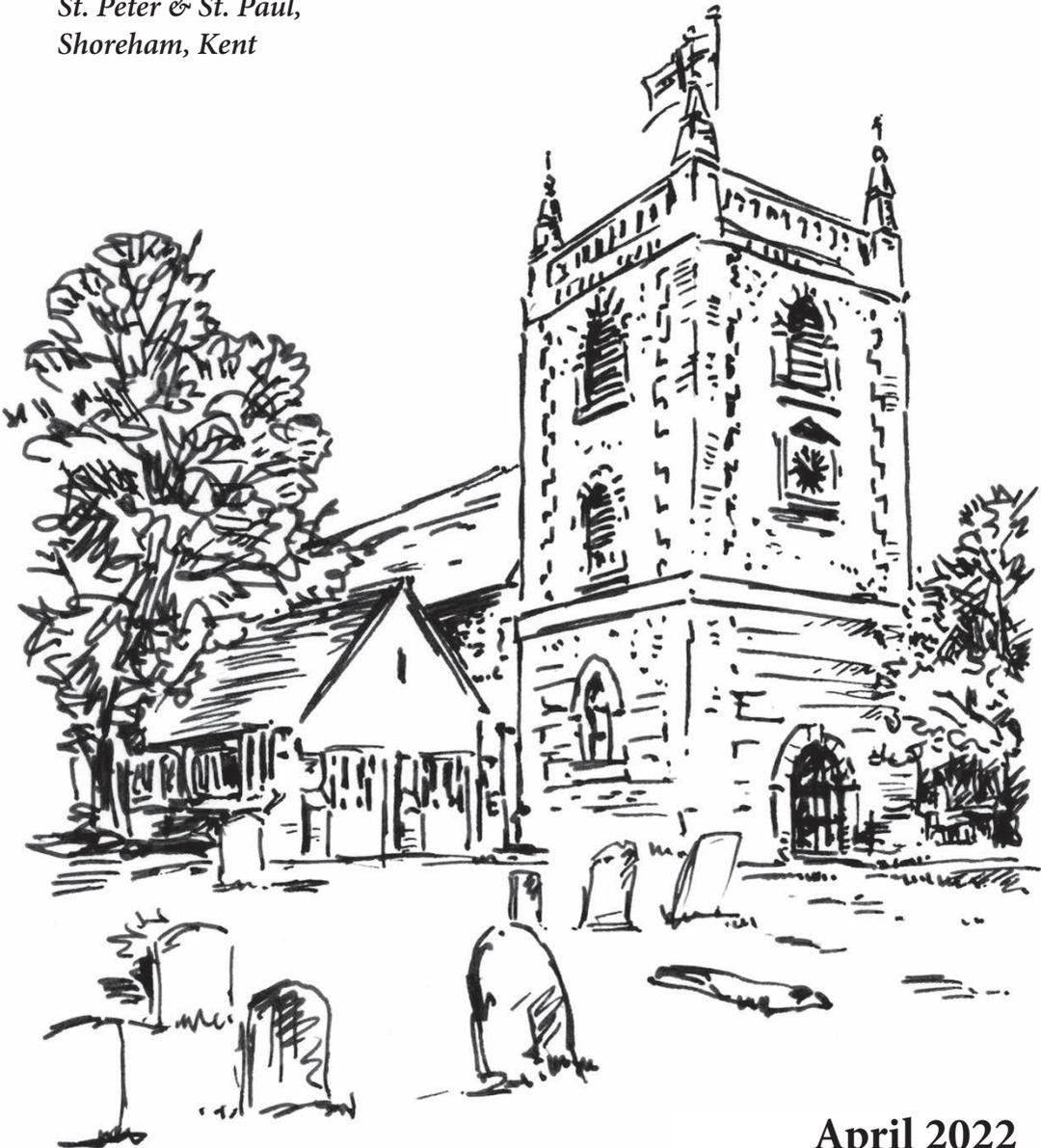


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10 April - Palm Sunday

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14 April - Maundy Thursday

8pm Maundy Thursday service in church with foot washing

15 April - Good Friday

10am Stations of the Cross - for everyone

Outside and inside church - Hot Cross Buns after

17 April - EASTER DAY

10am Festival Communion with choir in church

24 April - Easter 2 (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

9am Communion in church (BCP)

9.40 - 10.00 Refreshments

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In medieval times villagers would give eggs to their parish church as their Good Friday offerings, and the aristocracy would distribute eggs at Easter to their estate workers and tenants. Even royals got involved – at Easter 1290, Edward I distributed four hundred and fifty eggs decorated with gold leaf, to his household.

