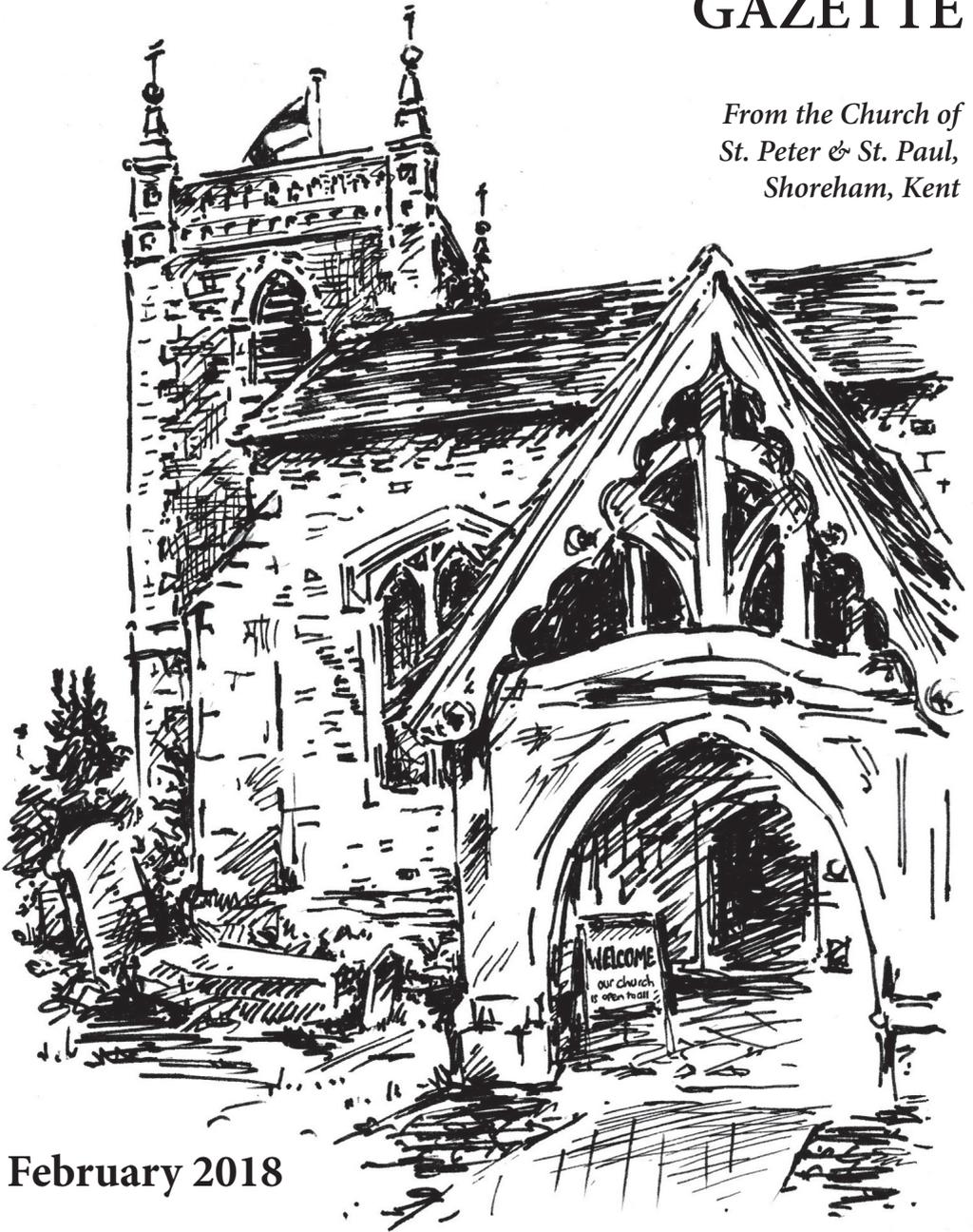


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Sunday 11th February

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4.30pm Songs and Poems – Frank Hinks

Ash Wednesday – 14th February

7.45pm Imposition of ashes at Kemsing Church. Revd Adie McCall

Sunday 18th February - 1st Sunday of Lent

8am BCP Communion
10.30 am Sung Eucharist – Bill Latimer preaching
4.30pm Launch of the Lent Group – followed by soup and bread

