

# SHUTFORD NEWS

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September/October

A BRAND NEW RIOTOUS COMEDY FEATURING THE GREATEST DETECTIVE IN HISTORY

The Theatre Chipping Norton presents

SHERLOCK HOLMES  
AND THE  
**CRIMSON CABBLES**

TOURING THE UK: AUTUMN 2017

DIRECTED BY KIRSTIE DAVIS

BY TOBY HULSE  
FROM AN ORIGINAL STORY BY DAVID HASTINGS

Shutford Village Hall  
Thursday 19th October, 7pm  
Tickets: £8  
Box Office: 01295 788520

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*"A delightful comedy!"*  
—Los Angeles Times

# waking ned Devine



**'Waking Ned Devine' PG Certificate  
Saturday 30 September 7:00 pm**

**Shutford Village Hall**

**Subscribe to a year's membership**

**Adults: £12.00 Young Adults (12-18): £6:00 (payable on the night or before  
contact Karen Wilson on [karenwilson6022@gmail.com](mailto:karenwilson6022@gmail.com))**

When best friends Jackie O'Shea (Ian Bannen) and Michael O'Sullivan (David Kelly) discover someone in their small Irish village has won the lottery, they immediately set off to see if the winner is in a sharing mood.



Dear Villagers

Where did our Summer go! Oh well now we move into Autumn & Winter! Don't worry lots going on the new village hall to keep you busy during the winter months. Inside there is a 'What's on' update for you showing things happening weekly, monthly and one-off events. To view all events, just visit [www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com) and check the diary out.



The Thursday lunchtime pop-in's are going well. Just pop-in between 12:30-2:00 pm for a hearty lunch and a chat with other villagers. Come along make new friends, Mum's out there, please bring your little ones, all very welcome. Also great reviews:

***"Beautiful set up, delicious soup, chutney lovely. Thank-you ladies.***

***Book swap a great idea. Looking forward to the next time"***

***"Very enterprising. Good service. Fine food."***

Don't forget Movie Night's start **Saturday 30 September at 7:00 pm** in the village hall. Annual subscriptions to the film club are £12.00 for adults and £6.00 for young adults (12-18). You can join on the night.

Enjoy!

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

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

## **Shutford Village Hall**

Banbury Hill, Shutford, Banbury OX15 6PE

**Registered Charity No. 304364**

Trustees:-

R. N. Bancroft Chairman - Pipers Rise, Ivy Lane, Shutford OX15 6PD

G. Bancroft Treasurer - Pipers Rise, Ivy Lane, Shutford OX15 6PD

C. Yarborough Secretary - 1 Church Lane, Shutford OX15 6PG

R. Livesey Marketing - (11/2016 on) 3 Church Lane, Shutford OX15 6PG

### **Trustees Report for the Year 01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017**

This organisation is a charitable trust originating from the gift of land in 1954 for a community building to be used and managed by the parishioners of Shutford and their community groups, who are entitled to representation on the management committee in accordance with the conveyance of the land, our governing document.

This year has seen the most significant development of the charity since the opening of the hall in May 1954. The original building was a second hand prefabricated concrete structure with a corrugated asbestos roof. It had been improved and developed over the years and subsequent fund raising had been reserved for replacement of the roof, which had deteriorated to the point that it was beyond economic repair. However, a professional survey of the building also revealed other significant faults including a crack across the concrete slab upon which the building had been erected and that the facilities for disabled access were totally inadequate. Benefactors in the village had already pledged about a third of the cost of a new building and the villagers had voted in favour of taking out a public works loan to cover half the cost which together with reserves, held by the charity, would fund a new hall, for which planning permission had already been obtained. However the funding through a public works loan had fallen into difficulties, delays and uncertainty of outcome.

A decision was made to find other ways of financing a new village hall and a revised plan was submitted to Cherwell District Council for a less expensive proposal. Cost reductions were achieved by a complete review of the fenestration of the building and a change from stone frontage with the remainder rendered, to two small front curtain walls of local stone to the main hall, and oak cladding of the rear and side faces and the service block. Pledges from local tradesmen to carry out carpentry, plastering, electrical work and decorating in a second phase resulted in a total project cost estimate of £220K, down from around £300K. An appeal to villagers produced pledges and



donations of £29,623 plus £6,991 in HMRC Gift Aid. Negotiations with our preferred contractor, Genesis Construction, resulted in an agreement with them to carry out all the groundwork, and erection of a bare shell of the building for around £170K, as a phase 1 of a two stage project. Accordingly a contract with Genesis was signed in August and the site handed over to them on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2016, for the demolition of the old hall, re-contouring of the land and the construction of a bare shell.

