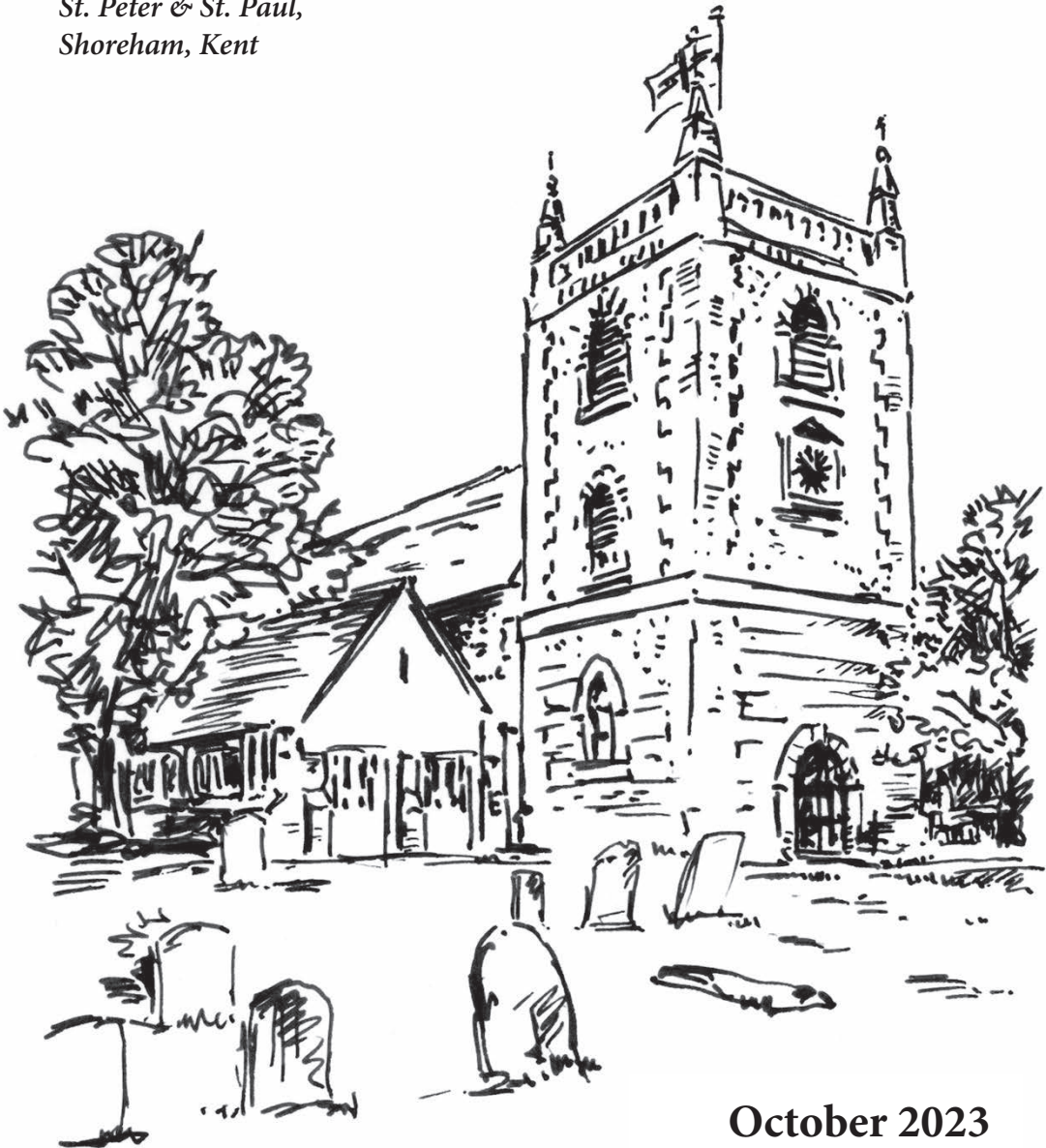


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Forgiveness

“It was in a church in Munich that I saw him. One moment I saw the overcoat and the brown hat; the next, a blue uniform and a visored cap with its skull and crossbones. It came back with a rush: the huge room with its harsh overhead lights, the pathetic pile of dresses and shoes in the centre of the floor, the shame of walking naked past this man. I could see my sister’s frail form ahead of me, ribs sharp beneath the parchment skin. Betsie and I had been arrested for concealing Jews; this man had been a guard at Ravensbrück concentration camp where we were sent.

Now he was in front of me, hand thrust out: “How good it is to know that, as you say, all our sins are at the bottom of the sea!” And I, who had spoken so glibly of forgiveness, fumbled in my pocketbook rather than take that hand. He would not remember me, of course—how could he remember one prisoner among those thousands of women? It was the first time since my release that I had been face to face with one of my captors and my blood seemed to freeze.

