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Dear Villagers,

Happy New Year!

Our new village hall is starting to take shape and its looking splendid. A progress report can be found inside this edition. Now is the time to get ready for Phase 2, where the village helps to finish the hall off. **Don't be shy sign up to help!**



Shutford 2017 Festival Fever... has already begun, with plans already happening behind the scenes. Details are covered inside this edition.



We are also delighted that the Banbury Cookery School will be joining us this year to provide cookery demonstrations. As well as Little Amsterdam Restaurant, based on **13-14 North Bar Street, Banbury**, who will be serving us some delicious mini puffs... see the back page for details about this amazing restaurant right in the heart of Banbury.

As always at the beginning of year, we are always anxious that the Shutford News can continue to be circulated to the village providing information and local event news. The way we fund the printing is by advertisers renewing. We are extremely grateful to those who have renewed for 2017 and who support our village magazine.

Rita Livesey

Editor: Email: rita@rlmarketing.co.uk

Phase 2: We now need your help!

Shutford Village Hall Progress Report

We are delighted to report that the village hall is making good progress, as we are sure you have seen over the last few weeks. Here are a couple of pics to show you.



Completion of the outer hall and landscaping should be around mid-February.

We are therefore now starting to plan our self help works plan for Phase 2.

THANK YOU to those that have offered to help already – we'll be in touch in the coming weeks about timing and details.

If you have yet to offer, then we could still use both skilled and non-skilled workers. Here is your chance to make a real difference, to contribute to your community and be part of this amazing legacy for years to come. This is probably Shutford's most significant project ever!

Our plan is to make this building one to be proud of and one that villagers can all share in its development and continued vitality.

Join the build team by emailing: shutfordVHC@gmail.com or **telephone 01295 780510** with your offer to help and confirm which areas of support you would like to offer and availability of your time.

Thank you to all those who have already helped by pledging or offering your help.

Shutford Village Hall logo has now been chosen.

Thank you to Jane King
of DotPaleBlue for
coming up with this
wonderful design.

We are now working
with Jane on how this
will be used both online
and in print.



The Village Hall Committee

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DECEMBER £50.00 £10.00 £5.00

Bob Pritchard Wendy Loader Kathleen Leeson

JANUARY £35.00 £10.00 £5.00

Emma Bothwell Miles Ash David Homewood

The January Draw took place at the Book Club Meeting on
Monday 9 January in the George & Dragon.

The Draw for February will be at the
Handover of the Village Hall
– actual date to be confirmed.

The March Draw will be at the WI AGM on 7 March
at Wroxton Village Hall when the
First Prize will be £80.00

**We will be calling on you during half term to collect
subscriptions for 2017/18.**
**If we miss you and you would like to become a member
please contact one of us:-**

Margaret Holloway Tel: 788396
email: margaret.holloway1@btinternet.com

Joan Wright Tel: 788336
Email: joan@wright14.plus.com

GOOD LUCK!

Welcome to Tim Loxton who has moved into Shutford
from London. Tim works in finance. Reason for moving to
Shutford? Family.

Notes of the Parish Council meeting 18 January 2017

Your Parish Council

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

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at 7.30. in the G&D Games Room.

HIGHWAYS: Cllr. Reynolds will arrange for a council engineer to walk the village and surrounding area with members of the Parish Council to examine road damage caused by potholes and discuss ways to resolve this.

SPEED CHECK: This is likely to be fitted before the next council meeting and therefore councillors may have some evidence to discuss at their next meeting. It would defeat the object of the exercise to give further information at this stage.

BUS SERVICE: Councillors have not received any requests or suggestions in relation to the bus service that was or what was being suggested. It was agreed, therefore, to remove this from the agenda for the time being.

DEFIBRILLATOR: This has now been purchased and Cllr. Gibbs will continue to pursue its installation and training for its use over the next few weeks. Cllr. Gibbs intends to liaise with the village hall committee regarding the location of the defibrillator. Please contact either Cllr. Gibbs or the clerk directly if you wish to take part in the training.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOX: Councillors reported that no-one had been in touch regarding retention of the public telephone box since the last

meeting. It is likely, therefore, that the phone box will be removed in due course.

DAIRYGROUND: The council is exploring the cost of replacing the sea saw which is damaged. In the meantime, the sea saw can be used but it should **not** be used by children unless they are supervised by an adult.

The Parish Council would respectfully remind villagers to be careful when using the bottle bank to ensure that broken glass isn't left lying around on the ground.

