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# Shipleley Parish News

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April / May 2024



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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>
10am March 31 <sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday	Jo Moyers	Colossians 3: 1-4	Richard Killner	Jo & Oli
10am April 7 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Robert Sanderson	Acts 4: 32-35	Sarah Nuttall	Liz Allen
10am April 14 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Richard Killner	Acts 3: 12-19	Gavin Kenny	Richard Killner
6pm April 14 <sup>th</sup> Evensong	Stephen Gavin	Isaiah 63: 7-15 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	Vicar	Richard Killner
10am April 21 <sup>st</sup> Family service	Jo Moyers 2nd Reader		Claire Searle	Tim Stevens
11am April 21 <sup>st</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	N/R	N/R	N/R	Tim Stevens
10am April 28 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Janet Ruff	Acts 8: 26-40	Eve Kenny	Richard Killner
10am May 5 <sup>th</sup> Family & Pet Service	Neil Warren 2nd Reader		Claire Searle	Richard Killner
6pm May 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	N/R	N/R	N/R	Richard Killner
10am May 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Ascension Day	Erica Smale	Acts 1: 15-17 & 21-26	Robert Ebdon	Claire Ebdon
10am May 19 <sup>th</sup> Day of Pentecost Whit Sunday	Neil Warren	Acts 2: 1-11	Eve Kenny	Richard Killner
10am May 26 <sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday	Carol Pearson	Romans 8: 12-17	Lucy West	Colin West
10am June 2 <sup>nd</sup> The First Sunday after Trinity	Nigel Jupp	Deuteronomy 5: 12-15	Mandy Jupp	Nigel Jupp

We are always looking for anyone to get involved with readings, leading Intercessions or acting as a Sidesperson..... It's fun to be part of things.. Please speak up...

Or chat, we're always there....

By Richard Killner | [churchwarden@shipley.church](mailto:churchwarden@shipley.church) | 07970 781874

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# The Vicar's letter

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Dear Friends

Spring is a wonderful time when new life appears all around us. The churchyard looks wonderful at this time of year, with spring flowers, new grass and even new lambs! Easter comes in Springtime, too, and is a sign of the new life of Jesus Christ bursting from the tomb. Easter comes in Spring because the death and resurrection of Jesus happened at the feast of Passover when God's great act of liberation from slavery in Egypt was being remembered. God commanded that Passover was to occur at a certain time in the year, determined by the full moon in a certain month in Spring and that's why Easter moves about a bit in the calendar. This age old arrangement is a reminder that God's great acts in history cannot be celebrated just at a time convenient to our own calendar or timetable. God is not at our disposal.

Easter doesn't end with Easter Sunday. It goes on until Whitsun or Pentecost, a period of 50 days. And this year a lot of important things happen in those 50 days. One of them is the AGM of the Parish, properly called APCM, which is, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This started life as the Easter vestry meeting and it is still the moment when churchwardens are chosen for the forthcoming year. Anyone in the parish can vote for a churchwarden as the office of churchwarden is a very ancient one going back to the Middle Ages. In the past, these meetings were the occasion of hotly contested elections and often marked by a certain amount of rowdiness! Things may have quietened down, but



the APCM is still an important occasion. This year our APCM will be on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday, following the Sung Eucharist for that great feast, which celebrates God's Holy Spirit coming upon the Church.

Something else important is happening at Easter, too; the quinquennial inspection of the Church fabric on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. This is something which must take place every five years to ensure that all parish churches are kept in good repair and do not fall into decay or develop any dangerous dilapidations, bearing in mind that parish churches are not only often notable buildings from a heritage point of view, but are also used regularly by worshippers and the public generally. Our architect will be with us the whole day and he asks that somebody is in the Church with him at all times. I would be pleased to hear from those who might be able to give an hour or two for this.

During this Easter time we will also have our next Sung Evensong, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. This gives us a way of rounding off the Lord's Day with worship

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# The Vicar's letter cont...

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and praise and thereby making Sunday special. The choir have been rehearsing for this already and we look forward to the music they will provide.

The Pet Service is on 5<sup>th</sup> May at 10am. All pets and their owners are welcome at this Family Service. It is held outside if the weather permits on the South side of the Church. It's always a lively occasion! The Shipley Arts Festival Concert will be same day at 7pm in Church.

Finally, we have a number of baptisms during the Easter season. Baptisms were originally confined, in the earliest ages of the Church, to Easter, and Lent developed as the period when the candidates were prepared and welcomed into the Church. It's good when we celebrate baptisms at Easter because it reminds us of the new life we all receive from the death and resurrection of Jesus. And it's good to welcome the candidates and their families

on these occasions. This is especially the case when baptisms take place during the 10am Eucharist, when the whole Church has the opportunity of celebrating baptism together as is fitting in Easter time.

Finally, don't forget the Shipley Fête on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. This is our major fund-raising event and it's a great social occasion as well, with something for everyone. Please put the date in your diaries now.

The whole community was represented in Church to support the family of Bob Phillips on 8<sup>th</sup> March, as we said farewell to a much loved and valued man. He was and someone to whom Shipley owed a debt of gratitude in so many areas of our common life, and many people came to express their love, appreciation and gratitude on that occasion. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Your friend and parish priest,  
Chris



## Forthcoming Church Highlights (not to be missed)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm | Sung Evensong**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 10am | Pet Service**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm | Shipley Arts Festival Concert**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May (Pentecost) | APCM after Church**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May | Shipley Fête**

See 'The Vicar's letter' above for more details,  
or contact Rev Chris Allen, Vicar for further details

# The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb

The cover of this edition of the Parish News is a very striking photo taken in the churchyard of one of the sheep standing in one of the chest tombs. The size of the tomb and the gaze of the sheep bear a striking resemblance to the centrepiece of one of the most famous paintings in the world, Hubert and Jan Van Eyck's *The Adoration of the Lamb* completed in 1432, the central portion of which shown here.

