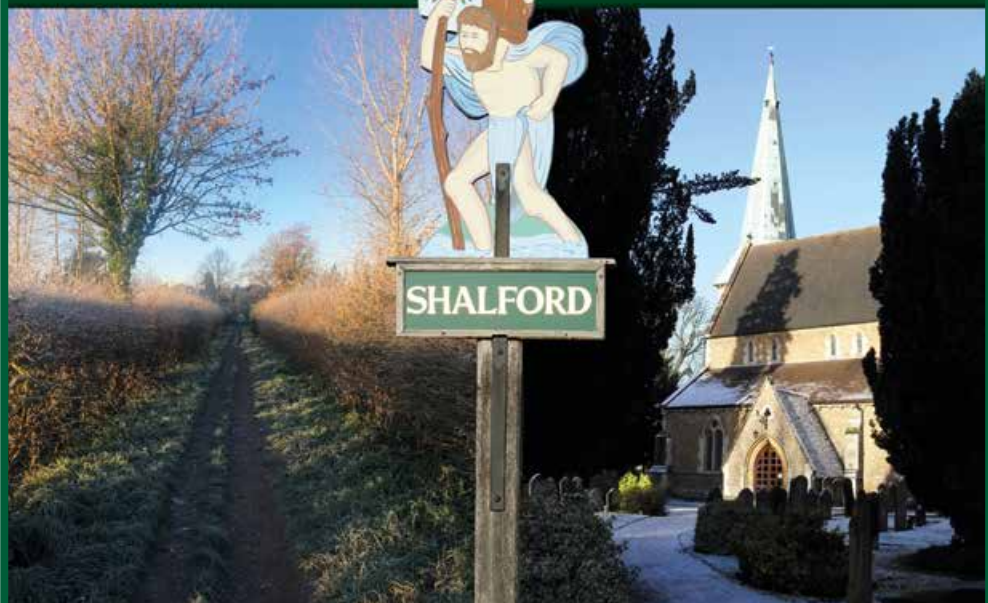




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Introducing the new

Shalford, Chilworth & Peasmarsh Climate Action Group

I've lived in villages most of my life. Some more rural than others. So, what makes a village a village, apart from the WI, the Church, and the café and pub? In very pragmatic terms it means there is rather more space, in terms of lanes, grass, trees and roads than people and building when compared to a town or a city. We are a bit less efficient than a city because of this: the same council tax produces less budget for the area for example. We need to travel further to find the same services, and we get fewer buses and they carry fewer people.

This is why villages and villagers behave the way they do. We are more self-starting. We don't just complain about litter: we pick it up and bin it. We carry secateurs around to clear brambles from stiles, we sweep the pavement (if we have one), outside our houses. We even inspect the roads and report potholes, as no-one from the council is driving around all year looking for them, because that isn't much of a job anyway, even if we could afford it.

It's time to celebrate the people who take these small actions. You are not unseen, or alone, or unwanted; you are appreciated by many people who live here. It is now a time when small actions may need to be joined by larger ones. The Climate Crisis has set a challenge in all aspects of life. The transition to a green economy is already moving and can be disconcerting as the rate of change is so fast: electric cars and buses, tree-planting activities and action on single-use items and food waste are part of a bigger shift that affects all of us. It is also a good thing, when we get access to better and cheaper technology, or reduce pollution. Many of the changes will be positive and make life better over time, in the way gas heating in London eliminated smog and dirt in the 20th century. As a village we need to bring our self-starting and self-managing skills to this problem as well. We can work on this individually or as a group, whatever suits each of us.

One initiative is the Shalford, Chilworth and Peasmarsh Climate Action Group that started at the end of last year. Action is the central principle of the group, to identify what we can do to both mitigate the effects of climate change locally and survive and thrive as we change to cleaner energy and cars, warmer houses and new transport options. We also expect to enjoy working together and have some fun while we do it. The group has big plans, and as Net Zero depends on reducing the use of fossil fuels in homes and transport, SCPCAG is currently working on several options for group purchases of insulation and solar panels, and considering heat pumps and even direct energy purchases to get cheaper electricity.