By the end of this reporting period, the bare shell was only days away from being handed back to the Committee for implementation of Phase 2, the internal fit out, for which an enormous amount of help has been pledged by local tradesmen, material suppliers and villagers. Confidence was high that funds would be raised to enable completion of the project by mid-2017, and the commitment of the village to the project enabled external funding of £29,750 to be obtained from 9 different sources including The Big Lottery, during the financial year. Also during this period the village Summer Festival, Easy Fundraising, from on-line purchases, and the Hundred Club contributed an addition of almost £4K towards the project.

With the old hall closing in September, we only had five months availability of a village hall which continued to be used by the Church, The Women's Institute, Shutford Parish Council and a few private and fund raising events. It was somewhat apposite that the last event held in the hall was the wedding reception of Dot Harvey, who in her late 70s met with an old flame from her school days, Peter Rogers, with whom she left the village to move to Banbury. Dot was for many years the treasurer for our village hall and was a regular fund raiser for Kathryn House Hospice.

It is with huge gratitude we must thank all those who have helped with this project both financially, with skills, expertise and sheer dogged determination. Our major benefactors the Cadbury family, Tim Rootes and Obbie Waller deserve to have a special mention for providing half the funding as do the many villagers who mostly chose to contribute anonymously. The whole project was also designed and co-ordinated by our surveyor, Gordon Freeman to whom we extend special thanks. Operational advice was at hand from Community First Oxfordshire and legal and financial guidance from Critchley's in Oxford. Finally we thank the Church, Anne and Bob Pritchard for providing venues for our 6 committee meetings held while we were without a village hall and Bart Patrick for accommodating the interior furnishings etc., while the new building was under construction.

Roger Bancroft

August 2017

# SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL

Income and Expense Report  
Between 01/04/2016 and 31/03/2017

## INCOME

	£	£
<b><u>Rental Income</u></b>		
Regular Booking	140	
Special Events	<u>63</u>	
		203
<b><u>Fund Raising</u></b>		
Festival	3,000	
100 Club	815	
Easy Fundraising	<u>150</u>	
		3,965
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>		
Donations	150	
Bank Interest	116	
Pole Rent	<u>8</u>	
		274
<b><u>Rebuild Project</u></b>		
Donations	139,623	
Grants	29,750	
Gift Aid	<u>6,991</u>	
		176,364

**Total Income** 180,806

## EXPENSES

	£	£
<b><u>Overheads</u></b>		
Insurance	567	
Lottery Registration	20	
CFO Affiliation	50	
Cleaner	70	
Admin. Expenses	55	
Electricity	149	
Water Rates	<u>113</u>	
		1,023
<b><u>Consumables</u></b>		
Cleaning Materials	2	
Plastic Bags	<u>1</u>	
		2
<b><u>Rebuild Project</u></b>		
Construction	144,644	
Fit-out	1,193	
Planning	772	
Printing	<u>34</u>	
		146,643

**Total Expenses** 147,668

## SURPLUS

**33,138**

## NET WORTH

As of 31/03/2017

### **Bank & Cash Accounts**

Business Money Manager	£	60,060.01
Current	£	1,129.94
Cash	£	17.71
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b><u>61,207.66</u></b>

### **Reserves**

Construction Reserve	£	21,806.24
Fit-out Reserve	£	33,556.74
General Reserve	£	5,844.68
	<b>£</b>	<b><u>61,207.66</u></b>

Future liabilities:

Construction	£	26,549.00
Fitted Kitchen Balance	£	3,322.37



# **XMAS BINGO**

**Friday 1st December 2017**

**In Shutford Village Hall  
Eyes Down 7.30pm**

**Any Donations, Prizes etc. to either  
JOAN WRIGHT: 788336 or  
MARGARET HOLLOWAY: 788396**

**In aid of Shutford Village Hall Funds**

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

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>£35.00</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
	Julie Holloway	Peter Pal	Lut Peys

The Draw for September will have taken place at the Harvest Supper  
on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall.  
First Prize was £75.00.

