SHUTFORD NEWS

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KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE



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Come along to Shutford Xmas Fayre on

Sunday 8 December 1-4:00 pm

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Katharine House Hospice

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*please feel free to donate more!!

Dear Villagers...

As we come to our last edition of 2019, we can reflect on some of the great things that have happened and to everyone who supports and makes Shutford the vibrant village to live in.

We now look forward to 2020 with a lots of new things to come. Not least the first 'Shutford Trail', a

5K (+ 5K family walk) & 10K race taking place on the day of the festival, 20 June 2020. More details to follow.

Don't forget come along to support the **Shutford Xmas Fayre on Sunday 8 December 1-4pm.** Shutford Village Hall & The George & Dragon.



Just leaves me to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Remember to keep up with all the village news simply sign up to our newsletter by visiting www.shutfordvillage.com and completing the on-line sign up form to receive village news. Looking forward to keeping you in touch with news and events throughout next year!



Rita Livesey, Editor Email: shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com

Welcome... Prunella Ann Koning (Penny for short) who has moved into 28 The Dairyground, whilst looking to buy. Penny moved from Hanley Swan, near Malvern, to the area to be near her Mum at Silverstone and family. Penny has a cat, plus two horses in livery at Great Rollright. Listing her hobbies as gardening, walking and horses.

Shutford Playground area opens in November...



After a few months of development and planning the new play area on the Dairyground in Shutford is now officially open.
The bespoke design of the multi activity unit is handmade

from robinia wood, and was built by a local company, Trevor Stewart Timber Play Equipment, which includes a playhouse and slide, a wobbly



bridge, monkey rings, a timber traverse and a climbing wall. In addition, there are also some new toddler swings, a basket swing and flat swings to complete the play area. A new noticeboard will also be erected. There has been amazing support for the project to bring to life the play area on the Dairyground updating the worn-out play equipment with robust new equipment that families can enjoy for years to come. The project was secured with a grant of £10k from The National Lottery Community Fund, support from Cherwell District Council, Waitrose in Banbury, generous donations from people in the village and Shutford Village Hall.

Debbie Pitt, Chair of Parish Council commented: "The Parish Council is delighted that this project is now completed, and we look forward to seeing it being used and giving pleasure to children of all ages. The Parish Council is very grateful to all the funders and supporters who made this project such a success."

The Care for a Cuppa event held on Sunday 22nd September in Shutford Village Hall in aid of Katharine House Hospice made the fantastic sum of £1800.00.

We would like to give our grateful thanks to everyone who came, donated and made cakes. A wonderful sum of money raised to help towards running a much loved and needed local facility.

Thank you all very much



Why are we so reliant on our cars and is there anything we can do as an alternative?

My name is Cathy Coverley, I have lived outside the village on and off since 1975.

Recently, my car broke down and I felt really isolated and frustrated, I really don't want to be reliant on the car and certainly don't appreciate the costs and inconvenience of breakdowns. I know it is our choice to run an old car but it has certainly hasn't been a smooth ride. Last year we spent nearly £500 on pothole related damage.

What is the solution to all this? You say get a new car but with the average cost of running a car being about £400 each month this is a sizeable amount out of a household budget. So what else?

Bus - whilst I am grateful for a bus service (something we did not have for a long while). when it comes to getting to work the times don't always suit. Taxi - £18 for a round trip, with the Carriage Company, obviously, not as good value as the bus but for the occasional trip, this may be an option for some. Cycle – not sure I feel safe on our roads, I would love to live in an area with a cycle path.

Friends – I find it difficult to ask for favours, I feel like I would have to know someone really well to ask for lift because I don't want to inconvenience them.

Car share – I did put a request on the Shutford Community news to see if anyone could offer me a lift, not sure if anyone saw this, as I did not get any responses.

Voluntary transport: aside from the obvious, I am probably too young to qualify, I see my circumstances don't match the entitlement criteria listed on the website.

