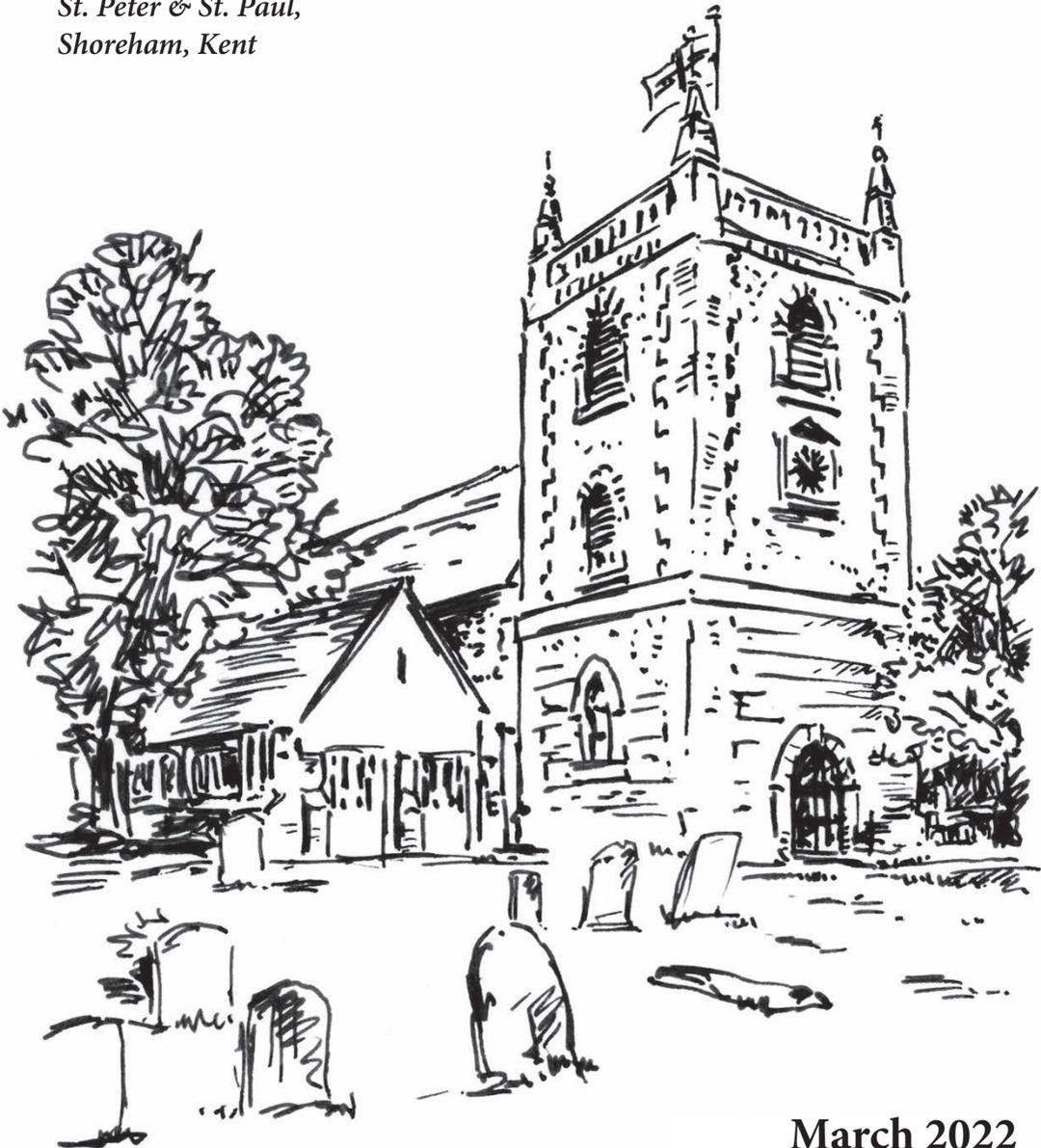


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Services in March

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6th March - Lent 1

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13th March - Lent 2

9am Communion in church

10am Sunday Worship on Zoom

20th March - Lent 3

10am Communion with choir in church

6pm Evening Prayer

27th March - Mothering Sunday

9am Communion in church (BCP)

