

# SHUTFORD NEWS

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**Shutford**  
**2016**  
**FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
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**SHUTFORD**

Further information and ticket details please visit  
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\*PLEASE NOTE: Children under 12 FREE  
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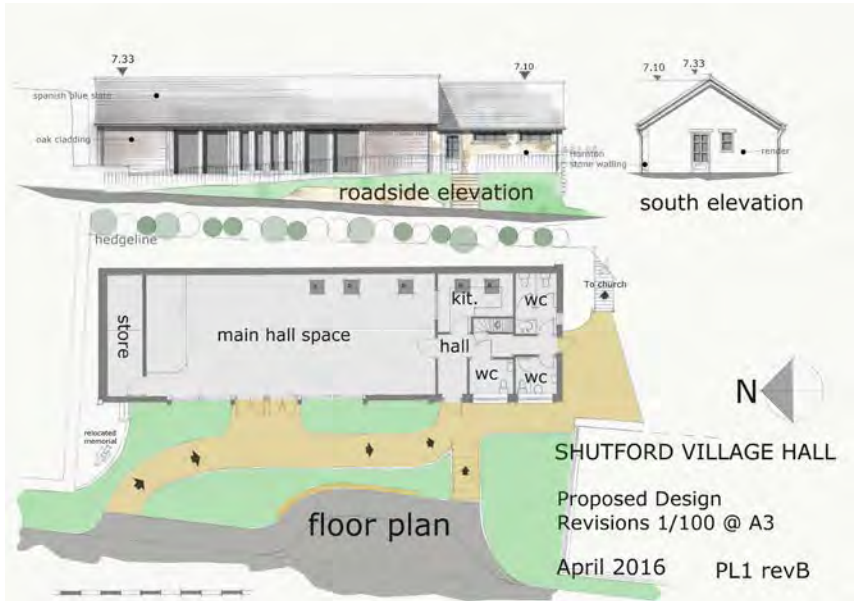


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# New Shutford Village Hall



Firstly thank you to everyone who has pledged so far, either financially or by helping with Phase 2, it has been an amazing start.

Pledges at the time of the Shutford News going to print (18 May) are

**£23,300**

So if you are still thinking of pledging for this fantastic new facility please do. Ideally we are looking to instruct the construction company this summer, so all your pledges are vital to reach our **£35k** total for **Phase 1**.

Remember the Shutford Village Festival will be a fantastic way to help with fundraising so if you haven't already, pop the date in your diary:

**Saturday 18 June 2016 from 1:00 pm.**

You can pledge by contacting: [shutfordVHC@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordVHC@gmail.com) or completing the form circulated in this edition of the Shutford News.\*

[www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com)

\*Thank you to Phil & Marian of Mailboxes for their kind donation of providing all print requirements for the Village Hall Project.

## SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - May 2016

Activity in the Hall during the 2015-16 year has shown a marked reduction largely due to the Mums and Toddler group finally ceasing their activities after the Summer school term. Some considerable efforts were made to keep the group going but the lack of toddlers in the village was a problem they could not solve. Wendy is hopeful of a revival and is actively pursuing leads that could get something underway towards the end of this year. The Church has been using the hall to good effect with their PCC meeting, seasonal functions and fund raising activities. The usual Parish Council meetings, the WI, only 4 private bookings, administration of the hall and Festival meetings provided the remaining activities.

We welcomed Lena Cusiter as the WI representative following the resignation of Lynne Parsons at the end of July. Rita Livesey volunteered her services and was co-opted at our November meeting. Cleaning services were again provided by a village youngster and Jessica Newport has been carrying out a fortnightly duty since October.

Maintenance has again been restricted to essential repairs with yet another door handle replacement and a water leak in the lady's toilet traced to a plastic water pipe having been gnawed through by a rodent! Attention to a sticking main entrance door has been a continuing problem largely due to the exceptionally wet autumn, winter and spring seasons we have experienced, not helped by the very humid interior caused by seepage through the roof.

