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Summer Garden Party



**Who's up for a small village
celebration Saturday, 17 July?**

(Provisional date)

We have the venue! We have the budget!

Just need a few volunteers to come up with
ideas and to make it happen. Is that you?

Simply email Christine Yarborough:
clematis0902@yahoo.co.uk



Dear Villagers...

We've been enjoying some gorgeous spring sunshine during the last few weeks (correct at time of going to press...), spring has truly sprung! It's been great to see the pub garden busy and very very soon, we'll even be able to go inside.... I'm sure Juliette from the George & Dragon will keep us all posted!

It's time to say goodbye and thank you to Rita, who has kept us all so well informed for many years. She has run the website, the village email and edited the Shutford News, and been a vital part of the Shutford Festival which has raised so much money for our village.

Rita's been showing me the ropes and now it's time for me to take over.... Please keep sending your stories in - have you learnt any new lockdown hobbies or cooked any fabulous food? Are there any local historians who can tell us tales of old Shutford? The Shutford News needs you!

Thank you to Zoe Monahan and Ashley Taylor who have volunteered to take on the roles of sending out village emails (Zoe) and updating the village website (Ashley). Please send all requests to shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com.

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.



Angela

Angela Bliss, Editor

Email: shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com

Thank you to Alison Hughes who took the photo for our front cover.

Your New Village Comms Team!

Shutford News Editor, Angela Bliss

I've lived in Shutford for 6 years now with my husband Jeff. We have 2 grown up children - our son Joel who's just flown the nest and our daughter Jenny who's just returned! We have a mad black dog called Rosie, so you'll often see us out and about with her. I'm a graphic designer and artist, so taking on the Shutford News is a fitting way for me to contribute to village life and meet more people. After the upheaval and isolation of last year, it really made me appreciate what a nice friendly bunch we Shutfordians all are!



Shutford email, Zoe Monahan

I live in Shutford with my husband Richard and two children, Georgia - 10, Henry - 8 and Flash the big, red Labrador. We moved here from Worcestershire 4 years ago and have really grown to love and appreciate the village and the surrounding countryside. For work, I consult on large recruitment projects, mostly in the charity sector, currently with Nacro, a large social justice charity. In my spare time I love to travel, ski and thinking of taking up golf!




Shutford webmaster, Ash Taylor

Hello! This is our 15th year of living in Shutford so we're still very much 1st generation Shutfordians! I live on the Dairyground with my wife Carol and daughter Olivia (starting secondary school in September this year). Our four-legged family is Olivia's pony Freddie and our latest addition to our family - Jess the German Shepherd.

I work at Jaguar Land Rover in Product Engineering (developing the next generation of transmissions and electrified drivetrains), where I've been since university. I also sit as vice-chair on the Parish Council because I am very keen on keeping our lovely village just that! Finally, I'm possibly most known for being a bit of a car washing fanatic!

Juliette Currums Marathon



This year,
I will be
running the
London Marathon on
3rd October.

Not being a natural runner,
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in training and my longest run is
a half marathon. I'm working
hard to earn every penny of
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This year due to Covid etc we are really focusing on advance booked entries, so any entry on the day will be cashless ie debit / credit card only – please note there will be no cash entries.



