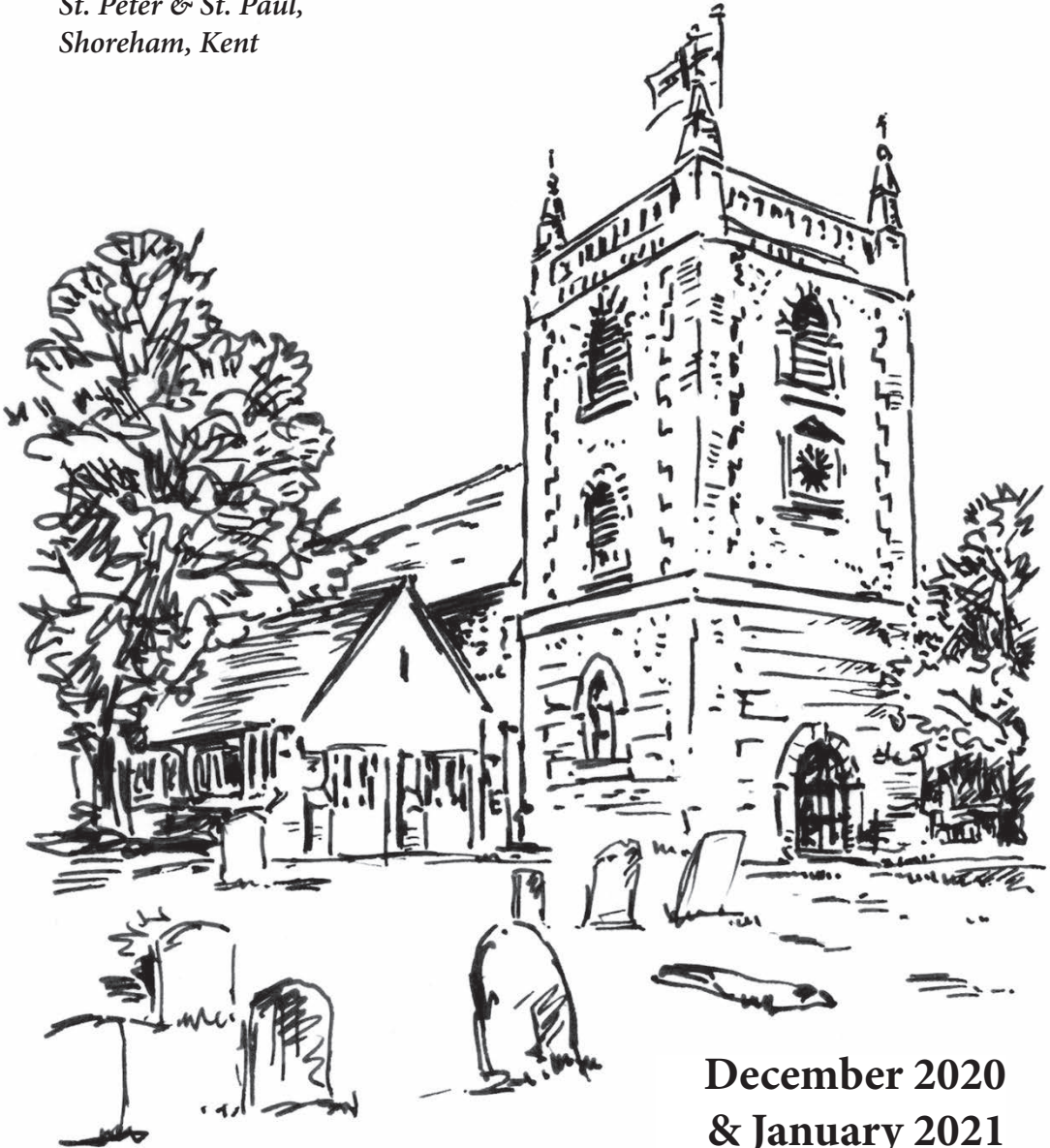


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CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED AS IF.