Mothers Car: so left with no other option, I pester my Mum on a daily basis to take me into town. But what is going to happen if my Mum gets to the point she is unable to drive, how will I provide transport for her, especially when I am out at work? It makes me a little concerned about the issue of isolation for people living in villages. It would be interesting to hear from anyone else who has faced similar frustrations? It would be great to hear from you, my email address is: catherinecoverley@gmail.com.

"The first - and still one of the best - local Christmas markets"



CHRISTMAS M A R K E T

Saturday 30th November 2019 at Swalcliffe Church from 12 noon to 3pm

A festive destination to stock up for the Christmas season including:

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Bring your family and friends along to enjoy the festive spirit. Entrance fee: £1 (children free)

















All proceeds will be shared between Swalcliffe Church, the Village Fund and Banbury Young Homelessness Project, BYHP.

Shutford Village Hall 100+ Club Results

October Results:

FIRST PRIZE	£35.00	Annette May
SECOND PRIZE	£15.00	Cathy Elmore
THIRD PRIZE	£10.00	Jennifer Townsend

November Results:

FIRST PRIZE	£35.00	Andrew Whitehouse
SECOND PRIZE	£15.00	Lyn Stanley
THIRD PRIZE	£10.00	Julie Hodgkins

The next Prize Draw will take place on 5 December in the Village Hall.

SHUTFORD THURSDAY LUNCH



Meet & Eat in the village hall on Thursdays 12:30 -2:00 pm. Bring along friends and family who might want a home cooked meal and friendly chat.

12:30 – 2:00 pm December, 5 December Christmas Dinner Special

9 & 23 January 2020

Please note no breakfast in December. Next date breakfast in the village hall served from 9:30-11:00 am: Sunday, 26 January 2020



Illuminate & Celebrate in 2020!



Don't forget to get your special dates in for 2020!

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 2020.

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 2019:

Date	Name	Occasion
25 th September	John Bailey	In memory of Frances & Jack
10 th October	Margaret Holloway	In memory of Graham
14th October	John Bailey	Happy Birthday Thomas
10 th /11 th November	Anon	Remembrance Sunday &
		Armistice Day
12 th November	Jenny & David Lake	Birth of grandchildren:
		Zephyr & Levi
13th November	Kath Gaydon	Jerry`s 60 th Birthday
27th November	John Bailey	In memory of Eileen & Roy
27th December	Claire Freeman	Gordon`s 50 th Birthday
8th January	Claire Freeman	Isabella`s 10 th 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



A Messy Church Event was held in Shutford Village Hall on 21st September. The theme was autumn and harvest with 9 children and 10 adults enjoying an afternoon of crafts and refreshments to finish.

St Martin's Church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving on 29th September. Familiar harvest hymns were sung and the thought for the day was based on a reading from Philippians 4 vs 4-9. Be gentle, do not worry about anything..... with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God....... think of the good things.

The next day, a Ploughman's Supper and Sale was held in the village hall and raised £420 for Katharine House Hospice. Thank you to everyone who supported the harvest celebrations with gifts of produce, flowers, food for the supper and cash donations.

A deanery Eco Church workshop was held in Sibford on 7th October. The event was led by Martin and Margot Hodson (a plant scientist and environment biologist and parish priest) who have written a book entitled A Christian Guide to Environmental Studies. Eco Church, an A Rocha UK project, was started in 2016 and looks at how the church and its congregation can take better care of the environment. There are 5 keys areas of church life: Worship & Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community & Neighbours and Lifestyle which determine whether St Martin's is an Eco Church. With small changes we hope to reduce our carbon footprint and will undertake an audit of all church activities. Shutford Parish Council has a "Shutford Goes Green" initiative which may help the church in its endeavours.

The Community Lunch in October raised £140 for the church. We will assist the village hall team with the one on 5th December which will raise funds for local charities: good food and company guaranteed.

The final PCC meeting of 2019 was held on 30th October. Income from regular worshippers has covered the cost of our ministry team with other income from collections, fund raising and donations covering general expenses. Money from the Shutford Festival has covered the church buildings insurance. Excluding donations to good causes (£1300 has been donated to date this year) the church needs an income of £1000 per month to cover costs and at present this is being achieved with a surplus for leaner times. Many thanks to all who value the presence of St Martin's church in Shutford and continue to support it.

