

# SHUTFORD NEWS

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**EASTER EGG COMPETITION  
ON  
EASTER MONDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
In The Village Hall  
Judging starts @ 3.00pm**

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**

**The Judge's decision is final!**



# A Web of Shutford Species

Wildlife living in a particular area forms a network of interdependent species that makes up an ecological community. Here are some of the species that have been recorded regularly by the people of Shutford. Many of these creatures depend upon each other for food and they all depend upon the residents of the village to plant up gardens with a wide variety of trees, shrubs and flowers, rich in pollen and nectar, that sustain some of them directly or other species that they feed on. Many birds such as the Goldfinch have been brought back from the brink of extinction by people providing food in garden feeders.



**Tawny Owl**  
Food: Small mammals and birds, beetles, worms

**Swallow**



**Swift**



**Migrators: Swifts, Swallows and House Martins** migrate to Shutford from Africa each year to breed. They all rely upon an abundance of insects to survive the journey to and from Africa and to raise their young here in the UK. Areas of undisturbed grasses and wild plants such as nettles allow insects to thrive. Swifts can be identified by their shrieking call.



**Greater-spotted Woodpecker**  
Food: Insects, tree seeds, young birds and eggs



**Goldfinch**  
Food: Insects and seeds, particularly knapweed and thistle. Benefit from garden feeders



**Sparrowhawk**  
Food: Other birds, very occasionally small mammals such as rodents and bats. The presence of sparrowhawks often indicates a healthy bird population

**Trees:** Mature trees and woodland, with a mixture of deciduous and evergreen species, support more wildlife than any other ecosystem. Oak trees support more species than any other UK tree. The wildlife shown here depends directly or indirectly on the trees, shrubs, hedgerows and other plants in the neighbourhood - wild as well as cultivated



**Oak**



**Willow**

Willow such as this Bay Willow as well as Pussy Willow, are important sources of pollen for early emerging bumblebees



**Ivy**

An important source of pollen and berries during autumn and winter



**Comma**

**Wild & Semi-Wild Flowers:** Flowers such as these: Bird's-foot trefoil, greater knapweed & buddleia are reliant upon pollinating insects such as beetles, butterflies, moths, bees, hoverflies and wasps. In turn the insects feed on the nectar and pollen of the flowers



**Common Pipistrelle Bat**  
Food: Moths and other insects. Each summer a large colony moves into the roof of a house in Ivy Lane, to raise their young



**Weasel**  
Food: Small mammals, chicks and birds eggs. Britain's smallest carnivore.



**Hedgehog**  
Food: Beetles, caterpillars & other larvae, slugs & snails. Hedgehogs need people to avoid using slug pellets and to leave gaps in garden fences so they can roam over a wide area to find enough food



**Hummingbird Hawk Moth**



**Buff-tailed Bumblebee**



**Red-tipped Flower Beetle**



**Red Admiral**

**Pollinators:** Butterflies, moths, and some beetles as well as wild bees, such as bumblebees, need an abundance of nectar-rich flowers to feed on including tree flowers and wild flowers such as ivy and thistle. Red Admirals particularly like rotting fruit and many caterpillars also need wild areas with nettles and grasses

Dear Villagers...

So Spring is in the air, thank goodness for that.  
What a very wet and muddy winter we have had.

For our keen gardeners and allotment holders we  
have a very helpful article. Thank you Aisla Craig!



The beautiful nature design featured on the inside cover of this edition, will be printed and will go on the back of the notice board on the Dairyground. The cost of this will be covered by proceeds from the recent Tesco collection. "The Parish Council would like to thank Jane King for all her hard work with the artwork and graphics and developing the sign."

**When this edition went to print the news of the Coronavirus COVID-19 is still breaking in the UK. So there maybe events advertised in this edition that don't go ahead. If you want to keep up to date on what Shutford Village is doing , what is happening and what is not, make sure you are signed up to receive our newsletters, simply visit [www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com) and sign up to the form on the website.**

Let's hope by the time the next edition comes out we have better news for everyone! Take very good care...

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

Rita Livesey, Editor

Email: [shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com)

**Welcome...** to Bill & Jude Richardson who have moved into 5 Church Lane with their sons Sam (12) and Theo (10) and their dog Iolo. Jude works in the automotive industry and Bill is a retired sea captain. They list their hobbies, as walking, sailing, gardening and ancient motor cars. The boys love playing rugby. They moved from North Bucks. Why Shutford? "The delightful countryside and peace of village life brought us here!"

