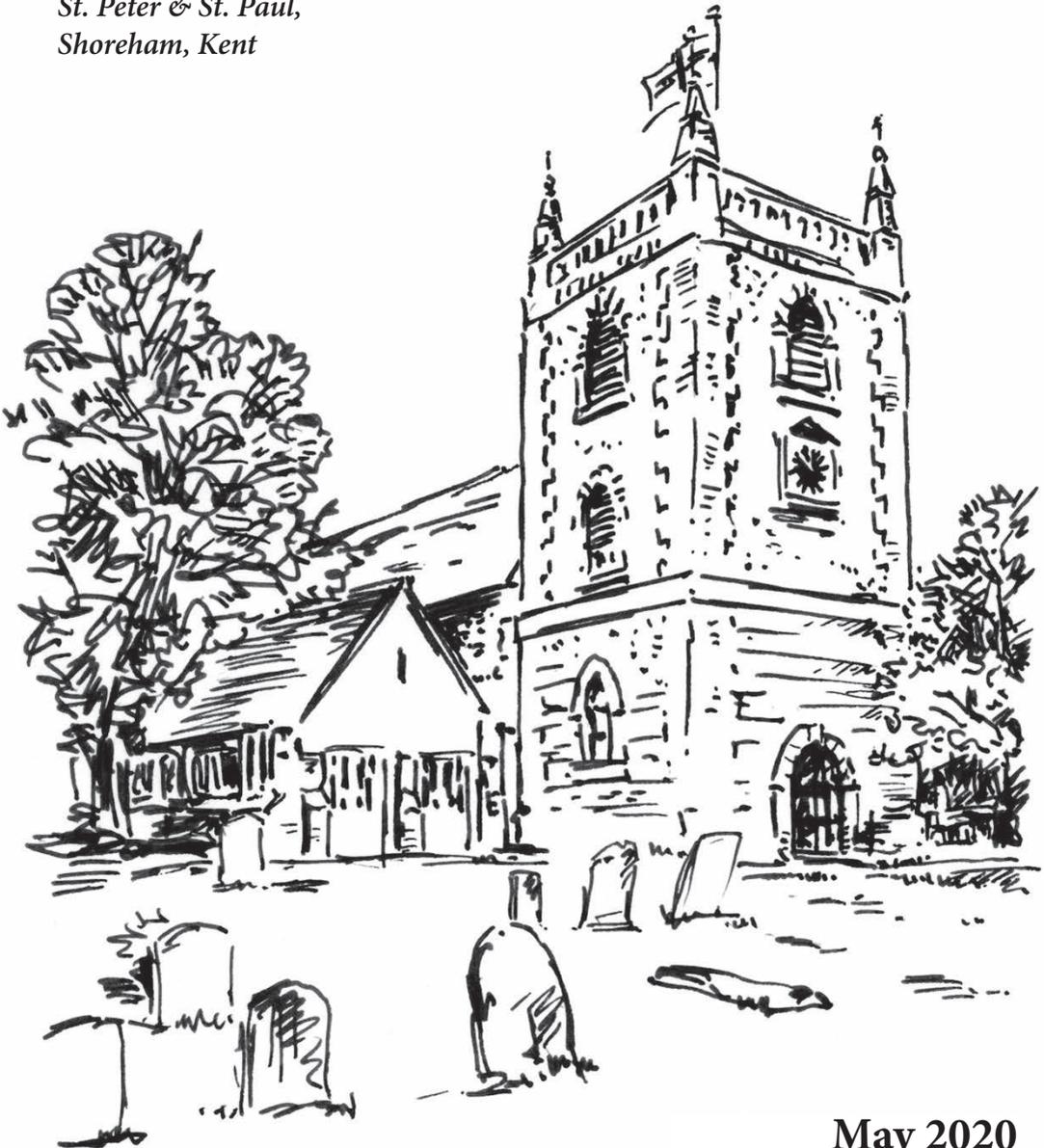


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**SOME EASTER REFLECTIONS**

Things are going to be very different from now on. That was my first thought, starting on Mothering Sunday, as it soon became apparent that the ways we usually mark Lent, Holy Week and Easter were going to have to change radically. And what's more, things would probably never be the same again. Our church building is closed for now but the life and mission of the church, characterised by prayer, love and service carries on.

We are living with uncertainty and fear (at least I am)! This was the reality of first followers of Jesus as they saw their friend and teacher go to the cross. They had no idea of what the future would bring. But, beneath the surface, God was at work. In the tomb, new life was emerging. Perhaps, even in our current situation, we dare to hope that there is a gentle movement of love, new possibilities and new life.

