



Shotteswell



## The Village of Shotteswell

The Parish of Shotteswell lies on the extreme south easterly edge of the County of Warwickshire, forming a peninsula, and is surrounded on three sides by Oxfordshire.

The parish comprises of 1,305 acres most of which is rich agricultural land, for the most part farmed by men who live in the village. The village itself lies on the east slope of a small range of hills that runs north from Banbury and about 16 miles from Warwick, it is just off the B4100. The village boasts some extensive and beautiful views over the valley. The Avon, a tributary of the Cherwell, separates the parish from Oxfordshire on the east, as does another small tributary on the west, the northern boundary being defined by an even smaller stream. The cottages and farms in the village are mainly constructed of Ferruginous limestone – known as Hornton stone. The scientific name captures nothing of the rare qualities of Hornton stone, which can range from a warm light brown colour through to brown-purple, grey and green to various shades of mauve and blue. A stone noted for its hard wearing properties and ease of working, it is little wonder that architects and artists have admired and used the



Village well, Snuff Lane

stone mined at the nearby Hornton quarries for centuries. Very few of the cottages remain thatched today; most of the original buildings are largely clustered around the church and forming steep and narrow lanes.

The modern name, Shotteswell, seems to have been derived from the old English words "Scota" or "Sceota", meaning offshoot or brow of a hill with the word "well" added, the name has been spelt in the past in various ways of which the most common are "Cheteswell" and "Sacheswell". Old inhabitants sometimes refer to the village as "Satchell" giving perhaps a hint of how it used to be spelt or the accent of the locals!

The neighbouring village of Warmington (two miles further north) is mentioned in the Domesday book with a very large area of land and it would seem that the present parish of Shotteswell was in those days part of the parish of Warmington. The first Lords of the manor to be named were the Earls of Warwick and at one time, the Earl granted sub-Lordship to the ancestors of John de Dive. He was followed by Robert Fitzwith and later in the reign of King John by the family of the Manards. There is a reference to a gift of six cottages by the Earl of Warwick to the Canon of Studely, but the reference is undated, as also is another gift by the Earl of Warwick to the Canon of Clattercote. At any rate during the reign of



Henry VIII, Sir Thomas Pope became the owner of the lands that had been given to the Monks of Studely and Clattercote and later obtained possession of the Manor and the Living. This was at the same time as Sir Thomas Pope who founded Trinity College Oxford and became the owner of Wroxton Abbey. The **Manor (right)** passed to the North family who has since sold their properties within the village. Lord North planted the Coronation Tree (Horse Chestnut, junction of Middle Lane and Coronation Lane) to commemorate the Coronation of King George V in June 1911.



The parish of Shotteswell became a separate benefice in 1381, before that it seems to have been part of Warmington. The parish church shows evidence in the Norman arcade of a previous church having been enlarged in 1100. Further enlargements took place in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, when an English arcade was added presumably the chancel and the tower. The church is one of the finest in the district, being well cared for and kept in very good repair. There is also evidence in the vestry of the original Saxon building which must have been little more than a Monks cell, where one of the Monks from Warmington would come from time to time to minister to the people of the village. The church registers go back to about 1500 and it seems clear that Shotteswell was then and had been for some years a parish of its own. In 1925, the parish was again combined with Warmington as Vicar of Shotteswell, the Rector also being responsible for Ratley and Radway. In 2007 again with restructuring of the Clergy the churches combined with Kineton and Combroke, making the priest in charge responsible for the six parishes, aided by an associate minister (part time).



St. Laurence Church, 1919

The church bells were augmented and re-re-hung in 1996, having been restored to their former glory; a lot of the village men helped with this project and were featured in the Banbury Guardian towing the bells along the churchyard path, on sturdy ropes. The bells sound wonderful and practice sessions take place on a Tuesday evening, anyone who would love to try their hand at

campanology is most welcome to come along. To celebrate the Millennium the church is now floodlit at weekends and on special occasions.

The populations of Shotteswell are given as, 336 in 1841, 242 in 1881, 217 in 1961, and 249 in 2008, of which 52 are persons under the age of 25.



Recorded charities consist of two pieces of land, Maidens Dole (about one and three quarters of an acre) and Poor's Lot about three quarters of an acre which was set aside in 1793. The income from these was to be used for the benefit of the poor persons living in the parish and at one time one loaf of bread was distributed to the parishioners on Good Friday, the remainder being distributed in cash, but now the income is used to buy coal for distribution to Old Age Pensioners or the cheque equivalent if they no longer have coal fires. The charity trustees are the Vicar (ex – officio) and two representatives appointed by the parish council.

At one time the village had its own bakery this was to be found originally at the Flying Horse and latterly at the (Old) Bakehouse, in Bakehouse lane. Two village shops, one at the (Old) Post Office, the other at Red Roof and then moving to The Flying Horse. Milk deliveries, were made from here to surrounding villages. Three pubs once existed in the village. The last to close was The Flying Horse, in Middle Lane. The Wobbly Wheel was formally known as the Hare and Hounds. The Caravan shop stands on the site of the old garage on the B4100, which closed with the prospect of the M40 and competition from the supermarkets.



**Corner Cottage** - one of the village's former public houses



**Flying Horse**, which in the past has been a bakery, public house and shop

Next door to the Farm shop is where the village policeman used to reside. At one time the village had its own road man, who swept the lanes by hand. Shotteswell had six working farms. The First turn into the village is much lower now than it used to be, this was modified to take out the big dip on the main road, formally known as the A41, now down graded to the B4100, which had become a notorious black spot (if you look carefully you can see evidence of where the bank has been cut away). Fortunately, the mile stone on the First Turn was restored a few years ago by Trevor Dean formally of this parish. There are some families that remain within the village who can trace their ancestry back in Shotteswell for more than five hundred years....