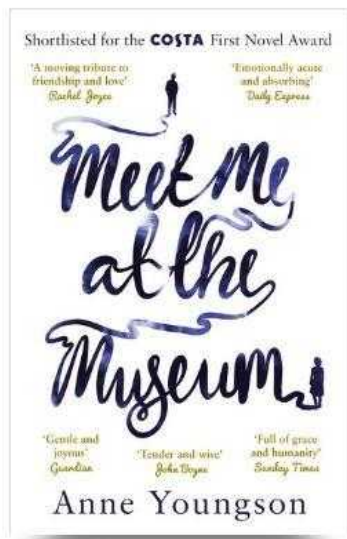
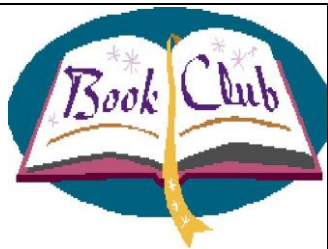
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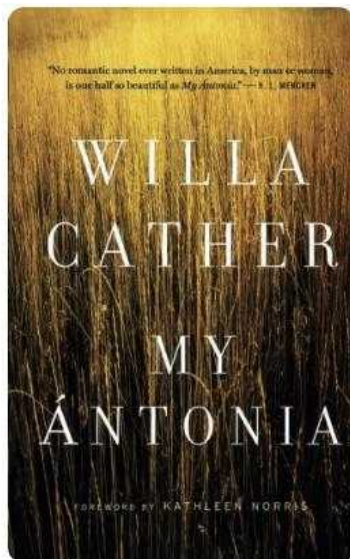
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Shutford Book Club

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



28 June, "Meet me at the Museum" by Anne Youngson, recommended by Sue Roe-French



26 July, "My Antonia" by Willa Cather, recommended by Chris Woodcock

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

**Fay and Mike Ponikowski
celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on
20 March - sadly, just the 2 of them!**



WELCOME...to Tom Caulfield & Manuela Cardoso who have moved into 2 Church Lane from London, with Pablo their dog. They work in Marketing & Events and they list their hobbies as "big foodies, love to travel & Manuela loves Disney!" Why did they choose Shutford: "Stunning village, quiet and dog walks."



**If you have any recipes you'd like to share,
please send them in!**

Incredible Cookies

This is a great basic cookie recipe to use up the random bags of dried fruit you might have in your store cupboard, it's very forgiving!

Basic cookie recipe - makes 12-20

- 100g butter or margarine
- 225g sugar (I use brown sugar but anything goes)
- 225g self raising flour (or plain flour + 1/4tsp baking powder)
- 1 large egg
- Added extras such as chocolate chips or nuts etc

Preheat the oven to 170 C (fan). Cream the butter and sugar till fluffy, and then beat in the egg. Sift in the flour and mix together thoroughly - this will be quite a stiff mixture. Then add your extras such as chocolate chips. Grease a baking tray or line with baking parchment and spoon your cookie dough out in even dollops and flatten it down a bit with the back of a spoon, leaving space for them to spread. Bake for around 10-15 minutes depending how chewy or crunchy you like your cookies, but they should be golden brown. They will be quite soft at first, so leave on the tray for a minute or so to firm up then transfer to a wire rack. For big cookies use a tablespoon - this makes about 12, or for smaller ones use a teaspoon for around 20 cookies.

Variations

- Try half a cup of oats and 50g of sultanas and a big heaped tablespoon of crunchy peanut butter
- Swap out 50g of flour for cocoa powder and 1 tsp of ginger, chop up some crystallised ginger and add a 100g bag of dark chocolate chips
- White chocolate chips with a good handful of dried cranberries

Pollution in Shutford Stream

Some readers may have watched the Panorama programme (aired on 12 April 2021) "The River Pollution Scandal" which highlighted the significant deterioration of many English and Welsh rivers and waterways over the past few years.

There is widespread evidence of underreporting of pollution incidents, indicating that the Water Companies see self-reporting as an opportunity for unscrupulous behaviour rather than as a responsibility to be exercised on behalf of wider society.

The excellent new interactive map (see 'The Rivers Trust' website) shows the extent of this problem very close to home: In 2020, Thames Water's Sewage Treatment Works at Shutford released untreated sewage into Shutford Stream on 114 occasions, for a total of 1530 hours. This is up from 79 occasions (just under 800 hours) in 2019. In 2020 this was the equivalent of untreated sewage being released into our local stream 24 hours a day on an uninterrupted basis, for just over 2 months! The data shows that Shutford Sewage Treatment Plant is one of the worst in the entire country.