Sunday 25th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

8am BCP Communion
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4.30pm Short Eucharist Iona Service



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FOR ALL BEGGARS IN SPIRIT

I find these the hardest months of the year. This is partly to do with the lack of light and the cold. Also, because of the expectations about ‘catching up’, after the busyness and fun of Christmas. Forty years ago I was given a book of poems with beautiful black and white photographs. It begins: “For all those who are searching and waiting, who are not

satisfied with what they have. For all beggars in Spirit.” I have turned to this book many times over the years particularly when I feel like a ‘beggar in Spirit’...YOU ARE
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IN THE CRY OF THE GULL
IN THE WIND CHASING THE LAST LEAVES OF AUTUMN
IN THE WHISPER OF A CHILD
I SEE YOU
IN THE ANIMAL SHAPES OF CUMULUS CLOUDS
IN THE TREES TEN TIMES MY AGE
IN THE WRINKLED FACE OF AN OLD PERSON
I TASTE YOU
IN THE SWEETNESS OF WHOLE WHEAT IN BLACK BREAD
IN THE SMOOTH RICHNESS OF AN AVOCADO
I SMELL YOU
IN THE AIR AFTER A CLEANSING RAIN
IN A FRESHLY CUT ONION
I TOUCH YOU
IN THE SMOOTH BARK OF WHITE BIRCH
IN THE TEXTURE OF WET AND DRY SAND
I READ YOUR LETTERS TO ME
IN THE TALKING EYES OF A CHILD
IN THE JOY OF SHARED GRIEF
IN THE APPROPRIATE PHRASE RELEASING THE TENSION
IN THE SILENCE THAT FOLLOWS THE STORM
IN THE NOVELIST CREATING THEIR CHARACTERS
IN THE CANDLE FLAME THAT DIES IN ITS OWN WAX
IN THE WEIGHTLESSNESS OF A PERSON WHO CAN’T CRY
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LORD TEACH ME TO HEAR AND TO SEE,
TEACH ME TO TASTE TO SMELL AND TO TOUCH
TEACH ME TO READ, TO READ YOUR HANDWRITING, YOUR LETTERS TO
ME

(Adapted from ‘Into your light’ by Ulrich Schaffer)

Revd Diane

SHOREHAM CHURCH EXTENSION UPDATE

Excavation/Archaeological Investigation

The main archaeological investigation was carried out between 6 and 17 November 2017 by SWAT Archaeology (archaeologists working under the supervision of Dr Paul Wilkinson). The excavation went down to the natural level at the eastern end of the site, but as a result of the sloping nature of the site not at the western end. In the week beginning 4 December the archaeologists carried out trial digs to ascertain just how deep we have to go to reach the natural level at the western end.

Dr Wilkinson then produced an Evaluation Report which went to the Kent County Archaeologist. At the time of writing this article the County Archaeologist has not finally signed off the archaeological investigation, but we are proceeding on the basis that the foundations will be a thin slab and mini piles.

Detailed plans

Careful consideration was given by the PCC to the detailed building plans. In particular the plans were altered to provide for more generous kitchen facilities than had been proposed by the architects.

In the first half of January 2018 detailed plans were submitted to Sevenoaks D.C. for building control approval and to the Diocesan Advisory Council for its approval.

Tenders/main building contract

Tender documents have been drawn up and will be submitted by the end of January to four selected companies experienced in work of the nature proposed. Each company has been approached in advance and has shown a strong interest. The hope is that the main building contract will be awarded in February and the building-work commence in March.

Fund raising

We remain hugely grateful to our many donors and fund raising events which raised money in 2016/17 at such an amazing rate. When we get back the tenders we should be able to reach a view of where we are in the fundraising. Being realistic more money will be needed, but precisely how much cannot be ascertained at this stage. Please send cheques payable to Shoreham Church Extension Fund to The Vicarage. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please let us know. *Frank Hinks Churchwarden*

Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

<u>Burial</u>	13 th December	Aage Stanley Kiaer lately of The Terrace
Funeral	4 th December	Daniel Atkinson
	24 th January	Geoff Stanley
<u>Interment of Ashes</u>	11th November	Richard Ewing

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WEATHER REPORT

The Apprentice here again. As many of you will by now know sadly Geoff died on 9th January so this is the last report in his name.