# Shutford Parish Council

As a consequence of the Coronavirus, the Parish Council thought it would be helpful to consider what we can do in our local community to support ourselves and neighbours if the situation worsens. We should all be aware of neighbours particularly those living on their own or who are vulnerable.

Some things to consider, if you need to stay at home, are noted below. These are a few suggestions from the website:

<https://www.oxfordshiremind.org.uk/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>. If you need medical advice, follow the NHS guidance. Current guidance if you have any Coronavirus symptoms is to stay at home for 7 days but if they worsen or are no better after 7 days, contact [NHS 111 online](#) or call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

- Food: do you have a way to get food delivered? If not, do you have someone who can shop for you and do you have enough cash to give them. See telephone number below if none applies to you.
- Cleaning: are your cleaning supplies stocked up?
- Medication: do you have enough medication, or a way to get more?



- Health: have you made a note of family contacts and medication you might be taking etc. Make a note of all the information that would be useful in case of an emergency and is in easy access.
- Commitments: can someone else help you care for any dependents, walk your dog, or take care of any other commitments?
- Connectivity: have you checked the contact details of the people you see regularly, like have you got their phone numbers or email addresses?
- Exercise: is there any physical activity you can do inside your home or in your garden, such as going up and down the stairs, using bean tins as weights. If you keep within 2 metres (present guidance) of other people, you can walk outside.
- Entertainment: have you thought about things to do, books to read or TV shows to watch?

If you are unable to get to the shops or pharmacy or need some other errands you can ring Debbie Pitt on 01295 788441 who will try to arrange for some help.

If anyone else is willing to help, please contact Debbie on the number above.

Let's all keep safe and work together through this situation.



**KATHARINE  
HOUSE  
HOSPICE**

**FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY**  
For inclusion in your March newsletter  
(By email)

### **OPEN GARDENS 2020 – CALLING ALL GARDENERS!**

Katharine House is planning for sunnier days encouraging all you keen gardeners to open your gardens and raise money next year with every penny raised going towards your local hospice. Could you help and open your garden for us?

Please also tell your friends and neighbours – villages with several garden openings on the same day are particularly successful. Our team can talk through the options with you and help every step of the way to ensure your open garden event is a success. We can advertise your open garden, provide resources and signage, and give you a detailed information pack to help you plan. We can even offer an Open Gardens mentor – someone who has opened for them in past years – to support you as you organise your event.

Please get in touch at [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or call 01295 816 484 to find out more.

### **KATHARINE HOUSE COMMUNITY CHOIR – OPEN TO ALL!**

Everyone's welcome at our new community choir! Held at Katharine House on Tuesday evenings from 6-7.30pm, come along and join others for some singing and social. No experience necessary, simply turn up on the night and join the fun. Sessions cost £5 with a portion going to support the work of Katharine House in the hospice and in the community.

### **What's on in 2020:**

This year there are more ways than ever to get involved and help make every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Below are just some of the fundraising events in 2020. For more information about our events, please visit [www.khh.org.uk/whatson](http://www.khh.org.uk/whatson)

### **Wingwalking 2020**

Join us on 21 May 2020 for this amazing experience with the world's most experienced wing-walking team. It's something to strike off your bucket list and build memories that last a lifetime.

### **Midnight Walk 2020 - Saturday 20 June**

Hold the date - join Banbury's biggest fundraising event - Midnight Walk 2020

### **Oxford Half Marathon – October 2020**

Challenge yourself to complete a half marathon with a route going through the beautiful city of Oxford

For images, interviews or further information, please contact:  
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T: 01295 816 483 E: [chris.higgins@khh.org.uk](mailto:chris.higgins@khh.org.uk)  
Katharine House Hospice, Aynho Road, Adderbury, Banbury, OX17 3NL

## SHUTFORD WI

Our speaker in January was Moira Byast who told us about the Hidden History of Nursery Rhymes. These were not really for children but reflections on the events of the time. We found out who Jack Horner was, what really happened to Humpty Dumpty and many other interesting facts.

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. Our new WI Advisor attended our meeting and gave us some suggestions for future speakers.

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

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Patrick Baddeley - My 1500 Mile Walk Across India
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marcus Ferrar - A Foot in Both Camps

There will be no speaker in May as we will be discussing and voting on the resolution/s to be put forward at the national Annual Meeting held in London this year in the Albert Hall in June.

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



## March Results:

FIRST PRIZE	£60.00	Dawn Gibbs
SECOND PRIZE	£15.00	Tom Parrish
THIRD PRIZE	£10.00	Bob Pritchard

The next Prize Draw will take place on 2 April in the Village Hall.