**GOOD LUCK!**

**Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
13 September 2017  
Your Parish Council**

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

We welcomed one member of the public as well as Cllr. George Reynolds.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8 November  
2017 at 7.30p.m in the village hall.**

**Councillor John Yeomans** – Parish Councillors were very sad to hear of the death of Cllr. John Yeomans whilst on holiday in Canada visiting family with his wife, Ann. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Ann and to Barbara and George Reynolds. John worked tirelessly as a councillor for the village, particularly ensuring that the village assets and Dairy Ground were maintained, often carry out repair work himself. He will be greatly missed by his fellow councillors. In memory of John councillors have agreed to donate £25 to Cancer Research as requested by Ann. We will also be placing a park seat on the Dairy Ground in his memory.

**SPEED CHECK:** Most villagers will have noticed that the PC has purchased and fitted “Twentys Plenty” signs at the entrances/exits to the village. Many thanks to Cllrs. Goldie and McEwan for undertaking this work. Inevitably it will be difficult to monitor the effectiveness of these signs, and the council would be grateful if villagers can provide us with relevant feedback when possible. This is the start of our work in trying to ensure vehicles travelling through Shutford watch their speed. Next we will be inviting the safety and transport officer at OCC to come to the village and carry out a technical assessment.

**HIGHWAYS:** The PC is well aware of the frustration experienced by many villagers due to the various road closures in and around Shutford particularly on the Epwell Road. Hopefully, this is now at an end.



However, this has left the road surface on the Epwell Road in a very unsatisfactory state. The clerk to the PC will be writing to the Highways Dept. at OCC to see what repairs can now be undertaken.

**De-fib TRAINING:** Thanks to Cllr. Gibbs for organising this very successful training. More is planned – see separate notice in the Shutford News.

**ALLOTMENTS:** After various conversations with allotment holders the PC are pleased to confirm that the waiting list is much reduced with the expectation that the waiting list might be cleared by the end of this month. Allotment rents are due at some time during this month, and the clerk will be sending out letters with details about the amount to be paid and when. **Allotment holders should note that at our next PC meeting in November all rents will be reviewed with a view to a rent increase from September 2018.** At this point allotment holders will be informed of the new rents to be paid from September 2018.

**DAIRYGROUND:** ROSPA has carried out an inspection of the play equipment on Dairy Ground and all is in a state that satisfies them. However, councillors feel that the time is right to start replacing some of the play equipment that has been in place for many years. We are still waiting for the see saw to be repaired – it is unclear why this has been delayed and the clerk is following up on this. Costs for replacing the baby swings will be made available for our next meeting for action. Councillors have also agreed to get the trees cut back and at the same time look at and sort the tree in Church Lane that may be impacting on the telephone wires.

**VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL:** After the sad death of John we have a vacancy on the Parish Council. The clerk to the PC will post a notice on the notice boards by 15 September. There is then 14 working days for 10 electors to apply for an election. If no election is called villagers will be asked to express an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. At our November meeting councillors will hear statements from anyone wishing to become a councillor and a decision will be made to elect a new councillor. For information: the next Parish Council elections will be held in May 2018.

**As chair of the PC I am delighted at how well councillors are at working together as a team, and making significant improvements to the environment.**

# CHURCH NEWS

**Rector** - Revd Ronald Hawkes - 780555

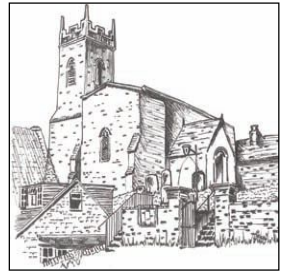
**Church Wardens:**

Mr Ken Jeffs – 788308

Mr John Hodgkins - 788609

**SERVICES:** Most Sundays 9.30am but see Wykeham

News & Benefice website for details



The annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride took place on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. We had 28 riders visiting the church during the day and 7 volunteers were on hand to welcome them with refreshments. We had hoped that some of our village walkers and riders would have taken part but sadly this was not the case.

