



### CHURCH SERVICES

7	11:00a.m	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn
14	9:30a.m.	"My Church" Service	St. Mary's John Torbitt & Dawn	
21	11:00a.m	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Dawn
28	9:30a.m	BCP Matins	All Saints'	Dawn

**Saxlingham services** 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am, 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00am, 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am  
28<sup>th</sup> 8.00am HC, 11.00am

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**Flowers – All Saints-** Mary Seppings / Christine Howes  
**South Window**—Gwen Porter

**St Mary's** –Fanny Wallis, Judith Pleavin, Sandra Coles, Betty Torbitt

**Parochial Church Council** At the Parochial Church Council annual general meeting in April churchwardens elected were John Torbitt and Jane Blease. The treasurer is Bob Harris.

### WHAT'S ON

29 April	Village market	10.00-12.00	Trinity hall
2	Mobile Library	Afternoon	
4	Local Elections	vote at	Trinity hall
6	Garden Group Plant bring and buy	10.00-12.00	Trinity hall
6	Quiz and Supper	6.30pm	Trinity hall
7	Norfolk coast walk	9.45am	Trinity hall
10	Village walk	10.15am	Trinity hall
11	Parish Council AGM	7.30pm	Trinity hall
12	A street cat named Bob- Film	7.30pm	Poringland
21	Shotesham Park Estate walk	3.00pm	Shotesham park
28	Village walk	10.30 am	Trinity hall

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### SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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#### Thought from Dawn

What is it about the lighter evenings that we find so attractive? Is it the opportunity for greater productivity that the extra hours of daylight offer? Could it be that we feel more energetic, more awake when it's light? Light gives life – it certainly encourages plants (and grass!) to grow. It has a positive effect on us physically and mentally – not to mention practically – allowing us to see where we're going!

On Good Friday our service of Tenebrae (a Latin word meaning 'shadows') closed with a poignant reading from the Bible which spoke of Jesus being the light that shines in the darkness of this world. It went on to say that the darkness has not understood this light.

In the spiritual sense, light represents life, truth and righteousness. Some people shy away from this kind of light for fear of exposure. Others are drawn to it for reasons they may not be able to explain. Like physical light, spiritual light has tremendous benefits. The life and light Jesus brings, is life that is everlasting and light that cannot be extinguished. It will warm us through the coldest winter, light our darkest hour, reveal the path before us and lead us safely home. May the Lord bless you with his light and life!

#### **Dawn**

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**SHOE BOX APPEAL** Throughout the year I meet with a small group of ladies to collect and make items for the shoe box appeal (Samaritans purse). These are then sent at Christmas time to disadvantaged children in other countries. We currently need items such as small toys, stationary, sweets, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste to include in the boxes. We also require wool and ribbons for the ladies who knit hats and puppets. I would really appreciate your support to continue with this work and therefore have left a box at the back of All Saints church where you can leave these items. You can also ring or text me for any queries on 07767757732 Thank you very much **Jill Masters**

### Shotesham Parish Council

It is now some time since a Defibrillator training session was organised.

Another meeting is therefore being planned. When a date is confirmed it will be widely advertised. The plan is to use the same format ..a walk in session ...on a Saturday morning.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>.** The Parish Council holds its Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm at The Trinity. It is your chance to hear what has happened over the last year and, more importantly, share your thoughts as to what you would like to see happen in the forthcoming year. **All Welcome.** *Jeff Gough The Clerk.*

### Shotesham Village Association

Still a few tickets left for our **Quiz Night with Supper on May 6<sup>th</sup>.** Doors open at 6.30 for 7pm start with supper of local ham, salad and dessert served at half time, bring your own crockery, utensils and drinks. Tickets are £8.50 per person and can be booked via ken at [resotan@aol.com](mailto:resotan@aol.com) or 550736.

