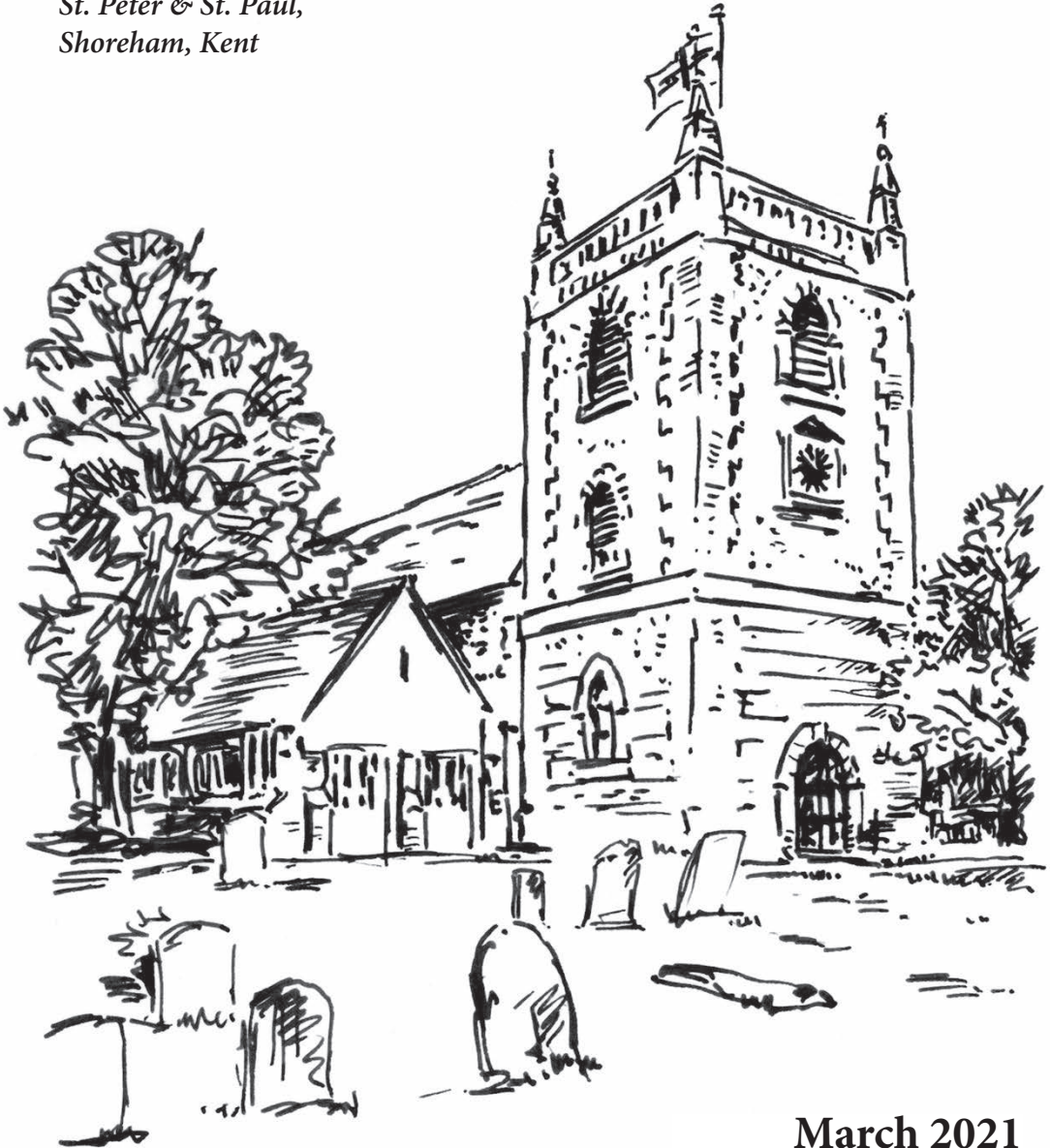


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**Kintsugi: Beauty for brokenness**

*Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,*

*Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer.*

The first two lines from a lovely hymn by Graham Kendrick.

