

SHOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2018

Wednesday 5 September	Choir resumes
Saturday 8 September	Shoscombe Village Day and Flower Show
Tuesday 11 September	Tuesday Table Tennis restarts
Thursday 13 September	Shoscombe Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
Sunday 16 September	Nature Walk
Tuesday 18 September	History Group meeting , Apple Tree
Sunday 23 September	A canal walk with Roger Halse along the Cam Valley
Forthcoming Events	
Friday 5 October	Talk on the Coal Canal in the Cam Valley by Roger Halse
Sunday 21 October	Great Big Harvest Thankyou, Foxcote Church

Foxcote and Shoscombe Dual Churches Appeal

For eight centuries the beautiful parish church of St. James the Less has been the hub of Christian worship in this village. The success of the Friends of Foxcote Church Group, generously supported by villagers, raise funds for the upkeep of the church buildings and has helped financially, on request, towards the church administration. However, our small church membership is unable to meet the financial obligations to both diocese, (Parish share of £3342.00 p.a.) as well as our contribution to the administration costs of the St. J's group. **Hence this appeal.**

All gifts put in the envelope provided will be greatly appreciated. The envelopes can be handed to the Church Wardens, Margaret Coles and Bob Goode, to the stall at the Shoscombe Flower Show on 8th September or in person at the Great Big Harvest Thankyou at Foxcote Church on 21st October at 3pm.

Should the response be favourable, it will alleviate pressure from church members and the P.C.C. and allow them to continue their pastoral work within the community.

Remember: If you are a tax payer, please complete the Gift Aid declaration.

Which brings us to the second part of the Appeal:

We are a friendly congregation and it would be a moral boost to see some new faces.

Plus, any suggestions for a preferred type of service or any ideas to appeal to children in the village, will be welcome. Any time or commitment would be greatly valued.

Look out for our Craft and General information stall at the Village Flower Show on 8th September where we will be co hosting refreshments.

Shoscombe Local History Group

We welcome the return of Roger Halse for two events in September and October:

The History of the Somersetshire Coal Canal in the Cam Valley



Sunday 23rd September: Join us on a free guided walk along the course of the canal between Camerton and Paulton Meet at Shoscombe Village Hall at 9.30am

Friday 5th October: An illustrated talk on the Coal Canal in the Cam Valley.

There will also be opportunities to view old maps and other artefacts. **Shoscombe Village Hall, 7.30pm, £5**

Everyone welcome

**Tickets for 5th October, which include refreshments,
from Rina Richards Tel: 01761 434357
email: rinarichards@yahoo.co.uk**

CVWG Nature Walk

Sunday 16th September

The Somer Valley Walking Festival takes place this year from 14th to 16th September which includes the following walk

**Nature Walk from Shoscombe Village Hall,
Barn Hill, Shoscombe, BA2 8LX:
11am**

**A short walk through the beautiful Wellow
Valley looking at flora and fauna with local
experts from the Cam Valley Wildlife Group.
Please, no dogs apart from assistance dogs
which must be on a short lead.**

**This walk will be led by Phil Hall and
Deborah Porter.** Details of all the walks over the weekend can be found at: www.bathscapewalkingfestival.co.uk/somer-valley-walking-festival/
Places are limited. You are welcome to turn up on the day but if you wish to guarantee a place, call **01225 477265** or email info@bathscape.co.uk.

Fund Raising For the Defibrillator

The Parish Council would like to thank all the people who have supported fund raising for the defibrillator which will be housed in the BT telephone kiosk in St Julian's Road. The Summer Party organised by the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee which many residents attended, plus village donations, raised just over £1000, an anonymous donation to match this has also been pledged. Just recently Grant Thomas and Rosie Craddock (Shoscombe Parish Councillors) attended a meeting of the Somer Valley Rotary Group where they were presented with a cheque for £500.

We are now almost at the target amount and we soon be in a position to order the defibrillator through the Community Heartbeat Trust who work in partnership with the local Ambulance Service.

This will be a Community Public Access Defibrillator and so it is important that as many people as possible are aware of how to use it. Apparently over 60,000 people a year suffer a cardiac arrest but it is a well known fact that many people are anxious about having to use one. At the forthcoming Village Day on Saturday 8th September, a representative from The Community Heartbeat Trust will in attendance and will be bringing a demo defibrillator and will be able to answer any questions people may have. If you are attending the Village Day, I would urge you to make a point of seeing the representative.

Once there are sufficient funds in place to purchase the defibrillator, the telephone kiosk will be refurbished, and as many people as possible will be invited to attend a training session. We will also need volunteers to help carry out weekly and monthly checks which is one of the obligations the Community Heartbeat Trust insists on to ensure the equipment is always ready for use.

If you are willing to help with this checking, once the defibrillator is installed, please contact Jean Fossaceco the clerk for Shoscombe Parish Council tel 01761 431068

Email clerk@shoscombecouncil.org
Jackie Withers

Field Names

On Tuesday 7th August we had a very successful workshop on the History of Field Names in the Parish of Shoscombe. All those who attended helped to catalogue the field names on the Parish Tithe Map. We now have a 1846 map with all of the historic field names and why they were so called.

