

# SHOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

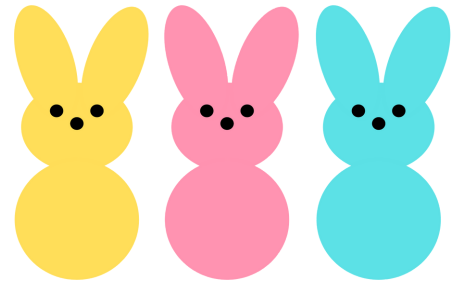


## Editorial

If anyone would like to place a commercial advert in the Newsletter, for a small donation towards printing costs, please let us know. There will 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 2022** Newsletter to be submitted by **21st April** either by posting into the postbox of 46 Single Hill or via our new email address [shoscombe.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:shoscombe.newsletter@gmail.com)

A copy of this newsletter and the calendar for the village hall bookings can be found on the village website [www.everythingshoscombe.org](http://www.everythingshoscombe.org)



## Events

Souper Tuesday

Table Tennis

Friends of Foxcote Churchyard clearing

History Group Meeting

Spring Table Top Sale

Shoscombe Ramblers

Parish Council Meeting

Friends of Foxcote Planning

Plant Sale

Second Tuesday in the month - 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Tuesday mornings - 10am to 12pm Village Hall

Saturday 9th April - 10.30am Foxcote Church

Thursday 21st April - 7.30pm Village Hall

Saturday 23rd April - 1pm to 4pm Village Hall

Sunday 24th April - 10am Village Hall

Thursday 12th May - 7pm Village Hall

Thursday 12th May - 7.30pm Shoscombe School

Saturday 14th May - Village Hall

# Shaula Reilly, Vicar

## April's special offer (available all year)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (John 20:1-8)

What does April make you think of? I love the crisp whiff of spring which lifts my spirits, seeing all the spring flowers and signs of new life, and even the refreshing April showers. Everything in nature seems full of new possibilities and hope and I find a new spring in my step. And as the seasons of the year turn, so Easter comes round for another time. And here is the opportunity for new life, new possibilities and new hope.

We've heard the story so many times: Jesus whose life was characterised by love, who captivated crowds with his words and who deeply touched the lives of individuals, was unjustly sentenced to death by the establishment and against all expectations returned to life 3 days later, defeating death. But it's easy to be like the disciple who stood outside the tomb, seeing the empty shroud, but unsure about going in. This new life that Jesus offers can only be experienced by entering into his welcome and invitation. We can anticipate the wonderful chocolatey taste of a packaged Easter egg, but it isn't until we take off the foil and actually eat it, that we can fully enjoy and experience it.

This Easter offers another opportunity to journey through this whole story – to bring to Jesus the pain that we feel about so many things going on in our world and our own lives, knowing that he, too, has known betrayal, rejection, unjustified allegations, physical pain and suffering. In the emptiness of the waiting between Jesus' death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday, we can bring to him the things that we do not understand, the unanswered questions, the things we have longed for for so long. And we can enter into the joy of Easter Sunday – Jesus has taken the consequences of all that is wrong in ourselves and our world in his death on the cross and in rising from the dead has opened the way for us to enter into new intimacy and new life with God, the offer of forgiveness and transformation, living our lives in the friendship of Jesus who loves us enough to lay down his life for us.

This April, enjoy the spring flowers, sunshine and promise of summer, but there is also the offer to enjoy life in a whole new dimension – loved, forgiven, renewed – receiving the peace, joy and acceptance of God through Jesus.

