

# SHOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2019

### EVENTS IN MARCH 2019

Sunday 3 March	Church Electoral Roll Forms
Wednesday 6 March	Friends of Foxcote Church Meeting, Shoscombe School
Thursday 7 March	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday & Sunday 9 & 10 March	Churchyard Clean Up
Tuesday 12 March	Souper Tuesday Lunch, Village Hall
Wednesday 13 March	Community Choir resumes
Saturday 16 March	Church Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy at Margaret Coles house
Sunday 17 March	Shoscombe Ramble, meet 10am at the Village Hall
Monday 18 March	Closure of Barn Hill for 2 weeks
Tuesday 19 March	History meeting at the Apple Tree
Friday 22 March	Litter picking Shoscombe School children
Saturday 23 March	Pilates Classes start at Shoscombe Village hall
Saturday 23 March	Litter Picking around the Parish meet 10am Village Hall
Sunday 24 March	Scraping of the cinder path meet 10.30am Applecroft End

### **Forthcoming Events**

Saturday 6 April	A Night at the Races, Village Hall
Saturday 18 May	Annual Plant Sale, Village Hall



### Shoscombe Seedlings: Baby and Toddler Group

Age 0-4

### All welcome!

New and exciting play session at  
**Shoscombe Church School**

Come along for a cuppa and a chat while  
your child has the chance to play and  
explore our activities and make new  
friends.

**Wednesdays 9:15-11:00**

(Starting 27<sup>th</sup> February. Term time only)

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music making.**

Find us at: Shoscombe Church School,  
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**Telephone: 01761 432479**

### CLEAN UP SHOSCOMBE WEEKEND Volunteers needed!

#### **Friday 22 March**

Children at Shoscombe School litter  
picking around the school and along the  
cinder path

#### **Saturday 23 March**

Litter Picking in 16 locations around the  
Parish which will include YOUR road.  
Please meet at the Village Hall at 10 am to  
collect equipment and to be given a  
location to clear.

#### **Sunday 24 March**

Scraping and brushing the Cinder Path  
Meet at the wooden gate Apple Croft at  
10.30 am—bring shovels, spades, brushes  
etc. If you use the path regularly your  
support is needed.

Please help if you can —we are all so  
fortunate to live in such a unique  
environment—let's try to keep it that way.

### **Coffee morning and Bring & Buy.**

Please come and support this friendly event  
at the home of  
Margaret Coles,  
15 Gordon Rd. Peasedown St John,  
Saturday, 16th March  
10.30. a.m. to 12 noon. All welcome.

### **Souper Tuesday**

This will be held at Shoscombe Village Hall on  
12th March 12.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. The usual  
fare of home made soup, cake, drinks etc. - quiz,  
craft table and raffle. We are also introducing  
fresh fruit, cheese & biscuits for those who may  
not have a sweet tooth. All welcome.

## Shoscombe Parish Council

### Traffic Incidents

Two of our Councillors will make a short presentation to the B&NES Communities, Transport and Environment panel in the Guildhall on March 11th regarding traffic incidents in Shoscombe and environs. Please contact the clerk by telephone or email if you can provide us with information on any traffic incidents that you have been involved in, or witnessed, to help support us in our request for more extensive 20mph signage across our Parish.

Many thanks

Jean Fossaceco 01761 431068 clerk@shoscombecouncil.org

### Parish Councillor Vacancies

You have probably noticed over the last few months that we have vacancies on the council. In May there will be an election for all local and Parish Councils so we would love more people to put themselves forward to join. This includes anyone in the village regardless of whether they have served on the council before, in fact their experience could prove invaluable. Meetings are held every other month, the first or second Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall and all effort is made to limit this to 2 hours. With a positive and friendly atmosphere, initiatives are discussed that can be of benefit to the whole community with the Parish Plan proving invaluable as a guide to your wishes. So much has already been achieved but we wish to carry on making further improvements. New skills, expertise and just your presence and help will be an amazing boost to the council with 'many hands making light work'! If you feel you may wish to do this, please talk to either myself or one of the existing councillors with any queries you may have.

There will be absolutely no obligation in doing this.

We hopefully look forward to welcoming you to the Council.

Jean Fossaceco - Clerk

### Shoscombe Parish Council February Update

As Parish Council meetings are now being held bi-monthly, an update will be reported in the newsletter when there has not been a meeting.

