

SHUTFORD NEWS

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Shutford Village Calendar 2019



Photo taken by David Speck of Shutford Festival 2018.

We are still looking for photos for August, September, October &

November. So please send any photos (jpegs / pngs) to shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com Last date to receive photos is 31 October 2018.

Calendars will be available to order at £5.00 per copy to reserve your copy just email shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com. The calendar will be printed early December.

Thank you to the Knit & Natter team for the festival decorations!



Dear Villagers

What an amazing start to our summer, hope you are all enjoying these lovely long summer days.



Shutford Festival 2018: We were blessed again with great weather and fantastic support from those in the village who put so much time into preparing their stalls as well as running them on the day, and also to those who help to set-up take down and to those who help with various rota jobs on the day, thank you all so very much. We made a whopping **£6,723.70**. Don't forget to SAVE THE DATE **22 JUNE 2019!**

We have a new event coming to Shutford in September, Shutford Village Produce, Flowers & Fruit Show on **Sunday 16 September**. More details can be found inside this edition.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rita'.

Rita Livesey, Editor

Email: shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com

Thank you to Mervyn, Andrew & Bill for the fabulous photos that were taken at the festival a selection of which are featured on the front cover. And to Jane for collating them into one image. To view more photos just visit:

<http://www.shutfordvillage.com/shutford-festival-2018.html>

THE SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST

(Charity No. 304364)

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2018

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, which is our governing document.

At the end of the last report, the bare shell of our new village hall was about to be handed back to the trustees, and this was duly done by our contractors, Genesis Construction, on April 11th 2017 albeit some of the groundwork still to be completed. Our management committee continued to pursue all available sources of funding for general and individual parts of the fit-out project and to call in the many pledges received from villagers to carry out specialised work towards the building completion. Not all grant applications received approvals, but 5 new grants were received from external sources and 3 additional financial contributions came from local residents. It was disappointing that a grant from the Parish Council was not approved by a small margin but on-going activities by the Committee during the year raised approximately £6,000.

Completion of the building started with the installation of the insulation materials beneath the floor, in the roof and walls, enabling the pledge from TOE2 to be claimed. Much of this work was carried out by villagers in their free time as were internal linings, carpentry, plumbing, electrics, plastering and eventual painting. The Village Hall was given all the internal doors free of charge by a villager and they were fitted by a villager too. The choice of a heating system was made quite late in the project and a quotation from local agent, AC Electrical, to install 2 Mitsubishi Inverter air to air heat pumps, was accepted on a recommendation from a Committee member. Particular mention should be made also of our kitchen, which was supplied and fitted at cost and 50% funded by the Calor Rural Community Fund, made possible by a national vote in favour when pitched against a wide range of other worthy projects.

All the fit-out work carried out by contractors was zero rated for VAT but materials obtained for the DIY activities had to be obtained at the standard rate.

An opening date of 14th July 2017 was announced and invitations to the opening ceremony were extended to all those who had contributed, totalling 110 individuals. It is all these people and many more that the Trustees and Management Committee must thank most sincerely for making this project possible and a plaque acknowledging them is now mounted on the wall of the entrance hall. The opening ceremony on Bastille Day was blessed with gorgeous weather and attended notably by our original benefactor, Lord Saye and Sele and our newly re-elected MP Victoria Prentis. Everyone was favourably impressed with the new building and amazed that the old building had been handed to our contractor a mere 10 months earlier, and it had come in just under budget.

So, in this financial year we have experienced 7 months of use of the building and the only problem of any importance was the acoustics in the main hall, which has been improved substantially by the installation of sound absorbers, by the quaintly named company “The Woolly Shepherd”, which make quite a talking point when first observed. Our original research around the district where village halls had been substantially renovated or replaced indicated that the efforts were rewarded with a substantial increase in usage. This has certainly been the case so far in our hall, where new activities include, a Supper Circle, Film & Book Clubs, various Craft & Exercise Classes, Music Evenings, Charity Coffee Mornings and numerous Children’s Parties, crowd the booking calendar along with meetings of our traditional village organisations. But one very notable success is the Community Lunch on Thursdays, originally intended just to bring villagers together, but now provides substantial contributions to our funds.

