
Shipleley Parish News

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St Mary the Virgin Church, Shipley

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**.

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

Polite parking request

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.

Parish church email database

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.

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.

Church calendar

Date	Celebration	Service	Time	Reader	Reading	Intercessions	Sidesperson
Sunday 29 th Mar	Palm Sunday	Sung Eucharist	10:00 to 11:00am	Janet Ruff	Philippians 2: 5-11	Eve Kenny	Richard Killner
Th rd day 2 nd Apr	Maundy Thursday	Stripping The Altar	6:00 to 7:00pm	Gavin Kenny			
Sunday 5 th Apr	Easter Sunday	Sung Eucharist	10:00 to 11:00am	Gavin Kenny	Colossians 3: 1-4		Richard Killner
Sunday 12 th Apr	Easter 2	Sung Eucharist	10:00 to 11:00am		Acts 2: 14a- 6 22-32	Claire Seanle	Richard Killner
Sunday 19 th Apr	Easter 3	Family Service	10:00 to 10:35am	Claire Seanle Olivia	Acts 2: 14a- 6 36-41	Jane	Richard Killner
Sunday 26 th Apr	Easter 4	Spoken Eucharist	11:00 to 11:30am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Richard Killner
Sunday 3 rd May	Easter 5	Sung Eucharist	10:00 to 11:00am	Erica Smale	Acts 2: 42-47	Lucy West	Colin West
Sunday 10 th May		Sung Eucharist	10:00 to 11:00am	Janet Ruff	Acts 7: 55-60	Eve Kenny	
Sunday 17 th May		Family Service	10:00 to 10:35am				
Sunday 24 th May		Spoken Eucharist	11:00 to 11:30am	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Sunday 31 st May		Sung Eucharist	10:00 - 11:00am				
Sunday 7 th June		Sung Eucharist	10:00 - 11:00am				
Sunday 14 th June		Sung Eucharist	10:00 - 11:00am				

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 let us know, we're always here. By Richard Killner | churchwarden@shIPLEY.church | 07970 781874

The Vicar's letter

Dear Friends

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed alleluia! This is the Easter proclamation which bursts upon the world on Sunday 5th April. This is the great Christian proclamation, the truth which has been committed to the Church to announce to the people of the world. A Christian has been defined as being someone who keeps, who celebrates, Easter, so we gather on Easter Sunday at 10am to do just that, and by so doing to make a public demonstration of our adherence to the world shattering truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

And we have a number of exciting events in the Easter season. The AGM of each parish is scheduled to take place in the Easter season, and so our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Sunday 10th May. If you have not been to one of these events, why not attend this year? You will find out more about the way our parish is organised and governed and be able to peruse the Annual Accounts for the year 2025. It will follow the 10am Parish Eucharist and will be held in the Andrew Hall.



We've got a great line up for the inaugural concert of the Shipley Arts Festival which will be in Church at 6pm on Sunday 3rd May. There are orchestral and choral pieces, including "*The Heavens are telling the glory of God*" from Haydn's Oratorio, The Creation, based on the words of Psalm 19, something we were looking at in one of the Lent Groups.

The Easter season is a time for weddings, and this year we have a larger than usual number, I am pleased to say. This means we often see couples in church who come to hear their banns being read. I know you will give them a warm welcome. My thanks are also due to those who very often are called to make an active and valued contribution to weddings, our flower arrangers, bellringers, choir, and of course, organists.

The Easter season is rounded off with the Feast of Pentecost, a celebration of the Spirit of God bestowed on the Church to guide us through the ages, on Sunday 24th May. The day after that is our Annual Shipley Fête, Bank Holiday Monday 25th May. Thank you for the preparations you are already busy with and for what you are planning to do. It's always a great day of fun which gathers the community, and people from far and wide, and an important fundraiser for the parish. Please make every effort to attend, donate items for the various stalls, and contact Gavin Kenny if you would like to help with this event.

As you all know, we have a Family Service on the third Sunday each month, and on other occasions, too, like Harvest

and Mothering Sunday. In May the Family Service will be the ever popular Pet's Service (Sunday 17th May). Bring a pet and take part in a unique service. This is also Bells Sunday, as it was last year, and once again the bellringers have agreed to give us a display of handbell ringing during the service. This gives us the chance to meet the ringers and show our appreciation for the way they ring every Sunday to announce to everyone in the area the fact that worship is beginning. They are always keen to talk to those who might be willing to learn this ancient skill. Looking further forward, please note that the Safari Supper will again be held this year, on Saturday 13th June. The Parish owes a debt of gratitude to Peter and Jane Sanderson for organising the Safari Supper for very many years. It was a feat of logistical planning carried out with great aplomb. We now welcome Philip and Annabel Jordan as the new organisers who are looking to finalise plans over the next weeks. Thank you for stepping forward in this way.

Three people are currently being prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Increasingly, it is adults who are taking this important venture of faith, seeking to build on their baptism by an adult affirmation of faith and commitment to God and his church. The confirmation is scheduled to take place at 6pm on Sunday 21st June at 6pm at Rudgwick Church.

A very happy and blessed Easter to you all,
Your friend and Parish Priest,
Chris

A memorial service to celebrate Mark Burrell's life will be held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Shipley on Friday 12th June 2026 at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

It would be helpful if you will please email BurrellMemorial@gmail.com to indicate your attendance and for further details.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on **Sunday 10th May at 11:30am**, at **Andrew Hall**. All welcome.

Holy Week and Easter Services 2026

Sunday 29 March

Palm Sunday

10am
Ceremony of Palms,
Reading of the Passion
and Sung Eucharist

Thursday 2 April

6pm | Eucharist of
the Last Supper and
Stripping of the
Altar

Monday 30 March

6pm | Eucharist with
address

Friday 3 April

Good Friday

2pm | The Way Of The
Cross. A Passiontide
sequence of words and
music for choir and
congregation

Tuesday 31 March

6pm | Eucharist with
address

Sunday 5 April

Easter Sunday

10am | Sung Eucharist,
Lighting of the Paschal
Candle and Renewal of
Baptism vows.
Easter Egg hunt
afterwards

Wednesday 1 April

6pm | Eucharist with
address

Contact Rev Chris Allen, Vicar
For further details

Church cleaning rota

Saturday 11 th April	Lucy and Ros
Saturday 25 th April	Ginny, Annabel and Amanda
Saturday 9 th May	Claire and Sarah
Saturday 23 rd May	Liz and Claire E
Saturday 6 th June	Lucy and Ros
Saturday 20 th June	Ginny, Annabel and Amanda

Thank you everyone for your help in keeping the church clean and tidy. If you're unable to clean on a particular date, please let me know and I can arrange a swap.

By Lucy West T: 01403 741912

Flower rota

	Altar Vases	Memorials
Saturday 4 th April	TEAM TO DECORATE CHURCH FOR EASTER	
Saturday 11 th and 18 th April	Jane, Diana and Hariot	
Saturday 25 th April	WEDDING - arrangements tbc	
Saturday 2 nd May	Nicky	Hariot
Saturday 9 th May	WEDDING - arrangements tbc	
Saturday 16 th and 23 rd May	Carole	Ann
Saturday 30 th May	WEDDING - Hariot and team to arrange flowers	
Saturday 6 th and 13 th June	Keith	Angela and Carol

If you need help or wish to change the above dates, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Jane Grinling T: 01403 741768

By Hariot Annis and Jane Grinling

Bell Tower News

Four Quarter Peals to report, only one of which was rung at Shipley. However the other three are worthy of note because they were rung by some members of Shipley ringers.

Sussex County Association

Shipley, West Sussex, St Mary the Virgin Sunday, 18 January 2026 in 42m (9–1–4 in A), **1260 Double Bob Minor**

- 1 Simon S Meyer (C)
- 2 Claire A Searle
- 3 Susan P Meyer
- 4 Jocelyn Foster
- 5 Terry J Madigan
- 6 Alice L R Johnston

Sussex County Association

Lyminster, West Sussex, St Mary Magdalene, Sunday, 25 January 2026 in 42m (9–2–12 in G), **1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles**

- 1 Stephen J Beckingham
- 2 Isla R Beckingham
- 3 Alice L R Johnston
- 4 Luca G Greenslade (C)
- 5 Archie D P Morley
- 6 Abigail E Hayes

First in Method - 2, 3, 5

Rung by a mostly Sussex Young Ringers band - with thanks to Stephen J Beckingham for stepping in last minute.

Sussex County Association

Warnham, West Sussex, St Margaret Sunday, 1 February 2026 in 49m (14–2–11 in F), **1287 Stedman Caters**

- 1 Simon S Meyer (C)
- 2 Simon M Alford
- 3 Tom A Sutton

- 4 Susan P Meyer
 - 5 Richard M Pendlebury
 - 6 Zach J A Johnston
 - 7 Stephanie R Pendlebury
 - 8 Abigail C Fairhurst
 - 9 Luca G Greenslade
 - 10 Edward E Woodward
- First on 10 and 1st Stedman: 6.

