### **SHUTFORD NEWS**

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#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT... The Humble Spud...



As Summer is not quite with us (not thinking of salads just yet!) here are a few reminders of old favourites and maybe some new suggestions for the comforting potato.

They say the best mash comes from first baking the potato in its jacket, then halve and scoop out, discarding the skin, and mash with butter or olive oil – skins could be filled with cheese and melted in oven (bit naughty!).

The French mash with a potato "ricer", which makes a very light and fluffy mash – I do actually use this utensil and have done for years. All the following make an interesting change to plain mash.

Colcannon (with cabbage and cream); Champ (with spring onions), Horseradish, Wasabi, fresh herbs, Parmesan or mustard; a three root mash (carrots, parsnips and potatoes, cream and nutmeg) for special days.

Other dishes to make a change when using potatoes: Roasted with saffron or paprika; Boulangere; Dauphinoise Gratin; Bombay (curry flavours and mustard seeds); Duchess; Bubble & Squeak (Brussels); Neeps and Tatties (Swede) and Hash (bacon and onion or leek is an up to date version).

**New one for you** – **Asian Mash**: mashed potatoes with coconut milk, Chilli, grated fresh ginger, dash of soy and or coriander, if liked, especially good with white fish. **Mediterranean dish** – Patate Amaganate – thinly sliced potatoes layered with olive oil, oregano, seasoning, scattered basil leaves, onions and cherry tomatoes (cut in half) till the layers fill the dish. Add white wine to cover andcover with foil and bake for 45 minutes at 180 C, remove foil and cook further 15 minutes or until potatoes are cooked. Try Kale, Calvolo Nero, Rocket or Watercress – altogether, singularly or whichever are available, blitz in food processor to a pesto consistency and fold into mustard mash.

Dear Villagers,

Thank you to our brilliant webmaster, Martin Doe, who has now created a business community page, so our advertisers also gain extra advertising now online. You can visit the page by copying and pasting this link:



http://www.shutfordvillage.com/business-directory.html

We have a new article for those interested in Astronomy!

**Festival plans** are coming along very nicely. You can follow progress on the village website and also via our facebook page: facebook/shutfordfestival. Inside is the official poster together with details of what is happening. Proceeds from this year's festival will be shared between the Church and the Village Hall. Our next planning meeting is 12 May all welcome!

We are also very grateful for those who have responded to our 'Friends of the Festival' and pledged £250 to date (more details in this edition). We look forward to welcoming more Friends of the Festival in the coming weeks.

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Rita Livesey Editor: Shutford News Email: <a href="mailto:rita@rlmarketing.co.uk">rita@rlmarketing.co.uk</a>

Our front cover is an artist's impression of how the new Village Hall will look. See inside for an announcement by the Shutford Village Hall Committee.

The beacon on Jester's Hill will be lit to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7:30 pm.



#### (Ted) - Edward John Etty 31 May 1932 – 5 January 2016

It is with great sadness that County Pumps announce the sudden death of Ted Etty in early January. He was the original founder of County Pumps and had remained an active co-owner for the 39 years of the company operation. Although he was not an official resident of Shutford, he adopted the village as a second home and considered his colleagues in the business he started and

nurtured from its early roots in 1977 as his extended family.

Born in London, he lived his childhood through the hardship of the bombings and the Second World War. His completion of his engineering apprenticeship with Avery Scales afterwards lead him into diesel and petrol pump maintenance, carrying around a small tool box on buses and trains, in his early years. Following his National service in the R.A.F. he went on to meet and marry his beloved wife Audrey who was his life, soul mate and partner for over 50 years of marriage.

During the seventies, Ted changed employer, left their Essex home and came to Banbury to work, with he and Audrey deciding to settle in the rural setting of Lower Boddington. After quietly becoming disillusioned with his employer and the petroleum industry, he decided 'he could do things better' himself. From this, County Pumps was born. From small beginnings in a garage and storage space in the old Chapel on West Street, Shutford (now known as the Chapel Cottages) he set up County Pumps, together with a fellow engineer David Jones to establish County Pumps Ltd. Registered in January 1977, the old Weavers Shop at the top of Cooks Hill (now home to Tala) became the first offices for the business and Unit 1 on West Street Industrial Estate became the engineering workshop. Over the years and expansion, County Pumps went on to move the offices and workshop together into Units 7 & 8 in West Street, where they remain today.

