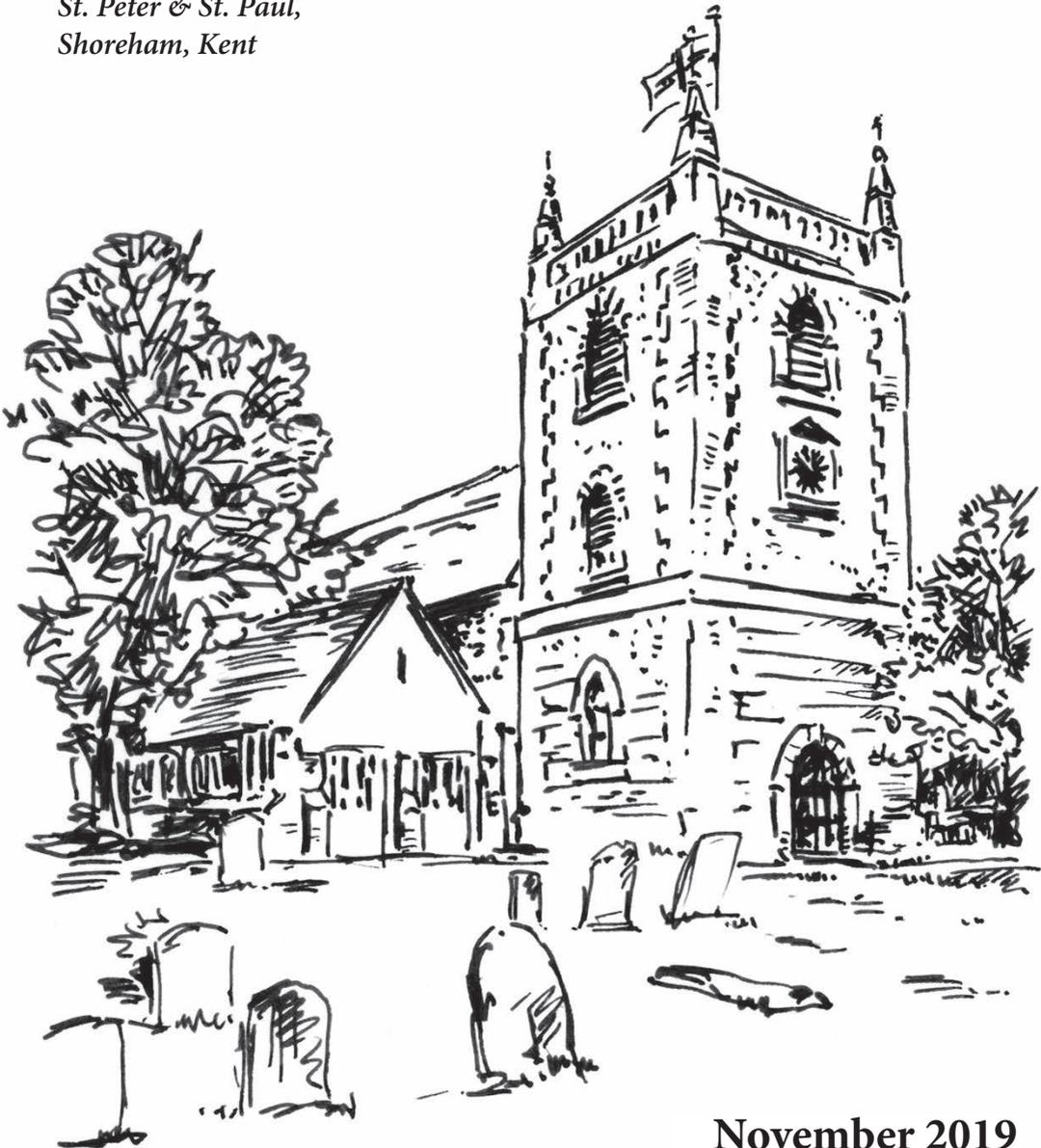


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3rd November All Saints Day/ All Souls
10.00am Eucharist
**4.30pm Commemoration of the Departed
**note earlier service time for the winter months

