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SERVICES FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2017

Sunday 2nd July - St Peter and St Paul - Patronal Festival

8am - BCP Communion

10.30am - Eucharist

6.00pm - Songs of Praise – 37 High Street - Johnny and Jill's garden

Sunday 9th July - 4th Sunday after Trinity

8am - BCP Communion

10.30am - Eucharist with Taizé music

6.00pm - Poems & Songs

Sunday 16th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity

8am - BCP Communion

10.30am - Eucharist

6.00pm - Youth service + pizza + games at Vicarage

Sunday 23rd July - 6th Sunday after Trinity

8am - BCP Communion

10.30am - Iona Eucharist

6.00pm - Evening Service

Sunday 30th July - 7th Sunday after Trinity

8am - BCP Communion

10.30am - Eucharist

6.00pm - Evening Service

August

During August there will be one morning Communion service at 9.30am and an Evening service at 6pm, which will vary from week to week but will be non-eucharistic.

The Revd Dr Diane Rees

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Glass, Art & Faith

Probably like many people, although I liked art at school, I never felt I was very good at it. However, over the years I have had a go at a number of things but my passion now is working with glass. I enjoy doing stained glass (perhaps appropriate for a Vicar) and copper foiling but my real passion is fused glass, i.e. making something with glass, which then gets fired, at very high temperatures, in a kiln. I love the physicality of glass. It's quite a tough material and yet it can also break quite easily (as well as cut your fingers). I love the colours that change depending on how you view it. I love the fact that you make something and then have to 'let it go' into the kiln. You can never quite predict how it will turn out or what other people will think of it.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof

For me, art and faith have always been intricately connected. In the middle of June, we were treated to a fantastic Sculpture Trail - 80 Artists - 200 Sculptures - 26 Gardens - 1 Village. I invited people to see the Trail as a sort of pilgrimage ... to notice, to be curious, nourished, inspired, to be present to God's world and life, and allow the art - its forms, texture, colour, shape and context to do their work. Of course, for some people it won't be sculptures that inspire them. It might be words, photographs, painting, pottery, glass, music, a beautiful view or ... But we all need something that takes us beyond our selves ... something that can challenge our complacency, something that holds out the possibility of hope and transformation, in the face of pain and of joy. One of the many pieces on the Trail that inspired me were some 'lanterns' hanging in a tree in the Old Vicarage. They were made out of the shredded archives of a family tragedy and put together to form something different. They still bore the scars of the history and the pain but they had been transformed into something hopeful, something new.

Let all the world in every corner sing

So wherever or however you find your 'art' this summer, I invite you to allow it to transform you, stir in you the gift of hope and enable you to find traces of God's grace and presence permeated in the world - those 'glimpses of glory', which are all around us.

I have come that you might have life and life in all its abundance

Revd Diane

SHOREHAM SCULPTURE TRAIL

A memorable weekend with so many visitors. The Sun shone and so did the Artists with their amazing Sculptures, thanks to the hospitality of the twenty six Shoreham Garden Owners.

Our grateful thanks to the four ticket stations and their many supporters, an industrious group of refreshment providers, sign creators, car park controllers and of course the marvellous heavy lifters.

Special thanks to the Committee who have worked so hard on this project for over six months to create a record breaking event and to the garden owners who gained much admiration from our visitors.

As we go to press we have raised approximately £8,000 for the Church Extension Fund - a remarkable achievement! One Royal Academician commented 'that this Exhibition was the best that he had ever experienced'.

The winner of the Prize generously given by the Mount will have been announced on Facebook. Thank you Shoreham!

Erica Dale Sculpture Trail Committee

CREAM TEAS IN CHURCH:

6th, 13th 20th and 27th August and 3rd September

Delicious cream teas: home made cakes, scones will be served this summer as usual in the Church between 2pm to 5 p.m. every Sunday afternoon in August and on the Heavy Horse Show afternoon. This annual event is vital for raising additional funds for the everyday expenses. Please come and treat your family and friends.

Lesley Spence

HEDGEROW FLOWERS

I'm not sure if a consequence of the ageing process is a more acute awareness of the beauty and fragility of the natural world; I certainly feel that as one enters later years in life, the wonder that is wildlife needs to be embraced and cherished. If the demographic implied by advertisements within magazines produced by the RSPB and similar nature conservation bodies are to be believed, then unless younger people are in need of stair lifts, sensible shoes or reclining chairs, the members are clearly in the autumn of their lives.

