

SHIPDHAM NEWS



MAY 2023



Walter and Daisy Bulwer's cottage on the corner of Mill Road decorated for the coronation of George VI in 1937.

Shipdham celebrates the Coronation of His Majesty the King, Charles III Long Live the King!



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A LINE FROM LAURA

We remember the old saying that *March winds and April showers, bring forth May flowers* and it seems so very true. May isn't the start of the flowers, there have been many already in bloom before May, but hasn't it been nice after the winter to see the earth bursting into life? May seems to consolidate that with bedding plants going in and colour all around, not least in the hedgerows as the Mayflower does what its name suggests and flowers in May! I hope your May is as beautiful and colourful as the world around us.

May is a busy month with three bank holidays, the Coronation, half term at the end of the month, fetes and events in both villages. I hope it doesn't feel too busy and that you can look forward to this busyness as it can take place outside and we meet up and be together as the days are longer and the weather warmer.

As Christians there is a lot to celebrate in May. April saw us celebrate Easter and Jesus rising from the dead. In May we get to spend time remembering his risen presence among us and thinking about his promises to always be with us. Later in May we celebrate two wonderful festivals, first Ascension Day, when we remember Jesus returning to his rightful place in heaven. Then the fulfilment of his promise not to leave us alone is celebrated at the end of the month with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (don't be put off by the word – it just means 50th because it happens 50 days after Easter Sunday).

What a fab month of celebration and joy. Not just the Coronation and bank holidays but of God's presence with us, first in his Son Jesus and then daily with the Holy Spirit here with us. Much of this joy can be celebrated together and you are all welcome to join us in St. Andrews and All Saints to be together during this joyful flower filled month.

God bless.
Laura



We will be praying in May for all those who live in:

Shipdham: Richard Haggard Close, Park Highatt Drive, Townshend Place, Mews Court, Greenwood Way, Larwood Way, Oak Meadow, Thorpe Row, Birds Corner.

Bradenham: Hall Hill, Bradenham Lane, Green Lane.

If you have any specific needs or people that you would like us to pray for, please contact Revd Doreen Fotherby

MAY CHURCH SERVICES

There is a celebration of
Holy Communion every Wednesday morning
at 11.30 am
at All Saints' Church, Shipdham.

Friday 5th May

7 pm Prayers for the King All Saints' Shipdham

Sunday 7th May

9:30 am BCP Holy Communion St Andrew's Bradenham
9:30 am Café Church for the Coronation All Saints' Shipdham

Sunday 14th May

9:30 am Café Church Village Hall Bradenham
11:15 am Holy Communion All Saints' Shipdham

Thursday 18th May Ascension Day

7 pm Holy Communion All Saints' Shipdham

Sunday 21st May

9.30 am Choral Matins St Andrew's Bradenham
11:15 am Morning Praise All Saints' Shipdham

Sunday 28th May Pentecost

9:30 am BCP Holy Communion St Andrew's Bradenham
11:15 am Parish Communion All Saints' Shipdham

Everyone is welcome to every service.
The church is open during daylight hours every day
for quiet prayer and reflection.

Café Saints Coffee Morning

All Saints' Church

10am—11:30am First Thursdays

4th May and 1st June 2023

All Welcome

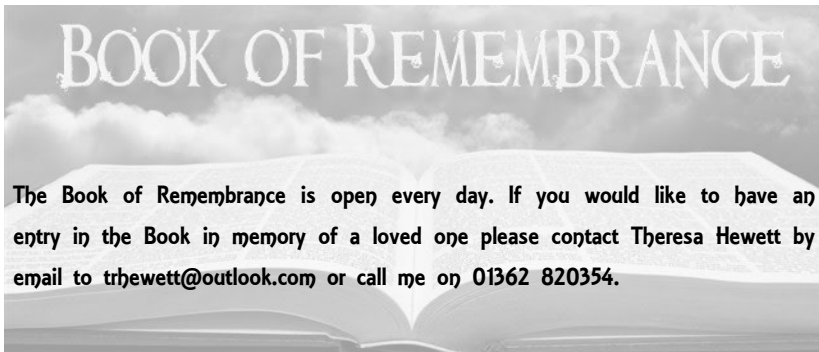


All Saints' Tower Floodlighting

The Tower floodlighting is sponsored in May by Jill and Ray Arnold in loving memory of Vivian, Claire, Melinda and Andrene, and in celebration of forty five years of happy marriage.



If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting at All Saints' Church for a particular month to commemorate a special person or event, please contact Theresa Hewett on trhewett@outlook.com or by telephone to 01362 820354. The suggested donation is £35 per month. June, July and August are all available at present.



The Book of Remembrance is open every day. If you would like to have an entry in the Book in memory of a loved one please contact Theresa Hewett by email to trhewett@outlook.com or call me on 01362 820354.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a lily in the Church over Easter in memory of -

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VILLAGE NOTICES

70th Wedding Anniversary

Donald and June Dodd celebrated 70 years of Marriage on the 28th March 2023.

