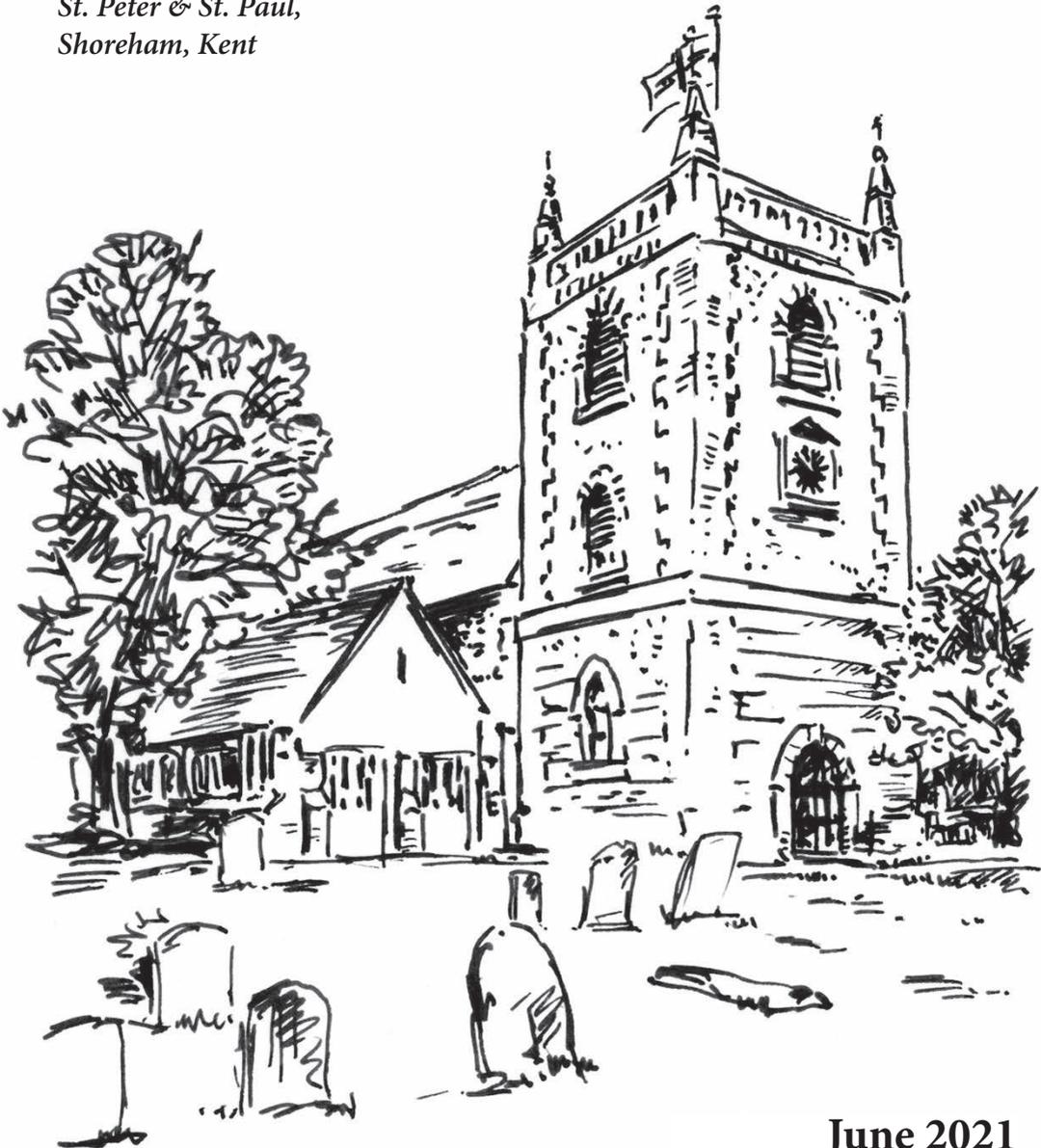


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Looking ahead to July and August, there will a main 10am service each week, alternating between being in church and being on Zoom.

When the 10am service is on Zoom, there will be an additional 9am service of communion in church on that Sunday.

