

SHOSCOMBE NEWSLETTER

Editorial

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The Newsletter has a monthly circulation of 271 copies, delivered to every home in the village by volunteers from our community.

Items for the **December 2025 / January 2026** Newsletter to be submitted by **21st November** either by posting into the post box of 52 Single Hill or via our 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

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Events

Parish Council Meeting

Souper Tuesday

Autumn Table Top Sale

Shoscombe Ramblers

The Normal Women of Frome

Thursday 6th November - Shoscombe Village Hall

Tuesday 11th November - 12.30pm Shoscombe Village Hall

Saturday 15th November - 2pm Shoscombe Village Hall

Sunday 16th November - 10.00am Shoscombe Village Hall

Friday 21st November - 7.30pm Shoscombe Village Hall

Matthew Street, Vicar

Remembering what was by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Deuteronomy 7:18; 8:2

Remember what the Lord your God did. Remember the way the Lord your God has led you. (Deuteronomy 7:18; 8:2)

November always seems to be the month of remembering. The nights draw in, the air turns crisp, and our calendars fill with moments that ask us to pause and look back.

It begins with **All Saints' Day**, when we honour the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith. The following day, **All Souls' Day**, turns our hearts to loved ones now at rest, reminding us that we are bound together in life and death by the love of God.

Then comes **Guy Fawkes' Night** – not a religious occasion, of course, but a distinctly British moment of memory, marking a centuries-old plot born out of the religious and political divisions of its age. And, before the month is through, **Remembrance Day** arrives – solemn, reflective, and deeply moving – as we recall the countless men and women who gave their lives in two World Wars and in conflicts since.

So much to remember. So much to learn from. And so much that calls us to build a better future, shaped by the lessons of the past.

For the people of Israel, remembering was never a passive act. It was woven into their very identity. Parents told and retold the story of how God delivered them from Egypt and led them safely through the wilderness into the Promised Land. Each generation kept the story alive so that their children and their children's children might know that the Lord is faithful.

For Christians, too, remembering stands at the heart of our faith. "**Do this in memory of me,**" said Jesus, as he broke bread with his disciples. Our faith rests not on vague hopes or comforting ideas, but on real events – on what God has *done* in history.

So as we move through this season of remembrance, let's not only recall the past – let's allow it to shape our present. Take time to remember, not only on those designated days, but every day. Because in remembering what God has done, we find courage and hope for what lies ahead.

St James the Less Foxcote

November 2nd - 4th before Advent

11.15am Morning Praise

Lead by Rachel Howlett

Preaching by Andrew Avramenko

November 9th - 3rd before Advent

11.15am Morning Praise

Lead and Preaching by Andy Fraser

November 16th - 2nd before Advent

No service

November 23rd - Christ the King

11.15am Holy Communion

Lead and Preaching by Rachel

Howlett and Derek Smith

November 30th - 1st of Advent

11.15am Morning Praise

Joint with Peasedown St John

Friends of Foxcote

Souper Tuesday

Tuesday 11th November, Shoscombe
Village Hall - 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Menu: Home made soup, and cakes plus
cheese and biscuits, drinks, raffle and a
craft stall - all for £4.50 per head. All
Welcome

Sustran's Proposal - Wellow/Shoscombe Vale Engagement Design Project

Following the meeting in Wellow on Tuesday 21st
October, please see the link below to the survey for
anyone who wishes to complete this.

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/?open=web&embed=jsapi&id=4d32fe4139ea42a58a76f7d6bd1e913c&version=latest&jsApiVersion=latest&host=https%253A%252F%252Fstorymaps.arcgis.com&hide=navbar,footer,theme>

Shoscombe Parish Council - Clerk's Report

Our last Parish Council meeting was in September. The next one will be on Thursday 6th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Local Plan - you will have seen the notices on the notice boards and on the Everything Shoscombe Facebook page regarding the public consultation process for the Local Plan.

The consultation runs until 14th November and comments can be submitted both online and by post.

All the documents setting out the Local Plan and the form for submitting your comments can be accessed via the links advertised. Or you can get a paper copy of the B&NES Local Plan Consultation by visiting libraries in Bath, Keynsham, and Midsomer Norton, as well as Bath Housing, Welfare and Advice Services, all community libraries and One Stop Shops.

