

New Names, New Projects

IT'S that time of the year. With my Shoreham Society Treasurer's hat on it is time to do the end-of-year accounts. Part of this is to list the cheques that have been paid to the Society and this year there has been two notable things.

One is the generous amount of donations that members have given – thank you – and the other the number of new names on the cheques and bank statements. This means new members to the Shoreham Society! Hurray.

As I've said before in these pages, a society like ours only survives by the work of its members and now is your chance to do more by joining the Executive Committee. To put it bluntly the current committee have been in post for far too long and although we have spent the last two years making links with other community groups in Shoreham we could do with some fresh blood to maintain the momentum.

The website, visited by over a thousand people each month, needs revamping and put on to a more modern 'platform' so if you are a keen communicator and familiar with twitter, facebook and other social media, Ray Chandler our webmaster would love to hear from you.

The talks programme is a key part of the social activities of the Shoreham Society and we need more help in arranging the talks programme, promoting them and running the events on the nights. It's an interesting role but does need a commitment for 10 events a

PLAQUE FOR REG LEGGETT

We want a Blue Plaque to go on Tile Cottage in Middle Street where Reg used to live. We have contacted Reg's niece, Sandi Marchant, and come up with an amicable solution and wording. So it just remains to track down a 'celebrity' to unveil the plaque this summer. Watch this space!

Talks & events

All in St Peter's Hall, West Street, Shoreham BN43 5WG at 7.30pm. Members £2, guests £3 (except AGM)



Friday 17th May at 7.30pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Details overleaf, and afterwards: **Kevin Boram**.
Tea, coffee, bar open, free nibbles.

Friday 21st June at 7.30pm

PLASTIC-FREE SHOREHAM?

Well not exactly **all** plastic, because it's far too useful. But single-use plastic, the 'disposable' stuff and how we can adjust our habits to stop messing up the environment and the oceans. Speaker tbc.

Friday 19th July at 7.30pm

FRIENDS AGAINST SCAMS

How much do we know about internet and telephone scams? **Jacob Watts** of NatWest Bank explores the 'Friends Against Scams' initiative (led by National Trading Standards) and how the criminals behind the scams work. Then what to look out for and how to protect yourself.

August – no meeting

Friday 20th September at 7.30pm

SHOREHAM PORT

Trevor Povey has agreed to repeat the sell-out talk he gave at the Ropetackle earlier this year. (STOP PRESS: *printed version of NewsSheet says he cannot, but he now CAN*). NB. *We need a new Events Organiser; could it be you?*

year. If you are interested have a chat to Jenny or Adrian Towler.

With the increase of development in the Adur Area there are more and more planning applications to review and comment on. The Shoreham Society is seen by developers as a key consultee when it comes to commenting on large developments. If this interests you let us know.

The Shoreham Society is thriving. We have taken on board the suggestion that people can become members online and 12 people have done this in the last year. We have joined with AREA (Adur Residents' Environmental Action group) to highlight the problems of air pollution in Shoreham and Adur and worked to consult with Councillors on how we can improve the air quality in the area.

In addition to this end Bea Huerdo has put together a diverse group of people from the Shoreham area and we are working on a project called **Shoreham Living Streets**. This was essentially set up to answer the question, did the Shoreham Society have a stated view on the amount of parking offered in new developments? It then morphed into a series of workshops looking at how changing ways of travel could improve how residents use the town centre and parking spaces. It's still very much a work in progress but there are representatives from across the age demographics, motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, the able-bodied, the disabled, the motor-scooter users and those who push prams. In addition to those who design and build our town centres. The workshop findings will be passed on to the relevant Councils.

There are currently concerns over the future of Shoreham Airport and we have a small group working on this who are going through mountains of

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HERITAGE WEEKEND

The website for this is now open, and we had hoped to register Shoreham for September 14th & 15th, with a few interesting properties open to the public and even (possibly) St. Mary de Haura church tower also open (subject to safety requirements). However, no help has been forthcoming from the membership and the Committee has not got the capacity to take this on as well as covering for the other Committee vacancies. So it looks unlikely this year.

Instead we are considering a Community Day on Saturday 14th September, involving various groups, to promote Shoreham-by-Tree, as mentioned overleaf. Contact Gerard or Jenny Towler: jenny.towler@macdream.net if you want to get involved.

REPLY COUPON - We've put our regular Members' Survey on hold for the moment – please come to the AGM to give your opinions. There wasn't much response to the last one but maybe the issue wasn't emotive enough.

paper to establish what is exactly happening and meeting with various 'stakeholders'. So it is all go at the moment and an exciting time to be part of the Shoreham Society.

Jenny Towler

NOTICE:

The Society AGM is on Friday 17 May

at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church Hall. No admission charge for Members. Tea and coffee available and the bar will be open. Nibbles provided.