**Norfolk & Norwich Open Studios** runs from **26<sup>th</sup> May to 11<sup>th</sup> June** and is all about viewing, and potentially buying, art by local artists in their own surroundings. This year **Shotesham artist Lesley Munro** will be opening her own studio at Flint Cottage to all visitors, look out for the signs nearer the time.

**Diary Note-** Come and hear the talented **Levanter Wind Quintet** play at All Saints' Church Shotesham on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** starting at 7.30 pm. Drinks will be provided during the interval and the proceeds will be for a local charity. For more information and to book tickets contact Kathy on 550751 More detail will be available on the website - <http://shotesham.com/> .

### Shotesham Garden/ Conservation Group

**Just a reminder that Shotesham Gardeners Annual Bring and Buy Plant Fair** is on **Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 10-12** at the **Trinity Hall**, where both professional growers and local people will sell their plants. Again, there will be a wide, and varied, selection of plants and seedlings for sale. If you have plants you would like to sell, bring them along, labelled, to the Trinity at 9.30 on the Saturday or take them to Sue Astbury's Rectory Farmhouse, The Street earlier in the week. 25% of all sales will be donated to the Shotesham Gardeners funds.

This year we are having refreshments, any offers of help and/or homemade cakes very welcome. **For more information phone Sue 550377.**

### Shotesham walking group

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.** David and Christine Howes will lead a full day North Norfolk Coastal Walk with a lunch break. Meet at The Trinity 9.45 a.m. for lift share.

This is a break from our usual local offering, and promises to be good fun.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.** Jan to lead a local walk. 10.15am Trinity hall

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May.** Ronnie to lead. 10.30am Trinity hall

### Shotesham Park Estate Walk

Shotesham Park is pleased to invite you to an 'Estate Walk' to take place on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May** at 3 pm from the Hall. The walk will be followed by a BBQ at approx 7pm. Numbers are limited but all ages are very welcome. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate any dogs. We will be walking for at least an hour so please wear suitable clothes and footwear. Please RSVP with names and nos. to 01508 499285 or [jonnott@shoteshampark.co.uk](mailto:jonnott@shoteshampark.co.uk)

**Shotesham Common** Last year, because the internal fencing was not secure, it was not possible to graze the church end of the common. This gave the wild flowers and grasses a chance to grow. Because this was so successful, the Trustees have decided to wait until late summer before grazing again this year. The recent work done on the common was to improve the drainage ditches and crossing points to allow better access for cattle and walkers.

### Music Night –Nook Hospice Appeal. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm –

Framingham Earl High School. The N&NHospital Choir and The Salvation Army Band. Tickets £8.00 inc light refreshments, 01508493873 or 494873

**Saxlingham Ceilidh,** Hall Farm, The Green, Saxlingham Nethergate NR151TH **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June.** 7pm/11pm £12.50 in advance from Carolyn Rush 01508498248 [familyrush@hotmail.com](mailto:familyrush@hotmail.com) or Jo 01508498747. Hog Roast, Ceilidh band, Bar and Raffle. Proceeds for village church and school.

**St Martin's & St. Botolph's:** Following the renovation of the ruin of St Martin's and the site of St Botolph's these areas have become very popular with visitors and local people enjoying walking and visiting the sites. The PCC has installed some signs to try to encourage visitors to donate a small sum towards the upkeep of these amenities. **The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Shotesham** is responsible for the regular upkeep of the churches and churchyards of All Saints' and St. Mary's and the sites of the ruins of St. Martins and St. Botolph's. The costs of regular maintenance, insurance and upkeep are met from the PCC's income which is mainly from donations and giving. **The PCC does not receive any contribution from central Church of England funds.** If you would like to donate towards the costs of these responsibilities you can – Text 70070 with JustText code STMT17£2 if you donate £2 (or enter the amount you wish to donate) or visit the website [www.justgiving.com/pcc-shotesham](http://www.justgiving.com/pcc-shotesham)



Or ring Bob Harris PCC treasurer on 01508 550672.

