

SHUTFORD NEWS

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Shutford Xmas Fayre

Sunday 9 December
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Shutford Village Hall
&
The George & Dragon



www.shutfordvillage.com

Act of Remembrance 11 November 2018



Shutford villagers turned out for the Act of Remembrance at the village war memorial at 11.00am on Sunday 11 November, followed by a Remembrance Service in St Martin's Church. Thank you to the Church and to Julie Jakeman the Bugle player.

A Nation's Tribute took place at Jester's Barn, Upper Lea Farm in the evening. The Last Post at 18.55, Jester's Hill Beacon lit at 19.00 with local churches peel of bells at 19.05.

Thank you to Tom Gibbs & Aggy for the restoration and groundworks and to Alasdair Gibbs, David Lake & Mike Ponikowski for painting and erecting the flagpole. Great team work. Thank you too to **Caroline & Raymond Sancroft-Baker** for their warm hospitality in hosting the Nation's Tribute on Jester's Hill.

In January's edition, we will be launching a competition to ask the village to design a Shutford Flag so please get thinking!

Dear Villagers...

As we move into Winter there is so much to look forward to in Shutford, news of which you will find in this edition.



Also, as we come to the end of another busy year in Shutford I just wanted to say a heartfelt thanks to so many who make the village what it is today. And to everyone who supports the various activities that happen throughout the year, THANK YOU.

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.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!**

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

Rita Livesey, Editor

Email: shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com

Congratulations to Hannah and Tony Vickers of West Street on the birth of Charlie James, a brother to William. Charlie arrived on 18th October weighing in at 7lb 151/2oz.

Babysitter... Available for babysitting Monday - Friday mornings until 11am, and occasional afternoon/evenings depending on other commitment. Message or text if you need a happy, confident, outgoing babysitter for your children. Mobile: 07717 402335

SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL

100+ CLUB

October:

FIRST PRIZE	£35.00	Brian Thomson
SECOND PRIZE	£15.00	Robert Stanley
THIRD PRIZE	£10.00	Robert Looke

November:

FIRST PRIZE	£35.00	Ken Jeffs
SECOND PRIZE	£15.00	Joan Wright
THIRD PRIZE	£10.00	Raymond Sturdy

The next Prize Draw will take place on 6th December

Welcome... to Kevin who has moved into 2 The Green, with daughter Lucy who is 2 and James 14. Kevin has moved from Adderbury and is a full-time parent. Why Shutford? "Wonderful place to raise children".

Kevin is holding a small get together as a memorial for his partner who passed away. It will be on 21 December and he just wanted to mention that he will be letting off a few fireworks at approx. 8:30-9:00 pm.

Welcome... to Jo and Pete Marshall who have moved into New Stone House, Malthouse Lane. Jo is a Programme Manager for a Medical Device Company in Witney and Pete is an Operations Manager for a small digital company based near Charlbury.

They both list their interests as movie watching, athletics, country walks, holidays and running. With Pete especially interested in Rugby and Jo in running 10k/half marathons.

They moved from Wootton near Woodstock. Why Shutford? "We wanted a detached stone cottage in a small, quiet village location and found that in Shutford".

Shutford Village Hall Lunch Recipes And Other Tasty Morsels



Copies will be available to buy for £8 at the Christmas Fayre on 9 December, the Thursday Village Hall lunches, The George and Dragon, and also directly by emailing: helennixseaman@gmail.com.

Proceeds from the sale of the books will go to the village and local charities.

XMAS BINGO

Friday 7th December 2018

**In Shutford Village Hall
Eyes Down 7.30pm**

**Any Donations, Prizes etc. to either
JOAN WRIGHT: 788336 or
MARGARET HOLLOWAY: 788396**

In aid of Shutford Village Hall Funds

Needle and Natter - Every Wednesday at 7:30pm in The George & Dragon

Do you knit, crochet, quilt, embroider, cross-stitch or sew? Then bring your handiwork and come along to Shutford Needles & Natter to drink, chat and create. It doesn't matter if you don't know anybody, it's a great way to meet people with similar interests.

Music at the Village Hall: Saturday, January 19th 2019

Doors Open 19:00 / Show starts 20:00

CHRIS GIBBONS BLUES BAND

Chris has been described by Blues In Britain magazine as 'A blues-drenched class act' bringing a relaxed and narrative style to the stage together with his considerable prowess as a guitarist, fusing traditional blues with rock, funk, soul and jazz.