Starting on 4th July there is a 9am Communion in church and a 10am Sunday worship on Zoom.

Introducing ... Readers ... Bryan and Bill

This month I want to introduce you properly to two people who contribute a lot to church and parish life. They will each be writing an article later in the year, as well as during my sabbatical (now postponed until May next year). Bryan and Bill are both Readers. Two of around three hundred in the Diocese of Rochester.

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So here's a bit about our two Readers, Bryan and Bill.

Bryan Harris is a retired journalist who left a career as a public service PR manager to found three monthly church newspapers (including Rochester LINK) and edit them for nearly thirty years. He was a Reader in a neighboring parish for over 20 years and a couple of years ago transferred to Shoreham parish. He, his wife of 58 years Maureen (a trained Pastoral Assistant and Christian Listener) and German Shepherd Gus, enjoy caravanning, walking and each other.... He is a member of Lions and a trustee of Ellenor hospice service.

"I suppose I could claim to have been Christian for seventy plus years. I was a choirboy at seven, confirmed at twelve and a tenor chorister in my teens. But like many teenagers I drifted away and it took a death in the family fifty years ago to let God come back into my life. And later a persuasive parish priest to talk me into training for ministry.

"Today, as a Reader, I feel incredibly privileged to have the opportunity to share my faith with others and perhaps to help them explore the questions about God, life and everything else, which we all have and to find the answers which are there waiting for us," he said.

Bill Latimer and his wife Linda live in Church Street with their rather enthusiastic black Cavapoo puppy Dexter. They moved to Shoreham ten years ago from Otford. Towards the end of his career with Accenture, the global management consultancy, Bill became a Christian. His work colleagues and family were very surprised by this turn of events, but not as surprised as he was! As a scientist, he was previously a committed atheist. But he found that when it comes to the really big questions of life, science doesn't help much. Unexpectedly when he started to look seriously at Christianity he discovered that it provided a lot of the answers he was looking for.

Bill has a strong desire to help others to experience the blessing that he has received from his new-found Christian faith, particularly children and young people. This led him to become one of the founders of Trinity School in Sevenoaks, the new Christian secondary school which now has nearly 1,000 pupils.

Bill enjoys golf and tennis and playing with his 11 grandchildren (yes, that is not a misprint). His faith has made him a keen environmentalist: he is currently a member of the team that is looking to see whether we can create a new green heating system for Shoreham (see article later in this Gazette).

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

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22nd May Daisy Savage and Christopher Little

Burial

14th May Michael George Wheeler

Interment of Ashes

7th May Raynor Basted

8th May Pamela Thompson

VILLAGE TODDLER GROUP IN SHOREHAM CHURCH

Our last article in the Gazette and on the Village Facebook page received a very enthusiastic response! We are therefore hoping to start a group for carers, babies and toddlers. It will probably run every Monday morning in the Church and Church Rooms from September. This will be a very worthwhile use of our new Church Rooms, to which many in the village contributed. More details to follow soon. *Jill Aisher*

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In 2015 we had a great Palm Sunday Service. Bishop James met Amy Tulett, Elliott the donkey and Clive Tilley at the church gate prior to the service in church. The cheerful members of the congregation are Peter Smith, Richard Inniss, Kate and Hamish Howie, Debbie Rose and Pat Gillingham. Bishop James is retiring in July and recently he walked round Shoreham with Rev Diane to say his farewells to us after serving the Diocese of Rochester and Shoreham so well.

If you would like to contribute to his farewell gift from Shoreham do drop cash or cheque payable to Shoreham PCC into the Vicarage. *Ann Ball*

NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

As you read this we will have completed a whole term in school and are looking forward to our final term of the school year. It has been lovely to welcome parents, visitors and volunteers back into school and to share the Barton, Palmer and Moore class assemblies – it is so much better to be able to have a live performance rather than on a screen.

We celebrated our Flying High Day by making kites. Every child in the school had the opportunity to build and fly their own kite and Barton Class were delighted to work outside with their Cameron buddies for the first time this year. Cameron Class took the kite-making one step further and designed their own prototypes using paper spills to make frames and sails. They developed these prototypes into full scale models using dowels and recycled plastic bags.