Christmas this year is going to be very different. That's certain. But cancelled, as I have heard a number of interviewers ask, definitely not. The gift of the Christ child is always given.

The Church of England has called their Christmas campaign this year, *Comfort and Joy*. Comfort for those who are weary and anxious about what this year has brought us. Comfort for those who mourn and are fearful about the future. But also, Joy. Joy and thankfulness because of all those who have helped, cared and showed kindness to others, in so many varied ways this year. Joy at the beauty of the changing seasons, the love, laughter and creativity that has emerged during this time of pandemic. Joy that is based in knowing that Emmanuel, *God is with us*. With us, not only as we remember the birth of the Christ child at Christmas, but that God is with us, 'through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy', as the hymn writer says. And Joy in knowing that there is nothing, absolutely nothing that can separate us from God's love.

This year we are going to be delivering a little booklet and a Christmas card from the church to everyone in the village. The booklet uses familiar carols and takes you on a journey through the Christmas season.

Here are some of the things going on at St Peter and St Paul in December; things that you can join in with by taking some action! Everyone welcome. Let's make some different but special memories of Christmas 2020.

Diane Rees



Revd Diane

The Revd Dr Diane E. Rees

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

CIRCLE OF LIGHT CHRISTINGLE

Thursday 24th December at 4pm in the Churchyard

Action: Make a Christingle (and don't eat the sweets!)

- 1) Take an orange - this represents the whole world.
- 2) Put red tape around the widest bit of the orange (there is some in the church porch)
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- 3) Put some sweets or raisins on 4 cocktail sticks and push the ends into the orange in 4 different places - these represent all the amazing gifts that God has given.
- 4) Carefully cut a hole in the top or bottom of the orange for the candle (you could leave the candle until Christmas Eve, when we will have plenty of spares, or pick one up in the porch) - the lit candle represents Jesus being the Light of the World.

Action: Bring it along to the churchyard at **4pm on Christmas Eve**. We are going to make a circle of light around the church, light our Christingle candles, think about the meaning of the Christingle, sing a couple of carols, say a prayer and then spread our light through the village on the way home – but maybe not straight away – Please bring a cup too and if possible, we will serve you some mulled wine or berry cordial to help you on your way.

MIDNIGHT MASS - Christmas Eve - 11.30pm in church

CHRISTMAS DAY - 10am in church

If you want to attend one of the services in church at 8.45am on a Sunday, Midnight Mass or Christmas Day, please let Bryan (one of our ministry team) know by email: the_harrises@btinternet.com or via phone: 07733228408

OTHER SERVICES in December

Sunday at 8.45am - service of Holy Communion in church.

Sunday at 10am - Zoom service.

If you want to be added to Revd Diane's Zoom list, please email her at: revdrdi@outlook.com. If you just want to be included for the Carol Service or Christmas services, please indicate this in your email.

NATIVITY STORY STONES 1st December 2020 until 6th January 2021



We are going to create a Nativity scene in the church porch using pebbles, which we can build up together. We're going to start with a stable and then simple line drawings of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, each on a different pebble.

Action: Either get a pebble from outside or come and pick up a blank one from the church porch then draw something on the pebble that you want to bring to the stable - a sheep, a cow, a donkey, a shepherd, a wise man, another star, a present or indeed any other animal or person you want to bring to the stable - we have had a lobster in the church nativity before now!



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Action: Write a prayer on the back of a star, hang it on the yew trees, or pin it to the Prayer Board in the porch.

TOP TEN CAROL SERVICE with readings Wednesday 23rd December on Zoom at 6pm This is a sing along Carol Service based around the top ten carols, as chosen by people in the village.

Action: Write the name of your favourite Carol and post it in one of the Christmas Carol postboxes in the Village from 1st December to 14th December - one in the church porch and one outside Shoreham Village School..