10am Mothering Sunday service in church

LENT IN (4)6 OBJECTS

Inspired by Neil MacGregor's BBC Radio 4 series *A History of the World in 100 Objects*, Gordon Giles, a Canon at Rochester Cathedral, has written a book, which explores Lent in 46 objects, that you can find around the home (*At Home in Lent*, BRF, 2018).

I thought this was an intriguing idea, so as we begin our Lent journey, I have picked 6 of these objects, one for each week of Lent, to help us reflect during this time.

A Front Door We probably don't give this much thought but a front door is for keeping people out and for welcoming people into our homes. Lent is a time of self-reflection, like taking our car for a service or MOT, it is a time of spiritual maintenance. How open are the doors of our heart?

Baggage Like many people, I aim to travel light but it never seems to work. Lent is like a kind of journey. We might not have to check in or pack our stuff in a suitcase but it is good to think what we might need, or want, to carry with us on this spiritual journey.

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Do we travel light, or do we lug behind us a huge bag with a ‘Caution Heavy’ tag attached? Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.”

Shoes Apparently the average person, living until 80, will walk about 110,000 miles (5 times around the Earth’s equator, halfway to the moon), in their lifetime. Most of those miles will be walked in shoes. But we are born and die with bare feet, shoes are only for the journey. Perhaps next time we put on a pair of shoes, we can think about where they will travel, how far and why.

Spectacles One of the first things many of us do when we get up, is to put our specs on. We hardly notice we have them on for the rest of the day but without them we would struggle. They give us physical sight. Maybe during Lent, we can pray for spiritual (in) sight too, as we think about our hopes, motivations, desires, the way we live and the kind of people we want to be.

Computer I don’t know if you have ever tried to destroy a corrupt, damaged, or failing hard disk of a computer ... I’ve tried hammer and water ... but they are surprising difficult to destroy. Fortunately, when we become damaged or we do things wrong, God doesn’t take a hammer to us but forgives, restores, renews us with gentleness and love. Enabling anyone to start anew at any time. In what part of your life do you need a new start this Lent?

Alarm Clock Many church spires are topped by a weathercock. A reminder of Peter’s denial of Jesus (‘before the cock crows 3 times ...’) but the significance of the cock’s crow, is its function heralding in a new day. In other words, an alarm clock. Mornings are not my best time but whatever I’m feeling, I try to say this from the service of Morning Prayer: *As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you, now and forever.* And never is that prayer more relevant than at the end of our journey through Lent, as we awake to the new life, hope and love that Easter Day brings.

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Forms can be found in the back of the Church, on the church website www.shorehamchurchkent.org or by applying to shorehamchurch7@gmail.com

If you have any problems please approach the Electoral Roll Officer Ann Ball who will be pleased to help you. Shorehamchurch7@gmail.com The form to be returned by Saturday 9 April 2022. by email shorehamchurch7@gmail.com or deliver to Ann Ball at Oxbourne View, Mill Lane, TN14 7TP.

CHURCH CREAM TEAS:

For the past two years we have been unable to provide these popular afternoon teas on each Sunday afternoon in August and the first Sunday in September. They have in the past made a valued contribution to church running costs but been extremely popular social events. It would be good to look forward to these again but the viability does depend on recruiting the help needed. Each week in the past we have been able to offer a choice from 4 – 5 home baked cakes and 3 dozen home baked scones! Many of the bakers and helpers who have been involved over almost 20 years are no longer able to

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- Provide a cake / cakes or scones
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Lesley Spence lesleyspence@aol.com

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GILL HITCHCOCK

We are very sad to announce that on 3rd February, Gill Hitchcock, our much-loved Mum, Granny, Great Granny, sister and friend to so many, passed away. Gill moved to Shoreham in 1958 when she married Frank where she stayed until the last couple of years of her life when she needed additional care in Gloucester House in Sevenoaks. Gill was involved in many aspects of village life and will be most remembered for her commitment to the Church. She was a very active member of the choir, she was the brains behind the cream tea fundraising initiative, arranged flowers, was a member of the PCC and devoted much of her life and time to all aspects of the Church.

