

# SHUTFORD NEWS

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# 'Tug' Duncan Wilson RIP



Dear Villagers...

I begin this edition with the very sad news of the loss of 'Tug' (Duncan) Wilson. Some of you will know that Karen & Tug recently left the village to start a new life in Brixham, Devon. Sadly, Tug lost his life to Covid-19 on 13 April. The photos on the previous page represent how Tug was very involved in village life not only giving his time up to help with the rebuild of our village hall in 2017 and to helping at our summer festival, but also their generous hospitality at many home social events. Our thoughts go out to Karen and her family during these difficult times.



During 'lockdown' its been great to see how the village has come together and a very special thank you to everyone who has been supporting each other during this difficult time. Its been a pleasure to walk around the village and chat to so many positive people.

It was lovely to see everyone enjoying 'social distancing' of course VE day, and inside are some great photos sent in. The allotments have never looked better and inside you can read more from our allotment holders. At the time of going to print, there is very little guidance as to what activities are going to be able to start again, so for this edition I have left the diary blank and will continue to update everyone by email. Look out for news of our **MUSIC FESTIVAL (hopefully) planned for Saturday 3 October!!**

**If you haven't signed up to receive updates, simply visit [www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com) and sign up to the form on the website. Take care and stay safe!**

Rita Livesey, Editor

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**Our stunning front cover photo was taken by Matt Sinclair. Thank you, to Becky for coming up with the idea and to Lisa for making the beautiful rainbows.**

## **THE SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST**

(Charity No. 304364)

It was with much sorrow that we needed to close the village hall on 18<sup>th</sup> March as the nation went into lockdown to slow the spread of the coronavirus which had been declared a global pandemic. At the time we were in the process of finalising our accounts for the year 2019-20 ready for presentation to the auditor and for the AGM which was scheduled for this month, but now postponed until some time when we can hold this in a safe way. However, I can report that the financial performance has remained strong for the year in which we only lost only two weeks income.

For those people who have paid in advance for bookings that cannot now be held, we will carry forward the payments to cover any re-arranged dates. If it is not possible to do this, then please ask for a refund. We cannot yet confirm a date when we will be able to re-open but have received guidance from our advisory body 'Community First Oxfordshire', indicating that July might be the earliest possibility. ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is working on precise details of the measures we will need to adopt and the numbers of people allowed in at any one time.

We will still be incurring costs for insurance, water, broadband and electricity and it is only for water that there has been any offer of help.

Some very good news can be reported about the steps connecting the village hall to the church. This project is now fully funded, following a successful application for a Lottery grant and we only await timing details from the contractor.

The 100 Club is running again with monthly draws taking place and winners being published as usual.

We must extend our thanks to those who are helping with security checks during the emergency and for the attention to the garden, so that our hall will be 'good to go' as soon as we are permitted. Finally, one thing that this emergency has highlighted is the enormous success our new hall has achieved in bringing people together and how much we all miss our community events.

Roger Bancroft

May 2020



# **Shutford Village Calendar 2021**

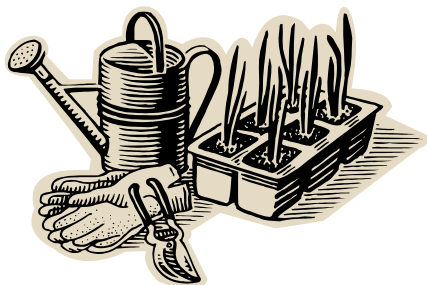


**Photo taken by Carol Taylor**

**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.**



## Compost Corner

### Grow your Own Veg

Ailsa Craig gives some timely advice

what fantastic gardening weather we have recently enjoyed, but watch out for late frosts as the temperature has plummeted. On Lockdown there is more time than usual to spend on the allotment, thankfully allowed. Just in the nick of time garden centres can now open, Hurrah I need new canes.. We just need some rain now, I wonder if Boris can fix that too!

#### Don't be a twearly

I admire the enthusiasm of those new to veggie growing but don't rush in. A late frosts can annihilate potatoes planted too early and not covered or earthed up at night.. It is still too early to plant out salad, courgette and tomato plants without protection – fleece or poly tunnel. It doesn't have to be minus zero to have a frost. Harden off or acclimatise plants outside during the day, bring in at night, then on warmer nights leave them out. Its coldest at 'bout 3am, so be careful. Like me you will become a weather addict!

#### Courgettes.....

Cucumbers, Marrows, Squash & Pumpkins - can all be sown now indoors in compost in 3inch pots. The **secret is to sow the flat oval seed on their edge** about an inch down. Takes 14 days to germinate . When they have 4 true leaves, harden them off, plant out in containers or in the ground - dig a foot square hole, fill with compost or manure, leave a mound on top and plant the courgette to sit above ground level. Keep watered, they are thirsty plants - harvest a dozen courgettes per plant over the summer.