If anyone knows who owns the goal posts on Dairyground can they please contact either the clerk or any councillor. In order to assist the grass cutter we need to remove the broken ones and ensure the ones that are used are moved to one side when grass cutting takes place.

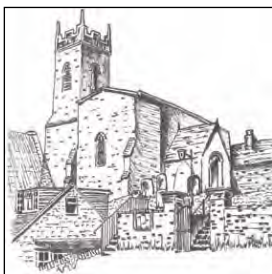
The Parish Council is delighted that children and young people play on the Dairyground sensibly and responsibly. Thank you.

PLANNING: The PC understands that planning application no. 16/02168/TEL56 has been withdrawn. There have been no further applications that are likely to impact on the village as a whole to date.

VILLAGE NETWORK BUS: A village network bus will be in Shutford on the High Street **on 22 February, 15 March and 5 April from 1.00 – 2.15**. Personnel on the bus will offer advice and support covering a variety of matters including money advice, how to reduce your household bills, pension guidance and basic computer training.

LITTER PICK: The annual litter pick will take place between 3 – 20 March. Parish councillors have pencilled 18 March to clean the village and the surrounding areas. Anyone can join in or do it individually at any time as I'm sure many of you do.

VILLAGE HALL. The Parish Council received a request from the village hall committee for a donation towards phase 2 of the project. The council voted on this matter, and it was agreed (3 in favour and two against) to give a small one off donation. There will be further communication with the village hall committee to determine the exact nature of this donation.



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.

We had 20 villagers join us for coffee, tea, cakes and a chat in church on Saturday, 26th November. This was instead of Souper Saturday. £111 was donated for church funds. We hope to hold coffee mornings on a regular basis during 2017 creating opportunities for socialising.

We hosted a Messy Church Event in Bishop Carpenter School on 10th December with a Christmas theme. 5 children, their parents and helpers enjoyed the afternoon of crafts, finishing with a story and refreshments. These events benefit all who attend but numbers are dwindling.

Advent and Christmas Services were well attended across the benefice with many returners. We had a total of 90 people at St Martin's during Christmas and as usual the church was beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery. We also had a Christmas tree, the crib and some art work produced by local children. 20 people put stars on the tree to remember loved ones and the church tower was lit for some of the Christmas period. Seasonal refreshments were served after the Christingle and the Carols and Readings by Candlelight services. £100 has been given to The Children's Society from the Christingle.

The Benefice Council and PCC will meet over the coming weeks to review activities in 2016 and plan for the future. Although church attendance in Shutford was higher last year than the average seen in recent years, an average congregation on a normal Sunday is only 10.

Regular church attendance on a Sunday is no longer the norm and the church is looking at ways to try and reverse the trend in falling numbers. The average age of church goers is increasing meaning that it may not be possible to keep all churches open: churches across all Christian communities have closed in recent years not only because of costs but also because fewer people are coming forward for ordination.

It may be that more lay people will be involved in worship in less formal ways and not necessarily on a Sunday or in church? In the past, we have promoted Christian values through informal bible study groups, discussions on ethical issues and the Youth Group. In the future, we hope to introduce “Open the Book” which brings the bible to life for children in their primary years. We will also continue to be good neighbours helping people and organisations in our community.

Shutford's small congregation is very generous so we have been able to meet our financial commitments. Also, we had a generous share from last year's village festival of £3000 which has been used to pay our church building insurance. Surplus monies will be used for our font repairs and the cost of our 5-yearly check of the church electrics.

We have had financial support from the wider community from the **Illuminate and Celebrate** initiative which brought in £795 last year: see separate page for sponsorship over the Christmas period and 2017.

The Annual Parochial Church Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 28th March at 7.30pm: venue to be decided. The annual report and accounts will be presented and a new PCC elected. It is important that parishioners who care about the future of St Martin's attend the meeting and volunteer to serve and help to maintain its viability.

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

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

About £500 was collected door to door in Shutford last November. This is in addition to the retiring collection of £145 at the church's annual Remembrance Service. The village collectors were Sue Allen, Sue Roe-French, Alasdair Gibbs and Ken Jeffs. There was also a box in the pub.

Illuminate & Celebrate in 2017!



