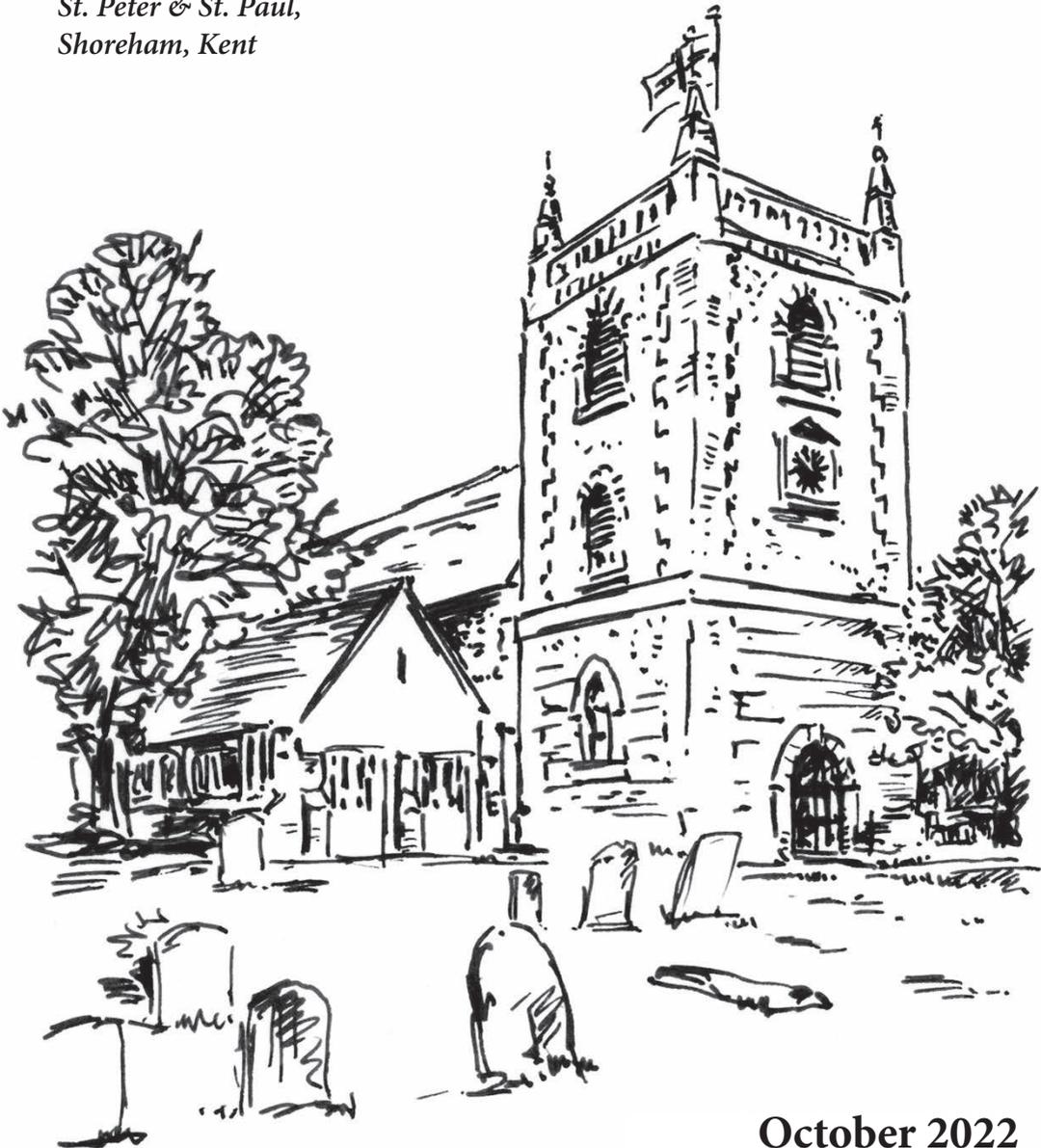


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SERVICES

All the services this month are in church

2nd October - Trinity 16

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6pm Holy Communion

9th October - Trinity 17

9am Holy Communion

10am Morning Worship

16th October - Trinity 18

10am Holy Communion with the Choir

6pm Compline

23rd October - Last Sunday after Trinity - Bible Sunday

9am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Morning Worship

30th October - All Saints' Day / All Souls

10am Festival Celebration for All Saints' - Holy Communion with the Choir

6pm Service of Hope and Light - Commemoration of the Departed

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Remembrance Sunday - 10am on 13th November