Action: Draw a picture of your favourite carol and send Diane a photo of it, or put it in a post box and we will use the pictures in the Carol Service

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WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas has always been my favourite time of year, in fact I was so excited for it that I was born early, from being due on New Years' eve to arriving on the 23rd just so I could experience my first Christmas. My poor family had to drive all the way up from Shoreham and they even had to transport the turkey. Since that abrupt Christmas in London, we spend almost every Christmas in Shoreham, and I suppose Christmas in Shoreham cannot be beat. I still spend much of my time in London, being a student in Waterloo, and so I often see the fantastical displays of light and ginormous Christmas Tree that sits proudly in Trafalgar Square. Though they draw in flocks of tourists every year, they seem impersonal, incomparable to the twinkling jewels that are the Crown Road Christmas lights. Often when I drive along the other side of the Valley during the year, I glance across and see Crown Road waiting to be adorned by the rainbow rows of lights that bring joy to so many. Christingle is also a familiar haunt of mine, the excitement as a child of receiving the orange and the sweets – although as a child I'm almost positive the sweets meant more to me than the symbolism. Now, Midnight Mass

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is a staple of my Christmas, shaking the hands of others and wishing them a ‘Merry Christmas’ at just past midnight, feeling both a bubble of excitement and a yawn of exhaustion. Christmas means so much to so many of us, but I was intrigued what other generations of Shoreham had experienced:

‘I’ve spent almost every Christmas of my life in Shoreham, and everything from Midnight Mass in the church to ancient 1930s decorations on the Christmas tree connect the place and the festive season together in my mind. Once, when I was quite small, I opened the curtains on Christmas morning to see a thick fall of snow starting to cover the garden and the hills beyond. I don’t think I’ve ever seen the same thing since, but at the time I just took it for granted as something that happens every year -- it was Christmas, after all.’

James Saynor

‘A memorable part of Christmas for a lot of Village Families has been a visit to see Father Christmas on Christmas Eve. This became a tradition in the Village during the 50’s and continued to last until 1999. Every child would receive a present from Father Christmas and then go on to the Church for the Christingle Service’

Erica Dale

‘Danny used to organise carol singing all around the village, and for a few years we had the accompaniment on the tuba of Danny’s friend Dave Powell, a member of the famous Loose Tubes jazz band’ –

Kate Britten

‘A few years ago, Kirsty brought me to Shoreham; being from Macau we have a very different Christmas. I remember we went on the carol tour around the village, and there was a highly enthusiastic man who seemed to embody the spirit of Christmas [I’m under the impression she’s talking about Danny], we went to Crown Road and after a loud countdown, with children’s voices rising above the swell of excitement, the dark street burst into light. It seemed to me a kaleidoscope of colour, and I’m not sure I’ve ever felt more at home then when random people came up excitedly wishing us a happy Christmas and asking me what I was doing for Christmas...Nothing will beat that night, with the cold air, wrapped in a Christmas jumper.’ –

Nicole Sitou

So, during this time of festivities, I wonder what the next generation of Shoreham will remember as defining a Shoreham Christmas?

Feliz Navidad, 聖誕快樂, Joyeux Noël, دي عس دالي يم دي ع, Frohe Weihnachten, Buon Natale, Prettige Kerstdagen, Feliz Natal, メリークリスマス, Счастливого Рождества, and a truly Merry Christmas.

Kirsty Freeman

FRANK HINKS

At the Annual Church Meeting in October Frank stood down as churchwarden after serving two long terms of office leaving a lasting legacy of the new extension which he has steered through over the past twenty years: - organizing the drawing up of successive plans, obtaining planning permissions, dealing with the actual building and overcoming various problems, sometimes from the other side of the world.



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He led major fund-raising events including the successful Sculpture trail and black-tie dinner. On 28th October the final certificate was issued by the architect for the extension and the ongoing care of the building has been handed over to the church fabric committee. Frank continues to serve on the PCC. Thank you, Frank, for all you have done for the Church and the parish in bringing about the building of the Church Room.

Ann Ball Deputy Churchwarden.

RISK OF FLOODING

Whilst I have no wish to further burden you all, I think we all feel that being prepared is much more comfortable than being unsure what to do. To that end, and inspired by a refresher Flood Warden online session, it seemed a good idea to send out some reminders.