Over 60 Family and friends gathered at All Saints Church, Shipdham on the Saturday before to witness the happy couple renew their wedding vows with a short service and blessing conducted by Rev. Laura.

Reflections on their marriage were read by son, Peter and granddaughter, Emma on behalf of the family, followed by drinks and a buffet in the church.

'Doddy' and June express their heart-felt thanks to all those involved in making this a truly momentous and happy occasion.

The couple were adamant they did not want any presents but those who wished to make a donation to All Saints' Church were invited to do so. The collection of donations made raised nearly £400 for church funds.

Congratulations Donald & June



Chinese Evening

Following the success of the last two Chinese evenings, the Community Hub is planning to hold another one on **Saturday 10th June, 2023.**

This will take place in marquees on land adjacent to the Shipdham Bowls Club.

Tickets are £11.00 per person.

Arrival from 6.30pm to sit and eat at 7.00pm.

You will need to bring your own drink and glasses.

For further information or to book a place please ring John or Sue on 01362 821240.

Thank you.



Charity Quiz Friday 26th May 2023

The Shipdham Charity Quizzes are held on the last Friday of each month (except December and August) in the WI Hall at 7:30pm. We encourage you to bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee are provided during the Break.

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Saturday 18th March Mystery Tour including Lunch Adult £35 Child £25

Saturday 8th April Cadbury World
Birmingham Adult £45 Child £40

Saturday 29th April Aldeburgh & Snape Maltings Adult £20 Child £15

Saturday 13th May Lincoln Adult £25 Child £20

Saturday 27th May Southwold & Dunwich
with Fish & Chip Lunch included Adult £35
Child £20

Saturday 10th June Springfields Knitting & Stitching Show or Just Shopping Adult £18
Child £12

Saturday 24th June Bury St Edmunds Adult £14
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SHIPDHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR



The choir meets in St. Thomas' Chapel, All Saints' Church on alternate Tuesday evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm.

Dates for May are:

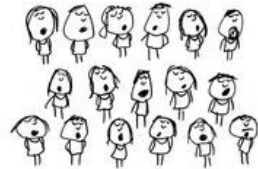
2nd May
16th May
30th May



Our choir was founded nine years ago in response to a village survey. Our choir is friendly, welcoming and very inclusive. If you think you would enjoy a sociable evening of singing and companionship, come along to a meeting and see what we do. Our repertoire is very varied and we sing a range of lighter and seasonal music. There are no auditions and you do not need to be able to read music. The social and supportive aspects of our meetings are very important.

HAPPINESS IS

If you would like more information please feel free to phone Bill on 01362 861269 or Jo on 01362 821285.



...singing in a choir.

Shipdham Twinning Association Wine Tasting

Saturday 24th June 3-5pm

including home-cooked food, on the Community Centre grassed area next to the school/bowling green in the Hub marquees.

Families and children welcome too...the kids/grandkids can play in safety whilst parents/grandparents can sip wine.

Tickets for drivers/non-tasters £5 (includes food and soft drinks), kids free (better to bring their own food & drinks!) and tasters £20 for 12 wines, 6 red/6 white, 10% off if you order wine, but you don't have to.

Tickets from Steve Kite stephenkite52@gmail.com

Shipdham Parochial Fuel Allotment Charity

Application Form for Assistance

The Charity is for residents of the village who find themselves in need of financial assistance. Deadlines for applications: 1st March, 1st June, 1st October.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Tel. No: _____

Email if applicable _____

Reason for application – Please continue on back of form if necessary. (You may enclose any supporting evidence if you wish) _____

Please tick grant option: Receive by cheque Receive by bank transfer

If you wish your grant to be paid directly into your account, please provide your bank details below (please note all applications will be destroyed in accordance with GDPR once approved at the meeting and payment made).

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Sort Code Account Number

I certify that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Please return the completed form to one of the Trustees or Clerk.

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CORONATION FLOWERS

Most people will by now have seen the exquisite Coronation invitation even if they haven't received one!

This beautiful piece of artwork was created by Andrew Jamieson, an heraldic artist and manuscript illustrator, who kept the commission secret even from his own family. The borders reflect the King's passion for the environment, inspired by a British wild flower meadow, with tiny depictions of bluebells, cornflowers, lily of the valley, dog roses and wild strawberries, with a sprig of rosemary which signifies remembrance. The borders reflect the appearance of the 'flowery meads' often pictured in medieval and Renaissance illuminated manuscripts and tapestries. All of these flowers have meanings in the Victorian Language of Flowers of which the King's forbear, Queen Victoria, was a great fan.

Grouped in threes, the flowers symbolise that King Charles is the third monarch of that name. Also to be seen are the four floral emblems of the nations of the UK.

