity.



Cherwell district Council's Summer hub staff will be present at the **Shutford Festival** to give children and parents a taster of what's in stall. Families will be encouraged to take part in a number of sporting activities from tug of war, dodgeball, assault courses and much more!

For more information about any of the activities, including times, locations or prices please visit our stall. Alternatively you can call 01295 221803 or visit the council's website at [www.cherwell.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk)

## SHUTFORD WI

December began with a tasty 'bring & share' Christmas Buffet & Social at our monthly meeting with a quiz, exchanges of cards and Secret Santa presents.

Later in the month, 19 members enjoyed a convivial Christmas lunch with all the trimmings at the Wroxton House Hotel.

Four of our members made a Christmas visit to Edie, who had been a WI member for many years but now lives in Banbury in a residential home.

Our first speaker of 2016 was Revd Ronald Hawkes, who explained 'why anyone would want to be a Vicar' with the aid of personal anecdotes and exhibits. We were also pleased to welcome two new members to our ranks and hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Visitors will be made very welcome, if they wish to join us at any of our forthcoming meetings, held in the Village Hall at 10am, when the speakers will be:

2 Feb Pam Newall - *A Glimpse of Transylvania*

1 Mar AGM (no speaker)

5 Apr Jenny Boyle - *Culture of Cuba*

Contacts: Geraldine on 780579 or Jenny on 780570

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Alison Hughes    David Homewood    Emma Hodgkins

**DECEMBER      £50.00                      £10.00                      £5.00**

Malcolm Rann    Charlotte Stanley    Jane King

The January Draw will have taken place at the Parish Council Meeting on  
Wednesday 20 January in the Village Hall.

The Draw for February will be at the Book Club on  
Monday 29 February in the George & Dragon.

**We will be calling on you very soon to collect subscriptions for  
2016/17.**

**GOOD LUCK!**

**NOTES FROM THE  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Present: Cllrs. Hancock, Parsons, Duffield, Gibbs and Taylor.  
Cllr. Reynolds (OCC & CDC)  
4 members of the public**

**Highways:** Several potholes have been repaired but some more need to be done, the water leak in Epwell Road has been reported.

**Red Telephone Box:** This will be used as a book exchange. The SCA will install shelves and a facility for local leaflets.

**Speed Checks:** The machine required is broken at the present time.

**Grass Verges:** It was agreed to take over the contract for cutting the grass verges from OCC, two cuts, they will give a grant towards the costs, the parish will pay for two further cuts.

**Village Hall:** All Parishioners have been invited to an Open Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall at 7.30pm to discuss the new hall, the Parish Councillors have been invited to attend.

**Dairyground:** The equipment has been checked.

**Allotments:** One plot has been split in two and the next person on the waiting list has taken over half.

**Finance:** The Annual Precept was discussed. The Clerks' salary will remain at £800.00. The following donations were agreed:

Village Hall	£150
Shutford News	£75
RBL Wreath	£30

Subscriptions will be made to ORCC (Now Community First Oxfordshire), OALC & OPFA.

It was agreed to keep the Precept at £6000 for the 2016/17 year.

**Planning:** Porch at Groom's Cottage, Cook's Hill – Passed  
Pear Tree Cottage, West Street, no objections from Parish Council but rejected by CDC.

**Standing Orders:** Several orders have been looked at and it was agreed to adopt the proposed updates.

**Correspondence:** It was agreed to contact Johnsons about the daily bus to see what the current situation was as OCC will cease subsidising the route.

The Annual Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am, meeting at the village hall.

**Next meeting will be held on  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

The Parish Council Official Minutes are on the village website.

## **Healthwatch Oxfordshire is your voice on health and social care**

Whether it is improving services today, or helping to shape them for tomorrow, Healthwatch Oxfordshire is all about enabling local voices to influence the delivery and design of local health and social care in our county. Not just for the people who use them now, but for anyone who might need to in future.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire was set up on April 1 2013, as a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The organisation sits alongside 151 other local Healthwatch across the country.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire hears what children, young people and adults have to say about health and social care services, whether that is praise, criticism or ideas for improvement. We strengthen the collective voice of patients and the public, so that service providers and commissioners listen to what they have to say. We then hold them to account on how they use the information we provide to shape, inform and influence service delivery and design.

