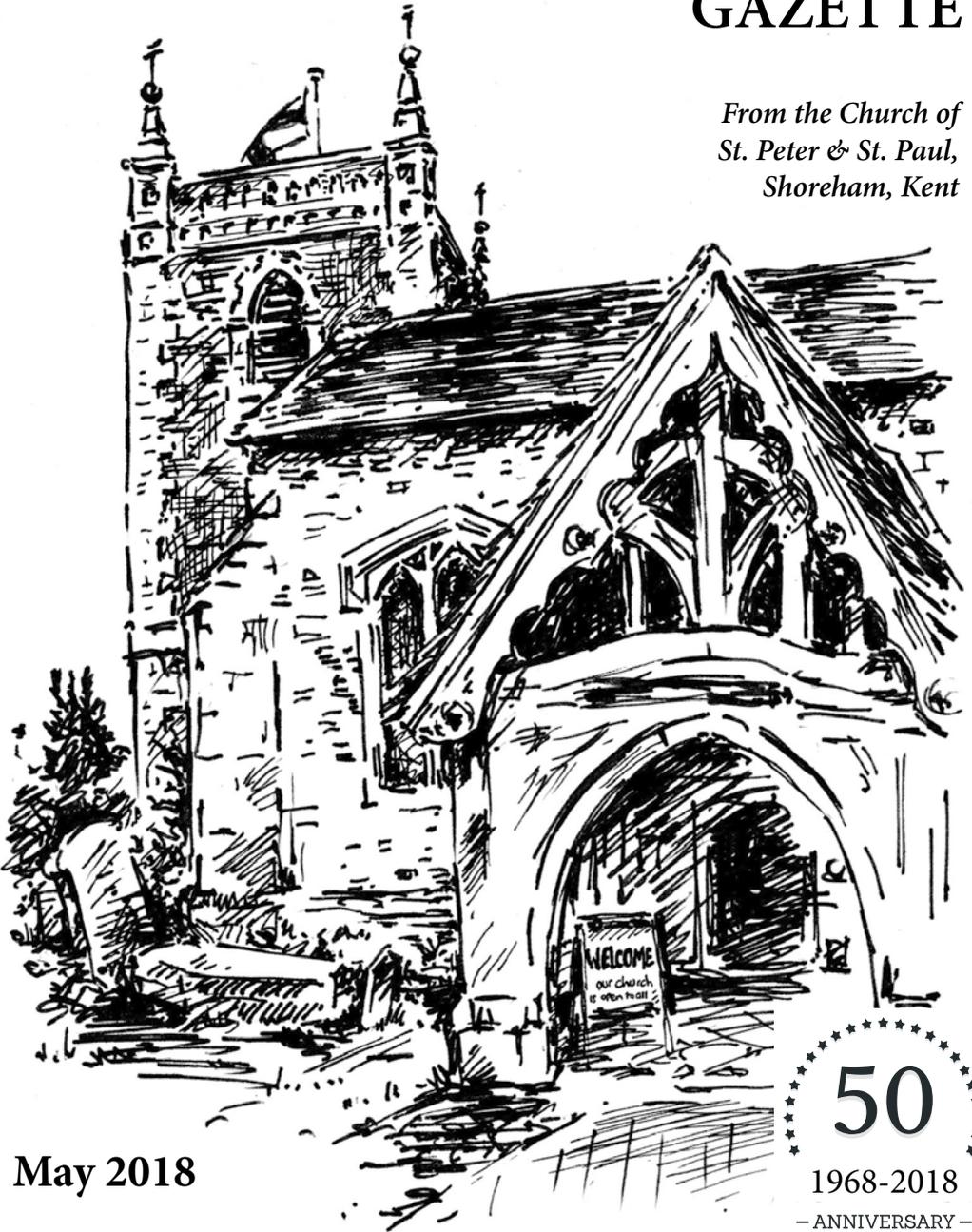


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MAY SERVICES

6th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

10.30am - Eucharist

6.00pm - Compline - Johnny Aisher

From Ascension to Pentecost 10 - 20 May, hundreds of thousands of Christians worldwide will be praying as part of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative. In church, we will once again have our Prayer Trail around the church. You can also come in, light a candle and pick up a free booklet with a short daily reflection for each of the ten days. You can also join pledge2pray or to find out more information go to www.ThyKingdomCome.global

