

SHOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

EVENTS IN APRIL 2018

Sunday 1 April	Easter Service at Foxcote Church
Wednesday 4 April	FFC AGM
Sunday 8 April	Working party at the recreation field
Tuesday 10 April	Souper Tuesday, Village Hall
Tuesday 10 April	Truespeed 'drop in' at The Apple Tree
Sunday 15 April	Shoscombe Ramble
Tuesday 17 April	History Group meeting at the Apple Tree
Thursday 19 April	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 19 April	Visit to the Record Office Bath
Friday 20 April	Jazz Jam, Village Hall

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 8 May	Soup Lunch in aid of Uganda
Tuesday 15 May	Visit to the Horse Hair Museum, Castle Cary
Friday 11 May	Nutty Noah
Saturday 19 May	Plant Sale , Village Hall

Put this date in your diary Saturday 8 September Shoscombe Village Day and Flower Show

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING

**SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 19th MAY
10-12 noon**

Container and bedding plants, vegetable plants and perennials for sale. Also books, home made cakes, coffee & raffle.

Proceeds in aid of

Shoscombe Village Hall Roof Fund
Refreshments in aid of Foxcote Church

Please call in and support this event

Donations of plants very welcome

All enquiries to

Ash Brunn 07833478043 or

email chair@shoscombevillagehall.org

Tomato plants will be available from the end of April.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**NUTTY NOAH
IS COMING TO
SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE
HALL ON
FRIDAY MAY 11TH
CHILDREN 4.30PM
FOLLOWED BY A
GROWN UP SHOW
LATER IN
THE EVENING!!**

<http://www.nuttynoh.com/>

HELP NEEDED WITH THE INTALLATION OF NEW CRICKET NETS Sunday 8th April

The Parish Council have purchased new cricket nets for the cricket practice area at the recreation field. Anyone willing to help with installing them, please come to the field on Sunday 8th April at 10.00am There is also an area around the matting under the swings in the play area which needs a small amount of remediation work doing to it. Your help will be much appreciated. **Grant Thomas**

Shoscombe Village Hall Committee is looking for a local sponsor!!

The Village Hall Committee are holding more village events, we are looking for a local business/company to kindly sponsor us in the form of a monetary donation to purchase some T-shirts. In return, the T-shirts will be printed with your logo and company name on the front/sleeve and will have Event Organiser on the back so we can be located with ease at our village events as well as promoting you as a sponsor. If you feel you would like to help, or have any questions. Please get in touch chair@shoscombevillagehall.org

Shoscombe Local History Group Excursions

Bath Record Office Visit 19th April 2018

We have organised the Record Office to show us around the facilities at the Guild Hall. This is where the historical records of our area are now stored. It is an opportunity to see how to access the information they have about our village.

They are prepared to show us round at 10.30 am on Thursday 19th April 2018. There is a maximum of 10 places which can be booked at cpaul@dsl.pipex.com on a first come first served. Please reply by the 10th April 2018. I suggest parking at the Park and Ride and catching a bus in. The group will meet at 10.25am in the main entrance to the Guild Hall.

Chris Paul

Visit to John Boyd Textiles in Castle Cary. 15th May 2018

First established in Castle Cary in 1837, John Boyd Textiles is proud to maintain the tradition of horsehair weaving. Horsehair fabrics are woven with the finest and best quality tail hair from live horses and cotton or silk warps using the original looms and techniques from 1870.

Horsehair fabric was originally used by famous furniture designers such as Chippendale, Hepplewhite, Lutyens, and Rennie Mackintosh, and are ideally suited to most forms of upholstered furniture. To this day, horsehair fabrics are widely recognized for their unequalled lustre, durability, care properties, and value. Horsehair fabrics have been used with many prestigious projects throughout the world. John Boyd Textiles is now one of the last companies in the world still weaving horsehair cloth.

Date of visit: **Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 2pm.**

No. allowed in the party: Min. 10. Max 25 on a first come first served basis. Bookings must be made by the **15th April**. Please contact:

cpaul@dsl.pipex.com

Cost: £6 per person paid in cash on the day.

As the premises are old there are narrow and steep stairways. This means this trip is NOT suitable for people with mobility issues.

Own transport required. Or, you can organise sharing with a friend.

