

CHURCH SERVICES

| 3^{rd} | 11.00am | Holy Communion | St. Mary's | Dawn |
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| 9 th | 11.00am | Memorial Service for John Hope | All Saints | |
| 10^{th} | 9.30am | Palm Sunday Service | St Mary's | Dawn |
| 12^{th} | 19.30pm | Compline | St Mary's | Dawn |
| 15 th | 20.00pm | Good Friday Tenebrae Service | St Mary's | Dawn |
| $17^{\rm th}$ | 11.00am | Easter Holy Communion | All Saints' | Dawn |
| 24^{th} | 11.00am | Civic Service with Florence Ellis | Saxlingham | Dawn |

Saxlingham church services

 3^{rd} 9.30am 10^{th} 11.00am 15^{th} 15.00pm 17^{th} 9.30am 24^{th} 11.00am

Easter flowers will be in All Saints and St Mary's

| What's On | | |
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| 30 March | Mobile library | 10.15 Grove, 10.40 The Street |
| 1 | Shotesham Film Night? | 7.30pm Trinity hall |
| 3 | Village walk | 10.15am trinity hall |
| 10 | Ukrainian tea party | 2.00pm-5.00pm Trinity hall |
| 13 | Village Walk | 10.15 Trinity hall |
| 18 | Easter funday | 3.00pm Church hill |
| 19 | Garden group talk | 7.30pm Trinity hall |
| 23 | Bowls afternoon | 2.00-4.00 Bowling green |
| 23 | Time Machine | 4.00pm Trinity hall |
| 24 | Tour de Shotesham | 11.15am The Globe |
| 27 | Mobile library | 10.15 Grove, 10.40 The Street |
| 30 | Bowls afternoon | 2.00-4.00 Bowling green |
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A memorial service for John Hope will take place at All Saints Church on Saturday 9th April at 11a.m. All are welcome to attend.

A Civic Church Service with Florence Ellis will take place at Saxlingham church on Sunday 24^{th} at 11.00am

Thanks to David and Mary Fox who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact' to celebrate 50 years of living in this beautiful village.



Thought from Dawn

The night before going to the Cross, Jesus agonised in the Garden of Gethsemane – wrestling with God in prayer about all that lay ahead. His mind must have been filled with some very human emotion; the temptation to turn aside from the task...fear... doubt... but eventually he reached the place where he could say wholeheartedly "Not my will, but yours be done".

In his darkest hour, Jesus was tempted to pull back... he faced a Friday like no other Friday – a day of haunting doubt, mind-numbing fear, unimaginable pain, totally abandoned by his friends and even his Father - God himself. And yet he stood firm and remained obedient to God. It was Friday.... but Jesus knew... Sunday was on the way!

The resurrection – life-giving, history-making, future-changing hope for all the world – is God's gift, the fruit of Jesus' sacrifice. The resurrection – the focus of our Easter Sunday celebrations - is at the heart of the Christian faith. A message of hope so desperately needed by all people everywhere – perhaps especially on life's darkest Fridays.

Don't let doubt or fear exclude you from a life of faith. Like Jesus we can be overcomers when faced with even the greatest challenge. Our own efforts will achieve nothing of real significance – but God's salvation is freely given to those who put their trust in him. Faith is a gift from God and this faith is big enough to cope with fear and doubt. It may be Friday – but Sunday's coming!

All are welcome at Church this Easter and throughout the year!

With every blessing

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Shotesham Parish Council

A big 'Thank you' to everyone who took part in the litter pick at the beginning of the month. Though there was still a lot collected the feedback seems to be that there was less than previously.

The problem with the overfull dog bin on Hollow Lane at the edge of the common should hopefully be resolved now. Just to make everyone aware that it is perfectly acceptable by the council for you to use your own domestic bins for your tied up dog bags.

On May 4th we have our AGM and it is your chance to raise any issues, important to you, with the council. Everyone is welcome as they are at all our meetings.

Shotesham Village Association,

April is a busy month for SVA events, hopefully with something to suit most tastes! Easter Monday will see a return of our Easter Funday for kids....of all ages! Arts & Crafts and lots of **Easter Egg fun, 3pm 18th April** at All Saints Church, let's hope the sun is still shining.

Next up is a live performance of <u>HG Wells' Time Machine</u>, by the people who brought us a Christmas Carol in 2019. This show is for all the family and will be in the <u>Trinity at 4pm on Sat 23rd April</u>, tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for under 16s, and will include a refreshment. Don't forget a cushion for anyone who may wish to sit on the floor at the front. For tickets contact Ken on resotan@aol.com or 07880801674.

Finally for cyclists, the 10th Anniversary **Tour de Shotesham** will be on **Sunday 24th**, gathering at The Globe around 11.15am for registering and an 11.30 'pedal off'. Prizes will be as normal, but with a new category for ebikes (carbon fuel definitely not allowed!).

More details on all events at <u>www.Shotesham.com</u>, hopefully at least one of these will take your fancy and look forward to seeing you there.

Walking group

3rd April 10.15am Trinity hall 13th April 10.15am Trinity hall

Shotesham Screen presents

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(Not Telling!)

Drama (1957) Black&White 104mins

Friday 1 April 7.30 Trinity Hall Ice cream on sale Tickets £5 BOOKINGS ONLY Raz 550122 razwoollacott@gmail.com

Ukrainian fund raiser.

Ukrainian Tea Party Sunday April 10th 2-5pm

Trinity Hall Shotesham

Join us for an afternoon of tea and Ukrainian cake, in our village effort to raise funds for The British Red Cross Ukrainian Crisis Appeal.

£5 per head, all welcome, no need to book just come along, enjoy, and support our fund raising.

Baking donations call Laura 550122

Garden Group

On Tuesday April 19th at 7.30 at the Trinity Hall Jim Paine from the Walnut Tree Garden Nursery will be giving us a **Grand Tour of Botanic Gardens.** He will also bring plants for sale from the nursery so we can make a start in our own gardens. As always, open to everyone. Cost £3

Shotesham Bowls Club OPEN DAYS

All welcome, join us Saturday 23 & 30 April 2 pm to 4pm

Try your hand at bowling a **"wood"** (bowl), have a cuppa, cake and chat! For further info, call Raz on (550122), or email razwoollacott@gmail.com

<u>Thanks</u> to Trish Leighton who has compiled the Shotesham Trade Directory which is included with this issue.