Last week I was walking along a country lane and felt an overwhelming sense of joy at the display of wildflowers along the hedgerow. The palette was complete – a backdrop of greens as the grasses, Cocksfoot, Yorkshire Fog and Sweet Vernal Grass emerged (incidentally, the latter is the grass that gives hay that wonderful fragrance),

the cerulean and violet of the bluebells, the lace-like and delicate white of the stitchwort, the cerise campion, the yellow buttercups and the subtle pastel pink of the cuckoo flower. There seemed to be one colour missing, then, as if on cue, an orange-tip butterfly (of which the food plant is the cuckoo flower or 'ladies smock') fluttered by – the wing tips a reminder of a childhood paint box orange, deep and lustrous.

Hedgerows, so often overlooked as we drive by in our haste to get somewhere, are quintessentially English and, although sadly depleted during the mid to latter part of the last century in a drive to enlarge fields and increase productivity, are a haven for wildlife and help clear the air of pollution; for these reasons alone we should value them. But also, simply for their beauty – a beauty that comes each year at no cost. In a society that seems so much to associate happiness and pleasure with material wealth and acquisitiveness, it is worth remembering that pure elation and rapture are there for the taking when one takes a moment just to see our natural surroundings – and all for no cost.

So, do younger people look at wildflowers with a feeling of wonder? Some do, I am sure, but perhaps when out with your children or grandchildren, take a loupe or magnifying glass and look closely at the flower of an eyebright or sanicle – you and the children will be amazed. I won't tell you what they look like – find out for yourself. Nature never disappoints.

Glenn Morris

LEST WE FORGET

We will be at The War Memorial twice in July to remember two WW1 Soldiers on their 100th Anniversary. The first is Sunday July 9th for Arthur Wells and the second is Thursday July 20th for Thomas Wilson. In August, we meet at The War Memorial three times. The first is Saturday 5th of August for Richard Cheeseman, the second is Thursday 10th for Cecil Cheeseman (Richards's brother) and the third is Wednesday 16th for Walter Pettitt. We will meet at 7pm for the short service of Remembrance for each of these Soldiers. Please come and join us, if you can to remember five of Shoreham's own.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASSCHENDAELE

We will be holding a special service on Monday 31st July at The War Memorial to mark the 100th Anniversary of one of the bloodiest battles of WW1. This will be a short service with prayers and the laying of a Wreath. Please join us at 7pm.

Lorna Robinson

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

On Saturday 15th July, we are holding a Cream Tea at 5 High Street. Come along and join us and have delicious homemade Scones with cream and jam and tea whilst sitting in Mandy and Neil's beautiful garden. 1.00pm – 5.00pm.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Village Fete. Special thanks goes to

Geoff Nutkins for donating one of his wonderful prints to be raffled and this was won by Peter Triggs. Also thanks to The Mount for donating a bottle of their award winning Sparkling wine which was won by Mr Price and, finally, to Dee Haysler for donating a lovely basket of toiletries which was won by a lady from Badgers Mount. Over £300 was raised for The RBL. Thank you to all who supported our stall. It really was a lovely fete and we would like to thank the organisers who worked so hard to make it such a great afternoon.

A reminder that the coach for the Eastbourne outing on Saturday 8th July will leave the car park at 9.00am.

POPPY APPEAL

Could you be a Poppy Seller in Oct/Nov? This involves selling poppies house to house during the two weeks of Remembrance. You can choose how long you wish to be out selling and how often, during that period, you go out. It usually only amounts to a few hours... If you are interested in becoming one of our team please contact Mike on 01959 525772. You do not need to be a member of the Royal British Legion to do this.

Mike Robinson P.A.O.



Congratulations to this year's fete team (Paul and Jane Hudson, Helen Sands, Elaine and Kevin Scott and Mandy and Neil Vickers) whose hard work enabled us all to enjoy another brilliant fete on June 11th. We are lucky in Shoreham to have so many people who are willing to spend their time helping to maintain our village community with its diverse range of activities and events. If you are interested in becoming involved in the planning for next year's fete, please contact me or one of the current fete team.

The Shoreham Society's Granny's Attic Stall (which raised a healthy £350) offered punters a whole range of interesting items from antique maps and vinyl records to hose pipes and bird cages. We are grateful to those of you who assisted with the stall and a special thanks must go to Anna Birbaumer who took care of the unsold items which she has distributed to different charities.