We have been finding and sharing information on green banking and investment, which can be a major action to support the transition, as well as locating sources of funding. We are involved in local water sampling and countryside restoration; we are

lobbying the relevant authorities to get the local cycle routes cleaned and mended; and we are looking at the local speed limits, '20 IS Plenty!' and other initiatives to reduce pollution. Other initiatives include making connections to other groups and sharing expertise.

The group is open to anyone who has skills, energy or ideas to contribute, and we meet monthly and take action whenever we can. Our details are published in this magazine (see P20) and on the Community Council website, so please get in touch. The transition to green energy and a low carbon economy will happen. Climate Change mitigation will affect all aspects of our lives, changing the way we live. We want to invite you to learn about it, work on it and get access to some of the interesting new technologies.

If we ask ourselves again why a village has a WI and a Church, and a café and pub, it's because the people who live here, and enjoy spending time with each other need these places to meet up, and plan the next big thing, and nothing is bigger than the Climate Crisis.

Maddy Evans, on behalf of SCP Climate Action Group

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23RD

Details of Speakers and Themes to follow
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6-8pm Tuesday 23rd May 2023
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Community Council Annual meeting: the annual meeting will be held on Thursday 16th March in Shalford Village Upper Hall at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served from 7.15pm. This is a meeting for the residents of our Community Council area, not our regular monthly meeting. There will be a Chairman's report for 2022/23 and the chance to speak to council members in a more informal environment than our monthly meetings. Our borough and county councils will be there if other commitments permit. We hope that members of the recently formed Climate Change Action Group will also be there to talk about what they have been doing so far and to encourage more residents to get involved. We would also like to encourage anyone who might be interested in joining the Community Council at the May elections to come along and find out more about the role, supporting the local community (see below for more details)

Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean Up: our regular local litter pick and clean up mornings will be back on Sunday 26th March starting at 10.00am by the Swift Tower in support of this campaign. Please come along and support this event. We have litter picking equipment, bin bags and everything you need to take part, but if you have your own please bring that along too. More details are available on our website about this event.

Smith's Charity Shalford: you will see details of the Smith's Charity elsewhere in this magazine. We have a small pot of money to help particularly older people, but also anyone in our community who is experiencing hardship. There will be much demand this year but if you need support or know of anyone else who might please contact us in confidence to discuss your situation.

Congestion on local roads: Shalford in particular has been badly affected by large numbers of road closures and temporary traffic lights since the start of the year. At the time of writing Broadford Road has been closed for a few days with the likelihood of temporary traffic lights remaining there for up to six weeks. Surrey CC is very aware of the problems locally, some caused by the very cold weather earlier in the year delaying major projects, and some beyond their control due to gas and water leaks. We are regularly in touch with SCC who are trying to get these closures finished as quickly as possible. The main diversion for Shalford, although long, is through Guildford. Trunley Heath Road is not a suitable diversion for Broadford Road as many of you will have experienced over the last week so whenever possible please use the advertised safer diversion for your journey, even if it will take a little longer

Local Elections: local elections will be held on 4th May when all our Community Councillors as well as our Guildford BC councillors need to stand for re-election or be

replaced with new candidates. We are always on the lookout for new blood to support the council from people who know about your own villages and who are interested in helping to make these a better place to live. No specific skills are needed other than a willingness to give some of your time to regular meetings and a desire to help improve where you live. A change to the arrangements for voting this year means that everyone will need to provide suitable photo ID if you wish to vote. Please make sure you have the right paperwork, and that you are registered with GBC to vote. Details are available at www.guildford.gov.uk/article/26645/

If you would like to know more about the role of a Community Councillor please do get in touch with Nuala, our Clerk. clerk@shalfordpc.org.uk or 01483 579702

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The Trustees will be distributing this year's Grant to the Parish soon and would welcome contact from anyone in need of support as a result of the pandemic or just general hardship.

Any person who believes they would be eligible for support, or anyone who knows of someone who is eligible is invited to contact one of the trustees or the Clerk to Shalford Parish Council in complete confidence and for further information.

