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# Shipley Parish News

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A tender moment between a Stag and a Doe in October 2021

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2: Download an electronic version from [www.shipley.church](http://www.shipley.church)

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# Christmas services

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The services below are in addition to the standard Sunday and mid-week services.

Saturday 4th December	17:00	Scouts Christingle Service
Tuesday 14th December	14:00	Shipley School Christingle Service
Sunday 19th December	19:00	Christmas Carol Service
Friday 24th December	17:00	Crib Service
Friday 24th December	23:00	Midnight Mass
Saturday 25th December	10:00	Christmas Communion
Sunday 26th December	10:00	Said Communion



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## COVID-19 restrictions

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### Sunday services have resumed. The church is open during the day

We are once again holding 10am Sunday Services and all are welcome, no need to book. While seated you will not be required to wear a mask. Congregational singing is taking place once more, so we do ask that you wear a mask while moving about the Church.

Shipley is a large Church and social distancing is possible for up to 90-100 people, so if you are concerned please still come, wear your mask and find a place away from others. The main thing is to be comfortable and enjoy the Service.

The Church is once again open during daylight hours, so if you wish to enter for quite reflection please feel free to do so, we only ask that you clean the area you have used (suitable products are made available for your use).

While we are coming out of isolation we all understand that this is still a time of concern and Covid has not gone away, so if you feel the need to talk to someone, please do call Rev. Chris on 01403 432813, he would love to speak with you.

There are many online resources, please go to:

- **[www.shipley.church](http://www.shipley.church)**  
(where we will make regular updates on what is happening at Shipley)
- **[AChurchNearYou.com](http://AChurchNearYou.com)**  
(run by the Church of England)
- **<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na>**  
(to find online resources for Prayer)

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# The Vicar's letter

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Dear Friends,

We're nearly at the end of another year and we will all have mixed feelings about the last 12 months, depending on how the year has gone for us personally, and also how events in the outer world have affected us and our family. COVID 19, Brexit and climate change have all demonstrated their ability to affect us all, in many aspects of our lives, an ability that seems likely to be ongoing.

But we're not at the mercy of events. Apathy, as a response, would be a tragic mistake. It's important that we do not feel trapped or powerless in the face of multiple challenges which face our world and which affect our lives. When it comes to climate change, for instance, there are many small steps which each individual and family can take, which cumulatively, will have a big effect. We can consume less energy, eat local produce and even hang washing on the line instead of using the dryer! God has called humanity to look after the world he has given us and there are many lifestyle changes that are open to each individual to take.

Apathy is a terrible affliction because it paralyses action and eventually causes frustration and anger. The ultimate remedy for apathy is the fact that God has intervened in our world in a unique and decisive way, with the birth of his Son. That's why Christmas is such a valued celebration, reminding us, as it does, of the new possibilities with which God has endowed humanity by means of the birth of his Son, The Word made flesh.

So, this Christmas could be the beginnings of hope for the world, as we take courage to solve some of the problems we face. The message of Christmas is that God has joined the human race and demonstrated his care and love for humanity. Last Christmas, the world and our nation were literally wrapped in fear and people were unwilling to meet and in many cases forbidden to meet. God willing, that will not be the situation this year. That's cause for rejoicing in itself. This Christmas there will be no restrictions on numbers in Church, so we can say all are welcome.

Christmas will give us a pause to review the year that is past and to gain strength, physical, mental and spiritual, for the year ahead. After all the traumas and crises of the past few years which we have faced in our families and in the nation and the community, we need to take a deep breath and dare to hope that the New Year will bring peace, healing, and a chance for people to rebuild their lives. One of the ancient prophecies which looked forward to the birth of God's Messiah spoke of someone who would be "The Prince of Peace." We have many visitors to our Church, St Mary The Virgin, Shipley. One of the most common remarks of appreciation that people write in the visitors' book is that this is a very peaceful church, or a place of great peace. Shipley Church is therefore a place which people find restful and restorative. The Church itself, therefore, and its grounds, already convey the message without a word

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# The Vicar's letter

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being spoken, that God is the perfection of peace and of every virtue and has made that peace known in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. We all need peace and so our Church should be treasured as an outward and visible sign of the peace that passes all understanding. But we also have to be active. I would suggest some priorities for 2022. By all and every means we must encourage, welcome and increase the numbers, of people coming to the Church. In the first place, they may be tourists, holidaymakers, or community groups coming for an arranged visit with a planned tour or talk about the Church. We had an example of this back in the Summer with the visit of the Shipley Historical Society. Or they may be schools or youth groups coming for a visit. Such links with the community are vital to the health of any parish Church. The Church building is an artistic, educational and spiritual resource of the first order, and we need to work to our strength in that regard.

A second priority is to increase the numbers coming to Church on a Sunday morning. Perhaps we still need to seek out those who have not yet returned after the lockdowns. And I would be pleased to know of any whom you feel we are still missing. Meanwhile we need to make sure we are welcoming and getting to know any new worshippers.

A third priority is to move forward on the building repair project. I am urging you to be generous to our appeal for this work. We know the cost is likely to be £50,000 or more, so all contributions, by whatever means, will be very welcome. For the reasons outlined above, we are the guardians of a piece of heritage and history, and a place of worship for nearly 900 years which we must preserve and pass on to the generations yet to come.

Wishing you all a very Happy and blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

Your friend and parish priest,  
Chris



# Church calendar

Reader	Reading	Prayers Sidesman
<b>Sunday 5th December</b> Anne Haimes	Baruch 5: 1-9	Sarah Nuttall TBC
<b>Sunday 12th December</b> Peter Sanderson	Zephaniah 3: 14-20	Claire Searle TBC
<b>Sunday 19th December</b> Erica Smale	Micah 5: 2-5a	Audrey Bernardi TBC
<b>Friday 24th December</b> Gavin Kenny Richard Killner	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Gavin Kenny Richard Killner
<b>Saturday 25th December</b> Gavin Kenny Richard Killner	Titus 3: 4-7	Gavin Kenny Richard Killner
<b>Sunday 26th December</b> TBC	1 Samuel 2: 18-20 & 26	Sarah Nuttall TBC
<b>Sunday 2nd January</b> Claire Ebdon	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Robert Ebdon Claire Ebdon
<b>Sunday 9th January</b> Lucy West	Isaiah 43: 1-7	DeZoete Family DeZoete Family
<b>Sunday 16th January</b> Claire Ebdon	Isaiah 62: 1-5	Robert Ebdon Claire Ebdon
<b>Sunday 23rd January</b> Sarah Nuttall	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6 & 8-10	Claire Searle TBC
<b>Sunday 30th January</b> Claire Searle	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	Eve Kenny TBC
<b>Sunday 6th February</b> Colin West	Isaiah 6: 1-8	TBC
<b>Sunday 13th February</b> TBC	Jeremiah 17: 5-10	TBC

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# Church cleaning rota

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Saturday 4th December	Claire Ebdon, Liz Allen
Saturday 11st December	Lucy West, Ros Wild
Saturday 18th December	Carole Cooper, Shirley Killner, Chris Seymour
Friday 24th December	Ginny de Zoete, Annabel Jordan
Saturday 1st January	No cleaning on New Years Day
Saturday 8th January	Claire Searle, Sarah Nuttall
Saturday 15th January	Claire Ebdon, Liz Allen
Saturday 22nd January	Lucy West, Ros Wild
Saturday 29th January	Carole Cooper, Shirley Killner, Chris Seymour
Saturday 5th February	Ginny de Zoete, Annabel Jordan
Saturday 12th February	Claire Searle, Sarah Nuttall
Saturday 19th February	Claire Ebdon, Liz Allen

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Thanks to everyone for helping to keep the church clean. I am always happy to fill in at short notice so let me know if you can't do it for any reason.

Any queries or if you'd like to volunteer to go on the rota, please get in touch.

By Lucy West

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# Flower rota

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	Altar Vases	Memorials
Saturday 27th November to Saturday 18th December	No Flowers during Advent	
Saturday 18th December	TBC Decorate Church for Carol Service and Christmas Meet in Church From 9.30am onwards	
Thursday 23rd December	Hariot Anniss, Jane Grinling and Diana McKnight	
Thursday 30th December	Hariot Anniss, Jane Grinling and Diana McKnight	
Saturday 8th January Saturday 15th January	Liz Allen	Lucy West
Saturday 22nd January Saturday 29th January	Mandy Jupp	Char Johnston
Saturday 5th February Saturday 12th February	Ann Roberts	Angela Brumwell Carol Blackwell
Saturday 19th February Saturday 26th February	Chris Seymour	Shirley Killner
2nd to 14th April	No Flowers during Lent	
16th April	Everyone to decorate church with lillies for Easter Sunday Meet in Church From 9.30am onwards	
23rd and 30th April	Hariot Anniss, Jane Grinling and Diana McKnight	

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If you need help or wish to change your dates, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Anyone wishing to join the team, please do get in touch. You don't have to be 'professional' (or a regular at Church!) and you would be on the rota about once every three months.

By Hariot Anniss and Jane Grinling



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# Hello from your editor

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## Welcome to our December & January edition!

Hi everybody. I hope that this edition finds you all in good health and spirits as we get closer to the end of the year, a year that I'm sure has thrown up challenges and tough times for many of you, but one which I hope has also been a year which has also brought you good times too.

For me, as mentioned in the last issue, this year has been one of ill-health within my family, but also great cheer as we recently welcomed a new member to the family, a beautiful little girl for her big brother to dote over.

One of the greatest things that I have learned this year is that there are so many amazing people, whether professionals or volunteers, who are all available to help with support and advice. Aside from the wonderful individuals who work for the NHS and emergency services, I've witnessed first-hand that district nurses and domestics carers are also unsung heroes - as are the volunteers who give their time so freely, whether to host regular coffee mornings, or offer their time to drive those who do not have their own transport to medical appointments and social engagements. Without these kind and generous people, so many of the older and vulnerable members of

my community would be so much more isolated, something nobody wishes to feel at any time, and especially at this time of year and as the pandemic continues.