The company came from small roots and soon established itself to be a national service provider for many of the leading distribution, bus garages, car manufacturers, local authority sites and fire stations throughout the UK where site refuelling was important to commercial businesses. Ted had strong work ethics where a job had to be done right and there was no deviation from this. With diesel fuel storage on commercial sites requirements reaching over 40,000 litres, the production of quality fuel storage tanks and installation of quality fuel pumps become the trade mark of everything the company stood for.

When Ted's original business partner wanted to relocate to his home roots in Wales, there was no thought to give up and Ted encouraged the then Office Manager, Anne Rodda, to become his business partner to continue the legacy of County Pumps in Shutford. County Pumps was established as one of the leading preventative maintenance service providers for the industry to ensure equipment was kept in good condition and in more recent years, preventing oil pollution to protect our environment and local water courses, and this would continue.

Over the years, he may have been a familiar figure walking the paths of Shutford, driving his Volvo through the winding roads or even just recognised as the owner of the 'red' vans that are a regular sight through the roads in the village. County Pumps has grown and developed and he has been the proud employer of 14 Shutford residents over his time at County Pumps, either on a part or full time basis.

His ethics will live on in County Pumps and he leaves his legacy to continue with his business partner Anne Rodda and the fellow directors James Rodda and Alison Newport (all current or previous residents of Shutford), to ensure the future of the company.

He will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and staff at County Pumps, with over 50% of the current employees having worked with him for over 25 years. His strong ethics and opinions are the tribute of his working success, him taking a chance on the belief he could (and did) do better will continue to live on through all of us. Leaving behind his seriously ill wife in the knowledge we will support her through these difficult times, may he rest in peace and with his beady eye looking down on us, know we will continue to get things right.



#### Liz Turner 11 February 1920 – 23 January 2016

Nanny had an extremely hard life but that never stopped her laughing.

Born in what is now Ivy Lane Cottage in Shutford, lived all her life here except for a few years in Claydon in late 50s. Married Percy Cyril Turner who lived next door. Went to Shutford school, then into "service" with a family at Swalcliffe.

She was caretaker for the village hall for many years, well past the age that most folks retire. She worked at Shutford manor for many years too, firstly for Mrs Bauer (plaque in the church remembers Mrs Bauer) and later Mr and Mrs Cadbury. Brought up three older children (Dot, Derek and Sylvia) on her own through WW2 whilst her husband was away in the army, then after the war came two more children (Percy and Brian).

Known and loved far and wide, more so than we might think - one day in 1999 my motorbike broke down in Devizes, an old man stopped to check I was OK, we got talking, turned out he worked with Liz and her sister Alice at Shutford manor many years ago.

Did all sorts of daft tricks to play us up, make us giggle. Early memory is when she took Deb and I with her to one of her cleaning jobs; they were rather posh and had a tiger skin rug in the bedroom. Nanny hid it and jumped out with it, roaring, at us kids, we can't have been old enough for school yet, frightened us to pieces in that way that is thrilling to small children. When she babysat us it was always great fun with loads of mischief. Letting us watch post-watershed TV, putting sugar and later rum in our tea out of naughtiness. Made us patchwork blankets from old clothes and dresses from offcuts and old curtains. Taught us to crochet.

Nanny encouraged in us a sense of adventure, mischief, fun, how to live our lives to the fullest. Did so much for others - for many years was the person in the village who was called on to attend births and deaths. Very much loved and adored by everyone she met. Thank you Nanny for all you did.

A wonderful send off yesterday for Nanny, my awesome grandmother who instilled in us a sense of adventure, mischief and freedom. She also taught me to crochet 45 years ago. She had an extremely hard life but that never stopped her laughing. The sun shone on her funeral, on what would have been her 96th birthday. As we stood at the graveside, I thought of the words of the song "Crazy Nights" by Kiss, ".... these are my people, this is my crowd..." as I looked with immense pride at my sister and my men - my love, brother, cousins, uncles and friends, all of whom stepped up to the mark when it mattered. Chris Harrison, Paul Taylor, Binzy, Wayne Turner, Mark Watts, particularly the last two who had the most demanding job of all (grave digging in a very heavy clay) you are heroes and the best coffin bearers anyone could wish for.