In conclusion, it must be said that our new Village Hall has reinvigorated our Charity, brought many more villagers in contact with each other and is a valuable asset to the village, for which we are ever grateful to all those who helped, both financially and with their time, expertise and skills.

Roger Bancroft

SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL

Income and Expense Report
Between 01/04/2017 and 31/03/2018

INCOME

	£	£
<u>Rental Income</u>		
Regular Booking	2,001	
Special Events	1,116	
Equipment Hire	<u>300</u>	
		3,417
<u>Fund Raising</u>		
Festival	3,000	
100 Club	1,165	
Bingo	469	
Xmas Fayre	294	
Community Lunch	<u>1,145</u>	
		6,072
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Equipment Sale	220	
Donations	22	
Bank Interest	11	
Film Club Surplus	320	
Theatre Tickets	371	
Pole Rent	<u>8</u>	
		953
<u>Rebuild Project</u>		
Donations	10,450	
Easy Fundraising	117	
Grants	<u>13,499</u>	
		24,066

Total Income 34,508

EXPENSES

	£	£
<u>Overheads</u>		
Insurance	771	
Lottery Registration	20	
PRS for Music	118	
CFO Affiliation	50	
Cleaner	606	
Admin. Expenses	119	
Electricity	572	
Water Rates	155	
BT	498	
Servicing	<u>89</u>	
		2,998
<u>Consumables</u>		
Cleaning Materials	38	
Paper Products	109	
Plastic Bags	12	
Misc	<u>21</u>	
		180
<u>Rebuild Project</u>		
Construction	18,618	
Fit-out	43,445	
Planning	654	
Printing	<u>386</u>	
		63,103
<u>Equipment</u>		
Cleaning	242	
Furniture	4374	
Kitchenware	139	
Misc	<u>148</u>	
		4,903
<u>Entertainment</u>		
Theatre	480	
Launch	<u>596</u>	
		1076

Total Expenses 72,261

SURPLUS/DEFICIT -37,753

NET WORTH			
As of 31/03/2018			
<u>Bank & Cash Accounts</u>		<u>Reserves</u>	
Business Money Manager	£ 20,070.14	Overheads Reserve	£ 2,000.00
Current	£ 3,146.52	Rebuild Reserve	£ 9,500.00
Cash	£ 238.02	Audio-visual Reserve	£ 3,900.00
		General Reserve	£ 7,734.68
		Film Club Funds	£ 320.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>£ 23,454.68</u></u>		<u><u>£ 23,454.68</u></u>

Future liabilities: Construction £ 8,071
100 Club Prizes £ 790

SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL

100+ CLUB

June

£50.00

£15.00

£10.000

Christian Ash

Carol Wakelin

Brian Thomson

July

£35.00

£15.00

£10.00

Mrs J Yarborough

Anne & Stuart Caro

Sue Lock

Be Water Aware this summer

With the weather warming up, long sunny days and the summer holidays in sight, there is a temptation to cool off in one of Oxfordshire's many rivers and inland waterways. And while there may not be any river monsters waiting down there, unfortunately rivers and waterways can be very dangerous places - 255 people accidentally drowned in 2017 in the UK.

That's why, at this time of year, Oxfordshire's Fire and Rescue Service is reminding all residents to Be Water Aware to help everyone stay safe this summer.

Would you know what to do?

Knowing what to do when someone gets into trouble in the water could help save someone's life:

Call: 999

Float: tell them to float on their back

Throw: something that floats

... and don't jump in yourself

Find out more at www.365alive.co.uk/BeWaterAware



Beer Tent
Sideshows
BBQ & Teas

Pizza's, Gin,
Champagne Tent
Stalls & Games

BRAILES SHOW

Saturday 11th August 2018
1.30pm

HORSE SHOW DOG SHOW

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Mighty Smith - Strongest Man
Gyroscope Trampolines

FREE CAR PARKING, FREE HORSE BOX PARKING

more information from

www.braillesvillageshow.com

SHUTFORD IMAGE

The monthly meetings of SHUTFORD IMAGE have featured work brought by those attending; either paintings or other works of art, or pictures for projection onto the hall screen- many of Shutford.

We have been trying to decide the pattern for the future through discussions and we welcome any further thoughts. Future planning will see picture evenings with individual presentations of interesting themes or places.

No meetings are planned for July or August, but we resume again on **September 11th**. (second Tuesday as usual) starting at 7.00pm. We close at 9.00p,, usually after some coffee and, having decided to base meetings on themes.

