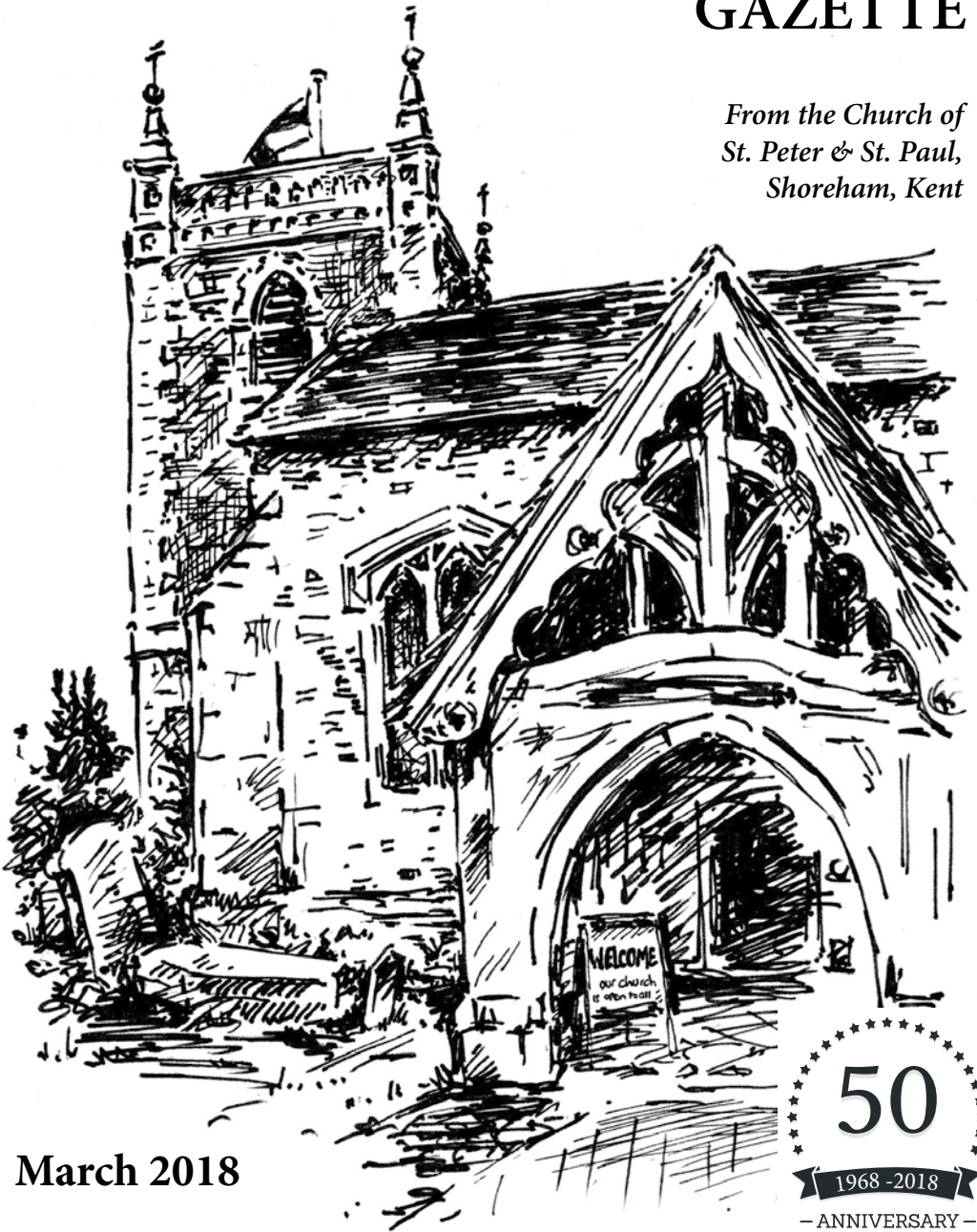


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MARCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th March

8am - BCP Communion

10.30am - Eucharist

4.30pm - Lent Course

Sunday 11th March

8am- BCP Communion

10.30am- Mothering Sunday – All Age Service

4.30pm- Lent Course

Sunday 18th March

8am – BCP Communion

10.30am – Eucharist

4.30pm – Final Lent Course

Sunday 25th March – Palm Sunday

8am - BCP Communion

10.15am – Meet at Shoreham School for Palm Sunday procession

10.30am – Eucharist

6pm - Evening Service **** Service time reverts back to 6pm**

Maundy Thursday 29th March

8pm – Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 30th March

10am – 12 noon – Easter Craft for Children

12.30pm – 1.30pm – Procession and Prayers in Church

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A CHANGE TO THE 8AM SERVICE.

