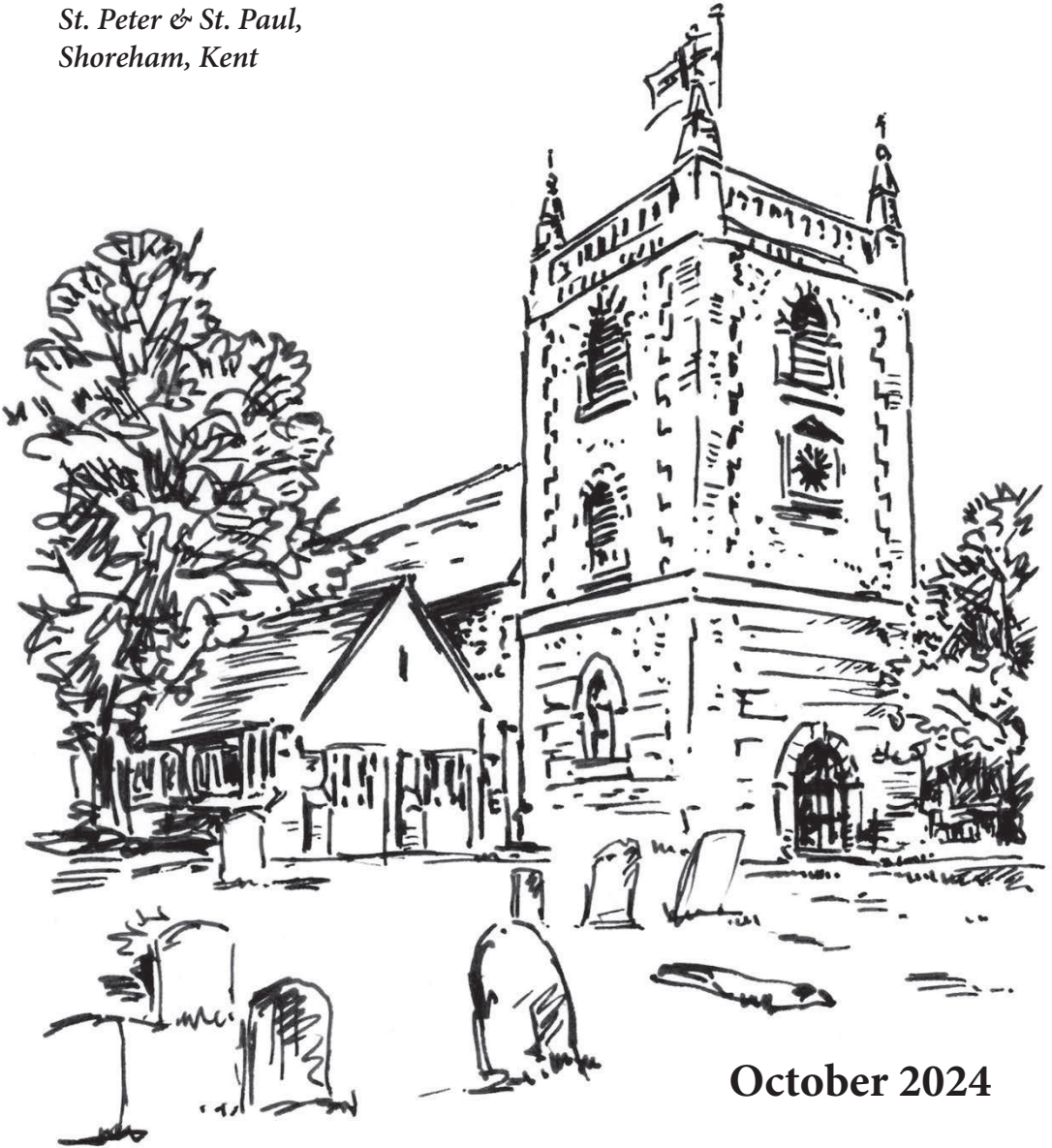


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9am Breakfast@Church

6pm Communion

13th October - Trinity 20

9am Communion (BCP)

10am Morning Worship

20th October - Trinity 21

10am Morning Worship with Communion

27th October - Bible Sunday

10am Communion with Choir

6pm All Souls - Commemoration of the Departed

Date for your diary

Friday 1st November - evening community event to welcome ...