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

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

Below is a list of those who have been or

will be remembering a special day:

Date	Name	Occasion
14 th December	John & Ann Yeomans	Wedding Anniversary
22 nd December	Ken Jeffs	Carol Service
24 th December	Margaret Holloway	for Shirley
25 th December	Sue Roe-French	Christmas Day
26 th December	Anne Pritchard	Feast of Stephen
31 st December	Margaret Holloway	arrival of Emily
1 st January	Brian Ailsby	75 th Birthday
5 th January	Jenny Lake	in memory of Mum
6 th January	Ken Jeffs	Epiphany
7 th January	Ashley Taylor	Olivia's Birthday
7 th January	Andrew Baud	Lotta's Birthday
17 th January	Anon	in memory of John Gibbs
19 th January	Sandie Long	in memory of Sylvia Lomas
19 th January	Lena Cusiter	Joe's Birthday
14 th February	Anon	St Valentine's Day

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

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Where and when
you'll be able to see us:

22nd February, 15th March and 5th April

WROXTON

10.00-11.30 Main Street, near duck pond

BALSCOTE

11.45-12.45 Butchers Arms car park, off Shutford Road

SHUTFORD

13.00-14.15 High Street

BROUGHTON

14.30-16.00 Wykham Lane, off Main Road B4035

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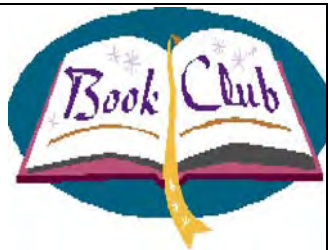
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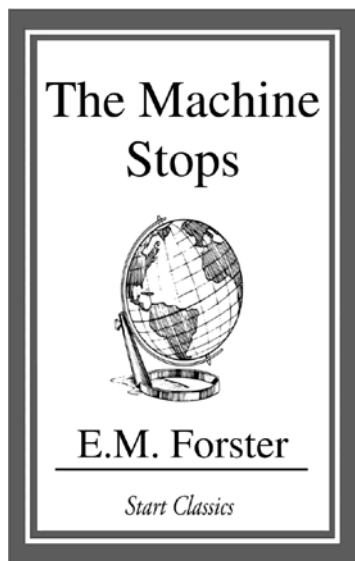


Shutford Book Club



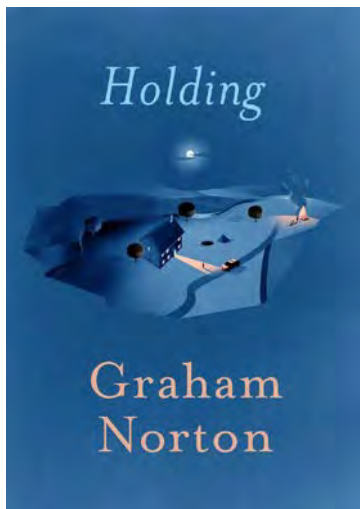
The Shutford Book Club meets on the last Monday of each month. Membership is currently full as space to meet is limited, but you can always take part virtually.

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



27th February, **The Machine Stops** by E.M. Forster, kindly recommended by Mervyn Benford

27th March, **Holding** by Graham Norton, hosted by Wendy Hall



Contact details:

Kirsten Parrish: Kirsten@kdpr.co.uk or 780412



Shutford Striders, Strollers and Shufflers!

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

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

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

All welcome.

february half term

hubs



Activities
kick off on
13 Feb
2017



are here...
see over for details

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olds

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












Session structure and price

8.45am - 3pm.....£14.95 per session





















8.45am - 5pm.....£18.95 per session









Costs just over £2.25 per hour


North Oxfordshire Academy, Banbury

Week 1	Mon 13 February	Tue 14 February	Wed 15 February	Thu 16 February	Fri 17 February
Sport:	   	   	   	   	   

Cooper School Sport Facility, Bicester

Week 1	Mon 13 February	Tue 14 February	Wed 15 February	Thu 16 February	Fri 17 February
Sport:	   	   	   	   	   

Key:  Art and Crafts  Cricket  Dance  Dodgeball  Fencing  Fun and Games  Multi Sports  Tennis

 Multi Sports will include tag rugby, football, kwik cricket, hockey, basketball, dance and more – delivered by activity staff

Refunds will only be given if sessions are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. All information is correct at the time of print and is subject to change without prior notice. Lunch breaks are supervised. Bring your own lunch. **Please note we do not accept any form of childcare vouchers.**

Cost:
£14.95
standard
day

For more information visit www.cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities

To book call 01295 221803

Sessions are split into two age groups 5 to 7 and 8 to 15.