### ST JULIANS, SHOSCOMBE

#### April 3rd, Annual Parochial Meeting

11:15am Morning Praise

Lead and Preaching by Matthew Street

#### April 10th, Palm Sunday

11.15am Holy Communion

Lead by Shaula Reilly

Preaching by Pauline Preddy

### ST JAMES the LESS, FOXCOTE

#### April 17th, Easter Sunday

11.15am Holy Communion

Lead and Preaching by Shaula Reilly

#### April 24th, Mothering Sunday

11.15am Holy Communion

Lead and Preaching by Matthew Street

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## 100 Club

### February 2022

1st - £100 - Suzanne Day - No 73

2nd - £50 - Nick & Elaine Worsfold - No 77

3rd - £40 - John & Rina Richards - No 86

### March 2022

1st - £100 - Sue & Pete Feather - No 74

2nd - £50 - Sally Kettle - No 31

3rd - £40 - Mrs C Ross - No 9

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

# Shoscombe Parish Council - Clerk's Report

We'll be holding our next full Parish Council on 22nd March, and because this is after the April Newsletter deadline, I will report on the meeting in the next piece.

We have received notification of a road closure along Wellow Road from the Eckweek Road junction east towards Bourne Farm. I have put the notification on the notice boards. This isn't until 29th April though so B&NES are giving plenty of notice.

You will have seen the **NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR** in the notice boards recently. As a result, there could be an election on 12th May to fill these five vacancies; we will know more in early April. If you're interested in knowing what's involved, or have any questions about this important part of Shoscombe life, please do get in touch. There'll be more information on the Notice Boards about the election in due course.

Some time ago, funds were allocated for updating the play area, and after much research and discussion, we've narrowed down the options for a new piece of equipment for younger children. Repairs have also been completed.

Following on from the last newsletter piece, we have heard our Village Agent will be Kate Stobie. I will be meeting up with her soon so will give you more information when I have it.

**I have copied below some information from B&NES about the £150.00 energy rebate which you may find helpful:**

*Residents across Bath and North East Somerset are being encouraged to set up Direct Debit payments for their council tax to receive their £150 energy rebate faster.*

*The government recently announced that residents living in properties in Council Tax bands A to D will receive the one-off £150 payment to help with rises in fuel bills. Eligible households, who pay council tax by Direct Debit, will see the money automatically paid into their bank accounts from April. Those who don't pay by Direct Debit will be invited to make a claim for the rebate at a later date.*

*Councillor Richard Samuel, Deputy Leader and cabinet member for Economic Development and Resources said: "Almost three-quarters of all homes in Bath and North East Somerset, around 64,000 properties are in Council Tax bands A-D which means just under £9.6m will be available in energy rebates.*

*"We are yet to receive full details of the scheme but to speed up the process and ensure you receive your rebate automatically, please consider signing up to pay your bill by Direct Debit, if you do not already do so. It will be the quickest way to get your rebate."*

*You can find more information about the council tax energy rebate and how to set up a Direct Debit to pay your Council Tax on our website*

*The website also has a link to check households' Council Tax bands for anyone unsure which band their property is in.*

**Jean Fossaceco - Clerk to Shoscombe Parish Council**  
**01761 431068**

## Friends of Foxcote

The Friends spent two mornings in March tidying the church yard, which was covered in spring flowers. Covid prevented the usual tidies in 2020 and 2021 so an extra one is planned for **Saturday 9 April from 10.30**. Tools and tea provided, so please come along to give an hour a two of your time to help keep the church and churchyard looking beautiful.

Other Friends activities coming up soon include:  
12 April Souper Tuesday (second Tuesday of the month) — in the village hall. Home made soup, cakes, drinks, quiz, raffle and a bring and buy /craft stall. Everyone welcome, no need to book. All for £3-50 each.

23 April providing catering to a table top sale in the village hall.

There will be a planning meeting for future activities in Shoscombe School at 7.30pm on Thursday 12 May. This will include details for an outing and a local historic churches walk.

Everyone is welcome to join in with the Friends activities. Everyone is a volunteer. To make contact speak to Carole Stevenson on 436847 or Stephen Clews on 07583243240.

## SHOSCOMBE RAMBLERS RESUME!



Now that Spring seems to have arrived we thought it would be a good idea to start our monthly walking group again.

The first walk will be Sunday, 24 April and thereafter every 4th Sunday of the month. Meet at the Village Hall car park at 10.00 am. We will do a local one to start with taking around 2 hours.

Everyone is welcome, including well behaved dogs!

