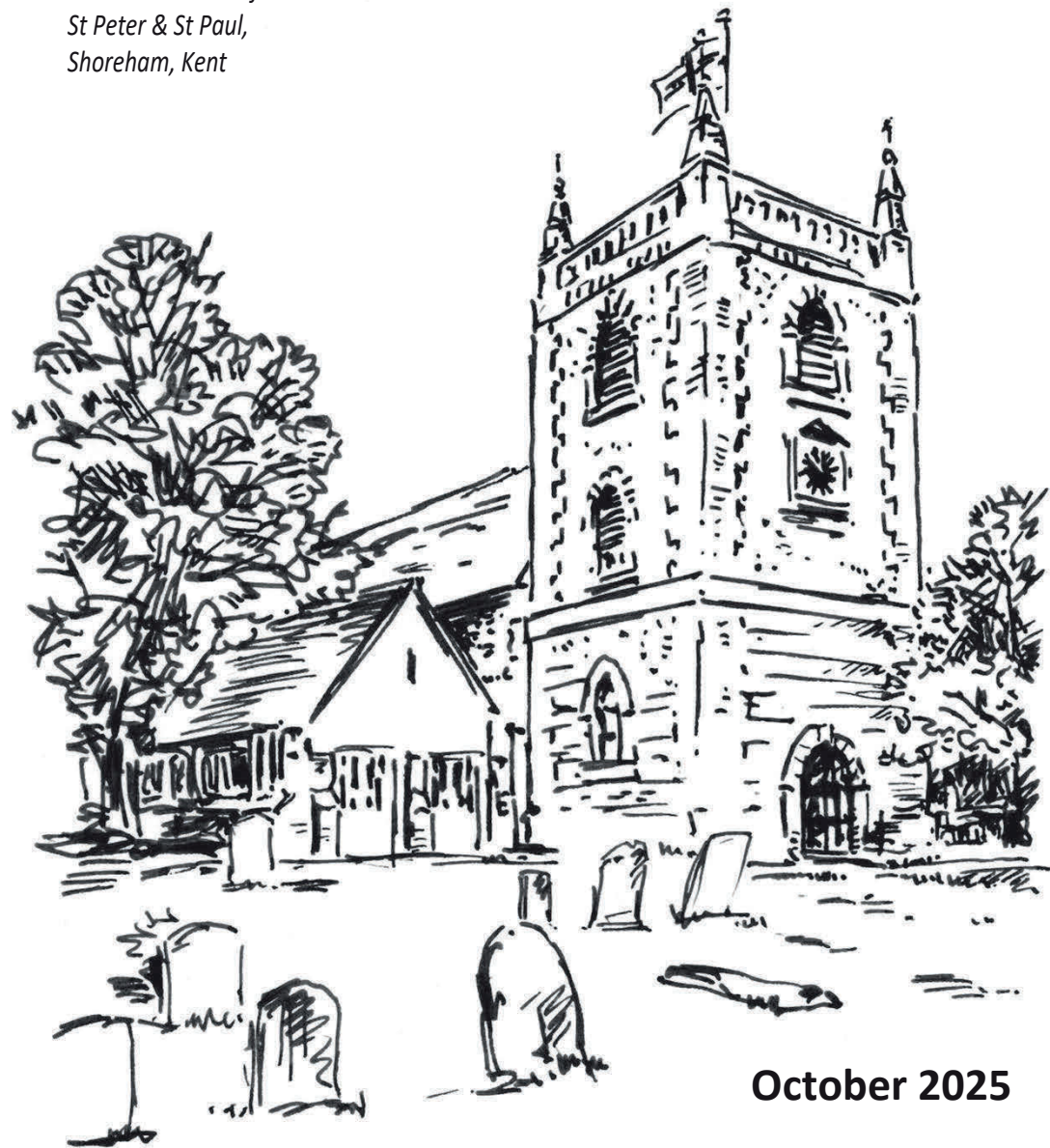


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Whether you accept the biblical Creation narrative or you go for some ‘big-bang’ theory we too belong to the land and can’t escape our responsibility to care for it. Whether you accept that in Genesis God gave us that job or not, there’s no doubt that we are responsible for the damage ‘progress’ has done to the environment and so we are responsible for building a better, cleaner future.

We know, reducing carbon emissions will save lives in lands already being devastated by climate change. We also know it will have a positive impact at home, improving air quality and public health, creating jobs and reducing inequality.