After learning about flags in assembly, the children were set an optional challenge to design a school flag. A lot of our pupils showed fantastic creativity and demonstrated their understanding of what our school stands for and its core values which they represented through their designs. The winning flag design (created by Imogen) will be used to make a real flag that we will fly on the field.



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For one day recently, Year 6 pupils took over the school, running lessons across all year groups, offering a range of learning from Maths to PE. Mac and Mimi, the Chair and Vice-chair of the Pupil Leadership Team led an assembly on our school values and bullying. One Year 6 pupil said, "I did not realise how hard it was to be a teacher! There is so much work you have to do to prepare for the lesson and then it is really annoying when the children in class talk when you are trying to explain something. Being a teacher is hard work!"

We are able to invite volunteers back into school now to hear readers or to offer other ways to support the school, so if you would like to enquire about how you can help us, please contact the school office on 01959 522228. All volunteers must have a police DBS check before starting with us which is organised by the school.

Mrs Gillian Lovatt-Young, Headteacher

BEING A SHOREHAM SCHOOL GRANNY

In September 2014 my grandson Mac joined the School and this summer he leaves after seven happy years. Over these years I have watched amazing plays given by the leavers attended a circus, given talks on Verney Cameron each year, even last year when it was by Zoom, supported events run by FOSS and helped at the School Carol service in the Church. At the moment the whole school are walking to Tokyo by going round the parish footpaths with splendid Headteacher, Gillian Lovatt-Young leading the way. So far they have completed 5000 miles and I get a cheery wave each time they see me.

I will miss Kevin Desmond unlocking the wooden gate off the car park to let mothers and grannies pour into the playground to collect children also my visits to the school office to talk to Sharon Desmond; thank you both for all you do. I was delighted to be part of the team that proposed new classroom names to the children to vote on ; Cameron was my proposal, the others being Moore for Katharine Moore, Granny to the Kingshill family and famous author, Barton commemorating Robert Barton, the first schoolmaster and Palmer after our famous artist Samuel. My thanks to all those who work at Shoreham School for an amazing seven years for Mac and for me.

Ann Ball

FARMER FRANK'S MEMORIES

The Village Policeman – PC Reuben Mannering

Every village had its own resident policeman. In the 1930s PC Mannering was a cycle policeman in Shoreham and wore the uniform of breeches and puttees and of course rode a large bicycle. Shoreham is a very large parish, from Badgers Mount to East Hill and Castle Farm to Twitton - some 3 miles wide and 5 miles long. There are many steep hills in this area so to cycle them is formidable. His successor had a small motorbike which was a lot better. Our policeman had to meet the sergeant at various points in the parish each day, ensuring he visited every part of his territory.



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New Council Year

May marks the start of the new council year. Parish Councillors are elected for a term of four years but each May, members decide on who should be Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Jonathan Histed has once again been voted in as Chair of the Parish Council and Brian Jeffery as Vice Chair. Roy Blamey is once again Chair of the Planning Committee. All councillors are listed on the back of this 'Post' and I would urge you to make contact with them either directly or via me, the Clerk, if there is anything at all you would like the Parish Council to discuss over the coming year.

Entering a new council year, also means reflecting over the past 12 month period and what a challenging period it was. The most difficult aspect was probably not being able to meet face and face and having to conduct all meetings via Zoom. For some, this was a positive experience and, as people could attend meetings from the comfort of their own homes, attendance increased in comparison to previous years. Others preferred meeting in person however and will therefore be relieved to hear that from 9th June, meetings will once again be resuming in the Village Hall. In spite of the challenges we have faced however, quite a lot has been achieved. Notable successes include a reduction in the speed limit on the A225, the setting up of a parish wide CCTV network to help combat fly tipping and the upgrading of the broadband infrastructure to fibre (due this autumn). The Parish Council were also consulted on more than forty planning applications in the year to December 2020 and have already given comments on around 25 this year. When making decisions on planning matters, the protection of the Green Belt and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in which we live is always afforded the utmost importance.