Amongst the flowers can be spotted favourite creatures such as a wren, robin, butterfly, bee and ladybird. The lion, unicorn and boar also found amongst the wild flowers reflect their Majesties' coats of arms.

At the foot of the invitation is a depiction of the Green Man. The Green Man is a figure of British folklore generally taken to represent growth and rebirth. The Green Man, crowned with natural foliage is composed of leaves from oak, hawthorn, ivy and the floral emblems of the United Kingdom. The Green Man can often be seen carved in the roofs and over doorways of medieval churches and may originally have been of pagan origin.

At the time of writing the flowers to decorate the Coronation ceremony are unknown, but speculations include delphiniums, one of the King's favourite blooms and lily of the valley which featured in our late Queen's Coronation bouquet and which was a favourite of Queen Victoria. Some sources think that bluebells might be included and even flowers from the King's garden at Highgrove. Queen Camilla's favourite flower is said to be *Alchemilla mollis*, or Lady's Mantle, with its sweet scent and tiny green-yellow blooms. See which flowers you can identify on the great day itself.



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Our new season is May to August and we are looking forward to meeting you.

Members must be 14 years and above (u18's will require adult supervision). A membership fee will be required if you decide to join.



A Note on Magazine Articles

We are delighted to receive articles from Shipdham groups which help keep residents in touch. Please email articles to jillarnold06@gmail.com and trhewett@outlook.com You will receive a reply. The deadline is the 18th of each month. Please be aware of GDPR regulations and keep your report to either half a page (approx. 200 words) or a full page (approx. 400 words). Please keep it a little shorter if you have a picture you would like to include with it. If you need more space for a particular article, contact one of the Editors. We reserve the right to alter articles and would like to draw to your attention that we are not responsible for the content of articles.

WILDLIFE TO SEE IN MAY

In May you can hear the dawn chorus at its very best - if you wake up in time! You really need to be up around 5.00am to listen to the wrens, robins, tits, thrushes, blackcaps and if you are lucky, even nightingales. While you are out listening you might even spot one or two of the few turtle doves to be seen in England between May and September. They are comparatively rare now and mainly seen in eastern and southern England in hedgerows, scrub and woodland edges.

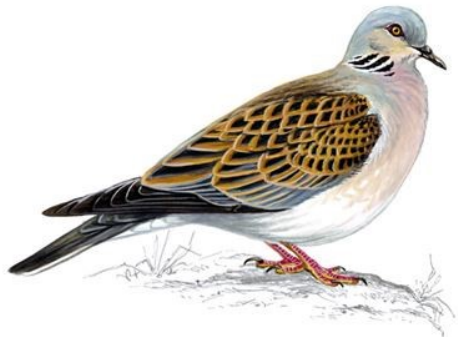
In recent editions of the Shipdham News the importance of the north Norfolk coast for migrating birds has been mentioned. This coast forms part of what is known as the East Atlantic Flyway, which stretches from Canada and Siberia through Western Europe and West Africa. Parts of East Anglia in Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Essex all form part of this migratory route which includes areas such as Snettisham where thousands of migratory birds breed every year. The flyway has been added to Britain's list of potential sites to be considered for UNESCO World Heritage status.

Dormice are awakening now having spent the winter tucked up in tiny woven nests and will forage for food such as honeysuckle, brambles and hawthorn. The tiny pygmy shrew is also awake now, weighing in at only 6 grams and consuming one and a quarter times it's own body weight each day in insects and spiders.

Butterflies and moths should be plentiful during May but some have been hard hit by the recent vagaries of the weather and we can only hope that this spring and summer will be kind to them with optimum conditions for feeding and breeding. The lime hawk moth is a distinctive one to look out for. It has scalloped wings and does not feed at all once it has turned into an adult moth. While this creature does not feed others such as the red-tailed bumblebee will be grateful if you spare some of your weeds; they love to feed on thistles, daisies, dandelions and clover. So leave a few in odd corners of your garden.

*Bumble Bee
Fuzzy yellow jacket,
silky silver wings,
buzz from shrub to flower,
a welcome sight each spring.*

Pamela Joyce Randolph



Picture from the RSPB

Shipdham Community Hub

The Hub has the following to hire: marquees, tables (both long and round), chairs and crockery. All items will be delivered and collected when you have finished with them. Marquees will be erected and taken down. Hire charge is £60.00.

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NOTES FROM THE BELLTOWER

At the time of writing, we have just received the exciting news that our new bell ropes are ready and with the courier awaiting delivery. We will fit them before the end of April, and will be ready for ringing for the Coronation. Many thanks to everyone who has donated towards our new set of ropes and made it possible.