**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.**

**Thursday Lunches in the village hall are currently postponed until further notice.**

**Sunday Breakfast in the  
village hall served from  
9:30-11:00 am:**

**26 April**  
**31 May**





Collect Explorer Stamps and discover new talents whilst engaging in teacher-led projects.

Can you collect all the stamps and be a

*Pathway Explorer?*



### *Outdoor Learning*

Create a bug hotel and learn how to toast marshmallows.

### *Science and Maths*

Help dinosaurs hatch from ice and plant a sunflower seed to take home.

### *Music*

Enter the bell tent and find a treasure trove of instruments to play, as well as echo singing and music and movement games.

### *Sport*

Have a go at mini tennis, beat the goalie and scooter and tricycle challenges.

### *Art*

Make clay animals using beads and natural resources to decorate.

**Become a**

# *Pathway Explorer*

**at Carrdus School**

Free event for children aged 2 - 5 years

Saturday 25th April 2020, 10am – 12 noon.

Booking essential as places limited. To book go to: [www.carrdusschool.co.uk/events](http://www.carrdusschool.co.uk/events)



**CARRDUS  
SCHOOL**

# CHURCH NEWS

**Rector** - Revd Ronald Hawkes - 780555

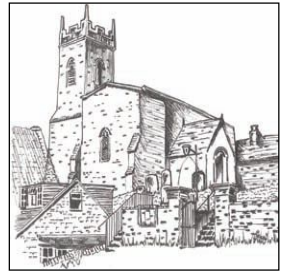
**Church Wardens:**

Mr Ken Jeffs – 788308

Mr John Hodgkins - 788609

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

News & Benefice website for details



Benefice and PCC meetings were held at the end of January when 2019 activities were reviewed. Preparations for the annual church meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March are in hand: a new church council will be elected as well as churchwardens and a deanery synod representative. The church electoral and family roles have been reviewed. At present, our small loyal congregation enable us to cover our costs and the wider community supports specific fund raising. With an ageing PCC and congregation, we need more younger people and families to take an active part with church life if it is to remain viable. A full report will be given after the annual meeting which we hope will be well attended.

Our rector Ronald Hawkes has retired and moved to Yorkshire: a meeting to agree a benefice profile will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March with advertising for a new priest at the end of April. This is a challenging role, looking after the spiritual and pastoral needs of six different parishes, ancient buildings and trying to grow church membership in a generally secular society. Any applicants will be shortlisted with interviews mid-June, but an appointment is not likely until the autumn.

During the interregnum, worship will be led by retired clergy with some lay led services. There may be some disruption of planned services as a result of the coronavirus and the communion cup has been suspended until further notice. There will be no physical contact such as hand shaking in church and everyone must take heed of health guidelines. We must remain calm, be aware of the needs of those who self-isolate and those in high-risk groups. If direct contact is not appropriate, this can be made by email or telephone: details on these pages. We need to look out for each other more than ever, and act collectively to reduce the spread of the virus. It isn't about me, it's about us.

As there was little response to a request to organise Messy Church Events in Shutford they will be suspended for the time being. There will be one, however, in Sibford village hall on Good Friday at 10.00am.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Sue Colquhoun who was an active PCC member for many years and the church organist. We offer our sincere sympathy to her husband William and their sons and families. A service of thanksgiving was held in Sibford church on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

During Lent, lunches have been held across the benefice raising funds for charity. Shutford's one on 6<sup>th</sup> April will be for Katharine House Hospice. A group has met in Swalcliffe each week studying the Lord's Prayer following a book written by Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford. Members of Shutford PCC and others have been taking up a 40 Day Challenge to Live Lent and Care for God's Creation. We are encouraged to reduce our carbon footprint as individuals and in church. The challenge looks at our use of energy, water, the land and environment and our relationship with animals and our fellow man.

Fairtrade Fortnight took place between 24<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> March, there was a small display of information and leaflets in church. The fortnight concentrated on cocoa farmers and the need for them to have a living income, as well as sharing stories of the impact on the women behind the chocolate bar. There are lots of Fairtrade goods available.

The community lunch held on 20<sup>th</sup> February raised £120 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

We continue to collect provisions for BYHP's store cupboard.

The churchyard snowdrops have now faded and have been replaced by daffodils and primroses: photographers are welcome to take some pictures. The church is open every day for some quiet time, although when the sun is out, it may be warmer in the churchyard than in church! Take care when walking in the churchyard as the ground is uneven.