Many of us probably have childhood memories of looking down into the clear waters of our local stream, our curiosity and interest perhaps aroused by the fleeting glimpse of a red-finned Roach, a small silvery shoal of Dace or Minnows, or even a shy Brown Trout breaking the surface for a fly. We probably admired dipping Swallows or circling bats on a summer's evening. I don't want the beauty of these things to be lost to our children and grandchildren and we have a moral duty to protect them. I simply cannot understand how the management of a supposedly reputable business like Thames Water can think it is in any way ethical to destroy mile upon mile of delicate ecosystems in order to generate marginally greater profitability or as a substitute for effective site management.

If you are interested in registering your disapproval, here are a few suggestions:

WASP. (Windrush Against Sewage Pollution) has been very active in trying to save the once beautiful Windrush River.

OFWAT. Complaining to the regulator is something that Thames Water actively dislikes.

Contacting Thames Water directly. The new CEO is Sarah Bentley (sarah.bentley@thameswater.co.uk)

OMERS. This Canadian pension fund is now the majority shareholder in Thames Water. They have ESG guidelines which TW is likely to be violating.

Victoria Prentis MP was not a supporter of the 130 cross party MPs supporting Philip Dunne MP's Private Member's Bill which addressed the sewage pollution issue before it was guillotined.

The Water Companies were privatised in 1989 with zero debt. They have paid out 57bn pounds in dividends since 1991, largely funded by 48bn pounds in new debt. Thames Water is one of the biggest

offenders, taking on 11.7bn pounds in new debt over the period and paying enormous executive packages. It is time that this polluting gravy train was derailed by proper regulatory oversight.

Yours sincerely, Mark Burges
Watson (Wroxton Mill)



Photo taken of Shutford Stream in our garden before all the naturally occurring Starwort weed was killed off by sewage pollution.

More Churchyard Surprises from Mervyn Benford



Readers can correct me on either the pink catkins or this aubergine cowslip. It grows among the abundant standard yellow versions and Val reckons results from cross-pollination by an errant or over-enthusiastic bee, but just best guess. Cannot recall seeing it before - else it would be in the files already.

Shutford Parish Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.00pm by video conference.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Helen Nixseaman, Ashley Taylor, Stephen Barnes, Sandy Forrester, Chris Hall, Paul Huewen, George Reynolds and David Best, Parish Clerk. Also present were 2 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr, Douglas Webb

21/020	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 8 th May 2019 were a correct record and signed (unanimous).
21/011	Chairman's Report: The Chair gave a detailed report on the activities of the Parish Council which is attached to the minutes
21/022	Open Forum for Parishioners: Thanks to Parish Council - A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for all their work.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7:17pm

Village Litter Pick

Saturday 5th June at 11am

We are planning to do a post lockdown village litter pick on Saturday 5th June. It would be great to get the community together and get the village and surrounding roads looking tidy for the summer.

We will meet at the bus stop at 11am, where bags and pickers etc will be provided, and routes allocated. We should be able to have a drink in the pub when we get back!

More details will follow, but for now save the date.

Shutford Parish Council

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The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

21/023	Apologies for Absence: None
21/024	Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor responsibilities: The following elections were made: Chairman: Helen Nixseaman Vice Chairman: Ashley Taylor Allotments: Paul Huewen Dairyground: Ashley Taylor & Helen Nixseaman Defibrillator: Ashley Taylor Highways/signs: Sandy Forrester Planning: Chris Hall Village Hall: Stephen Barnes
21/025	Declarations of Interest: None.
21/026	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 th March 2021 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
21/027	Matters arising from the minutes: The actions list from the last meeting was reviewed.
21/028	Parish Matters:
21/028/1	Allotments – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mrs J Lydon has taken over a Plot Road plot from her sister. 2. The new owners of Honeysuckle Cottage have already started clearing the plot on Thistle Hill that they have taken over. 3. The owners of Seaven have asked to take over the plot that runs beside their house. 4. All allotment holders have been sent a communication to seek their opinion on keeping livestock on the allotments. A separate side agreement will be drafted for people wanting to keep livestock. 5. The clearing of Thistle Hill was discussed but nothing will be done until the end of the nesting season in September. Further discussion will take place nearer the time.
21/028/2	Dairyground – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The Bug Hotel sign is being made. It is proposed to have an opening of the Bug Hotel on Saturday 5th June on the same day as the village spring clean. 7. Plans have been made to clear the area around the bench in the corner of the Dairyground.
21/028/3	Holly Tree Felling Quote – It was agreed to accept the quote from Lighthorne Tree Care for felling the Holly Trees on Thistle Hill and treating the stumps. This will be carried out as soon as possible in September. The Clerk will contact the supplier in August.