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THE QUEEN – IN HER OWN WORDS AND SOME OF MINE

Having recently spent the best part of a day glued to the TV, the theme for this month's Gazette article was obvious - The Queen. It seems that whoever we are, whatever our age, our lives have been impacted by the death of the Queen.

Having so recently celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 3 months later we are now mourning her loss, with the whole gamut of emotions that those two events have provoked. For many of us, the Queen's death has provoked in us a sense of loss. Partly because she was a constant in our lives, a symbol of constancy, wisdom and security amid all the changes and fickleness of our world. Partly, too, it brings our own mortality and those we love home to us. Just as during the pandemic, the Queen's death has shown us the fragility of life and the inevitability of death, when so often these are realities we try to ignore.

But what we have as Christians is hope, hope that stretches beyond this life into eternity. Hope in a love that is stronger than death. A hope that the Queen shared. In her own words: *"Grief is the price we pay for love ... life consists of final partings, as well as first greetings there is no magic formula that transforms sorrow into happiness ... I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad ... I try and do what is right, embrace what the day brings and put my trust in God ... Our purpose on earth is to learn, to grow, to love and then we return home."*

There is hope too in the strength we can find in our relationships with each other. The centrality of love, the importance of family and friends, was another thing that the Queen prioritised. This again, stemmed from her faith in Jesus, her 'inspiration and anchor', like a golden thread woven through her life and borne witness to over the years, in her Christmas messages. In her words once more: *"People matter. It's our relationships with one another that are so important ... Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith and none."* During Covid, she encouraged us with the words: *"We will see our friends again, we will see our families again, we will meet again"*; then at the Jubilee, she urged us to enjoy being together, to give thanks and look ahead with confidence.

The Queen, by all accounts, also had a wonderful sense of humour, although sometimes quite sharp. Numerous examples abound but one of my favourites is when Clare Short's mobile went off during a Privy Council Meeting, when she quipped, *"Anyone important?"*

We have much to be thankful for over the 70 years of the Queen's reign, not least her commitment to service, articulated all those years ago, in her famous 21st birthday radio address. This belief too was founded on her faith: *"Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that sometimes we need saving from ourselves - from our recklessness or our greed. God sent neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) but a Saviour, with the power to forgive ... God restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ."* For the Queen, service and duty were not just guiding principles of a bygone era but were enduring values.



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PULPIT TEAS

We are so lucky that for many years this wonderful tea party has taken place in the church for five Sundays in the summer. Firstly led by Gill Hitchcock and latterly by Lesley Spence and her team of friends. Over 400 pieces of cake and scones are baked by volunteers; lemon drizzle, coffee and walnut, fruit cake and fresh fruit bake, they made our mouths water. As the cost of ingredients have risen in recent years, this represents a considerable contribution to the church funds by these wonderful bakers.

Beautiful dainty china cups, saucers and plates are set out on tables in the church aisle with milk and tea served in jugs and teapots. A real treat. This year I noticed the charming group of servers answering questions about the church and its contents so acting as guides at the same time, adding an extra bonus to those who supported the pulpit teas.

On behalf of the Church and us all many thanks to you all for adding a great welcome to visitors and villagers alike.