Information about church services and events will be published on noticeboards and on the Wykeham Benefice website or contact [KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk](mailto:KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk).



# 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](mailto:KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk).

Below is a list of those who have been or will be remembering a special day in 2020:

Date	Name	Occasion
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Debbie Harvey	Nan's (Liz Turner) 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Anon	In memory of Roy Thomas
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Anon	In memory of Sue Colquhoun
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sue Roe-French	Rupert & Sara's marriage
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Debbie Pitt	Fin's Birthday
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Anon	Mothering Sunday
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	John Bailey	In memory of Henry
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Rita Livesey	Mum's Birthday
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Linda Gunn	Wedding Anniversary
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Ken Jeffs	St George's Day

**The church tower will be illuminated on Friday 8 May to mark VE Day.  
Sponsored by Shutford Parish Council.**

The church tower is illuminated on Sunday's when other sponsorship is not received. 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.



# Shutford Parish Councillor Vacancy

Become a Councillor on Shutford Parish Council. You will be elected for a term of four years to represent the interests of the local community as a whole and promote a harmonious local environment. The Parish Council meets every other month at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month and meetings normally last 1-2 hours so it is not onerous.

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters, crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

The Parish Council hopes to fill this vacancy before the next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

If you would like to serve your local community in this way, please contact the parish clerk, **David Best** on **07787 496774** or **clerk.shutfordpc@gmail.com**

# Shutford Parish Council Meeting

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm in Shutford Village Hall

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

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

19/047	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> None.
19/048	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None.
19/050	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 were a correct record and signed by the Chairman (unanimous).
19/051	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> The actions list was reviewed, and all actions had been completed.
19/052	<b>Parish Matters:</b>
19/052/1	<b>VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (8-10 March)</b> – A number of national events will take place including pipers playing Battle o'er, Town Criers undertaking A Cry for Peace and bell ringing in churches. The event will be marked in Shutford by the flag being flown, acknowledgement at the Thursday lunch on 7 <sup>th</sup> May and the Parish Council will offer to pay for the church to be illuminated.
19/052/2	<b>Emergency Planning</b> – The Clerk will circulate templates and examples of Parish Council emergency plans and it was agreed that a leaflet will be drafted and circulated around the village. Further supplies of Lions "Message in a Bottle" will be obtained.
19/052/3	<b>Councillor Allowances</b> – It was reported that these had generally not been claimed in the past. It was agreed that Councillors would waive their right to claim allowances apart from exceptional expenses, if incurred, which would be agreed in advance.
19/052/4	<b>Dairyground</b> – The A2 size nature sign for the back of the noticeboard on the Dairyground has been produced. The Parish Council recorded a vote of thanks to Jane King for her work to design it. It is believed that additional funding may be received from Tesco and confirmation of this should be received by the end of March. Funding cannot be used retrospectively so this will be reviewed at the next meeting.
19/052/5	<b>Shutford Goes Green</b> – A meeting was held on 7 <sup>th</sup> February. Whilst everyone is very enthusiastic about initiatives no one came forward to take the lead. The Parish Council will continue to promote green initiatives.
19/052/6	<b>Allotments</b> – Two people have taken on allotments that have been given up recently and another person has taken over half a plot. There are currently no vacant allotments. A number of suggestions have been received from allotment holders on how to spend the surplus allotment funds including providing an additional water tank, trimming trees bordering the allotments and additional fencing. It was agreed to write to allotment holders suggesting that funds would be used to buy an additional water tank and trim trees unless there are any strong objections. It was also agreed to communicate to allotment holders the position regarding public liability insurance and explaining the reason for clause 7(g) in the allotment agreement.
19/052/7	<b>Information Commission Registration</b> – The Clerk advised that the National Association for Local Councils, The Oxford Association of Local Councils and the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) had all confirmed that Parish Councils must register with the ICO and pay an annual £35 fee. It was agreed to register and pay the fee.
19/052/8	<b>944 Restorations Limited</b> – The owner of 944 Restorations has advised the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Painting operations were closed down pending an investigation from Cherwell District Council Environmental Protection.</li> <li>2. Painting has resumed during weekdays after CDC Environmental Protection has concluded that the spray booth is not causing a statutory nuisance.</li> <li>3. Sunday working is currently not permitted.</li> <li>4. As a result of these restrictions the company has lost tens of thousands of pounds, redundancies have had to be made and the viability of the business is now in question.</li> <li>5. He feels victimised and that Shutford is a hostile working environment.</li> <li>6. He is considering his options and is in discussions with the letting agent and landlord</li> </ol> It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain an update from Cherwell District Council Planning and Environmental Protection and write to the owner.

