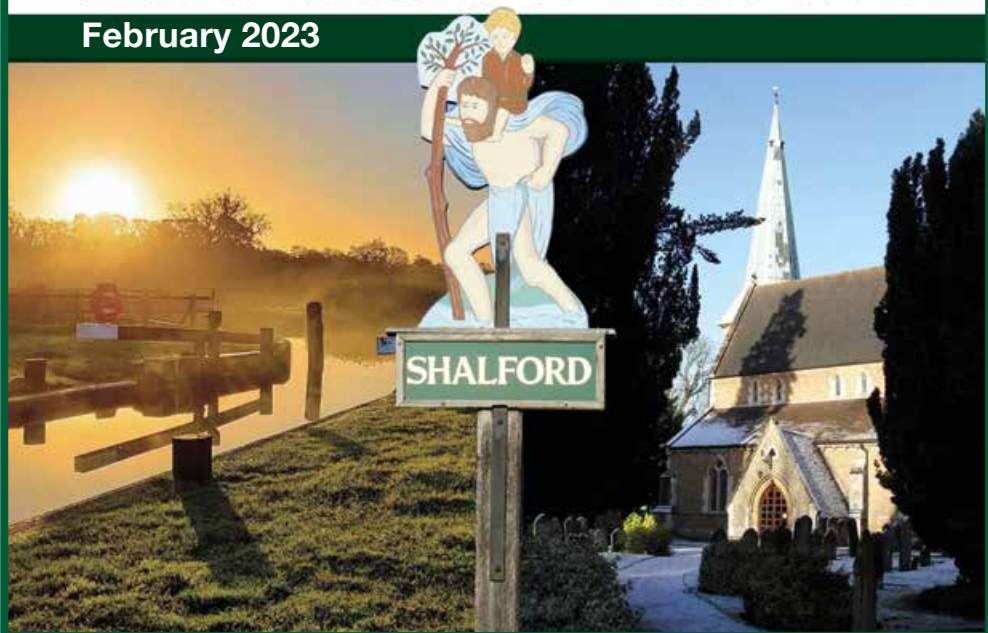




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Bishop Jo bids farewell to all in Shalford Parish

As I sail away for more distant shores in my new role as 'bishop to bishops' around the Anglican Communion, I want to thank you as my neighbours and friends in the parish of Shalford and Peasmarsh. Sarah describes me as the 'bishop of Shalford' and I love the sense of belonging you've extended to me as a local resident - even though I'm surely one of your most irregular attenders at St Mary's!

I was ever so touched by the delicious hamper of local goodies you presented to me on Christmas Day. It speaks of the creativity and generosity that marks this community. I shall never forget the buzz at events such as the Christmas market and the eco-evening. Do keep on planting trees - I shall barely be able to dream of that in central London! - and get ready to welcome whoever is my successor, likely to move into Pilgrims Way later this year.

With love - Bishop Jo





Buildings & Net Zero Carbon 2030 Target

We've already switched to 100% renewable electricity for all our buildings - St Mary's Church, Shalford Vicarage, St Michael's Church & Hall Peasmarsh. Great news at last on St Mary's gas heating - we've just switched to 100% Green Biogas with Crown Gas & Power (we hope to afford heat pump to replace gas boiler in St Mary's early 2024). The switch to full LED lighting in all our buildings is nearly there - just half the fittings in St Mary's Church still to be converted in 2023/4 (another c£15,000, so fundraising underway again)

Land & St Mary's Wild Churchyard Project

As spring springs, keep an eye on the new wildflower meadow area, planted with a specialist *Meadscape Pro* mix of carefully balanced seeds and specialist compost, supplied by *Wildflower Turf*, in Overton. Look out for new shoots too on the newly planted trees in St Mary's Churchyard. Sadly the large lime tree near the road has to be felled on 26th January due to disease and the danger of falling.

