

What's next? ... soup lunch, litter picking and, to cheer up the awful month of February, we Leap into Spring with an *Italian Night at the Old School* .. read on!

The Coffee morning/Bring & Buy on 2nd November was a very sociable and well attended occasion which raised £266.35.

Although the **Bonfire & fireworks** scheduled for the evening of the 2nd had to be cancelled due to the foul weather, we were lucky enough to be able to go ahead on the evening of Sunday 3rd. Thankfully it was a dry and very still evening, so much so that the smoke from the fireworks just got thicker and thicker, rather than dispersing, and the firework lighters couldn't even see the fireworks, let alone light them. This did mean the display lasted longer than intended, but it was as spectacular as usual, and what's more it raised £244.65.

All the money raised above, a total of £511.00, was donated to *Cancer Research UK*.

Many thanks to Jean and Sarah, plus countless helpers, for organising both events so well, and for the generosity of everyone who attended and helped us raise such a worthwhile amount.

Thanks are also due to Guy Richmond for braving the wind and rain to install yet another stunning Christmas tree in the pond this year. The tree is provided by the Old School Committee and we hope everyone enjoyed it. It certainly brightened up the soggy village

And speaking of the villagers who always go above and beyond to make Shilton such a nice place to live, and generosity in general, the total amount raised for good causes in the village in 2019, and who benefitted from it, is summarised below:

Event	Amount raised	Retained by Old School	Distributed to other organisations	
Chinese New Year	297.32	297.32		
Easter egg rolling etc.	272.45	272.45		
Open Gardens	2,888.33	2,148.81	Church fabric, general & flower fund	739.52
Pig roast	677.32	677.32		
Dog show	241.00	241.00		
Harvest lunch	354.75		Church fabric fund	354.75
Coffee Morning & B&B	266.35		Cancer Research UK	266.35
Bonfire & fireworks	244.65		Cancer Research UK	244.65
Car boots & other sales	1,163.07	1,163.07		
Total 2019	£6,405.24	£4,799.97		£1,605.27
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The total is lower than in 2018, chiefly because so many of the car boot sales were cancelled at the end of the season due to the field being waterlogged, which was hardly surprising, particularly to those of us who stand in the muddy, windy field on Sunday afternoons to flog stuff!

However, since we started doing car boot sales in 2012 the unwanted goods you have given us have so far raised **£11,028.99** for Old School funds, so please keep them coming – we'll take just about anything if it's saleable!

Shilton Oil Buying Group – as members of this group know, Sweet Fuels give us 500 litres of oil every year for a raffle. The Oil group members who won the 2019 freebie are Graham & Sarah Royle. Congrats!

To boost the Old School coffers, our first fundraiser of the year will be a **“Leap into Spring” Italian dinner** at the Old School on Saturday 29th February. Places are limited and lots of people have already expressed interest so if you'd like to come please book early, using the form below.

Shilton Welfare Trust in 2020 - The Trust continues to consider the future of the 6-acre field currently rented for agricultural purposes, whilst continuing its core purposes of alleviation of hardship and help with the costs of the education of children. Annual funding available is modest but it's important that its existence is known. Any parishioner may apply for funds at any time, on their own or a child's behalf, or can make the Trustees aware of another parishioner they feel may appreciate financial help. All enquiries remain completely confidential. Any of the four Trustees listed below would be pleased to hear from you at any time.

- The Rev'd Harry MacInnes. 01993 845954. harrymacinnes@yahoo.co.uk
- Jean Roberts. 01993 841194. jean.roberts2@btinternet.com
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- Veronica Raistrick 01993 842389. veronicabarry3@gmail.com

With:

- David Cuthbertson. 01993 842404. david@shiltonaccounting.co.uk (Treasurer)
- Marilyn Cox. 01993 842470. marilyncox44@gmail.com (Secretary)

Marilyn Cox

CPR training - after another successful session last weekend, everyone who expressed an interest in CPR training has now attended a course. But, like all new skills, if not used regularly it is easy to forget the basics. Refresher courses will be held throughout the year and these will also be open to those who feel they wouldn't be able to carry out CPR due to health or age restrictions. **Do at least come and watch the instructional video - you can still help save a life by making that initial 999 call!** The next course will be after Easter - please look out for info.

The **village defibrillator** is available for anyone to use and is situated at The Old School. The cabinet is NOT locked to allow quick access.

In the unfortunate event of having to use the defibrillator, please make sure it is available to the attending ambulance crew who will need to access the memory card to obtain patient data. Please then advise me at your earliest convenience so that I can arrange for the equipment to be restored to its state of readiness and replace any used items. Many thanks.

Sarah Royle 01993 845288 / 07775658395

2020 dates for your diary – this is everything that is happening in the village this year so if you wish to take part please make a note or save this copy

Wednesday 5 th February – Soup lunch, 12.00-1.30pm, Old School

Wednesday 19 th February – Parish Council meeting, Shilton Old School, 7.30pm
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Saturday 29 th February – Litter pick
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Saturday 29 th February – Italian Night at the Old School
Wednesday 4 th March – Soup lunch, 12.00-1.30pm, Old School
Saturday 11 th April – Egg rolling, Easter tea etc.
Wednesday 15 th April – Parish Council meeting, Shilton Old School, 7.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd April – Old School Committee meeting 7.30
Wednesday 20 th May, Parish Council meeting at 6pm followed by Annual Parish meeting 7.30pm
Sunday 14 th June – Open Gardens
Saturday 25 th July – Pig Roast
Wednesday 19 th August – Parish Council meeting, Shilton Old School, 7.30pm
Dog Show early September (not yet confirmed)
Saturday 12 th September – Ride & Stride
Sunday 27 th September – Chapel Harvest service and tea
Sunday 4 th October – Church Harvest service and lunch
Wednesday 7 th October – Soup lunch (tbc)
Wednesday 14 th October – Parish Council meeting, Shilton Old School, 7.30pm
Wednesday 4 th November – Soup lunch (tbc)
Saturday 7 th November – Coffee morning + Bonfire & Fireworks
Wednesday 2 nd December – Soup lunch (tbc)
Wednesday 2 nd December - Parish Council meeting, Shilton Old School, 7.30pm
Sunday 13 th December – Chapel Christmas service and tea
Sunday 20 th December – Church Carol service and supper

Shirley Cuthbertson, Secretary, Old School Committee*, C/o Honeystone Cottage, Ladburn Lane, Shilton
Tel: 01993 842404

*Old School Committee = Marilyn Cox, Jean Roberts, Helena Wright, Sarah Royle, Penny Pearce, Trudie Fox, Guy Richmond, Paula Talford and Shirley Cuthbertson.



Saturday 29th February
at 7.30pm
Leap into Spring with an
Italian dinner at the Old School

£10.00 a head

There are a limited number of places available so please book early.

And if you'd like to sit with friends please let us know so that we can reserve seats for your party

Please reservetickets forat £10.00 a head

Payment with order to Jean Roberts, Marilyn Cox or Shirley Cuthbertson
(cheques made payable to Shilton Village Hall)

Please bring your own booze  and some money for the raffle!