



## CHURCH SERVICES

31 <sup>st</sup> March	11.00am	<b>Easter Holy Communion</b>	All Saints'	Dawn
7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Service	St Mary's	Dawn
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Service	St Mary's	John
21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 am	Communion Service	All Saints'	Austin TBC
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Morning Service & Baptism	All Saints'	Dawn

## Saxlingham church services

31 March 9.30am 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00am 28<sup>th</sup> 8.00am HC & 11.00am

## Church flowers

**All Saints** Susie Hill, Kim Dyke South Window Trish Leighton

**St Mary's** Julia Moncrief, Christine Howes, Fanny Wallis

## What's On

1	Easter fun day	3.00pm	All Saints church hill
7	Village walk	10.15am	Trinity hall
9	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm	Trinity hall
12	Shotesham Film -Seaside special	7.30pm	Trinity hall
19	Heritage Group talk	7.30pm	Trinity hall
20	Bowls afternoon	2.00-4.00pm	Bowling green
24	Mobile library	10.15am	Grove, 10.35am The Street
24	Garden group garden pruning	9.30-11.00am	Clifton House
25	Parochial Church Council AGM	4.30pm	All Saints church
27	Bowls afternoon	2.00-4.00pm	Bowling green
28	Duck race	12noon	Hollow Lane

**Shotesham Screen** will be showing **Seaside Special** on **Friday 12th, 7.30 at Trinity**, tickets £5 from [lindsayheywood@comcast.net](mailto:lindsayheywood@comcast.net) or 07702 832033 / 01508 550285, ice creams will be available. More detail at [www.shotesham.com](http://www.shotesham.com).

**Advance notice** of an evening event in All Saints church. Please join us on **May 18th at 7.30** in All Saints for an evening presented by Stuff and Folly, an East Anglian based entertainment group. They will be staging scripted original short comedy plays and sketches in what promises to be an entertaining evening. Proceeds to church funds

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## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

*April 2024*

### When emptiness is everything – a retrospective reflection!

Easter, with its accompanying deluge of chocolate, arrived early this year - being a 'moveable feast' as the dates are set according to the phase of the moon. Easter Sunday rolled into view bringing news of a hollow, silent space - the tomb was empty! A welcome change from the tombs that we fill so rapidly in Ukraine, Gaza and myriad other places – through war, disease, violence or crime.

Has silence and stillness ever been so welcome? A respite from the violence, the pain and the hurt.

The empty tomb is heavy with significance – it validates everything Jesus said. It's God's stamp of approval on his life's mission. It's resurrection - new life! And that's the thing about new life, it doesn't stay still, but moves onwards and outwards always ready to touch others with joy. Enveloping them with the message of hope, the promise of new beginnings. Death is overcome, there is a better future – better than we could dream or imagine – and all of nature joins in songs of praise.

So although we may choose to celebrate this greatest of festivals with something as trivial as a chocolate egg – don't be impressed by the extra chocolates and sweets they often contain – rejoice if your egg is hollow - and remember the empty tomb!

May you know God's blessings of love, joy, and peace!

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 25<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm in All Saints church**. All parishioners are warmly invited but only persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

**Shotesham Parish Council** We have, as a village, an increasing problem with the plant Alexanders which threatens to overwhelm our other wild flowers. This year we hope to make a significant impact on its growth. If you have any in your garden or on your boundary can you make an effort to destroy it, now before it makes seed. To help identify this plant we have put pictures on the notice boards and website.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the litter pick.

Our next parish council meeting is **Tuesday April 9th at 7.30pm** in the Trinity. Please join us. Thereafter it will be the last Tuesday of alternate months. Dates will be posted. The 'Warm Welcome' has come to an end with the 28th of March get together. ...Weather permitting we hope to have monthly 'al fresco' meetings at Grove Farm, opposite the Trinity. The dates will be circulated.

### **Shotesham Village Association,**

The SVA AGM was well attended, the Chair duly changed hands with Ken stepping down and Tom Higgin now in it, and the committee continues as last year...but no volunteers to join us! We should keep in mind that, if we want Shotesham to continue to be provided with everything that goes on, we need to have committee members and volunteers to help out, don't forget, 'Your Village Needs You'!!

This April we have the **Kid's Easter Fun Day, 3pm on the 1st at All Saints Church hill**, and the return of the much vaunted and world renowned **Shotesham Duck Race will start at 12pm on Sunday 28th**. This is only a bit of fun and ducks are £1 each principally to provide a few prizes. As happened last time, The Globe was a great selling place for ducks, so once again they will be available there from 2nd April and also from Ken at [resotan@aol.com](mailto:resotan@aol.com). Ducks are all numbered so you can just pick a number, or you can take yours home and decorate in any manner you wish. They can also be weighted at the bottom to assist keeping them upright if you want. Finally, if you decorated yours or had your name on it last time and want to keep the same one, contact Ken at the above email address and we'll reserve it for you. All ducks have to be at the bridge at Hollow Lane by 12 midday, you can return yours to The Globe or to Ken, or take them to the bridge yourself. Let's hope the sun shines and the Beck is well watered.

**Thanks** to Trish Leighton who has compiled the Shotesham Trade Directory which is included with this issue.

### **Shotesham Heritage Group**

**On Friday 19th April, at 7.30pm in Trinity Hall**, Sara Webber will give an illustrated talk about Shotesham in the 20th Century. The talk will use photos and other material from the village history project and will last about 1 hour, followed by a glass of wine. If you have any photos, documents etc you think might be of interest do please bring them along. Everyone is welcome. Tickets £5 in advance from Sara Webber on 01508 550190 or [webber.sj@btinternet.com](mailto:webber.sj@btinternet.com).

### **Shotesham Bowls Club**

The club is on Brooke road. We welcome new members both seasoned players or beginners. We play competitively in a number of leagues and have a friendly "roll up" every Saturday afternoon during the summer when beginners can learn the game. Our Saturdays 20th and 27th April (weather permitting) there will be open afternoons starting at 2PM when visitors are welcome to meet us, borrow some bowls, and try the game then enjoy some refreshments. Do come, we look forward to seeing you. For more info.call John on 499541 or Sheila on 498876

### **Garden Group**

Do you get in a muddle with pruning in your garden, what, when and how! Help is on hand, on **Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30 -11ish Jonathon Darby**, from the Norfolk School of Gardening, will be running a **pruning 'masterclass'**. Sara and Jim Webber at **Clifton House, The Street, Shotesham NR15 1YW** are kindly hosting this workshop. For more info. contact Sue Astbury 550377 or [susan.astbury49@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.astbury49@btinternet.com) This is open to all, cost £5.

### **Saxlingham players spring production** 🎭

An evening of TWO great one-act plays: **Grimstone halt** ~ A mystery drama by Peter Robbie -**Last tango in little Grimley** ~ comedy by David Tristram - **Wednesday 8th - Saturday 11th may** Box office online at: [www. saxlinghamplayers.org.uk](http://www.saxlinghamplayers.org.uk) Or telephone Mark 826516 (10 am to 5pm)

### **Shotesham Park Estate Walk**

Shotesham Park is pleased to invite you to an Estate Walk on **Sunday 2nd June at 2pm**. Please follow the signs from Norwich Lodge on Mill Lane NR15 1UX. The walk will be followed by a BBQ at approximately 5.30pm. Numbers are limited but all ages are very welcome. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate any dogs. We will be walking for at least an hour in total, so please wear suitable clothes and footwear. Please RSVP by 24<sup>th</sup> May with names and numbers to [jonnott@shoteshampark.co.uk](mailto:jonnott@shoteshampark.co.uk)