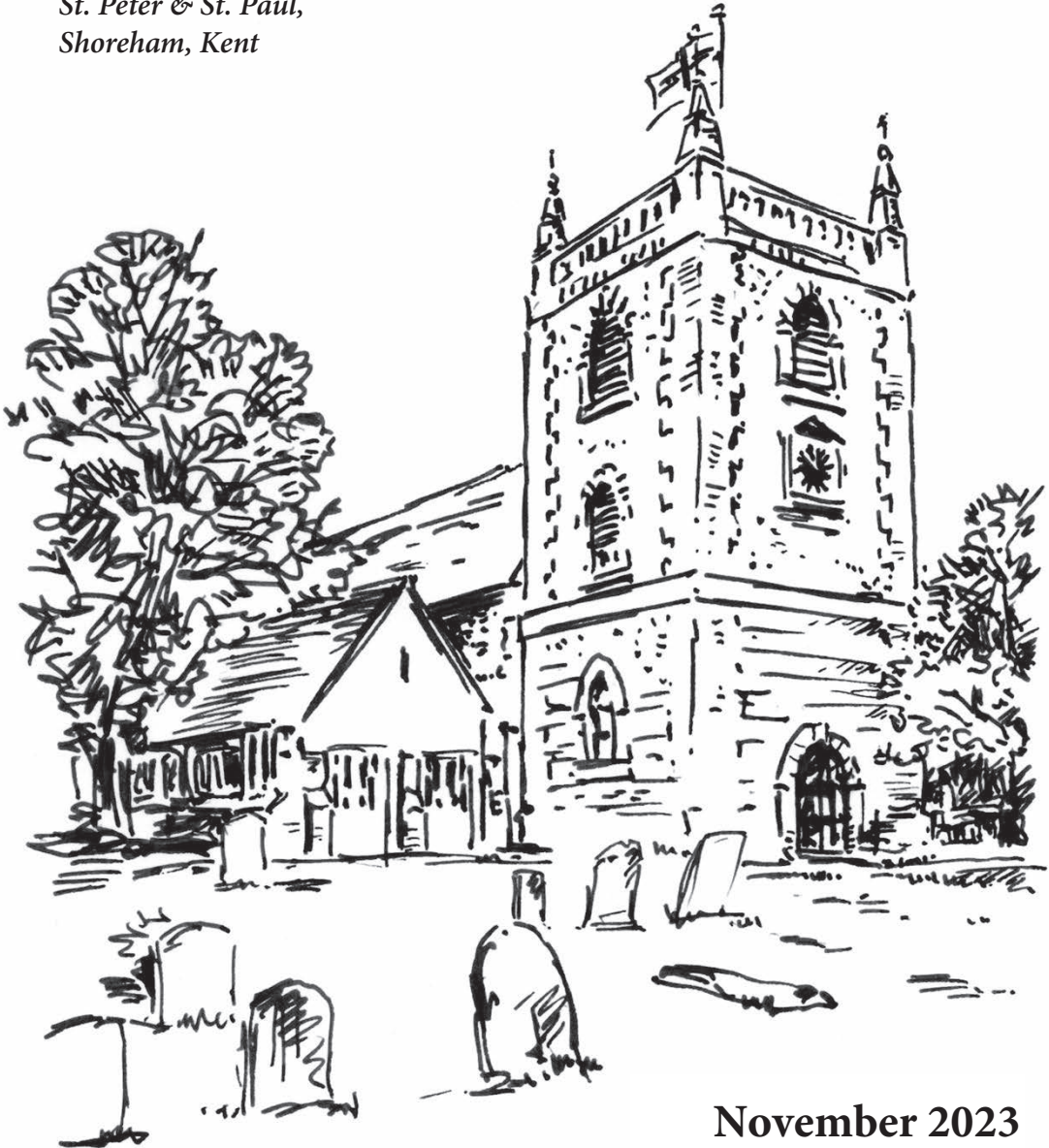


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5th November - All Saints' Day - 4 before Advent -