SOFA GOING

3-seater sofa with loose cover of William Morris linen union for small donation. Must collect from Single Hill. Tel **01761 439406**



I have received an update from Neil Rogers the Community Engagement Manager for Truespeed on their plans to bring Ultra fast broadband into our village.

They are looking to provide a full fibre to the property connection to every house giving minimum download/upload speeds of 200Mbps. To do this they require approximately 30% of the village (**50 applications**) to sign up for their service. So far they **have received 30 signed** applications meaning that they are well on the way to being able to make this a reality for our community. If you are part of the first 30% of applications you will also receive a free standard installation.

If you did not manage to get to the recent meeting at the village hall, Neil has arranged for a drop in session to take place on **Tuesday 10th April at the Apple Tree pub** in the village between **7-9pm**. On that evening you can come along and have a drink on Truespeed and make an application. If you do need any further information in the meantime Neil has happily said you can call him directly on his mobile number which is 07849 348805 (although he is away on leave Easter Monday week).

Jackie Withers Editor

Shoscombe Local History Group Meeting Tuesday 6th March at The Apple Tree Inn

The meeting began with an appraisal of the recent visit to Bath's Archway Project. Our positive comments have been forwarded to the organisers at The Roman Baths. Following the visit the Shoscombe Local History Group sent a donation of £133 to the Archway Project. **There will be an update on the excavations at the AGM in November.**

Ideas for the 2018 programme were discussed and will include a mixture of visits and talks. There will be a workshop to further our on-going project on Changes in Farming in Shoscombe and hopefully the results of this project will be displayed at the Shoscombe Village day and Flower Show on 8th September.

In addition Radstock Museum has asked the group to research the social changes in the Shoscombe brought about by World War 1 and create a couple of posters for the museum's exhibition this autumn..

The 2018 programme will be available on the History Pages on **www.everythingshoscombe.org** shortly. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th April at the Apple Tree commencing at 8pm. All welcome.

Shoscombe Ramblers

The next ramble will be on Sunday **15 April 2018** weather permitting
Please meet at the Village Hall car park at 10am to organise lifts. All welcome.

Parish Council News

The last Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 8th March in the Village Hall. Discussion items included:

- **Presentation by Truespeed** – Neil Rogers outlined the service Truespeed could provide to the village ahead of the presentation at the Village Hall on Saturday 10th March.
- **Parish Plan Action Points** -these have been allocated to 'Leads' with the first reports being prepared for April and thereby at 4 monthly intervals. Many initiatives are underway or have been completed.
- **Adoption of Red Heritage Telephone Kiosk and de-fibrillator** – work will commence shortly on the re-painting of the box. Meanwhile, a resident has been assisting with expertise and research into costs for a de-fibrillator. B&NES can supply one at £1,845.00 which is linked to the ambulance register and is fully fitted. The cabinet has a 10 year warranty. Fund raising initiatives will be required but a resident has offered to try and raise some by running a half marathon in the Autumn. It was also thought the school could be involved with maybe a sponsored walk, a summer event party in June at the Village Hall could be held and the Chair will ask if Rotary would be willing to sponsor this.
- **Format of Parish Council Meetings/Agenda** – The agenda will, in future, reflect categories in a fourth column – agree, resolve, approve, note - with timings restricted to 2, 5 and 10-minute slots. Reports will be circulated 10 days in advance to enable the agenda to accurately reflect these new headings. Actions will now be highlighted in red.
- **Guidelines to be reviewed and agreed for displaying notices in Notice Boards** – Priority will be given to Parish Council and Village Hall notices. Other notices should adhere to size guides. The Chair is to prepare a list of key holders.
- **Broadband – Gigaclear** – work will commence later this year with cables being laid underground.
- **Village Hall and Recreation Field Updates and Timescales including picnic benches, football posts, fence/play-area repairs and cricket nets** – the cricket nets have been purchased and will be installed in April. Further quotes are sought for the football goal posts, fencing and the play-area. The picnic tables are in place; many thanks to all who spent weekends making sure these were ready for the anniversary of the passing of Brenda Whitchurch, this was much appreciated by Tony.
- **Clerk's Training** The clerk will undertake some professional development training in the Autumn.
- **Asset Register** – an Asset Register is being compiled; the council felt more detail was required so this will be added to over the next weeks.
- **GDPR** – research into the implications of this to smaller councils is still being undertaken. The council will adhere to ALCA's advice.
- **A Report from the PROW officer on planned remediation works** - It was noted good progress has been made with the Farm Cottages footpath.
- **Footpath Checking bi-annual check** - This should be completed by the end of April with all outstanding issues from 2016 having been addressed.
- **Arrangements for litter picking in March** - This in hand with the school taking part on Friday 9th March and other areas covered on Sunday 11th March.
- **Village Litter Picking** – Volunteers sought to take on the organisation of future events.
- **Report from Parish Liaisons meeting** – the Clerk and the Chair attended this meeting on Wednesday 28th February. The issue with Parish Councils paying for elections was raised and clarified - it only applies to by-elections. No figure can be quoted in terms of possible costs should there be a need for one to be held here but some guidance will be forwarded. There is to be more cohesion between PCs and Planning with case officers being more readily available to clarify any issues if there is a difference in support or objection to an application. Certain cases will be addressed to the Chair of Planning and possibly then to Committee; PCs will be advised of the date of the application hearing.
- **Report following Information Session on JSP, Local Plan and HELAA Sites** - Mr Butters showed the council some proposed sites. Details of others will be released shortly. There is shortly to be some training available for councillors.
- **Advice from the CPO on the reporting of cases of Anti-Social Behaviour** - These should always be reported to the police and they will try and investigate.
- **Planning** - No further progress on a decision on the Weeks' Equestrian Centre application.
- **Financial Matters** - A cheque was issued to Mr. Gillard in payment for the play-area inspection - **£85.00** - a cheque was issued to Mrs Craddock for the Cricket Nets - **£336.00**
- The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th April** – you are all welcome.