Above: **Middle Lane**, 1910 - 1919

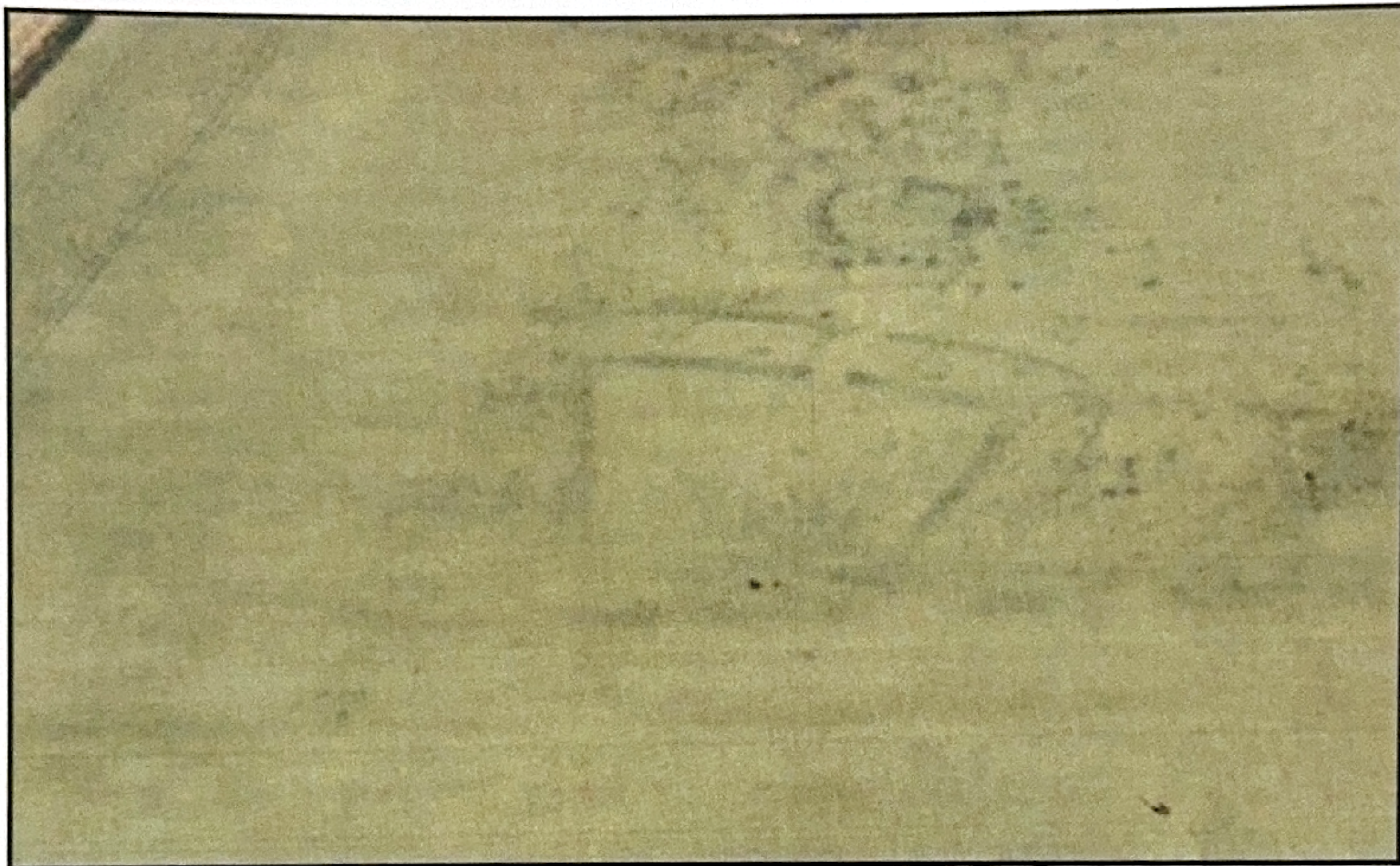
Below: **Snuff Lane**. 1939





## Archaeological finds in Shotteswell

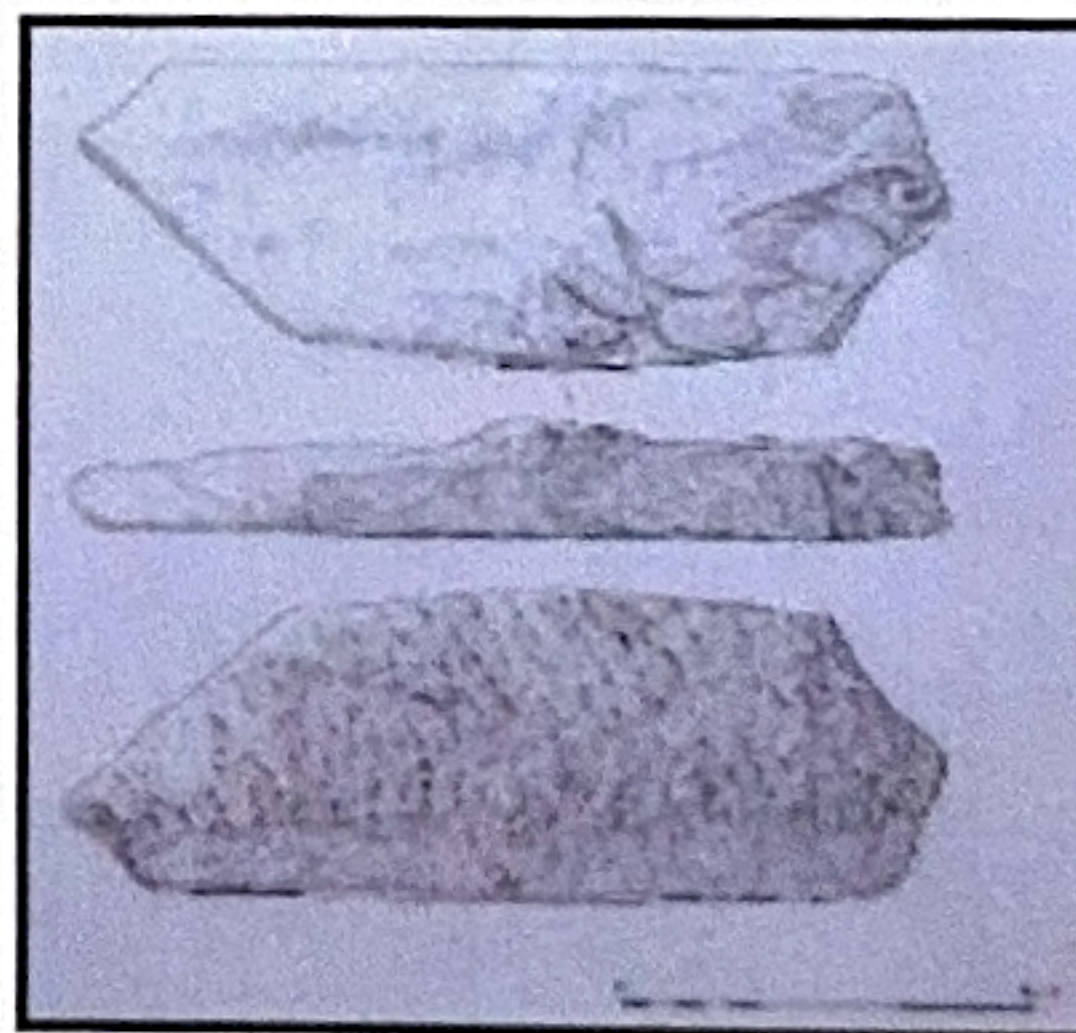
Iron Age and Roman Materials (The Roman period comes after the Iron Age but before the Saxon period)



These are photographs showing crop marks of linear features and enclosure pits, some four hundred metres north west of Shotteswell. Fragments of a Roman marble sarcophagus have also been found, three hundred metres south east. of Langcomb Covert. Pottery, mainly Roman but with some Iron Age and a coin of Constantine, have also be found. As recently as 2003 a further excavation was undertaken looking for further artefacts.