13th May - Sunday after Ascension Day

8am - BCP Communion

10.30am - Short Eucharist with Taize music

*** At Kemsing Parish Church 6.30pm - Joint Deanery Choral Evensong for ThyKingdomCome

20th May - Whit Sunday - Pentecost

10.30am - Festival Eucharist for all ages

6.00pm - Evening Service based on Thy Kingdom Come

27th May - Trinity Sunday

8.00am - BCP Communion

10.30am - All-Age Service - Trinity

6.00pm - Discussion - Growing Disciples. What does it mean?



The Revd Dr Diane Rees

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HOPE

Hope. We use the word so often in our everyday language.

I hope that the weather gets hotter soon. I hope my football team wins. I hope that my exams are OK. I hope I win the lottery. I hope I get to the bottom of my To Do list today. I hope you have a good day.

But ... it is hot today although will it last? ... Southampton used to be a good team ... Exams come and go ... The lottery is only won by a few ... My To Do list is still as long ... Did you have a good day?

Do we use the word hope so often that we have lost its true meaning?

Perhaps if our hopes are things that can be replaced with, "I would like" instead of, "I pray", it might be helpful to reconsider what it is we are really hoping for.

I hope that every village in the world will soon have clean water. I hope that the children in Douma in Syria can sleep safely tonight. I hope that Christians in the Holy Land are given the strength they need. I hope that the Rohingya people soon have somewhere they can call home. I hope for wholeness and healing for ...

Emily Dickenson describes hope in her poem, 'Hope is a Thing With Feathers'.

*'Hope' is the thing with feathers—
That perches in the soul—
And sings the tune without the words—
And never stops—at all—*

*And sweetest—in the Gale—is heard—
And sore must be the storm—
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm—*

*I've heard it in the chillest land—
And on the strangest Sea—
Yet, never, in Extremity,
It asked a crumb—of Me.*

Hope in the Bible is not a hope-so but rather a know-so. Hope is ... about trust and confident expectation ...dynamic and life sustaining. Hope ... changes how we see ourselves and what we value ... depends on knowing and resting in God's grace. In Romans, Paul reminds us that there is nothing, absolutely nothing that can separate us from God's love. What do you think hope is? What are you hoping for?

Revd Diane

May 2018

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERAL

Friday 4th April

Peter Matthews of New Oxbourne Farm

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Saturday 14th April

Rita Mounger, lately of Magpie Bottom

REVEREND DR GEOFFREY SIMPSON

It was with great sadness that, in February, we learned of the death of Shoreham's much loved previous Vicar Geoffrey Simpson.

Geoff served in Shoreham for 10 years from 1980 to 1990. On his arrival he announced "This is YOUR Church" and endorsed that ethos by his collaborative ministry- a shared ministry, clergy and laity working together, drawing upon the collective gifts and talents, much evident in such a creative village as Shoreham. Although such collaboration is now widely practised across the C of E, Geoff was at the forefront of this way of working.

Geoff had the ability to get alongside all in the village whether they were regular Church goers or not.

He met people as he walked the streets with their dog, in the shops, at the pub with the Bell Ringers, visiting all who were ill or bereaved. Geoff joined with the Village Players, played tennis and much else. Many gained a faith from Geoff's gentle ministry, and he was always happy to share in their pilgrimage and explore their questions.

Those of us who were privileged to work alongside Geoff on the PCC or the Pastoral Committee have many happy memories especially of the creative worship which was generated, always enhanced by Danny's musical skills.

We viewed those ten years as a particularly "golden" time and we extend our love and gratitude to his wife Mary and their children Alex and Jo for sharing Geoff with us for those very special years.

Sadly the snow prevented us and Shoreham friends from attending his funeral in Dorset.

