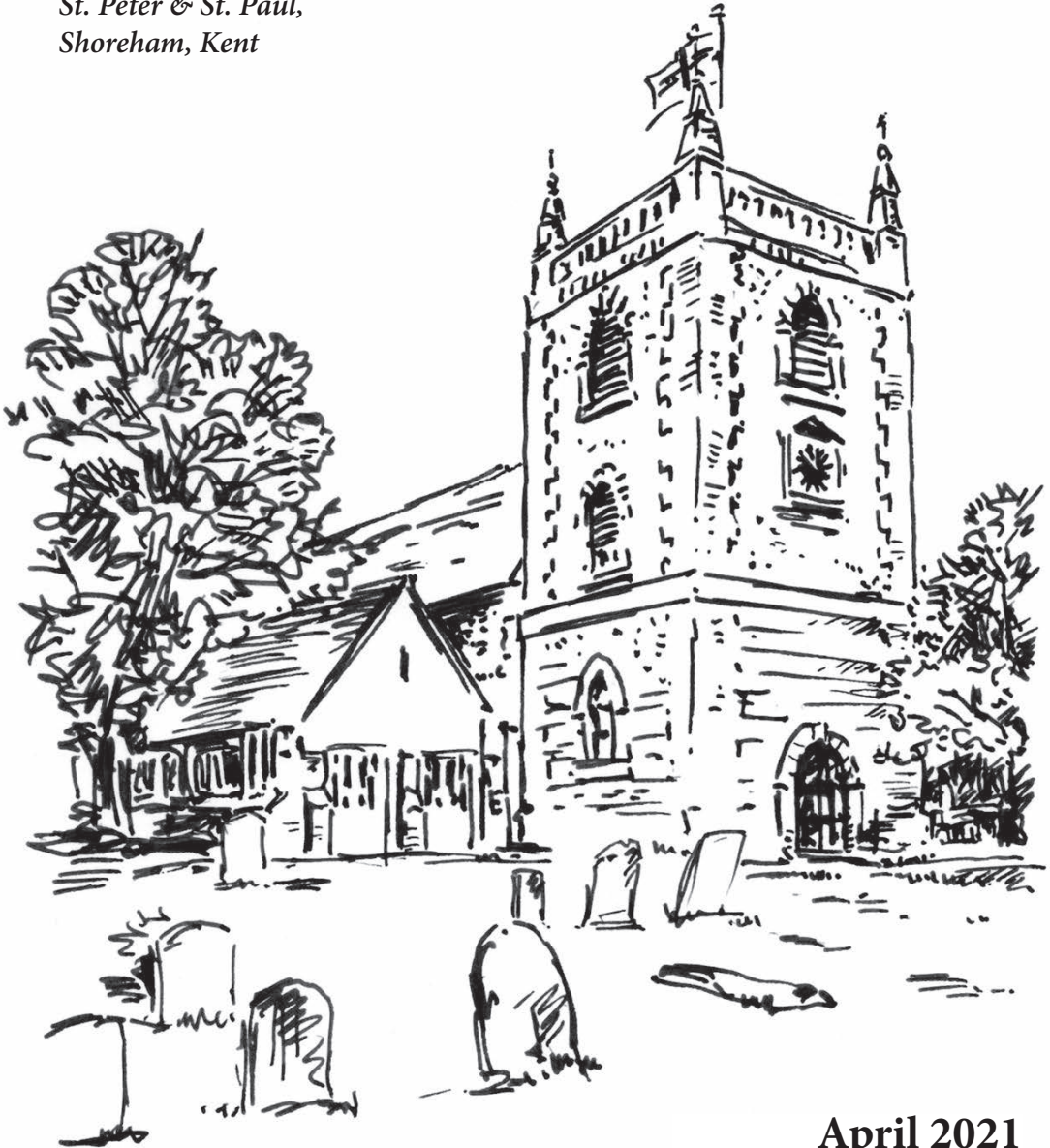


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Maundy Thursday - 1st April - 8pm Zoomed from the church

Good Friday - 2nd April - 10am in the churchyard - suitable for all ages

Easter Day - 4th April - 10am All-Age celebration in church (followed by a short communion for those who want to stay) and on Zoom

Other Sundays in April 11th, 18th, 25th

9am Eucharist in church

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For services in church, please contact Bryan the_harrises@btinternet.com or 07733228408 and for Zoom please contact Revd Diane revdrdi@outlook.com

May I wish you a blessed and joy-filled Easter, at the heart of which is Jesus, crucified and risen, bringing healing and hope, offering freedom and forgiveness to all.