We would like to extend an invitation to everybody who knew Mum to come to her memorial service on Monday 7th March 2022 at 3.00pm in Shoreham Church and stay for a cup of tea and some cake in the Church afterwards. Gill requested that we all wear bright clothes for the service.

We would like to thank everyone who has been in touch for their kind messages of support and condolence as we come to terms with our loss.

Sally, James and Jane and all the Hitchcock Family

SHOREHAM SOCIETY

It's great to be planning events for the Village again!

MAKE SHOREHAM SHINE

Sunday 13th March, 10.00 until 13.00

Our Village clean up day will be even shinier than usual thanks to a generous bequest from Susan Horsfield. At last, we have our own tools and equipment: brooms, secateurs, loppers, gloves, trowels, handforks, kneelers and more. As always, you just need to turn up to the Village Hall and choose the type of work that suits you and perhaps your family best. All volunteers will be warmly welcomed.



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Sunday 5th June from 12.00

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The **Duck Race** will be happening in May, so you can start designing your ducks now. I can already see a few Royal ducks sailing down the river.

Nature walks are planned. Timings for these can be difficult to predict as the optimum times depend so much on how the Spring develops. We will give as much publicity as we can for these.

SHOREHAM STATION NEWS

The Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership (DVCRP) is pressing ahead with plans for renovation of Shoreham Station. A feasibility study for opening up the station for passengers and visitors has been prepared and funding is being sought for renovations. In the meantime, a new cast iron planter is being delivered soon and helpers are sought to plant it up and brighten up the station. A really good piece of news is that the go-ahead has been given for a path down the side of Church Field, so that in future you won't have to walk in the road. Work is expected to begin in the Spring. And with better weather coming, why not leave the car behind, save some carbon and take a trip by train? The trains run every 30 minutes, seven days a week from early till very late. You can go to Otford and Sevenoaks and change there to get to the rest of Kent, or you can take a trip direct to Blackfriars for a visit to London's South Bank

Chris Euman and John Saynor. Co-chairs, Shoreham Society

GREEN HEAT STUDY LAUNCH!

It was a cold, wet and windy evening but a remarkable number of interested and enthusiastic residents turned out for our Feasibility Study Launch on 15th February.

Bill Lattimer, Chair of the Heat Network Committee, introduced the event by emphasising the 'musts':

- Technical factors - are there accessible sources of heat underground?
- Economic factors - can heat be delivered at an affordable price?
- Likely community take up – will there be enough homes signing up?

Jonathan Histed, Chair of Shoreham Parish Council, provided some fascinating background. Far from heat pumps being a recent innovation, their history goes right back to the 19th century while underfloor central heating goes back to the Romans. The engineering required builds on many years of progress.

BHESCo, the consultants running the Feasibility Study on behalf of the Parish Council, outlined how they will assess the viability of a low carbon village-wide heating scheme.



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Alan Davies outlined a parallel insulation initiative by your Heat Network Committee on how to improve the energy efficiency of our homes. His thermal camera pictures made very clear how some of us are doing a very good job of keeping the streets warm! Owners of listed buildings encounter particular challenges in insulating their homes and working together is likely to be useful. Those who would like to join Alan on this important project, please get in touch with him via in.greenheatingshoreham@gmail.com

The most important part of the evening involved the forest of hands that went up for the Q&A. Do send any other questions you have to greenheatingshoreham@gmail.com. A Q&A summary will be sent to everyone on our contact list and a selection will go on our Green Heating section of the Parish Council website. If you're interested in the project but haven't yet given us your contact details, please do so by sending us an email.

