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CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN SHOREHAM ... 1902 TO 2023

Edward, Prince of Wales, became King Edward VII and in August 1902 there was a coronation day service in the church, an early morning peal of bells and village festivities including a bonfire and fireworks. Nearly all the houses in Shoreham were decorated with flags. Some residents no doubt recalled seeing their new king in person when he used to come to Shoreham Place for a shooting party.

The coronation day of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911 was marked with two services in church, a peal of bells and a public tea. Arrangements had been made for inside venues, which was fortunate as it was showery. There were sporting competitions, music provided by the Shoreham band, fireworks display and a huge bonfire.

The coronation day of King George VI in 1937 was a joyful occasion, marked with a church service and a comprehensive sports programme on the sports field. There was maypole dancing, teas, a cricket match, a carnival dance, a whist drive and village houses were suitably decorated. Sadly, the weather was wet that day.

For the late Queen's coronation of 1953 special forms of service which had been produced for churches were used for the main morning and the evening service on the Sunday before the big day. (Extracts taken from the yet to be published, book *Vicars of Shoreham 1889 - present day* by Alain Cozens)

The Coronation service is rooted in longstanding tradition and Christian symbolism.

In the New Testament, Jesus is described as a king. Even Pilate, who signs Jesus' death warrant, writes on it "the King of the Jews". But his model of kingship was very different. It was not about power or prestige, wealth or status. Most people who came across him in the 1st Century would not have thought he was a king of any kind. Jesus' sentence to death by crucifixion being usually used for criminals.

However, the consistent witness of those who were there and wrote about these things is that Jesus rose from death after three days, and that one day he will return to this world. At that point, Christians believe that heaven and earth

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Much of this lies behind the symbolism of the coronation. For example, the ring King Charles III will receive is marked with a cross, a reminder of the ultimate king in whose footsteps he follows. The rod he will receive is topped with a dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, whose wisdom he will need to rule well. The orb, a representation of the earth, is crowned with a cross as a reminder that Jesus is the ultimate king of the world. And the oil with which he will be anointed is another symbol of the Holy Spirit, a prayer that God will anoint and equip the King to serve this nation.

Whatever we think about the system of monarchy, the Coronation will be a historic moment in the life of our nation; a time to reflect on our history, explore some of the wider themes, including service to others, celebrate who we are and look to our future.

Rev Diane

SERVICES May and June 2023

7th May - Easter 5

9am Communion

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8th Bank Holiday Monday

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14th May - Easter 6

9am Communion (BCP)

10am Sunday Worship for the Easter season

18th May - Thursday

6pm Service for Ascension Day

21st May - Easter 7

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4pm Holy Habits I

28th May - Pentecost

10am Communion with Choir

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From the Church Registers

Wedding

15 April Debbie Simms and Nigel Stepney

Funeral

21 April Peter Smith

SHOREHAM GAZETTE DONATION

We gratefully acknowledge a donation from Rod Marten and also Neil Powell for his design, for the front cover of this month's gazette.

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Audrey Arthur thanks all her friends for their cards and gifts and hopes to be back soon fully recovered from her hip surgery

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SHOREHAM'S BIG CORONATION LUNCH & PARTY

The Recreation Ground, Sunday 7th May from 12 noon

Come together as a village to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Thanks to many generous donations from across the village, we can mark the occasion with friends, family and entertainment. Bring yourself a picnic fit for royalty or if you'd prefer to be cooked for like a king or queen, purchase food from Whitegate Farm Butchers' infamous BBQ and Hog roast throughout the day and keep yourself hydrated with the Topsy Trailer Bar.

The day will kick off from 12 noon with Pete Gardiner, local singer-songwriter and recording artist, with his songbook of music inspired by his musical heroes, including Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen and Bruce Springsteen. Pete has music for every generation so there will be something for everyone.

After this it can be your turn to take to the stage. "Village Favourites" is where you can be the star of the show. If you sing or play an instrument then we want to hear from you and get you on that stage.

The evening is party time with international DJ, Marcel Mendez. Marcel broke into the scene as one of the youngest performing DJ's in the UK and gone on to play sets in Cannes, Miami, Ibiza and South America. His uplifting music will be sure to get you moving.

The night is brought to a close with the HD Showband playing a mixture of classics to keep the party going and let you dance the night away.

Join together as a community to celebrate this special occasion in true, Shoreham style.

Can you help? We will be looking for volunteers to help over the weekend to help set up and pack down. If this is something you would like to help with, drop Henry Desmond an email at henry.desmond@live.com

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THE SHOREHAM SOCIETY

Let's hope that May will bring better weather as there is much going on! The Shoreham Society is supporting Henry Desmond's Big Coronation Lunch and Party on Sunday 7th May – 12 noon onwards. A great opportunity for the whole Village to get together and have some fun.

And then, on Sunday 14th May, it is the Duck Race!