A JOURNEY OF RECOVERY: REMEMBERING, REFLECTING AND RECOVERING

We are all hoping for better things to come later this year. However, the journey to that better place may not be simple. Some are writing of the potential for reverse culture shock, others have concerns about re-engaging with people in groups of any size, there are those who are coming to terms with loss or are weary after juggling online schooling, whilst trying to do their own jobs and some are anxious about how things will work out financially.

But perhaps as spring comes and new life explodes around us, and as we journey through Easter, now is a good time to start on that journey of recovery.

Healthy recovery, after what we have all experienced, involves time and engaging with our emotions, integrating our losses, and embracing a new reality. It includes: Remembering, Reflecting and Recovering - what restores us.

I offer this guide (abridged) produced by CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society), to help us process our experiences and get us on that journey of recovery.

THANKSGIVING

What are you thankful for? Think about small daily things, such as food, as well as bigger wider things, such as frontline workers.

Thanksgiving is becoming increasingly popular as a mental wellbeing tool. People struggling with their mental health are often encouraged to keep a gratitude diary. Even

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on the hardest days. Ideas: Keep a gratitude list or jar or write down three things each night you are grateful for from the day.

LAMENT

What are you missing, longing for? This may be people or things you have lost, hopes that have been dashed or longings for a better future.

There is much over the last year to be sad about. To lament is to describe all that sadness to God (see my February Gazette article). Some of the Psalms are helpful in expressing our sadness and anger and lament, for example, Psalm 42. Ideas: We might make a piece of art, make a photobook, cry, walk or light a candle.

LEARNING

What have you learned about your life, about what and who is important to you? What do you want to do differently as a result of the pandemic?

Pain and suffering have always been part of life, and Christians, like everyone else, want to make sense of them. That's not always possible, but it is possible to find God with us in the dark places of life. Jesus said 'I am the light of the world', and countless people around the world have found that to be true. Ideas: Write a poem, start journaling, talk through your experiences, good and bad with a trusted friend.

PRAYER

What would it be good to pray about over the coming weeks? Many people pray – people of all faiths and none. In a crisis we long to know that there is someone bigger than us who can help us, so we cry out, hoping there is a God who is loving and who is listening. Christians believe that the whole of life is meant to be a conversation with God. Jesus gave his disciples what we call The Lord's Prayer. Ideas: You could read that prayer every day, thinking about each bit. And then ask God for help for other things and other people, or ... you could write a Pretzel Prayer and pin it up in the church porch (there are some sheets in a red tray) ... for something you are concerned about ... something you are thankful for ...

Pretzel Prayers

Here is one story about how Pretzels came about. In about A.D. 610, a monk was baking unleavened bread for lunch in his kitchen. Through the window he could see children praying. He decided to make treats for them using up the leftover pieces of dough to create strips folded like the arms of a person praying.

Easter Stones

Just like at Christmas you can add a stone with a picture or some words to the other Easter stones in the porch. You will also find Palm crosses there.

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SHOREHAM OPEN GARDENS SAFARI 2021

CHANGE OF DATE



3rd and 4th July 2021

More participating gardens needed please

We have changed the dates to be able to use the Village Hall to sell programme tickets (easing staffing needs at each garden), to provide refreshment, and to give visitors access to toilets. True, the late spring flowers will have faded, but your roses will be in splendid bloom.

The event is on the margins of being feasible with the number of gardens now provisionally to be open. Please consider opening your garden and participating. We need your garden for this first village-wide event for a long time, and perhaps the only one this year.