We are very grateful to the late Jean Benwell who remembered us in her will. With the money left to the society we have purchased two large and strong gazebos (in a cheerful bright yellow colour which we hope Jean would approve of) which can be borrowed by village organisations. Are you new to Shoreham? We hold copies of The Shoreham Handbook so please contact us (shorehamsociety@gmail.com) if you would like one. It only costs £3 for single dwellers or £5 per household to join the Shoreham Society contact jenny on jenny.walkling@btinternet.com

Sheila Birkin (Chair) and the Shoreham Society Committee.

R.O.G.U.E.S.

Once again, the weather treated us well for our trip to Bearsted Golf Course. And, once again, our numbers were well up. This is a long established golf course and we enjoyed the benefits of this mature parkland course which is kept in superb condition. Whether our play matched the course is another matter: mature trees are larger and harder to avoid. We were warmly welcomed; we were fed well and the manager would like us to return!

A tremendous performance by Dave Simmons earned him the top prize of a four ball at Bearsted and the much coveted engraved whisky glasses. Runners up were Ralph Abbott and Brian Alleeson. The nearest the pin prizes were awarded to Martin Stevens and Stuart Bryant. Some more nefarious awards seem to be creeping into our post match celebrations. Thus, Ron Crosby was awarded the prize for landing in the most water and Christine Euman won 'Bandit of the Month' – I can't imagine why.

Our next meeting at Surrey National will be on June 16th, before the Gazette goes to print. However, on the 21st July we will be playing at Westerham Golf Club and the competition will be more keenly felt as it will be for the President's Cup.

As always, we are keen for others to join our merry band. This is very much a Shoreham based society which, like the village itself, welcomes newcomers. So, feel free to contact our captain at: nigel@courtnet.com. *Christine Euman*

HERBIE CLELFORD

My name is Herbie Clelford and I am currently doing my silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. As part of this I have to do six months volunteering, six months of developing a skill and three months of physical activity, each for an hour a week. For my volunteering section I have volunteered at Shoreham Church and have spent time clearing weeds and moss from different graves and around the Church. It's been good volunteering in the Church yard because it has been cool to see flowers growing in the place of weeds.

I am starting my Gold DofE and for my volunteering section and I will be giving free guitar lessons for half an hour a week. I will be doing two sessions a week for single students or groups of two at a maximum. I am a grade 5 guitarist and would like to volunteer as a guitar teacher because I think it would be cool to inspire other people to enjoy playing guitar as much as I do. However I will only be able to teach people who live in Shoreham and will be able to teach Sat, Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs afternoons. You can contact me through my email address: herbieclelford@gmail.com

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL MCDONNELL

I wanted to write a few words about my father, Michael McDonnell, who passed away in March.

Those of you who knew my father would have seen him on one of his many walks around the village. He was an unofficial auditor of field lines, changing seasons, the rush of modernity that changed the village from what Samuel Palmer called a 'valley of vision' into one sound-tracked by the distant hum of the M25. He knew the different names of fields and woods that had taken the names of the landowners, some persisting, some vanishing, aware of hidden histories that disappear like chalk arrows in the rain.

Like my father, I grew up in Shoreham and went to the same primary school, but unlike my father, I left the village, as did my sisters, Anna and Jennifer. Our different generational lives, the paths they took, illustrate the changes that the 20th Century introduced. My father stayed in the village, working on farms before working his way through different jobs to the one he loved the most, as a rep for agricultural machinery at Ernest Doe. He excelled in his job because he understood farming and loved a good story. His anecdotes about village life were worthy of publication, he had the awareness of the power of narrative, the register and the sense of timing needed to spin a good story out to its conclusion.

Mike was much loved, and it was a deeply touching moment to see the Church full to the rafters with people who came to remember him. In April we scattered his ashes near the cross. He wanted to come home to Shoreham, his beloved valley and a small party of us set off to climb the Western Down with him one last time.

Shoreham is a community, and communities are what give us strength and I thank you all for the support you have given to my mother, Frances; she feels, as do we all, that keen sense of loss. The kind words, cards and donations made to the incomparable Lord North ward at Maidstone hospital, have made Mike's absence that little bit more bearable.

Andrew McDonnell

The McDonnell family would like to thank friends, neighbours and the whole village for the love and support we received while Michael was ill and after he passed away. There are so many of you that have done so much. We would especially like to thank our neighbours in Bowers Road, Mildmay Place and Mesne Way for their donations and kindness. Also to everybody who donated to the Lord North Trust Fund which enabled us to give over £1,000 which goes to help all of the patients in Michael's memory. The outpouring of love and memories shared have given us so much comfort.