But it’s such a massive issue that I’m often left wondering, what can I do?

The artist Vincent Van Gogh wrote: “Great things are done by lots of small things brought together.”

Recently scientists at the Grantham Institute drew up a list of simple ways we personally can make a difference. Here are just some of their suggestions...

Save the planet, one meal at a time: Cutting down consumption of meat and dairy products is one of the biggest ways to reduce your environmental impact on the planet. Buying fresh, produce grown locally cuts carbon emissions from transportation, and preservation. Minimise food waste by planning meals and properly storing leftovers - and consider composting organic waste.

Is your journey really necessary? Transport accounted for around 26% of UK greenhouse gas emissions in 2021. So leave the car at home – for short journeys walk or cycle – for longer journeys, use public transport. And just a thought... instead of flying to that meeting could you use video-conferencing instead?

Small changes will cut your carbon footprint and your energy bills: Put on an extra layer and turn down the heating a degree or two. Only fill the kettle with as much water as you need and use the washing machine at 30°. Turn off lights and appliances when you don’t need them. Avoid single-use items. Repair, reuse, recycle; if it does the job, why replace it?

Respect and protect green spaces: Parks and gardens absorb carbon dioxide and so lower levels of air pollution. From not covering your garden with paving or artificial turf to lobbying MPs and Councils against development on green spaces, you can make a difference.

In Genesis, God gave humankind responsibility for the care of everything on this planet and we can each play a part. Remember “Great things are done by lots of small things brought together.”

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Friday 3rd October

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Sunday 5th October - Trinity 16

9am Breakfast@Church

6.00pm Holy Communion

Friday 10th October

9.30am Friday Prayers

Saturday 11th October

12 noon Wedding of Andrew Taylor and Qian Wu

Sunday 12th October - Trinity 17

9am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Morning Worship

Friday 17th October

9.30am Friday Prayers

Sunday 19th October - Trinity 18

10am Morning Worship with Communion

Friday 24th October

9.30am Friday Prayers

Saturday 25th October

2.15pm Wedding Blessing of Michael Haskell and Lauren Fuller

Sunday 26th October - Last Sunday after Trinity - Bible Sunday

10am Holy Communion with Choir

Friday 31st October

9.30am Friday Prayers

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

21 August	Interment of ashes	Hazel Wisbey
23 August	Interment of ashes	Rosana Barbor
26 August	Burial	Tim Ellison Smith
20 September	Memorial service and interment of ashes	Susan Platts
27 September	Memorial Service	Sarah Parkes

COFFEE AND CHAT – FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER

Do treat yourself to a healthy walk to the Church Room for a convivial cup of coffee (or tea) and a chance to pass the time of day with village friends. The first Friday of each month, 10.30am - 12.00 noon, everyone welcome - no previous experience or religious knowledge required!

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Anna Fischel

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Raj and Venkat

SHOREHAM WI

Our next WI meeting will be on Tuesday 7 October in the Village Hall, at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, when we are very much looking forward to welcoming Lyndsey Barrell as our speaker. Lyndsey is a professional speaker who has joined us before, and she has a new talk that we are expecting to be as hilarious (and a bit cheeky) as last time. If you would like to come along, meet our lovely group of ladies and see what we get up to – it's definitely not just tea and cake! – please contact Shoreham@wkfwi.org.uk or simply join us at the beginning of the evening. You will be made very welcome, with no pressure to join unless you want to.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING – ALL PROCEEDS TO HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

The next Community Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday 9 October, in the Village Hall, from 10am to 12pm as usual. This is our annual Charity Coffee Morning and we will be asking for donations, rather than charging for coffee/tea and cake, when all proceeds will be donated to Hospice in the Weald. There will also be a raffle (including a special hamper and other great prizes) as well as a bric-a-brac table to peruse. We hope lots of you will come along to enjoy the friendly atmosphere and help raise funds for this worthy cause. Last year we were able to donate over £500 to the Hospice in the Weald from this one event, which was amazing, and gratefully received by them.

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Lou Norris

THE ROSE AND THE RING

Cyclops Productions, the inclusive theatre company whose roots are in Shoreham, brings you a fabulous fairytale adapted by Sophia Kingshill from Thackeray, and directed by Katie Fischel. Usurpers and villains, princesses and princes, disguise and discovery, King Hogginarmo and Countess Gruffanuff (our very own Liz Nash) all play their part in this hugely enjoyable pantomime, with songs to make you tap your feet, wit to make you roll in the aisles, and spectacle to make you gasp. Come and escape with us from the trials and tribulations of everyday life, at St Luke's Church, 30 Eardley Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1XT on Saturday 25th October from 4-6pm. Tickets £10 (under 18 £5, under 5 free) on the door or from www.tinyurl.com/CyclopsStLukes2025.

