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**Leafcutter Bee** nesting in wooden post in  
my garden. *These bees line their nests with  
leaf materials. Half-moon shaped bites on  
the edge of rose leaves indicate their  
presence. NB they are not a pest, so  
please do not spray!*

We still like to think we're in  
summer, but our thoughts have  
already started to turn towards all  
the things that happen in the  
Autumn and beyond. The first  
major event coming up is the  
Harvest Festival which plays an  
important part in the village  
calendar and there is even an  
article in here thinking about  
Christmas Carols - to make it a  
truly magical candle lit affair.

There are also mentions about  
another wonderful pantomime to  
take place in the village hall, to  
build on the success of last years  
production of Cinderella.

There are no firm details yet but  
expect further announcements to  
take place via the village email  
list, the next edition of The  
Brooke and village flyers.

If you are not on the village email  
list and think you should be then  
see page 22 for more information.

Until the next edition - enjoy the  
summer that is left

*Malcolm*

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**Jigsaw Puzzle on page 16**

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**SHOBROOKE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

## **ALADDIN THE PANTOMIME**

This year Shobrooke Amateur Dramatic Society will be bringing the magical world of Ancient Egypt to the stage, and we want you to be part of the adventure – enter Aladdin!

Whether you're a seasoned performer, a backstage enthusiast, or just curious to try something new, there's a role for everyone in this beloved and chaotic venture!

This year, the performance will run from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December through to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, again, at Shobrooke Village Hall. For the budding performers amongst us, rehearsals will begin on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September (7pm) and will run every week (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) until the performance in December.

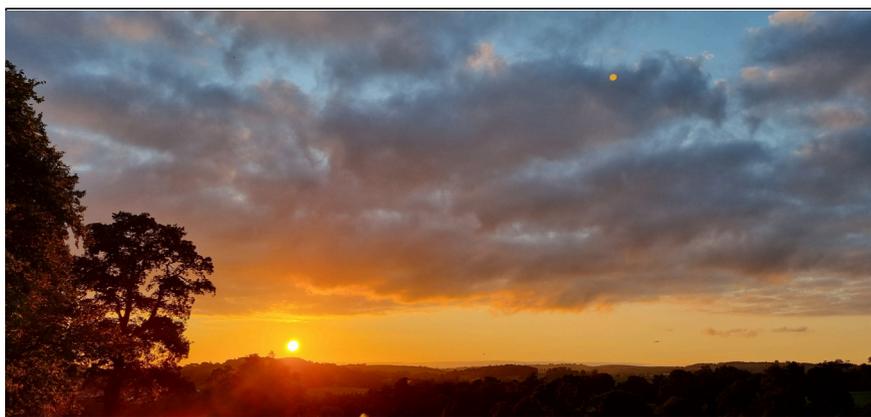
If you'd like to find out more, please join us for an initial meeting at Shobrooke Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September (7pm). In the interim, should you have any questions or would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact me, otherwise I look forward to seeing you in September.

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# Shobrooke Photo Gallery 1



*Bride and her maids walking to St Swithuns Mandy Jones*



*Autumn sunset over Shobrooke Park*

*Dan Zillwood*

# Shobrooke Photo Gallery 2



*A thank you and farewell to Rev Lewis Eden , at his last congregational service at Shobrooke before embarking to pastures new.*

*Sally Foot*

*A perfect Polestar rose. Sally Foot*



*A bevy of beautiful Wensleydale lady Shauns.*

*Sally Foot*

# Neighbourhood Watch News

I have taken on the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator role for our village.

We are so fortunate that Shobrooke is a low crime area, but that can make us complacent and trusting so it is a shock when we hear of theft, criminal damage or break ins.

There is no doubt that rural crime is on the increase and many farms are a target for not only animal theft , but also machinery and in some cases even crops! Outlying isolated rural properties can often be victim to crime, so we do need to be vigilant.

Crime reduction and community safety is only one aspect of Neighbourhood watch, the other is about supporting people in your community, looking out for one another and being a good neighbour.

This is a small and friendly community, most people know one another and already may visit or carry out helpful tasks or run errands for those who need help, so you may think , "why bother with Neighbourhood watch"? Being part of an affiliated scheme does have it benefits - one of the main ones being a reduced house insurance, the other can be to take action collectively , such as a community litter pick and action day to help clear or maintain an area. So if these are things that interest you - I would like to hear from you.