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KEVIN SCOTT 15th FEBRUARY 1952 – 28th JULY 2024 RIP

Everyone had left. Kevin decided to make a visit to the main part of the church, and the organ. Within a short time, magical sounds began to filter through. It was a mix of tunes. Some sacred material, fragments of favourite hymns, some secular stuff – more popular jaunty airs. I don't think Kevin was ever one for putting on airs and graces, but

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here were airs... and grace. It seemed to capture two sides of Kevin, the people-loving and the profound, the giving and the contemplative. And those joyful notes are still with me.

Kevin moved to Shoreham 45 years ago. He had 5 children and 14 grandchildren and was proud of them all. In earlier days, Kevin was involved in helping out at the village school, including being the football coach. As there were no male teachers, he attended all the school trips, as well as the Coffee Mornings with all the mums!

He was a keen midfielder, until an injury forced his early retirement. His love for sports didn't wane, as he took to the green for rounds of golf. Kevin and Elaine had a house in France for over ten years, with many happy memories made there.

I remember him coming home, laying on the floor and singing. His voice bringing warmth and laughter. This captures the essence of who he was—a joyful, loving entertainer who never missed an opportunity to bring happiness to others. This was coupled with a wonderful ability to comfort anyone in need, and he somehow always knew how to lighten a moment with his sharp wit and humour.

Kevin was heavily involved in many, many aspects of community life. It was Kevin who first put his shoulder to the wheel; got the fundraising off the ground for the church extension, with the commitment from him and Elaine to run that year's village fair once again, securing the first significant major donation, from which the others followed. Kevin was a valued and active member of a church Home Group as well being one of the Church Wardens. *He was comfortable ordering oil to top up the boiler or mulled wine to top at the congregation ... it was important to distinguish the two! His network of contacts and friendly persuasive approach, as well as his quiet, considerate representation of the voice of the village and the congregation made Kevin such a loyal and skillful Church Warden.*

Kevin ... a gentle, kind and caring... always pleased to see you... his deep, balanced faith contributed to lively discussions, never afraid to admit a doubt or question ... clearing a plate of biscuits, despite saying 'perhaps one' ... a character ... He knew how to make me smile ... a guiding light in my life ... funny and loving ... with a wonderful smile ... full of heartiness, wit and intuition.

Kevin and Elaine were introduced to each other 30 years ago at the Golf Club. Kevin's most cherished role was as a loving partner to Elaine for all those years. They married on the 20th May 2024, at Pembury Hospital. It was not the wedding they'd planned but none the less, it was poignant and wonderful ... a moment to cherish forever.

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Rev. Diane with contributions from many others

COFFEE AND CHAT –FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER

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

WANTED: CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

In preparation for Rev Diane's departure, the Parochial Church Council is looking for someone to help with the smooth running of the parish, starting in November and initially for a year. We anticipate it will be for around a day a week with some flexibility in hours and work location and with appropriate pay and expenses. All enquiries to Johnny Aisher at johnny@aisher.com or 07764 674339.

STAY AND PLAY – TERM-TIME MONDAYS

Shoreham Church-funded Parent, Carer, Baby and Toddler Group in the Village Hall on Mondays in school term times, from 9.30 to 11.30am.

For pre-school aged children: toys, craft activities, singing and stories, refreshments and companionship. Chat to other parents and carers while the children play.

