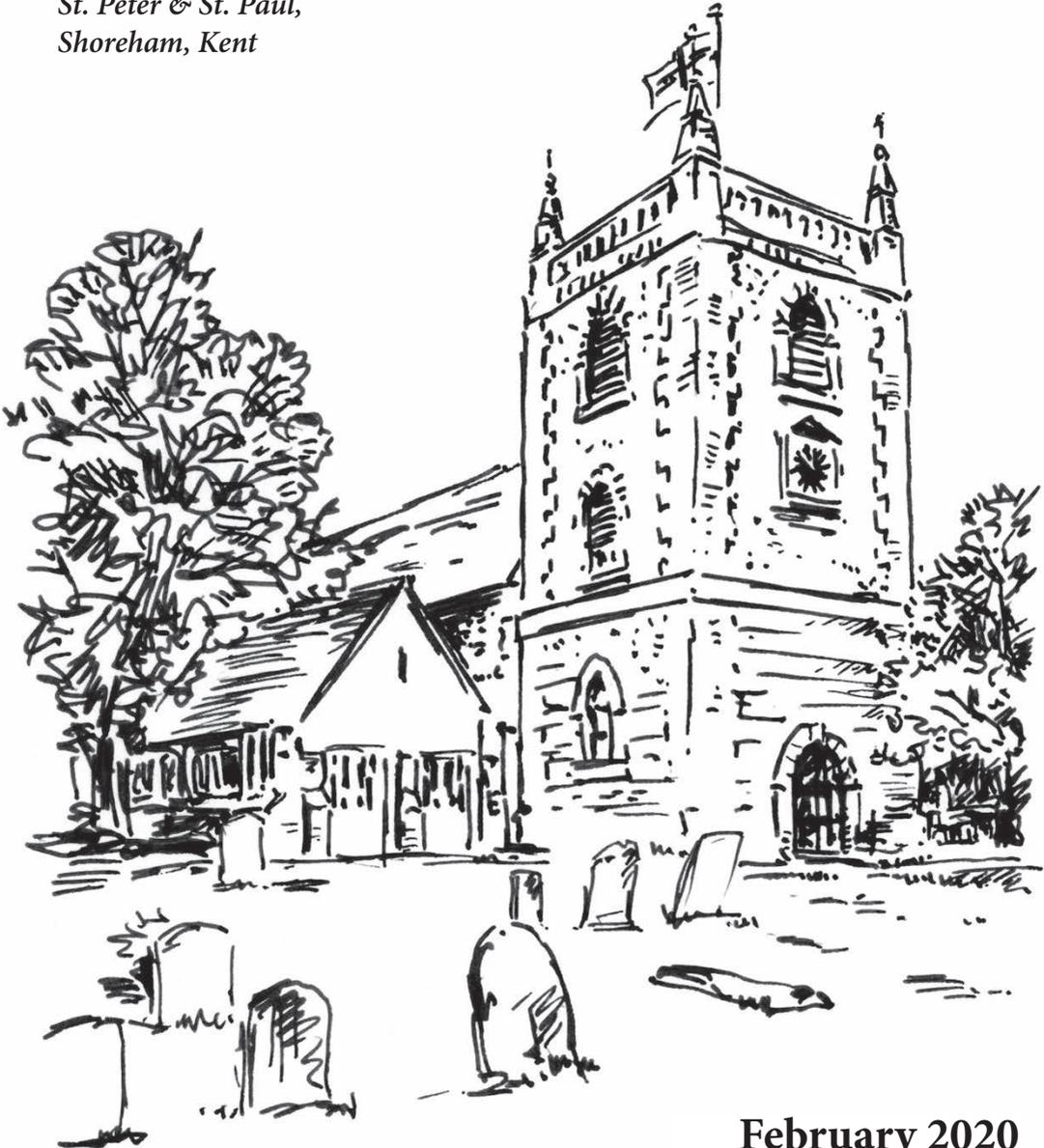


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**9th February - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8am - BCP Communion

10.00am - Short Eucharist with Taizé music

4.30pm – Songs & Poems

**16th February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

10.00am – Eucharist

4.30pm – Compline

**23rd February – Sunday next before Lent**

8am - BCP Communion

10.00am - All-Age Service

4.30pm – Discussion

**26<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday**

8pm – Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes

**1<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

10.00am – Eucharist with Baptism of Luna Grima

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**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

Baptism 12th January

Edward Camlin

Burial 7th January 2020

Bridget Summerfield

## Epiphany Treats and Blessings

After all the busyness leading up to Christmas Day, we went to France for a week. We returned home with two lovely traditions for Epiphany that we wanted to share. Epiphany is also known as Twelfth Night or Three Kings Day and is the time when we remember the three wise men with their gifts of Gold (for a king), Frankincense (for prayer/worship) and Myrrh (for a burial).