There will be extra ringing to celebrate the Coronation weekend of 6th—8th May, with ringing planned each day. On the Saturday we plan to ring with our new recruits who have been busy learning to ring over the last few months to be ready in time. They are all doing well and on target for the special ringing. On the Sunday afternoon we will be attempting a Quarter Peal, which will be around 1260 changes taking about 45 minutes to complete. Then on the Bank Holiday Monday we will be attempting a Full Peal involving 5040 changes, taking just under 3 hours. This will be scheduled to finish before the start of the village 'Picnic in the Park'. Please do come along and listen to some of the ringing from the Churchyard, Pub Garden or wherever you feel comfortable! If you are reading this and feel you would like to find out what ringing is all about and what we get up to, come along and see us in the tower on a Wednesday evening from 7pm. You will be made very welcome and can even have a go!

Watch out in the June magazine for reports on the Coronation Ringing and maybe even a photo or two of the ringers taking part!

Johnathon White
Shipdham Tower Captain



Really Useful Sale

Thank you

Huge thanks to the small army of volunteers who helped organise a fantastic sale on Saturday 22nd April.

The Really Useful Sale was devised to help those affected by the Cost of Living crisis here in Shipdham. Masses of donations were collected ranging from brand new clothes and linen to trinkets, toys and cakes. Our loyal band of helpers gave hours to organising the event and deserve huge thanks and recognition for their efforts. Thank you so much to those who supported the sale in every capacity. Left over donations have gone to a variety of charities to support the work they do in local communities and national life-saving research.

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The Fens stretch over a huge area of East Anglia, covering parts of Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire. Their extent is about 1,500 square miles. The rivers Ouse, Nen, Welland and Witham flow across the region flowing into the Wash between Norfolk and Lincolnshire.

The word fen is a local term signifying the type of marshland which is found in this area. The water is generally alkaline or neutral and contains large amounts of minerals which have gradually dissolved into it. The area formed a basin which gradually became filled in with sediment and parts of the area formed beds of peat ranging in depth from just a few inches to ten feet. Essentially the area is a flood plane over clay, with some slightly higher areas or 'islands', on one of which Ely stands. The lowest land point in Britain lies within the Fens - Holme Fen in Cambridgeshire lies nearly 3 metres below sea level!

In recent years settlement from the ancient past covered by peat deposits have been revealed after periods of drought exposed them. The Romans cultivated large areas but later during Anglo-Saxon times the Fens were very sparsely populated. During the Middle Ages some areas were reclaimed to facilitate the development of farming, but from the mid 17th century the Fens began to be drained much more extensively and purposefully in the area known as the Bedford Level. The drains which were created helped increase the fertility and crop producing ability of the Fens but also cause further sinking of the peatlands. Windmills and steam pumping engines followed by diesel engines have all been used to control the level of water in more recent times, but flooding is a constant worry with road signage in the area indicating flood escape routes. The novel *The Nine Tailors* (published 1934) by Dorothy L. Sayers has graphic descriptions of a fictional breach of the drains and the disastrous consequences.

Today the Fens are farmed extensively for wheat, but also for vegetables, fruit and flowers. Many of us will have enjoyed driving through the Fens when the daffodil and tulip bulb fields have been in full bloom. The Fens are very rich agricultural land and here may be found about half of the most fertile land in England. There are still some areas of peat surviving, some of which are nature reserves providing opportunities for the study of rare insects and plants. As well as agricultural land the Fens are home to churches and cathedrals such as Ely and Peterborough and King's Lynn, Boston and Cambridge all lie within the area designated as the Fens.



Norfolk Wildlife Trust photo

SHIPDHAM HISTORY GROUP

We will celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on 6th May and here share with you how the village celebrated the coronation of our late Queen Elizabeth II in June 1953. Shipdham celebrated in many ways as the programme here details. The programme also included the first known history of the village written by Bullock's Endowed School headmaster, John. H. Parry.



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CORONATION

Villagers decorated their homes in celebration in 1953 as they had in 1937 for the coronation of King George VI as the picture of Walter and Daisy Bulwer's home on the front cover shows.



The Old White Horse in the High Street, home of the Head family



Kitchener Row in Market Street, the furthest cottage the home of the Rowe family

Shipdham's coronation band passing Kemp's bakery in Chapel Street



There were many more celebrations after the actual coronation day of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. The picture below shows a happy WI celebration meal held in the WI Hall. On the nearest table from left to right, we can name Fred and Beattie Etheridge, Phyllis Buttle, Betty Slaughter & Isabella Youngs. On the table behind are Joan Head and Lily Youngs with Amy Killingworth seen between them. If anyone recognises anyone else, we would be delighted to learn more.





Shipdham School Area Sports Team (with Wesleyan Chapel in background)

Bullock's Endowed School competitors seen above were photographed by teacher Miss Beryl Eglington ready to attend the Area Sports in summer 1953. Most of these children would have taken part in the coronation sports activities that took place on the School Field on 2nd June.