*The Adoration of the Lamb* is a work designed as an altarpiece for a Church in the Flemish city of Ghent, then part of the domains of the Duke of Burgundy. It is notable for its detail and sense of perspective and marks the transition from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance.

It is a wonderful picture to feature in this edition of the Parish News for the Easter season. It depicts a lamb standing on an altar with blood pouring forth from its body into a chalice. It is therefore a depiction



of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, words of St John the Baptist about Jesus, recorded in John 1:29. Around the altar, worshipping the lamb, are grouped angels, biblical characters, saints, clergy and people from the past and from the time of the painting. The painting, therefore, is a powerful image of Christ's timeless and eternal act of self-giving acclaimed by people of all eras and all places and continually made present in the celebration of The Eucharist.

By Rev Chris Allen

## Wordsearch | Flower Garden

AMARANTHUS

AZALEA

BEGONIA

BERGAMOT

BLUEBELL

CARNATION

CHRYSANTHEMUM

CROCUS

DAHLIA

DAISY

GLADIOLA

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HYACINTH

LILLY

ORCHID

PANSY

PEONY

PETUNIA

ROSE

SNOWDROP

SUNFLOWER

TULIP



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# Church cleaning rota

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Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Lucy and Ros
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Big Church Clean at 10am - everyone welcome to help!</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Ginny, Annabel and Amanda
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Claire S and Sarah</b>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Liz and Claire E
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Lucy and Ros
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Ginny, Annabel and Amanda

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Very many thanks to Carole and Shirley who are stepping down as church cleaners after many years.

We are experimenting with cleaning every other week and will review it after a couple of months. I will check it over on the intervening weeks. Thank you everyone for your help.

We could do with more church cleaners to add to the rota, so do let me know if you'd like to join us!

By Lucy West                      T: 01403 741912

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# Flower rota

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	<b>Altar Vases</b>	<b>Memorials</b>
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
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Jane	Diana
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May & 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Chris	Angela B & Carol
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Hariot	Mandy

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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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In February half-term Shipley bellringers headed off to Lundy Island. Other local ringers joined us along with Rebecca and Simon Ridley making a total of fourteen. The church on Lundy has 10 bells so it proved an interesting experience.

A helicopter is the way to get to and from Lundy and we were fortunate to have clear weather for both flights. However the rest of the time we were shrouded in cloud!

We were able to make good use of our tower time and achieved two Quarter Peals while Simon also fitted in a Peal. In spite of poor weather, we also walked the length and breadth of the island.

## Lundy Isle, Devon

St Helen

Wednesday, 14 February 2024 in 39m  
(13–3–18 in F#) **1260 Doubles (2m)**  
660: St Simon's 600: St Martins

1 Simon S Meyer  
2 Alice L R Johnston  
3 Rebecca L Ridley (C)  
4 Gina French-Larcombe  
5 Zach J A Johnston  
6 Edward E Woodward  
On the front 6.

St Helen

Wednesday, 14 February 2024 in 42m  
(13–3–18 in F#) **1260 Grandsire Triples**

1 Jocelyn Mountain  
2 Susan P Meyer  
3 Isabel C Woodward  
4 Caitlin A Meyer  
5 Terry J Madigan  
6 Simon S Meyer (C)  
7 Edward E Woodward  
8 Simon J Ridley  
1st on 8: 1

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# Bell Tower News cont...

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The band at rest – and at work!

## Lundy Island Society, Lundy Island, Devon

St Helen

Thursday, 15 February 2024 in 2h 51  
(13–3–18 in F#)

### 5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Composed by Ben Constant

- 1 Mark R Eccleston
- 2 Benjamin D Constant
- 3 Jack E Page
- 4 David A Warwick (C)
- 5 Felicity S Warwick
- 6 James S Croft
- 7 Simon J Ridley
- 8 Edward E Woodward
- 9 Annabelle F Frost
- 10 Simon S Meyer

And no sooner had we returned home and it was back in the tower on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February not just for our Sunday morning ring but for another Quarter Peal! This was for Annabel Jordon to achieve her first Quarter inside and congratulations to her for her success.

This ring was dedicated to Jocelyn's mother who passed away recently.

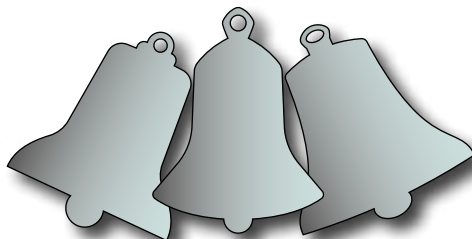
## Sussex County Association, Shipley, West Sussex | St Mary the Virgin

Sunday, 18 February 2024 in 41m (9–1–4  
in A) | 1260 St Martin's Doubles

- 1 Simon S Meyer (C)
- 2 Alice L R Johnston
- 3 Susan P Meyer
- 4 Annabel H Jordan
- 5 Zach J A Johnston
- 6 Jocelyn Mountain

In memory of Margaret Strangward  
22/4/1924 - 30/12/2023, mother of 6.  
1st inside: 4

By Gina French Larcombe



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# Hello from your editor

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## Welcome to our April & May edition!

Hiya, I hope our latest issue of SPN finds you all well and happy. As we move into the second quarter of the year, and the summer months are starting to fill up with social get-togethers - don't forgot to check out of 'What's on' section for some great events - all we need is for the sun to come out for a day or two. I can't wait to get out and enjoy the garden... I did finally manage to get to get the lawn yesterday thought, which smelt great and looks very good!

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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Publication	Submission deadline
June / July	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
August / September	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
October / November	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
December / January	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024

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## Parish News Subscriptions

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### It's time to pay your subscriptions!

It would be great if we can get all the subscription money in by the end of April. It's £6 for magazines that are delivered to your door. Please either pay the person who delivers your magazine or put the money in the church money box with a note. Even better pay direct into the church bank account.