In order to ensure that we have the best possible evidence and the widest possible views to influence the delivery and design of health and social care services, we need as many people as possible to speak out about their experiences, so that we can speak up on their behalf.

Healthwatch is independent, and we are accountable to the people of Oxfordshire, so please tell us how you would like to be treated and cared for, and what is important to you when using health and social care services, and we can make a difference together.

To find out more about Healthwatch Oxfordshire, please visit our website, [www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk)

Contact us on 01865 520 520 or email [hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk](mailto:hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk)

You can also follow us on Twitter @HealthwatchOxon and find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/HealthwatchOxfordshire](http://www.facebook.com/HealthwatchOxfordshire)





### **Lamb Ready for Easter**

#### **Shutford Lamb For Sale**

The Dorset Horn is a rare breed of sheep with less than 3000 breeding ewes left in the British Isles, with your support we can keep the breed going.

If you would like to buy a half or whole butchered lamb:

- packaged in its different cuts
- a rich flavoured lamb
- with minimum food miles (we use our closest abattoir at Long Compton)

We are taking orders now for spring lamb which will hopefully be ready for Easter. Please contact us for more information including prices and delivery/ collection on:

T: 01295 788186

M: 07500937390

E: [helengibbs84@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helengibbs84@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Christmas Bingo**

The bingo was a great success with over £430 being raised for village hall funds. Over 50 people were in attendance and a fun evening was had by all at what is always a good social occasion.

I would like to thank everyone who gave prizes, came to the Bingo, and special thanks to Margaret, Geraldine, Athene and especially Roger (for doing the calling) for all their help on the night.

Joan Wright



## 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.

A Beetle Drive was held in the village hall on 21<sup>st</sup> November with 18 people attending. Great fun was had by all with refreshments at the end and £100 raised from donations. The following weekend Souper Saturday raised £165: 28 people enjoyed various homemade soups and other good food. Both these events were a chance for villagers to get together socially. Our next soup lunch is scheduled for Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March – the start of Holy Week – and will raise money for charity.

Services during Advent and Christmas were well attended. Advent started with a reflective service of carols and readings with refreshments in church at the end. The Bishop of Dorchester came to the benefice on 6<sup>th</sup> December for a confirmation service in Broughton Church. We had lots of visitors for our Christmas services with 43 at the Christingle and 72 at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, greenery and a Christmas Tree, all donated by villagers. Unusually, we only had one village child at the Christingle service and none on Christmas Day. £100 from the Christingle has been given to The Children`s Society.

This year`s carol singing around the village was rained off and instead carols were sung in church on 22<sup>nd</sup> December to music played by Deddington Brass. The Community Association provided refreshments of mince pies and mulled wine: £30 was collected from the singers and given to Banbury Young Homeless Project together with food items.

Following a successful Messy Church Event in Tadmarton on 17<sup>th</sup> November, we held one in Shutford Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> December. With a Christmas theme, 7 children and 13 adults enjoyed an afternoon of crafts finishing with refreshments. The next Messy Church is in Swalcliffe Village Hall at 4.00pm on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February. These afternoons are excellent for younger children and their guardians.

Repairs to the north facing tiled roof were completed at the end of November. The work proved more extensive than first thought and cost £1581. Although we had these funds saved in our restoration fund we are very fortunate in receiving a grant of £1300 from the Archdeacon of Dorchester towards the cost. We also hope to recover the VAT paid.

Overall attendance in church in 2015 was much higher than in recent years as we had two weddings and two baptisms during the year. However, average attendance at an ordinary Sunday service is about 10 with 15/20 people coming to church at some time during each month. Special and festival services attract much higher congregations and villagers use the church from time to time for quiet time every week. We have a special Wedding Celebration service planned for Valentine`s Day, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am. It will be a short cheerful service with wedding hymns and simple prayers. All are welcome whether married recently or years ago. There will be refreshments with fizz so please come along and bring your family!