**Roman marble sarcophagus** (sarcophagus was a stone coffin, embellished with sculpture)



**Sketch of the find**

Crop marks of linear features, in nearby field in the parish. Crop marks appear as light and dark marks in growing/ripening crops. These marks relate to differences in the soil below. Parched lines of grass may indicate stone walls. Crops that grow over stone features often ripen earlier, because there is less moisture where the wall lies.

**Excavation pit (right)**





## War Years

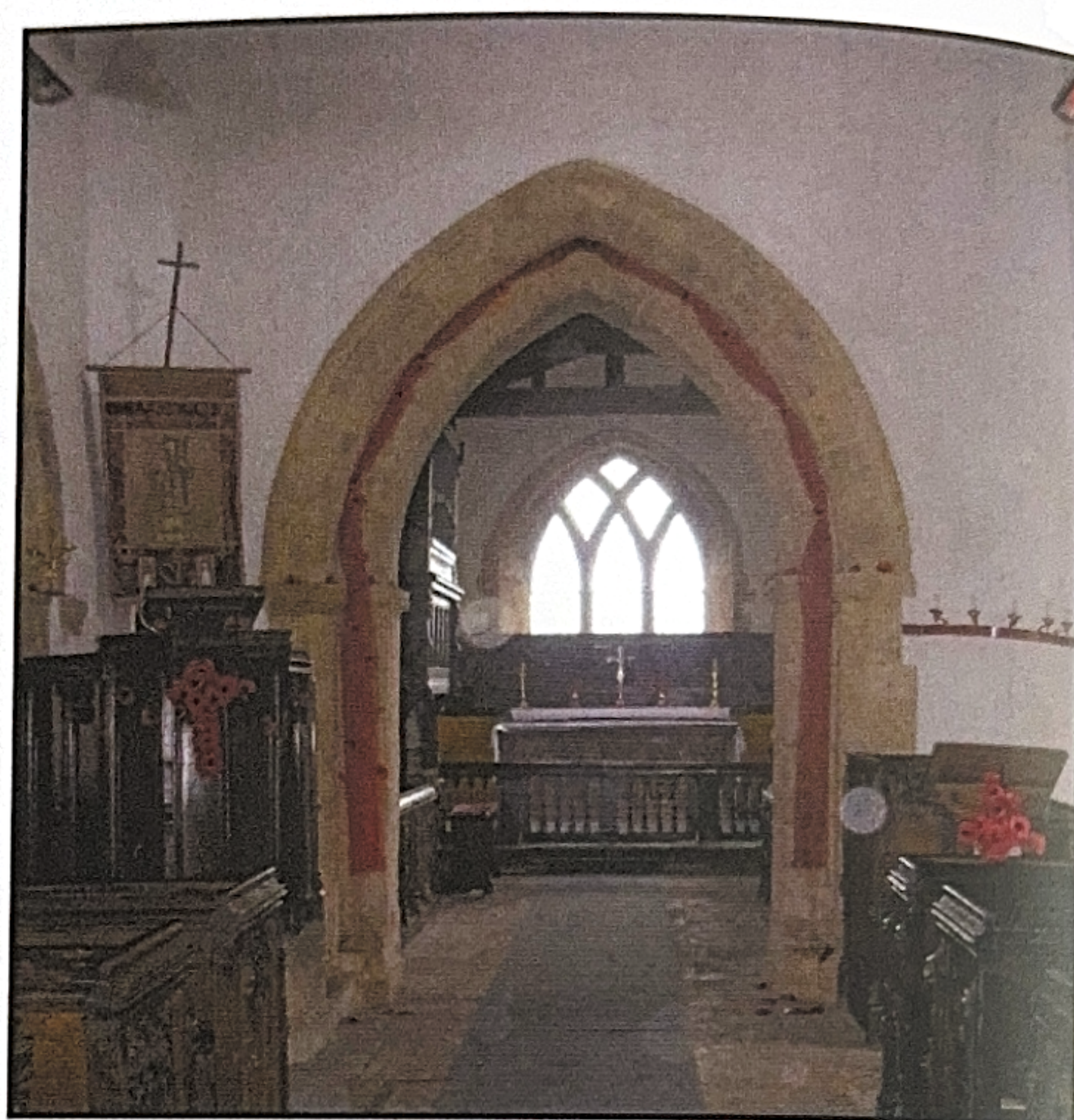
Even a small community like Shotteswell was profoundly affected by war in the twentieth century. The war memorial in the Church porch records the death of men who gave their lives for their country.