The Year Ahead

During the coming year, we hope to progress some more of the traffic initiatives, which we have taken up with KCC as a result of last year's traffic survey. These will include a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph throughout the village and some improvement to traffic flow and safety on the George Bend. We are also hoping to transform the basketball court in the Recreation Ground into a Multi Use Games Area by resurfacing it and installing goal posts and basketball nets. The Parish Council does however rely on the input of local residents to form the basis of its discussions and we would really appreciate ideas and feedback as to what your priorities would be for the future. If there is anything you would like to change or any new projects you would like us to consider then please do get in touch.

Local Business Forum

Shoreham Parish Council is setting up a forum to support local businesses and enterprises and facilitate their engagement with the wider community. The forum will seek to have positive, friendly, informal dialogue on an adhoc basis with organisations about their future plans and projects. This beneficial exchange of ideas will help the Parish Council become more informed at an early stage and enable it to provide advice and a local viewpoint to the businesses. We would like your feedback as to whether you think this would be a useful initiative. If you are a business or enterprise that has an

interest in Shoreham Parish do please get in touch by emailing clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Village Sign

Some time ago we launched a competition to design a village sign. The competition was won by Imogen Maclaren (then 11 years old) and her design, along with the runner up entries was transformed into this final design (actual sign will be in colour).



We had hoped that the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme, which aims to encourage local villages to celebrate their heritage, would help finance the creation and installation of the design but sadly this was not to be. The project was placed on hold but we have recently received a very generous offer from a local resident to help finance the project. We now need to raise just £2000. If anyone would like to make a donation to help meet the remaining target, then please contact the Clerk – any amount, no matter how small would be greatly received.

Tennis

It is wonderful to see the tennis court being used to such a great extent. The tennis court remained open through much of lockdown and was only closed for a short time. Many people took advantage of this and took out annual memberships to allow them to play. If you, or anyone in your family enjoys playing tennis, then it is a really cost effective way of using the court. For just £20 you and any members of your household may play tennis as often as you wish, the whole year round. You just need to show your card in the village shop at the time of booking. Please contact the Clerk using the details overleaf if you would like to purchase a card. Alternatively, you may wish to book the court on a pay per play basis. This costs £5 per session and once again, can be booked via the village shop. Unfortunately, our website does not currently have the functionality to enable on line bookings but this may change in the future.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is currently scheduled for 9th June and, as face to face meetings are now able to resume, this will be held in the Village Hall. Until restrictions are fully lifted however (hopefully 21st June), numbers of attendees including council members will be limited to 30). Please note that legislation to allow meetings to be held remotely (via Zoom) expired on May 6th and despite a High Council Appeal by local councils, this legislation will not be extended.

This means that we are no longer permitted by law to hold meetings in this way.

Litter

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with regular litter picks around the parish. The past month or so has been very busy but you will be contacted shortly with a plan of action.

CCTV

Thank you also to everyone who has signed up to be part of the CCTV network to help combat fly tipping. We have already had a great response but the more people who sign up to this, the more effective the network will be. In the meantime, if you need to report fly tipping, please do so by emailing the SDC flytipping team directly at <https://myaccount.sevenoaks.gov.uk/report-flytipping/>. Other apps such as Country Eye may be easier to use but all reports end up at SDC eventually so it is much more efficient to contact them in the first instance.

Grants

The Parish Council has a small amount of money set aside in its budget to give out as grants to local organisations. In the past grants have been awarded to the Village School, the Church, the Playgroup, the Shoreham Society and the Cricket Club. Please email the Clerk, if you think your organisation could benefit from this.

Sarah Moon, Parish Clerk

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I think he had one day off each week. Reub knew everyone in the village and quite a bit about most of them, so if there was any trouble, he had a good idea where to start looking! If it was small boys scrumping or sliding down the rooves of hay stacks, he would come to the school and say to the assembled class “Some boys have been stealing apples from the orchard. Now I know who they are, so they had better own up straight away.” A few sheepish boys would then own up and they would be suitably admonished and warned not to do it again; that ended the episode. During the war he was a help in many ways and he was an expert at bandaging so if there was a minor injury, he could deal with it very well. In the war he was very involved with the bombs and shells etc and worked with the Air Raid wardens and all the other organisations to keep things as normal as possible.