We have had some good social occasions recently and these and the support of regular donors have ensured that we have managed to cover all our costs with a surplus of £2000 in 2015. The Christmas Draw raised £574 which with funds from the village festival has covered our church building insurance. Margaret Holloway won the £100 first prize and a list of all winners is published on the church notice board. The illuminate and celebrate initiative raised £750 and details of recent sponsorship is published elsewhere in the Shutford News.

The amount we pay to the Oxford Diocese for the cost of ministry is decreasing in 2016. This saving will be used to employ a youth worker as we wish to increase our outreach to this section of our community.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is planned for 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

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.

# Illuminate & Celebrate in 2016!



## Don't forget to get your special dates in for 2016!

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 2016. 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 up until the end of 2015:

Date	Name	Occasion
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Alasdair Gibbs	St Andrew`s Day
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Janice Bailey	Emily`s Graduation
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Roger Bancroft	Geraldine`s Birthday
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Janice Bailey	In memory of Eileen Bunce
Various Days	Helen Nixseaman, Dorothy Harvey, Rita Livesey, John Hodgkins, Sue Roe-French, Kirsten Parrish, Mike Ponikowski, Carolyn Rann, Jeffs Family	to celebrate Advent Events and the Twelve Days of Christmas
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Brian Ailsby	Birthday
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Ken Jeffs	Epiphany
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Ashley Taylor	Olivia`s Birthday
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Margaret Holloway	In memory of Carla & her boys
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Anon	St Valentine`s Day

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

## Egg rolling – The History

Egg rolling, or an Easter egg roll is a traditional game played with eggs at Easter. Different nations have different versions of the game, usually played with hard-boiled, decorated eggs.

The pre-Christian Saxons had a spring goddess *Eostre*, whose feast was held on Vernal Equinox around 21 March. Her animal was the spring hare, and the rebirth of the land in spring was symbolised by the egg. Pope Gregory the Great ordered his missionaries to use old religious sites and festivals and absorb them into Christian rituals where possible. The Christian celebration of the Resurrection of Christ was ideally suited to be merged with the Pagan feast of Eostre and many of the traditions were adopted into the Christian festivities. In England, Germany and other countries children traditionally rolled eggs down hillsides at Easter this may have become symbolic of the rolling away of the rock from Jesus Christ's tomb before his resurrection. This tradition along with others such as the Easter Bunny, were taken to the New World by European settlers.

In the United Kingdom the tradition of rolling decorated eggs down grassy hills goes back hundreds of years and is known as “pace-egging”, from the Old English *Pasch* meaning Pescach or Passover.

The eggs were traditionally wrapped in onion skins and boiled to give them a mottled gold appearance (although today they are usually painted) and the children competed to see who could roll their egg the furthest. There is an old Lancashire legend that says the broken eggshells should be carefully crushed afterwards or they will be stolen and used as boats by witches.

# THE GEORGE + DRAGON

Book now for Valentine's Day dinner - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

*£35 per person*

*Glass of Prosecco*

## Amuse-bouche

Cauliflower cheese soup

## Starters

Crispy duck, risotto cake & plum sauce

Pan-seared Atlantic scallops with chorizo

Beetroot fritters with halloumi

Moules marinière (also available as a main)

## Mains

Pan-roasted venison loin, potato cake, red cabbage, butternut squash purée

18oz Côte de Boeuf, red wine shallots, balsamic vine tomatoes,  
hand cut chips, peppercorn & béarnaise sauce (*for 2 to share*)

Roasted butternut squash & sage risotto, Parmesan shavings

Homemade garlic & herb chicken Kiev, stem broccoli, sautéed potatoes

## Desserts

Chocolate fondant, vanilla ice-cream

Peach pain perdu, Chantilly cream

Orange & Grand Marnier pancakes

Cheese & biscuits





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**11 - 15 years**  
**Adults 16 and Over**

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## SHUTFORD'S PHONE BOOTH BOOK EXCHANGE



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Below are some of the things that your SCA made happen in 2015.....



*Plus: Shutford website £90 and Carols £23*

## Shutford Wreath Making Workshop December 2015

Great fun was had by a group of Shutford and neighbouring village ladies when we all got together pre-xmas for a Wreath Making Workshop. The results of our creativity can be seen below and have been enjoyed throughout the festive season. Can you spot the hedgehog theme!