“You mentioned Ravensbrück in your talk,” he was saying. “I was a guard there.” “But since that time I have become a Christian. I know that God has forgiven me, but I would like to hear it from your lips as well –again the hand came out–“will you forgive me?”

And I stood there—I whose sins had every day to be forgiven—and could not. Betsie had died in that place—could he erase her slow terrible death simply for the asking? It could not have been many seconds that he stood there, hand held out, but to me it seemed hours as I wrestled with the most difficult thing I had ever had to do.

And still I stood there with the coldness clutching my heart. But forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.

“Jesus, help me!” I prayed silently. “I can lift my hand. I can do that much. You supply the feeling.” And so woodenly, mechanically, I thrust my hand into the one stretched out to me.” (*Corrie Ten-Boom, The Hiding Place, 1976*)

I read this book in my mid teens and this powerful story of forgiveness has stayed with me. As she shakes his hand, she describes a ‘healing warmth’ spreading down her arm, so she is able to say, “I forgive you” to her former captor. The topic of forgiveness seems to be much in the news these days. Not just from the church but when thinking about relationships in a variety of contexts. Of course, every time we say the Lord’s Prayer, we say: ‘Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us’. Perhaps we say those words too easily, perhaps we underestimate how much courage and faith it takes to forgive, perhaps we are too impatient, failing to accept that sometimes

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Rev Diane

OCTOBER SERVICES

1st October - Trinity 17

9am Breakfast@Church

6pm Communion

8th October - Harvest Festival World Mental Health Day

9am Communion (BCP)

10am Harvest Festival - there will be something for everyone - ALL WELCOME

Please bring some food items for the Foodbank

15th October - Trinity 19

10am Morning Worship with Communion

4pm Holy Habits

22nd October - Trinity 20

10am Morning Worship with Communion

29th October - Last Sunday after Trinity/ All Souls

10am Communion with Choir

6pm All Souls: Service to Commemorate the Departed

A quiet, reflective service where there is an opportunity to light a candle and remember those we love who have died. If you wish put someone's name on the list to be read out during the service, there will be a sheet at the back of church from Sunday 22nd October.

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COFFEE AND CHAT – FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

As the autumn sets in and the heating goes on, why not treat yourself to a healthy walk up to the Church Room for a convivial cup of coffee (or tea) and a chance to pass the time of day with village friends. The first Friday of each month, 10.30am - 12.00. Everyone welcome - no previous experience or religious knowledge required!

We're wondering whether there would be interest in using the space on another day for people, particularly homeworkers, to drop in for a change of scene to use the WiFi for work? All ideas are welcome - feel free to come and discuss them over coffee, starting on Friday 6 October. *Johnny Aisher*

SHOREHAM CHURCHYARD HELP-OUT DAY

Saturday 7 October from 10am

Whether you're a keen gardener, a beginner or someone who takes fright at the sight of a wallflower, why not join us to help keep the plant life in good order in Shoreham Churchyard on Saturday 7 October? All are welcome from 10am for some light weeding or maybe a bit of digging for the more energetic. Please bring any trowels, weeders, kneelers or any other useful kit you can manage, though we'll also have a few tools available, along with expert guidance. Complimentary hot food (meat and veggie pizzas) plus refreshments will be available in the Church Room afterwards!

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SHOREHAM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We returned to the Village Hall for our new season of meetings on 15 September. Nick White gave a talk on The Four Battles of Sevenoaks - conflicts of national importance that took place on our doorstep. The first was the 8th century invasion of Kent by the Mercian king, Offa, which led to a battle where the Darent passes to the west of Otford. A short distance away at Twitton, King Canute's men faced a bloody conflict in 1016 against Edmund Ironside. And Nick also covered revolts by Jack Cade (1450) and Sir Thomas Wyatt (1554) that led to skirmishes at Solefields and east of Otford.

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be on 20 October when David Cufley will talk about The Coming of the Railway and the Changing Landscape, doors open 7.30pm for socialising and speaker at 8pm. Don't forget to look at the website <https://shorehamkenthistory.weebly.com/> for the latest news and photographs.

James Saynor

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New to our range of specialist beers are Birrificio del Ducato craft beers. They come from near Parma in the Emilia-Romagna region of northern Italy and have won a host of international awards. Wine-lovers can also check out our new offerings from the i-heart company.