We have decided to support three gardening related causes in Kent:

- Our own Shoreham daffodil public space planting project to brighten Spring 2022
- Kent Wildlife Trust's project "Gardening for a Wilder Kent". KWT will have a volunteer at our event to explain and advise on making your own garden friendlier for wildlife.
- Spadework, a charity in Offham that uses gardening to support adults with disabilities

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

On 15th March the Shoreham Branch of the Royal British Legion was seventy three years old. It was formed in 1948 just after the end of WW2 and in 1950 a Women's Section was formed. Known then as The British Legion it was given 'Royal' status in 1972 which is when, we believe the men's and women's section amalgamated. Over the years we have had twelve Chairmen and numerous Secretaries...Treasurers and Standard Bearers. Over the seventy three years we have achieved a lot for a small Branch with fundraising and organised events.

The Branch has been represented around Kent County at events: at The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at The Royal Albert Hall and The Royal Tournament at Earls Court. In 2017 we went to Ypres in Belgium and took part in The Last Post Ceremony at The Menin Gate which is held every evening at 8pm. In 2018 The Branch was represented at GP90 commemorating the 90th Anniversary of The Great Pilgrimage to The Menin Gate in 1928. More recently, we went to visit The War Graves on The Somme....where we laid a Poppy Wreath at The Theipval Memorial in France. We've had many social events over the years and hope to have many more in the future. This is just a very short snippet of what we have done over those seventy three years and we are very proud of what we have achieved.

If you would be interested in joining our Branch...please get in touch with Mike Robinson, Membership Secretary 01959 525772 or email userm1674@aol.com.

SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

Spring cleaning took on new urgency at the Stores this year as we did a big re-organisation of the shelves and cabinets. After a long day of hauling everything into place, a new chiller for soft drinks was installed allowing us to offer a much wider range in time for summer. We've found space for fifteen extra wines and made it easier to find our Multi-Pack Savers. We continue to liven up our fruit and vegetable offerings.

With the main window cleared to allow in more light, customers are finding the shop more inviting and spacious. Don't forget your eggs, cards and cakes this Easter. And if you need a pick-me-up on your daily walk, stop by for one of our delicious takeaway coffees.

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THE QUEEN'S HONOURS AWARDS

The Honours List is published twice a year at New Year and on the Queen's official birthday in June. Each list of up to 1300 individuals includes several elements - the Prime Minister's list, the Foreign Secretary's list and of course The Queen's personal list of several hundred people. Typically, around 30 of those are from Kent, roughly proportionate to the population.

An increasing number of honours result from recommendations made by the general public. Anyone can nominate someone for an award. Of course, only exceptional individuals receive an honour, those who have made a real difference in their community or their field of work.

Awards are administered by the Cabinet Office who provide detailed guidance about how to nominate on www.gov.uk/honours.

The nomination form is straightforward but requires some CV information plus thoughtful explanations of why you think this individual deserves recognition and clear examples to demonstrate how they have excelled in their field. Letters of support are required to endorse the nominee's achievements. It is advisable not to let the person being nominated know that you are putting their name forward, not least because some applications are unsuccessful.

An independent selection team in the Cabinet Office initially assesses all nominations, free from political or other undue influence, before further consideration by specialist honours committees. Ultimately a central awards committee forwards its recommendations, together with citations, to the Prime Minister and ultimately the Queen for her approval. This process typically takes 18 months.

So, if you would like to propose someone, an unsung hero, who you feel deserves Honours recognition, then please do go online, where you will find all the information to prepare a nomination.

William Alexander

Ann Ball, BEM

Ann Ball's natural modesty has meant that she has not self-published an article recording her inclusion in the New Year honours list on 1st January 2021. Ann was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to the community of Shoreham. Many will already have appreciated that she is a remarkable lady who has volunteered her time and energy for the betterment of Shoreham over four decades.

Ann's engagement with Shoreham began in 1978 as a campaigner to reduce the impact of the impending M25. The Shoreham Society, Women's Institute, Shoreham Village Players, Brownies, Winning the Best Kept Village,



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Lullingstone Park Committee and, of course, this publication, have all benefited from her calm involvement. Ann's historical interest and knowledge surfaced after she took on the role of church archivist. She convened a group to mount an exhibition to inform us about explorer Verney Lovett Cameron and his Shoreham Church connection. Then in 2015 she organised a Church Service attended by the 1st Regiment of the Royal Horse Artillery and three Chelsea Pensioners to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo and lay a wreath on the grave of Farrier Major William Seaker who served with The Duke of Wellington.