21/028/4	Village Litter Pick – This is confirmed to take place on Saturday 5 th June. Cllr Helen Nixseaman will publicise this and the Clerk will order the equipment from Cherwell District Council and check if they can pick up sacks from remote locations around the village.
21/029	Finance:
21/029/1	Annual Return Governance Statement – This was circulated prior to the meeting and agreed at the meeting.
21/029/2	Internal Audit Report – This had been carried out by Debbie Pitt and the recommendations reviewed. The recommendations will be implemented immediately.
21/029/3	2020-21 Accounts – These had been circulated prior to the meeting and agreed at the meeting.
21/029/4	Certificate of Exemption – As neither the payments nor receipts were over £25,000, the Parish Council can decide not to have an external audit. This was agreed and the Certificate of Exemption will be sent to the external auditors.
21/030	Correspondence:
21/030/1	Raw Sewage Discharge – The owner of Wroxton Mill wanted to warn the village that raw sewage is entering the stream. This has been reported to Thames Water and a survey is being completed and sent to the Council for the Protection of Rural England. It is believed that the sewage may be coming from a leak further up towards Shenington or Balscote rather than the Sewage Treatment Plant.
21/030/2	Industrial Units in West Street – Some residents have complained about noise and lorries staying over-night. These were passed on to Brown & Co who passed them on to the current tenant. The tenant has advised the Parish Council that he is mindful of the residents, tries to minimise evening noise and weekend work and that the lorry had broken down and couldn't be moved until repaired. The Parish Council urges the residents and tenant of the industrial unit to work together and discuss any issues.
21/030/3	Bonfire on Plot Road Allotment – A complaint has been received from a member of the public about a bonfire on one of the Plot Road allotments. Allotment holders are permitted to burn cuttings and weeds on their allotments. This is not a regular event and the situation will be monitored. The clerk will speak to the complainant and the allotment holder.
21/031	Planning:
21/031/1	21/00392/F – Holywell House – Permitted by CDC 1/04/2021
21/032	Any Other Business:
21/032/1	Homeworking Allowance for Clerk – The Clerk asked to be paid the HMRC recognised Homeworking Allowance. This was discussed but no decision taken.
21/032/2	OCC Lost Footpaths – OCC had contacted the Parish Council with a map of odd bits of footpaths asking for them to be reviewed. These have been reviewed and it was agreed not to reinstate lost footpaths.
21/032/3	Stones jutting from verge near Monastery Farmhouse – Some stones are jutting from the verge along the High Street and caused a puncture on a passing car. IOt was agreed that the Clerk would report this to OCC Highways.
21/032/4	Testing of the Tyte Spring water at the pond – It was suggested that this could be tested to ascertain the quality of the water. It was agreed that the cost of this will be investigated.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.03pm

Shutford Parish Council

Annual Report for year ended 31 March 2021.

The last year has been unusual and challenging for all of us in the village, and beyond. As a Parish Council we have not had any of our usual face to face meetings in the village hall. We have held meetings remotely, with villagers able to dial in. Thanks to Ashley for setting that up.

We have had various changes in councillors during the last year or so, and I would like to formally thank Debbie Pitt, Carolyn Rann and Tom Parish for everything they did while on the council. Debbie was a very dedicated and energetic chair and has been a hard act to follow. I am still learning and grateful that she is there to support when needed. Ashley also provides support as vice Chair. Chris Hall, Stephen Barnes and Paul Huewen have joined the Parish Council and each of them have picked up specific areas of responsibility.