His credits include:

- Opening for Roland Kirk at the Roundhouse.
- Touring the USA with a Big Band as guitarist arranger.
- Releasing an album on Stax Records Original Truth label.
- Becoming an established session guitarist in London with visiting American soul artists including Ben E King,
- Collaborating with Led Zeppelin's John Paul Jones as co-writer and guitarist.
- Recordings with The London

Community Gospel Choir and contemporary jazz and soul star, Laura Mvula and is currently working on a new album."

£15.00 per ticket. To book contact Bob Looke on red.admiral@envirobridge.co.uk or call 01295 780444 and leave a message.

SHUTFORD GOT THE BLUES – and MORE

"It really was a superb evening, a fantastic historical and geographical journey through the blues and a lot of fun along the way! The sound was fantastic and the harmonica utterly brilliant" Kirsten & Tom Parrish

Saturday 22nd September marked the return to the village of The Daniel Smith Blues Band, some 14 years since the last time. **And what a return.....**

Big sound piano, searing guitar, a percussion/bass section second to none and a sublime harmonica made for a sensational boogie-woogie, rock and soul musical offering all wrapped up in the pure Blues that held it all together

"Joe and I anticipated a great evening and we weren't disappointed. The music came thick and fast, toe tapping tunes we knew and some we didn't. Daniel Smith and his band are a gig worth listening to (in our case the 2nd time). We're looking forward to the next gig -keep them coming".

"Well, who would have thought it. Shutford village hall hosting a fabulous Blues evening. We could almost have been in our own private club. A chance to listen to and watch Dan Smith, one of the finest Blues and Boogie Woogie players in Europe, together with his fantastic and accomplished band. All from comfortable seats in a cosy atmosphere and finishing off with a spin on the dance floor. Encore we shout, encore."
Anna Jackson

Dan knows how to put on a show with his quick and humorous asides. The audience boogied to the music dancing the night away and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



“We thought that Dan was a highly personable and entertaining act. The music was top notch and superbly played with some stand-out swampy blues (think Canvey Island school as indicated by the presence of ex-Feelgood Alan Glen on harmonica and occasional vocals). Bringing New Orleans to Shutford is no mean feat but the returning Dan (14 years since his last foray to the jewel of the Cotswolds) carried it off with aplomb. The band even got some of us oldies boogieing like teenagers as the set drew to a close. A fantastic night.”
Stephen Barnes & Cathy Elmore



The whole evening was a joy to be part of. We want him back and not in 14 years.

Next Music Evening Saturday 19 January, Save the Date!

CHURCH NEWS

Rector - Revd Ronald Hawkes - 780555

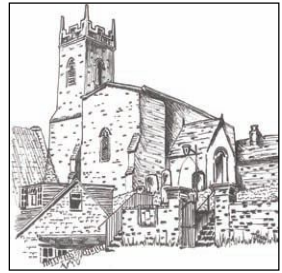
Church Wardens:

Mr Ken Jeffs – 788308

Mr John Hodgkins - 788609

SERVICES: Most Sundays 9.30am but see Wykeham

News & Benefice website for details



This year's Harvest Thanksgiving on 30th September was well attended with an excellent Harvest Supper the following evening. £383 has been given to Katharine House Hospice, money raised from donations, sale of produce and a raffle: thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Ronald & Elisabeth Hawkes hosted a Community Lunch on 4th October with £100 donated to church funds. These weekly lunches are usually hosted by Debbie Pitt and her team and in the past year have raised £2500 for the village hall and another £1000 for other charities, including £400 for the church. As church members hosted the lunch on 22nd November, the Souper Saturday Lunch on 24th was cancelled.

The PCC met on 15th October: The treasurer reported a surplus of £4800 in the accounts helped by receipt of £2000 Gift Aid tax rebate, ongoing generous regular support of church members and £3500 from the Village Festival. Monies from the festival are earmarked for church restoration work and buildings insurance. Other items discussed were village hall steps, general maintenance, GDPR, safeguarding, benefice activities, fundraising and worship.

The Kiev Classic Accordion Duo came to Shutford on 4th November having been to Broughton earlier in the summer. About 40 people attended the concert and enjoyed a good mix of classics and more modern music arranged for the accordion. More than £500 was raised for the musician's charity. There was afternoon tea to finish.

Less successful was the Beetle Drive on 10th November with only 11 people playing. Everyone there enjoyed the session with plenty of chocolate to be had and excellent refreshments to finish. Olivia had the highest score for a child and Julie for an adult. The Beetle Drives are organised for families to meet for an hour or so and have some social time

in a safe environment. The Beetle Game has been going for more than 60 years and has nothing to do with creepy crawlies or German cars and just involves a dice, pencil and paper.

