

SHOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019

EVENTS IN JUNE 2019

Fri May 31st & Sat 1 June
Tuesday 11 June
Sunday 16 June
Sunday 16 June
Tuesday 25 June

Wednesday 17 July
Friday 19 July
Sat & Sun 7 & 8 September
Tuesday 10 September

MSN Craft Gin and Cider Festival, Somer Centre
Souper Tuesday
Father's Day Fun Run
Shoscombe Ramble
History Meeting, Apple Tree

Forthcoming Events

Friends of Foxcote Church Meeting, Shoscombe School
Shoscombe School , Summer Camp Out
Art & Craft Exhibition, Foxcote Church
Souper Tuesday resumes

Father's Day Fun Run

Sunday 16th June at 10am

FOSSA are holding their
second fun run.

This starts at the play park car park in Radstock (opposite Co-op) at 10am. It is for anyone who wishes to run 5km but the main idea is to encourage children to take part with family and friends. £5 per child and the carer goes free, each additional child with the carer is £2. Edible medals for all who attempt the run. For more information please contact Anna Holbrook on anna_fish@hotmail.co.uk.

Shoscombe School Summer Camp Out

Friday 19th July.

Children and parents will celebrate the end of term up at the Village Hall with a disco, BBQ and a sleep over. We will also have a bacon butty breakfast from 8am in the morning and all villagers are welcome to join us, just let us know you'll be coming by emailing anna_fish@hotmail.co.uk

SHOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

Do you fancy having a go at producing the Shoscombe Newsletter? The current team of three have been doing this for 12 years now and feel that it would be a good idea to hand over to other villagers. You will need to have some expertise with IT, for example "Publisher". Can you spare a day or so a month to coordinate items sent in, proof read and get the document printed. There are a team of lovely distributors who will deliver to all the village.

Ideally this would be a job for a couple of people together, or someone new to take on the IT part. If you would like to be involved with this important part of village life, or would just like to have a chat about what's involved please contact

Jackie Withers: jackiejwithers@gmail.com
Sally Kettle: sally.jk@btinternet.com or
Sue Baillie: sue.baillie@btinternet.com

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Shoscombe History Group

Dear Parishioners Can you Help?

Thanks to all the people who contributed last month. It has been a great help but we do need more. We intend to send the school a copy of both maps when they are finished so your help will be invaluable for the community.

SO.....

Field Names – The History Group are in the process of naming the present fields in Shoscombe. Do you own a field in the Parish? If so could you please look at the website “Everything Shoscombe” and “What’s On”.

If you could choose the number of your field/fields from the map on the site and give us both the number and the current name.

e.g. **23** Jack’s Field and email it to shoscombe.archives@btinternet.com.

It would be a great help in our research and an asset to the parish history.

Everyone who helps out will get a copy of the 1846 Tithe Map with Field Names and the new map with current field names when completed.

Chris Paul Shoscombe History Archivist

News from Shoscombe School

In May we were delighted to receive from members of Midsomer Norton Men’s Shed a hand-built, colourful Buddy Bench as part of a scheme to avoid children



suffering loneliness and bullying. Any child feeling vulnerable simply sits on the bench and other children are invited to engage and befriend him or her. Men’s Shed has been supported

in this project by donations of materials by local suppliers Charltons timber Store and Protek Wood Stain.

Our Year 5 children visited Downside School a few weeks ago to race rocket cars. They had to design the most aerodynamic car and their car won the race.



News from Shoscombe Village Hall Committee

The 2019 AGM was held at the Apple Tree on May 14th. The Chair's Report highlighted the variety of fund raising events held and minor improvements made during the year. In addition, bookings have increased, bringing in more income. It was decided to keep the hourly charge at £8 although there will be some small changes to daily and weekend charges; details can be found on www.everythingshoscombe.org

The chair thanked all the committee for their hard work in making this a successful year. If you would like to join the committee or help with an event please contact Ashley on 07876 188389 or any other committee member; the officers are:

Chair – Ashley Brunn
Treasurer – Alan Day
Admin Secretary – Lee Cloutman
Minute Secretary – Cathy Cooper
Booking Secretary – Suzanne Fiddes
Church Rep – Margaret Coles
Parish Council Rep – Ashley Brunn



Shoscombe Plant Sale May 2019

It was great to see people queuing outside the village hall waiting for the doors to open at 10am for the annual plant sale. The tables were full of flowering plants, shrubs and vegetables and it certainly pays to get there early as it was the early birds who had the best choice!

