

December

CHURCH SERVICES

7	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
14	9.30a.m	My church Christingle	St Mary's	Dawn
21	6.30p.m.	Carols by Candlelight	St. Mary's	Dawn & David
25	9.30a.m.	Short service with Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
28	9.30a.m	Benefice Café Church Service at Swainsthorpe	Dawn & Sally	

January

4	11.00a.m.	Plough Sunday	St. Marys	Dawn
11	9.30 a.m.	My Church Morning Service	St. Marys	Sally & John
18	11.00 a.m	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
25	9.30a.m.	Morning Service with Debatable sermon	All Saints	Dawn

Saxlingham December 7th 9.30am 14th 15.00pm (Christingle)

21st 15.00pm carol service 24th 15.30pm & 23.30pm 25th 10.30am

January 4th 9.30am 11th 11.00am 18th 9.30am 25th 11.00am

CHURCH FLOWERS December. – All Saints- Jenny Walters, Jane Blease, Ros Dix **St. Mary's** – Valerie Crowle, Betty Torbitt, Sheila Warne, Bernie Fenn, Joy Whitaker **January - All Saints** – Jane Blease, Christine Howes **St Mary's** – Betty Torbitt, Bernie Fenn

WHAT'S ON December

3	Garden group Christmas decorations	7.30 pm Hillside
4/5/6	Pantomime Aladdin	7.30pm Saxlingham Village hall
6	Village Market	10.00am-12.00 Trinity hall
8	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
9	Poetry evening	7.30pm the Globe PH
12	Film Belle	7.30pm Poringland
12	Sax Garden Society	7.30pm Saxlingham Village hall
16	Mobile Library	Afternoon
24	Carols round the tree	6.00pm Church hill
28	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
31	Fun Run Shotesham	11.00am The Globe

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6	Village walk	see Shotesham website
10	Shotesham Conservation/garden group	10.00 Rectory farmhouse
13	Mobile Library	Afternoon
15	WEA Classes	1.30 pm Saxlingham village hall
16	Saxlingham Garden Soc.	7.30pm Trinity hall
28	Village walk	See Shotesham website
31	Film Silver Linings Playbook	6.30pm Trinity hall

Thanks to Peter Holmes who has kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact'.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

December 2014/January 2015

Message from Dawn Bethlehem just over 2000 years ago – a boy is born to an unmarried girl. He spends his first night in a manger – a feeding trough for animals. Over the fields around Bethlehem the skies are ablaze with angels praising God. Local shepherds hurry to see him. Wise men from a foreign land journey to find him...

The child grows to maturity. When the time is right he steps into the ministry he was born for, bringing the good news of God's love. His message is so dynamic, so powerful that it has shaped history, directed nations and continues to influence hearts and lives throughout the world today.

This Jesus, whose birth we read about in the Bible, is the eternal God, the One who longs for us to get to know him. He can and will make all the difference to our future and to our life here and now. There is so much more to discover about this amazing God – and his love for all people everywhere... Do join us for one (or more!) of our services this Christmas and rekindle your friendship with God – or maybe hear the Christmas story for the first time and know that it is God's message to you.

The Lord bless you this Christmas season and beyond! **Dawn**

Christingle service at St. Marys 9.30 am 14th December Bring your young children or grandchildren.

Candlelight Carol Service St. Mary's 21st December at 6.30pm - Bring a Torch. Christmas morning 9.30 a.m. All Saints' there will be a short 45-minute service with Holy Communion suitable for all the family

During the Christmas period there will be charity collections at services.

Village Association Christmas Eve at 6.00 the very popular **Carols round the Tree** on the hill in front of All Saints', followed by mulled wine in the church, handbells and more carols. We look forward to seeing you; bring a torch. **There will be a collection for the Nelson's Journey charity— please give generously**

The Foodbank. we are still collecting and perhaps people could remember particularly at Christmas to make a donation, please. Collection points in both churches.

Shoebboxes Shotesham sent **290** shoebboxes to needy children this year, in response to our appeal. Well done to all who supported this worthwhile project. Special thanks to Jill and her helpers.

Shotesham Parish Council...