I remember being told about how an unexploded butterfly bomb had been found and as they knew very little about them, curiosity made them want to dismantle it, which they did in the cellar of Copt Hall (the home of Mr Hillier who was Chief Warden for the district). The butterfly bombs were designed to detonate at the slightest vibration so fortunately for all those involved that particular one was faulty. Any public gathering was always attended by the village policeman and his photo is on several marches to church services that took place soon after the war to remember the service men and civilians who lost their lives in the war. My memories are mostly from when Reub came into Oxbourne Farm house at lunch time for a cup of tea and a chat and kept my parents up to date with all the “local news” He was a man I remember with great affection.

Frank Hitchcock

SHOREHAM WOMENS INSTITUTE

Defibrillator at the Village Hall

I wanted to update you about our Defibrillator project. As our very generous electrician, Dave Rogers has said he will not charge for the wiring in, we have now ordered our cabinet to house the Defibrillator and we hope to take delivery of it within the next four weeks. There will be a few things to sort out to get it up and running but we are definitely a step nearer which is brilliant news. Many thanks to Dave Rogers once again.

Mandy Vickers President Shoreham WI

Linda Jane Giles

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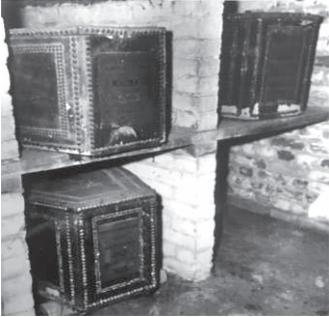
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In 1970 three South London thieves aged 17, 18 and 21 broke into the church, raising the oak floor leading down into the vaults underneath the Mildmay chapel. The youths had been spotted by The Vicar, Rev Edmund David acting suspiciously and he managed to hit one on the shoulder with his souvenir African police truncheon which he had collected from the vicarage after phoning the police.

The young men had carried away the coffin of 10-day-old Alice Mildmay who had died 122 years earlier. The coffin was abandoned in a nearby woodland glade with the lid off and a hole pierced in the inner lead casing.

The youths were tracked down and heavily fined. They claimed in court that there was no question of black magic or any other dark deeds; they had just wanted to take pictures.

A few weeks later, little Alice Mildmay was returned in the vault again. After a short service in church the coffin was carried into the churchyard the funeral director draped the coffin in material made from swansdown, the traditional covering for children under the age of eight. The coffin was lowered into the vault to join the coffins of her parents Humphrey St John Mildmay and her mother Marianne Frances. Edmund David clambered down the vault shaft, just sixteen inches square at its narrowest point, and said the Lord's Prayer. The coffin was replaced in its original position. The vault is ten feet square and twelve feet high

Helen Mildmay-White, the direct Mildmay descendant, agreed to pay for expenses in connection with the theft from her family vault. The photograph shows how the lead coffins of the Mildmay family are stacked up in the crypt below the Mildmay chapel.

*Extract from: - "The Vicars of Shoreham 1888 – 2020" by kind permission of
Alain Cozens*

SHOREHAM SOCIETY

We were very lucky indeed to have such an interesting and informative talk from Alain Cozens on the evening of 30th April. As always with Zoom, it was a little difficult to know how many people tuned in but there was plenty of interest from people in the Historical Society, the Shoreham Society and others from far and wide. I remain astonished that it is possible to research in such detail the lives of the many great

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characters who have been Vicars in Shoreham. Once again, our thanks go to Alain for such a worthwhile and entertaining evening. Watch out for the book!

We are having another clean-up task to remove plastic tree guards from Meenfield Wood, to follow our successful short notice event in March. You'll have noticed that these are unsightly, redundant and not bio-degradable. Most were used to plant trees after the great storm of 1987. Everyone enjoyed the task last time, and we hope you will do this time.