Sally  
[skettle1927@gmail.com](mailto:skettle1927@gmail.com)

## Tofts, Crofts and Platforms from the History Group

A History of Field and Settlement Development in the Shoscombe Valley.

Ever wanted to know how the landscape around you developed? How what you see out your window has changed over the past 5000 years.

Come along and find out on Thursday 21st April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The talk will be by a member of the Shoscombe History Group.

You will be offered a free glass of wine to celebrate the beginnings of normality. Contact [shoscombe.archives@btinternet.com](mailto:shoscombe.archives@btinternet.com) for tickets. There will only be 40 tickets available for this event. Please book before the 14th April so we can organise the evening. A gold coin per person would be appreciated to pay for the hall.

A settlement in the Shoscombe Valley around C13th.





## AN ANALYSIS OF THE BEAUCHAMP ESTATE AUCTION CATALOGUE AND MAP 1948 IN THE AREA AROUND SHOSCOMBE

### PART 3

The situation with regard to sewage was somewhat unsavoury and there are a number of small buildings or flat stones by the side or over of the little stream that runs down the Shoscombe valley. Some of them still exist today. Outside earth closets were also common often at the end of gardens. These are making a come-back now as the modern version is considered to be environmentally friendly. Those with WCs in the larger houses had cesspits built underground. These are noted in the descriptions of Braysdown Bungalow and Foxcote Farm which shared theirs with Foxcote Rectory, and there is evidence of a cesspit in the garden of the Old Rectory in Shoscombe (1928) before mains drainage was introduced. The date of installation of mains drainage in the area as a whole is not known, but must be related to the date of the installation of the sewage works. A deed to allow a sewer to cross land near Rose Cottage in 1967 was one of the items originally collected when the Shoscombe Local History Society started. Before then it is rumoured that the WCs in the wash-houses associated with Railway Cottages ran straight down into Wellow Brook. Probably other streamlets contributed to waste drainage in the same way.

It would seem that electricity was not widely available until the 1950s. Woodborough House had access to it, of course, and electric light is specifically mentioned in Bridge Farm at Camerton and in some of the houses in Peasedown. During the war people who wanted to listen to the radio had to take the batteries to Peasedown to get them charged. So most people would have relied on paraffin lamps and candles, coal or wood ranges and open fires for heat and the cooking of food. Access to a wash house where water could be heated in a large container was something to be desired. Fortunately the wash-houses at the Colliery were available to service the miners' immediate needs. Since 1948, the number of dwellings has increased; electricity, water and drainage facilities have been made available. Many of the dwellings have increased in size by added extensions and occasionally by amalgamating two cottages into one. Two churches have become private dwellings, the school which played such an important life in the village has also increased in size and facilities, but unfortunately we have lost the railway.

#### **Acknowledgements:**

My sincere thanks to all those who responded to the Shoscombe Local History Group's call for documents about the history of our area, and to Bob Freeman, Graham Hunter, Sybil Perham, Ruby Rice, Carolyn & Alan Keating, and Jackie & Derek Withers.

There are a couple of copies of the Auction map and Catalogue held by local people. If you would like a copy of the section of the map covered here, please send your e-mail address or your postal address to [greigshawjean@outlook.com](mailto:greigshawjean@outlook.com).

**by Jean Shaw**



# Shoscombe Village Plant Sale

## 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022



**For 2022 this popular event is returning to Shoscombe Village Hall**

- So put the date in your diary - Saturday 14th May
- Sow some extra seeds
- Take cuttings of your favourite plants

**Organised by the Shoscombe Village Hall Committee to raise funds for the Hall and Shoscombe Jubilee celebrations**

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### **Litter Pick and Cinder Path Scraping**

Apologies for having to cancel the Litter Pick and Cinder Path Scraping events recently. As Footpath's Officer I had organised both events as part of my Parish Council role and as such had assumed that the Parish Council's insurance would provide cover for those participating.

However, on resigning from this role, I was informed by the Acting Chairman and Clerk that they consider these events to be 'voluntary events' and as such they are not covered by the Parish Council's insurance. I therefore had no option but to cancel the events!