The centenary of the Armistice took place on 11th November with an Act of Remembrance at the village war memorial followed by a service in St Martin's Church. There were about 60 people at the war memorial and 40 in church. The Venerable Archdeacon Keith Smalldon led worship. In his address he spoke of his time as a chaplain to the army and Royal British Legion and of his daughter and son-in-law, both serving army officers. He also spoke of St Martin our patron saint and of soldiers. With the last of a four-year cycle of commemorative events complete it is important to remember and ensure that future generations are aware of past conflicts. The Royal British Legion will continue to care for service personnel in need and a collection in church and other donations received will enable us to send more than £250 to The Poppy Appeal. The result of the door to door collection will be known shortly.

At the start of the new church year, Advent Sunday 2nd December, there will be a confirmation in Tadmarton with Bishop Colin leading worship. In the evening there will an Advent Carol Service in Shutford, changed from a Christmas one planned for 23rd December afternoon.

Messy Church is at 4.00pm on 8th December, in Shutford Village Hall. There will be crafts, Christmas Carols and refreshments for all to enjoy.

Traditional Carol Services will be held in Sibford, Broughton and Tadmarton with Midnight Communion in Broughton & Sibford.

Please support the Brass accompanied Christmas carols in the George and Dragon from 4.00pm on 23rd December, it will be an informal occasion with seasonal refreshments available. If anyone would like to "Carol Sing" around the village the previous week, please contact KJJ.

A happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and 2019 to all: please wrap up and show your "presence" in church during Advent and Christmas. Contact KJJ@kennyjohn.co.uk or visit church website for event and service information.

Illuminate & Celebrate in 2019!



Don't forget to get your special dates in for 2019!

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 2019. 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:

Date	Name	Occasion
3 rd October	Bob & Sheila Andrews	Sheila's 80 th Birthday
31 st October	Janice, John & Family	in memory of Jack & Frances
4 th November	Lyn & Nigel Voce	Nigel's 65 th Birthday
5 th November	Linda Gunn	In memory of Neville-1 st date 1972
8 th November	Margaret Holloway	Shirley's Birthday
18 th November	John Bunce	In memory of John Shaughnessy
24 th November	Margaret Holloway	Mum & Alisa's Birthday
26 th November	Tim Rootes	Obbie Waller's 90 th Birthday
27 th November	Janice, John & family	In memory of Eileen & Roy
21 st December	Kevin Kewin	In memory of Samantha Kyme
22 nd December	Margaret Holloway	Emily's Birthday
24 th December	John Bunce	Christmas Eve
25 th December	Anon	Christmas Day
26 th December	Margaret Holloway	St Stephen (Boxing Day)
30 th December	Gail O'Dell	In memory of Irene Evans
2019		
1 st January	Margaret Holloway	Brian Ailsby's Birthday
7 th January	Andrew Baud	Lotta's Birthday

Any donations received after deadline will be mentioned in the next SN issue: where more than one donation is received for a specific day, illuminations will take place on following days.

Did you know about.....?

Western Power's Priority Service Register

Sometimes power cuts can happen for reasons beyond an energy company's control. They know this can be particularly worrying if you rely on electricity for medical equipment or if you are elderly, very ill or disabled.

If you join our FREE Priority Service Register they can:

- Give you a direct number to call in the event of a power cut so you can get straight through to us;
- Agree a password with you before we visit, so you feel safe;
- Provide special help, if needed, through the British Red Cross*;
- Inform you about planned interruptions to your electricity supply;
- Keep you as informed as possible in the event of an unplanned power cut.

*The British Red Cross can attend large scale emergencies and support customers without power.

Contact details to join this service

Priority Customer Services, Tel: 0800 096 3080

Email: wpdpriorityservmids@westernpower.co.uk*

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can speak to them on the number above using Text Relay by dialling 18001 first using your textphone.

Thames Water has a priority service as well. You can call them on their Priority Services line 0800 009 3652, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Minicom/textphone 0800 316 6899 Email: ecs@thameswater.co.uk or write to us at: Thames Water, PO Box 508, Swindon, SN38 2TX.