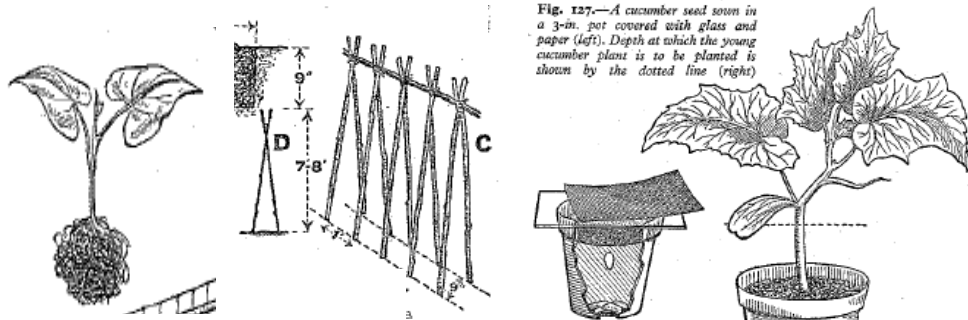


Fig. 127.—A cucumber seed sown in a 3-in. pot covered with glass and paper (left). Depth at which the young cucumber plant is to be planted is shown by the dotted line (right)

#### Beans, Beans, Beans....

Sow beans now - indoors in pots or outside, 30mm deep, keep moist, will shoot in 14 days. Most beans are natural climbers so provide support. A simple wigwam of 6ft bamboo canes with flowering runner beans is an attractive and delicious addition to any garden.

**Runner Beans** - there is nothing like a young tender runner bean picked and cooked within the hour. Supermarket runners are old and tough and expensive by comparison. Runner beans like wet feet, prepare the ground or tub with plenty of rich organic matter - compost or manure. Plant out when the bean has developed at least 2 sets of real leaves, 2 per cane. Tie the first shoots to the canes, and water. Keep well watered, and protect from slugs - remember the Beer traps! Start picking young plants in September.

### Sweetcorn or Corn on the cob

Sweetcorn is a type of maize bred to have high sugar and low starch content – best cooked within hours of picking before all the sugar turns to starch, making it ideal for home growing

Pollinated by air rather than insects so they need to be in a friendly group!. Sow or Plant out in June in a block at 18ins apart in rich soil in full sun, water well at flowering time. May need staking – side roots will appear at base of the stem – just cover them over and don't hoe too closely. Do not remove any side shoots. You will get 2 or 3 cobs from a plant in September-October. The kernels develop in a sheath for protection the "flowers" – silks at the top will turn dark brown when ripe – to check press a thumb nail into a kernel the liquid from the kernels should be creamy – remove by twisting them from the stem. Enjoy on the BBQ! Tiny sweetcorn seedlings are delicious in stir fries or salads.

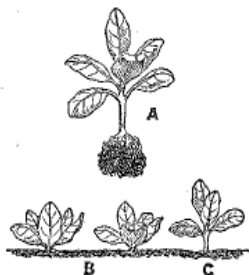
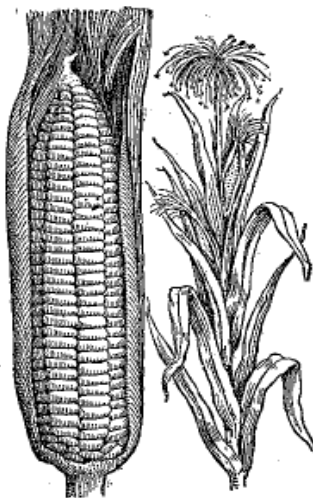


Fig. 55.—Young cabbage and other plants should be put into the ground as deep as their lowest leaves (B), not left with bare stem exposed as at (C). They recover from the disturbance of transplanting more speedily if lifted with plenty of soil at their roots (A).

### Vegetables to plant out now include :

**Leeks** – with a stout dibber make 6in deep holes 6in apart drop single pencil thick leek plants into each hole - water in to the top – careful not to fill the hole with soil. Some soil will wash down to anchor the roots in the hole.

**Broccoli - Cabbages , Sprouts , cauliflowers** – when 4 to 6 ins high, with 5 or 6 true leaves, plant out in rows 18 inches between each plant. Plant at depth to bury the lowest leaves – firm in and water well – see left.

I bought me cabbage plants at the Quarry Nursery at Hornton - healthy, excellent young veg plants at reasonable prices. This year Philip Gilbert is **only** doing click & collect, look at his web site [quarrynurseries.co.uk](http://quarrynurseries.co.uk) .Contact Philip Gilbert on 07903655267.