Most of you will have been many times before, but it is worth repeating some of the details, with a few added reminders. The Duck Race was originally started to promote the protection of the river and now, all these years later, this is even more urgent. So, recycling is a theme and home-made ducks will always win the style awards. Plastic ducks are difficult to avoid but, **please**, *no very small ducks* as they cannot be caught at the end of the race. Registration is from 1.30 and the Race starts at 2.30. You should collect all ducks from the bottom of Mill Lane by 4pm. The cost to enter, if you have your own duck, is £2. If you wish to purchase an orphan duck, some will be available at £2, with a further £2 for entry to the race.

Once again, Simon Greenwood has agreed to open the Heavy Horse Show Field for parking – if it's not too wet. Proceeds will be going to the Darent River Preservation Society (DRiPS), to the School and for the benefit of the village. Trains will only be running between Swanley and Sevenoaks on the day, but please encourage your visitors to use the train if they can.

Be there to enjoy the excitement of the grand arrival of the Duckmaster in his Duckmobile, the judging of the style awards and, finally, the big countdown before the ducks are free to race down the River.

Our next event will be a guided farm walk around Castle Farm, but this is for members only. Do join the Shoreham Society if you are interested - it will be well worth your subscription. Did you know that there was a Shoreham Castle? But the Farm was built on top of it!

Equally fascinating will be the Grassland and Orchid Walk around Magpie Bottom on Saturday 10th June, 10am, led by Mark Gallant. This is open to all - details to follow.

You may have seen the new flower bed at Shoreham Station. This is provided by 'station adopters' from the Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership, and if you have any spare plants from your garden, they would be most welcome.

Finally, one request – you'll have appreciated the Church Field path to the station, which the owner has very kindly allowed as a permissive path. Please remember that walking your dog anywhere else on or around the field is not allowed.

As always, if you wish to be more involved in Shoreham life, do contact either of the co-chairs, John Saynor or Chris Euman on shorehamsociety@gmail.com

Chris Euman and John Saynor



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As excitement builds for the Duck Race on 14 May, we'll be looking to stock our usual supply of ducks, with their unrivalled powers of speed and endurance. On the Sunday before that, we'll have loads of supplies for the Coronation Lunch on the Rec – snacks, fruit, slushies, coffee, beer and wine. Look out for our latest ice-creams – Malteser flavour and Oreo ice-cream sandwiches – plus chocolate, banana, strawberry and coffee milkshakes. Henry Westons Rosie Vintage Cider is new to our drinks shelves.

Deshkanth has now moved on from the Stores though Venkat is still behind the counter. Gimhana and his family have moved into the flat and their son has been helping out Venkat with the paper round.

Raj and Venkat

TABLE TOP SALE AND PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

Saturday 27 May at Shoreham Village Hall 10.30 to 2.30

Do come along to the Spring Table Top Sale at the Hall on Saturday 27 May and pick up some great bargains. There will be tea and coffee on arrival, and from 12.30 onwards you can treat yourself to a hearty ploughman's lunch. Stallholders can set up from 9.00 am. Bookings essential. To book a stall at £10, please contact either Sheila on 523071 or at birkins78@gmail.com, or Jill on 524679 or at jilwebster@hotmail.com. We hope to see you there!

The Table Top Sale will be run by the Darent Valley Branch of Sevenoaks CLP to raise funds for local food banks... *Sheila Birkin, Gavin Owen, Jill Webster, Madeleine Marshall, Mary Bainbridge, Kate Britten, Anne Deane*

SHOREHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL – 15 JULY

Exciting plans are underway for a local Music Festival. We have some excellent local bands waiting to entertain you hopefully in summer sunshine.

Interested to hear from local musicians who would like to display their talents and also from anyone willing to help out on the day.

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When we visit a churchyard today, what comes to mind? If we see only a group of headstones, then we are missing much that these special places can tell us. Although now quiet and peaceful, they used to be bustling with community events where both religious and non-religious activities took place.

King James the First decreed in 1619 that 'traditional churchyard games' were to be encouraged providing they were held 'in due and convenient time, and without implement or let of Divine Service.' People frequently played games like quoits and ninepins. The church and chapel walls were used to play a game called fives. Even wrestling and cockfighting took place in the north side of the churchyard! (The south side was dedicated to more sacred activities).

There are records of Saxon Moots or parliaments being held in churchyards. Crowds would gather to watch miracle plays and sacred dramas and local markets selling food and crafts were frequently held there.

Beer festivals known as 'church ales' took place and were feasts of eating, drinking and merrymaking. They were organised by churchwardens to raise funds. Archaeological digs have found the footings of structures used for these varied activities.

Many churchyards also have their own unique tales and folklore that add to their charm and intrigue. These stories are yet another fascinating aspect of the riches found in these ancient spaces. Andrea Gilpin andrea@cfga.org.uk www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk

There is a free leaflet at the back of the church showing where some of the interesting graves are including our War Graves. The CWGC pay the church £10 a year for each grave to cut the grass. *Ann Ball*

SHOREHAM WI

We would like to thank all the many people who came along to our April Community Coffee Morning. It was a really busy morning, full of chat and laughter, and an excellent sum was taken that will be donated to The Big Lunch that Henry Desmond is arranging on 7 May in celebration of the King's Coronation.

