

SHOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2018

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER 2018

Wednesday 7 November
Friday 9th November
Sunday 11 November
Tuesday 13 November
Thursday 15 November
Sunday 18 November

Friends of Foxcote Church Meeting, Shoscombe School
Talk on the Bath Archway Project and AGM of the History Group
Annual Scrape of the Cinder Path
Souper Tuesday Lunch, Village Hall
Parish Council meeting and defibrillator presentation
Shoscombe Ramble, meet 10am at the Village Hall

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 8 December
Sunday 9 December
Monday 10 December

School & Church Bazaar
Candle Lit Carol Service, Foxcote Church
Carols with Y4.5, & 6 Shoscombe School Hall at 2pm—villagers welcome

News from Shoscombe School

September into October is a lovely time in school and here at Shoscombe is no exception. Our youngest children have finally been able to get out into their new play area and are making excellent use of their new equipment. They visited Rosie Craddock's farm and this has led to lots of fantastic writing about animals as well as 3D junk-modelled cows and horses and whole farmyards in the sandpit. Our Year 2 and Year 3 children went on a historic walk to the Long Barrow and have also taken part in a number of forest school sessions. In one session they used natural materials to make their own paint and brushes to recreate stone age cave art. If you were out walking early last week, you would have seen what looked like a 1939 class of children about to be evacuated. This was our key Stage 2 pupils heading out for the day at the Steam museum in Swindon where they immersed themselves in World War Two experiences. This has really helped the children to understand and empathise with how the war impacted on children and has also led to some fantastic writing.

The first week of October was our Core Value week which culminated in a packed sharing assembly where children sang, shared art and thoughts, and also performed their own poetry. During that week we were very lucky to be visited by Mr Gerry Holland one of our grandparents, who told the children all about his airfield and by Rebecca Antony, a professional poet. This special week allowed children to reflect on our values and also try something new.

The final highlight of this term was undoubtedly the Harvest Festival. Our children proved themselves to be exceptional cooks, preparing homemade soup, bread, scones and crumble which was then shared with family and friends while children sang their harvest songs. We were very proud of the school children who were able to make it to the Foxcote Harvest Service last weekend where they sang some of these songs for the congregation.

And now the countdown to Christmas begins!
Ruth Noall, Head Teacher

Shoscombe Local History Group

invites you to

**The Annual Cheese and Wine Evening & AGM
at Shoscombe Village Hall**

Friday 9th November 2018 @ 7.30pm



Don't miss ...

**An update on Bath's Archway Project
by Stephen Clews**

**Come and join us - we warmly invite you to this
free event!**

**For more details contact Rina Richards
01761 434357**

Fireworks

**A reminder to anyone planning a bonfire party.
Please do not let off loud fireworks in close
proximity to households or areas where there are
farm animals. Sadly there was a problem last
November which caused unnecessary distress to both
domestic and farm animals.**

Scraping the Cinder Path

This was again a very successful operation last year, but it would be helpful if we could do another scrape and brush to keep the path maintained in a reasonable state.

Please could anyone willing to help meet at the Applecroft end of the path at 10.30am on **Sunday 11th November** with spades and brushes.

Once again, thank you in advance for all your support – it is amazing what can be achieved if we all work together.

Andy Bayley, Shoscombe Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL October 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.

- **TrueSpeed**—The installation of cabling should commence on schedule by the end of the year. There have been some queries over specific land and hedgerow ownership. Agreement has been reached over the installation and access to a fibre optic hub to be sited at the Village Hall.
- **Additional grit bin and Ice hazard Signs**—A request was sent to BANES in April for an additional grit bin to be located near the Village Hall. BANES have been contacted again and the council have been informed that any route already on the gritting route (which Single/Barn Hill is) cannot have an additional bin. They also wish to regulate the use of the ice warning signs themselves rather than leaving it up to parishes.
- **Play Area Fencing**—This is now in place. Thanks to Grant Thomas for organising this.
- **Parish Plan**—The Actions are being monitored regularly. Please see the website for recent updates.
- **Co option of a new councillor**—As there was not a request for an election by ten electors within the required time limit following the casual vacancy which has arisen, it is now possible to fill this vacancy by co option. Currently there are seven members on the council and meetings are held bi-monthly in the Village Hall on a Thursday evening starting at 7.30pm. If you are interested in finding out more about this role please contact the clerk or speak to any member of the Parish Council
- **Defibrillator**—Community involvement is necessary before a defibrillator can be installed in the village. At the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, November 15th, a member of the Somer Valley Rotary Group will be in attendance to give a short presentation on defibrillators and to answer any queries. This will be done at the beginning of the meeting which starts at 7.30pm. The Parish Council would urge you to attend if you are available.