Sussex County Association of Change Ringers

Easebourne, West Sussex, St Mary Sunday, 8 March 2026 in 45m (11–0–21 in G), **1280 Cornwall Surprise Major**
Composed by David L Thomas

- 1 Simon S Meyer (C)
- 2 Abigail C Fairhurst
- 3 Catherine Piper
- 4 Susan P Meyer
- 5 Zach J A Johnston
- 6 Terry J Madigan
- 7 Luca G Greenslade
- 8 Neil Buswell

1st in method: 5.

Sudoku

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Bell Tower News cont...

ShIPLEY RINGERS ON TOUR TO CANTERBURY

This, our first tour of 2026, was organised by Andrew Meyer who is in his final year of university in Canterbury. We visited a lot of towers in surrounding villages and towns but it was the tower in the cathedral which was probably the most daunting for some of us. Ringing on 12 bells rather than

our more modest 6 in Shipley presents more of a challenge but it was a wonderful experience. Ringing in different towers and experiencing different weight bells, length of ropes as well as higher numbers helps build confidence as well as keeping us fit! Under the expert guidance of the Meyer family, we not only learned a lot but we had a fun few days.

We welcome anyone who would like to have a try at “Learning the Ropes”. Wednesdays at 7.30 – please just turn up and you will be welcomed. We are a very friendly band!

By Gina French Larcombe



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ShIPLEY Book of Remembrance

We are very lucky in Shipley to have a strong community spirit and many people over the ages who have contributed their time and money to the upkeep and growth of our Church here in Shipley. We would like to have a way for the families of those who have died to have a way of remembering them, without going to the expense of a large slab of marble.

We have therefore been looking at the opportunity to purchase a Book of Remembrance, so that people's names can be recorded, along with a short message. This is very common at other churches and crematoriums. The concept being that the book would be kept in a display case in Church, with a page for each day of the year. When someone dies, if their family wishes, they can be entered in the book on that day. Each day the book is turned to the correct page so that all can see those who passed on that day throughout the years and can say a prayer for them.

As you can imagine this is a long term project, and will not only allow those who have been part of our community to be remembered long after their passing but will form a fascinating historical record for those generations who will follow.

We are very lucky in that the leading experts and manufacturers of these books, F.G.MARSHALL, are based in Leatherhead. They have been in business since 1938 and all their books and manuscripts are still created by hand, in-house, by their teams of specialist calligraphers, book-binders and artists. The materials and inks they use are designed for longevity to not fade or yellow over time.



All entries in the book would be hand written by calligraphy experts using specialist inks, would consist of the name, date and a line to summarise the person, as shown above. Entries would cost approx £20 each, although those created during the manufacture of the book get a 10% discount.

The Book itself will cost approximately £1000 and is designed to last for 100 years or more, depending on the number of entries. Obviously this is a lot of money and we are therefore asking for contributions to the cost of the book and an indication of the number of people who would like to have an entry made in the book. Entries can be made for those who have died in the past and the number of entries is not limited. By making entries during the manufacture of the book they can be placed in chronological order.

If you would like to be involved in this project please fill in the short form online at the address below and/or speak to either Gavin or Eve Kenny.

<https://forms.gle/7PSnReEG9FukyM9a8>

By Gavin Kenny

Hello from your editor

Welcome to our April & May edition!

Greetings All. After enjoying some warm and sunny spring days, the gusty winds outside are making me want to go back to hibernation! But not for too long though as we've got some great events coming soon... the Village Fête, the Safari Suppers and at the Community Hub. Find more details in here.

As always, if you'd like to submit an article, story, anecdote, memoir, recipe, puzzle, news or details of an event, or know of any organisations, services or

groups which are looking to promote themselves, please let me know. All I need is your words, and any pictures, and I'll do the rest. Please email me at: magazine@shipleypchurch.com.

Finally, thank you so much to everybody who contributes to the Parish News, in any way. It's always such a pleasure to receive and publish your work.

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

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Parish News Subscriptions

Thank you to everyone who has paid already. We would like to have all payments in as soon as possible please. Subscriptions for the coming year are £6 if you pick up in church or get it delivered, or £12 if you get it sent by post. Details on how to pay below. If you'd rather read it online, just look up Shipley Parish News on the website achurchnearyou.com and download it.

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If you are reading this and would like to start getting the magazine delivered, or if you wish to cancel your subscription, please let me know. As usual a big thank you to everyone who delivers the magazines, which is greatly appreciated!

By Lucy West
Tel: 01403 741912

Coach - and - Four



With the annual Carriage Driving Event due to take place around the country lanes and pubs of Shipley, Coolham, Dragons Green and Dial Post following its Meet at Knepp on Sunday 12th April 2026, this article might serve as a timely reminder of the spectacular and picturesque customs of the past.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, an American millionaire, revived the coaching tradition in England of driving his friends in a horse-drawn stagecoach from London to Brighton as a regular service from 1908 until the beginning of the First World War. Using Inns and Hotels on the way to change horses, he would entertain and refresh his passengers along the route. He used a coach named “Venture” which he had shipped over from America. It would run on one day – for a journey time of 8 hours – and return the next, with seven changes of horses at stops such as the Wheatsheaf at Kingsfold, the Dun Horse in Mannings Heath, the Bull at Mockbridge, and the White Hart, Henfield. Vanderbilt is also recorded as a regular guest at the Burford Bridge Hotel, near Box Hill, Dorking.



This was long after the heyday of the stagecoach travel era, which had really ended by the mid-1800s. We had now entered the motorised era, the first London to Brighton Veteran Car Rally taking place in 1896. As a successful business man, Vanderbilt spent a considerable time in London. But he particularly enjoyed fox-hunting as well as coaching, and formed an English coaching group with some of his millionaire friends, having been a member of the Coaching Club of New York.

Vanderbilt just loved the outdoor experience of driving a coach and horses through the countryside for several days at a time. Every day on its way from London to Brighton, the “Venture” coach would pass Old Malden House, on the road

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Young Tom, in his sailor suit,
blowing his post-horn.

through Worcester Park. Among many residents who were interested in seeing it pass by, was six-year-old Master Tom Bridgewater. He persisted in standing at the gate leading to his house to witness the coach and horses going past, and often blew his bugle as a welcome. One summer day in June 1908, when the team had reached his gate, the driver drew rein and stopped the horses. The guard then jumped down from the coach and presented Master Tom with a brand-new coaching horn, as a gift from Mr Vanderbilt. It still exists today as a family heirloom! That young boy was my late father-in-law, Jane's Daddy.

Alfred Vanderbilt (1877-1915) was a member of the immensely rich

American family that made its fortune from railroading and shipping. Once the wealthiest family in all the United States, it gained prominence between the 1870s and 1890s, building grand mansions on Fifth Avenue, New York and luxurious “summer cottages” on Rhode Island, with other palatial and opulent homes around the world – one in Wilmington, North Carolina known as Biltmore House was constructed between 1889 and 1895. Jonathan Ryley, one of Tom's descendants and a grandson to Peter and Jane Sanderson lives in Wilmington today.



Biltmore Estate, Wilmington,
North Carolina

By the second half of 1913, Vanderbilt was prevented from continuing his coaching exploits between London and Brighton by the government requisitioning all the available horses for the military, with the coming of WW1. The Hornung family, who had purchased West Grinstead Park from Sir Merrick Burrell also in 1913, became interested in breeding thoroughbreds and race horses at Home Farm, in West Grinstead. Following the

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war in 1924 it was established as the West Grinstead Stud, and became a branch of the National Stud in 1940. It operated successfully until 1963 when the Stud moved to Newmarket.

As a postscript to this remarkable story, in May 1915, our hero Alfred Vanderbilt was a passenger on the British ocean liner RMS Lusitania, sailing from New York to Liverpool. It was torpedoed by a German U-boat with the loss of 1200 lives including that of the 37-year-old Mr Vanderbilt. He was known to have given his life-jacket to save a young mother on the deck of the sinking ship, holding her infant child in her arms. Many considered his actions especially noble since he could not swim and he knew there were no other life-jackets or life-boat places available.

A memorial was later erected on the A24 London to Worthing Road in Holmwood, just south of Dorking. The inscription reads:

*In Memory of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt,
a gallant gentleman and fine sportsman,
who perished in the Lusitania May 7th 1915.
This stone was erected on his favourite road by a
few of his British coaching friends and admirers.*



RMS Lusitania



A.G. Vanderbilt and friends



This story was covered by the Daily Mirror, together with the featured photographs (1908).

By Peter Sanderson



ShIPLEY Village Fete

Will be held on

Bank Holiday Monday

25th May 2026

Between 11am & 4pm,

with Bar, Music, Cakes and BBQ

also

Stalls for plants, preserves, local crafts, children's activities, books, cards, bottle stall, tombola, children's games and Local businesses. Church Tower open for beautiful views.