The first tradition was the eating of Galettes des Rois (pancakes of the kings). A Galette des Rois is about the size of a large tart. It is made of puff pastry and has a sweet filling of frangipane or ground almonds. Each Galette contains a small object. The person who finds the object in their slice, gets to wear a crown for the day. In church, we had three Galettes and ended up with two kings and a queen.

Our three Galettes made it on to Twitter, although contrary to the Tweet, I didn't make them myself, which just goes to show you can't believe everything on social media!

You may have wondered about the strange symbols you have seen appearing in a few places around the village ... which leads me to the second tradition ... that of "chalking the doors." The formula is simple: take chalk of any colour and write the following above/ near the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 20**.

The letters have two meanings.

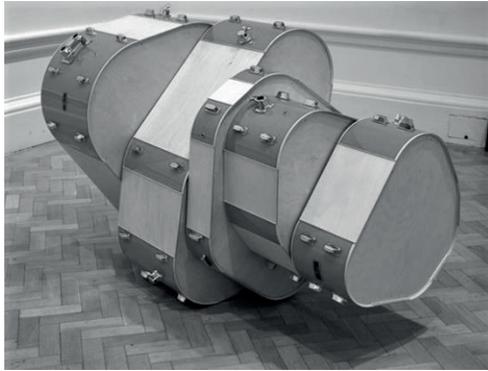
First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in his first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "20" at the end mark the year. Taken together and done at the beginning of a new year, the inscription is asking Christ to bless our home and all who live, work, or visit there throughout the year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world and can be done at any church, home, or building. The blessing can be performed simply by writing the inscription, perhaps with a short prayer, or more elaborately, with songs, prayers, processions, the burning of incense and the sprinkling of holy water. If you would like to chalk your own door, there is a basket just inside church with chalks and a small sheet with some suggested prayers.

**Revd Diane**

## VALLEY OF VISION SCULPTURE

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July 11am-5pm,



**Richard Wilson RA - Red Shells**

This sequel to the 2017 Shoreham Sculpture Trail will feature 80+ artists including Richard Wilson RA and David Mach RA who will be showing alongside an intriguing line-up of sculptors, many of them local, curated by Susan Haire. There will be spectacular pieces on a monumental scale and the diversity of the exhibits will range from works in metal and stone to ephemeral and interactive work

The artist Samuel Palmer coined the phrase ‘Valley of Vision’ and, as many of you will know when he lived in Shoreham in the 1820s, the Darent Valley was the inspiration for his celebrated visionary landscape paintings. Lots of the artists will be making works inspired by the Darent Valley in the same spirit as Palmer and the show will be particularly unusual in the number of works that will be site-specific with some work being made in direct response to Palmer.

Displayed in the beautiful gardens of Shoreham, there couldn’t be more stunning surroundings in which to view sculpture – truly an art-lovers' paradise but also the perfect family day out and of great appeal to garden enthusiasts.

Tickets: £10 on the day, cash only, in all gardens or the Church. One catalogue per couple included, under 15s free, group discounts 20%

In aid of Shoreham Church Extension Fund.

If anyone would like to help in any way with this exciting venture please contact Alain – we would be very happy to hear from any volunteers.

Shoreham Co-ordinator Alain Cozens ([alaincozens1@gmail.com](mailto:alaincozens1@gmail.com))

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## MPWAPWA NEWS ... AND TOILETS

The Mpwapwa Working Group with adults and children from the parish, Shoreham Village School and St Michael's continues to meet about once a term, coming up with ideas of how we can learn from and support our friends in Chunyu. If you would like to be involved in this group please contact either of the two schools or myself at the Vicarage.