This year, we were not able to have the sunrise service by the cross, we could not use the church building, and we haven't been able to meet our families and friends, gather together to share a meal and many of the places we might have visited or travelled to are closed.

It may be that our resurrection experiences this year are more like the first disciples than the more celebratory Easters we are used to. For the first followers of Jesus, resurrection came at the darkest hour. But resurrection brought new life despite continued persecution and uncertainty.

There is still death, but it is no longer victorious. Our prayers and hymns may not put an end to the virus but they give us power and courage to say *yes* to life, to reach out to those in need, to have hope for the future and to rethink our priorities.

“Resurrection happens in a troubled world. Amid the fear and hopelessness, Jesus is Risen. Resurrection is not an escape from death. Nor does resurrection take our attention from earth to heaven. Resurrection embeds us in daily life, in this good earth. Resurrection inspires us to embrace this holy moment, inspiring us to live each day fully, loving fully, and not wasting a moment.” (B Epperley).

Christ’s resurrection shows us that nothing can separate us from the love of God – neither life or death – or anything else in creation can separate us from God’s love. This Easter, let us look for signs of resurrection, let us be open to possibility, and be alert to wonder, look for hints of new life, inside ourselves and in the world around us. Let us ‘practise resurrection’ in our daily lives and just maybe we will discover that ... Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

**Revd Diane**



The Revd Dr Diane E. Rees  
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## **THANKING THE VOLUNTEERS**

It is in times of Covid-19 that we get a real sense of the strength of the community of Shoreham. We are so fortunate to live in our beautiful Kentish village. All the little acts of kindness, those helping neighbours with shopping, picking up prescriptions and the wave of volunteers who have come forward to offer their support to shield those most at risk, goes to show what a wonderful community we live within.

It is important to remember that these volunteers are putting their own health at risk by undertaking these tasks and in some cases there have already been consequences. With this in mind, it’s really important that we are mindful with the requests we ask of our volunteers.

It is not an errand service, but designed to help with those who fall under the 'at risk' category or 'at high risk' with their most essential tasks where there is no-one within the household, or in close proximity, to help with collecting medicines or some food shopping. Please use online services wherever possible and remember that the village shop will deliver food / papers etc on request. The vulnerable must be shielded through self-isolation and the volunteers, and all those doing 'good - deeds' for neighbours and friends, need to be protected and not overly exposed.

Thank you to the wonderful community of Shoreham Village.

*Shoreham Volunteer Team*

I would like to add my special thanks to the message above for the patience, perseverance and fantastic work of the Volunteers over the last four weeks. We have seen many requests, all of which were met in a timely fashion. These ranged from shopping, prescription pickups, dog walking, IT advice on how to manage online shopping and online prescription services, as well as medical advice and general phone calls to people who were isolating or had concerns / queries.

As mentioned we are keen to keep our volunteers as safe as possible so I would request that at least 48 hours notice is given if assistance is needed. Please be aware that when you submit a prescription to the surgery, it takes 72 hours for GP turnaround time before it will reach the pharmacy.

The more notice, we have the better we can plan and join forces to reduce multiple trips to the supermarket or pharmacy. We are keen to support the Village Shop as much as possible and can help with deliveries from there if needs be.

Sarah's additional information in the Parish Council article gives links to the Council website and other ways to seek advice / assistance if this is required.

If you have lost or misplaced your leaflet with the list of volunteers or do not have access to the internet please do let us know.

Sarah Moon and I are lead volunteers and can be contacted by phone or email.

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*Kate Britten*

## **SHOREHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> March of the Historical Society was cancelled due to Covid 19, many members were disappointed to miss Dr Lionel Parks talk on Water Mills of The Darent and we hope to book him again for next year. Suzie Faubert remains as Chairman and all the committee members will continue in office. It was proposed to announce at the meeting that next year the subscriptions would have to be raised to £8 to cover the increasing cost of speakers.

The latest Historical Society pamphlet on the Cross on the Hill, prepared by James Saynor, was in anticipation of the commemorations that were due to take place on May 8<sup>th</sup> for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ending of WW2 and for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 24<sup>th</sup> of the commencement of the digging of the Cross on the Hill. As we have no meeting before those anniversaries, it was decided to email it to Members. Donations for this could always be given when we next have a meeting.