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NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

SHUTFORD WI

At our December meeting members had a mental workout on Christmas trivia, by completing a quiz. Afterwards, all enjoyed a tasty 'bring and share' buffet before collecting their secret Santa presents and Christmas cards.

Later that week, fifteen members gathered at the Wroxton House Hotel for a delicious Christmas lunch.

The New Year started with a talk by Annie Broe on 'Colour Analysis' where, with a volunteer, she demonstrated the effect different garment colours have on a person's appearance. We were also shown several ways to use scarves of varying shapes to enhance our outfits.

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

Feb 7 th	Liam D'Arcy Brown - The Opium Wars
Mar 7 th	Annual General Meeting (no speaker)
Apr 4 th	Margaret Thomas - Royal Command Performance

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

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18-19 MARCH 2017

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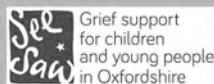
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WINTER STARGAZERS WELCOME THE COMING OF SPRING

With the festive season well and truly behind us, the winter months leading on into Spring provide a treasure trove of celestial delights for the inquisitive and enthusiastic stargazer. Polar air released from its seasonal shackles flows down across our latitudes sweeping in behind passing weather fronts giving stargazers some of the best conditions to bask under star studded skies.

Moonless clear nights will show not only the cosmos in all its glory but plenty of opportunity to view part of the Milky Way, the massive galaxy of stars that our Sun, and us, belong to. Away from the glow of artificial lights the misty vale of the Milky Way arcs overhead appearing as a continuous misty band. Binoculars will reveal huge starfields interrupted by darker patches, deceptively trapped dust particles hiding thousands of hidden distant suns. Steadily scouring the Milky Way will reveal clusters of stars and, if conditions are really good and your eyes are fully adapted to the dark, these clusters and starfields can appear to billow like clouds, a rare and awe inspiring sight from our area.

The planet Venus, closer to the Sun than we are, has been a blazing beacon above the western horizon for some time and still far enough from the Sun to be enjoyed after the sun has set - make the most of it as it will soon be lost in the glare by March. As we move along our orbit around the Sun we reach a point when from our viewpoint, the Sun appears to cross the equator and moves steadily northward until midsummer. Spring Equinox this year is on March 20th, and for the pedantic will occur at precisely 10.28 am - if it is a clear morning wrap up warm and join in the celebrations, at sunrise, at the incredibly atmospheric Rollright Stones - Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group will be there, weather permitting.

Jupiter, the giant planet of our Solar System graces our early morning skies,

visible to milkmen and insomniacs, hovering in south west skies above Spica, the white hot - 40,000 degrees-main star of the star constellation Virgo. As we move into spring Jupiter will be visible never too high above the southern horizon during 'sociable ' hours just as the most spectacular planet of them all, magnificent Saturn, becomes the object for those of a nocturnal nature - both planets not to be missed and viewed best through a moderate telescope, guaranteed to produce the 'Wow' effect.

Apart from observing Moonshadow spreading across the landscape, avoid studying the Moon when it is full. Take the time instead to observe it carefully as it goes through its monthly phase cycle to pick out the fine detail of its cracked and scorched rugged pock marked surface, shadow relief allowing the depth of features to be revealed. Anglo Saxon moon watchers named the February/March moon the Lenten Moon but following the Equinox it becomes an Egg moon.

A detailed Northern study of the Moon, taken by CNAAG member Mel Gigg . Crater Plato and the



100 mile long Lunar Alpine Valley to the right of centre'

The dominant winter constellations, including Orion will still captivate the observer for a while longer yet but, as evenings lengthen, the curtain of twilight will inevitably engulf the winter constellations.

Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group is a highly active astronomy group and a focus group for everyone interested in the Universe and stars. Our meetings are open to everyone, no experience, equipment or special knowledge required. Coming up in March will be our public activities in support of Stargazing Live, please keep an eye on our website: www.cnaag.com for details **Robin Smitten 07527 224411**

URGENT! ACT NOW: HORTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

Tens of thousands of new homes are being built. The population is expanding. Loss of Horton services will affect you – wherever you live.

Patients from the Banbury's 180,000+ catchment area, are already causing pressure on Oxford wards, patients being discharged too soon, longer waiting times, terrible traffic congestion and horrendous parking on-site.

Join our fight to retain all services at the Horton to prevent further mayhem and possible tragedy.

Its time to fight for our lives literally!

Did you know that the following have been removed without consultation?