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PULPIT TEAS 2022: RESULT

Everyone likes to know how much money we were able to raise over the afternoons we turn the church into a tea room and I can report that we managed a little over £1,800 which certainly made the effort worthwhile. It is difficult to be precise as I don't have the returns from the card payments and of course there is a charge for this service. However, the most important thing, I think, is to say such a big Thank You to all of you who helped in so many ways: preparation, setting up, laundering tablecloths and tea towels, providing and arranging flowers, baking, serving, washing up, making tea and coffee, servicing tables and clearing up at the end. It is a huge undertaking and involved a big commitment of time, energy and generous donations from so many people: too many to name in this report and any attempt to do so would risk omitting a name and causing offence.

We served some 360 teas over 5 afternoons. That meant: putting out, clearing away, washing up and drying up some 360 cups and saucers, plates and many teapots. Had we cut up the cakes and lined the slices up in a trail, that trail would have extended about one third of a kilometre: that's a lot of cake! It was also a huge donation from those who provided, baked, decorated and iced. Of course, all that would have been in vain had people not come to consume. It was a joy to welcome back some loyal visitors who come regularly some distance for this indulgence as well as so many of you from the village and wonderful to see these two groups sitting together and chatting over their tea. Whilst I have said that I am not going to take on the organization of this event any more, I am willing to give guidance and the lovely china is waiting to be used.

Lesley Spence

TALES FROM THE HILL

My dad was a keen amateur film maker. He made hundreds of 8mm films from 1949 to the mid-sixties. We all looked forward to the Kodak yellow boxes arriving in the post. There were endless films of family holidays. Dad would write on the boxes "Frolics on Westgate beach." or "Sunday in the garden". "The hunt meets on Meopham Green." There was one film with the title. "The Queen comes to Meopham."

It was a fleeting visit; it was just a stopover en route to somewhere else. The film shows a small crowd gathered round the station and the village big wigs lined up to meet Her Majesty. I believe the dignitaries were a little put out as the Queen singled out our village special bobby, George. Although George was getting on a bit, he was affectionately called The Boy who delivered groceries in the village all his life.

The year I believe was 1954 I was ten and more interested in the marvellous gleaming, steaming royal train than watching The Monarch, but I do remember her startling red coat that was in stark contrast to those colourless post war years.

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NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

After the warm summer break, it is wonderful to be back in school, ready to learn. The term started with a whole school assembly when we reminded all children of our school values: Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Curiosity, Determination, Kindness and Pride in everything we do. We refer to these values a lot in school with regard to our learning. For example, when pupils are finding a concept more challenging, we will talk about having the determination to keep trying and not give up. We also reference them when talking about our high behaviour standards, so if a child has had a 'falling out' with friends at breaktime, we talk about kindness and taking responsibility for our actions.

This is a time of year when our oldest pupils are preparing and making speeches as they try to persuade others to vote them into the coveted roles of House Captain, Sports Captain or Chair of the Pupil Leadership Team. The impassioned speeches and promises to work hard and make changes help all of us to learn about democracy and rule of law, two of the core British values that we also learn about in school. We have a busy term ahead of us and some exciting learning planned. All pupils will be developing their drawing skills in Art for the first few weeks of term, whilst in Music we are building on our knowledge of Pulse. Across the school, the Romans and the Victorians are featuring in History lessons and, as ever, we are sinking our teeth into fabulous books that inspire and challenge us.

We do hope that our friends in Shoreham Village feel that they are welcome to be part of the Friends of Shoreham School (FOSS) which is the fundraising group whose aim is to raise monies to benefit the pupils at the school. Please do join us for our fundraising events which will be shared in the Gazette.

If you would like to support the school further, we are always happy to hear from people who would be interested in volunteering to work with the pupils to hear readers or run a club, or for those who could bring skills to the Governing Body that will help to lead the school strategically to further improve. If you would like to find out more about how you can help your village school in this way, please contact me via the school office; all volunteers are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check with the police and go through an induction and training programme.

We would be delighted if we could have more followers for our school Twitter account @ShorehamVP so please do follow us. We post regular news items about what we have been learning in school.

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HEAT NETWORK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Our consultants, BHESCo (Brighton & Hove Energy Services Cooperative) and RINA Tech presented their long-awaited Feasibility Study report at the beginning of September. It considers the potential viability of a ground source heat network for Shoreham. At more than 60 pages and 99 pages of technical analysis, there is a huge amount of detail to absorb.