£3 per session to help cover the cost of refreshments (for children and adults) etc.
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CHURCH TOWER FLAG

The present flag on the tower is the flag of Rochester of which Shoreham is one of the parishes. You will see the arms of Rochester Cathedral in the corner of the Cross of St George. Sadly it's getting in a rather battered state having been flown night and day for several years. We are very grateful to Nick Farley of The Flag Consultancy Ltd 8 Clearways Business Estate, West Kingsdown for donating a new Rochester Flag. This is a great local firm who have the contract for major ceremonial events in London and Windsor for the Royal Family

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SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Members hope that residents enjoyed the summer in Shoreham. The Parish Council met in September following the summer break.

The following issues were discussed:

- Transport Survey – the Parish Council met with Intelligent Transport Services Ltd earlier in the summer and they have produced an Issues and Options document which is on the Parish Council website and Facebook page. Members are awaiting detailed drawings before any further decisions are made.
- Shoreham Cross – Members agreed, due to the high volume of chalk and work required, to investigate the cost of contractor to undertake the chalking of Shoreham Cross.
- Hedges in Village – the Parish Council have agreed to cut the hedges in the car park, Station Road and in Centennial Woods and will instruct the contractor to carry out the work shortly.
- Social Media – The Parish Council encourage residents to follow the Facebook page of Shoreham Parish Council. Whilst all documents are included on the Council’s website, the Council shares information which residents might find useful on its Facebook page.
- Members would ask that, if residents have any issues, they would like to raise they do so via email to the Parish Office (clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk) rather than on social media platforms.
- War Memorial – the war memorial will be cleaned and the missing name restored in the next few weeks.
- Shoreham Village Hall – Members would like to thank those residents who have looked into the ownership of the hall and it was confirmed at the meeting that the hall is owned by the Village Hall Trust of which the Parish Council is a trustee and custodian.
- Tennis Club – If you would like to use the newly resurfaced tennis courts, please apply for membership which costs only £20 per year and please contact the Clerk for further details at clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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A full pack of information supporting each meeting is available for residents to download from the website. Before every planning meeting, the planning log is uploaded which includes information on past and current applications. The next Council meetings are as follows, all at 7.30pm in Shoreham Village Hall.

Planning (if required) Committee and Council Meeting – Wednesday 2 October 2024
Planning (if required) Committee – Wednesday 16 October 2024
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RIDE AND STRIDE

Once again we were very pleased to welcome the participants in this annual event organised by The Friends of Kent Churches. The funds raised go to help Kent churches with essential repairs. In 2023 £140,000 raised. We had bike riders from many churches including Ide Hill, Wilmington, Horton Kirby and one group who had biked to many churches and done 55 miles when they got to Shoreham. I recall Anita Fischel used to organise this for Shoreham Church and then rode off on her bike always notching up the most number of churches all around Kent

Ann Ball

SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

Many people like the fresh bread we sell at the Stores. But supplies each morning are limited, so it's best to put in your order the previous day. For a tasty evening meal, remember our range of Cook ready dishes for flavours from around the world. They're in a freezer of their own near the wines. Speaking of which, we've just started to stock 19 Crimes "Revolutionary" Rosé from Spain.

As autumn advances, remember that the shop can keep you stocked up with logs, coal, kindling and gas cylinders. And if we're ever out of stock of any item in the Stores, or you would like us to order something new, always ask and we'll do our best to get it in.

Raj and Venkat

OVER 60's

Wednesday 9th October — Talk about Badgers organised by Sheila Birkin and given by Kathy, Shoreham Village Hall, 2pm

Wednesday 23rd October — Talk by Vanessa Tooley on life as a Special Needs Teacher, Shoreham Village Hall, 2pm

Huge thanks to Suna and Kath who arrange our programme throughout the year.

SHOREHAM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For the first meeting in our autumn programme, Rod Shelton gave a very rewarding talk on the history of the Darent - explaining how the river carved out the valley in far distant times, and describing how people later exploited its clear waters for corn milling, paper-making and even gunpowder grinding. Today, he said, over-development is putting our natural supplies of water under the severest of stress.