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Wey & Arun Canal Trust celebrates 50th anniversary

One of the top leading waterways charities, The Wey & Arun Canal Trust, is celebrating 50 years of restoring the 23-mile abandoned canals in Surrey and Sussex.

The Canal Trust will be marking reaching their special milestone with a gala craft rally event for small boats at Loxwood, West Sussex, on Saturday 22 April. Canoers, kayakers and paddleboarders are all invited to donate £5 and to register for the event by visiting weyarun.org.uk

The Canal Trust also will be holding a sponsored walk, the 50th Poddle, on Sunday 4 June. The Poddle will take place around Petworth, the home of the 3rd Earl of Egremont who was the driving force behind the building of the Wey & Arun Junction Canal.

John Reynolds, the Wey and Arun Canal Trust's Boat Operations Director, said, "Please put both dates in your diaries! We're looking forward to welcoming everyone to our celebrations and having some fun on the canal."

The Wey & Arun Canal Trust was first established on 5 February 1973, replacing the former Society founded in 1970. The Canal Trust is restoring the canal, built 200 years ago, between the Rivers Wey and Arun, recreating the direct water link between London and the South Coast. The charity was formed in 1973, and membership is now over 3,000, placing it in the top two voluntary canal restoration bodies in the UK.

To date 11 locks, 24 bridges and two aqueducts have been restored or rebuilt, and over half of the canal has been cleared of vegetation. There is a 3-mile fully navigable section centred on Loxwood along which the Trust runs boat trips throughout the year. Around 10,000 passengers each year are carried on scheduled and charter boat trips and in addition the canal is enjoyed by kayakers and paddleboarders.

To find out more and to register for the event, please go to weyarun.org.uk

Event location: Loxwood Canal Centre, The wharf behind the Onslow Arms, High Street, Loxwood, Billingshurst, RH14 ORD

Since this is a special day, please note that the day licence fee is also applicable to BCU members.

The event start time is 10am.
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Piggy in the Middle

This recipe is a family favourite and is pan easy and tasty all-in-one dish particularly liked by sausage lovers.

Ingredients (for 4 people)

8 tasty pork sausages (not chipolatas)
3 small red onions (sliced into chunks)
1 red pepper (deseeded and sliced)
1 yellow pepper (deseeded and sliced)
300g cherry tomatoes (halved)
6 whole garlic cloves (peeled)
2 sprigs of rosemary (optional)
Olive oil (hint of)
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
1 chicken stock cube (or chicken granules)
300ml boiling water
1 tsp mixed herbs
2 tsp whole grain mustard
2x 400g cans butter beans (drained)

Method

Preheat the oven to 200C / Gas7

Put the onions, tomatoes, garlic and rosemary into a deep baking tray. Sprinkle with a little olive oil and stir.

Prick the sausages and place in the middle of the baking tray with the vegetables around the outside. Pour the balsamic vinegar over the sausages and any remaining over the vegetables.

Place in the oven and roast for 20 minutes or until the sausages are browned on one side.

While the sausages and vegetables are cooking, add the chicken stock cube to the boiling water and stir in mixed herbs and mustard and drain the butter beans.

When the sausages are browned add the butter beans to the baking tray and pour over the stock and herb mixture.

Stir everything and turn the sausages over and roast for another 20 minutes or until the sausages are browned on the second side.

The piggy in the middle dish is then ready to serve.

Karen Summers



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Bellringing – Come and join us!

After Covid, ringing only really got back to normal about a year ago and by this time, some ringers were nervous about returning to a group activity in a small enclosed space, others had lost upper body strength in the intervening couple of years and others had simply found other things to do in their spare time.

As a result, the country as a whole is several thousand bell ringers short with many towers unable to ring all their bells on a Sunday, and some not at all. We don't only ring on practice nights and for regular church services, weddings and funerals, but also to commemorate important events.

On the death of Her Majesty the Queen last September, ringing protocols which had not been used for 70 years were instigated, and fully muffled ringing, which is only performed on the death of a sovereign was heard throughout the country and, of course, in May we have another unprecedented opportunity - to ring for the Coronation of King Charles III.