Last month we thought a bit about Lament and Hope. This month Brokenness and Beauty. I think many of us are aware of our brokenness, in our bodies and our minds, as we encounter, as Rachel Mann puts it, “... the facts of loss, limit and fragility”, in our lives.

Recently, I have found myself reading several articles about *Kintsugi*, which I think, has something to say to us about brokenness. Kintsugi is an ancient Japanese art form of repairing broken tea ware by resembling ceramic pieces, creating a new valuable pottery, which becomes more beautiful and more valuable than the original, unbroken vessel.

Kintsugi came out of the Japanese tea culture of the 16th century. One day, when Hosokawa, a tea master, was preparing tea for Hideyoshi, Hideyoshi's young attendant dropped an invaluable piece of tea ware, one of Hideyoshi's favourites, breaking it into five pieces. Hideyoshi raised his hand to punish the servant but Hosokawa intervened, by singing a poem. In Japanese culture, in the singing of this poem, Hosokawa atones for the young servant and takes the responsibility on to himself, saying, “I will be the one to be blamed for his mistake”.

Hosokawa arranged for the five pieces of pottery to be reconnected using a Japanese technique, mixing resin with gold, and presented it to Hideyoshi, who was deeply moved by the beauty of the restored piece and the story became renowned. This act of compassion became the basis of Kintsugi, which adds gold in the cracks, creating a work of beauty through brokenness. The Japanese *kin* stands for ‘gold’ and *tsugi* means ‘to reconnect’.

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Kintsugi does not just fix or repair a broken vessel; rather, the technique makes the broken pottery even more beautiful and valuable than the original. Instead of hiding the repair, the brokenness becomes part of the aesthetic beauty. No two works will look the same or break in the same way. The golden scars tell a story.

This is a lovely illustration of how healing works. Jesus is the master of Kintsugi. His love is the golden resin. As the lives of Zacchaeus, Mary, Peter, Thomas, in the Bible and countless others in our world today, all testify, Jesus takes what is broken and puts it back together again in such a way that it becomes more beautiful and valuable than before. We do not need to hide our brokenness from God. We can offer our brokenness to Jesus and receive the golden resin and healing power of his love.

Brokenness is what teaches us to be fully human, to realise our interdependence, in some senses, it is the gift we offer to others because our wounds, our experiences of loss and brokenness, are what enable us to have compassion and bring that healing to others. Brokenness is also the place where, like in Lament, we often encounter God. The God who in Jesus, entered the brokenness of human existence and experience, so that he might bring us life in all its abundance.

## **60 before 60 and how it became 720**

Although my mum (in Wales) can't believe it, I will turn 60 on St David's Day (March 1st - I'm a real Welsh girl - middle name Eluned). Unable to do many of the things I planned to do, getting fed-up spending most of my waking hours in front of a computer and inspired by a friend, I decided to try and walk 60 miles during February before my birthday (60 before 60). Having walked in both mud and snow, I know what I prefer but I am on track (pardon the pun) and enjoying the challenge. In fact, so much so that I have decided to try and walk 60 miles a month for 12 months, i.e. 720 miles. Coincidentally, this is the number of miles we have left on our pilgrimage from Le Puy in France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain (we have reached Cahors).

So, over the next year I am going to try and walk the equivalent 720 miles in the local area; I would like to use it to raise money for the parish and schools we are linked with in Chunya, Mpwapwa, Tanzania, especially as we were unable to go ahead with the planned visit in May 2020. I have yet to work out how to do sponsorship online, so there will be more details to follow but if you would like to support this fundraising, I would be grateful. Thank you.

*Rev Diane*



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## **FROM THE EDITOR**

We have been in Lockdown for a year now to stop the spread of Corvid-19. Those over 50 are now being offered their first vaccination and very soon more will be protected this way. Life has been very lonely for some in the parish and, thanks to our volunteers, help is always at hand.

I salute those families who are home tutoring and the older children who have adapted to home schooling which has become a way of life. Many people are working from home with frequent problems with WiFi and Broadband connections which hopefully is about to be fixed. Thank you all those villagers who are critical workers and have kept our community and the country going.

