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Babies....

Siobhan & Rebecca Kirwan-Lee are delighted to introduce their twins.

Cooper on the left and Archer on the right. They were born 13th July 2020, 3 months premature, both just 2lb 1oz. They came home from hospital on 20th October.



Immi & Tim Bennett are proud to introduce their baby girl, Florence Ivy Bennett born on 3 November 2020.

Dear Villagers...

Happy New 2021. What a start to the New Year.
Hoping this all finds you well and safe.



You will see this edition is quite light with copy and advertisers. We are grateful to our advertisers who have renewed and always looking for new advertisers. So, if anyone knows of anyone looking to grow / promote their local business please get in touch.

We have a new 'travel / food blog' starting in this edition thank you Debbie Pitt for sharing your experiences with us. If you have anything that you would like to share with the village a hobby maybe, past career, recipes please do get in touch, don't be shy! With local activities not happening just now, be great to keep the edition full of copy.

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. Stay safe and take good care. Enjoy the festive time and Happy New Year to all.



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Our front cover photo was taken by Kirsten Parrish and features in the Shutford Village Calendar 2021.

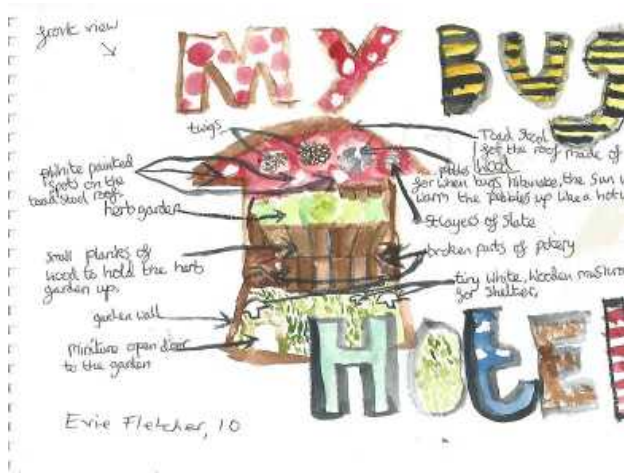
Bug Hotel Competition

We were really impressed with the entries for the bug hotel competition, and there will be a prize for everyone who entered. Here are some comments from the judges (Carolyn Rann, Kirsten Parrish, Steve Holliday and Gordon Freeman):



- Everyone put a lot of thought into their designs and carefully thought about what would attract or be suitable for wildlife and it is heart-warming to know that we have a few budding young wildlife enthusiasts in the village.
- The entries demonstrated a real understanding of how to attract and benefit wildlife using a wide range of materials that would provide different habitats for different creatures. The entries were also imaginative, and a lot of care and attention had gone into showing the detail of all the various compartments and the materials recommended for each one. **Ben Whitehouse's** Bird City was superbly drawn.

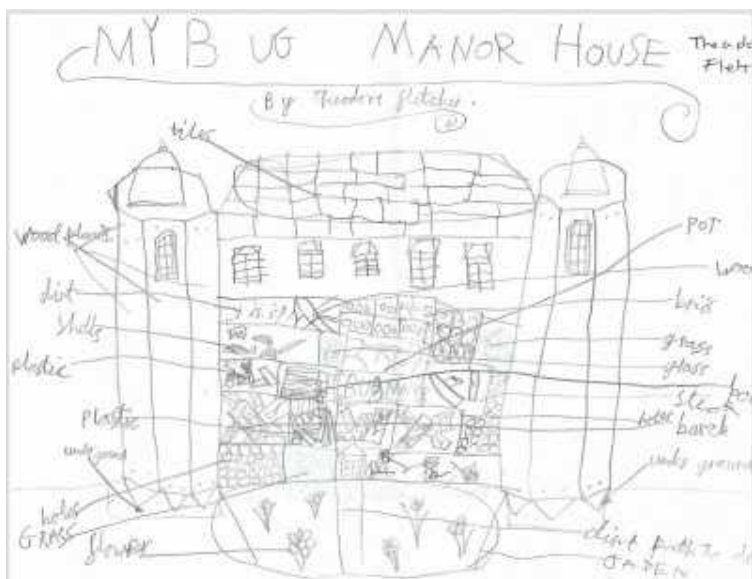
Evie Fletcher had obviously put a lot of time into creating a lovely painting of her Bug Hotel.