The Local Plan could affect Shoscombe and its surroundings, so please do take a look and make your comments to B&NES at this crucial public consultation stage of the Plan.

Highways - hedge cutting in the Parish is underway. Our Councillor with responsibility for Highways has met regularly with B&NES Inspectors to discuss reported issues some of which are being considered including the possibility of a 30mph speed limit along Double Hill.

Planning - We have two decision notices. Planning Application 25/02889/FUL at Braysdown Stables and Planning Application 23/03974/FUL for the Land West of St Julian's Farm. Both approved by B&NES.

We continue to have vacancies on the Council and would welcome new members. Please contact me should you need any further information.

Jean Fossaceco, Clerk, telephone **07857 886394** or email: clerk@shoscombecouncil.org



FREE ENTRY

AUTUMN TABLE TOP SALE

At Shoscombe Village Hall

2-5pm Saturday 15th November 2025

In aid of Shoscombe Village Hall

Refreshments available
courtesy of Friends of Foxcote Church

TICKET
RAFFLE
on the day!

Local honey and
preserve makers, artists,
designer-makers, craftspeople
and eco-entrepreneurs are
most welcome.

NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR OUT?

Local sellers of second hand toys,
games, clothing, accessories,
books, bric-a-brac etc.
sought too.

BOOK A TABLE!

To book a table as a local trader, please contact Mary Bon in aid of Shoscombe Village Hall.
marybon.me@gmail.com and say what you wish to sell.

£8 per short table (90cm x 69cm) / £12 per long table (180cm x 69cm)

Payment required in advance to complete booking; details will be provided by return email.
Table space subject to availability, so please get in touch early!



Village Hall

The events calendar changes constantly as new bookings come in. Please refer to the Village Hall Events Calendar on the [everythingshoscombe](http://everythingshoscombe.com) website for the most up to date information, or contact the bookings secretary, Suzanne Fiddes, at bookings@shoscombevillagehall.org or **07752 119333**

- 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

November 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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					09:00 - 10:00 Pilates Class	10:30 - 14:30 Private Booking
					11:00 - 18:00 Private Booking	15:30 - 17:30 Terry Hill Rehearsal
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18:30 - 19:30 Yoga	10:00 - 12:00 Table Tennis 19:00 - 20:00 Exercise Class	10:00 - 13:30 Flower Arranging 19:00 - 20:00 Pilates Class	10:00 - 12:00 Village Hall Cleaning 19:30 - 21:30 Parish Council Meeting	19:30 - 22:00 Jazz Jam	09:00 - 18:00 Private Booking	
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Shoscombe Village Hall Management Committee Update October 2025

The committee met on 2nd October at The Apple Tree Inn. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Grant Thomas and Rina Richards, who have both stepped down after many years of tireless service. Their cheerful, unflappable, and meticulous contributions have been invaluable to the committee. While we're sure they'll still be around, we'll greatly miss them and wish them all the very best. We would love to welcome new members so please do come along to the next meeting if you would like to get involved!

We have had a great year so far. The much-loved Plant Sale, the VE Village Day, Swing from Paris, Suzanne's Jazz and Teas afternoon, the Produce Stall, and the Christmas Pudding Evening – thanks for all your support, we have together raised in excess of £2,000 for hall funds – a huge thank you to Rina, Suzanne and Gillian for their time and efforts, without which this would not be possible.

We would love to welcome you to our next event – Carol Singing on 19th December, there will be a bar, and mulled wine – you are all welcome! Come and join us to get the festivities started!

After careful consideration, and in line with increasing costs, hire charges for the hall will rise by 10% from January 2026. Current bookings will be honoured at their original rates.

Recent maintenance includes door repairs, new loo roll holders, painting of the front door, and wasp nest removal. We are also thrilled with the successful recent installation of our new heating system. Quotes are currently being sought for new doors to the back room, and accessible toilet provision is under review.

At the recreation ground, mowing is up to date, the lamppost repaired, and cricket nets fixed, thanks Tim for persevering with these. Repairs to the boules piste have been agreed. And shout out to Derek Withers for installing the first of two new picnic benches this week – kindly donated by Grant Thomas!

Next meeting: 20 November 2025, 7:30pm at The Apple Tree Inn.