We have a very active WhatsApp group, where sometimes on a daily basis we are sharing pictures and information about the places in which we live. It's lovely to see a beautiful blue Tanzanian sky when it's raining here and interesting seeing some pupils and a teacher digging a trench for a new water pipe. From our end, we have sent pictures of Christmas trees with lights, shared Christmas songs and even some pictures of the new toilets at church ... and whilst we are on the subject of toilets, many of you will be aware that as part of the fundraising for the extension at church, some people donated money for toilet twinning. Thanks to those people and a number of others, we sent £1357 for toilet twinning at Kiboriani in Mpwapwa. This converted into 4,000,000 Tanzanian Shillings, which sounds even better. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## TALES FROM THE SKETCHBOOK: CHURCH EXTENSION ARTWORK

An enormous thank you to everyone who supported the artwork for the church extension – whether through encouragement and support, sponsorship and purchase of tiles, or simply allowing the artist to be on-site observing, drawing, asking questions and sometimes sharing in cake and tea. The resulting artwork by Amanda Hopkins is now installed permanently in the new extension. You may also be interested to know that after taking out costs to print the tiles, we raised over £1,000 towards the church extension fund. Fantastic.

*Amanda Hopkins +Jasper Dale*

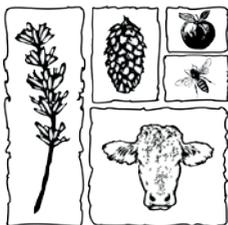
## **PARADISE REGAINED: THE LIFE AND ART OF SAMUEL PALMER THURSDAY 12 MARCH 8.00 PM AT WALTHAMSTOW HALL SCHOOL**

The Arts Society Sevenoaks will be holding a lecture on Samuel Palmer on 12<sup>th</sup> March at Walthamstow Hall Senior School given by the art critic Timothy Wilcox, who has published a charming and beautifully illustrated book on Palmer. Samuel Palmer moved to Shoreham in 1824 and the paintings he made in Shoreham, his Valley of Vision, are considered his most original and beautiful. Living first in Water House and then Ivy Cottage, and walking by moonlight with his artist friends the Ancients, Palmer found all he needed for inspiration in Shoreham, his Earthly Paradise.

Guests are warmly invited to attend the lecture, and are invited to make a donation of £5. Drinks will be served from 7.30 p.m. Walthamstow Hall School is on Hollybush Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 3UL

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Don't forget all your cards, choc bottles of wine and fizz for Valentine's Day – with us, you can always leave it to the last minute! And if you've left it late to buy your 2020 diaries and calendars, we still have some left. *Santhosh, Kannan, Lorna and Prasant*

### **HOME LIBRARY SERVICE**

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*Pat Wright* [patmwright@gmail.com](mailto:patmwright@gmail.com)

### **THE SHOREHAM SOCIETY**

Much has been happening since the last issue of the Gazette! We are particularly pleased with the decision to reinstate the footpath SR22 (the route from the level crossing leading to Upper Austin Lodge). This was a protracted case which illustrates the determination of the Shoreham Society and others to protect our beautiful countryside. Particular thanks must go to John Saynor, Co-chair of the Shoreham Society and to Neil Powell of the Parish Council. Other recent planning issues which are causing concern are the increasing levels of illegal residential developments which are taking place on Green Belt land.

Testing is being undertaken to assess whether a 50mph limit on the road past the station would be appropriate. This is the only stretch of road between Sevenoaks and Farningham that does not have a restriction, yet it is used by cyclists and pedestrians, particularly if they wish to catch a bus.

On the subject of buses, a limited Wednesday service has been reinstated. This has proved popular and there were eleven people who used the service on its first day. A demand and response style service is being considered but no firm plans are available yet. Congratulations to all those who have lobbied for our bus service.

### **SHOREHAM SHINE DAY SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

The Shoreham Shine event takes place on **Sunday March 1st** from 9am to 1pm. You don't have to commit to the whole morning, just turn up when you can at Clean-Up HQ, the Village Hall, and stay as long as you are able to. Anyone wishing to make Shoreham Shine in the afternoon can still join in by collecting the equipment from 39 High Street after 1pm. It's a great opportunity to get to know your community while helping to keep our village just the way we all like it. If you want to bring your own tools the following would be useful - brooms, secateurs, hand brushes, weeding tools.

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## COMMUNITY WALK ON SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

A community walk will follow the public footpath SR22 and then down towards Preston Farm. Other walks, perhaps to see the bluebells or wild orchids, are planned but there might not be so much notice given as these depend on the type of spring that we experience

## **DUCK RACE – SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

Our annual Duck Race has been moved from the first Bank Holiday in May. And it is never too soon to start designing and testing your ducks!