Jean Fossaceco Clerk to Shoscombe PC – 01761 431068

Have your say on Bath's Clean Air Zone

BANES has proposed introducing their clean air zone charge after coming under pressure from central government to meet strict air pollution targets to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in the air caused by vehicle emissions which puts health at risk. A charge will be levied on non compliant vehicles driving in the proposed 'Clean Air Zone' in the city of Bath.

All households in BANES should have received information on this which gives details of the charging zone, vehicles which will be classed as non compliant and the proposed charges.

These proposals may affect you and you may have to consider how you can travel differently.

BANES are urging residents to give their views on this before any final decision is taken.

For more information and to complete a survey:

- Go to www.bathnes.gov.uk/breathe
- Visit a BATHNES library or a One Stop Shop
- Attend one of BANES events—details online or call 01225 39 40 41

Please have your say before 26 November 2018

Litter

Many thanks to all those people who helped with the recent litter picking event and also to Dave Cradock for ensuring all the verges were cut beforehand.

I am pleased to report that overall there was a reduction in the amount of litter collected compared with litter picking done at a similar time last year. Factors attributing to this could be - extra bins in the parish, the village hall gate being locked regularly but also residents picking up litter when out walking. There are still problem areas— Braysdown Lane to Foxcote especially. There was also considerable amounts of dog poo left by dogs that have been unsupervised. This is particularly unpleasant when it is left on residents' driveways.

Please be a responsible dog owner and ensure your dog is on a lead when off of your property and being exercised in residential areas. If your dog is allowed to wander unsupervised it could be causing a problem to others by defecating in inappropriate places.

Jackie Withers Shoscombe Parish Council

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CHURCH SERVICES AT SHOSCOMBE SCHOOL CHAPEL NOVEMBER

Date	Service Time	Leading	Preaching
4th Nov 4th before Advent	11.15 am Morning Praise	Tom Benyon	Tom Benyon
11th Nov 3rd before Advent	11.15 am Holy Communion	Tom Benyon	Pauline Preddy
18th Nov 2nd before Advent	No service		
25th Nov Christ the King	11.15 am Holy Communion	Richard Russell	Richard Russell

'Peacemakers' by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Matthew 5:9

'Blessed are those who promote peace, for God will call them his children.' (Matthew 5:9)

A while back, a nightly news bulletin featured one of the most moving stories I've heard in a long time. It was just a few days after the appalling suicide bombing of an Israeli wedding reception had left several people dead and countless others maimed and injured - men, women and children, one moment enjoying a family celebration and the next caught up in the most unspeakable carnage. Few incidents better sum up the depth of hatred between Jew and Arab, the level of atrocities on both sides seeming to know no bounds.

The story I have in mind, though, was very different. It concerned the father of a young man killed in an accident. Distraught with grief, the father agreed to donate his son's organs to a hospitalised patient in urgent need of a transplant. Nothing extraordinary about that, you might think, except that the donor was an Arab and the patient an Israeli! 'I wanted my son's death to bring life,' explained the father, 'whether it be to Jew or Arab.' The contrast could hardly be more poignant nor the example more challenging. A small act but a massive gesture that, for a few hours at least, spoke of peace and reconciliation. Would we have acted the same in that man's place? I wonder. Our situation may be far removed from his, but in innumerable ways we have the opportunity every day to act as peacemakers or to perpetuate the things that cause division. We can show forgiveness or nurse grievances, swallow our pride or thrust ourselves forward, admit mistakes or refuse to bend, make the first move or resist every advance. All of us have the opportunity in our daily relationships to work for harmony and reconciliation, but few of us take the opportunity as often as we should. Which are we: peacemakers or peace-breakers?