The success of this project depends on your input, which will include energy data from as many residents as possible via a questionnaire to be issued shortly. Your interest, enthusiasm and support are vital. Please stay in touch at greenheatingshoreham@gmail.com

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

OUR CHURCHYARD

Headstones

We have some very interesting headstones in the Churchyard and an excellent map by Neil Powell is fastened in the church porch should you be seeking some well known village residents headstones. My details are up in the porch if you see a visitor trying to find a headstone. Kay Topham and her family commissioned a very splendid headstone for Fiona Topham and her father Rex Topham which is on the east side of the churchyard and well worth seeking out and there is another one coming soon by Memorials by Artists.

Report from "Caring for God's acre"

Spring has arrived and many churchyards will be adorned with the lemon petals of primroses which mainly bloom between March and May. These delicate harbingers of spring are native to Britain and are found all over the UK. The name derives from the Latin *prima rosa* meaning 'first rose' of the year (even though it is not related to what we'd call a rose today).

In various counties it goes by a variety of charming names such as Golden Stars, Butter Rose (referring to its colour) - and Lent Rose, Early Rose and Darling of April. Some are pink - a variant which appears in about one in 1,000 plants. Primroses provide a valuable nectar source early in the season which is increasingly important as our milder winters are causing pollinators to emerge earlier (when there are fewer flowers for them to feed from). Look out for butterflies such as Brimstone and Small tortoiseshell which

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overwinter as adults, along with the Hairy-footed flower bee, moths and other pollinating insects.

Primroses reproduce naturally in the wild by dropping seed with a fatty morsel attached (an elaiosome). The seeds attract ants that carry them away to eat. The ants then discard the more important kernel thereby aiding seed dispersal and the spread of these beautiful flowers Andrea Gilpin andrea@cfiga.org.uk www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk

SHOREHAM AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On 18th February members expected an illustrated talk on “Doodlebugs over Kent in 1944”. Instead the village had a minor inconvenience with wind felled trees and power cuts. With no electricity in the Village Hall the meeting the meeting was cancelled. We hope to have the speaker next year.

The Annual General Meeting will be on 18th March in the Village Hall from 7.30pm followed by Jonathan Fenner talking on “Maritime Kent” A new member on the Committee would be welcome.

Details of the forthcoming programme for 2022, a June outing and a July summer tea party will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

Annual subscription of £8 will be due at the meeting – quite a bargain

Lynda Alleeson

AT THE SIGN OF THE GEORGE

With The George Inn due to re-open soon, it seems a good time to look back at the history of this venerable village landmark. The pub’s name goes back to at least 1707, when The George was listed as a licensed alehouse in the diary of Paul D’Aranda, a local magistrate and landowner. The building may have been put up around 1500 and early on was occupied by the Petleys, Shoreham’s dominant farming family at the time. Still doubling as a farmhouse, The George became an inn in 1675.

The occupier of The George in 1707 was William Pearch, and a descendant, Jane Pearch, married into the Willmott family, soon to make their name in Shoreham as holders of the paper mill. Her husband, William Willmott, already owned paper and corn mills at Sundridge. According to his will of 1775, another property was “my freehold messuage or tenement... being in Shoreham... known by the name or sign of The George”. He left a share of its income to the woman who may have brought it to him in the first place – his wife Jane – and the freehold to his daughter Mary.

At that time, The George was tenanted by William Young but it was the Day family who took it into the 19th century. By now The George was almost an early village hall, such were the number of important gatherings held there. Parish officials from the church Vestry would “adjourn to The George” when it was too cold to meet in the church. A meeting at The George in 1838 planned the end of the ancient tithing system of raising church money. In 1902 it hosted a public dinner to mark the end of the Boer War. Less

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James Saynor

OVER 60'S

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Wednesday 23rd March. Greyhound Rescue with Lesley in the Village Hall at 2.15pm

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Kate Britten

FURTHER MEMORIES OF MY FATHER'S WAR.