Listen to the

FREE MUSIC RECITAL

Bring your 4-legged friend and enter the

FUN DOG SHOW

Free Parking at Red Lane, RH13 8PH

Shingley History Society

With thoughts of enjoying the warm weather of Spring, we are pleased to announce that we have an extra event planned for May to remember some significant Shingley dates, sites and characters. This guided walk shows us our own local history in Shingley so please join us. For full details, please see the programme below.

We have now had for some time our own Shingley History website which Ian Miles has been working on and updating.

There are lots of interesting articles to be found there - memoirs of some of our local residents, links to relevant sites as well as plenty of other information. It always been our intention to build and maintain a recorded history of our Parish and our dedicated website is proving to be the ideal platform to achieve this by giving us the ability to add new material and research documents.

Please have a look and enjoy a good read!
<https://shingleyhistory.wordpress.com/>

Programme for 2026

Saturday 9th May 2026 at 10.30 am | A guided walk along School Lane to hear the history of Kings Land, Shingley Mill and the Zero Station. It will be 120 years since Belloc bought Kings Land and 100 years since the Mill stopped working commercially. You will need your walking shoes/ boots depending on how muddy Boar Lane is in May! We will not be entering any of the sites.

Thursday 18th June | Our annual summer social is this year being held at **Green Gates**, Broomers Corner, the home of **Derek & Gina Larcombe**. SHS member **Ian Miles** is currently working on the lives of **Bob & Jose Phillips**, our much loved and missed Shingley locals. Ian will give insights into the many ways that Bob and Jose contributed to, and became synonymous with service to their community. As always, we'll be serving delicious finger food and drinks in what we anticipate will be a glorious midsummer evening.

Thursday 10th Sept: Knepp Safari at 5pm | Knepp safari to look at ancient trees and visit the walled garden.

And our new programme to look forward to, so put the dates in diaries:

- **Thursday 15th October** | **Alan Barwick** - the Horsham to Steyning branch line
 - **Thursday 26th November AGM** | **Kevin Newman** - **Spooky Sussex** followed by our traditional Christmas refreshments.
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Secretary Jean Wright
Our new website is

Email: shingley.history.secretary@gmail.com
<https://shingleyhistory.wordpress.com/>

By Claire Searle

Shipley Safari Supper

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2026



SHIPLEY SAFARI SUPPER

Join us for a delightful summer evening of
food, friendship and village adventure.

We begin at 6:00pm with drinks and canapés at Brick Kiln Farm, Shipley Road, Southwater, RH13 9BQ, before setting off across Shipley to enjoy starter, main course and pudding in different homes around the village.

A big thank you to Peter and Jane Sanderson, who organised this much-loved event for 24 years, and who have now passed the reins to Philip and Annabel Jordan.

How it works

Host a starter, main course or pudding in your home. Or join as a guest and enjoy the full Safari experience.

Cost per person

£15 – Main course hosts
£20 – Starter or pudding hosts
£30 – Non-hosting guests

Booking

If you would like to take part, please put the date in your diary. Advance booking is essential to enable us to plan your evening. So please contact without delay:

Annabel Jordan

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All proceeds will be donated to Shipley Church.

Shipley Arts Festival 2026

Music Returns to Shipley: Opening the 26th Shipley Arts Festival

The Shipley Arts Festival returns this spring to celebrate its 26th year, beginning where it all started, at St Mary's Church, Shipley, with the opening concert on Sunday 3rd May at 6pm.

St Mary's holds a special place in the festival's story as the resting place of the English composer John Ireland, and this year's opening programme reflects that heritage with music by English composers past and present, performed in the beautiful surroundings of our village church.

A highlight of the evening will be the performance of Paul Lewis's "*Shipley Concerto*", written for the historic 1696 Stradivarius violin, whose remarkable history continues to inspire new music. Conductor Malcolm Singer will also join us for a performance of his beautiful piece "*Ely Ely Fantasy*", which will later be recorded in Prague as part of our special recording project celebrating a quarter-century of Shipley Arts Festival commissions.

The festival continues to grow from its roots in Shipley. Last year saw the formation of the Shipley Arts Festival Choir, members of which will be performing alongside

the London Christian Choir under the direction of Maria Marchant on opening night, and we look forward to hearing the choir in future festival performances.

Beyond Sussex, the festival's reach now extends internationally through our Festival Chapter in Hong Kong and Macau, now in its ninth year, where concerts and masterclasses have introduced dozens of young musicians and excited audiences to the work that began here in Shipley.

This year's festival includes a word-class run of concerts, beginning at St Mary's and continuing across the region and beyond these shores. We warmly invite our local community to join us for the opening evening on Sunday May 3rd and to celebrate another year of music together.

For concert information and updates visit www.bmglive.com or call 07710 024608.

With thanks, as always, to our supporters and sponsors including NFU Mutual (Horsham, Chichester and Pulborough), Kreston Reeves, Nyetimber, Toovey's, and the many Shipley Arts Festival Friends whose support makes the festival possible.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Mary's very soon.

Andrew Bernardi
Artistic Director, Shipley Arts Festival



ShIPLEY Arts Festival 2026 cont...

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2026

May 3rd, Shipley Parish Church
LONDON CHRISTIAN CHOIR & THE BERNARDI STRINGS

May 30th, Warnham Park House
STRADIVARIUS PIANO TRIO CONCERTO

Jun 5th, Lackenhurst Estate
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DINNER JAZZ IN SHIPLEY!

Jun 21st, Leith Hill Place, Surry
A WORLD PREMIERE WITH DR SUSANNAH SELF

Jun 26th, Champs Hill, Pulborough
A CONCERT OF WELLBEING FOR THE MARY HOW TRUST

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THE WILDING CONCERT

Jul 17th, St. Andrew's Church
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Aug 29th, Drew's Barn, Warnham
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Sep 13th, St Mary's Church, Billingshurst
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URN

The front cover photograph shows Bluebells from a previous year. Today as we turned into Pound Lane off the A272 we spotted the first Bluebell in flower in the little glade next to Shipley Paygate. Last week, the green of the Bluebell stems seemed to be iridescent and we knew it would not be long before the first flowers would appear.

It is such a fantastic time of year. There is so much to see and so much to hear. A friend and neighbour had a birthday in February. Some folks say that February can be a terrible month but it is when the first signs of spring really start to appear. The most pleasing change is the birdsong. In February, on top of an oak tree in the garden that we affectionately call Grey Beard, we had a resident Song Thrush who sang for the whole of the month. Come rain or shine (and there was not much of that), this distinctive little bird kept singing and brought such joy. The odd Blackbird would join in the chorus but this year, if there was a competition, the Song Thrush won on all counts. The Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelos*) is sadly in amber status with the RSPB but we are lucky to have one as a regular visitor to the garden.



A Song Thrush foraging on our lawn

The RSPB website states that “*It is smaller and browner than a Mistle Thrush with smaller spotting. Its habit of repeating song phrases sets it apart from singing Blackbirds. It likes to eat snails, breaking into them by smashing them against a stone with a flick of the head.*”

It is worth checking out on the RSPB website to compare the call of a Song Thrush and the song of a Blackbird. It is a sound that can gladden your heart. The Thrush family also includes Redwing and Fieldfare that can be seen all over the parish.

I like this photograph of a Blue Tit exiting a nest box. It is a busy time for birds and I have seen so many birds picking moss off the garden paths and walls to line their nests as another nesting season is underway.



Blue Tit in flight

Countryman cont...

The reports from the White Stork Project are positive with parent birds already sitting on eggs. The Cotswold Wildlife Park in Oxfordshire has also reported that the first eggs of the season have been laid. This is part of a captive breeding programme, the birds (as chicks) are released in the wild. Sometimes at Knepp but last year in Wadhurst in East Sussex. The White Stork Project goes from strength to Strength.

Mrs Countryman has a retirement “to-do” list that is great fun to participate in. We are planning to visit all 59 Horse Racing Courses in the UK. In February, we visited Wincanton. It was so different to the glitz and glamour of Ascot. This was one their big meetings and we were blessed with great sunshine and good racing. This photo is of one the winning horses on the day, trained by Venitia Williams who had been having a bit of a barren spell so the victory for Venitia and all the connections was extra special.

The Jockey Club website gives a great insight into the history of racing at Wincanton; *Wincanton Races held their first meeting at Hatherleigh on 1st August 1867 and ‘several thousand’ spectators threw themselves into the occasion, dressed in all their finery ‘as though they were going to the Derby’.* To put the birth of Wincanton Races into an historical context, the Crimean War had ended ten years previously, Queen Victoria was on the throne (and would be for another thirty-four years), Disraeli was about to become Prime Minister for the first time and Thomas Hardy’s first major literary success, *Far From The Madding Crowd*, which vividly portrays the harsh realities of farming life in Wesssex, was not to be published until 1874.