### Vegetables you can continue to sow outside now include :

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

**Carrots & Beetroot** – sow successionaly , thin out to 10cm spacing, use the small thinnings in the kitchen and leave the rest to mature.

**Peppers & Aubergines** – start off indoors, best grown indoors in a greenhouse or conservatory.

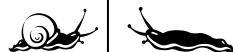
Keep sowing **Salad crops - Spring Onions, Lettuce, Rocket, Radish,**

**Swiss Chard, Spinach or Leaf Beet** – right start in pots or sow direct every few weeks. Leaves and stems can be cooked, or use in salads.



**Stay home Stay safe and visit your local garden centre if open Bodicote Farm Shop, Farnborough Garden Centre and Cotefield Nurseries.**

**Until next time That's Shallot! & Happy Gardening!**



# Church Lane... The Keswick Codlin Apple Tree

For 50 years we have enjoyed the blossom of this apple tree in Church Lane and have taken advantage of its windfalls (the best apple sauce)!

Predating the classic Victorian period of English apples, the original Keswick Codlin seedling was discovered in the early 1790's in a rubbish heap at Gleaston Castle, near Ulverston in Cumbria.

Local nurseryman John Sander from nearby Keswick propagated it, and it became popular with gardeners due to its early season and good flavoured juicy cooking apples, as well as being a reliable cropper and relatively easy to cultivate.



Perhaps we could find someone who propagates heritage fruit trees (with the Hodgkin's permission!) and plant one or more somewhere in the village, ensuring its continuity?

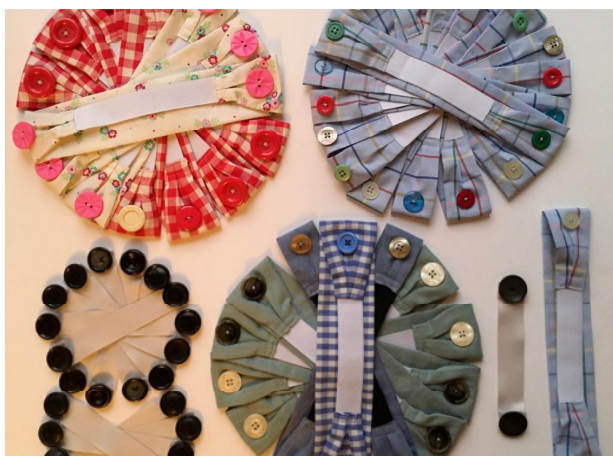


Jacky Hone

Also its 20 years this year when the beautiful daffodils you can see on the bank in Church Lane. The bulbs were generously donated by Tim & Obby from Shutford Stud.



## Laundry Bags for Care Staff



Huge thanks to the villagers who donated fabric, sheets, duvet covers, curtains and pillowcases.

We have managed to make 90 pairs of laundry bags and Sandy is currently making buttoned headbands.

They have gone directly to the Horton Hospital for distribution and a care home in Oxfordshire to kit out all their care staff. Very big thanks as well to Sandy Forrester, Sue Lock and Diane Speck for sewing and delivering.



# CHURCH NEWS

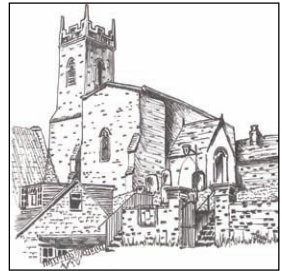
**Rector** - Revd Ronald Hawkes - 780555

**Church Wardens:**

Mr Ken Jeffs – 788308

Mr John Hodgkins - 788609

**SERVICES:** Most Sundays 9.30am but see Wykeham  
News & Benefice website for details



Because of the coronavirus, all services in church were suspended on 17<sup>th</sup> March and the church locked on 24<sup>th</sup> March until further notice. The Annual Parochial Church meeting was cancelled, as was Messy Church in Sibford and our Lent Lunch. The existing members of the church council will continue in their roles as will the churchwardens until it is safe to hold a meeting. The annual report and accounts have been agreed and copies are available in church when open or from KJJ: they will be published on the village website after the annual meeting.

Mothering Sunday flowers were distributed on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the church tower was illuminated, and the bell tolled in thanksgiving. Some households lit candles as a symbol of hope in these difficult times.

With churches closed for worship, The Oxford Diocese has an online service on Sunday mornings at 10.00am via their website and is available after the event if this time is inconvenient. Since Easter Sunday there has been Benefice Eucharist also at 10.00am via Zoom. Reverend John is arranging this with technical assistance from Tim: see Wykeham Benefice website for details on how to join this service or contact KJJ, who can arrange a pewsheet with weekly readings and other information. There are a few Shutfordians taking part in the service with overall attendance more than a normal benefice one.

