

SHOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER



Announcements

John Collins would like to thank everyone who came to his wife, Jane's, funeral at Haycombe Crematorium on 10th October. It was a magnificent turnout. Many thanks for all of the cards (74) and the messages of condolences. A grand total in the donation box amounted to £730 which will go to the Forrester Brown Ward at the Royal United Hospital. Thank you all.

John Collins

Events

Table Tennis	Tuesday mornings - 10am to 12pm Village Hall
20mph BANES input deadline	Thursday 3rd November
Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 17th November - Shoscombe Village Hall - 6.30pm
Friends of Foxcote Coffee Morning	Saturday 19th November - 10am
Candle Lit Carol Service	Sunday 11th December - Foxcote Church - 4.30pm

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 **December 2022 / January 2023** Newsletter to be submitted by **21st November** either by posting into the postbox of 46 Single Hill or via our new email address 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



Matthew Street, Vicar

Lest we forget

We have heard for ourselves, O God, our predecessors have told us the deeds you performed in their time, how in bygone days you saved us from our enemies' Psalm 44:1 and 7

Do you remember the time we came here before?' asked my wife. I racked my brains, trying to recall it but it was no good; the occasion was clean forgotten, as though it had never been. We do remember many things, of course, but we forget many others, as probably all of us can testify from bitter experience. Points we ought to remember have that infuriating habit of disappearing from our minds just when we need to recall them most, and so we resort to such props as post-it notes or a memo-board in the kitchen, hoping that these may jog our memory. Such, increasingly, is the rationale behind Remembrance Day.

Every year, the number of those who lived through one or both of the two World Wars diminishes, yet for that reason the occasion becomes more rather than less important. We have only to witness the horrors of war in Ukraine or the continuing violence in so many other parts of the world, to realise that things haven't changed as much as we might like to think. Some even dare to suggest that the horrors of the Holocaust never actually happened, thus dismissing, at a stroke, the suffering, terror and anguish experienced by so many millions.

The fact is that we cannot afford to forget the past. Remembrance Day does not glorify war but rather recalls the price of peace, reminding us of the evil and inhumanity that people can stoop to, and the sacrifice so many made to ensure that such tyranny did not triumph. It purposely thrusts such things back into our consciousness - lest we forget.

ST JULIAN'S SHOSCOMBE

November 6th, 3rd before advent

11.15am Morning Praise

Lead and Preaching by Matthew Street

November 13th, 2nd before advent

11.15am Morning Praise

Lead and Preaching by Andy Fraser

November 20th, Christ the King

No Service

November 27th, 1st of Advent

11.15am Holy Communion

Lead and Preaching by Matthew Street

Friends of Foxcote

Souper Tuesday - Tuesday 8th November at Shoscombe Village Hall 12.30 to 2.30p.m.

Home made soup, crusty bread, cakes, fruit, cheese, drinks etc. Craft and Home made produce stall.

Don't forget to bring your "Christmas Wish" cards. All welcome - Come and treat a friend to a convivial lunch

Coffee Morning at Margaret Coles' house, Gordon Road, Peasedown St John - 19th November 10am to 12 noon. Bring and Buy

Candle Lit Carol Service - 11th December 4.30pm at Foxcote Church. Followed by hot mince pies and mulled wine. A wonderful uplifting beginning to the Christmas festivities. The Church will be illuminated with light and colour, thanks to Grant Thomas.

