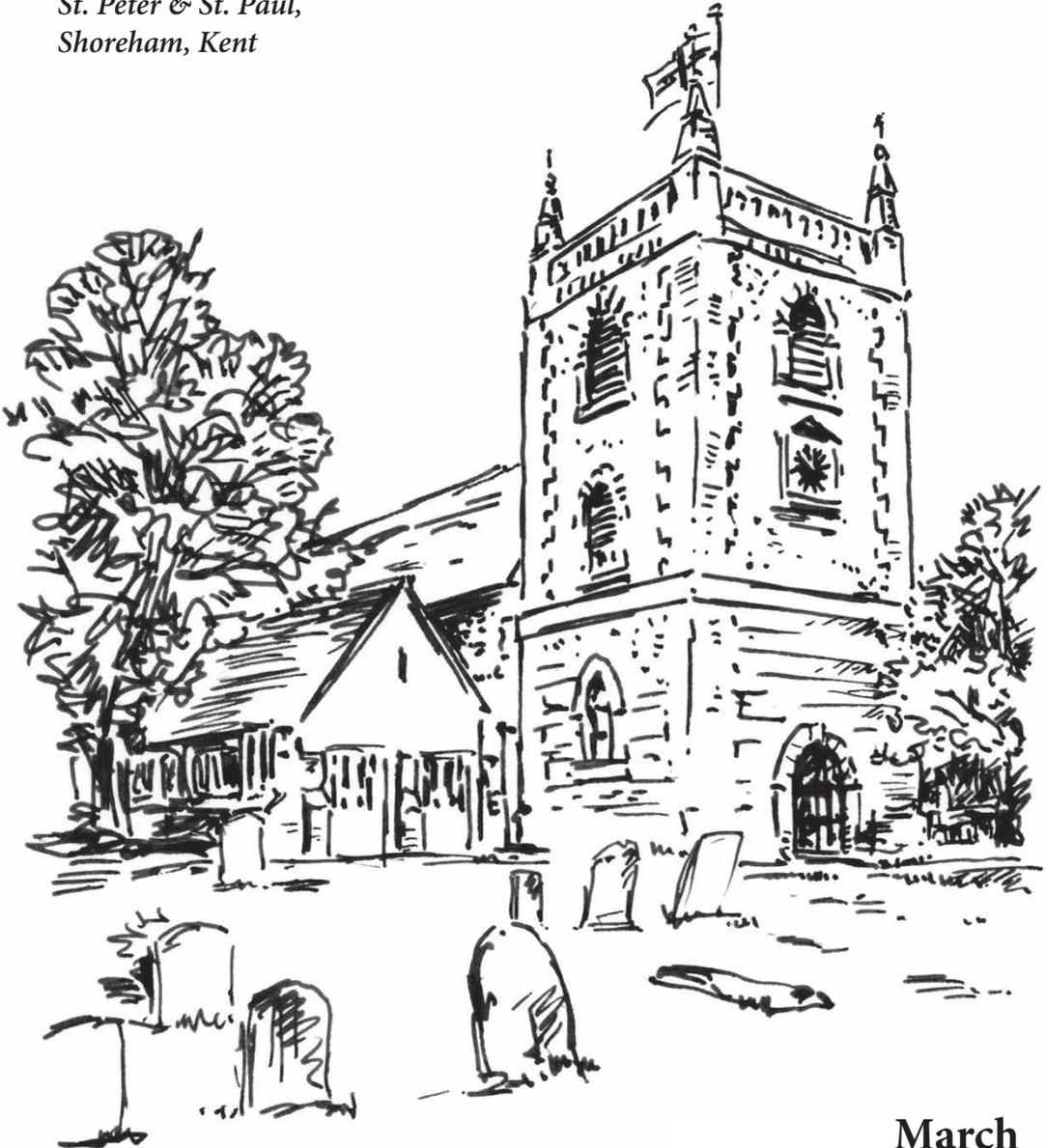


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10.00am – Eucharist with Baptism of Luna Grima

4.30pm – Lent Course 1

8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

8am BCP Communion

10am Eucharist with Taizé Music

4.30pm Discipleship; Equipped for the journey Bill Latimer

15th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

10am Eucharist

4.30pm Discipleship: A journey of discovery Rev Diane

22nd March 4th Sunday of Lent

8am BCP Communion

10am All-Age Service

4.30pm Discipleship: Completing the journey Bryan Harris

29th March 5th Sunday of Lent

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

1st March

Baptism Luna Grima

2nd March

Burial May Randall

Interment of Ashes Jesse and Rose Wootton

MPWAPWA ... AGAIN.