A new profile for the Wykeham Benefice has been agreed in anticipation of the appointment of a new Rector to replace Ronald. However, we have been unable to hold meetings and the vacancy has yet to be advertised with subsequent delays to our original plans. Any setbacks are small compared to other problems facing us and every effort will be made to support our community through lay ministry.

We are grateful to members of our worshipping community who have continued to support the church financially at this time and others who have made various donations. Although our general expenses are minimal, we have a monthly commitment of about £800 to the Oxford Diocese and our insurance company, which cannot be cancelled. Income will be down this year with cancellation of services, weddings, fund raising etc. As we have been prudent in the past, there are reserves available to cover any small shortfall there may be. Once we can mix socially, we hope to do some fund raising but nothing is certain.

Although our Lent Lunch was cancelled, some of us had soup at home on 6<sup>th</sup> April and made donations to Katharine House Hospice.

Christian Aid Week was 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May and as there was no door to door collection or fund raising in Shutford this year, it is hoped donations for this important charity can be made online: [caid.org.uk](http://caid.org.uk).

Love never fails. Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all.

Since 9<sup>th</sup> April, the church bells have been tolled each Thursday evening to remember NHS staff and other key workers and on occasion the church tower has been illuminated. Thank you to JB for ringing the bells. Many of our regular congregation are in a high risk age group so are grateful to family and friends for their support. Also, to the many delivery personnel who come to the village with post, milk, groceries, papers, and other “essentials” which make life at home easier. Many of our villagers, who are at the centre of village activities, have had to stay at home so look forward to when it is safe to return to normal life.

The churchyard early summer flowers have started to bloom as have the white and purple lilac trees. Swallows have returned to the village and evidence of their nest refurbishment can be seen in the church porch. Although the church is closed, the churchyard is open for some peace and quiet but please take care when visiting, 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). Each week we remember our friends and neighbours affected by the present crisis in various ways, particularly those who have lost loved ones and need additional support and love.

# 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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Occasion</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Jo Mates and family	For all key workers
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Sharon White	Steve's Birthday
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Lena Cusiter	Dad – Gordon Melvin's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , ]		
21 <sup>st</sup> April ]	Shutford friends (JB ,JL, SW)	In memory of Tug Wilson
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Janice & John Bailey	Happy Birthday Vicky
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Shutford Parish Council	VE Day
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Emma Hodgkins	In memory of Bev Barker
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Janice Bailey	Happy Birthday John
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Roger & Geraldine Bancroft	51 <sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Oma and Grandad	Happy Birthday Edward
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Joe Cusiter	Lena's Birthday
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeffs Family	Ken's Birthday
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Debbie Pitt	Magnus' Birthday

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 CIRCULAR

## 5k or 10k TRAIL RUN

Through rolling Oxfordshire countryside starting and finishing at the stunning setting of Shutford Manor House Park OX15 6PF. Registration from 1pm, race starts at 2:30pm. Chip timing, ample free parking, refreshments provided, bag drop, prizes and medals!

10k Run: £12 (affiliated), £14 (unaffiliated) in advance or £14 (affiliated), £16 (unaffiliated) on the day

5k Run: £8 (affiliated), £10 (unaffiliated) in advance or £10 (affiliated), £12 (unaffiliated) on the day



Please note that you need to be a minimum of 12 for the 5k race and 16 for the 10k race

For more information or to register contact:  
[shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com](mailto:shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com)  
or visit [shutfordvillage.com](http://shutfordvillage.com)



**Shutford Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.30pm by video conference.**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs: Helen Nixseaman (Chair), Sandy Forrester, Chris Hall, Debbie Pitt, Carolyn Rann, George Reynolds, Ashley Taylor and David Best, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. No members of the public attended the video conference.

<b>20/001</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> None.
<b>20/002</b>	<b>Co-option of Chris Hall</b> Councillors voted to co-opt Chris Hall as a Councillors to replace Tom Parrish (unanimous).
<b>20/003</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None.
<b>20/004</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
<b>20/005</b>	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> The actions list was reviewed, and all actions had been completed except contacting CDC for an update on 944 restorations and circulating examples of emergency plans.
<b>20/006</b>	<b>Parish Matters:</b>
20/006/1	<b>Verge Mowing</b> – some complaints had been received about cutting the wildflowers with the verge mowing. It was agreed that a new map will be drawn which will indicate where there are wildflowers which should not be cut and a meeting would be held with the verge mower to go through the new map.
20/006/2	<b>Allotments</b> – The allotments are looking fantastic and the Parish Council wishes to thank the all allotment holders for their hard work. The Parish Council has paid for a second water butt. The only vacant allotments are on the hill and there is no waiting list currently.
20/006/3	<b>Dairyground and Tesco grant</b> – The play equipment will be opened as soon as possible when government restrictions have been lifted. The Tesco grant money, that was applied for over a year ago, has just been received. A condition of the grant is that it can only be used for the purpose for which it was applied for i.e. a community project. The nature sign will be funded from it. Any further expenditure will be discussed in future meetings.
20/006/4	<b>Coronavirus</b> – It was agreed that residents would be asked if there is any further support that that the Parish Council could provide.
20/006/5	<b>Defibrillator</b> – The pads are currently OK. The battery warranty expires in August but there is a battery level indicator that is inspected regularly. It was agreed that the battery will be replaced when the weather gets colder in autumn unless the indicator suggests earlier replacement.