*Ann Ball BEM*

## **VILLAGE CHURCH WEBSITE .[www.shorehamchurchkent.org](http://www.shorehamchurchkent.org)**

The Shoreham Church web site has been running for many years and is worth a look. It includes:-

- Church services, times and dates for online and off. Recordings of the last 40 services including the Carol Service (how long ago was that!) and a copy of last Sunday's service to read or download. A brief but informative message from the Vicar.
- How to get details to join us in the online services. A Zoom login or Phone login for those who do not have the internet.
- This resource could get quite busy (and informative) as we approach Easter, how many services? In Church? Online? Who knows...but go to the site to get the current information.
- The Gazette for this month to view or download
- In addition, there is information on Weddings and Wedding Guidance, a contact page, History of the Church, Safeguarding. Also an invitation to join the Church Electoral Roll by printing an application form to be sent in by March 28<sup>th</sup> if you are newly arrived in Shoreham, over 16 or choose to worship at this church.
- Last but not least, we have lost all our income over the last twelve months other than donations. There is an easy process to donate through this web site. Please consider a donation however small. It is so important to maintain our church in the village both physically and spiritually.

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Forms can be found in the back of the Church, on the church website [www.shorehamchurchkent.org](http://www.shorehamchurchkent.org) or by applying to [shorehamchurch7@gmail.com](mailto:shorehamchurch7@gmail.com)

If you have any problems please approach the Electoral Roll Officer Ann Ball who will be pleased to help you. [Shorehamchurch7@gmail.com](mailto:Shorehamchurch7@gmail.com) The form to be returned by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 by email [shorehamchurch7@gmail.com](mailto:shorehamchurch7@gmail.com) or deliver to Ann Ball at Oxbourne View, Mill Lane, TN14 7TP.

The new list of names only will be on display in the porch from 4<sup>th</sup> April when you can comment on any corrections until 17<sup>th</sup> April.

### **THE LAMBING YARD**

In the 1950s, when my brother was called up for his National Service, my father decided to change from farming cattle and to increase the sheep flock for lambs. When we first kept the lambing flock, we lambed them in a small paddock near the farm buildings. We would walk around them last thing at night and again about 2am or 3am in the morning with the Tilley lamp. We soon decided to make a lambing yard out of small bales of straw, making many small pens roofed with hurdles and more small bales, each big enough for one ewe and her lambs. This protected them from predators and mismothering from other ewes about to lamb.

Later, when we changed to big bales, we made some individual permanent pens made with planks sawn by a mobile sawmill. We used the pine trees blown down by the 1987 storm, which laid the trees like a field of wheat. We made one end of the pen of huts with a permanent structure and the rest of the yard with big bales about 100 x 40ft. This pen was kept well littered with straw - we had plenty. At lambing time, the ewes would be fed concentrates in a row of troughs down the middle of the yard. You soon learnt to put the feed in the troughs before the sheep came in -they were so keen to get to the food they would literally knock you over in the rush to get there first. The ewes were only in the yard at night, and by day they went out to feed on catch crops of kale or turnips or



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cabbage. Any ewes that had lambed during the day were put in the small pens to prevent any mismothering. The sheep were Border Leicester cross with Cheviots.

It was much easier to look after them in the pens and saved a lot of lambs being eaten by foxes especially when there are twin or triplet lambs and the ewe has to have eyes everywhere. The yard also kept badgers away from ewes who were having trouble lambing. Badgers are opportunistic feeders and can take advantage of a ewe having difficulty with lambing. I have known cases of this when ewes sometimes get stuck on their backs and the badger will eat her udder which means she will have no milk for the probable twin or triplets

*Frank Hitchcock*



## **SHOREHAM SOCIETY**

With the weather a little better and vaccinations happening all around us, there seems a little more optimism in the air. Needless to say, this has yet to translate into greater freedom of movement for us all! So, the Shoreham Society is trying to offer some light relief with its latest planned activities.

The deadline for the Photographic Exhibition will have passed by the time you are able to read this. However, we may well be able to have a real, rather than virtual, exhibition of the entries later in the year.