If you sign up to Neighbourhood watch online you can receive police alerts in your area, this may be crime, traffic updates , missing persons or scam aware messages.

You can sign up here: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/joinNW>



Lesley Browne 01363 772343

## CRAFT GROUP

Why don't you come and join our friendly craft group at Shobrooke Village hall...

*It's a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and swap ideas.*

We always look out for different crafts and enjoy trying to learn new skills.



Autumn dates: 12th & 26th September, 10th & 24th October, 7th & 21st November

We meet every fortnight, Thursday 10am to 1pm

Contact Jan on 01363 899215 or email [jan.barnyard@gmail.com](mailto:jan.barnyard@gmail.com)



# Flutes and Frets

Beth Stone (flute, historical flutes)

Daniel Murphy (guitars, lutes, theorbo)

"Dancing through time" showcasing how music and instruments have changed.

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**Thursday 12th September 7:30pm**  
**Crediton Parish Church**

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## Tickets

£15 | full-time students (under 30) FREE

Available from A.E. Lee Outfitters, Crediton High Street  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) | on the door

Disabled access, parking and refreshments.

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# St Swithun's Church News



It has been a busy Summer at St Swithun's. In June we welcomed Nigel & Tina Guthrie and Peter Gilks, who provided a wonderful evening of music and song.

The evening was also an opportunity for the whole village to say a big THANK YOU to Rosemary for all her hard work as churchwarden for some 16 years. Revd Matthew presented Rosemary with a painting of the church by Phil Keen, plus a sizeable collection from appreciative villagers. Sally made a wonderful cake to mark the occasion.



Peter Gilks, Tina and Nigel Guthrie in concert at St Swithun's



The evening also saw the church toilet up and running once more, our thanks go to the generous donors who helped this happen.



There have been 2 weddings, I am sure you will join me in wishing Thomas & Bella, and also William & Emily a happy and healthy future together.

Thanks to the hard work of Lesley and others St Swithun's was granted a Bronze Award as part of the Eco Church Awards scheme, naturally silver is the next aim. Notice the dead cherry tree, near the

top gate, which has been decorated with ribbons to remember those we love. There is a basket of ribbons in the church porch, feel free to tie one on for someone you love and care about.

Revd Lewis, who has blessed us with his humour and enthusiasm including his running commentary of teddies and zip wires, is moving to pastures new, we will miss him greatly. His new post at the White Cross Mission Community, which includes Woodbury, was acknowledged with a glass of fizz after the Communion service last month. There is another opportunity to say goodbye to Lewis by attending the morning service at Holy Cross, Crediton on Sunday 15th September, this will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the Boniface Centre, to which everyone is invited.

As Harvest weekend approaches once more, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Holy Well Blessing at 10.15am on Saturday 14th, to kick off proceedings for the one big day of fun, see flyers for full details. On Sunday 15th, there will be a Harvest Songs of Praise at 6pm, we shall be joined by Canon Chris Palmer from Exeter Cathedral. If you have a favourite Harvest hymn do let me know in good time for it to be included in the service. The other service at St Swithun's in September, will be Holy Communion on the 8th, please note there will be no service on Sunday 22nd.

In October there is to be a Deanery Confirmation at St Swithun's on Sunday 20th October 6pm where we shall be delighted to welcome Bishop Jackie. Anyone considering exploring the Christian faith further, do contact Revd Matthew or myself.

In addition to the regular Remembrance gathering on 10th November, a quiet service to remember those dear to us who have died, especially during the past year, will be held on Friday 1st November at 6pm, come along and light a candle for a loved one.

Prayers continue in church every Tuesday at 4pm, join us, leave prayer requests on the board or in the confidential box. You can also contact me direct, details below.

Finally I leave you with these words by Thomas Cranmer, 1489 – 1556,  
'A true faith cannot be kept a secret but, when occasion is offered it will break out and shew itself by good works.'  
I observe a caring and sharing community here in Shobrooke, to which I feel honoured to be a part of.