I am writing this in Pembrokeshire, not far from the coast at the tail end of the second storm we have experienced recently. It seems that all over the world people are experiencing more extremes and unpredictability in the weather.

You may remember that in November we sent some money to help with the drought in Mpwapwa in Tanzania, where we have our link parish and schools. The drought (when it should have been the rainy season), meant that the seeds that had already been planted failed to grow, and people had no choice but to eat the seeds that should have been set aside to plant for this year's harvest. We have just received thanks for the gift to alleviate the impact of the failed harvest.

There is no welfare state, so most of the practical, environmental and social support comes through the church. For example, the diocese has been responsible for planting trees to help mitigate some of the impacts of deforestation. Bishop Jacob used the funds, to give two bags of maize seed to each of the pastors and leaders across the diocese. Two bags is enough seed to plant an acre of maize. All the seed has now been planted, the rain has come and the crop will be harvested in three months. It has been wonderful to see the photos of smiling faces holding bags of maize, children at Chunya Secondary school involved in the planting of the seeds, and latterly, photos of the crops growing well.

Our Mpwapwa Working Group (with children and adults from Shoreham Village School, St. Michael's School and the parish) has continued to meet to explore ways we can support and learn from our partnership in Chunya. I'm delighted to be able to tell you that I (Alain and Joseph), will be making a return visit to Mpwapwa in May.

We have paid to take out four extra suitcases, which we hope to fill with things that are needed by our friends in Chunya. We would also like to take out some money, for the two schools and parish. Can you help us ... do you have a large old suitcase (or even 4!), that we could leave out there ... could you donate some money (via SVS or the church) to enable us to buy things, pay for the excess baggage, leave small gifts of money ... and when we find out what would be helpful to take, could you help us fill the four suitcases

To be continued

Revd Diane

VALLEY OF VISION SCULPTURE

Three weekends: 20/21, 27/28 June, 4/5 July, 11am-5pm

Valley of Vision Sculpture will be full of surprises including a big wooded garden right in the heart of the village that hasn't been open to the public before. One of the surprises will be the church where two sculptures by renowned RAs will be shown. We are proud and excited to celebrate the new extension – the church will be the refreshment hub of the exhibition.

There will be something for everyone with the spectacular diversity of works and it will be the ideal family day out with a special children's activity.

In preparation for the show we are having monthly site-visits and it is wonderful to see the artists falling in love with Shoreham despite the wintry appearance of the gardens and a lot of mud. Visitors and artists alike can enjoy anticipating the transformation of the gardens into the perfect setting to display sculpture at the height of their summer splendour.

Tickets: £10 on the day, by card at the Church and in the water meadow. Cash only, in all other gardens or in advance on Eventbrite. One catalogue between two included, accompanied under 15s free, group discounts 20% In aid of Shoreham Church Part of Sevenoaks Summer Festival

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer. There are various roles including being in the midst of the show as an invigilator or helping with refreshments. If you would like to be involved in any way with this ambitious venture please contact Alain. Shoreham Co-ordinator
Alain Cozens (alaincozens1@gmail.com)

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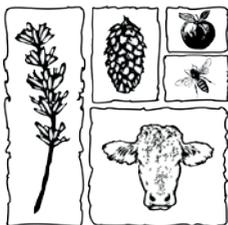
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Our meeting is on March 3rd . The meeting commences at 2.00pm. but for those partaking of soup the time is 12.45pm for 1.00pm. This will be our last soup lunch this year. In April we revert to our evening meetings

This month we welcome back Barbara Stevens and her subject will be 'A fun look at the production of extra virgin olive oil'. Not to be missed. New members and visitors welcome.

STOP PRESS Our Community Coffee morning will be on Thursday 12th March 2020 in the Village Hall between 10.00am and 12.00 noon where tea/coffee and cake will be available. All welcome. Come and join us -we look forward to seeing you there.

