

Shilton Old School Committee Newsletter

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Help ... your village needs You!

The Old School's fundraiser of the year, Open Gardens on 11th June, is nearly upon us and we'll have between ten and a dozen gardens opening to the public. Advertising is afoot and you'll see notices appearing everywhere very soon (we hope).

We still need all sorts of assistance and if you can provide or help with any of the following we'd love to hear from you:

- Serving teas in the Old School or donating homemade cakes and sandwiches (Jean Roberts 841194)
- Raffle prizes (Marilyn 842470)
- Manning the ticket desk
- Selling raffle tickets
- Manning the car park during the initial rush
- Putting up notices and signs on the day and collecting them in afterwards

And if you are able to help with any of the other events listed below we'd love to hear from you as volunteers are getting a bit thin on the ground.

Open Gardens – Sunday 11th June
BBQ – Saturday 29th July – <i>more about this and ticket application form with the next newsletter</i>
Ride & Stride – 9th September
Dog show – Saturday 16th September
Chapel Harvest service and tea – 24th September
Church Harvest service and lunch – Sunday 1st October
Halloween – Saturday 28th October
Coffee morning/Bring & Buy – Saturday 4th November
Chapel Christmas service – 10th December
Church Carol service & supper – Sunday 17th December

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.

The egg rolling on 15th April proved as popular as ever and raised £289.50 for Old School funds.

And Justine's quiz in aid of the Debs Price Foundation raised an amazing £855.00.

Unwanted goods

We've had many generous donations of unwanted goods so far this year and have already raised £769.10. It's probably not going to be possible to beat last year's £2,162.93 but if you keep passing us your unwanted items we'll do our damndest!

Parish Pump subscriptions thanks for all the subs received so far. If you haven't yet paid up and think the *Parish Pump* is worth the suggested £5 per year then Marilyn, Jean or I will be happy to take your money. Or you can pay direct by BACS: The Parish Pump, Barclays Bank, Sort Code 20-97-48, account No.30775088, with Shilton as reference.

Weekly fitness session during the summer the weekly session in the Old School on Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm may increase to twice weekly, on Thursday evenings as well as Tuesdays. £3.00 per session. For further info contact Tom Wattlesworth on 07892 945060.

Shilton Welfare Trust

This small charity was set up in 1970 under the name Shilton Welfare Trust by the Charity Commissioners, who amalgamated several local charities arising from small bequests dating as far back as 1736.

These bequests were variously intended to alleviate hardship or help provide education for children, and in one case the 6-acre field at the top of the village on the corner of the Alvescot Road was gifted for the purpose of providing allotments for villagers. As demand for allotments diminished in the early seventies, the field was rented to a local farmer, in whose family the tenancy remains today. Currently we are exploring the possibility of building a small number of affordable houses on the field as part of the Neighbourhood Plan now in preparation

Rental income from the field, plus interest on investments, provides the basis of the sum available for disbursement to the Parish every year. This sum is not huge, but it's important that its availability is known by people who may be struggling say, to pay a heating bill, or find funding for a child's educational needs.

As David Cuthbertson explained at the Village Meeting on the 24th May, the original purposes of the trust are far less relevant to life in Shilton today, and the Trustees are currently in discussion with the Charity Commission regarding a change of purpose that will enable us to contribute to modern-day village imperatives.

Meanwhile, any parishioner may apply to the fund at any time, on their own or their child's behalf, or can make the Trustees aware of another parishioner they feel may appreciate financial support. All enquiries remain completely confidential.

Any of the Trustees would be pleased to hear from you at any time. They are:

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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, Jacob Coates. New members welcome.