The PCC met on 19<sup>th</sup> September and reviewed activities since the May meeting. The present financial situation is sound thanks to the generosity of our regular worshippers and the donation received from Shutford Festival. Day to day costs are being covered from general income with sufficient funds available for our planned restoration work and maintenance. Work on the font should be completed in the next couple of months with some remedial works on the electrics done. There have been minor problems with the heating system and we await suggestions for updating it to a more efficient one.

Ben Revill did three months volunteering with us for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. We are grateful for the work he did for us.

The Harvest Festival was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September with a Ploughman's Supper and Harvest Sale in the village hall on the following Monday. A donation from funds raised will be given to Katharine House Hospice.

Michaelmas Day is the feast of St Michael the Archangel, celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Michaelmas Day is traditionally the end of the harvest season and therefore we have our Harvest Thanksgiving on the last Sunday of September.

The harvest season used to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> August and was called Lammas, meaning “Loaf Mass”. Farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church: this has happened in Shutford but the wheat for the bread may not have been grown locally. Nowadays with more diverse crops the harvest times vary and seem to start earlier than in the past.

Ecclesiastical Insurance insure our church buildings and contents and are concerned about an ongoing problem with theft of metals nationwide. Alarms and special paints are used to deter thieves but we need our neighbours to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity around the church to the police and churchwardens.

This year Ecclesiastical celebrates its 130 anniversary of insuring Anglican churches. As a thank you to their loyal church customers, the company are offering to donate £130 to our church each time members of our congregation and extended supporters take out a home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical during the next year. Please consider obtaining a quote when renewing your home insurance on line [www.ecclesiastical.co/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.co/Trust130) or by telephone 0800 783 0130 quoting TRUST130. Any donations from this source will be gratefully received.

As part of the churches mission, the Bishop of Oxford has asked all church members to think about the Beatitudes (Matthew 5 vs 1 -10) and what they might mean for the Church and the local Church. The words of St Matthews Gospel and an accompanying prayer will be used at our meetings for the next few months.

We plan to have a Beetle Drive, a Souper Saturday and a Messy Church Event during next three months, subject to the availability of the village hall and our regular supporters. Dates and times will be published shortly. There will be additional special services during Advent.

For church news visit [www.wykehambenefice.org.uk](http://www.wykehambenefice.org.uk) or contact KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk.



# 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 to be illuminated for this occasion for a donation of only £10. 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
5 <sup>th</sup> August	John Bailey	Emily`s Birthday
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Barry Packman	in memory of Dorothy Packman
14 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Ken Jeffs	Family Birthdays
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Barbara Shelford	44 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Sue Roe – French	Family Birthday
25 <sup>th</sup> September	John Bailey	in memory of Frances Bailey
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Debbie Pitt	Fynn`s Birthday
14 <sup>th</sup> October	John Bailey	Thomas`s Birthday
31 <sup>st</sup> October	John Bailey	in memory of Jack Bailey
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Kirsten Parrish	Tom`s Birthday

Any donations received after deadline will be mentioned in the next SN issue: where more than one donation is received for a specific day, illuminations will take place on following days.



**Saturday 30 September at Shutford Village  
Hall from 9:30 am**

**Kineton Art Group Members' Exhibition  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Kineton Art Group is holding its 'Annual Open Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings' in Kineton Village hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

**Adults: 50p; Children: free**

All the art on display is original. It includes work in a variety of media and depicts a wide range of subjects. Most is for sale. Our October exhibition includes 3D pieces.

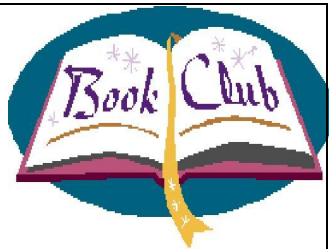
Refreshments of homemade cakes and tea/ coffee are served all day. A pianist plays mood music.

This year sees the celebration of the club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The club is flourishing and membership is at an all time high with artist members from around South Warwickshire and Oxfordshire regularly attending weekly on Monday meetings.