Blessings, Revd Sandra, 777013, sandracollier57@gmail.com



# **SHOBROOKE HARVEST CELEBRATION DAY**

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

FROM 10AM AT ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH,  
SHOBROOKE, EX17 1AP

<b>CAKE STALL</b>	<b>GAMES</b>
<b>RAFFLE</b>	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>
<b>TOMBOLA</b>	<b>SILENT AUCTION</b>
<b>FACE PAINTING</b>	<b>PRODUCE</b>

**AND MUCH MORE!**

A SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE WILL FOLLOW  
AT ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY  
15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 (6PM)

**ALL WELCOME!**

# Harvest Festival News

10:00am to 5:00 pm Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

As usual there will be a marquee and gazebos in the churchyard for stalls which take place outside. Some stalls will be in the church. Light refreshments and the produce stall (bread, cakes, pickles, jams etc) will be available inside the church, with seating outside for eating and drinking. This has worked very well previously and the weather is usually kind so hopefully things will work out well this year too!

Our usual stalls will be available which include : Refreshments, Produce, Allotments, Grand Draw, Silent Auction, Tombola, Bottles and Tins, Bric a brac, Local History, Books, Scarves, Competitions etc.

See the next page for details of the needs of some stall holders. Here is a list to tell you who will be responsible for each of the main stalls so you can make contact with them with any queries if you wish to:

Refreshments	The Hampson Family
Produce	Caroline Hills
Silent Auction	Roger and Lilian Pilgrim
Bric a Brac	Christopher Lee
Tombola	Frederique and Malcolm Cooke
Toys, Books and Scarves and Competitions	Sally Foot
Bottles and Tins	Victoria and Joe Leeming
Allotments	Alison Ayres
Zipwire	Red Lion Family
Grand Draw	Zoe Buttling
Local History	Phil Keen

Many of you know the ropes only too well but there are a number of new folk in the village and it would be great to meet you so do come and make yourself known to your neighbours! Please don't be afraid to offer to help either. All hands to the pump are always very welcome!

We will need people as usual to help put up tents on the Thursday afternoon/evening, 12th, and also many hands and on the Friday morning, the 13th, to help set up the stalls, also to dismantle everything on the late Saturday afternoon. Please let me know if you can help on any of these occasions, especially if you have a trailer to collect the heavier and larger equipment for the stalls.

The Friends of Shobrooke Church, a charity, was set up to raise funds to maintain our beautiful building, and the Harvest Celebration is our main annual fund raiser. We are hoping to be able to raise some money to help repoint the outside of the church stonework, so do please come and help to make the day a really positive, enjoyable community event. We are delighted that this year we have a fully operational loo and running water and a wash basin in our loo building near the lych gate! This is partly thanks to the money that we raised at last year's Harvest.

NB If you also could collect your rose petals we could receive some blessings floating down from on high at 3.00pm on the Saturday, followed by the popular teddies etc zipping down from the tower!

The Harvest will be launched as usual with a Well Blessing Service at 10.15am on the Saturday.

On Sunday 15th September at 6.00pm there will be a Harvest Songs of Praise Service in the Church. The collection will be towards Médecins Sans Frontières.

Rosemary (Secretary to the Friends of Shobrooke Church)  
Tel: 01363 773419  
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# Harvest Festival News

From Sally Foot - 07882 786648 or 01363 775388

## **Books**

I will again have a 2nd hand book stall for donations for charity, this year collecting for psychological help to children effected by the trauma of war and displacement . Please leave any books in the church kitchen, a few days before or on the day only. No encyclopedia please.

## **Scarves**

There will also be a 2nd hand scarf sale, so search your cupboards.

Clean and in good condition please.

Hand to me or bring early on the day please

## **2nd hand Toys Stall**

Hand any toys in to me, Sally Foot, or leave in the Church Kitchen no earlier than that week please. Clean and in a reasonable condition please.

Any jigsaws checked completed.

## **Fun Children's Fancy Dress parade**

Put on those fun dressing up clothes! And parade in the Churchyard!

This will take place immediately after the Teddies down the Zip Wire.

This is for fun and not a competition!!

Please see me for any questions.

## **Cooking Competition**

This year we are judging Brownies!!

3 pieces on a plate with your name underneath, kindly judged on taste and appearance by Jane from the Red Lion. Please hand them in before 11am.