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CHURCH SERVICES AT ST JAMES THE LESS FOXCOTE APRIL

Date	Service Details	Leading & Praying	Preaching	Reading
1st April Easter Day	11.15 am Easter Holy Communion	Matthew Street	Matthew Street	Margaret Coles
8th April 2nd of Easter	11.15 am Holy Communion	Matthew Street	Tom Morgan	Bob Goode
15th April	<i>No service in Foxcote Church</i>			
22nd April 4th Easter	11.15 am Holy Communion	Tom Benyon	Sara Benyon	Carole Stevenson
29th April 5th of Easter	11.15 am Morning Praise	Dick Beath	Jo Vening	Hazel Jones

Truth will out! by the Rector Matthew Street, based on Matthew 28:11-15

"Some of the guards went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, 'You must say, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep." If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed." (Matthew 28:11-15)

Truth will out, we are told, and so it repeatedly proves. There may be occasions when deceit goes unnoticed, but falsehood has an uncanny habit of being exposed; of weaving a web that finally traps the very one who spins it. We may suppress the truth, we may twist and distort it, but it is hard to keep it hidden for ever, as the death and resurrection of Christ make crystal clear. His enemies stopped at nothing to get their man, cynically employing false witnesses to secure the verdict they were looking for. Similarly, when they heard news of the empty tomb, they turned once again to deceit, slipping a backhander to the guards in a desperate bid to hush up events. They did all they could to stifle the truth, but it was no good, for first one person, then another, then another still, and so on in perpetuity, met with the risen Lord and knew the truth for themselves.

There is here both challenge and promise. On the one hand, there is a warning that deception will be uncovered however hard we try to conceal it; that all things will finally come to light. On the other hand there is assurance that right will triumph; that God's purpose will prevail. So we put our trust in Christ - 'the way, the truth and the life' - knowing that his love is sure and his mercy dependable, now and always.

with my best regards,

Matthew

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

Tel: 01761 432293 - Email: matthew.street@stjsgroup.church - Website: <http://www.stjsgroup.church/>

FOXCOTE & SHOSCOMBE CHURCHES & FRIENDS OF FOXCOTE CHURCH.

Souper Tuesday 10th April.

12.30 to 2.30 - Easter theme - Raffle, Sale table, Quiz and good home-made fare. Thanks to all providers of food, prizes and to those who set up and clear away. At the **Souper Tuesday 8th May**, Sue Galer will give a talk on the interesting work she has done in Uganda. The proceeds from this soup lunch will be donated to this cause.

Proposed Ramp at Foxcote Church

Work to set up on-line facilities is in progress after the meeting at Carol's house on 9th March. Mr Clews explained the procedures.

Calendar for 2019

Subjects are village wildlife, flora and fauna so we hope the recent lovely snow scenes have inspired all local photographers. Please send to Janet Hall on : bonz2be@hotmail.com
- text WhatsApp.07834740094.

