



Special thanks to those who volunteer on the various committees; Church, Village Hall, footpaths, litter pickers, church mowers, cleaners etc. who all make an invaluable contribution to village life.

A Year in Review & News:

On behalf of the Parish Council may I extend a warm welcome to all of our new residents and we hope that you are settling well into village life. My thanks goes to existing residents for their continued support in keeping Shotteswell a nice place to live.

Library Dates for 2019

The Mobile Library calls at the bus shelter between 11.20am and 11.55am (35 minutes).

Warwickshire Libraries are now offering a new eBook and eAudiobook service, *BorrowBox*, where you can download eBooks and eAudiobooks twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

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Below are the dates when the Mobile Library will be in Shotteswell:

April 2nd & 23rd	May 14th	June 4th & 25th
July 16th	August 6th & 27th	September 17th
October 8th & 29th	November 19th	December 10th

Defibrillator

New residents may not be aware that Shotteswell has its own defibrillator, this is located on the Village Hall wall nearest to the main entrance doors. In the event of an emergency, please dial 999 and you will be given the access code.

Further information on the use of the machine is available on

www.shotteswellvillage.co.uk

We have tried to ensure that all new residents have received the laminated informational card about the defibrillator, if you have not yet received one then please contact us.

Horton General Hospital

The formation of the Horton HOSC (Health Overview Scrutiny Committee) has been completed, albeit that Stratford District Council have concerns over the representation of our area on the committee. This is currently being followed up by the respective MP's.

There have only been three meetings so far. It would be reasonable to say that it has been both a slow and hard going process, the first meeting was a bedding in session and the second held in December was to hear accounts from patients affected by the changes and other interested bodies. The last meeting was a progress report. A survey is in the process of being conducted, awaiting views of mothers and mothers-to-be of the maternity services, since the temporary downgrade.

Banbury and the surrounding area has seen significant development in recent times and there appears to be even more planned if the Cambridgeshire /Oxfordshire corridor is developed as proposed, this will see resources stretched further. Many expectant mothers from the Banbury area are using Warwick Hospital, which in turn will put additional pressure on services. The Horton Maternity Unit needs to be restored back to a fully functional obstetric led unit. Gynaecological services are also being stretched and the John Radcliffe Hospital is currently sending women out of County in an attempt to catch up (these services were removed from the Horton a while ago).



The decision has already been made to leave the Children's Ward and A&E at the Horton for the time being, this was to be part of the Phase Two consultation, which for the time being has been scrapped.

Having a maternity unit at the Hospital does help support those two services, therefore continued support to restore the unit is essential.

Of significant concern currently, is the

threat to the PET scanner at the Churchill and Cancer Services Cancer Treatment and Care is a high priority

The Oxford University Hospital Trust and its patients currently benefit from a world class CT-PET-SCAN provision and service for patients with suspected cancer and those who are already diagnosed with this disease. This is located in the Churchill Hospitals Radiology department.

PET-CT scans are for many types of cancer. They are generally thought to be more accurate in diagnosing cancer than PET scans alone.

It appears that the Trust has been informed by NHSE that the Trust's PET-SCAN provision was to be re-contracted. Despite a tender being made by the Trust, it was considered not financially acceptable and the contract will instead be awarded to a private company called "InHealth".

Furthermore this service for patients will no longer be in the Churchill's specially designed accommodation, but off-site, in converted buildings near the ring road, or in the Manor private hospital, or perhaps elsewhere.

It appears that the professional quality of the "InHealth" staff do not hold the ARSAC Licence. ARSAC = Administration of Radioactive Substance Advisory Committee. Similarly, "InHealth" would not be able to support the current Multi-Disciplinary Team membership arrangements, which are essential for the work with patients.

These teams bring together the clinicians from different disciplines (surgeons, oncologists, radiotherapists, etc); they meet to decide on the best treatment for each patient's cancer.

At present at the OUH, because of the joint working across the Trust, the whole Nuclear Medicine Department ensures that these teams are attended by Radiologists (as treatment often depends crucially on the extent of the cancer found on the PET-CT scan). "InHealth" would have no Radiologists present to provide expert advice, as it is understood that that service would be outsourced.