A cold end to the year: The second half of November saw only three nights over 45F (8C) and ended with seven consecutive frosts. December was similarly cold with only five nights over 45F and frosts every night in the run up to Christmas from the 9th to the 20th. It was also exceptionally wet with over 5.5 inches of rain, double the monthly average.

Again Kent escaped the country's excessive weather (Storm Ophelia in October) and this time just rain on the weekend of the 10th when 8 inches of snow fell in twenty four hours in the apprentice's Worcestershire.

Again I am indebted to Frank Hitchcock for statistical input. Many thanks also to all those who have been cajoled, both at Oxbourne and Shoreham Place, to read the apparatus when Geoff has been away.

So, after more than 40 years - Over and Out.

Chris Stanley

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Please come for coffee and home-made cakes at Old Darenth Cottage, Church Street on Monday 19th February 10am to 1pm everybody welcome!

SHOREHAM IN WORLD WAR ONE

February 1918. The VAD Hospital at The Vicarage closed. Two Shoreham men passed away Fred Brown and Peter Saker. Sam Yates was a prisoner of war in Germany.

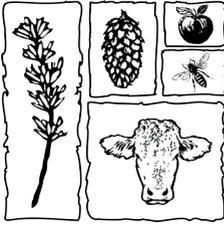
Lorna Robinson.

SHOREHAM CROWN ROAD LIGHTS - CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Many thanks to those who donated and purchased tickets, the raffle raised £320. Our thanks to The Revd Diane, Johnny Aisher and the Crown for their support. This year the lights were placed and taken down in record time, our thanks to all for the help, fun and neighbourly banter, not forgetting Father Christmas, a big thank you from the children

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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alison Evans for many years of organisation of the Flower Arrangers Team. She has spent hours on stem preparation, oasis soaking, watering and more to decorate the Church every Sunday for the benefit of parishioners and visitors. Should you wish to join our enthusiastic bunch of florists, please contact me - ericargdale@gmail.com.
Erica Dale

THE GAZETTE CIRCULATION

We are grateful to the dedicated team who deliver over 500 Gazettes to houses in the parish ten months of the year. Pat Gillingham has been delivering to Bowers Road and Filston Lane area for many years and we send you our thanks Pat for the sterling service you have given. Andrew Hibbins is taking over this task.

We have recently identified quite a few properties who have been added to the circulation as they are in the Shoreham parish so this may be the first time they have read our historic parish magazine that was first started in 1889.
Ann Ball, Editor

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We would like to thank the Shoreham Village Stores for the jelly tots and cocktail sticks to make up the Christingles and the Farm Shop at Polhill for the oranges. Agneta delivered the toys left under the Christmas tree to the Family Support Centre. and received the following email

‘It was lovely to see you today and we were amazed to see how many gifts have been donated from Shoreham Church. Please could you pass on our thanks from all the staff at the centre, we are so grateful for their continued support over the years to our children in need, many of who may only get one present. We are also delighted that the presents have been wrapped and labelled which again shows so much thought and kindness. Deborah Liffin ‘

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NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Over the last few weeks we have had some really inspirational assemblies.

Lewis, from The Woodland Trust, came in to talk to us about trees. He reminded us that in addition to them looking lovely, they help us with breathing - by providing oxygen! And that many things are produced from them such as pencils, paper, and wood etc. He told us there were lots of trees in the world and more to be discovered.

Ann Akin, an actress who also runs a theatre company inspired all of us and gave us the confidence to be what we want to be when we are older. We really thought hard about things that help us when we feel happy, sad, lonely or angry and we will try to use them like we would take a 'Lemsip' if we had a cold.

Mr Barnes came in and delivered an inspirational assembly about journalism. All the pupils really enjoyed it and now everyone knows a bit more about what a journalist does. The whole school were amazed at how much fun it must be to travel the world and meet famous people whilst writing about that person for someone else to read and learn more about.

The Pupil Leadership Team was very busy arranging the collection and preparation of nearly new toys that we decided to donate to the Children Of Gambia Services (COGS). COGS and pupils from St Katherine's came in to thank us for all of the toys that we collected for the children in Gambia. They gave an amazing and loud performance of African drumming, singing and dancing and showed photos of the school in The Gambia and children who will receive our toys.