Shutford Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm in Shutford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Debbie Pitt, Helen Nixseaman, Ashley Taylor, Carolyn Rann, George Reynolds, Tom Parrish, Sandy Forrester and David Best, Parish Clerk. Also present were 7 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: None

18/048	Declarations of Interest: Cllr George Reynolds regarding the application to prune a Yew Tree at The Grange, Malthouse Lane.
18/049	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 19 th September were a correct record and signed (unanimous).
18/050 18/050/1	Matters arising from the minutes: Actions List - After review it was noted that all had been completed with the exception of updating the Assets Report which is in progress. The list will be published on the website.
18/051 18/051/1	Parish Matters: Dairyground – There was a high response rate to the Survey on options for the Dairyground at 55 responses. There was clear support from parishioners for replacing the toddler and junior swings and to raise funds for another piece of play equipment (option 2). Other suggestions from responders included a picnic table, screening to give more privacy for neighbouring houses. There were responses for and against more solid football goal posts. A summary of the survey responses will be published on the village website. It was agreed that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. quotes would be obtained for replacing the swings and providing a picnic table. 2. to minute thanks to Tom Parrish for organising the survey. 3. Ashley Taylor would take over from Sandra Forrester as Dairyground co-ordinator.
18/051/2	Planning Application and Risk Assessment Coordinators – It was agreed that Tom Parrish would take on the role of planning application coordinator and Carolyn Rann would take on the role of risk assessment coordinator. It was agreed that the current risk assessment list would be augmented with more detail.
18/051/3	Allotments – Significant progress was reported on the allotments including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A large vacant plot being divided into four and 2 plots rented out 2. Some uncultivated plots being relinquished 3. Some pots being taken over, cleared and cultivated 4. A positive meeting held with allotment holders and a further meeting planned to ensure a closer working relationship. 5. The identification some historical waste that needs to be removed from some allotments. It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide funding for the removal of this waste but the method of removal will have to be agreed as it may not be possible for a skip to access the site and there are some items that might need more specialist removal.
18/051/4	Steve Locke thanked the Parish Council for their Support Village Hall Steps – It was agreed in principle at the last meeting that the Parish Council would make a donation towards the steps on condition that the Village Hall Committee and the Church wished to proceed. Both the Church and the Village Hall Committee have confirmed that they wish to proceed. Detailed plans will now be drawn up and agreed with Cherwell District Planning.
18/051/5	Message in a Bottle – this is a scheme whereby essential health information is stored in a free plastic bottle in your fridge. The emergency services check for this information in the event of an accident or serious illness. The Parish Council agreed to support and promote this initiative. To join the scheme and obtain the free of charge bottle parishioners should email shutfordpc@gmail.com , drop into the village hall at the Thursday lunch between 12:30-2.00 or call Debbie Pitt on 01295 788441.
18/052 18/052/1	Finance: Statement of Receipts and Payments and Bank reconciliation – These were reviewed. The documents can be viewed at http://www.shutfordvillage.com/parish-council-meetings
18/052/2	Assets Report – The insurers had confirmed that the replacement value is required for their purposes and the written down value will also be included. The report is being updated.
18/052/3	Online Banking – This is in the process of being implemented with several Councillors already

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18/052/4	enrolled and signed up. The workflow process will be documented. Transfer to Deposit Account – It was agreed to transfer £5,000 from the current account to the deposit account.
18/053 18/053/1 18/053/2	Correspondence: Thank you letter from Ann Yeomans – A thank you letter has been received from Ann Yeomans for the bench that has been placed in the Dairyground to acknowledge John's contribution to the village and service on the Parish Council from 2002-2017. A possibility of the resumption of bus service – As a result of an approach to Johnsons from a parishioner it is possible that a bus service to Banbury may be resumed in the New Year. It would also serve North Newington but would require 6 passengers per day from the two villages to be viable and it has to be confirmed by Warwickshire County Council who run this service.
18/054 18/054/1 18/054/2	Any Other Business: Remembrance Day Event – The Parish Council wished to thank the Sancroft Bakers for organising this event which was well attended by surrounding villagers. It was a highly successful event and very well organised. Flag Pole by the War Memorial – The Parish Council would like to thank Tom Gibbs for providing the flag pole, Aggy's of Banbury for erecting it and those who painted it.
18/055	Planning: 18/01626/F&LB – Mr King, Honeystone Cottage, Cooks Hill - Withdrawn 18/01798/F – Mr & Mrs Gillespie, Drogheda, Malthouse Lane – Returned to Cherwell. 18/01862/TPO – Mrs Allan, The Grange, Malthouse Kane – Returned to Cherwell

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.52 pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....

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

Message in a bottle scheme

Funded by Lions Clubs & supported by Oxford Health Charity

What is the Message in a Bottle Scheme?

This scheme is a voluntary scheme for anyone to keep at home who would be reassured to know that essential information would be readily available to the Emergency Services should they suffer an accident or sudden illness.

Who would this scheme benefit?

These could include the elderly, people living on their own, mothers at home with small children, people suffering from known life changing conditions or disabilities, but also available to everyone.

How does the scheme work?