Susan Head with Decorated 'Summer' Bicycle & Lorna Watkins in her robes for the Fancy Dress

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



Graham Head dressed as a Reckitt & Colman 'Blue Bag' for the Fancy Dress

For those readers who are too young to have ever seen, let alone use, a blue bag, it was customary to use a blue bag in the final rinse on laundry day (almost always Monday). Made by Reckitt & Colman the small blue bag contained synthetic ultramarine and baking soda which whitened sheets. It was used in wash-houses throughout the world including the royal laundries.

The packaging of the blue bag was red, white and blue and is probably the reason why young Graham Head's costume was chosen. Blue bag was also used to treat bee stings whereas vinegar was the old cure for wasp stings.



CORONATION CHICKEN

Created in 1953 in honour of the new Queen, this recipe was inspired by renowned mid-century florist Constance Spry(1996-1960), and cordon bleu chef Rosemary Hume(1907-1984) who catered for a celebration banquet for Elizabeth II. 'Poulet Reine Elizabeth', known commonly as 'Coronation Chicken' is believed to have been inspired by the 'Jubilee Chicken' created for the Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935.

The three official recipes for our new King are: Ken Hom's 'Coronation Roast Rack of Lamb with Asian-style Marinade', Nadiya Hussain's 'Coronation Aubergine', and Adam Handling's 'Strawberry and Ginger Trifle'.

This brings us nicely back to 2023 and we wish everyone a happy coronation holiday.

Beanie Brown(820068), Sue Dewing(820324) & Marlene Secker(820327)
Shipdham History Group (shipdhamhistorygroup@gmail.com)



Monday

Yoga
 Judo Club
 Parish Council

WI Hall Not 2nd Monday each month
 Bullock Park
 WI Hall 2nd Monday each month

Tuesday

Knitters

WI Hall 1st Tuesday each month

Wednesday

Food Bus and Warm Space
 Holy Communion
 Art & Craft Group
 Line Dancing
 Knitters
 Shipdham Spouts
 Bell Ringing Practice

All Saints' Church
 All Saints' Church
 WI Hall 1st and 3rd Wed. each month
 WI Hall
 All Saints' Church 2nd Wed. each month
 Bullock Park
 All Saints' Church Tower

Thursday

Spitfires
 Garden Club & Hort. Club
 Shipdham Wives
 Royal British Legion

Bullock Park
 WI Hall 1st Thursday each month
 3rd Thursday
 Golden Dog 3rd Thursday

Friday

Charity Quiz

WI Hall Last Friday (except August)

Saturday

Football—Shipdham United
 Dance Club

Bullock Park
 WI Hall (all ages)

Sunday

Football—Shipdham United

Bullock Park



REGULAR EVENTS

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7pm

Bob 07885 692028

7:30pm

June 01760 440953

Tuesday

1-3pm

Kathy 820615

Wednesday

9:30—10:30am

BDC or Rev Laura

11:30am

Rev Doreen 821481

9:30am

Jean 696163

1—3:30pm

1pm

Kathy 820615

9:30—11:30am

Emily 07387 844213

7pm—9pm

Sally 07548 264385

Thursday

4:30pm onwards

Tracey at shipdhamspitfires@gmail.com

7:30pm

Simon 07885 113860

7:30pm

Audrey 821448

7pm

Dave 07539 879366

Friday

7:30pm

Heather 820078

Saturday

9:30—1pm

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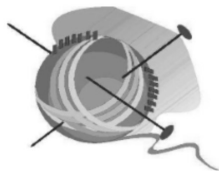
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Knitters

The Group members have all been busy knitting a great variety of items, some as usual for the hospitals and also some for selling on our stall which will be at Bullock Park at the Coronation event on Monday 8th May. We hope you will come and visit us there to see what lovely knitwear we have for sale.

In April, we were asked to give a yearly report to the Parish Council. Looking back over the year it doesn't seem possible that our Knitting Group could produce so much for so many charities and for so many people.

Many groups did not open again after Covid, and it is also difficult surviving in the present climate, so it is with a great sense of pride that, with dedication and hard work from all the members, the Group has achieved so much.

To all members and also all who support the Group—a big Thank you!

As always—

Keep Healthy, Keep Busy and carry on Knitting!

Kathy Newton, Chair.

Meetings in May will be as follows:

Tuesday 2nd May WI Hall at 1 pm—3 pm
Wednesday 10th May All Saints' Church at 1 pm —3 pm

For further information, please contact Kathy on 820615 or Marlene on 820327.