Peter and Jane Waters (now in Warwickshire)

SHOREHAM CHURCH EXTENSION UPDATE **PHASED BUILDING CONTRACT**

Before embarking on fundraising in 2016 the PCC obtained a detailed costing for the extension from a quantity surveyor of £410,040, which was in line with an estimate previously given by a building company. Taking into account professional and other expenses a fundraising target of £500,000 was set, although it was recognized from the outset that as much as £600,000 might be needed to cover extension, repairs and decorations.

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Tender documents went out on 2 February 2018 to B.W. May; Durtneills; Riverside Construction and Hurstway of Cranbrook. Tenders were opened on 2 March. They were substantially in excess of what was expected. Negotiations then started with the two companies which provided the lowest tenders. After a process of negotiation (in which savings were made in a variety of ways including replacing the cedar ceiling of Meeting Room No 1 with plasterboard and replacing Purbeck stone flooring with laminate) the total contract sum was reduced to £495,000, still above the PCC's resources. The increase above £410,040 was due to changes in design (such as having a larger foundation slab) and increases in building costs.

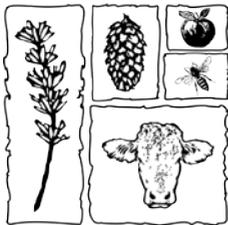
Since the PCC did not have the resources to meet a £495,000 contractual liability, on 15 April the PCC decided to enter into a phased building contract with a thirty week contract period. All the work included in the contract will fall in one of four phases. Phases 2 – 4 will be by way of variation of the contract sum provided for Phase 1. Since the variations will be effected in accordance with a prior agreement as to the cost based on the tender, they will not be subject to the normal problem that variations give scope for excessive charging.

Photograph of the excavations for the extension on the north side of the Church



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- a. Phase 1 around £306,500. Foundations and shell external structure including windows and doors plus clean and foul water drainage: this is the only work for which the PCC is contractually liable upon signing the contract.

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- b. Phase 2 around £141,500. Internal fit out of new structure. To be added without additional cost above tender sums provided the PCC gives notice prior to an agreed date (possibly end of July).
- c. Phase 3 around £21,500. Landscaping of churchyard (paths and lighting). Again to be added without additional cost above tender sums provided the PCC gives notice prior to an agreed date (possibly end of September).
- d. Phase 4 around £25,500 (but subject to variation depending upon precisely what work is carried out). Work to the Lady Chapel. Again to be added without additional cost above tender sums provided the PCC gives notice prior to an agreed date (possibly end of September).

The phase of fundraising which started in September 2016 was extraordinarily successful. From a base of not much more than £50,000 the target of £500,000 was reached with surprising speed. From that sum are to be deducted £56,000 spent in 2017, around £18,000 spent in 2018 (but rising), additional fees for architect, quantity surveyor, engineer and solicitor and Thames Water fees. In the light of the increase in total building cost (with consequential increase in professional fees) on 15 April the PCC raised the fundraising target to £700,000. Working on a Grade 1 Listed church with dual planning and faculty controls is very expensive. To put the new target in perspective Otford spent around £1.2 million on its extension and Eynsford around £600,000 on internal alterations.

In response to the new target of £700,000, £50,000 has been raised from within the PCC, lifting the total raised to £550,000: a new fundraising thermometer reflecting these figures will be erected shortly. £150,000 remains to be raised. Around £50,000 must be raised by around the end of July to enable the PCC to trigger phase 2 and thereby prevent the extension from remaining a useless shell. Not a penny will come from the central church or the Government (apart from Gift Aid). Please give what you can: every £10 counts. Send cheques payable to Shoreham PCC Extension Fund to The Vicarage, Station Road, Shoreham TN14 7SA. State whether Gift Aided. We are immensely privileged to live in such a wonderful village. Now is our chance to provide a marvellous community facility for both present and future generations. *Frank Hinks Churchwarden*

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Thank you Heather Sillitoe and your group.