An Act of Remembrance, led by Alasdair, took place at the war memorial at 11.00am on 10th November. A Remembrance service was held at 6.00pm in church with Reverend Ronald officiating. Deddington Brass provided music for the service and Julie, one of their musicians, played the Last Post and Reveille at both occasions. A church collection of £100 has been given to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

A Messy Church Event will be held in Shutford village hall at 4.00pm on 14th December. There will be a Christmas theme with crafts, Christingles, carols and refreshments to finish. There will be an evening of carols, readings and music from the Skeptics, an a capella trio, in church on 15th December at 7.00pm: refreshments from 6.30pm.

Our rector Ronald Hawkes and his wife Elisabeth are retiring from parish ministry at the end of January 2020. As a thank you, for their work in the Wykeham Benefice during the last 7 years, we will be giving them a farewell gift in the form of a cheque. If you wish to contribute, please send your donation to 9 The Dairyground, Shutford, or bring it to church, before the end of December. Any donations should be marked R & EH Gift please with cheques made payable to Shutford Parochial Church Council. Ronald and Elisabeth's last service will be Benefice Eucharist in Swalcliffe Church at 11.00am on Sunday, 19th January followed by a farewell lunch in church.



SHUTFORD WI

At the beginning of October, Hugh Warwick revealed the Secrets of the Hedgehog. He told us some interesting facts about this native animal. He also gave advice on how we could help their survival, as their numbers are decreasing at a disturbing rate. October also saw the enrolment of a new member from Epwell.

In November, in preparation for Christmas, Ann Sharman explained the derivation of many of our customs at this festive time of the year. These included characters, food and decorations from all over the world and from before the Nativity until Victorian times.

In December we will be having a Christmas Social and enjoying a bring and share buffet. The following week we have booked the George & Dragon for a more formal Christmas Lunch.

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:

January 7th Alan Walker - 4 Legs and a Tail February 4th Moira Byast - Hidden History of Nursery Rhymes

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





Shutford Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7.30pm in Shutford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Debbie Pitt (Chair), Helen Nixseaman, Sandy Forrester Tom Parrish, George Reynolds and David Best, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Also present were three members of the public.

19/028	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Carolyn Rann and Ashley Taylor
19/020	Declarations of Interest: Cllr George Reynolds.
19/021	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 th September 2019 were a correct record and signed by the Chair. Proposed by Cllr G Reynolds and seconded by Cllr H. Nixseaman
19/022	Matters arising from the minutes: The pothole in Ivy Lane has not been repaired by Thames Water. The Clerk will chase this and check whether advanced warning of the road closure in March 2020 relates to this.
19/023 19/023/1	Parish Matters: Shutford News Donations – It was agreed to continue the annual £75 donation towards the production of the Shutford News (proposed Cllr G Reynolds and seconded Cllr H Nixseaman). Payment will be made for last year and this year.
19/023/2	944 Restorations/ Industrial Estate Update – The owner of 944 Restorations is in discussions with Cherwell District Council and Brown & Co, the Landlord's agents. The owner is considering moving to one of the other units on the Industrial Estate where Sunday working is permitted. The installation of a capture device to the spray booth vent to prevent smells is being discussed with Cherwell District Council.
19/023/3	Youth Opportunities Fund – Oxfordshire County Council has announced a Youth Opportunities Fund of £1 million with a maximum grant of £70,000 per application. The closing date for applications this year is 22 nd November. Anyone in the village who would like to take advantage of the grant should contact youth.opportunities@oxfordshire.gov.uk . Having improved the playground equipment on the Dairyground, which is used by younger children primarily, the Parish Council would be interested to receive any suggestions on how it could support activities or facilities for older children/ youths.
19/023/4	Dairyground Update – The installation of the new play equipment has been completed, the tops of the swing posts lowered, and an opening event held. An article has been published in the Banbury Guardian. Landscaping and/or the installation of a picnic table, which has been requested by some residents, will be considered in the spring. A member of the public commented that his children and their friends love playing on it and it sits very comfortably on the Dairyground. It was agreed that the Clerk will advise the Insurers of the increased replacement value of the equipment.
19/023/5	New Noticeboard – Four quotes have been received for replacing the noticeboard on the Dairyground. It was agreed to accept the lowest quote (proposed by Cllr D Pitt and seconded Cllr G Reynolds). It is proposed to put notices on the back of the noticeboard with information on nature and trails etc A message will also be included requesting people using the Dairyground to respect the residents in the Dairyground and behave reasonably. It was also agreed to consider whether the top of the old noticeboard could be salvaged, renovated and re-sited in the bus shelter.
19/023/6	Shutford Goes Green Update – A report circulated by Cllr C Rann was discussed. This is a very early stage and further information needs to be obtained about possible initiatives. Topics discussed so far include wildflower verges, improvement of wildlife areas, electric charging points
19/023/7	for cars, community energy source, car sharing schemes, village re-cycling and a public water tap. Allotment Update – All Allotment agreements and rents have been received. The clause in the agreement stating that the tenant be responsible for ensuring that any person present in the Allotment with or without the tenant's permission does not suffer personal injury or damage to his property will be reviewed. It was agreed that a tenant may erect a shed and greenhouse on one of the plots. It was noted that as previously agreed the Clerk will maintain a record of the allotment income and expenditure as any surplus will be re-invested in the allotments.
19/023/8	Footpath from Ivy Lane to Allotments – The owners of the house next to the footpath have been advised by Oxfordshire County Council that OCC are not responsible for maintaining the undergrowth along the footpath that is growing on their boundary fence/wall. It was agreed that