- Consultant-led maternity & Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU)
- Oak Ward (36 adult medical beds)
- F Ward (trauma and orthopaedic – 10 beds)
- Staff resigning, equipment removed and delivery rooms converted
- On-going failure to recruit obstetric doctors

But the trust and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group are not stopping there, they propose a glorified day-clinic with:

- Loss of a A&E
- Loss of 24-hour children's ward
- Loss of acute stroke and rehabilitation
- Loss of critical care unit
- Permanent loss of consultant-led maternity, to be a midwife only unit
- Permanent loss of SCBU and much more...

Keep in touch:

Join our Save our Horton Facebook group

Join our mailing list: Email: keepthehortongeneral@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 07740 599736 to speak to us

Visit: www.keepthehortongeneral.org for latest campaign news.

What are STPs and how will they affect me?

SUSTAINABILITY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME = CUTS AND CLOSURES

WAIT FOR IT...!

Close MORE A&E Depts.



Cut clinical services



Cut beds



- Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) have been made in secret. Oxfordshire's STP - including private contracts - will be 'signed off' on **December 23rd**.
- STPs will cut services and speed up NHS privatisation.
In Oxfordshire the Horton is set to be downgraded to a day care hospital with **180,000** people sent 25+ miles to the JR. Beds are also to be lost at the JR.
- The 9 Oxfordshire community hospitals set to be replaced by 4 'hubs'.
- GP surgeries in Banbury, Bicester and Witney have closed. GPs are leaving at an alarming rate because of new pressures, which will increase, with the introduction of STPs.
- STPs will mean patients may be sent home with only short-term 'acute hospital at home' - to be nursed by family.

This STP alternative care is an experiment - it is untested.

- People will be left a basics-only, emergency service in city hospitals where **49% of beds may be private**.
- A two-tier system is planned; much routine care will be private and not funded by the NHS.

In 2013 we had 140 full A&E⁹ hospitals in England.

When the STPs are complete there will only be between **40** and **70** left.

According to Simon Stevens, to make the NHS affordable and sustainable we, the public, must get used to longer ambulance journeys for emergency care, longer waiting times for treatment and the **possibility of paying extra to be seen by a doctor**.

THE NHS IS NOT IN DEBT; IT IS STARVED OF FUNDS



**EASTER EGG COMPETITION
ON
EASTER MONDAY, 17 APRIL
VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED
IN MARCH EDITION
2.45pm**

There will be two categories:

Best Decorated Egg
Best Concept Egg

Prizes will be awarded to the Winners in the following age groups:-

Under 7 years
7 - 10 years
11 - 15 years
Adults 16 and Over

Weather permitting we will then go up to the Beacon for the

EASTER EGG ROLL

There will be a prize in each age group for the person first to roll their egg to the bottom of the hill.

The Judge's decision is final.



Citizen Science & Bee Hotels

We work with Professor Dave Goulson and his team at the Goulson Lab, University of Sussex, helping to communicate their research on UK pollinating insects.

Insects such as flies, beetles, butterflies and moths, hoverflies and bees are vital for the pollination of most wild plants, garden plants and crops. Since it has become clear that many pollinators are in decline the Goulson Lab scientists have been researching the causes of decline and what can be done to help stop it.

There are over 250 species of bee in the UK. We're most familiar with the domesticated honey bee that lives in large colonies but it's just one of the species and there are limits to its pollination skills.



Honey bee

Our wild bees are equally important. There are 24 species of bumble bee living in the UK, they also live in colonies. Bumblebees are more efficient than honey bees at pollinating many crops such as beans and tomatoes. Tomatoes, one of the most important food industry crops, couldn't be grown commercially without Bumblebee pollination.

The remaining wild species, more than 220 of them, are known as solitary bees because they don't usually live in colonies. Individuals make nests in holes and cavities, in soil, walls, wood and hollow plant stems. Solitary bees such as Mason bees, are also vital pollinators of food

crops. They are efficient pollinators of fruit and important for commercial orchards and fruit farms because of their ability to increase crop yields and improve fruit quality.



Bumblebee

Bees that nest in cavities can be helped in gardens by providing them with artificial nests. Typically they deposit a stash of pollen in a cavity or tube, lay an egg on top and plug the egg with a protective stopper. Mason bees use stoppers of earth worked into mud, leaf cutter bees use perfectly cut circles from their favourite leaves.



Mason bee

The bee larvae feed on the pollen plug then pupate, hibernating over winter and emerging in the spring by chewing their way out of the nest.