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 - Zoom Quiz**

Brush up on your knowledge of the Village as we have the services of that master of quizzing, Malcolm Folland.

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 – Talk by Alain Cozens, via Zoom**

This will focus on the research that Alain has been doing on the Vicars of Shoreham. Quite an interesting bunch! This is a joint meeting with the Shoreham and District Historical Society.

(Zoom log in details will be circulated to all members nearer the time. If you are not yet a member, do join us by contacting: [shorehamsociety@gmail.com](mailto:shorehamsociety@gmail.com) )

### **Book Exchange**

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## **SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL NEWS**

Although we did not manage to return to school after the Christmas break due to another Lockdown, the school has been open to families of Critical Workers and vulnerable pupils.

Online learning has been delivered to all age groups and we are offering three daily zoom lessons to provide structure to each family's day along with multiple opportunities for pupils to stay in touch with staff and their peers. Although we have high levels of pupil engagement, I don't know of any member of school staff who would not rather be in school working alongside pupils to support their learning, as something is definitely 'lost' over a screen.

That said, learning online and with limited resources has inspired pupils to be creative in different ways. Had we been at school, I would have delivered my topic on Indian Art in a fairly 'set' way, asking pupils to develop specific skills in each lesson through a medium of my choice. For example, when studying the architecture of the Taj Mahal, I may have asked for responses using watercolours or when observing lotus flowers in Indian culture, I may have developed pupils' origami skills. As the majority of pupils are at home and I do not know specifically what resources they have available to them I have given them the freedom to express their art in a medium of their choice – and this has been fascinating! I have seen lotus flower sculptures made from stale pita breads, elephants designed and sewn using scrap fabrics, Taj Mahals re-created in Minecraft and a close-up of an elephant eye made from a collage of buttons. How inventive, how truly creative – just what 'Art' is all about. In school, our curriculum plan is to teach pupils new skills and ensure they develop these by improving them lesson by lesson – which in itself can become quite prescriptive. It is therefore very refreshing for all of us to embrace new forms of media and to see the results of pupils exploring and developing their skills within these.

We have still been thinking about our community and we ran a poster challenge to encourage visitors to the village to treat it with respect and to take their rubbish home with them. We have also celebrated all lockdown birthdays with an online birthday cake making session where almost the whole school joined together to make a mug cake using basic ingredients in a microwave. This was a truly lovely event (unashamedly, it was held on my actual birthday) and the cakes were delicious too!

Finally, over February half term, the school had a fibre termination point installed and at some point, will have Fibre to the Premises (FTTP). Hopefully this will support the fibre laying plan that is being spearheaded by the Shoreham Parish Council Broadband Working Group.

*Gillian Lovatt-Young Headteacher*

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Dates for the auction remains to be fixed and will have to wait for Covid lockdown restrictions to be lifted. We hope to book the Village Hall to display the paintings.

If you are unfamiliar with Susan's work, you may visit the Village Shop where a number of notelet cards with views of Shoreham can be seen. A further announcement will be made once arrangements are finalised

*Nick Walker*

## **SHOREHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Along with many other Societies Shoreham Historical Society has been inactive over the past year during the current pandemic, apart from the excellent joint meeting with the Shoreham Society when William Alexander gave a talk on the farming year at Castle Farm. A couple of Zoom committee meetings have been held.

It is proposed to have a zoom Historical Society Annual General Meeting in April prior to a joint meeting with the Shoreham Society, more details will be published later.

Shoreham Historical Society have been booking speakers in the village hall from September 17<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of the lifting of government restrictions.

More information will be publicised nearer the time. Hopefully by then many people will have received their vaccinations!!

*Lynda Alleeson*

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On opening The Radio Times the usual flurry of pamphlets and sales catalogues fall upon the floor. In normal times I would put them into the recycling bag, but in lockdown for the want of something better to do I give them a glance.

The item that first caught my eye was introduced as follows.” Worried about blocked arteries check them at home with The Vascular Health Monitor.” Now does this mean that my trips to St Thomas’ for angiograms involving big lumps of equipment and theatre staff could have been avoided by simply purchasing a monitor and testing myself on my sofa while watching the cricket?