**Have a happy day and we can raise money for Pennies from Heaven!**

## **Donations for the Tombola stall**

If you have any small items suitable for adults or children which can be used as prizes on the Tombola stall they would be very welcome. Please leave your donations in the front porch of 20 Shobrooke Village (at the bottom of the hill near the bridge). If you visit the stall you may be fortunate to win them back again :) **Thank you very much. Frédérique.**

## **Cafe & Cake Stall Team**

Our Shobrooke Harvest Festival is almost upon us and as usual we will have the cafe offering refreshments and light lunches in the church run by the Hampson family, and the fantastic cake stall run by Caroline and Jane. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, muffins, flapjacks, cookies, biscuits & scones, jams & preserves. In particular we would be very grateful for homemade quiches as the cafe will be serving quiche and salad at lunchtime along with filled rolls. Donations can be delivered to Vivien & Caroline on the Friday before, or brought to the church first thing on Saturday morning.

Any queries please call Vivien on **01363 775468**.

**Thank you very much for your help.**

# News from Uppincott Farm

by Nick Lee

It was a good many years ago that we last had a farm walk here at Uppincott, probably in the 1990's when I was Chairman, and an enthusiastic member of the Exeter Branch of the NFU, but on July 10<sup>th</sup> we hosted the annual farm walk for the South Devon Cattle Breeders Club. About twenty five members from all over Devon, gathered at Huxham Barton, the farm we rent near Stoke Canon, to see the main group of South Devon cows and calves. They all behaved quite well (the cows and calves) except that they decided to stay put at the very far end of a pasture field named Long Meadow. Those that set off on foot had a rather long walk but those that had four wheel drive cars sensibly drove! Apart from that the cows then behaved impeccably, calmly standing with their calves, chewing the cud, while the visitors stood around in groups and did much the same.



*Cows and visitors chewing the cud.*

Even Louis the bull remained nonplussed about all the intrusion. After a long walk back along Long Meadow and a quick glance at the older beef cattle it was a slow drive around all the road closures back to the Red Lion where we received the usual warm welcome for lunch and a drink before heading back to Uppincott.

Jonathan then took the group on an afternoon walk down through the meadows, to have a look at another group of cows and calves. Leyland, our homebred South Devon bull, was in attendance.



*Leyland enjoying a light snack!*

Then across the road to the Uppincott Long Meadow, to see the hand reared British Blue calves that are on a paddock grazing system. This was quite a new grazing method to some of the members. The field is divided by electric fencing into two or three acre plots, each with its own water supply. The cattle graze each plot for about four days. By the time they have grazed around the entire field the first plot has what we call, “a nice pick of grass,” and they start over again in the first plot.

The club members then went on a bit further to Coal Harbour, where the in-calf heifer replacements were grazing, to cast their expert eye. Another long walk back to the garden tea and cake (supplied by my brother Christopher) and they all went on their way. It was great to meet up with everyone and we hope an enjoyable day was had by all.



### *Carols by Candlelight*

We are planning ahead for this year's Christmas Carol singing night at the Red Lion. This year we'd love make it a candle lit affair. If you would like to buy a lantern (for you to keep of course), the price is £12 for each set. This is the at cost price and includes a 2.1m shepherd's crook made with 12mm solid steel with an attractive rusted finish and a 20cm metal hanging candle lantern.

**If you'd like to order one (or more) please contact Leslie on 07795 818090 or email [Leslie.hampson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Leslie.hampson@hotmail.co.uk) by the end of September.**

*Of course, you get to keep your crook and lantern, use it in the garden and use it again next year.*

*If you already have your own lantern, please bring it along!*

*The event date will be published in the next Brooke.*

Thanks - Leslie



### *Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange*

*I have a number of Jigsaw puzzles which I have now completed, and guess that there might be others in a similar situation. What better way to prepare for the winter evenings than to do a swap. If anybody is interested in exchanging their completed puzzle (500pcs) for one of mine then please contact me:*

*Rodney Hooker on 01363 774698 (Shobrooke Village)*



# QR Codes -a double edged sword

QR codes have revolutionized how we interact with information.