Ann Ball

SHOREHAM MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2 - 9PM

More exciting bookings taking place for the Festival, with Travelling Light Circus appearing with a brilliant new production - eight installations of weird and wonderful optical illusions to explore, dotted around the beautiful meadow at the Quadrangle. We are also going to welcome back the lovely Seal Chart Etching Studio to run a print workshop; Lucy Holland will be offering fun and flexible yoga workshops; we'll have drumming, ceramics and art activities; and delicious food from the highly-acclaimed Brisket and Barrel of Sevenoaks. All this together with music, dancing and stellar performances from our very own Shoreham Village Players. Watch this space for more news! Contact sarahnewman125@btinternet.com with any ideas or offers of help. Or check www.shoreham-midsummerfestival.org for updates.

SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Please note that the Parish Council has limited funds set aside in its annual budget to give out as grants to local groups/charities, who benefit the community. Whilst anyone qualifying is welcome to apply, we would also like to draw attention to the following newsletter, which is published each quarter by KCC and which lists all the grants available throughout Kent for a wide variety of organisations <http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-grants-and-funding/inside-track-newsletter>. Before applying to the Parish Council, we would therefore request that consideration is initially given to this avenue of funding, with the Parish Council acting as a last resort.



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On a far more unpleasant matter, since being obliged to take over the lease of the Filston Lane Car Park from Sevenoaks District Council last year, we have experienced more and more problems with fly-tipping and antisocial behaviour.

We have evidence that much of the waste and items left next to the bin have unfortunately been deposited by local residents. To date these have included an exercise bike, countless black bin bags and, more unpleasantly lately, drug paraphernalia, dirty nappies, sanitary towels and human excrement. I would like to reiterate that whilst SDC is responsible for emptying the on-site bin, it is NOT responsible for clearing away these sort of things and that task has been left to parish councillors, the lengthsman and volunteers. It is extremely disheartening for people who give up their valuable time to clean up such a disgusting mess, only to be confronted with the same or worse a few days later.

Please also bear in mind that this car park is an access route to the school. Would you want your children having to walk past such a sight? It is a health hazard and has to stop now otherwise we may have no alternative other than to relinquish our lease on the car park. I am sure everyone would agree, would be a disaster for the already full-to-capacity parking situation in the village.

Please be reminded that the Parish Council pays for a freighter service to come to the village once every three months. This is specifically for large or bulky items, which are not taken as part of the weekly refuse collection. There is no excuse for dumping unwanted items in the car park.

In the meantime, if you witness anyone fly-tipping or leaving excess rubbish in the car park, or anywhere else around the village, please either report them to myself or to the police. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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

SHOREHAM ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

We will be holding our annual **Plant Sale** at the Allotments on Saturday 19th May from 10am – 1pm. Please come along and find bedding plants, perennials, vegetable plants, preserves, and general gardening items for sale. This year it will be bigger and better! Plant donations would also be happily received on the day or contact me on 525818 for collection

Jeremy Tooley

STORY BEHIND YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

Two well-known names are associated with this wonderful hymn – Charles Wesley and George Frederick Handel. It had first appeared in the third volume of The Collection of Moral and Sacred Poems in 1744, published by Charles' brother John and was soon taken up by George Whitfield in his collection of Hymns for Social Worship 1753

In later life Handel became associated with the Wesleys and sometime after 1746 he set three of Charles Wesley's hymns to music as songs with instrumental bass but we do not know the exact circumstance of this collaboration. Handel never published the songs and they lay hidden until the one page manuscript was discovered at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge by Samuel Wesley in 1826.

Music: The name of the tune is Gopsall which is taken from Gopsall Hall in Leicestershire that was the place of residence of Charles Jennens, compiler of The Messiah.

Ann Ball

SHOREHAM OPEN GARDENS SAFARI POSTPONED TO 2019



Thank you to everyone who offered their gardens and their help for a 2018 Open Garden Safari. Unfortunately the number of gardens available didn't reach our minimum for a successful weekend so we are postponing until next year.

Please plan now for the weekend of June 15th -16th 2019. We have great plans for the Safari, which we will begin planning in the autumn.

