



Next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 30th November, 7.30pm, Shilton Old School

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Ding Dong Merrily and all that ...Christmas is nearly upon us again and here's what's in store over the next few weeks.

Wednesday 7th December – soup lunch in the Old School 12.00-1.30pm

Sunday 11th December at 4pm in the Baptist chapel – carol service followed by tea in the Old School.

Sunday 18th December at 6pm – carol service in the church followed by supper in the Old School.
The supper is open to everyone attending the carol service and is free of charge.



Calling all you brilliant Shilton cooks! If you are able to let us have a main, salad or pud for the supper please let Jean or me know. We will be very, very grateful.

Thursday 22nd December – Charity Quiz Night at the Rose & Crown – quiz starts at 8pm, £1 per person, preferably teams of four. £10 main course menu available between 7-8pm. There will be a charity raffle and fun half-time game. Booking in advance highly recommended. Call The Shilton Rose & Crown on 01993 842280 to book. Quiz in aid of host Gina Davies' Virgin London Marathon fundraising target for the Blue Cross charity.

Friday 23rd December at 6.30-7.15pm – carols by the pond. Hot punch and mince pies will be served. If the weather is vile and/or we are knee-deep in snow by then, please check with Elizabeth Harfield during the afternoon on 01993 843444 to make sure this is still going ahead.

Christmas morning at 9am – Christmas morning service Shilton church



If you'd like details of the New Year's Eve dinner at the Shilton Rose & Crown please contact Ronnie Scard (841705) asap.

The Halloween activities for young and old, orchestrated by Lis Lovell with zillions of helpers, were a huge success and will no doubt be repeated next year. There's a full report, and photo, in the next edition of the Parish Pump.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) would like your thoughts on the following please:

Shilton Church Graveyard Extension

Shilton PCC is in the process of purchasing an extension to the existing graveyard. Whilst they have been able to fund the purchase with the help of the Parish Council, there are not sufficient funds available to pay for drystone walling around the extension. The present proposal is to mark the boundary with a post and rail fence with planting of a new heritage hedge. Reverend MacInnes has asked the PCC to consult with the community to seek their views on this proposal and to see if there is a willingness to raise funds for the provision of drystone walling. If you have a view on this issue please contact the PCC secretary, Marilyn Cox, on 842470.



Anyone wanting to shift a few pounds after the Christmas feasting may like to be reminded that there is a weekly fitness session in the Old School on Tuesday evenings (changed from Thursdays) 7.30-8.30pm. It costs £3.00 per session. For further info contact Tom Wattlesworth on 07892 945060.

The Old School Committee hasn't yet organised much for 2017, but there will be the usual egg rolling etc. on Saturday 15th April and Open Gardens on a yet to be decided Sunday in June. Ideas for fundraising events always welcome.

Once again, HUGE thanks to everyone who has so generously donated unwanted goods to us. The Shilton Salvage Squad has had yet another record year, making in excess of £1,600 for Old School funds at car boot sales and auctions. Fantastic! If you're having a turn out or Spring clean, or just have a surfeit of saleable goods or unwanted Christmas presents, we will be delighted to take them off your hands. We are very grateful indeed for the hugely generous donations we've had this year.



With very best wishes for the festive season from the Old School Management Committee:

Marilyn Cox, Jean Roberts, Helena Wright, Lis Lovell, Sarah Royle, Penny Pearce, Mary Colson, Guy Richmond, Jacob Coates and Shirley Cuthbertson.

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