Perhaps less known is Ann's volunteering and work duties for the Worshipful Company of Painter Stainers. This Livery funds education and encourages, promotes and rewards excellence in the art and craft of painting and decorating. Ann was the first woman to be elected a Liveryman of this Company in 2004, later organising the cultural and social life for two Ward Club in the City.

I am sure that readers will join me in congratulating Ann on her greatly deserved Queen's Honours award and thanking her for such a significant contribution to Shoreham life .

William Alexander

THE SHOREHAM SOCIETY

Lockdown still continues! Unfortunately, we can't put on large events and sadly are not able to arrange the Duck Race on the first May Bank Holiday for the second year running. We haven't been able to organise the badly needed Make Shoreham Shine clean-up day or the wildlife walks and talks that we had started planning a year ago. However, we will react to changes in government guidance proactively and we hope to arrange events at short notice as, hopefully, the country opens up. We're planning to buy some litter pickers so that people can do ad hoc litter picking on their own. We'll be asking for volunteers!

However, the smaller events are going well. All were delighted by the stunning images that villagers submitted to our Zoom Photographic Exhibition. Our Quiz Night on 26th March (zoom 835 3092 2906) will probably be over when you read this, but it should be fun.

Book Exchange: I am trying not to acquire too many books, but it just keeps happening! So it's worth coming to 51 High Street on a Saturday to see what's new. Not only are people generous with books, the donations from the book sales are used to buy contributions for the Sevenoaks Larder food bank. I took £30 of groceries there last week.

The Vicars of Shoreham Friday April 30th at 7.30pm: Alain Cozens will give an illustrated talk on “The Vicars of Shoreham 1888 – 2020”, setting their lives in the broader societal context. They sound a pretty interesting bunch, particularly the current one! The zoom Meeting ID is 828 6605 1503 and the link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82866051503>

The Committee has considered a few controversial issues lately, including planning applications for Preston Farm and The George and a serious problem of unauthorised land occupation in Redmans Lane. We’ve wrestled with the ongoing problems with litter in the village. Our vice-president, William Alexander has kept us informed about the damage to his arable crops caused by ever-widening muddy footpaths, and the really serious fly tipping issues that he has faced. Farming is quite a diverse job, but it shouldn’t include being a dustman!

Do join us! As your local amenity group, we try to preserve and enhance our beautiful village and the lives of the people in it. If you have any ideas of things to do for the community or if you have concerns about planning and development issues, do get in touch. If you aren’t a member already, please email Jenny Walkling - jenny.walkling@btinternet.com. It costs only £5 per household per year, or £3 for one person.

Chris Euman and John Saynor

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SHOREHAM ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

All members are advised that we will be holding our AGM via zoom on Thursday 6th May more details will follow next month.

There are a couple of half plots that are now available to rent, see our advert in the Gazette for full contact details.

Jeremy Tooley

From the Editor:-

The Allotments are on Town Fields which was purchased by the Parish Council in 1953. In 1954 the rents were increased to repay the half yearly instalments of Capital and interest on the Government loan. The Rural District Council needed a site for dwellings for old people and the derelict allotments were suggested and purchased for £3000 in 1963. The loan of £473 was repaid and the tennis courts were built with grants of £160 from the National Playing Fields, £250 from the Kent Education and £1,088 from the allotments sale.

Source: Shoreham Parish Magazine and PC Annual Minutes.

SHOREHAM & OTFORD CRICKET CLUB

As many will know the two village clubs merged in 2020 and made the best of their first season, to the extent that cricket was possible at least due to Covid. We now have our own website: please visit **SOCC.uk**.

The Junior section has really taken off and a strong cadre of qualified coaches await the start of the season. If you have a child who is interested in Colts cricket, please contact Grant Scandling by email: soccjuniors@hotmail.com.

From Friday 16th April onwards junior training will be on Fridays from 6.00pm to 7.30pm at our Shoreham Cricket ground, which is down the Quadrangle track, for Under 9s (age 6-9) and Under 11s (age 10-11) and Under 13s.