We would be very interested to hear about any hobbies, interests or careers that people living in our village have. If you would like to come in, share your enthusiasm for a topic, skill or profession and inspire us, please contact Mrs Lovatt-Young via the school office and she will help you to run an assembly for us.

Written by Cameron Class Pupils

R.O.G.U.E.S

On 8th December thirty Rogues braved icy weather for golf at Darent Valley to conclude a very successful season. Eight teams played a Yellow Ball competition. Bob Whincap, Steve Murphy, Rupert Hurst and Tim Ellison-Smith beat Ralph Abbott, Nigel Courtney, Brian Calderwood and Paul Hudson by a single point. Twenty golf balls marked 'Rogues 2017' were shared among the competitors and Heather Bennett received three golf balls for achieving the Straightest Drive on the 13th. In the main competition Richard Sansom just pipped Paul Murphy and Nick Watkins and was awarded two very fine, engraved whiskey glasses and a 4-ball voucher.

Thirty Rogues then reconvened at The Crown for our AGM. ...Nigel Courtney handed over the captaincy to Chris Euman, with Martin Finch elected as vice-captain. The Player



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of the Year trophy was won by Peter Kasch with just a single point ahead of joint runners-up Peter Smith Jnr, Bob Whincap and Nick Watkins. The fixture list for 2018 is now available from Chris Euman. If you would like to become a Rogue then Chris will be delighted to hear from you: 01959 523374 or christineeuman@yahoo.co.uk

TALES FROM THE HILL

The traditions and customs passed down and still enacted throughout our land often defy explanation, such as –The Bacup Nutters Dance, Egg Jarping or the Hare Pie Scramble. Many other customs reflect the English proclivity to preserve old customs but served up with a large dose of eccentricity.

A prime example are the Cotswold Olimpick Games, there is only one event, namely kicking your opponent’s shins until he or she falls to the ground. Nettle Eating, World-Toe-Wrestling, or The World Coal Carrying Championship fall into the sportive end of English traditional madness.

Some traditions are comparatively new, like the Slaithwaite Moonraking Festival, but many others are ancient and the origins can only be guessed at. Hurling the Silver Ball in St Ives is a strange one, it starts by a local worthy throwing a silver ball from the church tower, to be caught by someone in the crowd below, then it’s a free for all for the town’s youth to try and steal the ball, Many traditions involve fire, but by far the most horribly dangerous is the Ottery St Mary Tar Barrel Race, competitors run through the streets with lighted barrels of tar on their shoulders, I imagine that the Truro A&E department is rather busy that night.

Give me a nice gentle tradition like Kissing Friday, but the one I fancy most is The Hocktide Tutti-men, it dates back to John of Gaunt. It involves men parading through the streets with garlands on sticks and collecting kisses from the ladies lining the route.

There are quite a number that involve the distribution of food to the poor, Pax Cakes dating back to 1570, Tuppenny Starvers from Bristol where enormous spicy buns are given to the children who attend service on Easter Tuesday. Throwing Bread and Cheese against a nearby castle wall at St Briavels Gloucestershire seems a slightly wasteful method of charitable food distribution.

Now if you are venturing into Sussex on the 29th May make sure you are sporting oak apple leaves, for if not you are a Roundhead and risk getting stung with nettles or suffering Pinch- Bum-Day as the children call it.

So what about Shoreham we still have Mummers and Morris Men who visit and of course The Duck Race, but we seem to have lost Egg Rolling down White Hill and the annual run to Otford and back by the youth of the village.

I have a horrible feeling that some new custom will come about in Shoreham that involves trying to find a parking space, the rules I fear could be as frightening as the Ottery St Mary Tar Barrel Burning, ie there aren’t any!

John Bovington

SHOREHAM OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

Saturday 30th June to Sunday 1st July

To all Villagers!

We are looking for participants to celebrate all things gardening in the 8th biennial **Open Gardens Safari** to take place the weekend of Saturday 30th June to Sunday 1st July 2018 with a preview event on the evening of Thursday 28th June.

Please consider opening your garden to visitors so they can share in the spaces you have created or volunteering to help for a few hours on the days during the event.

If you want to know more, think you can help or are a village group or society who could benefit from sharing in the proceeds of this not-for-profit event, please contact us by emailing shorehamogs@gmail.com or by dropping a note into the Village Shop addressed to the Shoreham OGS.

