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# Shipleley Parish News

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# Parish church directory

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# St Mary the Virgin Church, Shipley

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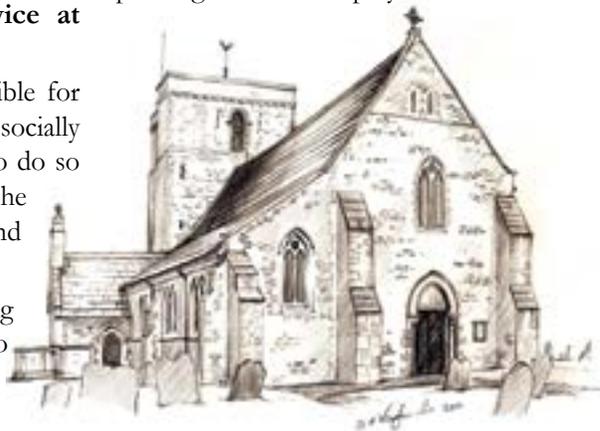
Welcome to our latest issue of the Shipley Parish News. St Mary the Virgin, Shipley is a friendly and active church community with lots going on throughout the year. We hold a **10am Holy Communion Service each Sunday**, followed by coffee, and all are welcome. There is also a **midweek service at 10.30am on Wednesdays**.

Our church is large, so it is possible for those who continue to wish to socially distance themselves from others to do so and find a seat away from others. The main thing is to be comfortable and enjoy the service.

The church is open every day during daylight hours, so if you wish to

enter for quiet reflection, please feel free to do so. If you feel the need to talk to someone, Revd Chris would be happy to speak with you, please call him on 01403 432813.

For more information about what's on, please go to [www.shipley.church](http://www.shipley.church)



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## Polite parking request

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A number of the regular members of the congregation have mobility problems and it would be appreciated if the spaces on the road, adjacent to the commemorative bench, nearest to the Church could be left free for them on Sundays.

Parking is available for the able-bodied, both in the School Lane car park, before the Windmill and also the car park adjoining the flats at the end of Church Close.

Thank you for your co operation.

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## Parish church email database

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We continue to set up a database of email addresses for the Parish, to keep you informed about what is going on at Shipley Church, share news and let you know about fundraising and events.

If you would like to sign up, please email Chris at [Vicar@Shipley.Church](mailto:Vicar@Shipley.Church).

Note: In sharing your details, you will be giving us permission to use your personal data solely for the purposes of communicating about church life and events, in accordance with data protection laws.

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# Church calendar

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Sideman</b>
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Colin West	Isaiah 40: 21-31	Lucy West	Colin West
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Pearson	Leviticus 13: 1-2 & 45-46		Richard Killner
February 18 <sup>th</sup> Lent 1	Oli Priddle	Genesis 9: 8-17		Jo & Oli
February 25 <sup>th</sup> Lent 2	Claire Searle	Genesis 17: 1-7 & 15-16	Eve Kenny	Richard Killner
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nigel Jupp	Exodus 20: 1-17	Mandy Jupp	Nigel Jupp
March 10 <sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday	Family Service			
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Colin West	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Lucy West	Colin West
March 24 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	Nigel Jupp	Philippians 2: 5-11	Mandy Jupp	Nigel Jupp
March 31 <sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday	Jo Moyers	Colossians 3: 1-4	Richard Killner	Jo & Oli
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Sanderson	Acts 4: 32-35		Liz Allen

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We are always looking forward to people volunteering to be part of this group..  
Everyone is welcome, no qualifications necessary...

Please have a chat to Richard, Gavin or Chris.

By Richard Killner      01403 741974 | E: Churchwarden@Shipleigh.Church

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# The Vicar's letter

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Dear Friends,

This letter gives me the opportunity to communicate with the residents of Shipley and beyond, every two months, with news and reflections concerning the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin and the life of the community more generally. Every parish church is, or ought to be, at the heart of its parish. Fortunately, the Church of St Mary The Virgin is roughly at the geographical centre of the parish of Shipley. This is a sign that it is the church for the whole parish including Brooks Green, Coolham, Dragons Green, Shipley Village, Whitehall and Broomers Corner, and all the houses and hamlets that go to make up Shipley parish. As such its vocation and strength is to be at the heart of the life of this neighbourhood. And, of course, we are pleased to say, many people from beyond this area also, are regular worshippers.



The people of the Church are to be found playing a part in the life of the businesses, schools, pubs, shops, and the social and community groups, all over the parish, as well as serving on the Parish Council. Their priority in these roles is not to convert people to Christianity (though they will be delighted when and if people do find faith.) Their task is simply to make God known and loved by the quality of their lives and the value of the contributions they make in these settings. Above all, their involvement in, and knowledge of, the parish at a deep and human level means that they bring the parish with them when they attend worship on a Sunday or other days, and above all pray for and offer the needs of the parish, giving thanks for what is good in it, and praying in humility and hope in respect of its imperfections and difficulties. Church people involved in the life of the community play an almost priestly role as they represent God to the community and represent the community to God. This is expressed every time someone leads the intercessions (prayers) in a service.

It is with these considerations in mind, especially with respect to self-giving love, which is the mark of Christian action in the world, that I remind you that the heart of the Christian year is fast approaching. Lent Holy Week and Easter are the original, oldest and most central celebrations of the year because at the heart of this time is the self-giving love which we see in Jesus as he gives himself for the life of the world. This is the time that defines what the church's life and belief are all about and it cannot

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# The Vicar's letter cont...

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be by-passed or minimised.. That's why attendance on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday is at the heart of our faith and these three days are a continuous celebration of God's self-giving love revealed in Jesus Christ. Formed by the experience of these events, we can then resume our engagement with the world around us, adopting the mind that was in Christ Jesus.

That's why the stance which Christians bring in all their engagement with the world is, or should be, that of self-giving love. This idea will be developed in the last of my Lent Talks, (the one nearest to Easter, therefore) in terms both of belief and practice. Before that, the middle talk, will deal with the light and shade of the Church's presence in the world looking at some examples of the church being involved in some extreme societies and cultures. From shameful complicity in a slave owning culture and system in the Caribbean, the Church moved gradually to adopt a somewhat more enlightened approach in Africa as the 19<sup>th</sup> century wore on. And before that, the first talk will try to do some myth busting as we look at Church of England in relation to the Roman Catholic Church over the years. These talks will be in the Andrew Hall on Thursdays 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> March, at 2.30pm. Please make a note of these dates... my apologies, but they are slightly different from the dates in the previous edition of the Magazine. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February. It marks a serious turn in the Church year towards

repentance, reconciliation and revival; repentance of our sins, reconciliation with God and our neighbour and revival of our faith and worship, both personal and corporate. There will be a Eucharist with ashing at 6pm on that day.

In these endeavours we need the help and the support of our fellow Christians That's already much in evidence at Shipley Church. We hope to be a church where people are welcomed and make new friends. That's one of the reasons we have refreshments after the services, so that new worshippers can get to know the other people in the congregation. So please stay behind if you can after the service and make a point of inviting someone who doesn't usually stay, or is a new worshipper, to have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Likewise, we are always looking for new people to read or lead the prayers. Likewise, too, we are always looking for new people to join the choir. Please let me or the organists know if you like singing in a choir and we would be delighted to hear from you.

It was good to see so many of you at some recent services in Church, in particular, Remembrance Sunday, the Scout and School Christingle, the Crib Service and all the Christmas services generally. It was very good to see children and youngsters taking part in many of these services and we are very grateful to parents, group leaders and teachers for the part you played in these events. And we are very grateful to all those within the Church who worked very hard to make them a success. We know that encouraging children and

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# The Vicar's letter cont...