Please note that after Easter Sunday 1st April the BCP Communion will always take place on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month here in Shoreham. On the 1st and 3rd Sunday we will join Eynsford Church for their Communion Service at 8am.



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2018 LENT COURSE

If you have missed the evening Lent Course in Shoreham on Sunday evening, you could go to Ightham Church in Fen Pond Road. The same course is being run by The Revd Tim Hatwell on a Wednesday evening . Coffee at 7.45pm for 8pm.

EASTER CRAFT MORNING

The popular Easter Craft Morning will be held on Good Friday- 30th March- 10am - 12 noon at the Church. Come and join us for some crafting fun. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sharon Desmond

The Rev Geoffrey Simpson was Vicar of Shoreham from 1980 to 1991. We send our sympathies to Mary, Alexander and Johanna on his passing. After he left Shoreham Geoffrey was Vicar of Helmsley in Yorkshire and spent his retirement at Yetminster. During his time the Church Bells were restored and rededicated in 1982.

EASTER FLOWER ARRANGING IN CHURCH



Saturday 31st March from 9.30am. All Flower arrangers are invited to help decorate. It is not necessary to be a professional florist! If you can put a few flowers in a jam jar, or make coffee you are most welcome. Please notify Sally Beesley 01732 462520.

Saturday 7th April morning Please help to take down the Easter flowers arrangements

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll will be revised in preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd April 2018. It will be displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church from 22nd March. Please report any corrections by Monday 9th April to Ann Ball, Oxbourne View, Mill Lane, TN14 7TP. Application forms are available at the back of the Church or from Ann Ball should you wish to add your name.

FRIENDS OF SHOREHAM CHURCH GREAT EVENT IN THE CHURCH

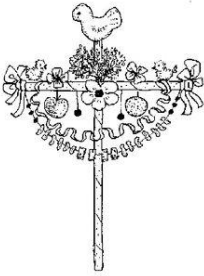
Saturday 21st April 7.30pm

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CREATE AN EASTER PALMS OR PALMPASS

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There is a Dutch Palm Sunday tradition of children and adults walking in procession through their village carrying a Palm Stick. This is a cross decorated with greenery, coloured ribbon or paper, fruit and sugar eggs crowned with a little cockerel made out of bread or salt dough. We are going to create these on 18th March and everyone young and old are welcome to come and make them in the Church. All materials will be provided

On Palm Sunday 25th March at 10.15am we will walk from the School to the Church in time for the 10.30am service carrying our palmpass escorting the donkey (hopefully) and creating a new tradition.
Sarah Parkes and Sharon Desmond

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Our meeting for March will be held on Tuesday 6th March. Soup will be served for members at 12.45pm. The meeting proper starts at 2.00pm when Visitors will be welcome for a small fee. Crispin Alexander will be talking about **Kent Search and Rescue**.

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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday March 8th from 10.00am to 12.00pm in the Village Hall. It was a wonderful atmosphere at the January coffee morning so please come along and join us for tea or coffee with cakes on the menu. Forget the diet and come and try our home made cakes! All are welcome
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Ann Ball

TALES FROM THE HILL

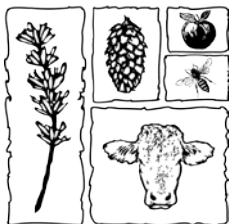
I have not repeated any of my previous tales before but, at this time when the role of women in society is to the fore, I think a rerun of this piece from five years back is timely.

I first met Mary Winterburn about twenty five years ago, her bungalow was a modest converted holiday home, typical of many dwellings along East Hill. Mary kept chickens and loved her garden and the countryside. Outwardly she was a quiet self-effacing upright elderly lady who enjoyed her evening glass of sherry. But I suspected that there was something a little different about her when I spotted a rather large Hewlett Packard computer on her dining room table. She picked up on my surprise and told me she was doing an Open University course in computer studies and she was used to such things. She then told me she worked at Bletchley Park as a code breaker. "There were dozens of us and we worked day and night. It was great fun but it gave me awful headaches. The thing I dreaded most was phoning Mr Churchill. There were a few of us 'girls' who were selected to ring him in the night if something had happened like big losses on an Atlantic convoy. At three in the morning Mr Churchill's language was not very nice, but I suppose it was understandable." (Mary did finish her O.U. course before she died)

Next door to Mary lived a wonderful woman (Mrs) Gillie Shepherd. Like Mary she loved the countryside, and like Mary she had an interesting and remarkable war time career. She became an expert in aerial photography and occasionally flew in Bombers, taking her 'snaps' as she laughingly called them. Although most of her work was ground based interpretation of photographs, she told me that when she flew over enemy territory (that was not allowed) she was given a pistol and a cyanide capsule "Just in case." Like Mary she had a rich and varied life and was a very good bird spotter. She rang me one day and said, "John I have a Wryneck in the garden-- well there, I have seen all three varieties of woodpecker in one afternoon, but John don't tell those nature people."