- **Isabel Whitehouse's** had a wide variety of rooms with sticks for solitary bees, dead wood for beetles and woodlice, and moss and mud for species to hibernate. There are crevices for ladybirds and spiders too. A living roof is a nice idea and should attract wildlife.
- **Nell Fletcher's** hedgehog house was a great reminder that we can help these declining mammals! Flowers would attract pollinating insects while brick and bark can provide places for insects to hibernate and attract beetles, earwigs, and woodlice.

Although it was very difficult to pick a winner, we all felt that **Theodore Fletcher's My Bug Manor House** was the best overall design. He used a wide range of materials that should attract a lot of different species, he also included a helpful materials list. The very grand appearance (inspired by Shutford Manor!) and use of traditional materials, would make this a valued addition to our Dairyground.

We are now planning to build **Theodore's** winning design and put it on the Dairyground.





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**We raised £220.00 by donating your 2020
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Benford**

**Helen
Nixseaman**

**John & Julie
Hodgkins**

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Illuminate & Celebrate in 2021!

Don't forget to get your special dates in for 2021! 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 2021.

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 2021. **The church tower was illuminated each evening from Advent Sunday, 29th November until Epiphany, 6th January sponsored by many anonymous donors and the undermentioned.**

Date	Name	Occasion
30 th Nov	Alasdair Gibbs	St Andrew's Day
2 nd Dec	Louise Sabin	Angelina Gibson's Birthday
2 nd	Hayley, Steve & Evie	Advent Window
4 th	Zoe & Richard Monahan	Advent Window
6 th , 13 th , 20 th	Mervyn & Val Benford	Advent Sundays
6 th	Hannah, Tony, William & Charlie	Advent Window
8 th	Wynne & John Gardner	Advent Window
9 th /10 th	Roger & Geraldine Bancroft	Their Birthdays
13 th	Sharon & Steve White	Advent Window
19 th	Erika, Martin & Gabe Doe	Advent Window
21 st	Helen & Chris	Advent Window
23 rd	Becky & Andy	Advent Window
1 st Jan	Christine Yarborough	Marcia's Birthday
4 th	Joan Wright	In memory of Tony
5 th	Anon	Rev Neil Bowler's Installation
17 th	Wynne Gardner	John's Birthday
19 th	John & Wynne Gardner	In memory of Daphne
19 th	Lena Cusiter	Joe's 70 th Birthday
24 th	Debbie Pitt	Sasha's Birthday
28 th	Louise Sabin	Andrew's Birthday
14 th Feb	Anon	St Valentine's Day
2 nd March	John Hodgkins	Julie's Birthday
3 rd	Clare McEwan	In memory of mother, Anne
16 th	Debbie Pitt	Fin's Birthday
23 rd	Tony & Jenny Ingham	Wedding Anniversary

When more than one sponsorship is received for a particular day the tower is illuminated on additional days.

CHURCH NEWS

Clergy – Revd Neil Bowler - 788005

Church Wardens:

Mr Ken Jeffs – 788308

Mr John Hodgkins - 788609

SERVICES: Most Sundays 9.30am but see Wykeham

News & Benefice website for details



Coronavirus has dominated life in this country for most of 2020 with devastating effects in some quarters. Although the church had to be closed for services again during November, it did open each Sunday for private prayer. Acts of Remembrance were held in church and at the war memorial on 8th November. Although the usual door to door collection for the Royal British Legion could not take place, £340 was raised for the Poppy Appeal from boxes in the George and Dragon, church, churchwarden's home and donations for the wreaths laid at the village war memorial and church roll of honour.

Online Benefice Eucharist Services were held during November and December and will continue during the present crisis. Online services were held at 10.00am but moved to 5.00pm when services resumed in church. Details of how to join are available on The Wykeham Benefice website or by contacting the churchwarden for a weekly pewsheet if not already received.