Many thanks to all of those green-fingered people who donated their plants.

Thanks also to the Friends of Foxcote Church who provided tea and cakes. A total of £539 was raised for the Village Hall Funds.

Shoscombe Local History Group

The sun shone for 14 enthusiasts from Shoscombe for their Frome guided tour. Frome was once a thriving woollen manufacturing town and luckily many of the old buildings are still there, many restored so there is a lot to see. It was a fascinating insight into life before large scale manufacturing developed.

At the May meeting the group continued to consider the implications of allowing metal detecting on Shoscombe Recreation ground. Metal detecting can be invasive and destructive so it has been decided to undertake a Geophysical Survey of the site to see whether anything below the ground can be detected.

If you want to know more about Shoscombe Local History Group feel free to come along to our next meeting in the Apple Tree at 8pm on June 25th, or contact Rina Richards on 01761 434357.

Shoscombe Ramble

Many thanks to Chris Upton for organising the May ramble which was around the Bath Skyline.

The next ramble will be on Sunday 16 June. Please meet at the Village Hall car park at 10am. We are planning to walk to the Lavender Farm in Faulkland. All welcome.

Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club

We have an open door policy, so anyone can come and try croquet for themselves – the first visit is always free and all equipment is provided, just bring flat soled shoes. Why not contact Mo Boys (Club Chair) on **07970 922867** to arrange your own croquet experience. —see our website for further information.
www.camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk

Friday 31st May 7pm - 11.30pm, Saturday 1st June 1pm - 5pm and 7pm - 11.30pm. MSN Craft Gin and Cider Festival at the Somer Centre with Food and Live Music, organised by Somer Valley Rotary - all profits to charitable causes. Tickets on-line only at <http://www.msnginifest.com>

FOR SALE

A quantity of anthracite in 1/2 cwt bags for sale in Shoscombe.

Please ring 01761 432773 if interested.

Parish Council News

We held our first Parish Council meeting on Thursday 9th May (which was also the Annual Parish Meeting) with the newly elected council. The meeting began with a welcome and introductions and the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance forms before any business could commence. All councillors present took home the rest of the prepared packs which included their Register of Interests forms; these will be returned to me as soon as possible and will be scanned and put onto the website. Verbal declarations of 'no interests' took place for this meeting. It is marvellous to have so many councillors and there was an overwhelming feeling of positivity when the Election of Officers took place with all councillors ready and willing to take on areas of responsibility. The table of these is on the website for you all to see.

Election of Officers - The elections of Chair and Vice-Chair took place with Diana Aiken stepping forward for nomination for the role of Chair. Diana talked briefly to the council about what she would like to achieve during her tenure, if elected as Chair. It would centre on identifying and protecting the value the community holds for the particular environment in which we live. She would like to engage the community in this endeavour and other council members supported her in this. Diana was proposed and seconded, and therefore took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting. Ian Cannock offered to be re-elected as Vice-Chair and he was also voted in. The members felt his previous Parish Council experience will be invaluable to them as a new Council.

10 Minutes Public Participation - Mr and Mrs Cradock attended the meeting regarding their planning application - 19/00147/LBA. The Parish Council have already responded to B&NES in support of their application but there are some concerns from the Heritage/Conservation department. This will probably result in the Application going to Committee in July. A few council members volunteered to visit the site at Double Hill and look at the plans in hard copy and discuss the issues with the owners. The members who wish to go will arrange a mutually convenient time.