I have one more amazing lady to mention not from Shoreham but from Meopham; yet another amongst many overlooked extraordinary women. Her name was Mrs Parnell and she like my mum kept goats and they would sometimes swap Billies for breeding. One

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day when I was dragged in to help with goat transportation, a large prop plane flew over. Mrs Parnell looked up and said. "I used to fly those." It transpired that she was a delivery pilot. She went on to say it was not a good job. Most of the planes were missing instruments, and it was easy to get lost.

So everyone ,if you come across any 'old ladies' that like tending their garden or are keen on birds or keep goats, there might be more to them than you think.

John Bovington

THE SHOREHAM SOCIETY

THE GREAT BRITISH CLEAN

Sunday 4th March Shoreham does The Great British Clean! Meet in the Village Hall anytime between 9am and 1pm and lend a hand for as long as you can. There will be a variety of shiny jobs to choose from including litter picking, pavement weeding, cleaning signs and tidying the recreation ground. We look forward to seeing you there

Vannessa Hill

NEW EQUIPMENT

The Shoreham Society has recently purchased a microphone for general use in the village hall. This is a device which fits onto a lapel or collar and will help when a presentation is being given to large audiences. In addition, we have bought some table top display boards which can be borrowed from the Society.

If you would like to join the Shoreham Society, contact Jenny on jenny.walkling@btinternet.com. It only costs £5 per household or £3 for an individual.

Sheila Birkin

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A warm welcome awaits at the services which are at 11.00am and 6.30pm every Sunday. A Sunday school and crèche is available, telephone 01959 522631.

Stuart Cross

Another All About Badgers event!

The West Kent Badger Group is holding an 'All About Badgers' event on Sunday, April 29th at the village hall starting at 9.30am. This will be an information morning where field officers, Dave Witherspoon and Derek Wilkinson, from the badger group will offer advice on how to help badgers in our area and they will give information on the secret life of this elusive creature. We hope to raise money to help injured badgers through a cake and shabby chic stall. Contributions welcome!! Enjoy refreshments, children activities, and a raffle and meet Betty Badger who will keep you entertained! Offers of help welcome. Membership of the WKBG is only £10 annually and you receive a regular newsletter informing you of national and local news about badgers. For more information about the Badger Morning and/or membership, contact me, Sheila Birkin on birkins78@gmail.com.

Sheila Birkin

WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY

The Royal British Legion will be hosting a special Centenary Concert in The Church, on Saturday 23rd June at 7.30pm to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1. Featuring Henry Desmond and his Orchestra, The Shoreham Singers and The Choir. We will also be celebrating the Shoreham Branch Royal British Legion 70th Anniversary. This is a concert for the whole village to enjoy....not just for members. So, please, join us in celebrating Victory!! Tickets are £12.00 and will go on sale soon

SHOREHAM ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

The allotments are becoming a buzz of activity as our members start preparing and planting for 2018. Our first Working Party will be taking place on Saturday 10th March from 10am, and looking further ahead the AGM will take place on Thursday 26th April in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking a plot please see our advert in this gazette, or pop down on 10th March where you will be guaranteed a warm welcome and a hot cup of tea.

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SHOREHAM MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL RETURNS!

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Wednesday March 14th 2.15pm Ann Ball - 40 Years in Shoreham

Wednesday March 28th 2.15pm Angela Hicks introduces us to the craft of Podging

SHOREHAM CRICKET CLUB – 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Our “Daddy Hundredth” celebration weekend will indeed take place on weekend of 18th and 19th August. The plan is for a marquee, next to the pavilion, serving food and refreshments. All villagers are welcome, especially past players and their families. More details to follow. A History of the Club has now largely been written and arrangements are in hand for this to be published in time for the beginning of the season. There is still just about time to send me any cricket-related anecdotes or photographs that families may have kept. Please use the email below or phone 01959 522335 or simply pop items through the letterbox at 4 Boakes Meadow or email shorehamcc@gmail.com

Junior Cricket plans are still being finalised but it is likely that Under 11s will be able to receive coaching at Horton Kirby again, as last year. There is a possibility, still being explored of agreeing a similar arrangement for 11-15 year olds with Kemsing. Please do let me know if your son or daughter would be interested.