9am Breakfast@Church

6pm Communion

12th November - Remembrance Sunday - 3 before Advent

9am Communion (BCP)

10am Remembrance Sunday ending at the War Memorial

19th November - 2 before Advent

10am Morning Worship

4pm Holy Habits

26th November - Christ the King

10am Communion with Choir

6pm Compline

2nd December

5pm **Meet in the Church for Carol Singing to Crown Road lights turn on at 6pm**

Jesus said... "Greater love has no man than this – that he gives up his life for his friends"
I think Remembrance Sunday is one of the most important services in the Christian year - a time when, as a nation, we stop to “remember” those who gave up their lives in wars across more than 100 years for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

We honour them all, for everything they gave up and everything they did and for the sacrifices they made on our behalf. We also give thanks for those who returned home and their families.

Remembrance Sunday celebrates the peace that their sacrifices bought – it is worth remembering that the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month was the date in 1918 of the signing of the armistice which was to bring the end of the World War 1!

But whilst rightly we honour those who died, we must not forget those who are still suffering as a result of war.

Recently we saw a celebration of the indomitable spirit of some of those young men and women in the Invictus Games but I've also seen the other side of the coin - ex-soldiers at a Church-run night shelter – several suffering from PTSD, many unable to get a job, all homeless on London streets.

A very vital part of Remembrance Sunday is that it raises money for the work of the Royal British Legion in helping and supporting forces personnel, and alleviating suffering among veterans and their families

A former Bishop of Birmingham, Leonard Wilson, who was a Japanese prisoner of war in World War 2, recommended three thoughts for us all to carry in our hearts on Remembrance Sunday.

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2. That we should be sorry for human sin and evil.
- 3 That we should be dedicated to work for reconciliation, peace and justice in the world

Let us be a generation who can learn from the past – from the sufferings of war. And whilst we will always remember and give thanks for those who gave their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy, let us also be a people who pray and strive for reconciliation, justice and peace for all God’s people wherever and whoever they may be. Greater love has no man than this – that he gives up his life for his friends – that they may live life in peace and to the full

Bryan Harris



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COFFEE AND CHAT – FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Do 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 - 12.00noon everyone welcome - no previous experience or religious knowledge required!



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SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS CHRISTMAS CABARET

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The bar opens at 6.30pm and the performance starts at 7.30pm. You can book tables of 8 or 4 or come along and join a table.

SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 4 October 2023 and the Amenities Committee on Wednesday 18 October at Shoreham Village Hall.

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

- A225 Shoreham Road – The Parish Council is waiting for further plans from Kent Highways.
- Tennis Courts – Following the resurfacing of the tennis court the Council is asking residents to please enroll in the Tennis Membership Scheme if they wish to use the courts. The Parish Council is keen to keep the court in good condition and the funds received from membership help to support the maintenance. Membership costs £20 per year and please contact the Clerk for further details at clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership
Sarah Newman gave an excellent presentation on the proposals for Shoreham station. Members agreed to support the project further to receiving more information. A copy of the presentation will be available on the website.
- Recreation Ground – Members have appointed contractors to repair some posts, the matting in the playground and to carry out a tree survey. A new pedestrian gate will be installed at the bottom of the Millennium footpath opposite Mill Lane to improve the safety of those using the path.

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Members would like to thank all those residents who responded to the parking survey. Ninety one responses were received from a total number of residences in Shoreham of six hundred and seven... Members are reviewing the responses and a report summarising the comments will be made available to the public.

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 Parish Council Facebook page.

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The Parish Council has a new postal address and residents can also now put letters in the post box which is on the Village Hall. The Post Box, Shoreham Village Hall, High Street, Shoreham, Kent TN14 7TB

The Freighter is at Forge Way on Saturday 11 November 9.15am to 9.45am

Amanda Barlow 07912 611048 clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk

SHOREHAM WOMENS INSTITUTE

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported our Community Coffee morning in October. It was a busy and fun morning and we were able to donate over £500 to Hospice in the Weald because of your generosity.