In many respects it has inevitably been a quiet year. As a council, we have:

- Continued to manage the allotments in terms of rent collection and dealing with new allotment holders. Some asbestos sheeting was removed and another water container installed. We currently have a short waiting list of people wanting to take on an allotment. Paul has been fantastic at picking all of this up.
- We will not be cutting the grass verge in the Rickyard in order to leave this for wild flowers.
- The play equipment on the Dairyground has been maintained and inspected.
- Vegetation was cleared from a wall on the Dairyground and some work was carried out to clear and mark the footpath on one side of the Dairyground. We will need to keep on top of that.
- We will be installing a bug hotel in a corner of the Dairyground and tidying up the area round the bench near the play equipment. The Tesco grant will be used to buy and install a sign for the bug hotel.
- A number of potholes in the village have been reported and fixed.
- We have drafted an Emergency Plan for the village, which is on the website. This will need to continue to be updated.
- There have been various planning applications which we have assessed and passed on our recommendations to Cherwell. Thanks to Chris for picking up this area.
- Stephen Barnes has picked up the village hall rep role.

In terms of finances, we have ended the year with a small surplus and with cash reserves of about 2 years' income. This is prudent and in line with recommendations and provides us with some reserves if needed. The precept for this year (21/22) was therefore not increased. Villagers may have seen a small percentage increase in the precept in their council tax demand. This is a calculation issue relating to the number of properties in certain bands. The total income that we receive as a Parish Council is unchanged.

Our accounts were audited by Debbie Pitt (as she is no longer on the council). She has noted that everything was in order and has made some suggestions for tightening some of our processes. Thanks to Debbie for carrying out a rigorous audit, and to David for keeping our records in order.



Dear friends,

It has been great to welcome back into church over the past few weeks those who have been feeling more confident in getting out and about following their vaccinations. It has also been lovely to welcome new people into our villages and our church family. As we gradually once again emerge from a long period of lockdown over the summer months and find opportunities for being together, it has got me thinking upon how we welcome and meet other people.

I was sat in the back garden of a family recently, having been welcomed by them into their home, sharing a strong cup of tea and large piece of homemade Victoria sponge cake and a couple of gooey homemade biscuits. The sun was shining, the sparrows were chattering away in the hedgerow and a blackbird was whistling it's merry song. In those moments I felt a very strong presence of peace and also of being happy, not just because of the cake and biscuits, but because in welcoming others unconditionally we open our lives to grow in relationship with each other and, as a Christian I believe, we also open up our lives to welcome God in and through those encounters.

There is a very famous passage from Paul's letter to the Hebrews where he tells them to think carefully about how they welcome others, because he says that in doing so some people have entertained angels without even knowing it. Although angels may not necessarily need a cup of tea and a slice of cake and a few biscuits to be happy!

I'm so looking forward to welcoming back once again into our village church, families who are bringing their children to be christened, as well as those who might want to hold their happy occasion of their wedding day in church. If you or if you know someone who might like to arrange the christening of their child in your village church, then please do be in touch as it would be lovely to welcome them into the church family.

We have been so blessed to have been able to safely keep all of our churches in our villages open for worship in the Wykeham benefice and I look forward to seeing you very soon to welcome you in your village church.

Love & prayers

Revd Neil

Tel: 788005

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.

Date	Name	Occasion
14 th March	John Bailey	The birth of Elliot Hunter
29 th	Paul & Sarah Berresford	Goodbye Shutford after 35 wonderful years
17 th April	Anon	In memory of HRH Prince Philip
23 rd	Ken Jeffs	St George`s Day
25 th	Anon	Anzac Day
15 th May	Anon	Special Day
30 th	Jeffs` family	Family Birthday
4 th June	Debbie Pitt	Magnus` Birthday
9 th	John Hodgkins	In memory of Helen
19 th	Clare McEwan	In memory of father, Peter
21 st	Anon	Special Day
2 nd July	Steve & Hayley Tucker	Evie`s Birthday
13 th	Rita & Simon	Happy Birthday Charley Dog

The tower is usually illuminated on Sunday. 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