Jeu d’Ople in the winner’s enclosure at Wincanton Racecourse February 2026

Living with the heavy clay soil common in the parish, we regularly add well-rotted manure to help the soil condition. We have been doing it since we arrived many years ago. It has made our garden so much more workable and fruitful. The shrubs, perennials, and vegetables all benefit from this practice. The soil benefits are great and the garden thrives as a result. We had a small army of helpers who shovelled and spread the 12 tonnes of manure that was dumped on the driveway. It is very hard work but it is so satisfying when you see the results. Thanks to Alan and the team at the Countryman Inn who provided us snacks to feed our hungry gang of workers. The team loved the sausage rolls and they got a massive thumbs up at lunchtime. As the new growing season is upon us, we are always filled with such enthusiasm and hope. We try and learn from last year’s mistakes and soon the seeds will start to germinate in the green house, and spare plants will be distributed to our neighbours as we always have too many to plant in our space.

Countryman cont...



The productive garden is prepared and ready for a new growing season

We are off to Hereford and Ludlow to tick off two more Horse Racing Courses but we will also be able to tick off Hereford Cathedral (another one of Mrs Countryman’s “to-do lists”). It is excellent because we love to see new places and experience parts of the country that we have never have visited.

Enjoy the springtime, good weather, bird song, and the new growing season.

Your Countryman

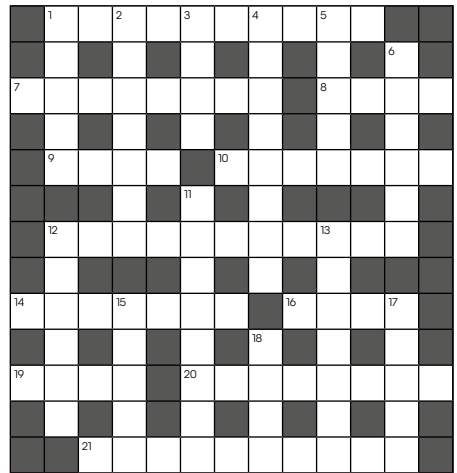
Cryptic crossword

Across

- 1 Book that can make an idiot cry (10)
- 7 Poet getting a tan? (8)
- 8 Scottish town in love with outlaw (4)
- 9 Only flat fish (4)
- 10 Old tragedian initially greeting play (7)
- 12 Former scheme a politician is clarifying (11)
- 14 Southern Spain and Portugal or Northern Russia (7)
- 16 Small county in which flowers are grown (4)
- 19 One member’s naughty children (4)
- 20 Neglected matters go by this governing body (3,5)
- 21 Fictional lawyer having a drink with mother and child (5,5)

Down

- 1 Valuable old violin returned for local game! (5)
- 2 A flower an animal found by mistake (7)
- 3 Egyptian goddess with one little sister (4)



- 4 Late drink that goes to your head? (8)
- 5 Heron flying about European river (5)
- 6 Crop produced by real cultivation (6)
- 11 A cistern adapted as a container for food (8)
- 12 Confused in game or puzzle (6)
- 13 Coolest sort of cats! (7)
- 15 Follow girl after men lost lead (5)
- 17 Sound warning for a temptress? (5)
- 18 Expression used for part of school year (4)

News from Shipley CE Primary

Enhancing our learning through our beautiful grounds

As the weather has started to slowly warm up, the children and staff have made use of our amazing grounds to enhance the children's physical activity and learning throughout the term. This has included weekly sessions, where the children have taken part in activities such as orienteering, growing willow structures and building frame shelters with tarps, pegs and mallets. We are also really excited to be further strengthening our relationship with Knepp. Despite some rather heavy rain at points, some of the team came to work with Oaks

Class this term, supporting them to create some new habitats, as well as developing those already in place on our grounds. This included creating a 'toad abode' for resident amphibians to use, a beetle tower and a bee hotel.

Children, and staff, also really enjoyed hearing about the Knepp Storks in an assembly. Following the assembly, Sycamores class took part in a workshop with a member of the Knepp team, with an interactive talk about White Stork ecology, as well as carrying out a bird count.

By Catherine Brooks,
Head of Shipley School



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News from Horsham District Council

Dear all,

In spite of the looming end to Horsham District Council (HDC) through the Government's impending plans for Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution, it continues to be business as usual at HDC.

I would like to take this opportunity to update residents on a number of ongoing matters across the District, many of which I know are of direct interest locally.

Prestige Distribution – Ongoing Concerns

I continue to work closely with residents in Coolham regarding the ongoing concerns about activity at Prestige Distribution outside of permitted hours. Despite repeated engagement with the Planning Compliance team, and assurances that action would be taken earlier this year, I share residents' frustration that this has not yet materialised.

Given the length of time this issue has persisted, I have now escalated the matter directly to the Cabinet Member for Planning and have requested their intervention to ensure that appropriate action is taken based on the substantial evidence gathered. I will of course keep the Parish updated as soon as there is further progress.

Community Governance Review

Last month, the Governance Committee agreed to proceed with a district-wide Community Governance Review, with public consultation expected to begin in May. As Vice-Chair of the Committee, I strongly support this work.

This review is an important opportunity to ensure that our parish arrangements remain fit for purpose and truly reflect the identities and needs of our communities—particularly as we look ahead to wider changes in local government structures. It is essential that residents' voices are at the heart of these discussions, and I was encouraged by the thoughtful and constructive debate that took place.

Around the District Meetings

The first round of "Around the District" meetings has now taken place, bringing together Cabinet Members, senior officers and representatives from parish councils. These sessions have been well attended and positively received.

Discussions covered a range of key topics, including the Council's Annual Plan, the emerging Local Plan, local government reorganisation, and the Community Governance Review. Planning matters were also a particular focus in some areas. Given the positive feedback, a further round of these meetings is planned for the summer, and I look forward to continuing this constructive dialogue with parish representatives.

County Council Elections – 7 May

Preparations are now well underway for the County Council elections on 7 May. Officers have confirmed that arrangements are progressing smoothly and that they are confident in delivering a well-run election.

The count will take place the following day, on 8 May, at The Bridge Leisure Centre.

Due to space constraints, the number of count assistants will be limited, which may mean results take slightly longer to be declared than in previous years.

Food Waste Collection Roll-Out

The introduction of the district-wide food waste collection service continues to progress well. Delivery of caddies began in February and is expected to be completed by 10 April, ahead of collections starting.

Collections will be phased in over a five-week period, beginning with Monday routes. Residents are reminded not to begin using their caddies until their scheduled start date and to check this information online. Encouragingly, missed deliveries and complaints have remained very low, and overall the roll-out remains on track.

Capitol Theatre Refurbishment

Refurbishment of the Capitol Theatre continues on schedule. The initial demolition phase has been completed, and significant progress has been made with the installation of a large internal scaffold structure to support the next stage of works.

The project will now move into the fit-out phase, where essential systems such as cabling and ducting will be installed.

Clover Fields Planning Application

The application for development at Clover Fields, on the parish border with Southwater, was considered by the Planning Committee on Tuesday 17 March. I spoke at the meeting alongside

representatives of the Parish Council and local residents, all raising concerns regarding the recommendation to approve the scheme.

A key focus of both the speakers and members of the committee was the suitability of the proposed three-storey block of flats, particularly its position on the edge of the development facing Shipley Road. Members expressed concern about the impact this would have on the character of the area.

Following discussion, the committee voted to defer the application to allow for further engagement with the developer, Bellway Homes. Although I am not a member of the Planning Committee, I fully intend to be involved in these discussions to ensure that residents' concerns continue to be strongly represented.

Best wishes,

Alex Jeffery

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Southwater South & Shipley

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News from West Sussex County Council

As we approach the end of the financial year for the County Council, I thought the following might be of interest.

County Council Budget 2026/27:

Proposals to balance the budget for the year ahead, alongside a programme of capital investments, were agreed at a meeting of the Full Council at County Hall, Chichester on Friday 20th February. As a County Council we deliver over 300 services to more than 915,000 residents across 769 square miles. It was agreed to spend £2.3 billion on day-to-day services in 2026-27 including:

- £1,346.7m on schools and education, children's social care and support
- £577.2m caring for adults and keeping people healthy
- £90.1m protecting the environment, recycling and waste disposal
- £84.6m maintaining roads and providing transport
- £72.8m on fire and rescue services and supporting communities
- £5.8m supporting the local economy

This includes a net revenue increase of £34.7m to meet increasing demand pressures and costs, particularly in social care, home to school transport, and special educational needs and disabilities. Alongside the day-to-day revenue budget, the County Council also agreed a five-year capital programme of £842m, with capital investments of £142.3m for 2026-27, including:

- £56.5m to maintain roads and provide transport - focusing on annual highways works programme including investments in major A roads and highways depots,

- bus services, and street lighting
- £39.3m managing schools and education, children's social care and support – including adaptations in mainstream schools to increase the number of specialist school places within the county and accommodate a wider variety of needs
- £6m for recycling and waste disposal, and to protect the environment - mainly focused on investment into renewable energy, changes needed to waste disposal to accommodate the collection of separate food waste and other nature-based investments to protect the environment

Update from Highways:

- In February over 3,700 potholes were repaired across the county, in addition to the 3,095 that were fixed in January.
- Recent heavy and persistent rainfall has again led to a rise in the number of new potholes appearing.
- There are 22 crews working on reactive repairs, with extended hours into evenings and weekends to increase capacity.
- During continuous wet weather, there have been changes to the method of fixing potholes. Where a pothole presents a safety risk to road users, a temporary repair will be undertaken to make it safe. Once the weather improves, then a full 'sidesawn and sealed' repair will be made
- Each week there is currently clearing or repairing of around 2,000 drainage assets to help reduce standing water and prevent further potholes forming.