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20/006/6	<b>Broadband</b> – Cllr Ashley Taylor gave a detailed summary of options available for residents to increase their broadband speeds. Currently there is fibre to the cabinet but copper wire from the cabinet to the houses rather than fibre which enables higher upload and download speeds. It was agreed that a summary would be published in the Shutford News. The Parish Council would liaise with Better Broadband Oxfordshire if there is sufficient demand for fibre to the premise.
<b>20/007</b> 20/007/1  20/007/2 20/007/3 20/007/4	<b>Finance:</b> <b>Process for Year End Audit</b> – The internal audit has been completed. The Annual Return - Annual Governance Statement, and Accounting Statement need to be agreed (ideally at this meeting). The accounts need to be agreed. The Annual return is then signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and sent to the External Auditors. A Notice of Public Rights must be published on the website and on the noticeboards between 3 <sup>rd</sup> June and 14 <sup>th</sup> July giving members of the public an opportunity to inspect the accounts and the annual return. <b>Annual Governance Statement</b> – The Annual Governance Statement, which had been circulated prior to the meeting was agreed (unanimous). <b>Accounts</b> - The Accounts, which had been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed (unanimous). <b>Accounting Statements</b> - The Accounting Statements, which had been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed (unanimous).
<b>20/008</b> 20/008/1	<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>Footpath near The Dairyground and verge mowing</b> – Correspondence has been received on this. The footpath near the Dairyground is overgrown. It has been cleared several times in the past but it has become overgrown each time. It has been reported to Oxfordshire County Council, who are responsible for the ground along paths, in the hope that they will clear the path but they are not responsible for clearing overhanging branches. This will be reviewed later in the year as hedges should not be cut until August due to nesting birds.
<b>20/009</b> 20/009/1 20/009/2	<b>Planning:</b> 19/02841/F – Beggars Barn, OX15 6JD – Permitted 9/04/2020 20/00602/F & 20/00603 – Monastery Farm – Parish Council advised CDC that they support.
<b>20/010</b>	<b>Any Other Business: None</b>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall or by video conference if public meetings are still restricted due to Covid-19.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....

## SHUTFORD WI

Due to the coronavirus crisis, Shutford WI has had no meetings since March. Our local Group Meeting in April was also cancelled. Even the Oxfordshire Annual Meeting in March and the National Annual meeting in the Albert Hall in June were postponed.

We received news in the first month of the lockdown, that two past members had sadly died. Enid Weston, late of the Old School in Malthouse Lane and Dorothy Jones from the New Stone House next door both died in their care homes in Bicester and Thame respectively. Enid was our WI secretary for many years and Dorothy had been a committee member. Cards of condolence were sent from the WI.

Oxfordshire WI have been circulating editions of the county magazine by email in the interim and are arranging virtual meetings by means of Zoom.

We cancelled our speakers for April & June and wait to hear guidance about resuming meetings in community buildings in due course.

Meanwhile we are looking forward to 2021 by ordering our WI diaries and bulbs and arranging speakers for our next year's programme.