We have set for September “**The View from a Shutford bedroom window**”. Donations towards the hall cost always appreciated.

Future meetings scheduled:

- **9th October:** “Around Shutford-October “**Calendar ideas**” (Autumn/Winter pictures still needed).
- **13th November:** “**Off to Banbury**”
- **11th December:** Holiday planning-a presentation: “**Images of Scandinavia**” by one of the group.

Further information contact Roger Bancroft: roger@pipersrise.plus.com.

All welcome.

CHURCH NEWS

Rector - Revd Ronald Hawkes - 780555

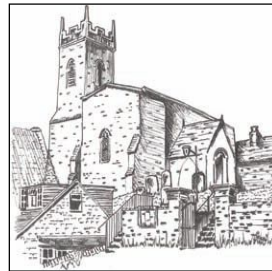
Church Wardens:

Mr Ken Jeffs – 788308

Mr John Hodgkins - 788609

SERVICES: Most Sundays 9.30am but see Wykeham

News & Benefice website for details



The final amount collected door to door during Christian Aid Week was £420. If you missed the collector, you can donate at caweek.org.

There was a good congregation at the Benefice Service at 10.00am on Sunday, 3rd June. The choir sang and others from across the benefice took an active part: there were refreshments in church after the service.

The Thursday Lunches continue and members of the church host one bi-monthly raising about £300 for church funds so far this year.

There were 20 people at the Messy Church Event in Shutford Village Hall on 16th June. The theme was based on the “If I were a butterfly song” with lots of crafts to take part in. The afternoon concluded with refreshments which included sandwiches, butterfly cakes and ice cream.

A Messy Church was held in Tadmarton on 7th July. As it was a beautiful sunny day we met in the churchyard and made scarecrows ready for the village Scarecrow Festival. These fun events are always free of charge and are held every couple of months or so across the benefice: ideal for young children and their carers. Please join us.

A Junior Youth Group meets in Sibford each week and Shutford youngsters would be welcome. The annual Summer Soccer School takes place at Bishop Carpenter School North Newington 1st – 4th August: contact Margaret on 730315 for full details and to book.

The PCC met on 18th June. The treasurer reported an overall surplus of £760 at the end of June with regular donations and collections covering the cost of ministry. Other income from fees and fund raising covered general expenses.

We have since received £3500 from this year's village festival which will be used to pay our annual buildings insurance premium of about £2000 and future restoration costs.

The churchyard grass has been cut regularly by volunteers with the extension being done by David Lovesey as part of the parish council's open spaces grass maintenance. We are also grateful for assistance with the removal of grass by The Manor gardener. Some pruning back of ivy is needed with work on the hedge adjoining the village hall also. Swallows have raised a brood of chicks in the church porch. There have been small maintenance jobs undertaken in church and there is a need to replace some damaged plaster in the ceiling and on the walls. Lorna has cleaned the church as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award work.

Congratulations to Rita Livesey and her team for organising an excellent festival and for all who helped in various ways, to set up, on the day and clear up afterwards. As usual there were lots of donations from villagers, sponsorship and support which made the day financially and socially a huge success. With music in the evening, non-residents have been attracted to the event bringing money into the village.

This year's Ride and Stride for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust takes place on Saturday 8th September. This event is a very important fund raiser for the trust enabling it to make grants to churches throughout the county. Sponsor forms will be available in church and hopefully local walkers and cyclists will be able to take part this year.

St Martin's Church was full on 28th June for the funeral of Neville Gunn who died recently after a long illness. We offer our sincere sympathy to Linda, Andrew and Keiron and their families.

Following the introduction of the new General Data Protection Regulation all church members and other supporters were contacted concerning methods of communication, church rolls and rotas.

If you previously had regular emails which have now ceased, please contact KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk if you wish to have them re-instated.

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.

Below is a list of those who have been or will be remembering a special day in 2018:

Date	Name	Occasion
24 th July	Ken Jeffs	Family Birthday
28 th July	Eamon & Lesley Gillespie	Alex & Kate`s Wedding Celebration
11 th August	Andrew Baud	Kjell`s Birthday
21 st August	Andrew Baud	Lukas` Birthday
29 th August	Rita Livesey	Birthday
14 th & 22 nd September	Ken Jeffs	Family Birthdays
27 th September	Rita Livesey	In memory of Janet

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.