**Broadband:** Gigaclear is still exploring the option of Shoscombe but there have been some hold ups with a 'major re-design'; There is some news as regards Truespeed though. There will be a road closure for the installation of Fibre Optic cabling. This is the notification regarding the closure of **Barn Hill: Truespeed Communications LTD on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for a maximum period of 2 weeks. The road will only be restricted as and when traffic signs are in position and may not be affected for the whole of the period but only for so long as is necessary to execute the works. This is anticipated to be for 9 calendar days.**

**Alternative Route - White Hill – Hang Hill – Gullen. Vice Versa**

**757 bus which calls at Applecroft every Wednesday.** It is uncertain how well used it is but here is the link to the timetable and route in case anyone would like to take advantage of the bus. Unfortunately, it will need to be used otherwise there is the risk that it may be withdrawn.

**<https://bustimes.org/services/757-midsomer-norton-peasedown-wellow-bath>**

**Highways:** The large rut along Wellow Lane near the turning to Shoscombe has been reported again to Nick Sperring, the new Highways Inspector. The deterioration of the road surface at the bottom of Green Street and along Shoscombe Vale near Railway Terrace, has also been reported. .

**Planning :** There have been some planning applications since the last meeting but councillors have been liaising regarding responses and comments. These are: **19/00138/ADCOU and 19/00137/FUL and 19/00147/LBA**. All comments and plans can be accessed via the B&NES Planning Portal by either entering the above references or merely by typing Shoscombe in the search bar. Near neighbours have been consulted and councillors have had discussions with the applicant, Mr David Cradock.

**Tree cutting** at the recreation field. Western Power have still not undertaken the work with tree cutting at the recreation field .The relevant department has been contacted and a date will be given imminently.

**Footpaths:** The BANES footpath officer, Sheila Petherbridge, has contacted the council regarding any remediation work needed to the footpaths in the parish. Issues residents have noticed with footpaths should be reported to [sheila\\_petherbridge@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:sheila_petherbridge@bathnes.gov.uk) There is a team of volunteers, including Bath Ramblers who are willing to undertake any remediation work including the following. Change of stiles to gates (some would need landowners permission), repair of bridges or treads, installation of signposting, clearances flights of or single steps, waymarking.

**Parish Council elections :** As already mentioned, these are to take place in May and as some councillors are stepping replacements will be needed . More details on how to apply for the position of councillor will be given in the April newsletter and anyone who has already expressed an interest will be contacted by the clerk once notification regarding the election procedure is received from B&NES. **Next meeting -Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** Jean Fossaceco .

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### CHURCH SERVICES AT SHOSCOMBE SCHOOL CHAPEL MARCH 2019

Date	Service Time	Leading	Preaching
3rd March Next before Lent	11.15 am Morning Praise	Dick Beath	Dick Beath
10th March 1st of Lent	11.15 am Holy Communion	Joint Service	Joint Service
17th March 2nd of Lent	No service	-----	-----
24th March 3rd of Lent	11.15 am Holy Communion	Derek Smith	Catherine Aherne
31st March Mothering Sunday	11.15 am Morning Praise	Tom Benyon	Cath Candish

#### What's the hurry ?

The day before the snow fell I dropped my boys off at St. Julian's School and took the dog up the hills above Wellow for a quick run. I'm preoccupied with a to-do list and hurry, head down, collar up, into the fields. 'If I go fast enough', I think to myself, 'I can be back at the car in fifteen minutes and at my desk in twenty'. Lottie circles a cowpat with intent, 'don't even think about it', I growl.

In a few minutes I am way above St Julian's Well. I slow down, not for the view but because one of my laces has untied. I ignore it. There's no time to stop. At that precise moment Lottie the dog disturbs a pheasant. It explodes from beneath the hedge in front of us, a firework of feathers and squawks that is so shocking that I let out an involuntary yelp and throw myself to the ground. I sit up sheepishly, hoping no one has seen me, and watch my lunatic dog chase the pheasant until it's just an inky blot in the sky. That's when I hear a voice.

Now let me be clear, it was not an actual voice, not a 'the curate's hearing voices' kind of voice, if you know what I mean, but definitely a kind of inner prompting. God?! I really can't say, but it was assertive, and I couldn't ignore it: 'Tom, what's the hurry?'

Tom, what's the hurry? As I sit there in the gorse, I realise there is no simple answer to that question. I take a deep breath, perhaps the first proper one of that day and then I look. I mean, properly look about me. What I see is quite simply breath-taking. The sun is a low, pale disc in the sky, and what it lacks in warmth it makes up for in colour, and such colour. The fields seem to glow, iridescent, luminous in the morning light. Each blade of grass, furred with ice, bristle in the stillness. They look like little pipe cleaners. I'm aware of movement and four deer run across the field. They spring effortlessly over the frozen plough and disappear into the shimmering hedge-line. I think of the Manley-Hopkins poem, 'The earth is charged with the grandeur of God'.