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Thank you from your brand new SOGS committee. *Jenny Knott, Clare Flanagan, Jenna Leight, Nichole Herbert Wood, Amanda Hopkins, Robert Lynch and Peter Kasch*

THE SHOREHAM SOCIETY

There was a packed hall in November for the Shoreham Society AGM when Simon Greenwood, owner of The Mount, gave an entertaining talk on his experiences of developing the vineyard along with his own journey through the world of wine tasting. Also discussed were the various planning applications being made by the new owner of the Timberden fields and there was unanimous agreement that everything possible must be done to protect this precious Green Belt and AONB land.

The business part of the evening saw the retirement of Sheila Birkin, chairman for seven years. Along with a generous Coolings token, she was overwhelmed to receive a First Edition copy of one of her favourite Badger books as a thank you. Also retiring was Neil Vickers as treasurer, a position he has covered brilliantly alongside all his other commitments and Vice Chairman, Sarah Parkes, whose invaluable input will continue as she is now the Parish Council rep. All three remain on the committee. If you would like to have a go at being the chair or treasurer, please come forward. No prior experience is required! As an interim measure, the committee will elect a chair for each meeting and different aspects of the Society's work have been allocated to individual volunteers. We welcome back Chris Euman who has re-joined the committee.

Sunday 4th March will be Make Shoreham Shine Day from 9am to 1pm– details to follow on posters and Shoreham Village Facebook *The Shoreham Society Committee.*

FLYING OFFICER DUDLEY GREENWOOD

13th February will be the 75th anniversary of Dudley's death in the Second World War. The almshouses in Filston Lane were restored by his mother and his name can be seen on the wooden plaque there.

Ann Ball

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Our meeting for February will be held on Tuesday 6th for our second members Soup Lunch. Members please be at the Village Hall at 12.45pm. The meeting proper starts at 2.00pm when visitors will be welcome to hear our Speaker Lin Saines and her talk will be on “Inspirational Herbs”

STOP PRESS

Our Community Coffee morning will be held on Thursday 8th February 10.00am-to 12noon. The January Coffee morning was a great success and it was lovely to welcome so many people to join us for tea/coffee, cake and plenty of chat. Please come along and join us, the more the merrier. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sylvie Poynter

SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

As opposition to single-use plastic bags gathers pace why not pick up one of our beautiful free cotton bags-for-life and help publicise the Shop while saving the Planet? They have been disappearing fast but more may be on the way. You can even use them on those rare occasions when you shop outside the village.

With Valentine’s Day looming, a good selection of romantic gifts – chocolates, cakes, cards and bubbly alcoholic beverages – will be available right up until 8pm on February 14th. Be sure to stay cuddled-up and warm with logs, kindling, coal and Calor Gas straight from the shop. Everything, of course, can be delivered when you give us a call 01959 522018

Santhosh, Kannan, Lorna and Raj

SHOREHAM OVER 60’S

We had a hugely successful meeting in January with quite a few new members. Don’t forget this is open to all and we were delighted to see so many there.

Wednesday February 14th at 2.15pm

AGM followed by yummy Pancakes

Wednesday February 28th 2.15pm

Sheila Birkin “Looking at Yorkshire”.

Joan Payne 522762

SHOREHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dr Lothian Lecture in January was given Dr David Rushton in memory of Dr Bill Lothian, Shoreham’s village doctor. David named the talk ‘A Fortunate Man’ from the title of a book; the author considered himself to have had a fortunate life. David spoke of his own life and the momentous times in his own personal life and career. At Cambridge his tutor was the physiologist Giles Brindley. He then went on to Kings College to complete his medical studies, where he was taught neurology by David Parkes. While he was doing his pre-registration year Giles Brindley set up a Medical Research Council funded unit to make prosthetic implants. David worked with Giles

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creating implants for spinal injury patients. The one for bladders control is still being used and the neurology unit. Sadly on the retirement of Giles the unit was closed and David moved to the London Hospital and returned to Kings for work in neuro rehabilitation designing implants to administer drugs for patients with spasms for Multiple Sclerosis patients.

In his spare time apart, from renovating his home, he bought and runs a steam engine. When asked why he specialized as he did David said he had always enjoyed taking things apart to see how they worked; he retired in 2010.