This has been raised with all the MP's in the area and is to be referred to the Oxfordshire Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee in April as an urgent matter. it is expected that this decision will be referred to the Secretary of State for consideration from the IRP (Independent Review Panel).

Cllr Ingram continues to attend the meetings and keep us updated. The Save our Horton Facebook page is still up and running and can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/7187646388/>

Parish Council Finance

The Parish Council continues its unblemished record, with another clean audit in 2018.

Shotteswell Parish Council Accounts 2017/18

Receipts		Payments	
Interest	0.55	Auditors	Nil
VAT Refund	299.32	Poppy Wreath	50.00
		WALC	95.26
		Hire of Village Hall	50.00
		Verge Maintenance/Trees	228.00
		Playing Field	838.80
		Plants & Bulbs	130.20
		Insurance	1,044.55
		Printing & Stationery	312.19
		Grass Mowing	1,808.00
		RoSPA	117.80
		Brasenose	350.00
		Defib	40.08
Total	299.87	Total	5073.87

Reconciliation	
Balance B/F	2,567.63
Precept	5,500.00
Receipts	299.87
Total Receipts	8,367.50
Total Payments	5,064.60
To C/F 2018/19	3,302.90

A large proportion of our funding this year has been spent on necessary tree works, these included works to the trees on the Village Green and to clearing trees outside of the playing field. We made a significant contribution to helping with the tree that



was creating issues in the Church Yard. All the wood cut down was left for villagers to access for personal use, only brash was removed off-site.

It had been our wish to reduce the Council Tax this year, unfortunately owing to the possibility of a potential election (which has to be funded by the Parish) we decided it was a sensible approach to retain these costs as reserve funding, with a view to reducing the precept next year if the funding is not required. If the election is not contested the reserved funds will not be required. It is worth noting that the Shotteswell Council Tax is considerably lower than most of the surrounding Parishes of a similar size, owing to our Parish Councillors undertaking work where feasible to keep costs at a minimum.

We continue with the annual hedge trimming programme. At the request of some of our residents we have opted to not cut the verges along Coronation Lane to encourage wildlife, which we, like our residents feel is very important in order to protect insects and birds by retaining the brambles and seed heads they need in the hedgerows.

Fly Tipping

We have had a few isolated incidents of fly tipping this year, but not as many as previous years.

Please continue to let us know if you spot anything suspicious. It can take a few days for Stratford Council to collect the rubbish once notified.

This also applies to road kill, the Council will collect any incidents that are reported.



Poppy Wreath

The Poppy wreath was laid on behalf of the Parish by Eileen Spencer. Eileen's late husband Bill Spencer served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War. Bill was born and continued to live in the village all of his life - new residents may be interested to know that the bench on the lower Mollington Road is dedicated to his memory.

The Shotteswell Poppy Appeal collection raised the total of £246.22.

We offer our gratitude to all those that supported the Appeal with a donation.

The Playing Field

The Playing Field continues to be a very popular asset to the village, and we are pleased that it is regularly being used.

The field is available to host events such as wedding receptions, parties, fêtes and other festivities or celebrations.

Due to the state of disrepair, this year we will need to replace the parasols. The original parasols have provided an area of shade in the exposed, sunny field for the last ten years. Other options for creating a shaded area have been explored, but due to higher costs have been discounted.

Unfortunately, we have continued to receive complaints about dogs being taken into the field. We would like to politely ask for your cooperation to avoid taking dogs into the field, due to the health risks of children being exposed to dog excrement.

Winter & Snow



At the time of writing this newsletter, we have managed to escape the worst of the winter compared to last year's Beast from the East.

In preparation for another harsh winter, the salt bins were at the ready and the grit lorries continued to make the circuit through the village, to keep our roads safe for all villagers and visitors. We are really pleased that we fought so hard, many years ago, to have the gritters include Shotteswell in their circuit again, to keep our roads safe in the winter.

Road Repairs

Road safety is very important to us. We endeavour to ensure that the roads are kept in a good state of repair, working closely with the Highways Department.