### 1914 – 1918

W. Boneham, O.B.L.I.  
J. F. Norton, War Regt  
J. T. Prickett, O.B.L.I.  
D. M. Starkey, R Sussex

### 1939 – 1945

B. M. Gilbert, R. N.  
R. J. Tuckey, O. B.L.I.  
L.T. White, R.A.C.  
W. Proffit White, R.A.F.

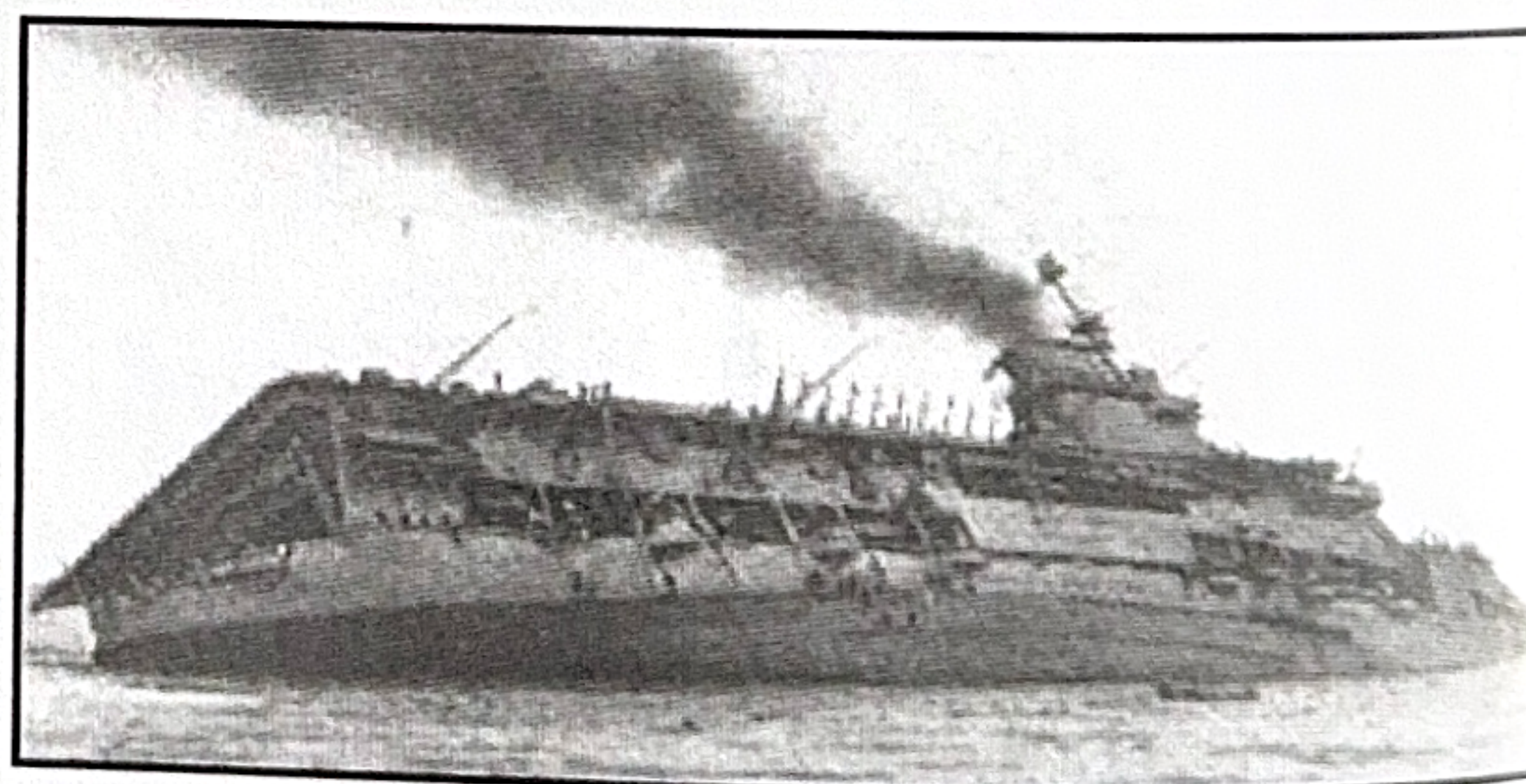


Church dressed for Remembrance service

In 1983, Louisa Gilbert initiated the purchase of a poppy wreath to be laid at Shotteswell Church; ironically the wreath was to be laid just eleven days before she herself died unexpectedly. Her husband a Royal Navy Officer had been killed on the *Courageous* the first Naval vessel to be lost in the Second World War. The laying of the wreath has been continued ever since, at first being paid for by the church, however it is now purchased on behalf of the parish by the Parish Council, and has been laid for many years by Bill Spencer an ex-veteran of the Second World War.



War memorial, St Laurence Church



HMS Courageous sinking after being torpedoed by U-29

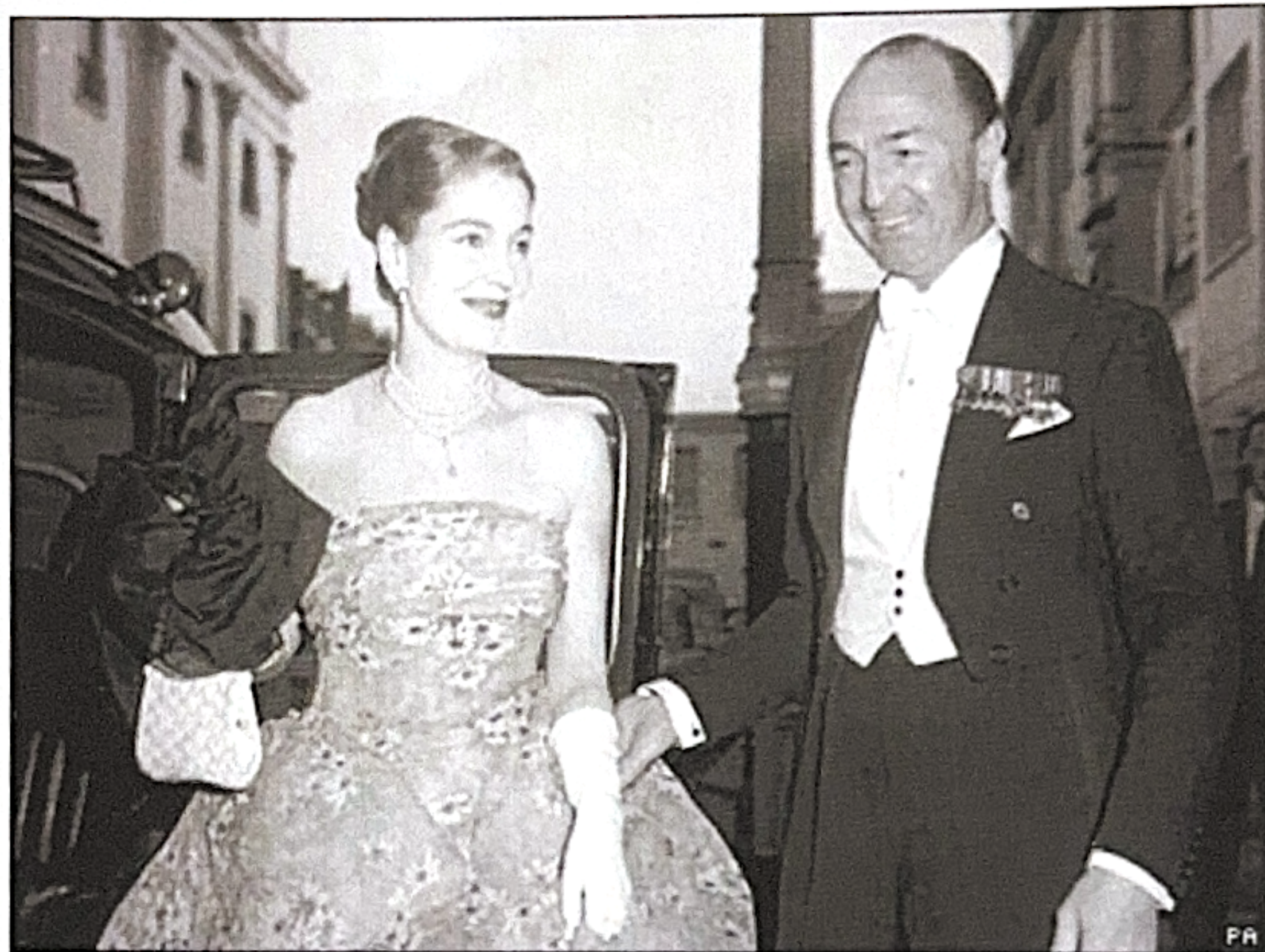


Bill Spencer (right), when he joined the Navy



## Profumo Connections

In 1963 Shotteswell was embroiled in the Profumo scandal when the press besieged the village searching for John Profumo. John Profumo was the 5<sup>th</sup> Baron Profumo, his father had been an Italian Baron and Kings Counsel, emigrating to the UK in 1885 and building his fortune on insurance. John Profumo was married to the very glamorous film actress Valerie Hobson, John had been the M.P. for Stratford on Avon, rising to the ranks of Minister for War. Following the discovery of the Christine Keeler affair, he resigned as M.P. and fled from London. The Profumo scandal proved a heady mixture of intelligence secrets, sex and the aristocracy.