I hope that the newly elected Parish Council will realise how important events of this kind are to the community and will continue to organise them and arrange for volunteers to be covered by the Council's insurance in the future.

Alan Keating



## SCAN Shoscombe Climate and Nature Group



Thank you so much to the 12 villagers who came along to our first in-person meeting on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> – the cake has all gone, but notes from the discussion and a copy of the Action Plan are available online on the Everything Shoscombe website (<http://www.everythingshoscombe.org>)

We're looking forward to an eco-eventful 2022 - including wildflower planting, a Wellow Brook clean-up, bird/bat/bee-box making and talks for all at the Village Hall. More news soon!

To get in touch with the SCAN Group, email:  
[hello@shoscombeclimateandnaturegroup.co.uk](mailto:hello@shoscombeclimateandnaturegroup.co.uk)

Or call us:

Tricia: 01761 434805 Angelina: 07798 528610 Cathy: 07836 569651

*We give a lot of website links and email addresses, but we know not everyone has access, so please do feel free to call – or chat in person.*

### Terracycle

The next Terracycle dates are Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Items that can be recycled at the Methodist Church in Peasedown St John are:

Bread bags, crisp/nut/pretzel/popcorn packets, toothbrushes, dental floss plastic packaging, interdental brushes, toothpaste tubes, biscuit/chocolate and sweet wrappers, cheese wrappers, spectacles and cases, ink cartridges.



Pet food pouches are no longer accepted at Terracycle but Pets at Home in Brislington do take them for recycling – as does the big Tesco in Midsomer Norton (which also takes plastic bags and food wrappings).

If Tesco or Pets at Home are out of your way, ring Angelina on 07798 528610 and she'll collect. That goes for any other Terracycle recycling too!

### Allotments

The Parish Council is still on the hunt for land in or around the village that could be used for allotments – if you can help out, please go direct to the PC via <http://www.everythingshoscombe.org>

### Garden Sharing in Shoscombe

Are you getting a Spring surge, and would love to grow your own veg but don't have any space? Or do you have a garden but don't have the time, energy, or inclination to manage it, and would love to see someone make it thrive?

The Climate and Nature Group are thinking of setting up a Garden Sharing Scheme in Shoscombe and would love to hear from you if you would like to know more.

Email: [hello@shoscombeclimateandnaturegroup.co.uk](mailto:hello@shoscombeclimateandnaturegroup.co.uk)



### WONDERFUL WORKSHOPS & VOLUNTEERING

Did you know there are two local community-minded businesses offering both fabulous nature, gardening, and therapeutic workshops – some free, some low-cost – and volunteering opportunities for young and old?

From foraging and learning how to tend grape vines to compost teas, gardening for mental health and mini meadow design, find out more at:

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[www.combehayvineyard.co.uk](http://www.combehayvineyard.co.uk)

The Walled Garden at Mells  
[www.thewalledgardenatmells.co.uk](http://www.thewalledgardenatmells.co.uk)

### Community action

If you have your own village project in mind, but need some cash to make it happen, funds are available from the Parish Council, on application, to help with projects that benefit the community, improve the local environment, or promote sustainable living. Contact the PC direct at <http://www.everythingshoscombe.org> or Tricia Wastvedt on 01761 434805.

### Why buy new, when you can Share & Repair?

Bath-based Share & Repair (<https://shareandrepair.org.uk>) offers a 'library' of over 400 items to borrow at very low-cost - or no cost, if you become a supporter. From manual and electrical DIY and gardening tools to party and camping equipment to body boards, curling tongs, baby baths and walking frames! They've got the lot – and they'll repair what you've already got (for a donation – whatever you can afford). Local Share & Repair drop-in cafés – with refreshments – until July 2022:



Held on the following Saturdays from 10am to 1pm (last entries 12.30pm) at

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 5 March  
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 7 May  
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 2 July

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 9 July

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### Wanted: Grants Researcher!