In pre-Christian times people gave each other eggs at pagan spring festivals to celebrate the new life and rebirth inherent in the new season. As Christianity grew, eggs took on a new meaning, symbolizing the new life and new start which Jesus's death and resurrection at Easter, bought for humankind – hence Easter Eggs.

Hot Cross Buns are also inextricably linked to Easter.

Their origins apparently go back to the 12th century when an Anglican monk baked and gave out buns marked with a cross to symbolize Good Friday, to local villagers.

But perhaps both buns and eggs owe much of their growth in popularity less to the symbolism and more to the fact that in past centuries, many people fasted for the 40 days of Lent – and so the Easter symbols became an Easter treat...

So as you enjoy them can I encourage you to say a quick 'Thank You' to God for a delicious Easter tradition... also for what they symbolize - God's promise to all of us of love, forgiveness and everlasting life, bought by Jesus 2000-plus years ago at the first Easter.

We would love you to join the Easter celebrations at St Peter & St Paul on Good Friday at 10am (Stations of the Cross and hot cross buns)... or Easter Sunday 10am (a Festival Holy Communion service). See you there?

Bryan Harris

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SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

Aladdin was a sell out! Thank you to everyone in our community who supported us: behind the scenes, on stage or encouraging us from the audience. We were overjoyed to see the stage spring to life again.

AGM – 7.30pm 19 April Shoreham Village Hall

If Aladdin whetted your appetite to know more or get involved, then come along to our AGM. We'd love to hear your ideas and answer any of your questions.

Tall Tales for Children

in May 2023 we'll be putting on a show with our young players in the cast (8 - 18 year olds). Before then we're running monthly workshops, which will be a combination of creating the show (based around folk tales) and teaching some acting techniques.

We'd love to see our younger players there. They will run on the following dates between 10am and 12 noon in the village hall:

24 April - 22 May - 26 June - 10 July - 25 September - 23 October and 20 November

If you'd like any more information email shorehamvillageplayers@gmail.com

The Players Committee

SHOREHAM AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SPRING SHOW

Come along and join us at the village hall on Saturday 2 April for the first of our shows this year. Although this is a horticultural show there is so much more than just horticulture, you don't even need to be a gardener, you may be an amazing baker and can enter something in the cooking classes, flower arranging may be your thing and we have classes for you, there are classes for talented artists and crafters to show us your original designs and for children there are cooking, art and craft classes, so we think there is something for everyone and even if you don't want to exhibit anything, you can be sure there will be a warm welcome to the show so why not come along and take a look.

If you would like to request a show schedule, please email shorehamhortsoc@gmail.com Schedules are available from the village store... Entries should be brought to the hall between 10.00am and 12 noon and staged by 12 noon prompt. Please try to register your entry with Sylvia Poynter by Friday 1st April as this really helps us on the day. Details can be found on the entry form.

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We look forward to welcoming both seasoned and new members to the society or just drop in for tea and homemade cakes after 2pm, you will be made very welcome. If you would like to join the committee please come and speak to us at the show.

Sharon Desmond Show Secretary

SHOREHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our 5 April meeting reverts to the evening with the event starting at 7.30pm. Our Speaker will be Gill from Mille Fleur (the Otford Hat Shop), when she will be giving a talk together with a demonstration of her skills. The venue for the meeting is the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served. Visitors and new members welcome. Further information can be found at shoreham@wkwfi.org.uk.