The project to replace the hall has been the main activity of the committee during the year. The Parish Council called in the help of ORCC to organise a survey of all the households in the parish to determine their views of an increase in the parish precept on the council tax to repay a £150,000 loan over 25 years, which produced 57.3% in favour. We were also advised that 54 households who did not return the survey would have voted in favour with a 95% confidence level. This raised the expectation of the committee and most of the villagers that the Parish Council would go ahead and apply for permission to borrow and take out a Public Works Loan. At the September Parish Council meeting, attended by a large number of villagers, the vote was 2 in favour and 5 against! Our committee was astounded and dismayed not least by the Council being unwilling to reveal any formal reasons for

their decision. Informal discussions arranged with some councillors a week later made no progress whatsoever, but affordability by some people seemed to be the only cogent argument against. Later, it was admitted by ORCC that their assertion regarding confidence in the extended result was wrongly given and that the only meaning was that 57.3% of those that voted were in favour, and nothing more.

In an attempt to ensure that all people had opportunity to support or oppose the committee's plan to rebuild the village hall, an open meeting was arranged and held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, independently chaired by Michael Robarts, a councillor from Balscote. One of only 5 villagers to have actively and extensively opposed the plan was invited to express his views along with one villager who expressed strong support for the plan, before opening the meeting for discussion. The meeting went very well indeed and a simple count of hands revealed an increase of those in favour of the plan after hearing the detail of the scheme and why it was necessary for the future of our village. As a way of confirming the urgent need for replacement of the village hall an independent survey of the building was commissioned and conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> January by Leys Longden & Co. This confirmed extensive damp largely due to an insecure roof allowing water ingress to the vaulted original ceiling and a serious crack in the concrete foundation slab that was the root cause of the deterioration of the vinyl floor covering across the width of the hall.

The Parish Council were then asked to consider a revised loan over 50 years to reduce the precept increase and this was agreed at their March meeting. However, they intended to carry out a further village survey and made it quite clear that other unspecified conditions would also be taken into consideration. It was because of this that the committee decided to withdraw their request for a public works loan and pursue other ways of achieving a more rapid start to a revised project.

Finally, we would like to thank our major benefactors for their generosity and patience. The many pledges of financial and practical help from villagers who are supporting our project are very much appreciated and special thanks must go to Gordon Freeman for his expertise and dogged determination to see the project to completion.

Roger Bancroft – Chairman  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2016

# SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL

Income and Expense Report  
Between 01/04/2015 and 31/03/2016

## INCOME

### Rental Income

Regular Booking	325	
Special Events	176	
		501

### Fund Raising

Festival	1,250	
100 Club	685	
Bingo	432	
		2,367

### Miscellaneous

Donations	150	
Bank interest	104	
Pole rent	8	
		262

### Rebuild Project

Rugby Ticket Auction	450	
EasyFundraising	386	
		836

**Total Income** 3,965

## EXPENSES

### Overheads

Insurance	579	
Lottery Registration	20	
ORCC affiliation	50	
Cleaner	190	
Admin, expenses	3	
Electricity	268	
Water Rates	118	
		1,229

### Consumables

Cleaning materials	18	
Noticeboard	23	
Plastic bags	1	
		41

### Maintenance

Building	9	
Electrical (Periodic Check)	270	
		279

### Rebuild Project

Printing	58	
Survey	840	
		898

**Total Expenses** 2,447

**SURPLUS** 1,518

NET WORTH			
As of 31/3/2016			
<b><u>Bank &amp; Cash Accounts</u></b>			
Scottish Widows Bank	£	15,000.00	
Business Money Manager	£	429.58	
Current	£	12,591.74	
Cash	£	49.21	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>28,070.53</b>	
			<b>28,070.53</b>
			<b>22,000.00</b>
			<b>4,000.00</b>
			<b>806.24</b>
			<b>1,264.29</b>
			<b>28,070.53</b>



## Shutford Village Neighbourhood Watch

Dear Resident

Shutford Neighbourhood Watch was first founded in 1999. The village population has changed with the movement in and out of the village, so it is necessary to update the watch with up to date participants. Below is a letter explaining the scheme and its advantages. We need to gauge interest from the residents, so I would ask interested parties, both old and new, to email myself stating their interest: [n\\_voice@btinternet.com](mailto:n_voice@btinternet.com) or by completing the form below. Thank you in advance.

Yours Nigel Voce, Tegumai, Ivy Lane, Shutford

Neighbourhood Watch is a way of becoming actively involved at preventing crime in your area. We would like to work with residents to revamp and recruit new members to your scheme for Shutford Village. Would you like to be part of the scheme or help in running it?