Our next WI meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7 November when we will welcome 'Ms Cherry Bombe' who will speak about burlesque and how she became involved. Members should arrive from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, and we will also be pleased to see any potential new members and visitors. Please send any enquiries to Shoreham@wkwfi.org.uk

Our next monthly Community Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 9 November, in the Village Hall, from 10am to 12pm. Tea/coffee + cake for only £2 in a friendly and relaxed environment. It's a lovely way to brighten up a cold November morning, and the heating will be on.

Julie Carder

SHOREHAM BRANCH - ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY CASCADE

An idea was put forward earlier this year that we could display a Poppy Cascade outside The Church for Remembrance. A plea was sent out to everyone in the village and beyond to ask if they would like to knit Poppies for the display and the call was answered! We had a great response and Poppies have been knitted and sent to us from as far away as Cornwall and even France. We are so grateful to everyone who contributed....it was much more than expected. By the time you read this, the finished product will be in place outside the Porch door of The Church.....do come along and see it if you get the chance. A huge thank you to everyone who knitted poppies and helped assemble the cascade.

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SHOREHAM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM this year is on Friday 10 November in The Village Hall at 3pm. After the meeting, which is never very long, we have a talk called Not Forgotten...The Crooked Billet by Jenny Randall. This is about a V2 rocket that landed on The Crooked Billet pub in Bromley. Afterwards there will be refreshments. This is open to members and non-members. Please note that the meeting is in the afternoon and not in the evening as it has been before. We are aware that lots of people do not like to come out on a cold, dark November evening and hope, by changing the time, this will be helpful. We look forward to seeing you there

Lorna Robinson

NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

It has been lovely to enjoy some warm weather this late in the year, enabling our children to make the most of the field and Speller's Woods at break and lunchtimes. We are so lucky to have such large, beautiful grounds and I always find great joy when in the woods as they are so tranquil and atmospheric. The monies raised by FOSS (Friends of Shoreham School) have been used to bring life to our little pond again, meaning the children can explore it for educational purposes; we are now in the process of trying to re-fence the area and any support from the village would be most welcome.

We were pleased to welcome the Shoreham 'Over 60s' to our Harvest afternoon tea event and I was extremely proud of our Year 6 pupils who spoke to them with confidence and performed 'Harvest Rock n Roll'. One of our guests wrote a thank you card after her visit which included the words, "I enjoyed every minute of my visit as the children were so wonderfully attentive." What a lovely and fitting accolade for our eldest pupils.

It was a great pleasure to accompany Cameron Class on their school trip to the British Museum to see the Benin Bronzes and then on to the National Gallery to participate in a workshop on landscapes. The children were able to compare and contrast the artefacts from Ancient Egypt to the Benin Bronzes, and also to give their reasons for or against the argument that the Bronzes should be returned to Nigeria rather than kept in the British Museum.

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 still have some limited spaces for pupils available in some year groups, so if you know anyone who is looking for a small friendly school with high standards and lots of lovely outdoor space, please ask them to call us to arrange a tour. Phone: 01959 522228 or email: office@shoreham.kent.sch.uk

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DRIPS AUTUMN MEETING (Darent River Preservation Society)

Memorial Hall Otford TN145PQ Wednesday 8 November at 7.30pm. A Short AGM followed by "How we must look after the Darent" Speakers from Thames Water - Jamie Riches (Chief Hydrologist) and Graeme Kasselmann (Wastewater) Non -members welcome Enquiries 01959 563296

SHOREHAM SOCIETY

It may be colder, but it is certainly getting busier! We have had another Shoreham Shine Day organised to perfection by our wonderful Secretary, with a full report of the day below.

SPARKLING SHOREHAM

On Saturday 14 October twenty four shiny, happy people, including three young people and five enthusiastic newcomers, came to the Village Hall, collected equipment and set to work on making our village sparkle.