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19/052/9	<b>Email Security</b> – This was discussed following receipt of some Phishing emails which should be reported within gmail. The Parish Council email policy document will be recirculated <b>Councillor Vacancy</b> – Councillor Tom Parrish has decided to stand down as he feels that he is unable to commit the time required to play an active role in village matters. The vacancy will be advertised in Shutford News and the PC noticeboards. It is hoped that a replacement can be found by the April meeting.
19/052/10	
<b>19/053</b> 19/053/1	<b>Finance:</b> <b>2019-20 Accounts and Bank Reconciliation</b> – The accounts were not produced before the meeting but will be circulated after the meeting. The cash reserves are £13,047.08
<b>19/054</b> 19/054/1  19/054/2	<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>Parking in the front garden of a Dairyground property</b> – A parishioner has copied the Parish Council on correspondence with Cherwell District Council who are investigating whether this is a breach of planning permission. <b>Play equipment on the Dairyground</b> – Correspondence was received from a parishioner giving thanks to the PC for investing time and effort sourcing the new play equipment, securing grants and fund raising.
<b>19/055</b> 19/055/1 19/055/2 19/055/3	<b>Planning:</b> 19/02387/F & 19/02474LB – Pear Tree Cottage, OX15 6PH – withdrawn 19/02782/F – The Grange, OX15 6PB – permitted 31/01/2020 19/02841/LB – Beggars Barn, OX15 6JD – awaiting decision from CDC
<b>19/056</b> 19/056/1  19/056/2  19/056/3  19/056/4	<b>Any Other Business:</b> <b>Defibrillator</b> – It was agreed that parishioners should be reminded that there is a defibrillator and the process to access/ use it. <b>Parking in the Village</b> – It was noted that this is dangerous at the top of Malthouse Lane and other junctions. Parishioners are asked to take care and park considerately to avoid accidents at road junctions. <b>Village Clean-up</b> – Volunteers are requested to assist with the clean-up which will be on Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April. Volunteers are asked to meet at the bus shelter at 10.00am. <b>Emergency contact details</b> – It was noted that there is no list of these on the parish website. It was agreed that these should be published.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.39pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....



## **Shutford Village Clean Up**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**10:00 am at the bus shelter**

Please come and join us for our annual litter-pick around the village so that we can keep Shutford looking at its best.

We supply the bags and grab sticks/ pickers but please bring your own gloves.



# Shutford Village Calendar 2021



Photo taken by Andrew Robinson of St Martin's Church.

**Please keep your photos coming in for the 2021  
Shutford Calendar.**

**Photos ideally should be portrait and sent as a jpeg to:  
[shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com)**

**Deadline on or before the 31 October 2020. You will be  
able to put your orders in for the calendar later in the  
year.**

# Kineton Art Group May Exhibition



Kineton Art Group's bi-annual Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings will be held at

Kineton Village Hall, Kineton, Warwickshire on

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.**

Doors will be open from 10-00 am until 5-00 pm each day.

There will be a wide range of artworks at affordable prices along with giclee prints and greetings cards created by our artists available to buy.

For further information see our website,  
[www.kinetonartgroup.com](http://www.kinetonartgroup.com)



**Shutford Village Hall**

**Doors open 7:00 pm / 7:30 pm start**

**Wednesday 29 April  
'Knives Out'**



**Saturday 30 May '1917'**

**Please note subscriptions for the  
film club run from September  
2019 – August 2020.**

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

**To renew or join simply email: [shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com) or  
pay your membership on the night.**



# **Broughton Castle**

**2 Adult Admissions to the Castle for £15**

**(Please bring this page with you)**

**Starts April ends 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**The house, gardens, tearoom and shop are open to the public from 2-5pm on Wednesdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays until 30 September 2020.**