However, it's often not so easy to find out about these amazing individuals and initiatives. Social media is great, but it's important to remember that not everybody has access to, or knows how to, use it. So I'd love to start a regular section in our magazine where we include a list of local groups, initiatives and people who are able to provide help and support for others. But in order to do this, I need your input to get this started and also to develop and keep it up to date. If you are part of, or know of, a local group or organisation, please email me with details.

And as always, thank you to all of our regular contributors for continuing to provide great articles for me to include. And if you, or a local organisation or business that you're connected with, have any articles, events, ideas, suggestions, etc I'd love to hear from you all. Please email me at: **[magazine@shipley.church](mailto:magazine@shipley.church)**.

Take care and look after each other.

Teresa

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# Trafalgar Day | 21st October

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A handful of military victories remain in public memory as symbols of national pride. One of the greatest of these is the Battle of Trafalgar of 1805, when the British fleet under Admiral Nelson destroyed the combined Spanish and French fleet in a decisive naval encounter of the Napoleonic Wars. Trafalgar Day is the most important day in the calendar of HMS Victory – Nelson's flagship, that now resides in Portsmouth's Royal Dockyard. Victory is the oldest commissioned warship in the world, and each year on 21st October a ceremony is held on board by the Royal Navy, marking the anniversary of the Battle. Trafalgar defined the age of sail, and sealed Britain's naval supremacy of the seas for a century, enabling the Industrial Revolution to prosper and the British Empire to grow and expand. Did you know that the British fleet, consisting of 27 ships of the line, cornered the Spanish and French fleet of 33 vessels off the coast of Spain near Cadiz, and engaged them in battle (even though outnumbered)? Nelson sailed his English ships at right angles through the enemy lines, reducing the target for their guns, and destroyed 22 of the enemy's vessels.

The total number of killed and wounded on both sides during the battle was said to be about 8,500, while the British took around 20,000 prisoners. It is hard to imagine the chaotic and bloody scene on such a scale. Nelson himself, as is well known, was shot by a sharp-shooter as he paced his quarter deck just as victory was assured, and died later.



Nelson's victory at the battle of Trafalgar ended Napoleon's dream of an invasion of Britain. There was a legend current in the early 19th century that in 1804 Napoleon made a secret expedition to the Dorset coast to scout for a place for French troops to land, should they invade. Thomas Hardy related the event in a short story depicting a local farm boy observing strangers on his way to help with lambing. In any event, it is known that Napoleon had massed an invasion army at Boulogne when Nelson was ordered back to sea by the Admiralty to intercept the French fleet that would be needed to escort an invasion.

One of the largest hill figures cut out of the turf revealing the chalk beneath in the South of England is the White Horse at Osmington in Dorset. It is said to have been cut during the reign of George III during fear of an invasion by the French. It may also have served as a memorial to the Battle of Trafalgar. Nelson's Column in London's Trafalgar Square has existed as a tribute to Nelson and his deeds from the early 19th century. The famous flag signal flown at the battle "England expects that every man will do his duty" is also flown on Trafalgar Day from the Nelson Monument in Edinburgh.

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## Trafalgar Day | 21st October... cont.

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The first ship to bring news of Nelson's victory at Trafalgar arrived at Falmouth on 4 November 1805, two weeks after the conflict took place. The ship chosen to carry the papers was a topsail schooner, HMS Pickle, that was present at the battle but too small to be joined in combat or take part in the fighting. A single broadside from a ship of the line would have sunk her instantly. Her captain, once he'd landed in Cornwall, then travelled to London in a post-chaise (a carriage drawn by 4 horses), to deliver the dispatches to the Admiralty that described the battle and told of the great victory as well as announcing the death of Lord Nelson. It took him 37 hours to cover the 271-mile journey, and he had to stop to change horses 21 times! His route later became known as the Trafalgar Way.

The Napoleonic Wars demonstrated the vital importance of efficient military communication, and by the 1820s a chain of signalling towers had been constructed

as an optical telegraph system between the Admiralty in Whitehall and the naval base in Portsmouth. Messages could be sent by visual semaphore communication from London to the coast in about 15 minutes. There were towers built at Putney Heath, Chatley Heath in Surrey (which is the only one still in existence, and is between Cobham and Wisley near the junction of the A23 & M25), Woolbeeding (Telegraph Hill near Midhurst), Beacon Hill (Elsted near Harting), Rowlands Castle, etc. The average distance between points was about 5 miles (line of sight). However, the Electric Telegraph took over in 1845, rendering these towers obsolete

Every schoolboy and schoolgirl knows of the patriotic potential of Trafalgar Day. It is also popular with those who wish to encourage English people to celebrate St George's Day, to assert England's distinctiveness and to demonstrate their patriotism.

By Peter Sanderson

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## Shipley Harvest Lunch

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October 10th saw once again the Parish Harvest Lunch and a great time was had by all. Once again, we dined on a great variety of homemade soups and delicious crumbles provided by the Ladies of the Parish, as well as vast quantities of wonderful bread and cheese, all graciously donated.

Thank you too to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle, this year we raised £253.00 for Church Funds which goes to helping us make up the hole in our finances from lack of collections due

to Covid lockdown, which is really important as we have a large bill looming for the repair of the Church roof.

Everyone brought something and there was more than enough for everyone, a truly wonderful event bringing people from across the parish together as a community. Make a note in your diary for next year, the Harvest Lunch is always the second Sunday in October, so next year it will be the October 9th!

By Gavin Kenny, Churchwarden

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# My life as a chimney sweep

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## Episode 3 Unwanted visitors, cont...

On more than one occasion I have removed squirrel drays or live squirrels from chimneys, the most 'memorable' being in Slinfold. A squirrel had come down the chimney onto a closure plate over the wood burner. This first one died in there, I advised that a guard on the top of the chimney would be good to prevent any further problems. The householder didn't act on this advice so a few months later I had a call to remove another squirrel. This time the beast was running around on the closure plate. After a lengthy process of trying to remove the squirrel I eventually managed it. The next problem was to get rid of it. It is illegal to release an alien species but obviously if you have got hold of it the easiest thing to do is throw it out of the door. The customer hadn't unlocked the door so in the action of retrieving the key to unlock the door the squirrel decided that it might be a good idea to take a chunk out of my wrist. The squirrel had signed its death warrant. The upshot of this was the customer had to have the carpet cleaned what with my blood dripping on the carpet plus blood from the squirrel. Also being rather upset about this incident I sent him the prescription charge for a double course of anti-biotics.

Another of the encounters that can get quite animated is finding bees, wasps and hornets in a chimney.

The first bee's nest I found was in a chimney that had not been used for about

fifty years. The chimney was about sixty-four feet high and the nest was forty-six feet up. After two and a half hours of trying to remove the nest, with honey and wax pouring down the chimney, luckily no live bees in this one, I gave up. The only way forward was for the builders to get a crane in. I spent a couple of hours on a cold gloomy day in February 1996 in a metal box on the end of the crane cable chopping the rest of the nest out. I have had a number of these since. A customer in Ellens Green had a swarm of bees established in one of his chimneys. He contacted a pest control company who specialise in removing bees' nests, the idea being to save the colony. The quote for this was £14,000.00. The job would involve taking down the chimney removing the bees and then rebuilding the chimney. The customer's insurance company paid out £1500.00. E' thought it would still be a bit excessive to pay £12,500.00 to do this so gave me a call to find out if I would do the job. I agreed to go on a Sunday morning to it. After two hours of prodding around with a hook and brushes I finished the job apart from the fact that I still had about an hour of washing tools etc. when I got home



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# My life as a chimney sweep

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as everything was covered in honey and wax and a large quantity of bees wrapped up in a sheet. I was told to name my price on completion. I said £100-£125 to which E's reply was don't talk stupid, he once again told me he had been paid out £1,500.00 so said he would write out a cheque for one thousand pounds. This rather softened the blow of the three bee stings I got while doing the job.

Angry wasps and hornets are different again, no sticky mess all over your tools and yourself, but lots of angry insects flying around is not good.

I have on two occasions found stag beetles in a chimney. A couple of mice running around in the fireplace and a frog. More about a frog in a later episode.

A house being refurbished in Warnham had a rat in amongst some rubbish and wood in the fireplace. I did manage to get it. The room was being used as the builder's tearoom so they all stopped worked and cleaned the room from top to bottom.

By David Parker



## Episode 4 People

As you can well imagine going around so many places you tend to meet a number of slightly unusual people.

At one job the couple ran a small hobby business in art dealing. All over the drawing room floor was newspaper cuttings. Picking my way between the cuttings I got to the fireplace. This was a Jet Master convector fire, the back had warped and cracked. The customer asked me what could be done, so I gave him advice on repairs. The following year I had the same cuttings on the floor and same question about the fire. The customer's wife left him in about 1998. For around fifteen years I would see the same cuttings and be asked the same question, when I arrived in 2009 the room had been sorted out, the newspaper cuttings gone, and the fire repaired. New woman on the scene! At the same house, while sweeping the Jet Master chimney I was aware of someone entering the room behind me. When I looked round there was the customers sixteen or seventeen-year-old daughter wearing just a short see through night dress. Her reaction was as though this is quite normal to walk around the house in this fashion.