Secondary School Places:

On Friday 6th March, the County Council confirmed that all 8,906 applicants in the county have been allocated a secondary school place. Of those, 86.5 per cent will be offered their first preference school, while 97.1 per cent will be offered one of their three preferences.

The Admissions Team continues to look at opportunities to help give parents and carers more information on the process through attendance at secondary school open events and briefings for parents in areas where there are currently pressures.

Those with questions about their child's allocated place or who wish to discuss options such as lodging an independent admission appeal can contact the admissions team on 03330 142903.

Pupils who may be feeling anxious about starting secondary school can access support and resources through the council's eWellbeing page.

Happy Easter!

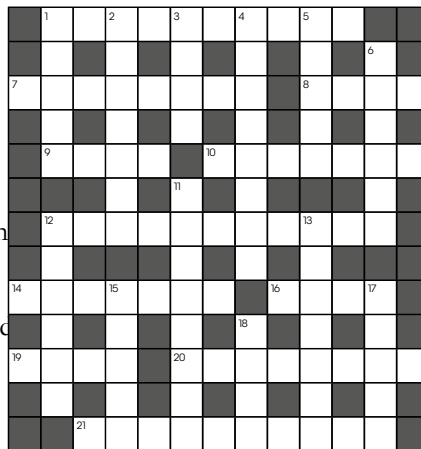
Best wishes, Amanda

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Quick crossword | Answers in the next edition

Across

- 1 Unwanted third person (10)
- 7 Pharmacist (8)
- 8 The first man (4)
- 9 Suspend (4)
- 10 Look after children (7)
- 12 Too small to be seen with the naked eye (11)
- 14 Teach (7)
- 16 Take notice of (4)
- 19 South American country (4)
- 20 Broadcasting (2,3,3)
- 21 Imprisonment (10)



Down

- 1 Circumference (5)
- 2 Naturally grown (7)
- 3 Prepare for publication (4)
- 4 Way in (8)
- 5 Prepared (5)
- 6 Crazy person (6)
- 11 Put off, defer (8)
- 12 Infuriate (6)
- 13 Go before (7)
- 15 Large container for milk (5)
- 17 Move aimlessly from place to place (5)
- 18 Daze (4)

News from Current Planning Applications

Permitted

Saucelands Barn, Thakeham Road, Coolham | Prior Notification for Change of Use of Agricultural Building to 2no. dwellingshouses.

Shell Gas Limited, Coolham Road, Coolham | Variation to application SP/44/92 to retrospectively correct the installed LPG storage on site from the approved capacity of 50t to 60t.

Home Farmhouse, Cowfold Road, Coolham | Conversion and extension of a redundant agricultural barn to form a residential dwelling with change of use of land from agricultural to residential to form a curtilage to the dwelling.

Birchwood Lodge, Shaws Lane, Southwater | Demolition of existing dwelling, and erection of new 3 bedroom dwelling and detached garage.

Chandos, Billingshurst Road, Coolham | Demolition of existing rear extension and garden room, and erection of a two-storey rear and side extension.

Cobweb Cottage, Emms Lane, Brooks Green | Variation of condition 6 of previously approved application reference DC/23/1667 (Demolition of existing cottage and erection of single storey replacement dwelling and associated outbuilding) to refer to revised water neutrality report incorporating updated internal water fixtures and fittings.

Existing Telecommunications Site On Land To North of A2772 West Chiltington Lane (Renches Wood) Dragons Green | Prior Approval for 10m extension of the existing

tower from 17.6m AGL to 27.6m AGL. Removal of the existing 6No. antennas and replacement of 3No. Antennas. Relocation of the existing 3 no. Airwave antennas and existing 1 no. 0.3m dish to a higher level. Installation of 1 no. 0.6m dish, associated ancillary equipment and works thereto.

Bacon Cottage, Bakers Lane, Shipley | Erection of a two-storey side extension and front porch. Alterations to and insertion of windows and doors.

Knepp Castle, West Grinstead | General repair and conservation works and structural works, including removal of water tanks, replacement of roofs and extension of spiral staircase (Listed Building Consent).

St Johns Farm, Trout Lane, Brooks Green | Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of hay, silage and agricultural machinery and equipment.

The Plat, Thakeham Road, Coolham | Erection of a lean-to structure to provide music storage and a break out space from the main practice area of the open timber-framed barn. (Full Application and listed).

2 Kinsbrook, Brooks Green | Erection of a single storey front and rear extension. Window and door alterations. Installation of rear first floor cladding.

Land Parcel At 511450 123227, Billingshurst Road, Coolham | Change of use of land from agriculture to a B2 Use (general industry) comprising the importation and processing of timber to produce wood chippings for re-sale.

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Perrets, Smithers Hill Lane, Shipley | Removal of mobile home and erection of replacement dwelling for a rural worker.

The Chapel Holiday Let, Old House Manor Estate, Cowfold Road, Coolham | Conversion of a chapel to be used as a self-contained holiday let (Retrospective).

Bridge Farm, Coolham Road, Coolham | Installation of lights on existing building.

Bentons Place, Hooklands Lane, Shipley | Proposed installation of cladding and doors to existing barn.

The Bungalow, Smithers Hill, Lane Shipley | Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling with detached car port/store building. Alterations to existing vehicle access.

Bentons Place, Hooklands Lane, Shipley | Demolition of modern extension to east elevation. Construction of a single storey rear extension. General repair and conservation works to house and minor internal alterations (Listed Building Consent).

Bentons Place, Hooklands Lane, Shipley | Prior Notification for Change of Use of 2no. Agricultural Buildings to 7no. dwellinghouses (C3 Use Class)

Sweepers, Saucelands Lane, Shipley | Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a double storey dwelling

Birchwood Lodge, Shaws Lane, Southwater | Variation of condition 1 of previously approved application reference DC/25/0070 (Demolition of existing dwelling, and erection of new 3 bedroom dwelling and detached garage) to amend

the location of the dwelling together with internal changes to the ground floor plan.

Thornhill Stables Land, Billingshurst Road, Coolham | Removal of Condition 5 of previously approved application DC/24/1486 (Construction of a two storey four bedroom barn style dwelling) Relating to Water Neutrality

Floodgates Stables, Castle Lane, West Grinstead | Change of use of stables in to offices (Use Class E(g)(i)) and associated alterations.

Deer Field Park, Emms Lane, Brooks Green | Variation of Condition 1 and Removal of Condition 5 of previously approved application DC/23/1235 (Change of use of the land from agricultural to the use as a holiday caravan park for forty-seven static caravans for holiday use from 1st February to 5th January) Relating to water neutrality

Refused

Greenacres, Saucelands Lane, Shipley | Demolition of existing buildings. Erection of four barn style detached dwellings with associated garages utilising existing access together with landscaping.

Bentons Place, Hooklands Lane, Shipley | Prior Notification for Change of Use from an agricultural building to 8 dwellings (Class C3 Use).

Dunnocks Emms Lane, Brooks Green, Horsham | Permission in Principle for 1no. self build dwelling on previously developed land at Dunnocks.

Withdrawn

Old House Manor Estate, Cowfold Road, Coolham | Conversion of existing manor house into 14no. residential units. (Retrospective)

Pending

Woodfords, Shipley Road, Southwater | Deed of variation to legal agreement for approved application DC/21/2180 to allow alternative water neutrality solution.

Land at Campsfield, Linfield Close, Southwater | Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for up to 82 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, noise mitigation measures, landscaping, foul and surface water drainage and associated works.

Land North of Cowfold Road, Coolham | Erection of 9no. 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom dwellings, including a mix of houses and bungalows, together with access from Cowfold Road, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping and open space, and sustainable drainage.

Buck Barn Services, Worthing Road, West Grinstead | Removal of drive-through element to existing restaurant and petrol filling station and development of the site to provide a drive-through restaurant, petrol filling station shop, drive-through coffee pod and car wash together with the reconfiguration of car parking and circulation routes, including a revised access slip road from the A24

(northbound) and associated landscaping and ancillary works.