The coffin was beautiful, really beautiful, a wicker basket decorated with a hessian swag and flowers by Deb Harvey and Sylvia Palmer. The church looked lovely with lots of flowers (the vicar let us put them in there

despite it being Lent). The vicar led a lovely service, the perfect mix of tradition and informal and fantastic support in our endeavours. The opportunity to sit in peaceful contemplation, surrounded by so much love, with those ancient prayers and the sunshine flooding through the windows reaffirmed elements of my own faith and spirituality. At night we stood outside the pub in



the frosty air and looked at the church tower, floodlit for the occasion, and drank to Nanny's life.

Thank you Nanny for everything you have given us. Victoria Harvey

#### **Independent Building Survey on Shutford Village Hall**

Summary of Findings of Building Survey carried out by Leys Longden & Co, Chartered Surveyors, on 11 January 2016. The surveyor recommends that the hall have an insured value of £325,000, on the basis of provision of a new building.

#### Roof

Sealing grommets under roof sheet fixing bolts are all perished allowing rain water ingress into the vaulted plasterboard ceiling beneath and loosening the security of the asbestos roofing sheets. Damp meter readings of 30% were obtained in these areas. This situation has been exacerbated by some cracks in the roofing sheets.

#### Walls

Damp meter readings were also taken around the inner walls and in the toilet areas 100% saturation was found, top and bottom in the ladies' toilets caused by outside ground water seepage and some cracks in the roof sheets. This extends through to the adjoining wall of the gents' toilets.

#### Floor

Small areas of oily patches are showing on the surface of the vinyl floor, caused by inadequacies in the substrata beneath the floor. (A previous survey by the suppliers of the vinyl floor suggested that this might be due to water pressure from beneath)

#### **Foundations**

A large vertical crack of 5-7mm in width was found in the front perimeter footings behind the war memorial, probably caused by historical movement of the building. Evidence of this crack can also be seen on the internal vinyl floor covering.

#### Land stability

There is a continual problem of soil/land slippage to the rear of the building, within the boundary of the site, needing constant attention and clearance.

#### Access

There is no safe area for dropping off in front of the hall. The slopes leading from the top of the steps to each door are steeper than the legislative specification and there is not a level threshold into the hall. There is no disabled toilet, which needs to be installed immediately.

The current access to the hall does not meet the requirements under the 'Disability Discrimination Act 1995'.

#### **Shutford Village Committee Announcement**

At the last Parish Council meeting on 16 March, the Parish Council considered the request by the Shutford Village Hall Committee to increase the term of the Public Works Loan from 25 years to 50 years with the option of paying off the loan early once the Village Hall was built with active fundraising events.

The Parish Council's decision at that meeting was to conduct a further survey to establish the views of the village. The Parish Council confirmed that they would use other unspecified indicators as well as the result of the revised survey to determine their final decision.

The Shutford Village Hall Committee has now decided that the project needs to move to the next stage in order to secure a new Village Hall on the current site. You may recall the question that was asked by Shutford Parish Council's survey dated June 2015, a copy of which can be seen on the village website (<a href="www.shutfordvillage.com/community/parishcouncil">www.shutfordvillage.com/community/parishcouncil</a>) was "Do you agree with raising the parish precept in order to fund repayments on a Public Works Loan to build a new village hall on the existing site?

That option was strongly backed by the village who voted 57 per cent to 43 per cent in favour in the June 2015 survey, independently conducted by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) and presented by Shutford Parish Council.

Whilst we recognise that another survey is an option that the Parish Council has chosen to take, we are unsure as to where this will lead in the ultimate decision to apply for a Public Works Loan, in particular if there is a majority vote in favour to go ahead as in the last survey, will the loan application over 50 years actually be made by the Parish Council?

As can be seen by the Independent Surveyor's report on the previous page, the Committee are now left with very little choice but to push on with the project with the donations and reserve that we have. With building costs rising each day, we have already lost over 12 months on the project. The Committee fear that the current course of action by the Parish Council will lead to a further loss of time and again may still result in an unsatisfactory conclusion.

The initial reasons for going for a £150k Public Works Loan, was that it was the simplest, cheapest and fairest option, given that we already have £100k donations.

As has been discussed openly at the Village Hall Open Meeting on 4 February, funds required to build a new hall on a new site (should such a site ever become available) will exceed £300k. Without the option of a Public Works Loan and indeed donations of £100k which are non-transferable to a new site, this sum will take many years to raise, a luxury we don't have with the current village hall being in such a state of repair and our responsibility to the community to provide a community resource.