Annabelle



Carolyn



Kirsten



Sandie

# Katharine House Hospice News

## SILVER ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS

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## SILVER ANNIVERSARY CARE FOR A CUPPA! 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016

We're inviting supporters to take part in our extra special **Silver Care for a Cuppa** fundraiser as part of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Why not hold a coffee morning or afternoon tea for Katharine House between Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (or anytime convenient!). Invite your friends and family around for a cuppa, cake and chat and we will provide you with a Care for a Cuppa fundraising pack complete with posters, invitations, balloons, recipes and top tips to make your event a success. Simply ask for donations on the day for coffee and cake, or hold a raffle or sweepstake for something a little different. You can hold your Care for a Cuppa at home, at work, at school or at your local club or society – the possibilities are endless! Call the fundraising team on 01295 816484 to order your Care for a Cuppa fundraising pack.

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## Shutford News – Summary of Income & Expenditure 2015

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Advertising	£1331.50	Printing	£1261.00
Donations @	£ 163.00	Postages	£ 28.68
Card Sales	£ 72.16	Admin #	£ 150.00
		Sundries**	£ 84.99
		Events =	£ 253.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1566.66</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1777.70</b>

<b>Balance forward 2014</b>		<b>Balance end 2015</b>	
	£ 705.27	<b>Cash</b>	£ 30.71
<b>Deficit*</b>	<b>- £ 211.04</b>	<b>Bank</b>	£ 463.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 494.23</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 494.23</b>

Accounts examined and from various papers seen and explanations given, show a true reflection of Shutford News Financial Activities during 2015.

Ken Jeffs – 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

Notes:

\*Deficit: Excess of Expenses over Income - £1747.70 minus £1536.66 = £211.04.

@ Donations inc Parish Council £75, PCC £50, G & D £28.

# Admin: Editorial Support £150.

\*\* Sundries: Shutford Walk Leaflets £50 & Gratuities £34.99.

= Events: Annual Easter Egg Competition £37.70 and

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Totals: There is an adjustment of 68p to allow for Bank Interest of 52p and 16p not included in income figures.

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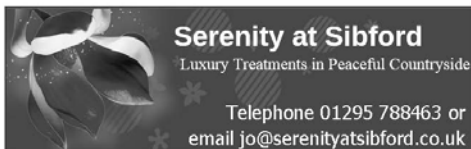
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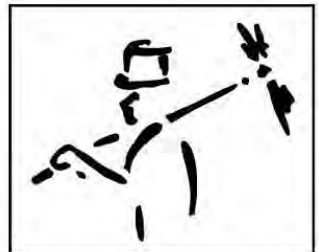
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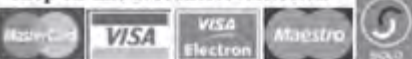
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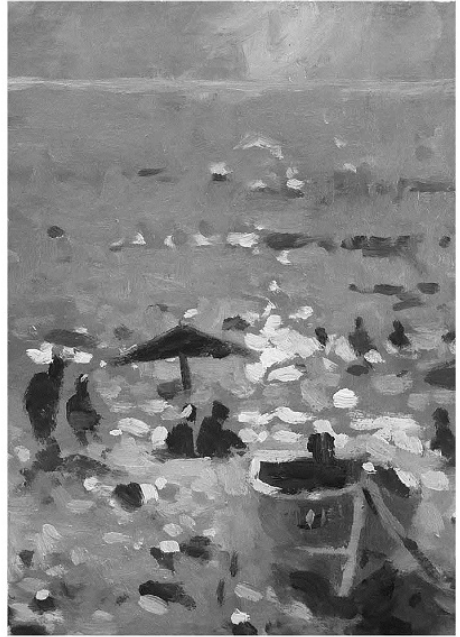
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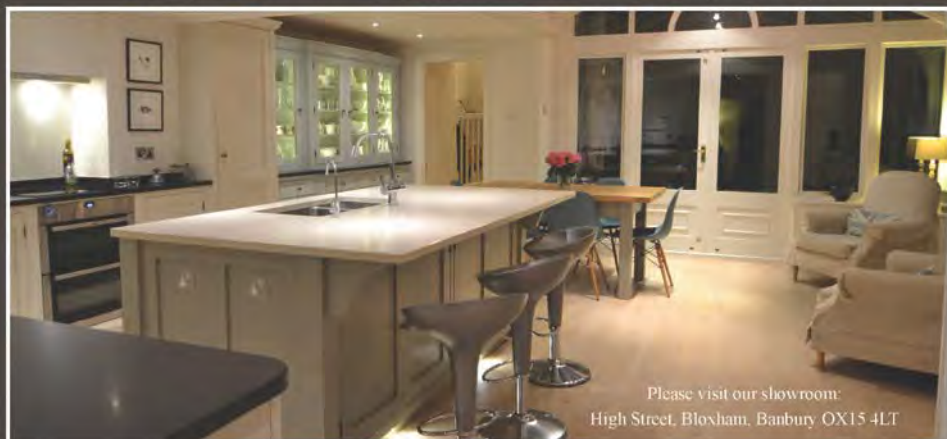
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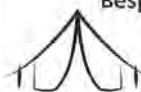
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<b>February</b>		
Tuesday	2	WI -Pam Newall – A glimpse of Transylvania. Village Hall 10am.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Shutford Village Hall Open Meeting 7:30 pm</b>
Friday	5	CDC collection Blue/Brown bins fortnightly
Friday	12	CDC Normal Waste Collection fortnightly
Monday	29	Book Club The G + D – 7:30pm
Monday	29	Shutford News Planning Meeting, 3, Church Lane- 7:30pm
<b>March</b>		
Tuesday	1	WI-Annual General Meeting and Social time
Saturday	13	<b>Deadline for Shutford News</b>
Wednesday	16	Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 pm Village Hall
Monday	28	Easter Egg Competition, Village Hall
Monday	28	Book Club, G + D, 7:30pm
<b>April</b>		
Tuesday	5	WI – Jenny Boyle, Culture of Cuba, Village Hall, 10am