Peter Kasch and the Shoreham Open Gardens Safari Committee

NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Cameron Class recently went on a trip to Penshurst Place as part of their "Off With Her Head!" topic. They learnt about life in Tudor times and met some of the people that they would have encountered. They were shown around one of the homes that King Henry VIII would have stayed in. In the main hall there was a fire right in the middle of the room, which we all gathered round. Here a man played us music on traditional instruments and also showed us a how to dance and bow. We liked learning about the crime and punishments, weapons they would have used to fight off the Spaniards in that era, the food that they would have eaten, the entertainment and the musical instruments

they would have played and the clothing and fashion during the Tudor period. We even meet Queen Elizabeth I herself! We all absolutely loved her and her wit - she didn't hold back what she thought. We learnt so many interesting facts – did you know that the Tudors didn't drink water, only beer!

Before the holidays, everyone enjoyed another fantastic Mathemagical Day. In the first lesson Cameron class had the opportunity to teach other children in the school. The previous day they were put in pairs and began planning their activity. Moore and Palmer became mathematicians in their own classes and Cameron and Barton worked together on mathematical activities outside on the playground and then on the iPads. In the afternoon, everyone worked in their house teams and one of the activities was a maths relay. Groups had to answer questions from a sheet and then find the next answer after that. Another activity was a number hunt where various numbers had been hidden around the school and each group were sent to try to find them all and then total the amount - the house that was the closest were awarded ten stars!

Earlier in March our (new) team competed in a Netball tournament. They had some tough matches, and some were just right. They won the first match, lost the next, then drew, then won, and then won the last match. They played a game called High Fives, and had a team of eight. In High Fives, you receive three points for winning, two for drawing and one for losing. They achieved 10 points in total and came third in the whole tournament.

Written by Cameron Class Pupils

SHOREHAM IN WW1 **MAY 1918**

In the Shoreham Gazette it was reported that two men were missing, Enos MacIenning and J. Martin. The War Savings Association had sixty two members. A Concert held in the Church Room by the VAD Patients and Shoreham munitions girls raised £4.00 for the hospital.

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The Women's Institute has the ear of the Government and many previous resolutions such as those supporting farmers on the pricing of milk by supermarkets; the damage being done by plastic and plastic bags, have been put forward and acted upon.

Our new programme starts on the Tuesday 5th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Do come and join us; new members are always welcome.

STOP PRESS

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday 10th May, 10.00am-12.00pm. Please come and join us - we look forward to seeing you there.

Sylvie Poynter

KENT WILDLIFE TRUST- POLHILL BANK NATURE RESERVE **ROADSHOWS**

In February I wrote about your beautiful local nature reserve, Polhill Bank and the opportunity we have to protect and extend the site this year. Plans are moving ahead, and we are delighted to be running three local roadshows in May that will help you ask us any questions you have about Polhill, and find out more about our plans for the future. The three venues for the roadshows are:

Eynsford Village Hall Tuesday 1st May 5.30pm -6.45pm

The Crown, Shoreham Tuesday 8th May 1.30pm -3pm

Otford Village Hall Wednesday 9th May 5.30-7.00pm

It would be great to see as many of you attending these roadshows as possible as it is a treasured local resource and somewhere I am sure you are keen to see protected for future generations.

The website for Polhill has been updated with lots more information – please visit <http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/polhill-appeal> to have a look. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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SHOREHAM ALMSHOUSES

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They were supported through the generosity of former Shoreham landowners and residents – Messrs Prestwich, Terry and Cohen - whose original endowments have been carefully invested and managed for many years by a small charity The Shoreham Almshouses Trust.

The Almshouses were established to provide long term housing for people in need, with connections to the village through their work or residence, and for hundreds of years they have done just that. Both homes are currently occupied and expected to remain so, which means that there isn't a waiting list. However, should a vacancy arise, it would be advertised through local media and notices around the village.