Michael Robarts from Balscote reported that their village hall construction costs were around £260k seven years ago, for the wooden structure, which didn't include a provision for parking.

We will now put together and present to each household our plans going forward for the building of a new Village Hall on the current site.

Shutford Village Hall Committee March 2016

Email: shutfordvhc@gmail.com

#### SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB RESULTS

JANUARY £35.00 £10.00 £5.00

Sophie Heathcote Jennifer Townsend Oliver Andrews

FEBRUARY £35.00 £10.00 £5.00

Simon Boulton Nicola Walls Rachel Keeling

#### The First Prize will be £95.00.

#### **GOOD LUCK!**

#### Reminder:

Final date for subscriptions for the year starting 1st April is 31<sup>st</sup> March. New members are welcome. £5.00 for 6months £10.00 for the year

Please pay to Margaret Holloway Monastry Lodge, High Street, Shutford.

#### Riddle:

Ben walked into a hardware store and asked the price of some items.

The salesman said: One costs £1

Eight costs £1
Seventeen cost £2

One hundred four costs £3

One thousand seventy two costs £4

What was Ben buying?



#### SHUTFORD WI

At our February meeting Pam Newall gave us 'A Glimpse of Transylvania' with pictures of its castles and churches and their association with Bram Stoker's Dracula.

Our AGM in March began with the singing of 'Jerusalem', followed by the presentation of the Annual Report and Financial Statement. Afterwards the committee, with Jenny Ingham as President, were elected. The meeting concluded with a light-hearted guiz.

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:

5 Apr Jenny Boyle - Culture of Cuba 7 Jun Mike Ledbury - Traditional Tunes of the British Isles

There will be no speaker in May as we will be discussing and voting on the two resolutions:

Avoid Food Waste, Address Food Poverty
Appropriate Care in Hospitals for People with Dementia

Our votes will be taken forward to the national AGM to be held in Brighton in June.

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

#### 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.

Below is a list of those who have been or

will be remembering a special day:

Date	Name	Occasion
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Lena Cusiter	Joe`s 65 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Debbie Pitt	Sasha`s Birthday
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Dot Harvey	in memory of Liz Turner
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Ken Jeffs	Family Birthday
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Anon	Mothering Sunday
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Debbie Pitt	Fin`s Birthday
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Rita Livesey	Family birthday
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Rita Livesey	Grace Livesey (Mum) 90 <sup>th</sup>
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Kirsten Parrish	Birthday
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Sharon Jackson	Nick`s 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Friends of Shutford	Jim Gale's Birthday
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Andrew Baud	Hettie`s Birthday
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Andrew Baud	Hannah`s Birthday

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

#### STARLIT SKIES - THE ASTRONOMERS PARADISE

Nature has the ability to remind us that however great our achievements, it can outshine us in every respect. From hurricanes to rainbows, we need to fear its power yet at the same time gasp in its majestic spectacle . The night sky, sparkling with diamond light from a million distant suns is one of nature's most awe inspiring offerings , one which since the dawn of man ignites a curiosity in us to learn more about the universe - a curiosity



which burns as strong today as it did for the first stargazers.

CNAAG member Mel Gigg: 'CNAAG members observing from Chipping Norton town centre'.

A little over 10 years ago, 3 local amateur astronomers met to look at the possibility of forming an informal observing group in the Chipping Norton area. Contrary to expectations and with little publicity the numbers began to swell, in our first year we had increased to 18, armed with this encouragement, in 2005 the Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group (CNAAG) was formed. Today CNAAG is a highly active nationally recognised astronomical society with a membership at last count of over 80, and climbing.

The membership operates at all levels from beginners through to seasoned experts, our astrophotographers producing stunning pictures of deep space objects, pursued with an enthusiasm that is infectious.

As well as meeting under the stars, we always meet indoors once a month to enjoy a talk by a professional astronomer, our affiliation with Oxford University is a great boon here. We have also featured on The Sky At Night Stargazing Live and Channel 4.

Our speciality is in outreach work, taking our astronomy programme out to numerous schools, scout and other groups and to private functions, our regular public displays include Chipping Norton town centre, Stonehenge and our own field observatory, the Rollright Stones.