## **SHOREHAM'S BIG WEEKEND - JULY 11TH AND 12TH**

A weekend to celebrate all things to do with Shoreham. There will be plenty of ways to learn about the history of the Village, guided walks and a free concert on the Rec. Bring your own picnic! There will be opportunities to experience the environment and to think about the ways that resources might be used more effectively and sustainably. Anyone with an interest in the Village who would like to get involved or has ideas should get in touch as there is still plenty of planning to do. *Chris Euman*

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We are so lucky to have Shoreham Village Hall: a wonderful community asset set in glorious surroundings. It is kept viable by a small group of people who give their time freely and generously and by donations from individuals, the Parish Council, societies and businesses for which we are hugely grateful.

Booking couldn't be easier. Availability of the hall and prices can be checked online at the bookings section of the Village Hall website. Your required dates and times, or any enquiries, can be emailed to [bookings@shorehamvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@shorehamvillagehall.co.uk) and it will be booked for you.

The hall continues to undergo improvements, from those that make it more efficient to those that make it more attractive. The floor has recently been stripped and re-dressed and new curtains are in the process of being made. WiFi has been installed which opens its possibility as a work/office space, or even for use as a workshop for those wishing to expand their use of technology.

## BIG VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT

Our next fundraising event will be the Big Village Quiz Night which will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets will be on sale at the Village Shop or can be reserved via the hall email: [bookings@shorehamvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@shorehamvillagehall.co.uk). Tickets are £5 per person, with teams of 8 or less. Make up a team or simply turn up and join a table. There will be a licensed bar for refreshments. Please come along and help to support your Village Hall.

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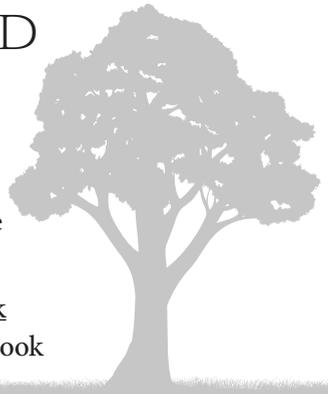
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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

125 years ago - February 1895

The parish magazine of this month paid great tribute to Shoreham resident Sir Henry James QC, who was leaving the village. Like the other MP who had a home in Shoreham at this time, Frank Mildmay who represented Totnes, Sir Henry did not represent the Sevenoaks constituency; Shoreham was just a convenient place to live. Sir Henry James was praised for his work in support of the village school. He held many roles nationally at different stages of his career including Solicitor-General and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He was made a peer in the year he left Shoreham, dying in 1911 without having married his mistress.

Meanwhile at the other end of the social scale, the poorer members of the village, of whom there were many, were glad in that year to benefit from some of the funds available such as the Coal Fund and the Sick and Poor Fund. The latter provided money directly to some pensioners, supplied surgical appliances and some railway fares in deserving cases. In an era before state pensions and government sickness and unemployment insurance schemes this would have no doubt been very welcome.

100 years ago - February 1920

Although the death and devastation of World War One war had ended well over a year before, millions were dying around the world because of the influenza outbreak. The parish magazine advised people to get a vaccination but also advised villagers to gargle the nose and throat with permanganate of potash, or failing that, a teaspoon of salt. Keeping warm was recommended although it was acknowledged that with the current coal shortage this might prove difficult. With a report of a cottage in an outlying part of the parish having had a sum of money stolen from it, villagers were advised not to keep money in the house but in a Post Office Savings Bank or in War Savings Certificates.

For those who wanted to fill their spare time the parish magazine made villagers aware of a range of activities in the Church Room: ranging from lessons in light basket-making (for women only), a lecture on the League of Nations, a woodwork class (for boys only) and use of the Rifle Range on Preston Hill.

75 Years ago - February 1945

The Second World War was nearing its end and thus many Shoreham residents were still on active service, including the church organist. The vicar, Paul Gliddon, was bemoaning the lack of attendance at church in view of the fact that many claimed the war as a “war for Christianity”. This was certainly not his own personal view: Paul Gliddon was a lifelong pacifist, who during the First World War had been sentenced to two years imprisonment for refusing to fight.

*Alain Cozens*



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## The Shoreham Parish Council Bulletin No. 81 February 2020

Dear Resident,

### **TRAFFIC AND PARKING SURVEY**

This month's Shoreham Post is dedicated to Traffic and Parking. Please find overleaf a questionnaire relating to some proposed changes, which aim to help improve the traffic and parking situation in and around the village. None of these changes has been approved yet as we firstly wish to gauge the appetite for such proposals.

