

Shilton Old School Committee Newsletter

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(see also www.shiltonparishoxon.co.uk)

Cracking crackling! The forecast might have been abysmal for the evening of Saturday 29th July but the atmosphere was positively bright and cheery at the Old School, the (last minute) wet weather venue for the pig roast. With gazebos, lights, flowers, candles and a bit of music, as well as **104** people inside and out, it looked a picture, despite the damp. And the pig – a 75kg Oxford Sandy & Black from *Coopers Oxford Pork*, was cooked to perfection, succulent and delicious. There were also oodles of salads and puds (thank you all you wonderfully generous people). It was such a hectic evening that the raffle didn't happen but fortunately we were able to use the tickets to have a lucky draw and distribute some very nice prizes.

So another brilliant evening with a remarkably good turnout and a huge amount of enthusiasm and help setting up and clearing away, for which the Old School Committee is very grateful indeed.

To boot, the evening raised £439 for Old School funds.

And for anyone who is interested in such things, the £2,182.48 raised from Open Gardens day will be distributed £1,000 to Old School funds, £1,000 to Shilton Parochial Church Council for the graveyard extension fund, and £182.48 to a charity called *Bees for Development*.

Next ... the Dog Show (sponsored by WFS Country Shop Ltd.)

Saturday 2nd September, starting at 2.30 (2pm for class registration) and it will be held in the field next to the pond. It'll be the usual fun dog show for villagers and friends but we'd also like to have a few stalls. If you are able to help run the dog show or can man a stall for us please contact Sarah Royle or Shirley Cuthbertson. Stall possibilities are books/DVDs, produce and baked goods, and perhaps tombola if we can lay our hands on enough decent prizes. If you can contribute anything in the way of good quality books/DVDs, jams, chutneys, garden produce/fruit or baked goods, or unwanted presents and bottles, please let us know.

Classes are:

- Fancy Dress (dog/owner/both)
- Dog with the waggiest tail
- Best sausage catcher
- Most handsome dog & prettiest bitch
- Dog the judge would most like to take home
- Agility - fastest time to complete a small course of obstacles
- Best in Show - open to the winners of classes 1 - 6 only

You can of course just come along and enter on the day, at 2pm, but if you'd like to ensure your place in a particular class and save time queuing there is an entry form at the end of this newsletter. *Further details: Sarah Royle (845288/sarahjane.royle@gmail.com) or Shirley Cuthbertson (842404/sjcuthbertson@btinternet.com)*

Ride & Stride

Saturday 9th September is the date for this annual event in aid of Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our own church. Please do consider taking part, either by getting sponsors and setting off on your bike (or even striding) for an enjoyable journey around local churches (the villages and churches in our Benefice are very picturesque!), or by offering to sponsor someone who is riding or striding. If riding or striding is too strenuous for you, you can volunteer to sit at our church for a while to welcome riders or striders to Shilton. Please contact Jean on 01993 841194 if you can help in any way.

Chapel Harvest service followed by tea at the Old School, **Sunday 24th September**. For details please contact Elizabeth Harfield on 01993 843444.

The Church Harvest Festival Service and Lunch

Sunday 1st October, with the service in the Church at 11.30am and lunch in the Old School at 1pm. Booking details will appear in the next newsletter but do contact Jean on 01993 841194 if you wish to book a place now.

Churchyard tidy-up

Saturday 14th October at 10am. If you can spare some time that morning please come along and give a hand, if possible bringing with you your secateurs, tools, gloves etc. If you have any queries please give David Roberts a call on 841194.

Songs of Praise

Sunday 15th October at 4pm. Once again we're joining with friends from Shilton Baptist Chapel for another *Songs of Praise*. It would be lovely to have a full church and if anyone wishes to choose a favourite hymn for the service do please contact Elizabeth Harfield (01993 843444) or Jean Roberts (841194). There will be tea and biscuits afterwards in the Old School.

And if you can help with any of the other events listed below we'd love to hear from you.

Ride & Stride – Saturday 9 th September
Chapel Harvest service and tea – 24 th September
Parish Council meeting, Shilton – 7.30 Wed 27th September <i>[please note change of date from 20th]</i>
Church Harvest service and lunch – Sunday 1 st October
Churchyard tidy-up – Saturday 14 th October at 10a.m.
Songs of Praise – Sunday 15 th October at 4p.m.
Halloween – Saturday 28 th October (more details in next newsletter).
Soup lunch – Wednesday 1 st November, 12.00-1.30pm, Shilton Old School
Coffee morning/Bring & Buy – Saturday 4 th November
Parish Council meeting, Shilton – 7.30 Wednesday 29 th November
Soup lunch – Wednesday 6 th December, 12.00-1.30pm, Shilton Old School
Chapel Christmas service – 10 th December
Church Carol service & supper – Sunday 17 th December
Burns' Night supper – Saturday 27 th January

And of course if *you'd* like to organise something new and different, remember the Old School Hall is available for village use and to hire for private parties. We also have plenty of equipment and a couple of gazebos available for hire.

Speeding ... absolutely nothing to do with the Old School Committee, but since time immemorial residents of Shilton have been concerned about traffic speeding through the village. If anyone is interested in being proactive in trying to do something about this there is now a national initiative called *Community Speedwatch (CSW)*

"where active members of local communities, with the support of the Police and using speed detection devices, monitor the speed of vehicles.

Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated (even across county borders), enforcement and prosecution follow.

... Volunteers receive appropriate training, and are supported by neighbourhood policing team (NPT) staff."

Everything you need to know can be found on www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk.

Unwanted goods

We're now up to £1,853.75 and have a few months left to reach, if not beat, last year's £2,162.93 so please keep sending your unwanted goods our way.

Weekly fitness session

..... weekly sessions in the Old School on Tuesday (and in the summer possibly Thursday) evenings 7.30-8.30pm. £3.00 per session. For further info contact Tom Wattlesworth on 07892 945060.

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*Old School Committee consists of: Marilyn Cox (Chairman), Helena Wright (Treasurer), Penny Pearce, Jean Roberts, Sarah Royle, Guy Richmond, Mary Colson, Lis Lovell and Shirley Cuthbertson (Secretary). New members welcome.

SHILTON FUN DOG SHOW

Saturday 2nd September 2017 at 2.30pm
(registration for classes starts at 2pm)

sponsored by

WFS Country Shop Ltd

You can just turn up at 2pm and enter on the day or save time and guarantee a place by pre-entering using this form

Fun Dog Show, Saturday 2nd September 2017
£1 per class, rosettes 1st – 3rd

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| 1. Fancy Dress (dog/owner/both | Yes/No |
| 2. Dog with the waggiest tail | Yes/No |
| 3. Best sausage catcher | Yes/No |
| 4. Most handsome dog & prettiest bitch | Yes/No |
| 5. Dog the judge would most like to take home | Yes/No |
| 6. Agility - fastest time to complete a small course of obstacles | Yes/No |
| 7. Best in Show - open to the winners of classes 1 - 6 only | Yes/No |

Owner's Name:

Dog's Name:

Amount enclosed: £..... (cheques made payable to Shilton Village Hall)

Please detach and return the completed form to Sarah or Shirley, or email us with your details and the classes you'd like to enter.

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