

# SHUTFORD NEWS

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Shutford Book Club proudly presents an evening

# IN CONVERSATION WITH... BESTSELLING AUTHOR RACHEL JOYCE

On Monday 24th September 7.30pm

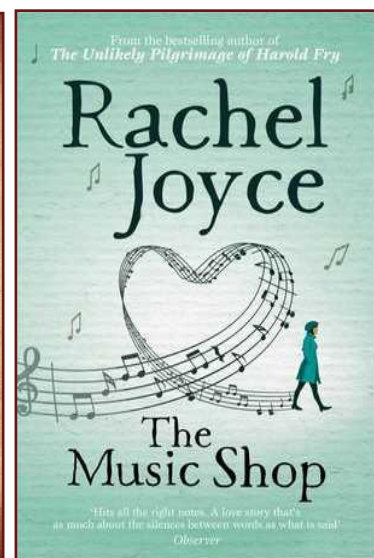
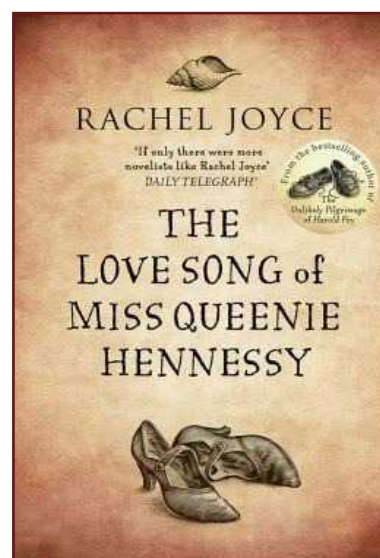
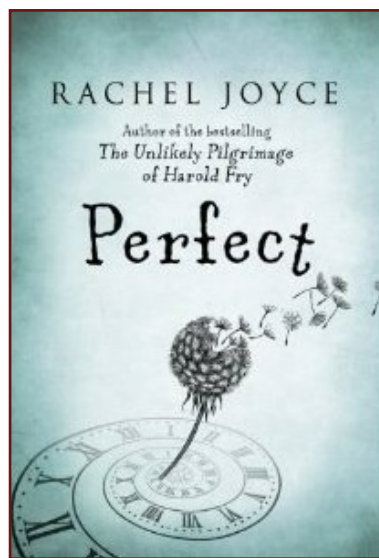
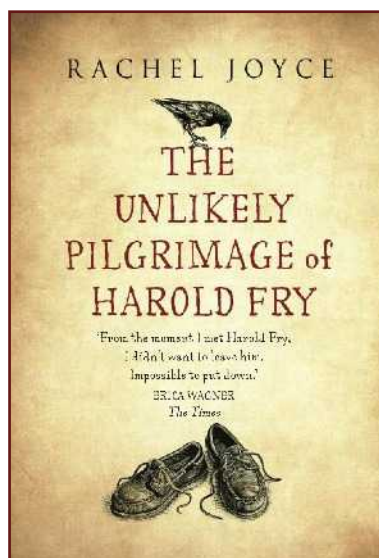
At Shutford Village Hall

Doors open at 7.00pm for wine and nibbles (included in ticket price)

Entry by ticket only - £7.50. Hurry: places are limited to 60!

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Dear Villagers

Firstly, a big thank you to Joan Wright who has now stepped down from the Shutford News Team. Joan has made huge contributions to the Shutford News and probably seen many changes over the years, latterly working with myself and Margaret. We are grateful to Joan for giving her time, support and experience.



So Festival fever is starting to come to the village. We had our final planning evening in March. Thank you to everyone who takes part in our village event. Inside is the poster detailing all the activities with a few new ones for 2018. One being a Pottery Workshop! More details on the various will be in the May edition, in the meantime visit the website.

With the bumper edition of village news, there was no room for the What's On feature, but all village events can be found on the village website, just visit [www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com). Finally, if you are not on the village email circulation list and want to receive updates on village news, please email [rita@rlmarketing.co.uk](mailto:rita@rlmarketing.co.uk) to be added to the list.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rita'.

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

Thank you to Jane King for our front cover of a bumble bee on willow. Willow is one of the first sources of pollen for new emerging bumble bees.

**Just wanted to pass on a big THANK YOU to all who are supporting the lunches in the village hall on a Thursday both those who take part and those that just come along to enjoy (and to those that also help with tidying up afterwards). Our volunteers are amazing in giving up their time, ingredients and expertise in preparing the lunch themes, prepping at home and then presenting a delicious lunch on the day! Well done everyone!**

## **Local Bird Walk**

### **Sunday April 29th at 7:45**

Steve Holliday, a local expert on birds who was, until recently, RSPB Midlands Regional Director, is leading another local bird walk.