Sylvie Poynter

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The Arts Society Sevenoaks will be holding a lecture on Samuel Palmer on 12th March at Walthamstow Hall Senior School given by the art critic Timothy Wilcox, who has published a charming and beautifully illustrated book on Palmer. Samuel Palmer moved to Shoreham in 1824 and the paintings he made in Shoreham, his Valley of Vision, are considered his most original and beautiful. Living first in Water House and then Ivy Cottage, and walking by moonlight with his artist friends the Ancients, Palmer found all he needed for inspiration in Shoreham, his Earthly Paradise.

Guests are warmly invited to attend the lecture, and are invited to make a donation of £5. Drinks will be served from 7.30 p.m. Walthamstow Hall School is on Hollybush Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 3UL

Jill Webster

TALES FROM THE HILL

On Saturday mornings ‘The Ice Man Cometh’ carrying a large block of ice that dripped its way through the kitchen into a double-doored cold cabinet. There it would melt its way through the week, in high summer seldom lasting till Wednesday, but it kept perishables fresh for a few days. To me the ice man was a sinister spectre, layers of sacks on his back to protect him from the cold, his only equipment a rope and a large hook that dug into the ice. The ice block was the size of a microwave, you touched it at your peril, of course as a curious boy I had to try licking it, and several cups of hot water were required to free my tongue from its icy grasp, minus a layer of skin from my tongue.

Two hundred years ago ice was a precious commodity, so valuable that big estates realized that storage of meats, poultry and fish packed in ice or kept close to it would prolong the shelf life along with many other perishables. By the mid-19th century an ice house was de rigeur for every large country house. As the fashion grew so did the uses for good quality ice, such as a bed for salads, ice cream and exotic fruits, even ice sculptures.

The construction of ice houses varied. Some were grand structures, embellished with fine stonework and statues. Others no more than an egg shaped underground brick chambers, with a porch leading into the side of the dome. They were often roofed with thick thatch. The chamber could measure 30ft in depth and 12 ft wide holding 25 ton of ice.



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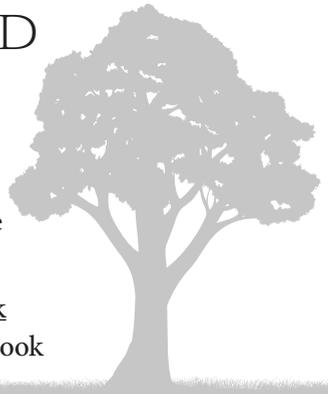
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Ice houses were often built in a dark and shady part of the gardens. When fridges arrived on the scene most Ice Houses were put to other uses such as water tanks or even cesspools and in at least one case an air raid shelter----A chilling thought!

John Bovington

The Ice House for Shoreham Place still exists Editor

VICTORY EUROPE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

May 8th is the 75th year of the end of WW2 in Europe VE Day. A concert to mark this occasion is being held at The Mount at 7.30pm on that day. Headed by our own Henry Desmond and his Orchestra...it promises to be a wonderful event! Come and help us celebrate Victory in Europe.

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Lorna Robinson

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SHOREHAM SOCIETY – FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We've arranged an interesting programme of outdoor events for all ages. Do come and join in!

The annual **Shoreham Shine litter pick** is on **Sunday March 1st from 9am to 1pm, meeting at the Village Hall**. You don't have to commit to the whole morning, just turn up when you can, and stay as long as you are able to. If you can only make the afternoon, you can still join in by collecting the equipment from 39 High Street after 1pm.

If you want to bring your own tools, the following would be useful - brooms, secateurs, hand brushes, weeding tools and protective gloves. It's a great opportunity to get to know your community, while helping to keep our village just the way we all like it. So please **SAVE THE DATE!** We look forward to welcoming you.

There's a **Community Walk on Sunday April 5th**, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am. This is a sociable and short local walk across to the opposite side of the valley, up the hill via footpath SR22 and then down to Preston Farm and then back to the village.

The famous **SHOREHAM DUCK RACE**, is on **SUNDAY MAY 3rd**. (Please note that it's not on the bank holiday, which falls this year on Friday 8th May.) So get designing those ducks!

On **Saturday 16th May**, there's a late afternoon **Family Wildlife Walk**, led by a local RSPB member. You'll listen to birdsong, find wild flowers and look for traces of our native fauna. Details to follow.

In mid-June, we're planning a **Himalayan Balsam-pulling** day by the river. This attractive plant is an invasive species which damages the River Darent ecosystem. Pulling it out is a tough job! We'll set the exact date based on expert advice, depending on how the plants are growing.