**Groups welcome by appointment, throughout the year.**

**Tel: 01295 276070**

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

**(Shutford News)**





## PARTIES

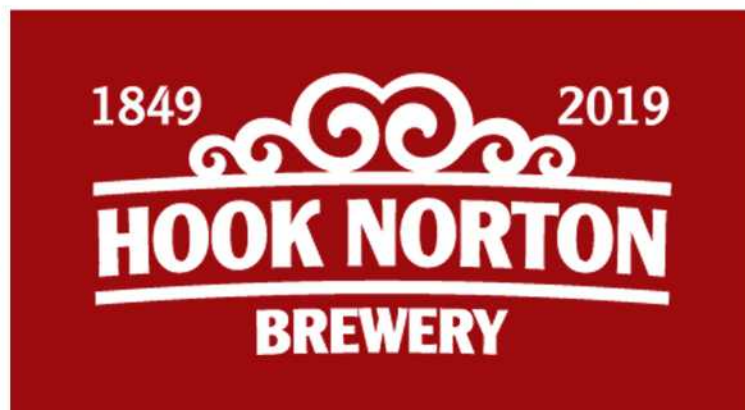
DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT THE BREWERY

[WWW.HOOKY.CO.UK/VENUE-HIRE](http://WWW.HOOKY.CO.UK/VENUE-HIRE)

## BREWERY TOURS

AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK

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## MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

AN IDEAL VENUE FOR YOUR OFF SITE MEETING

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## WEDDINGS

LET US MAKE YOUR SPECIAL DAY PERFECT

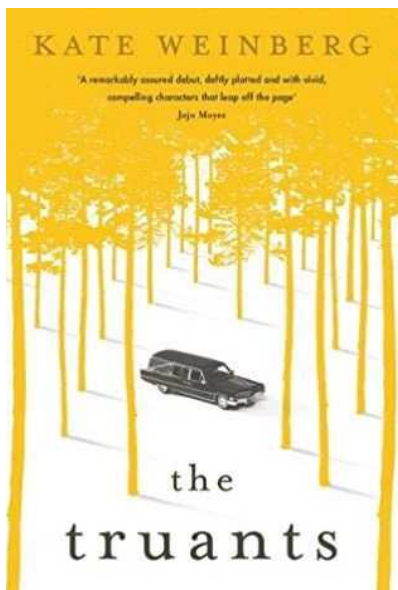
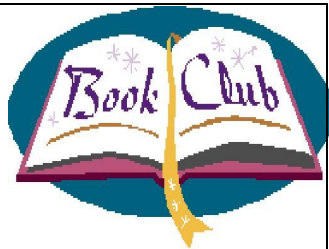
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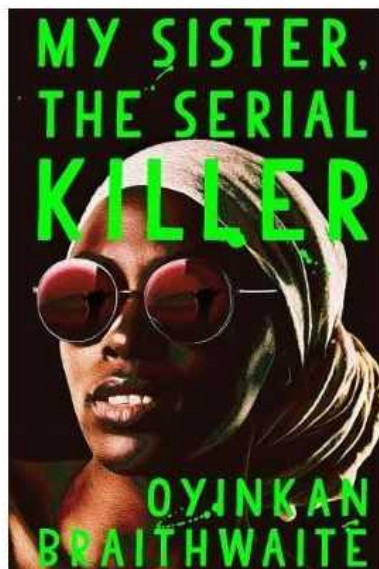


# Shutford Book Club

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



**April 27,** “The Truants” by Kate Weinburg, suggested by Kathleen Leeson



**May 25,** “My Sister, the Serial Killer” by Oyinkan Braithwaite, suggested by Wendy Hall

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 like to, and we'll share them at the meetings!

**Contact details:** Email: [kirsten@kpgardencare.co.uk](mailto:kirsten@kpgardencare.co.uk) or 780412

**Royston Thomas**  
**30 August 1953 – 13 January 2020**



**Jolly Good!**

## Compost Corner

### Grow your Own Veg

timely advice from  
**Ailsa Craig.**



**I'm writing this on a cold but sunny afternoon. It seems like spring is definitely on its way and, with the clocks going forward soon there will be more time in the evenings to work outside. Then us gardeners can really get busy. But as always watch out for frosts and don't be too hasty planting out.**



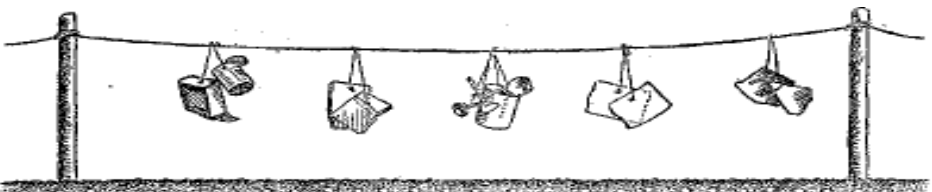
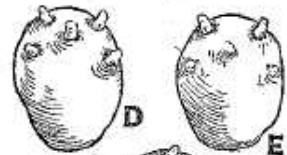
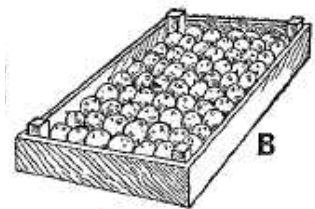
#### **Sowing outdoors**

Prepare a proper seed bed - rake the soil level, removing weeds, stones and rubbish. Rake in some granular feed before sowing; maybe warm the soil by covering with fleece. Set up a line to mark your seed drill.