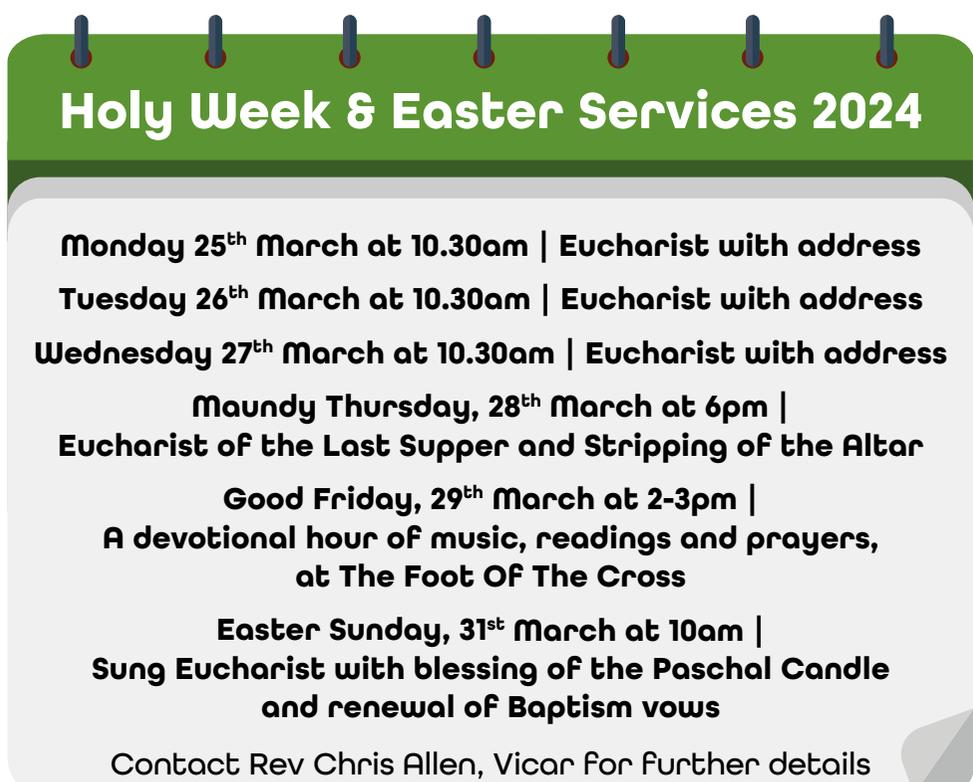
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youngsters, together with their parents, to make contact with the Church, is a priority. We have been offering the Family Service again for the past year and we will continue to do as much as we can to make the Church and all its services attractive to all ages in 2024.

As the daylight hours grow longer, we will begin to see more people visiting the Church. The Church and the Churchyard have many interesting features historically and architecturally, and people come to see these, or they stop off whilst walking the footpaths of Shipley. But the main reason people come, according to comments

left in the visitors' book, is the peace and silence of the Church, making it conducive to reflection and prayer. Sometimes people are remembering those close to them who have died and who, in some cases, have been buried in the Churchyard. Others simply come and benefit from the peaceful and prayerful atmosphere. This reminds us of the primary purpose of the Church, especially as Lent draws near. We have wonderful place of prayer right on our doorstep, one of which we might avail ourselves more often this Lent.

Your friend and parish priest  
Chris



## Holy Week & Easter Services 2024

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am | Eucharist with address**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am | Eucharist with address**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am | Eucharist with address**

**Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm |  
Eucharist of the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altar**

**Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2-3pm |  
A devotional hour of music, readings and prayers,  
at The Foot Of The Cross**

**Easter Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10am |  
Sung Eucharist with blessing of the Paschal Candle  
and renewal of Baptism vows**

Contact Rev Chris Allen, Vicar for further details

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# Church cleaning rota

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Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Carole and Shirley
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Ginny, Annabel and Amanda
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Claire S and Sarah
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Liz and Claire E
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Lucy and Ros
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Carole and Shirley
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Ginny, Annabel and Amanda
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Claire S and Sarah
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Liz and Claire E
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Lucy and Ros
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Big Church Clean - everyone welcome to help!</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Carole and Shirley

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Thank you all for your help with church cleaning. Do let me know if you can't do your date and need someone to fill in. If you think you might like to become a church cleaner, we would be delighted to add you to the rota, so please do get in touch!

By Lucy West                      T: 01403 741912

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# Flower rota

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	<b>Altar Vases</b>	<b>Memorials</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Angie S	Char
17 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> March	No flowers during Lent	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Team to decorate for Easter	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Liz	Lucy
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April & 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Katie	Kathy

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If you need help or wish to change your dates, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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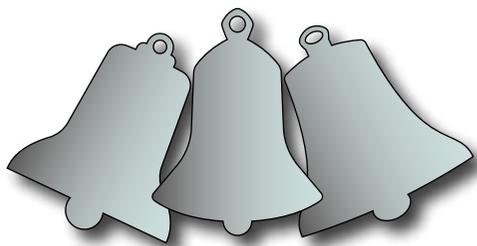
Jane Grinling      T: 01403 741768                      By Hariot Annis and Jane Grinling

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# Bell Tower News

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The quarter peal in November was rung in St, Margaret's, Warnham which has 10 bells although only 8 were used on this occasion. This was to give Zach Johnston experience of ringing on a greater number of bells and Simon gathered a good band around him for stability.



## Sussex County Association of Change Ringers, Warnham, West Sussex

St Margaret

Sunday, 26 November 2023 in 46m  
(14–2–11 in F) **1260 Grandsire Triples**

- 1 Isabel C Woodward
- 2 Susan P Meyer
- 3 Simon M Alford
- 4 Simon S Meyer (C)
- 5 Zach J A Johnston
- 6 Terry J Madigan
- 7 Abigail C Fairhurst
- 8 Edward E Woodward

1st inside on 8: 5.

By Gina French Larcombe

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# Parish News Subscriptions

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Subscriptions for 2024 are now due please and remain at £6 for magazines that are delivered to your door. Unfortunately, with rising postal costs - a large second-class stamp is now £1.55 - we are having to increase the subscription for magazines sent by post to £15. Payment can be made either directly into the church bank account, by cash to the person who delivers your magazine or by cheque payable to Shipley PCC.

Here are the details for BACS transfer, and please put your name and SPN as reference:

Account name: Shipley PCC (full name:  
Parochial Church Council of Shipley)  
Sort code: 30-94-41  
Account number: 00282667

If you get your Parish News by post and wish to pay by cheque, payable to Shipley PCC, please send your payment to Lucy West, The Old Vicarage, School Lane, Shipley, RH13 8PL. If you decide to cancel your subscription, please let us know as soon as possible and if you are new to the parish and would like to have the Parish News delivered, please get in touch and we will add you to the list.

Once again, a very big thank you to everyone who delivers the magazines. It's quite a time-consuming business and is much appreciated!

Thank you very much.

Lucy West Tel: 01403 741912

# Hello from your editor

## Welcome to our February & March edition!

Greetings everybody. As we zip through the alphabetical list of storms quicker than ever, I hope that you are all keeping well and keeping safe. And on a plus side, the snowdrops and primroses are bringing optimistic signs that better weather might soon be on its way.

I don't make resolutions, but I am trying to get some of the jobs on the long list done, starting with finally unpacking and sorting paperwork from when I moved over two years ago. Labourious but I've found some

fabulous treasures bringing back some wonderful memories. I wonder why it's taken me so long!

