

Shilton Old School Committee Newsletter **May 2022**

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Special Jubilee Edition ... covering the Pig Roast, a Jubilee Tea Party, Open Gardens and a Swift Walk

Before going on to what's to come – and there's a lot of it - can I please say an enormous thank you to just about everyone in the village for their sterling service in boiling c.200 eggs, painting them, helping on race day, baking for the tea, helping make all those superb Easter bonnets, and to our very brave Easter bonnet judge. After two years without the Easter races it was so wonderful to be able to hold them again, and it was such a happy day, in glorious sunshine. Just like the good old days!

Platinum Jubilee celebrations

The first of these is the **Pig Roast** for Shilton residents, their friends and family, **on the evening of Saturday 4th June** (veggie/vegan options available of course, just let us know). £10.00 a head for the pig plus a selection of salads and puds. A booking form is attached to this newsletter and **bookings must be received by 20th May so that we know how big a pig we need.**

There will be a **Street tea party on 5th June**, based in and around the Old School and Church Lane. There will be fun and games for the children and a good old fashioned tea. Again, we need to know how many people would like to come so that we can cater appropriately so please would you fill in the form attached to this newsletter and return it to us by **20th May**. There won't be a cost for the tea but donations to the Old School are welcome.

Open Gardens Sunday 12th June – another village favourite. We need as many people as possible to open their gardens to the public (please!), and it doesn't matter what size your garden is. We also need as many volunteers as possible to bake for the teas, sell tickets and programmes, man the car park, donate raffle prizes, greet visitors to the church etc. etc. We can't do it without you, so please come and join the merry throng of workers and help to make this an extra special occasion.

Please can you help us with the following:

- Salads and puds for the pig roast, also raffle prizes and assistance with setting up and clearing away.
- Food and drink for the street party (contact Mary Colson) or help with the general organisation (contact Ian Lazarus), games, setting up and clearing away.
- Cakes, sandwiches, scones etc. for Open Garden teas. Raffle prizes. Help with teas in the hall, manning the church and gardens, car parking, selling tickets and raffle prizes.

Shilton Swift talk, walk, cheese and wine! Friday 8th July

As part of Swift Awareness Week (2-10 July) we invite you to join us on a wonderful summer's evening for a celebration of these iconic birds. We will start at 7.p.m. with a short slide show by David Roberts and Veronica Barry about swifts, followed by a walk around Shilton to see the swifts in action. Everyone is warmly invited to finish up at Andy and Mandy Bray's for cheese and wine on the lawn, and hopefully to watch the swifts as they return to their nest sites.

Talk starts: 7.00pm at Shilton Village Hall

Walk: 7.40-8.00pm

followed by **drinks.**

Donations welcome to go towards refurbishment of the village hall, and tree planting.

Valuation Days – Kinghams Auctioneers of Moreton in Marsh will next be at the Old School for a valuation day on Friday 22nd April, and also on Friday 20th May, from 11.00-15.00. If you have anything you'd like to have valued, free of charge, this is your chance. Coffee and cakes also available!

Old School fundraising via car boots -YTD we've raised £1,401.99 and we hope to do much more before the end of the year. We are so grateful for all your donations. Thank you.

Parish Council meetings

The next meeting is the annual village meeting on Thursday 19th May, at 7.30 in the Old School.

Other dates are: 25th August, 24th November

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