Shutford and its surrounding area offers some wonderful dark night skies and I urge anyone to spend some time out to take in this incredible spectacle made available to us all. If CNAAG can be of any help or interest, we would be more than happy to come and show you what we do - but be prepared , as nature can present an overpowering display of celestial wonders, which can easily become addictive.

Robin Smitten Chair www.cnaag.com

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#### **Kineton Art Group**

are holding their Open Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings at Kineton Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, the 7th and 8th May 2016 from 10-00 am until 5-00 pm each day.

Adults, 50p: Children, free.

Please come and enjoy the variety of paintings by our members and other invited artists.

Refreshments including home-made cakes will be available throughout.

We will be sponsoring *PAINTING FOR PLEASURE*, a not for profit organisation for disabled people and those living with or recovering from illness including respite for carers.

If you need any other information, e.mail: enquiries@kinetonartgroup.co.uk

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.kinetonartgroup.co.uk

## THE PARISH COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

#### THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

ON: SATURDAY 14 MAY 2016

STARTING AT 2.00 P.M.

ON: THE DAIRYGROUND

#### THE CELEBRATION WILL BE OPENED BY THE

ADDERBURY VILLAGE MORRIS DANCERS WITH A DISPLAY OF MORRIS DANCING

BRING YOUR OWN BIRTHDAY PICNIC

ENJOY A RIGHT ROYAL QUIZ

AND FANCY DRESS PARADE – KING OR QUIEN FOR A DAY

PRIZES IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES AND COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS

LOOK ON THE PARISH COUNCIL PAGE OF THE SHUTFORD WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

#### Notes on the Parish Council meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>

# Present Cllrs Taylor, Hancock, Parsons, Gibbs, Duffield & Yeomans Also Present C Cllr Reynolds and 14 electors

Highways: The state of the surrounding roads to be reported to OCC

**NAG:** It was reported that at a meeting in Banbury TVP said they would not be attending Council meetings any more but were happy to attend Fetes etc. In lieu there would be one meeting a year for all parishes. The main problems remain Speeding, Parking and Antisocial behaviour.

Telephone box: Nothing has been done yet

**Speed Check:** TVP have said their machine is unreliable and encouraged Councils to purchase their own.

**Grass Verges:** The Council has a contract with OCC who will pay £311. The council have contracted Mr Prickett for 5 cuts per year at £110 per cut.

**Queen's Birthday:** Cllr Parsons will be organising entertainment etc. on 14<sup>th</sup> May. There is a grant from CDC to help with the celebrations.

**Public Works Loan:** The Council discussed the suggestion from the VH committee to have a loan over 50 years rather than 25. Because it was substantially different from the first idea it was agreed that another survey should be carried out.

**The Asset & Dairyground:** reports showed no reasons of concern but the gates will need treating this summer.

Finance: 5 cheques were signed at the meeting

**Planning:** No applications had come in but several consultation documents from CDC were being circulated. These were Local Plan part 2, Green belt modification, Kidlington Master Plan and the Banbury Master Plan

**Correspondence:** There will be a meeting in Balscote in April to see how other villages manage highway operations taken over from OCC. A commemorative coin for the Queen's Birthday was available. The arranged litter pick was snowed off but 4 Councillors and 8 members of the public offered to pick during the week. It was agreed to contact Johnsons now it was clear that the bus subsidies would end in July.

The next meeting will be the AGM at 7.00pm in the hall on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> May to be followed at 8.00pm by the annual village meeting

#### SHUTFORD'S PARISH COUNCILLORS AND PARISH CLERK

**Barbara Reynolds (Clerk)** 780479 Ashley Taylor (Chair) 788788 Malcolm Goldie 788538 Athene Duffield 788332 780622 Rose Hancock 780649 Lynne Parsons John Yeomans 780564 **Helen Gibbs** 07500937390



#### Friends of the Festival

The ambition of this year's Festival Committee is threefold:

- To provide the village with a bigger and better experience
- To engage more villagers in the event
- To increase the funds we provide to support the Church and the Village Hall

We are planning an event more extensive than last year, whilst still retaining the popular activities and introducing many new ones to increase the experience.

Following last year's success we are delighted that more villagers are expressing a desire to help with the organising and running of the event

We are aware that our final goal is a more challenging task as the increased event requires additional funding which without additional sponsorship will impact on the funds we are able to disburse. Hence, this appeal for more 'Friends of The Festival'.

If you feel that you would like to support the Festival but do not have the time for whatever reason then why not become a Friend of the Festival.