Shoscombe Parish Council - Clerk's Report

With the nights drawing in this month, it has been lovely to take advantage of some bright sunny days. I am told by B&NES Electoral Services that no nominations have been received therefore no election will take place. However, there will be a full Parish Council election in May 2023 when all eleven Councillor places will be open. Details will be in the Newsletter and on the Notice Boards in the previous months. Please consider expressing an interest; being a Parish Councillor need not be onerous, and working with other residents in taking care of the day to day running of the village is very rewarding. If anyone would like more details, please contact me on the email address below or talk to one of our existing councillors who are listed on our website. You have perhaps already seen details of the consultation exercise regarding the proposed enforceable 20 mph limit in the village. B&NES would appreciate your input, so please respond if you would like to comment on this proposal. The deadline is very soon; **3rd November**. There are more details of BaNES' proposal in this edition of the Newsletter along with a map of the proposed 20mph mandatory limit. You will also have seen notices on the notice boards regarding a consultation exercise on the new Local Plan. This is your opportunity to have your say on a Plan that will last until 2042. There are also notices of a couple of road closures in December on Green St and Single Hill. BaNES has given plenty of notice to allow people to make alternative arrangements if need be. I also put proposed planning applications on the Notice Boards should you wish to go online, look at the details of the applications and make comments. I have not received any suggestions for a community tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II following her passing. This will be discussed at our Council meeting on 17th November so do please let us know if you have any ideas for a fitting commemoration. We have, very generously, been offered funding for a second defibrillator for the Village. It will be situated on a wall of the Apple Tree Inn; Landlords, Mandy and Mark are more than happy to accommodate it. I am in touch with the suppliers and installers and we will be discussing the logistics at the November Parish Council meeting. In the meantime, I have met with HeartsSafe and with Mark to discuss costings and the location of the cabinet. Many thanks to both our donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, and to Mandy and Mark for their co-operation. Many thanks to the landowner for cutting back the vegetation along the Cinder Path, and to our Councillor with responsibility for Public Rights of Way and his family for clearing the remaining branches etc. It is now much easier to use the path. I am copying in below the contact details of our Village Agent who offers knowledgeable help to anyone seeking help with a variety of issues, particularly the current concerning increase in the cost of living.

Jean Fossaceco - Clerk to Shoscombe Parish Council
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20mph Mandatory Speed Limit Consultation

In October's Newsletter, the Parish Clerk's Report gave notice of a forthcoming B&NES consultation on a 20mph mandatory speed limit in parts of Shoscombe. At present, there is a 20mph advisory limit. B&NES Consultation notices inviting residents to comment are posted up through the village and on the Notice Boards.

After the consultation is complete, B&NES officers will decide upon the minimum signage needed to ensure it meets the legal requirements that the limit is enforceable. There will be signs at the 4 points where the 20mph limit starts and at various points along the route shown on the map below. This will be pole signage and painted signs on the road surface. The 20mph advisory signs will be removed.

You can find the details of the proposal on the B&NES website:

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/highway-improvements-traffic-management/traffic-regulation-61>

Objections and representations, along with the grounds on which they are made, must be sent in writing by **3rd November 2022** to:

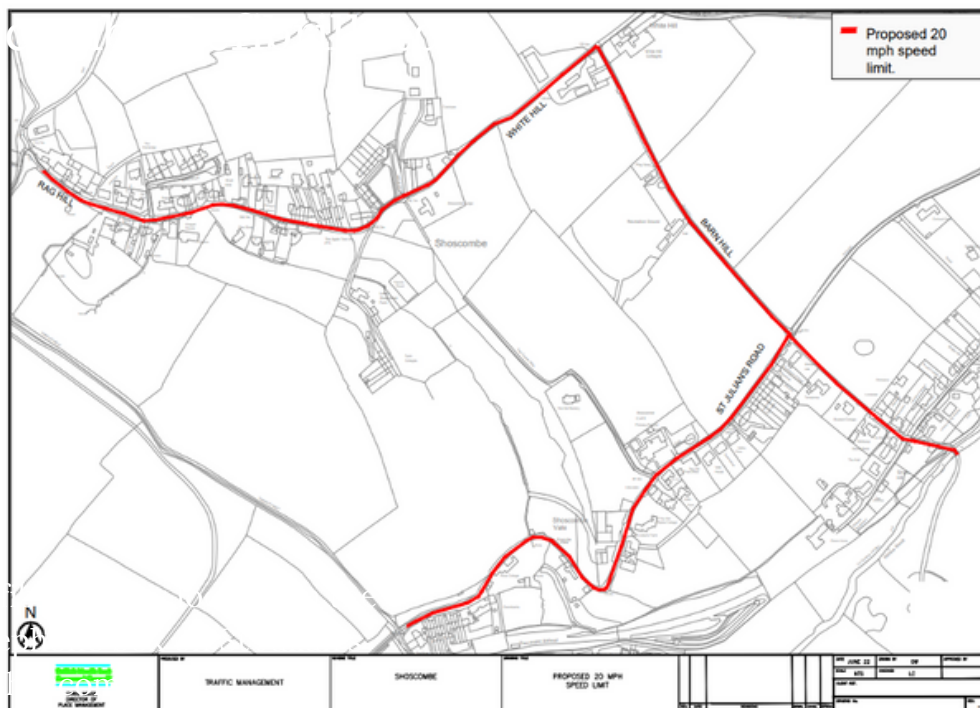
Traffic Management Team, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Lewis House, Manvers Street, BATH, BA1 1JG or emailed to transportation@bathnes.gov.uk

Please quote:

- The title of the proposal: **BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SHOSCOMBE) (20 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 202**
- The reference: **TRO 22-013/LC**

Please note that comments may be considered in public by B&NES Council and that the substance of the comments together with the name and address of the person making them could become available for public inspection

The deadline for comments to B&NES is 3rd November 2022



Shoscombe Local History Group

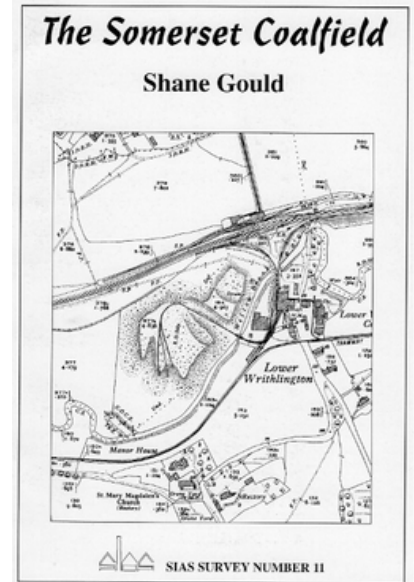
The North Somerset Coalfield

An illustrated talk by Shane Gould - 6th October 2022

Shoscombe Local History Group's October's event attracted a capacity audience of 80 to hear Shane Gould deliver a fascinating and information-packed presentation on the Somerset Coalfield.

Shane's comprehensive knowledge of the Somerset Coalfield developed initially from listening to the memories of his grandfather, a Somerset miner, and through exploring, photographing and recording details of Somerset's former colliery sites. This led him to undertake a degree in archaeology and then a succession of professional roles in archaeology and industrial heritage, including a position as Ancient Monuments Inspector for the SW. He is currently Head of Industrial Heritage Strategy for Historic England.

Shane illustrated his presentation with maps and photographs showing examples of the physical impact on the landscape of buildings and structures associated with the North Somerset Coalfield, such as tramways, engine houses, coke ovens and pit heaps. He explained how the geographical development of the coalfield went hand-in-hand with the development of mining technology and transport infrastructure, leading to the development of the North Somerset Coalfield in three main areas. The first area of development was in the south, around Nettlebridge and Coleford where coal seams outcrop at the surface. Accurate dating of these primitive workings is difficult, but it thought that coal from this area may have been transported to Bath along the Fosseway in Roman times.



The next significant development phase took place in the north in the early 19th century when tramways connecting to the Somerset Coal Canal enabled major mines to be opened up along the Cam Valley.

The final major development area centred on Radstock and Midsomer Norton, which was given a significant boost by the opening in 1854 of the Radstock to Frome railway, with connections to Ludlowsand Tynning collieries, and subsequent opening in 1873/74 of the Bristol and North Somerset Railway and the Bath extension to the Somerset and Dorset, with an extended network of lines connecting the Radstock collieries. Annual production of the coalfield peaked at 1.25 million tonnes in the early 20th century.

Shane described technological developments from the time when shallow shafts were worked using ladders for access and manpowered windlasses or a horse gin for raising coal to the surface. Sloping adits were dug to drain mine water wherever an above-ground outlet was possible. Early pumps were often hand- or horse-driven. From the 17th century water wheels are recorded in Somerset driving more complex pumping machinery and in the 18th century steam powered pumping engines were introduced.

Deeper shafts with more extensive workings required measures to improve ventilation, both to provide fresh air for miners to breathe and to vent noxious gases such as firedamp (methane), carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ideally a second shaft would be connected to the first via the underground workings, whereby fresh air could be drawn down the downcast shaft and exhausted through the upcast shaft. Circulation was achieved by means of a furnace at the foot of the upcast shaft. In the absence of a second shaft, the mine's single shaft was divided in two using timber brattices to create a rudimentary upcast/downcast means of providing essential ventilation.

Initially steam power had been used only to drive pumping engines. The invention of cranks and flywheels to convert reciprocating motion of the steam piston to rotary motion enabled steam powered winding to be adopted. Eventually ventilation too was improved using rotary powered fans drawing air up the upcast shaft, removing the need for hazardous furnaces below ground.

By 1968, only Lower Writhlington and Kilmersdon pits remained in operation. The last production shift in a Somerset mine reached the surface at Lower Writhlington on 28 September 1973.