Neville John Gunn

2 September 1946 – 15 June 2018



Thank you to everyone who attended Neville's funeral on Thursday 28 June.

Also, a special thank you to friends in the village who have supported me over the last few years.

Linda Gunn and family.



A Final Farewell from the Shutford Community Association

Remember Shutford's SCA? They were the villagers who started the village website, campaigned for better broadband, helped to turn over the ROMP mining application, restored the old telephone box, produced the village calendars and organised numerous village events. It was, without doubt, a force for good and many positive things happened in the village because of their hard work and commitment to the community. It was also the SCA that brought forward the first village Festival in 2014 in the Manor Field and they who did so much for the new village hall project.

Much of what the SCA did was with funds so generously donated by villagers from promise auctions, summer events or simply from charitable villagers, who wanted to support this very worthy organisation. The last of those funds was recently used for a much needed Festival marquees to help with this year's event and to support a further village produce event, planned for later in the year. After which, the organisation will have run its course and, I think, can be pleased that it made a difference in Shutford to bring people together and support village life. Thank you to all those that supported the SCA during its time and to the SCA for their hard work.

Good bye SCA.

Receipts and payments 2016/17

Balance forward		
		£2,533.66
Total Income		£ 0.00
Expenditure		
Jubilee Medals	£ 206.50	
Donation to village hall project	£1,500.00	
Website maintenance	£ 98.04	

Total		£1,804.54
Surplus / deficit		£ 729.12
Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets	£ 0.00	
Cash in bank	£ 729.12	
Unpaid bills	£ 0.00	
Total Net Assets	£ 729.12	
Reserves		
General reserves	£ 250.00	
Designated reserves	£ 479.12	

Receipt and payments 2017/18

Balance forward		£ 729.12
Income		£ 0.00
Expenditure		
Donation for purchase of 2 x pop-up gazebos for Shutford Festival	£ 407.99	
Sponsorship of Pottery demonstrations at Shutford Festival	£ 200.00	
Total		£ 607.99
Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets		£ 0.00
Cash in bank		£ 121.13
Designated reserves		£ 121.13

RAF CENTENARY CHARITY DINNER

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Guest Speaker
Malcolm Brecht CB CBE

6TH SEPTEMBER

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SHUTFORD WI

At our meeting in June, members enjoyed a Flower Arranging Demonstration by Rosara Florists. Some colourful displays were created, one including fresh strawberries for a Wimbledon theme, and advice on common floral problems were shared with us.

There was no meeting in July as we had our annual outing, which this year was to the Hop Pocket Shopping Village in Malvern. 8 members and 5 friends enjoyed a scenic journey in the Shipston Link Minibus and spent the day having a little retail therapy and delicious food in the café.

We will be having an extra speaker from Helen & Douglas House instead of a Summer Social on 7 August.

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:

September 4 th	Alan Godfrey - Sir Hubert Wilkins, polar explorer
October 2 nd	Martin Sirot-Smith - Harvest Customs in Tudor Times

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

The Daniel Smith Blues Band with Alan Glen in the Shutford Village Hall

Daniel Smith is one of the most exciting talents to emerge on the British blues scene in recent years. Along with a highly acclaimed 5 piece Blues Band, be prepared for a hot serving of

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*Saturday
22nd September 2018
8.00 p.m. (doors open 7:00pm)
Tickets £15.00 per person*

Tickets available from the Promoter:

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*Robert Looke, 3 Chapel Cottages, West Street,
Shutford. Please leave your name as a
reference with payment (cash or cheque
payable to Robert Looke).*

www.danielsmithbluesband.com



**Every last Saturday (&
sometimes a Wednesday)
in the month!
Village Hall**

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

**Saturday 25 August
'Finding Your Feet'**



When "Lady" Sandra Abbott discovers that her husband of 40 years is having an affair with her best friend, she seeks refuge in London with her estranged, older sister Bif. The two could not be more different - Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free-spirited sibling. But different is just what Sandra needs at the moment, and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to a community dance class, where she starts finding her feet.