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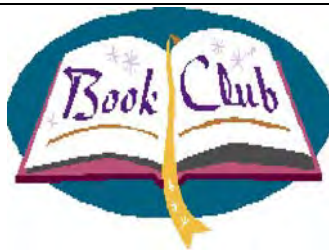
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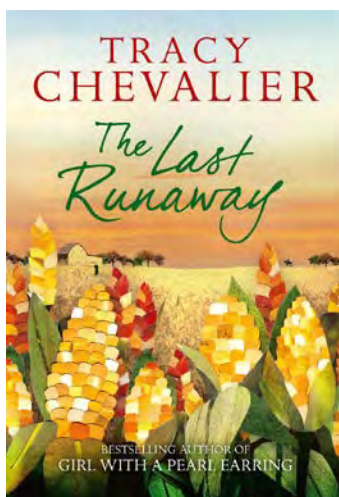
# Shutford Book Club



The Shutford Book Club meets on the last Monday of each month at 7.30pm in The George + Dragon restaurant.

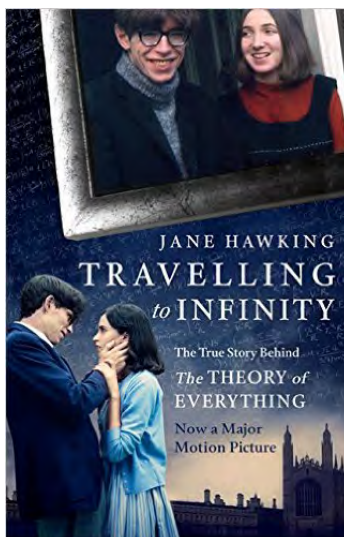
Although membership is currently full as space is limited, you can always take part virtually. The books we are reading are regularly published in the Shutford News and on the village website, so feel free to read them alongside the Book Club. You can volunteer your thoughts via email or a note in the door of "The Nook" in Church Lane if you'd like to, and we'll share them at the meetings!

Forthcoming books are:



Monday 29th February, "**The Last Runaway**" by Tracey Chevalier, hosted by Jane Moffatt.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, "**Travelling to Infinity**" by Jane Hawking, hosted by Kathleen Leeson.



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