Current Friends have donated either £50 or £100 but there is no specified amount. Should you wish to become a Friend you can either donate by cash or cheque, either to myself at the address below or to Rita Livesey (3 Church Lane, Shutford) (cheques payable to Shutford Fete). Receipts will be issued.

Thank you for taking the time to read this request and remember Friends can make a difference.

John Hodgkins: 2016 Festival Chairman, Barton Barn, Church Lane, Shutford

Email: John: john hodgkins@icloud.com Rita: rita@rlmarketing.co.uk

Thank you to Jim Gale, Envirobridge and other generous villagers who have kindly pledged a total of £250 towards the Friends of the Festival to date.

#### A new exhibition by Nigel Fletcher

I'm really enjoying the new life back in England after four years in a small village in the heart of the French countryside and although painting outdoors

was always a delightful experience it's true what they say about absence and it's good to be back home! I have a workshop/studio on a small dairy farm which is making a big difference to the way I approach work and each day I can't wait to get there put the kettle on and get the paints out. Last Summer I was happy to be asked to paint a picture to mark the Village Fete in the grounds of Manor House in Shutford and I've been able to enter some prominent national competitions with some success too, firstly with the Royal Institute of Oil painters (ROI), The Artist of the year competition run by Artist & Illustrator magazine and recently The New English Art Club.

#### A new exhibition by Nigel Fletcher Swalcliffe Village Hall 14 to 30 May, from 10 to 5.30



A large exhibition of both watercolours and oil paintings made over the past two years. It's part of the popular Artweeks festival but as it's such a large exhibition I open for two weeks closing this year at 5.30 on Bank Holiday Monday the 30th. I'll be painting during most opening times and happy to answer any questions about my work or discuss commissions.

I've recently started both oil and watercolour drop-in workshops at Sibford Village Hall and welcome both regular and beginner painters, it's a flexible and relaxed atmosphere and I like to encourage everyone to enjoy the process of painting. I'm also able to give private

one-to-one lessons as gifts, thats a 2hr lesson in the recipients home, they'll paint with my support and instruction & finish up with their own original oil or watercolour painting. All materials supplied, an unusual and unique present!

Further info about expo or lessons: nvfletcher@btinternet.com 07792 657248 Website: nigelfletcher.co.uk





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Again this year I'll be holding a two week exhibition at Swalcliffe Village Hall, from the 14th to the 30th May, open from 10 to 5.30. It'll be a large exhibition with a selection of oils and watercolours made over the past two years.



#### **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.

The PCC met on 2<sup>nd</sup> February to review activities in 2015 and to prepare for the Annual Parochial Church meeting which was held on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted and copies are available on the village website and in church. It was disappointing that only 8 people were present at the meeting: all members of the existing Parochial Church Council, including churchwardens, were re-elected for another year.

The rector, Reverend Ronald Hawkes chaired the meeting and made reference to the annual report, church services and the work of church members, who look after day to day needs, and raise funds for the church and charities through various social occasions. Overall church attendance was higher than the previous year with a core congregation of regular worshippers of about twenty. Thanks to the generosity of this congregation and others, £250 weekly costs are being covered. The future of many churches in the country are uncertain, but we are lucky to have villagers who value the presence of the church and are prepared to support social fund raising and help with flowers and cleaning from time to time. Also, most people support our Christmas Draw, The Summer Festival and many others make donations through the Illuminate and Celebrate Initiative: see details of recent sponsorship elsewhere in this publication – sponsorship is down compared to 2015.

About 30 people attended a Messy Church Event in Swalcliffe Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> February: as usual the children enjoyed an afternoon of crafts and refreshments to finish. The next Messy Church is on Good Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March in Sibford Village Hall from 10.00am to 12.00noon.

St Valentine's Day was celebrated with special Marriage Services in each benefice church at 11.00am. These were very well attended and three couples reaffirmed their marriage vows in Shutford.

Everyone stayed for bubbly and nibbles after the service. The church tower was illuminated during the evening.

Helen Hodgkins Trust is our Lent Jar of Change Appeal Charity this year. Set up by Emma in memory of her mother, the charity aims to save and change lives in Africa with the simple gift of water. Details of the charity can be found in church or at <a href="https://www.helenhodgkinstrust.org">www.helenhodgkinstrust.org</a>.