As always, if you, a friend, or a local organisation or business that you're connected with, have any articles, events, ideas, suggestions, etc I'd love to hear from you all. Please email me at: [magazine@shipleigh.church](mailto:magazine@shipleigh.church)

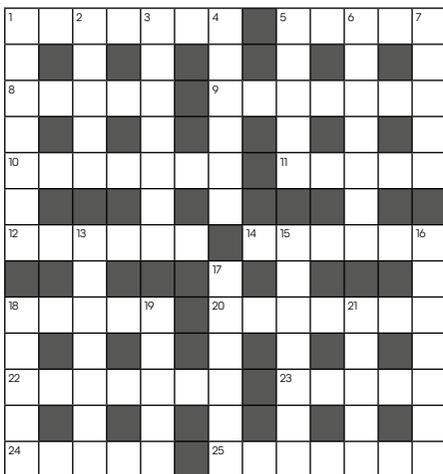
And please remember... Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected and look after one another. Teresa

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April / May	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
June / July	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
August / September	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
October / November	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Quick crossword | Answers in the next edition

### Across

- 1 Hypnotic states (7)
- 5 Professorship (5)
- 8 Remove rapidly (5)
- 9 Required (7)
- 10 Attack (7)
- 11 Cabs (5)
- 12 Protective headgear (6)
- 14 Delayed (4,2)
- 18 Surpass others (5)
- 20 Perpendicular (7)
- 22 Funfair (anag.) (7)
- 23 Tick off (5)
- 24 Carefree lively outing (5)
- 25 Excuse (7)



### Down

- 1 Track by a canal (7)
- 2 Wrong (5)
- 3 Conspire (7)
- 4 Soundness of mind (6)
- 5 Upper part of a wave (5)
- 6 Attached (7)
- 7 Luxurious car (5)
- 13 Satan (7)
- 15 Otagia (7)
- 16 Doctor's client (7)
- 17 Root vegetable (6)
- 18 Noblemen (5)
- 19 Longest river in France (5)
- 21 Engrained dirt (5)

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# Shipley Arts Festival 2024

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We are so looking forward to sharing our music once again with you through our varied concerts as part of the Shipley Arts Festival and beyond! During our Preview Evening on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January, it was fantastic to see so many of our supporters and sponsors at Toovey's auction house, braving the stormy evening to hear plans for 2024.

Guests were treated to performances by Andrew and some of the young musicians from String Academy who were also joined by Chris Hussey and Andreas Ferrari who will be part of the 2024 Festival.

Chris is a composer who has written a new community opera for the Festival, Beware the Mackerel Sky, for massed children's choirs, adult choirs and Strings. Based on Sussex smuggling, this will be performed at Lancing College in April as part of their celebrations and will involve children from across Sussex from both the state and independent sectors, String Academy and the Yehudi Menuhin School. If the song performed by Chris and a young soloist during the evening is anything to go by, this



Above left: Andrew Bernardi, Rupert Toovey and Grace

Above right: Andrew Bernardi and Andreas Ferrari

Below left: Chris Hussey and soloist

Below right: Looking forward to Spring and the start of the Shipley Arts Festival at Toovey's



opera will be incredible and follows in the footsteps of works premièred at Lancing by Benjamin Britten, Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Tickets are available now and are selling fast.

Andreas Ferrari is a conductor and pianist from Italy and he and Andrew have been working together over recent years in new projects such as the Opera Gala held at 180 degrees, Haywards Heath at the end of January. Bringing together world class opera singers with the Bernardi Music Group, whole operas performances or selections of popular opera Arias are part of the future programming. Do watch the website for further details during the year to find out more.

As ever, we are extremely grateful to all our sponsors, Nyetimber, NFU Mutual Henfield and Chichester, Kreston Reeves, Focus Foundation and Toovey's together with our Festival Friends without whom we could not bring such international performers and new compositions to our community. We would particularly like to

# Shipley Arts Festival 2024 cont...

thank Tooveys who brilliantly hosted our preview evening and welcomed our friends at the start of the 2024 Festival. If you would like to know more about becoming a Friend or a sponsor, do please contact us at [andrew@bernardimusicgroup.com](mailto:andrew@bernardimusicgroup.com).

With tickets already on sale through our website for several concerts, do visit our website where further information will also be released in the future. We look forward to seeing you during this season which will feature music from classical composers, songs from the Great American Songbook, a new community opera and Opera evenings.

Website: [www.bernardimusicgroup.com](http://www.bernardimusicgroup.com)

By Andrew Bernardi



Above: Opera Gala at 180 degrees





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# SHIPLEY ARTS FESTIVAL 2024

<p><b>Apr 27</b> Lancing College Chapel <small>SING WITH STRINGS PRESENT BEWARE THE MACKEREL SKY</small></p> <p><b>Apr 28</b> Lancing College Chapel <small>SING WITH STRINGS PRESENT BEWARE THE MACKEREL SKY</small></p> <p><b>May 05</b> Shipley Parish Church <small>AN ENCHANTING EVENING OF STRINGS</small></p> <p><b>May 12</b> Warminghurst Church <small>SHELLEY RETURNS TO WARMINGHURST</small></p> <p><b>Jun 02</b> Warnham Park Estate <small>AN EVENING WITH STRADIVARIUS PIANO TRIO</small></p>	<p><b>Jun 30</b> Durrance Manor <small>ENJOY MOZART AT THE MANOR</small></p> <p><b>Jul 07</b> Knepp Castle Estate <small>THE WILDING CONCERT</small></p> <p><b>Jul 21</b> Nuthurst Parish Church <small>PROGRAMME TBC</small></p> <p><b>Sep 01</b> Warnham Park Estate <small>THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK</small></p> <p><b>Nov 08</b> Nyetimber Estate <small>THE NFU &amp; NYETIMBER ANNUAL REVIEW</small></p>
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# Shingley History Society

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The AGM in November was attended by a record number of members which was heartwarming for the Committee as it means that we must be doing something right! This year, Committee Member Malcolm Green gave the presentation – The History of Sussex through the Lens. Mac showed us a series of slides of scenes of Sussex but mostly of Shingley from

photographs of locals and old postcards through to the Storks on Knepp. A wonderful presentation which reminded us of not only our rich history but also the beautiful countryside and nature which surrounds us. A big thank you to Mac. After the presentation, members enjoyed food from the Festive table, glasses of wine and a good chat!

## Programme

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**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Frances Farrer-Brown**, an accredited Southeast England guide will talk on *The Greatest Treasure House in England? A History of Petworth House*. **Andrew Hall 7.30pm.**

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**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm for walkers and 6.30 pm for the talk and party: Annual Summer Social** in the garden of Derek and Gina Larcombe at Green Gates, Broomers Corner. 2024 is the 80th anniversary of D-Day and to commemorate this Ian Miles will give an informal talk about the significance of the Coolham Advance Landing Ground. Those who wish may join a short, guided walk to the perimeter of the airfield. More details nearer the time.

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**August: Summer visit** to a local place of interest to be announced at a later date.

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For more information, please contact Secretary Jean Wright

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Tel: 01403 741986

You can find Shingley History Society on the Shingley Parish Council website [www.shingleyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.shingleyparishcouncil.org.uk) and then follow the Sports & Recreation link.

By Gina French Larcombe

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## Sudoku

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3				2	8		5	1

←  
Easy

→  
Expert

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# ShIPLEY Safari Supper

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**ShIPLEY Safari Supper**  
returns again this year on  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**6.00pm to 10.30pm**



**A popular and informal get-together**  
on a summer evening, Full of surprises!  
We dine in each other's homes,  
moving from house to house between courses.

If you would like to take part,  
make it a firm date in your diary.  
**Advance booking is essential** to enable us to plan your  
evening, **so please contact**  
**Peter or Jane Sanderson on 01403 741170**

Subscription per person:  
**£15 for hosts of Main course;**  
**£20 for hosts of Starter or Dessert;**  
**£30 those who choose not to act as hosts.**

Proceeds from the evening will be donated  
**to ShIPLEY Church.**

## Winter bird wonders at Knepp

Penny Green, Knepp's wonderful ecologist is a passionate bird ringer. Bird ringing in winter allows us to learn more about the species using Knepp's scrubland for roosting and feeding in the cold months – important information for future conservation. When the wet weather finally let up enough to allow us to get out with our nets in January, we caught quite a few redwings, as we'd hoped, but they weren't the stars of the show!