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.

Here are details for BACS transfers, - please put your name and MAG as reference:

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

If you wish to pay by cheque (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 and if you are new to the parish and would like to have the Parish News delivered, do get in touch and we will add you to the list.

Thank you.

Lucy West Tel: 01403 741912



# Shingley Village Fête

will be held on

**Bank Holiday Monday,  
27<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

between **11am & 4pm,**

with **bar, music and BBQ**

also stalls for plants, preserves, local crafts, children's activities, books, cards, bottle stall, tombola, children's games and local businesses

Bring your 4-legged friend and enter the

## Fun Dog Show

There'll also be  
live music, ice cream, cakes, BBQ

Pop by for refreshments



**Free parking at Red Lane, RH13 8PH**

# Shingley Arts Festival 2024

Here are more details of upcoming events for you...

A SPECTACULAR SMUGGLERS' FOLK OPERA  
COMES TO LANCING COLLEGE CHAPEL THIS APRIL

## Beware the Mackerel Sky



Saturday 27 April 6.00pm & Sunday 28 April 3.30pm/6.00pm  
featuring a cast of over 400 including massed children's and adults' choir, orchestra and leading opera singers



**BOOK TICKETS NOW** <https://bernardimusicgroup.com/events/>



## Beware the Mackerel Sky

Bernardi Music Group presents a new folk opera, in association with  
Lancing College and the Yehudi Menuhin School

Based on a true community story and performed by over 400 community performers, including Lancing College Choir & College Singers, The Boundstone Chorus, Worthing Choral Society, the Yehudi Menuhin School & String Academy string orchestra and eight primary and secondary schools from across Sussex.

A dramatic tale of smugglers and spies, conflict, mystery, heartache and kindness, this one-act folk opera brings to life the rich smuggling heritage of an early 19th-century Sussex community of Shoreham and Lancing, weaving real-life characters and events with fiction and featuring a musical blend of influences from opera, musical theatre, choral and orchestral music.

**LANCING COLLEGE CHAPEL BN15 0RW**

SATURDAY EVENING 27 April 2024, 6.00pm (doors open 5.45pm)  
SUNDAY MATINEE 28 April 2024, 3.30pm (doors open 3.15pm)  
SUNDAY EVENING 28 April 2024, 6.00pm (doors open 5.45pm)  
Performance lasts approximately 75 minutes

Artistic Director: ANDREW BERNARDI  
Music by CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY  
Book by THERESA GOODA (based on an original book by CHARLIE OLSEN)  
Lyrics by CHARLIE OLSEN

Conductor STEVE DUMMER  
Chorus Directors EMILY BARDEN, AEDAN KERNEY MBE & ALEX MASON

**BOOK TICKETS NOW** <https://bernardimusicgroup.com/events/>

## Virtuoso Strings

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, £24.00

Join us at the spiritual home of the Shingley Arts Festival, Shingley Parish Church, for an enchanting evening of world class musicianship as we begin our 2024 Festival season in style.

Expect to enjoy performances of...

- Ned Bigham, *'The Auld Hoose'* (in the presence of the composer)
- Gustav Holst, *'St Paul's Suite'*
- John Ireland, *'Concertino Pastorale III Toccata'*
- Percy Grainger's arrangement of *'Londonderry Air (Danny Boy)'*

Tickets at: <https://bernardimusicgroup.com/event/shingley-strings/>

With tickets on sale through our website for several concerts, do visit our website. 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



# Shipley Arts Festival 2024 cont...

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

BERNARDI MUSIC GROUP

## SHIPLEY ARTS FESTIVAL 2024

Apr 27 Lancing College Chapel  
SING WITH STRINGS PRESENT BEWARE THE MACKEREL SKY

Apr 28 Lancing College Chapel  
SING WITH STRINGS PRESENT BEWARE THE MACKEREL SKY

May 05 Shipley Parish Church  
EXPERIENCE VIRTUOSO STRINGS

May 12 Warminghurst Church  
SHELLEY UNWRAPPED

Jun 02 Warnham Park Estate  
AN EVENING WITH STRADIVARIUS PIANO TRIO

Jun 30 Durrance Manor  
ENJOY MOZART AT THE MANOR

Jul 07 Knepp Castle Estate  
THE WILDING CONCERT

Jul 21 Nuthurst Parish Church  
SUMMER JAZZ WITH STRINGS

Sep 01 Warnham Park Estate  
THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

Nov 08 Nyetimber Estate  
THE NFU & NYETIMBER ANNUAL REVIEW

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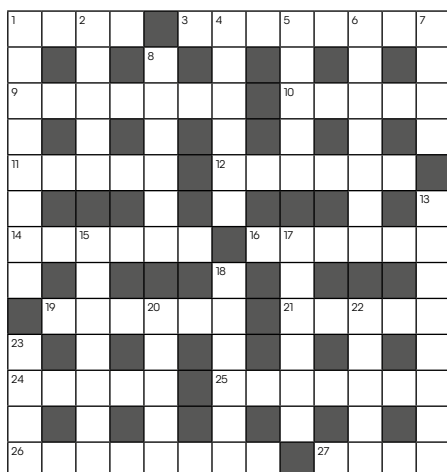
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## Quick crossword | Answers in the next edition

### Across

- 1 Multitude (4)
- 3 Zimbabwe, formerly (8)
- 9 Male sibling (7)
- 10 Fear-stricken state (5)
- 11 Cabs (5)
- 12 Large bodies of water (6)
- 14 Fervent (6)
- 16 Consequence (6)
- 19 Northern Ireland (6)
- 21 Food from heaven (5)
- 24 Easily digested (5)
- 25 Pencilled picture (7)
- 26 Stubbornly persistent (8)
- 27 Fledgling's home (4)



### Down

- 1 Wanted (8)
- 2 Sitting Bull's tribe (5)
- 4 Famous public school (6)
- 5 Male duck (5)
- 6 Steadfast (7)
- 7 Weapons (4)
- 8 Selected (6)
- 13 Direct (8)
- 15 Inundated (7)
- 17 Large treeless plains in South America (6)
- 18 Direct (anag) (6)
- 20 Instructor (5)
- 22 Din (5)
- 23 Lowest female singing voice (4)

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# Shingley History Society

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Dr David Rudling was our guest speaker in January. He is the Academic Director of the Sussex School of Archaeology and the talk was about Roman Sussex. His first question was, "What did the Romans do for us?"! Well – lots actually ..... roads, sanitation, religions, writing, cement, to name just a few.