**Valerie Hobson & John Profumo**

The family home had been at Avon Carrow at Avon Dassett, but Elizabeth, John Profumo's sister lived here in Shotteswell, and so the reporters came here too. John Profumo was a regular visitor to his sister, at both of the two Profumo homes in the village, Mount Stuart and Cherry Lodge. The disgraced M.P. then devoted his time to charitable and philanthropic works and was awarded the CBE, in recognition of this. As time went by he was seen to have been forgiven, he had after all done the honourable thing and resigned, even being invited to Margret Thatcher's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and seated by her majesty Queen Elizabeth II. When Miss Profumo died the funeral service was held here in St Laurence Church and her body was later taken to London for internment.

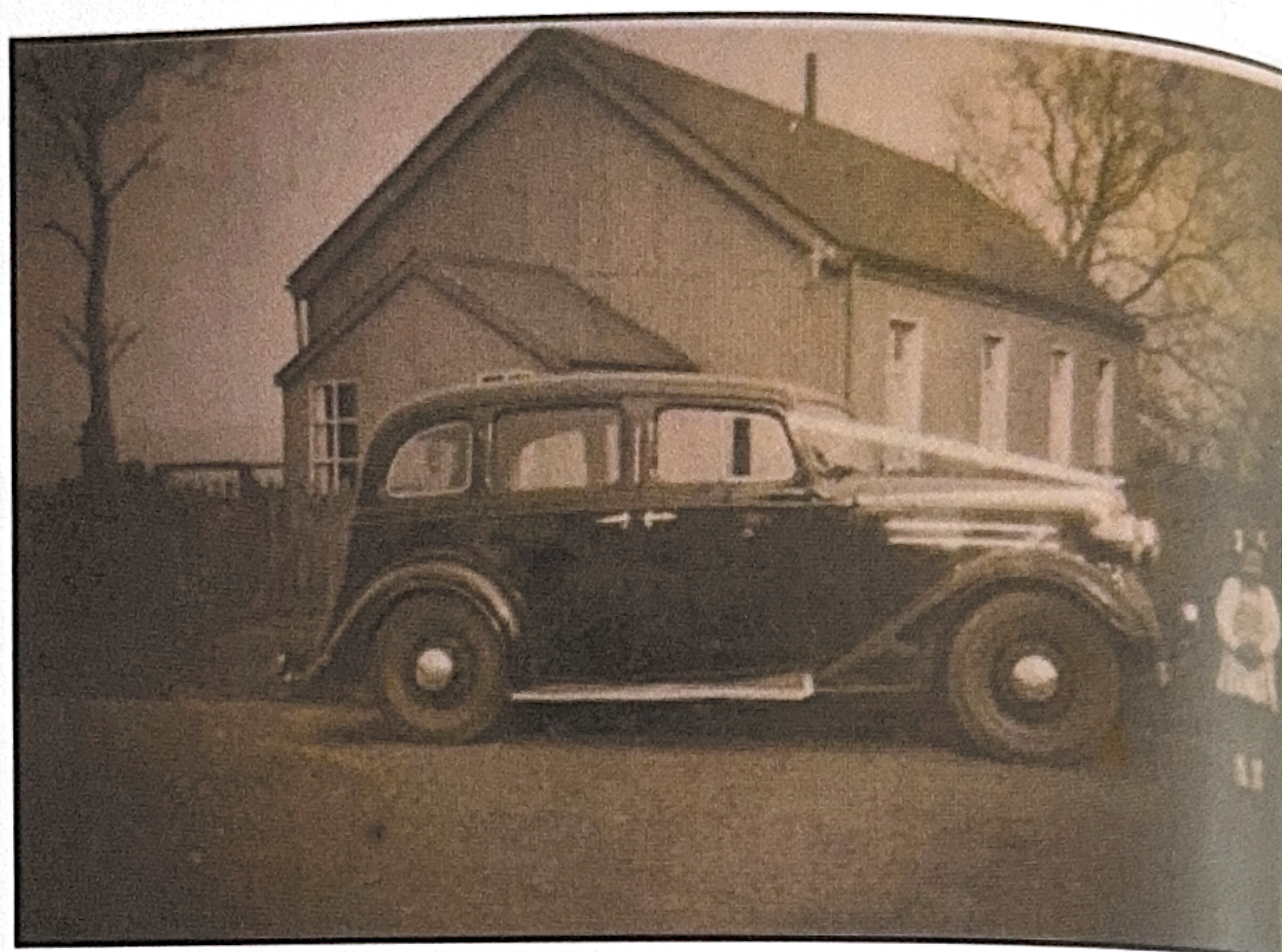


Former Profumo residences  
**Cherry Lodge** (above) and  
**Mount Stuart cottage** (right)



The Village Green was the former site of the Church Hut. In the early seventies, Miss Profumo loaned the village the money to buy the Old School (now village hall) and the hut was demolished. The village hall is left in trust for the benefit of the community.

Picture of the **Church Hut**, child in picture Lynne Gilbert, stood by her father's car. In the background you can see the Walnut tree which stands in the grounds of Cherry Lodge.



## Views of Shotteswell



The two village shops and the Hut 1960's



Snuff Lane



## HELPFUL INFORMATION

There are 105 houses in Shotteswell and approximately 240 villagers (dwellings stretching from the Slated Barn down to Valley Farm and even half of the Wobbly Wheel pub are within our parish). The village pamphlet was first issued in 1970, fourth revision in 1990, fifth revision in 1997 sixth revision in 2000, seventh revision in 2004 and eighth revision 2008

### Trees

All trees over seven and a half inches in diameter, 1.5 meters from the ground require strict permission from Stratford District Council to either be pruned or felled. This also includes Fruit trees as from (1999). Failure to comply with this regulation carries a fine of a maximum of twenty thousand pounds. Shotteswell was designated as a Conservation area in 1969. If you wish to undertake work to prune or fell your tree you must apply to the Head of Planning, Stratford District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick's, there is currently no fee for this service, or telephone 01789 267575.