We were amazed to catch a firecrest, a stunning bird we've only recorded a handful of times at Knepp and one we've not ringed here before. It was so lovely to see this tiny insect-eating bird in the hand.



Firecrest © Penny Green

Maybe due to the cold weather and availability of food at Knepp, we have had a number of exciting finds recently. A Dartford warbler was recorded on a sunny winter bird survey, and a lesser spotted woodpecker was captured on camera by our 'Roaming Ranger' volunteers. The scrubland habitat here is just brilliant all year round, providing nesting, feeding and roosting opportunities for so many species. It proves, time and again, that it's vital habitat for birds - and small mammals - and we need much, much more of it in our countryside.



## Love at first bite: Valentine's Day at the Knepp Wilding Kitchen & Shop

Savour the warmth of a local Valentine's experience at the Knepp Wilding Kitchen, where we celebrate the bounty of nature, sustainability and love! Join us for a heartwarming evening featuring thoughtfully crafted sharing plates, cooked over an open flame, showcasing Knepp's locally sourced Wild Range Meat and delightful regenerative plant-based options for our vegetarian friends.

Immerse yourself in the ethos of our 'nose-to-tail' approach in a setting that intertwines a love for food with a dedication to nurturing our planet. We will be serving our à la carte menu, complemented by special dishes tailored for the Valentine's occasion, such as our delicious chalk stream trout ceviche. An intimate celebration of community and connection.

We will also have a carefully curated selection of sustainable chocolates, flowers and jewellery - plus Knepp Wild Range meat - to buy in the Knepp Wilding Kitchen & Shop in the run up to Valentine's Day.

## How bendy rivers reduce flooding: making waves in flood prevention

Following dramatic flood events across the country, Sky News came to visit us here

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# News from Knepp Castle Estate cont...

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at Knepp to see how our river restoration reduces flooding impacts during rainfall events. You can view the report online on Sky's website. In the interview, Knepp Estate owner Charles Burrell said: *"If you straighten [a river], you can speed the water up and get rid of it from your area quickly, but then you've got problems downstream.*

*"So by meandering it, you're making the water travel further within your landscape. You're also giving the water opportunities to spill out on to the floodplain itself."*

Melanie Sanders, Knepp's river restoration specialist adds: *"I think we perceive flooding as a bad thing because we see it flooding things that we don't want to flood"*.

*"So roads and houses being flooded is obviously bad, but flooding is meant to happen."*

*"Rivers do use their floodplains and we need that space for flooding, but we need it to be in the right place, out of harm's way.*

*"So restoring a river like this to function with its floodplain means that we're holding water where it's meant to be and the roads, towns and houses further downstream have less water hitting them all at once."*

Returning this stretch of the River Adur to its original meanders, removing four weirs, filling a 1.5 mile drainage canal and reconnecting it with 3.5 miles of restored floodplains upstream, has revitalised the water system.

Many of you will remember the river restoration, which was carried out in 2011 creating significant wetland habitat, including scrapes, coarse woody debris and a naturally functioning floodplain. It is now helping to slow the flow during

intense rainfall events and has massively increased flood storage capacity, alleviating downstream flooding.



## **Pig out at Knepp: a snout-to-tail extravaganza**

We are looking forward to hosting lots of events this year in the Wilding Kitchen & Shop, including a series of author talks coming this spring. First up, we're excited to welcome guests to a gastronomic adventure at the Knepp Wilding Kitchen on Saturday 10 February where we'll be showcasing our chefs' culinary craftsmanship with dishes created from a whole Knepp Tamworth pig.

From succulent roasts to hearty stews, every dish will celebrate the life of the Tamworth pig and its role in restoring the soil and habitat for wildlife in the rewilding project. Nothing of the animal will go to waste.

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**Finally**, we have so many new people working at Knepp, not just at the Wilding Kitchen & Shop, but throughout the estate, and we have a number of roles being advertised at present and coming up in the months ahead. Please do keep an eye on our website and social media if you are looking for local employment.

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# News from William Penn School

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William Penn's School Council had been busy organising exciting events last term. These included celebrating Children in Need by hosting a talent show. Working hard to gain their Rights Respecting School's Bronze award and on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023, a group from School Council attended an Eco-Summit event in Crawley College. It was run by the EYE Project which stands for Eco, Young and Engaged. It was a fantastic day full of hands-on workshops and inspiring talks about how we can all make a difference and become more eco-friendly. They had talks from local MP, Tim Loughton, Sussex Green Living and Gatwick Greenspace. As well as joining in with the workshops, they visited two of the college's brand new immersive and interactive eco experiences. It was an action-packed day where they could share ideas with other schools and organisations, thinking about the action that can be taken in school and home to build happier and healthier lives for people and wildlife.



session included threshing wheat, then grinding it into flour and making bread rolls. During the session connected to the Great Fire of London, children practiced passing a leather bucket along a line like they would have done in 1666 and watched how a fire can spread quickly. Key Stage 1 managed to sneak down to the filming set of *The Repair Shop* to see if they could get on TV, but Jay Blades wasn't in! Everyone had a fantastic day despite the constant downpour and it really brought their learning to life.



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## Fire Engine

Fox Class were lucky to be visited by the local Fire Service with a fire engine in tow. They had the opportunity of looking around the fire engine, sitting in the driver's seat and also using the fire hose to squirt a target. The children also tried on some firefighting equipment and learnt how firefighters stay safe whilst tackling a blaze.

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## Weald and Downland Museum Trip

William Penn's Key Stage 1 visited the Weald and Downland Museum. Whilst they were there, they took part in two workshops, each focusing on their current learning. The Little Red Hen



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# News from William Penn School cont...

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Fox Class would like to say a massive thank you to Rod, Donald, Paul and Richie for such an engaging talk and demonstration.

## Christmas Concert

It was great for the children to be able to showcase their talent at Christ's Hospital Chapel, having worked so hard in the run up. Read some of the positive feedback from the parents. They have really identified what made the evening so magical:

*"The kids really seemed to enjoy it and lovely for the parents too."*

*"All the children did so well, and a glorious setting."*

*"Venue was stunning. Great view from wherever you sat and not ticketed so family and friends could come along if wanted. Children were involved in practically every song with nice sweet narratives in between. Everyone got involved. My daughter loved the songs which were modern and fun."*

*"Seeing the children perform what they have been practicing for weeks was just adorable."*

*"I loved the mixture of instruments and singing."*

*"I enjoyed each and every performance of all kids."* Shaluja



*"Fantastic opportunity for all of our children to showcase what a talented bunch they are! We loved that all the children were involved, there were lots of different songs and it was a jammed packed hour with lots of variety. Younger audience members were even mesmerised! The older children narrated and did so confidently in front of an audience in a beautiful but daunting Chapel. What a fabulous achievement and experience! A thoroughly enjoyable evening, thank you William Penn."* The Kerry family.

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## VE Day Celebrations

JBB held a VE Day celebration for the end of their topic on World War II. The party included showcasing poetry, songs and dancing. The adults thoroughly enjoyed the event.

For Linda: *"It was very good. I liked the singing, dancing, poems and a lovely tea."*

*"It was a fantastic VE day party with lots of tea and cake. There was also lots of horrible dad dancing."* Ben.

Harriet: *"It was fantastic to see and hear about all you have been learning in JBB. Wonderful atmosphere and so lovely to be invited into school to share this experience with the children."*

Angela said, *"Great poems and a nice get together."* The children and adults really enjoyed the afternoon.



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# News from William Penn School cont...