Meet 7:30am at the Bus Stop to start at 7:45am

Duration 1-2 hours, depending upon weather

Bring binoculars if possible

We can't take dogs on this one.

## **Shutford Village Calendar 2019!**



We have decided to create a Shutford Calendar for 2019. Above is a great photo taken of our recent snow in December.

So throughout 2018 we are looking for interesting photos of Shutford or surrounding area that we could include in the **2019 Shutford Calendar**. They can be of scenes around Shutford, nature, changing seasons, four legged!

**Please email your photos (jpeg or png formats) to the Editor:**

**[rita@rlmarketing.co.uk](mailto:rita@rlmarketing.co.uk)**

**Entries close 30 September 2018.** If successful, we will ask you for a caption from your photo. Calendars will be available on a pre-order basis only, will confirm price and dates in the September issue of the Shutford News. Happy photo taking!



## Baby News!



On the 5th February 2018, Johnny and Claudia McKay welcomed **Francesco Fox McKay** into the world, weighing 9lb 7oz.

We are enjoying life as a family of 3, 4 including our dog, Lupo!

On 25 February 2018, Craig & Anna, welcomed **Hamish James Graeme Robertson** into their family, weighing 6lb 14oz



## Oxfordshire Artweeks Open Studio in Shutford



I will be opening my studio again this year at Unit 6A Plush Mills, West Street, as part of the Oxfordshire Artweeks in May. I will be showing a variety of work both abstract and figurative in response to landscape, local history and archaeology.

The work will include painting in oils and acrylics, drawing using a variety of materials and surfaces, collage, print-making, mixed media work and some sculptural approaches too.

Sketchbooks and experimentation will be on show and I am really happy to chat about my work sharing ideas and processes with those who are interested. The kettle will be on and there will be cake!

This will be the last time I show my work in the village as I'll be leaving lovely Shutford in the summer after twenty two years in residence to begin a new phase of life in Cornwall! For this reason the exhibition will act in part as a farewell gathering to village friends who've supported me in my work over the last couple of decades.

Thank you to you all!

**Month:** May      **Opening Time:** 11am - 6pm

**Days:** Sat 5th, Sun 6th, Mon 7th, Fri 11th, Sat 12th, Su 13<sup>th</sup>

**Website:** [www.cwinfield.co.uk](http://www.cwinfield.co.uk)

**Contact:** 07796 196853      Email: [claire@cwinfield.co.uk](mailto:claire@cwinfield.co.uk)

**London Marathon Update:** As you'll know from the last Shutford News I am running the London Marathon on Sunday April 22nd to raise money for the housing charity Shelter. Thank you to all who have offered support so far. With a few weeks to go there is still time to make a donation to help me reach my £2000 target!

**<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ClaireWinfield1>**

## Kinton Art Group Exhibition May 2018



Kinton Art Group is holding 30th Anniversary Art Exhibition and Sale of paintings in Kinton Village Hall on **Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th May 2018** from 10.00 am to 5.00pm.

Adults: 50p Children: free.

Last May we had a record number of entries- over 230 works of art. All the pictures on display are original. They include work in a variety of media and depict a wide range of subjects. Most is for sale.

Relaxing live music and refreshments of homemade cakes and tea/coffee are served all day. A short quiz raises donations for the charity 'Painting for Pleasure.' The afternoon group which started in May has proved highly successful.

We are celebrating the club's 30th anniversary. It continues to flourish and membership is at an all-time high.



**Do you knit, crochet, quilt, embroider, cross-stitch or sew? Then bring your handiwork and come along to:**

**Shutford Needles & Natter to drink, chat and create.**

**When: Wednesdays 7.30pm  
Where: George & Dragon pub**

**Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday 14 March 2018**

**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
Debbie Pitt	788441

We welcomed seven members of the public as well as Cllr. George Reynolds.