Katie Fischel

SHOREHAM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Royal Marines in the Second World War will be the focus of our next meeting, at 8pm on Friday 17 October in the Village Hall. The combat story of one Marine – Colour Sergeant Albert Elliott – will feature in the talk by Dr Martin Watts, a highly regarded historian and Honorary Secretary of the Chatham Naval Officers Association. Colour Sergeant Elliott served almost continuously in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific theatres of war.

Our September meeting saw a very well attended and much appreciated talk by David Carder on the history of maps. David showed us some of the earliest surviving maps, from Ptolemy's "world map" of AD 150 through to Matthew Paris's quite detailed depiction of Britain from about 1250. Then he discussed some maps of Kent, such as one by William Lambarde from 1570 which included Shoreham and its bridge.

Always remember our website for our own mapping of Shoreham's past:
<https://shorehamkenthistory.weebly.com>

James Saynor

BE A SAINT...

All Saints Day, Saturday 1st November, is our last Churchyard Tidy of the year. Any help is gratefully received, no job too small, all ages welcome, many hands make light work. Come and enjoy maintaining the village's special garden, which may one day be yours forever!

We'll be there from 9 till 1, but shorter stints are also much appreciated. As ever, we conclude with a convivial pizza lunch for those who've earned their (stuffed) crust! Diary it now and enjoy the anticipation!!

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OVER 60s

It is with great sadness that Kath and I are stepping down from running the Over 60s. Our last working day, so to speak, will be on 10th December at the Christmas lunch.

We have had a wonderful time over the last few years mainly, of course, because of the lovely members. We would love to hear from anyone interested in taking over.

Suna - 07749 674295. mossykeates@gmail.com

Kath - 07804 141145. kathdymoke@gmail.com

Wednesday- 8th October - a talk by Paul Murphy about his life as a midwife. 2pm in the village hall.

Wednesday - 22nd October - Fish and chip lunch. 12.30 in the village hall

Many thanks to Suna and Kath for their sterling work arranging our programme over the years.

INVITATION TO BE A TRUSTEE OF THE WALNUT TREE TRUST

The Walnut Tree Trust, a registered charity (no 1182220) operating since 1932, is seeking two new trustees. We own the three cottages at 29 – 33 High Street, just south of Shoreham Village Stores, and including three outbuildings. The trustees are responsible for maintaining and letting these properties to fulfil the objects of the Trust.

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The Trust relies upon the unpaid commitment of Shoreham residents willing to offer their time and talents to create a balanced board of varied skills and perspectives to provide sound management. It is an appreciable time commitment. There are generally between five and eight board meetings per year. Papers are circulated in advance and must be read and considered prior to these meetings. Between board meetings there are other tasks requiring attention. The rewards are making a huge contribution to our community as well as working with interesting and similarly involved individuals.

If you are interested, please respond with a note explaining your interest, how your skills and experience may be applicable and with some background information about yourself.

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NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2025

Cameron class travelled to London to visit the Coliseum, the home of the English National Opera. When we got there, we had a talk to find out about the building eg that it was inspired by the Romans and there was a mosaic on the floor by the entrance that said 'Salve' which means welcome in Roman.

We then went backstage and saw the set for Cinderella being built. We could see how hard everyone worked and found out that some of the set builders work 13 hour days! We sat in the balcony seats and looked at the surroundings of the theatre and noticed the Roman references- like chariots being drawn by lions and the Roman eagle. We found out that the dome used to be open to allow smoke to escape!

After that, we met Julia, an opera singer and Joe who was an amazing pianist. They performed a piece from Carmen for us which made us feel energised and happy. We asked Julia lots of questions such as, "how do you make your voice have vibrato?", and "what is the highest pitch you can sing?" (f6- which is really high). She is a soprano.

Next, we were able to try on lots of costumes, hats and accessories. I put on some glasses with wobbly eyes, a flowery hat, a white and purple flowing tunic and a red ruff. Some of the boys really enjoyed trying on the long dresses with feathers and sequins.

