

SHOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019

EVENTS IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

Saturday 8 December	School & Church Bazaar
Sunday 9 December	Candle Lit Carol Service, Foxcote Church
Monday 10 December	Carols with Y4,5, & 6 Shoscombe School at 2pm - residents welcome
Tuesday 11 December	Souper Tuesday, Shoscombe Village Hall
Sunday 16 December	Shoscombe Ramble, meet 10am Village Hall (N.B.no ramble in January)
Tuesday 8 January	Souper Tuesday, Shoscombe Village Hall
Thursday 10 January	Parish Council Meeting
Sat & Sun 19 & 20 January	Village Hall Redecorating
Sat & Sun 26 & 27 January	Village Hall Redecorating

Shoscombe School PTA,
Friends of Foxcote Church
and
Shoscombe Village Hall

Present to you:

SHOSCOMBE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Please join us on
Saturday 8th December 2018
10am – 12.30pm

At Shoscombe School,
Fun for everyone

Tea, coffee and cake provided by
the Church and PTA,
jam jar and teddy tombolas, raffle,
guess the weight of the cake,
stalls, Santa's Grotto
provided by the Village Hall,
Church craft stalls,
face painting, school choir!

For more information: anna.holbrook@cvsf.co.uk

The Friends of Foxcote Church
present a candlelit carol service &
festival of light at James the Less
Church Foxcote on Sunday 9th
December at 4.30pm



Shoscombe School Children will
take part in the St Lucia
procession along with the School
Choir and the Community Choir.

There will be hot mince pies and
mulled wine afterwards

All are welcome to this annual
Village Christmas event, so
please come and enjoy seeing
Foxcote Church illuminated
outside and feel the peace inside.

Souper Tuesday - 11th December

Shoscombe Village Hall 12.30 - 2.30pm

Come and enjoy homemade seasonal fayre, cake, tea/coffee,
Christmas Quiz, crackers and raffle.

All the Christmas cheer you could want for £3.50

Souper Tuesday for 2019 - 8th January

Shoscombe Village Hall 12.30 to 2.30pm

All homemade fayre/raffle/quiz etc. £3.50 per person

Begin the New Year with lovely lunch in convivial company.

Redecorating of Shoscombe Village Hall

Saturday and Sunday 19 & 20 January
Saturday & Sunday 26 & 27 January

Can you help?

This should not take that long if we have
a team to help us. Please come along if
you are free on any of those dates.

Many hands make light work !!
Times when help is needed will be
posted on the Face Book page.

PARISH COUNCIL

- **Truespeed** – As you know, there were some queries over specific land and hedge ownership; Truespeed have been informed of most of the land ownerships and agreement has been reached over access to a fibre optic hub to be sited at the Village Hall. Unfortunately, there have been some delays in contacting and obtaining permissions from some landowners with one being negotiated at the moment. This has led to a postponement of cable installation and the service going 'live'. Truespeed are very apologetic about this and are hoping this will take place in January.
 - **Vacancies on the Parish Council** – There are still vacancies on the Parish Council which can be filled by co-option whereby a member of the community joins the council or is approached without a formal election. In fact, there will be an election next May for the whole council so please think about this. It will be mentioned again in the February newsletter.
 - **Parish Plan** – Mrs Upton continues to monitor action points with a safer path to school, replacement cricket net stabilisers and the possibility of work to the Village Hall car park among the items ongoing. Further action points will be checked on in January.
 - **Clerk's Appraisal** – This is an annual occurrence with the clerk and three members of the council. It was a positive meeting with some improvements to clarity on meeting notes and action points suggested and some further training. Removal from a generic email thread from our ward councillor has significantly reduced the volume of mail received by the clerk. She will, of course, still be informed of any relevant material or initiatives.
 - **Village Hall and Recreation Field** – A new sign is hand for the play area to comply with play area inspections. Grant Thomas reported back that a lottery grant is being applied for to pay for a new roof for the Hall; many thanks to Alan Day and Chris Paul for their work on this. There is to be a re-paint in the inside of the Hall on 19th and 20th January and any help with this will be much appreciated. The Tuesday Table Tennis Club have kindly offered to pay for black out blinds to the Hall to enable daytime/light evening events to take place more effectively. Many thanks to them. A mini building survey is to take place and quotes for double glazing are being sought. There has been a request for metal detecting to be allowed on the Recreation Field but, after consideration and advice taken, it was felt this could be an issue. Mrs Withers will contact the person concerned and explain.
 - **Housing and Economic Land Availability and Assessment/Joint Spatial Plan and Local Plan** – These are out for consultation with parishes who may wish to identify land suitable for development.
 - **Burial Board** - Mrs Upton has volunteered to be the Parish Council representative. Following the last meeting, she reported that the bench and wildflower sections are installed. She will check on precept amounts for the next financial year and report back to the council.
 - **Financial Matters – The following cheques were issued:**
 Cheque to Fosseyway Fencing for replacement fence to play-area - **£1538.20**
 Cheque to David Gillard for play-area inspection - **£85.00**
 Cheque to Dunkley's Payroll - **£48.00**
 Cheque to Wellow & Shoscombe Burial Board Precept - **£476.00**
 Cheque to ALCA - **£60.00** for clerk's training
 Clerk's Salary - **£532.00**
 HMRC - **£133.00**
 Clerk's expenses – **£67.37** (expenses plus 12 first class stamps)
 Grant Thomas - **£79.35** for new urn for village hall
Received - £487.22 from Village Hall in reimbursement of payments for curtains, curtain pole and new hot water urn.
 - **Annual Precept** – Preparatory discussions took place regarding this before an amount is submitted in January 2019 and sent on to B&NES. A decision was taken for a modest increase to allow for possible by-election expenses which Parish Councils will have to fund in the future should the need arise. This does not include the scheduled elections next May though, they will continue to be funded by B&NES.
- As always, please contact Jean Fossaceco the Clerk to Shoscombe Parish Council on 01761 431068 should you have queries or suggestions.**