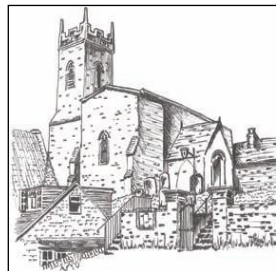
Church Wardens:

Mr Ken Jeffs – 788308

Mr John Hodgkins - 788609

SERVICES: Most Sundays 9.30am but see Wykeham

News & Benefice website for details



With the easing of coronavirus restrictions and the roll out of the vaccination programme, there has been a steady return to church for worship, with most of our core congregation worshipping at some time each month.

Online worship continues online at 6.00pm on Wednesday and Sunday for those unable to come to church. St Martin's Church is open on Sunday from 10.30am until 6.00pm for private prayer. However, the Oxford Diocesan Online Church at Home services will finish on 23rd May: special thanks to all the clergy and lay people who have planned and broadcast these services during the past year.

Advent groups met as scheduled, and services held as planned. Mothering Sunday was celebrated with an afternoon Family Service at which potted primroses were distributed to members of the congregation: flowers were also delivered to those unable to be in church. The annual procession of palms around Epwell could not take place this year but instead a service was held in Swalcliffe. Palm crosses were displayed in church and delivered to members of our core congregation in Shutford.

A Benefice Service was held each day during Holy Week across the benefice. Our Easter Sunday service had the largest congregation for more than a year.

The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and chocolate eggs were available for everyone in church. It was good to welcome Christopher and Sophie, with Christopher's mum Janice, to church to hear their Banns of Marriage read for the first time. Residents of Shutford, they will be married at the end of May in Epwell, Sophie's home village. We wish them well for their married life together.

The church bells were tolled 365 times at noon on The National Day of Reflection on 23rd March and the church tower illuminated that evening. The bells were also tolled on 10th April, 99 times, to remember HRH Prince Philip and the church tower illuminated on 17th April the evening of his funeral. Our service on 11th April started with a time of reflection and prayers for him.

Christian Aid Week was held 10th – 16th May and concentrated on raising money to help families to survive drought brought on by the climate crisis. Although a door to door collection in Shutford was not possible again this year, collecting envelopes were delivered to many properties with an option of leaving donations at a designated address or by donating online at caweek.org or by calling 08080 006006. All donations will be gratefully received.

Reverend Neil Bowler was inducted and installed as our rector on 13th May, Ascension Day, by our Associate Archdeacon Reverend Canon David Tyler at a service in Broughton. Although, Rev Neil was licensed in January by The Bishop of Oxford via the internet, the induction, which was delayed because of coronavirus restrictions, completed the legal process of his appointment.

We hope to have the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, with refreshments, in Shutford Village Hall on Tuesday, 6th July at 7.30pm.

At this meeting, the 2020 church annual report and accounts will be presented, and churchwardens and church council members elected for the coming year. With a small loyal congregation working hard to keep the church available for everyone, it is more important than ever that younger villagers become involved with church life to help spread the workload and financial costs. Like many organisations, retired members of our community play lead roles in the church and at present there are no obvious people to replace them when they wish to stand down.

Thank you to all who make regular donations to the church, support the Illuminate and Celebrate Initiative and respond to other appeals. Social fundraising also plays an important part in village life and supports charities, including the church, so we look forward to their return in the summer.

The churchyard early spring flowers have faded, but some cowslips are still flowering. The large cherry tree is in full bloom, with lilac bushes and other summer flowers starting to put on a good show. The picture in the March/April Shutford News – The Churchyard Yew Tree was not – the tree is in the north east part of the churchyard and is not the southside tree. The yew does need some attention: the removal of brambles and ivy from its branches. Areas of grass are left uncut until later in the year to encourage the wildflowers to bloom, although grasses can dominate.

Some grass is cut to form paths around the churchyard but please be careful of uneven ground when visiting. Although swallows have been seen in the village, they have not yet returned to the church porch. The Sibford Road churchyard grass is cut by David Lovesey and financed by Shutford Parish Council whom we thank.