These small squares offer quick access to websites, apps, and data. On the plus side, they are convenient, efficient, and can store a vast amount of information. Businesses use them for marketing, payments, and customer engagement. For consumers, they provide easy access to product information, menus, and interactive experiences.



However, QR codes are not without drawbacks. They require a smartphone with a camera and a QR code reader app, meaning some people will not be able to make use of QR codes. Additionally, reliance on QR codes can be problematic if they are the sole method of accessing information.

## **A more significant concern is security.**

While harmless when used correctly, QR codes can be manipulated to lead users to malicious websites or download malware. It's essential to be cautious when scanning codes from unknown sources. To mitigate risks, users should only scan codes from trusted sources and avoid entering sensitive information on unfamiliar websites accessed through QR codes.

## **Not all QR codes are safe.**

Considering anybody can create a QR code and have it point to any online destination they want to, there's room for scammers to take advantage of the technology. This is known as 'quishing' - a combination of QR and phishing. Various reports have warned consumers about fake QR codes on payment machines in car parks (stickers placed on payment machines suggesting that this is how you pay) – false codes that lead people to enter their details on fraudulent websites. NB for car parks you are much safer using one of the recognised parking payment apps eg RingGo, PayByPhone etc)

QR codes have also been used to set up recurring payments or 'subscription traps', and can even be sent via email to imitate companies like Apple.

QR codes can also be configured to download a file to your smartphone without you giving the thumbs up - data-grabbing apps running in the background may be able to collect and sell your personal data.

As such, it's important to be extremely vigilant when using QR codes – check to see if they've been tampered with and try to validate that they

are genuine, avoid codes in emails and preview any web address before you load a page. A QR code on a lamppost offering something for free is probably best avoided....

Here is a QR code which contains the text of the first paragraph of this article



It is not just the QR code which can be a problem - what you use to read the code can also be a potential risk.

There have been instances of malicious 3rd party QR code reader apps which themselves download malware, steal data from your phone etc

Therefore it is especially important to use a reputable app on your phone to read a QR code.

Most Apple and Android devices have the QR reader built into the system (usually within the camera app or as an option within the system tray eg scan QR code) so usually there is no need to download an additional app to read the QR code.

They usually display the text or link embedded in the code so you can judge that it looks right and is safe. The above QR code will display the text from this article.

A good alternative, if your smart phone does not have a built in QR reader, is to install the Google Lens app (which has many other functions also) from the Apple or Google app store.

Ultimately, QR codes are a tool with both benefits and risks.

By understanding their potential dangers and taking precautions - especially if it links you through to a website, users can safely enjoy the convenience they offer.

# THOUGHTS OF FOOD

*Stressed spelled backward is desserts. Coincidence? I think not!*

– Unknown



## Easy but lovely Anjou Pear Cake

### Ingredients

- 500g ripe pears, peeled cored and roughly chopped
- juice 1 lemon
- 75g plain flour
- 1 generous tsp baking powder
- 75g caster sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten

### Method

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Line and grease a 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin.
2. Pour the lemon juice over the prepared pears in a bowl to prevent them discolouring.
3. Sieve the flour and baking powder into a bowl, adding a pinch of salt and the caster sugar. Melt the butter, let it cool, then add the eggs and beat together. Add to the flour mix and finally, fold in the pears with their juices.
4. Pour the cake mixture into the tin. Bake for about 50 mins or until a skewer comes out clean. Place on a wire rack and allow to cool slightly before removing from the tin, gently peeling away the parchment.
5. Serve with cream or custard.

**This works just as well with apples, apricots or peaches.**

## David



David, my man  
 Has gone away  
 The time had come  
 He could not stay  
 He looked out upon the  
 land  
 He helped to farm  
 This gentle man  
 who did no harm  
 He fought a good fight  
 Then took off in flight  
 Up with the birds  
 He so loved to watch

A swallow came  
 To guide the way  
 He'd fought the fight  
 He could not stay  
 He'll be in my heart  
 for evermore  
 He'll still walk this land  
 That's for sure  
 Go fly, my love, go fly.....

Jacque Lee

This tribute to her husband David, by Jacque, just missed the publication deadline for the last issue, and I'm pleased to be able to include it in this issue.