**Wednesday 26
September
'Mamma Mia 2'**

**Subscriptions for
the film club will
be due in**

**September. We will be in touch re memberships or enquiries
to: shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com.**

**Membership only costs £12.00 for adults and £6.00 young
adults (12-18).**





Shutford Book Club proudly presents an evening

IN CONVERSATION WITH... BESTSELLING AUTHOR RACHEL JOYCE

On Monday 24th September 7.30pm

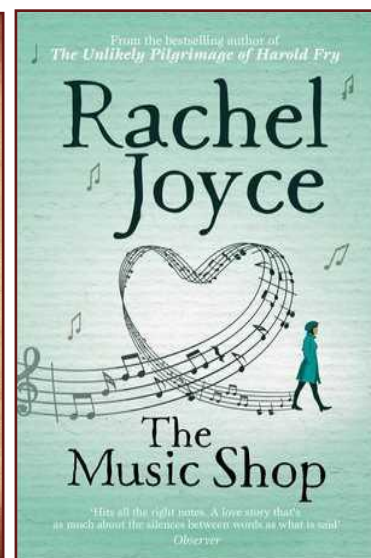
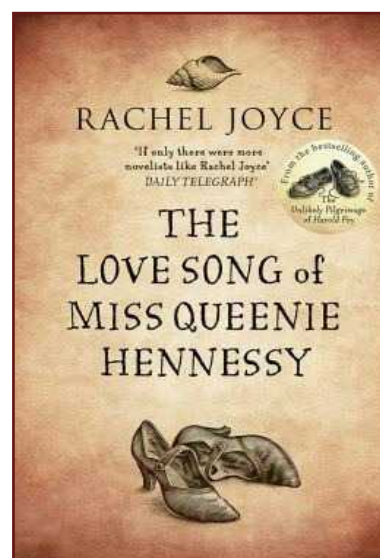
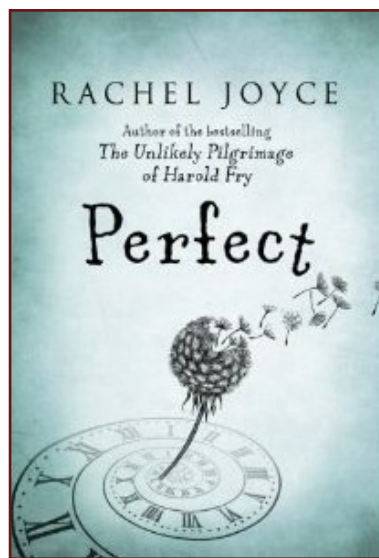
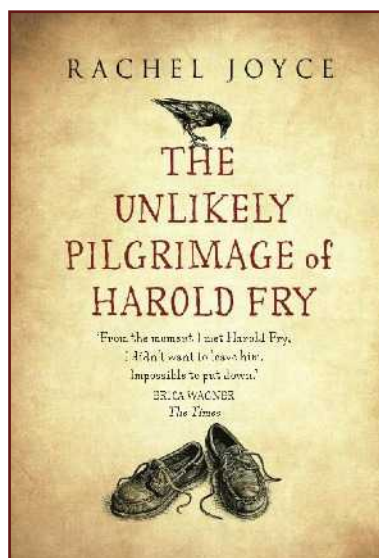
At Shutford Village Hall

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!

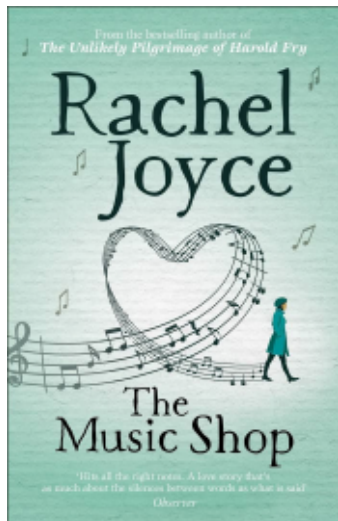
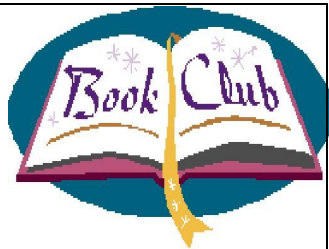
Contact:

Wendy Hall 780256. w_hall@hotmail.co.uk • Lynne Parsons 780649 LynneandA@aol.com
or Christine Yarborough 780926 clematis0902@yahoo.co.uk



Shutford Book Club

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



27 August: "The Music Shop" by Rachel Joyce, described as "exquisite and perfectly pitched" in one review.

24 September: Rachel Joyce book event a Q&A on the book and her other novels, including "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry".

