



### CHURCH SERVICES

3	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
10	9:30am	"My Church" Morning Service	St. Marys	John & Sally
17	11.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
24	9:30am	Baptism Service	All Saints	Dawn and David Hamilton

Saxlingham Services: 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am, 10<sup>th</sup> 11.00am, 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am,  
24<sup>th</sup> 8.00am HC & 11.00am,

### Church flowers

All Saints' – Kim Dyke / Susie Hill **South Window** Trish Dunmore

St Mary's -Julia Moncrieff, Joan Oldman

### What's On

1	<b>Shotesham Film Night</b>	7.00pm Trinity hall
5	Mobile Library	Afternoon 15.25-16.35pm
6-9	Saxlingham play	7.30pm Saxlingham village hall
7	Parochial Church Council AGM	7.30 pm All Saints' church
8	Village walk	10.40 All Saints' church
8	The lady in the van-Film	7.30pm Poringland
10	Tour de Shotesham cycle ride	12 noon The Globe
15	Piano Concert	7.30pm All Saints' Church
16	Garden group	10.00-12 Myrtle cottage
23	Bowls afternoon	2.00pm on the Green
24	Village walk	10.15am Trinity for lifts
30	Village Market	10-12 Trinity hall
30	Bowls afternoon	2.00 pm on the Green

Check your website [www.shotesham.com](http://www.shotesham.com) for all up to date information

### Diary Notes –

Willow Weaving workshop Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> Hillside, The Common  
Saxlingham Midsummer Ceilidh Hall Farm, The Green, Saxlingham, Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> June  
7pm - 11pm Hog roast and pudding Bar, Raffle and Skittles Children 12yrs+ (under  
parental supervision) Tickets £12.50 from Carolyn Rush 01508 498248  
familyrush@hotmail.com Jo and Alec Stevenson 01508498470.

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## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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### Thought from Dawn

Do you ever find yourself 'chasing your tail' wasting time and energy – looking for something that you had only a few hours ago but now just cannot find? I had that very experience recently. I could picture the item quite clearly in my mind but it remained firmly hidden from sight. Then I remembered that the best thing to do, before the search becomes all consuming, is to take a step back and pause...

An English professor wrote the words 'a woman without her man is nothing' on the blackboard, and asked his students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: 'A woman, without her man, is nothing.'

The women wrote: 'A woman: without her, man is nothing.'

Where you put the pauses makes all the difference! Punctuating our days with pauses in appropriate places helps us to make sense of life.

My day is improved considerably when those pauses include prayer. When I use small moments to give thanks to God for his blessings, to connect with the One who is a constant through the busyness, joys and (sometimes) frustrations of the daily routine and so take time to be still and become aware of his presence.

A short time of prayerful stillness was all it took for me to know where to finally find the item I'd been searching for – far more effective than ploughing ahead under my own steam and getting nowhere fast!

May all your searching be rewarded!

With every blessing

*Dawn*

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### Shotesham Parochial Church Council

"The Annual Meeting of Parishioners" and the "Annual Parochial Church Meeting" will take place on **Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in All Saints' church.** All persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity. All parishioners are invited.

## **Shotesham Parish Council**

**Litter Pick.** A big thank you to everyone who took part in the litter pick. The village looks so much better for it and we have a small hope that the absence of litter will deter others. *Heather Jackson.*

## **Shotesham Village Association**

**Film Night Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 7.00pm**

**'The importance of being earnest'** recorded live, on screen"

( 148mins with 2x13mins intervals; refreshments on sale) Oscar Wilde's superb satire on Victorian manner, opened to critical acclaim, with a great performance by David Suchet. **Booking Essential for this performance.** Tickets £8. Raz 550122 razwoollacott@gmail.com

By now you should have received your copy of the new Shotesham Footpaths Booklet which has been produced by the Village Association and funded by South Norfolk Council and Trustees of Shotesham Common. We hope you will enjoy your complimentary copy. Further copies are available at £3 each. They can be purchased from Trinity Hall, both churches, The Globe or committee members.