A woman in Horsham who had been a campaigner at Greenham common, an animal rights activist who had two incredibly old cats. The house left a lot to be desired, in no circumstances would I accept a cup of tea, when I saw the state of the kitchen work tops. Not only this, but Joyce also only had decaffeinated tea

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## ...a chimney sweep

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and soya milk. As for the cats, on one occasion my daughter came with me and by the time we had finished she left the house scratching, I will leave it at that. On more than one occasion Joyce would come out to the roadside to meet me when I arrived wearing nothing more than her nightdress which sometimes would be see-through. She would be completely oblivious to the fact that there might be people walking or driving down the road. The last time I saw Joyce dressed like this she was 79 or 80! She thought more of animals than humans. This lady had some very strange views about humans, her extremely non-pc views on immigration are not printable. When Joyce used to phone to make a booking, I would often have a small curse but went there all the same. Now sadly Joyce is no longer with us I miss her. She was 82 when she died. Joyce provided some excellent conversation and gave me much amusement at times. I write this as a mark of respect to Joyce.

I have met a range of more interesting people in my travels. I had an urgent job to do one afternoon. All I had was an address to go to, no name of the customer. On arrival at the house I was greeted by a few dogs bounding down the path barking like mad. The dogs were just noisy and harmless. Not far behind the dogs was this customer, a 6'2" model (JK). Very well known.

By David Parker

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## Save the planet

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We recently had a tin of tuna in sunflower oil for lunch. After we had enjoyed it I took the tin to our bin, and thought 'Oh I must save the Planet and wash the tin out before it goes into the recycling'. So I put it under the hot tap, situated some way from the hot water cylinder and added some washing up liquid. About a gallon of cold water came out before the water became hot enough to wash away the oil. The boiler fired up to replace the hot water that I was using. I wash the tin and am pleased that I had done my bit to help the Planet. However I then thought, I have wasted a gallon of water, used oil in the boiler, and sunflower oil has gone down the drain and added to the fat in the grease trap in the waste pipe, which will omit more foul smelling gas. Have I really helped in saving the Planet?

During the summer we fill one of our freezers with home grown vegetables, all stored in plastic bags. We also buy meat and fish which in the past have been in sealed plastic bags, which saves time going out in the car almost daily to get fresh produce and is far more convenient. However it uses plastic bags which are not good for the Planet. Some products are now in recyclable plastic boxes. However these take up far more space in the freezer and if we pack our own vegetables in them our freezer storage will be considerably reduced. So will we have to buy another freezer, which will use more electricity, or go out in the car more regularly and use more fuel or just waste the home grown vegetables, as we have no storage? By Michael Kingerlee

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# The Parish Magazine – then and now

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Imagine the amazement of a previous generation of Shipley residents to find that their parish magazine had been edited by someone living in Wales! It would have seemed like magic. And yet, thanks to the wonders of modern technology, and to Teresa's willingness to take on the job of editor, our Shipley Parish News was brought to us last month on time and packed full of the usual interesting stories and useful local information – and all while the editor herself lives almost a couple of hundred miles away. Thank you very much Teresa!

I've been looking through the old Shipley parish magazines, bound copies of which are kept in the vestry, and they are invaluable as a social history of the parish. They are dated by year first appearing in 1884 and cover not just Shipley, but ten surrounding parishes all in the Horsham area, and all for the price of 2d an issue!

Life for most working people in the late 19th century was extremely hard in the days before the NHS and welfare state. Both Shipley and Coolham had Friendly Societies, mutual organisations which offered their members social and financial help in times of hardship or ill health. Shipley had both a clothing and a shoe club, into which families paid contributions monthly, which could be redeemed at the end of each year on production of their completed card for warm clothing or boots. The clothing club gave out blankets and warm flannel shirts in cold weather to the poorest in the parish and a soup kitchen was established at the Vicarage to give out soup each

Friday during the coldest months of the year. Other charitable bequests were the yearly distribution of bread to needy parishioners in accordance with the will of the late James Burtenshaw and the Sarah Andrew's charity which gave money for the education of poor children and grants to deserving children leaving school.

By the early 1920s a district nurse was living in the parish and parishioners paid an annual subscription in three categories: labourers 4s 6d, skilled labourers and those earning overtime 7s 6d, and tradespeople and farmers 10s. It was stressed that if anyone called the nurse out while not having paid their subscription, they would be charged double.

Leafing through the issues from 1921, it's interesting to read about parish life a hundred years ago. The parish magazine was written by the vicar at the time Rev. A.G. Baker, who took his work very seriously and was constantly berating the parishioners of Shipley for their non-attendance at church! In February 1921 he replies to a parishioner who has obviously upset him by joking that the 'parson only works one day a week'. Rev. Baker has really taken this to heart and itemises in great detail exactly how he spends his week. This is just a small extract –

*'During the last 12 months, 252 full services were conducted...The Parson preached 115 sermons, involving at least 500 hours preparation. He made over 1,000 visits, travelling over the parish about as many miles – and 2,000 miles for parish business. He managed the business and kept all*

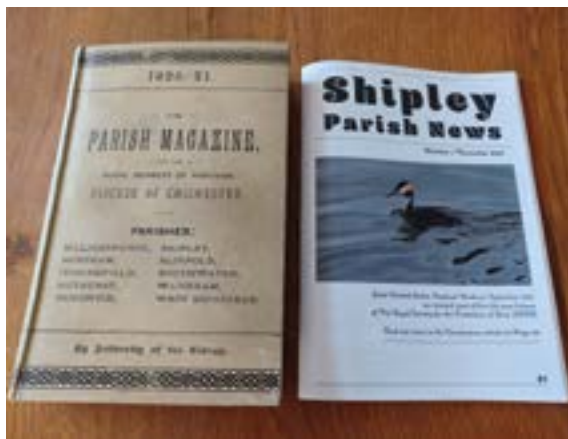


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# The Parish Magazine – then and now

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*accounts, without clerks or errand boys, of two churches (there was a Mission Chapel at Coolham), the Day Schools, Parish Magazine, two charities, the Clothing and Shoe Clubs and other minor and occasional concerns; the latter work taking up much of what should be evening leisure. Moreover, owing to lack of funds (official stipend £276 gross, deduct rates, taxes, insurance and repairs of buildings, etc, net last year was £209), odd moments must be found to be gardener, plumber, and what not about the house.'*



It was a relief to read that the following year the poor, hard-worked man took a holiday!

Much of what the magazine contained has changed very little: news of services and church festivals, social events, fund raisers, parish meetings, children's parties,

choir excursions and annual fetes. Its purpose was to keep people informed and bring the community together and even though these days we have so many more ways of keeping in touch, that is needed as much now as it was then.

By Lucy West

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## Scout Honours for Bob and Josie Phillips

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On the 21st August 2021 Bob and Josie Phillips were presented with Silver Acorns by the High Sheriff for West Sussex, Neil Hart, as part of the 2021 St George's Day Awards

The Silver Acorn, worn on an orange ribbon around the neck, or pin badge with an orange knot is awarded for especially distinguished service for a period of not less than twenty years.

These awards are very well deserved and long overdue for Bob and Josie who together have given almost a hundred years of support to 1st Shipley Scouts.

By Julian Peters



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# Some Anniversaries for 2022

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In June 2022 HM The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate seventy years of service on the throne, having, at 25 years old, succeeded her father George VI following his death from lung cancer in February 1952. At the moment of her succession, she was in a treehouse at Treetops Hotel in Kenya (6 February 1952).

The Queen's historic reign will undoubtedly become the main focus for public involvement during the year, as her Platinum Jubilee takes place. On Friday 3 June a Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral in London.



Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Statue  
in Windsor Great Park, Berkshire

## 10 years since:

- London hosts the 2012 Summer Olympics – the first city to host the Games for a third time.
- The Shard, the tallest building in Europe (1,016ft) is officially opened on 5 July.

## 20 years since:

- Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, dies aged 101 at Royal Lodge on 30 March 2002.
- The Euro becomes the official currency of the first twelve countries of the EU.

## 50 years since:

- Death of Maurice Chevalier, French actor, singer and entertainer (1 January 1972).

## 60 years since:

- BBC broadcasts the first episode of the sitcom Steptoe and Son, written by Galton and Simpson (14 June 1962).

## 70 years since:

- The world's first jet airliner, the Comet, makes its maiden flight from London to Johannesburg (2 May 1952).
- Agatha Christie's murder-mystery play The Mousetrap opens in London, becoming the longest continuously running theatre play in history (25 November 1952).
- "Sooty", Harry Corbett's glove puppet first appears on BBC Television.
- Newcastle win the FA Cup with a 1-0 win over Arsenal.
- Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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# Some Anniversaries for 2022

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compete at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, Finland, and win 1 gold, 2 silver and 8 bronze medals.

- Len Hutton appointed as England Cricket Team Captain.
- The Great Smog blankets London in December, causing transport chaos and, it is believed, as many as 4000 deaths.
- Prime Minister Winston Churchill announces the UK has its first atomic bomb.

## 80 years since:

- Desert Island Discs first broadcast on BBC Radio, presented by Roy Plomley.

## 85 years since:

- Death of George Gershwin (11 July 1937).

## 100 years since:

- Discovery of the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun by Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon after 3000 years (4 November 1922).
- Founding of the BBC (18 October 1922) and inauguration of BBC Radio in the UK.

## 140 years since:

- Birth of A.A.Milne, English author (18 January 1882).

## 150 years since:

- Yellowstone National Park is established in the USA as the world's first NP.

## 180 years since:

- Birth of Arthur Sullivan, English composer (13 May 1842).

## 70 years ago:

Britain in the fifties was struggling to regard itself as still the world's leading nation.

Children read magazines on "how we won the war" and gazed at maps that depicted much of the world as in the red of Empire.

Britain flew the first passenger jet in service, the Comet, in 1952, and tested Europe's first atom bomb.

Everest was conquered by members of a team lead by Sir John Hunt on 29 May 1953, four days before the coronation of the new queen, Elizabeth II. The two events combined in an evocative morale booster. The coronation was the first national event shown on television, amid a pageantry and excitement compared with the crowning of Queen Victoria.