At our next meeting on October 18th Stuart Robinson will talk on The Dark Side of the City of London, doors open 7.30pm for meeting commencing 8pm

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There is a box for donations at the back of the church.

SHOREHAM WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our next WI meeting will be on Tuesday 1 October in the Village Hall, at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. This month we will have the opportunity to join in with a 'sound bath' that will be hosted by a professional practitioner, who will also tell us about the origins and benefits of sound bathing. New members and visitors are welcome – please send any enquiries to Shoreham@wkwfi.org.uk

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday 10 October in the Village Hall from 10am to 12pm. We look forward to welcoming you for coffee, tea and delicious home-made cake (all for only £2). Please come along and meet up with old friends, and maybe make some new ones, in our friendly and caring environment.

Shoreham WI

CHARLES WEST COPE RA 1811 – 1890 LIEUTENANT CAMERON'S RETURN HOME

The magnificent painting is at the back of the church and this is the history of how it came to be there.

Charles Cope saw a newspaper account in the Daily News in 1876 which greatly interested him on the arrival home in 1876 of Verney Lovett Cameron from his exploration crossing Africa from 1873 – 1875.

In 1877 he communicated with Verney's father, Rev. Jonathan Cameron, saying that he wished to paint the scene and the family offered to help him. He made sketches of the family and neighbours and took photographs of the church and churchyard.

Georgiana Mildmay offered the use of her photographic studio at Shoreham Place. He reported that the studio was close to a beautiful flower garden with a little trout stream full of fish. He and his son Arthur Stockdale Cope RA had lodgings at the Paper Mill.

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He was considered the finest historical painter of the time and served Professor of Painting at the Royal Academy 1867 – 1875. He retired from the list of honorary members in 1883. He died in 1890 and there is a memorial tablet to him at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington
Ann Ball

SEVENOAKS LITERARY FESTIVAL

We have an extra, special event on 29 October when revered actress Dame Harriet Walter will share her insights on Shakespeare’s female characters and what they might really think.

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If you have any questions do email info@sevlitfest.com.

Elie Williams

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We are looking for Poppy Sellers within the village. We, as you know, do house to house selling and there are several roads that need covering: Boakes Meadow, the High Street from Number One up to the village shop and Church Street from the bridge to The Vicarage. If anyone would be interested in helping, you don't have to be a member of the RBL. For more details please ring or email our PAO Mike Robinson on 07809473810 or 01959 525772 or email userm1674@aol.com.

We have one seat left for the coach to the Imperial War Museum on Monday 14th October. The cost is £20. The coach leaves the car park at 10.00am. Please ring or email on the above numbers if you would like to join us. Again, you don't have to be a member of the RBL.

Lorna Robinson

SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

Our next production is the hilarious farce “One Man Two Guvnors”. Tickets go on sale on 4th October for the performances, which runs from 21st to 23rd November. They are available from www.shorehamvillageplayers.co.uk or from Shoreham Village Stores. Rehearsals are well underway, so if you walk past the hall and hear raucous laughter over the next few weeks you’ll know why. The play follows the fortunes or, probably more accurately, the misfortunes of the hapless Francis Henshall as he tries to manage the chaos of working for two demanding bosses. There are disguises, confusions, thwarted loves, gangsters and accident-prone waiters aplenty.

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NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 2024

After the summer break it is wonderful to be back in school, ready to learn. The term started with a whole school assembly which promoted a discussion about our school values: Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Curiosity, Determination, Kindness and Pride in everything we do.

Our oldest pupils have already prepared and delivered speeches to convince and persuade others to vote them into the coveted roles of House Captain, Sports Captain, Ambassador and Chair of the Pupil Leadership Team. The impassioned speeches and promises to work hard and make changes help all of us to learn about democracy and rule of law, two of the core British values that we also learn about in school.