After lunch, Joe and Julia taught us some songs from HMS Pinafore. Julia then sang one of Josephine's solos which was very complicated. We worked together to compose a song for Ralph, the lonely cleaner, to sing to his love, Josephine. Joe was very impressed with our singing and our ideas. He also complimented our music teacher. Joe played different genres for us and we chose the style of music for the words we had written. It ended up starting with a sweeping romantic sound and then changed to a jazzy Calypso beat and finished with a calm diminuendo.

Overall, it was the best school trip I've ever been on... And maybe the best day ever.

By Emily, Year 5

We are hosting Open Days for prospective families over the next few weeks, and we still have some limited spaces for pupils available in some year groups, so if you know anyone who is looking for a small friendly school with high standards and lots of lovely outdoor space, please ask them to call us to arrange a tour. Phone: 01959 522228 or email: office@shoreham.kent.sch.uk

Gillian Lovatt-Young, Head Teacher

CHRISTMAS TABLE TOP SALE - SOUP AND PLOUGHMANS LUNCH

Saturday 15 November 11.00- 2.30 at the Village Hall

The Christmas countdown will be well under way in November, so why not make a date in your diary for Saturday 15 November at the Village Hall and get a head start on your Christmas shopping? Doors will open at 11 am with tea and coffee available as you browse for great bargains. Lunches will be served from 12.00, offering a choice of delicious homemade soup and a roll, or a ploughmans lunch. Stallholders can set up

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The Table Top Sale is organised by the Darent Valley Local Branch of the Labour Party, and is raising funds to support local food banks. Donations can be made on the day.

Anne Deane, Gavin Owen, Sheila Birkin, Kate Britten, Madeleine Marshall, Lesley Spence, Jill Webster, Angela Wilkins



4TH-5TH OCTOBER - PLEASE COME TO THE SHOREHAM ART EXHIBITION!

Artists young and old are busy preparing works for **Shoreham's Art Exhibition on Saturday/Sunday 4th/5th October 10am – 4pm in the VILLAGE HALL.**

Everyone's talent is covered, **including Painting, Drawing, Sculpture and Photography**, and there is a section for children and young people. Our talented Village School children will also be showing their work. It will be **free of charge** to enter and plentiful refreshments will be available. You'll have a chance to buy the art works if you see something that you like. So please tell your friends and families!

By the time that you receive this, it will be rather late to enter your own work, but if you do have that great photo or picture of the village, its people or countryside, please contact shoreham.art@gmail.com Then bring your work to the Village Hall after 5pm on Friday 3rd October.

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER - TAKE THE TIME TO MAKE SHOREHAM SHINE!

Our twice yearly big village clean-up is on Saturday 11 October

Come to the **Village Hall anytime between 9am and 4pm**, where there will be a warm welcome and a list of activities to choose from. You don't have to commit to the whole day, just stay as long as you can. Every little helps! High Vis jackets, good quality tools and gloves are provided although you are welcome to bring your own. There will be tasty refreshments too!

It's a great way to get to know your community, whilst helping to keep our village just the way we all like it. It makes for an enjoyable few hours and is fun for families, too. It's a great way to get to know your community, whilst helping to keep our village just the way we all like it. It makes for an enjoyable few hours and is fun for families, too

Here's a sample of the jobs to choose from:

- Litter picking in all village streets and in the roads leading to Shoreham
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One submission per person.

Framed/mounted works no larger than 50cm x 60cm unless by prior agreement. Photographs need to be printed at A4 or 8" x 10" and do not need to be framed. We'll provide more details about when and where to drop off work nearer the time.

Your work can be for sale with a minimum 10% donation of the sale price going towards exhibition costs.

This exhibition, organised by the Shoreham Society, will be held on the ***weekend 4th/5th October 2025 in the Village Hall, Shoreham.***

Work to be delivered to the Hall after 5.00pm on Friday 3rd October (unless by prior arrangement to be dropped off earlier and held in storage until Friday 3rd).

If you've any queries or ideas you'd like to run past us please email ***Amanda at shoreham.art@gmail.com***



SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER (also!) DEFIBRILLATOR AND CPR FIRST AID TRAINING

We are pleased to be able to offer residents of Shoreham Parish and members of the Shoreham and Otford Cricket Club free CPR and DEFIB training sessions at Shoreham village hall on 11 October. Sessions will be at 1100 and 1300.