A few tickets are still available at £7.50 each, so if you'd like to come along contact Wendy Hall, 780256, w_hall@hotmail.co.uk, Lynne Parsons, 780649, LynneandA@aol.com or Christine Yarborough, 780926, 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.

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!

Contact details:

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



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SHUTFORD FESTIVAL

2018

Income			Expenses		
Tombola	£	258.00	Wristbands	£	46.76
Water & Wine	£	210.00	Bands	£	810.00
Plants & Produce	£	613.38	Sound system	£	665.00
Books, DVDs & CDs, Toys	£	134.95	Minibeast	£	75.00
Shooting	£	139.00	Pottery Demo	£	200.00
Archery	£	90.00	Cookery Demo	£	100.00
Face Painting	£	75.25	Toilets	£	234.00
Golden Ticket Tent	£	203.45	Insurance	£	106.00
Traditional Games	£	70.70	Entertainment Licence	£	21.00
Football	£	48.00	Publicity	£	216.77
Non-Village Stalls	£	75.00	Pop-up Gazebos	£	407.99
Rides	£	50.00	Sundries	£	315.59
Ice Cream	£	103.40	Raffle Ticket Printing	£	50.00
Teas	£	393.15	Gratuities	£	150.00
Raffle	£	163.00			
Raffle (presales)	£	1,106.50	Total Expenses		£ 3,398.11
Income from stalls		£ 3,733.78	TOTAL PROFIT		£ 6,723.70
			Bank Account Summary		
Sponsorship	£	950.00	Balance b/f from 2017	£	911.94
Friends of the Festival	£	150.00	Profit from 2018	£	6,723.70
Evening Tickets/Entrance	£	2,374.15			
Barbeque Profit	£	720.49	Total		£ 7,635.64
Beer/Wine Bar Profit	£	1,355.40			
Car Boot	£	80.00	Funds Allocation		
Donation from SCA	£	607.99	To Church	£	3,500.00
Donations	£	150.00	To Village Hall	£	3,500.00
Total Income		£ 10,121.81	Balance c/f to 2019		£ 635.64

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Autumn



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This Autumn I will be growing a selection of winter bedding Pansies, Violas and Polyanthus. Also a small collection of Michaelmas Daisy.

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2018 Opening Hours

Spring: 21st April to 23rd June: 7 days a week; 10am - 5pm

Summer: 28th June to 21st July: Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun; 10am - 5pm

Autumn: 5th September to 17th November: Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun; 10am - 5pm or dusk if earlier

Shutford Village Produce, Flowers & Fruit Show

Sunday 16 September

We are delighted to be hosting (we think) Shutford's first Produce, Flower and Fruit Show in the village hall.

You will see below the categories and the timings are:

- Entries between: 11:00 – 12:00 pm
- Judging: 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Event opens at 2:00 pm

Entry fee: 50p for adults per entry, children FREE. Only one entry per category.

Vegetables & Fruit:

- Wonkiest veggie
- Display of 5 home grown fruit and/or veg in a container
- Heaviest Squash or Marrow
- Heaviest Cooking Apple
- Veggie monster (kids only: up to 7yrs, 8-12 yrs & 13-16 yrs)



Flowers:

- An arrangement of herbs
- Single stem of any flower
- Arrangement in a teacup and saucer (no oasis)
- Flowers in a jam jar (kids only: up to 7yrs, 8-12 yrs & 13-16 yrs)



Cakes:



- Decorated lemon drizzle cake set recipe
- Choc chip cookies (3 on a plate)
- Decorated ginger bread people 2 on a plate (kids only: up to 7yrs, 8-12 yrs & 13-16 yrs)

Homemade produce:

- Marmalade
- Jam
- Chutney / Pickle / Relish



Shutford Species - Pipistrelle Bats

Shutford has a large colony of over 270 pipistrelle bats at Timbertons, the first house in Ivy Lane. Lena and Joe inherited the roost when they moved in and have seen the colony grow and increase significantly in recent years. The bats are an amazing sight as they leave the roost each evening around dusk. It's a maternity roost to which the colony of females returns each spring to give birth and raise young, dispersing in autumn, back to mating colonies in other roosts.