Financial Matters - All financial audit papers were approved and signed by the Chair, these are also on the website. Cheques were issued for:

Clerk's quarterly Salary - £532.00 HMRC - £133.00 Clerk's Expenses – £83.53 Burial Board - £476.00 ALCA - £80.28 Newsletter - £300 BH1B Insurance 2019/20 - £488.34 BT Telephone Refurbishment costs – £33.36 (sign) - £249.03 (paint, straps, rivets etc) - £16.40 (Homebase materials) – £4.39 (Thomson Hardware) all to be reimbursed to Derek Withers) Defibrillator – £2,518.80 and £50.00 (upgrade) Money in - £1000 donation for defibrillator

All the above were approved by the council. Dates when members of the public can inspect accounts will be published later in June.

Update on Defibrillator - The defibrillator is now installed in the newly refurbished telephone kiosk.

A lot of hard work with fund raising, research, sourcing the cabinet, installation, refurbishment of the kiosk together with an anonymous donation of £1000 has made this possible. Many thanks to everyone. The defibrillator cannot be used until appropriate training has been undertaken. Lee Crowther-Russell, who has taken this on as his area of responsibility, will arrange for this to happen as soon as possible. He will also be responsible for checking the unit on a weekly basis. As soon as we know a date for the training we will let people know.

Broadband - Truespeed are informing people that they hope to have subscribers 'live' by the end of June. Progress will be checked by Mrs Aiken, and pressure will be applied to speed this up.

Village Hall and Recreation Field - A building survey has been commissioned for the Village Hall. Ashley Brunn, who has taken on PC responsibility for the Hall, play area and recreation field, will check progress on the roof repairs. The steps up to the slide in the play area are to be removed. A local builder has offered to do this for us.

HELA/JSP/Local Plan – The BANES Joint Spatial Plan is proceeding to public consultation. The Council are aware that our Parish adjoins Somerset (Mendip DC) and therefore there is a need to 'keep an eye' on the strategic planning developments across the border that may affect our communities.

Metal Detecting Protocol – This is being prepared. The Council expressed some concern over the impact it might have on the community, especially if a significant find was unearthed. It was suggested the council ask members of the History Group to talk to the council at their next meeting on 11th July.

Communities, Transport and Environment Panel – There has been contact with this panel regarding extending the 20mph area and making it mandatory by a member of the previous Council. We are yet to hear from the Panel about any decision or further information. Mr Robinson-Burge has agreed to liaise with the Highways Dept regarding this and other areas of concern as his PC area of responsibility and will report progress at the next meeting.

Highways – There is still an issue with the rut in Wellow Lane. Mr Robinson-Burge will also make some enquiries about this and introduce himself to our Highways Inspector.

Agenda Items for the meeting in July – The Chair asked for 'Protecting our Environment' to be included in the next meeting's agenda. Our next meeting is **Thursday 11th July**, anyone is welcome.

Jean Fossaceco – Clerk to Shoscombe Parish Council – 01761 431068

CHURCH SERVICES AT ST JAMES THE LESS FOXCOTE

Date	Service Time	Leading	Preaching
2nd June 7th of Easter	11.15 am Morning Praise	Jo Vening	Dick Beath
9th June 4th Pentecost	10.30 am at St Julian's Wellow	Joint Service	Joint Service
16th June Trinity	No service	-----	-----
23rd June 1st after Trinity	11.15 am Holy Communion	Derek Smith	Derek Smith
30th June 2nd after Trinity	11.15 am Morning Praise	Dick Beath	Dick Beath

In our household we are taking up the challenge of not buying single-use plastic, so when I set off recently for Felixstowe on a warm morning and realised, an hour into my journey, that I had forgotten my refillable water bottle I was not pleased with myself! My concern was that if I was stuck in traffic on the M25 my already long journey could potentially have taken an awful lot longer and I may have become very thirsty. Thankfully there were no hold-ups, so my decision not to stop and buy water in a plastic bottle was rewarded.