Finally, a footnote on Shoscombe Colliery, very little of which remains as much of its site was disturbed by the construction of the S&D Railway. The pit is believed to have had a single shaft, and a steam engine driving the winding engine and pump rods. The foundations of the engine house survive close to the abandoned railway line, now the Collier's Way cycling and walking path, approximately 250m east of the old railway overbridge at Writhlington bottom at Grid ref ST 708 555.

Shane's illustrated talk provoked considerable interest and was much appreciated. For those whose interest has been whetted by his talk, copies of Shane's book "The Somerset Coalfield", published by Somerset Industrial Archaeological Society in 1999, ISBN 0 9533539 0 7, are available for purchase at Radstock Museum.



**Shoscombe
Climate and Nature Group**

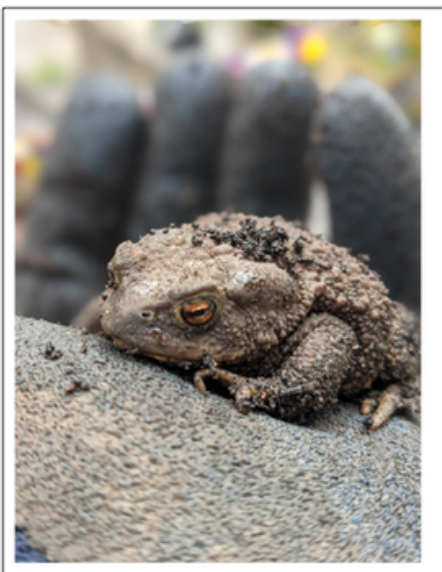


To get in touch with the SCAN Group, email: hello@shoscombeclimateandnaturegroup.co.uk

PHOTO COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered our photo competition with the theme of "The Natural World in Shoscombe". We had lots of fantastic entries.

All the photos were displayed in the Village Hall at two Voting Cafes, and residents chose their favourites while they enjoyed their cuppa and cake.
Thank you to all those that baked cakes and supported!



The winners of the three categories are:

- 11 years and Under: Siân Stringer, Age 10 "Ducklings"
- 12 – 16 Years: Wilson Stringer, Age 12 "Morning Deer"
- Adult: Joanna Morris "Common Toad"

Huge congratulations to Siân, Wilson and Joanna!



Terracycle

The November Terracycle dates are **24th and 26th November**.

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.

N.B. There's no collection in December so make sure to take all your recycling this month!



Bonfire Night

Don't forget our wildlife this Bonfire Night. Here's RSPB wildlife adviser Richard James' advice:

"If possible, try to have a bonfire and fireworks display without upsetting the wildlife that lives you. Take a look around, note where any nest boxes, thick trees and bushes are that could be a winter shelter for birds. Then try and pick a spot away from them. If you've been gradually building a bonfire for a while, carefully check that any hedgehogs haven't moved in!"



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Peasedown St John - Peasedown Methodist Church, BA2 8DL - 26th November

Farmborough - Memorial Hall, Little Lane, BA2 0AH - 12th November

High Littleton - Holy Trinity Church Hall, BS39 6HG - 5 November

All Repair Cafés run on Saturdays, 10am-1pm. Drop in before 12.30pm to ensure a repairer can check your item!

Also, the Repair Café team is actively looking for new volunteers to bake cakes, serve refreshments, help out with admin and fix things.

To get in touch: email hello@shareandrepair.org.uk or phone 07486 518197

Souper Tuesday

Souper Tuesday are delighted to welcome back the children from Shoscombe School this academic term.

The children with their Teaching Assistants have enthusiastically joined in with the villagers, tried new home made soups (so much so that one young lad asked for the recipe to try at home!), tried their best to answer the quizzes and have particularly enjoyed the varied home made cakes.

I personally wish to compliment the children on their willingness to join in with conversations with the villagers who attend Souper Tuesday and their politeness in thanking everyone for their lunch. They have all been a real credit to Shoscombe School and their assistants who attend!

We look forward to many more lively lunches with the children in the future.