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SHOREHAM WOMENS INSTITUTE

The next WI meeting will be on Tuesday 3 October in the Village Hall when our engaging speaker will talk about reflexology, its benefits and uses. It will be lovely to see all our members from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. New potential members and visitors will be warmly welcomed – please send any enquiries to Shoreham@wkwfi.org.uk

Our Monthly Community Coffee Morning on 12 October is our annual charity coffee morning, and this year all proceeds will be donated to Hospice in the Weald. Tea, coffee and cake will be free of charge and we will ask for anonymous donations instead. We

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are also holding a raffle for a wonderful hamper that is being prepared by one of our members and there will be a bric-a-brac stall, with all proceeds going to the Hospice as well. Do come along to the Village Hall on 12 October, from 10am to 12pm, and support this amazing charity – everyone will be made most welcome, and it’s a great time to meet up with friends and neighbours in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Shoreham WI

SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 20 September 2023 at Well Hill Church. Members and the Clerk would like to thank the residents of Well Hill for arranging for the Council to use the church for their warm welcome and for their constructive comments during the meeting.

Please find below an update on the following items which were discussed at the meeting.

- A225 Shoreham Road – Members met with the Kent Highways team and Cllr Gough (County Councillor) during August. There have been some issues following this meeting and Members will be meeting with Cllr Gough and the Kent Highways to finalise the speed reduction scheme.
- Tennis Courts – Following the resurfacing of the tennis court the Council will be re-introducing the Tennis Membership Scheme. Membership costs £20 per year and please contact the Clerk for further details at clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Salt Bins - Members agreed to fund two new salt bins, one at Mesne Way and one in Romney Street.
- Grant – Members resolved to award a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of cutting the Churchyard.

The Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month except in August. The Agenda and supporting papers for the meeting are posted on the website and on the Shoreham Parish Council Facebook page. www.shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Wednesday 4 October at 7.30pm In Village hall

Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm in Village Hall

The Parish Council has a new postal address and residents can also now put letters in the post box which is at the Village Hall.

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This is a small charity looking after just two Almshouses, so whilst there is a wide range of activities within the role, the level of work expected would be proportionate with this. Candidates will need to be able to work flexibly for approximately 5 hours each week, including attendance at quarterly evening meetings. It is likely that the actual hours required will vary across the year.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2023

If you would like to know more about the role and the application process, please contact Julie Carder at julieshoreham@gmail.com or Zoe, the current clerk, at shorehamalmshouses@outlook.com

TALES FROM THE HILL

'Suo Gran' the Welsh lullaby that features in the film Empire of the Sun brings back the feelings I have about flying, for I come from a generation that regards flying as a kind of miracle rather than an everyday excursion. My feelings partly stem I am sure from a close shave I had at the 1952 Farnborough air show when John Derry's De Havilland jet 110 disintegrated over the crowd after breaking the sound barrier. In the Empire Of The Sun Jim played by Christian Bale risks his life by climbing a tower in the Japanese POW where he is being held. The Americans are strafing the runway. Jim's excitement culminates as a Mustang passes at low level. The Pilot spots Jim and salutes Jim salutes back while singing 'Suo Gran'

I remember the same exhilaration when as boy I stayed with my sister in Long Sutton near RAF Odiham, I discovered that it was easy to crawl under the perimeter fence at the end of the runway. I laid in the long grass at the end of the runway, and like Jim I stood up and saluted as Meteor jets flew feet above my head. A very silly thing to do I now know. I never told my mum.

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SHOREHAM OVER 60s PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY

Extract from September 1953 Shoreham Parish Magazine

The local branch of the Women's Voluntary Services are starting a Darby and Joan Club for men and women in this Parish to meet once a fortnight in the Church Room on alternate Wednesday afternoons from 7 October for tea, games and an occasional entertainment. There will be a small membership fee of 1d and a 3d charge for tea. Signed "Your sincere friend and Vicar Victor Edwards"

Congratulations to the Over 60s and our wonderful organisers celebrating 70 years!!

Wednesday 11 October

Exercises with June Bryant in the village hall. 2pm.

Wednesday 25 October

A special place or holiday. Share your memories over tea and cake in the village hall 2pm

The children at the village school have very kindly invited us to Harvest Tea on Tuesday 3 October from 2pm to 3pm. It will be held at the school and I would like thank them, in advance, for, what I know will be, a lovely afternoon.

Suna

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Sue Rivett

CORRECTION: WALNUT TREE TRUST

The Walnut Tree Trust clerk's email has changed. If you would like to contact her, please use this address instead. sue.worsfold@hotmail.com.

If you recently have been in touch and not received a reply, please accept our apologies. Please resend your email to sue.worsfold@hotmail.com. Many thanks

Jill Aisher, Chair, Walnut Tree Trust

SHOREHAM SOCIETY

**Just take some time to make Shoreham shine!
Saturday 14 October, 9am until 4pm**

Come to the Village Hall at a time that suits you for our bi-annual litter pick and clean up – a welcoming tea or coffee will be waiting.