Do you live within the 1/100-year risk of flooding zone?

The Parish Council sent out letters a couple of years ago to all residents whose dwellings were in this area. Houses change hands and you may be unsure. I am able to check that for you if you wish.

If you do, have you signed up to receive Alerts and Warnings from the Environment Agency?

If you do, have you made a personal flood plan? This is basically a check list of things you need to do or have to hand should you have to evacuate your house. (Turn off electricity, water and heating fuels, have insurance documents and medication needs at the ready, set up flood barriers, pan seals for ground floor toilets etc.). A template will be available on the parish council website, but I can always provide a paper copy.

Again, some two years ago we had an event in the village hall for residents to see the protective devices that they could install in their homes. The company that provided this kindly left me samples to show you.

<https://www.riverlevels.uk>: levels of the Darent at Otford is a useful site to watch. The highest recorded level in 2014 did result in a very few properties in Shoreham experiencing flooding.

If you wish to discuss any of these matters and the support you can expect, please make contact with me via the Parish Clerk.

What we can all do:

Keeping the rivers running freely is really important and as we are all tending to walk about our lovely village more, we can keep our eyes open. Any debris in the river must be reported to the Environment Agency and of course it is an offence to put anything in the river, including vegetation. SDC have kept to the schedule of cleaning gullies but of course this cannot be done beneath or close to parked cars; it's a problem here because many residents don't have off road parking. Being a good citizen and cleaning those gullies that could not be reached would be most helpful: either personally or by asking for help. Walkers may notice blocked drains and again these should be reported to Kent Highways using their 'Report a Fault' tool, which can be found at



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<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>. I am certainly able to report matters if you are unsure or unable to do so personally.

Finally, I should like to take the opportunity to thank Lindsey and Duncan MacRae for their huge efforts in clearing the channels that have enabled Manor Drain to function more efficiently (in co-operation with Michael and Sally at Meadow Cottage as well as Nigel Britten and the North Kent Countryside Partnership). In addition, Lindsey and Duncan have learned how to manage the sluice, thus protecting the bridge

Lesley Spence

DECEMBER NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

November has brought some lovely community events for our school. We received a 'thank you' from Councillor Christabel Flight for our engagement with the Silver Sunday project – an initiative where pupils wrote cards to senior members of the Sevenoaks community which were distributed on Silver Sunday along with a care package and online exercise classes.

Pupils have also spent time this week preparing written Christmas messages to the Shoreham Over-60's Club; we usually visit them during their Christmas lunch to sing for them but as this event will not take place this year, we hope to engage with them in a different way to show them we are still thinking about them and sending them Christmas joy.

We have been pleased to receive a special personalised video message from local MP, Laura Trott, to kick off our UK Parliament Week activities. Cameron Class had the opportunity to discuss issues that they felt passionately about and they then created campaign videos to persuade others in the school to support their causes. These campaigns included: free pet health care, traffic lights on Filston Lane, pet licences for pet owners, a reduction in deforestation in the Amazon rainforests, a reduction in the speed limit in built up areas to 20 mph between 10pm and 6am, and a reduction in air pollution. All pupil watched the videos and voted for a campaign and the winners were: Animal Respect Party who want animal owners to earn licences and be accountable for the way they treat their pets.

If you are clearing out your cupboards to make way for any anticipated Christmas gifts, please consider donating any complete board games or jigsaws to the school for use in Nurture Club or in classes for rainy playtimes. These can be handed in at the school office who will quarantine the items before distributing them amongst the classes.

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We wish everyone in the village a peaceful and healthy, merry Christmas

Gillian Lovatt-Young, Headteacher

SMUGGLERS IN SHOREHAM?!

At Shoreham School Cameron Class have been studying the history of smuggling in Shoreham. So, over half term, with the expert help of John Bovington, Sarah Parkes and his grandmother Ann Ball, Mac went on an expedition to the old Pig and Whistle in the hills above our village.