Land at Sincox Lane, Horsham | Install substation, 2 poles, 4 stays, LV overhead line, HV underground cable and LV underground cable.

Palaceland Farm, Hooklands Lane, Shipley | Demolition of existing agricultural barn and construction of a holiday let accommodation (Class C1). Following previous extant approval DC/23/0589.

McDonalds Restaurant, Worthing Road, West Grinstead | Installation of 3x internally illuminated Fascia signs, 3x internally illuminated booth lettering signs, 1x internally illuminated booth screen and 4x yellow soffit lights.

McDonalds Restaurant, Worthing Road, West Grinstead | Installation of various internal and external signage.

McDonalds Restaurant, Worthing Road, West Grinstead | Installation of free standing Totem sign.

Lower Perryland Farm, Basing Hill Access Road, Dial Post | Demolition of existing agricultural barns and erection of 3no. residential dwellings, with associated car ports, landscaping and parking.

Rascalls Farm, Shipley Road, Southwater | Non Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/24/0249 (Reserved matters application for the erection of 96 dwellings and ancillary parking and landscaping following approval of outline application DC/20/0695 (up to 100 residential units with associated vehicular and pedestrian access), relating to layout,

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scale, appearance and landscaping) relating to differing unit types for Plots 1 and 2.

Whitemans Cottage, Sincox Lane, Shipley | Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling and a car port.

Greenacres, Saucelands Lane, Shipley | Demolition of existing buildings. Erection of four barn style detached dwellings with associated garages utilising existing access together with landscaping.

Telecommunications Mast, Bar Lane, Southwater | Installation of 2no. Omni Antenna fixed to a offset brackets, Installation of 2no. LAN Modems fixed to new offset brackets together with ancillary development thereto.

Rose Cottage, Bakers Lane, Shipley | Change of use of residential land to allow for the siting of a shepherd's hut, sauna and hot tub for commercial holiday lets, together with associated landscaping.

Hilltop Country Park, Emms Lane, Brooks Green | Change of use of existing 23no. static holiday caravans to permanent residential occupation. (Use Class C3).

Carvers, Emms Lane, Brooks Green | Variation of Condition 4 of previously approved application DC/20/1309 (Conversion of storage barn and single storey side extension to provide ancillary accommodation) to allow use as a separate unit of ancillary accommodation.

20 Oaklands Park, Emms Lane, Brooks Green | Fell 1x Oak and Surgery to 4x Oak

Rascalls Farm, Shipley Road, Southwater | Variation of Conditions 1, 5, 6, 11, 13, and 19 and Removal of Conditions 7 and 9 of previously approved application DC/24/0249 (Reserved matters application for the erection of 96 dwellings and ancillary parking and landscaping following approval of outline application DC/20/0695 (up to 100 residential units with associated vehicular and pedestrian access), relating to layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) relating to plans, arboricultural measures and water neutrality

Brooks Green Park, Emms Lane, Brooks Green | Variation of condition 7 and Removal of condition 3 of previously approved application DC/23/1224 (Stationing of 3no. 2-bedroom residential park homes for year-round occupation) relating to water neutrality and broadband provisions

Baileys Farm, Brooks Green Road, Coolham | Variation of Condition 1 and Removal of Condition 3 of previously approved application DC/23/1792 (Erection of a business unit (Classes E and B8 Use) with associated parking) relating to water neutrality.

Lackeys, Hooklands Lane, Shipley | Change of use to extend the residential curtilage

Well Cottage, Emms Lane, Brooks Green | Change of Use of existing paddock into residential curtilage



Greener Cooking

With the imminent arrival of our new food waste caddies, this month our thoughts have turned to other ways to make our approach to food more sustainable!

If you'd like to know more about Greener Shipley, or would like to get involved, you can find us on Facebook on our Greener Shipley page or you can email us at: greenerhipley@gmail.com.

By Nancy Brock

Beginners Guide to Green Cooking

Reduce Your Food Miles
Perishable out of season foods grown in green houses and flown in are the worst offenders. A pack of asparagus flown in from Peru is worth 3.5kg CO₂e yet a local in season pack is only 175g CO₂e! Shopping at a local farmers market helps you buy in season and reduce your food miles without having to check the labels.

Make Extra for Leftovers
Make the most of the effort you put in and cook more than you need to make yourself lunches or dinners from the leftovers. This is a great way to make the most of your time, save money and reduce food waste whilst creating easy and tasty meals.

Reduce Your Meat And Dairy Consumption
The consumption of meat and dairy accounts for 15% of global emissions! Going vegan may be asking a bit much for most but by reducing your intake of meat and dairy can reduce your carbon emissions dramatically. Get adventurous with recipes or try meat or dairy free days to improve your health and your footprint.

Recycle Your Food Waste
Each year in the UK 7 million tonnes of food is wasted from our homes. When sent to landfill, this waste releases methane, a green house gas 25 times more potent than CO₂. Putting it in food waste reduces its impact and enables the food to be turned into fertiliser or even a source of energy via an anaerobic digester.

Avoid Unsustainable Palm Oil
300 football pitches worth of forest is cleared each hour for palm oil! Unfortunately, palm oil is so engrained in our lives it is hard to remove from your weekly shop completely. However, choosing products without palm oil or which are certified to be sourced sustainably can go a long way.

Think Carbon

For more information on how to reduce your impact and save money visit carbonfootprint.com

The Carbon Footprint logo, featuring a stylized green footprint with the words "carbon footprint" written below it.

Charity recycling 2026



Raising money for these charities/school

- Sussex Green Living
- Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance
- Springboard Project - Mörsham
- Link to Hope - Eastern Europe
- NICS - Uganda
- William Penn School - Coolham www.mygroupitd.com/schoolcycled

These items CAN NOT go in your council recycling bin, but can be recycled by us and to raise money for charity



We can recycle any brand of:

- Lip balms, tinted lip balms, lip shimmers & lipsticks
- Mascara tubes & wands
- Eye shadow & compacts
- Personal care flexible plastic & metallic tubes
- Face wipe packaging

- Pencils, crayons, plastic pens, highlighters, felt tips, permanent markers (put in a 2nd hand bag)
- Water filters any brand
- Inkjet cartridges (refilled or branded) give to us or send to Recycle 4 Charity with us as the beneficiary
- Ferrero Rocher boxes, aluminium wrappers, plastic trays. Kinder foil, Kinder rigid plastic packaging, Kinder and Nutella flexible plastic pouches. Kinder ice cream packaging
- Marigold rubber gloves and packaging (nitrile, vinyl, latex)
- All plastic wrappers from sweet and savoury biscuits and cakes
- All plastic bread and bakery products, Warburtons wax wrap
- Bottle tops, milk bottle tops, glasses and contact lenses, inhalers, bras
- Cheese wax and candle stubs
- Natural wine corks - not synthetic - give to us or take to any Majestic Wine store
- Vapes give to us or recycle with retailer who sells vapes or a council recycling centre
- Batteries give to us or recycle with retailers who sell batteries or put on top of your council bin on collection day



- Jewellery & Watches (in any material even if damaged or broken)
- Currency - Any coins or banknotes, UK & foreign (even if out of circulation)
- Mobile Phones
- Cameras (old film, digital and video)
- Stamps (loose, single, albums, first day covers, presentation packs)
- Gadgets (Sat-Navs, Ipods, MP3 players, games consoles, games & accessories).
- Give to us or send direct to Recycling for Good Causes with us as the beneficiary.



Find your nearest Sussex Green Living village drop off location & learn about recycling:

www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/why-recycle

Restoring Biodiversity

Sustainable Food

Conserving Resources

Slow travel: Explore the gems on our doorstep this Bank Holiday

With bank holiday weekends in April and May, this spring offers the perfect opportunity to rediscover what's right on our doorstep - and to think a little differently about how we travel.

Many of us will already have booked our summer holidays, but there's growing pressure on airlines to be more transparent about the true environmental cost of flying. From April 2027, airlines and travel agents will be required to display clear, standardised emissions figures at the point of booking, giving passengers the information they need to weigh up the environmental cost of their journey.

The news was welcomed by environment group CAGNE, which had been campaigning on the issue for over a decade. But a spokesperson said the warnings should be similar to those on cigarette packets - warning of the risks to the health of the planet - adding that people should have all the information so 'they can then seek greener forms of transport whether that be a different airline or travel by train or not to fly'.

With that in mind, we thought the spring bank holidays are a wonderful excuse to explore the trails and treasures on our own doorstep.

- **The High Weald Landscape Trail** winds 90 miles from Horsham through to Rye, passing ancient farmsteads, sunken lanes and orchards coming into blossom in spring.
- For those who prefer gentler gradients,



© South Downs National Park Authority

- the **Downs Link** follows a former railway line from Guildford to Shoreham-by-Sea - around 37 miles, mostly flat and traffic-free, and ideal for families on foot or by bike.
- For something more ambitious, the **Sussex Diamond Way** offers a 60-mile route from Midhurst to Heathfield, crossing heathland and woodland through the heart of the Low Weald - easily broken into stages.
- Walkers looking to take the train can use the rail network to hop between villages across the South Downs - **Amberley, Pulborough and Arundel** are all worth a stop - making it easy to explore without a car.
- And don't overlook the **Serpent Trail**, a 64-mile route through the heathlands of the South Downs National Park, which is divided into 11 manageable sections - so you can set yourself the challenge of completing it in a few stints.