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





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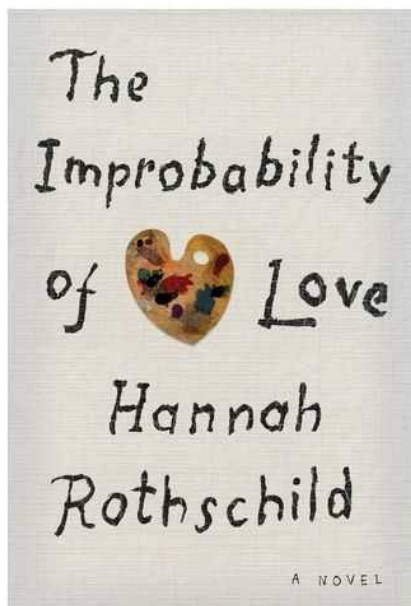
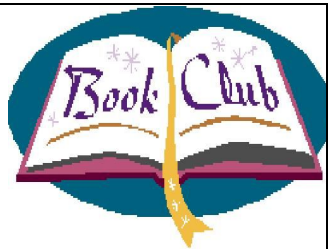
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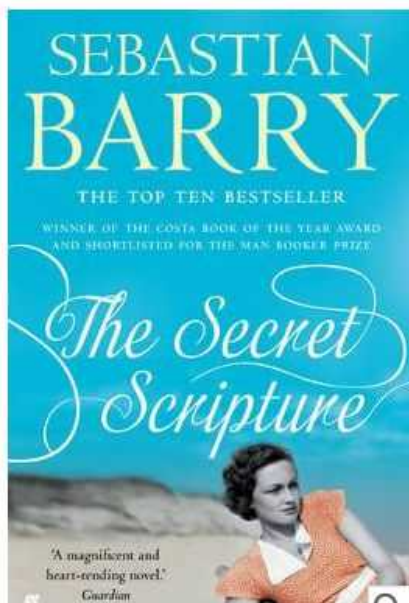
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# Shutford Book Club

The Shutford Book Club normally meets on the last Monday of each month in Shutford Village Hall 7:30 pm. During Lockdown this is being done virtually.



**June 29,** "The Improbability of Love by Hannah Rothschild", suggested by Sue Roe-French



**July 27,** "The Secret Scripture" by Sebastian Barry, suggested by Annabelle McGregor

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

**The 2020 Village Easter Egg Competition had to take a different format due to Covid-19.**

**Entries were submitted as photos and as usual our esteemed judge (who this year wishes to remain anonymous) had a difficult time as all entries showed the high standards of art and creativity that lives in the village.**

**We even had a video entry of an exploding goose egg!**

**It is wonderful to see a village tradition continue, even in these challenging times, lets make next year bigger and better!**

**Thank you to all the entrants.**

**Andy Whitehouse**

## **The Winners**



Under 7's: Best Decorated Egg  
Harriet Rigby



Under 7's: Best Concept Egg  
William & Charlie Vickers - "Dino EGGxplosion"





7-10 yrs: Best Decorated Egg  
Nell Fletcher "Cherry Blossom"



7-10 yrs: Best Concept Egg  
Olivia Taylor - "Mr Men"



Adult: Best Concept Egg  
Val Benford - "MEGGan & Harry"



## Rainbow Garden of Hope

Adult: Best Decorated Egg

Sandy Forrester - "Rainbow Garden Of Hope"

**And here more entries, although not successful, are still amazing, well done!**



Decorated: 7-10 yrs

Ben Whitehouse - "Blue Tit"



Decorated: 7-10 yrs

Isobel Whitehouse - "Daffodil"



Decorated: 7-10 yrs

Olivia Taylor

Easter"



Under 7's: Concept

Harriet Rigby - "Hoppy



Concept: 7-10 yrs

Evie Fletcher - "Egg Bots"



Concept: 7-10 yrs

Isobel Whitehouse - "Eggs in Space"



Concept: 7-10 yrs

Henry Monahan - "Emoji Egg"



Concept: 7-10 yrs

Georgina Monahan - "Minions"



Concept: 7-10 yrs

Theo Fletcher - "Eggsecution - King Henry The Egg"



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# Allotment News...

If you have taken a walk around the allotment areas in Shutford recently you can see the allotment holders have been very busy. We asked the allotment holders a few questions:

## **What have you been planting since lockdown?**

"Sowing out of date seeds and hoping that they germinate, as all the seed supplying websites went into meltdown."

"I've planted carrots, broccoli, cabbage, leeks, peas, spinach, lettuce, French beans, potatoes, onions, beetroot, and soon to be runner beans, as per advice from allotment neighbour Derek".

"Beans, peas & greens! We usually pick some different seeds every year along with the usual favourites. This year we've tried

Halloween pumpkins, sunflowers and funny looking squashes - fingers crossed!"

"Broad Beans, French Beans, Runner Beans, peas, cucumber, pumpkin, leeks, potatoes, broccoli, cabbage, Brussel sprouts, cauliflower, carrots, parsnips, beetroot and salad. We have gooseberries, raspberries and redcurrants too, but they grow every year."

"I took on the allotment at the beginning of the year, never having one before. I don't really know what I am doing, but I'm looking forward to the challenge of having a go. So far I've planted potatoes, which have just started to show, so hopefully we will at least have potatoes to eat, as well as Spinach & Swiss Chard. I have started from seeds, peas, dwarf beans, mange tout and broad beans. Courgettes, onions and garlic plants are looking good.

"We seem to be a bit behind this year, but so far we have potatoes, broad beans, french beans, carrots and beetroot planted. A few asparagus crowns went in too."