*Excerpt from A Short History of England by Simon Jenkins*

By Peter Sanderson

# Best we forget | Remembrance Day services



A big thank you to everyone who came to Church on Remembrance Sunday, it was lovely to have the Church full again and with some wonderful singing from both choir and congregation. It was a wonderful and moving service. I would also like to thank the Scouts and their families for joining us.

The Colour Party carrying the flags did so with dignity and precision and the massed ranks of Scouts, from all ages, were a credit to themselves, their troops, and their leaders. I know a lot of work goes into bringing so many people together and it was flawlessly executed and a pleasure to see.

By Gavin Kenny, Churchwarden



Church warden does his bit for Remembrance...., By Richard Kilner

On Sunday 14th November, Kenny, Belinda and the team at the Selsey Arms in Coolham once again hosted their annual remembrance event to honour those who have lost their lives in wars and other military conflicts.

This year over 45 people, both from the local area and further afield, joined together to listen to poetry readings from members of the local community. This was followed by The Last Post just ahead of a two minutes silence when all those in attendance were able to pay their respects and take the opportunity at the same time to remember those who lost their lives at RAF Coolham.

By Tanya Barnes-Egan



# It's a hazardous time of year!

Hello, I'm Sophie Hall, Veterinary Surgeon and owner of Meadow Hall Vets in Thakeham. I'm passionate about helping you to keep your pet healthy and a bit of extra knowledge can avoid an emergency trip to your vets. Winter is a great time of year, full of excitement, bright cold days and looking forward to the Spring ahead, but it can also be hazardous for our pets.

## Did you know....

**Antifreeze:** contains an ingredient that if ingested can cause kidney failure, cats are particularly at risk.

**Rock salt:** if your pet licks their paws after walking on rock salt this can lead to tummy upset and lethargy.

**Grapes & other dried fruit:** Toxic to dogs and even a small quantity can cause kidney failure.

**Winter plants:** Holly, ivy, mistletoe and poinsettia aren't edible. If eaten in quantity can cause mild tummy upset.

**Chocolate:** contains a chemical that dogs don't tolerate well. It can make them very unwell, causing agitation, excitability, tremors, convulsion and heart problems.

## What can you do?

- Store antifreeze products safely and securely
- Wash your pets paws after they've walked on rock salt
- Keep chocolate, grapes and other dried fruit away from your pet and out of their eyesight!



## IF your pet does eat any of these phone your vet straight away!

Make sure you have the following information to hand, as it will help your vet assess what treatment may be needed:

- What they've eaten
- How much
- When your dog was exposed to it
- If your dog has been unwell

Sophie Hall, Veterinary Surgeon  
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## Keeping safe at night

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Hey fur-buds, paws up who forgot the ticking thing went back last month! Yep I did, and we ended up on a night safari walk by mistake!

It's really hard seeing where Mum is on my late walks, so I tether myself to her with a bright yellow lead, put a yellow coat on her and give her a flashy light – it works a treat. The only problem is she does the same to me and I have to wear my fluorescent yellow coat and have a flashy light on me, it's so embarrassing but my fur-buds say it's better to be embarrassed than not be seen.

You see the human metal boxes on wheels (cars) have yellow balls of light on them, so it makes it easier for them to spot me if I wear a fluorescent coat.

It's also a good thing to tell someone where you're going and what time you'll be back from your night safari. That way if you don't get back when you say they know roughly where to go looking for you.



Check your human has a mobile phone just in case you need to call someone!

So stay safe on your night safari's.

Mahoosive amounts of love

Benji xx

PS it was my birthday this week!! I had a super awesome time and lots of treatsies

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## Keep connected with nature

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Covid restrictions permitting, the RSPB's local group for Crawley and Horsham are starting indoor meetings again.

Please see the Events listings for the indoor meetings planned so far:

<https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/groups/crawley/events/>



And at Sussex Wildlife Trust, all face to face events are returning. Registration and contact details will be required.

Please see the What's on section to find out more details: <https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on>



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# Long-tailed Tits

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“Who are these people?” You’ve hardly seen them all year yet here you are, full of turkey, squashed between them on the sofa, your paper hat askew. It’s Christmas and, like it or not, there’s no escaping your family. On a branch out in the cold darkness of the garden, also sandwiched between aunts, brothers, cousins and daughters, a tiny bird is asking a similar question (except he isn’t wearing a novelty hat).

Long-tailed Tits and humans. Two of Britain’s most social species. And just like a visit from your relatives the arrival of a Long-tailed Tit flock in your garden will turn tranquillity into chaos. It’s like someone has emptied a box of feathered fireworks over the fence. They manically bicker on the bird feeder and swing acrobatically upside-down on the fat balls, all the while trilling, rattling and screaming ‘eee-heeee-heee’ like a troupe of Michael Jackson impersonators. What you’re witnessing is a group of roving relatives, roaming the neighbourhood looking to pillage your peanuts. This posse of outlaws consists of in-laws, brothers, sons, daughters. It’s a family affair. With their gorgeous pink, black and white plumage and those ridiculously long tails these flying lollypops must qualify for Britain’s cutest bird. Then suddenly they’re gone and the pulse rate of the garden returns to normal.

By late-winter the Long-tailed Tit’s extended family will drift apart, find new partners and start new families. In March the foundations are laid for an epic construction. Moss building bricks are lashed together with ropes of sticky



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spider’s webs. The walls rise, a camouflage cladding of lichen is added to the roof and a cosy filling of a thousand feathers lines the interior. The end result looks like a crocheted stomach and soon there will be plenty of rumbling from inside as eight hungry chicks demand to be fed. But raising a large family can take its toll. The constant hunt for insects can exhaust a parent almost to breaking point. And that’s when something unusual and wonderful happens. Their family arrives to save them. Aunties and uncles who have not been successful raising their own family that year will selflessly join the parents and help feed their nephews and nieces.

Even after the children have flown the nest the whole gang remains together and joins with other siblings to form your chaotic neighbourhood feeding flock. But the biggest challenge of the year still awaits: winter. Freezing night-time temperatures exact a heavy toll on our garden birds. And that’s why at Christmas, hidden deep in a hedge, you’ll find the extended family of Long-tailed Tits, huddled together, supporting each other on a frosty branch, their tiny hearts beating, sharing their warmth and surviving. So if you’re wondering why family is so important look out of the window and think of that Long-tailed Tit, because none of us can get through this on our own.

By Michael Blencowe

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# Tawny Owl

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Once upon a time we were terrified of Tawny Owls. They were a portent of evil in fairytales, folklore and just about every scary story, film or poem that needed a creepy cliché. But in today's crowded marketplace of global pandemics, climate change and toilet roll shortages the owl's powers to scare us are fading. Recently it appears this spokesman of the supernatural has got itself a new publicist. Its modern image is one of a cuddly pin-up, more Harry Potter than Hammer Horror.

But stand in the woods on a moonlit November night and listen for an unseen owl's ethereal call. It's an ancient, unnerving sound that still speaks to something buried deep within us and ignites a primeval fear.

The Tawny Owl is the largest and commonest of our island's five owl species typically nesting in holes in old trees in our remaining woodlands. But what is it about this bird that has given us the willies throughout history? Let's start with those huge, lifeless black eyes that seem to stare into your very soul. An owl's eyes are not spherical but tubular like two telescopes and give amazing vision at low light levels. However, the eye's stretched shape and position on the owl's face presents a narrow field of vision. To compensate a Tawny Owl has special bones and blood vessels in its neck so it can perform that freaky, Exorcist-like head twist. This gives the bird the ability to scan all around without having to move their bodies and arouse detection by prey.



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And in the world of a nocturnal hunter silence and stealth are everything. Special serrated feathers slice the air allowing it to fly as silently as a phantom and aerially ambush its victims. Incredible hearing achieved by asymmetrical ears allows them to accurately pinpoint the rustle of a nervous vole below. They can hear fear.

And then there's that disembodied voice arising from the darkness. The male's far-carrying baritone 'hooo-huhuhuhooo' and the female's squawky 'kerr-wik' response are like a mis-matched duet between Johnny Cash and Janet Street-Porter. These calls help establish, maintain and defend a breeding territory and in November the birds are at their most vocal. Of course Tawny Owls really couldn't give two hoots about scaring us but throughout history these spectral calls have provided a soundtrack to our deepest fears. In a society which is becoming increasingly detached from nature it's time to get out into the woods this Halloween and allow ourselves to be unsettled once again by these mystical birds.

By Michael Blencowe  
Head of Community Action  
for Communities and Wildlife,  
Sussex Wildlife Trust



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# What fruit and vegetable are in season

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Teresa here. Michael Kingerlee kindly provided an article on seasonal fruit and vegetable in our last edition, and I'd like to continue to publish this list of seasonal produce in each edition. And as Michael previously said *"If you try to purchase things that are in season, rather than because they look nice the chances are that they will taste better. The fruit & vegetables listed below indicates when they probably are at their best. So when you shop try to look at these items first."* Thank you Michael.

## December

### In main season

- Sweet Potato
- Carrot
- Leek
- Parsnip
- Swede
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Kale
- Avocado
- Clementine
- Cranberries
- Lime
- Pear

### In subsidiary season

- Turnip
- Grapefruit

### Coming into season or out of season

- Celery

## January

### In main season

- Turnip
- Carrot
- Leek
- Parsnip
- Swede
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Kale
- Avocado
- Clementines
- Pears
- Grapefruit
- Lime
- Oranges Seville
- Passion Fruit
- Pears



**"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust." By Gertrude Jekyll**

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# Cranberry and Apricot Christmas Chutney

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I have always been a fan of Delia Smith and this chutney is based on one of her recipes. There is nothing wrong with her original recipe of course but I have put my own twist on it! It will be ready to enjoy when the flavours have matured and mingled for about a month.