Violets growing down Church Lane

### Concessionary Bus Passes

Are available for any one over the age of sixty, please apply to Stratford District Council – 01789 267575

### Bonfires

At the request of many residents we ask for some consideration for your fellow neighbours. Please refrain from having bonfires where at all possible but if you do need one please be aware of the weather conditions and that many people may wish to be outside gardening sunbathing, playing or drying washing.

Remember that it is far more environmentally friendly to compost or use your green wheelie bin for garden waste. Bonfires add significantly to the Green house effect they are also severely detrimental to asthma sufferers or anyone with heart complaints. Aside from the green wheelie bins it is possible to have the chipping service for a very nominal fee available from the County Council

### Wood Chipping Service

For a nominal charge of (fifteen pounds) you can avail yourself of this service. Contact 01926 738827 (9.30am - 12.30pm answer phone available after these hours)

The chippings will be left with the householder in bags to be used for mulching

There are sound environmental reasons for keeping your chipped green waste and using it in the garden, land filling garden waste contributes to the creation of Methane gas which is a potent greenhouse gas thought to contribute to climate change. Also by using your own chippings as mulch you will reduce the need to buy chemical weed controls in your garden

Discounted compost units are available contact 01926 412961 or visit

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wastewise](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wastewise)



## Dogs

Fouling within the village is strictly forbidden and can incur a penalty of a fine (up to one thousand pounds); please keep dogs on leads within the confines of the village. Anyone experiencing problems in this area should contact the Animal Welfare Officer on 01789 267575. Please clean up after your dogs and also please clear up after them on the public footpaths around the village.

Please note that dogs are not allowed in the children's playing field, please observe this request for the children who play there from a health perspective and also it is pretty intimidating to have a loose dog around small children. Often when ball games are being played both the children and dogs become excitable and unintentional nips may occur.

## Parish Council

### Parish Councillors currently in office

Chairman;	Les Faulkner, Valley Farm, Shotteswell	01295 730 576
Vice Chairman:	Malcolm Tuvey, The Old Farmhouse	01295 730 644
	John Middleton, Pedlars Cottage, Shotteswell	01295 738 188
Clerk	Valerie Ingram, The Old Post Office, Shotteswell	01295 730 203
	Robert Gilchrist: The Old Vicarage, Shotteswell	01295 730 213
County Councillor:	David Booth, Lighthorne Heath	01926 640728
District Councillor:	Simon Jackson, Arlescote	01295 690223
Member of Parliament	John Maples, (Con) House of Commons, London	02072 193000

**N.B. To new residents, electoral registration can take place at any time of the year. Contact Stratford District Council, Electoral Registration Officer, 01789 260209 to apply.**



St. Laurence Church



## Parish Church

The church is dedicated to St. Laurence and is now over 1,000 years old, as of 1981.

Please see Church pamphlet delivered monthly or inside the Church porch for service details

<b>Priest in Charge;</b>	The Revd Charmaine Host	01926 640 248
<b>Associate Minister;</b>	The Revd Richard Cooke	01295 690 213
		Urgent messages 07952 544820
		E-Mail
		<a href="mailto:Richard.Cooke@CovCofE.org">Richard.Cooke@CovCofE.org</a>
<b>Administrator</b>	Carole Foy	01295 688 281
<b>Church Warden</b>	Alan Reilly, Woolgrove Cottage, Linda Clarke, Yew Tree Cottage	01295 730 476
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mrs Pauline Tarrant, Mount Stuart	01295 730 687
<b>Secretary;</b>	Mr Godfrey Boulton, Hillside Cottage	01295 738244

## Gift Aid

It is possible to gift aid for the benefit of the Church. If you are an UK tax payer you may make your contribution weekly in the special envelope located at the end of each pew. Alternatively, you may wish to make just one annual donation to the Church instead. Parishioners who purchase flowers to decorate the church may also give their receipts to the treasurer who will be able to claim gift aid for the Church.

We are fortunate to have such a beautiful Church within our parish, so please support it when you can!

## Mowing rota

We have been fortunate enough to have had the tremendous support from the men of the parish in keeping the churchyard in such pristine condition. We currently have a dedicated team who work in pairs and generally this means only cutting once during the mowing season. However, additional volunteers to join the rota are always required and most welcome. 2007 saw Shotteswell attain the accolade of 'Best in the District', it is hoped that this can be sustained.

If you would be willing to join the rota please contact either Alan Reilly or Val Ingram. The new rota is prepared in early spring time

## Brass & Flower rota

Volunteers take it in turns to clean the Church brasses and put flowers on the two altars throughout the year, again on a fortnightly cycle. The village is deeply appreciative of all of their hard work to keep the Church always looking so beautiful.

On behalf of all the residents of Shotteswell may we say thank you for all of your hard work and encourage anyone willing to spare a few hours a couple of times a year to come forward and join the rota.

## Alternative places of worship

**Nearest Catholic churches:** St John's, Oxford Rd, Banbury; St Joseph's, Avon Dassett;  
St Francis', Kington.

**Nearest Baptist Church:** Peoples' Church, Horsefair, Banbury

**Nearest Methodist Church:** Hornton, Wroxton, Banbury, Cropredy & Warmington



## Campanology

Bell ringing practise is held on Tuesday evenings  
7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

New ringers are always welcome for further  
details contact either Alan Reilly or Vikki Palmer  
01295 730901.

## Women's Institute

Meets at Warmington village hall on the first  
Wednesday of each month at 7.30p.m Contact  
01295 690995 or 690337 for details  
Also held at Mollington Village Hall



Snowfall, St Laurence churchyard.

## Village Hall Committee

<b>Chairman:</b>	Mike Palmer, Lynwood	01295 730901
<b>Secretary:</b>	Linda Clark, Yew Tree cottage	01295 738143
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Terry Clark, Yew Tree cottage	01295 738143

The hall is available for hire for meetings, parties and other functions. See notice board outside of hall for details of hire rates. Equipment to hire is available at separate rates for outside functions.

## Art Club

2pm – 4pm and 7pm – 9pm on Mondays in the Village  
Hall, enquiries to Nick Baldwin contact  
07904 936149

Any level of artistic ability most welcome!

## Tuesday club

Meets most Tuesdays in the village hall between the hours  
of 10.30.am – 12 noon.  
Contact: Phillipa Upton 01295 738491

Open to all age's list of activities available from Phillipa or  
see board for details outside of the Village hall.

## Banbury Guardian Village Correspondent

Valerie Ingram, the Old Post Office 01295 730203

Any items for inclusion must please be delivered by Friday evening.

N.B. The inclusion of any item in the paper is at the complete discretion of the editor and may be subject to editing.