**This was the last Parish Council meeting before the local elections on 3 May.**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 9 May  
2018**

**Annual Meeting at 7.00 pm followed by the Council Meeting at 8.00 pm**

- **Are you thinking of standing in the election?** The election is on Thursday 3 May. The election is managed and run by the Returning Officer in Cherwell District Council.
- The notice of the election will be published on **27 March**.
- Nomination papers are available from CDC and you will need to find a proposer and seconder.
- You will also need to have your elector number as well as the elector numbers of your proposer and seconder.
- You can get this when you take your papers to CDC. Nomination papers are available now.
- Completed nomination forms should be returned to CDC by **6 April by hand**

**Generic job description for a parish councillor available from current chair.**

**PC “Drop-in”:** Our next “drop-in” session is on **Saturday 14 April at 3.00 pm** in the village hall. As always these are informal open meetings so that you can meet and chat to your parish councillors. If you are a candidate standing in the election this will be a great opportunity for you to come and ask questions and meet current councillors and other residents.



## **RELOCATION OF THE 30MPH LIMIT FURTHER ALONG THE EPWELL ROAD - INFORMAL CONSULTATION**

- The Parish Council agreed at their meeting to start the process of the option of relocating the 30 mph speed limit sign on the Epwell Road further out of the village along the Epwell Road as agreed with Oxfordshire County Council. Voting was 5 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. Our first action is to undertake an informal consultation with all residents to ascertain views about the proposal.
- The council embarked on this action as a result of concerns expressed by some residents about the speed of traffic through the village. We were also aware that the location of the signs had not been significantly reviewed since the Rickyard development was built. The PC undertook a traffic survey using a speed monitor over a period of one week which indicated limited speeding but nonetheless it still caused concern to some residents, and these residents felt even more needed to be done.
- Councillors have had two site meetings with road safety and highway officers who have advised the following:
- The cost of relocating the 30mph limit is £3000. This includes £400 to move the signs and £2600 for consultation and legal fees which OCC is obliged to carry out. This cost is non-negotiable.
- The timescale for the 30mph extension is about 6-8 months from the time we instruct OCC to proceed.
- OCC officers also advised the PC that in their experience the relocation of the 30mph limit was unlikely to make a substantial difference to people reducing their speed.
- The PC would meet this cost from the precept already set for 2018/19
- This notice is intended to start an informal consultation, as advised by OCC. The PC will need to canvas the opinions of Shutford residents and of course we are happy to respond to any comments or queries. On the basis of the responses the PC receives we will make a decision at the next PC meeting on 9 May as to whether to instruct OCC to proceed or not. Further notices will be placed on the village noticeboards and on the web-site.
- Views, comments and queries can be made to any parish councillor by phone or to the clerk or chair by email [shutfordpc@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordpc@gmail.com) or [lynneanda@aol.com](mailto:lynneanda@aol.com)

**The deadline for receiving views and comments is Monday 30 April.**

# Shutford's Parish Council elections

As you will see from the Parish Council notes in the forthcoming Shutford News, there is an opportunity this year to have a parish council election. It only happens every four years, and as far back as checked, Shutford hasn't had one.

You would be forgiven for thinking that Parish Councils have little or no power. Actually, they can make a huge difference. They can raise funds for important village projects such as recreational areas and new village facilities. They are consultees on village developments and can be a very important and persuasive factor in determining planning applications.

Here are some important details about the election:

Shutford Parish Council has **7 seats**, so if **8 or more nominations** are received it will be a contested election. If **7 or less nominations** are received for Shutford then there won't be an election, and those who submit a nomination will **automatically** get on to the parish council.

**Between 28 March-6 April: Parish Council nomination forms need to be submitted to Cherwell District Council by making an appointment with Cherwell Council, here is a telephone number to call 01295 221534. A notice will go up in the village on 27 March. The forms can be downloaded by using this link or calling the above number:**

**<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/11/elections/497/elections-2018>**

**Thursday 3 May: election voting day (providing there are 8 or more parish council nominated candidates).**

1. If you think you could be a councillor, why not have a go? The council needs people who make things happen, will work with and also listen to the community.
2. If don't wish to be a councillor, and an election takes place, please take time to consider who might be best for Shutford. We need an energetic and ambitious Parish Council and importantly we need one that the village has chosen!

# Illuminate & Celebrate in 2018!



**Don't forget to get your special dates in for 2018!**

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 2018. 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 in 2018:

Date	Name	Occasion
26th January	Joan Wright	in memory of Tony
1st February	Carol Freeborn	in memory of Frances Allen (100th Birthday)
2nd February	Alison Newport	in memory of Tom Hunt
11th March	Anon	Mothering Sunday
16th March	Debbie Pitt	Fin's Birthday
18th March	Tony & Jenny Ingham	celebration of grandson Foster's Christening
22nd March	John Bailey	in memory of Frances
23rd March	Tony & Jenny Ingham	50th Wedding Anniversary
23rd March	Joe & Lena Cusiter	44th Wedding Anniversary
23rd March	John Bailey	in memory of Henry
26th March	Rita Livesey	in memory of Grace (93 <sup>rd</sup> birthday)
21st April	Anon	Jim Gale's 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday
23rd April	Ken Jeffs	St George's Day
28th April	Andrew Baud	Hettie's Birthday
14th May	Andrew Baud	Hannah'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.