My father John and a few others from his battalion who survived the battle of Cambrai were taken prisoner and for about six weeks were forced to clear up the battlefield, burying bodies and filling in trenches etc.

When they had finished this gruesome task, John became ill with diphtheria, so he was taken to a hospital in Germany. He told us it was not very pleasant to wake up each morning to see ten or twenty cardboard boxes with dead bodies in surrounding you. One of the Germans was constantly crying as it was his job to give anyone dying a jab to hasten his passing.

The dreary days of captivity crawled by, food was extremely scarce for both guards and prisoners, for example one horse's head would be thrown into a pot of boiling water and that would be food for all the prisoners. The bread they got with it was as dry as a bone because it was made from potato flour and sawdust,

When very few prisoners were left alive the Germans picked twenty or so walking cases to be sent to an officer's camp, John was one of them and had to look after five officers, including the senior British officer. John had to cook the food from the parcels the officers received from England although he did not have any cooking experience, he managed. The ordinary ranks had to survive on German food and the occasional Red Cross food parcel.

The treatment of Officers and non-commissioned men was completely different, Officers imprisonment was notified to the War Office, but the ordinary ranks imprisonment was not!

When John attempted to hit a German guard, he was put in a dark cell whose only light came through a small hole whose cover was only removed once a day, when he was fed on bread and water. However, when an Officer escaped and was recaptured, he was put in a cell with many comforts. If a private tried to escape and was recaptured he would be sent to work in the salt mines, a virtual death sentence.

After the armistice was signed in 1918 the prisoners were released and my father landed in Scotland on Christmas day 1918, and after a period of quarantine was allowed to go home. He was uncertain what to do for a living but eventually started his own haulage and building material business, which was very successful, eventually being nationalised in 1951. John and his wife retired to the Isle of Wight in 1960 and had a very happy retirement dying on his birthday in 1981.

John Lyons

SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Cameron Class had a marvellous day out in London in early February. After walking through Trafalgar Square, they spent the day in the National Gallery, studying two contrasting paintings: 'The Ship of Fools II' by the African-American artist Kehinde Wiley and 'Shipwreck on a Stormy Sea' by Claude-Joseph Vernet. We took some time to wander through the impressionist galleries and just soak up the beautiful artworks by Van Gogh, Suerat, Renoir and Monet, to name a few. The children were really inspired, particularly by the works of Kehinde Wiley and enjoyed watching his video exhibition 'Prelude'.

What a treat it was to have a visitor in school, delivering our hands-on Judaism Day this week. Barton Class were introduced to some religious items of Judaism, including, a skull cap, prayer shawl and shofar, they sang a song and played a game. Palmer Class handled various artefacts and learned about the Jewish Passover and had items of food to try, such as lettuce, egg, parsley and a mixture of apple, raisins, honey and juice. Moore Class and Cameron Class learned about Passover and the parting of the Red Sea and saw a 100 year old wooden plough and a selection of hand tools.

We are very lucky to have wonderful support from our families who set up and ran an incredible Harry Potter Day for all of the children. I think that every child in the school will remember their experiences on that day for a long time to come. The Hall was transformed to the Banqueting Hall in Hogwarts and the sorting hat selected Houses for each of our House Captains, who were jolly good sports. The children then had the

opportunity to participate in a variety of activities with their housemates from across the school, as well as enjoying a drink and snack provided by FOSS. The dressing up efforts were superb and as well as a fair number of Harry Potters, we had a Dobby, a Dolores Umbridge and a Lord Voldermort as well as a few Weasleys!

Mrs Gillian Lovatt-Young, Headteacher

TALES FROM THE HILL

I kind of know I am going to get into trouble writing this piece, but here goes. Listening to what my generation call pop music I am reminded of an oft repeated quotation by Robert Schumann. "In order to compose all you need to do is remember a tune nobody else has thought of." Moving on 200 years somebody said about rapping. "If you could hear the words it might greatly benefit without the music."