More eco news soon, along with the fantastic new evolution of the **Shalford Climate Action Group** - if you haven't heard of it or joined a meeting yet, just ask Community Council Clerk, Nuala, or Maddy or Bex for details of next meeting and come along.

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- July 9th** – Wild Worship
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Community Council Questionnaire: The questionnaire was delivered to all households with the last parish magazine and we are pleased with the number of responses to date. If you haven't completed your paper copy yet, you can still do so and put in the letter box at Shalford Village Hall until early February. Alternatively you can complete the questionnaire online through our website at www.shalford-pc.gov.uk We are really keen to hear your views to help us shape our work over the next four years after the local Elections on 4th May 2023.

Smith's Charity Shalford: You will see details of the Smith's Charity on page 9. 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.

Community Council Budget 2023-24: At the December meeting of the council, the draft budget for 2023-24 was reviewed and confirmed by the full Council. The Finance Committee of the Council had deliberated long and hard over priorities for the year ahead and how they might be funded, bearing in mind the cost-of-living crisis that everyone is experiencing, and the added pressures this has put on all our residents. There have been few increases across most budget areas which in effect means that our playgrounds, sports field, bus shelter and allotments have a reduction in the value of the money we have available to spend on them. With over 80 street lights within our boundaries and a reduction in government support from 1st April, like all of you we are facing a very significant increase in the cost of our electricity with to date, very little information to help us make an accurate decision about the level of funding we need. We have increased this part of our budget but are also looking at ways to save money here. An option is to follow the lead of Surrey CC and turn off street lights in residential roads between 1.00am and 5.00am, which would reduce the hours of electricity that we have to pay for. We would of course be interested to know your views of this proposal.

Local Elections: Next May local elections will be held 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 village and who are interested in helping to make the village 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. If you would like to know more about the role of a Community Councillor please get in touch with Nuala, our Clerk. Make sure you are registered with the Guildford Borough Council Electoral Role so that you can vote.

Climate Emergency: the Shalford Peasmarsh and Chilworth Climate Emergency Action Group (SPC Climate Action Group) is continuing to come up with ideas and initiatives to combat Climate Change. It has now established a steering group and has its own email address SClimateaction@gmail.com and has four clearly identified groups working on Energy, Transport, Finance and Food and Water The Action Group would welcome anybody interested in these topics to come to the next meeting or register with them for regular updates. If you are interested in the Energy or Finance aspects of Climate Change we would be particularly pleased to hear from you. The Community Council is continuing to host the meetings of what is already a very friendly and enthusiastic group with great ideas. Please do come along and join us if you can.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPORT

Are you suffering hardship as a result of the current cost of living crisis, or any other reason, or do you know anyone who is?

The Smith's Charity (Shalford) is able to assist those who are of low income, in poor health, require assistance with living at home or who are in receipt of benefits or family income support, and particularly those who have been affected financially by the current cost of living crisis.

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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Bell Ringing News

In her article in the November issue, Sally commented that one of the best things about being a bell-ringer is that it gives you the opportunity to visit other churches and ring their bells. A few weeks ago, some Shalford ringers and friends did just that. Eight of us drove northwards to St. Neots, allowing plenty of time for the usual delays on the M25 and other hazards of modern travel, thus ensuring that there were none. We had two new technological experiences en route - watching an electric car being charged and mastering the use of the computerised Costa coffee machine in the garage in the half hour this required. With plenty of time to spare before we could check in at our hotel, a few of us paid a visit to Huntingdon, a very pretty little town with some attractive Georgian buildings. Feeling in need of culture after an excellent lunch, we went to the Oliver Cromwell Museum. It is a small and fascinating place, with exhibits packed into what is left of a building, which used to house the old grammar school. The museum guides were delighted to see three visitors from Surrey, and very surprised to have another two a few minutes later - more of our party travelling separately.