Our next WI meeting, which is our AGM, is on Tuesday 2 May in the Village Hall and members are invited to arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Once all the business is out of the way, we will have some fun activities and enjoy our usual refreshments. New members are always welcome - please send any enquiries to Shoreham@wkwfi.org.uk The next Community Coffee Morning will be Coronation-themed and will be held on

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Shoreham WI

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DVLPS are very pleased to have been able to organise the manufacture and installation of the new Jubilee Gate at the church. The gate completes the much needed link between Shoreham Station and the village. Although the old kissing gate was perfectly fine for walkers, it was not wide enough for pushchairs or wheelchairs so the new one means that everyone can access the village safely without having to navigate the busy road and the Church corner.

The gate was financed by the final round of EU funding (Interreg Experience) as well as some money, which we have received directly from DEFRA to help improve access to the countryside. Shoreham Parish Council also made a generous donation towards the gate and must be thanked for this.

The Jubilee gate was handmade by local tradesman, Ian Potter and we are sure that everyone will agree that he has done a great job.

In other DVLPS news, please do have a look at the events page on our website, where you can book onto an exciting range of subsidised and often free events such as 'Drawing in the Footsteps of Samuel Palmer' on 28th April, Orienteering at Lullingstone Park on 3rd June, guided walks at Preston Hill on 6th June and 4th July and a guided walk at Fackenden Down on 23rd June, where the focus will be the fascinating world of orchids.



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Our AGM on 24 March was followed by a fascinating talk by Colin Brown on the history of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The lifeboat service was set up in 1824 at a time when there were 15 shipwrecks around Britain a week. Today the service – entirely funded by contributions from the public – saves the lives of around 300 people a year.

The Spring Revista and programme cards are now available and annual subscriptions of £8 due.

Hot from the press a new pamphlet by James Saynor, “I Give & Bequeath” The Secrets of Shoreham Wills from the 18th century, gives an interesting insight into lives of Shoreham residents of the time.

The meeting on 19th May will be James Dickenson talking about The History of the Cinque Ports.

Lynda Alleeson

SHOREHAM ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

We are holding our Annual Plant Sale on the Allotments on Saturday 13th May starting at 10am.

Bedding Plants, Perennials, Veg Plants, Gardening stuff too.

Plant donations will also be welcome.

Also come along and take a look at the Allotments, some plots are currently available to rent.

Jeremy Tooley

OVER 60'S PROGRAMME

Wednesday 10 May in village hall at 2pm Coronation Tea.

Wednesday 24 May. Booked trip to Titsey House

Wednesday 14 June 2pm in Village Hall

Wednesday 28 June – Strawberry Tea in Home Farm

TALES FROM THE HILL

I was brought up in the Catholic Church, well not exactly but nearly, for a large room in my childhood home that once housed a billiard table and then used as Home Guard HQ, had a further use as a Catholic Mass centre, this last function lasted from 1949 till 1960. Every Sunday I and my four siblings would have to carry the chairs from the house for the use of around 40 members of the congregation. As a child I thought 40 people taking over the house singing hymns and responses and visiting priests donning coloured vestments as quite normal.

I was aware though, of tensions between my mum and dad over the expectations of the visiting clergy, who got used to a full English breakfast after mass. Their expectations sometimes ran over into a Sunday roast. On top of feeding 5 kids my mum found it all too much and the schism between my mum and the Catholic Church grew. Eventually she declared that her house was not “a blooming cafe.” It was not helped when, on occasions my dad was tempted to open the whisky.

Before mass began the priest would hear confessions in our sitting room, perhaps the most bizarre part of our Sunday mornings.

There was one occasion when my elder brother dared me to hide behind the sofa and eavesdrop on the confessions, My brother was disappointed as I was too petrified to hear or understand what was being confessed.

Back in the 1950's communism was the churches greatest fear so before mass started the celebrant would ask the congregation to kneel and pray for the conversion of Russia, this puzzled me for some time for what did Russia have to do with rugby? In a way I suppose these prayers worked only to be replaced by something worse. As so often is the case it is the vacuum that is left behind after conflict that has the cruellest and long lasting effect on a population.

John Bovington

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| Tuesday 2 | Shoreham Women's Institute Village Hall | 7.15 pm |
| Sunday 7 | Coronation Lunch on Recreation Ground | 12 noon |
| Wednesday 10 | Over 60s Coronation Tea Village Hall | 2.pm |
| Thursday 11 | Shoreham Community Coffee Village Hall | 10 to12 noon |
| Saturday 13 | Allotments Plant Sale | from 10am |
| Sunday 14 | the one and only Shoreham Duck Race | 1.30pm |
| Friday 19 | Shoreham Historical Society Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| Wednesday 24 | Over 60s outing to Titsey Place | |
| Saturday 27 | Table Top Sale Shoreham Village Hall | 10.30 to 2.30pm |

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