CHURCH SERVICES AT SHOSCOMBE SCHOOL CHAPEL DECEMBER

Date	Service Time	Leading	Preaching
2nd Dec 1st of Advent	11.15 am Morning Praise	Dick Beath	Tom Benyon
9th Dec 2nd of Advent	4.30pm Carol Service Foxcote	Tom Benyon	Tom Benyon
16th Dec 3rd of Advent	No service		
23rd Dec 4th of Advent	11.15 am Holy Communion	Matthew Street	Matthew Street

**Church Notice Please Note- there will be no service at Shoscombe School Chapel on 30th December.
Instead, a joint service will be held at St. Julian's Church, Wellow at 10.30.a.m.**

'A time to rejoice' by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Isaiah 52:7 -8a

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of the herald who proclaims peace, who brings good news, who announces deliverance and who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!' Listen! Your watchers lift up their voices and together they sing for joy. (Isaiah 52:7 -8a)

Some years ago a prominent newsreader bemoaned the fact that only bad news seems to make the headlines. Sadly, nothing much seems to have changed; daily bulletins are still dominated by news of strife, conflict, murder, disaster, war, hunger or tragedy somewhere in the world.

The seasons of Advent and Christmas, however, remind us of another kind of news, for the events they speak of were marked from the very start by a mood of rejoicing. When Mary and Elizabeth met for the first time since Mary became pregnant, Elizabeth exclaimed: *'As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy'* (Luke 1:44), and Mary's response was to joyfully proclaim *'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour'* (Luke 1:47). So it was to continue after the birth of Jesus, as angels appeared to shepherds with the message, *"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2:10b-11). Finally, when the wise men at last reached their destination and entered the house where Mary and Joseph had taken lodging with their child, *'they were overwhelmed with joy'* (Matthew 2:10). This is not to say that sorrow was at an end, the slaughter of children in and around Bethlehem ordered by Herod was to show this was far from the case. Yet, within the trouble and pain of the world, the tragedies and trials that beset us all, God had brought joy that nothing finally could overcome - good news that we continue to celebrate today.

with my best regards,

Matthew

Matthew Street, The Vicarage, Church Road, Peasedown St John, Bath, BA2 8AA

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Greetings from Shoscombe Church School.

The core value that we are focussing on this term is Respect. To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, our children worked with a local artist to produce individual ceramic poppies, each one labelled with the name of a lost soldier from the local area. Parents and children joined together for a service of remembrance where Brian Edwards, a long standing governor, read the names of local sons, brothers and husbands who gave their lives fighting for our country's freedom. It was a very moving service but also one of hope as we looked forward to our future and prayed for peace. Anti-Bullying week was marked at school throughout the second week of November. The main message for our children was that we all have the power and skills to CHOOSE RESPECT. On Friday 16th November the pupil voice teams organised the whole school to come together to raise money for Children in Need through a spotty mufti and cake sale, raising £154.80 in total. The countdown to Christmas is now in full swing with acting and singing rehearsals taking place all around school. Two community events to put in your diary are a World War two sing-a-long on 30th November at 2pm and Carols and Mince Pies on Monday 10th December at 2pm. Please call the school office if you are interested in attending either of these events. To find out more about the school please visit our website www.shoscombe.bathnes.sch.uk The head, staff and children at Shoscombe School would like to wish everyone a 'Happy Christmas' and our best wishes for 2019.