## Ingredients:

- 14oz / 400g no-soak apricots, roughly chopped
- 1 teaspoon whole coriander seeds
- 8oz / 225g soft light brown sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ pt / 400ml cider vinegar
- 4oz / 100g dried cranberries
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh root ginger
- 1 or 2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 orange, grated zest and juice

## Method:

- Dry fry the coriander seeds until they begin to give off their aroma but don't burn! Then crush coarsely in a pestle and mortar.
- Now put all the ingredients into a large pan which has a lid, and stir over a medium heat until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to simmering point, cover with the lid and gently cook for about an hour until tender. The advantage of this method is that the kitchen isn't filled with vinegar fumes during cooking! This works perfectly in the Aga simmering oven too.
- As with any chutney, the consistency should be thickish – that is that you should still be able to see liquid. Chutney thickens as it matures so you don't want to make it too dry.
- Transfer to clean, warm jars. Cover with a wax disc and screw on the lid (which should be unblemished). Label and store in a cool dark cupboard or pantry.

Lastly, my thanks to Erica Smale for her suggestion of adding bacon lardons to the Courgette Soup (recipe in the Oct/Nov Shipley News). It sounds delicious and I will definitely be adding bacon lardons next time. Thank you Erica!

By Gina French Larcombe



The front cover shot was taken in the middle of the rutting season; it was particularly noisy this year and we had some new neighbours, Claire and Matthew, move in next door and they were surprised by the constant roar and racket caused by the Red Deer Stags and Fallow Bucks rutting. I spotted these two enjoying a quieter moment. Nature always serves up beautiful things to see and as you know I always try to have my camera in hand to capture sights like this to share with you.

The science of studying clouds and cloud formation is called Nephology (from the Greek word nephos for ‘cloud’). Nephology is a sub-set or branch of meteorology. Wikipedia says, Luke Howard, (28 November 1772 – 21 March 1864) was a British amateur meteorologist with broad interests in science. His lasting

contribution to science is a nomenclature system for clouds, which he proposed in 1802. Because of this, Howard is referred to as “The Godfather of Clouds”, the “namer of the clouds”, and the “father of meteorology”.

As a photographer I love to have interesting cloud formations in landscape photographs. It is thanks to Luke Howard, a Quaker, that we can so eloquently identify and name cloud formations. The cumulonimbus incus also known as an anvil cloud is a cumulonimbus cloud which has reached the level of stratospheric stability and has formed the characteristic flat, anvil-top shape. It signifies the thunderstorm in its mature stage, succeeding the cumulonimbus calvus stage. If you are a pilot this would be important to know and I can vouch for the fact that this cloud formation in the



Anvil clouds over Chanctonbury Ring, October 2021

photo preceded some very heavy rainfall. There are over 100 types of cloud, other examples are cirrus (hair like and wispy) and cumulus (cauliflower-shaped or puffy white). The later is great for photography and some photographers manipulate images in post-production to overlay a more interesting cloud formation. I would always come back to a location and capture something in camera rather than fake it in post-production. It will be interesting to see if we have any snow clouds before Christmas or if we will have to wait until January or February next year.

Graduation day is always a special occasion and the Covid restrictions have probably caused havoc amongst students and university professors alike. I headed off to Chichester Cathedral for a quick impromptu visit. I didn't expect a



An arty shot of Chichester Cathedral cloisters October 2021

Cathedral full of young graduates, proud parents and students with the promise of bright futures ahead. With their lives ahead of them, they could be inspired by some of the famous previous graduates including, singers Billy Idol and Steve Knightley (Show of Hands), Virginia Wade (tennis) and Hilary Benn (MP).



Graduation Day at Chichester Cathedral October 2021

As the Cathedral was being used for a graduation ceremony, I took a walk around to see what else I could photograph. The Cloisters were fabulous to photograph and I often wonder, who has walked these corridors and what stories could they tell? I'd like to go back at a later date to look around the cathedral and get a better sense of the splendour and history of the place.

I mentioned in last month's article that I wanted to take a picture of a plaque on the Cornish Coastline to commemorate Remembrance Day 2021. The photograph was taken at Pentire Point. It is where the poet Laurence Binyon wrote 'For the Fallen' while visiting Pentire in 1914, it is a beautiful, simple but powerful plaque.



For the fallen - Pentire Point, Cornwall  
- easy to see how Laurence Binyon  
was so inspired



A holly tree being enjoyed by  
a hungry horse on Red Lane, Shipley

As we start to prepare for the Christmas festivities in the UK many families will use holly to decorate their homes, wreaths, tables and mantelpieces. In pagan times holly was regarded as sacred. The pagans believed that because holly trees had the ability to keep their leaves and berries, it was magical and assured the return of spring. Holly was also a popular Saturnalia gift among the Romans (the Roman celebration at the winter solstice honouring their god, Saturn) who later brought holly to England, where it was also considered sacred.

In Christianity, holly was adopted as a symbol of Christ's crown of thorns; the crimson berries a symbol of his blood and the evergreen a metaphor for life after death.

The tradition of decking the halls with boughs of holly at Christmas continues today.

I hope you have a very happy Christmas and after the difficult year that we have endured, I wish you most of all **good health** and lots of happiness for 2022.

Your Countryman



# Shipley Arts Festival

## Sparkling celebrations for our 2021 festival

With tremendous support from all of our Festival Friends, sponsors and local venues, we were thrilled to be able to deliver all the planned events for the 21st Shipley Arts Festival and what better way to end the Festival than with a dazzling firework concert at the Old Vicarage, Washington and the NFU Festival Review at Nyetimber with their wonderful sparkling wine. Every concert is a unique blend of specially chosen inspiring music in beautiful local settings with the purpose

of bringing our communities together through music and with the return of live concerts, we have once again been able to do this.

Looking to 2022, we already have some exciting concerts planned for the year celebrating our wonderful villages and local composers as well as some new works specially commissioned for the Festival. Recent commissions include those by Paul Lewis, Roderick Williams OBE and Helen Ottaway celebrating our Stradivarius Violin, "The Amici Bernardi" from 1696, Shipley itself, and the wildlife and storks at Knepp.

Please see opposite for details of the 2022 Festival preview and information about how to become a Friend of the Festival to support world class music and our string academy pupils performing in our villages.

For more information about the group and our music, please do contact me or take a look at our website.

From all of us at the Bernardi Music Group, we would like to wish you all a

Merry Musical Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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# Shipley History Society

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Thursday 7th October 2021 heralded the start of our new programme and which proved to be a heart-warming success. Not only did we welcome a record number of members but our speaker was a member of the SHS committee, Ian Miles. The subject was 'D-Day Gliders in Shipley during World War II', called "Operation Sidecar". Ian had been meticulous with his research and his presentation was truly professional.

We were also treated to slides which illustrated his talk and we were all spell bound. What amazed many of us was the size of the gliders – their ability to carry up to 30 men, a jeep or heavy guns. These gliders were nothing like the sleek, two-man gliders we see today and the wonder is that they were ever able to fly at all! A very enlightening talk which left everyone full of admiration for the whole operation. Our grateful thanks to Ian.

## Programme for 2022

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**Thursday 17th February at 7.30pm at Andrew Hall, Shipley, RH13 8PH:**  
**Shepherds of the South Downs - A talk by Ian Everest,**

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**Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm at Andrew Hall, Shipley, RH13 8PH:**

**Percy Bysshe Shelley** - To commemorate 200 years since his death, Kathryn Attwood the playwright, who wrote play 'Mad Shelley', will talk about the early life of the poet in Horsham and beyond. The second half of the talk will be given by **Carol Hayton.**

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**Thursday 23rd June: Summer Social to be held at Green Gates**

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**Thursday 8th September: Nutbourne Vineyard.**

A private tour with tasting starting with tea/coffee and home-made cakes.

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**October: Talk to be announced**

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**Thursday 1st December: AGM**

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For more information, please contact Secretary Jean Wright

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Tel: 01403 741986

You can find Shipley History Society on the Shipley Parish Council website

[www.shipleyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.shipleyparishcouncil.org.uk)

and then follow the Sports and Recreation link.

By Gina French Larcombe



Ten of us gathered for a very informal and enjoyable chat at the coffee morning and we enjoyed the company of 28 members at the October lunch.

The Roundabout Hotel delivered a delightful Boeuf Bourguignon, Mustard Mash and Green Beans lunch followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding with Vanilla Ice Cream - very well received by all. Our compliments to the new chef.

Last month Ian McClaren lunched with us as a prospective member and in October took the plunge and was inducted as a full member.

Our lunch meeting was addressed by Hilly Sloane who talked about the history of the Goodwood estate.



The drive and inspiration behind the circuit was the 9th Duke of Richmond known as Freddie March. He had no interest in agriculture but developed a keen interest in engineering, particularly motor cars. He became an apprentice at Bentley and built a career whilst becoming a renowned amateur racing driver.

The very first motor sport event was a hill climb for Lancia enthusiasts staged in 1936. The gates were first opened to the



public on 18th September 1948 to host Britain's very first post-war motor race meeting at a permanent venue, just four days after petrol rationing ended. Over 15,000 spectators and 85 drivers turned up to support the event.

In August 1966, was closed for motor racing but remained in continuous use as a testing and track day venue.

On 18th September 1998, exactly 50 years to the day after the Goodwood Circuit first opened, the 9th Duke's grandson, the present Earl of March, re-enacted the opening of the track at the first Goodwood Revival meeting.

We are looking forward to Ben Kantsler, the Nyetimber viticulturist, giving a talk on the Nyetimber Estate and sparkling wine production at our December meeting.

Our lunch meeting is on the first Wednesday in the month. Membership is open to retired PROfessional and BUSiness men. We have currently suspended the intake of new members as we wait to see what winter has in store but if you would like to know more please contact our Secretary David Goddard: - [david.goddard8@icloud.com](mailto:david.goddard8@icloud.com)

By Nick Vincent



## Opening of New Sussex Green Hub

Repair, refill, recycle, reuse, restore, revive and reunite: These crucial 'R' words for building a sustainable world all came alive on Saturday 25th September in the Bishopric area in Horsham as Sussex Green Living launched its latest initiative – the Sussex Green Hub.