Mothering Sunday was celebrated with a short lively service at 3.30pm. There were lots of flowers for mothers and refreshments in church after the service. Our family style services have been held at various times and it is difficult to find a convenient time to suit everyone. Any ideas about worship style and times can be given to the rector or churchwardens: contact telephone numbers above or see website.

Our Annual Lent Lunch on 21<sup>st</sup> March in Shutford Village Hall at 12noon will raise funds for Katharine House Hospice.

Fairtrade Fortnight took place 29<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> March. There are some new leaflets in church explaining the organisation's objectives. The Fairtrade mark is 21 years old this year with more products available locally under this brand.

Christian Aid Week this year is  $15^{th} - 21^{st}$  May. The distinctive red envelopes will be delivered door to door and collectors will call to pick them up. Alternatively, they can be taken to church or to the village hall on Saturday,  $21^{st}$  May the afternoon of the Beetle Drive from 4.00pm.

We are sorry to hear of the recent deaths of Robert Measures and Liz Turner and offer our condolences to their families and friends.

To keep in touch with church news, services and events visit <a href="https://www.wykehambenefice.org.uk">www.wykehambenefice.org.uk</a> or the church which is open every day. There is to be a second Benefice Quiz Night on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 7pm for 7.30pm start at North Newington Social Club. Shutford was the only benefice village which did not field a team last year. Who's up for the challenge this year?

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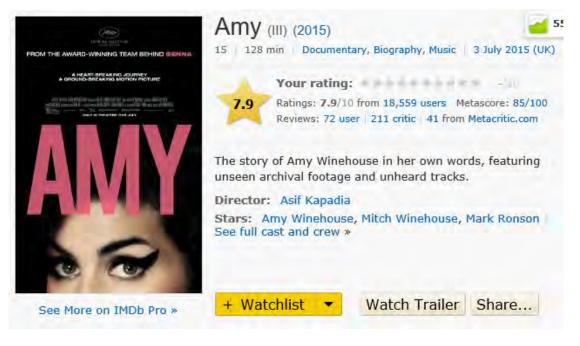
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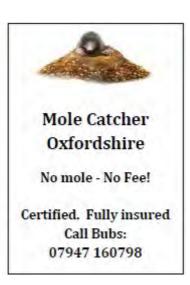
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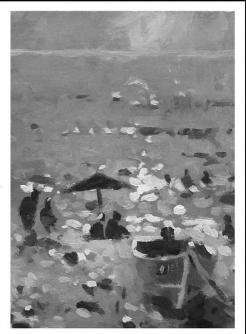
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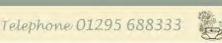
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Monday	28	Easter Egg Competition, Village Hall
Monday	28	Book Club, G + D, 7.30pm
April		
Friday	1	CDC collection Blue/Brown bins fortnightly
Tuesday	5	WI – Jenny Boyle, Culture of Cuba, Village Hall, 10am
Friday	8	CDC Normal Waste Collection fortnightly
Thursday	21	Beacon Lighting on Jester's Hill to mark Queen's 90th Birthday 7:30 pm
Monday	25	Book Club, G + D, 7.30pm
May		
Tuesday	3	WI – Resolutions Meeting, Village Hall, 10am.
Tuesday	3	Shutford News Planning Meeting, 3, Church Lane- 7.30pm.
Thursday	12	Final Festival Planning Meeting, all welcome 7:30 pm Village Hall
Saturday	14	Deadline for Shutford News
Saturday	14	Celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday on The Dairyground 2.00 pm
Wednesday	18	Parish Council AGM 7:00 pm followed by
		annual village meeting 8:00 pm Village Hall
Monday	30	Book Club, G + D, 7.30pm
June		
Saturday	18	Shutford Festival

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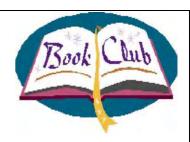






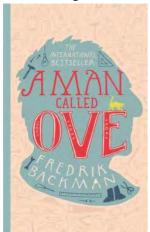
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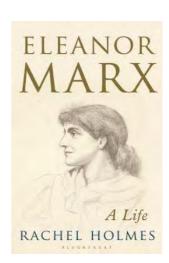
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#### Forthcoming books are:



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, "**A Man Called Ove**" by Fredrik Backman, hosted by Carolyn Rann.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, "Eleanor Marx" by Rachel Holmes, hosted by Christine Yarborough.



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