Shoreham's Big Weekend is on **July 11th-12th**. It's a weekend to celebrate all things Shoreham, including its history, its people, its buildings, and its environment, with a free concert on the Rec. If you'd like to get involved in the planning, contact christineeuman@yahoo.co.uk.

Please join us! The Shoreham Society is your local amenity group that is here to help preserve and enhance our beautiful village. If you aren't a member already, please email Jenny Walkling, whose email is jenny.walkling@btinternet.com. It costs only £5 per household per year, or £3 for one person.

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Lucy Holland

SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition to design a Village Sign for Shoreham. We had a great response and received some fantastic entries, many of which came from children. It was very hard for the judges to choose a winner but they finally awarded first prize to 11 year old Imogen Maclaren, who had included so many iconic elements of Shoreham in her design. Ideas from all the winning entries will however be incorporated into the final design, which will be professionally made and installed in a prominent location on the High Street. There will also be an exhibition, where all the entries, as well as the final design will be on display.

We were pleased to learn, that following a public inquiry held in December 2019, permission to divert footpath SR22 has not been granted and the legal route is now open and available. KCC has however, entered into a legal agreement with the landowner to make the unofficial diversion available as an alternative permissive path so that walkers can choose whether to walk across the garden or go around the outside.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has completed their traffic survey. Please be reminded that the closing date for the consultation is 29th February so if you

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

March 1890

There was a real controversy in the village over the dispersal of funds from Terry's Charity with strongly held views on all sides in this dispute. In the report of the public meeting held to discuss this issue it was reported in the parish magazine that the Vicar had said that "it was wrong to have come upon him in the dark in the churchyard; it looked like an attempt to overawe an individual by a superior display of force and not being a jelly fish ... he had spoken his mind (in the meeting)"

March 1900

The country was embroiled in the cost of maintaining its empire with the Boer War in South Africa. The Church door had a list of those from the village who were serving their country in this conflict. The Vicar was pleased with recent military successes which he attributed to God's blessing. Closer to home there was growing excitement that the cricket pavilion would soon be completed thanks to the financial generosity of the Cohens of Highfields and the agreement of the Mildmays to this being built on their estate.

March 1924

There were details of a very fit local man in that month's issue of the parish magazine. His name was Isaac Loveland who really loved long distance walking. He had already walked from Shoreham to Land's End when a younger man. At the age of 64 he walked 50 miles in one day, managing 22 miles in a single day, even at the age of 80.

March 1990

Some things never change as there was an article in the Gazette about the problem of dog mess, especially the pavement stretch from the King's Arms to the High Street. The dog warden had been contacted and locals were urged to report a description of the dog, not the owner, to the Shoreham School office.

Alain Cozens

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Lent – There are no flowers in Church until Easter Saturday 11th April. If you would like to volunteer to help with the flowers do contact Erica Dale 07812335902

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11th March Meet in Car Park at 2.15pm for outing]]
25th March "My favourite Book" 2.15pm in Village Hall at 2.15pm

SHOREHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The AGM of the Shoreham Historical Society will be held on Friday 20th March commencing 8pm, nominations for committee members please send to the Secretary. The A.G.M will be followed by a talk on the Water Mills of Darent by Dr Lionel Parks. *Lynda Alleeson Secretary*

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The Village Bus runs every Wednesday morning.

Shoreham Station 10am	Sevenoaks Bus Station 12.10pm
Church Street 10.03am	Otford Pond 12.13pm
Otford Pond 10.15am	Church Street 12.31pm
Sevenoaks Bus Station 10.28am	Shoreham Station 12.34pm

MARCH 2020 VILLAGE DIARY

1 st	Shoreham Shine Day	Village Hall	9am – 1pm
3 rd	Women's Institute	Village Hall	12.45pm
7 th	Village Hall Quiz	Village Hall	7pm
11 th	Over 60's outing	Car Park	2.15pm
12 th	Community Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am – 12pm
15 th	"Twisted Tales"	Village Hall	7.30pm
20 th	Historical Society	Village Hall	7.30pm
25 th	Over 60s talk	Village Hall	2.15pm

CHURCH SERVICE REFRESHMENT ROTA

March 1 st	Alison Evans
March 8 th	Pat Gillingham
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