The next move is to map the present fields and their names so that we have an up to date historical document. Any help would be appreciated to create a piece of history for Shoscombe's future generations.

The completed 1846 Tithe Map with field names will be on display at the Village Day on Saturday 8th September. Also on display will be the Shoscombe History Society's posters for the Radstock Museum Exhibition on "Changes during the period 1914 - 1924". Looking forward to seeing you there.

Chris Paul, Shoscombe Local History Group

The History of Writhlington Manor and the George Washington Connection

The recent talk given by local historian Dennis Chedgy at the village hall was very well attended. Those present were treated to a specially arranged viewing of the Chalice, Goblet and a number of other historical artefacts originally held at Lower Writhlington Church.

The talk was organised by the Shoscombe History Group which is a thriving community based organisation that host a number of talks, walks and visits each year.

Anyone wishing to be included on the group's mailing list which will give information on forthcoming events and meetings, please email dawcouk@gmail.com

The next meeting of the group will be on

Tuesday 18th September at The Apple Tree starting at 8pm.

New members are always made very welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL

Our last meeting took place on Thursday 12th July where discussions took place regarding who will Chair subsequent meetings and a revision on everyone's areas of responsibility. The new Election of Officers Table is available on the website in the minute section and Mrs Diana Aiken will revise the 'Who Represents Us' page.

- **Fracking:** It has been confirmed that the Shale Wealth Fund is only payable to communities that experience Shale Gas extraction. Our most likely form of gas extraction here will be from coal bed methane technologies. This process is specifically excluded from the Shale Wealth Fund.
- **Adoption of Red Heritage Telephone Kiosk and de-fibrillator:** Mr Withers is to undertake refurbishments of the kiosk. The Village Hall party raised £1060.00 so, together with the £500.00 pledged by Rotary and the promise of up £1000 of match funding by a member of the community, means the council now almost have sufficient funds to purchase a unit from The Community Heartbeat Trust. There is still a requirement for a working party/team comprising of members of the community and the council to undertake training and be responsible for monitoring so the council asks if anyone can volunteer some time and expertise with this. Is there also a member of the village with medical knowledge and experience who could come to Village Day on the 8th September with a de-fibrillator unit to demonstrate use? It is hoped this would reassure people and de-mystify them.
- **Broadband/Gigaclear:** Truespeed Cables are now installed.
- **Village Hall and Recreation Field – updates on Action Plan:** Mr Bayley has secured an offer of some goal posts from Beechen Cliff and is in the process of arranging transportation and sourcing nets. This is a great saving for the council - £300 for both posts. The council voted to purchase these. There is, however, still an issue with dog mess up at the Recreation Field. Please could everyone pick up their dog mess and report anyone not picking up theirs. Many more children could be playing at the field and it is not acceptable for them to be encountering this mess. The additional litter bin will be installed in due course.
- **To consider replacing fencing around the play-area:** Quotes have been received, scanned and distributed by the clerk and considered by the council at the meeting. A decision was taken to replace the fence and the gate and to fence the whole perimeter of the play-area as parents had expressed concern over children being able to get through the hedged area to the road. Mr Thomas will talk to the suppliers and arrange the installation.
- **To consider quotes for a new roof for the Village Hall:** Quotes are being considered and grants applied for. *Community members who are organising applications for grants; could they please inform the Parish Council in order to co-ordinate applications.*
- **General Data Protection Regulations:** Adapted paperwork and policies by the clerk have been forwarded to councillors. Further discussion at the September meeting will take place with adoption including reviewing the Standing Orders. Clerk continues to work on the data audit.
- **Cutting of Trees by Western Power:** The Council agreed to allow Western Power to proceed at the Recreation Field. The clerk will download, scan and return signed forms (with instructions that **all** waste be removed) to Alex Livingston who will then give the clerk two days' notice of work commencing. The clerk is to inform Mary Upton when she hears.
- **HELAA/JSP/Local Plan:** No further developments on these but a local planning application has been received - **18/02968/FUL**. This will be reviewed by Mrs Jackie Withers as the nearest neighbour.
- **Financial Matters:** Cheques were issued for the clerk's quarterly salary and HMRC - £844.00 and £211.00 and the council agreed on payment for a new play-area sign at a cost of £36.00. A cheque was also issued to the Information Commissioners Office for £40.00 for registration to comply with new General Data Protection Regulations.