Our haul included twenty five bags of rubbish and cut back vegetation, three tonne bags of brambles, nettles and branches, plus an assortment of articles including: metal canisters, a barbecue griddle, a lump of rubber and very battered wheelbarrow!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who:

- ✓ made a great start on making the river path more accessible
- ✓ cleared the Village Hall paths and removed brambles
- ✓ weeded and swept pavements
- ✓ swept the Multi Use Games Area on the recreation ground
- ✓ cleared ivy
- ✓ rubbish hauled from the outlying lanes and paths
- ✓ washed signs and sparkled up the phone box
- ✓ provided much needed wheels and metal canister disposal
- ✓ cut back vegetation and cleared away mud to enable another car to be parked in the car park
- ✓ provided delicious refreshments and kept the Village Hall in good order
- ✓ and the wonderful volunteers who did a day or so of hedge and vegetation cutting around the Village Hall

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SHOREHAM SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
24 NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm

This seems to have been a year with a focus on our lovely woodlands and their management. Therefore, we are looking forward to our talk by the Woodland Trust. This will be followed by the ever-popular round up of the farming year by William Alexander. This is always a convivial evening with wine, the famous cheese biscuits and even a few minutes devoted to the AGM itself. All are welcome. If you are not a member, you can join on the day.

Looking further ahead, Father Christmas has once again, agreed to visit Shoreham on Christmas Eve. So do leave some time in your Christmas planning to allow our younger residents to come along. More details will be in the next edition of the Gazette.

Chris Euman - Joint Chair

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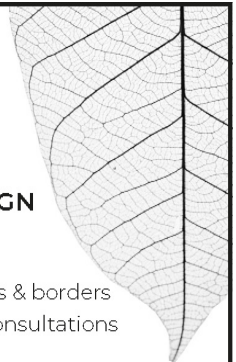
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Traditionally this is the time of year when we celebrate the harvest. However, when you have the delights of growing your own you can be harvesting throughout the year and from mid-summer until mid-autumn you can be harvesting and storing. I like to think of this as our 'insurance policy' for the winter. Jeremy and I have two allotments, although Jeremy is most definitely the Chief Grower! Between us we grow lots of fruit, flowers, herbs and yummy veggies.

Throughout winter and early spring we are harvesting goodies such as lovely Brussels sprouts (they really are lovely), cabbages, broccoli, leeks, beetroot, turnips, parsnips, spinach, chard and kale.

As spring progresses we have the delights of harvesting lettuce, radishes, over wintered onions and shallots, broad beans, rhubarb and the spinach, chard and kale keep on giving! Added to this we are harvesting beautiful tulips and daffodils.

Summer heralds the wonderful harvest of soft fruit. Raspberries, blackcurrants, redcurrants and gooseberries are all picked and topped and tailed, usually in front of the television! Much is frozen for culinary treats yet to come. At this time of year we are also harvesting French beans, runner beans, courgettes, carrots, tomatoes, peppers, beetroot and wonderful potatoes, and the spinach, chard and kale keep on giving! This too is the time when the sweet peas, sunflowers and dahlias begin to colour our home. As summer progresses into autumn the carrots, beetroot and potatoes continue. Added to this interestingly shaped squashes start to be harvested and, of, course, the spinach, chard and kale keep on giving, as do the sweet peas, sunflowers and dahlias. Everything is grown with love, grown organically and absolutely no chemicals. However, none of this could happen if we didn't have our kitchen, study and greenhouse full of chitting potatoes and tender seedlings during the winter and early spring months. Luckily for them, and for us, it is a very happily shared space! **Fancy giving it a go?** You don't have to start big; quarter and half plots are available. Amazingly a quarter plot is only £10 and a half plot only £15 per year! See Gazette insert for more details.

Vannessa and Jeremy- the happy allotmenters.

SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS REMEMBERED

In Memoriam; Lorna Lee 10 July 1930 – 6 September 2023 -

Lorna and Gordon Lee were active in more than fifteen productions between them in the Shoreham Village Players across a span of five decades, starting in the mid-1950s and not hanging up the grease paint and dog-eared play-scripts until the early 1990s. They also served on its committee for many years.