We heard about various Roman buildings – Silchester, Bignor and Fishbourne Palace which was the largest building this side of the Alps. It also boasts the earliest garden. There is also a Roman well in Findon which at 267 feet deep, is the deepest well in Britain. So much history on our doorstep - fascinating.

This was a most interesting talk which kept the audience spell-bound.

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## 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 80<sup>th</sup> 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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**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Ian Currie** will come to give us the talk he had to cancel last year, *Droughts, deluges and dust devils - 350 years of weather in the South East*.  
**Andrew Hall 7.30pm.**

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**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. AGM.** Our Christmas themed evening will lead us into the Festive Season with entertainment and a Festive table of refreshments.  
**Andrew Hall 7.30pm.**

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For more information, please contact Secretary Jean Wright

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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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# Shingley Safari Supper

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**Shingley Safari Supper**  
will take place on  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**6.00pm to 10.30pm**



We shall soon be ready to create your itinerary  
for this year's Safari Supper.

We are grateful to those of you who have already  
kindly said that you will act as hosts in various ways.  
This includes Gordon Lindsay who has kindly invited  
everyone for drinks at Durrance Manor  
at the start of the evening.

There is still time to book your place;  
to do so please ring Peter Sanderson 01403 741170  
or email: [pandjsanderson23@gmail.com](mailto:pandjsanderson23@gmail.com)

**Closing Date for bookings is Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Advance booking is essential** to enable us to plan your  
evening. Written instructions will be delivered to your  
home after 1<sup>st</sup> June, with a request for payment  
of all subscriptions in support of Shingley Church  
- cheques to be made payable to 'Shingley PCC' please,  
or online with account details to be announced.

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# Inspired by Knepp - The Rewilding Exhibition

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For a dozen glorious spring days, the renowned Knepp Rewilding Project will play to host a group of 12 artists. Their exhibition, called Inspired By Knepp, will show individual artworks that celebrate and champion the rewilding movement. It will aim to reconnect its visitors to the wider landscape and its wild inhabitants. Proceeds from the artworks sold will be split between the artists and the Knepp Wildland Foundation.

Over the last few months, the artists have been given safari-like tours and spent several days exploring the estate. The exhibition will show each artist's response to their time immersed within the inspirational, transformed and thriving landscape. There will be various works on display including paintings, sculptures, drawings, and printmaking. In addition to this, there will be a series of workshops and demonstrations to allow members of the public to connect with their creative sides, as well as with nature.

For those who do not know, Knepp was the first major rewilding project in England. What was, up until 2020, intensively farmed arable and dairy land, is now a transformed landscape thrumming with wildlife. A host of rare species are now thriving at Knepp, including turtle doves, nightingales, cuckoos, and the purple emperor butterflies that you may have seen in David Attenborough's Wild Isles series. Knepp is also home to the

pioneering White Stork Project, helping to reintroduce this charismatic species to England for the first time in over 600 years. Knepp really hit the public consciousness with the release of the book, 'Wilding'. An instant lockdown hit, Isabella Tree's moving account of their pioneering conversion back to nature, showed the nation how it is possible to restore and heal our broken landscape.

Nature is in crisis everywhere, especially in the UK. We are one of the most bio-depleted countries in the world, but we are all reliant on nature. We cannot exist without it, and yet there is a huge disconnect between us and nature. For the artists involved, Knepp is a symbol of hope for how humankind could live in greater harmony with the natural world.

The beauty of art is that it can make us see the world differently. It can show us what we may take for granted, in a dazzling new light. A large percentage of art sales will go to the Knepp Wildland Foundation, a charity that aims to galvanise nature recovery across Sussex and contribute to reversing our biodiversity crisis.

The exhibition runs on the Knepp Estate from the 4<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of May and is open daily, between 10 am – 5pm. Entry will be free, and you can also visit the Wilding Kitchen & Shop for a bite to eat, as well as explore the Knepp Estate grounds yourself, using the designated footpaths.

By James Ort, Knepp Wildland Foundation



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## A date for your diary

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**The date for your diaries is  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May,  
12:00 – 4:00pm  
at  
Hampshires Barn,  
Countryman Lane**

Raising Funds for

**ST CATHERINE'S  
HOSPICE**



On July 19<sup>th</sup> last year, we lost a long-standing and well-loved parishioner. She died here at her much-loved home with her girls by her side; I'd like to say that I was present too, but I popped out for a quick pint!!

She moved here in 1991 with her husband and two young girls, renovating a barn. From the word go she immersed herself in village life. This dear lady was an accomplished cook, linguist, bridge player and flower arranger to list just a few of her many attributes. Above all she loved her garden.

With this in mind, in her memory and honour, I will be opening the garden to the public on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

There will be a minimum entrance fee of £5.00 per person, which will go to St Catherines Hospice, who were so brilliant at the end of her life. The parish church, St Mary the Virgin, which she so loved, will be serving tea, coffee and cakes to raise much needed funds. There will also be a stall selling plants, the proceeds of which will go to another charity close to her heart, The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

If you had not already guessed, the lady in question is Jane Gardner of Hampshires Barn. It would be lovely to see as many locals as possible and raise as much as I can for these worthy causes.