On the same page I notice a Hot Air Fryer £49.95 that presumably does away with clot making oil. On the facing page you can purchase a vibrating metal tray that by merely standing on it will keep you fit and enable you to lose weight... If only I had known about these wonders a few years back.

A device that caught my eye was an automatic finger and toe nail cutter, I wonder in what sense can it be automatic? A problem we all share at this time is hair cutting, this problem is easily solved by purchasing a comb that cuts your hair as you comb, and this product is somewhat let down by a supporting picture of the model whose hair resembles that of a Zombie.

I plough on- an egg microwave device, shredding scissors suitable for kitchen or office. Sterilization wands that look suspiciously like unsold light sabres. Power flossing device by the same make as the automatic nail cutters.

I cannot wait for the postman to arrive with the recycled plastic beanie hat and a pair of self adjusting glasses.

I think the 29 inch hot water bottle and the bamboo duvet will have to wait till next winter.

With global warming I don’t think the quilted ice scraper mittens will get enough use to warrant the cost. It is not until the last page that I spot two items that I cannot resist, a device that opens bottles, tins, sachets and also sharpens knives.

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*John Bovington*

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Entries should be either emailed to [shorehamvillageplayers@gmail.com](mailto:shorehamvillageplayers@gmail.com)

Or posted to:

Wyn Melville-Jones 4 Highfield, Row Dow Lane, Shoreham TN15 6XN

**Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March.** We can't wait to see all your amazing entries

*The Shoreham Village Players Committee*

## **SHOREHAM AGAINST FLY TIPPING**

**Fed up with fly-tipping blighting our Parish?**

**Feel helpless to stop it?**

**Here is YOUR chance to make a difference**

**Shoreham Parish Council are teaming up with the Sevenoaks District Council Environmental Enforcement Team to increase the chances of catching and prosecuting the offenders.**

We need homeowners with CCTV, wildlife cameras and even doorbell cameras with either a direct or indirect view of the road, to come forward and form a Parish wide network.

Once we have the information of where cameras are located, their location will be plotted onto a map. If there is an incident reported, only the owners of the cameras in the vicinity will be contacted and given a time frame and any other relevant information, so that they can check their footage for evidence. This evidence will then be passed onto Enforcement to build a case to hopefully bring about a prosecution.

Many people post incidents of fly-tipping on social media sites such as Facebook and YouTube, this is not the place to get something done about it.

All fly-tipping incidents should be reported as soon as possible to Sevenoaks District Council by phoning **01732 227000** or go online and report it at [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk) and follow the REPORT link. Here you can upload pictures of the fly-tipping along with additional information.

Residents are understandably fed up with the present situation. If we work together, we should get fly-tipping cleared more efficiently and improve the chances of prosecuting the fly-tippers. They treat our roads as dumping grounds, put road users in danger, blight our countryside and cost innocent taxpayers money. Our network should discourage fly-tipping in the area and help prosecute those responsible.

**We need those people who have cameras to come forward and build this network with us.**

Please email [clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk) with your name, address and telephone number if you can help.

## OPEN YOUR GARDEN



**19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### **Shoreham Open Gardens Safari 2021**

Jeremy Tooley, Jenna Leight & Peter Kasch

Contact: [kaschpeter@gmail.com](mailto:kaschpeter@gmail.com), or ring 524998

The response to our call for gardens in last month's Gazette was been excellent. We have 15 gardens provisionally open to participating. We are continuing to plan based on the assumption that such outdoor events are to be allowed by June. Each household also of course must feel comfortable with circumstances at that time. The participating gardens range from one edge of the village to the other. Many thanks to you all.

Additional gardens are still very much needed for a successful event, including in the village's core, so please get in touch if you are willing to consider participating.

Those already involved are discussing which causes to support. Suggestions so far have focused on support for wildlife and our wonderful landscape, including planting perennial floral displays to mark our renewal following this past year. To participate, to support, to volunteer to assist, please get in touch.

### **Advertisement in the March 1890 Parish Magazine**

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Shoreham

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