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## Recycling Bins

The children attended an assembly with Carrie Cort the founder of Sussex Green Living. Carrie launched this charity the year her son Adam started in Reception. The William Penn School was the first drop off location for especially hard to recycling plastics, one of the environmental services the charity offers. They now have 28 village and town locations with drop off locations.

In the assembly, the children learnt what these single use plastics are made of.



This assembly was to relaunch a way in which we can all help by diverting these materials from landfill or incineration. You can donate many single use plastics in the bins outside the William Penn school gates. William Penn are excited to be working again with Sussex Green Living.

By Anna Constable

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# News from Meadow Hall Vets

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Exciting news, we are now offering laser therapy here at Meadow Hall Vets!

Laser therapy involves directing infra-red radiation into inflamed or damaged tissue to accelerate the body's natural healing process. The head of the laser machine is held directly over the area to be treated for a scheduled duration, usually somewhere between 3-10 minutes. Your pet may need multiple sessions of laser therapy, depending on their requirements.

Laser therapy has a lot of benefits, including:

- Anti-inflammatory
- Pain relief
- Accelerated tissue repair
- Soothing muscle tension
- Faster wound healing
- Reduction of scar tissue
- Improved nerve function

For this reason, laser therapy can be used to treat a whole variety of different conditions, from chronic arthritis, tendon and ligament injuries, to wounds, lesions and post-operatively on incisions. It is an excellent choice of treatment for older pets, pets with liver disease and those with medical conditions who cannot take certain medications due to poor organ function.

The laser is non-painful and only produces a light, warming sensation. Many pets find this quite relaxing! There are also no known side-effects of using laser therapy.

If you feel laser therapy could be a good choice for your pet, or you wish to know more about it, we would be more than happy to help!

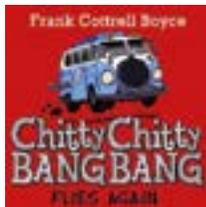
# News from Shipley CE Primary

**Blowing away the January blues with some exciting learning!**

Children at Shipley have got straight into their first learning journey of 2024 entitled 'Wings and Wheels'. The history of flying and the development of moving vehicles is an important part of this topic. To help with being historians, the whole school are visiting Amberley Museum, travelling by train. Children will then be researching, designing, making and testing their own moving vehicles.

Quality books and stories are always the basis for our learning. Here are some of the wonderful stories we are reading:

- Mrs Armitage on Wheels
- The Hundred Decker Bus
- Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again
- Brightstorm



**Shipley CE Primary – Wheels Show – Thursday 27th March 1-2.30pm**

We are aiming to fill our school field with a range of unusual vehicles. Anything with wheels (or wings) is eligible and we welcome your input. In return we can offer you an enthusiastic audience - learners with lots of questions to ask about your chosen vehicle.

Please contact the school office on 01403 741298 if you can help.

By Jen Harvey



## Codeword

Answers in the next edition

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# News from Shipley Parish Council

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## Coolham & Shipley Traffic Calming Measures Update

Since the erection of two speed indicator devices (SID) outside Coolham Village Hall in November 2022 and October 2023 we have seen speeds reduce significantly over the last year. With Coolham crossroads being the speeding and accident hotspot in the Parish, naturally our attentions have been focussed there. However the more eagle-eyed parishioners will have noticed that a 6-metre post has been erected on the northern verge opposite Shipley Paygate.

We have commissioned a bespoke digital Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) not unlike a SID that flashes and warns drivers of the junction as they approach heading towards Buck Barn. The sign should arrive with us by early March. I would like to thank Knepp for their support in allowing us to place the sign on their land and their kind donation towards the cost of the project.

Back in Coolham, we have also erected another identical post opposite Home Farm in between the Selsey and what used to be St Cuthmans, thank you to the Old House Manor Estate for allowing us to site in their hedge line. We have already purchased two more SIDS for here but have been hampered by a wet few months stopping us getting the cherry picker into the field behind. We hope to get these fitted at some point in the next month or so as soon as the ground firms up.

We are also pleased to confirm we are in the final stages off getting approval for the reduction of speed limits across Coolham



all in directions, with the National Speed Limit boundary being pushed further from the village, north, south, east, and west, with a mixture of 20, 30 and 40mph zones making up the centre. After some lengthy negotiations and testing of policies, support from WSCC, we have managed to make sure that all residential properties in the village will not see an increase in speed outside their properties. Most will see a reduction from 30mph to 20, or to the south 60mph to 30, with the remaining few seeing 30mph remain. We are awaiting sign off from Sussex Police this week before a second and final consultation with residents on the detail before the agreed changes will then take place, likely in the middle of Spring.

By Matthew Payne  
Chairman, Shipley Parish Council.

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# News from Shipley Parish Council cont...

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## Greener Shipley January 2024

A few people in the village are setting up a green group, which we have named 'Greener Shipley', and our focus is how we make Shipley even greener.

To start with, and working alongside the Parish Council and Shipley Community Hub, we want to:

1. Build on the great things already happening, such as recycling bins at our schools, refills and repair café at Shipley Hub and 'No Mow May'.
2. Make it easier for everyone to enjoy the local environment and make a positive contribution to our local biodiversity.
3. Improve our experience of using the roads, footpaths and bridleways in the village.
4. Provide access to volunteer experts, via a community Helpdesk, in green, money-saving areas such as energy tariffs, bulbs, retrofitting, heating systems, solar panels, water harvesting, EV chargers etc.
5. Further reduce waste.
6. Support community buildings to reduce the village's carbon footprint.

We are refining a plan to support these objectives and have shaped these following: much research; visits to, and communication with, other parishes and HDC; the desire to enhance what great things Shipley already does; and a belief that this work is so important for generations to come.

You will soon see social media presence and website, where we will be able to keep you up to date with projects, hints and tips, as well as signposting you to other useful information.

We would love to hear from you if you are interested in helping us to: shape our activities; receive newsletters; have knowledge of any energy-saving projects you would be willing to share; or have skills in repairing or upcycling you could support your neighbours with.

Please contact me, Judy Tuck, for further information:

[cllr.tuck@shipleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:cllr.tuck@shipleyparishcouncil.org.uk)  
or phone 07747774637.

By Councillor Judy Tuck



# News from Shipley Community Hub

## A community coming together...

The Shipley Community Hub opens its doors once again on the first Tuesday of each month at Andrew Hall, Shipley, starting back on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

We have a wonderful offering of talks and information for 2024, along with our ever increasingly popular 'Repair Café' where our techie wizards bring life back to items that would have otherwise been destined for landfill. Plus we welcome back 'Plastic Free Refills' for all your eco-friendly cleaning and bathing products.

Doors open at 11am – 2pm for anyone wishing to drop in.

Refreshments are provided by members of the community and sponsored by Co-op @ Buck Barn and available for a small donation to aid the running costs of the Hub.

There is currently no booking system for the Repair Café, so just come along and see Matt or Rob with your item. However, we are in the middle of building a new online website presence for Shipley Community Hub, where in time you will be able to pre-register your repair item. Visit: [www.shipleycommunityhub.org](http://www.shipleycommunityhub.org)

The Community Hub looks forward to welcoming you in 2024!

By Sarah Cuthbertson



A monthly event  
First Tuesday of each month

**11AM - 2PM**

**Andrew Hall, Shipley, RH13 8PH**

A drop in scheme for the community & surrounding areas to promote friendship & wellbeing. Plus a Repair cafe and Eco Refills! See over for information on guest talks on interesting topics.