We are therefore asking all households to fill in the questionnaire so that we can see which, if any, of the measures we decide to pursue. Voting boxes will be available in the George pub and in the village shop and completed questionnaires should either be posted there or sent to the Clerk at the Parish Council address, PO Box 618, Sevenoaks TN13 9TW.

If you would like more information about the proposals, then please come along to the next Parish Council meeting, which will be held in the village hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, or visit the Clerk at her Church Room surgery on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Banners showing photographs of the proposed changes will be sited in the Village Hall and in the church throughout the duration of the consultation period.

**Please return all forms by February 29<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

## Shoreham Parish Council - Traffic and Parking Survey

### Shoreham Village

We are aware that traffic and parking are an important factor in quality of life in Shoreham village. There are a number of changes that are in progress that we wanted to ensure all residents were aware of, and a number of proposed changes that we wanted your views on.

The aim of the Parish Council is to make improvements that are supported by the village. It is not to introduce change for the sake of change, or to improve traffic and parking to the detriment to the quality of life of the residents. There are many conflicting views and aspirations, and we aim to steer a path through these conflicts to a plan which benefits the quality of life of its residents.

These changes represent the current proposals, if this consultation (or other resident feedback) indicates further changes are required we will consider all of the factors which affect traffic and parking, make proposals and put those proposals to the village residents for a mandate to take up the ideas or not.

#### **Changes in Progress:**

##### **1) Footpath from the station to the George:**

As most of you are aware this has been a long term project, but significant progress has been made. Discussions with the landowner of the Church Field have been positive and hopefully we should be in a position to proceed with the creation of a footpath along the field in Autumn 2020. Discussions are also underway with the owners of the Golf Club who have agreed to create a footpath on the opposite side of the road.

##### **2) Fire access**

We would also like to reassure residents that we have confirmed with the fire service that they have no concerns in accessing properties in the village in the event of a fire. They are well aware of the access issues and have smaller fire trucks that are suitable for the villages in their coverage area.

To allow us to better assess the responses it would be helpful if you could indicate your name and address in the box below. Please note that all data gathered will remain strictly confidential.

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**Proposed Changes:**

**1) Do you support reducing the speed in the village to 20mph?**

(The intent is to change the existing 30 mph to 20mph signs. No additional signage – *see posters*)

Yes	No
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Please circle one response

**2) Do you support minimising HGV access to the village (except for access)?**

(New "Not suitable for HGV" sign's at the A225 Junction, end of Shacklands Road or Filston Lane and at the triangle – *see posters*)

Yes	No
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Please circle one response

**3) Do you support reducing the speed on the A225 from Otford to Preston Farm to 40 mph?**

(KCC will be running a speed monitoring program in the new year to validate existing speeds)

Yes	No
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Please circle one response

**4) Do you support adding a new "Free Parking 500m" sign at the North East end of the village?**

(New sign to ensure visitors coming in past the Crown are made that there is a free carpark, with the intent of reducing visitor parking on the High Street – *see posters*)

Yes	No
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Please circle one response

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**5) In addition to the above changes, which of the following remain a concern?**

**a) George Bends?**

A concern	Does not concern me
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Please circle one response



## CRICKET NEWS

A new decade, a new club! As many cricket followers may be aware, there has been a marked decline in the number of village clubs over the last few years that are able to put out a team regularly.

Shoreham CC has not been immune to this phenomenon, even though, in the 2019 season, we managed to raise two XIs for all our Saturday league games. Sadly however the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI did not prove competitive and managed just a solitary win in the season. The 1<sup>st</sup> team fared better in their higher division.

Our close neighbours, Otford CC, also found the going slightly tougher, as they needed to withdraw their 2<sup>nd</sup> XI from the league, due to a shortage of players.

So, the respective committees of the two clubs proceeded to put their heads together and explored the possibility of a merger of the two clubs. The proposal was then put to the vote by each of the clubs and the result was an overwhelmingly positive outcome to agree the merger.

We now have a new club in formation, to be named Shoreham & Otford CC. We are confident of being able to field three XIs, whereby the 1<sup>st</sup> XI (in Division 3 of the KCVL league) will play their home games at Shoreham, and alternate with the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI (Div 7) when the 1<sup>st</sup> are playing away from home. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (Div 5) will play at Otford's ground every fortnight. So a range of playing ability can be accommodated.