For church info see Benefice Website or contact KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk. The weekly pewsheets not only contain details of local church services but also information about the wider church and its involvement in the community.



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Food and drink ...Travels with my memories by Debbie Pitt



I am very lucky as, apart from being a fish eating vegetarian, I can eat most food and will have a go at trying most things (crunchy insects

included), but not tried the mice that kids catch in the fields and sell by the roadside as a tasty kebab. Of course we all love a food market and in Asian they are amazing as you can buy at least 6 different types of eggs, exotic fruit, live frogs and endless chickens. Markets in some rural places you will only get women selling the one crop they happen to grow that week – peanuts or tomatoes etc.

My experience with experimenting with eggs is one I don't wish to try again. I was on an overnight train in Vietnam and in the morning, breakfast comes round on a trolley.



Choosing a boiled egg and disregarding the strange looks from a local family sitting opposite me, I tucked into a strange coloured egg. To my horror, when I opened it, it was a dead chick with a few feathers on – apparently you can buy eggs of different ages – never to be tried again.

I have to say, I am rather partial to a drop of vodka and where better than the ex-soviet country of Georgia. On my last evening there I was taken out by the office staff and was so impressed with the knowledge of the men who asked which farm certain cheeses came from and rejected the ones that



didn't come up to their standard. Of course, every meal means drinking vodka – and toasting continually. I was determined to try and keep my intake to a minimum as I was flying the next day but all I can say, I don't think I managed, after all, it is rude not to toast

whatever they were toasting in Russian!

My other drinking memory is in the South Pacific. The drink is called Kava and the drinking of it is all wrapped up in a ceremony. In Fiji, it is a community ceremony but in Vanuatu it is completely different. There are 'Kava bars' (shacks) and it is sold by the 'shell' or 'half shell' (coconut or sea shell I never discovered). You take your shell, stand facing a wall away from everyone and you must drink it down in one go – the taste is *so* revolting that you don't want it in your mouth for any length of time! You might wonder why they drink it but after the tingling of your lips, your mouth goes numb and apparently after a few shells, you relax – I never got that far!



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OPEN GARDENS FOR KATHARINE HOUSE – APRIL 2021 – SUMMER 2022

Our Open Gardens for Katharine House event is back again this Spring. We have a number of villages signed up already, and there is still plenty of time to get involved! If you are interested in opening your garden in support of Katharine House or for more information please email

getinvolved@khh.org.uk or contact our fundraising department on 01295 816 484 or visit www.khh.org.uk/gardens

If you would like to visit one of our open gardens please see below for the villages who have already signed up:

- Churchill 3 July
- Hornton village Open Gardens 4 July
- Middleton Cheney village Open Gardens 18 July
- South Newington (by appointment only, please read below)

SOUTH NEWINGTON OPEN GARDEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Claire has kindly offered to open her lovely 1.5 acre garden in South Newington by appointment any time after April 12. She can offer a bespoke package to any gardening groups interested in a visit but individuals and families are also very welcome with tea and cakes available at an additional cost. Entry is for a minimum donation of £5 for adults, children free of charge. Assistance dogs only. Please email Clare to find out more:

Claire_ainley@hotmail.com

WALK FOR KATHARINE HOUSE – JULY 2021

Back by popular demand Katharine House's biggest fundraising event the annual Midnight Walk returns this summer! We've been working hard to create a 2021 COVID-safe event for you to enjoy this July, but it may look a little different this year... Take on the challenge and join us as we walk to remember those we love, and support patients and families who rely upon Katharine House. Visit www.khh.org.uk/walk21 and sign up today.