Here he discovered the dark history of smuggling in Shoreham. He used this adventure and *Shoreham a History, Smugglers in Kent & Sussex* and some stories John told us to inspire this fictional story of those treacherous times. We thought you might enjoy it...

Elie Williams

THE PIG AND WHISTLE

Tap, tap, tap Elsie curled herself up tightly under her thin sheets; she shivered and pulled them closer around her. A drop of rain landed on her from the old decaying roof. She could hear her father's snores and wished that she could sleep too, but she couldn't, she was too cold and too hungry.

Earlier that night she'd heard the squeak of a rat and saw him running away with the apple that was all she had for lunch the next day. "Hey!" she cried and chased him, but she stopped in her tracks when she heard voices. It sounded like two men and she could just make out what they were saying.

"What should we do with him?" said one. "We can't leave him here; it would look suspicious." said the other. "Let's bring him to Captain Tom, he'll know what to do." With that they dragged something outside.

Wiping away the frost that sparkled in the moonlight on her window, Elsie watched with bated breath as the smugglers threw a body across their horse and rode away from the old pub: The Pig and Whistle that was her home and her father's livelihood. As she watched she realised she recognized the man on the back of the sturdy pony, it was John Baltern, the local exciseman.

Even though he had scolded her many times, she felt a bit sorry for him. It hadn't been wise for him to burst in on the smugglers revels after a hard day lugging their ill-gotten gains from Folkestone. They'd set upon him with clubs until he was unconscious and now, they were leading him away through the secret weaving path of brambles to his doom.

Mac Williams

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Generations of children in Shoreham have enjoyed the very special experience of Santa making an annual visit to the village at 5.15 on Christmas Eve. We have always been grateful to him that he has found time from his busy schedule to fly in for a special half hour for us. This magical tradition began in the late 50s when Jill and Tom Morgan at Record in Church St managed to secure an open ended contract with Santa to visit the village with an early small gift for Shoreham children. The Morgans thought that a little get together for Shoreham families before the crib service (later the Christingle service) at 6pm, with Santa as star guest could be enjoyed by all ages.

The Morgans hospitality was legendary and every year a few parents didn't quite make it to church such was the lure of Tom's mulled wine! For the children, the experience was, and remains, magical. Santa arrives about 5.15 and, surrounded by star struck faces, he draws gifts from his sack, each one clearly marked with a child waiting in the room. The secret formula for this, involving secreting bags from the parents as they arrive, which are then taken to the back of the house by kind volunteers, has never failed.

The tradition continued in 2002 when Jon and Maria Beard became the new occupants of Record. When they moved overseas a few years later, The Shoreham Society secured a venue at 2 Shoreham House. Santa managed the change of address with ease and happy children continued to enjoy his visits.

Shoreham Society members provided Santa with support as numbers of families attending had reached new heights. Elves manage the challenging task of collecting the necessary contributions for the sack and providing refreshments. Songs and carols are sung whilst we wait for the sound of Santa's bell. Recently, the George has been the venue and whilst this was a technical challenge due to the huge numbers attending, the essential magic of this tradition continues. Many of us have now seen three generations enjoy this special Shoreham Santa visit on Christmas Eve at 5.15.

2020 will be the first time Santa has not been able to make his traditional visit but he has been in negotiation with the Shoreham Society and many kind residents so there is every chance that Shoreham children will get at least one opportunity to see him for a socially distanced chat this year.

Sheila Birkin

JEAN LOTHIAN

Jean was born in Portsmouth in 1925 and died age 94 on 1st July. After school she joined the WRNS, working in codes and ciphers in the final years of the war. She very much enjoyed her time in the Navy, particularly her voyages to and from Australia. She met a young Surgeon Lieutenant in Chatham, Bill Lothian and they married in 1949. After a few months in Dundee, they moved to Shoreham. And so, began the Lothians' long association with the village. First living at t Record in Church Street before moving to Winslade Cottage and finally moving to Orchard House in 1966.