Most of the current Committee Members are willing to stand again but we have vacancies for a Minutes Secretary, an Events Officer and an independent examiner to review our accounts for 2019-2020.

The Committee are as listed at ⊗ below.

The advertised film *Sell-Off* about the stealth privatisation of the NHS will not be shown (*because it was shown at short notice in January – ed.*) but if you want to borrow the DVD and watch it at home let us know.

Instead **Kevin Boram**, West Sussex County Councillor for Shoreham South, will talk about plans for Pond Road, proposed parking initiatives and will be taking questions from the membership.

Kevin is a Chartered Accountant with over 20 years' experience of developing major strategy projects for a large energy company. He has, for twelve years, been a school governor for a primary and special needs school. Kevin is a member of the local Rotary Club and is an Adur District Councillor for Buckingham Ward.

The AGM agenda

1. Welcome - Jenny Towler
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the 2018 AGM and Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report - Gerard Rosenberg
5. Campaign Report - Adrian Towler
6. Treasurer's Report - Jenny Towler
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner - Jenny Towler
8. Election of Officers & Committee - Jenny Towler
 - ⊗ The following are willing to stand again but there are two official vacancies
 - Chairman - Gerard Rosenberg
 - Vice-Chairman - Jenny Towler
 - Secretary - *Vacant*
 - Membership Secretary - Phil Hamerton
 - Events Officer - *Vacant*
 - Web-Master (Publicity) - Ray Chandler
 - Treasurer - Jenny Towler
 - Journal - Adrian Towler
9. **Interval:** tea, coffee; the bar is open.
10. **Kevin Boram** on Shoreham, followed by Q&A.

SMALL ADS

We don't normally do this but we have some lovely offers for you at present...

FREE DIGITAL PROJECTOR (Videoseven PD480C)

We've bought a new (well, secondhand) brighter digital projector for the Society and the old one is free to any Member who would like it. It needs a new bulb, which are available on e-bay, but then it should do years of service in your home etc. It's a project! Contact Adrian on 01273 463096

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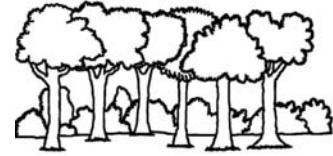
A two-bedroom flat in central Shoreham will be available in a few months' time, when it has been redecorated and recarpeted throughout. If you know someone who might be interested, contact Jenny on 01273 463096.

STATIONERY SHOP

Don't buy another pen, pad or accounts ledger if you are coming to the AGM on May 17th, because we'll be having a stationery sale with proceeds to the Society (stationery is the opposite of pop-up – *bad joke!*) Greeting cards, envelopes, writing paper, notebooks, all sorts. Maybe a few books too.

Report Back on Shoreham Guerilla Gardening

If you recall, the improving of Shoreham's "rather unloved looking open space" (*Journal 100*, p.14) was being organised by Denise Binks. Sadly, Denise has been ill so was unable to continue. Street Trees ('Tree Spree') is still romping ahead, being organised by Gerard and Jane Rosenberg and others. Contact Gerard on: gerardrosenberg47@gmail.com if you want to get involved.



The Secret Subway of Shoreham

We have recently bought a flat much closer to the station level crossing so it has renewed my interest in having a subway there. Regulars will know that the 'secret subway' was built for pedestrians to cross the tracks when the gates were closed but British Rail cut it off and people were so mesmerised by the brilliant new light-flashing, electrically-operated automatic barriers, they didn't notice.

However, later on, when the barriers began to be closed for long periods, people began to ask, "What happened to that subway we used to have?" and Network Rail replied,

"What subway? It's only for rail passengers to use".

"But aren't we allowed to get into it too?"

"No, there's no way you can. In fact, are you *sure* you used to use it? It was for passengers to get between platforms. You must be mistaken about pedestrians using it."

"But surely, you can see the remains of the old roof to the street? The steps must be behind that metal panel –"

"Ssh, that's a secret, don't tell anyone or they'll all be wanting to get in. *Keep it a secret, just between us.*"

And they did, although rather reluctantly, standing in the rain and gritting their teeth.

I have also taken heart from what seems to be a recent change of attitude by Network Rail (they do have a new Chief Executive!).

The Argus reported on March 21st that there would be 'train chaos' as B&H Albion supporters tried to get to Wembley for the semi-final against Manchester City, due to planned engineering works that weekend.

"There were no plans to move the rail works. The company said: Engineering works are planned months in advance and are a big logical undertaking. Rescheduling works requires other weekend works being moved... we are talking with the club and Network Rail about how we can enhance travel options for fans..."

But no! Lo and behold, the works WERE rescheduled, and the trains ran as normal that weekend! Well done Network Rail. How customer-friendly is that? *There is hope for Shoreham yet.*

Adrian Towler