When is the soil warm enough to sow? try the bath water test! As with a babies bath water use your elbow to test the soil temperature. Other gardeners say if you can comfortably sit on the soil its warm enuff for a spud !

#### **Potatoes –**

before planting in the garden in planters, or out on an allotment, don't forget to "chit" the seed in a bright cool place to make the first shoots – when 12 to 15 mm long they are ready to plant. Make a V shaped trench in the ground 6 inches deep. Place the potato with the chitted "shoots" pointing upwards. Carefully cover with soil. Keep covering as the leaves appear to protect from frost... Earlies can go in now 15 in apart, leave main crops until mid April 18in apart. Potatoes are not always cheap as chips, so if space is limited I'd suggest only growing early spuds like Charlottes and salad spuds such as Ratte or Anya. Leave the main crops to the farmers.



**Fig. x76.** Bits of tin, etc., tied to a line will serve as a bird scare



**Parsnips-** Parsnips are slow growing, seedlings take up to 30 days to appear. Always use fresh seed, parsnip seed does not keep from year to year. Traditionally gardeners sowed in February but if the soil is too cold, wait until the end of March or April. Choose a still day to sow! (above) Use a hoe or stick to draw drills into your prepared seedbed, water along the drill before sowing, this help keep the seed in place. Some people use hot water to kick start the germination. Sow seed in groups of 3 @ 4inch spacings, cover the drill back over and water. Protect from animals & birds with netting or mesh.

#### **Vegetables you can safely sow outside now include:**

**Leeks** – can be started indoors or out - sow thinly 12mm deep. Plant out in may/june.

**Parsnips** – strictly outside in rows, not in pots. See above.

**Broad Beans** – 50mm deep in rows 20cm apart, or 6-8 is sufficient for a 40-50cm pot.

**Peas & Mange Tout** – scatter in a 50mm deep 150cm wide trench, cover carefully, and protect from birds with twigs or netting. They need to climb so put some net up.

**Onions & Shallots from sets** – push into soft soil, point up, a hand span apart.

**Carrots & Beetroot** – maybe wait till April for the soil to warm up.

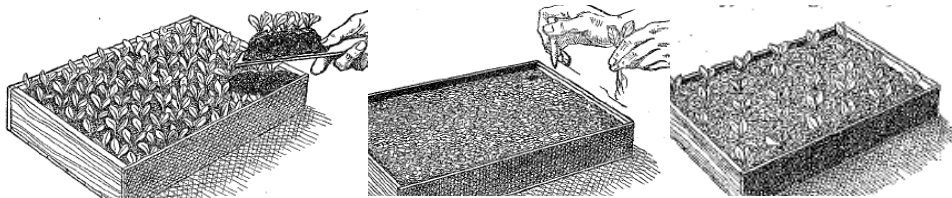
**Peas & Beans** benefit from starting indoors, wait till after the frosts to put them out.

#### **Sowing Indoors**

Tender plants such as tomatoes, lettuce and salad leaves need to be started indoors in pots, trays or modules -use good quality seed compost, the low nutrient level will feed a seedling for 6 weeks... Only sow a little in a small seed tray or 3in pot on a warm window sill, or propagator if you have one. Sow the seed thinly, and not too deep, (Read the packet!) they only have enough energy to push a pair of leaves up thru the soil to start growing. Warmth, light & moisture are all important for germination. Seedlings must not dry out, but also do not drown them. Tip – water with a spray

You can cover with a small freezer bag, but remove this when the first shoots appear.

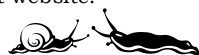
When large enough to handle prick them out into individual pots or spaced in trays (below) using a seed label as a dibber. Grow on indoors or in a cold frame until ready to plant out.



**Pricking out seedlings – the rows are staggered to give space.**

To find out more look at: The Garden Expert Vegetable Book  
or [www.howto.co.uk/learning/garden-food/](http://www.howto.co.uk/learning/garden-food/) an excellent website.