I look forward to seeing you.

Philip Bowen

# News from Shipley Community Hub

The Shipley Community Hub continues to run on the first Tuesday of the month from Andrew Hall, Shipley and we have some great themes coming up...

- **April** - A talk and picture slide show from Pippa Reay about her experiences as a Knepp Roaming Ranger.
- **May** - 1 year anniversary celebrations
- **June** - 'Claire's chillis' is back with a talk on chillis and a wonderful selection of handmade products.
- **July** - a talk by local author Louise Shaw, creator of Tawny Owl Woods, beautiful and sustainable children's books to help protect the environment.
- **August** - 'The Hub Pup' dog show run again by the lovely Phoebe Payne for her Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme.
- **September** - The BIG Hub Quiz run by Jozef from 'Plastic free Refills'.

- **October** - Lillys cottage - a talk on sustainable gardening and composting plus their wonderful handmade items for nature in your garden.

- **November** - Police community support officer for Shipley and surrounding areas - A talk on 'scams within the community and how to protect yourself'.

- **December** - All things Christmas. The Hub is open to all from 11am -2pm with the usual refreshments, Repair cafe, and eco refills.

For any enquiries please contact:  
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 or visit our Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/ShipleyWestSussex>

By Sarah Cuthbertson



## Sudoku Part 1 | Answers in the next edition

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# News from County Council - Highways Update

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As your local County Councillor, I wanted to update you on the situation Highways is facing at present due to the extreme weather we have been experiencing that has led to a deterioration in the road surfaces and an unprecedented number of potholes. There are a number in Shipley, particularly along Church Causeway. These are due to be repaired at the beginning of April and I am in regular touch with the Area Highways Manager to see if they can be done sooner.

Over the last five months there has been a year's worth of rainfall which has resulted in almost double the number of potholes than this time last year as well as flooding across the county as a result of high levels of groundwater, increased debris in the drainage systems leading to blockages and large amounts of surface water runoff.

At present the Highways teams are responding to 2,500 enquiries per week on potholes, flooding, drainage issues, etc. and repairs and clearing of ditches and gullies is taking longer than usual. Your help in reporting any problems on the roads is greatly appreciated and you can do this on the County Council's website ([www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online)) or on 01243 642105 (which can be used in emergencies). Alternatively, if you send me photographs of any issues then I will make sure they are reported to Highways as soon as possible.

The County Council is only responsible for about 10% of roadside ditches and it is asking residents to help combat flooding by maintaining the drainage assets that

they have responsibility for by clearing debris and removing any blockages in their ditches to allow water to flow freely. There have been a number of ditches cleared out in Shipley parish already and it is making a noticeable difference.

The County Council recognises residents' frustration with the current condition of the roads and the Highways teams are working overtime to tackle the number of enquiries. There has been extra investment of £4m into the maintenance budget and £10m into the capital budget this year to help alleviate the situation.

You may also be interested to know that the County Council will spend just over £2 billion during 2024/25 on day-to-day services which include:

- Schools and education £961m
- Adults social care and health £507m
- Children's social care and supporting young people £204m
- Maintenance of roads and providing transport £83m
- Protecting the environment, recycling and waste disposal £91m
- Fire and Rescue Service £38m
- Libraries and local communities £22m
- Supporting the local economy £3m

Further information on the budget is available on the County Council website [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) and if I can help in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

By Amanda Jupp  
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Shipley and Itchingfield parishes  
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# News from William Penn School

## World Book Day at William Penn

William Penn celebrated World Book Day in style. Lots of children came dressed as their favourite characters from their favourite books including: Harry Potter, Willy Wonka, Where's Wally? Funnybones and Peter Pan. The children enjoyed completing book related activities, such as a scavenger hunt and designing a book mark. James said, *"The best bit was looking at all the fantastic costumes in the morning and making my book mark."* Glen also said, *"I liked looking at everybody else's costumes and trying to work out which characters my friends were dressed as."*

All the children received a World Book Day token to swap for a brand new book from this year's range.

This day helps our children at William Penn enjoy their rights, linking this to Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities. UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



## STEM Day

William Penn children enjoyed a fantastic day to celebrate Science Week. They dedicated the day to all things STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) enjoying a carousel of activities. Ali from STEM Innovation undertook a leaf blower science experiment with them. The children thoroughly enjoyed this.



For the technology activity, the children had to use coding commands to guide their character through a Lego maze. They had to think hard about debugging, getting the commands in the right order and how many moves it would take to be the most efficient. Next, in the maths activity, the children were tasked with building a zoo. Negotiating with their 'money' and budgeting to be able to buy the animals. Lastly, the engineering activity was 'the egg drop challenge'. As the children worked with their colour teams, to design a protective box from recycled materials, to keep their egg whole when dropped from a height.

# News from William Penn School cont...

## Terracycle Recycling at William Penn Primary School

There are bins outside William Penn School, left of the gate, where you can recycle items that are difficult to recycle. Currently the school is focussing on:

- **Snack wrappers** - Sweet biscuit wrappers, cake wrappers, including the cellophane. Savoury biscuit wrappers such as cracker wrappers (not the cardboard, just the plastic wrapping).
- **Pringle tubes** - Pringle tubes, no other make, and without the lids.
- **Dental items** - electric toothbrush head - change those toothbrush heads and help the school! Manual toothbrushes, flossing sticks, electric flosser nozzles, dental floss containers.
- **Pens and Tip-ex** - this includes pens, highlighters, felt tips, markers, mechanical pencils, tip-ex mice, tip-ex fluid (and other brands), fountain pens

and ink cartridges (NO glue sticks, rubbers, rulers, pencils or sharp objects such as scissors)

- Plastic food storage containers and drinks bottles - all brands of plastic food storage containers and lids such as Sistema, all brands of reusable plastic water bottles and caps. Please do bring in any of those sandwich containers or water bottles that have gone past their best, or maybe cracked and broken!