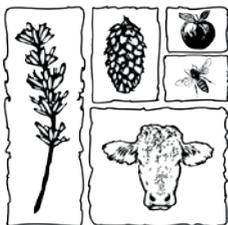
I will notify members when we anticipate recommencing our meetings. In the meantime I hope everyone keeps in good health

*Lynda Alleeson, Secretary*

## **DAVID HORSLEY**

Lizzie and Katie Horsley want to thank everyone who has been in touch after their Dad, David, died on 8<sup>th</sup> March, for their kind letters, cards and messages. Dad was 94. David and Sue moved to Shoreham in 1958 after the birth of their son, Richard, living first in 2 The Terrace, Church Street (where Lizzie was born), then to 69 High Street (where Katie was born), and, since 1971, at Winslade Cottage. Although originally from the north, for those that got to know him (he was quite a reserved man), will know how much he had loved Shoreham and, with Winslade, neither he nor Mum “ever wanted to live anywhere else”.

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*Ann Ball*

**PRESCRIPTION ADVICE FROM DR EAKINS, OTFORD MEDICAL SURGERY**

The Otford Patient Partnership Group (PPG) contacted Dr Eakins for advice and suggestions for those requiring repeat prescriptions. Karen Morash, PPG Treasurer, has passed on his response to be shared with Shoreham Village community. In order to minimise risk to patients and to volunteers, Dr Eakins advised the following:

1. Consider using online prescription supplier such as Pharmacy2U or Boots Online – even if just as a temporary measure. This will allow patients to order prescriptions online and have them delivered directly to your home. Pharmacy2U has an online registration service which it would make sense to use. Either the patient or a relative can register. Mr Shafi of Otford Pharmacy and his team have been brilliant through this crisis. We don't want him to lose business. However, these alternatives will reduce the risk of the virus to patients, volunteers and Mr Shafi.
2. Another way forward would be for patients to request that their repeat prescriptions are ordered by the pharmacy when their medication is picked up. This saves a trip and keeps the prescriptions going.
3. The Shoreham Prescription Service remains unchanged shielding our most vulnerable residents. This is in place for those with a long term requirement (ie beyond this crisis), who have given their permissions to Mr Shafi for a volunteer to collect their medication without prior notice. For subscribers to the Shoreham Prescription Service, please order prescriptions online wherever possible. It is important we reduce the use of paper prescriptions being dropped into the white box in the shop unless absolutely necessary.

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## **INTERPRETING THE DARENT VALLEY LANDSCAPE**

With all of us being advised to take our exercise close to home, I wondered if some villagers might like to refer to an interpretive walk that I wrote back in 2012 for the Royal Geographic Society's online series [www.discoveringbritain.org](http://www.discoveringbritain.org). The text and audio recording for this walk can be viewed, printed or listened to at: - <https://www.discoveringbritain.org/activities/south-east-england/walks/darent-valley-walk.html>

In it I relate about the farmed landscape as you walk along the Darent Valley between Shoreham and Eynsford railway stations (or vice versa!). The route comes down into Shoreham then loops up along the Terrace to gain panoramic valley views before returning to Mill Lane and picking up the river path. Heading downstream it passes Castle Farm before continuing on and linking various historical points at Lullingstone and through into Eynsford. This walk is titled "*From Hops to Lavender*" and includes 21 stopping points from where I describe how the valley's local geology and geography has influenced land use and farming enterprises during past decades and across centuries. Additional topics embraced include Samuel Palmer, the river Darent, Shoreham's chalk cross, flint stones, Lullingstone Castle silk, transport developments and the Eynsford tree mnemonic.

Even if you are unable to get out yourself or if we are restricted from such activity by government, you may enjoy the text as a reminder of the beauty, diversity and history of our valley. Keep safe, keep well. *William Alexander*

## **TALES FROM THE HILL**

When I was at school I had one friend, ahhh, a friend whom I have not been able to trace. He went by the name of Michael Conway but his real name was Wolfgang Corn. His family escaped from Germany in 1939. We were not playground footballers, instead we walked round the edge of the sports field posing obscure questions to one another, for example. "Why is it that when you 'think' about stepping up onto the kerb, instead of leaving it to your inbuilt auto pilot, you are more likely to come a cropper?" I recently came across an article by J.M. Barrie that poses a similar question, it is called "A Holiday in Bed"