Would anyone in the village like to step up to be our volunteer Grants Researcher? We know there's money out there to fund green community projects, but identifying what might be available does take time – and we need help! If you're interested, please contact [hello@shoscombeclimateandnaturegroup.co.uk](mailto:hello@shoscombeclimateandnaturegroup.co.uk)



## NATURE

Each Newsletter, we'll be featuring an animal or plant (or fungus!) that has been spotted in or around the village, so do send your top spot (plus pic if possible) to [sue.baillie@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.baillie@btinternet.com)

### March spots - and sounds!

Seen/heard by Sue Baillie in and around the village this month: two roe deer and hares; chiff chaffs calling; yellow brimstone and peacock butterflies – and the white violets are now in full bloom in the hedgerows.

#### TOP NATURE SPOT



Yellow Wagtail (male) spotted by VB and TW 11<sup>th</sup> March hunting for food on the edge of the stream at Woodborough. On RSPB Birds of Conservation Concern Red List, meaning it's in serious decline.  
Image and more info at: <https://www.rspb.org.uk>

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# Village Hall

Please refer to the Village Hall Events Calendar on the Everything Shoscombe website for the most up to date information and email [bookings@shoscombevillagehall.org](mailto:bookings@shoscombevillagehall.org) for bookings and enquiries  
Suzanne Fiddes SVH Bookings Secretary

## Village Hall Bookings April 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				<b>1st April</b> <b>15:00 - 17:00</b> Village Hall Cleaning	<b>2nd April</b> <b>15:30 - 17:30</b> Sax Choir	<b>3rd April</b> <b>09:00 - 17:00</b> Private Booking
<b>4th April</b> <b>18:00 - 20:00</b> Dog Training	<b>5th April</b> <b>10:00 - 12:00</b> Table Tennis <b>15:00 - 17:00</b> Hall Cleaning	<b>6th April</b> <b>17:30 - 20:00</b> Exercise Class	<b>7th April</b> <b>10:00 - 11:00</b> Private Booking <b>13:00 - 15:00</b> Nature Cubs	<b>8th April</b> <b>15:00 - 17:00</b> Village Hall Cleaning	<b>9th April</b> <b>13:30 - 17:30</b> Private Booking	<b>10th April</b> <b>15:30 - 17:30</b> Terry Hill Rehearsal
<b>11th April</b> <b>18:00 - 20:00</b> Dog Training	<b>12th April</b> <b>10:00 - 12:00</b> Table Tennis <b>12:30 - 14:30</b> Souper Tuesday <b>15:00 - 17:00</b> Hall Cleaning	<b>13th April</b> <b>10:00 - 12:30</b> Flower Arranging Class <b>17:30 - 20:00</b> Exercise Class	<b>14th April</b> <b>10:00 - 11:00</b> Private Booking	<b>15th April</b> <b>15:00 - 17:00</b> Village Hall Cleaning	<b>16th April</b>	<b>17th April</b>
<b>18th April</b>	<b>19th April</b> <b>10:00 - 12:00</b> Table Tennis <b>15:00 - 17:00</b> Hall Cleaning	<b>20th April</b> <b>17:30 - 20:00</b> Exercise Class	<b>21st April</b> <b>10:00 - 11:00</b> Private Booking <b>18:00 - 20:30</b> Shoscombe History Group	<b>22nd April</b> <b>15:00 - 17:00</b> Village Hall Cleaning	<b>23rd April</b> <b>12:00 - 18:00</b> Table Top Sale	<b>24th April</b> <b>15:30 - 17:30</b> Terry Hill Rehearsal
<b>25th April</b> <b>18:00 - 20:00</b> Dog Training	<b>26th April</b> <b>10:00 - 12:00</b> Table Tennis <b>15:00 - 17:00</b> Hall Cleaning	<b>27th April</b> <b>10:00 - 12:30</b> Flower Arranging Class <b>17:30 - 20:00</b> Exercise Class	<b>28th April</b> <b>10:00 - 11:00</b> Private Booking <b>19:30 - 21:30</b> Band Rehearsal	<b>29th April</b> <b>15:00 - 17:00</b> Village Hall Cleaning <b>19:30 - 22:00</b> Jazz Jam	<b>30th April</b> <b>15:30 - 17:30</b> Sax Choir	

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