A general "Thank you" to all members and supporters of Friends of Foxcote Church, who not only give their time and commitment to raising funds since 2014, but by their efforts are helping to achieve a cohesive village community.

Great Big Harvest Thank You

The proceeds from this event have been paid into the Church General Funds and are as follows:
Gift Aid Envelopes - £421.25
Church collection - £115.06 Tsunami Appeal - £50.00
Many thanks to all who supported this event.

**Somer Valley Foodbank
NOVEMBER &
CHRISTMAS NEEDS**

Christmas items :

Christmas biscuits

**Christmas chocolate &
sweets**

Christmas puddings

Christmas savoury snacks

Mince pies

Other items we are short of

Coffee

Corned beef &

Meat pies (tinned)

Macaroni cheese (tinned)

Super noodles

Long grain rice

Thanks to people's

**generosity we have plenty
of the following items:**

Baked beans

Breakfast cereals

Tinned meat

**We have none or
are almost out of
these items :**

Custard

Fish (tuna)

Fruit (tinned)

Fruit juice

Instant mash

Milk (UHT)

Milk Powder

Potatoes (tinned)

Sponge puddings

Non-food items

we are short of :

Conditioner

Household cleaners
(not bleach)

Shampoo

Shaving foam

Shaving razors

Shower gel

Toilet cleaners

Toilet rolls

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Washing-up liquid

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Defibrillator for Shoscombe

As the amount needed to purchase a defibrillator has almost been raised, the Parish Council felt it would be helpful to have more information on the practicalities of having this facility available for use once it is installed.

A member of The Somer Valley Rotary Group, who is very knowledgeable on the installation and use of defibrillators attended the November Parish Council meeting. He gave a short presentation and was able to answer queries from the councillors and members of the public who were present. The following points were made.

It is important members of the community are fully aware of how to perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and how to operate the defibrillator. If a person falls to the ground, are unresponsive and not breathing, it is vital that CPR is administered within four minutes.

He then explained the procedure if a defibrillator is available within the community.

999 needs to be dialled and assistance requested. South Western Ambulance Service will know there is a defibrillator in the area and will give the code to unlock it from its location. Assuming there are two or more persons present, one person goes to get the defibrillator and another person needs to administer CPR to keep the heart and circulation going until the defibrillator arrives. Once the person returns with the defibrillator, it can be used with no training. The machine analyses someone's heart rhythm and then uses visual or voice prompts to guide the user through each step which needs to be continued until help arrives.

The Parish Council are hoping to have the defibrillator installed in the telephone box by June 2019.

An announcement will be posted in the newsletter giving a date when a defibrillator awareness session is going to be organised at the Village Hall which will also include instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It will be in everyone's interest to try and attend this session as, although training to use a defibrillator is not necessary, it will give those people more confidence to use it if the need arises. We are aware that there are several residents in the village with medical training. Councillors will be in contact with any paramedics, nurses, doctors etc living in the different areas of the village to ask them if they would be willing to support in an emergency if they are in the location at the time. They will also be asked to attend the awareness session when a date is confirmed.

We already have residents who have volunteered to refurbish the telephone box where the defibrillator is to be installed, residents who are willing to regularly check it is in full working order and others who have offered to maintain the interior of the telephone box. On behalf of Shoscombe Parish Council I would like to thank these volunteers and also to thank The Somer Valley Rotary Group for their support. Jackie Withers

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Shoscombe History Group 6th AGM

On Friday 9th November our History Group held their sixth AGM.

The evening started with a summary of this last years activities, which included: walks, talks, visits, displays at the Village Hall and Radstock Museum. The emphasis has always been to promote a community based programme and this year has been particularly successful in that respect. Officers for the forthcoming year were elected and a financial report submitted.

The second part of the evening was an update on the progress of Bath's Archway Project, presented by Stephen Clews. This was a most interesting insight into the findings so far, the current activities and plans for the new facilities. Those present were most appreciative of the up to date information on such an important project for Bath.

The evening concluded with cheese and wine, which was an opportunity to discuss highlights of this last year and ideas for 2019.