The time is from 10am to 1pm on Sunday 13th June. We will meet where the path up from the Recreation Ground meets the Upper Terrace. Bring gloves, and ideally a Stanley knife, as some of the tree guards are still attached to trees. You should collect the plastic guards and the cable ties; the wooden stakes can be left in situ. We can provide black binliners or you can bring your own. Please pick up any other litter that you come across. This time, the collection point for the bags of rubbish will be at the meeting point. Contact phone no: 07946 511513

Shoreham's public transport options are getting better. The "Go2" taxi bus service is operating extended hours and there is a new bookable shared taxi service called "Go2 Direct" offering a door to door service.

See www.go2now.co.uk

And do please use the train when you can - the railways really need your support, as passenger numbers are still down thanks to the reduction in commuting. You can travel from Shoreham to pretty much anywhere in Kent by train. There is plenty of ventilation: they are safe!

Work behind the scenes continues to try and prevent the landbanking and fragmentation of Twitton Fields. Members of the Society are also trying to prevent illegal residential developments in the area. We are lucky to have some members with fine legal minds and understanding of planning laws and procedures!

But there are events planned for the Village, especially as lockdown eases. Watch out for some guided wildlife walks, a focus on the Dark Skies Initiative, a History and Photographic Exhibition and perhaps, too, an event to celebrate our final liberation from the restrictions that have dominated our lives for some time.

To have your say and become more involved in Village life, do join us by contacting: shorehamsociety@gmail.com

Chris Euman and John Saynor

AUCTION OF PAINTINGS BY SUSAN HORSFIELD

Susan Platts lived and worked in Shoreham from the 1950's to the 1980's and painted under her maiden name of Horsfield. She has exhibited at the Royal Academy and The Arts Council as well as having work in the Queen's private collection. She recently moved to Provence where her daughter Sally now lives, and she has indicated a wish to offer a number of paintings, a total of 57 in all, for auction in Shoreham with proceeds going to local societies.

The date of the auction has now been booked for Sunday 4th July at Shoreham Village Hall. Public viewing will apply from 2pm to 4pm (with a modest door charge of £2) and an auction will take place from 4pm.

All 57 paintings will be on view and there will be a variety of purchasing options:

- A Silent Auction with guide prices
- A Live Auction of the most highly considered paintings
- Purchase of any remaining paintings with fixed prices indicated
- A Raffle Prize of a painting for a lucky winner.

We are extremely grateful to Mr Nigel Tozzi QC who has kindly offered his services as an auctioneer for free.

By way of reminder, should you be interested in a preview of Susan's paintings, you can email me on nick@walker4bm.co.uk and I will send you the virtual gallery of 57 paintings via Dropbox.

Lastly Susan has generously offered all proceeds of the sale be donated to village causes, and the following have been agreed with her.:

- The Friends of Shoreham Church
- Shoreham Village School
- Shoreham Village Hall
- The Shoreham Society.

Nick Walker

HD SHOW BAND AT THE MOUNT VINEYARD

Live music is coming back to Shoreham and what a way to do it with Henry Desmond and the HD Show Band at The Mount Vineyard on July 10th for food, wine, music and dancing among the vines Tickets from the online shop www.themountshop.co.uk

SHOREHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A ZOOM AGM for the Historical Society was held on 30th April when the Chairman's report & the Accounts were presented, although these had previously been sent to members who were on e-mail. Sadly Georgina Hopkins had decided to resign from the committee which she had been on since the early days of the Society and thanks were expressed for all that she has contributed. Happily Mike Hopkins (a previous chairman) will continue to produce the excellent posters for our meetings. We were also sorry to have David Simmons resignation as Treasurer due to health reasons and wish him well, and appreciation was expressed for the firm hand on our finances. Hamish Howie has agreed to become Treasurer and we welcome back to the committee Jill Webster who contributed so much to the committee in the past. Suzie Faubert will remain as Chairman, Lynda Alleeson as Secretary. James Saynor, Mary Symons Val Turner and Ted Hofmann

were all voted to remain on the committee. The Society hopes to commence meetings in September in the Village Hall.

The AGM was followed by a joint meeting with The Shoreham Society when Alain Cozens gave a preview of the book he is compiling on 'The Vicars of Shoreham 1888 - 2020'. The presentation was accompanied by some excellent illustrations, giving details of the background and education of fourteen Vicars but just enough to enthrall further reading when the book is published.