There are so many ways to help Shoreham look its best before the onset of winter, whether it is weeding, cutting back, cleaning signs or litter picking. You can choose a task that suits you. Also, do let us know if there are jobs that you think need doing. New residents in the village especially welcome.

The winter is also a time when our dark night skies need protecting. It is all too easy to leave outside lights on all night which is bad for us and our precious wildlife. If you feel that you need security lighting, then do please move to event-activated or timer-operated options – or just lights that are less bright.

Our visit **to The Quadrangle** in August was a great success. There was a fascinating tour of this restored 'model farm', after which members, friends and their families picnicked in the orchard and picked fruit, and some brave wild swimmers even swam in the Darent. We would definitely like to repeat this Shoreham Society event. Our thanks and a contribution have gone to the Trust which manages The Quadrangle.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) AGM is on Friday 24 November at the Village Hall. There is a small amount of formal business but the main event will be a couple of talks on countryside and environmental topics. More details next month.

Finally, a **train travel tip**. Did you know that you can obtain most train tickets to and from Shoreham and our area in the form of an **eTicket**? You order online through a train company website or phone app, and the ticket is delivered as a QR code to store on your phone, just as with air tickets. This avoids the need to buy a ticket from the machine, and so allows you to buy a ticket at the last minute. By the way, Shoreham trains have held up remarkably well during the various strikes. Save for ASLEF (train driver) strikes, when there are no trains, Shoreham has had some trains on strike days.

Chris Euman/John Saynor Joint Chair

SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

After the summer break it is wonderful to be back in school, ready to learn. The term started with a whole school assembly when we read the book 'The Bad Seed' by Jory John, which promoted a discussion about our school values:

Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Curiosity, Determination, Kindness and Pride in everything we do. We refer to these values a lot in school with regard to our learning, for example, when pupils are finding a concept more challenging we will talk about having the determination to keep trying and not give up. We also reference them when talking about our high behaviour standards, for example, if a child has had a 'falling out' with friends at breaktime, we talk about kindness and taking responsibility for our actions.

Our oldest pupils have already prepared and delivered speeches to convince and persuade others to vote them into the coveted roles of House Captain, Sports Captain or Chair of the Pupil Leadership Team. The impassioned speeches and promises to work hard and make changes help all of us to learn about democracy and rule of law, two of the core British values that we also learn about in school.

We have a busy term ahead of us and some exciting learning planned. All pupils will be developing their drawing skills in Art for the first few weeks of term, with Cameron Class completing pen studies in the style of Van Gogh in advance of their trip to the National Gallery in October. Across the school, Prehistoric Britain and the Benin Kingdom are featuring in History lessons (with a visit to the British Museum also planned) and, as ever, we are sinking our teeth into fabulous books that inspire and challenge us, including 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverley Naidoo.

We do hope that our friends in Shoreham Village feel that they are welcome to be part of the Friends of Shoreham School (FOSS) which is the fundraising group whose aim is to raise monies to benefit the pupils at the school. Please do join us for our fundraising events which will be shared in the Gazette.

If you would like to support the school further, we are always happy to hear from people who would be interested in volunteering to work with the pupils to hear readers or run a club, or for those who could bring skills to the Governing Body that will help to lead the school strategically to further improve. If you would like to find out more about how you can help your village school in this way, please contact me via the school office; all volunteers are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check and go through an induction and training programme.

We would be delighted if we could have more followers for our school Twitter account @ShorehamVP so please do follow us. We post regular news items about what we have been learning in school.

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IT'S QUIZ TIME AGAIN

Saturday 28 October at Shoreham Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Come and test your wits at our Autumn Quiz on Saturday 28 October with your friends. There will be tables of six, so it would be great if you could make up a team, or if you want to come on your own or with a friend, we can match you up with a table. Halloween nibbles will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own nibbles as well. A pay bar will be open all evening selling wine, beer and soft drinks. We will again be raising funds for local food banks. Donations for the food banks will be welcome on the night.

Tickets £10 will be available from 30 September from ticketsource.co.uk/darent-valley-quiz-night, or in person from Shoreham Village Stores. For any enquiries, please contact Gavin Owen on gavin_owen@sky.com or 07854 173048.

The quiz is organised by the Darent Valley Branch of Sevenoaks CLP.

Sheila Birkin, Gavin Owen, Jill Webster, Kate Britten, Madeleine Marshall, Mary Symons and Anne Deane

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Saturday 7	Churchyard Help Out Day	Churchyard	from 10am
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Thursday 12	Shoreham Community Coffee	Village Hall	10 to 12 noon
Saturday 14	Let Shoreham Shine	Village Hall	from 9am
Friday 20	Shoreham Historical Society	Village Hall	8pm
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Saturday 28	Autumn Quiz	Village Hall	from 7pm

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