This moment, and it really was just a moment, was a wonderful gift in a very busy week, and to think I so nearly missed it. It was as if God was saying, 'Hello, I am here, right here, stop the hurrying and look, drink it in'.

I recently read that when the philosopher and theologian Dallas Willard, towards the end of his life, was asked by a student for any advice on the spiritual life, he replied, 'ruthlessly eliminate all hurry from your life'. The student pressed him for more wisdom. 'That is all', Willard replied, 'ruthlessly eliminate hurry, it is the great enemy of the spiritual life.' I think he was on to something. Hurry is a thief, and it will steal everything, given half a chance. As winter loosens its grip, let's do our best to 'ruthlessly eliminate hurry'. As we do, we may just see God's good gifts all around us, waiting to be received.

Revd Tom Benyon

#### FOXCOTE AND SHOSCOMBE CHURCHES.

In March 2019 the Church Electoral Roll membership will be reviewed. New Roll forms will be available from Shoscombe Chapel on 3rd March from 11.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. To be completed and returned to Carol Stevenson, Margaret Coles or Bob Goode by 22nd March 2019.

#### Friends of Foxcote Church

A meeting to be held at Shoscombe School Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm.

We will discuss fund raising and ideas and events for the coming year. All members old and new welcome.

Foxcote Church enjoys playing an active part in village life and all members are appreciative of the help and support of the various village organisations.

#### Churchyard tidying

the weekend of 9th and 10th March

We will be grateful for any help offered. At present, the trees are being assessed for safety and viability.

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**Shoscombe  
Plant Sale  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**



Put the date in your diary for our annual plant sale held in Shoscombe Village Hall each spring. It's the perfect place to buy all your plants for the garden and an important fund-raiser for the Village Hall. As always we will be relying on you to donate plants to make this a successful event. So get growing! The hall will be open on the evening of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, so please bring your plants along then.

## Shoscombe Ramblers

There was a great turnout for last month's walk - 17 ramblers on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February! It was a varied walk and passed a number of interesting features. Starting from Midford the route began along the tow path of the former Somerset Coal Canal, passing Tucking Mill then climbing up to Combe Down past a former paper mill. The descent was through lovely beech woods into Horsecombe Vale then up onto the Sustrans cycleway close to the entrance to the Combe Down Tunnel. The next ramble is on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Meet in the car park of Shoscombe Village Hall car park at 10am to share lifts.

### Shoscombe School

2019 has started well at Shoscombe school. Our Breakfast Club started on the first day back in January and we now have a regular group of children who come to school early for breakfast. This is a healthy and sociable way for the children to start their day, but also very handy for parents who need to get to work. We were also delighted to welcome Cllr Karen Walker to visit our school and officially 'open' our new Early Years outdoor learning area. She was very impressed with our facilities and our children who were very pleased to have a 'customer' for their mud kitchen 'ice creams'! When the children return to school after the half term break, we will soon be entering the period of Lent. We will mark this with the traditional pancake races, organised by our parents group (FoSSA). Children will be encouraged to think about giving up plastic this Lent which links well to our new Erasmus+ project 'Respect, re-use, recycle'. And finally, on 27th February we will be launching our brand new toddler group, Shoscombe Seedlings. This will run in the school hall every Wednesday during term time from 9:15am until 11:00am. If you have toddlers and fancy trying a new group please come along.

*Ruth Noall* Executive Head Teacher

*Shoscombe Village Hall Presents*

# RACE NIGHT

**Saturday 6th April**  
**Shoscombe Village Hall**

**Doors Open 7.00pm / First Race 7.30pm**

**Bar / Raffle / Tote**

**Tickets available from Ashley:**  
**chair@shoscombevillagehall.org / 07876 188389**



**Tickets**  
**£3**

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**01761 432263**

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**For**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**12 & 2 o'clock Tables**



**Pilates begins on Saturday the 23rd of March at 9.45-10.30am.  
at Shoscombe Village Hall**

**This will be a regular weekly class. Pilates is suitable for all abilities, shapes, sizes and ages. Pilates strengthens the body from the inside, focusing on tightening your core section and lengthening your spine.**

**What can you expect?** Some sections of the class are very gentle, focusing on breathing and stretch. Some parts are more strenuous and focus on strengthening the body through a series of holds and movements. For each and every exercise there is an option to increase the difficulty or to lower the intensity meaning that a class can work just as well for someone very conditioned as it can for someone just beginning their journey into fitness. It is suitable for those recovering from injury as well those doing regular training and exercise. A supple and strong core section can help you prevent injury alongside maintaining a healthy spine and joints for every day life.