## **What is the hardest thing to do with an allotment?**

"Keeping at it when the weather's bad. Sowing seeds and hoeing on a hot sunny day is rather lovely. Repairing rabbit-chewn fencing in a howling gale can be less fun, as can rescuing blown out panes of glass from wind-battered greenhouses."

"Trying to keep up with the weeds."

"Weeds and water! We've tried to keep ours relatively low maintenance, but the weeds still give us a pretty good work out when they want to. With no mains water

supply at the allotments we learnt the hard way the first year and now rely heavily on our water butts if/when the hot weather comes."

"Weeding."

"We had lots of digging to do in the beginning, clearing lots of weeds and we have divided the plot up into different sections."



## **How do you fend off beasties on the allotment?**

"With an Octopus called Jeff."

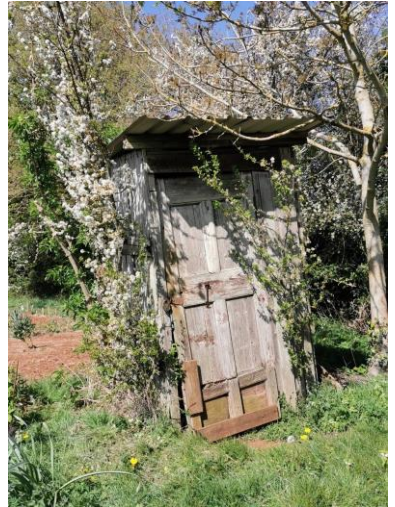
"Our labrador runs a few circles around the patch when we're up there and then we just hope for the best."

"Ignore them- just plant more. "One for the rabbits/deer, one for the slugs/pigeons and one for you."



## **What is your favourite thing about having an allotment?**

"Eating Christmas Dinner knowing that everything on the plate is as local as it can get. Digging up the first potatoes on a hot sunny day - it's like finding treasure. The camaraderie, as well as the peace and quiet. Taking five minutes to sit on the bench and watch kites and buzzards soaring above the field. The satisfaction of taking a tiny seed and nurturing it into full growth. So much of it is about hope, patience and the magic of nature and we all need that right now!"



"It's peaceful down at the allotment and have been given lots of advice from Derek Turner and it's nice I've learnt so much about how village life was like years ago (social distancing of course)."

"Being at the allotments is a great fresh air fix and a welcome distraction from work, screens and the normal routine."

"Time away from the rat race feeling closer to nature."

"I find the allotment to be a peaceful place to be, the perfect place to switch off and engross yourself in planning what goes where and when in the coming months, especially in the last few months with everything that has been going on in the world."





"Eating fresh peas and raspberries the moment they are picked, the sense of the seasons as the year moves on, fresh air, meeting people (at the prescribed distance of course) and, especially during lockdown, having a beautiful place to go to escape to for a while."

### **Do you have 'plot envy' looking at your neighbour's plot?**

"Not envy, but admiration. And you always get great ideas from what other people do. The sharing and sense of community is one of the best things about the Shutford allotments and we are so, so lucky to have them."

"We're very lucky it's more of a 'taking part' culture at the allotments than 'top of the plots' but we're also very lucky there's no dividing fence with our neighbours who are much more experienced which really helps with ideas, tips and tricks. There are some lovely plots up there and with so many ideas and different ways of doing things which all helps towards working what crops grow well and not so well!"

"I like the variety of styles and whilst some are far neater than mine there are only so many hours in the day... (although more at present apparently!)"

"I do look over at my neighbours and hope I can get mine looking like that, but with all the tips and advice I will get there."

"Yes! There are some beautifully well-kept and ordered plots - we have a bit of catching up to do."

Thank you to Kirsten, Janice, Lucy, Tom, Phil, Lorraine, & Bill for your replies.

Looking forward to the village **Produce & Flower show on Sunday 6 September.**

Jack says: "My favourite things to do at the allotments are lawn-mowing and planting seeds."



# Shutford Photo Competition

Thank you to everyone who sent in their photos for the competition. Our decisions reflect the efforts to use a window view and a good eye for colour and nature and using light – always a key skill in photography. Choosing winners is never easy with so many good photos to study.

An amazing £220.00 was raised for



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**Adult Category Winner: Mike Carwithen**

**Under 12's Winner: Charlie Currums**



**Adult Runner Up: John Bailey**





As festivals and public events throughout the country are being cancelled, it will come as no surprise to you that, due to the uncertainty of the situation regarding Covid-19, we have come to the decision that **Shutford Festival** in June should be postponed. However, the good news is that we have decided to hopefully run an event on:

## **Saturday 3 October**

Whilst it won't be a 'full-on' daytime and evening event, we promise it will be just as enjoyable to attend and hopefully one that the village will support to help with fundraising for the village. Obviously we will be keeping a watch on government guidelines.