# Wellness Page

By 'Dr Feelgood'



Some years ago the then Prime Minister, David Cameron, launched what his government called a ground breaking approach to local communities, 'The Big Society'. You may remember politicians at the time talked about the premise of this new idea was people in their local neighbourhoods and places of work committing to helping others by giving their time, skills and energy so that networks of support could be developed and society could flourish without relying on government support. Interestingly at the time there was a real backlash from people of all political persuasions across the country.

Why? Because our society already relies on thousands of people volunteering at a local, regional or even national level, we didn't need politicians to tell us to do it.

If you take a moment to reflect on Shobrooke, you quickly see how our community depends on the support of volunteers who give their time and energy for nothing. Here's a snapshot of Shobrooke and things here that have relied on, and still rely on, volunteers:

Local History Group, Shobrooke Cricket Club, Shobrooke Harvest Festival, Village Pantomime, Local Litter Picking, St Swithin's Church (Church Wardens, cleaning in the church, tending the churchyard, documenting the history of the graves, organising key events in the church), Pop Up Cafes for Ukraine and Gaza, Neighbourhood Watch, Shobrooke Playing Fields, Macmillan Coffee Mornings, Bus Stop Bakeries, Christmas Carol Singing, Village Hall Committee, Parish Council, Shobrooke Allotments, Village Plant Sale, Parish Magazine Distribution, Shobrooke Crafts Group.

There will be more and apologies to anyone who's been missed off this impressive list! It's very clear that we rely on volunteers for so many things but why do people choose to volunteer? In 2019 the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) carried out a survey of volunteers and their results proved just how positive volunteering is for us. Their research revealed that volunteering targets loneliness and isolation, creates a sense of self worth, is enjoyable, teaches us new skills and crucially improves mental health and well being. But the benefits of volunteering can go beyond a sense of self worth too. In his programme Just One Thing, the late great Dr Michael Mosley discovered

some incredible physical benefits from volunteering. His programme explored how the act of volunteering can also reduce chronic inflammation and strengthen heart health by lowering high blood pressure. He discovered some US research into 7000 older Americans who regularly volunteered and the results were remarkable.

*"A 2016 study involving more than 7,000 older Americans found those who volunteered spent 38 per cent fewer nights in hospital. A follow-up study in 2020 found as little as two hours of volunteering a week was linked to a lower risk of an early death and an improved sense of well-being compared to those who don't volunteer."* Dr Michael Moseley, Just One Thing

You can hear the whole programme with Michael Mosley here. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001zmc1>

To those of you reading this who already volunteer, thank you. Shobrooke is a thriving community because of you. Yes volunteering relies on giving up your time, but the personal benefits are huge. By helping others we really do help ourselves. And the great thing about volunteering is you can decide how much time you can give, and how you want to give back. Charities all over the country rely on volunteers who sit on their Boards, volunteers at the end of the phone who can give us advice and/or support when we need it, and volunteers who raise money for causes dear to their hearts. So whether you want to help in and around Shobrooke, or want to support a charitable organisation, give it a go. You might be surprised how incredibly valuable you really are to others, and of most importantly, you'll feel better for it!

For more information on volunteering please visit [www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](http://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

Wishing you well:)

Dr Feelgood.

## Village Email List

Victoria Leeming has set up a completely independent email account for all village communication - **[shobrookevillage@outlook.com](mailto:shobrookevillage@outlook.com)**

Going forwards, please send all communication to this account for circulation.

If you would like to be added to the list, please email Victoria at the above address and I will update the records. On the other hand, please also get in touch should you wish to be removed. *Victoria*



**NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH – FREE GUIDED TOURS**



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Come along and enjoy refreshments, fascinating historical facts, chats and our new booklet, 'The History of the A377' by Jean Wilkins. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the lovely Arboretum.

Wednesday 11 September – 10.00 – 12 noon

Saturday 14 September – 10.00 – 12 noon

Plus a chance to climb the Tower!