The club also gave a limited number of those wishing to try their hand at painting and drawing or returning to painting an opportunity to attend 10 Monday afternoon sessions in May. These were so successful that they will start again in September. Those interested can enrol and find more details of this new venture at the exhibition or on our website: [www.kinetonartgroup.co.uk](http://www.kinetonartgroup.co.uk)

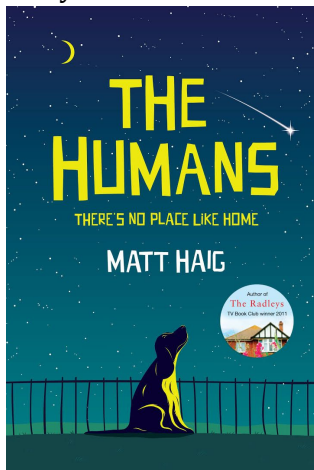
# Shutford Book Club

The Shutford Book Club meets on the last Monday of each month and as of October will move to the Village Hall. Although this gives us more space, we've decided we need to limit membership to 15 people to ensure everyone in the group can hear each other and get a word in edgeways. It's already a big group and can be quite a challenge....



However, 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!

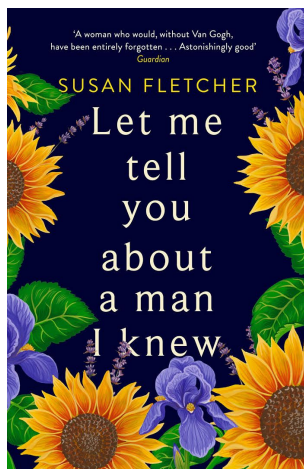
If you're a member of a fellow book group in Shutford or the surrounding area and are looking for new members, please let me know – I do get enquiries from people wanting to take part and it would be great to be able give them suggestions for other contacts. It's horrible having to turn people away – but nice that so many people are supportive of the idea!



Forthcoming books are:

**30 October: "The Humans" by Matt Haig**

**27 November: "Let Me Tell You about a Man I Knew" by Susan Fletcher**



Contact details:

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



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

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

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

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



**2018 Festival meeting Monday 2 October 7:00 pm**

**Shutford Village Hall**

**Please come along to share your feedback  
and ideas for 2018!**

the SWALCLIFFE CONCERTS

**PIVA**

**IN CONCERT**

*proudly present*

**“The Flower of all Cities”**

**Swalcliffe Church**

**£14** **£13**  
early-bird

**Sat 21st Oct 7:30**

Since formation in 2002 **PIVA** have established themselves across Europe as one of the UK's leading early music groups. It is with great pleasure that we welcome this fine band of musicians to Swalcliffe.

The clock rolls back to the Renaissance in a show especially arranged for Swalcliffe. “The Flower of all Cities” will take us on a musical tour of 16th Century London and will reflect the broad range of music that would have been heard in everyday Elizabethan London.

**PIVA** take late 16th century dance and ballad tunes, they add their own innovative and diverse arrangements, they play with consummate skill and make this wonderful music ring out in the 21st century.

During the interval you will be able to meet the band and the instrument makers and talk to them about their instruments and music.

**Mark your diary now: Sat 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7:30 at Swalcliffe Church**

**Bar with beers and wines, doors open 7:00pm**

**Tickets are £14. Early-bird bookings before 7<sup>th</sup> October only £13**

Go to [www.swalcliffe.org](http://www.swalcliffe.org) now for more info or for card payments

Or phone 01295 788127 after 25<sup>th</sup> September for card payments.

Call at Barn Well Cottage, Swalcliffe after 25<sup>th</sup> September for cash sales.





Charity No. 522997

**SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

# CLARE TEAL

Playing with her trio, enjoy

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female jazz singer in  
decades..."**

**BBC  
RADIO**



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or:- Ivy Heart Tel: **01608 662779** email: **kate\_\_s\_\_king@hotmail.com**



**DOORS OPEN 7PM  
TICKETS £20  
TOWNSEND HALL**

52, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour CV36 4AE

## SHUTFORD WI

Our Summer Social in August was our first meeting back in Shutford Village Hall. Members were shown the new facilities and caught up on events during our summer break. At the end of the meeting a quiz to identify castles from photographs was puzzled over by members.