Your details are stored in a clearly labelled plastic container which is kept on the shelf above your milk in the fridge. Inside this container is a form on which you can record information that the emergency service might require if you have an accident or are seriously ill. This could include important phone numbers, medicines, repeat prescriptions you are taking, your GP, allergic reactions, past medical history etc. You are given two matching labels, known to the Emergency Services and other care agencies, which are displayed in your house: one on the outside of your fridge door and the other one in the **inside** of your front door, but places so it is not visible from the outside.

How can you join the scheme?

Shutford Parish Council believes that this is an excellent service that could save time, reassurance and possibly a life, by having all the important information ready at hand in an emergency situation. So if you are interested in joining the scheme, please contact the Parish Council either by email to shutfordpc@gmail.com or drop by the Village Hall at the Thursday lunch between 12.30-2.00 or phone Debbie on 10295 788441 and we can arrange to get you a canister free of charge.

SHUTFORD WI

At our October meeting we were entertained by Martin Sirot-Smith, who appeared dressed in period costume, and gave a talk on 'Harvest Customs in Tudor Times' illustrated with a display of plants and other items.

At the end of October we hosted the local Group Meeting when about 45 members from Bloxham, Cropredy, Hook Norton and Hornton WIs joined us to listen to a very amusing talk by Alan Brewer, an ex-airline steward and former BBC chef. He shared some anecdotes of his encounters with royalty (including the Queen), Prime Ministers, pop stars, and other celebrities. Afterwards we all socialised over a traditional afternoon tea.

In November, Peter Preece proved that 'Every Picture Tells a Story' by showing a series of beautiful photographs of owls and many other birds in their natural habitat. He described his strategies to obtain some of the more unusual shots.

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

December 4th Christmas Social and Buffet (no speaker)

January 8th Robin Allen - Nuclear Fusion - Energy for our Future

February 5th Jane Wimbury - Mosaics Workshop

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



We are delighted to present the **Shutford Kids Film Club** in the village hall. Next film is....

**Sunday
16 December at
3:00 pm
(Doors open at 2:30
pm)**



**Membership for a calendar year
(October 2018 – September 2019).**

Films are every 6 weeks.

Membership costs £5.00.

Popcorn & ice cream available on the day.

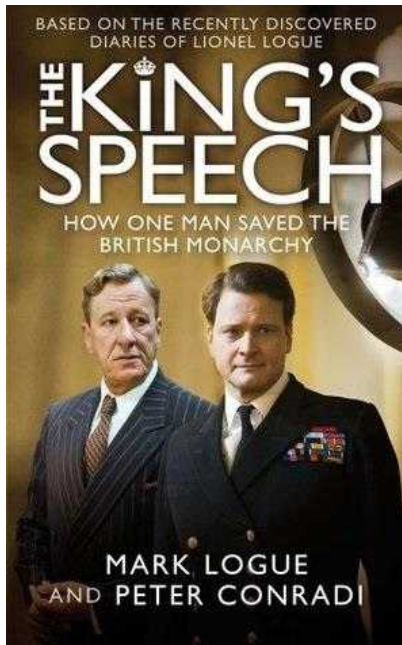
Contact Zoe: wellszoe@hotmail.com



Shutford Village Hall

Doors open 7:00 pm / Film starts 7:30pm

**Wednesday 5 December:
'Mamma Mia! 2 Here We Go Again'**



Saturday 26 January: 'The King's Speech'

**Membership (calendar year September 2018 – August 2019)
only costs £12.00 for adults and £6.00 young adults (12-18).**

“Novel” event is a sell-out!



It was standing room only when Shutford Book Club hosted its first-ever live event starring one of Britain's most loved and acclaimed contemporary novelists, Rachel Joyce.

Rachel moved to novel writing after two decades as an actor and playwright. Her debut novel, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, won the 'New Writer of the Year' accolade in the National Book Awards. Her latest novel, *The Music Shop*, was published in 2017.

Lynne Parsons first contacted the award-winning writer's agent some months ago after the book club decided that the new village hall would be the perfect place to host a literary event. Her tenacity and persuasive skills paid off, and this autumn Rachel came to speak to a host of avid readers in a packed Shutford Village Hall.

The sell-out event attracted fellow book clubs from neighbouring villages as well as local residents.

The author was introduced by Kirsten Parrish and interviewed by Jane Moffatt, both book group members, before the audience had chance to put their own questions to her. With Chipping Norton's Jaffe and Neale selling boxes of books at the back, a busy book signing session rounded off a wonderful evening.