Some of you may have seen the notice in the church porch with the "Ring for the King" logo. This is a nationwide initiative by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to recruit new ringers. Anyone who starts to learn now will be able to join us in celebratory ringing for this event. You don't have to be super-strong or musical to learn to ring. If you are over the age of 11, can climb a spiral staircase

and raise your arms above your head repeatedly, you can learn.

Ringling is a great mind and upper body workout, far cheaper than going to the gym, in fact it's almost free! It's a terrific social activity too and a great way to meet new friends of all ages. More often than not, there is a visit to the pub afterwards, as ringing is very thirsty work! Ringling is so inclusive and sociable that you can visit almost any tower in the country and be made welcome at a practice or service ringing. Fellow ringers are very supportive and friendly – we were all beginners once!

Sally's article in the December/January issue of the Shalford Magazine certainly sparked some interest and we currently have three new recruits, learning from scratch. One of them is already participating in Sunday service ringing after only a few weeks and the other two are not far behind.

Of course, there is always the possibility that someone reading this may have learned to ring many years ago and stopped when other things in life got in the way. This is just what happened to me. I first learned to ring in my mid-teens, stopped after a few years, started again in my 30s and rang for a few more years, until domestic priorities intervened. Five years ago, an advert in a local magazine prompted me to take up ringing again after an absence of over 30 years. Much to my surprise, I still remembered the basics of how to handle a bell and long forgotten memories of change ringing soon resurfaced. So – if you are a lapsed ringer and think you might like to give it another try – don't hesitate. You will be welcomed as a "ready-made" ringer.

We are fortunate to have an active, enthusiastic and very friendly band of ringers at Shalford, but there is always room for more, so if you are interested, please contact Sally Schupke, Tower Captain 07771 923368. We practise every Monday from 8.00 – 9.30 p.m. – if you live close to the Church, you've probably heard us!

Anne Nixon

Life Events from the Registers - January -February

Baptisms:

Luna Brookes – 22nd January

Grace Gundersen – 5th February

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Funerals:

Michael Hopwood – 19th January

Bryan Geoffrey Wetherall – 9th February

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10-12.30 Women's Fellowship Group; 5.30pm Shalford Brownies; 6.45pm Shalford Guides
 Every Wednesday: **3Cs Community Cafe 10-11.30am; 12 noon Quiet Holy Communion;**
6.30pm Pilates. Thursdays & Fridays less frequent group bookings including U3A Latin.

- 1st Sunday 5th March 10am Parish Eucharist** (high altar, choir anthem)
 Wed 8th 12 noon Midweek Holy Communion
 Thursday 9th Tillingbourne School church visit
- 2nd Sunday 12th March 8am Quiet Holy Communion** (no 10am service today)
6pm Choral Evensong with Cathedral Boy Choristers
 Wed 15th 12 noon Midweek Holy Communion
 Thursday 16th 7.30pm Shalford PCC Meeting
- 3rd Sunday 19th March 10am MOTHERING SUNDAY 2nd Sunday All Ages Cafe Church**
 Wed 22nd 12 noon Midweek Holy Communion
- 4th Sunday 26th March 10am Parish Communion**
 8am Holy Communion (BCP) with coffee
 Baptism
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Please get in touch with the vicar Rev'd Sarah for informal chat: 01483 565012 vicar.shalford@icloud.com
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Shalford, Chilworth & Peasmarsh Climate Action Group

Co-ordinators: Bex Bolland and Maddy Evans

We welcome new members. To contact the group please message us via: SClimateAction@gmail.com or speak to a member. We are organised into four working groups that work on different areas:

<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Contact: Richard Eldridge</p> <p>Look at the way financial decisions may contribute to the climate crisis and share information on how to take action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Green banking ➤ Green investing ➤ Sources of Funding <p>Current Projects in progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sheets on banking • Maintaining a list of funding sources 	<p>ENERGY</p> <p>Contact: Paul Lomax</p> <p>Provide access to advice and case studies in the village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Domestic energy saving ➤ Solar generation ➤ Group purchase schemes ➤ Local community buildings <p>Current Projects in progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk insulation purchasing • Village scale renewable energy contracts • Solar Schemes for local buildings
<p>TRANSPORT</p> <p>Contact: Mike Dent</p> <p>Work for sustainable transport solutions for everyone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists ➤ Improving air quality ➤ Promote better public transport <p>Current Projects in progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 is Plenty • Road sign audit • Liaise with GBC and SCC on current transport initiatives 	<p>FOOD WATER and ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Contact: TBC</p> <p>Improve the natural environment locally and support sustainable food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Water quality for swimming and other uses ➤ Rewilding and tree planting ➤ Reducing food waste <p>Current Projects in progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality monitoring on the Tillingbourne and Wey • Reducing food waste through a community pantry, and supporting food banks • Supporting tree planting and biodiversity initiatives with Thames Water and others

“Responding to climate change by taking action to make our community resilient during the transition to a cleaner, healthier and safer future”

Traidcraft plc goes into administration

Traidcraft, the fair trade pioneer and our close partner for many years, is going into administration. Many of you will have supported Traidcraft for years and do not need me to tell you that today marks a huge loss. After an exceptionally difficult few years, one of the founders of the trade justice movement is closing its doors. Since 1979 Traidcraft has reimagined the relationships between producers and consumers, putting justice at the heart of trade. It's no exaggeration to say that the fair trade movement as we know it would not exist without Traidcraft.

But what now?

In 2018 Traidcraft and Transform Trade (then called Traidcraft Exchange), split into two completely separate organisations.

When we changed our name to Transform Trade in 2022, Richard Adams, the founder of Traidcraft said *“Transform Trade have picked up the baton with their new strategy and name... the work is not done yet.”*

We didn't realise at the time just how relevant those words would be, only a few months down the line. Together, we must pick up the baton. The good work that Traidcraft has done over the years will not disappear. Instead it must be built upon. Our mission is to transform trade so that everybody benefits. As we continue this work, our focus right now is on two things.

1. Supporting producers

Over the years, Traidcraft did incredible work with smaller producer groups - helping them find a route to market where no one else could. We're working on plans to expand our work supporting small groups of artisans and farmers, like those Traidcraft was originally set up to help, in order to fill the gap they leave behind.

2. The system

Trading ethically within a system that is unjust is always going to be difficult - especially during a cost of living crisis. From the start, the odds were stacked against Traidcraft. Our campaigning and advocacy work aims to level the playing field by demanding change to the entire trading system. We've shown in the past that it can be done, but we must press on with renewed energy.

The good work that Traidcraft pioneered cannot and will not be undone. We are committed to transforming trade - and I am so grateful that you stand with us.

Transform Trade CEO, Charlotte Timson

Sue Knight and Sue Wilbraham began Fairtrading in churches and around the Guildford area in the early 1980s and have received much support from local people.

There will be a last Traidcraft stall at St Mary's on Sunday 5th March, which is in Fairtrade Fortnight.

With thanks, Sue & Sue - Fairtraders

Community Matters

Some of the various services available to those in our parish and beyond through Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council and Guildford Town Chaplaincy.

Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy offer a free service of trained volunteers to support adults (18+) who face loneliness and isolation due to: bereavement, physical illness, loss of confidence, facing change, mental illness, disability, being a carer, difficult personal circumstances.

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Compiled by The Pastoral Care and Social Team. More Information next month.

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Conservation Update

Snares are the indiscriminate killers of the African bush and painted dogs are increasingly falling victim to these brutal traps. Sadly, snaring in the Hwange National Park, in Zimbabwe, is on the rise and in the last few weeks, the same three adults from the Mpindothela pack have been trapped a total of five times! Luckily, our teams on the ground have been on hand to save the lives of these majestic animals, but with one dog being snared each week, we need your help to continue supporting their protection.