Morning Prayer on Saturday in Shutford re-started on 5th December at 9.00am and the church is open each Sunday for private prayer from about 10.30am until dusk, dependant on whether there is a service in church. Many of our parishioners are staying at home and this has been reflected in the number of people in church. The number of people worshipping in church is only about 30% of what we have witnessed in recent years, although some villagers have joined our online services. With the roll out of the coronavirus vaccine and the relaxation of restrictions, we hope worshippers will have the confidence to return to church. We must remain cautious: it is better to be safe than sorry.

Attendance at our Carol Service and at Christmas Day Family Communion was the lowest ever recorded. Some were put off by the thought of overcrowding and others not being able to sing. Both occasions were joyous with readings and recorded music by The St Martin's in the Fields singers.

The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas by our team of flower arrangers with the crib in pride of place on the font. This year our Christmas tree

was in the churchyard so everyone could see it, with solar lights twinkling after dark. A few hardy villagers braved the cold to sing carols in the churchyard by the tree on Christmas Eve at 7.00pm, others stopped to listen on their way into the pub.

In line with the Village Advent Window and light up Shutford initiative, the church tower was illuminated from Advent Sunday, 29th November until Epiphany, 6th January. We are grateful to everyone who sponsored the illuminations and made other donations raising £700 during our Advent Appeal ensuring that a predicted financial deficit in 2020 was avoided. £1275 was received from the Illuminate and Celebrate Initiative last year, most of which has been used towards our annual church building insurance of £1995.

With the absence of social fund raising and fewer people in church, we must rely on our core congregation to finance the work of the church. We have been unable to raise much money for charitable causes this year but have given £100 each to Katharine House Hospice and The Children's Society, and £75 to Shutford News for its valuable contribution to village life. Our main costs are insurance mentioned above and contributions to The Oxford Diocese of £7500 per annum to cover the cost of clergy stipends etc. Considering these costs and other expenses, we need about £220 each week to keep the church open and are thankful to everyone who have enabled this to be done.

With a difficult year behind us, we must look forward and are pleased to welcome our new Rector, the Reverend Neil Bowler who was installed and licensed on 5th January in Swalcliffe church. The event was via Zoom with The Bishop of Oxford, The Right Reverend Steven Croft officiating from his office in Oxford with just Neil and Reverend John Tattersall in Swalcliffe and Tim Huckvale recording. Special thanks to Tim for all his work with the website, Zoom services and other meetings. The maximum of 100 devices were tuned into the Installation Service, so those who missed it can look at a recording on the Benefice Website. Neil's first live service was in Shutford church on 10th January when he celebrated The Baptism of Christ. Reverend Neil moved to the re-located Rectory at 2 Sycamore Close, Sibford Gower, Banbury, Oxon OX15 5SB at the end of December. Telephone: 01295 788005, email: revneil@wykehambenefice.org.uk.

Keep safe and well, remember and help those in need as best you can.

For church information, including Rev Neil's Weekly Pastoral Letter, see website or contact KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk

Shutford Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.30pm by video conference.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Helen Nixseaman (Chair), Ashley Taylor (Vice Chair), Stephen Barnes, Chris Hall, George Reynolds, Paul Huewen and David Best, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Two members of the public also attended the video conference.

20/039	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Sandy Forrester.
20/040	Co-option of New Councillor – It was agreed unanimously to co-opt Paul Huewen as a Councillor to replace Debbie Pitt.
20/041	Declarations of Interest: None.
20/042	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 th November 2020 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
20/043	Matters arising from the minutes: None
20/044 20/044/1	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>Allotments –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was agreed that Cllr Paul Huewen would take over from Debbie Pitt as the Allotment co-ordinator. 2. The Clerk has contacted the Broughton Castle Estate Office to request permission to use the standpipe in the field on the right going out of Shutford along Plot Road to top up the water butts in the allotments in periods of drought in the summer.
20/044/2	<p>Dairyground –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The playground can be used under the current lockdown regulations and Rita has sent out guidance for people using it. Signs were put up in the first lockdown with guidance to parents and guardians. Residents in any doubt should check the government website. 2. Cllr Helen Nixseaman has been trying to contact Trevor Stewart to discuss the items in the ROSPA Play Safety report about the new play equipment and will continue to do so with a view to meeting when it is safe. 3. A suggestion was made that the Tesco funds could be used to tidy up and landscape the area around the existing bench. This may include tubs etc... The area is getting rather overgrown again and a working party will clear it when lockdown restrictions are lifted. Cllrs Helen Nixseaman, Ashley Taylor and Mr Steve Lock will meet up to plan this when it is safe. The Clerk will issue the list of bench prices.
20/044/3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. There were some fantastic entries for the Bug Hotel competition and the winner is My Bug Manor House. It was agreed that a present will be bought for the entrants and it is hoped that Gordon Freeman will help to build the bug house with help and donated materials. An article will be published in the Shutford News.