The Hub was officially opened by the High Sheriff of West Sussex, Neil Hart, who said, *"I very much welcome the Sussex Green Hub. There is no more important challenge we all face than the climate crisis and the Sussex Green Hub shows us the way, in raising awareness and providing practical actions we can, and must, all take to address that challenge. This is a truly collaborative initiative bringing together volunteer groups, local churches and businesses. I congratulate all involved."*



Carrie Cort CEO of Sussex Green Living,  
High Sheriff of West Sussex Neil Hart,  
United Reformed Church Minister Kristin  
Ofstad and Paul Bellringer Chair of Sussex  
Green Living trustees.

The High Sheriff was joined by Councillor Sarah Payne of West Sussex County Council, and Horsham District Council Chairman and Councillor David Skipp, who commented, *"I was impressed by the enthusiasm of the volunteers and the message of improving and protecting our environment by making changes in our lifestyle as outlined in the new community environmental initiative. If we don't act now what legacy will we leave for our children and grandchildren?"*

Councillors Martin Boffey, Mike Croker, Kate Rowbottom, Ruth Fletcher, Bob Platt and Jonathan Chowen of Horsham District Council were also welcomed as were many local businesses, volunteers and well over 100 visitors.



The much-loved Horsham Repair Café volunteers were able to repair 24 household items and plenty of people refilled cleaning product bottles and toiletries. The Sussex Green Living Horsham "Wombles" explained and demonstrated what can be recycled and how, and advice on sustainability was freely given. Also providing great

# News from Sussex Green Living

ideas and inspiration were Transition Horsham, Horsham Eco Churches, and Horsham Community Fridge. While a popular volunteer-run café at the URC served heart-warming cuppas and cakes to chat over. Across the way, St John's Catholic Church shared information about how the environment and farmers can be helped through buying Fairtrade products.



During the pandemic the climate crisis has taken a back seat but it has unfortunately not gone away. As Sussex Green Living's CEO Carrie Cort said, *"Climate change hasn't stopped, so we haven't stopped sharing solutions. I envisage the Sussex Green Hub as a friendly place where we 'carbon watchers' can consolidate a caring community each month to find real suggestions to put into practice."*

*"We're extremely grateful to John Lewis and Waitrose Horsham for making this all possible by providing generous funding as well as a Christmas hamper to be offered as a prize to one of the participants in our online small green steps survey."*

*"We'd love to develop the Hub to include a sewing group and maybe films and talks throughout the winter. The United Reformed Church is the perfect place, providing a large, airy town centre location very close to the bus station for*

*sustainable travel.*

*"With the 26th global climate change Conference of Parties (COP26) taking place in Glasgow in November, we really hope that raised media exposure of the urgent need to decarbonise our world will draw local people in to our monthly 'carbon watchers' offerings."*

To close, HD Councillor Philip Circus, Cabinet Member for the Environment, Waste, Recycling and Cleansing said, *"It was very encouraging to be part of the launch of this new community environmental initiative and to see how much volunteer commitment there is to the environmental agenda"*, while Horsham District Councillor Mike Croker commented, *"I really liked the new venue and think that the combination of groups will prove influential"*.



The Sussex Green Hub is held the last Saturday each month at the United Reformed Church Hall, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham RH12 2RG (behind Wilko).

For now, masks are required in the Hub.

Learn more here <https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/sussex-green-hub/>

## Eco milk float rising to the carbon reduction challenge

### Pop-up and rock-up

An eco 1974 milk float, pop-up shop and pop-up climate emergency centre – what do they all have in common? They are all initiatives offered by multi-award-winning charity Sussex Green Living, to help people reduce their carbon footprint.

It might be hot air in Glasgow but not at the grassroots where this charity is concerned. On the first day of COP26 the charity became part of a new pop-up shop on the high street. They popped up their first once a month climate emergency centre, the Sussex Green Hub, on 25th September and earlier in the year saw the first appearance of their unique and quirky mobile eco display, a 1974 retrofitted milk float, called the Inspiration Eco Station, and the launch of their Bright New Future Roadshow.

With the urgent need to educate the public and children about the solutions to the climate crisis, Sussex Green Living have harnessed different ways to engage with the general public and schools. Carrie Cort, the founder and CEO of this charity, said *“This year we have taken our Bright New Future Roadshow to 20 public events. We worked with 10 schools in West Sussex and 8 in East Sussex, working with Rampion Visitor Centre and Sussex Wildlife Trust, engaging with about 1,549 pupils in total.”*

Paul Bellringer, Chair of Trustees for this charity, added *“Thanks to grants from Sussex Community Foundation and Horsham District Council, our Inspiration Eco Station has been out on the road once or twice a week, allowing us*



*to get right in the hearts of villages and towns, sharing ways people can reduce their carbon footprint.”*

The Sussex Green Hub next takes place on the last Saturday each month, 10am – 4pm, at the United Reformed Church in Horsham and there is an evolving display at Horsham Pop-Up Shop in West Street, which at times is manned by volunteers.

Carrie continues *“We are helping to build a safer, healthier and fairer world for all, enabling us to hand over a planet and future worth inheriting to the next generation. There is no room for delay, no room for talk, it is code red for humanity and time for action from all. The solutions are all out there for the taking!”*

Learn more about the Sussex Green Living Inspiration Eco Station, which is part of their Bright New Future Roadshow, here: <https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/bright-new-future-roadshow/> and more details about Horsham Pop-Up shop here: [www.popuphorsham.co.uk](http://www.popuphorsham.co.uk)



# News from Sussex Green Living

## Update on recycling scheme for single-use plastic

The nearest drop off location for recycling single-use plastic is at William Penn School in Coolham, and it is open 24/7.

We've produced the flyer below which shows in more detail what we take and other drop off locations in Horsham District. The full printable flyer can be downloaded from this page <https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/recycling-zone/single-use/>

Please remember to only put the specific waste listed below in our bins.

And if you or somebody you know is interested in setting up a drop off point for your village in partnership with Sussex Green Living, we would be happy to help you to set up a drop off location.

Please note: We are no longer able to take cat and dog food packaging and Tassimo coffee pods. However cat and dog food packaging can be taken to the big supermarkets (including Sainsbury and Tesco) along with lots of other single use plastics.

However the good news is we have added to our list:

- Chocolate, sweet pouches, bags, wrappers & multi packaging
- Bread, rolls, naan & pitta bread, wraps, crumpets, bags, zipper bags and plastic closure tags
- Cheese packaging - sliced cheese protective plastic film, flexible bags, pouches, Babybell wrappers, wax and nets



**SUSSEX GreenLiving**

**SINGLE-USE PLASTIC RECYCLING SCHEME**

Our main public drop-off bins are at:  
William Penn Primary School, Coolham,  
Nr Billingshurst RH12 8GR (24/7)  
Quaker Meeting House, Worthing Rd,  
Horsham RH12 5SL (24/7)  
Other parish locations look on our website

**In our special scheme you can recycle:**  
**(PLEASE ONLY PUT IN OUR BINS THE SPECIFIC WASTE TYPE LISTED BELOW)**

- + Chocolate, sweet pouches, bags, wrappers & multi packaging
- + Bread, rolls, naan & pitta bread, wraps, crumpets, bags, zipper bags & plastic closure tags
- + Baby food & yoghurt pouches, lids & baby snack wrappers - Ella's Kitchen & any other brand
- + Ballpoint pens, felt tips, biro, correction fluid, markers & highlighters
- + Flexible plastic from sweet biscuit, cake & cracker wrappers
- + Crisp, nuts, popcorn & pretzels packets plus multipacks
- + Plastic milk bottle tops - 2, 02, 4 or 04 displayed
- + Plastic air fresheners, cartridges & plastic air freshener packaging
- + Dishwasher, cleaning & fragrance flexible packaging, Marigold gloves & plastic packaging
- + Flexible plastic canning carriers
- + Toothpaste tubes & caps, toothbrushes, heads from electric & battery toothbrushes & all associated packaging
- + Personal care & beauty products - plastic bottle caps, trigger heads, pumps, tubes, roll-on-deodorant, flexible plastic wipe packaging, make-up packaging, mascara tubes & wands, lip sticks, lip gloss & lip balm. Shampoo refill pouches
- + Home cleaning products plastic bottle caps, trigger heads, pumps & cleaning wipe packaging. Carex® hand wash refill pouches & caps
- + Cheese packaging - sliced cheese protective plastic film, flexible bags, pouches, baby bell wrappers, wax & nets
- + Inkjet cartridges - only HP, Dell, Lexmark, Canon, Samsung, Brother, Frama, Pitney Bowes, Kodak, Necopost not refills
- + Mobile phones - working or broken. Mobile phone cases. Popsockets products & packaging
- + Aluminium ring pulls - for the Purple Community Fund to make into stunning goods [www.p-c-f.org](http://www.p-c-f.org)

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# News from Knepp

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You may have noticed that there were no acorns this year. Apparently 2020 was the biggest mast year for 43 years (since Prof Mick Crawley from our advisory board started collating data) and this year is the lowest.

The West Grinstead Action Group's campaign to try to stop the building of 3500 houses on Newhouse Farm, north east of Buck Barn, is on pause. There is not only a water shortage (which David Meadows has been saying for years!) but a rare and protected snail is under threat by water abstraction, so all new development applications are on hold whilst the authorities and developers work out how to alleviate or circumvent the issues.

This delay gives us time to all learn more about how the new Environment Act will impact on the planning system, and we are hoping that Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) will have the teeth to stop wanton housebuilding in areas needed to reverse the biodiversity and climate crises that we are facing.