Shoscombe Local History Group – Friday 21st November 2025

Shoscombe Local History Group invite you to their AGM & annual Cheese and Wine evening, to include an illustrated talk, based on her own research, from our local historian **Natalie Owsley** : **'The Normal Women of Frome – surviving poverty in Victorian Frome'** All free! So please do join us!



- ❖ Shoscombe Village Hall 7.30pm
- ❖ A free community event open to all
- ❖ The talk will follow Shoscombe Local History Group's brief AGM, and finish with a cheese and wine social
- ❖ There will be a retiring collection towards the cost of recent village hall improvements, including the new heating system

Shoscombe Village Update: A Word from Shoscombe School

🌟 The Light of Change: October Village Newsletter 🌟

Following our wonderful Harvest Festival and the official shift of the Autumn Equinox, our days are shorter. With the recent clocks going back, our evenings are now darker, embracing the seasonal shift and the spectacular night sky. As the seasons turn, we at Shoscombe School are seeing incredible growth and "shining" within our students—a dynamic journey of realizing their full potential.

🌟 School News and Achievements

We have some fantastic news that celebrates the whole-child focus of our school!

Double Platinum Play Status

We're thrilled to announce that we've been awarded OPAL Platinum Status for our play provision for the second time! This means we are now an official Double Platinum School 🏆, recognized for providing rich and diverse play opportunities. This achievement celebrates the commitment of our children and staff and their embodiment of the school's values of Creativity and Aspiration for All.

Learning Through Our History and Community

The start of the academic year has seen our students engaging in deep, practical learning, fostering the value of Responsible Citizens by connecting with the world around them:

- Chestnut Class explored the village's significant mining history and railway. We've been approached by the Somerset Miners Welfare Trust about installing a mining silhouette at the school—which would be a fantastic addition!
- Beech Class became Romans, building a Villa on the playing field and visiting the Roman Baths.
- Sycamore Class delved into the Georgians, visiting Bath and tackling the complex history of the Slave Trade in Bristol.

A huge thank you to our valued partners, the Shoscombe History Group and Michael Gorley from Historic England, for bringing invaluable insight to these local history trips.

🌱 Embracing Seasonal Change

Just as the seasons are changing, our students are embracing hands-on, creative learning:

- Gardening Club is busy with a brilliant harvest, turning produce into delicious apple crumbles and inventive courgette cake, showcasing Creativity.
- In Forest School, we're making great use of natural materials for projects like weaving spider webs and building shelters, embodying Creating Community.

🎵 Celebrating Creativity: Music Takes Centre Stage

We loved the performance of our choir at the Harvest Festival this year! The huge number of children participating demonstrates a thriving love for music and Creativity. We are pleased to confirm that the school choir is already looking forward to performing again this Christmas at Souper Tuesday, The St Lucia Festival at Foxcote and also at the Bath Spa Hotel.!

🌟 Community Events and Looking Ahead

The success of our recent events has truly demonstrated our value of Creating Community. The FOSSA Welcome Event and the Harvest Service were outstanding successes, drawing a huge turnout from the community.

🍷 Creating Community: Souper Tuesday

We are delighted to share that Souper Tuesday has been a fantastic success this academic year! It's been a truly wonderful opportunity for the children, who have enjoyed visiting and chatting with our local residents. The children love the chance to interact, practice their social skills, and share what they've been learning in school. It's a key way we live out our value of Creating Community and strengthen the valuable links between the school and the village.

🌟 Get Creative: Christmas Wreath Making Evening

Join us for a festive event to kick off the holiday season and encourage our value of Creativity! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community and leave with a beautiful, handmade decoration for your home.

- Date: Monday, November 27th
- Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Cost: £27.50 (Includes materials)
- To book: Please contact the school office via email and we will send you a booking link: office@shoscombe.mnsp.org.uk

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- Tinned Rice
- Tinned Meat
- Milk (UHT)
- Tinned Carrots/Peas
- Tinned Fruit
- Shampoo
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Soup

Drop Off Point for Donations

- All churches Sunday am just before or after a service
- The Hive, Peasedown, weekdays 9am - 4pm
- Care & Share Salvation Army Shop, Midsomer Norton Weekdays & Saturdays 9 - 1 & 1:30 to 3:30
- St Nicholas Church Centre Radstock, weekdays 9 - 3pm in the foyer

Please no cash donations with the food items. Thank you. Very many thanks for your ongoing support and generosity

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