A further benefit of this merger is that Otford CC still enjoys a thriving Junior section, Teams at U/11, U/13, and U/15 levels meet on Sunday mornings with excellent practice nets at the corner of Otford's recreation ground.

Each team will have a Level 2 qualified coach and any boys and girls from Shoreham will be warmly welcomed to enlist. The coaching on Saturday mornings at Shoreham which has proved popular, and has been run by Darren Bull, may continue but I am waiting to hear confirmation from Darren about his plans.

A final benefit of the merger is that Sunday friendlies will be reinvigorated, and a number of matches have already been arranged. This will enable cricketers of all ages and abilities to come and have a go. Anyone interested in further details is welcome to contact me by email on [shorehamcc@gmail.com](mailto:shorehamcc@gmail.com) so that I can keep them informed.

Finally, as ever, we remain extremely grateful to our non-playing members for their support.

*Nick Walker*

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## NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Happy New Year to everyone from Shoreham Village School. We had a very busy end to last term.

At the end of November a group of KS2 pupils were lucky enough to go to London to The Royal Opera House to see the School's Matinee of Coppelia performed by the Royal Ballet. It was a truly magical experience from sitting in the most expensive seats at the Opera House, to watching the performance, to seeing the amazing skills the dancers had. The music was exciting and captivating and with the dancing, costumes and scenery it made it a really special occasion. It was an inspirational day that everyone enjoyed!

Moore class and Cameron class had the pleasure of entertaining the Over 60's after their Christmas Lunch. They sang a range of Christmassy songs to get them into the spirit of things. Everyone had a wonderful time; and the children, and adults. Sang beautifully!

Years 1 - 6 delivered an amazing performance of 'December Lights, December Nights' at the Church. They sang beautifully and Cameron Class spoke their lines wonderfully. Barton Class performed their Christmas Nativity perfectly and there wasn't a dry eye in the house. They were superb! A huge well done to all the children.

We would like to say a big thank you to FoSS for organising our Christmas events: They were really busy, even busier than they are usually for us! We had the Christmas Craft Fair, Secret Santa and a Santa Run. The whole school had a fantastic morning when they went out in the village carol singing to everyone. It was great that people came out to listen to us. We are very grateful to all parents who have helped with this and who continue to help throughout the year.

An enthusiastic and determined team of six took part in the Sevenoaks Partnership Basketball tournament in December at Knole Academy. The competition was tough and some of the matches were quite challenging, however, the team played well and they showed good sportsmanship.

We are looking forward to some exciting events and activities in the coming months including a visit to Parliament, NSPCC Number Day, World Book Day and lots of sporting events.

*Gillian Lovatt-Young, Headteacher*

## CHANGE TO THE PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

There is a great service provided for those housebound or unable to get to the chemist : you can leave your prescription in the box just inside the Village Shop door on the morning of Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and it will be taken to the Otford Chemist and delivered to your home the following rota day. The service on Fridays is seldom use so it is to be discontinued. The last Friday to be covered will be February 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will, of course, collect on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and are pleased to do so. Make sure that your prescription is marked for “Shoreham Delivery” which enables the pharmacist to hand the medication to our volunteers. If you have any questions or would like to join the team please contact me. *Pat Wright* patmwright@gmail.com

We owe a great debt to Georgina Hopkins, Ann Hilton and Pat Wright for all their work in keeping this valuable service running in the village

## TEMENOS CHAMBER CHOIR

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Tickets are £20, students £10. You can order them on line from [boxoffice@sevenoaksschool.org](mailto:boxoffice@sevenoaksschool.org) – we strongly recommend that you pay the extra 60p to get them posted to you, as otherwise you will have to queue at the box office when you get there which actually delayed the start of our last concert at the Pamoja. Otherwise ring the box office, 01732 467765, but they do not accept card payments, you will have to queue on the day and pay cash. If you have any difficulties ring 523765.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION TABLE-TOP SALE

We are holding a table-top sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 12.00 – 4.00pm. Refreshments will be on sale. A good chance for you to have a clear out after Christmas and New Year! Tables cost £10 to hire and all sellers are responsible for taking any unsold items away with them at the end of the sale. If you would like a table, please contact Mike & Lorna on 01959 525772. If you don't want a table...please come along and support us and, hopefully, pick up a bargain or two! Look forward to seeing you there.