SHIPDHAM TWINNING

This is the time of year when the Parish Council invites reports from each village organisation. Here's (a slightly edited version of) the Shipdham Twinning year:

SHIPDHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION



'We hosted a visit from our French friends in May 2022, which was the first exchange visit since 2019, with a gap of some 3 years following the Covid pandemic. It was a successful and joyous reunion with 23 visitors and 33 Twinning Association members, a total of 56. We used Bullock Park pavilion to welcome our French friends which is just big enough to get us all in standing up but has the advantage of a car park that can accommodate the visitors' coach and the cars that take them off for an entertaining weekend. Even with post-Covid reduced numbers we are still one of the most successful twinning associations in Norfolk, most of whom are towns not villages, which is a feather in the cap for all of Shipdham. We organised a wine tasting event last summer using the Community Centre area next to the bowling green and hired the Shipdham Hub marquees to hold it. We held a Beetle Drive in March in the WI Hall with hot food that we brought in having cooked it in our homes. We advertise all our events for everyone to come whether they are members of Shipdham Twinning or not as we see STA as part of the village, indeed more than half of the people who came to our recent Beetle Drive and enjoyed bangers and mash were not twidders. We like to think we are the recipients of and generators of goodwill for Shipdham by holding events in Shipdham venues where we can. We attract lots of members from outside Shipdham as well as from Shipdham itself.'

May is the month when we get together and this year we're going to France. We're all thoroughly looking forward to it...this photo taken in Noyant village hall is why -

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May is a really exciting month in the garden, when the daffodils which heralded spring are over and everything else is bursting into new growth. Spring flowering shrubs such as choisya, ribes and Japanese quince can be trimmed back now. Look for frost damage in evergreens and cut out, and check for shoots in variegated shrubs which have reverted to green and prune out. Clematis montana with its prolific growth can get very congested and will benefit from a vigorous prune as well. When pruning shrubs and trees check for birds' nests first as the breeding season is in full swing now.

Lawns are growing rapidly now. They will benefit from a weekly mow and bare patches can be reseeded in early May. You might want to think about giving an area of your lawn over to long grass - perhaps behind a shed or other inconspicuous area. Even a tiny area will make a difference and benefit all kinds of wildlife. There is much enjoyment to be had selecting bedding plants, but beware of putting out too early. There can still be frosts in May. Remember to feed your hanging baskets and container plants around every fourth week. If your baskets are subject to shady conditions try Busy Lizzies as they tolerate shade well. White flowered ones will really brighten up a dark corner.

In rural areas roses are far more likely to suffer from black spot than in urban ones; apparently town pollution reduces black spot so keep an eye out for this and for greenfly, particularly on roses, although this pest will suddenly appear on a large range of plants. Greenfly also especially love lupins. The old soapy water recipe is still one of the most effective ways of getting rid of this pest, using a mild solution of washing up liquid and water.

Now the ground has warmed, up perennials will put on a growth spurt. Encourage them by mulching while they are still small enough to get between and place supports, if not already done, for those tall enough to flop over or liable to wind rock. Try popping sweet peas in any odd spaces where they can be squeezed between other plants. As long as they can find something to climb they will delight for weeks with their sweet scent and glorious colours. Plug plants are a good idea if you haven't the time or inclination to sow and prick out flower or vegetable seedlings. You can bring them on in your greenhouse if you have one until, the weather is mild enough to plant them out. In the vegetable garden you can now be sowing chard and beetroot, sweetcorn, cucumber, courgettes, runner and French beans and of course Brussels sprouts.



*May is the month
Of sunshine and flowers
birds in their nests
And one or two showers.*

Anon.



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SHIPDHAM GARDEN CLUB

Report on the Club's meeting at the WI Hall.
Thursday, 6th April 2023.

For the Club's April meeting we were given a demonstration and talk by club member Phill Webdale on how to present and show exhibits in some categories at shows, such as the one we have at our **Anniversary Celebration Day on 5th August**. The Show Schedule for this has now been finalised.

Our visit to a National Garden Scheme venue was discussed and it was decided to have two trips this Summer. They are to be:

Sunday, 25th June to the Old Manor Farmhouse in Swanton Abbott, and

Sunday, 30th July to The Long Barn in Newton Flotman.

We will meet at the WI Hall ready for cars to leave at 1.00pm on both of those days.

RHS Recognition Award for 2022

This is for societies to consider giving to someone who has helped to keep their club going and Lesley, as Chair, has decided to present it this year to Pete Sargent for being "our loyal and efficient treasurer for many years". At every committee meeting he presents up-to-date accounts to show exactly where we are financially.



As at the meeting we were judging our tulip competition, Phill started with how they are judged under RHS rules. He explained that they are marked out of 20 points; four points for condition, four for form (is it bolt upright, is it open so that you can see the stamens and anthers inside, is it peeling over), four for colour (is it true to the variety or faded), two for size (is it correct for the variety or stunted), three for substance and three for stems and foliage (does it have nicks, damage or any blemishes). Judges will sometimes hold the exhibit up to a bright light to see if there are any splits in the petals... but they cannot touch the exhibit, only the pot it is in.