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## News from Knepp's visitor manager Rachel:

What an incredible year! After a delayed start due to Covid we opened in May 2021 to a fully booked campsite and safari season. Our thanks to our amazing safari guides, the fantastic team in the campsite, café, shop and car park, plus our enthusiastic footpath volunteers, who have shared their 2021 highlights:

*"My highlight is really walking with other volunteers and learning so much about Knepp and wildlife, as well as getting to see the pigs,*



*longhorns and ponies. Getting to see the Storks climb in the thermals get me every time."*

Colette, Footpath Volunteer

*"Helping the visitors to hear the Nightingales and trying to show them. We were also privileged to see the White-tailed Eagle when it flew over."*

Christine, Footpath Volunteer

*"My highlights have been learning so much from the other volunteers, and the enthusiasm of the visitors, especially those that heard a turtle dove for the first time or spotted a purple emperor. Seeing Knepp change through the seasons has been pretty special too."*

Cathy, Footpath Volunteer

*"Knepp is my sanctuary and sharing it with others has been my biggest pleasure this year. Knowing we all look after something pretty special and seeing the enthusiasm within all of us gives me hope for this planet yet."*

Antje, Footpath Volunteer

*"Meeting the other volunteers, baristas, guides etc and chatting and hearing their stories has been my highlight. The stoat, early purple orchid, close views of a kingfisher, the beaver pen, visitors from Cornwall, Herefordshire and Yorkshire and hundreds of other things were all good too."*

John, Footpath Volunteer

*"My highlight of the year was spotting that magnificently magnetic Rose Chafer beetle, a new species to Knepp, but a close second was spotting the lovely Linnet, a new species to me on Knepp."*

Pippa, Footpath Volunteer

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# News from Xnepp

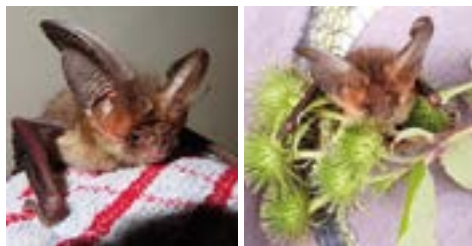
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*"My favourite time is when the storks come to the stork cafe - had at least 30 kettling above this summer and all my customers were loving it. The stork cafe delivers (storks)- burrah!!"*

Kirsty, Stork Café

*"My highlight has to be the rescue of Burdock, the bat. Also the amazing photography shared in our volunteer group... and hot chocolate from the café!"*

Nicky, Footpath Volunteer



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**Paddy Dangerfield, project manager at Swallows writes:**

Work on the Swallows Farm shop and café development has slowed down over the last month or so due to the poor weather conditions, a break-in and a few revisions to the overall design concept.

The new access road from the A24 slip road is well underway and the permanent entrance to the site will be completed in early December. We have sown the verge with native wild flower seeds, so it will be exciting to see how this develops over the coming months.

The timber repairs to the Sussex Barn are well under way and the first phase of these work is nearing completion. It has been wonderful being able to see up close the attention to detail & craftsmanship that

went into forming the timber frame many years ago and how new & old materials work in harmony with one another in the repair works.

The next stage in the development will be to support the barn in its current position on scaffolding, remove the low level brick plinth walls and excavate for new foundations. The walls will be re-built and the timber frame can then be rested back down onto a much more solid base which will help stabilise the building. The next phase after that will be to complete the roof & wall build-ups to help protect the barn from the winter elements, form the new floors and then make a start on the wiring & plumbing works, in addition to laying endless amounts of drainage pipework, ducting and pipework for the services feeding into the buildings.



The other new buildings that complete the complex are still in their design phase but it is hoped that work on these will commence very soon.

**Karen our Building team leader** is sadly leaving at Christmas after three years, so we thought it only right that she gives us some highlights from her time leading the building team:

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# News from Knepp

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We have a very busy team working on all the Knepp properties both residential, agricultural and commercial to ensure they stay standing and in a good state of repair! The past three years has been an enjoyable challenge, and in that time we have grown the full-time team and dealt with a vast number of repairs and instigated some great innovation projects too.

We recently replaced a roof on probably Knepp's most historic property. John Russell, a very experienced and knowledgeable specialist completed the required timber repairs in the loft. He put together a very interesting report outlining the history of the property, some of which can be read below:

Brookhouse Farmhouse is Listed Grade II. These photos reveal that the building is much older and more significant than the Listings describe.

Whilst much of the exterior is hidden under hanging tiles and later additions, it is apparent once inside that the property is actually a very early medieval timber frame.

On the upstairs landing (top left) you can see the magnificent arch braces of an ostentatious central Hall cross frame, running up to a curved and cambered central tie beam.

Once you access the attic area (top right) you can see that the building was a soot blackened 'Hall house' with a stunningly well-preserved Crown post roof.

Here is the central Crown post with no mouldings but beautiful large chunky 4-5" thick braces.

The crown post is scribed both around

the purlin and around the collars. Such a lot of work for such a small piece of timber...very meticulous and careful but very curious.

Race knife (bottom left) numbers are evident on the rafters both at collar level and at their apex. It is interesting that these numbers are on the internal faces. Sometimes medieval carpenters place the good quality face side downwards so that it is visible, whilst the less-good side of the timber is faced up and out – this is not the normal carpentry etiquette.

South of the central cross frame ((bottom right) is another stunning crown post assembly. This was probably the 'High end' of the building with a 'Solar' bay beyond. It is notable for having the most beautiful combed and soot blackened wattle and daub.

We all wish Karen a happy future and thank her for leading the property repair team for the past three years. It is not an easy job!



## **Penny – chief ecologist writes:**

Autumn is a bittersweet time as most of our breeding birds leave for sunnier climes and are replaced by the raucous sounds of Redwing and Fieldfare, winter visitors from Scandinavia and Iceland. These delightful thrushes Hoover up the left-over berries, which are bountiful in the thorny scrub of the Southern Block, and feed on worms in the open pastures. Knepp plays host to some large Redwing roosts; the thorns providing protection as they roost amongst the scrub. Woodcock spend the winter with us too, hiding amongst the bushes during the day and emerging to feed at dusk. You may be lucky to spot one flying out of its roost at sunset, as it heads to an open area to probe the soft clay soil with its long bill, looking for insects, small snails, and worms to feed on. We ringed a Woodcock three years ago at Knepp, and it was sadly shot for the pot when back on its breeding ground – just outside of Moscow! It's fascinating how far these birds travel.

A hearty group of volunteers helped look for Harvest Mouse nests amongst the reedbeds on the Mill Pond and Hammer Pond in October. In between the torrential downpours we did manage to find a few neatly-woven nests, totalling 20 by the end of the survey. This diminutive mouse weighs in at just 4-6 grams and breeds amongst tussocky grassland and reedbeds.

With warm and wet conditions prevailing, it's been a pretty good autumn for fungi. The West Weald Fungus Recording Group have visited for a couple of sessions

this autumn, one in the Southern Block looking on the older oak trees for rare bracket fungi, and the other in the Repton Park searching for some of the county's rarer fungi of unimproved grasslands. We found brilliant-coloured waxcaps – yellow, orange and red, like lollipops – and exquisite coral-like fungi. With the help of this wonderful group of volunteers we have recorded over 400 species of fungi at Knepp over the last 6 years.

If you'd like to hear more from the wildlife specialists that visit the Knepp Rewilding Project tune in to the Knepp Wildland Podcast. Listen via our webpage: <https://knepp.co.uk/knepp-wildland-podcast> or tune in on your usual podcast platform (Spotify, Podcast Addict, Apple etc.)

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**Ian is Knepp's food development manager** who has been immersed in the development of Knepp's new butchery.

The lead-up to Christmas is a busy time, and you will no doubt have heard about the wider problems in the supply chain and in particular with the recruitment of butchers, but he has assembled a first-class team and it is a dream come true to have a skilled butchery team and the resources to be able to do justice to our wonderful beef and venison.

Luke, our butchery supervisor, comes to us with a wealth of food experience and is in his element resurrecting lost cuts and helping us invent new and exciting ways to enjoy our produce.

George is a butcher with extensive knowledge and has previously run his family's farm shop. His many innovative



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ideas are now being put to effective use at Knepp.

Paul decided to take a break from running his successful Troll Burger business in Brighton to learn the art of butchery. He is also helping with our e-commerce business Knepp Wild Range, and our social media.

Steph is never happier than making sure all our meat is not only packed beautifully but also uniform in appearance; her attention to detail keeps us all on our toes!



Clockwise from top left:  
Luke, George, Steph and Paul

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**Tom, Knepp's ranger and tree officer,** has a new initiative to discuss:

New for 2022, we hope to add "Dog-Walker's Safaris" to our programme of visitor experiences. These new tours will offer a unique opportunity to learn about Knepp Wildland for dog owners and their faithful companions. We intend to initiate these walks with the local community, so

watch this space for more details as they develop!

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**Patrick our stockman** has been here for many years managing the cattle and pigs in the rewilding project, these days ably assisted by John Maidment's grandson Toby. Here is Pat's news, together with a plea, slightly linked to Tom's post above:

What a fantastic 12 months to have ruminants! Such a good grass growing year, and such a contrast to 2020.

At Knepp we had just shy of 100 calves, born April, May and early June, over the three large imaginatively titled (North, Middle and South) blocks. At a similar time, we had 28 piglets born to 6 sows (somewhat more than the paltry 12 piglets the year before) in the South.

Spring brings the arrival of life, autumn brings us to the other end of the life cycle and is when we bring our herd numbers down to winter stocking densities and take animals to slaughter.

We send to slaughter 30-month steers, and heifers (the ones not wanted for replacements in the herds) and any cull cows. These are slaughtered locally and are now butchered by and sold from Knepp Wild Range, in our new butchery, processing and storage facilities.