Nick Walker

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SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

We are delighted to be back at school, albeit only for a few short weeks before we break for the Easter holidays. All children and staff have worked extremely hard during lockdown to maintain learning and to try to stop any gaps from forming.

On our return, we got stuck straight into work, whilst making sure there was plenty of time for pupils to socialise, talk, share and play. Each year group has been focusing on different topics and here are a few snippets of what they have been learning:

As part of their topic work on 'people who help us', especially the Postal Service, Barton Class wrote a thank you letter to their parents and walked to the post box

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to post them. We hope they all arrive soon! Their role play area is a post office and they have been busy wrapping and weighing parcels as well as sending each other postcards and letters. They enjoyed walking through the village to get to the village shop to post the letters and reaching up to the post box to pop them in.

Palmer Class have been drawing and describing story settings as well as practising their cursive handwriting. They have been listening to stories and creating their own story maps which set out the sequence of events and help them to organise their thinking and plan out how a story is written.

Moore Class have been using their wide range of poetry skills to write Battle poems using alliteration, onomatopoeia, metaphors and other devices.

The Battle

Charge ahead.
Silver, sharp swords.
Powerful swords.
Echoes in pain.
Screams in pain.
Charge ahead.

Clashes, clashes.
Stony shore.
Thick red blood.
Drowned bones laying on the shore.
By Isabelle

The Battle

Screams of pain
Blood running down into the sea,
Swords covered in blood.
Clash, clash.

Bash, bash.
Many Dogfighters lost.
Severed heads.
Bash, bash.

Crash, crash
By Logan

Cameron Class have been reading Carrie's War and learning about WWII. In DT they had the opportunity to create an Anderson Shelter, a gas mask or a plane. Each design project had a brief that had to be followed and we tested each product under rigorous conditions. The Anderson shelter had to withstand a bomb (a 1kg weight) and a storm (a watering can). The gas mask had to be comfortable, not steam up and not allow any smells inside. The plane had to fly a minimum of one metre and land without disintegrating. Almost all designs were successful and 'met the brief' and we had great fun testing them out!

Gillian Lovatt-Young Headteacher

SHOREHAM AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting and talk 30th April at 7pm

Prior to the joint Zoom meeting on 30th April at 7.30pm with The Shoreham Society & Shoreham Historical Society the Historical Society will hold the Annual General Meeting at 7pm.

Following the AGM Alain Cozens will give a fully illustrated presentation about the lives of those who have been the vicars of Shoreham. It will cover the changes in the church building and churchyard and what has gone on inside the building in the last one hundred and thirty years set within the context of changes in society locally and nationally. However it also focuses on the lives of the diverse collection of people who have held this post, including their time before and after their stay in Shoreham. It will take a thematic approach looking at their interests and hobbies, their views, their backgrounds, their families. The stories range from time spent behind bars to time in New Zealand. Research for this has included interviews, documents held by the church, the help of archivists in Britain and abroad, newspaper archives and a wide range of online sources. Copies of Accounts, Minutes and Chairman's letter will be sent prior to the meeting to members of the Historical Society. Zoom meeting details will be sent before the meeting.

Lynda Alleeson

SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

RUBBISH

As our village becomes ever more popular, we have noticed an increase in the amount of rubbish, not just in the village centre but in the country lanes around the parish. Neither KCC nor SDC are responsible for clearing the verges and whilst one day clear up campaigns can make an immediate difference, they are not unfortunately sustainable and it is never long before the litter returns.

Several members of our community have been volunteering over the past year or so to help clear the roadsides of litter but it is a lot of work for a handful of people. As the saying goes, 'Many hands make light work' so here's what you can do to help....

- Join the volunteer team and sponsor a road. You will be provided with a Hi Viz vest, black sacks and a litter picker. If enough people volunteer, it may mean that you only need to give one day a month or even less but this would make a real difference. The roads approaching the village such as Shacklands Road and Filston Lane are particularly bad as are the roads around East Hill and Well Hill including Cockerhurst Road and

Redmans Lane. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be part of this volunteer group.