Daffodils are marked out of 10 under RHS guidelines which takes into account that tulips are considered 'twice as difficult' to grow. A thing to remember with tulips is the rule of six. There should be six petals, and six anthers.

SHIPDHAM GARDEN CLUB AND

The winner entry was Paul Blanchette's (pictured with his entry, centre). His 'secret' was potting his bulb up in Bonsai soil!

Phill handed out some dahlia plants, grown from seed set in February, which were for members to grow on for judging at the August show. He gave some instructions as to how best to grow them on, keeping them protected from frost (as this would blacken and kill them), feeding and watering well, potting on up to a maximum sized pot of 10 litres and, importantly, pinching out the tips to encourage flowering shoots to grow. He also said that, as the time taken from pinching until a flower spike, is 70 days that, working backwards, anything pinched out after 29th May will not flower before the 5th August show!



We were then shown a simply way to show a 'flower floating in a bowl'. If you have a rose exhibit of which the leaves or petals aren't in great shape, just cut off the flower completely and position it in a bowl of water. Just one single good bloom is required. The head can't touch the sides of the bowl, so the right size bowl is needed.

Roses... There are three different stages of bloom that are looked for in an exhibit: the bud stage (which is where you can't see into the middle); the bloom that's gone over (so you can see all the stamens); and what they look for which is called the 'perfect rose' where a few of the petals are open, but the centre three or four are still closed covering the stamen. There is only a three day window when a rose is in this state.

Foliage exhibits... Dead or damaged leaves need to be removed, as well as any other leaves that make the exhibit look unbalanced.

Potted exhibits... Even though pots themselves aren't judged, if there were two identical exhibits, but one was in a damaged, water-stained or dirty pot (or one with a label still on it), it would be placed second. A quick (cheats) way of quickly covering that without having to repot the entry is to put the 'dirty' pot inside a slightly larger, clean one, and then spread gravel over the top.

Vase exhibits... The correct sized vases should be chosen as too small or too large a vase will detract from the exhibit. Oasis is banned by the RHS (as it contains plastic) so, to make a single stem exhibit stand up, newspaper or moss wrapped around the stem and pushed below the rim of the vase will do the job. Multi bloom exhibits should face in the same direction, with the back ones slightly higher (but not touching). Daffodils can be 'twisted' to get the heads pointing to the 12 o'clock position.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Herbaceous perennial exhibits... These need to be set out to give some impact. So 'a vase of foliage' can have as many stems as you can fit in the vase, trimmed to be the same level, with any damaged bits removed and tidied up.

Vegetable and fruit classes... When washing and preparing items, if you use a piece of black cloth, any blemishes will show up better, so sorting what to use will be easier.

Fruit is best presented on a plate as it keeps items together. Depending on the size of the vegetables, those with long roots for example, they may be better placed directly onto the table, rather than looking wrong overhanging the edge of a plate.

Very importantly, if the class says '5 of' make sure there are 5 presented.

Photographs... Ensure the picture reflects the subject, and that it is a good quality image.

Preserves... Present in a clean jar with a little bit of an air gap at the top. The item should be labelled with, ideally, the ingredients listed.



Competitions

Bloom of the Month – Sandra Harley with a Quince

Most Unusual Bloom of the Month – Phill Webdale with a *Fritillaria elwesii*

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 1st June at 7.30pm in The W.I. Hall, where Barry Gayton of Desert World Gardens will be giving us a talk entitled "Weird & Wonderful".

Before this though, we will be having a club stall at the Drynkings/ Coronation Celebrations at Bullock Park on Monday, 8th May, where we will be selling bedding plants, hanging baskets and more.

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BRADENHAM HORTICULTURE & GARDEN CLUB

It may be old fashioned, but a horticultural show is good fun. 29 people entered over 170 exhibits and many more people came to enjoy the Show and applaud the trophy winners. The scent of the daffodils, hyacinths and flowering pot plants was mesmerising and really announced that Spring is here. A huge amount of work is involved in setting it all up, and thanks as always goes to those on the committee and those who came or stayed to help. There are glitches too. Our usual judges succumbed to Covid, but Marianne Kilmartin stepped in to breach the gap and work with our new judge, Alison Wolf. Stars, both.

The winners were:

- Best in cut flower section – Barbara Steward
- Best in pot plant section – Ava Malt
- Best in flower arranging section – Barbara Steward
- Best in Culinary section – Katy Hillier
- Best in craft section – Jenny Ottaway
- Best in Show – Ava Malt

Now we are looking forward to the rest of the programme. After the talk on gardening in drought conditions we had by Geoff Hodge in April, we will see the theory in practice at Beth Chatto's garden with our coach trip in July. The cuttings taken last autumn are beginning to bush out in time for the hanging basket workshop on the 18th May and for sale at the Bradenham Fete and Sports day on the 29th May.