STOP PRESS:

Our Community Coffee mornings are restarting on Thursday **14 April** in the Village Hall. Time: 10am to 12.00noon when tea/coffee and delicious cakes will be available. Please come and join us. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Sylvie Poynter



THE UNKNOWN COUNTRY PARK

Many local residents and visitors to the Darent Valley will have made a stop at Lullingstone Country Park but few people are even aware of the existence of its little sister, Preston Hill Country Park. The Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme and KCC Country Parks have recently been carrying out extensive works on the site by clearing scrub and installing way markers, which guide the visitor around the site. Interpretation panels have been erected, providing interesting information about the history and flora and fauna of the site.

Preston Hill is a heritage-rich site with an extraordinary mix of both natural and cultural heritage. It is a designated SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and supports over 100 plant species. A herd of goats is soon to be introduced, which will further improve the quality of the chalk grassland. There are extensive wooded areas in which several WW2 bomb craters can be seen. Culturally, the most prominent feature is the historic



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rifle range, which dates back from the 19th century. The original target raising mechanism and several firing positions are still clearly visible. An interpretation panel is soon to be installed in this part of the park, which will give further information about the history and purpose of the range.

The site affords wonderful views up and down the Darent Valley and is really worth a visit. Parking is limited, with only a few spaces available in the lay-by on the A225 so the best way to access the site is from Shoreham Station. The park can be accessed from the top of the hill by following footpath SR22 (entry point on the eastern side of the A225 a few hundred yards north of Shoreham Station) or from the bottom by following the footpath which runs alongside the back of the church all the way through Preston Farm until it emerges on the A225 just south of the entrance to Castle Farm. Cross the road here and the entrance to the park will be about 50 metres ahead.

Further information can be found at 'Restoring Preston Hill' on the projects page of our website at [Restoring Preston Hill Country Park - Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme \(darent-valley.org.uk\)](http://Restoring Preston Hill Country Park - Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme (darent-valley.org.uk).).

Sarah Moon

OVER 60'S

Wednesday 13 April. Bring and Buy. 2.15pm. Village Hall.

Wednesday 27 April. Exercise and dancing with June Bryant. 2.15pm. Village Hall

SHOREHAM AND OTFORD CC JUNIOR SUMMER CRICKET

This will begin Friday 6 May and continue until Friday 15 July (with a break on 3 June due to half-term). The first taster session is free and the sessions are open to boys and girls aged 6-15.

U9s, U11s and U13s will train on Friday evenings at Shoreham from 6pm -7.30pm (7pm finish for U9s). U15s will train at Otford. U11 and above will primarily play hardball cricket, while U9s will play softball.

In addition to training, The U11, U13 and U15 age groups will each have a team in the Invicta summer leagues with fixtures midweek after school and on some Sunday mornings. U9s will play softball cricket with an emphasis on fun and skills, while U11s and above will play hardball cricket. We have the use of three cricket nets and a bowling machine and all our coaches are DBS checked and the group leaders are ECB-qualified.

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SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

I had a wonderful tour of Shoreham in early March, thank you to Lesley Spence for acting as my tour guide. We were lucky with wonderful Spring sunshine and the village was looking its sparkling best. I hope to meet many of you at the Annual Parish meeting on Wednesday 13 April in the Village Hall. Please do contact me if you need any assistance.

Members have discussed various issues at the Parish Council Meeting in March 2022 and here are a few highlights.

- A grant of £250 was awarded to the Church towards the new gates
- A meeting was held with Kent County Council Highways Steward regarding speed limits
- A review of the defibrillators in the village will be carried out
- Agreement was given to the Shoreham Society to hold the Jubilee celebrations on the Recreation Ground
- Agreement to have a presentation from Kent County Council on the Landscape Trails

I carried out the annual inspection of the Allotments in Shoreham with members of the Committee and it was wonderful to see so many of them flourishing in the sunshine. The allotments are situated off the High Street and back on to the river. There are a couple of vacant plots in various sizes, so please do contact me if you are interested in one.

From April a pack of information will be available for residents to download for each Full Council meeting. The papers support items on the Agenda. They will include the reports from the District and County Councillors. Every month prior to the Full Council meeting the planning log will be uploaded which includes information on past and current applications. www.shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The freighter is next scheduled to visit Shoreham on Saturday 16 July. Please note there will be a change of location. The 2022 schedule is on the Parish Council website and once the new location is confirmed it will be included on the website. www.shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES 01959522018

Easter eggs will soon be making their appearance in the shop, to go with our Easter cards, cakes and other bank holiday supplies. Our extensive wine shelves now offer four varieties of alcohol-free wine. On the beer front, we've started stocking Theakston Old Peculier.