Churchyard tidying

Many thanks to team Derek, Ray, Tony and all who helped to pollard the trees at Foxcote Churchyard. Also, all who helped on the clean up on 24th March - and to Joe at the farm for his kind offer to burn the branches.

Friends of Foxcote Church A.G.M.

Shoscombe School at 7.30 on 4th April. Afterwards Mrs Jane Street, P.C.C. Treasurer, will discuss the Church Accounts.

Key Holders for Foxcote Church

Currently there are three key holders :
Margaret Coles .01761 433184. Mr Bob Goode. 01761 418884. Rev. Matthew Street 01761 432293.

Coffee morning

Margaret's coffee morning raised £117 for Church funds. Thanks to all who braved the snow to come.

BUSINESSES IN SHOSCOMBE

According to the recently completed Parish Plan, there are over 40 businesses and services in Shoscombe. Apart from the few that already advertise in the Shoscombe Newsletter - what are you others doing about getting more business and work locally? Do you know that you can advertise in the Shoscombe Village Directory, on the back page of the Newsletter for £10 a year. This not only gives you entry in the monthly Newsletter that is delivered to every household in the village, but it means an automatic entry on the Everything Shoscombe Website. Also a link to the business page will be given in the Welcome Pack which is being developed for all new residents coming to the village.

You must admit, this can only work in your favour - the existing people in the director report steady contact from their entry, and this must be the cheapest advertising anywhere. What do you have to lose??

Contact Sue Baillie on 01761433810 or sue.baillie@btinternet.com.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The Parish Council is trying to raise funds for a defibrillator to go in the telephone box in St Julian's Road.

To refurbish the telephone box, and to pay for a defibrillator, will cost in excess of £2000.

**Anyone who wishes to make a donation towards the cost or has suggestions for fundraising, please contact the clerk
Email: clerk@shoscombeparish.org
tel 01761 431068**

Noticeboard reminder

We are very fortunate to have four large noticeboards in the village and therefore there should be no need to pin notices to poles and gates around the village.

**If individuals or groups from outside of the parish want to advertise, notices should be A5 or postcard size and dated. Keyholders will check their suitability and display them. They will be displayed for three months. Key holders are
Carolyn Keating, 61 Shoscombe Tel. 01761 434103
Ann Hunter, 30 Single Hill Tel 01761 435204
Nick Worsfold, 3-4 Railway Terrace, Shoscombe Vale Tel. 01761 431427**

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO CO ORDINATE LIFTS FOR THE ELDERLY

The co ordinator for this service has had to step down due to other commitments. If you would be interested in helping with this and would like further information please contact

**Jackie Withers 01761 435735
Or email chair@shoscombeparish.org**

THANK YOU!

To all those people involved with the installation of the two picnic tables by the boule pitch. One has been dedicated in memory of Brenda Whitchurch. The hedge in that area has also been cut back revealing an amazing view. Hopefully once the weather improves, this area will be used to its full potential.

To Dave Craddock and others who helped to dig the village out following the heavy snowfalls.

To the residents and children of Shoscombe School who recently helped clear litter from our parish. In total 35 bags of rubbish were collected on that weekend. A number of people have contacted me since and have cleared areas which were left to be done. There are two pairs of litter picking tongs always available which can be used if a build up of rubbish is noticed.

Please contact me if you would like to borrow them.
Jackie Withers 01761 435735

Wellow Horticultural Society

Grow some extra plants for the bees and pollinators this year and set up a Nectar Cafe in your garden. We will be putting info about this on our website after the bee and pollinator evening on the 21st March.

You may see a swarm of honey bees in the spring, April to July. If you do, or would like a hive in your garden contact **Hugh on 07966 080005**. The way they swarm and go about looking for a new home is fascinating, - come on the bee walk on 3rd June to find out more

For further information contact

Bridget Woollen 01225 835024

Or check the website www.hortsoc.wellow.org

Road repairs

Notice has been given that work on the reconstruction and resurfacing of the final section of road from the cemetery to Wellow village is anticipated to commence on 16th April 2018. It is very helpful if residents report any issues regarding the state of the highway to B&NES Council. To report road damage or obstruction on the highway please contact

Council Connect on 01225 394041,
email Council_connect@bathnes.gov.uk or use the [online report it form](#)

Temporary closure at Midsomer Norton Recycling Centre

The Recycling Centre at Midsomer Norton will be closed for essential refurbishment from **Monday 16 April to Sunday 29 April 2018 inclusive**. It will re-open on Monday 30 April. During this period, other Recycling Centres in Bath and Keynsham can be used instead.