The consultants calculated the total heat demand of the 310 domestic and non-domestic properties in the centre of the village and then examined 6 options to meet that demand. Based on their technical and economic analysis, they are suggesting that 3 of the options might merit further exploration in a next development phase when technical and project development risks would be assessed in even more detail. Unfortunately, since we embarked on this project, the government has withdrawn Stage 2 funding from the Rural Communities Energy Fund (RCEF). We are, however, working closely with the Net Zero Energy Hub to try to identify potential alternative funding.

The HNC team is very impressed by the technical analyses carried out by RINA Tech and their specialist colleagues at Hydrogeo Ltd and have asked BHESCo to clarify a number of questions about the financial content and conclusions.

We are planning to share the outcomes of the report in the Village Hall at **7.30pm on Wednesday 9th November**. Please put that date in your diary. We shall also be updating you soon on our Parish-wide Insulation Plus initiative and feature it during the meeting.

*Bill Lattimer, Peter Kasch, Mike & Heather Sillitoe, Alan Davies, James Perry,
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SHOREHAM SOCIETY

It's rather hard to write positive and upbeat things when most of us are feeling great sorrow following the loss of the Queen. But the Shoreham Society is planning for the future, as she would have done.

Sunday October 16th 9am to 1pm – Make Shoreham Shine Again!

If you haven't been to one of these events before, this is your opportunity to keep Shoreham the great place it is, whether it is litter-picking, weeding or cleaning road signs. All tools and kit are provided, with tea, coffee and cake to make it even more worthwhile. It's a good way to get to know people in the Village, too. Just turn up at the Village Hall.

Friday November 4th AGM 7.30pm for 7.45pm, Village Hall

We have two talks offering insights into Shoreham life, both not to be missed!

One is about the Quadrangle (<https://thequadrangle.co>), a former Victorian model dairy farm with a magnificent hay barn. It has been converted into an educational space, retreat centre, and a gathering place for a wide variety of groups. It also offers meeting spaces for hire and commercial activities directly support vulnerable groups (including refugees and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds). It is a fascinating and developing enterprise.

William Alexander will give us an update about his farming year and future environmental plans. What has been the impact of an incredibly hot and dry year on the fields around us and the crops that they grow? We can't promise that the formal AGM will only take 10 minutes, but we will do our best. There will be drinks and the famous Parkes' cheese biscuits, and time to have a chinwag. Do just come along if there's anything worrying you about the village.

Saturday December 24th Sshhh - he'll be coming again!

Planning Issues

Members of the Shoreham Society try to stay abreast of planning issues, particularly where they threaten our Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Currently, someone has submitted a plan to Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) to build a large barn on part of the field bordered by Filston Lane and Twitton Lane. The field was bought by a 'land banker' and is being sold off in plots. We and residents are objecting strongly because once there is a building on land, planning law can allow it to be later converted to housing or other uses at a later date.

As always, there is safety in numbers so, if you are not already a member, then do join us by emailing: **shorehamsociety@gmail.com**

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30th September - we are welcoming Costa Book of the Year author Hannah Lowe, who will be talking about her book, inspired by teaching at an inner-city secondary school, *The Kids*.

1st October - we have our eagerly anticipated Literary Tea, where Annabel Abbs will be telling us about her novel, *The Language of Food*, a reimagining of the life of Eliza Acton, the woman who produced one of Britain's first cookery books. It is a book about the enduring struggle for female freedom, the complexities of friendship and the creativity and quiet joy of cooking. This will be followed by a delicious home-made tea including some of Eliza's recipes.

5th October - we will be in the company of former cabinet minister and festival favourite Alan Johnson, engaging us with his latest fast paced thriller *One of Our Ministers is Missing*.

6th October - Peter Bradley tells us about his deeply moving family memoir *The Last Train*, which recounts his family's flight from Nazi Germany.