“Putting on the event was a real joint effort, with book group members clubbing together to sell tickets, make food, serve wine, and decorate the hall in authentic “*Music Shop*” style,” said Kirsten. “We even had people raiding their attics for vinyl, which is a big feature of the book, as well as their gardens to make a beautiful flower basket for Rachel.

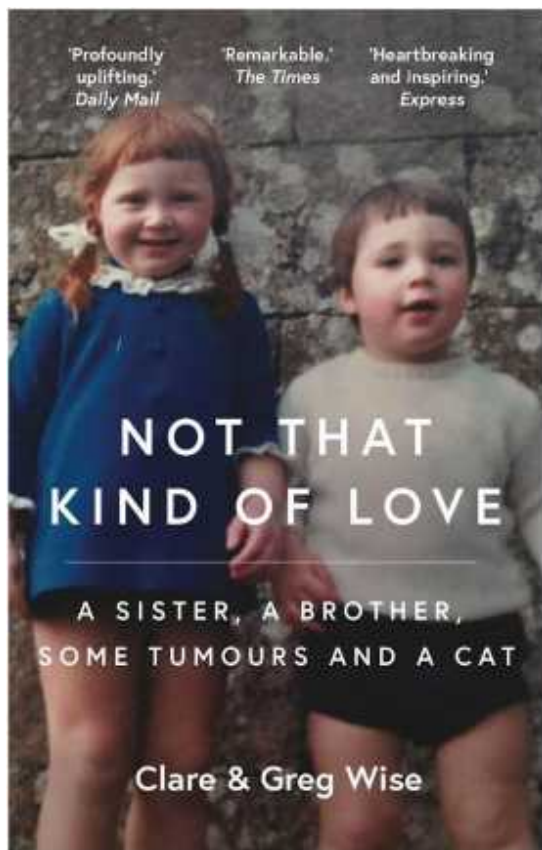
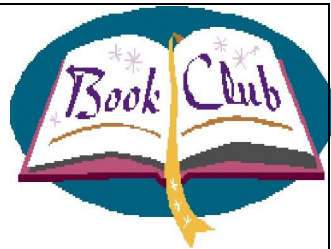
“It's not that long ago that the book club was just a few of us meeting in the G&D shed for a chat – the fact that it's grown into a solid group of friends who can work together to pull off such a fantastic Shutford event is a huge source of pride to me and I'd like to thank them all for their hard work.”

Funds raised by the event will go to the DigiSmart charity, which combines support for disadvantaged children with developing their literacy skills through technology.



Shutford Book Club

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



28 January 2019: "Not that kind of love" by Clare & Greg Wise, hosted by Marian McClellan.

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:

Kirsten Parrish: Kirsten@kdpr.co.uk or 780412

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**Join us for a FREE
DJ Live Christmas
Disco in
Shutford Village Hall**



Saturday 15 December

7:30 – 10:30 pm

All Shutford villagers welcome!

**Numbers are limited, one ticket per person
or two per couple**

**(only 70 tickets available, first come first
registered basis).**

**To register your name(s), please email:
shutfordvhc@gmail.com or call 01295 780510
(must be over 18)**

**Bring your own drinks and nibbles!
Sponsored by the Village Hall Committee.**



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**



Santa Fun Run

Sunday 2 December

Wykham Park Academy Banbury

**Walk or run
4km or 1km**

**£15 Adult
£8 Child**
Includes
Santa suit!

**Children's
activities,
refreshments,
music!**



Sign up at www.khh.org.uk/santa

Shutford Xmas Fayre 9 December 1-4 pm



THE WOODLAND WITCH



BOTTLE LIGHTS



Claire's Christmas Cakes & Treats



ALLHEART POTTERY & PET BANDANAS



BEE & BIRD HOUSES



Chocolate bars

Chocolate boxes

Chocolate sachets

Truffles & chocolates





FABRIC LOVELIES



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moment of calm
Healed ceramic diffuser
with essential mood lighting