**Who am I?**

I'm a 40 year mum of 3 who lives in Shoscombe and run my own fitness and nutrition business. I've worked in the fitness industry for 11 years and teach busy community classes in Wiltshire. You can see my classes on Facebook by searching @30daysculpt. I also offer personal training sessions which cover a multitude of disciplines including weight loss guidance, boxing, resistance training, bootcamps and core development.

Each class will be £5 weekly, bookable in advance or £20 for 5 consecutive weeks.

Please let me know if you have any questions by emailing [nataliesallis@rocketmail.com](mailto:nataliesallis@rocketmail.com)

Best wishes Natalie Owsley

**Compensation for non collection of Garden Waste on Monday 4th February**

If you pay for your green bin for garden waste to be emptied, you will have noticed that this service was suspended on Monday , 4th February.

BANES are now offering to supply garden waste sacks to those residents who pay for the garden collection service to compensate for the non collection of garden waste on that date.

Please contact the clerk of Shoscombe Parish Council giving your name, address and contact details by Monday 11 March . The clerk will then order the sacks and you will be contacted regarding arrangements for collection of the them.

Contact Jean Fossaceco

[clerk@shoscombecouncil.org](mailto:clerk@shoscombecouncil.org) 01761 431068

**FOOD BANK ITEMS FOR EACH MONTH**

As stocktaking for the Food Bank does not take place until the final day of each month, it will not be possible to request donation of the items needed in the Shoscombe newsletter as the newsletter is compiled and printed before the end of each month.

Instead notices giving details of the monthly items needed will be shown on the website, on the Face Book page and on the village noticeboards—any donations to be left at Braeside, St Julian's Road as usual.

**Press Release from Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club (CPCC)**

If you are looking for a new outdoor sport interest; where you can be as competitive as you like, with light exercise, at a Club that has some of the best facilities in the area and a strong social side – look no further than the Beginners' course at Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club

Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club will be holding their Beginners' course on Sunday afternoons (from 2.00- to 4.30 pm) March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All equipment will be provided – all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes.

The Club's experienced and accredited coaches will take you through all the different skills and tactics you'll need to play this increasingly popular game. All this for £25 all 5 sessions – and that's refunded when you join the club.

For more information please contact: - Brian Wilson on 07970 922867 or email [brian@europaassociates.co.uk](mailto:brian@europaassociates.co.uk)

**SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE DIRECTORY**

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**VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS MARCH 2019**

Wed 6 March	15.30 – 17.30	Private Booking
Thurs 7 March	19.30 – 21:30	Parish Council Meeting
Tues 12 March	12:30 – 14:30	Souper Tuesday
Wed 13 March	15.30 – 17.30	Private Booking
Thurs 14 March	15.30 – 17.30	Private Booking
Sat 16 March	15.00 - 17.00	Children's Party
Wed 20 March	15.30 – 17.30	Private Booking
Fri 22 March	19:30 – 22:00	Jazz Jam Session
Sat 23 March	09.30– 10.30	Pilates
Sat 23 March	11.00-14.30	Children's Party
Wed 27 March	15.30 – 17.30	Private Booking
Sat 30 March	09.30– 10.30	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	15:00 – 17:00	Village Hall Cleaning
Sundays	19:30 - 21:00	Table Tennis

**SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL  
100 CLUB RESULTS  
FEBRUARY 2019**

**1st £100 - Alan & Carolyn Keating (76)**

**2nd £50 - Jean Fossaceco(19)**

**3rd £40 - Fred & Hilary Chaytors ( 43)**

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

**What's been going on at  
Shoscombe Village Hall?**

There have been more improvements to the Village Hall. After January's repainting of the interior, replacement double glazed windows have now been installed. Some of the heaters will soon be up-dated as well, so why not book the hall for a party?

Details for hiring the hall are on the village website:

[www.everythingshoscombe.org](http://www.everythingshoscombe.org)

or contact Suzanne for further information

[bookings@shoscombevillagehall.org](mailto:bookings@shoscombevillagehall.org)

**Community Choir**

Recommencing Wednesday 13th March at Shoscombe School - 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. A new start for the year, we look forward to seeing new faces. We are a friendly group who enjoy our singing and which enables us to perform at community events.

**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 **April 2019** Newsletter to: letterbox at **46 Single Hill**, or [shoscombenews@btinternet.com](mailto:shoscombenews@btinternet.com) by **21 March 2019**. 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)