When Moses and Israel left Egypt and crossed the Jordan they had no water and they cried out to God and he provided it in the form of an abundant oasis, in the desert. We read in the Bible ***"Then they came to Eli, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water."*** (Exodus 15:27) In answer to Moses' prayer God provided for his people as they journeyed towards the Promised Land. He answered their prayers abundantly. As we walk with God each day he will meet our needs and provide for us and if we cry out to him he will hear our prayers. He may not always respond in the way we expect but he will listen and respond in the way he knows is best for us.

My prayer on that morning, as I set off for Suffolk was for a safe and pleasant journey and my prayer was answered. I would have preferred to have had my water bottle but on this occasion I did not need it. God had everything in hand.

Jo Vening – Reader in the St J's Group

**Friends of Foxcote Church.
Souper Tuesday
11th June Shoscombe Village Hall
12.30 to 2.30 pm**

Menu for June

Ploughmans with salad, crusty bread, fresh strawberries & ice cream, cheese & biscuits, fresh fruit, drinks all for **£3.50**. There will also be a craft table and raffle. All welcome.

We then have a break for the months of July & August to recommence on **September 10th 2019**.

FRIENDS OF FOXCOTE CHURCH

**ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION
7th & 8th SEPT 2019**

We appeal to all artisans, craftspeople to come and display your talents. Refreshments will be available plus drinks over the weekend.

This is a early notice to allow all exhibitors time to prepare. Times etc, will be posted in the July/August Shoscombe Newsletter.

Please contact Margaret Coles 433184

Carole Stevenson 436847

or any church member for more information.

**2020 CALENDAR TOPIC
SEASONAL GARDEN/WILD FLOWERS.**

The Calendars have been a huge success with many people purchasing them for Xmas gifts. Flowers are a wonderful subject. The actual location and photographers name can be included on the print should the provider wish.

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS JUNE 2019

Sat 1 June	14:30 – 16:30 17:00 – 00:00	Sax Choir Private Booking
Mon 3 June	19:00 – 21:00	Monkey Mutts
Wed 5 June	15:30 – 17:30	Private Booking
Thurs 6 June	18:00 – 19:00	Pilates
Fri 7 June	18:00 – 00:00	Private Booking
Sat 8 June	All Day	Private Booking
Sun 9 June	9:00 – 12:00	Private Booking
Wed 12 June	All Day 15:30 – 17:30	Private Booking – field only Private Booking – hall only
Thurs 13 June	All Day 18:00 – 19:00	Private Booking – field only Pilates – hall only
Fri 14 June	All Day	Private Booking – field only
Sat 15 June	14:00 – 21:00	Private Booking
Sun 16 June	16:00 – 18:00	Band Rehearsal
Wed 19 June	15:30 – 17:30	Private Booking
Thurs 20 June	18:00 – 19:00	Pilates
Sat 22 June	09:00 – 18:00	Private Booking
Sun 23 June	11:00 – 14:00 15:00 – 17:00	Private Booking Jazz & Teas at Rose Cottage
Wed 26 June	15:30 – 17:30	Private Booking
Thurs 27 June	18:00 – 19:00	Pilates
Fri 28 June	19:30 – 22:00	Jazz Jam Session
Sat 29 June	12:30 – 15:30	Private Booking

SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB RESULTS MAY 2019

1st £100 - Diane & Terry Key

2nd £50 - Lisa & Mark Coles

3rd £40 - Steve Causer

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

Shoscombe Village Hall

Details for hiring the hall are on the village website:

www.everythingshoscombe.org

or contact Suzanne for further information

bookings@shoscombevillagehall.org

WEEKLY BOOKINGS

Mondays	15:00 – 17:00	Village Hall Cleaning
Tuesdays	10:00 – 12:00	Table Tennis
Sundays	19.30 – 21.00	
Wednesdays	19:00 - 22:00	Band Practice
Fridays	09:30 – 11:00 11:00 – 13:00	Yoga Village Hall Cleaning
Saturdays	09:30 – 10:30	Pilates

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