Neighbourhood Watch is about looking out for each other, especially the elderly and more vulnerable members of our community. Getting to know who your neighbours are and working together as a group, to help tackle local issues, including anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, which can help to reduce crime.

Some of the advantages of joining a NHW Scheme are:

- Receive **FREE** crime alerts from your local Police.
- Obtain **FREE** crime reduction advice
- Receive monthly updates about local crime and other items of interest
- Marking your own valuables with the postcode & house number/name, using uv pens
- Message in Bottle Scheme is promoted and used through NHW
- **FREE** door chains/bars are available for the vulnerable and elderly through NHW



- Most Insurance Companies will give a discount for residents within a NHW Scheme

Most people care about the community they live in. The police want residents to help combat crime by sharing information about criminal activity in the area, helping to identify problems and working together in trying to solve them.

You can receive **FREE** crime alert messages and information direct to your home, by email or telephone. Residents can sign up to be part of **THAMES VALLEY ALERT**. To find out more about this service, please visit: [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) or request a leaflet.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the scheme or you would like any further details or information on Neighbourhood Watch or Thames Valley Alert, please contact myself on 01993 893917 or PCSO from your local Neighbourhood Police Team on 101. Alternatively, return the slip below to **Nigel Voce** (see address above) or email me at [Deborah.hextall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Deborah.hextall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Deborah Hextall**

Regional Watch Co-ordinator

Cherwell & West Oxfordshire Police Area

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I /We would be interested in joining the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Shutford Village.

I/We would be interested in helping run the Neighbourhood Scheme for Shutford Village.

I/We would be interested in receiving Thames Valley Alerts.

# Shutford Book Club

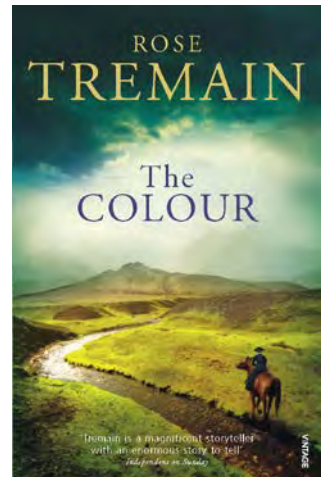


The Shutford Book Club meets on the last Monday of each month at 7.30pm in The George + Dragon restaurant.

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 27th June, **"The Colour"** by Rose Tremain, hosted by Val Benson



Monday, 4 July **"Coming up Trumps"** by Jean Trumpington hosted by Wendy Hall.

Contact details:

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

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

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>£95.00</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
	Lionel Gibbs	Barbara Reynolds	Marion McClellan
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>£35.00</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
	Nicola Walls	Lena Cusiter	Kieran Kennedy
<b>MAY</b>	<b>£35.00</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
	Lynne Parsons	Tim Rootes	Charlotte Stanley

**Next draw at the Shutford Festival 18 June**

**100+CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	<b>£</b>
April – September		Prizes	385.00
153 members x £5.00	765.00	Expenses – Printing	0.00
October – March		Prizes	375.00
150 members x £5.00	750.00	Expenses	0.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>1515.00</b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>760.00</b>
<b><u>Less Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>760.00</u></b>		
<b><u>To Village Hall Funds</u></b>	<b><u>755.00</u></b>		

**This makes a grand total of £12,227.49 raised since the**  
**Club started in 1998**  
**Well Done!**

## SHUTFORD WI

At our April meeting, Jenny Boyle gave an illustrated talk on the Culture of Cuba, with many historical references to the revolution and Che Guevara.

In May, our new WI advisor joined us while we discussed and voted on the two resolutions to be presented at the AGM held in Brighton in June. The subjects were:

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

On Thursday 26 May Shutford will be hosting a Group Meeting for members of six of the neighbouring WIs, when our speaker will be Felix Francis, son of the author Dick Francis.

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. Our next speaker will be:

7 Jun Mike Ledbury - Traditional Tunes of the British Isles

There will be no meeting in July, as our members will be enjoying an outing by minibus to Woburn or Worcester.

In August, we will be having a Summer Social.

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

# Shutford hedgehog supporters unite!



Great news – this year’s Shutford Festival will be host to Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue!

Brian Scott and his wife Jeanette will be bringing a stand to the event to help guide Shutford’s growing army of hedgehog supporters eager to help their spiny friends.