Time to get out on those bicycles and start training for the

**Tour de Shotesham!** This year's ride on **Sunday 10th April**, starting from the Globe at 12 noon. Please contact Ed Howard ed\_howard@hotmail.co.uk for details or to volunteer for marshalling/timekeeping.

**Spring Piano Concert. 15th April at 7.30p.m.** All Saints' church is the venue for a piano concert by local pianist Frank Lawlor. Frank is giving his time free of charge to raise money for E.A.C.H., who run the local children's hospices. Frank is going to play a variety of music from the classics, rag-time, jazz, films and shows. Tickets are £7.50 (inc. interval drink), from David Fox (01508558234/dwandmefox@btinternet.com) and Bernie Fenn (floracot@btinternet.com).

## **Village Market 30th April 10-12. Trinity Hall**

Lots of stalls -Local pork. Chutneys. Honey. Jam. Cakes. Savoury baking. Craft. Handmade craft. Avon. Secondhand books.

Tombola for East Anglian air ambulance.

We made £44.00 from the Guess the currents in the cake competition at the last village market. Thanks to everyone who supported this.

**Baby and Toddler group** in Saxlingham every Wednesday morning ( term time )9.30-11.30 call 01508 471375 for more details.

**Poringland Cinema The Lady in the van(12A) Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

## **Shotesham Gardeners**

Have you niggling gardening problems, e.g. what to plant in heavy clay, how to cope with ground elder or honey fungus or anything else? Or perhaps you would just like advice on how to make the most of your garden? If so help is on hand, on **Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-12 Alan Barson**, RHS lecturer, will hold a question and answer session in **Judie and Adrian Olivier's garden, Myrtle Cottage, The Street, Shotesham NR15 1YW** Everyone welcome, £3 to cover costs. For more information phone Sue on 550377

Our now annual **Willow weaving workshop**, with new ideas and old favourites for your garden will take place on **Sunday May 1st 10.30** onwards at Christine Burton's, Hillside, The Common, bring your own sandwich, but hot soup will be provided. Everyone welcome, suitable for all the family. Cost £5 to cover materials. Tel 550364 for directions.

## **Saxlingham Players present "Inspector Drake and the Perfekt Crime"**

A fast-paced hilarious comedy by David Tristram in Saxlingham Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 6 –9th April Tickets £7 from Vicky Stocks 01508 499631 (9am – 9pm)

## **Shotesham Bowls Club 23rd and 30th April 2.00pm**

As we approach a new bowls season we are asking is there anyone in the village who would like to try their hand at the game of bowls? If so, come along to the bowling green next to the Grove on Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup> or Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm with flat shoes. Bowls will be provided if required. Further details from either Alan Banham on 550574 or John Torbitt 499541. This village amenity needs more members from the village to keep it alive.

**Village Walks- Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** David and Mary Fox to lead a walk BACK from Hempnall Green. Meet at 10.40 a.m. at All Saints Church to catch a bus at 10.58 a.m. (dogs are generally allowed) This walk will be around 2 hours – so suggest bring coffee for a break.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** Martyn Denley leads: Meet at The Trinity for car share at 10.15 a.m. Walking at Surlingham + Pub lunch at 'The Ferry Inn'

**Bellringing** We need new ringers so that we can maintain this centuries old tradition. Ringing helps stimulate the brain and keeps you fit. See how we ring on a Monday practice night. 7.30 pm at All Saints' church. The ringing chamber is accessed round the back of the church up the spiral staircase. Adults and children aged over 12, younger children are very welcome to watch and have a go at chiming a bell. Initial teaching takes several weeks of learning how to handle the bell after which a learner can begin to ring with the rest of the group. Any questions to Bob Harris: 550672 hill.cottage@btinternet.com

