

CHURCH SERVICES

The following services will follow the government guidelines. **Please bring a mask** to wear during the service.

1	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
8	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	St Mary's	Dawn
15	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
22	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	David Lancaster
29	11.00a.m	Benefice Morning Service	Tasburgh	Austin

Saxlingham services – 1st 9.30am, 8th 11.00am, 15th 9.30am
22nd 8.00am HC 11.00am

Church flowers

All Saints Sylvia Harmer, Jane Blease South Window, Jane Blease
St Mary's Fanny Wallis, Julia Moncrief

What's on

1	Village walk	10.15	Trinity hall
7	Conservation Group Cutting & Raking	9.00	St. Marys churchyard
8	Open Garden	10-4	Brick Kiln House
11	Church Cycle Ride		
18	Village walk	10.15	Trinity hall
21	Conservation Group raking	9.00	All Saints church hill
21	Village fete	3pm	Hillside

We are sorry to announce that Joy Whittaker has died. She was the Editor of the Shotesham Contact for many years. She was the organist for both churches and was the organiser and conductor of the choir for the Christmas carol service. Her funeral will be in St. Mary's church at **2.00pm on the 6th August.**

Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 11th September

The Norfolk Churches Trust: Bike: Walk: Drive in the Norfolk Countryside. Annual Event on Saturday 11th September 9am to 5pm We are look for volunteers to sit in Church between 9 & 5 Details from Trish Leighton 01508 558487 should you wish to take part.

Thanks to Martin and Trish Leighton who have kindly sponsored this edition of Contact in loving memory of Martin's mum Joy



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

August 2021

Thought from Dawn

Masks have been part of our lives for many months now; the subject of controversy and ridicule.

How effective are they? Who is most protected, the wearer or other people? Masks have become big business for corporate manufacturers and independents alike. They've surely made something of a dent in the lipstick industry...! The disposal of them is already a cause for environmental concern... we could go on.

They certainly don't help with communication – we can't hear clearly when a mask-wearer speaks and we don't have the benefit of lip movement to aid our understanding. The range of facial expression is all but lost. If you can keep those eyes smiling you may get away with pulling a whole variety of faces behind the mask... a more literal take on the expression 'two-faced'? But we've always been mask wearers to some extent. We put on a brave face to hide our anxieties. We wear a smile to mask our lack of confidence. We put on a front to show the world what we want them to see rather than risking the vulnerability of showing our true selves in public. Sometimes this is a good thing... kudos to you if you can maintain your outer composure while inside you're throwing a tantrum reminiscent of the 'terrible twos'!

How much do we allow others to see of our true selves? The more comfortable we feel with ourselves, the easier it is to relate to others. If this is an area you struggle with, remember that God is One who knows you better than you know yourself – he sees behind every mask - and no matter what he sees, he loves you. He sees your potential and if you allow him to, he will help you to grow in confidence and character. When you rest **secure in this knowledge you are well placed to face the world without** hiding behind the kind of masks that inhibit good relationships.

With every blessing as we journey on together.

Dawn

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Parish Council

The Council are planning to renovate the old black and white sign posts around the village. They represent a small but important part of our heritage. The start has been delayed as the highways department, who are supporting the work, being heavily involved in other projects, as well as the problems created for us all by COVID-19. We are hoping to start again in August. Originally, we did have offers of donations from you in the village to enable the work, and we would be pleased if you could confirm that these are still available to us. Contact Jeff Gough. The clerk - clerk.shotesham@outlook.com
Thank you to those who cut back their hedges to make the walking on pavements easier. If you think you could do this and you haven't had the time yet, please can you do so as soon as you can.
Happily the Trinity Hall is back in action with an Art group having met there. Hopefully the very start of life being a little more normal in the village

Garden Open in Shotesham

Brick Kiln House, Priory Lane, Sun 8th Aug 10-4pm. Jim and Jenny Clarke will be opening their garden for the National Garden Scheme again this year. The NGS supports nursing charities and is the biggest donator to MacMillan cancer support nurses. We will have home-made teas and live music and also stalls selling plants, and hand-painted ceramics". If it's a nice day do come along and if it's a nasty day come along anyway!

Foodbanks

There is a collecting box in both churches with a list of current most wanted items. Or visit the Foodbank website at www.networknorwich.co.uk to check what is needed and what they have plenty of.

Shotesham Conservation Group

The following is planned for August
St. Marys churchyard: Cutting and raking 9.00am 7th August
All Saints Church hill: Raking 9.00 am 21st August
Tools will be provided. **All volunteers welcome** Subject to weather.

A Trades' Directory for Shotesham with small personal ads.

is issued twice a year in September and March. The fee for a trade entry is £10.00 per year for both issues or £3.00 to place a small personal ad. The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text (extra fee for more lines)
Entries by 15th August please to be included in September "Contact".
To advertise please contact Trish Leighton 01508 558487 or mp95@btinternet.com

Shotesham Village Association

SVA News - Sunday 18th July gave us a glimpse of normality with the return of the Tour de Shotesham. Not too many entries, which wasn't really surprising considering how hot it was, but nonetheless a great effort from the cyclists and good vocal supporters to keep them going. After testing the water in the first lap, Martin Muntingh showed the rest of the field a clean pair of pedals and completed the 5 laps in a little over 27 minutes. See website www.shotesham.com for all results. As we didn't do a proper one last year, 2022 will be the TdS 10th anniversary, hopefully returning to April to avoid the heat, so get your bikes out and dusted down, and get some practise laps in.

The (Not Quite a) Village Fete will go ahead on Saturday 21st August at Hillside, The Common, courtesy of the Burtons. It'll be a 3pm start, with live music on arrival from our local musical ensemble, The Tin Heart Troubadours, along with afternoon tea & cake. A bar will be open selling beer and wine at competitive prices and free soft drinks, and you can bring your own picnic, being sure to take your rubbish home again. There will be some garden games for kids of all ages and the evening will be drawn to a close around 8.30pm following a second appearance from the excellent THTs, feel free to 'throw some shapes' if that takes your fancy. Its free entry, but will be limited to Shotesham residents and close friends only, and we would ask you to book places beforehand so we can gauge numbers and 'victuals'. Because of limited space, there will be parking only for disabled or more mature persons, names and parking requests to Ken at resotan@aol.com or 0788080167 or via the website.

Other things to look out for are, Shotesham Cinema will re-open on Friday 8th September, Barn Dance on 25th September, AGM (first one since March 2019!) in October, and an alternative kids event for Christmas (that's an alternative event not an event for every second child!). Other possibilities to be notified in due course, and as always keep an eye on the website for all the details

Finally, we've had a suggestion from a resident about the possibility of a Yoga class at the Trinity. If anyone is interested, please let Ken know (contact as above) so we can gauge whether there is sufficient interest to make it viable.