As an appetiser for the History, which I hope the village shop will be able to help to sell, here's an article from the Kent & Sussex Courier of 7th September 1877, where the names are still familiar:

“On Saturday last an interesting game of cricket was played on the beautiful Cricket Ground at Shoreham Place between Henry Booker (an old man of 82 years of age and the oldest workman on the estate) and ten of his grandsons on the one side, and eleven from the village on the other, of whom, strange to say, nine out of the eleven were related to the old gentleman, who won the match easily. The result of the game was: H. Booker's side, 40 and 49; the Village, 31 and 40. After the game the players adjourned to the Two Brewers, where, with their friends, they sat down to a plentiful supper, provided for them by Host Walking, to which they did ample justice”

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NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

On Thursday 8th February, the Year 6 pupils ‘took over’ the school and became teachers and taught other classes. The idea behind ‘Takeover day’ is to provide pupils with the opportunity to take on roles that allow them to develop their leadership skills and build their confidence and communication skills. The ‘teachers’ had to find out what each class are learning this term then prepare and deliver a lesson, mark the pupils’ books and give feedback to the children.

For the Cameron Class lesson, Joe and Luca, teachers for the morning wrote “Our lesson went very well and everyone learned at least something about coding. We started with a N-rich maths activity called ‘Frogs’ and when the class had completed it they were challenged to make their own game similar to frogs using their coding knowledge; they also made their own algorithm. They used Scratch to make their own coding game and showed us when they had finished.”

“It was weird at first but we slowly got used to the feeling of our classmates teaching us!”

“We were set an algorithm challenge. It was quite challenging when we tried the frogs coding but when we decided to do scratch it was fun.”

“It was strange because our own classmates were teaching us as a class and they weren’t being taught with us. I enjoyed it because we got to do different things.”

“I enjoyed it and definitely hope we do it again.”

“I really enjoy coding because I like using computers and using code to do something. I find it really fun to make a game because we get to use computers and our own skill to make something to be proud of.”

“I really like doing Scratch because we can make a sprite, make the code script, choose the background and then we have our result which we are happy with.”

“It was a little bit awkward near the beginning because our classmate ‘teachers’ didn’t really know how to start off, but then it gradually became easier as they started to become more familiar with teaching us.”

Grace and Millie, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Pupil Leadership Team, became the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher for the day. They led the Celebration Assembly, presented certificates and awarded badges to children. The children in Year 6 were amazed at the amount of work teachers do aside from teaching, and at the level of multi-tasking that has to take place in order for the school to run as smoothly as it does.

Staff also found the pupil feedback useful, and their comments on areas from teaching to classrooms have provided a valuable insight into how the children feel. There was a new perspective and appreciation for everyone involved

Written by Cameron Class Pupils and Mrs Lovatt-Young



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In February Andrew Mayfield spoke about Community Archaeology Work in North West around Cobham & Shorne. With money from the Lottery Fund and in conjunction with KCC local community groups conducted digs; with the use of a lidar screen from the sky the landscape was revealed and with surface layers removed outlines of medieval field systems and early foundations were revealed. A Young Archaeological Club was formed to teach young people how to recognise a site. In the village of Cobham children were enthused to dig in the grounds of the school and each child found something either pieces of blue pottery, early tokens etc.

The next meeting of the Society on 16th March at 7.30pm will be the AGM when Toni Mount will talk about The Medieval Housewife, members may remember the excellent talk she gave to the Society last year on They Dared to be Doctors. *Lynda Alleeson*

VILLAGE DIARY MARCH 2018

4 th	Make Shoreham Shine	Village Hall	9am-1pm
6 th	Women's Institute	Village Hall	2pm
7 th	Shoreham Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
8 th	Community Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am – 12 pm
10 th	Allotments	Allotments	10am
10 th	Temenos at Sevenoaks School		7.30pm
14 th	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm
16 th	Historical Society	Village Hall	7.30pm
18 th	Making Easter Palms	Church	2.30pm
21 st	Shoreham Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
28 th	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm
30 th	Easter Craft Morning	Church	10am

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REFRESHMENT ROTA

4 th March	Kate Howie
11 th March	Sally Beesley
18 th March	Georgina Hopkins
25 th March	Elaine Clifton

READER'S ROTA

4 th March 10.30am	Sarah Parkes and Michael Robinson
18 th March 10.30am	Joyce Meade and Peter Smith
25 th March 10.30am	Lorna Robinson and Sylvia Lyons

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No slate chippings, gravel or stones or glass. No wooden or brick surrounds. No plastic flowers or plastic grass etc. A copy of the regulations are in the back of the Church. Many graves have now been grassed over and if you would like this done please let us know and it can be arranged by our gravedigger

We are very grateful to the volunteers who trim and mow the grass in the summer months and Sit, our contractor, for the areas taken care of by Village Societies. If you would like to join us do let us know.

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