The Charity's trustees ensure that the buildings are kept in good condition and that the residents are safe and abiding by the regulations common to properties of this type. Residents contribute to the costs of maintenance and are responsible for the day to day upkeep and running of their home and garden. Together, the residents and trustees are helping to ensure that the Almshouses will stay at the heart of the village for many more years. For further information, please contact either the chair

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SHOREHAM AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The May meeting will be on 18th May at 8pm in the Village Hall when David Carder will give us an audio visual guide of the Isle of Sheppey which will be followed by a visit by coach on 22nd June. Applications to Georgina Hopkins 523587

SHOREHAM OVER 60'S

The Over 60s are a very friendly group and welcomes both ladies and gentlemen two afternoons a month in the Village Hall. When the summer months arrive we go off to some very hospitable homes in Shoreham for Garden parties. All the meetings are held in the Village Hall and there is a modest sum to pay each time.

Wednesday 9th May at 2.15pm U3A Accordion Group

Wednesday 23rd May at 2.15pm Exercises with June and her display team



REPORT ON THE THEFT OF MARBLE BUST FROM SHOREHAM CHURCH IN KENT

In February 2011 the marble bust of Elizabeth Borrett on the Borrett Wall Monument in the North Chapel of Shoreham Church was stolen as was the church wheelchair

From 1993 to 1996 I worked with the Church Recorders of the Arts Society of Sevenoaks. We listed every artefact inside the Church and fortunately we had a good description of her, together with this photograph taken by Paul Britton of Shipbourne. Subsequently I met Phillipa Glanville on the main Committee of The Arts Society. When the bust was stolen she advised me to contact the Antiques Trade Gazette and get an article put in.

GOOD NEWS

Some six weeks later the then Vicar, Richard Freeman had a phone call from the police to say that the bust had been found at Sotheby's and would be returned to us in due course. When the two policeman brought her back to us and hauled her up on her plinth they commented "she's not very pretty". I said "I know, but we love her". The police told us that the Vendor had purchased the bust at an antiques trade fair and it was only when they looked at the Antiques Trade Gazette that they realised she was stolen and advised Sotheby's themselves of this fact. Firm Security measures are in place now to stop this happening again.

Congratulations!!

To Jill Webster who is now Chairman of The Arts Society of Sevenoaks. If you would like more information contact theartsocietysevenoaks.org.uk or phone Jill on 01959 524679. Lectures are given by experts in their field on many different aspects of the arts, and are held at Walthamstow Hall School on the second Thursday of the month at 8 pm. There are also great outings and study days. Guests are always welcome at lectures, and there is time to socialise over a glass of wine. Forthcoming lectures will be on Silver Filigree and Traditional Arts in Kosovo and Lawrence of Arabia. *Ann Ball*

TALES FROM THE HILL

There have always been huge gulfs between the haves and have nots, one difference is that today, thanks to investigative journalism, we all get to know just how wide the differences are. We see almost on a daily basis people sleeping rough and refugees fleeing from war zones without any possessions and on the same page we read about three directors of a certain building company voting themselves £200m bonus. We are now used to gasping at the absurd wealth flouted by many. The past King of Saudi travelled in his private jet with two gold escalators to enable him to alight from his plane in style. Why two?

Our own Queen has tremendous wealth but most of us forgive her for who in their right mind would want to live in Buck House. When the Queen recently received Prince Mohammed bin Salman in a state room larger than a cricket pitch, a cameraman captured in the background a shot of a grand marble fireplace, and, glowing on the hearth, was a two bar Belling electric fire, which used to retail at £4.99. As the Queen greeted the prince the reporters caption read. “Crown Prince would you have 50p for the meter?”

Once before I spotted The Queen warming herself, this time at Balmoral, sitting in front of a Dimplex convection heater, retailing at £14.50 from Asda.