The numbers in this colony make it likely to be soprano pipistrelle. The colony and its size is a positive indication of the environmental health in and around Shutford. The UK has 18 bat species and 8 of these were designated as 'biodiversity indicator species' in 2008, by the Government's Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Indicator species help measure the levels of biodiversity in a region and the overall health of ecosystems. The eight bat indicator species are: lesser horseshoe bat, common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, Daubenton's bat, Natterer's bat, serotine and noctule. Pipistrelles feed exclusively on insects, and a growing colony indicates a plentiful supply of insects in the area. Insects are at the bottom of food chains so a plentiful supply is also good news for other mammals, birds, reptiles as well as wild and garden flowers, that are insect pollinated.

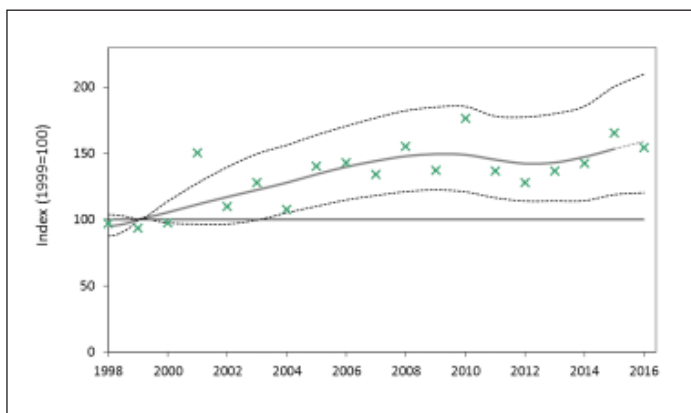
Bats are excellent controllers of pest insects - a single pipistrelle can eat up to 3000 insects each night. In the US, Thailand and Brazil bats are being used increasingly for pollination and to protect crops from pests, reducing the need for pesticides.

Pipistrelles are tiny bats weighing only 3 – 8 grams, typically the weight of a 20p piece. They are around 3.5cm – 4.5cm long with a wing span of around 20cm – 23.5cm. They prey on all kinds of small insects: flies, midges, mosquitoes, gnats, and moths in a wide variety of habitats: In woodland, over water, gardens and agricultural land. They locate their prey in the dark by echolocation – they make a series of sounds and the returning echoes enable them to locate prey in their path. Their main predators are owls and domestic cats but the roost in Ivy Lane is pretty inaccessible even for cats.

UK Conservation Status: Common pipistrelles and soprano pipistrelles are the most common and widespread of all British bat species. There was a dramatic decline in pipistrelles during the last century but since 1999 there has been a partial recovery of populations.

According to the Bat Conservation Trust this is likely to be due to legal protection introduced in 1981 to protect bats and their roosts. Pipistrelles commonly roost in buildings so they have benefited from legislation on building and development and from improved public attitudes and awareness through positive media coverage.

Survey results from the National Bat Monitoring Programme show a steady increase in soprano pipistrelles (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*) since 1999. The data is from 626 sites in England, Scotland and Wales.



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Soprano pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*)

The Bat Conservation Trust runs a National Bat Monitoring Programme to produce UK population trends that are vital to the successful of conservation work. They need 30-40 sites to be surveyed annually to help them provide country-level trends.

If you are interested in getting involved you can join the NBMP volunteer network, helping to count and monitor bats.

For more information visit the trust's website at www.bats.org.uk and follow the 'Get Involved links'. Alternatively email nbmp@bats.org.uk, or contact Rita, the Shutford News editor, for the contact details of Lena and Joe's local bat specialist.



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Saturday	25	Film night, village hall 7:30pm
Sunday	26	Breakfast, village hall 9:30-11:00 am
Monday	27	Book Club, village hall 7:30pm
September		
Tuesday	4	WI: 10:00 am village hall
Tuesday	11	Shutford Image Club, village hall 7-9pm
Wednesday	12	Shutford Parish Council meeting, village hall 7:30 pm
Sunday	16	Produce event in the village hall
Saturday	22	Daniel Blues Band in the village hall
Monday	24	Rachel Joyce book event, village hall, 7:30pm
Wednesday	26	Film Club, village hall, 7:30pm
Sunday	30	Breakfast in the village hall, 9:30-11:00am
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