For more walks ideas:

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking>

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/get-active/south-downs-walks/>

By Bex Bastable

News from Sussex Green Living cont...

Do you “put your face on” before leaving the house?

Most of us do. Going out bare-faced still feels like a bold move. Yet from Pamela Anderson and Alicia Keys to Helen Mirren and Bella Hadid, more people—including plenty of Sussex shoppers—are choosing to skip the make-up and embrace what’s already there.

At the same time, the beauty industry has been quietly having a glow-up of its own—but not always the good kind. As demand has soared so has the environmental footprint. Self-care, it turns out, isn’t always kind to the planet.

From resource-hungry ingredients to ocean pollution, animal testing, chemical runoff and those hard-to-avoid microplastics, the impact quickly adds up. In 2024, Plastic Soup researchers for British Beauty Council analysed over 7,000 beauty products and found that only **13% were microplastic-free**. Not exactly a confidence booster.

Plus, the beauty industry produces around **120 billion pieces of packaging every year**, with **95% of it thrown away**. Even the most eco-conscious among us has stood in front of the bin wondering: Can this mascara wand be recycled?



It isn’t all doom and gloom. Things are shifting.

Some brands are rethinking how they make, package and test their products, with shoppers paying attention:

- **34%** chose brands with strong sustainability credentials in the last year
- **35% of Gen Z** are willing to pay more for sustainable products
- **25%** would pay up to **25% more** for an ethical, sustainable option

As younger consumers gain buying power, that influence is only set to grow—choosing brands that show they care about **planet and people**, not just profit.

If you don’t know what to do with that beauty packaging, Sussex Green Living can help. We have volunteers who collect these waste resources at the Sussex Green Hub held in the United Reformed Church, Horsham (last Saturday every month) and in Amberley, Arundel, Partridge Green, Slinfold, Southwater, Storrington, Thakeham, Coolham and Warnham.

To learn more, download the latest recycling list with locations from here:

<https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/single-use/>

By Marianne Lindfield



News from Shipley Community Hub



Talks and themes generally start around 11.30am and run for approximately 30-45 mins. A monthly themed raffle is also organised. Tickets are drawn at around 12.30pm and funds from raffle and refreshments go towards the future running costs of our community group.

*****Please note the earlier closing time of 1.30pm for 2026**

Our programme for 2026

Tuesday 7th April | A talk and tasting from David at Cabin Pressure Gin plus a mini Gin competition- Bring your home made gin for David to judge.

Tuesday 5th May | Birthday Bingo - Come celebrate our Anniversary with a fun game of Bingo.

Tuesday 2nd June | Cheese talk and tasting by Joe from Village Larder, Washington.

Tuesday 7th July | Caroline Instance explains what the Chanctonbury community land trust is about.

Tuesday 4th August | Free Trivia Quiz organised by Lillys cottage

Tuesday 1st September | Benefits talk - WSCC - (Amanda Jupp)

Tuesday 6th October | A Talk by Jane Warren about - the Japanese art of fixing precious items with raised gold leaf.

Tuesday 3rd November | The Peking to Paris Motor Challenge. A talk about a grueling 37-day, 14,500+ km endurance rally for classic and vintage cars.

Tuesday 1st December | Xmas Fayre

By Sarah Cuthbertson
Founder - Shipley Community Hub

NEW AT

SHIPLEY HUB

SEWING ALTERATIONS!

The First
TUESDAY
of the Month!

11am - 1:30pm

Bring your clothes for
REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS!

News from Knepp Castle Estate

This month we have contributions from the Knepp Wildland Foundation's stork project, our ranger Steve exalting the virtues of Spring, Rachel welcoming the new season of visitors to the estate and the indomitable Nick who has an update on visitor parking charges.

But first some history – many in Shipley will have heard of Sunt Farm – a property on the green lane south of Countryman lane which we think was demolished in the 1950's. We had a visit in February from Peter Bradford, who's mother lived in the farmhouse during the war, who has painstakingly made a model replica of the property from photos. All that remains on site is the privy, which we are hoping to repair this year.



Laura Vaughan-Hirsch of the Knepp Wildland Foundation White Stork Project: Spring is finally getting underway, and the white storks at Knepp are already busy preparing for the breeding season ahead. The live nest camera was switched back on just in time for Valentine's Day, but the weeks leading up to it brought an unexpected development. The resident female who had occupied the nest for the past few

years, Ania, disappeared shortly before the camera went live. In her place, a new female, Greta, has arrived and appears to have quickly formed a strong bond with Bartek. Despite careful searches, Ania has not been seen for several weeks, and her fate remains unknown.

Last year proved to be a remarkable one for the colony. More than 80 eggs were laid across the site, and 45 chicks successfully fledged from 18 nests. With nest-building already underway across the colony at Knepp, hopes are high for another productive year. Eggs are typically laid from mid-March and take around 33 days to hatch. Both parents share the work of incubation, carefully taking turns to keep the eggs warm and protected. If all goes well, the first chicks should begin appearing later in the spring.

This season has already brought encouraging signs with the return of migrating birds. Many of Knepp's storks leave the UK towards the end of August, often gathering along the coast before crossing the Channel. From there they join large flocks on the continent and travel south, eventually reaching wintering grounds in North Africa. Their spring return is quieter and less dramatic: rather



(c) Charlie Burrell



than arriving in large groups, individuals tend to trickle back from late February through March. In recent weeks, two birds known to have spent the winter in France have already been confirmed back at Knepp.

As the breeding season gathers momentum, more familiar birds are expected to return over the coming weeks. You can follow the action live via the White Storks at Knepp nest camera on YouTube or experience the project in person by booking a Stork Safari through the Knepp website.

Ranger Steve writes: The carpets of spring flowers and the buzzing of insects brings about a change in emphasis for maintenance across the estate. Our thoughts turn to infrastructure improvements and visitor management. As the ground starts to dry out and access is easier, we start to plan and put into practice improvements to our tree platforms and path network. The exceptionally wet winter has highlighted areas we might be able to improve with path surfacing. Over the autumn and winter months we have been carrying out reactive and preventative tree safety works. Now that the birds are nesting, any

tree works are put on hold until the autumn, unless it's an urgent safety issue. Tree surveys continue all year round, looking at tree health, vitality and any obvious signs of disease. The most obvious signs, that can occur at almost any time of the year, are large fungal brackets. However, not all of these are particularly bad for the tree. If you think about some of our oldest and most iconic trees in the UK, they are mostly hollow. This is a defence strategy by the tree, as hollow cylinders are much more resilient to wind than a solid trunk. Yes, they may lose some of their branches, particularly in the crown, lowering the tree's overall height and again, helping them to weather storms. This strategy is affectionately called "growing down" by an esteemed tree aficionado and great friend of Knepp, Ted Green. Some fungi play a huge part in this strategy by removing and recycling the nutrients bound up in the heartwood of the tree, taking out the dead wood and leaving the cylindrical living tissue which can twist and flex more easily. This process is mostly invisible from the outside of the tree, until the time that the spore-bearing brackets appear, which can take several years. However, the tree can give subtle signs of hollowing such as a thickening or widening of the trunk, likened to slumping and growing a belly in their old age. Knepp and the wider Shipley area, are blessed with many significantly aged trees. Not just our magnificent oaks, but also notably sized field maples in the ancient hedgerows, and even crab apple trees.



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News from Knepp cont...

Our volunteer teams at Knepp continue to assist in all aspects of the estate including tree recording, but one area we are keen to recruit new members to is our dedicated team of Roaming Rangers. Following training, these individuals assist with patrols, litter collection, making observations and assisting our visitors with information and directions. If this of interest to you, please contact us at: volunteering@knepp.co.uk

Rachel our visitor manager writes: Our campsite and safari season begins Friday 3rd April, and we're excited to welcome guests back to the campsite in time for the return of the nightingales, whose beautiful song can be heard drifting across the camping meadow after dark. We look forward to hosting another wonderful season of safaris and welcome our new safari manager Bev Rogers. We have launched Early Bird and Landcruiser Sundowner Safaris, giving visitors the chance to experience the landscape at its most magical—whether that's the quiet dawn chorus or the golden light of evening. The ecology and safari team have also just enjoyed a trip to the Netherlands with Charlie Burrell to hear from European specialists involved in rewilding in a country with twice the population density of the UK...and bison..