Since our last newsletter, here are just a few of the ways we have ensured our roads are kept in good condition:

- The junction at New Road has been repaired and the white lines replaced.
- We helped to achieve repair work of the water leak on Mollington Road.
- By mid-March, we are expecting the road to be repaired outside of the Village Hall.
- Damage on the B4100 between Shotteswell and Warmington has been reported.
- We are in the process of requesting repairs on Bakehouse Lane to prevent water escaping into the highway. At the time of writing, we have been informed that the work is expected to be undertaken in the next financial year.

- Blocked gullies, from mud and leaves, have been reported. Where possible we do try to keep these as clear as possible ourselves.
- In an attempt to encourage drivers to reduce their speed and drive considerably through the village, the Council purchased '20's plenty' road signs, which were installed at each entry to the village.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the County Highways team for their assistance.



Street Signs

At the last Parish Council meeting, the current poor state of the street signage was brought to our attention. Unfortunately, sufficient funds were not available at the local authority to get these repainted, in an effort to resolve this issue and keep costs down we have undertaken the painting of them ourselves, with the permission of the local authority. We are pleased to report that eleven signs have already been repaired and returned to their former glory.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Ingram for hand-painting the signs, and also to her son who kindly removed and replaced the signs after they were repaired.



Improvements to the power supply

Significant works were undertaken along Back Hill this past year. The work began in April 2018 and were recently completed. Western Power laid an underground power supply enabling the overhead wires to be removed. While we appreciate this caused a lot of disruption at the time, we believe that this has made vast improvements to the area.

It has been a long cherished ambition of the current and previous Councils to try and move as much of the electricity network underground as possible. We're happy to report that there are a further two schemes also in the pipeline.

Shortly these schemes will cease and people will have to take electricity companies to court if they wish to cancel the wayleave, so if you are still with overhead cabling we would urge you to pursue this quickly if you would like to see the poles removed.



Footpaths

There were some concerns expressed over the height of the style leading over Laurel Farm. The Parish Council in conjunction with the County Council, working closely with the owners of Laurel Farm agreed upon a new design. The new design maintained the integrity of the existing fencing and kept the field, stock proof, whilst facilitating easier access.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to please be considerate to land owners and the land by keeping to the designated footpath routes.



World War One Commemoration

We are proud to report that our Parish is noted in the Battles Over Nationwide Tribute organised by Bruno Peek, Pageant Master which paid tribute to the millions killed or wounded in battle and those on the homefront who struggled amidst the pain and loss to help ensure freedom survived.

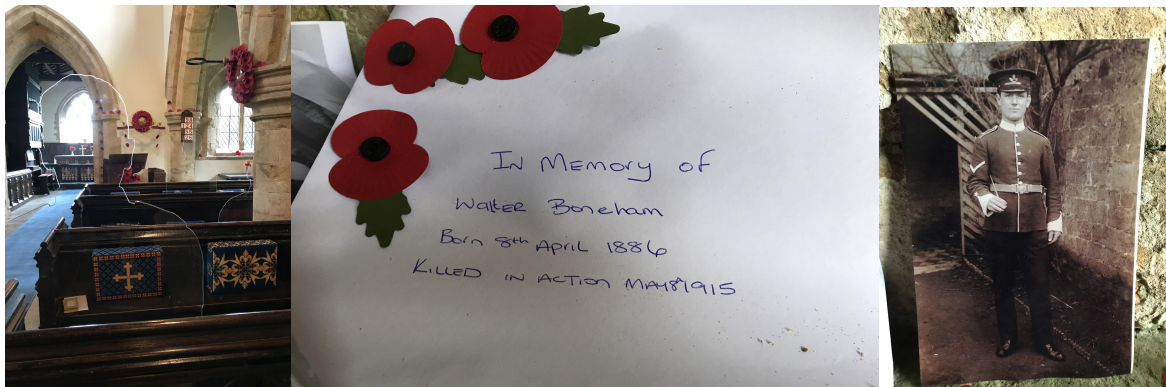
We are delighted that the village took this so much to heart and what a superb occasion the event was.

A fundraiser kicked off the event, which took the form of an afternoon tea with an abundance of cakes. We were thrilled to see how many joined us in the Village Hall and the array of cakes donated by some of the best bakers in Warwickshire!

An appeal for donations towards the commemoration bench, which now sits proudly overlooking the Church, near the entrance to the playing field again generated an overwhelming response and we would like to record a huge thanks for your donations.