FIRE WALK FOR KATHARINE HOUSE – SEPTEMBER 2021

As the temperature drops, why not turn up the fundraising heat by taking part in our fire walk to help support people facing life-limiting illness in our community. You'll be walking over embers burning at a temperature that could melt aluminium - without any injury or pain. You'll receive all the training needed to take part on the night during a 1 hour motivational session. To find out more head to www.khh.org.uk/firewalk

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Do you want something to work towards this year? Sign up to the Oxford Half Marathon this October! #RunForCharity for Katharine House and support our patients and families at the same time! Secure your place on Team Katharine House by registering at www.khh.org.uk/oxford-half-marathon

SWIM SERPENTINE – 18 SEPTEMBER 2021

Have you ever wanted to take part in an open water swim? Do you want something to look forward to, later in the year? Why not join the team as they swim the Serpentine this September!? There are lots of different swims to choose from to find out more head to www.khh.org.uk/swim

FREE DIGITAL KATHARINE HOUSE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Be first to hear about all of our upcoming events this year. Please sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with what's happening at Katharine House Hospice, including news of our fundraising events and developments at the hospice. Just head to our website to sign up www.khh.org.uk/newsletter



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Shutford Village Calendar 2022



**Looking for your local photos for the
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**Please send your portrait (ideally) jpeg photos to:
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**Deadline for photos is 14 November 2021.
Orders can be placed later this year for calendars.**

Happy Photo taking!

Shutford News – Summary of Income & Expenditure 2020

Income

Advertising	£1500.00
Donations @	£ 180.50
Calendars	£ 285.00
KHH Photo	£ 220.00
Total	£2185.50

Expenses

Printing#	£1459.30
Admin	£ 81.50
Sponsorship=	£ 483.05
KH Hospice	£220.00
Total	£2243.85

Balance forward 2019

	£ 559.73
Less deficit*	£ 58.35
Total	£ 559.73

Balance end 2020

Cash	£ 34.32
Bank	£ 467.06
Total	£ 501.38

Accounts examined and from various papers seen and explanations given, show a true reflection of Shutford News Financial Activities during 2020

Ken Jeffs – 10th April 2021

Notes: *Deficit: Expenses exceed income.

@Donations: Parish Council £75 Church £75 G & D Donation Box £13 & Anon £17.50.

#Printing includes £198.25 for Shutford Calendars.

= Sponsorship: Easter Egg Competition £32, Festival £153, Produce Show £20, Village Website & Licence £168, 5 & 10k Race £59+, VE Day £31, KHH Comp £20.

(+ There was a grant of £495 received from Trail Running Association for gazebos not included in the above figures.)

Bus No 6 times in School Term Time (Sch) Monday-Friday

Leaving	Time	Arriving	Time	Arriving	Time
Shutford	1126	Banbury Bus Station	1143	Gateway retail Park	1153
Leaving	Time	Leaving	Time	Arriving	Time
Gateway retail Park	1010	Banbury Bus Station	1020	Shutford	1047
Gateway retail Park	1340	Banbury Bus Station	1350	Shutford	1407

Bus No 6 times in School Holidays (SSH) Monday-Friday

Leaving	Time	Arriving	Time	Arriving	Time
Shutford	1126	Banbury Bus Station	1143	Gateway retail Park	1153
Shutford	1516	Banbury Bus Station	1533	Gateway retail Park	1543
Leaving	Time	Arriving	Time	Arriving	Time
Gateway retail Park	1010	Banbury Bus Station	1020	Shutford	1047
Gateway retail Park	1340	Banbury Bus Station	1350	Shutford	1407
Gateway retail Park	1600	Banbury Bus Station	1610	Shutford	1627

Every Saturday

Leaving	Time	Arriving	Time	Arriving	Time
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Shutford	1516	Banbury Bus Station	1533	Gateway retail Park	1543
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Bus No 6 to Stratford. Saturdays and Monday to Friday in Warwickshire school holidays

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Shutford Village Hall 100+ Club Results

April Results:

FIRST PRIZE	£35.00	Kieran Kennedy
SECOND PRIZE	£15.00	Wendy Hall
THIRD PRIZE	£10.00	Christian Ash

May Results:

FIRST PRIZE	£35.00	Kirsten Parrish
SECOND PRIZE	£15.00	Charlie Currums
THIRD PRIZE	£10.00	Sharon Jackson

The next Prize Draw will take place on June 10th.

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