In September, Russell Cherry told us about a trekking holiday in Nepal, illustrated with slides. We learnt some interesting details about the country, including the fact that they grow bananas in the southern tropical region of Nepal.

In October several of our members will be attending a group meeting in Hornton when 5 local institutes will meet to share a supper and entertainment.

Visitors will be made very welcome at any of our forthcoming meetings, now held again in Shutford Village Hall at 10am, when our future speakers will be:

- |                          |                                                                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Graham Kirby - History of Coins<br>(+ examination of members coins/medals)     |
| November 7 <sup>th</sup> | Anne Watts - My Passport to the World<br>(books available for purchase)        |
| December 5 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Social at <b>11am</b> - no speaker<br>(bring and share buffet lunch) |

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



**Why not drop in for your**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October (monthly)**

**between**

**10.00am – 12noon**

**in our New Village Hall**

**Organised by Shutford WI**



**SHUTFORD IMAGE**

If you are interested in photographs, pictures, paintings, sketches or anything that creates an image then don't miss our inaugural meeting on **10<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 7:00pm** in the Village Hall

Bring with you up to 3 items you would like to be but into a gallery to display to all comers later in the evening. What you should be looking for are those images that are worth a thousand words to you and must have a connection with Shutford. You may find them hanging on your wall just now, in a magazine or in your attic. We can decide how we run our club, and what activities you would like to undertake, such as compiling a catalogue of images to be stored on the 'cloud' and selecting subjects for each meeting plus selling copy to raise funds.

At 8:00pm we open up to everyone, have a cuppa and meet people to chat about our pictures. We can promise a genuine Shutford Turner that has had little viewing and no previous public exposure. If all goes well we can repeat this every second Tuesday evening in the month.

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 7:00PM AND 8:00PM**

**DON'T MISS IT**

# **AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING (FREE)**

We have already held one successful CPR and AED training session in the village hall which was well attended and well received. Villagers were surprised to learn how the defibrillator works to reset the heart's beat, that it will not allow a shock to be administered unless its needed and how simple the machine is to use. Basic CPR and the recovery position were also covered. The message we took away was doing 'something' could save someone's life.

We are very grateful to the British Heart Foundation who awarded the AED and cabinet to the village through their grant scheme, to Ian Jones from The South Central Ambulance Trust for giving the free training in the village, to the Village Hall Committee for providing the venue free of charge and to Margaret Holloway for regularly checking the AED to make sure it is in working order.

The next training sessions are planned for:

WHEN: Saturday 7th October at 2pm & Tuesday 17th October at 7pm

HOW LONG: 1.5hrs

WHERE: Shutford Village Hall

WHAT: Please contact Helen Gibbs on [helengibbs84@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helengibbs84@hotmail.co.uk) or 07500937390 as soon as possible if you are able to attend either or both dates and you will be allocated a place

There are 20 places available at each session, if there are not enough people they will not run.

If you would like to attend a training session but cannot make either date please contact Helen to let her know. If there are enough interested people another training session will be arranged.

The Ambulance Trust has provided the following guidance for using an AED.

# Public Access Defibrillator (PAD)



## Awareness & usage notes

It is important to remember that your safety is the top priority at any incident you are involved in. If you follow these steps, they will guide you through what you need to do.

**(1) D** Check for any **danger** to you and to the casualty. Is it safe for you to approach the incident? If not, stay back, call 999 and keep yourself and others safe.

**(2) R** If you think it is safe, check to see if they **respond** to you. Tell them to open their eyes, squeeze a finger nail & tap their shoulders.

**(3)** Shout for help or call 999 – get help coming to you.

**(4) A** With the casualty flat on their back, look in the mouth of the casualty for anything that should not be there, i.e. sweets, food, loose false teeth, vomit etc. Remove anything that shouldn't be there. Tilt the head back as this will move the tongue away from the back of the throat and clear their **airway**.

**(5) B** Next is to see if they are **breathing** normally. Place your ears next to the casualty's mouth and look down their chest. Listen for 10 seconds. You need to hear at least 2 good breaths. If you do not, the casualty is assumed to be in cardiac arrest. Start CPR and send someone to get the AED (automatic external defibrillator).