# CHURCH NEWS

**Rector** - Revd Ronald Hawkes - 780555

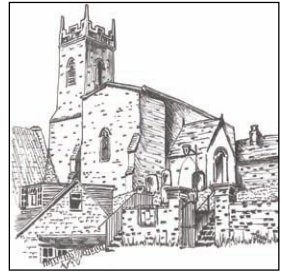
**Church Wardens:**

Mr Ken Jeffs – 788308

Mr John Hodgkins - 788609

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

News & Benefice website for details



During Lent there have been two study groups meeting: one discussing The Beatitudes (Mathew 5 vs 3 – 10) and the other the reflections on the raising of Lazarus based on a booklet called Abundant Life. These studies have been encouraged by Right Reverend Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford (who wrote the booklet) in his quest to make the church more Christ like by being contemplative, compassionate and courageous.

There have also been weekly meetings in Sibford Gower Primary School with representatives of various religions talking about their faiths. Lent Lunches have been held each week in our benefice villages and the one in Shutford on 26<sup>th</sup> March raised funds for Katharine House Hospice which has given loving care to many villagers and their families. Helen Hodgkins Trust is our Lent Jars of Change Charity.

Two Messy Church Events have been held during Lent, one in Swalcliffe with a Mothering Sunday theme and the second in Sibford on Good Friday thinking about Easter. There are usually as many adults as children and there is always room for more enjoying a crafty time.

Special services were held for Mothering Sunday in all our churches with flowers and refreshments after the services. Holy Week started with a procession and palms and Eucharist in Epwell. There were additional services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday culminating with Holy Communion on Easter Day at 9.30am. It was good to see the church decorated with spring flowers by our team of ladies: there were chocolate eggs for everyone after the service.

Tom and Luci Birks were married in St Martin`s Church on 17<sup>th</sup> February. The church was full to overflowing with their family and friends and we wish them every happiness during their married life.



On a sad note we were sorry to hear of the recent passing of Tony Wright, Tom Hunt and Erica Wimbush, widow of our previous rector Timothy. All have had services of remembrance which were well attended: we offer our sincere sympathy to their families and friends.

The annual church meeting has been held and existing churchwardens and church council members have been re-elected. The annual report and financial statement were discussed, and a new electoral roll presented. Church attendance in 2017 remained stable with a small increase in communicants although the number of families with children coming to church is disappointing. There is an average of 10 people in church on a normal Sunday and this loyal group of people have ensured that our share of the cost of our clergy of about £8,500 per annum is covered. The Wykham Benefice annual payment to The Oxford Diocese is more than £54,000. Services are held each week on a Sunday with a benefice one somewhere in the benefice, usually the first Sunday of the month. The rector also celebrates Morning Prayer at one of our churches most mornings with one in Shutford on Saturday. People of all denominations or none are welcome and can also use the church and churchyard for some quiet time.

In addition to the cost of ministry, mentioned above, £2245 was donated to charities and good causes with general expenses £2378, insurance £1862 and restoration £2119. These costs were covered by donations, collections, fund raising including Illuminate and Celebrate, investment interest and £3000 from The Shutford Festival. There was an overall surplus of £800 in 2017: copies of the accounts and annual report detailing church activities can be viewed on the village website, seen in church or requested from KJJ.

Thank you to everyone who is involved with village activities and organisations to help instil a sense of community in Shutford. Many work quietly behind the scenes and others keep a watchful eye on their neighbours. If anyone would value a visit or needs help, please ask\*.

For church news visit [www.wykehambenefice.org.uk](http://www.wykehambenefice.org.uk), Facebook or contact [KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk](mailto:KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk). For other contact details see above\*.

## SHUTFORD WI

During the winter months, inspired by the 2017 Resolution on Alleviating Loneliness, several open Coffee Mornings were held in the Village Hall on Saturdays with limited success. It was therefore decided to discontinue these events at the present time.

We were disappointed at our February meeting by the non-appearance of our arranged speaker on the History of Masks but kept ourselves entertained with an impromptu quiz.

In March, we held our AGM when the presentations of the Annual Report and Financial Statement were followed by the election of the committee and President. Duties for the next year were also agreed.