Please do spread the word to friends and family and everyone in the local community to help fill the recycling bins as this really does help to raise funds for the school.

By Mrs Constable,  
Acting Headteacher



## Codeword

Answers in the next edition

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## HSCP Romance

We aren't planning to start a match making group, but from the first South Downs Way walks in 2022, it was quite obvious to most of us that Keith and Alison were made for each other! Fast forward two years and we are absolutely delighted to congratulate them on their engagement! Such wonderful news!



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## Maggie's Garden

Whenever you come into the ground, by the front gate on the right, make sure you stop for a few seconds to admire Maggie's Garden and remember her. Thoughtfully created by Rob. We want to thank all members of the green team for all their great efforts throughout the year, rain or shine, to keep the site in good order and the pitch pristine. If anyone wishes to come and join us at Shipley on a Monday morning for a couple of hours of fresh air they would be most welcome.



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## Walk and Cycle for Health in 2024

### Walks

- 27 March
- 17 April
- 8 May
- 29 May
- 19 June
- 10 July
- 31 July
- 21 August
- 11 September
- 2 October

### Cycles

- 3 April
- 24 April
- 15 May
- 05 June
- 26 June
- 17 July
- 07 August
- 28 August
- 18 September
- 09 October

Always on a Wednesday morning, the CIRCULAR WALKS are varying distances (to be announced soon) while the CYCLE RIDES are almost all 20 miles (with coffee stop!) on push or electric bike. Both are hugely enjoyable outings to explore our beautiful county, on foot or wheels.

Come and join in. Contact Helen or Richard, or email: [info@HorshamShipleyCommunityProject.org](mailto:info@HorshamShipleyCommunityProject.org)

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## Wet Winter Walking Football

The wettest February on record has tested the resolve of the walking footballers but we are happy to report that numbers have been growing every week with new members enjoying our sessions at Holbrook. Everyone is looking forward to setting back to Shipley to play on the grass (which is looking lush) at some point late March / early April. The quality of the grass pitches are largely down to the superb efforts of the green team who have kept it cut and marked through the Winter.



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# News from HSCP cont...

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## Summer BBQ Dates

Dates for this year's Summer BBQs, with pétanque, croquet and lots of opportunity to socialise. 28 June, 26 July & 30 August  
Get them in your diary and look forward to the Summer!

## Dust Disappears from Men's Shed

The new dust extraction facilities installed in the Men's Shed have been a huge improvement to the air quality (and they say the banter has improved too!!) There is great momentum in the Shed since the reorganisation of the layout of all the tools and machinery, and the construction of new benches. Projects underway include bird boxes, stained glass window frames and the turning of trophies for HDC Community Volunteer awards. New members have joined and there is room for more, so please encourage anyone you know who may be interested.



## Get in Touch...

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Website: [www.HorshamShipleCommunityProject.org](http://www.HorshamShipleCommunityProject.org)

## Helicopter Fails to Disrupt Pétanque

Our hardy pétanquers have battled on through the wind and rain of the Winter months... except Russell who took himself off on an extended holiday to South America! Val valiantly stood in, and was doing fine until a rogue helicopter hovered by the pistes one Friday afternoon! However deep concentration levels were unbroken and the competition continued regardless! We thought it may have been a scout from another pétanque club looking for talent... but turns out it was Phil!!



## Sky Dive for Brain Tumour Research

At 78 Derek Reynolds, HSCP pétanquer, walker and cyclist, is mad enough to attempt a sponsored tandem sky dive! On June 8th he will jump from a mind boggling 5,000 ft at 120 mph, in memory of his daughter Amanda, and is hoping to smash his target of £5,000 in sponsorship for Brain Tumour Research. More details are on [www.justgiving.com/page/derek-reynolds-1706202471092](http://www.justgiving.com/page/derek-reynolds-1706202471092)

# News from Meadow Hall Vets



Here's how to prevent your pet needing to see your vet this spring!

Spring is a great time of year, full of colour and warmth but can also be hazardous for our pets, particularly dogs.

Did you know....

- **Easter Eggs:** chocolate contains a chemical that dogs don't tolerate well. It can cause agitation, excitability, tremors, convulsion and heart problems.
- **Hot cross buns:** contain raisins/sultanas which can cause severe kidney failure.
- **Spring plants:** Crocuses, Daffodils and Tulips are just a few of the spring flowers that can cause tummy upsets.
- **Adder bites:** Adders aren't aggressive but will bite if provoked. Symptoms are swelling at the bite site, lethargy and collapse
- **Ticks:** ticks can harbour diseases that are harmful to your pet once the tick has bitten them.

**What can you do?**

- Safely store your snacks out of reach of your pet.
- Supervise your pet in the garden, so they don't eat the spring flowers.
- Keep your dog on a lead when on a walk to avoid them surprising the sleepy adders.
- Prevent your pet from getting ticks by regularly treating them with a good preventative product.

**If you notice your pet eat any of these items, or you notice an adder bite, please contact your vet straight away!**

Having the following information to hand will help your vet assess what treatment may be needed:

- What they've eaten and how much
- When your dog was exposed to it
- If your dog has been unwell

## Sudoku Part 2 | Answers in the next edition

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White Stork, dancing on ice at the Cotswold Wildlife Park in Oxfordshire

My first picture shows a photograph of a white stork dancing on ice. It was taken at the Cotswold Wildlife Park in January 2023. The park are a major partner of the White Stork Project. It was a bitter day and their pond had frozen over. The park has a successful captive breeding programme that supports the reintroduction of White Storks currently underway in West and East Sussex. A group of White Stork volunteers were invited to visit the Stork Captive breeding project. It was a very interesting visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park as it supports breeding projects for endangered species like the White Rhino and many others. We were treated like VIPs and had a visit around other parts of the park which was excellent. Lunch was provided and was absolutely delicious. The park is located just outside Burford and if you are in the area I would highly recommend a visit. I am not a big lover of zoos but this certainly had a very different feel and the work they do with endangered species in very good. The staff were so passionate and very knowledgeable. The park has some 'crowd pullers' and maybe top of the pops was the Red Panda enclosure. The website for the park

<https://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk> says, these unusual Pandas are arboreal animals (they live in trees) and are found in temperate forests at elevations between 2,200 and 4,800 metres above sea level (where there is a thick bamboo understorey) in Himalayas, Nepal and China.