8th October - we have a double header with Ben Dark, author of *The Grove*, and Leif Bersweden, author of *Where the Wildflowers Grow*. They will be discussing why plants matter whether they grow in hedgerows or our gardens. This is hosted by our new sponsor Wilderness House in their beautiful hall and includes a delicious tea.

Finally, we close the festival on **9th October** with the effervescent Susannah Constantine talking about *Ready For Absolutely Nothing*, her memoir of a life lived to the full in aristocratic and royal circles, with pop royalty and in the world of fashion.

We hope to see you there. You can buy tickets from www.sevlitfest.com.

Elie Williams

SHOREHAM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society began its autumn season of meetings on 16 September with a well-received talk by Andy Burton on the Biggin Hill Memorial Museum. Andy explained how the airfield originally developed after the First World War, took us through many stories of its glory days in World War Two, and described how the chapel of remembrance was set up with the help of Winston Churchill.

The Society proposes a visit to the museum on **19th October at 10.30am**, a guided tour of the museum & provision of tea or coffee £9.75 with members making their own transport arrangements (possible car share). More details at the next meeting which will be on **Friday 21st October** when Mark Lewis will talk on Smuggling Kent; doors open 7.30 for meeting at 8pm.

<https://shorehamkenthistory.weebly.com>

Lynda Alleeson

SHOREHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL

We hope that all who came to the Shoreham Music Festival concert in September enjoyed the wonderful music. We were very sorry that we had to cancel the Friday concert due to Covid amongst the piano trio and we thank you for your understanding at what was a frustrating time for us. (We were able to refund all our ticket holders.) Despite this and with thanks this year to the generous visit made on the Saturday evening by the Cavendish Singers, the choir of the John Lewis Partnership, we are very pleased to be able to donate £943.50 to the Friends of Shoreham Church plus a £50 donation to the Kent Air Ambulance.

Many thanks to the Village Stores for selling tickets, John Holland for designing the poster and John Dinnis for accommodating Festival Parking on Church Field.

Vanessa Welsh, Kate Howie, Linda Lattimer, Jane Scott and Jill Webster

CITIZENS ADVICE

We are helping an increasing number of clients who are finding it hard to make ends meet. If you are having trouble paying for essentials – Council Tax, rent, gas and electricity – do get in touch. We can check whether you are receiving the financial help that government is targeting on certain groups, or help you to access other emergency funds and ways of reducing energy bills.

You can ring us on the freephone number 0808 278 7810 (10am-3pm, Monday-Friday) or email advice@nwkent.cab.org.uk. There is also extensive up-to-date information on all other issues on the Citizens Advice public website www.citizensadvice.org.uk.

Kate Britten

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

The Wood Wide Web

Autumn colours will be adding a touch of drama to our trees in the next few months. But while the scientific world has understood for 100's of years why these leaf colour changes take place - it has only recently been discovered that amazing things are happening under the soil too...

Described by some scientists as a 'woodwide web', studies have found that trees are connected to each other through underground fungal networks where they communicate and share water and nutrients with each other in times of need. For example, if they are under attack by insects, they will send distress signals to other trees which then have time to alter their own behaviour to protect themselves better. Trees living connected together in forests have far longer lives than isolated trees.

Studies at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver have shown that particular trees in a forest use their deep roots to draw up water and make it available to shallow-rooted seedlings. These same trees also detect distress signals from other trees and increase the flow of nutrients to support them.

Until recently the western world has generally thought of trees as striving individuals, disconnected from each other and competing for limited resources such as water,

nutrients and sunlight. Now, with an ever-increasing body of scientific evidence, this idea is being replaced with one where trees have evolved to live in interdependent, co-operative relationships. A woody wonderland indeed...

Andrea Gilpin

(For a marvellous read on this subject: 'The Hidden Life of Trees' by Peter Wohlleben.)

CYCLOPS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS 'RAPUNZEL: LOCKDOWN'

A new panto by Sophia Kingshill

Saturday 15th October 3pm at St Luke's Church, Eardley Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1XT. Tickets £10 www.tinyurl.com/CyclopsStLukes2022 (£5 under 18s at door). Enquiries to John Levett 01732 460143.