Gardening can be a lonely activity. There is something meditative about weeding and planting for a while, but as the back aches and the fingernails fracture it is good to have company and have someone to share the delights and dismays of gardening. Each month after the talk or workshop we have a session of topical tips by Marianne, which quickly turns into lively debate about things that died or turned into thugs. But if you can't laugh about it, why bother?!

If you want more information and would like to join us on any of these events, then get in touch at barpamsteward@gmail.com

Hope to see you soon,
Barbara Steward, Chair



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The next training date is at 7pm on 21st June, at the WI Hall.

If you are interested in any aspect of this, or have further questions please contact the co-ordinator, Lorraine Varney at Lorraine.varney@breckland.gov.uk



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for further information on anything on these pages.

Highlights from the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 12th April at WI Hall. Full minutes are available online once approved:

- The Chair presented gardening vouchers to Lax and Raj Purewal from the Post Office on behalf of Shipdham Parish Council and the community for their hard work within the community.
- Reports were received from the Vice-Chair, District Councillors, Thomas Bullock Primary School, Town Estates & Parochial Fuel Allotment Charity, Thomas Bullock Trustees, Bullock Park Management Committee, Twinning Association, WI Hall Committee, Shipdham Knitters, Royal British Legion, Parochial Church Council, Shipdham Garden Club & Horticultural Society, Bowls Club, Wayland Gun Club (including that the club no longer has the ground to use and is trying to find an alternative), Shipdham Community Choir, Shipdham United F.C., Shipdham Spitfires, Shipdham History Group.
- Parish Accounts for 2021/22 - noted.
- Parishioners' questions, comment, suggestions included timescale on Old School Playing Field development (Cllr Hewett addressed) and BPMC tree removal.

Highlights from the Parish Council meeting on 12th April at WI Hall. Full minutes are available online once approved:

- Reports and updates noted from Parish Councillors, District Councillors (as Annual Meeting of the Parish), Clerk & BPMC (as Annual Meeting of the Parish).
- Parishioners' questions included allotment sprinklers, County Broadband, and temporary pedestrian crossing outside Myholm causing obstruction.
- Village finances approved and agreed.
- Comments on planning applications received.
- Highways issues discussed, SAM2 sign has been placed on Letton Road; Site visit to be arranged for extra lighting on Letton Road; School sign on A1075 has been hit.
- Allotment Tenancy policy review approved unanimously. Clerk to send out to plot holders.
- Mindful Towns & Villages update: Date for training to be arranged.
- NALC subscription for 2023/24 approved unanimously.
- Composting toilet for Dereham Road allotments, unapproved unanimously.
- Fee note for legal works, approved unanimously.

Next meeting, the Annual Parish Meeting, planned for **Wednesday 17th May 2023**, 7:30pm in the WI Hall.

Local Elections 4th May

Please ensure you are registered to vote.

Being on the electoral roll helps your credit rating.

Postal votes are the easiest, but if voting at your polling station you will need photo ID

Your polling station is **The Pavilion, Bullock Park**

For Breckland District Council you have two councillors to elect

For more information go to: www.gov.uk or www.breckland.gov.uk

There is no election for the Shipdham Parish Council. Those that have been elected, unopposed, are:

Paul Belo, Rose Chaplin, Helen Cramp, Derek Cross, Patrick Feerick, Paul Hewett, Sam Shelley, Simon Smith and Lynda Turner.



Date for your diary

Combined event - celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III and The Drynkings.

Bullock Park on Monday, 8th May.

Ring ANY member of the Parish Council if you have an emergency

Do you need advice regarding COVID, a safeguarding concern, or financial help?

Call someone. Anyone. But do call.

Shipdham surgery: 820225

Norfolk helpline: 0344 8008020

See **Breckland.gov.uk** for range of financial help and advice including the Household Support Fund

Parish Council meetings are normally at the WI Hall, on the 2nd Monday of each month. 15 minutes in each meeting are for your questions – please pop in and have your say!

COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Would YOU be interested?

Shipdham plans to set up a Community Allotment plot for those that couldn't take on one by themselves.

Contact the Clerk if interested.

Planning and development in Shipdham

All planning applications can be viewed at www.breckland.gov.uk/planningsearch. Look under Shipdham Parish to see those applications currently planned and approved in the village.

Your Parish Council - your call

Contact the Clerk in first instance on any parish matter: **June Smith** - 01760 440953

For other Councillors, contact details are:

Carole Playford (Chair) - 07954 120345 or 822154

Sam Shelley (Vice Chair) - 07711 362462 **Paul Hewett** - 820354

Lynda Turner - 07500 818315 **Simon Smith** - 07885 113860

Paul Belo - 07576 750022 **Rose Chaplin** - 07503 473676

Derek Cross - 07587 031685

Website: www.shipdham.org **Clerk:** clerk.shipdham@btconnect.com

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