with my best regards,

Matthew

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Foxcote and Shoscombe Churches

We would especially like to thank the following who took part in the Great Big Harvest Thank You and the Village Day:

Those who contributed poems and readings, Shoscombe School Choir, The Community Choir, readers of the poems, James and John Kumar, Mr Goode, the Rev. Tom Beynon, the tea ladies and those who decorated the Church. To Dave Cradock for the grass cutting and Richard Holmes for the use of his land for parking.

All the money raised from this event and the donation made to the Indonesian Tsunami Appeal will be shown in the December Newsletter.

Church services at Foxcote will end on 28th October and restart at Shoscombe School Chapel on 4th November at 11.15 a.m. The only exception being 9th December for the Candle Lit Carol Service.

Friends of Foxcote Church

The friends will be holding a meeting at Shoscombe School on **Wednesday 7th November at 7.30 p.m.**

Discussion to include:

Christmas School Church Bazaar 8th December 10.30am - 1.00pm

Candle Lit Carol Service and St. Lucia Procession on Sunday 9th December at Foxcote Church : Hot mince pies and mulled wine.

Souper Tuesday 13th November 12.30 - 2.00 pm Village Hall.

Delicious home made soup, cakes, tea/coffee, raffle, quiz - all for £3.50 - All welcome.

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The Somersetshire Coal Canal in the Cam Valley October 5th 2018

The Shoscombe Local History Group once again welcomed Roger Halse to Shoscombe Village Hall to share his knowledge of the Somerset Coal Canal. This time he gave us an enlightening and well-illustrated talk on the course of the Coal Canal in the Cam Valley. His presentation began at the point where the canal joins the Kennet and Avon Canal at the Dundas Aqueduct, and then follows the course of the waterway along the Cam Valley to the terminus at Paulton Basin.

Roger's slides included photographs of the canal when it was still in use in the 1890s, and a major form of transport for the local coal industry. The slideshow gave a clear insight into the importance of both the coal industry and the coal canal for the local economy.

Roger's presentation finished with recent photos of the renovation and reconstruction work undertaken by the Somerset Coal Canal Society to the area around the Paulton Basin and its dry dock. A fascinating and memorable talk.

Rina Richards

SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS NOVEMBER 2018

Sat 3 Nov	09:00 – 18:00	Private Booking
Sun 4 Nov	10:00 – 18:00	Private Booking
Fri 9 Nov	18:30 – 21:30	History Group Talk
Sat 10 Nov	09:00 – 00:00	Private Booking
Mon 12 Nov	19:00 – 21:00	Monkey Mutts
Tues 13 Nov	12:30 – 14:30	Souper Tuesday
Thurs 15 Nov	13:00 – 15:00 19:30 – 21:30	Nature Cubs Parish Council Meeting
Sat 17 Nov	14:00 – 18:00	Private Booking
Thurs 22 Nov	13:00 – 15:00	Nature Cubs
Fri 23 Nov	19:30 – 22:00	Jazz Jam Session
Sun 25 Nov	10:30 – 13:30	Private Booking
Mon 26 Nov	19:00 – 21:00	Monkey Mutts
Thurs 29 Nov	13:00 – 15:00	Nature Cubs

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	19:30 – 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 OCTOBER 2018

1st £100 - Lyn & Phil Bartlett (10)

2nd £50 - Ali Taylor (14)

3rd £40 - Jean & Steve Causer (184)

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

Bonfires

Periodically, the parish council receives complaints about bonfires being lit at inappropriate times and causing a nuisance to those nearby. Whilst it is not illegal to have bonfires within the BANES area, there are guidelines provided on the BANES website and reinforced below.

Bonfires considered to be a 'statutory nuisance' (i.e. a significant impact upon people nearby) can be reported to the BANES Environmental Protection Team where they will be assessed & acted upon accordingly. All details can be found within the following BANES website.

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/environment/pollution/bonfires>

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