Later, after a quick meal in a local pub in St. Neots, it was a short walk to the practice night at St. Mary's. This church has 10 bells, the heaviest bell being 29cwt and the ringing room being accessed by a climb up a spiral staircase of 60 or so steps. The seven local ringers were pleased to welcome six visitors, which meant that for once they were able to ring all 10 bells. Two of the locals joined us afterwards in The Ale Taster where all beers were £3.80 a pint (and no, that's not a typo!) Most of us spent the night at a local Premier Inn, and after breakfast, we set off for Little Paxton, which, rather oddly, is a larger village than Great Paxton, and where we rang the six bells at St. James' Church. The oldest part of the building dates from the 12th Century and much work has been done on the fabric of the building in the past few years, at the same time providing a space for community use as well as Church services. The bells were re-hung in 2011 and the oldest of them dates from 1669.

After an enjoyable hour's ringing we continued on to our next stop which was Holy Trinity Minster Church at Great Paxton, which again has six bells and here the oldest dates from around 1400 – they were certainly made to last!

The ringing floor at the west end of the church was added above the entrance



St Mary's Church, St Neots

in 2009 and the bells completely refurbished in 2018. Our ringing became more varied, and ambitious, but I'll leave out the technical details. However, like many towers, there are strange little quirks – these places were built long before the advent of health and safety rules. The

ringer of one bell had to take care to stand in the right place, so as not to suffer a bruise on the left elbow from repeated contact with the banister rail while another stood on the trapdoor through which we had gained access to the ringing room.

A very convivial lunch stop at the aptly named The Bell, Great Paxton, left us with very little time to get to the next tower at Buckden. Further delays while we waited for three trains at the level crossing meant that two of our party had “rung up” all the bells by the time the rest of us arrived. As at Great and Little Paxton, the ringing room was above the West door and open to the Church, which gave a good view of the unusual angel bosses supporting the roof.

Our final ring of the day was at St. Mary's, Eynesbury, only a stone's throw from St. Mary's, St. Neots, whose tower can be seen from there. We were the first visiting ringers since 2015 and the bells had only been rung about three times since 2020, bell-ringing being one of the many casualties of Covid and lockdown. On Friday night, St. Neot's ringers had warned us, with much head-shaking, that the bells were “difficult”. They were nothing of the sort – that is once we'd got over the fact (with some amusement) that the ropes were arranged in an anticlockwise, rather than a more usual clockwise circle.

Our outing was over all too soon and after a very welcome cup of tea at the Rectory we made our way home to Surrey after a very enjoyable couple of days, in time to ring for Remembrance Sunday the following day.

Anne Nixon



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 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 Feb** **10am Parish Eucharist** (high altar, choir anthem)
 2pm Christening of Olivia Gunderson
- Wed 8th Feb 12 noon Midweek Holy Communion
 Thursday 9th Feb 1.30pm Funeral of Bryan Wetherall, Guildford Crematorium
- 2nd Sunday 12th Feb** **10am Pet Service - bring all your animals & creatures!**
 8am Quiet Holy Communion (BCP) & coffee
- Wed 15th Feb 12 noon Midweek Holy Communion
 Thursday 16th Feb 7.30pm Shalford PCC Meeting
- 3rd Sunday 19th Feb** **10am Parish Communion** (nave altar)
- Wed 22nd Feb 12 noon Ash Wednesday Service, start of Lent
 Thurs 23rd Nov Time tbc Funeral & Thanksgiving Service for Una Graham
- 4th Sunday 26th Feb** **10am Parish Communion**
 8am Holy Communion (BCP) with coffee
- 27 Feb - 12 March **Fairtrade Fortnight**
Tues 28th Feb **Lent Small Fellowship Groups begin** (5 wks details to follow)

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Compiled by The Pastoral Care and Social Team

More information to come next month

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING with FESTIVE STALLS

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2022

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who turned out on Saturday morning 3rd December to support the inaugural Christmas coffee morning with festive stalls held in Tillingbourne and Chinthurst Rooms at Shalford Village Hall. It was rewarding to see so many old and new faces mingling, catching up and enjoying a coffee together with a delicious homemade Christmas 'bite'. After which many people were tempted into buying items from the variety of stalls (jewellery, toys, books, puzzles, knitwear/ crafts, deli/preserves and cakes) as well as children trying their hand at the 'fishing for a present' game.