Many Shutford residents have already pledged to help create

Hedgehog Highways. Others have even fostered juvenile hedgehogs over the winter to help bring them to a healthy weight in order that they can be released back into the wild come warmer months.

It’s all in a good cause. Although hedgehogs were voted Britain’s most loved species in a recent BBC wildlife poll, there has been an alarming fall in numbers, much due to habitat decline. The People’s Trust for Endangered Species estimates that a third of the hedgehog population has been lost in the last ten years, a decline as rapid as that of tigers worldwide.

**We can all do our bit to help Shutford’s hedgehog population, and it doesn’t take much!** Here are three simple things you could do right now...

1. **Cut a small, CD-sized hole in your fences**, or create a small tunnel under boundary walls to enable any hedgehogs that might visit us to forage for food, find appropriate nesting sites and seek mates.
2. **Create a small wildlife area in your garden.** Leave an area of long grass, and create log and leaf piles to provide foraging and nest places for the perfect hedgehog habitat.
3. **Set up a feeding station** with dog/cat food – NOT BREAD AND MILK! See the panel for guidelines.

If you want to go a stage further, you can even **foster a hedgehog** and help bring it back to a healthy release weight – details are on the web site [www.warwickshirehedgehogrescue.org](http://www.warwickshirehedgehogrescue.org).



Or simply **Adopt a Hedgehog** in a scheme run by the **Warwickshire Wildlife Trust**. £25 will give you a pin badge, adoption certificate, fact sheet, poster and window sticker – as well as your chance to follow a hedgehog’s story.

“Olla” checking the small print on a cheque

Visit [www.warwickshirehedgehogrescue.org](http://www.warwickshirehedgehogrescue.org) to find out more. Visit the Shutford Festival and meet the team from Warwick Hedgehog Rescue in person!

Thank you for supporting the campaign to make Shutford a more hedgehog friendly village. Please email me for a copy of a leaflet on other hedgehog tips: [kirsten@kdpr.co.uk](mailto:kirsten@kdpr.co.uk).

*Kirsten Parrish, The Nook, Church Lane*

## How to make a hedgehog feeding station



### Option 1

Paving slab on bricks.

- Leave a ½ brick gap to give access.
- Place the food and water bowls around the corner.



### Option 2

Plastic box.



1. Get a plastic box, about 12" wide, 18" long and 6" deep.
  2. Cut a hole 4" x 5" in one of the short ends. Use a box with a lid, or turn it upside down.
  3. Put the food at the opposite end so that a fox or cat cannot put their legs in and pull out the food. Place a saucer on top as extra precaution: the hedgehog will knock it off to get at the food.
  4. Put a brick or heavy weight on top of the box, to stop it being knocked over.
  5. Place the box with the entrance facing a wall or fence, or place a brick 4" to 5" in front of the entrance to help stop cats etc. from getting at the food.
- Hedgehogs love to go down alleyways so will get into the feeding station without any problems!

## What to feed hedgehogs

\*\*\* Leave fresh water at all times! \*\*\*

**DRY:** A mixture of any of the below will be good for their digestion and teeth.

- Mixture of peanuts, sunflower seeds, dried mealworms and cat biscuits.
- Spike's Hedgehog Food or other specially prepared hedgehog food.
- Mixed bird seed.



*and/or*

**WET:** (any leftovers must be removed each day)

- Tinned cat or dog food, with white meat flavours preferred e.g. chicken, turkey and rabbit. Beef and duck flavours will also be eaten, but **not fish flavour**.
- Cooked chicken, excluding fine bones.
- Avoid offal and pork.