One person needs to start chest compressions **at once** while another person gets the AED access code from the 999 operator and goes off to collect it. Compress the chest twice a second and to 5-6cm deep. When the AED arrives, turn it on by pressing the green button and follow its spoken instructions. You may need to dry or shave the patient's chest & move any jewellery out of the way. The AED will decide if the casualty needs a shock, not you, so you can't deliver it incorrectly. Make sure no one is touching the casualty when the AED analyses the patient and gives a shock.

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## **News from the Bottom**

As is customary for the post summer period, this report upon the events and personalities in the Bottom is a brief summary with a more details in the next edition of Shutford News. Meantime, readers will be interested in, and perhaps a little intrigued by, the headlines:-

Mayor fights back in court case to determine right to be mayor. Claims that original Wroxton Mill was located upon the site still owned by the Perry family and so the office of mayor remains with him. Letter by Mr Perry to the editor of the Shutford News embargoed pending legal opinion. Court reserves judgement pending land registry and psychiatric reports. Mayor submits planning application to build a theme park and funfair. All rides to be free, the mayor being keen to maintain his reputation for taking everybody for a ride.

The Lord May expresses concern about the Soar bottom. Apparently the bed has become silted and his lordship feels that the bottom should be thoroughly dredged. The Alderman has been deputed to get to the bottom of the matter.

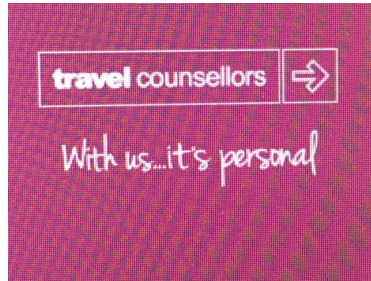
Final arrangements have been concluded for the Bottom to twin with a town in Italy. Arsoli, a small suburb of metropolitan Rome in the region of Lazio has been selected. Arrangements for reciprocal civic visits are well advanced with the Bottom representatives already adept in singing its twin town's anthem, 'Ah soli mio'.

Other news in brief:- First test run of the planned Grand Prix circuit is scheduled for 6.30am on the second Sunday in November. A temporary pits area will be created on the Dairyground and spectator facilities will be provided outside what used to be the village pub.

There will be a first meeting this year of the Shutford Ski and Toboggan Club. The committee are likely to endorse the club rules from previous years – all runs will be uphill with the ski lift being only used for the downhill return – skis to be worn at all times in the clubhouse – guests welcome but they must bring their own snow. The campaign for the Bottom to secede from UK rule, BOTOXIT, went to the polls in June. The result however is not yet being announced as there appears to have been some voting irregularities; more votes cast than the number of electors registered.

The Mayor and the Alderman wish all Shutford residents a happy Autumn and a safe passage through the Bottom.

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# Summer Bird Walk

On a beautifully sunny morning back in June, ten villagers met at the bus stop for an early morning bird walk led by village bird expert Steve Holliday. Steve was, until recently, RSPB Midlands Regional Director, leading conservation work to halt and reverse declines in birds in the wider countryside, and managing and developing new nature reserves.

Before setting off we counted more than a dozen species: Swallow, Robin, Starling, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Goldfinch, House Sparrow, Blackbird, House Martin, Swift, Jackdaw, Wood Pigeon, Collared Dove and Stock Dove. Steve explained that we have a population of Stock Doves in Shutford. Many of us had



not appreciated that these birds are different from their close relative the more common Wood Pigeon, although they can be distinguished from them as they are smaller, have iridescent green markings on their necks and don't have white on their neck feathers or wing edges.

From the bus stop we set off up Church Lane where we heard the beautiful songs of two



small birds that we identified as a Chaffinch and a Wren. Everyone was impressed by how loud the Wren's song was, particularly as the bird itself is so tiny. We learnt that the Wren's Latin name

is Troglodytes Troglodytes, which means cave dweller. Wrens do prefer dark places and need a loud voice to penetrate their deep woodland cover.