The organisers are looking for volunteers to bake a cake or if you have skills such as Sewing, Electronics, Jewellery Repairs, Clock/Watch repairs. Please get in touch

### Refreshments

Cakes / Biscuits / Savouries

### Can you help bake/donate?

Please contact the organiser Sarah Cuthbertson if you can help.  
Email: [shipleycommunityhub@gmail.com](mailto:shipleycommunityhub@gmail.com)

[www.shipleycommunityhub.org](http://www.shipleycommunityhub.org)

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## 2024 Monthly themes

### 6th February

Free Defibrillator training for community by Platinum Ambulance.  
No need to book - 11.30am start.

### 7th March

Pictures of Shipley past.  
(People are welcome to bring their own photos they may wish to share with others)

### 2nd April

A talk about experiences as a Knepp roaming ranger  
by Pippa Bray.

### 7th May

1 year anniversary celebrations.

### 4th June

A talk on Chillies  
by Claire's Chillies.

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The front cover is an interesting but worrying image, on the face of it, we see a pretty lane in the parish with the lovely reflections in a puddle but it is hiding a road surface that is totally broken up. The photograph records the condition of School Lane, Shipley in January 2024 and it is just one example of the poor state of our roads in the parish. The accumulation of weather events is a contributing factor but cannot be the only issue and cause for the poor state of our local roads. I have never witnessed this level of deterioration on our roads. This problem affects walkers, horse riders, cyclists and motorists.

We need a concerted campaign to identify and report these local issues. I am aware that many people already report potholes and there are formal reporting mechanisms to do this but I feel we need to increase the number of reports to West Sussex County Council. The Council website has a link to report such problems. If more of us complain maybe it may speed up the repairs and help avoid any potential accidents or incidents. The funds are available so if we keep reporting and identifying the issues maybe we can start to see these issues resolved. <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/>

There are also links to various council road improvement programmes and details of a one-off funding increase which makes very interesting reading.

On the junction of Sincox Lane and Coolham Road the approach is always flooding. There is a flood sign that is permanent fixture and it is used whenever



it rains. In December 2023 I assisted a lady who felt she couldn't go through the flood water in her car for safety reasons. I helped her as she reversed back up Sincox Lane, did a U-turn and exited the village another way. There is a fundamental issue at this junction and despite a few failed attempts to fix the issue, the problem has not been resolved. When the water subsides after a flood, you can see the road surface has deteriorated which in turn will create more potholes. Some other examples of dangerous road conditions include; the bottom of Smithers Hill, Dragons Lane and Red Lane. Some repairs have been very poor, I refer to it as bubble-gum treatment where a repair is done and it doesn't last – the traffic light junction opposite the Southwater Village Surgery is an example. It was completed with quite a fanfare and has already started to deteriorate. There has been a repair to a pothole on Countryman Lane, opposite the old gun club lane. It looks like a proper repair using the new velocity patcher but less than a foot away there is another smaller pot hole and it wasn't touched. It was there when the original repair was done but for some bizarre reason, they didn't repair the second hole. Since the original pothole was repaired in December the neighbouring pothole has now started to grow.

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## Countryman cont...

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In the garden we have a lovely display of Cornice mid-winter fire. We have quite a large bed in the garden that is filled with this cornice and underplanted with crocus. At this time of year, it provides a cheerful bank of colour and you can see from the photo where it gets its name. Wintertime provides some spectacular displays and sunsets are nature's way of giving us all some mid-winter fire. Nature is a beautiful thing and when people say January is a horrible month and media mention Blue Monday when everyone is so miserable and depressed post-Christmas, I reckon nature is a perfect healer. Yesterday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, our first yellow crocus came into flower. It fills you with such joy and promise.

On New Years Eve we headed off to the coast for a simple lunch and walk. It was a very blowy day and if there were any cobwebs they would have definitely been blown away. Worthing Pier was originally built in 1862 but sadly in September 1933 the pier and all but the northern pavilion was destroyed by fire. Worthing Pier reopened in 1935 and it is a credit to the engineers that despite the storms (some of them named) crashing against the pier,

it still stands proud. I assume the folks in the photograph were from a local running club but they were doing a circuit around the pier. I've named the photograph Pier Amusements. It shows one positive and healthy way to take in some fresh sea air.



On New Years Day we travelled down to Cheltenham for the races. According to the Jockey Club website, it explains the origin of steeplechase, the name comes from jump racing's origins in Ireland, when young men would race their horses from church steeple to church steeple jumping any and all obstacles in between. The sport of steeplechasing has been very male dominated and Lizzie Kelly recorded a historic success in the Kauto Star Novice Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day 2015, as she became the first woman rider to win a Grade One race in Britain over jumps. Several ladies



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## Countryman cont...

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have now broken through to find success in this very demanding sport. Rachael Blackmore famously won the Grand National at Aintree in 2021. Bryony Frost's most famously partnered Frodon to win the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park in 2021, and Greaneteen in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown Park in Esher. In total, Frost's tally of Graded victories currently totals 17. Bryony Frost's most well-known success came at the 2019 Cheltenham where she claimed a landmark victory aboard Frodon in the Ryanair Chase. It came after the 26-year-old sustained a terrible injury in 2018 and the brilliant victory on the Paul Nicholls-trained horse meant she was only the second woman to win a Grade One National Hunt race.

Now Frodon has retired winning over £1 million over a glittering career. Looking very fit and after the announcement of his retirement Frodon was paraded at Cheltenham. There is a heartwarming end to the story. Paul Nicholls the trainer said, *"He's been a fantastic horse and a wonderful servant since a three-year-old. He's going to have a wonderful home with Bryony in Exmoor. He's finishing in one piece which is great. He's had a wonderful life and now has a home for life with Bryony."*

We are always in search of interesting things to do and see. The newest 'fad' is the Immersive Art Experience. Having seen the David Hockney exhibition in London last year which was incredible, we kicked off 2024 with a visit to a Van Gogh Exhibition. This new format is certainly opening up art to the masses.



Normally held in a very large building art is projected and the visual experience is mind blowing and very spectacular. We went to Brick Lane in East London to see the Van Gogh 'show'. I added a virtual reality tour which I did with some scepticism. However, once I got used to wearing massive goggles or headset the experience was amazing. It was a visual masterpiece as we went through painting to painting. Fields of poppies, fields of corn, railway stations, water lilies to mention just a few. The crazy thing with this technology is that it was truly 360 degrees so if you looked behind the scene was just as amazing. When we left the exhibition, we were uplifted and super impressed by the VR technology. The only downside for us was in the main hall there were some feral children running around totally out of control and screaming as if they had been on blue smarties for a week. It was a shame because the gentle music that was playing was totally overshadowed by these children. Maybe that was just bad luck, or poor parenting but it spoiled the experience a little.

Enjoy watching Spring slowly emerge.

Your Countryman

# Stories behind the hymns

## A look back at 'It came upon the midnight clear'

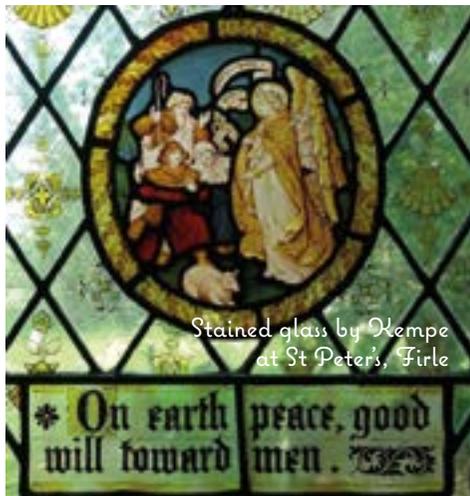
It is right that, at Christmas, we should have so joyfully sung all about angels - *The Angel of the Lord came down; Angels from the realms of glory; Hark the herald Angels sing* – yet there are so many moments when we realise their message of peace has not been fully grasped by humanity. The one thing most Biblical angels do is to bring a message - *Behold, to you is born this day a Child!* We are also told that angel voices are forever singing. Even 2<sup>nd</sup> class postage stamps this Christmas had a picture of an angel with the words, 'O hear the angel voices'.