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

April 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Frances Freeman - Holiday in New Zealand

June 5<sup>th</sup>                        Rosara Florists - Flower Demonstration

There will be no speaker at our meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> as we will be discussing and voting on the resolution/s to be put forward at the national Annual Meeting in Cardiff in June.

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



## Friends of the Festival

The ambition of this year's Festival is:

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

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

Following the previous festival success, we are delighted that more villagers are expressing a desire to help with the organising and taking part in this annual event

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

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

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

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

Email: John: [john\\_hodgkins@icloud.com](mailto:john_hodgkins@icloud.com) Rita: [rita@rlmarketing.co.uk](mailto:rita@rlmarketing.co.uk)

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# SHUTFORD IMAGE

New contributors to our March event gave great insight into the elements of striking photographic images and everyone was impressed with the images of the Falkirk Kelpies produced by Sandy.

Mervyn has again shown a talent for spotting many unusual sights on our own doorsteps. We also looked at watercolours and interesting graphics, the background to the creation of these being quite fascinating.

We decided to have a theme of flowers, preferably in and around our own village, for our next meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any work that may be of interest, then please bring them along at 7pm, or if you just want to see what we have on display, then come to the village hall at 8pm and have a cuppa and a chat with us.

Digital images look really great on the projector which can easily be hooked up to your laptop or tablet, so bring any of these along too.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**7:00PM AND 8:00PM**

**DON'T MISS IT**

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

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>£35.00</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
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Dale Hodgkins	Gail O'Dell	Peter Pal
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<b>MARCH</b>	<b>£70.00</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
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Jane Moffatt	Graham Sugg	Rita Livesey
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The next draw starting the new membership year will be on Thursday  
12<sup>th</sup> April at the Community Lunch in the Village Hall.

**GOOD LUCK!**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

Income	£	Expenditure	£
April – September		Prizes	355.00
142 members x £5 = 710.00		Expenses	nil
October-March		Prizes	350.00
139 members x £5 = 695.00		Expenses	nil
Totals	1405.00		705.00
Less Prizes	<u>705.00</u>		
	<b><u>700.00</u></b>	<b><u>To Village Hall Funds</u></b>	

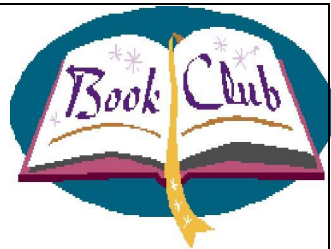
**This makes a total of £13642.49 raised**  
**since the Club started in 1998.**

**WELL DONE**

**Also, a big thank you to the team, Debbie, Sharon & Rita who are now taking the 100+ Club forward and to Margaret who helped to deliver the cards in March and finished off last year's results!**

**We appreciate all those who have renewed and  
welcome to the New Members!**

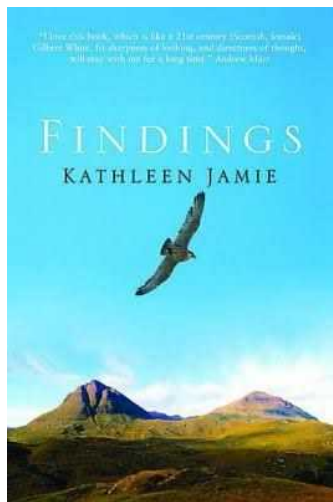
# Shutford Book Club



The Shutford Book Club meets on the last Monday of each month in Shutford Village Hall 7:30 pm.

Currently the book club is full, 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!

## Forthcoming books are:

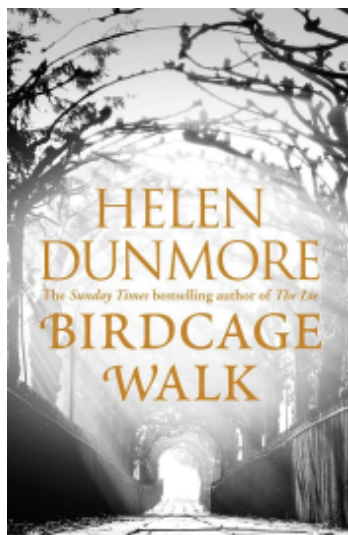


**30 April:** 'Findings', by Kathleen Jamie, hosted by Kirsten Parrish.

**28 May:** 'Birdcage Walk', by Helen Dunmore, hosted by Diane Speck.

## Contact details:

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





# Bestselling author comes to Shutford

*In conversation with award-winning novelist, Rachel Joyce*

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
at Shutford Village Hall**

**Early bird tickets available now!**



Shutford Book Club is proud to announce its first-ever live event starring one of Britain's most loved and acclaimed modern novelists, Rachel Joyce.