The next meeting is on Thursday 13th September. All are welcome. Jean Fossaceco 01761 431068

Dogs, poo and livestock

Recently I found an aborted calf foetus in a local field. It made me wonder how many dog walkers know that a parasite carried by dogs and excreted in their poo causes cows and sheep to abort. In fact the parasite, neospora caninum, is now as the commonest cause of abortion in cattle and may lead to the cow herself being culled. Unfortunately normal dog wormers don't eliminate it and so the only way to prevent animals ingesting it along with grass is to pick up the poo, even – and especially in this case – in pen fields. There is more information here:

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-43632762

and on the NFU website

Sarah Layzell

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CHURCH SERVICES AT ST JAMES THE LESS FOXCOTE SEPTEMBER

		Leading	Preaching	Reading
2nd Sept 14th after Trinity	11.15 am Morning Praise	Tom Benyon	Dick Beath	Carole Stevenson
9th Sept 15th after Trinity	11.15 am Holy Communion	Tom Benyon	Tom Benyon	Bob Goode
16th Sept 16th after Trinity	<i>No service in Foxcote Church</i>	-----	-----	
23rd Sept 17th after Trinity	11.15 am Holy Communion	Matthew Street	Matthew Street	Hazel Jones
30th Sept 18th after Trinity	11.15am Morning Praise	Tom Benyon	Yvonne Grace	Margaret Coles

On the 3rd Sunday of the month, when no service at Foxcote, you are most welcome to attend Holy Communion in Peasedown at 10.30am in St John's Church or at 4.30pm 'Soul Food' in Peasedown Youth Centre or indeed a service of Morning Praise in Wellow at 10am.

'Words from the heart' by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Acts 26:24-29

At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defence. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane." "I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable. The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do." Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?" Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains." (Acts 26:24-29)

A few years ago a fascinating television documentary series asked the question 'What makes a great speaker?' Using archive film of great orators such as Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, Martin Luther King, Billy Graham and Donald Soper, suggestions were made as to the essential qualities for any speaker. These included posture, gestures and mannerisms, power and inflection of voice, well-chosen pauses, eye contact, tempo, repetition and humour. I watched the series, hoping that next time I delivered a sermon the congregation would leap to their feet in wild and spontaneous applause, and that before long crowds would be flocking to our church in their droves! Sadly, it never happened and, of course, I never seriously imagined that it would, truly gifted speakers being a rare breed.

One such speaker, however, was clearly the Apostle Paul. In part, this was due to his willingness to talk the language of his listeners, but he had another quality that we can all emulate - quite simply, a transparent sincerity. There was no artifice about Paul, none of what, in modern politics, we have come to refer to as 'spin'. In his trial before Festus and Agrippa, instead of toning down his message as many would have done in his place, he gave a frank and honest life history, telling of the personal pilgrimage that had led him to Christ. None of us will achieve anything like Paul achieved, nor speak with a fraction of his authority, but all of us can speak with sincerity, and if we do that, we may find that the results are far greater than we ever dared to expect

with my best regards,

Matthew

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

FRIENDS OF FOXCOTE CHURCH

CAROLE'S COFFEE MORNING Raised the Sum of £157. Many Thanks to all who supported this event.

FOODBANK

The following list is needed for September

Tinned Tomatoes, Meat Soups, Sponge Puddings, Coffee, Drinking Choc, Brown Sauce & Ketchup, Powdered Milk UHT Milk.

Deodorants (Not Aerosol) Razors, Household Cleaners (Not Bleach) Toilet Cleaners, Washing Up Liquid, Kitchen Rolls.

Deliveries to Braeside. Many Thanks for you help & Support.

FRIENDS OF FOXCOTE CHURCH.

A Meeting will be held at Shoscombe School Thursday the 30th Aug 2018 at 7.30 P.M.. This will be an Important meeting to discuss Forthcoming Events, Rota Re. Souper Tuesdays.

The 2019 Calendar is going to Print. Look out for Copies for sale at the Village Flower Show.

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Sunday September 30th

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In Aid of Riding for the Disabled

SHOSCOMBE VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS SEPTEMBER 2018

Sat 8 Sept	All Day	Shoscombe Village Day
Thurs 13 Sept	07:45 – 10:45 19:30 – 21:30	Private Booking Parish Council Meeting
Sat 15 Sept	11:00 – 13:30	Private Booking
Thurs 20 Sept	19:30 – 22:30	Jazz Jam Session
Sat 22 Sept	09:00 – 23:00	Private Booking
Thurs 27 Sept	07:45 – 11:15	Private Booking
Sun 30 Sept	13:30 – 16:30	Dog Show - Riding for the Disabled

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 JULY 2018

- 1st £100 - Hayley & Andy Bayley (42)
2nd £50 - Kate & Nigel Nott (16)
3rd £40 - Stephen & Phillippa Ross (23)

AUGUST 2018

- 1st £100 - Janet Lawrence (143)
2nd £50 - Jean Fossaceco (19)
3rd £40 - Neil & Leslie Kondratowicz (6)

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

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

CHOIR

IMPORTANT NOTE

We are looking for new members. The Choir is a Community Choir & is open to all people both in the Village & Surrounding Areas. The Choir meets on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in Shoscombe School. The first session for the Autumn will be on Wednesday 5th September.

We are a mixed group who have fun & enjoy singing together. If you feel interested come and chat to the choir members on the refreshment stand at the Village Day.

Shoscombe Village Day

Saturday, 8 September

Please note there will be a separate flier delivered to every household giving details of the schedule of classes for the Flower and Produce Show

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