**WINNERS**  
**EASTER EGG COMPETITION**  
**2016**

**BEST CONCEPT EGG - Under 7**



Firework EGGStravaganza  
ISOBEL WHITEHOUSE



Easter Chicks  
OLIVIA TAYLOR

**BEST CONCEPT EGG - 11-15**



Br-EGGS-it VS Br-EGGS-in  
CIARAN MATES

**BEST CONCEPT EGG - Adult 16+**



ReferEGGdum  
JOHN BAILEY

**BEST DECORATED EGG - Under 7**



All dressed up for Easter  
OLIVIA TAYLOR

**BEST DECORATED EGG - 11-15**



Inside Out  
CHARLOTTE NEWPORT

**BEST DECORATED EGG - Adult 16+**



FABERGE Fake  
VAL BENFORD

**EGG-AND-SPOON RACE - Under 7**



OLIVIA TAYLOR

## EGG-AND-SPOON RACE WINNERS

7-15



ELLIE WAKELIN

Adult 16+



JOHN BAILEY



**Over 70's**

MARGARET HOLLOWAY

There was a smaller attendance than usual this year with no entries in the 7-10 categories, but the standard was very high. The Judges could not separate two of the entries in the 'Best Concept under 7' category and so for the first time awarded joint first. There were several topical entries, two featuring Boris Johnson and the 'Faberge Fake' was fabulous.

Following the storm, it was decided that the paths up to Jesters Hill were too wet and slippery and so we had 'Egg and Spoon' races in the Hall instead. As you can see from the results a new category of Over 70's was requested and so for the first time Joan and I could join in!

With thanks to Sharon White and Gordon Freeman, our very able Judges, to Joan Wright for all her help and the Shutford News for sponsoring the competition.

# 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:

Date	Name	Occasion
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lena & Joe Cusiter	42 <sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Sharon White	Steve`s Birthday
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Ken Jeffs	St George`s Day
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Joe Cusiter	Lena`s Birthday & Family Celebration
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Anon	Family Birthday
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Debbie Pitt	Magnus`s Birthday
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Paul & Sarah Beresford	Jenny`s Wedding
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Kirsten Parish	Darwin`s Birthday
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Anon	Wedding Anniversary

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

## Notes of the Parish Council meeting 18 May 2016

**This was the AGM of the Parish Council and was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.**

Ashley Taylor informed the Parish Council of his resignation. Lynne Parsons was elected to serve as Chair of the Parish Council for the next 12 months and Malcolm Goldie was elected Vice-Chair.

This means there is a vacancy for a parish councillor. Please watch for notices regarding this on the village notice boards and on the Shutford Village web-site. **The minutes of the meeting are also published on the Village web-site.**

### **Your Parish Council and clerk to the PC**

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

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 7.30.**

### **To note from the meeting (18/05/16):**

1. The bus service from Shutford to Banbury will cease on **4 June**. Cllr. Reynolds and other councillors will investigate possible alternatives. **Please be considerate of your neighbours should you be travelling to Banbury.**
2. If you are concerned about the appalling conditions of the roads in and around Shutford then download the App "Fix My Street" and complain. The Parish Council continues to complain on your behalf.



## [The Queen's Birthday Celebration](#)

This was a fab event which took place on a warm and sunny Saturday afternoon. Commemorative medals were collected by families enjoying the Adderbury Village Morris Dancers. They even managed to cajole our police community support officer to dance as an honorary Morris Dancer for the afternoon. **Victoria Prentis MP** was there to present the prizes to the fancy dress winners - Isobel and Ben Whitehouse and Theo and Nell Fletcher - not forgetting Dorothy Harvey who was a delightfully "dressed down" 50s Queen! **If you like the picture below look for more on the Village web-site where all the prize winners are also listed.**





## 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.

Our Annual Lent Lunch on 21<sup>st</sup> March in Shutford Village Hall at 12noon raised £275 for Katharine House Hospice. 30 people from across the benefice enjoyed homemade soup, hot cross buns and other goodies and of course good company and chat.

The Lent Jar of Change Appeal raised £400 for Helen Hodgkins Trust: this money will give 800 people clean water or insure 400 children with lifesaving medical care. See [www.helenhodgkinstrust.com](http://www.helenhodgkinstrust.com) for details.

Our Good Friday Messy Church Event was held in Sibford Village Hall. The children enjoyed lots of crafts, refreshments, chocolate eggs and heard the Easter story: parents and guardians also joined in the fun.

Our Holy Week and Easter Services were well attended with 27 people in church Easter Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and Easter Eggs were handed out after the service.

Christian Aid Week was held 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May with a door to door collection around the village. If you missed the collector, donations can be made at [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org) or text GIVE 70040 to donate £5 or by post to Christian Aid, FREEPOST. The people of Shutford usually support door to door collections to help charities and those in need. As an example, £286.29 was collected for RNLI in April and the Poppy Appeal in November is also well supported.