Come and see this witty and charming new take on the Rapunzel story, starring two gangster crayfish, a wicked witch (Danny Kingshill), a fairly useless hero, an extremely useful heroine (Alicia Corcoran, last seen as Aladdin), her friend Norman (Adam Corcoran, last seen as Fruit Gum), a hairdresser of course (Elie Williams, last 'seen' as the front end of the camel) and a Monster from the Deep.

Cyclops Productions, a truly inclusive theatre company for all ages and abilities, is closely involved with Shoreham through the Kingshill family, and its trustees, Kate Britten, John Bovington and Elie Williams. As you can tell, it is also lucky enough to draw some of its cast members from Shoreham.

This will be the eighth time that Cyclops has put on a show at St Luke's, Sevenoaks, with support from the Zobel Charitable Trust, the Dorothy Parrott Memorial Trust and St Luke's.

Katie Kingshill

SHOREHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next WI meeting will be held in the Village Hall at **7.30pm on Tuesday 4 October** and will be a "cheese & wine" social evening (not restricted to wine!). Visitors and new members are welcome.

The next Community Coffee Morning will be held on **13 October**, in the Village Hall, when all proceeds will be sent to Macmillan Cancer Support. Please do come along between 10am and 12pm and support this fabulous charity... by drinking tea/coffee and eating cake! The raffle that was started at the Table Top Sale on 24 September will be drawn at this Coffee Morning – and tickets will continue to be on sale until 11.30am before the BIG DRAW at 11.45am (any winners not present will be contacted afterwards).

Our assistance in selling drinks and snacks on behalf of the Sevenoaks Lions at the Heavy Horse Show was much appreciated by them. It seemed to be a successful and well-attended event which was enjoyed by all.

Shoreham WI

NEW DATE – NOW IT’S A CHRISTMAS QUIZ!

Saturday 10 December at Shoreham Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm start

Because of the Queen’s death, the Quiz on Saturday 17 September to raise money for food banks had to be cancelled. We hope you will now be able to come and test your wits on Saturday 10 December with your friends. There will be tables of six, so it would be great if you could make up a team, or if you want to come on your own or with a friend, we can match you up with a table.

Mince pies will be served during the interval and nibbles will be provided, but you are welcome to bring some of your own nibbles. A pay bar will be open all evening selling wine, beer and soft drinks. As well as raising funds for local food banks, there will also be an opportunity to make a donation on the night. Tickets £10 will be available from 7 November from ticketsource.co.uk/darent-valley-quiz-night, or in person from Shoreham Village Stores. For any enquiries, please contact Sheila Birkin on birkins78@gmail.com. The quiz is run by the Darent Valley Branch of Sevenoaks CLP.

Sheila Birkin, Gavin Owen, Jill Webster, Madeleine Marshall, Mary Symons, Anne Deane

WALNUT TREE TRUST

Vacancies have arisen on the board of The Walnut Tree Trust for two trustees. If you are interested in applying, please do so by emailing the Clerk to the Trust sue.worsfold@hotmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

VILLAGE DIARY FOR OCTOBER

30 Sept – 9 Oct	Sevenoaks Literary Festival	Various (see www.sevlitfest.com)
Sunday 2	Wind in the Willows	Village Hall 2.30pm
Tuesday 4	Women’s Institute	Village Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 5	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Fri/Sat 7/8	Royal British Legion Concert	Church 7.30pm
Wednesday 12	Over 60s - Show and tell	Village Hall 2.15pm
Thursday 13	Community Coffee Morning	Village Hall from 10am
Saturday 15	Rapunzel: Lockdown	St Luke’s Church 3pm
Sunday 16	Make Shoreham Shine Again	Village Hall 9am – 1pm
Wednesday 19	Historical Society Museum visit	Biggin Hill 10.30am
Friday 21	Shoreham Historical Society	Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm
Wednesday 26	Over 60s - Fish and Chip lunch	Kings Arms tba

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