Lorna was a keen actor at school and then at University in Exeter, where she met Gordon – five years older and demobbed after fighting the Japanese in Burma. Gordon had never stepped on any stage when they moved to Shoreham in 1954. Yet the family myth goes that Lorna was so dissatisfied by the first Players' production she was involved in, that she came home and declared that Gordon could do a better job as producer.

She was persuasive, and so it seems was he to the Village Players' Committee. They trusted him (though relatively new to the village) to put on Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, on twelfth night 1956, with Lorna in the leading role of Viola. It was a success and several other productions followed over the next ten years. Gordon never did act – he directed, often with Lorna in the cast.

He emphasised keeping up a good pace in productions. His mantra was “*The seats in the Village Hall are very hard.*”

A wonderful ensemble of amateur talent formed around these shows at that time. Susan Platts a gifted painter produced beautiful scenery to transform the Village Hall's modest stage. Richard Butterworth and Peter Walker were stalwart and gifted amateur actors with natural presence and great charm. Stage Management, Lighting, Sound and ticket sales were typically in the hands of a regular team who knew their roles and discharged them well. The plays were popular and the reviews complimentary. It was a wonderful community instance of the whole amounting to so much more than the sum of its parts.

There was room for young and old:

“*Fags out girls, we're on*”, was apparently the injunction backstage by Peaseblossom to her fellow teenage fairies before they had to go on to minister to Bottom at Titania's command in Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Every facet of village life was represented – Dudley Benbow, Shoreham's vicar, took part; while Lord Dunsany President of the Shoreham Village Players wrote a one act play *The Road* in 1956 as part of the battle to keep what would become the M25 from being driven through the heart of Shoreham.

Other notable productions of that era included, Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*, *The Ghost Train*, the thriller *Dead on Nine*, and *Journey's End*. This last being all male, Lorna did the make-up. It must have been a powerful evocation of war to an audience in 1966, barely twenty years after the end of conflict in Europe and when many older village residents would have had vivid personal memories of its First World War setting. One night when the thunder-flashes for the end of the play's final bombardment scene failed to sound on cue, in a panic they were inadvertently all let off at once and in so doing they did very nearly actually bring the house down!

Gordon went on to direct a Victorian Music Hall evening in 1973 after he and Lorna had moved from Shoreham to Otford. Lorna appeared on the bill singing *My Old Man Said Follow the Van*. She continued acting with the Players – taking the lead in *Saturday, Sunday, Monday*, and in 1992 appearing in the Player's second production of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. That same year she directed a very successful production of *Murder in the Cathedral* in Shoreham Church.

Lorna bowed out from the Players in 1993 after producing another Music Hall evening, as Gordon had done twenty years before. By this stage their own marriage was over, the partnership that had been so productive in the 1950s and early 1960s dissolved in divorce. Gordon died in November 2001 aged 76 from the long term effects of type 2 diabetes. Lorna lived to be 93, dying peacefully on 6 September 2023.

Matthew Lee once a Shoreham Village Player in Hands Across the Sea

TALES FROM THE HILL

One of my cycling destinations when I was young was the Water Pumping Station at Nurstead near Meopham. Situated along a quiet country lane, this magnificent banded brick building always took me by surprise. The oval cathedral like windows gleamed revealing two huge reciprocating steam engines that almost silently drove the pistons that pumped the water from the aquifer below. One glance tells you that the operatives took pride in their work even down to the wallflowers that adorned the frontage of the building.

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John Bovington

OVER 60S

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SHOREHAM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For the talk at our October meeting, David Cufley told us what went into the building of the railway along the Darent Valley in the 1850s and 1860s. He explained the trades and skills needed for creating the many embankments, cuttings and bridges - not to mention the great viaduct at Eynsford. Huge amounts of soil were dug from the ground and made into countless bricks in brickfields nearby. The members thoroughly enjoyed the meeting judging by the questions to the speaker and subsequent discussions.

The next meeting of the Society will be on 17th November with Rod Shelton's talk “From Castle to Cardboard” the history of Eynsford Castle. Please remember to look at our website for news and photographs. <https://shorehamkenthistory.weebly.com>

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