*Lorna and Mike Robinson*

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## FOOD SUSTAINABILITY

Would you like to join a new working group on food sustainability in Shoreham village? The aim is to put together a group of local people who can represent the village's needs and wants with regards the food they eat, and where they get it. The priority will be preparing the village for a future of more sustainable, local food, with a lower carbon footprint, and that protects our villagers from the variations in food supply that are an inevitable and imminent result of climate and ecological collapse. No prior knowledge is required and everyone is welcome. Let's make our community more resilient in an uncertain future. Anyone interested can contact Alice on [alicejcourtney@gmail.com](mailto:alicejcourtney@gmail.com)

## SHOREHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our meeting for February is on the 4th. Again this will be our soup lunch. The meeting commences at 2.00 pm, but for those partaking of soup the time is 12.45pm for 1.00pm. Our Speaker for this month is Chris Stewart and the subject is 'Hopping in Kent'. New members and visitors very welcome.

STOP PRESS: Our Community Coffee morning recommences on Thursday 13th February 2020 in the Village Hall between 10.00am and 12.00 noon, where coffee/tea and cakes will be available. Please come and join us; we look forward to seeing you. All welcome.

*Sylvie Poynter*

## SHOREHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

On behalf of Shoreham Christmas Lights I would like to say thank you to the following people for their continued support, Ann Ball for organising the walk down from the church and the Christmas carols, Richard Langridge for supplying the Christmas tree, Jane and Paul Hudson for organising the hamper, The Crown for hosting the switch on festivities, Chris Dellow for sourcing the new lights, local electrician Steve Lee for his expert services regarding the transition of the Christmas lights from the old string to the new and Eve Kindred and her family for organising Santa's grotto.

Without the valuable input of these people, the event would not be possible

*Kindest regards, Keith Skinner.*

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## GUITAR LESSONS

My name is Herbie Clelford. I am Grade 8 in guitar and have been playing with different bands for seven years. I have taught guitar regularly for over a year. I can teach any genre at a beginner level, and any genre at an intermediate level (excluding Metal). I am happy to teach students of any age, and lessons are either taught one to one or in pairs. If you live within Shoreham Village I am happy to come to you for your lesson. If you live outside Shoreham please come to my studio for the lesson. I am available to teach after 5pm on weekdays, 12-5pm Saturdays and 9am-5pm Sundays.

*Herbie Clelford* [herbieclelford@gmail.com](mailto:herbieclelford@gmail.com)

## TALES FROM THE HILL

Apart from family members most of us have had someone in our lives who have inspired us. Mine was a 'Quiet American' Harvey Schwarz. He was for many years Chief Engineer at Brunswick Radio Corporation before accepting the post as Managing Director of Decca. Just after the war my father foolishly volunteered a large room in our house to be used as a Mass Centre. This temporary arrangement was supposed to last a few Sundays, it went on for 12 years! Harvey was a regular member of the congregation. I used to look forward to him coming because most Sundays he would arrive clutching a box of records, they were test records pressed on one side only. These 'Not For Sale' early LP's in plain covers had little information on the labels, sometimes just a catalogue number or maybe the artist and if we were lucky the composer, rarely all three. These records from 'heaven' set my brother and I on a voyage of discovery. Often it was a case

of hearing a piece of music on the BBC Third Program and then rushing to try and find the LP, then writing the details on the record label. In those years we were exposed to hundreds of recordings. This was a golden period for Decca, Harvey and me. Decca took huge commercial risks, by recording many contemporary and sometimes obscure music in the 50's and early 60's.

Harvey was a brilliant engineer developing LP's and stereo and full frequency range recording sound systems. He co-invented the Decca Navigator, first used on D-Day and which in subsequent years saved hundreds of lives in the air and at sea. His enthusiasm was boundless, he often invited us to his house after Sunday mass. "Gee John look what those Japanese have come up; on the table was a Nikon camera stripped down to all its component parts. Amazingly he put it all back together again. On Coronation Day he provided a large projector television to enable us and other villagers to watch the proceedings. In 1954 during the polio epidemic he arranged for us kids to travel to Denmark to get the new variant of Salk vaccine. Harvey loved fast cars and big boy's toys not for prestige reasons he just delighted in engineering excellence. His last enterprise was installing the landing systems at Heathrow.