The McDonnell family

SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

On Saturday 5th August, all of Shoreham are invited to the shop partnership's Tenth Anniversary Party – marking a decade since villagers clubbed together to guarantee the shop's future. It's also the Farewell to Kumar and Welcome to Santhosh and Kannan Party, a triple celebration as the management of the shop changes hands.

The event will take place on the green next to the stores and in the Village Hall from midday. Delicious barbequed and vegetarian food will be on offer, free of charge, while music and fun for the kids are also planned. Kumar and his family – who are already settling down well to their new life in South Wales – will be there for us all to say goodbye. Look out for more details in the shop and on the village Facebook page.

The Shoreham Shop Partners

TALES FROM THE HILL

350 years ago a fleet of Dutch ships sailed up the Medway and created havoc, sinking many vessels and destroying land defences at Chatham and Sheerness. Conflict between England and the Dutch aided by the French had been rumbling on for years. The hostilities were about trade, in particular The English Navigation Acts that gave our merchant vessels a monopoly in colonial trade; a bit like Brexit turned on its head. After this short invasion Henry VIII realized that his shipyard at Chatham was vulnerable to foreign enemies and a programme of fort building was ordered along the Thames Estuary to prevent further attacks.

It was on a visit to Chatham and Sheerness that Henry ate a dish of Kentish cherries, “that sat well with the King”. Being royally impressed he proclaimed Kent to be “The Garden of England.”

There have been many books written about “what if” Germany had won the war and what affect it would have had on our national identity, but I don't think anyone has written a “what if” book about a successful invasion by the Dutch.

Would there now be an extra lane added to the M25 for bicycles only? Would our favourite food be herring and chips? Would the English Channel now be reclaimed land for the purpose of growing tulips.

Unlike most European countries we have not been invaded that often. The Danes taught us that it was quite good fun to sail beyond the sight of land. The Normans showed us how to build a small castle in every village, that they called Churches. The Romans taught us everything worth knowing. Unfortunately ten minutes after they went back home we forgot how to build straight roads. We also forgot how to make glass, we forgot about plumbing and drains.

The Romans told us about their Senate and how members did not interrupt the person who had the floor, a concept 2,000 years later that we still haven't grasped.

But let us forget politics and elections for a while and take a tip from Victoria Wood. FromAcorn Antiques... Miss Babs to Mrs Overall...

“The fact is my life seems completely grey, bleak and pointless”

“Well yes Miss Babs, sometimes that's God's way of getting you to enjoy Gardeners World”
John Bovington

SHOREHAM ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

A big thank you to those who supported our recent fund raising activities, the Plant Sale in May and running the BBQ at the Village Fete. Members are reminded that the Annual Plot competition will take place on Thursday 13th July, keep those weeds under control!
Jeremy Tooley

SHOREHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our meetings for the next two months are for members only. On 4th July we are holding our 99th birthday meeting where we will be entertained by The Ukulele Man- Rob Tompsett - this should be a fun evening - 7.30pm start. On 1st August we are holding a garden party and fun auction event at one of our member's homes from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at Darenth Lodge. (I hope the weather stays fine).

Sylvie Poynter

NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

VE Day Special – written by Cameron Class

On the 15th May, Cameron Class visited The Skinners' School Cadets for an 'army' experience. We tried on army equipment such as helmets, backpacks and utility belts. It was surprising to see how heavy they were - and how much the cadets had to fit into such a small space! We learnt how to put up bashers (tents). Bashers shelter soldiers from the weather and help them hide from the enemies. It was hard to put them up because, in teams, we had to tie two ropes to two trees then tie the other two ropes to the ground. The difficult thing was that we had to put them up on really difficult terrain covered in brambles and twigs. But after a few attempts we finally did it! We learnt to camouflage ourselves using special army camouflage paint on our faces; we were then sent into the woods to find our group leader. We learnt how rationed food was cooked and some of us were brave enough to try the food and drinks. Some of it was easy to

cook and could be cooked with your body heat! In WWII, the soldiers would have used pink, (yes pink!) matches in the war! They were good matches because even if they dropped them in a muddy puddle then they would still light! Unlike our matches nowadays which go out and can't be used with even the slightest bit of water! The matches would be used to light a small fire so they could cook their food. We had a great day indeed!