We have seen lots of visitors at Knepp, and with this brings the occasional incident, this year we have had three known dog attacks on cattle or pigs.

These generally seem to be first offences by the dogs, and the owners are suitably upset, shocked and apologetic. This

doesn't lessen the damage physically or mentally on our animals, and if you look in the farming press, is a countrywide problem.

Interestingly, all these known attacks have been by local dogs, not from the perceived "townies who don't know how to act in the countryside".

The countryside code is a great guide to follow, and can be found on line here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code-advice-for-countryside-visitors>

Cattle, sheep and pigs are prey species (even large cows with horns), and when they turn to look at you it is because they like to face what they are unsure of (so they can see if you are a danger or not).

Prey species see dogs for what they are, descendants of wolves, or predators. Obviously, most dogs are loving parts of one's family, but they all have in them the hard wiring that gets triggered very occasionally by certain prey species behaviour, and that is when you get livestock worrying and attacks.

So, please keep your dog well trained and if you can't control your dog, keep it on the lead, and enjoy the beautiful Sussex countryside and its animals at a respectful distance.

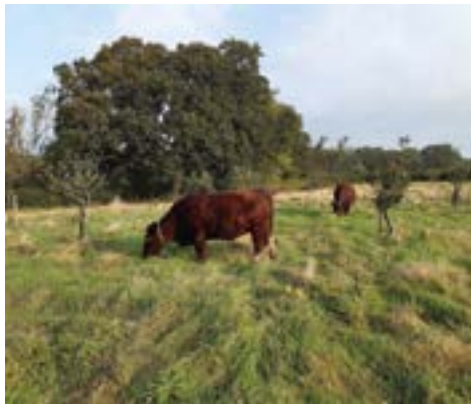
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**Russ Carrington** gives us an update on the Regenerative Farm in Shipley. The mild damp autumn has meant that the animals have been kept outdoors grazing for longer than expected. This is better for their health and with regular moves to

fresh pasture soil damage is avoided.

You may have seen some of the Sussex cattle grazing in the orchard where we are trialling GPS collars which track the animals and prevent them from grazing certain exclusion zones, such as where there are small trees or footpaths. Thanks to everyone for picking up their dog litter which is especially important for pregnant cows as they can sometimes catch *Neospora* from dog poo which causes them to abort.

Also in the orchard, you may have seen some tidying up and the building of a bonfire in preparation for a Wassail in January – watch this space for more details!



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Finally, it was a tragedy to learn of the sudden death of Johnny Denman just a few months after his retirement. Johnny was our very longstanding insurance broker and a dear friend, and we miss him.

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By Jason Emrich



## Natural Flood Management on the River Adur Catchment

### What are we doing?

Over the next 18 months the Ouse & Adur Rivers Trust (OART) will be looking at what measures can be taken to reduce the risk of flooding to people's homes across the River Adur valley. We know that some flooding comes from rivers and some from surface water flows, and some from both. We will be assessing how we can use established Natural Flood Management techniques to reduce the risk of flooding whilst providing multiple benefits to local communities and the environment.

Alongside working in partnership with the Environment Agency, Local Authorities, and e-NGOs, we would like to talk to local parish councils and individuals to understand more about where the problems are occurring and gain more local insight. By increasing our knowledge and working with local communities we will be able to form a strategic approach to implementing Natural Flood Management measures

which we plan to start delivering from 2023. You can contact us via the details on the end of this article.

### What is Natural Flood Management (NFM)?

NFM uses a wide range of techniques that work with nature to temporarily hold back and store water upstream during rainfall events. This can help to reduce the risk of flooding downstream and increase the local landscapes resilience to drought during dry weather. Examples of NFM processes can be seen below.

### Contact details:

If you are affected by flooding, want to find out more about the techniques we will be using or are interested in getting involved in creating a more resilient landscape then please get in touch.

Tara Dawson – NFM Project Officer  
Email: [tara.dawson@oart.org.uk](mailto:tara.dawson@oart.org.uk)

Peter King - Director  
Email: [peter.king@oart.org.uk](mailto:peter.king@oart.org.uk)

Increase soil infiltration	Healthy soils with an open structure will enable more water to infiltrate and be stored within the land. Soil structure will be improved through root development from tree and hedgerow planting. Decaying leaf litter will benefit the soil health by adding organic matter and increasing its capacity to hold water.
Slow the flow of river water	Increase resilience to flow by planting woodlands, hedgerows and creating leaky dams.
Store water	Create, maintain, and increase the water holding capacity of ponds, ditches, floodplain washlands and scrapes.
Reduce the flow of surface water	Interrupt surface water pathways by creating buffer strips and planting trees and hedgerows. These will also help to trap sediment and reduce pollution entering the watercourses.

# News from Shipley C.E. Primary School

As the last days of Autumn turn into those darker, colder days and nights of Winter, we start to wind down a little. All our fun and festivities have to take place outdoors due to Covid-19 but it's been great because it made us think outside the box and the idea of 'WheelFest' - a celebration of wheels - was born.

55 children signed up to the in-house event, which consisted of a 'Mini' track for the younger children, a 'Juniors' track that was sponsored by the fabulous Shipley's 'Men in the Shed' and 'Ask the Butler' landscaping, a Cross-country trail for the older children across the fields and bridlepaths behind the school – with kind permission of Russ Carrington and Jason Emrich from Knepp Estate. And last but by no means least, Tom from 'Tic-Tack Skate school' held a skateboarding workshop.

We had trophies for the fastest XC lap, (Ted at a speedy 4 mins and 1 second!), Best effort in the Mini's, (Connie), Junior (Emily) and Skateboarding workshop (Jack). Every child was given a goodie bag donated by DMR bikes in Partridge Green, and a cycle medal, reflector band and sweets provided by FOSS.

Not forgetting Dave from 'CogDog' and his Scarecrow Pal 'Bradley Twiggins' - the winning entry for our summer scarecrow trail who set up a bike maintenance tent

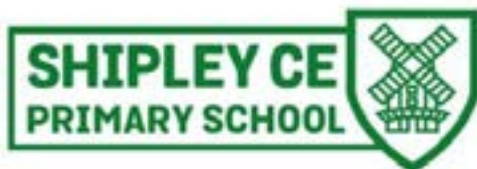


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for any minor adjustments and wowed us with his unicycle skills. We had so much fun, and raised £515 from ticket sales a selection of stalls such as the 'Smoothie Bike' and a Cycle themed tombola.

We are currently in talks with Santa to see if he can come and do a whistle stop at the school on the last day of term, and I have promised him snow and music if he comes! Possibly even a hot choc! So, fingers crossed he can find a space in his diary as we want to give the children the best last day at school before the Christmas holidays.

So as we all hunker on down for the winter, perhaps you might like to start planning ahead...



## Platinum Soap Box Rally Friday June 3rd 2022

It might be a long way off, but get your thinking caps on and start designing your soap box in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. This event is open to the local community and the general public. Already we have been supported by the wonderful team at Platinum Ambulance. Any other local businesses that are interested in taking part, please let Sarah C know. (07930) 692790.

Money raised will go to Friends of Shipley School.

By Sarah Cuthbertson  
Chairperson - Friends of Shipley School

## Puzzles | Codeword | Answers will be in the next edition

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## Wordsearch | Words associated with Christmas

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# Shingley Parish Council Directory

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You can contact your parish councillors at the following addresses:

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**Paul Richards**, Parish Council Clerk

shingleyparishclerk@gmail.com      Tel: 07824 312070

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**Gordon Lindsay**, District Councillor

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**Stephen Roggendorff**

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**Nicky Wiltshire**

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**Ginny De Zoete**

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## Parish email database

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We continue to set up a database of email addresses for the Parish, to keep you informed about what is going on at Shingley Church, share news and let you know about fundraising and events.

If you would like to sign up, please email Chris at [Vicar@Shingley.Church](mailto:Vicar@Shingley.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.



## Codeword

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## Wordsearch

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## Sudoku

3	4	5	9	2	6	7	8	1
8	9	1	4	7	3	5	2	6
7	2	6	8	5	1	4	3	9
2	5	4	1	9	7	8	6	3
9	1	3	5	6	8	2	4	7
6	8	7	3	4	2	1	9	5
4	7	9	6	8	5	3	1	2
1	6	2	7	3	4	9	5	8
5	3	8	2	1	9	6	7	4

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4	1	5	9	6	2	3	7	8
7	6	3	1	8	5	4	2	9
9	2	8	3	7	4	5	6	1
2	8	4	7	5	3	1	9	6
3	9	6	2	1	8	7	4	5
1	5	7	4	9	6	8	3	2
6	7	2	5	3	1	9	8	4
8	3	1	6	4	9	2	5	7
5	4	9	8	2	7	6	1	3



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- Must live in the ecclesiastical parish of Shipley (which includes Coolham, Brooks Green and Dragons Green)
- Or if not living in the parish, must attend or have previously attended the Shipley C of E Primary School in Shipley village, or the William Penn Primary School in Coolham.

## GRANTS

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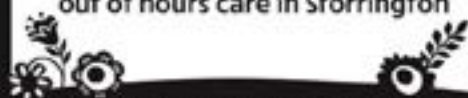
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## HAVE YOU GOT THE INSURANCE YOU NEED?

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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 'sums 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.

Also don't forget about items such as artwork or jewellery that you might have inherited or purchased a long time ago – their value may have changed significantly.

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Furniture	
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Electrical appliances	
Pictures	
Other	
Kitchen/utility room	£
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Other cupboards	
Dining room	£
Furniture	
Rugs	
Pictures and linen	
Diningware - china, glasses, silverware	
Other	

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Jewellery	
Bed linen and curtains	
Furniture	
Electrical items	
Other	
Bathroom	£
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Other	
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Garage	
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Other electrical appliances	
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