Walking deep in thought contemplating such matters I noticed something leaning against an old hornbeam tree. On closer inspection I saw that it was a little door, only 6 inches by 4 inches. It was nicely made with tiny wrought iron hinges and a knocker and covered a hole in the base of the tree. At the back of the hole was a tiny window. “Who, had made it and why placed there in this remote piece of woodland?” I was intrigued and delighted, was it someone who shared our love for Wind in the Willows, could it be Ratty’s front door? No, there is no river. Could it be the entrance to Toad Hall? No, not grand enough. That left Badger or Mole and, as I couldn’t find a door scraper I settled on mole. Mole was a creature of humble needs who, after saying “hang” to spring cleaning found satisfaction in simple things such as boating with Ratty or riverside picnics, unlike their friend the feckless Toad whose hedonistic lifestyle nearly led to ruin. A lesson that the Crown Prince would do well to heed. Perhaps I will never know who made the little door, but thank you whoever you are for stirring my imagination. *John Bovington*

SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

In our nine months in the village, we have enjoyed learning about Shoreham's traditions and the shop's role in them. One of the most important, of course, is the Duck Race – which takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 7th. This year, as every year, the shop is your first port of call for all your ducks. Good luck to all duck designers and competitors! We are pleased to welcome Prasanth as our latest recruit behind the counter. Raj has moved on to pastures new and we wish him all the best. Prasanth is studying mechanical engineering when not brushing up his retail skills. *Santhosh, Kannan, Lorna and Prasanth*

New Flag of St George on the Church Tower

For those of you not on Facebook, that new tool so many in the village use to exchange news, I would like to thank the anonymous donor who paid for the new two yard flag of St George now flying on the Church Tower. The original one has been up there for the past two years welcoming people to the village and our tired commuters back to Shoreham after a hard day's work. An essential part of what Shoreham is. You may be interested to know there are only two flags we fly on the tower; the Flag of the Diocese of Rochester or the Flag of St George.

LORD AND LADY DUNSANY OF DUNSTALL PRIORY

The headstones in the churchyard are a very interesting record of the people who have lived in Shoreham since time immemorial. I will do a write up on some of them when space permits. The first is that of Edward John Moreton Drax, 18th Lord Dunsany who died 25th October 1957 aged 79 and Beatrice, Lady Dunsany who died 30th May 1970 aged 89 years. They lived at Dunstall Priory and owned Dunsany Castle in Ireland. They must have loved Shoreham very much for them to choose to be buried here rather than in Ireland.

There is a small plaque on the headstone with a verse composed by Beatrice Dunsany; "I, that have loved the sun, lie here, and loved the great grey shadows of the clouds that pass over the Earth, the soft crisp English air, the grey September dew thick on the grass. I loved the cool strange light the rainbow gives, the deep note of the bees up in the lime, the smell of the honeysuckle and sweet briar, and the hot scent, under my feet, of thyme. Late sunlight slanting on the Irish plain, the line of low blue hills against the sky I loved while sight and memory were mine, others will love them still while here I lie "

Ann Ball

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SHOREHAM SOCIETY

DUCK RACE MONDAY 7TH MAY FROM 1.15PM

Registration of your quackers takes place from 1.15pm and participants will be under Starter's Orders at 2.30pm... Orphan Ducks will be available for purchase at the start if you have not had an opportunity to create your own masterpiece.

Please leave your car at home as we cannot provide parking and ask any friends from outside the village to come by train! Funds raised this year will be used to buy additional equipment for the village including further technical items to use in conjunction with the hugely successful overhead projector which was purchased from previous duck race funds. The organisation of the Duck Race requires us to find over forty volunteers. Thank you to the kind people who have already offered their services but we still need more! If you feel you could offer some time please contact The Shoreham Society via our email -shorehamsociety@gmail.com. Tasks include traffic control, ensuring all ducks get to the start line on time and collecting exhausted ducks at the finish!

The Ducklings subcommittee of the Shoreham Society.

VILLAGE DIARY MAY 2018

1 st	Shoreham Women's Institute	Village Hall	7.30pm
7 th	Duck Race	River Bank	from 1.15pm
8 th	Polhill Bank presentation	The Crown	1.30pm
9 th	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm
9 th	Shoreham Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
10 th	Community Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am – 12 pm
18 th	Historical Society	Village Hall	8pm
19 th	Plant Sale	Allotments	10am-1pm
23 rd	Over 60s	Village Hall	2.15pm
23 rd	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm

COFFEE ROTA IN CHURCH

6 th May	Debby Rose
13 th May	Valerie Turner
20 th May	Jeremy Tooley

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