(c) Charlie Burrell

And finally Nick, operations manager at the Wilding Kitchen & shop:

With summer around the corner, we're starting to look outside at the Wilding Kitchen. Our coffee trailer will reopen seven days a week from the beginning of April (weather permitting) with fantastic quality, locally roasted, organic coffee. We'll also be serving sandwiches made with our homemade focaccia and toasted paninis.

Also restarting in April is our Saturday evening service. This kicks off with a special 'Green Star' supper event on Tuesday 28th April. You may have read here previously that last year The Wilding Kitchen was listed as a great place to eat by the Michelin Guide (one of only ten places in West Sussex). In addition, earlier this year we were awarded a very prestigious 'Green Star' by the same organisation. This recognises restaurants who are not just serving great food but also doing something truly special from a sustainability perspective. There is only one other restaurant in Sussex to have this award, so we are incredibly proud of this.

After this event, the restaurant will be open every Saturday evening all the way through the summer, so if you're looking for somewhere lovely for a special meal, do bear us in mind.

We also have a programme of exciting events lined up. This includes our regular monthly author suppers with leading names from the world of conservation, gardening and food and our summer BBQ evenings start again on Fridays from 1st May.

News from Knepp cont...



Less exciting but equally important is some car parking news. Somewhat reluctantly we have decided to introduce parking charges. We are determined to keep Knepp open and accessible to as many people as possible but we don't have capacity for all the visitors that come and we have run out of space.

We want to avoid people parking on the verges and in the villages and so the charge will only be small and redeemable on site, with a 20 minute free period for people just popping in for a pint of milk or a pack of (delicious!) sausages.

We have tried really hard to manage parking without charging and we will continue to manage the situation and welcome any comments of issues which you can let us know at parking@knepp.co.uk

By Jason Emrich

Kriss Kross | Answers in the next edition

4 LETTERS

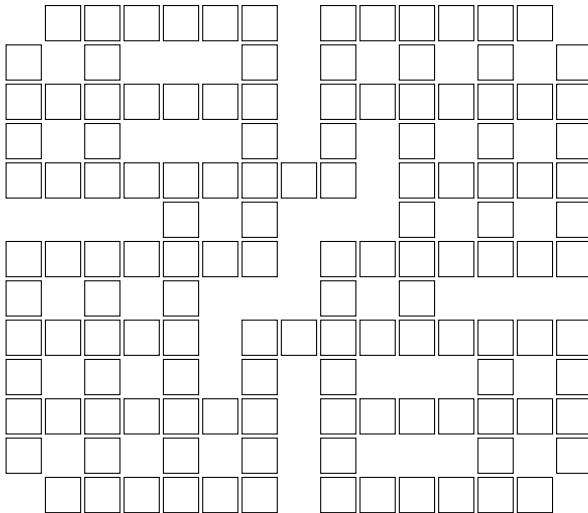
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Goshawk: Phantom of the Forest

For many of us, film and literature may be the closest we get to experiencing the sharp detail of certain charismatic wildlife goliaths; the breath of a Bengal Tiger, the splashing breach of a Humpback Whale or the down-the-barrel fire-eyed stare of a Goshawk. If you've watched this year's film adaptation of Helen Macdonald's bestseller, *H is for Hawk*, you'll have been treated to some beautiful close-ups of these impeccable birds. Cherish these shots – they're not common.

Nicknamed 'Phantom of the Forest', Goshawks are extremely secretive, flying under the radar and shrouded in mysterious woodland wonder. It's said their name was bestowed upon them by medieval falconers; Goose-hawk, for their apparent ability to take down geese. Anyone who's ever had a run in with a lairy farmyard goose will know they're quite a contender, and the name immediately conjures images of the Goshawk's mighty strength and hunting prowess.

Goshawks share a similar barred chest, yellow legs, and bright eyes with their cousin, the Sparrowhawk. But the



Goshawk on nest © Paul Marten

similarity ends with size, and with a wingspan of up to five feet, a female Goshawk can easily weigh four times as much as a female Sparrowhawk.

Despite their impressive bulk, Goshawks are tricky to spot, and surprisingly agile. Preferring to nest and hunt in deep forest, they whip through thicket and glade at speeds of up to 38 miles per hour to silently dispatch unsuspecting birds and small mammals with spearing golden talons.



Goshawk juvenile © Pete Richman



Goshawks © Adam Huttly

News from SWT cont...



Like many awesome predators, these magnificent birds get a rough reputation. Historically persecuted, by the late 19th century Goshawks were all but extinct in the UK. Due to accidental escapees, and perhaps some deliberate releases, these birds have bounced back. Although, their trauma is not as much in the past as you would like to assume, with vilification and very real crimes against the species still happening. Along with added threats of habitat loss and climate change, this serial oppression has slowed their steely return.



Goshawk © Paul Marten

But return they do. Although populations are patchy across the UK, those that do persist are strong in number, including here in Sussex, with around 65 breeding pairs now thought to be resident. If you see one, you're ever so lucky. But if you miss out, don't despair.

Lean into the mystery, the stuff of film, and tales of the forest. You might not have seen them. But they've probably seen you.

By Kerry Williams,
Communications Officer –
Conservation, Sussex Wildlife Trust

Defibrillators - Where's your nearest?

We have seven 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:

- Andrew Hall, Shipley (located outside so available 24/7) **Please note: This defibrillator is now back in action**
- 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)



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

A Whole World of Ideas Where You Might Get Real Support

"From whence cometh my help?" asks Psalm 121 that begins famously, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills."

Could you do with a hand-up instead of reaching vainly for a hand-out? A young person's dignity and belief in themselves is often enhanced if the help they receive can be attributed in part to their own efforts and initiative.

This is why the **Dan and Morfa Pope Memorial Fund** (Shipley's Charity for Young People) is appealing for applicants to come forward who might benefit from a financial donation that could benefit their future. The terms of the charity are set out on the page opposite. You are urged to read them if you think you have the credentials that would entitle you to a grant.



A little help goes a long way, as we all know, and the available support for an activity or occupation of your own choice could help meet the challenges of growing your own future that you might not otherwise be able to fund. You might dream of pursuing an acting career, or aim to become a writer, or an expert in first aid or photography, or seek to be a performing musician, a dancer, an athlete, or sportsperson. There are plenty of forums for training opportunities and for skills development that are exciting but not always affordable. Do please come forward if you have the hope or ambition of achieving something that could lead to your personal advancement or help you accomplish some skill to which you might aspire, and which could guide you to a successful career.

It is sometimes assumed that one's future is something that just happens to us, and that we have little or no power over it. But, the best way of predicting the future is to invent it for ourselves! A *'very present help'* could be the answer. There may be others of you whom we could assist. Do get in touch and please note that the offer is also available for active Shipley Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

**Fund now open to
active Shipley Scouts and Explorer Scouts**

THE DAN AND MORFA POPE MEMORIAL FUND

Shipleys 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 have previously attended Shipley C of E Primary School or the William Penn Primary School in Coolham;
- **Be an active Shipley Scout or Explorer Scout.**

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 or 01403 741460 if you are seeking a grant.

Registered Charity No: 10887795

Puzzle solutions | Answers from the last edition

Quick crossword

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Puzzle solutions | Answers from the last edition

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Master

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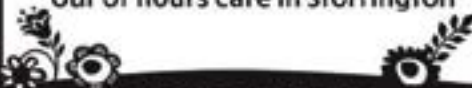
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WHAT IS UNDERINSURANCE?

To be 'underinsured' means that the amount you're covered for is less than the cost of rebuilding, replacing, or repairing. For example, if you had a fire at your home, and your 'sum insured' is only £30,000, but the actual cost to replace your contents is £100,000 then you're underinsured and the reality is your policy won't pay out beyond £30,000, leaving you with a hefty bill.

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.

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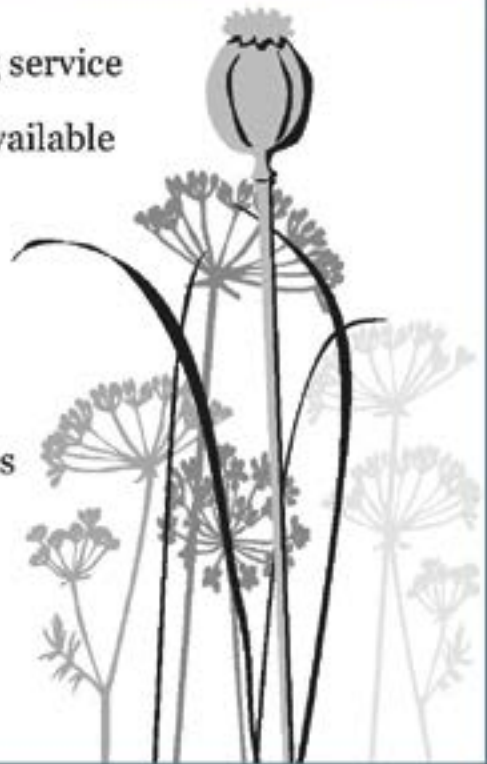
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