Church attendance remains stable with a small loyal core congregation at Holy Communion at 9.30am on Sundays. There is a less formal Morning Praise with refreshments on the third Sunday of each month at 11.00am. There is also a short Morning Prayer Meeting at 9.00am each Saturday morning. The church is open for all to use for some quiet time from 10.00am until 6.00pm or dusk if earlier. The churchyard seat is also a good place to rest and watch the world go by!

Our next Messy Church for younger children and their guardians is in Shutford Village Hall on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm.

Right Reverend Steven Croft, Lord Bishop of Sheffield has been nominated as our new Bishop of Oxford: see May Wykeham Benefice News for details of his ministerial career or visit the Diocesan website. He will take up his appointment later this year and we are grateful for Right Reverend Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester for taking care of the Diocese since November, 2014.

Two ladies, Stasi and Camilla, have been appointed as Benefice Youth Workers to run a Youth Group each week during term time. It is hoped that youngsters from Shutford will be able to join the group.

There will be a Soccer School in North Newington: 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July.

Churchwardens` will be formally appointed to serve for the coming year at a service in Fritwell on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support St Martin`s Church in various ways: see separate page for Illuminate and Celebrate Donors. Apologies to Dorothy Harvey for printing an incorrect date for an illumination for her Mum on 11<sup>th</sup> February: KJ had a senior moment!

We will continue to have social and fund raising events during the year: A recent Beetle Drive, involvement in the Village Festival including teas, a coffee morning planned for 20<sup>th</sup> August at 12 The Dairyground, Harvest Supper on 26<sup>th</sup> September, Beetle Drive on 15<sup>th</sup> October and Souper Saturday on 26<sup>th</sup> November: all dates for the diary!

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.

Dear Villagers, **Festival plans** are in full swing and thank you to all involved. Did you know that...



are coming to Shutford!! Yes they will be here on **Saturday 18 June**.

Thank you to those who give generously when we do the house to house collections on Wednesday 15 June. This year we ideally are looking for items as follows:

**Tombola, Plants, Bottle(s) of Wine, Cakes, Children's Toys, Books, DVD's, CD's, Sports Stuff and 'Nearly New' Bric a Brac!**

Proceeds from this year's festival will be shared between the Church and the Village Hall.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita".

Rita Livesey Editor: Email: [rita@rlmarketing.co.uk](mailto:rita@rlmarketing.co.uk)



**Can anyone help with taking over two of the plant tubs in front of the bus shelter? Please get in touch. Thank you to everyone who helps to keep our village flower tubs looking beautiful all year round.**

**"Congratulations to our son, Dr. Mark Cusiter who has recently been offered and accepted the post of Deputy Dean of the Business and Law Faculty at the University of Northampton.**

**We are proud beyond words." Joe and Lena Cusiter**



**We are looking for donations for the Shutford Produce & Plant Stall!**

**Homemade drinks such as "wines, beers and cordials"**



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**The idea of  
the garden is  
to create a  
visual "royal  
themed" small  
garden on a  
tray, plate, small plant pot, plastic container, you  
choose. Maximum size 50 x 50 cm.**



**Suggestions as to natural components to use are soil,  
moss, flowers, twigs, pebbles, sticks, craft items, vegetables etc (no artificial  
plants). Decorate with small toys or a small mirror which could be used as a  
pond. The plants (or part plants) are not expected to be planted or growing  
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**Don't forget to name your Royal entry! Judging will be on imagination and the  
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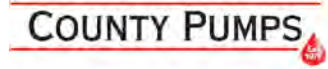
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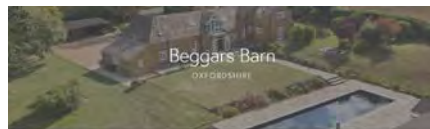
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## THE NIGHT SKIES OF SUMMER

The late spring and summer months do not really provide the ideal conditions for the average stargazer as the longer days play havoc with the body clock leading, more often than not, to a yawny and bleary eyed trip into work the next day.



**Chipping Norton astronomers prepare for the Transit of Mercury on the 9th of May, photo taken by Mel Gigg**

However to offset that, the warmer nights do make for much more comfortable and sociable astronomical evenings. It is at this time of year that the inquisitive stargazer's attention switches, not only to careful observations of our nearest star, but sitting back in warm dry conditions, breathing in the aroma of fresh cut grass and taking time to observe the Milky Way in all its glory.