The theme will be more of 'Music' Festival with bands starting at 4:00 pm – 10:30 pm. We have already got a great line-up of bands booked, and of course Beer & BBQ. There will also be the option to '**bring your own gazebo**', for those who may want to continue the 'social distancing'... (small charge will be applied) and spaces will be allocated on a first come first booked basis! For more information visit:

[www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com)

Keep well and safe and we look forward to keeping in touch.



## **Facilities extended for coronavirus**

We have greatly expanded our 10 bedded in-patient unit to a maximum total of 26 beds to support the national coronavirus response and need in our community, and from Thursday 16 April the Katharine House Response Centre is fully operational.

Our Chief Executive, Angharad Orchard, said: "The coronavirus pandemic is an unparalleled health emergency which requires an unprecedented response. As a local provider of specialist care, Katharine House Hospice is well-placed to quickly support the NHS by providing staffing and our facilities during this crisis.

We are proud that the Katharine House Response Centre will provide much-needed support to our NHS colleagues and care for people in our community who have been so supportive of our hospice for so many years.

The hospice will also continue to support our current patients, and local people diagnosed with a life-limiting illness over the coming weeks will still be able to access Katharine House's services.

A major consideration for us was how we can care for as many people as possible over the coming weeks and continue to provide as many of our existing services as possible whilst also looking after those diagnosed with coronavirus. During this crisis, we have adapted our ways of working to ensure our services are still there for patients and families when they need us. Our teams will continue to ensure a high level of joined-up care and support for all our patients."

Please check our website [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk) to check up to date information and guidance for visiting the hospice during Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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- Spread the word to friends, family and colleagues that your hospice needs the ongoing support of our community.
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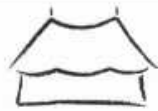
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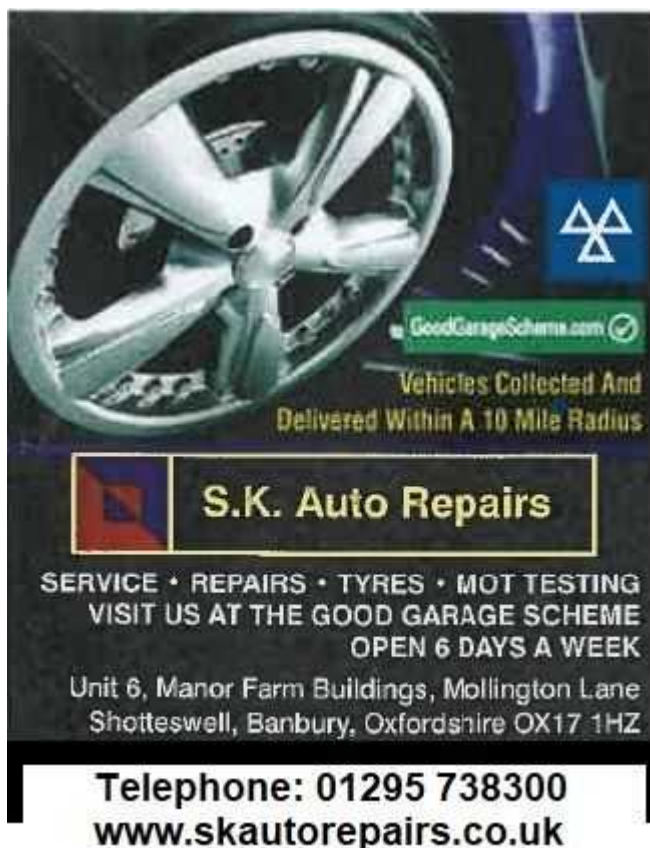


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The next Prize Draw will take place on June.

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The next planning meeting will take place virtually on  
Tuesday 7 July @ 7:00 pm

**DEADLINE FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE:** Saturday, 18 July

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Current takeaway menu whilst pub is closed.

Alternating Thursdays....

Pie nights – served with mashed potato, peas and gravy.

Thursdays – 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> July

Choose from Steak & Ale, Chicken mushroom & Leek or creamy vegetable. .

Burgers served with chips.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 9<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Choose from our classic Dragon burger (beef), double chicken burger or vegetarian – honey root veg with quinoa.

Fridays – Fish and chips

Battered cod served with chips, mushy peas and tartare sauce.

Due to quality issues, this is now sourced from a new supplier to enhance quality.

Vegetarian Sausage, chips and peas.

Saturdays – Pizza 12" – Thin and crispy or Deep Pan

Cheese and Tomato Feast

Spicy Pepperoni

Hawaiian

Sams BBQ

Piri piri chicken

.....or build your own.....

Thank you for your continued support.