On Friday 19th May, Cameron Class invited in people of Shoreham who had experience of living in WW2, so they could talk to us about what it was like in the war. We asked a plethora of questions, helping us to find out more about their lives. We were so interested and engaged, you could hear a pin drop! Later on in the afternoon our new friends re-joined us to participate in our street party on the playground (and the classroom, as it decided to rain!). We played games like: hula-hooping, skipping and hopscotch. We all then came inside and had traditional WWII snacks - spam and corned beef sandwiches! One of our visitors remembered the time when he found a bomb; because he was the youngest he had to carry it. He and his friends were told off when they appeared at the local policeman's door with it in their hands!

On another note: we are collecting Coolings School and Community Garden Vouchers. For every £5 spent on plants at Coolings, a voucher will be given which can be sent in to school.

Gillian Lovatt-Young Head

**SHOREHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL AT SHOREHAM CHURCH
FRIDAY 8TH AND SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 PM**

We hope many of you will be buying tickets for our two wonderful concerts at Shoreham Church, Simon Standage's Collegium Musicum quartet, CM90, on Friday 8 September and the John Lewis Partnership's Cavendish Singers and Ensemble on Saturday 9 September. CM90 will be playing Telemann's beautiful music, and the Cavendish Singers will be giving us the Astorga Stabat Mater and Haydn's Nelson Mass as well as several lighter numbers. The profits from the Saturday concert will go to the Church Extension Fund Appeal.

After each concert everyone is invited to jazz and refreshments in the Old Vicarage, thanks to the generosity of Frank and Susan Hinks.

Tickets at £12 (£8 for U16s) will be on sale at Shoreham Village Stores from Saturday 8 July, or from ticketsource.co.uk/shoreham-music-festival. For further enquiries, call Linda Lattimer on 07799 580106.

We look forward to welcoming you and your friends to two enjoyable and sociable evenings of wonderful music in our lovely village Church.

Vanessa Welsh, Kate Howie, Linda Lattimer, Jane Scott, Jill Webster

SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

ALICE'S ADVENTURES! Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd of December. Our very own tame (?) playwright, Katie Kingshill, is writing a version of Alice through the Looking Glass in which she also revisits key incidents from Wonderland, and Danny is composing the music. We shall need people of all ages (from 8 upwards) to act, sing, dance or all three, to be Red and White Queens, the Mad Hatter and March Hare, Humpty Dumpty, the Walrus and the Carpenter, oysters – you get the idea.

On **Saturday 15th July** at 2.30pm we shall be having a meeting in the Village Hall for everyone who is interested. There will be full auditions in the autumn, but please come along on 15th July if you'd like to perform or be involved in any other capacity - there will be lots of scope for creativity in the special effects/set-building/lighting/costume departments. If you're interested but can't make the 15th, please let me know on 01959 523765 or kb@shoreham.f9.co.uk.

Then on **Sunday 10th September** at 2.45 pm there will be the final audition and rehearsals will start in October. Please get in touch if you'd like any more information

SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS' BARBECUE AND CROQUET

Sunday 23rd July from 1.00pm on the Cricket Ground – many thanks to Shoreham Cricket Club for allowing us the use of their beautiful ground. Our traditional midsummer get-together, reinstated by popular demand. We set up a couple of croquet pitches for those who want to play (experts are on hand to help out any novices) while many people prefer just to eat, drink, chat and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Bring a picnic and something to barbecue, and we will provide tea. It's not exclusive to the Players, so do feel free to come along and bring any visitors. *Kate Britten*

CITIZENS ADVICE

If your fuel bills are becoming a worry, there are various schemes which can help if you are a pensioner, or disabled, or receiving benefit, or if your fuel bill amounts to more than 10% of your overall expenditure. Or maybe you'd like information and help on changing your tariff or switching suppliers? For information about this, or any other issue, you can use the drop-in service (10.00am-2.00pm T,Th, F) at Sevenoaks CAB (next to the library); ring 00300 330 9001 for an appointment at Sevenoaks CAB (or with a CAB adviser at Otford Parish Council rooms on the first Tuesday of the month from 10.00 - 12.00); or email info@sevenoaksdistrictcab.org.uk

RICHARD EWING

We were pleased to welcome friends from Shoreham to Dad's funeral on 5th June. Special thanks to Mike Robinson for his participation in the service with the Royal British Legion standard. Shoreham always had a special place in Dad's heart and this is also the case for all of us. We will continue to visit regularly.

We have decided to raise funds for the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice where Dad spent his last few days, by walking from his birthplace in Bowers Road to the hospice, via the houses he lived in at St Mary Cray and Sidcup. We will walk on 6th July as this would have been Dad's 93rd birthday. Any support would be gratefully received. Details at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mark-Ewing6 thank you.