Village Hall (former village school).



## School Catchment Area:

The village school sadly closed in 1970 and is now serving as the Village Hall.

Primary School; Dasset C of E, junior and infant school (controlled).  
Headmistress: Mrs B Williams Cooke 01295 770267

Secondary School: Kineton High School, Kineton.  
Headmistress: Mrs Julia Morris 01926 640465

Warmington playschool for 3 – 5 year olds, at the Old School, Warmington  
Practitioner: Liz Wrighton 01926 640956

## Buses

See timetable in Bus shelter for details



Red Kiosk and Post-box.



The bus shelter and Village Green.

## Post Office

Held between 9a.m. – 1.00pm on Monday mornings  
Postmistress Valerie Ingram, the Old Post Office

Main collection from Post Box weekdays at 4.30pm and  
Saturday 7a.m. no Sunday collections

## Newspapers

Delivered daily by Smiths Newsagents 01295 268499

## Milk Deliveries

Dairy Crest; Delivering on Tuesdays, Thursdays Saturdays 01295 264776

## Butchers & Groceries

Mr P Mumford, The Green, Chipping Warden 01295 660348

Delivers Fridays and alternate Tuesdays, Purveyors of fine meats for over fifty years to the Village

## Farm Shop

Between the Wobbly Wheel pub and the Herb Centre, on the B4100

Selling meat, vegetables, milk and bread 01295 265071



## Supermarkets

The nearest supermarkets in Banbury are Tesco's, Sainsbury's, and Morrison's. Local convenient cooperative shops are situated on the Hardwick and Hanwell Fields estates. There is also a village shop located in Cropredy on the Canal Bridge. Cropredy also has a garage, blacksmith, gift shop, tea room and florist.

## Shopping

Banbury's Castle Quay shopping centre is the largest retail outlet in Oxfordshire hosting over 80 stores. It has over 1200 car parking spaces with disabled access (and shop mobility). Banbury Museum is also housed in this complex.

The National Herb Centre is situated on the B4100 between Warmington and Shotteswell and boasts a tea room, gift shop, children's activities and wide array of herbs and plants.

## Library

The mobile library visits the village on a three weekly cycle on Tuesdays (please check the notice board for dates) from the hours of 3.20 p.m. – 3.55 p.m. and parks alongside the Village Green. **Not** at the bus stop, because unfortunately the visit clashes with the school buses, setting down times. Books can be pre-ordered. 01926 851031

There are also local libraries in Kineton and Banbury.

## Refuse Collection

Collected by Stratford District Council on Mondays except for holiday periods, currently refer to sacks for details, but in August of 2008 the system will be revised with the advent of the new recycling scheme.

A table to show **expected** collection of waste.

Week 1	Non Recyclables and Food waste
Week 2	Garden waste and Food waste
	Recyclable materials encompassing paper, glass, plastic, cardboard and tins.

*N.B - Colour of table demarcates the bin to be used (bins will be delivered during June/July 2008)*

### Additional information relating to the new collection of refuse.

- Food waste (scraps of meat, cooked vegetables, peelings e.t.c.) may be wrapped in newspaper if so desired.
- Non recyclables (grey bin) will be items such as babies nappies, incontinence pads, polystyrene, plastic bags (for a comprehensive list please check notice board from June/July 2008).
- Recyclables will be glass, paper, cans and tins, cardboard, plastics (anything bottle shaped – please remove lids and squash, so removing the air and maximising the room in your bin).

This system has been introduced to avoid the County Council paying a premium in fines for using too much landfill space. We will all be playing our part in not letting our rubbish 'COST THE EARTH'.

Back door collections for those already registered will continue and contingency plans, although not yet announced, will be made for people having difficulties with steps etc. The scheme does not come into force until August. (When the bins are delivered please **do not** put food waste in with garden materials until advised as the new composting plant is not yet up and running!)

Bulky waste can be collected by arrangement with the District Council e.g. old cookers e.t.c. (tel: 01789 267575).

Nearest tip for Household waste is the Alkerton site opens 1<sup>st</sup> November – 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am – 5.00p.m and 1<sup>st</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> October at 8.30a.m. – 8.00p.m.





**Churchyard gate, Church Lane.**



**Springtime in Chapel Lane.**

### **O. A. P. services**

Pension and cash can be withdrawn from the Post Office on Monday mornings. Shotteswell Charity contributes towards coal once a year or the equivalent in cheque if you have alternate heating forms all enquiries to Pauline Tarrant 01295 730687

Details of help with transport or equipment available on the notice board, by the bus shelter.

### **Conservative Association**

Now amalgamated with Warmington branch  
Contact: 01789 292723

### **Cinema**

Odeon, Horsefair Banbury  
0871 2244007

### **Footpath Volunteers**

Help always welcome to maintain the footpaths in the village sponsored by Warwickshire County Council contact David Holman if you would like to help or if you spot any problems. Footpath map displayed on village hall wall 01295 730326



**End of an era second beech tree is felled**



## Local Pubs

The Wobbly Wheel, between Shotteswell and Warmington  
The Plough, Warmington  
The Green Man, Mollington  
Farnborough Inn, Farnborough  
The Avon, Avon Dassett  
The Castle Inn, Edgehill  
The Moon and Sixpence, Hanwell  
The Red Lion, Cropredy  
The Dun Cow, Hornton  
The Red Lion, Horley  
The White Horse, Wroxton Inn, The Bell, Wroxton.

## Medical Services

NHS Direct (telephone advice centre)	0845 4647
Horton General hospital	
Casualty Dept	01295 229416
Switchboard	01295 275500
West Bar Surgery	01295 256261
Horsefair Surgery	01295 259484
Windrush Surgery	01295 251491
Orchard Health Centre	01295 256201
Shennington Surgery	01295 678124
Fenny Compton Surgery	01295 770855
Cropredy Surgery	01295 758372

## Veterinary Services

Butler & Abbot, Hawthorne Lodge Banbury	01295 259466
West Bar, 19 West Bar Banbury	01295 262332

## Dentists

Bloxham Dentist, The Green Banbury (NHS)  
(Currently taking new patients)  
01295 257860

Banbury Dental Practice  
01295 251555

A view of Middle Lane



Back Hill.



Middle Lane. circ 1911





## Citizens Advice Bureau

Castle House, Cornhill, Banbury

0844 8487922

## Electricity

Power loss helpline

0800 056 8090

General enquiries

0800 096 3080

Currently e-on Central networks.

They tend to change their name on a regular basis but generally the number remains the same.