Although Bill was an extremely dedicated family doctor, he always wanted to be involved in village activities. For many years he was Chairman of Shoreham Horticultural & Cottage Gardeners' Society & he was the first Chairman of the Shoreham & District Historical Society and a Church Warden. Not to be outdone, besides bringing up three children, Andy, Sarah and Alex, Jean too played a full part in village life. She was on the Parish Council, which she chaired for many years and she also chaired the Governors of Shoreham Village School. Like Bill, she regularly attended the village church where her skills as a flower-arranger were often on display. She was a great supporter of local shops and hardly ever set foot in a supermarket.

They made many true friends in the village, with many of whom the family are still in touch. But at the heart of her life, however, were her family and her dogs whom she adored so much. She loved following the lives of her 8 grandchildren and her 2 great grandchildren. She is missed enormously by everybody. Without doubt the happiest years of her life were the 50 she and Bill spent together in their beloved Shoreham.

Sarah White

BEANS AND BONFIRES

In the late 1930s my father started growing runner beans on a field scale. The field he used was Crown Meadow, the five-acre field at the top of Crown Road. Runner beans can be grown for many years on the same piece of land. The land was first given a good dressing of farmyard manure and waste products bought from a merchant in Otford. Things like shoddy (wool waste) and fish heads or tannery waste were very good for the soil. Once the field was cultivated ready for the beans it was marked out with rows about 6ft apart which were wide enough for the small tractor to cultivate the beans. Poles 7ft6 tall were driven in 7ft apart and then three horizontal rows of coir yarn (hop string) were fixed to the poles and then vertical strings were fixed about 9" apart: one for each bean plant. When all danger of frost was passed (and later than the local gardeners) the beans were planted by the local ladies with a dibber; one lady worked each acre with help from the other farm staff.

The beans were picked by the ladies and packed into bushel (40 lbs) boxes by Harry, an 80-year-old worker, who lived in Crown Road. They were taken to Borough wholesale market very early the next morning to be sold to the retail shops that day. There were of course no domestic freezers in those days and not many imports but as time went on the freezers and imports increased and the fresh bean trade died.

When the frosts came, usually in the last week of October, the bean haulm was cut down and soon dried. We teenagers made heaps of these for bonfire night. One year they were still picking a few beans late into the month and much to our disappointment we had nothing to burn for bonfire night. The bonfire was the central focus of 5th November for several years because, of course, there were very few fireworks available as they were not made during the war!

Frank Hitchcock

SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

However different Christmas is this year, you can always turn to us for cards, calendars, Christmas trees, toys and all the gifts that the shop provides each festive season.

But if the shop provides gifts to the village, there is one gift that the village has provided to the shop for the past 23 years, and that gift is Lorna Robinson. Lorna is retiring from behind the counter on Christmas Eve. She says it's been fun and exhausting serving all those customers across five different owners, and she's looking forward to becoming a customer herself.

We all give her a thousand thanks for being such a fabulous asset to the Stores, keeping us at the heart of village life. If you would like to contribute to a retirement present, there will be a collection box in the shop or you can make an electronic payment to the Shoreham Shop LLP sort 18-00-02, account 05165598 reference 'Lorna'.

Raj, Desh, Prasanth and the Shoreham Shop Partners

WOMENS INSTITUTE

What a long time ago it all seems that we were able to enjoy our WI meetings and our Community Coffee Mornings - I'm sure lots of you are missing getting together. Just like lots of other organisations we are unsure as to when things might start up again but watch this space for updates. As you may know, funds raised from our Community Coffee Mornings are being used to purchase a defibrillator for the Village Hall and thanks to a very generous donation from The Crown Road Lights earlier this year, we are almost there. Thank you to everyone for their continued support and hopefully we will be able to install the defibrillator in the not-too-distant future. Once it's installed, we will organise the appropriate training. Here's looking forward to when we can all be together again but, in the meantime, I just wanted to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Mandy Vickers President Shoreham WI

THE SHOREHAM SOCIETY

Exhibition of history boards

Another thing that did not happen this year was our Big Weekend, but we are still hopeful that next year will mean that we are free to have a big Village event. What has gone ahead is the work to produce history boards which will tell the stories of many of the significant houses around the Village.