NEAL'S YARD REMEDIES



PARTYLITE CANDLES



SELECTION OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS



TRAIDCRAFT

Pesticides & Consequences

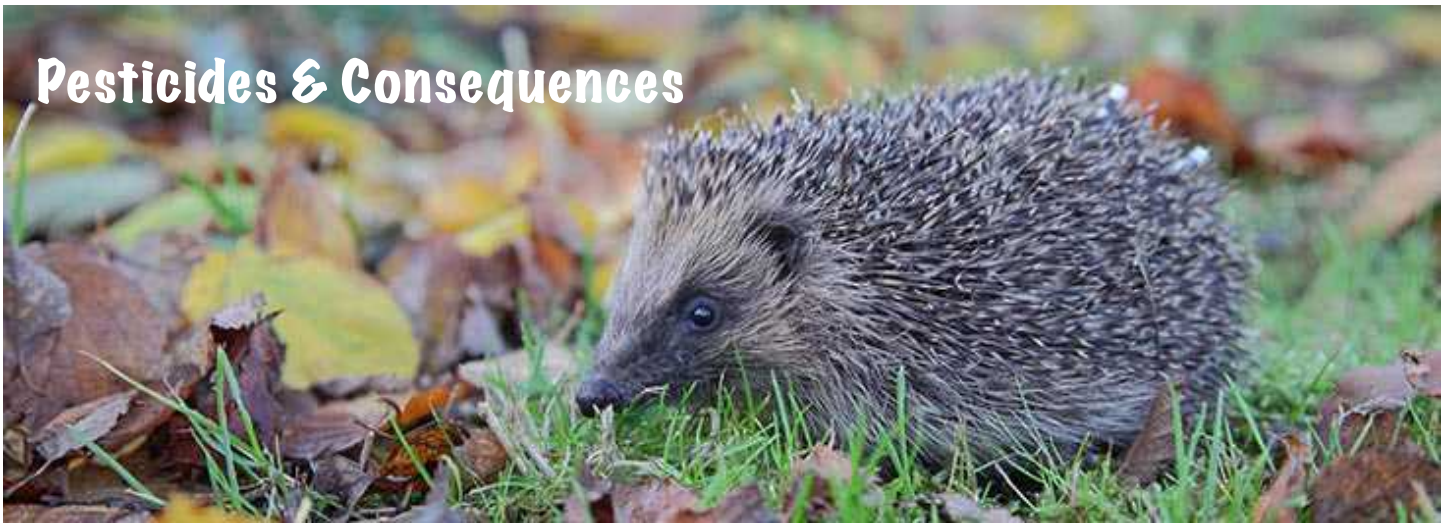


Image: RSPCA

We've been working with Pesticide Action Network in the UK (PAN UK,) helping to promote their campaign Pesticide Free Towns & Villages. PAN aims to protect the public and wildlife from exposure to pesticides in public places – particularly schools, parks and playgrounds where children are exposed. They are also raising awareness of the consequences of pesticide use in our gardens.

The greatest impact of pesticides in the UK is on agricultural land. More than 70% of UK land is classified as agricultural this includes arable, horticultural and grazing land. In less than 20 years – since 1990 – the exposure of the UK public and environment to pesticides has increased enormously:

- > The toxicity of pesticides has increased. So although less chemical application by weight is required, products are much more lethal.
- > The area of land being treated with pesticides has increased – up 63% from 1990 to 2016
- > The number of times individual crops are treated with pesticides, in a single growing season has increased. E.g. the average number of treatments for individual cereal crops during 2016 was 18, and for potatoes a whopping 32 treatments
- > The number of different pesticide products being used in combination – insecticides, herbicides, slug killers, fungicides – on particular crops has increased. E.g. in 1975 the average number of different pesticides applied to potatoes was around 5. By 2014 the average for potatoes had risen to 30 different pesticides. *Source: Government Survey Stats: <https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/pusstats>*

This is obviously bad news for people as well as wildlife and rural and urban gardens have become the last refuge for some of our most iconic declining species such as hedgehogs, bumble bees, butterflies and some birds. There was hope that hedgehogs were thriving in our gardens but the latest survey published earlier this year by the Mammal Society and Natural England shows that they are continuing to decline fast. In 1995 hedgehog numbers were estimated at 1.5 million. In 2018 the latest survey estimates numbers are 66% lower, concluding that they could become extinct in Britain in the next 10 years, along with a fifth of our other mammal species.

Pesticide Action Network is campaigning for people to stop using pesticides in gardens because of the serious unintended consequences:

- > Insecticides designed to target aphids also kill non-target insect species such as vital pollinators: bees, butterflies and hoverflies
- > Most slug killers, insecticides, herbicides and fungicides – are water soluble and end up remaining in soil and water for many years, sometimes indefinitely. Manufacturers' claims that they are 'biodegradable' have been proved to be false. For example neonicotinoids, nicotine-based neurotoxins used in insecticides, are known to accumulate in soil and persist for many years
- > Once dissolved pesticides combine in soil forming a chemical cocktail many times more toxic than the individual agents. Studies have shown for example that neonics become 1000 times more toxic when mixed with herbicides and fungicides