Having applied for a grant towards the purchase of the "There but not There" silhouettes we were awarded nine silhouettes which represent the nine men lost in the wars from this Parish. It was a proud and moving moment to see the silhouettes sitting on the pews in the Church each representing the respective families that lost loved ones in the Parish, but we feel sure it would have resonated with anyone who had also lost family or friends in the wars.

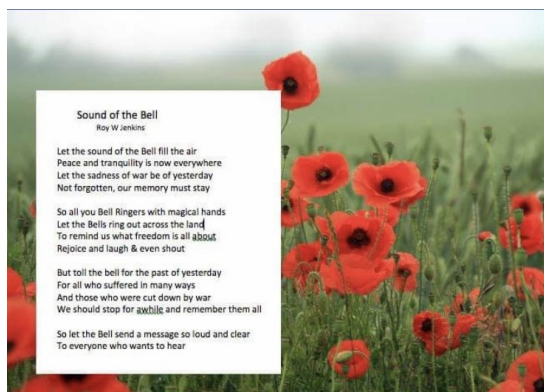
We were thrilled to see that the same silhouettes adorned the seats in the Chapel in the Hall of Westminster and throughout Churches, Chapels and Cathedrals in the country. We are grateful for the many favourable comments about the silhouettes from the community.



Part of the order on the actual day of November 11th was the pealing of bells, this began with muffled bells in the morning, the muffles were then removed at mid-day and rung again in the evening.

We are very grateful to the Church for being so accommodating in making such a memorable event - made even more memorable by the bell ringing. Our special thanks go to the bell ringers for ringing throughout the day.

In the evening we joined together at the Village Hall which was festooned in red, white and blue and bedecked with copious amounts of Union Jack bunting. A wonderful meal was prepared and a huge variety of pudding provided by members of our community - we were literally spoilt for choice!



The proceeds from the bar on the evening were donated to the Village Hall, at a total of £220. Our thanks to our bar staff for their help.

The final act of the day was the lighting of the beacon in the Children's Playing Field, earlier in the day there was some nervousness due to inclement weather, but all went off without a hitch. As the crowd made their way across the field, bells rang and the fire was aglow, which created a very moving atmosphere as we remembered those that lost their lives. We recorded the number of attendees and a little over a hundred attended at various parts during the evening which is a splendid turnout, and others that couldn't physically attend had sent contributions both to the bench and the food.



I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the Councillors for their help, in particular I would like to share our gratitude to the efforts of Cllr Burgess, Cllr Omer and Cllr Ingram who pulled the events together, it was a lot of hard work but I hope you will all agree certainly worth it.

So it remains for me to say on behalf of the Parish Council to all residents a huge thank you to all who contributed, supported, attended and for honouring those lost not only in this Parish but throughout the country, Shotteswell certainly did us proud another one for the history books.

Refuse Collections for 2019/20

Month	Green/Blue Recycle/Garden	Grey Household
April	3rd / 17th	10th/ 24th
May	1st/ 15th/ 29th	8th/ 22nd
June	12th/ 26th	5th/ 19th
July	10th/ 24th	3rd/ 17th/ 31st
August	7th/ 21st	14th/ 28th
September	4th/ 18th	11th/ 25th
October	2nd/ 16th/ 30th	9th/ 23rd
November	13th/ 27th	6th/ 20th
December	11th Blue Friday 27th Green Saturday 28th	4th/ 18th Thursday 2nd January
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January	8th/ 22nd	Thursday 2nd January 15th/ 29th
February	5th/ 19th	12th/ 26th
March	4th/ 18th	11th/ 25th

Christmas Collections

- Friday, 27th December, Blue, Recycle
- Saturday, 28th December, Green, Garden Waste
- Thursday, 2nd January, Grey, Household Waste

More information on what you can recycle is available on

www.shotteswellvillage.co.uk

Your Parish Councillors are:

- Les Faulkner, Chairman (01295 730576)
- Val Ingram, Clerk (01295 730203)
- Michael Pearson
- Jan Burgess
- Anne Omer - Cllr Omer has announced her intention to step down this year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank her for all of her contributions during her term in office.