This will run side by side with the Shoreham Shine event. We are thankful to Shoreham and Otford Cricket Club, The Parish Council and the Shoreham Society for their generous donations towards this training.

The course is free, and subsidised by the organisers, but donations will be welcomed. There are several defibs in the village and the course will give you the confidence to know what to do in an emergency. Do please come along whether it's your first time or if you need a refresher.

SARAH PARKES

Many people in the village were saddened to hear of the recent death of Sarah Parkes, a longstanding supporter and committee member of the Shoreham Society and a redoubtable defender of our village and our valley.

Her neighbour, Lesley Spence, helped Sarah to the end, and says that she will sorely miss a very dear friend. Lesley wrote this tribute:

"It's difficult to think of anything that Sarah was not involved in at some time in the village. Sarah would not give up with KCC about making Preston Hill accessible for walkers. At Parish Council meetings, she would remind Roger Gough of what needed to be done to ensure that this happened over a period of many years. When we encountered broken or unstable stiles, Sarah was straight onto KCC and ensured that they were mended. Likewise, any road or footpath obstructions were quickly reported; to the appropriate authority and not just blasted out on Facebook!!

She was the eyes of all the village amenities and noted and reported when trees were posing a problem (or likely to and required attention) such as on the village green and beside the river.

Long before my time, she held rank within the Brownie and Girl Guide Troops. We were talking last Monday: she was likely Tawney Owl! She was a member of the Parochial Church Council for many years. She also was a reliable baker for the Pulpit Tea Room. She was a valued member of the Parish Council and her long and accurate memory was greatly valued when the Planning Committee considered responses to applications. Sarah also made costumes for the Players. The planning and planting of the Centenary Wood was our closest long term project. Once the land had been restored to the Parish Council, we had to decide how to manage this. Sarah's encyclopaedic knowledge of trees: which were native and which were not, left me in awe.

Whenever contributions were requested for so many fundraising events, Sarah was the first to get baking. Her cheesy biscuits were legendary.

At one time, Sarah managed an allotment before the time when the cisterns were installed for access to water. I think we owe it to her to continue her legacy!"

John Saynor, Chair; Sarah Andrews, Vice Chair; Rachel French, Secretary



MEADOW MAKER

There's a brilliant plant that can really help you to manage your wildflower meadows; it's called Yellow Rattle and September and October are good times to sow it. Yellow Rattle, or Hay Rattle, is a British wildflower, also known as the Meadow Maker due to its ability to suppress grass, encouraging wildflowers to thrive.

Yellow Rattle is partially parasitic on grass, tapping into the roots of grass plants and extracting extra nutrition (as well as photosynthesising like most plants). This weakens the grass to such an extent that an area of grassland containing Yellow Rattle has a visibly shorter sward than the neighbouring patch without. So, less chance of flowers being overtopped and squeezed out, less grass to cut and fewer heavy grass cuttings to rake up and remove. It is an annual plant so doesn't over-winter but it sets seed in June or early July so seed will have scattered by the time you cut your meadow, and once established it spreads itself. Listen for the 'rattle' of the ripe seeds in their pods.

Yellow Rattle can be tricky though, it needs a little care to get it established but is well worth it:

- 1) Cut the area where you will be sowing really short, giving it a firm raking to pull out any dead grass that may be lodged there. Get down to the soil!
- 2) Sow Yellow Rattle seed from now until the end of November, making sure the seed reaches bare soil by scraping away the turf in small patches. Sprinkle a few seeds onto the soil and press down with your foot.
- 4) Give the area another short mow in the spring so the germinating plants have some sunlight. March or April are good times to cut.

Yellow Rattle seed is widely available online, and it is also a component of the Wildflower Seed mix that can be purchased from the Caring for God's Acre website.

Prue Dakin
www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk

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Saturday/Sunday 4/5	Shoreham Art Exhibition	Village Hall	10am-4pm
Tuesday 7	WI talk: Lyndsey Barrell	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday- 8	Over 60s talk: Paul Murphy on his life as a midwife	Village Hall	2pm
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Saturday 11	CPR First Aid training	Village Hall	11am
Saturday 11	Hall of Rock	Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday 17	Historical Society talk: Royal Marines in World War II by Dr Martin Watts	Village Hall	8pm
Wednesday 22	Over 60s Fish & chip lunch	Village hall	12.30pm
Saturday 25	Cyclops Productions: The Rose and the Ring	St Luke's Church, Sevenoaks	4pm

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