The hymn, *It came upon the midnight clear*, apart from being the only Christmas carol that does not mention the birth of the Christ child – has as its central theme the contrast between war and the song of the angels, '*peace*' to God's people on earth:

*Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel strain hath rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong.  
And man at war with man hears not  
The love-song which they bring;  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing!*

The verse so poignantly articulates the suffering of those caught up by war in the Ukraine and the Middle East. Our wish for all such displaced persons, this New Year of 2024, is that they might come and be able to see the world around them as if an angel could be in their midst, with *Peace on earth, good will toward men.*

By Peter Sanderson



## Wordsearch | Love

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# Toad-in-the-hole

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Once upon a time, the British people were divided. Impassioned debates raged throughout the land, truth and common sense became distorted, and the public rose up and demanded an answer. How did that toad get inside that rock?

In 1898, two burly workmen in a chalk quarry near Lewes cracked open a hollow chunk of flint. The solid rock, formed 85 million years ago, split open to reveal an airtight cavity at its core. To the quarrymen's amazement, entombed within the ancient flint was a dead toad.

'Toad-in-the-hole' hysteria soon hit the headlines. It seemed like every month the newspapers reported how someone had split open a rock and found a toad inside. Some of these toads had already croaked but others would inexplicably still be alive and hopping. The Victorian world was thrown into theological and philosophical panic. Clergymen preached that the Creator had placed the eternal amphibians in rocks at the dawn of time. Subscribers to Darwin's new theory of evolution were perplexed. Charles Dickens wrote of his bewilderment, while others believed it was simply sorcery. Scientists began burying living toads in sealed boxes to investigate the unfortunate animal's longevity.



Common Toad © Dave Kilbey



Common Toad © Dave Kilbey

The Lewes toad of 1898 is the world's only surviving artefact of the entombed toad craze. It now resides in Brighton's incredible Booth Museum of Natural History – one of my favourite places in the whole world. Amongst the many awe-inspiring exhibits at The Booth, you'll find a special cabinet dedicated to curiosities. In it, lying reverentially on a bed of maroon felt, there is 'Probably the most famous toad in the world'. Admittedly when it comes to world-famous toads it's not a particularly crowded field, with only Toad of Toad Hall to contest the title. Alongside the original oval of cleft flint sits the shrivelled body of the infamous amphibian. The whole surreal exhibit is like a Kinder Surprise designed by Hieronymus Bosch.

But this cracked up flint isn't all it's cracked up to be. The Lewes toad was originally presented to the Brighton and Hove Natural History and Philosophical Society by Charles Dawson. That's the same Charles Dawson who would soon be sticking some Orangutan teeth on a human skull and declaring he had discovered the 'missing link' at Piltdown, near Uckfield. In 1953, Dawson would be unmasked as a fraudster and the whole 'toad-in-the-hole' phenomenon would come crashing down, dismissed as poppycock.

By Michael Blencowe  
for Sussex Wildlife Trust

# Carers Support West Sussex

**Did you know, 3 out of 5 people will become an unpaid carer.**

Anyone can be a carer, an 85-year-old husband caring for his wife with Dementia, an 18-year-old looking after her Mum with a long-term illness or a young person looking after a parent with an alcohol problem. For some caring has always been part of their life, for many it evolves over time and for others they are suddenly thrown into a caring role.

No matter what your caring circumstance, Carers Support West Sussex are here to offer you guidance and practical and emotional support. Our vision is to bring the day forward when family and friend carers are seen, heard, and included.

**Contact us today to find out how we can help you.**



**Are you looking after someone who couldn't manage without your help?**

If so, you'll know caring can be wonderfully-rewarding, but also stressful - and that it's difficult sometimes to manage your own physical and mental health, and find time for yourself.

Carers Support West Sussex provide unpaid carers aged 18 and over - looking after parents, and people with dementia, memory-loss, autism, drug & alcohol issues, learning disabilities and mental health issues - with financial help, information and guidance, and practical and emotional support.

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# West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

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Hello, I'm the new Rural Engagement Officer employed by West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and I'd like to tell you briefly about our Safe and Well visits which is a free service offered by the Fire Service to support our vulnerable residents to ensure they are fire safe at home and support with their general health and wellbeing.

We can advise on important aspects of fire safety including testing smoke detectors to ensure they are working and talk about how to reduce the risk of fire in the home including kitchen fire safety, electrical fire safety, safe heating practices, smoking cigarettes safely and escape plans. We can

also supply free equipment such as smoke detectors and deaf alarms if you live alone and cannot hear your smoke detectors when they are activated and we can also provide equipment to protect you when you are smoking in your homes.

If you would like to find out more information about our Safe and Well visits, including eligibility and how you can refer either yourself, a loved one or a friend (with their consent) please look at our website which is [www.safeandwell@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:www.safeandwell@westsussex.gov.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.

Sam Barber, Rural Engagement Officer,  
West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

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# Driving the message of dementia support

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## Driving the message of dementia support throughout West Sussex

Fifty community transport minibuses and volunteer cars will be wrapped in Carers Support West Sussex and Alzheimer's Society branding to highlight support services to those caring for people with dementia across the county.

This initiative was made possible by the West Sussex Joint Dementia Strategy to provide opportunities and services for people to live in inclusive and compassionate communities and to reduce inequalities.

With rates of dementia in West Sussex set to increase rapidly, Carers Support West Sussex and Alzheimer's Society have joined forces to raise awareness of the support on offer. People passing the vehicles will be able to scan a QR code to go directly to West Sussex's Connect to Support website, which includes details about accessing a memory assessment.

Carers Support West Sussex has nearly 30,000 carers registered, of which 5,200 carers are supporting someone living with dementia. In the UK, a silent army of 1.8 million friends and relatives save the UK economy £13.9 billion per year.

Caring for someone with dementia can put a huge strain on a person's finances, physical and mental health, whilst straining relationships with other family members. An unpaid carer also needs support, so they can continue enabling their cared for to live well with dementia.

Alzheimer's Society is a vital source of support and a powerful force for change for everyone affected by dementia. The charity provides help and hope.

To find out more about Alzheimer's Society services contact our phonenumber on 0333 150 3456.

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## Community advice service | free support

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### Community advice service offers free independent support to residents in West Sussex

West Sussex residents can continue to access free independent support after the county's community advice service was recommissioned. West Sussex County Council's Public Health service commissions Citizens Advice West Sussex to provide support to residents on matters ranging from the cost of living to family relationships. The County Council jointly funds the service, in partnership with the seven district and borough councils across West Sussex.

Citizens Advice in West Sussex has offices across the county for face-to-face meetings with advisors, as well as appointments by phone or online. As part of the contract, Citizens Advice in West Sussex has partnered with Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice which will provide support to people in those respective districts.

You can visit [www.advicewestsussex.org.uk](http://www.advicewestsussex.org.uk) or call 0808 278 7969 for free, responsible and confidential advice.

# Time for Dementia

Local families affected by dementia are being invited to take part in an award-winning programme, to help train the healthcare professionals of tomorrow and improve dementia care.

The Time for Dementia project, supported by Alzheimer's Society, pairs families affected by dementia with undergraduate students, helping to better educate them about life with dementia and the challenges that come with it.

This autumn a new cohort of Brighton and Sussex Medical School medical students will be taking part and Alzheimer's Society are now seeking families in the area who would like the opportunity to make a difference to training health professionals.

Time for Dementia is a fantastic way for the next generation of healthcare professionals to gain first-hand knowledge of what it's like living with dementia.

If you would like to know more about the project, or you know someone with dementia and a family carer who would like to take part, please get in touch with us at [timefordementia@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:timefordementia@alzheimers.org.uk) or call 07483 137539.