Gail, Graham and Mark

SHOREHAM OVER 60S

We now enter our summer programme of garden parties in the village and we thank our hosts Suna Keats, Kate Howie and Angela Hicks for their kind invitations to spend an afternoon in their gardens. July 12th and July 26th meet in the village car park at 2.15pm so we can car share. There are no meetings in August.

Joan Payne

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

This is the next instalment of Shoreham A Village in Kent by Malcolm White and Joy Saynor © The Shoreham Society

One of the most prominent families in the village from the 1820's was the Mildmay family. They had been nationally prominent from the twelfth century, when King Stephen sent a Mildmay on the Second Crusade in 1147. In the early nineteenth century Humphrey Mildmay and his wife acquired an estate in Shoreham and a new house, Shoreham Place. Humphrey soon took up responsibilities in the village and was instrumental in establishing the first village school. At that time there were very few schools for the "poorer classes" and so in 1833 the government gave a grant for the setting up of schools by the Church of England and the Nonconformist Churches. Humphrey established a school house and a classroom partly at his own expense, for no grant was payable until such facilities existed. This school was one of the first of twenty-four schools built in Kent.

Later, another member of the family took a leading part in reorganising the seating in the Church. Humphrey Francis Mildmay helped to plan the removal of the box pews and the removal of the two galleries at the back of the Church.

Mrs Georgiana Mildmay arranged for the building of the path in red bricks and the planting of the Irish yew trees in 1867.

The Mildmays were adherents of the Church of England, but since the Toleration Act of 1689, the number of dissenters had increased in the parish. In 1836 the Shoreham Methodists began to build their first chapel, which was situated behind the cottages to the east of the bridge. When the Revd Lovett Cameron became Vicar in 1860 he wrote “dissent is rife-pervading indeed the great mass of the labouring population”

Mary Symons

HERBIE CLELFORD

On behalf of the Church I would like to thank Herbie very much for all his work for the Church this year which forms part of his volunteering for the DofE Silver Award... He has cleared one of the very overgrown graves of Canon Repton who is so important in the history of the Church and as the son of Humphrey Repton the great garden designer I am sure he would have appreciated Herbie’s work. Herbie also cleared the moss outside the Church gate which has needed doing for a long time.

Ann Ball, Deputy Church Warden

Editor’s note

This is a very important month for my family as we have been here 40 years having moved to Cockerhurst House from London in August 1977 when the village were celebrating the Queen’s Jubilee with bunting everywhere. Many changes have taken place in that time including the building of the M25 past Cockerhurst and loss of Shepherds Barn Valley, the dairy herds at Oxbourne Farm and Ridge Farm, the view of the river from the War memorial to the village green, Offens shop where we shopped for delicious sausages, meat and vegetables and the Brownies run by Jane Waters to name but a few. We were so fortunate in finding this lovely valley to live in

It has proved a popular move as we still live in the village and nearby Hever apart from my wonderful Geoffrey who died age only 62 in 1993. Geoffrey and I left Paddington all those years ago with three daughters, one pony, Tuppence, a small long haired dachshund called Sam and two tiny kittens that the removal men found in the tea chests when packing up. Happy days!

Ann Ball – Editor

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

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| 1 st July | Georgina Hopkins |
| 8 th July | Jill Aisher |
| 15 th July | Alison Collins |
| 29 th July | Arranger Required |
| 5 th August | Margaret Simmons |
| 12 th August | Valerie Turner |
| 19 th August | Debby Rose |

CHURCH READERS ROTA FOR 10.30AM SERVICES - JULY

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| 2 nd July | Jeremy Tooley and Suna Keates |
| 9 th July | Kate Howie and Liz Nash |
| 16 th July | Sylvie Poynter and Ken Fowler |

CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| July 2 nd | Jill and Johnny Aisher |
| July 16 th | Suna Keates |
| July 23 rd | Pastoral |
| July 30 th | Alison |
| August 6 th | Georgina |
| August 13 th | Ann Williams |
| August 20 th | Muriel Fuller |
| August 27 th | Pastoral |

VILLAGE DIARY – JULY AND AUGUST 2017

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| July 15 th | RBL tea party | 5 High Street | 1pm-5pm |
| July 15 th | Players “Alice “meeting | Village Hall | 2.30pm |
| July 23 rd | Shoreham Players Croquet | at Cricket Club | 1pm |
| August 5 th | Village Shop 10 th Anniversary party | | 12 noon |
| August 6 th , 13 th 20 th 27 th | and September 3 rd - | Cream Teas in Church | |

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