- Why not take a plastic bag out on your next country walk. If everyone did this and picked up just one piece of litter each, this could make a huge difference.
- Report fly tipping www.Sevenoaks.gov.uk. Search for fly tipping. Posting incidents of fly tipping on Facebook is a useful way of letting people know of blocked roads, it does not inform the appropriate authorities. SDC have a dedicated fly tipping enforcement team and are more likely to be able to prosecute if incidents are reported directly to them.
- Join our CCTV network. Shoreham Parish Council are teaming up with SDC in an effort to catch fly tippers. If you have CCTV installed at your property and would like be part of this network, then please contact the Clerk. Sarah Moon, clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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TERRY CHARITY

Terry Charity is part of the Shoreham Almshouses Trust and one hundred years ago in March 1921 the Parish Magazine reported that the income for the Charity came from the rent paid by the tenant of a farmhouse in Horton Kirby left in trust by the will of Thomas Terry in 1628.

At the 1921 Annual Parish Meeting the Chairman Mr. Gregory (the solicitor owning Shoreham House) confirmed that the property, that had been generating income for the Charity of £25.10 per year, had been sold for £675 (2021 price £33,260) to the tenant. This money will be invested to return an income of £36 per annum for the Charity. This was done by arrangement with the Charity Commissioners.

Ann Ball

TALES FROM THE HILL

I get an awful pang of nostalgia when I think about the holidays we spent in Gillan on the Lizard coast. We stayed in a small bungalow perched high up overlooking the creek. The owners Hugh and Joy lived in lovely wooden house a little further down the slope. Hugh and Joy were both Merchant Navy captains. Hugh after his war time service with the Blue Funnel line became a channel pilot where he met his wife Joy. They had their own small quay where they moored a graceful 1930's yacht. Joy would often invite us for a sail round to Helford or Falmouth. We were a little wary of these excursions, it was not Hugh and Joys advancing years that deterred us, it was that they both had forgotten the first rule of the sea. "You can't have two captains on one ship." So running aground was a fairly frequent and stormy affair.

We never had a problem choosing where to walk on the peninsula, we just followed our dog Hamper who chose the daily route. He picked one of three walks ending up in one of three pubs. The Shipwrights at Helford, The Five Pilchards at Porthallow where David the landlord kept a shining polished house,

no children allowed, dogs OK, and closed on Tuesdays, to catch out non locals it would seem!

The third watering hole was in Manaccan, population three hundred and twenty one, our nearest village that had everything that makes a village; a well-proportioned church that has a 250 year old fig tree growing out of the west wall, St Newlina's Fig. The village still has a thriving school, a shop and post office, beware pasties sold out by 9.30 am. It even has a cricket ground, a bit stony and cowpatty in parts.

Captain Bligh once lived in the village, he was arrested by the villagers who thought he was a French spy. William Gregor discovered Titanium originally called Manaccanite in the stream that flows through the village. The New Inn conveniently close to the church served the most excellent egg and anchovy sandwiches and where I once bought Tim Rice a pint; for like the Queen, he seemed not to carry money upon his person. Unsteadily we take the path out of the village through the churchyard taking heed of an elaborately inscribed headstone *Reader pass on freely over my bones that lately trod these monumental stones. A few days hence shall others tread on thine.*

John Bovington

HISTORY NOTES: GWENDOLINE MADGE

Many will know that Ann Ball, the *Shoreham Gazette's* editor, was awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours for her long and devoted work in the village and beyond. It comes a century after another villager received an early version of a similar award. Gwendoline Madge is among those women of Shoreham's past who sometimes get overlooked in the history-keeping. She was the younger sister of a Shoreham vicar, David Madge, and made her name running a village hospital for soldiers in the First World War.

Revd Madge was ministering to troops at the front when Gwendoline's Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospital moved into the Old Vicarage in 1916. It obviously needed the space, having first opened with five wounded Belgians "straight from the firing line" at Church House, later moving to Myrtle Cottage and rooms at Shoreham Place, the Mildmay mansion. Most of the sprawling vicarage was now given over to the needs of 46 patients, some of whom took the air about the village in special blue uniforms or went for supper at cottages among the hills.

The soldiers penned items for a remarkable magazine put together by Gwendoline called *The Iodex*, full of stories and poems and caustic military wit.