Harvey was awarded the CBE for his contribution to navigation, typically he never told anyone. Thank you Harvey for the music and showing me that you don't have to shout or bluster your way through life to achieve. "Nor be a Town-and-Country soprano of the kind often used for augmenting the grief at a funeral."

*John Bovington*

### **SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

As you may be aware, election laws prevented us from distributing our Traffic and Parking survey on Election Day last year. This month's edition of the 'Shoreham Post' is therefore dedicated to Traffic and Parking can be found in the middle of this Gazette. It contains the survey, which we would like all residents to complete and return. More details are given on the insert itself but essentially, the message we need to get across is that if any of our proposals are to be implemented, we must have a mandate to do so. If we receive a poor response to this survey, then we will judge this as a lack of appetite for our changes and therefore nothing will be implemented. So PLEASE fill it in and either return to one of the voting boxes at the George pub or the shop or send to the Parish Clerk at Shoreham Parish Council, PO Box 618, Sevenoaks TN13 9TW. Please contact me using the details below if you require more copies of the survey.

The closing date for the survey is 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and if you wish to know more about our proposals, then please view the banners which will be on display in the Church and in the Village Hall for the duration of the consultation. You can also find out more

information at the next Parish Council meeting, which will be held a week later than usual this month on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Finally, you can drop into my PC surgery at the new Church Room the following day (Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 10am-2pm) if you have any questions about this or any other parish council matter.

Sarah Moon

Parish Clerk – 07912 611048 Clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk

### **SHOREHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Dr Mary Bliss gave an excellent delivery on The History of a Mattress for the Dr Lothian Lecture. Despite the appearance of over 30 mattresses on the A225 the previous week, it was not advance publicity by the Historical Society for the evening! Dr Bliss gave an outline of her early medical career and then her later interest as a geriatrician, especially for the alleviation of bed sores for the patients who were too feeble to move. With the development of a ripple bed (air flow) Dr Bliss worked with other physicians to improve on various types of ripple mattresses for patient comfort to avoid sores. Dr Krzysztof Gebhardt, who had worked with her, came to the meeting to answer with Dr Bliss queries from the audience. The importance of the maintenance of alarm systems when air movement ceased was on a par with that expected for ventilation machines. Patients were changed to a regular mattress once healing had progressed. Despite the subject members appreciated the lecture and at the end, questions from the audience were numerous. The next meeting of the Society on 21<sup>st</sup> February is The Craft of the Clock Maker by Mike Bundock MBHI (MEMBER OF THE British Horological Institute)

*Lynda Alleeson*

### **SHOREHAM OVER 60's**

Over 60s meet in the Village Hall and you are very welcome to join us:-

Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm

Talk on Brooke Action for Working Horses and Donkeys. Please bring items for our bring and buy to raise money for this charity

Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm

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### **SHOREHAM VILLAGE HALL PLAYGROUP**

On Monday mornings in term time, little feet hurry along towards the village hall. Shoreham playgroup has been going for many years in the village and is run by volunteer parents.

The playgroup is from 9:30am till 11:30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided as well as snack time and lots of toys for the children. Price per family is £2.50. Do come and join us and help with our work.

## FLOWER ARRANGERS ROTA

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Debby Rose
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Sue Craighill
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Angela Hicks
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Alison Evans

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## SHOREHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – SHOWS

We are disappointed to say that due to commitments by the committee there will be no spring show in 2020.

Furthermore as the summer is so congested with the overwhelming amount of Village activities we have no option but to cancel the Summer Show as well.

The Autumn Show will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> September

Jasper Dale

## VILLAGE DIARY

### **FEBRUARY 2020**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Institute	Village Hall	12.45pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Community Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am – 12pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	RBL table top sale	Village Hall	12 – 4pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Historical Society	Village Hall	7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm

### **MARCH 2020**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shoreham Shine Day	Village Hall	9am – 1pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Temenos Concert	Pamoja Hall	7.30pm

### **Future events**

8<sup>th</sup> May The Henry Desmond Orchestra and The Mount Vineyard collaborate for VE Day 75th Celebrations.

20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> July VALLEY OF VISION SCULPTURE

11<sup>TH</sup> and 12<sup>TH</sup> July SHOREHAM BIG WEEKEND

13<sup>th</sup> September Music Festival in Shoreham Church

## **10am CHURCH SERVICE REFRESHMENT ROTA**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Jeremy Tooley
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Alison Collins
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Valerie Turner
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Sheila Birkin

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