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19/023/9 19/023/10	any of this vegetation that is removed can be placed on the allotment next to the footpath so that it can be burnt. The Clerk is obtaining a quote for a gravel surface on this footpath as it is difficult to walk on when wet due to the gradient. Grants are available for footpath improvements/ upgrades. Mowing Contracts – After obtaining a competitive quote earlier this year, which was more expensive that the existing contractors, the existing suppliers were awarded the contract and will be asked to continue for the next two years. Shutford Neighbourhood Development Plan – It was confirmed that a plan was started a few years ago but never finished. There are no immediate plans to re-start this process, but it will be put on the agenda for the next Parish Meeting.
19/024	Finance: 2019-20 Accounts and Bank Reconciliation – The accounts and performance vs. the budget were reviewed. The cash reserves after all outstanding payments are £6,402.86 however there will be income shortly from a VAT reclaim and a grant from Cherwell District Council for new play equipment.
19/025 19/025/1	Correspondence: Buses idling whilst stationary – School buses have been observed with their engines running whilst waiting in Shutford. Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed that in its contract with Service Providers that at any stopping place where the vehicle will not be driven for more that one minute the driver shall switch off the engine and shall not start it until ready to depart. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Cheyney Coaches Ltd to remind them of this.
19/025/2	Church Lane pond conservation project – A parishioner asked if the pond in Church Lane could be made into a nice feature. The pond does not contain water though the year and just contains water when there is water run off from the surrounding fields. This feature was discussed in the Shutford Goes Green meeting and will be the subject of further discussion. Health Trust Consultation – The Parish Council has confirmed to a resident that it has not been contacted by the Oxford Trust about new proposals for the Banbury area health service. This question was raised when the resident learned that some Parish Councils have been contacted. No details of a consultation could be found on the NHS Oxfordshire Trust website.
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19/026 19/026/1	Planning: 19/01669/F – Lower Barn, Epwell Rd, OX15 6HE – awaiting decision
19/026/2	19/01962/F – 8 Dairyground, OX15 6PN – Granted 12/11/2019
19/026/3	19/02262/F – Comptons Cottage, Cooks Hill, OX15 6PL – returned to CDC without objection
19/027	Any Other Business:
19/027/1	Malthouse Lane road surface – It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Highways again to
19/027/2	request repairs to the road which has become hazardous for pedestrians. Trail Run – A 5km or 10km run will take place as part of the Shutford Festival next year. Permits and permissions have been obtained.
19/027/3	Advice on Paint Spray Installations – One of the members of public who attended the meeting kindly offered to give assistance and advice about the spray booth extraction at 944 Restorations as he has been working in this field for some time with Jaguar and Aston Martin.