(Iodex, appropriately enough, was a type of antiseptic.) Gwendoline raised money for the Red Cross and no doubt helped supervise activities like “the knitting of comforts for the troops” and the National Egg Collection for the Wounded, which asked people to leave spare eggs outside village shops.

A total of five hundred and twelve patients passed through the hospital by the end of the war and, in May 1920, the parish magazine noted that “membership of the British Empire” had been conferred on Gwendoline for her work. It’s not clear if this was an MBE, which was created to honour non-combatants in the war, or the ancillary Medal of the Order of the British Empire, which later became the British Empire Medal.

Gwendoline had other happy news that spring. Aged in her early forties, she married for the first time and moved to London with her husband, a doctor, after eleven years in Shoreham. David Madge stayed in close touch with the village after he stepped down as vicar in 1928; and so, it seems, did Gwendoline. In 1932, she helped find a hospice for the dying Samuel Cheeseman, the church sexton who dreamt up the Cross on the Hill with Revd Madge. Sadly, Gwendoline herself died that September at her brother’s home in Kemsing. She was aged about fifty six.

The parish magazine of October 1932 called Gwendoline’s death a “great loss” and said that “many will gratefully remember the skill and care” she gave to all the wounded soldiers at Shoreham’s once and only hospital

James Saynor



FOOD FOR A QUEEN

At the start of spring queen bumblebees emerge from hibernation to feed on pollen and nectar from early flowering plants. Larger and hairier than other bees, bumblebees are better adapted to cold weather so the first spring bee you see is probably a queen bumblebee. She searches for a dry cavity to build a nest; a vole hole, the base of a grass tussock, gaps within a chest tomb or beneath graves kerbs. A thimble-sized waxen pot is filled with pollen, nectar and eggs and the summer cycle begins.

Bumblebees are social insects living in nests of up to 400 individuals. Unlike honeybees they do not swarm, only the queen can sting, and a nest only lasts one season. There are 24 species of bumblebee in the UK but only eight are common

so if you want to try your hand at biological recording this is a good place to start and please send us your records.

Churchyards are great for bumblebees in the spring as so many have an array of spring bulbs and other flowers such as primroses and celandines. Take a wander on a warm day through Shoreham Churchyard and see if you can see any.

Andrea Gilpin

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FROM SUSAN PLATTS

Ann has suggested that I write of my departure to become a resident of France!

Both my daughters live in France and provide me with lots of stays with them. Sally and I work a lot together for her website www.artistsoncards.com. She and I had improvised an old ground floor workshop in her house into an en suite for my final abode whenever as she had always invited me to end my days with her wherever! Exodus 24.23 seems to describe my philosophy perfectly and looking back, at the time of arrival here last September to spend a few weeks for the usual break seemed normal, arriving with one suitcase of necessities having left all behind.

Carers and Herbert's growing dementia, needed this now and again, but having reached my destination, and before Brexit, was automatic and immediate! So here I am, happily with documents, doctors and dentists sorted and the lovely hot sun overhead nearly always! I am not meaning to be complacent, only thankful.

My love to you all, Susan x

From the Editor

Susan Platts lived and worked in Shoreham from the 1950's to the 1980's and painted under her maiden name, Susan Horsfield. She has exhibited at the Royal Academy and The Arts Council as well as having work in the Queen's private collection. Her cards are available in the village shop and we await more information on the sale of some of her paintings later in the year

SHOREHAM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EASTBOURNE TRIP.

The Annual coach trip to Eastbourne is going ahead on Saturday 3rd July. The coach leaves the car park at 9.00am and leaves Eastbourne at 5.00pm. We have some seats leftthis is open to anyone...if you would like to come please contact Mike on 01959 525772 or email userm1674@aol.com.

VILLAGE DIARY

16 th April	Junior Cricket Fridays commence
30 th April	Joint meeting of Shoreham Society and Shoreham Historical Society by Zoom "The Vicars of Shoreham" by Alain Cozens
6 th May	Allotments AGM meeting by Zoom
3 rd - 4 th July	Shoreham Open Gardens Safari
3 rd July	British Legion day in Eastbourne

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



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