Lynda Alleeson

A GREEN HEATING REVOLUTION FOR SHOREHAM? JUNE UPDATE

We've had a very positive response to our article in the May Gazette and our presentation at the recent Parish Meeting. During April and May we've been spending a lot of time talking to engineering consultancies who are interested in bidding to carry out a Feasibility Study for us. This study will tell us whether a district heating scheme for Shoreham village based on ground source heat pumps is technically and economically feasible. Several consultancies have said that it is potentially favourable that Shoreham is situated on chalk: it could significantly reduce the number of boreholes required which would in turn reduce the amount of land needed and the cost of the scheme.

By August we hope to be ready to apply for a grant to pay for the Feasibility Study. Then the study would start later this year or early next year.

If you haven't yet been in contact with us, please do email to let us know your views and to tell us if you'd be interested in helping. greenheatingshoreham@gmail.com.

Bill Lattimer, Peter Kasch, Sarah Newman, Michael Wood and Nick Copeman

TALES FROM THE HILL

Thomas Hennell 1903-1945 artist, author and poet was brought up in Ridley where his father was the vicar. His childhood was idyllic, he discovered his love for the countryside at an early age and recorded the rapid changes in farming life in the first half of the 20th century. These dramatic changes imbued his sense of loss with poetic and artistic intensity. His fellow artists at that time including Ravilious, Piper, Sutherland and Hepworth regarded him as one of their finest creative talents. Perhaps this sense of loss was the catalyst that contributed to him having a breakdown. He spent three years in various mental hospitals where sketched his fellow inmates and wrote a book *The Witnesses* about this time in his life.

In 1943 Hennell was appointed as an official war artist, he was posted to Germany where he witnessed the horrors of the concentration camps, drawing all the time. His last posting was to the Far East, tragically he got caught up in Java's struggle for independence and disappeared presumed killed.

John Rothenstein past director of the Tate described Hennell "As a tall, awkward rustic

chap but one of obvious sensibility and complete integrity, and a man virtually without personal ambition.

I came across Hennell's work thanks to Monty Parkin who gave me a copy of a water colour of Magpie Bottom painted in 1937. The original was owned by Sutherland and is now in the Bethlem Museum of the Mind London. Vincent Lines remembered that Hennell had specifically sought this view because he wanted the very spot where Samuel Palmer had painted 'The Valley Farm' a hundred years before...

Lines who accompanied Hennell on his quest to find this spot, said. "That, of their many cycle rides together this journey was the most memorable as they took their bikes along the ancient Pilgrim's Way in homage to Palmer. Hennell and Palmer have both been called 'the English Van Gogh's because of the visionary quality in their paintings.

If you would like to know more about Hennel I would like to recommend a beautiful book of Thomas Hennell's work "The Land and the Mind" by Jessica Kilburn recently published by Pimpernel Press. There will also be an exhibition of his work at the Bethlem Museum of the Mind on a date to be confirmed.

Who now plants rows of silver asphodels?
Tall Hollyhocks and Canterbury bells:
Bowered clematis joined the shrubs's green wall
And honeysuckle's heavy-blooming fall
Thomas Hennell

John Bovington

COVID VACCINATIONS

Since January 2021 a group of ninety five volunteers have been acting as marshals at Sevenoaks Medical Centre, one of the centres our villagers have been attending to have their vaccination.

The volunteers have worked in all weathers clocking up over 5000 hours to support the patients and the medical team delivering Covid vaccinations. The operation which has seen the administration of 21,000 vaccinations ended on 22nd May and we were encouraged to hoot and wave from our cars to the volunteers that day. On behalf of the people of Shoreham: a huge thank you to our villagers who served as volunteers: June and Stuart Bryant, Karen Morash and Ann Palmer and any others know to you.

Ann Ball

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13 th June	10am	Shoreham Society meets on upper Terrace above Rec	
23 rd June	2pm	Over 60s Tea party meeting	Village Hall
4 th July	2-4pm	Viewing and auction - Susan Horsfield paintings	Village Hall
10 th July		Henry and the HD Show Band	The Mount

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