Always remember that if there's something you can't find, we'll do our best to order it for you. Everything from garlic pickle to Shredded Wheat and clotted cream has been on the list of requests in recent times. Our takeaway coffee is among the cheapest in the village – pick up a cup for your morning walk

Raj, Desh and Prasanth

SHOREHAM SOCIETY

Firstly, warmest congratulations to all the Shoreham Shiners! Thirty-two people turned on a rather chilly and damp Sunday morning. Partly thanks to our collection of specially purchased new tools, people are now taking on a wider range of tasks. There's much more to do besides litter-picking! Weeds need to be removed to help preserve walls. Hedges need cutting back to ensure that pavements are wide enough. You might like to clear blocked gutters next time!

We are still hoping to offer some wildlife walks later in the year. In the meantime you might be interested in the workshops being put on by Mark Gallant of the North West Kent Countryside Partnership. To complement each of the workshops there will be a site visit/practical session offered to all participants.

1 The ecology and management of chalk rivers (a citizen science approach to understanding chalk rivers, particularly the Middle Darent) – Fri 6 May (12.00 – 5.00 p.m.) Shoreham Village Hall.

2 Invasive Non-native Species (INNS) and chalk rivers (a citizen science approach to understanding and managing invasive species in our local rivers and wetlands) – Shoreham Village Hall - Fri 13 May (12.00 – 5.00 p.m.)

Yes, the Duck Race is happening! Watch out for all the details in next month's Gazette. But do start training your ducks. We are expecting a strong Jubilee theme this year.

Plans are taking shape for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Big Picnic on the Recreation Ground promises to be a great community event and is sponsored by the Shoreham Society, so that it can be free to all.

Please remember to amend your standing order for your subscription. At the last AGM an increase to £10 per household or £5 for a single person household was agreed. And, yes, I must not forget mine!

Chris Euman and John Saynor Joint Chairs of Shoreham Society

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AN UPDATE ON THE GREEN HEATING PROJECT

The Feasibility Study is gathering pace.

Huge thanks to all those of you who took the time to dig out your fuel bills and complete our questionnaire before the deadline of 27th of March. If you happen to get your Gazette earlier than this and haven't yet responded, then you've still just got time to get it done! Our thanks to the people who agreed to have brief energy surveys of their homes and businesses. These properties were identified by our consultants, BHESCO, as 'archetypes' representing much of the housing stock in Shoreham.

The details you shared with us are now being analysed. The results will help to make sure that our consultants, BHESCO, put together a robust and accurate assessment of the potential for a low carbon heat network here in Shoreham. Specialist engineers and hydrogeologists are currently evaluating heat source options, including the aquifer that runs under the village and the sewer from Sevenoaks. We are making progress on our own insulation initiative. Many of you have said that you really want to improve the energy efficiency of your homes (regardless of the outcome of the heat network project) but it's difficult to decide what the most cost-effective changes are, and which installers will be the most reliable. These are the questions that the work plans to answer. Alan Davies needs to hear from interested residents, particularly those with relevant technical skills/experience (eg in building, plumbing or engineering) or who have useful contacts with reliable local companies. If you are interested, please get in touch with Alan via in.greenheatingshoreham@gmail.com

We will be contributing to the Annual Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm on the 13 April, so do please join us there. The success of this project is built on your interest, enthusiasm and continuing support. Please stay in touch at greenheatingshoreham@gmail.com

Bill Lattimer, Peter Kasch, Nick Copeman, Sarah Newman, Mike and Heather Sillitoe, Alan Davies

A STORY OF "THE SAMUEL PALMER INN"

On 15 September 1940 a Dornier bomber was brought down and crash landed in a field at Castle Farm. My great uncle Benny Greenwood of Coombe Hollow and his great pal Kenneth Ritchie who lived in Church House, being seniors and part of the local 'Dads Army', went over to near the scene as soon as possible to where the burning German plane had fallen, but being a bit unnerved, and not knowing what to expect, decided to crawl on hands and knees up from where they had managed to get near in their car, up towards the crashed and burning plane where they found the young wounded airman and dead co-pilot. They managed to drag them both out and extricate the young pilot from his seat, he was in a very poor and frightened state and they got him into their Buick car, and, before contacting the police, they decided to take him to the George near at hand where they supported him in and ordered and shared stiff drinks (whisky?) with him in his very weak state before ringing the police and handing him over and shaking hands all round.