This award-winning writer, who lives in Gloucestershire, will join us on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for an evening of conversation in Shutford Village Hall. With only 60 seats to fill, we expect tickets to sell fast, so don't delay if you would like to join the audience.

Author of over 20 plays for BBC Radio Four and a BBC TV drama, Rachel moved to novel writing after two decades as an actor, performing leading roles for the RSC, the National Theatre and Cheek by Jowl. Her debut novel, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, was longlisted for the 2012 Man Booker Prize. It then won her the 'New Writer of the Year' accolade in the National Book Awards.

She followed this success with the publication of *Perfect*, *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* and a collection of interlinked short stories, *A Snow Garden & Other Stories*. Her work, now noted for its celebration of the dignity and courage of ordinary people, has been translated into 36 languages.

Rachel's latest novel, *The Music Shop*, published in 2017, is 'about learning how to listen and how to feel; and about second chances and choosing to be brave despite the odds'. She'll talk about it and take our questions.

Tickets are available on a first-come-first-served basis at **£7.50 each**, to include wine, soft drinks and nibbles which will be served from 7pm. The talk will start at 7.30pm. Contact:

Wendy Hall, 780256, [w\\_hall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:w_hall@hotmail.co.uk),  
Lynne Parsons, 780649, [LynneandA@aol.com](mailto:LynneandA@aol.com) or  
Christine Yarborough, 780926, [clematis0902@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clematis0902@yahoo.co.uk) .

Funds raised will cover event costs, with any extra money going to the charity DigiSmart, which combines support for disadvantaged children with developing their literacy skills through technology.