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 for bookings and enquiries

Suzanne Fiddes SVH Bookings Secretary

Our Village Hall fixed rate energy contract comes to an end next month so we are regretfully having to put our rates up from October 1 as follows:

- Hourly Rate. £10
- Children's Party, including use of PA and outside space £50
- Day Rate 9.00 am - 6.00 pm. £90
- Evening Party 5.30pm - midnight £100
- Use of recreation ground including outside electricity £25 per half day
- Wedding receptions e.g. midday Friday - Midday Sunday. £400
- * Damages deposits remain the same, i.e. £50 - £150 depending on event

Village Hall Bookings November 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1st November 10:00 - 12:00 Table Tennis	2nd November 10:00 - 12:30 Flower Arranging Class 19:30 - 20:30 Pilates Class	3rd November	4th November 15:00 - 17:00 Village Hall Cleaning	5th November 09:00 - 10:00 Pilates Class	6th November 15:30 - 17:30 Terry Hill Rehearsal
7th November 18:00 - 20:00 Dog Training Classes	8th November 10:00 - 12:00 Table Tennis 12:30 - 14:30 Souper Tuesday	9th November 19:30 - 20:30 Pilates Class	10th November 19:00 - 22:00 Shoscombe History Group AGM	11th November 15:00 - 17:00 Village Hall Cleaning	12th November 08:00 - 10:00 Pilates Class 12:00 - 00:00 Private Booking	13th November 09:00 - 18:00 Private Booking
14th November 18:00 - 20:00 Dog Training Classes	15th November 10:00 - 12:00 Table Tennis	16th November 10:00 - 12:30 Flower Arranging Class 19:30 - 20:30 Pilates Class	17th November 19:00 - 22:00 Parish Council Meeting	18th November 15:00 - 17:00 Village Hall Cleaning 19:30 - 22:00 Jazz Jam	19th November 08:00 - 10:00 Pilates Class	20th November 15:30 - 17:30 Terry Hill Rehearsal
21st November 18:00 - 20:00 Dog Training Classes	22nd November 10:00 - 12:00 Table Tennis	23rd November 19:30 - 20:30 Pilates Class	24th November	25th November 15:00 - 17:00 Village Hall Cleaning	26th November 09:00 - 10:00 Pilates Class 15:30 - 17:30 Sax Choir	27th November 09:00 - 17:00 Private Booking
Can you help the Shoscombe Village Hall Committee?				28th November 18:00 - 20:00 Dog Training Classes	29th November 10:00 - 12:00 Table Tennis	30th November 10:00 - 13:30 Flower Arranging Class 19:30 - 20:30 Pilates Class



We want to capture the ideas and expertise that exists within our community to address an ongoing challenge!

Following recent improvements to the Hall, and in order to improve the space outside the hall entrance to create a more welcoming and attractive area, we need to resolve the problems caused by run-off from the car park. Rain washes silt and mud downhill, blocking the drain and leaving a muddy pool outside the hall. The mud is walked into the hall and damp creeps into the foundations.

How can we improve the appearance of the hall and solve the drainage problem?

All thoughts & suggestions are welcome – please email me if you can help:
rinarichards@yahoo.co.uk



Very many thanks for your ongoing support and generosity.
Please choose items from the list only. Thank you.

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Sponge puddings
Spaghetti (tinned)
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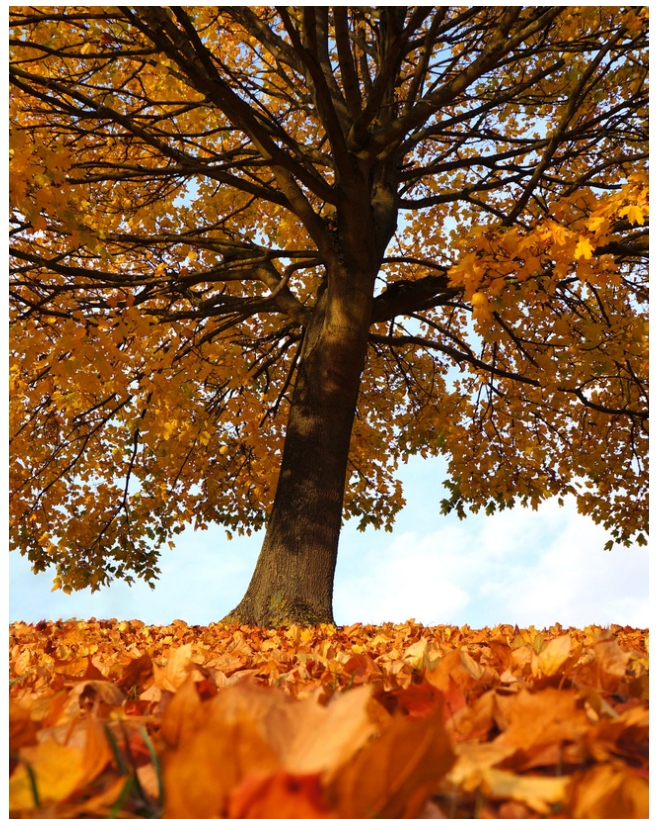
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