Confirmation Group Meeting - 11.30am to 1pm

10th November Remembrance Sunday
8.00am BCP Communion
10.00am Remembrance Sunday Service
No evening service

Confirmation Group Meeting - 11.30am to 1pm

17th November 2nd Sunday before Advent
10.00am Eucharist
4.30pm Compline

Final Confirmation Group Meeting - 11.30am to 1pm

24th November – Christ the King – Sunday before Advent
8.00am – BCP Communion
10.30am – All-Age-Service
4.30pm – Songs & Poems

30th November 5.15pm Meet at church for Carol round the village



The Revd Dr Diane E. Rees
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism 13th October Gareth and Nicole Davies
Confirmation 13th October Gareth Davies Nicole Davies, Kirsty Freeman,
Lindsey MacRae and James Saynor
Interment of Ashes - 5th October Brenda Capon

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Memories...

It just so happened that over the last couple of months I have found myself thinking a lot about the past. Over the summer, we holidayed in North Wales and I visited the University where forty years ago I studied Maths and Psychology. The Maths tower was a Chemistry building and Psychology now had its own purpose built block. My mum turned ninety a few weeks ago. She had a birthday party, where she entertained us with lots of memories about her life and career. I have found myself visiting or being visited by old friends, some of whom I've not seen for over two decades because life seems to get so busy with jobs, family etc. Memories are important. We experience a very real sense of grief when either we, or those we care for, begin to lose their memory or suffer from any kind of dementia. Elvis Presley captured something of the essence of memory in his song:

Memories, pressed between the pages of my mind

Memories, sweetened through the ages just like wine

Quiet thought come floating down

And settle softly to the ground

Like golden autumn leaves around my feet

I touched them and they burst apart with sweet memories (1)

November is the Remembering month, with All Saints' Day, All Souls, Guy Fawkes and Remembrance Sunday. This year, at **4.30pm on the 3rd November** we have our annual service of the **Commemoration of the Departed**. This is a quiet, reflective service, with an opportunity to light a candle and remember, by name or silently, someone we have loved who has died. It is a space to give thanks for the memories and for those peoples' lives.

Memories can also be painful and remembering can stir up past conflict or trauma. Sometimes these bad memories can be assuaged by prayer or kind friends, in other situations we may need professional support, or help to go through a process of reconciliation. This reality is acknowledged in the prayers used for a funeral or memorial service: 'Heal the memories of hurt or failure. Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth ... in the way that leads to everlasting life'

Memories, good and bad, are important as they lead us and shape us as we head into the future, as these lines from the musical Cats reminds us:

When the dawn comes

Tonight will be a memory too

And a new day will begin (2)

Revd Diane

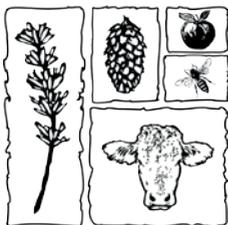
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IAN HARPER

A memorial service will be held in the Church on Saturday 16th November at 12 noon. While he has been away from the village for some years living in France I know that he is well remembered and it will be good to share this occasion and memories of him.

Jamie Harper



ADVENT FAIR

Thursday 28th November 10am -1pm.
Friends of Shoreham Church are holding their annual
Advent Fair in the Church,

Christmas cake raffle, Good clothes sale, Gifts, Preserves,
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SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 12noon to 3pm

After a very successful Christmas fayre last year raising over £2,500 for the Village School, we will be once again offering fun for all with Craft Stalls, a Children Crafts and Games Room, Gingerbread Decorating, Tombola and Teddy Tombola, Hot Chocolate Station, Festive Gin Tasting, Teas/Coffee & festive cakes, Homemade Soups and Hotdogs and Cold Refreshments.

We are now taking bookings for local craft stalls which will be £15 or £10 with a donated raffle prize. For more information or to book a stall please contact our FOSS secretary Nicola on 07815709204 or email fossinformation@gmail.com. We hope to see many of you there to support our lovely school.