Over the holidays, we were able to purchase 25 new laptops due to an extremely generous donation from an ex-parent. These laptops are currently being used in Cameron and Moore and we intend to purchase more with the recent FOSS donation to have a total of 50 new laptops. In order to smarten up the playground, we were also able to invest in some quality storage which is being installed at the end of September. The new Pupil Leadership Team are already busy deciding what playground equipment is most wanted and we will be purchasing that as soon as the list is drawn up.

We have a busy term ahead of us and some exciting learning planned. All pupils will be developing their drawing skills in Art for the first few weeks of term, with Cameron Class completing pencil studies in advance of their trip to the National Gallery in September with a focus on 'still life'. Across the school, 'The Great Fire of London', the Romans and the Industrial Revolution are featuring in History lessons (with a visit to the London Monument also planned) and, as ever, we are sinking our teeth into fabulous books that inspire and challenge us, including 'Escape from Pompeii', by Christina Balit.

We do hope that our friends in Shoreham Village feel that they are welcome to be part of the Friends of Shoreham School (FOSS) which is the fundraising group whose aim is to raise monies to benefit the pupils at the school. Please do join us for our fundraising events which will be shared in the Gazette.

If you would like to support the school further, we are always happy to hear from people who would be interested in volunteering to work with the pupils to hear readers or run a club, or for those who could bring skills to the Governing Body that will help to lead the school strategically to further improve. If you would like to find out more about how you can help your village school in this way, please contact me via the school office; all volunteers are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check and go through an induction and training programme.

We still have some limited spaces for pupils available in some year groups, so if you know anyone who is looking for a small friendly school with high standards and lots of lovely outdoor space, please ask them to call us to arrange a tour. Phone: 01959 522228 or email: office@shoreham.kent.sch.uk *Gillian Lovatt-Young Headteacher*

Our summer finished with the great flourish of our Teddy Bears' Picnic. Some great organisation went into this new event and it was enjoyed by all who attended. Unfortunately, the chill winds that we had at the end of August deterred people from attending. But I am sure it will be back!

Most people live in Shoreham because they love it and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. (I'd love to know the numbers of people who have moved within the village; many have moved several times.) To maintain Shoreham as a great place to be, it needs people to get involved in whatever way they can. So here are four ideas!

1 **MAKE SHOREHAM SHINE!**

12th October 9am until 4pm - meet at The Village Hall

Once again Vanessa is organising our second 'clear up' day of the year. There are all sorts of jobs that need doing, from weeding to litter-picking and sign washing. A warm welcome, a hot drink, biscuits and all equipment await you – not to mention a choice of tasks. Come along for whatever time you can spare and enjoy making a difference.

2 **OUR COMMITTEE**

We are keen to have some new committee members. There is a meeting once every two months and that is the only formal expectation. Once part of the team you can be involved in the sorts of things that reflect your interests, which might range from helping with the Duck Race to scrutinizing planning applications or activities to protect our flora and fauna. We are particularly in need of a membership secretary who would maintain the membership list - this is a much easier role now that most people pay by direct debit. Do get in touch if you would like to be involved: shorehamsociety@gmail.com

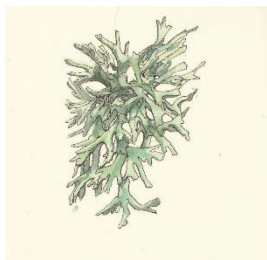
3 **CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

There have been a few instances of both of the above in the Village just lately. Please do report all examples that you come across. Facebook can warn people of what might be perceived as an imminent threat, but the police need to be informed as well. However much the police are stretched, they do need to be told in order to build up a picture of the scale of any problem. If they are not kept informed, then no action can ever be taken.

4 **OUR AGM NOVEMBER 29TH**

We are thrilled that Dr Anne Sassin has agreed to come along and talk to us. She is the Community Archaeologist who has been leading the explorations at Lullingstone Castle, which have been sponsored by the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership. Watch for more details in the next Gazette.