## Water

Severn Trent Water Authority (Avon District)

01926 496221  
0800 738444

Emergency at night cover

01203 414999

Thames Water (emergency)

0845 9200800

## Police

Our local Police Sergeant is Chris Cuthbertson 01789 414111  
Ask for ext 1054

Alternative number for police

01926 415000

*In the event of an emergency dial 999 but make sure that you tell the operator that Shotteswell is in Warwickshire, or your call may get downgraded when diverted.*

## Local Authorities

Stratford-on-Avon District Council,  
Elizabeth House, Church Street,  
Stratford-upon-Avon

01789 267575

Warwickshire County Council,  
Shire Hall, Warwick

01926 410410

## Riding School

Valley Farm, Mollington Road, Shotteswell  
Proprietor Denise Faulkner (all enquiries)

01295 730576

## Tree surgeon

Richard Clay, Wroxton

01295 730896



Snuff Lane, circ 1911



Milestone on the B 4100



## Defibrillator

Dedicated to the memory of the late Richard Corbett, facilitated by a very generous donation to the parish from Rosemarie Higham.

This scheme has been set up to back up the emergency services. The responders will be trained in first aid and how to use the defibrillator equipment and oxygen therapy. In due course as people become more transient we will be looking for new people who would be willing to undertake the training and maintain this worthwhile scheme. If you think that this may be for you then please get in contact with either Valerie Ingram or Hillary Wareing 01295 730203 or 01295 738750. The training is free as is the refresher course. If you would like to find out more of what is involved please ring the aforementioned.

## Playing field

Since the last booklet was published the Council has managed to get sufficient funding to acquire some children's' play equipment in the field. This has been a tremendous bonus to the entire community as it has benefited not only the village children but visitors as well. The playing field has thus far played host to barbeques, fun days, games and even Birthday parties. There has also been a helicopter land to ferry a bride to her reception.

The field will shortly have additional seating due to the kind donation of a further bench in memory of Richard Corbett from his wife, family and friends.

Regular inspections are undertaken by the Councillors. In order to keep the playing field clean and tidy patrons of the field are asked to take litter home and ensure that the gates are closed. It is hoped that residents will also respect that dogs are not to be taken into the field as they can scare small children and their excrement can cause Toxocara. Regular inspections are undertaken but should you encounter any problems please contact the Clerk. It should be remembered that there is **no kite flying permitted in the field**

Further acquisitions of children's' play equipment are planned to be installed in the near future. Discussions are currently being undertaken, and funding sought, to facilitate Boules area and fitness equipment for the adult community.

The entire funding of the equipment and fencing of the field has been gratefully provided by grants and VAT refunds.

The playing field was awarded the accolade at the Warwickshire Rural Community Council of "Highly Commended". It is hoped that members of the community will derive much pleasure from this amenity for many years to come.



Childrens' Playing Field.



## The Role of the Parish Council

This is an elected body to represent the village on issues such as planning etc. Any complaints regarding local services should be channelled via the parish council to avoid duplication of reports to the local authorities. Over the years useful contacts have been forged and generally we know who to get the best results from. Over the past few years the parish council have managed to achieve the following for the benefit of the residents of this parish:-

- > Replacement of the sign on the Motorway bridge junction
- > Secured the coloured studding on the B4100 to assist with locating the turns into the village during foggy weather.
- > Planted trees to commemorate the Millennium and Trafalgar Day
- > Continued with the bulb planting project to make the village look delightful in the spring months. With daffodils, snowdrops and native bluebells.
- > Continued planting up the tubs with flowers throughout the various seasons.
- > Installed the four benches around the village. Benches are sited at the Green, New Road, Chapel Lane and Mollington Road
- > Secured three further litter bins, one on the B4100 lay-by, the other being outside of the sewerage gate on the Mollington lane and Bakehouse lane
- > Kiosk: successfully negotiated to retain the red kiosk. Arranged for a new letter box with a bigger opening to accommodate larger items of post
- > Installed the green salt bins, to avoid damaging the verges with salt leaching into the nearby vegetation.
- > Campaigned and had re-stored the winter gritting route through the village, which also benefited the entire county.
- > Assisted the village hall in its grant applications for funding to install the new disabled toilets and represented them at the Southam funding committee
- > Paid for the new heaters in the village hall
- > Paid for the materials for the new churchyard path
- > Successfully negotiated for the playing field, applied for funding to enable the playground equipment and safety surfacing to be installed.
- > Installed a new notice board outside of the bus shelter and surfacing.
- > Implemented a scheme to help the wild life of the village with the frog signs
- > Successfully negotiated with the DFT and the County Council for new signs to alleviate the problems with articulated Lorries passing through the village, which will again benefit the county.
- > Negotiated with the highways to have the roads resurfaced and for special funding to enable the repairs to the drains to be undertaken.
- > Arranged various celebratory events for example, Trafalgar day, Bonfire/Halloween nights, Children's Christmas parties and the Golden Jubilee. The Golden Jubilee encompassed a Fete, balloon race, children's party, sports day, dog show, culminating in a 50's themed Evening with a magnificent buffet, disco, bonfire and fireworks display. Yards of bunting created by dedicated villagers adorned the marquee, which was erected in Laurel Farm grounds. This followed with a bonfire night and Halloween party in the autumn. The finale of the year culminated in a magical Christmas party. During the year each household received a Jubilee rose tree with the compliments of the parish council. A 'T' towel was commissioned showing all of the village children who drew illustrations of themselves. A special Jubilee mug was commissioned as a souvenir. The Trafalgar evening was celebrated in the hall with a scrumptious meal of Normandy pork and homemade apple pies. The entertainment was provided by a notable entertainer dressed as a redcoat, who fired shots from a real musket, during the evening. The evening culminated with a magic show, bonfire and fireworks. Of course none of these events would have been possible without the help of stalwart volunteers who made the events so successful, which is greatly appreciated.
- > Arranged for all the Street name plates to be repainted.
- > Arranged for the introduction of Hatch markings on the B4100 at the turns into the village to enhance safety.



# St Laurence Church, Shotteswell

As you may appreciate with such a historic building there is always a need for funding. The church has taken the initiative to become part of the easy fund raising scheme – *this is where we need your help*.  
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## How it works

A **FREE** service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and at no extra cost raise funds for St Laurence church. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally, but simply by using the links from our site first, each purchase you make will generate a **cashback donation** to the church

For example, spend £25 with WH Smith and 3.5% will be donated. You will have raised £0.88, at no extra cost to your purchase. Make any purchase from Amazon and 2.5% will be donated. Insure your car with Direct Line and raise £30.00, or purchase a mobile phone from O2 and earn £17.50, and so on.

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It seems very generous, but when you buy online the cost to the retailer is much lower. As there's no shop, salesperson, heating, electricity, rates, not even the cost of the bag to put your goods in, retailers are more than happy to help good causes when new online customers are introduced to them via our website.

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## Thank you