The next meeting of the Society on 16th February will be a talk by Andrew Mayfield on Community Archaeology Work in NW Kent over the past 10 year *Lynda Alleeson*

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Tickets £20 (students £10) from boxoffice@sevenoaksschool.org or 01732 467765

Kate Britten

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GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Churchyard at St Peter and St Paul's Church is still open for burials and interment of ashes for those that comply with the Graveyard Regulations and there is no other burial ground in the Parish

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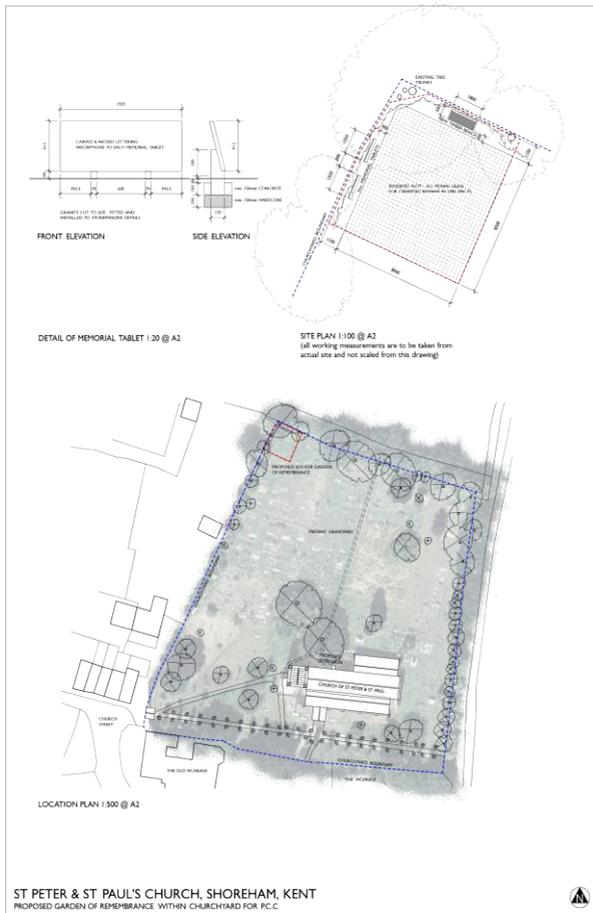
There have been seventy interments of ashes from 2007 – 2017. Some of these have been in existing plots with the most recent ones being on the North side of the Church where there is no more space. We have been advised on numerous occasions by our previous Archdeacon that we need to regularise this situation.

The Parochial Church Council would like to establish a Garden of Remembrance on the North West corner of the churchyard where there is a defined, unused grass area which will solve the pressing need for a more space for our parishioners

Proposal

The Garden of Remembrance to be 8 metres x 7 metres and contain 25cm plots marked on a grid system with small stones on the length and width to define the ashes space. Two memorial slabs will be inscribed with name and dates of birth and death.

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11 th	Suna Keates
18 th	Jill Aisher
25 th	Sheila Birkin

10.30am CHURCH READERS' ROTA

Sunday 4 th February	Sheila Anderson and Frank Hinks
Sunday 11 th February	Jayne Boyle and Alison Evans
Sunday 18 th February	Georgina Hopkins and Kate Howie

VILLAGE DIARY FEBRUARY 2018

6 th	Women's Institute	Village Hall	2pm
7 th	Parish Council Planning	Village Hall	7.30pm
8 th	Community Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am – noon
14 th	Over 60's Club	Village Hall	2.15pm
16 th	Historical Society	Village Hall	8pm
19 th	Friends Coffee Morning	Old Darenth Cottage	10am – 1pm
21 st	Parish Council Planning + Finance	Village Hall	7.30pm
28 th	Over 60's Club	Village Hall	2.15pm

MARCH 2018

4 th	Let Shoreham Shine - Check in at Village Hall from 10am – 1pm
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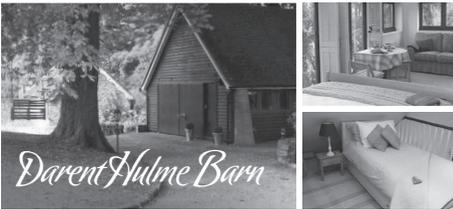
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