We'd like to give everyone the opportunity to see them before they are put up, when needed to coincide with particular Village events. They will be on display 12th and 13th December in the Village Hall, from 12 until 4pm. Hopefully we can offer a bit of Christmas cheer and even a raffle! Posters will go up nearer the time with the exact details.

(All relevant and current rules with regard to Covid will be carefully observed at all our events.)

As always, if you would like to be involved in any of the activities or campaigning of the Shoreham Society, then do contact our membership secretary by email: jenny.walking@btinternet.com *Chris Euman Co-chair, Shoreham Society*

FATHER CHRISTMAS

As you know, Father Christmas visits Shoreham every year on Christmas Eve to see the children before he goes on his travels around the World.

This year will be even better! He is going to visit twice! Both times he will be travelling round the Village in an open top trailer or truck with some of his elves and he might have some sweets for children who have been good!

December 20th 12 noon start

This visit is to collect any letters from children to tell Father Christmas what they would like him to bring them on Christmas Day. If you go to our school, but don't live in the Village you can wait at the George or Filston Lane car park. There is also a collection of gifts which will be given to children who might otherwise not get many presents and not be having such a good Christmas as us. (Make sure that you attach a label to say who and what age the present would suit.) These presents can be left at 4 Bowers Road up until the 22nd December. So be ready!

December 24th 6pm start

It's Christmas Eve, so be ready to ring your bells and give Father Christmas and his elves a big cheer and a warm welcome before he goes off for his journey round the world. He is setting off from the Crown and touring the Village. And he is not just visiting for the children; everyone can join in the fun!

Chris Euman & Jennie Adams

TALES FROM THE HILL

I recently heard a farmer, James Rebanks, on BBC Radio 4 explaining how in the last 60 years farmers have been speeding down a cul-de-sac. Cutthroat competition between supermarkets has reached a point where innovation in terms of farming practices, not just the use of chemicals but cultivation and animal husbandry, has reached a tipping point. Perhaps you may think this is old news, well it is, but the difference is that Rebanks is proposing a practical solution.

The warning signs came early for him, Rebanks remembers his father saying. "James there is something seriously wrong I have just ploughed a field and there were no gulls or crows following behind, there are no worms." The drive to increase the production of cheap food is not just down to the supermarkets, but also government farming bureaucracy. What farmer can resist "a giant bit of kit" that can do the job in half the time – but those pieces of kit do not come free.

Most farmers live with gigantic overdrafts, often an inherited debt. Banks have been only too happy to lend for land which has been used as safe collateral, meanwhile soil is getting poorer and often serves only to anchor the crop to the ground.

So as farm gate prices are driven down the only alternative left to farmers is to increase production by using more fertilizer and more intensive production methods. It is not

unusual for a field of wheat to be sprayed 7 or 8 times from sowing to harvest.

Rebanks does not wish to demonize farmers, the task of making that break to improve fertility and at the same time create better conditions for wildlife is certainly daunting. Rebanks' message is for groups of farmers say 10 or 20 to work together. The ambition is getting the farming industry 'okay' for the next generation: improve the varieties in grass swards, return to hay instead of silage, bring back crops that we now import – not long ago Sainsburys were selling out of season Sweet Corn flown in from Thailand! Last year only 5 pairs of curlews bred in Southern England a bird whose plaintive call reflects its present predicament. Happy Christmas to you all

John Bovington

CITIZENS ADVICE

New Freephone number: 0808 278 7810

In response to COVID19 Sevenoaks Citizens Advice has temporarily changed how the service is delivered. We no longer give advice face to face so there is *no* drop-in service, or Otford outreach. You can still ring us for advice on any problem, big or small, especially if you are affected personally or financially by the coronavirus emergency, on the new Freephone number 0808 278 7810 (10am-3pm, Monday-Friday), or by email: advice@nwkent.cab.org.uk. There is extensive up-to-date information on the Citizens Advice public website www.citizensadvice.org.uk.

Kate Britten

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