**Every last Saturday in the month!**

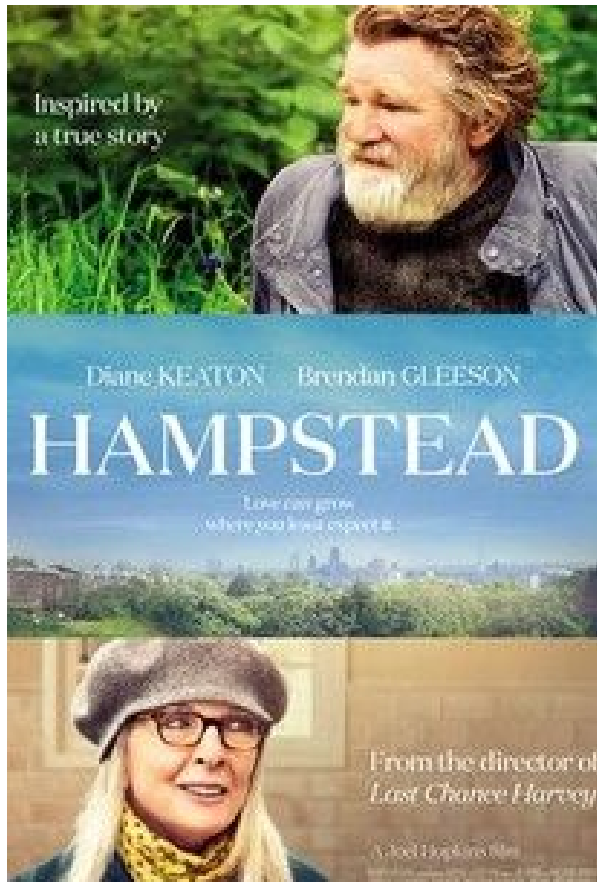
**Shutford Village Hall**

**Doors open 7:00 pm/Film starts 7:30pm**

**Saturday 28 April**

***'Hampstead'***

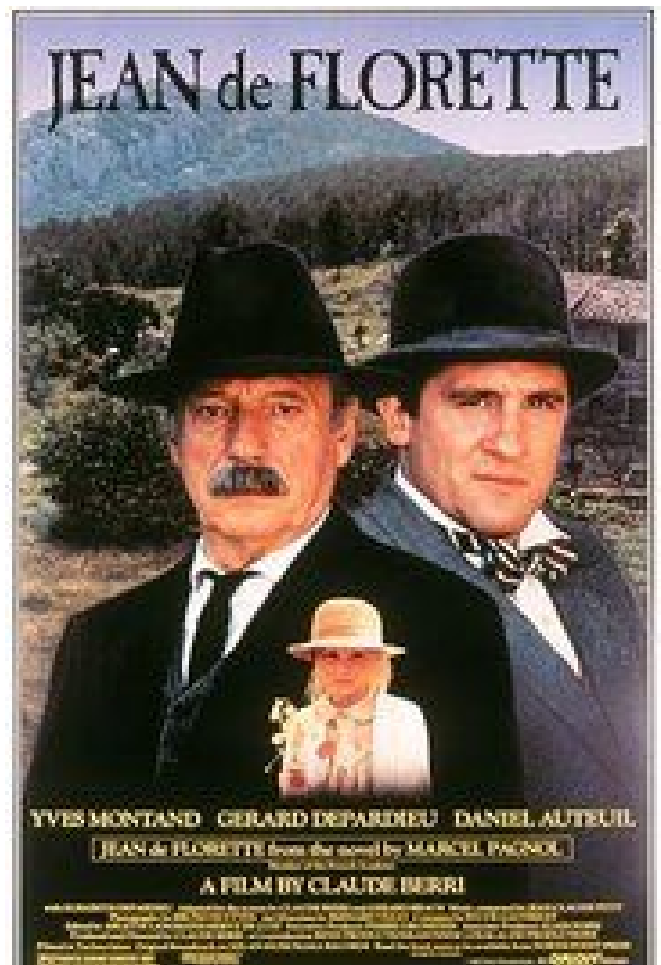
Starring Diane Keaton & Brendon Gleeson. An American widow living in the London suburb of Hampstead and a man who lives on the Heath form an unlikely alliance against unscrupulous property developers in the neighborhood.



**Saturday 26 May**

***'Jean de Florette'***

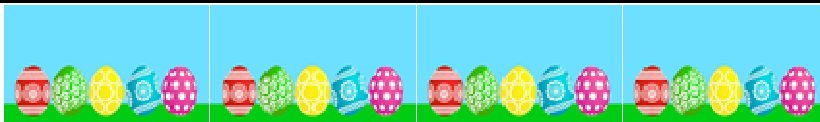
In this acclaimed French drama, the enterprising Ugolin Soubeyran (Daniel Auteuil) returns to his native countryside after the serving in the military. Intent on growing expensive flowers, he conspires with his uncle, Cesar (Yves Montand), to gain access to a hidden spring on a neighboring property.



**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)**



**EASTER EGG COMPETITION  
ON  
EASTER MONDAY, 2nd APRIL 2018  
In the Village Hall  
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**

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# Shutford Species - Interdependencies

A more detailed look at some of the species illustrated in the Food Web of Shutford Species, in the January edition, highlighting their interdependencies.

## Goldfinch - *Carduelis carduelis*

Attractive colourful birds that are very social and have a beautiful twittering song. The males and females look almost alike. Their Latin name comes from *Carduus*, a genus of thistles.

**Food:** Their preferred food is seed such as teasel, thistles and knapweeds, also dandelion, burdock and lavender. In winter they will happily visit garden bird feeders eating niger and sunflower seeds. Insects are fed to chicks in summer, but the proportion of insects decrease as they grow.

**Predators:** Sparrowhawks and other raptors, foxes and cats.

**Habitat:** Found in both urban and suburban environments, in parks, orchards, and gardens and open farmland, although numbers there have declined drastically. In Shutford we have a very healthy population of Goldfinches. They can be encouraged by planting seed rich flowers and leaving the seed heads throughout winter, such as: *Verbena bonariensis*, cardoons and other thistles, lavender, teasels and knapweeds. They prefer to nest high off the ground, often in colonies.

**UK Conservation status:** Green – Not endangered. These birds were on the brink of extinction in the middle of last century but according to the RSPB's Garden Birdwatch, numbers have risen by 70% over the last twenty years, they are now doing well. Research suggests this has a great deal to do with their visits to garden bird feeders.



## Sparrowhawk - *Accipiter Nisus*

Adult Males have a bluish grey back and wings with orangey brown bars on its chest. Females are larger with a brown back and wings and brown bars on the chest. Both have distinctive bright yellow eyes.

**Prey:** Sparrowhawks feed on birds up to pigeon size, but mainly songbirds - 120 different prey species have been recorded. They will also feed on bats.

**Predators:** Sparrowhawks are an apex predator, at the top of the food chain, so only their young are preyed.

Chicks and fledglings may be taken by owls, pine martens and goshawks but the last two are not a threat in Oxfordshire. **Habitat:** Woodland, gardens, open countryside.