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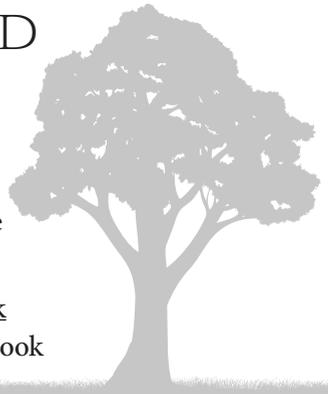
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staying there, say, three days, and found to their surprise that each morning they wanted to get up. This was a novel experience to them: they flung about restlessly, and probably shortened their holiday. The proper thing is to take your holiday in bed with a vague intention of getting up in another quarter of an hour. The real pleasure of lying in bed after you are awake is largely due to the feeling that you ought to get up. To take another quarter of an hour then becomes a luxury. You are, in short, in the position of the man who dined on larks. Had he seen the hundreds that were ready for him all set out on a monster dish, they would have alarmed him; but getting them two at a time, he went on eating until all the larks were gone. His feeling of uncertainty as to whether these might not be his last two larks is your feeling that, perhaps, you will have to get up in a quarter of an hour. Deceive yourself in this way and your holiday in bed will pass only too quickly.

I agree with Barrie about the difficulties in taking a holiday in bed. I am not sure though about the larks for his theory does not seem to apply to some people when faced with a large bucket of KFC.

Note- written before Corona Virus, I am sure none of us now would desire a holiday in bed or maybe you would!

‘Larks are for singing no eating’

*John Bovington*

## **ROGUES - ROYAL OAK GOLF SOCIETY**

Our first fixture of the season has, unsurprisingly, been cancelled. Why the government has thought it necessary to prevent us playing is unclear. Social distancing is our thing. Whilst one of us is exploring the rough on one side of the fairway another may be looking through the trees 50 yards away, another excavating quantities of sand from a bunker, and so on.

With a few youthful exceptions, we are pretty well the definition of an at-risk group, so it only right for us to be cautious. On the bright side, few of us have to be worried about the colour of our roots.

Whilst we are all obliged to stay and home, and getting a click-and-collect slot at Sainsburys remains as rare as a hole-in-one, all we can do is to continue ripping up the lawn whilst we practise our short game. The only alternative that I can suggest is World Golf Tour ([www.wgt.com](http://www.wgt.com)). Our next scheduled fixture is at Dale Hill Golf Club on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Here’s hoping!

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*Ann Ball*

## SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The past few weeks have been strange to say the least. We are going through incredibly difficult and challenging times, during which many of us will be suffering physically and mentally as well as financially. Some of us will feel lonely or bored whilst others will have difficulties trying to juggle work and home schooling at the same time. Many of us have suddenly become experts in new technologies, we may have developed new interests and hobbies and ironically, may be exercising more than we have ever done before! One thing which is certain, is that all of us without exception will be feeling the effects of COVID-19 and with that in mind, on behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank everyone who is helping those in need, whether this be shopping, collecting prescriptions, walking dogs or simply making a phone call to check in on a vulnerable neighbour. We are hoping to receive a delivery of PPE very shortly and will ensure that all volunteers are supplied with what they need to carry out their work safely. We are very fortunate to live in such a caring community and hopefully, when it is safe to do so, we will be able to celebrate this fact and come together once again to rejoice in what is great about where we live.

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On a separate matter, we are looking into the feasibility of upgrading the internet infrastructure throughout the village to fibre. In order to gauge interest, a short survey has been published, which we would like everyone to complete. This can be accessed via the 'Shoreham Fibre' tab on the parish council website. Many of us will have been depending more and more on our broadband of late for work, conference calls, school, live streamed exercise classes, even parish council meetings, so the importance of a reliable and speedy service cannot be underestimated.

As always, if you have any queries relating to COVID-19 or any other parish related matters, then please contact me at [clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call me on 07912 611048.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May via Zoom. This will be a public meeting and anyone will be welcome to join. Please download the Zoom app onto your phone, tablet or computer. Details on how to access the meeting will be published on the agenda.

Wishing all those, who have been unwell a speedy recovery and hoping everyone else will remain safe and well,

*Sarah Moon, Parish Clerk.*

## **LAUNCH OF GO2 ON-DEMAND BUS SERVICE**

Bus operator Go Coach has replaced many of its services in and around Sevenoaks (including Shoreham) with an on-demand service. The services involved are the 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 8. The new service, branded as go2, started on 14 April and will operate on a three month trial.

Kent County Council has worked with Go Coach and its delivery partner ViaVan to develop the scheme and has given it some start up financial support. Go had already worked on some schemes for 'demand responsive' bus services with KCC, including plans to address the replacement for the 421 in the village.

The collapse in demand for bus journeys as a result of the Covid-19 crisis has accelerated the search for new approaches and new solutions. The new go2 offers the ability to book a journey (in a smaller bus) from a point near you to your chosen destination, using routing software to combine your journey requirements with those of other users. Concessionary passes will be accepted.