And on 14 Sept, join the 2.5 mile countryside 'Pilgrimage' to The Church of our Lady at Upton Pyne

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR VISIT BY CALLING, CHATting OR TEXTING:**

Christine – 07773038689 & 01392 851988

Find more info at:

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/whats-on.html>

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

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**COMING UP SOON**

Thursday 5th September Music:  
**Jazz on the Green**

Thursday 13th September Film:  
**Summer of Soul**

Saturday 14th September Music:  
**Interstellar Duo (Folk/Classical)**

Thursday 3rd October Music:  
**Jazz on the Green**

Friday 4th October Theatre:  
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# Shobrooke Parish Council

A full copy of the most recent agreed minutes is posted on the Parish Council noticeboard in the bus shelter each month, and the minutes for all recent meetings can be found on the parish council website:

<https://www.shobrookeparishcouncil.co.uk>

Parish Council meetings take place on the second Wednesday every month where everyone is welcome to attend.

A public participation session is held at the start of each meeting.

The latest Parish Council meeting provided important updates on various ongoing issues and community initiatives.

Here's a summary of the key discussions:

## **Housing Update**

Councillor Jones reported on his recent discussions with the Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) housing department.

The department highlighted several criteria and rules regarding housing exchanges, with local connections being a top priority. Unfortunately, the village's ongoing issues with antisocial behaviour have affected its reputation, making it less desirable for those seeking housing. The Parish Council expressed a desire to see more families take up residence in the village, which they believe would positively impact the local community.

## **Speeding Concerns**

Speeding remains a significant concern for residents, particularly in Efford. The Clerk has been in touch with Crediton Speed Watch and Highways about implementing further key signage in these areas.

Additional Speed Watch sessions in Shute have also been discussed with the Crediton Speed Watch group. Councillor Squires is raising these issues at the Devon County Council level.

## **Grant Application for Well-being in the Park**

A grant application for well-being equipment in the park is currently in progress. This initiative aims to enhance the well-being of residents through various activities and improvements in the park, fostering a greater sense of community and healthy living.

## Neighbourhood Watch Update

We welcome our new Neighbourhood Watch (NW) coordinator, Lesley Brown, and remind residents that having an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Shobrooke can lead to discounts on house insurance.

## Parish Council Open Meeting – A Missed Opportunity

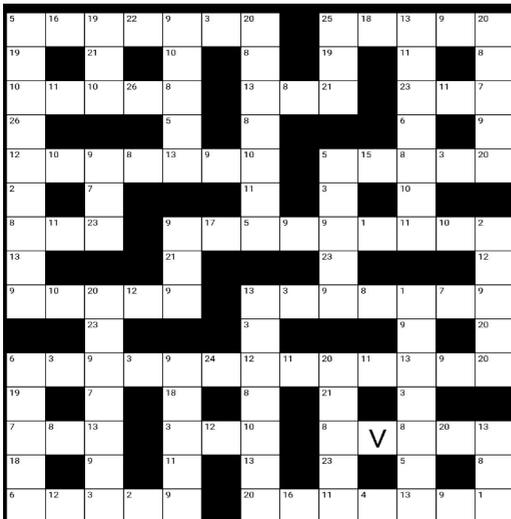
We held an open meeting on Wednesday, 10th July at the Village Hall, designed to welcome residents interested in learning more about the Parish Council’s work. Unfortunately, the timing coincided with the football final, leading to no residents attending the event. We hope to reschedule another opportunity for community engagement in the near future.

## Welcome to Our New Councillor

We are pleased to welcome our new councillor, Mr. Joe Leeming, who brings fresh ideas to the Parish Council. We all continue to work diligently on the issues that affect our community.

**Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 11th September at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!**

## Codeword Puzzle



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As Bonfire times loom, please check for any wildlife and light the fire from one side to give anything hiding a chance to escape.

I have been very sad this week to see 2 fairly tame blackbirds waiting in my apple tree early in the morning for a special handout, squashed on the road, they had been feeding nestlings which will also die. Please slow down and give all wildlife or child, person or pet, a chance to be seen and accident averted. Birds can usually judge a car speed and fly out of the way if below 30mph - the maximum village speed, but cars and tractors are flying past my house every day. *Sally*

Note that two new contact details have been added to the table below.

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Mid Devon Hedgehog Highway Scheme	Facebook group - very active and supportive
Marion from Cheriton Fitzpaine (rescue)	01363 866112

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Answers

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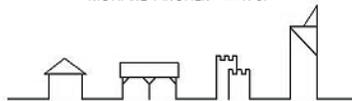


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