Red Panda at Cotswold Wildlife Park basking in the sunshine on a cool January day in 2024

We have lost so many dear friends in the village in the last year and each of them have left such wonderful memories. It is a comfort as you reflect on what legacies people leave. The friends that we have said goodbye in the last year have had such rich lives and their memories will live forever. The most recent loss was Bob Philips and he had a wonderful life in Shipley Parish. I remember how diligent Bob was in recording rainfall figures in the parish, I have used his data in my Countryman articles on many occasions. When I think of Shipley First Scouts, I will always think of Bob and Jose who have supported the scouting movement for so many years. I remember photographing the new thatch being put on to the Scout Hut in Dragons Green and seeing the joy on Bob's Face. I now realise a little bit more why it was so important to Bob because he was so influential in getting this property secured

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## Countryman cont...

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for the scouts. The group had out grown their little humble scout hut in the village and their new home was made possible because of Bob's influence. Scouting is about investing in the future lives of young people and Bob and Jose's fundraising and devotion to scouting is an example to us all to give so freely and build our own legacies that will be remembered long after we have gone. The scouts are a thriving group in the parish and do a great job of developing skills for life, checkout their website <https://1stshipleyscouts.co.uk> for more information.



Shipleys Scout hut having a re-fit of the thatch on the roof

I have mentioned trips and memories of the Cheltenham's annual festival of horse racing. It is in March every year, apart from 2001, the postponement that year was due to the national foot-and-mouth crisis. The festival is jump racing's premium meeting and it has certainly changed over the years. We used to go every year and enjoyed the camaraderie of the crowds and the quality of the racing. Having learnt by experience how to navigate the massive crowds we found ways to get in and out of Cheltenham in the most efficient ways. In the early days we used to stay in Burford and we would use all of the back roads to

avoid the horrendous traffic queues in and around Cheltenham Town. We have never resorted to a helicopter as Mrs Countryman would not go within 400 yards of helicopter. However, when we celebrated birthdays, they always coincide with the festival, I would sometimes find special modes of transport as a treat. When Mrs Countryman celebrated her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday we arrived in style in a vintage Rolls Royce. It felt very special and we didn't care about the slow journey back to the hotel as we were sipping champagne all the way back to the hotel. Celebrating a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday we arrived by vintage steam train, this was great fun and a perfect way to avoid the traffic congestion coming in and leaving the course. I mention these two special occasions because this year the car park at the festival was an absolute disaster. Due to the heavy rains (for months), the racing was disrupted and let's say the 'going was heavy' especially in the car parks. Some drivers were stuck in the mud for over two hours after racing. When you go to an event like this it is the last thing you need and it would have spoiled the overall experience for many race goers and trainers after a long day at the races. I hope by the time the Parish magazine goes to print that Spring



Arriving in style at Cheltenham Race Course railway station, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010

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## Countryman cont...

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will have arrived and we get some better weather. Our poor horse Solo is suffering with mud fever and is very uncomfortable. It must be very miserable for her and her issues makes me reflect on how difficult it must have been lambing and farming in the village because of the volume of rain this winter. I noticed today that the Bluebells on Pound Lane are still peeping through so I reckon in a week we will start to see the first bluebell flowers. Spring doesn't wait and nature is amazing!

The nesting season is already underway and I always love this time of year. The birds are very busy and happily singing. This increased birdsong heralds a special time of year. Winter migrants are returning. Today



I heard my first Chiffchaff. Soon we will hear returning Cuckoos and see Swallows which is definitely a sign of better days to come.

Enjoy watching Spring slowly emerge.

Your Countryman

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## To mow, or not too mow, that is the question?

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I read the Parish Council article in the February/March magazine and cannot dispute the intentions of a 'Greener Shipley'. However I tried 'No mow May' on a small area that I have mown for many years and without any chemical application.

There was a range of broad leaved plants and grass species that are often present in this type of low nutrient 'lawn'.

The Dandelions flowered beautifully and then produced the seed which departed on the wind to find pastures new.

*'Golden lads and girls all must, As chimney sweepers come to dust'*. (Quote from Cymbeline in Bill Bryson's book Shakespeare). The grasses grew and some produced their flowers and pollen which also was airborne

and may be detrimental to those sensitive to pollen. A few creeping thistles and ragwort plants appeared and grew happily. At the end of May came the time to cut to return to 'lawn'. This was hard work for me and the mower as there was a great deal of material produced. The resulting cut area took a significant time to return to 'lawn'. I was not aware that I evicted any small mammals but I read that cutting can be a risk to those taking up residence. My conclusion is that I do not intend to 'No mow May' but should consider some areas cut longer.

The Shipley Parish Design Statement of 2011 has useful comment on grass cutting, page 24 in my copy.

By David Meadows

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# Church Music

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Church music is a significant cultural asset in the life of our country. But, there are those who believe there is a trend towards marginalising and devaluing its importance, particularly in some city parishes where the use of modern electronic and projection devices proliferates. Renewing the living tradition of church music and investing in activities that will help it survive, is vital. In Shipley we are lucky enough to have a choir, whose members are very loyal and sufficiently interested to participate in choir practices as well as services, regularly throughout the year. But we continue to hope that more singers will come forward to join us. For church music to flourish, more people should be encouraged to engage with it, especially the young. An early connection often means that people will return to it later in life, and support the next generation of church musicians when they are choosing activities for their own children.