Jessica McEwen

THE OPENING OF THE CHURCH ROOMS

It is always a pleasure to come back to Shoreham and this occasion was extra especially wonderful. I called it a miracle because twenty or so years ago it was unimaginable that it would happen. Shoreham Church needed and wanted Church Rooms. Toilets? Most definitely. Sunday school? Essential and a kitchen away from the bell ringers? Yes. To achieve these and please everyone proved to be impossible and for all the reasons - now well and truly in the past - that meant that the desired extension was not going to happen.

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The Church looked so beautiful (celebrating Harvest Festival) and to walk into the new rooms on Sunday, 29th September was to experience a miracle. Appreciation and thanks are extended to primarily Frank Hinks and then John Lyons, through many trials and tribulations, who brought the building to fruition. Thank you so much. I am sorry Revd Richard Freeman couldn't be there to share the experience he first instigated but he will enjoy knowing that it all eventually happened. I am sure the rooms will be used to their full advantage and the Church congregation will grow because of them. Many congratulations to all those involved with the project.

Sheila Wilson

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This is a small charity looking after just two almshouses, so whilst there is a wide range of activities within the role, the level of work expected would be proportionate with this. Candidates will need to be able to work flexibly for approximately 5 hours each week, with occasional evening attendance at meetings. It is likely that the actual hours required will vary across the year. Salary: £10.55 per hour

The closing date for applications is 18 November 2019. Interviews will be held at the beginning of December. If you would like to know more about the role and the application process, please contact the Chair, Sharon Longworth s.longworth3@gmail.com or by phone on 07912 609924.

SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

The Importance of being Earnest.

Play-reading evening on Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Not just for SVP members – we will be delighted to welcome anyone who'd enjoy reading a part in this brilliantly funny play (or even if you'd just like to listen). There is a range of marvellous characters: two love-struck young bachelors, Jack and Algernon, and the young women they fancy, Gwendolen and Cicely; the dithering governess Miss Prism, the wonderfully-named Reverend Chasuble and of course the formidable Lady



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Bracknell. We shall give everyone a chance to read the part(s) they prefer by swapping them round in the different acts. Great fun. Do bring along whatever you'd like to drink and the Players will supply nibbles. We shall have copies of the play available beforehand if you'd like to familiarise yourselves with it – email sheilamwebb@aol.com or ring 523858.

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We are inviting applications for the tenancy of 29 High Street, a two-bedroomed cottage, recently vacated. It is not available for a long let; the initial tenancy will be for six months with the possibility of a short extension. Applicants should have a strong connection to the village and be in housing need. Non-smoker preferred. Applications to walnuttreclerk@gmail.com.

SHOREHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

We are thrilled to announce that, with the money raised last year through the justgiving page we hit our target of £3,000 and were able to purchase the new LED string. The switch over to LED will make a huge difference as it means the string will be more cost and energy efficient. A longer life span meaning lower carbon emissions. The cost of the electric to the residents of Crown Road will be reduced and we no longer have the added cost of purchasing replacement bulbs. I was stunned by the positive response from the villagers and those from afar who supported the switch over and gave so generously. Thank you so much to each and every one of you.

Dates: The switch-on will be Saturday 30th November at 6:30pm. Santa's Grotto £2 per child and entertainment on the night from Rob Bartlitz. Christmas Hamper will be placed in the Crown Pub from 9th November and raffle drawn on 21st December. Raffle tickets £1 a strip on sale in the Crown

Thank you to Keith Skinner, Chris Dellow, Marina Barnett, Paul and Sarah Cooper, Jane and Paul Hudson for keeping this wonderful festive tradition alive! *Eve Kindred*

FROM THE SHOREHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

We all enjoyed a wonderful evening of music in a packed Church on Friday 13th September. The Brahms Sextets and the jazz were very well received as were the drinks and homemade refreshments. The candlelit Church looked beautiful and was celebrated with dancing in the aisles!