Secondly, a huge thank you to all the stallholders who worked tirelessly to fill their stalls by collecting, making or cooking items and then selling them on the day. Also a thank you to all the other helpers/supporters who helped both before and on the day with publicity, decorating and serving the refreshments. A special mention goes to Snooty Fox for most generously donating a food hamper for the raffle.

The event raised a magnificent total of £2,604 for distribution between the five local charities (Equipment for Disabled Children, The Halow Project, Samson Centre for MS, Guildford Street Angels and Foodbank in Chilworth). The charities have acknowledged receipt of the donations for which they are very grateful.

They have indicated that the money is being used towards the provision of equipment for young children, 1:1 activity sessions for young adults and support workers, continuation of invaluable physiotherapist services , expansion of community angels and volunteer chaplain projects as well as buying fresh food and supplies for families and individuals in need together with some Christmas treats.

The event couldn't have taken place without you and all your efforts.

Thank you Organisers - Karen, Isobel and Alison

Ann and Maria would like to thank all those at St Mary's and in the wider Parish who so kindly gave us support and sent comforting cards and messages following the death of Stuart on 29th November.

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Originally the Queen Victoria was two cottages, part of Station Row. It started as a beer house around 1850 and gained a full license in the early 1860s. Lascelles Tickner bought the pub in 1887 and commissioned Guildford architect Henry Peak to extend it at the front. For nearly ninety years, from 1888 until the mid-1970s, the Queen Victoria was run by members of the same family. Edward Warr became the licensee in 1888; originally from Dorset he came to Shalford as

coachman at Beech House in The Street, next to the Seahorse. His widow Ellen took over the Queen Victoria's license in 1900. She ran the pub until her death in 1925, helped by her daughter Lilian and son-in-law Jack Stilwell. When Lilian died in 1971 her daughter Constance took over with her husband, retiring a few years later.

In those days the interior was Spartan, but with gleaming rows of glasses and brightly polished horse brasses behind the bar. It was definitely a 'local' pub with a public bar featuring a dart board and tables for cribbage, as well as a private bar and saloon bar. The yard at the back held stables, a coach house and hay loft. Once the stables were home to two horses called Razor and Mary who pulled the trap. The Stilwells always had a dog called Spot and a cat named Jimmy – when they died they were replaced with a similar one and given the same name.

Despite changes in recent years the Queen Victoria retains a loyal local clientele. The interior has been refurbished but retains the character of a friendly village pub. The yard has been converted into an outside eating area. They serve meals now unlike the old days when all there was were chocolate and crisps and perhaps a sandwich made to order.

At one time the pub was a venue for Morris dancers, as in the picture. And who remembers the ingenious rearrangement of the letters of the pub sign in 1994, when the landlord was on holiday, to 'Quiet Erotic Haven'? That might be good for business.

Morris Dancers at the Queen Victoria 1952, copyright unknown. Note the cottages that were later demolished to build Victoria Court

Thanks to my friend Elizabeth Donald (née Barnes), great-granddaughter of Edward and Ellen Warr, for her memories of the Queen Victoria.

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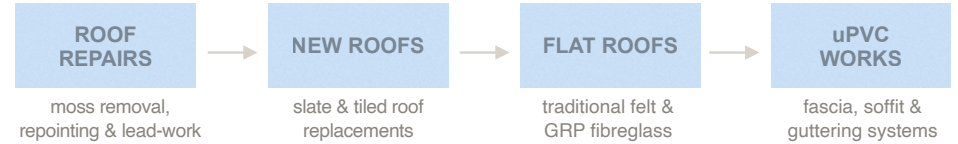
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