**UK Conservation Status:** Green – Not endangered. In Shutford Sparrow Hawks are regularly sighted around the village, no doubt attracted by our healthy population of small birds. Although they may take birds such as the beautiful Goldfinch, a study by the British Ornithological Trust has looked at the relationship between populations of Sparrow Hawks and their prey over 33 years, it shows they have very little or no effect on songbird populations.



## Tawny Owl - *Strix aluco*

The tawny owl is a little larger than a wood pigeon but being nocturnal is not often seen. It has a rounded body and head, with a ring of dark feathers around its face surrounding the dark eyes. Tawny owls in the UK are mainly reddish brown above and paler underneath. In Shutford they are often heard hooting in mid-winter, the quintessential owl call that can be imitated by blowing through cupped hands. A study found that more than 90% of male owls can be duped into responding.

**Prey:** Small mammals and rodents such as the wood mouse and vole, small birds, frogs, fish, insects, and worms. Prey is typically swallowed whole, with indigestible parts regurgitated as pellets. These are medium-sized and grey, consisting fur and feathers and often with bones protruding. Tawny owls help to control rodent numbers.

**Predators:** Chicks are predated upon more commonly than adult birds. In this areas predators may be common buzzards, jackdaws and foxes, which mainly take fledglings.

**Habitat:** The owls are a woodland species but have moved into the parks and gardens around villages, urban and suburban areas. They nest in cavities in trees and sometimes buildings and can be attracted by providing nest boxes.

**UK Conservation Status:** Amber – recent decline. Although the tawny owl is the most common UK owl it was given amber status in 2014, causes are not yet clear.



## Wood Mouse - *Apodemus sylvaticus*

Our most common and widespread small rodent. It has sandy brown fur (darker towards the spine) with a white/grey underside, protruding eyes, large ears and long tail. Juveniles are greyer overall, with larger ears, hind feet and tails than house mice.

**Food:** Seeds, green plants, fruits and animal foods. In woodland: acorns, ash and sycamore seeds for most of the winter, buds in early spring, caterpillars, worms and centipedes in early summer and blackberries and fungi in the autumn.

**Predators:** Foxes, weasels, owls and domestic cats. Wood mice are important prey for tawny owls; when numbers of woodland rodents are low, owls may fail to breed.



**Habitat:** Wood mice are extremely adaptable, thriving in urban & rural gardens, woodland, grassland, mixed woodland, heath land, moorland and arable land. Most wood mice live in underground burrows that are fairly complex with nest chambers and food stores. Burrows can survive from one generation to the next and will be enlarged or modified as required for the family group. Nests are commonly made of leaves, moss and grass.

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# Diary

<b>April</b>		
Sunday	1	Breakfast in the village hall 9:30-11:00am
Monday	2	Easter Egg competition, village hall 2:45pm
Tuesday	3	WI: Holiday in New Zealand, 10.00 am village hall
Thursday	5	Lunch time pop in, village hall, 12:30-2pm weekly
Friday	6	CDC collection green bins fortnightly
Saturday	14	Meet your Parish Councillors 3:00pm Village Hall
Saturday	28	Film Club, village hall, 7:30 pm.
Sunday	29	Local Bird Walk, 7:30 am bus shelter Breakfast in the village hall 9:30-11:00am
Monday	30	Book Club, village hall, 7:30pm
<b>May</b>		
Tuesday	1	WI: Resolutions meeting, village hall 10:00
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Parish Council Local Elections</b>
Tuesday	8	Shutford News Planning 7:00 pm
Wednesday	9	Parish Council Meeting, village hall, 7:30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Chris Gibbons Band, Village Hall, 7:30 pm.</b>
Saturday	26	Film Club, village hall, 7:30pm
Monday	28	Book Club, village hall, 7:30pm
Sunday	27	Breakfast in the Village Hall 9:30-11:00am
<b>June</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Shutford Summer Festival 1-10:30 pm.</b>
		<b>For full details of activities in the village hall, please see village website</b>

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Quiz night held fortnightly on a Sunday, next dates:  
15th & 29th April, 13th & 27th May.  
No quiz on Easter Sunday 1st April

### Food:

Bar snacks including sandwiches, soups, stews, cottage pie, pasta and cakes served daily. Pie night coming soon!

Charity art auction coming soon – any artists please contact us to exhibit your work here prior to the charity auction – all proceeds to Katherine House Hospice.

Afternoon tea – Tuesday 12-3pm or book anytime.

Every Wednesday – Needle and Natter – 7:30pm – all welcome.

Saturday 7th April from 8pm – Pete Watkins live.

Please keep an eye on the website for new events.