We are delighted to be able to give a donation of £500 to the Church Repair Fund and we are very grateful to all in the village who helped to make this event such a success. Special thanks to the Village Stores who handled ticket sales all summer and to Tim Higginson for the eye catching poster design. There were plenty of others involved behind the scenes so a big thank you to all. We are planning our next festival event for September 2020. *Vanessa Welsh, Jane Scott, Jill Webster, Kate Howie, Linda Lattimer*



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SHOREHAM 100 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1919

The Church Room (now a private residence by the recreation ground), was a well used venue in the village and the parish magazine reported that not only was it being partly repainted but that it was hoped that water would be laid on. Every Wednesday there was some activity such as a concert, a whist drive, a lecture or a cinematograph show, the latter had two showings, one for children and one for adults. The Church Room doubled up as the village library although it was only open on Fridays at 4pm. People were told in the parish magazine that the books on offer would be very good, in a world where “ a great deal of what is offered for reading is not worth spending time on.”

For the edification of local people, the vicar, the Revd Henry Madge, delivered a lecture on the French Revolution, illustrated by lantern slides. The audience were “quiet and attentive - we hope interested,” according to the parish magazine, although it was recognised that an acetylene generator was needed in order for pictures to be clearer in the future. A charge was not made for this, although donations of a penny at the door were encouraged to help pay for the oil used for heating.

With the First World War having ended just a year earlier, thought was being given to how best to commemorate the dead. The vicar suggested a tablet for the church and the planting of trees, as he was much taken by the idea of “Roads of Remembrance”, the planting trees in public thoroughfares.

There was an appeal for a Scoutmaster for the boy scouts who had done a sterling job during the war, in helping out with the hospital in the village for wounded servicemen. On a celebratory note, village stalwarts Mr. And Mrs. Henry Cheeseman were congratulated in the parish magazine for having just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Alain Couzens

A warm welcome to our new scribe, Alain ,who is a historian and married to Rev Diane. He will be trawling the old parish magazines to see what life was like in Shoreham 100 years ago

Editor

SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

After more than two decades of dedicated service, Mike Robinson is retiring from the newspaper delivery service. We are sure that his many satisfied customers over the years wish him all the best and no doubt Mike is looking forward to some much deserved lie-ins. Customers will continue to receive their breakfast papers, courtesy of Kannan.

Manjit at the Post Office counter will be busy later in the month with all your Christmas parcels she'll be sending to the four corners of the earth. Don't forget your Christmas stamps, too. The Post Office opens on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9am to 3.30pm. On the subject of Christmas, look out for news of turkey ordering soon

Santhosh, Kannan, Lorna and Prasanth

SHOREHAM SOCIETY AGM AND PUBLIC MEETING: FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM KEEPING THE RIVER DARENT CLEAN AND FLOWING

We all love our river, but it faces threats and needs looking after, so our AGM is all about the river. We have two guest speakers: Chris Gardner of the South-East Rivers Trust, who will talk about chalk streams in general and Rod Shelton of the Darent River Preservation Society (DRiPS), and author of the book on the Darent, who will talk about the river itself. It should be a fascinating evening.

We are looking for more committee members, to help run the society. We'd like to be as representative as possible. It just involves a meeting every couple of months. Or just join the Shoreham Society - your local amenity group that helps preserve and enhance our beautiful village. Email Jenny Walkling, at jenny.walkling@btinternet.com, cost £3 per person or £5 per household per year.

421 Bus service to by-pass Shoreham – Survey of Passengers

Some of you may have heard the bad news that Shoreham Village is to lose its bus service after November 16th (except for school journeys, which will continue as at present). In future, the bus will travel between Otford and Eynsford via the main road. We had a meeting with Go-Coach and the reasons are mainly that not enough people from Shoreham are using the service, but that the bus often gets stuck in Church Street. We'd like some information about who uses the bus, where they travel to and how often, whether a bus that just travelled down Station Road as far as Shoreham Place would be better than nothing? Please email saynor9@gmail.com to complete a survey. If you know a bus user who doesn't use email, please email on their behalf. Then we can see if the bus company could be persuaded to do something.