There seem to be more humorous quotations on the subject of music than any other subject. Frank Zappa the master of musical funnies. "All good music has been written by people with wigs and stuff." The most scathing was from the pen of Charles Baudelaire "I love Wagner but the music I prefer is that of a cat hung up by it's tail outside a window and trying to stick to the panes of glass with it's claws."

Of course the supreme master of musical quotes was Sir Thomas Beecham—"There are two golden rules for an orchestra, start together and finish together, the public don't give a damn what happens in between." Who can disagree with Stravinsky? "Too many pieces of music finish too long after the end."

Many years ago I was browsing in Staves record shop in London when the unmistakable figure of Sir Adrian Boult walked up to the counter. Have you got my latest recording of Vaughn Williams? I had to inform the great man that I did not know as I did not work in Staves. While the assistant searched for the record Sir Adrian said to me. "I only want to see how my picture on the record sleeve turned out. "We then had a brief conversation about how sad it was that Staves was shutting down. He was though, happy with his picture on the cover. In his lifetime Sir Adrian sat for 67 portraits.

When I was a little boy I told my dad when I grow up I want to be a musician, my dad replied. "You can't do both my son."

John Bovington For Olli

SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

I am delighted to be the new Clerk in your beautiful village and look forward to meeting you at the Full Council meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of every month or at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13 April 2022.

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

- Electric vehicle charge (EVC) point in the Filston Lane car park.
- 2022/23 Budget was agreed.

- Additional CCTV cameras to prevent fly tipping
- Update on the Heat Network Feasibility Study
- Resurfacing of the tennis court
- Tree survey

Agenda with supporting papers and minutes of meetings are available on the Parish Council's website. www.shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The freighter is next scheduled to visit Shoreham on Saturday 19 March. The 2022 schedule is on the Parish Council website. The Freighter cannot accept white goods, washing machines, dishwashers, fridges, freezers, cookers, cast iron boilers or baths, long metal poles, building materials, manure, large parts of engines or vehicles or hazardous waste. These items cannot be accepted on the Saturday Freighter service and must be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre. Compostable garden waste cannot be accepted.

Amanda Barlow, clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk 07912 611048

SHOREHAM AGAINST FLY TIPPING

Shoreham Parish Council are teaming up with the Sevenoaks District Council Environmental Enforcement Team to increase the chances of catching and prosecuting the offenders.

We need homeowners with CCTV, wildlife cameras and even doorbell cameras with either a direct or indirect view of the road, to come forward and form a Parish wide network. Once we have the information of where cameras are located, their location will be plotted onto a map. If there is an incident reported, only the owners of the cameras in the vicinity will be contacted and given a time frame and any other relevant information, so that they can check their footage for evidence.

This evidence will then be passed onto Enforcement to build a case to hopefully bring about a prosecution. Many people post incidents of fly-tipping on social media sites such as Facebook and YouTube, this is not the place to get something done about it. All fly-tipping incidents should be reported as soon as possible to Sevenoaks District Council by phoning 01732 227000 or go online and report it at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk and follow the REPORT link. Here you can upload pictures of the fly-tipping along with additional information.

Residents are understandably fed up with the present situation. If we work together, we should get fly-tipping cleared more efficiently and improve the chances of prosecuting the fly-tippers. They treat our roads as dumping grounds, put road users in danger, blight our countryside and cost innocent taxpayers money. Our network should discourage fly-tipping in the area and help prosecute those responsible. We need those people who have cameras to come forward and build this network with us. Please email clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk with your name, address and telephone number if you can help

VILLAGE DIARY FOR MARCH 2022

Wednesday 2 nd	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 9	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm
Sunday 13	Make Shoreham Shine	Village Hall	10.00 – 13.00
Friday 18 th	Historical Society AGM	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 23	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm

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