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Exciting Times ahead

There is a lot going on in Shoreham at the moment and the Shoreham Society Committee is working hard to keep abreast of all the change and also focussing on the 40th anniversary of the Society in 2025.

Planning Matters – A threat to the conservation area and the fate of a loved building

There is one immediate planning issue the proposed development of the Perkins and Robins garage which we highlighted on the front page of the Autumn 2023 journal. The planning application was refused on the grounds of

1. “..excessive height, scale form and design, is out of character with the scale, hierarchy and form of neighbouring development, resulting in a dominant building, which would be harmful to the character and appearance of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

2. “.. will result in an overbearing and dominant form of development, causing a loss of light and increased sense of enclosure to the detriment of the residential amenities of neighbouring occupiers”.

The developer has appealed the Council’s decision. If you think the appeal should be upheld the reference number is [APP/3805/W/24/3349225](https://www.planningportal.co.uk/applications/permissions/planning-appeals/3805/W/24/3349225). The deadline is 22nd October 2024.

The Shoreham Society supports the Council’s decision to refuse. The Planning Inspector will make a decision based on written responses. The more he receives the bigger the weight of Shoreham Residents opinion counts which will be important in the coming months.

A Home from Home for Shoreham’s Youth

Many of you know this building in Ham Road. It’s been standing tall for generations, weathering the storms of time. But what you might not know is that it’s also the last open-access youth space for our 14 to 26-year-olds—a rare and precious haven in our bustling town.

And it’s at risk of being sold off if we don’t come together as a community to save it.

On **Friday, 18th October 2024**, Cat Vizor will be talking about saving one of Shoreham’s last heritage gems, The Old School House on Ham Road.

ESTEEM, the fantastic charity that’s been running out of The Old School House for the last eight years, is all about creating spaces where young adults can thrive. Whether it’s offering support, including 1:1 sessions, such as counselling or well-being talks, to social activities and opportunities to give back to the community, or just a place to chill and feel safe, ESTEEM is doing incredible work. For many young people, this building isn’t just four walls and a roof—it’s a home from home.

Surveying your views

After the success of the Shoreham Society Survey 2020 when about 700 people gave their views on what they liked, disliked and what could be improved about Shoreham we are doing it again. The last survey was taken during Covid so the responses will be very interesting given the major change we have gone through. Please complete the survey when it comes out later this month and encourage your friends and family to do it as well. The views of everyone young and old, newcomers or oldest inhabitants are wanted.

New look journal and communications

After 40 years, communications have changed dramatically. With the retirement of Antony Vinicombe as journal editor, Richard Bingham and a small publishing group are working on a revamped journal and newsletter. The next journal will be in the mail in November.

Events and Talks on the third Friday of the month

Time: 7pm (please arrive in good time)

Venue: St Peter's Church Hall, West Street, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG

Parking: Available at the Church Hall or Pay and Display behind the Shoreham Centre

October 18

Save Shoreham's Youth Centre

Esteem, the charity that has been running out of The Old School House on Ham Road for the last eight years, is on a mission to raise the funds to buy the building and secure its future.

Esteem's Chief Officer, Cat Vizor will be sharing more about Esteem's work, the plans to save The Old School House, and how you can get involved.

November 15

Connecting Shoreham to Nature: Living Inside a UNESCO Biosphere.

We hear more and more about the importance of connecting to Nature but what does it really mean, for those actively engaging, and for those who aren't. And what difference does being part of a UNESCO Biosphere make?

January 17

Shoreham in 2025

Presentation on Zoom of the results of the 2025 Shoreham Survey. What do we think of Shoreham today? What's changed since 2020? What are our hopes, concerns and wishes for the future of Shoreham.

February 21

Mummy, what was a polar bear?

David Gill will talk about his professional trips to both Antarctica and Arctic regions over many years. His stunning images collected around the poles tell a story that will have huge impacts on us all.