The **Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership** (CRP) has been formed to promote leisure travel on the line from Swanley to Sevenoaks. The idea is to encourage more visitors to come by train, and more residents to use the train rather than the car. There will be promotional events, so watch this space. We have "adopted" Shoreham Station, which means that, after having a safety briefing, residents will be allowed to brighten up the station and make minor improvements.

John Saynor

SHOREHAM VILLAGE HALL

A brilliant evening was had by all at our Frank Sinatra Tribute Night. We would like to thank all those who donated fantastic raffle prizes: wine tasting for two at the Mount; tea and cake for two at the Honeyptot; a four-ball at the Darenth Country Club; a Volkswagen car for the weekend as well as various Volkswagen gifts and accessories and bottles of Mount wine. £751.00 was made which will go towards replacing the curtains, various electrical work, sanding the floor and updating the washrooms in the Hall. The approximate cost of this will exceed £25,000 so we have rather a long way to go even with a match-funded grant from the KCC.

Many thanks too to: Jason Fox at Darenth Country Club for his very generous donation of £500; the Village Players for donating £350 and to various village societies for each donating £100. The Village Hall is a wonderful asset which takes time, money, good will and support to maintain.

Geraldine Field

NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

October has been a busy month at school with many sporting activities to celebrate. We participated in the local Aquasplash Festival and were very proud of our pupils who achieved two bronze medals and a silver medal, displaying style and technique over a range of strokes. The Tag-Rugby Festival was a close run event with our team tying for first place after five games in the tournament. Sadly, the final position was based on number of tries scored and we ended up in second place. Our football team then played a series of three matches, losing one and winning two, which puts us in a very good position as the tournament continues over the season.

Back at school we have been sharing our varied art works in an art exhibition which coincided with parents evening. The children displayed a range of art works that demonstrated their developing skills and ideas based on the painting 'Experiment on a Bird in an Air Pump' by Joseph Wright of Derby. Cameron have been learning how to draw the human face in perspective and developed their work into self-portraits of a very high standard. Moore Class have been focusing on 3d work, making origami cranes and creating characterful clay faces. Palmer Class produced feathers that utilised collage and put them together to create wings. Barton Class have been focusing on autumn, making leaf hedgehogs and tree hands.

Our friends in Tanzania have experienced a drought, which has led to a poor harvest, resulting in rising food prices and a lack of seeds to plant for next year's crops. Rochester Diocese are able to send funds securely and specifically to support projects. If you wish to donate any money to support the purchase of seeds for families in Mpwapwa, this can be done online with information and a donation form available from the school office

Gillian Lovatt-Young, Headteacher

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our AGM is Friday 8th November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. After the meeting we will be showing a short archive DVD of The Shoreham Branch from 1998 and 2004. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 10th November 10.00am at The Church and 10.45am at The War Memorial for the Wreath laying. Lest We Forget.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We have a lovely Christmas Hamper and other prizes for you to win! This will be drawn on 6th December at The Kings Arms. Raffle tickets at £1.00 per strip are on sale in the Village Shop and The Kings Arms

Lorna Robinson

SHOREHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting is on 5th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We will be having a demonstration by Julia Davies on “Puddings for Christmas without a cooker”. Visitors welcome, please come and join us. Refreshments will be served.

Our Community Coffee morning will be held this month on the 14th November at the Village Hall, 10.00am to 12.00pm. Copious coffee/tea and cakes available. Come and join us for the refreshments and lots of chat and laughter.

STOP PRESS:

Thank you to all the people who attended our October Community Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We made a magnificent £384.85 which will be forwarded to them

Sylvie Poynter

TALES FROM THE HILL

My wife often provides me with material for my endless tales, she recently came across an old edition of The Dictionary of Kent Dialect, and in the preface it says there has been a presumption that Kent has less dialects and local words than many other counties. The reason being that ever since Roman times Kent has been the gateway to England and as a consequence our native dialects have been diluted by foreign tongues. I don't altogether agree with this theory, I am sure I can still recognise the differences between the dialect of a native of Romney Marsh and say a native born Gravesendian. But change is taking place rapidly for young people are using what I call a universal verbal shorthand influenced perhaps by texting and rappers and all.