Susan Platts

SHOREHAM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The AGM of the Society was held on 18 March and the following were voted again for the committee: - Suzie Faubert Chairman, Lynda Alleeson Secretary Hamish Howie Treasurer and committee members, James Saynor Ted Hofmann, Mary Symonds, Val Turner, Jill Webster and Mellie Corbett.

Following the AGM Jonathan Fenner gave a talk on Maritime Kent - packed with stories about our 150-mile coastline from Roman times to the present, and illustrated with handsome photographs. Jonathan explained how the Kent shores have been shaped and reshaped by war, commerce and at times ferocious weather, and told of the changing fortunes of places like Sandwich, Folkestone and Sheerness.

At the meeting a new publication was presented “The Shoreham We Knew”, two brothers Robin and Duncan Wood looked back from the Blitz to the Great Storm as told to James Saynor. This can be obtained either at the meetings or from the website. <https://shorehamkenthistory.weebly.com>

Details were announced for the summer outing of the Society on Wednesday 15 June to Hoo Peninsula. A day by coach to see the most important churches (including three featured by Simon Jenkins) lead by David Carder. Contact Jill Webster 01959 524679 to reserve your place or alternatively book it at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Society will be **22 April** when Rod Le Gear will talk on “Kent History from the Air” doors open at 7.30pm for socialising. *Lynda Alleeson*

SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Our Eisteddfod Celebration was a huge success and a joyous occasion that was well-attended by parents and carers. This was a chance for pupils to prepare a ‘talent’ in a creative art and for a class champion to be chosen by each class to represent them in the final event. A fabulous range of skills was displayed and the final performance included whole-school singing, tap-dancing, stand-up comedy, an exhibition of art, poetry, dancing, and so much more.

On Tuesday 22 February 2022 (220222), we held a ‘Twosday’ event organised by the Pupil Leadership Team who offered a range of interesting activities for pupils to participate in, in exchange for a donation of £2.22 to support their fundraising efforts to buy basketball equipment for the playground. The opportunities that were available included: origami birds, salt-dough decorating, structured games, pairs games, making bookmarks, reading the story 'Tuesday', a Twos PE session ...and lots more! In total, £165.06 was raised on 'Twosday' which meant that the final piece of basketball equipment was purchased for our youngest pupils to enjoy

We have been delighted that our children have been able to leave the school now to travel far and wide on school trips to enhance their learning. Barton Class enjoyed their trip to

Bore Place to study mini beasts and really enjoyed looking for worms. Palmer Class visited Drusillas to learn about animals and their habitats and Moore Class visited the Natural History Museum to take part in the Earthquakes and Volcanoes Show. Cameron Class visited Dover Castle to experience a 'Medieval Day' out and they wrote:

“We were met by the amazing Lady Eleanor who was our host for the morning. First, we walked over the old drawbridge which was used to keep the enemy out of the enormous castle. Next, we walked through the castle to visit Becket's Chapel, which was built by the King. We saw amazing tapestries and wall hangings which depicted activities which used to take place throughout the year. We visited their kitchens and saw the bread oven and the tools they would use to turn cheese. We saw the Mappa Mundi, a map which showed the known world to contemporary Europeans. This was a symbol of power at the time. Lastly, we tried on chain armour, helmets & shields which would have been worn at the time.”

You can now follow Shoreham Village School on Twitter with the handle **@shorehamvp** and we hope that everyone in the village will ‘follow’ us to hear all of our daily news!