- > So a cocktail of multiple chemicals can become available in soil to non-target species e.g.: Insects, worms, slugs, beetles that are vital for healthy soil. These are in turn eaten by all kinds of other species such as hedgehogs and birds
- > Water-soluble chemicals don't stay put in garden soil – they travel – dispersed through soil by water. Applications to paving, patios and paths run off into soil and water systems. So pesticides end up in groundwater and local streams and rivers poisoning non-target aquatic animals and plants.
- > Pesticides in ground water are taken up and accumulate in plants, particularly shrubs & trees, becoming available to more non-target species through sap and the nectar in flowers. A study from the University of Sussex showed that trees that have not been treated with pesticides can contain higher concentrations of toxic chemicals than plants that have been treated directly. In this way pesticides become integrated with the nutrient cycle that feeds our garden plants and wildlife
- > As well as the consequences for nature, we pay directly for pesticide pollution through our water bills. The cost of removing toxic chemicals from drinking water is estimated to be up to £200 million a year in the UK. But we cannot be sure of the efficiency of water treatment. Water companies admit that the acutely toxic common slug treatment metaldehyde, can't be removed from drinking water. We don't know how efficiently other chemicals are being removed
- > The majority of garden plants and bulbs purchased from non-organic growing systems are treated with neonicotinoid drenches. After planting the chemicals leach into soil and are available to all kinds of insect visitors as plants grow. Organically grown plants and bulbs aren't much more expensive. We found 50 Narcissus Brakenhurst bulbs priced around £35 from an organic grower (www.naturalbulbs.co.uk) and around £30 from a non-organic grower

Pesticide manufacture is a multi-billion pound industry but it's a dirty industry, contributing to climate breakdown through chemical manufacturing as well as air and environmental pollution. The EU recently published targets to reduce use of the most toxic pesticides. It will take time for agriculture to adjust but do we really need them in gardens?

Our wildlife is disappearing at an alarming rate, stressed by a combination of habitat loss and environmental toxins and climate breakdown is speeding the decline. But we are dependent upon wildlife for so called ecosystem services – for pollination, clean air and water filtration, and critically, healthy soil – we depend upon biodiversity for our food security.

Ultimately we have to weigh perceived benefits of using pesticides against the true costs of allowing lethal toxins to escape into the local and wider environment.



Preventing Bird Diseases

As the days shorten and temperatures begin to drop many of us fill bird feeders and baths to enjoy the rewards of watching our feathered visitors. Garden birds rely on feeders when it gets really cold and some species such as the Goldfinch have seen steady increases in populations, experts think largely due to feeders. The Greenfinch, has not done so well suffering with the parasitic Trichomonosis disease which has caused their numbers to plummet in recent years. To fight the spread of this and other bacterial bird infections it is vital to clean bird feeders and baths regularly, at least once a month, dependant on the number of visitors. Wearing rubber gloves, wash out feeders with warm water - outside. The RSPB recommend 5% disinfectant or vinegar solution.

Scrub to remove all dirt and debris then rinse with clean water. Let the feeder dry before refilling. The solution can be used to clean bird baths too. Check peanuts and don't put out mouldy nuts that have been stored for too long as they might contain Aflatoxins. These micro organisms are extremely poisonous to birds and can prove fatal. It is also important to clean the area around the bird feeder or if possible move it's position monthly to prevent a build up of harmful bacteria around the site. Don't forget you can record any interesting visitors to your bird feeders in the Shutford Nature Hub in the phone box.





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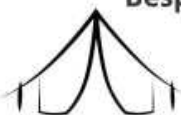
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Thursday	6	Meet & Eat, Village Hall, 12:30-2pm
Friday	7	Xmas Bingo 7:30 pm, Village Hall / CDC collection blue/brown bins fortnightly
Saturday	8	Messy Church, 4pm, Village Hall
Sunday	9	Christmas Fayre, 1-4pm
Tuesday	11	Shutford Image Club, village hall 7-9pm
Thursday	13	Meet & Eat, Village Hall, 12:30-2pm
Saturday	15	Xmas Disco, Village Hall, 7:30 pm
Sunday	16	Kids Film Afternoon, Village Hall 2:30pm
January		
Tuesday	8	WI: 10:00 am Village Hall & Shutford Image 7:00 pm
Thursday	10	Meet & Eat, Village Hall, 12:30-2pm (weekly)
		Kids Film Afternoon, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Saturday	19	Music in the Village Hall, Chris Gibbons Band. Tickets Only!
Saturday	26	Film Club, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Sunday	27	Breakfast in the Village Hall, 9:30-11:00am & Kids Film Club Afternoon 2:30 pm
Monday	28	Book Club, Village Hall 7:30 pm
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