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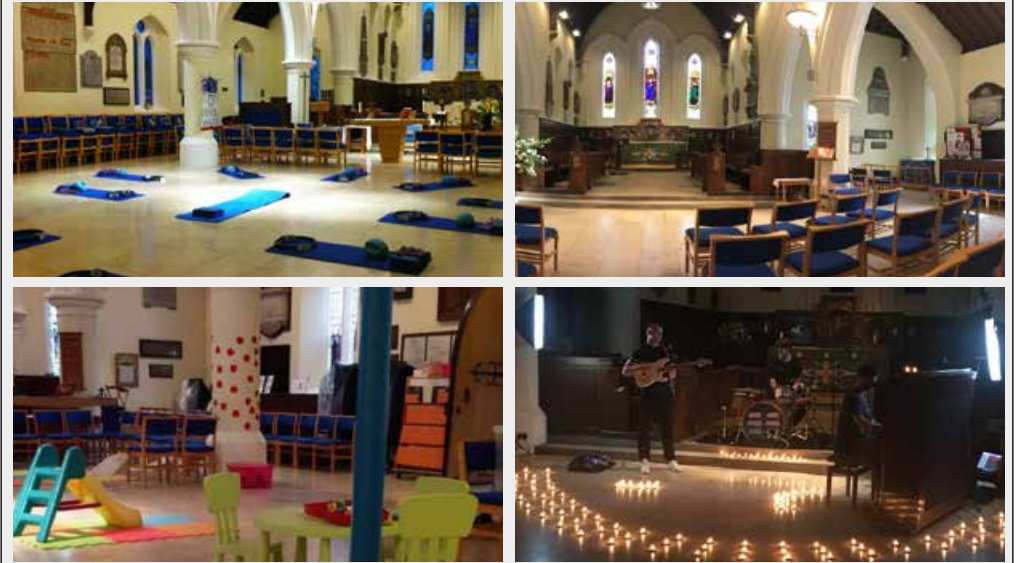
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Who remembers the figure of a woman peeping round a curtain, placed in an upstairs window? She disappeared in the makeover of 1997. Twenty-six years ago now,

this turned The Seahorse into more of a restaurant than a village pub. The new owners tried to change its historic name to the Wise Old Owl but a public outcry caused them to back down.

It is Shalford's oldest pub by a long way. The Sea Horse name was first recorded in 1789 but manor court rolls reveal that it was previously called The Mermaid. None of the proffered suggestions as to the origin of The Seahorse's name seem to hold water (Ha!) but there must have been a seafaring connection at some point. The Seahorse was never a coaching inn – too close to the Guildford inns – but it did have stables for the care of individual travellers' horses.

The Seahorse's current appearance dates from 1822 when the local landowner Henry Edmund Austen 'improved' the village to present a more-up-to-date Georgian appearance, rendering over the original timber framework of the buildings. The Seahorse was given new windows and new stables (where the entrance is now).

Under the beady eye of the local gentry nearby in Shalford House The Seahorse was a respectable place, scene of farm auctions and coroner's inquests. It had an assembly room upstairs for meetings. The village Friendly Society, the Brotherly Friendship, formed in 1793, used to meet there. (Members paid a shilling a month, and would receive sick pay if unable to work, and a payment on death.) Meetings of the lower orders were strictly supervised in those revolutionary times and the Society's rule book is annotated in the writing of the squire Robert Austen. Seditious talk, including speaking against the monarch and the Royal Family was forbidden. There was to be no drunkenness, swearing, fighting or challenging to duels. So remember to leave your sword at home next time you have lunch at the Seahorse!

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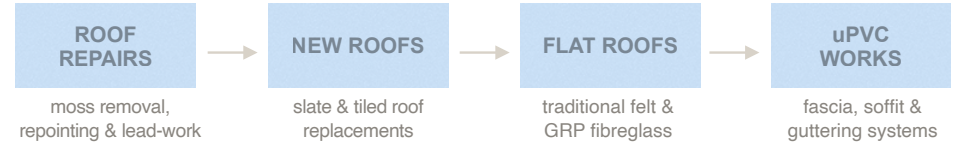
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