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07595 279126**

Chocolate Egg Making at the Village Hall! By Cocos Amor

Hello! We will be running a two/three hour chocolate making session at Shoscombe Village Hall Barn Hill, Shoscombe, Bath, BA28LX. If you are new to the Raster Egg workshops, Welcome! If you've been before, Welcome Back! The sessions comprise of two/three hours of Chocolate melting, decorating, tasting, flavouring, dipping and sealing followed by beautiful wrapping! We use the BEST Belgian chocolate (we think) in the whole world to create a thick, handmade, flavoured 300g easter egg set! (in the grown-ups one we make a 12 box of filled truffles too and spend an extra hour - and in the kiddies one we make a bag of decorated mini egg shapes in moulds!) and obviously taste lots of different types of choocy too!

Kiddies sessions: £12.50 per child - Max age 17
Adults session: £25pp - Min age 18

If you're interested in booking please contact via our Facebook Page by typing in Cocos Amor or by email to admin@cocos-amor.com or call 07513130321 See you there!

DATES & TIMES

Two hours of Easter Egg Making using delicious Belgian Chocolate

DATE: 31ST MARCH & 1ST APRIL

WHERE: Shoscombe Village Hall, Barn Hill, Shoscombe, Bath, BA28LX

TIME: 11-1pm or 2-4/5pm both days
(Grown ups only, 2-5pm on the 1st)



SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Electrical, Heating & Plumbing - L E Services, Pippins, Shoscombe 433293 or 07714 327662

Decorator, Tiler, Plumber, General Builder - Colin Bell, 46, Single Hill. 01761 433810.

Piano Tuition, Linda Lethbridge - 01761 435656 - lindianajane@yahoo.co.uk

Life Coaching, Antonia Clews - Project Self personal change coaching - supporting you to make and manage change in your self and your life.

antonia@projectself.co.uk, 07591104080, www.projectself.co.uk

Antiquarian and Secondhand Books Bought and Sold - Jo West, Woodborough Hill, 01761 434585, jo@bathandwestbooks.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS APRIL 2018

Sat 7 April	09:45 – 13:15	Dog Training
Tues 10 April	12:30 – 14:00	Souper Tuesday
Thurs 12 April	10:30 – 13:00	Private Booking
Sat 14 April	09:45 – 13:15	Dog Training
Thurs 12 April	10:30 – 13:00	Private Booking
Thurs 19 April	19:30 – 21:30	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 20 April	19:30 – 22:30	Jazz Jam Session
Sat 21 April	10:00 – 14:00	Private Booking
Fri 27 April	17:30 – 22:00	Yoga Event

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

WEEKLY BOOKINGS

Mondays	15:00 – 17:00 18:45 – 20:15	Village Hall Cleaning Zumba
Tuesdays	10:00 – 12:00	Table Tennis (term time only)
Wednesdays	19:00 – 22:00	Band Practice
Fridays	09:15 – 10:45 15:00 – 17:00	Yoga Village Hall Cleaning
Sundays	19:30 – 21:00	Table Tennis

SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB RESULTS MARCH 2018

1st £100 - Ali Taylor (14)

2nd £50 - Mrs Atkins(155)

3rd £40 - Fred & Hilary Chaytors (43)

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

JAZZ JAM

The next session will be on Friday 20 April at the Village Hall 8.00-10pm. Entry £3 to include free tea and coffee.

Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall.

Contact Suzanne Fiddes on **07752 119333**
further information.

Monkey Mutts 'Dogtivities' Classes

Starting 7th April 2018, a new 4 week block of fun activity classes for you and your pet. Weeks 1 & 2 will take place at Shoscombe Hall, weeks 3 & 4 outdoors in Camerton. The class will include a medley of activities such as cavaletti and fun jumping, obstacle courses, recall games, fun nose games and more.

For further details see

www.monkeymutts.co.uk

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 **May 2018** Newsletter to: letterbox at **46 Single Hill**, or shoscombenews@btinternet.com by **21 APRIL 2018**. A copy of this newsletter and the calendar for the village hall bookings can be found on the village website www.everythingshoscombe.org