Mrs Gillian Lovatt-Young, Headteacher

SHOREHAM ALMSHOUSES TRUST - SMALL GRANTS AVAILABLE

One of the objectives of the Shoreham Almshouses Trust is to distribute surplus funds in the way of grants to support individuals/families of Shoreham, who are in need of financial assistance. If you are facing unexpected expense and are having difficulty meeting the costs, we encourage you to apply for financial help, as we may be able to support some or all of those costs.

All applications for funding will be dealt with in a confidential manner that supports the privacy, safety and dignity of the applicant.

Please note that the **total** sum available to distribute across **all** applications is not likely to exceed £500 each year.

Application Process

Applications must be made for a specific purpose, using an application form. Copies of the application form can be obtained from Sarah Moon, Clerk to the Trustees (contact via email shorehamalmshouses@outlook.com or tel 07879 655459)

- Applications and grant awards will be normally be processed within two weeks of receipt
- Individuals may apply either themselves or through an intermediary if they prefer e.g. the vicar/headteacher/family member/friend/village organisation
 - An intermediary might identify someone in need and either suggest to them that they apply, or offer to apply on their behalf
- The Trustees will assess each application on a case by case basis
- Grants may be offered as a contribution to the requested amount and not necessarily the full amount, given the restriction of funds available
- If the Shoreham Almshouses Trust is not able to assist, the Trustees will aim to signpost alternative sources of funding for applicants

GILL HITCHCOCK - MY VERY SPECIAL SISTER

When we were youngsters, Gill was always in control and I followed behind as I was always very shy! At boarding school, even though she was three years older than me, she was always there for me. I like to think we were always very close and enjoyed the same things – especially art with dear Mrs Burgess (who lived in Shoreham) and music with our wonderful music teacher, Miss Newing who saw us through our piano exams. Gill passed the LRAM (The London Royal Academy of Music). She loved singing in Shoreham Choir and asked me to join her many years later. She has left behind many descants from our school days which she sang to Danny who put them in his descant book for the choir.

During the War years, while our Dad was a Major in the Army (Royal Medical Corps), our Mum took us down to live with our Aunts and two cousins on my Aunt's farm. It was a very happy time, and Gill found her love of farming where she helped on the farm. In our late teens and twenties Gill did her teacher training at Rachel McMillan College. Here she met the love of her life, dear Frank Hitchcock, and her happy life in Shoreham began. I was at Guy's Hospital, nursing at the time but spent most of my days off with her and her lovely, growing family. Gill has done so much for Shoreham Church for which she was rewarded by Her Majesty the Queen in April 2011, when she was presented with the Royal Maundy Money.

I shall always be grateful to Gill and our dear Mum when my first husband died, leaving me with a baby of three months (Suzie) and Robert (seven years). They helped me through a bad time. I shall always remember the wonderful Christmas, Sunday lunches and picnics with our children at Harvest time. Her faith was so strong and her way of life an example to us all. I shall always miss her but feel she is still with me in my heart and that she is happy now with her dear Frank.

Angie Bishop

TALES FROM THE HILL

Today the 4 March my tame pheasant Hautacious was hit by a speeding car and killed. On the same day the world's greatest leg spinner died and in the city of Mariupol hundreds of innocent people met their end. I found myself weeping, what triggered my tears. If I am honest it was Hautacious that allowed the pent up tears to flow. Maybe if I had not fed him he might have been fleeter of foot and avoided death and maybe if the world leaders had not put power and wealth before humanity things might be different. History tells us that is a dream.

I was born during an air raid and despite the speculation about "a new world order" I hope I will not die in one. The courage shown by Ukraine has awoken, I am sure, a deeper involvement for all those suffering oppression throughout the world.

Nothing is impossible except perhaps Shane Warne's ball of the century.

SLAWA UKRAINI

John Bovington

VILLAGE DIARY FOR APRIL 2022

Saturday 2	Horticultural Spring Show	Village Hall	2pm
Tuesday 5	Shoreham Women's Institute	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 6	Shoreham Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 13	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm
Wednesday 13	Annual Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 14	Shoreham Community Coffee	Village Hall	10am - 12 noon
Wednesday 19	Shoreham Players AGM	Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday 22	Shoreham Historical Society	Village Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 23	Players children's workshop	Village Hall	10am- 12 noon
Sunday 24	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Church	10.30am
Wednesday 27	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm

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