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The new service – developed over just a couple of weeks, and the first of its kind in the country to respond to the Covid-19 crisis - has got off to a good and brisk start, and hopefully should offer some real benefits to bus users in Shoreham.

*Roger Gough, Kent County Councillor*

## **THE SHOREHAM SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO GET CREATIVE!**

As we will not be able to hold the Big Weekend in July the Shoreham Society would like to invite you to celebrate Shoreham by getting creative!

Entries from families and individuals, young and not so young, encouraged 😊

We will showcase all creative endeavours at a later date as part of an exciting, yet to be announced, village celebration!

Your exhibit entry can be a photograph of the original, if storage of your creation is tricky or if you choose to use natural materials that will deteriorate over time and cannot be replaced.

You can pick as many as you like from the following:

- Painted/collaged/coloured rainbows
- A duck race entry in readiness for next year (this would not replace the competition on the day)
- A representation of a 3D animal habitat that you may find in our local area
- A painting/collage/drawing of our lovely village
- A house/shop (2D or 3D) that you would like to see in our village
- A 3D animal that you may see in Shoreham's fields or woods

Photos of your creative endeavours can be emailed to:

[shorehamsociety@gmail.com](mailto:shorehamsociety@gmail.com)

Look out for some of your photos appearing around the Village as a preview to showcasing them at the big Village celebration – yet to be announced!

*Chris Euman*

## **SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES**

The members of the Shop Partnership join the rest of the village in offering the warmest thanks to Kannan, Chitra, Prasanth, Lorna, Manjit and the new arrival Monik for their remarkable effort to keep Shoreham supplied these past few weeks – to deliver to doorsteps, to stay so well stocked, to run the Post Office, to maintain the newspaper service, to hunt down scarce items, and to staff the counters with

unfailing goodwill. We hope the village will continue to support Kannan and his team whatever challenges lie ahead. Please remember the shop's social distancing rule: only two customers are allowed inside at once.

The Post Office days are Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9am to 3.30pm and you can draw out cash at these times. The shop's phone number for deliveries is 01959 522018.

*The Village Stores Advisory Committee*

*And Finally*

## **THE CHURCH ORGAN**

Christopher Schreider was commissioned in 1727 to build a new organ for the Coronation of George 11 in Westminster Abbey. The King was so pleased with the organ that he agreed to fund it paying the Abbey £1,000 [£118,700 today]. In 1848 the Schreider organ case was obtained for Shoreham by our Vicar Canon Repton who was a Prebendary of the Abbey.

In the January 1892 Shoreham Parish Magazine Rev Ashington Bullen says that the organ is in need of repair and Mr Rogers is to act as Treasurer. About £150 is needed to do the work thoroughly and Mr Bryceson, the celebrated London builder, has promised to do it for this sum. [£12,789 in today's money]

Forward to May 1892 when a sacred concert is held by the Shoreham Choral Society. Rev Bullen reports; the room was fairly filled, the more solid nature of the programme "Spohr's Last Judgement" no doubt being answerable for some of the absentees! Those who came were gratified by the excellent way in which Mr Steane wielded the baton. The Vicar proposed a scheme by which the balance of the Organ Fund (£80) could be cleared off in five years. The organ to be ready by Ascension Day in May when the Society hope to repeat the oratorio in the Church. The work was actually completed on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1892.

There are two commemorative plaques attached to the organ casing



"In affectionate remembrance of John Vincent Steane born August 25<sup>th</sup> 1866 died January 20<sup>th</sup> 1927 who for 35 years faithfully and devotedly served this church as organist and choirmaster. This tablet is erected by his friends." Mr Steane was Headmaster of the Village School ( see photograph)

"In memory of Walter Lockett who deeply loved the church and its worship and died on September 29<sup>th</sup> 1943. An electric organ blower has been installed by his widow".

The graffiti on the wooden casing on the east side of the organ comprises the initials or names of musicians associated with the organ during its time at the abbey which were deciphered by the Arts Society Church Recorders in 1993.

JW 1749 (John Weldon a pupil of Purcell at the Chapel Royal)

Cooke 1761 (Benjamin Cook, Abbey organist 1762 to 1793)

J Turler 1836 (James Turler – Abbey organist 1831 to 1882. Composer of the hymn tune “Westminster” “My God how wonderful thou art”

W Beale 1791, C Dare 1796, W Russell 1797, N Phillips 1811 and I Jolly were all identified as choristers  
*Ann Ball, Church Archivist*

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