As we entered the field at the top of Church Lane we spotted a Mistle Thrush and heard its distinctive loud "tuk tuk" call. Mistle Thrushes have declined in gardens in recent years so we are lucky to have a breeding pair around Shutford. They have a rasping 'football rattle' call that can be heard when they fly over the village. Later on the walk we saw a Song Thrush which has become more common in gardens recently. It's smaller and less upright than the Mistle Thrush with arrow shaped spots and a warmer brown colour. We also spotted pheasants, a small flock of Greenfinches and a Common Buzzard circling overhead. We stopped and enjoyed watching Swallows, Swifts and House Martins flying and Steve explained how we can identify the birds on the wing. Swallows have a long deeply forked tail and long angled wings which they flap frequently during flight.



Shutford Nature Hub





House martins have a fluttery flight and a distinctive white rump and a short curved tail. Swifts also have a short tail but have large sickle shaped wings. They glide often at great speed and can be heard screaming as they fly.

Steve asked if any of us had seen Merlins flying over the fields among Swifts and Swallows which they will predate upon in mid-air.



*Merlin*

Merlins are often mistaken for Kestrels, a bird of similar colour and size. Kestrels are larger and have distinctive chestnut upper parts where Merlins tend to appear more grey.

We moved across the next field where we saw a Sparrow Hawk flying above a hedge which is where it likes to hunt for small birds. We then saw the third bird of prey of the morning, a Red Kite, and heard the beautiful song of a Sky Lark soaring high above the field.



*Kestrel*

As we headed towards the copse on the way to Jester's Hill, Steve told us this is a great habitat for small song birds. We heard a Willow Warbler singing and learnt that this small migratory visitor is visually very similar to the Chiff Chaff, another migratory bird with a distinctive call. We saw Blue Tits and Linnets and Yellow Hammers around the copse and hedgerows, although the White Throat Steve had been hoping we would see, or at least hear, was not about on this particular morning.



*Linnet (Male)*



*Yellow Hammer*

## Bird Walk 2018

By the end of the walk we had seen twenty seven bird species in an hour and a half. We are lucky to have a diversity of habitats in our environs and although many species are in decline, such as Sky Larks, Linnets and Yellow Hammers on arable land, we also have a variety of woodland, mature trees, gardens and buildings, which attract a wide variety of bird species. We're planning another bird walk with Steve, earlier in the breeding season next year - we'll keep you posted.



# Claire's Teatime Treats

"My love for cooking came from my grandmother Hazel Turner. From ever since I can remember she used to let me help her cook and decorate her lovely homemade cakes that she sold from the post office in **Shutford** and everyone in the village enjoyed them as much as I did. I have also been doing Broughton and North Newington cricket teas on a regular basis for the past 3 years which helped remind me of the passion I have for baking! With the wonderful memories and the great feedback I have had from doing the teas I decided that now was the time to do what I love!

My main products are traditional, affordable homemade cakes, but also I will be expanding on this and adding new cakes/ biscuits regularly. I am open to new ideas and recipes and for the elderly that don't want/need a full size cake I am happy



to make smaller portions. I am also hiring out vintage china for up to 50 people for special occasions and will be happy to provide the cakes for this if needed or just supply the china.



Claire lives in North Newington with her partner and 3 children. She currently works at Bishop Carpenter School as Breakfast and lunchtime supervisor. She has many years' experience in working in kitchens and holds a level 2 food and hygiene safety certificate and is registered with Cherwell District Council. She also holds a FSA certificate in food allergy training.

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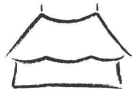
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# Diary

<b>October</b>		
Monday	2	2018 Festival Meeting, 7:00 pm, Village Hall
Tuesday	3	WI – Graham Kirby-History of Coins, Shutford Village Hall – 10am
Friday	6	CDC Normal Waste Collection fortnightly
Friday	13	CDC collection Blue/Brown bins fortnightly
Thursday	19	Sherlock Holmes Production, Village Hall, 7:00 pm
Monday	30	Book Club,Village Hall, 7.30pm
<b>November</b>		
Monday	6	Shutford News Planning Meeting, 3, Church Lane- 7.30pm.
Tuesday	7	WI –Anne Watts – My passport to the World. Shutford Village Hall, 10am
Wednesday	8	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall,7.30pm
Saturday	18	<b>Deadline for Shutford News</b>
Monday	27	Book Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm
<b>December</b>		
Friday	1	Christmas Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm
		<b>For full details of activities in the village hall, please see village website.</b>

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