Language is constantly changing, the difference now is the speed of change, and I am reliably informed that the following words are in common usage----

Curve (to reject someone), Throw shade (a nasty look), Fam (closest friend), Sip Tea (mind your own business).

Bae (baby, or a term of endearment), Salty (acting upset), Snatched (looking good), Beat (applying makeup, as in I gotta beat my face), Phubbing (paying attention to your phone

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instead of listening to others).

It is interesting how these millennial words have come about, and there is an interesting comparison with many of the words in my old Kent dictionary. Here are some ancient Kentish words at random.

Alleycumfee (a fictitious place), Booby-Hutch (an uncomfortable carriage seat), Quillies (making a mess of things), Asprawl (things going wrong), Happy-Ho (a coincidence), Hagister (a Magpie), A Husband (a severely pollarded tree),

Lushington (a man who likes his drink), Beetle Hogs (Hedgehogs that are purposely set free indoors to eat cockroaches), Argify (don't you argify with me), Bishop's Finger (signpost), Pincherwig (earwig), Boldrumpitious (presumptuous), Scad (A wild plum), Hudd (a vertical sentry type box where the vicar stood inside when conducting funeral services so his wig did not get wet), Lorcus-Heart (O' Lord, Christ heart).

I was surprised to find 'Fessed up' in the Kent dictionary, I thought it was a fairly new word short for confessed, in my Kent dictionary it means puzzled or mentally tense, a state I find myself in most of the time in this Brexit era. Oh, I cannot resist it---The trouble with the world is that stupid people are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt. Blame this one on Bertrand Russell and my wife! *John Bovington*

GREAT GRIMM TALES.

Saturday 16th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

This latest offering from Box Tale Soup was an official Sell-Out Show at this year's Edinburgh Fringe. A remarkable new adaptation of the Brothers Grimm's most delicious tales, these are not the children's stories we might expect. Suitable for 12 years old and up, they are weird and wicked, horrible and hilarious; - behind the wildest stories, hide the darkest truths.

Antonia Christophers, former member of Shoreham Village Players, formed Box Tale Soup with her husband Noel Byrne to present plays in a totally original style – see their website <https://www.boxtalesoup.co.uk>. For this production they are joined by Sebastian Christopher, a former SVP member, last seen as the lead in the Players' production of Nicholas Nickleby. Tickets, £10 are on sale on line at shorehamvillageplayers.co.uk, from the Village Stores, or by phoning Kate Britten on 523765.

OVER 60'S

Once again Shoreham Over 60s have an excellent programme of events to be held in the Village Hall: -

November 13th at 2.30pm we will be playing Balloon Badminton

November 27th is the final event of 2019 when we have our Christmas Dinner, always an excellent event for all the regulars.

NOTE Meeting on December 11th event is cancelled.

Joan Payne

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1/11	Words from the Valley	Village Hall	8.00pm
5/11	Women's Institute	Village Hall	7.30pm
8/11	RBL AGM	Village Hall	7.30pm
13/11	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.30pm
14/11	Community Coffee	Village Hall	10am-12
16/11	Grimm Tales	Village Hall	7.30pm
15/11	Historical Society talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
22/11	Players Reading through	Village Hall	7.30pm
23/11	School Fayre	Village School	12 – 3pm
27/11	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.30 pm
28/11	Advent Fair in the Church		10am – 1pm
29/11	Shoreham Society AGM	Village Hall	7.30pm
30/11	5.15pm	Meet in the Church for Carols round the village	

2020 events

8 th May	The Henry Desmond Orchestra and The Mount Vineyard collaborate for VE Day 75th Celebrations.
13 th September	Music Festival in Shoreham Church

REFRESHMENT ROTA IN CHURCH

November

3 rd	Alison Evans
17 th	Suna Keates
24 th	Sharon Desmond and Jaki Merrett

FLOWER ROTA IN THE CHURCH

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