Solitary bee hotel with a viewing window, from Nurturing Nature
nurturing-nature.co.uk



Shutford Nature Hub

The Mason bee (*Osmia bicornis*) making its nest in a commercially produced bee house. Now is the time to create home made versions. Bees use them from early spring until the end of summer.



Image: Rob Fowler

Bee nests can be made by simply drilling holes into wood or by packing containers with nesting material.

We've put a couple of examples of home made bee nests into the Nature Hub phone box - illustrated below - one made from a tin can and

hogweed stems and another made from a clay drainage pipe and canes.

They need to be placed in a sheltered sunny position well off the ground. The base of the tin can be drilled allowing it to be screwed into a post or the frame of a shed.



Nectar rich flowers: Solitary bees need a good supply



Air Bee n' Bee

If you'd like to be more involved in helping pollinators you can take part in a Citizen Science project, assisting scientists at the University of Sussex to collect research data. Visit their website: thebuzzclub.uk, click on their Projects page and go to the Air Bee n' Bee project where you can download more information and forms that enable you to survey solitary bees visiting your garden.





Festival Sponsors



Saturday 17 June SAVE THE DATE!

The planning of this year's festival has already started. We have a fantastic evening band line-up, see the village website for details (www.shutfordvillage.com/shutford-festival-2017).

As you can see from our logo the theme is '**Caribbean**'. We have some new and exciting entertainment planned for the day as follows:

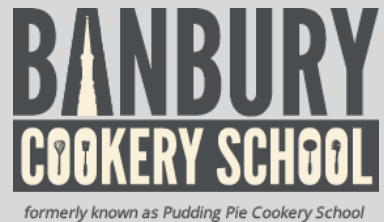


Caribbean music with traditional singers and players performing on steel drums



Banbury Cookery School: providing cookery demonstrations through-out the afternoon, with Little Amsterdam serving delicious treats for us!

www.banburycookeryschool.co.uk



Minibeast Roadshow: bringing along interesting creatures, meet Basil the Bearded Dragon opposite!

www.naturalworldexperience.com



Cherwell Summer Hubs: providing games and lots of fun

As well as our traditional events and stalls such as:



Dog show | Encore dance group | Fairground rides | Plant & produce stall | Wine/water stall | Tombola | BBQ and many more being planned...

Also for the Pirates of the Caribbean fans there will be a fancy dress competition to find the best Jack Sparrow in Shutford!



**Please save the date and support our village festival.
More details to follow both on the website and in the
March edition of Shutford News.**

**If anyone who hasn't been involved in the past would
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Card Sales	£ 10.00	Events=	£ 530.11
Total	£1817.00	Total	£1929.49

Balance forward 2015		Balance end 2016	
	£ 494.23	Cash	£ 86.82
Deficit*	- £ 112.49	Bank	£ 294.92
Total	£ 381.74	Total	£ 381.74

Accounts examined and from various papers seen and explanations given, show a true reflection of Shutford News Financial Activities during 2016.

Ken Jeffs – 6th January, 2017

Notes:

*Deficit: Excess of Expenses over Income - £1929.49 minus £1817.00 = £112.49.

@ Donations include Parish Council £75 & PCC £50.

= Events: Annual Easter Egg Competition £48.06 and

Shutford Festival - Raffle Prize £100 & Support £382.05.

Totals: There is an adjustment of £1.70 to allow for Building Society Interest.

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PCSO Lana Smith



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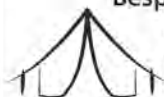
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Tuesday	7	WI – Liam D’Arcy Brown -The Opium Wars,Wroxton Village Hall, 10am
Friday	10	CDC Normal Waste Collection fortnightly
Tuesday	27	Book Club, G & D, 7.30pm
March		
Monday	6	Shutford News Planning Meeting, 3, Church Lane- 7.30pm.
Tuesday	7	WI –AGM -Wroxton Village Hall, 10am
Saturday	18	Village Litter Pick & Deadline for Shutford News
Wednesday	22	Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 pm The G+D games room
Sunday	26	Clocks go forward - British Summer Time
Monday	27	Book Club, G+ D, 7.30pm
April		
Tuesday	4	Margaret Thomas, Royal Command Performance, Wroxton Village Hall, 10am
Monday	17	Easter Egg Competition 2:45 pm venue TBC
JUNE	17	SHUTFORD SUMMER FESTIVAL

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