The next Parish Council Meeti	ig will be held on Wednesda	ıy 8 th January 2	2020 at 7.30pm in	n the Village Hall

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.36pm

Signed by Chairman	Date

Minutes are marked as draft until the Parish Council agrees that they are a correct record at the next meeting.



XMAS BINGO

Friday 6th December 2019

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



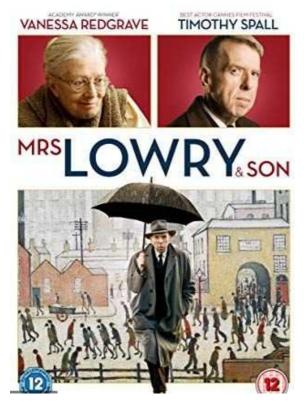






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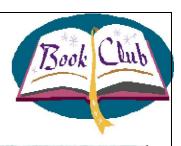
Saturday 25 January 'Mrs Lowry & Son'

Please note subscriptions for the film club are due from September 2019. Membership (calendar year September 2019 – August 2020) only costs £12.00 for adults and £6.00 young adults (12-18).

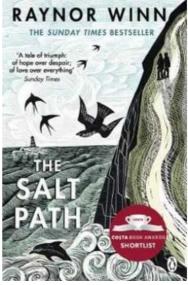
To renew or join simply email: shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com or pay your membership on the night.

Shutford Book Club

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



January 27, "The Salt Path" by Raynor Winn suggested by Di Speck





February 24, "Longbourn" by Jo Baker, suggested by Carolyn Rann

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 would

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Contact details: Email: kirsten@kpgardencare.co.uk or 780412

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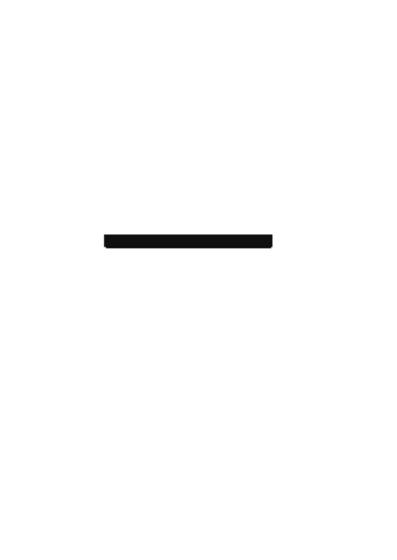


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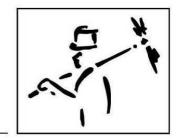
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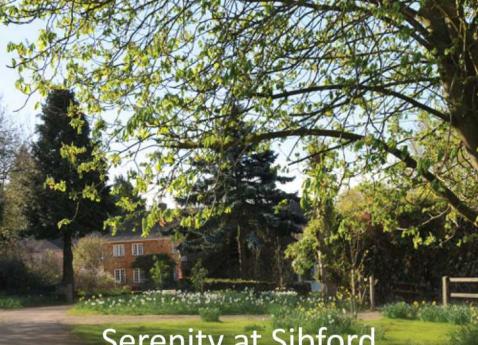