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20/044/4	<p>944 Restorations – Cherwell District Council Enforcement has advised that the flue, which was too close to the boundaries of the neighbouring houses to be installed without planning permission, has been removed. It is being routed further away from the boundaries and when commissioned the emissions will be checked by Cherwell Environmental Health.</p> <p>20's Plenty for Oxfordshire Campaign – It was agreed to email support for the campaign. County Councillor George Reynolds advised that Oxfordshire County Councillor no longer oppose the 20mph speed limits, but the Police would probably still oppose them.</p>
20/045 20/045/1 20/045/2 20/045/3	<p>Finance:</p> <p>External Audit of Year End 2020-21 Accounts – The external auditor has confirmed that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return were in accordance with the Proper Practices and that the relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had been met.</p> <p>2021-22 Budget – The Clerk took Councillors through the 2021-22 budget, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, line by line. It was agreed to add £1000 contingency for works to trees. It was agreed not to increase the Precept.</p> <p>Accounts and Bank Reconciliation – The Accounts and reconciliation up to 3rd December were issued with the proposed budget prior to the meeting. The Clerk had not received the bank statement to 3rd prior to the meeting. A VAT reclaim for £1,198.22 has been submitted to HMRC.</p>
20/046	<p>Correspondence: None.</p> <p>.</p>
20/047 20/047/1 20/047/2 20/047/3	<p>Planning:</p> <p>20/00602/F & 20/00603LB – Monastery Farm, OX15 6PQ – Permission granted 9/12/2020.</p> <p>20/03128/F – 4 The Dairyground – Awaiting decision by CDC.</p> <p>2003672/F – Springhill Barn – Being considered by Parish Council.</p>
20/048 20/048/1 20/048/2 20/048/3	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Flags – County Cllr George Reynolds thanked Alasdair Gibbs for flying the flags in the village.</p> <p>Road Condition in Malthouse Lane – It was agreed that the clerk will report the potholes on fix my street and email OCC highways to request urgent repairs as there is a danger of pedestrians being injured.</p> <p>Proposed telegraph poles along Epwell Road – It was agreed that the Clerk would get an update although it is permitted development and could not be stopped.</p>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th March 2021 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 8.56pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....



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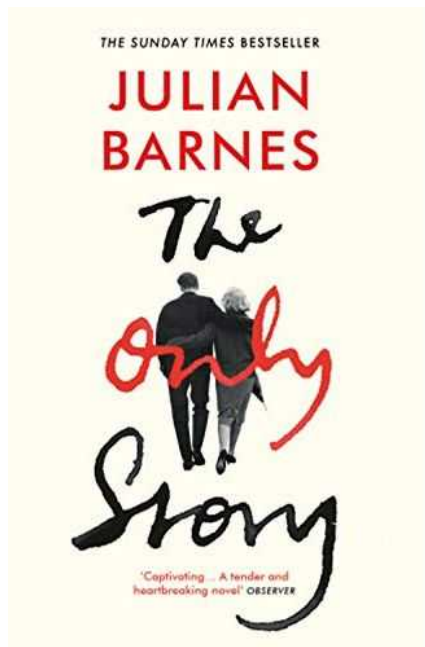
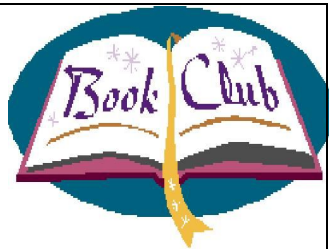
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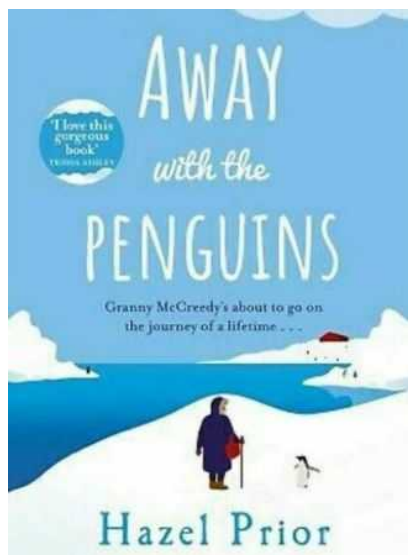
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Shutford Book Club

