



## CHURCH SERVICES

1	11.00am	<b>Easter Holy Communion</b>	All Saints'	Dawn
8	9:30am	'My Church' Morning Service	St. Mary's	John
15	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn
<b>16</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Service of Institution for Dawn</b>	<b>Saxlingham</b>	
22	9:30am	Morning Service	All Saints'	David Lancaster
29	10.00am	Benefice Service	Tasburgh	Dawn

Saxlingham Services: 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am, 8<sup>th</sup> 11.00am, 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am, 22<sup>rd</sup> 8.00am HC & 11.00am,

**Church flowers** All Saints' – Kim Dyke / Susie Hill

**South Window** Trish Leighton **St Mary's** - Britt Riches, Kay Morgan

## What's On

2	Easter fun day	2- 4pm All Saints' church
3	Mobile Library	Afternoon 15.25-16.35pm
5	Village walk	10.30am Trinity hall
5	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm Trinity hall
8	Tour de Shotesham cycle ride	12 noon The Globe
11-14	Saxlingham play	7.30pm Saxlingham village hall
12	Parochial Church Council AGM	7.30 pm All Saints' church
13	<b>Shotesham Film Night -</b>	7.30pm Trinity hall
16	Dawn's Service of Institution	7.00pm Saxlingham church
21	Bowls afternoon	2.00 pm on the Green
22	Willow weaving	10.30am Hillside
28	Bowls afternoon	2.00 pm on the Green
29	Village walk	10.30am Trinity hall

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

## Shotesham Parochial Church Council

"The Annual Meeting of Parishioners" and the "Annual Parochial Church Meeting" will take place on **Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in All Saints' church.** All parishioners are warmly invited but only 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.

*Thanks to Basil and Sheila Warne who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact' to celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary.*



## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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### Message from Dawn

Easter – not Christmas – is the most important of our Christian festivals. It celebrates the heart of the Gospel (God's good news) that because Jesus died and rose again, we can be set free to enjoy new life with God.

The symbol 'X' is sometimes used to mark a crossroads. The cross of Christ is like a crossing where the perfection of heaven cuts through the rubbish in our lives, cancelling out and removing all that we've done wrong.

This particular 'X' marks the spot where God intervenes and offers us the wholesome, satisfying fullness of life that he longs for us to enjoy.

Many people use an 'X' after their name in a letter (remember them?) or a card to signify a kiss, meaning that their message is sent with their love. You can see the cross of Jesus like this too – the most powerful message, sent with infinite love. One of my favourite hymns about the cross contains these words:

*On the mount of crucifixion,  
fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the floodgates of God's mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love like mighty rivers,  
poured incessant from above,  
and heaven's peace and perfect justice  
kissed a guilty world in love.*

May you know his love in increasing measure this Easter and beyond.

**Dawn** Team Rector designate dawn@tasvalley.org 01508 498924

### Service of Institution (with the Bishop of Thetford)

**Monday 16th April at 7pm in Saxlingham Nethergate Church**

**This marks the beginning of Dawn's ministry as 'Team Rector' of the Tas Valley Benefice.**

**All welcome**

### **Shotesham Parish Council**

During the recent bad weather the village pulled together to see that friends and neighbours were safe and sound. We are grateful to the local farming community who did their very best to clear the roads and to Ken Monroe did a wonderful job of updating the website to pass on changes in the conditions hour by hour. Thank you Ken.

A massive thank you to everyone who picked up litter over the weekend of 13/14th. As it was so cold some of the collecting was delayed but the village was all cleared eventually.

We have our AGM on **May 3rd at 7.30 pm** in the Trinity Hall.

The focus of the meeting is recycling and we have Lisa Fountain from SNDC coming to help us to understand what can and can't be processed and then what happens with the resulting material. If you any questions regarding recycling please come along. It's important to get it right.

### **Shotesham Screen Friday 13th April 7.30pm**

**"Reasons to be Cheerful"**( 120 mins with interval)

*A raucous musical featuring the hits of Ian Dury and The Blockheads; filmed live at Theatre Royal Stratford East*

Shotesham Trinity Hall. Tickets £6. Raz 550122/[razwoollacott@gmail.com](mailto:razwoollacott@gmail.com)

**Village Walks- 5<sup>th</sup>** -10.30am meet at Trinity hall

**29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am** Meet at Trinity hall

### **Shotesham Bowls Club 21st and 28th April 2.00 pm**

Once more we are approaching a new season for bowls and are hoping that there will be some of our newer residents who may feel they would like some gentle exercise for 1 ½ to 2 hours as they play bowls. If you have never played and would like to try we would like to invite you to come along on our 2 opening Saturdays April 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.at 2pm for 2.15 start. Please wear flat shoes, we have a selection of bowls for you to use. We would also welcome those who have not played for some time and would like to play again. We need more members otherwise there is a risk that the club will fold. For further information call Alan Banham 550574 or John Torbitt 499541.

### **Saxlingham Players are presenting the comedy**

**Party Piece** by Richard Harris April 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>. To book tickets ring

Vicky on 01508499631

### **The Shotesham Village Association** held its **Annual General Meeting** in

March with the committee being re-elected and a couple of new members joining us, many thanks to those who turned out and contributed. As always we have a number of events planned for the coming year (see below for Easter Monday, Tour de Shotesham and others) and, although events are open to everyone, we would encourage residents to become Members of the Association and help with all the things that go on in the village. A small donation, minimum £3 will help us fund events, and you can always keep in touch with what goes on in and around the village by joining our email distribution list!

**Easter Funday**, for children of all ages, will take place on the afternoon of **Monday 2nd April from 2 - 4pm at All Saints Church**. Lots of fun and games, including an Easter Egg hunt, and as always refreshments will be served. Any donations of small baked treats will be much appreciated on the day, Ideally little buns and biscuits for little hands and not too much mess! Fingers crossed the sun will stay out!

This year's **Tour de Shotesham cycle ride** will take place on **Sunday 8th** April, start at 12 noon from the Globe Contact Ed Howard -[edhoward54@gmail.com](mailto:edhoward54@gmail.com) for details or to volunteer assistance with marshalling etc.....and keep all fingers crossed for as fine a day as last year!

### **Shotesham Gardeners events**

**On Sunday April 22nd 10.30 onwards the Willow Weaving workshop will take place at Christine Burton's, Hillside, The Common**. Come and have a go at making woven garden supports, bird feeders, gates or even the odd sheep or reindeer! Hot soup will be provided for lunch, but if anyone would like to donate a cake please let Christine know. Everyone welcome, suitable for all the family. Cost £5 to cover materials. Tel 550364 for directions and offers of cakes. **NB This workshop is replacing the April 21<sup>st</sup> garden event which has had to be cancelled.**

**A quick reminder - Shotesham Gardeners Annual Bring and Buy Plant Fair** is on **Saturday May 5<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. For more information phone Sue on 550377.

Thanks to Ruth Maddison who has compiled the Shotesham Trade Directory which is enclosed with this issue.