As midnight slips away attention can then turn to searching for the faint galaxies and nebulae far out in the depths of space.

Stargazers may have already noticed the unmistakable bright giant planet Jupiter shining brightly to the south after the sun has set. Moving ever closer to the sun we will start to lose it in the twilight quite soon so take time to observe this magnificent planet and its fascinating moon system either through good binoculars or a medium sized telescope.

However, just past south after sunset and visible into August is the unmistakable red/orange disc of Mars, followed closely by the less bright but the 'must see' planet of them all, Saturn and its stunning ring system- guaranteed to take your breath away. Observers, on a clear night will also be able to make out 3 bright stars which make up the famous Summer Triangle, a collection of 3 constellations - Cygnus , Lyra and Aquila - their respective brightest stars making up the points of the triangle. Interesting to note that on any clear moonless night, the thin wispy band of the Milky Way cuts a swathe through the triangle and it is the perfect time to lay back under the stars with a pair of binoculars and tour the starfields and get to know our own home galaxy.

If you add in the spectacular Moon as it phases every month , the night skies at this time of year are simply stunning and the Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group invites you to come along to any of our meetings , or alternatively we can come to you.

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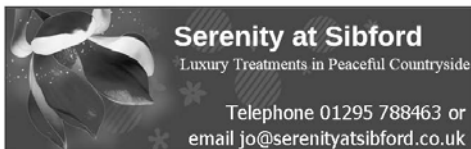
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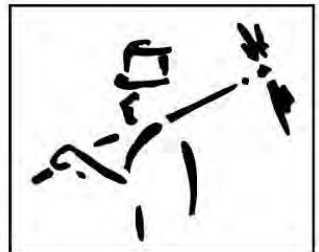
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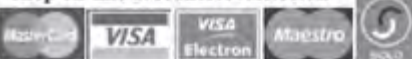
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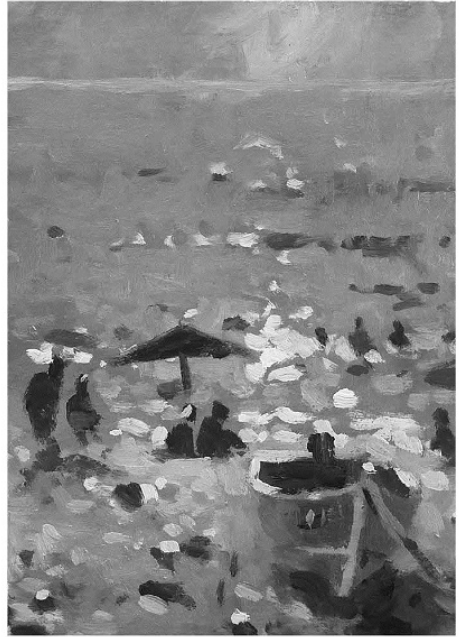
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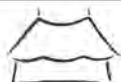
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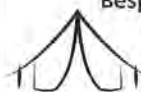
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Monday	30	Book Club, G + D, 7.30pm
<b>June</b>		
Friday	3	CDC Normal Waste Collection fortnightly
Tuesday	7	WI –Mike & Pat Ledbury. Traditional tunes of the British Isles, Village Hall, 10am
Tuesday	14	Village Hall Open for festival items to be dropped off 6:00 – 8:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Village Collection of items door to door for festival stalls</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Shutford Festival from 1pm – 10:30 pm</b>
Saturday	25	Messy Church, 4:00 pm St Martin’s Church
Monday	27	Book Club, G & D, 7.30pm
<b>July</b>		
Monday	4	Shutford News Planning Meeting, 3, Church Lane- 7.30pm.
Tuesday	5	WI – Outing to be arranged
Saturday	16	<b>Deadline for Shutford News</b>
Monday	25	Book Club, G + D, 7.30pm
<b>August</b>		
Tuesday	2	WI – Summer Social Time – Village Hall, 10am

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The next Shutford News Planning Meeting will be:  
 Monday, 4 July 2016, 7:30 pm at **3, Church Lane, Shutford.**  
**DEADLINE FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE:** Saturday, 16 July 2016  
 Email: [rita@rlmarketing.co.uk](mailto:rita@rlmarketing.co.uk)

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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)

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