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.



22 February, "The Only Story", by Julian Barnes, suggested by Lynne Parsons



29 March, "Away with the penguins", by Hazel Prior suggested by Val Benford.

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 or 780412



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Shutford Village Calendar 2022



**Looking for your local photos for the
2022 Shutford Calendar.**

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Happy Photo taking!

Here are some of the amazing Advent Calendar Windows
during the festive season!
Thank you to everyone who took part.



All creatures great and small...Travel Adventures by Debbie Pitt

I have been so fortunate in my life to have had a great job which took me to some extraordinary places around the world. Some of these experiences I would like to share, starting off with some of the animal sightings and incidents.



I was walking in a city park in Georgetown, Guyana in South America when I happened to look into a rather sad neglected lake when, to my horror, a colossal creature appeared out of the water – it was the size of a bull seal with a very large head and far too big for such a small lake. It was, in fact a type of manatee called a dugong or sea cow. Very gentle and an herbivore luckily but not what one expects to see in a city park.

Another time I was in a remote hill area in Bangladesh staying in a basic hut when I saw a large rat scampering across the floor. I decided, as there was nothing else I could do anyway, to convince myself it was more afraid of me than I was if it.

That night I put my money belt, which also included my passport, just inches from my head but on the other side of the mosquito net. In the morning I discovered it had been chewed-included a good corner of my passport. The rat obviously decided that a British passport was not that tasty and at least left enough information on it for me to continue to travel – a

difficult one to explain to passport control why only half my name was there.

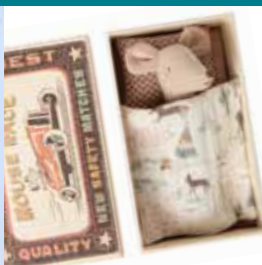
Trekking in lowlands of Nepal with my 17 year old, daughter we were told that if the guide told us to stop walking it was because he had spotted a rhino. If he then told us to turn round and walk back, then it meant that the rhino had smelt us – they have appalling eye-sight but sense of smell.

This did indeed happen, and the final instructions were to climb a tree when the rhino charged - and it was coming at full speed. I have never been good at climbing trees and I am ashamed to say that all maternal instinct left me and I pushed my way in front of my daughter and yelled at her to push me up the tree!



I did leave her a bit of space to climb up behind me which was just as well as the rhino sniffed at the bottom of the trunk for quite a while as it knew we were there but couldn't see us. A very hairy moment and more so for my daughter who never fails to retell the story whenever possible.





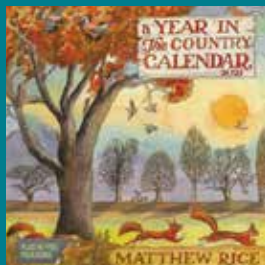
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VILLAGE EVENT DIARY

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Shutford Village Hall 100+ Club Results

December Results:

FIRST PRIZE	£50.00	Martin Morris
SECOND PRIZE	£15.00	Raymond Sturdy
THIRD PRIZE	£10.00	John Finnegan

January Results:

FIRST PRIZE	£35.00	Juliette Currums
SECOND PRIZE	£15.00	O F Waller
THIRD PRIZE	£10.00	Ashley Taylor

The next Prize Draw will take place on in February.

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