**Until next time Happy Gardening!**







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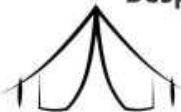
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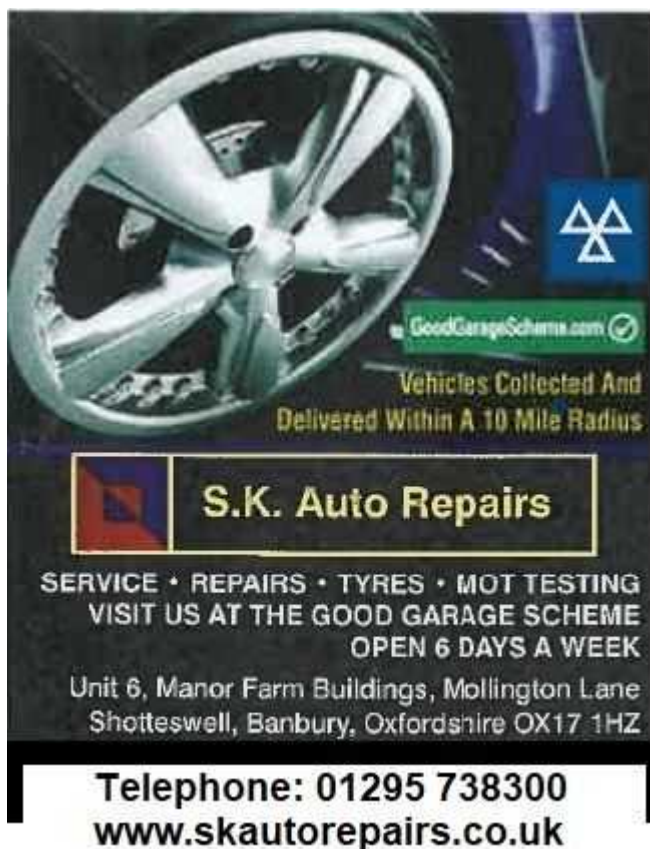


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<b>April</b>		
Thursday	2	<b>ALL VILLAGE HALL LUNCHESES ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>
Monday	6	Lent Lunch 12pm. Table Tennis 6:30 pm, Village Hall,
Saturday	4	Shutford Litter-Pick 10:00 am Bus shelter
Tuesday	7	WI Meeting, Village Hall 10:00am & Art Society, Village Hall 7:30pm
Monday	13	Easter Egg Competition, 2:00 pm Village Hall. Table Tennis, Village Hall, 6:30 pm
Tuesday	14	Art Society, Village Hall 7:30pm
Monday	20	Table Tennis, Village Hall, 6:30 pm
Sunday	26	Breakfast, Village Hall, 9:30-11:00 am
Monday	27	Book Club, Village Hall, 7:30 pm
Tuesday	28	Art Society, Village Hall 7:30pm
Wednesday	29	Film Club, Village Hall, 7:30 pm
<b>May</b>		
Monday	4	Table Tennis, Village Hall, 6:30 pm
Tuesday	5	WI Meeting, Village Hall 10:00am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Local Elections Village Hall</b>
Monday	11	Table Tennis, Village Hall, 6:30 pm
Tuesday	12	Art Society, Village Hall 7:30pm
Wednesday	13	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30 pm
Monday	18	Table Tennis, Village Hall, 6:30 pm
Monday	25	Book Club, Village Hall, 7:30 pm
Tuesday	26	Art Society, Village Hall 7:30pm
Saturday	30	Film Club, Village Hall 7:30pm
Sunday	31	Breakfast, Village Hall, 9:30-11:00am

**For full details of activities in the village, please visit the website:  
[www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com).**

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The next planning meeting will be on  
 Tuesday 5 May @ 7:00 pm in The George & Dragon  
**DEADLINE FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE:** Saturday, 16 May  
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**Quiz nights** - Sundays at 7pm - Fortnightly from 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April - **Broken** - Live music!

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May - **7 O'Clock Junkies** - Live music!

Charity Art Auction - Thank you so much to those who attended and supported this event. A huge thank you also to those who donated art. We raised in excess of £1800 from this event for Katharine House Hospice who are in great need of funds at the moment. Thanks again.

**Coronavirus** - Please keep an eye on our facebook page - if there are any updates with regards to our opening times or events, it will be publicised there. We are open as usual at the moment, pending any government guidance. Additional cleaning routines have been implemented. If attending, please make use of our hand washing facilities regularly.

Pizza served every Friday evening to Monday evening.

**Jobs:** Part time bar staff

Please get in touch with Juliette if interested - contact details above.