It is a fact that many of those in positions of music leadership in church communities such as ours have been performing their roles for a long time. There is often a concern that they have no one to whom they can pass on their responsibilities. To recognise and celebrate music as an important constituent of how church communities can grow and thrive, is crucial. We are therefore looking now, during 2024, for anyone who can play the organ to volunteer, so we can share our duties and responsibilities more widely. As we plan for the future, as we must, gradually there will be the need for more



assistance than our two Shipley organists can continue to provide. The regular schedule of services - including weddings and funerals for which we also make ourselves available - require a degree of skill and experience as well as a good deal of time.

Therefore, a special welcome awaits any budding enthusiast, amateur or experienced musician, or organist wanting to move from another area, young or old, who would be willing to become involved with singing in the choir, or playing the organ for occasional services, helping to choose hymns, taking over and assisting with some of the responsibilities for managing the choir and its activities, or even just helping to select appropriate music in support of the church's calendar, etc.

If you would like to make yourself known to either the vicar, myself, or Anne, your help would be greatly valued, and we would love to have you with us.

By Peter Sanderson



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# The South Downs

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I love heading out at the weekends for a hike over the Downs - but 90 million years ago, this part of the planet wouldn't have been a safe place to be. I'd have been busy avoiding the teeth of hungry aquatic predators like the 10-metre-long Mosasaurs as I cruised through a shallow sea. But it would be much smaller, less fearsome prehistoric organisms that would shape Sussex. The calcium shells from microscopic marine algae slumped to the sea floor and millions of years of pressure and erosion moulded them into the curvaceous chalk hills that form the familiar foundations of the South Downs. It only feels like yesterday (well, about 6,500 years ago) that we humans showed up and got to work. The wild Sussex woods were chopped down and eventually sheep grazing became the dominant activity on the cleared hills for many centuries. The sheep-nibbled short downland turf is an internationally rare habitat, rich in flowers and the creatures that depend on them.

And, as chalk downland is such a rare habitat, the species that live here are also uncommon. Our butterflies are a prime example. Species like the Grayling, Silver-spotted Skipper, Small Blue, Adonis Blue and Chalk Hill Blue are restricted to this special habitat.



Left | Malling Down+David Phillips  
Right | Southerham © Nigel Symington

But it's not just wildlife that benefits. Those porous chalk hills filter, store, and provide us with most of our water. They also offer loads of other free services from flood prevention to pollination and food production. The open countryside around Sussex also offers us immeasurable physical, mental and spiritual benefits. The South Downs were designated a National Park in 2011.

While writing this article, I discovered a letter penned in 1915 by the Lewes naturalist, W. E. Nicholson, expressing concern for the future of the South Downs around Lewes, and especially the rare Adonis Blue butterfly and scarce Forester Moth that live there. I'd like to think that Mr. Nicholson would be re-assured to know that, more than a century later, his beloved Lewes Downs, butterflies and moths are still just where he left them and all flourishing under the care of Sussex Wildlife Trust on their reserves at Malling Down and Southerham.



By Michael  
Blencowe  
for Sussex Wildlife  
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Left | Adonis Blue © Paul Marten ~ Middle | Forester Moth © Sarah Bonnot ~  
Right | Grayling © Alan Price Gatehouse Studio

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# Carers Support West Sussex

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

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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.

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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.



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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

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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

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## Wordsearch

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## Crossword

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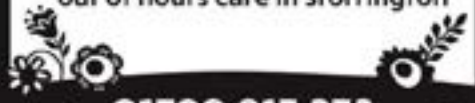
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Furniture	
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Pictures	
Other	
Kitchen/utility room	£
Electrical appliances	
Kitchenware e.g. pans, cutlery	
Other cupboards	
Dining room	£
Furniture	
Rugs	
Pictures and linen	
Diningware - china, glasses,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

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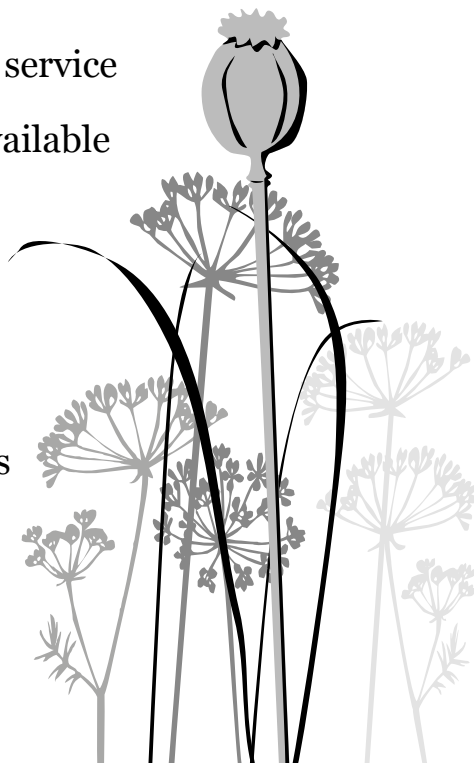
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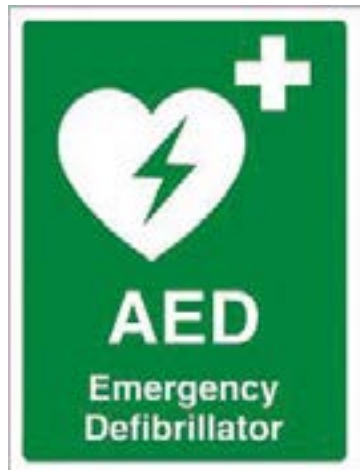
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## Defibrillators - Where's your nearest?

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We have six defibrillators around the parish and it's good to know where they are sited. As Shipley is widely dispersed, the nearest may be found at the following locations:

- 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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