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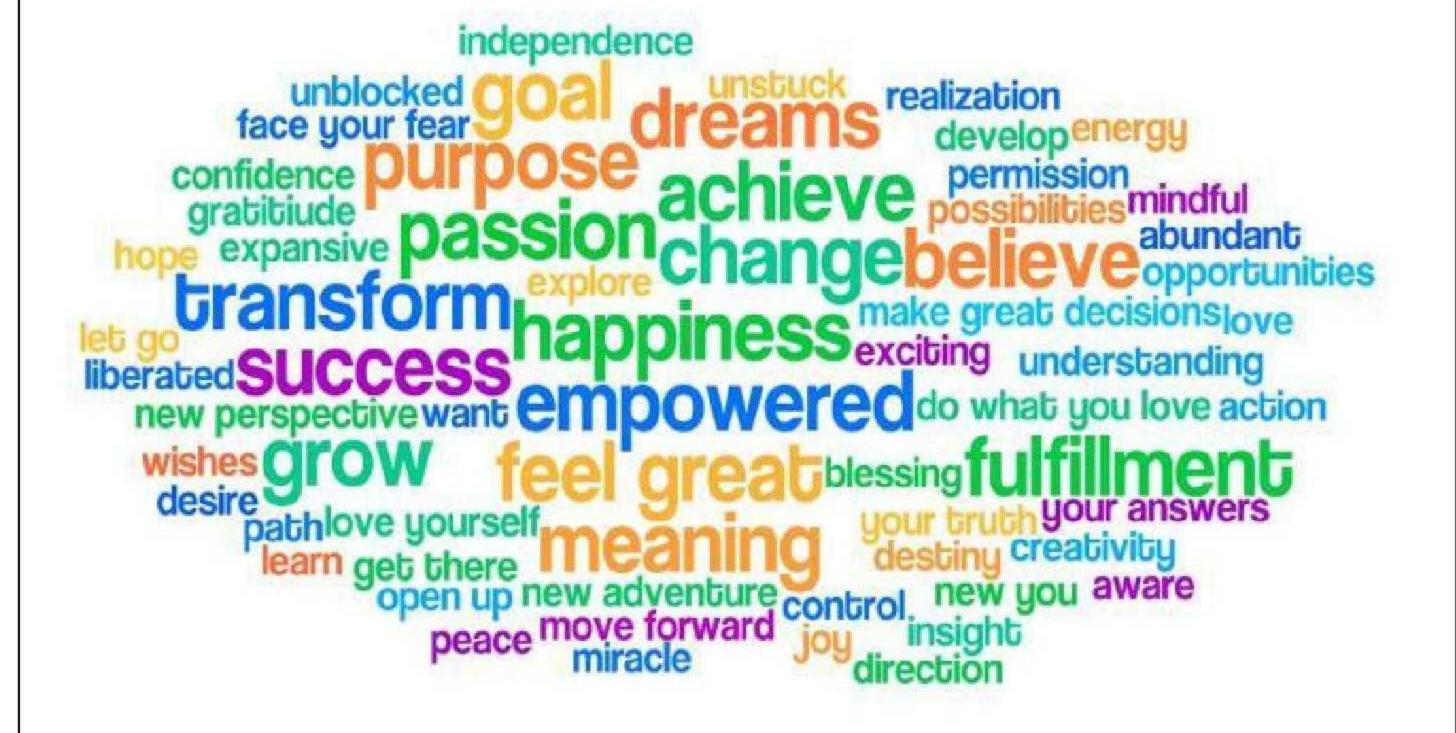
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December		
Tuesday	3	WI Xmas Social, Village Hall 11:00am
Thursday	5	Thursday 'Xmas' Lunch, Village Hall,
		12:30-2pm
Friday	6	Xmas Bingo, Village Hall 7:30pm
Sunday	8	Xmas Fayre, Village Hall & The
		George & Dragon 1-4:00 pm
Thursday	12	Elections in the Village Hall
Saturday	14	Messy Church, Village Hall 4-6:00pm
January		
Tuesday	7	WI Meeting, Village Hall 10:00am & Art
		Society, Village Hall 7:30pm
Wednesday	8	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7:30pm
Thursday	9	Thursday Lunch, 12:30-2pm, Village Hall
Tuesday	21	Art Society, Village Hall 7:30pm
Thursday	23	Thursday Lunch, 12:30-2pm, Village Hall
Saturday	25	Film Club, Village Hall 7:30pm
Sunday	26	Breakfast, Village Hall, 9:30-11:00am
Monday	27	Book Club, Village Hall, 7:30pm

For full details of activities in the village, please village the website: www.shutfordvillage.com.

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Sunday 8th December - Shutford Christmas Fayre

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th December - Christmas dinner weekender!

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Sunday 22nd December - Brass Christmas carols

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