Chris Euman and John Saynor, Joint Chair (shorehamsociety@gmail.com)



THE BEAUTY OF LICHENS

Have you noticed the intricate patterns decorating the stonework in churchyards and cemeteries? These are lichens (generally pronounced 'likens'). Of the 2,000 UK lichen species, over 700 have been found in burial grounds, many of which are seldom found elsewhere. Lichens are particularly striking in winter when other wildlife fades into the background.

Churchyards are rich in lichens for several reasons. First, they contain old, exposed stone, often dating back to the 1700s. These ancient stones, including gravestones and boundary walls, are ideal for lichen growth. Second, the variety of stone types, from local sandstone to imported marble, provides diverse habitats for different lichen species. The stone's texture, water retention, and pH all influence which lichens thrive. Lastly, the positioning of stones affects lichen distribution; lichens on shaded stones differ from those in sunny spots, creating a diverse lichen community.

The identification of lichen species can be quite tricky. The colour of many lichens can change depending on whether they are wet or dry, in the sun or shade, or the surface they are growing on! Lichens produce a wide range of pigments, giving them their vibrant colours including greens, yellows, oranges, and blues. These pigments can protect them from UV radiation and have been used to make wool and fabric dyes since ancient times and are still used today.

Lichens are found in many different habitats, including temperate and tropical rainforests, deserts, mountains, the tundra, snowy and icy areas, and along coastlines. Next time you walk through a churchyard or cemetery, have a look for these fascinating organisms. *Shoreham Churchyard is rich in lichen and the national churchyard regulations don't permit the use of Weed killer and cleaning of headstones with chemicals.*



HEDGEHOG HAVENS

Hedgehogs need our help. Their numbers have significantly declined over the past few decades. By managing our gardens, churchyards, and parks thoughtfully, we can create environments that support their nesting, feeding, and hibernation needs, giving these charming creatures a better chance to thrive.

Hedgehogs are nocturnal creatures, travelling 1 to 2 miles each night within a home range of about 40 acres. They forage for food, seeking invertebrates like slugs, snails, worms, beetles, as well as carrion and fallen fruit. Hedgehogs breed from May to September, with litters of 2 to 6 hoglets. The young remain in the nest for around 4 weeks before joining their mother on night time foraging trips. They soon become independent and are often seen alone in late summer and early autumn.

From late autumn, hedgehogs hibernate in nests made of old dry leaves, grass, and other vegetation. These nests can be found in places such as the base of hedges, in compost heaps, among tree roots, or under log piles.

We can all help hedgehogs:

- Facilitate their movement through your garden, park, or churchyard. Avoid confining them, as barriers can cause them to expend unnecessary energy. Provide ramps out of drains or steep drops.
- Areas with long grass, dead wood, the bases of stone walls, compost heaps, and leaf litter, are often rich in invertebrates that hedgehogs feed on. Avoid being too tidy. Pile up deadwood in a shady spot.
- Be cautious of hibernating hedgehogs that resemble leaf footballs! Use sharp tools carefully, especially brush cutters, and avoid leaving bonfire piles overnight to prevent hedgehogs from crawling into them.
- Avoid using chemicals like slug pellets and wood preservatives unless they are known to be non-toxic to mammals.

Although hedgehogs are elusive and primarily active at night, you can still spot signs of their presence. Look for their distinctive droppings, which are almost black and often contain shiny beetle parts. By creating a hedgehog-friendly environment and being mindful of their needs, we can all help these charming nocturnal creatures.

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Wednesday 2	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday 4	Coffee and Chat	Church Room	10.30am
Wednesday 9	Over 60s Badger Talk	Village Hall	2pm
Thursday 10	WI Community Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am
Saturday 12	Make Shoreham Shine	Village Hall	9am – 4pm
Monday 14	RBL Imperial War Museum trip	Filston Lane CP	10am
Wednesday 16	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday 18	Shoreham Historical Society	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 23	Over 60s Talk on Life as an SEN teacher	Village Hall	2pm

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