More information can also be found at [alzheimers.org.uk/timefordementia](http://alzheimers.org.uk/timefordementia)



## Could you help healthcare professionals of tomorrow learn about dementia?

Share your own experiences, meet new people and help contribute towards a better future for people with dementia. Join Time for Dementia – an innovative, award winning, educational programme designed to give students ongoing contact with a family living with dementia.

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# The Dan and Morfa Pope Memorial Fund Shipley's Charity for Young People

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Dan Pope was originally a Welsh hill farmer and he got the calling relatively late in life. It was when he was the Vicar of Radley Church that he met David and Sue Horner, who became good friends, and when he became Vicar of Kyrenia in Cyprus, they met again and it was there that they informed him there was a position available in Shipley. The rest is history.

So, he arrived as Vicar of Shipley Church in 1992 and over the next 8 years, he and his wife Morfa, had a huge influence over the parish and made many friends. He officiated over a large number of weddings and other services and it was a shock to all when he died in service in December 2000.

His impact on the community was such that many parishioners thought about how they could honour his contribution, and it was once again David and Sue Horner's idea that we should set up a Memorial Fund to help the development of special talents of young people who had been to school in Shipley, in which the family would otherwise have difficulty in financing.

The initial appeal for funding was supported by 45 families and hence the Dan and Morfa Pope Memorial Fund was created and registered as a Charity.

It was not long before the Fund was called on to support additional coaching for a child who was applying for a scholarship (which he got) and another of the earliest and most successful, was Matt Charman, who was raised in Shipley and went to Shipley Primary School. He wanted to be



a playwright and we funded him for some time. He won the Verity Bargate award in 2004 for his first play 'A Night of the Dog' and went on to co-write the film 'A Bridge of Spies' for Steven Spielberg.

Over the years, a total of 38 donations have been made to young people who have studied singing, piano, violin, swimming, rugby, game and wildlife management, yoga, cake making and more recently during the pandemic, funds have been made available to help children work from home, and through Shipley Primary school and William Penn school, additional teaching has been made available for those with special needs.

As can be seen from the article opposite, this fund is designed to help the young of Shipley achieve their aspirations and all applications will be carefully considered.

By Nicholas de Zoete, Trustee

# THE DAN AND MORFA POPE MEMORIAL FUND

## *Shipley's charity for young people*

The Trustees of the fund would like all members of Shipley Parish to be aware of the above fund which was formed to help young people enhance talents they would otherwise have found difficult to develop due to lack of funds.

The terms of the Charity are as follows:

- The young person must be under 25.
- Must live in the ecclesiastical parish of Shipley (which includes Coolham, Brooks Green and Dragons Green)
- Or if not living in the parish, must attend or have previously attended the Shipley C of E Primary School in Shipley village, or the William Penn Primary School in Coolham.

## GRANTS

If you have a child, or are a young person who fits this description, we encourage you to get in touch and apply for a grant.

The fund has limited resources and it may not be possible to fund all applications, however, we promise we will consider them all.

*Please contact Nicholas de Zoete at [nick@nickdezoete.com](mailto:nick@nickdezoete.com)  
if you are seeking a grant.*

*Registered charity no 10887795*

## Sudoku

4	2	7	9	1	3	8	5	6
9	1	5	6	8	7	2	3	4
6	8	3	2	5	4	7	1	9
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↑ Easy

↓ Hard

↑ Medium

↓ Expert

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## Wordsearch

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## Crossword

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## Codeword

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## Christmas quiz time | Answers from the last edition

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### Trivia

1. Capricorn
2. White
3. Donkey
4. 1843
5. Indian Ocean
6. Bethlehem
7. Cupid
8. A button
9. Advent
10. Gabriel
11. Robin
12. Saint Stephen
13. Ebenezer
14. Poinsettia
15. Soot
16. Gold, Frankincense,  
and Myrrh
17. Winter Solstice
18. Isaac Newton
19. Cinderella
20. Vixen
21. Nadolig Llawen

### Food & Drink

22. A silver coin (sixpence)
23. Chestnuts

24. Britain
25. Marzipan
26. Quality Street
27. Brandy Sauce
28. Coca-Cola
29. Italy
30. KFC
31. Brussels Sprouts
32. Pigs in Blankets
33. Germany
34. Bacon
35. Yule Log
36. Cadbury Roses
37. Killed Soldiers

### Traditions

38. Germany
39. A Star or An Angel
40. Mistletoe
41. The Elf on the Shelf
42. Christmas Crackers
43. 1610
44. 1957
45. Mulled Wine
46. Pantomimes
47. Austria
48. Sugar-coated almonds

49. George V
50. True
51. Mistletoe
52. Remembering lost  
loved ones
53. Advent Calendars

### Entertainment & Film

54. Boughs of Holly
55. 4
56. Polar Express
57. Boney M
58. Dr Seuss
59. Buddy
60. The Snowman
61. Home Alone
62. Silent Night
63. Tim Burton
64. Three French Hens
65. The Nutcracker
66. White Christmas
67. Jingle Bells
68. Deck the Halls
69. Nine Ladies Dancing
70. Charles Dickens



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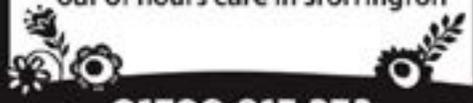
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### WHAT IS UNDERINSURANCE?

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### DO YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU OWN?

Try to take account of the true value of everything you own - both buildings and contents. If you're unsure of the difference between the two, imagine your house could be lifted off the ground and tipped upside down. Everything that falls out is contents. The rest should be covered by buildings insurance.

Also don't forget about items such as artwork or jewellery that you might have inherited or purchased a long time ago - their value may have changed significantly.

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Living room	£
Curtains	
Furniture	
Books and ornaments	
Electrical appliances	
Pictures	
Other	
Kitchen/utility room	£
Electrical appliances	
Kitchenware e.g. pans, cutlery	
Other cupboards	
Dining room	£
Furniture	
Rugs	
Pictures and linen	
Diningware - china, glasses, silverware	
Other	

Bedrooms	£
Clothes - including suits	
Shoes and handbags	
Jewellery	
Bed linen and curtains	
Furniture	
Electrical items	
Other	
Bathroom	£
Bath linen	
Furniture	
Toiletries and make up	
Other	
Other rooms	£
Office	
Garage	
Outbuildings	
Attic	
Other electrical appliances	
Other	

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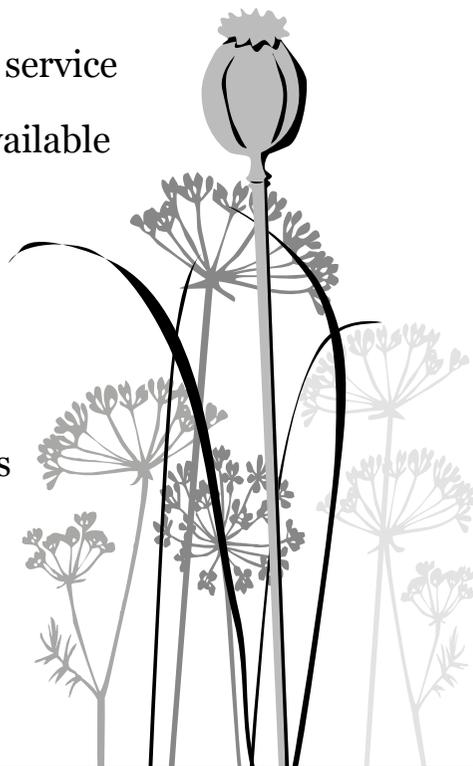
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- Foxfield Cottages phone box on the Shipley Road
- Shipley Football Club
- Coolham Village Hall
- Dial Post Village Hall
- Shipley Primary School (during school hours only)
- William Penn School (during school hours only)



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