Derek Withers Shoscombe Local History Group

Church/School Bazaar on Saturday 8th December

There will be Craft Stalls, Bric - a- Brac, Home baking, including Christmas cakes, puddings, jams and chutney. Friends of Foxcote Church along with the PTA, will serve tea/coffee/soft drinks, cakes and mince pies, all deliciously homemade. All proceeds from the refreshments to be shared between the Friends and School PTA. Work party to set up at 9.00a.m. at the school, please. Many thanks in advance to all those who are helping with the forthcoming Church events. and who support us with their time and efforts in all manner of ways. Sums raised from both events will be advised in the next Newsletter in February, 2019. Carole Stevenson

POLICE WARNING

The Police are warning residents to be aware that there have been many shed and cars broken into in the last few weeks in the surrounding area. Please ensure all out buildings and cars are locked securely. The theft of Land Rovers is an ongoing problem in rural locations.

Christmas and New Year recycling and rubbish collection changes 2018-19

**Below is information if your collection
day is Monday each week**

**My collection day revised collection day should
be**

Monday 31st December	Wednesday 2nd January
	Rubbish & recycling
Monday 7th January	Tuesday 8th January
	Recycling

Bad weather updates

Please check our website, local radio stations, facebook and twitter for updates to collections if we experience extreme bad weather this winter.

www.bathnes.gov.uk/wasteservices

www.facebook.com/recycleforbathnes

Recycling Centres are closed on these three bank holidays:

Christmas Day Tuesday 25 December

Boxing Day Wednesday 26 December

New Year's Day Tuesday 1 January

Nearest recycling centre

Midsomer Norton : Old Welton, Wheelers Hill,
Midsomer Norton BA3 2AA

Opening Times

Weekend opening times all year round

Saturday 9am - 3.45pm

Sunday 9am - 1pm

Weekday opening times

Monday- Friday 8am-4.15pm

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019

Sat 8 Dec	19:00 – 23:30	Private Booking
Mon 10 Dec	19:00 – 21:00	Monkey Mutts
Tues 11 Dec	12:30 – 14:30	Souper Tuesday
Sat 15 Dec	14:30 – 17:30	Private Booking
Mon 17 Dec	19:00 – 21:00	Monkey Mutts
Tues 25 Dec	09:00 – 18:00	Private Booking
Wed 9 Jan	09:45 – 10:45	Pilates
Thurs 10 Jan	19:30 – 21:30	Parish Council Meeting
Wed 16 Jan	09:45 – 10:45	Pilates
Sat 19 Jan	All Day	Village Hall Redecorating
Sun 20 Jan	All Day	Village Hall Redecorating
Wed 23 Jan	09:45 – 10:45	Pilates
Fri 25 Jan	19:30 – 22:30	Jazz Jam Session
Sat 26 Jan	All Day	Village Hall Redecorating
Sun 27 Jan	All Day	Village Hall Redecorating
Wed 30 Jan	09:45 – 10:45	Pilates

WEEKLY BOOKINGS

Mondays	15:00 – 17:00	Village Hall Cleaning
Tuesdays	10:00 – 12:00	Table Tennis
Wednesdays	19:00 – 22:00	Band Practice
Fridays	09:30 – 11:00 15:00 – 17:00	Yoga Village Hall Cleaning
Sundays	19:00 – 21:00	Table Tennis

HIRING SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Shoscombe Village Hall is a very suitable venue for all parties and events.

Prices and availability calendar can be found on the village website

www.everythingshoscombe.org

Please contact Suzanne

bookings@shoscombevillagehall.org

for further information.

SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB RESULTS NOVEMBER 2018

1st £100 - Mr G. Thomas

2nd £50 - S. Mitchell

3rd £40 - Mrs B. Hampton

For information about the Shoscombe 100 Club please contact Lee Cloutman 01761 434085

Shoscombe Apple Day

Shoscombe Apple Day on the 28th October was a great success. This traditional local activity of producing cider had been practiced for hundreds of years and it was the desire of Shoscombe History Group to resurrect it as a community event. Over 30 gallons of juice was produced by an enthusiastic group of locals and this should be now fermenting out as part of the cider making process.

The BBQ proved to be popular along with local beers and ciders. We were joined by members of Wellow Boule club for a mini tournament with two teams from Shoscombe. We were fortunate to have a warm and sunny afternoon.

Shoscombe History Group would wish to thank all those who supported this community event.

Editorial If anyone would like to place a commercial advert in the Newsletter, for a small donation towards printing costs, please let us know. There would be no charge for community adverts. The Newsletter has a monthly circulation of 250 copies, delivered to every home in the village, by volunteers from our community. Items for the February 2019 Newsletter to: letterbox at 46 Single Hill, or shoscombenews@btinternet.com by 21 January 2019. A copy of this newsletter and the calendar for the village hall bookings can be found on the village website www.everythingshoscombe.org