Remembrance Day was a very positive show of respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Thank You

Tree Wardens. Still hoping for volunteers to come forward!!

The Parish Council wishes to say .. **'Thank You'** for the help and support given over the year. *John Hope. The Chairman.*

The defibrillator is now installed in the Common telephone kiosk and ready to use. (See enclosed information sheet).

Saxlingham Players Present Aladdin the pantomime by Ben Crocker

Thur 4th & Fri 5th Dec @ 7.30pm Sat 6th Dec @ 2.00pm 7.30pm

Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall. Tickets £7 or £5 for 12 and under
Call Vicky Stocks on 01508 499631 (9am-9pm)

Christmas Village Market December 6th 10am-12noon Trinity hall.

Raffle in aid of the Nelson's journey. (to be drawn 11.30) lovely prizes. 😊

Lots of stalls including Christmas gifts and cards. For children there will be a cracker and present from under the Christmas tree 😊

Walking group. December Monday 8th. Local Walk to be led by Jane Taylor. Meet at All Saints' Church at 10.15 a.m. **Sunday 28th:** Blow the cobwebs away! Walk to be led by Nick & Sue Astbury: Meet at Trinity at 10.15 a.m. for lift share to Chedgrave to start a circular walk along the River Chet, bridleway and quiet lane.

Shotesham Gardening and Conservation group

3rd December 7.30 Hillside, The Common, Shotesham

Christmas decorations using material from the garden. Informal meeting at Christine Burtons place. Materials will be provided but bring along your own as well as ideas! Enjoy mince pies and mulled wine too.

Start the New Year by learning something new, or refining your existing skills. On **Saturday January 10th**, or if the weather is terrible the 17th, **Alan Barson, RHS Tutor** will run a **practical hands-on morning session on pruning fruit trees and fruit bushes**. Alan is a renowned expert and good fun. The morning will start at **9.30** and be in the **Astbury's garden, Rectory Farmhouse, The Street**. We need to let Alan know how many people would like to attend so phone Sue on 550377 or Bernie on 558407. Alternatively email Cost £3 per person, bring your own secateurs. Hot coffee will be provided.

Many thanks to all who made the Big Sky Concert in All Saints' a huge success and to Sue Astbury and team for superb organisation.

Thanks also to Karen Heywood for a really interesting talk about her work with mechanical dolphins and to Lindsay for organising the evening.

2nd Poetry Evening at The Globe – Tuesday 9th December, 7:30 p.m.

The Poetry Evening on 11th Nov. went very well for a first session. 10 people came and there was a strong WW1 theme with some very moving poems read out. There were also poems on many other themes, some short and light-hearted and some older classics. Everyone thought the evening was a success and wanted to arrange another one. It was suggested that each evening had a theme so the next one will be on Tuesday 9th December with a Christmas theme. All welcome whether to read a poem or to listen.

New Year's Eve Fun Run – Wednesday December 31st 11am.

The village is invited to take part in the annual 5 mile fun run. All ages and standard of runners can take part. Anyone wishing to take part should assemble at The Globe at 10:30am on the day to register. For more details, contact Matt Sykes on tel 550185

WEA Class in Saxlingham Village Hall WEA Saxlingham Nethergate Group. We have come to the end of an excellent study of the East Anglian Textile Industry before the Industrial Revolution took it over. Next time at Saxlingham Village Hall we shall be pursuing Famous Scientists from Galileo to Einstein - **Thursdays 1.30 to 3.00 p.m. starting 15th January** for ten weeks (cost £48). Ring Thelma on 01508 550368 for info.

Saxlingham and district garden Society will be holding their **2015** meetings in the TRINITY HALL, SHOTESHAM on the third Friday of each month at 7.30pm, except July and August when there are no meetings. Interesting speakers and garden visits arranged. New members and visitors very welcome. Annual membership £12.50. Visitors £3 per meeting.

January 16th speaker is Shelagh Ashe "Gardens Through History".

The Bigger Picture : Film Night At the Trinity: Saturday, January 31 2015. 6.30pm Film: Silver Linings Playbook (15)

Pat, a former teacher, a man with bipolar disorder is released from psychiatric hospital, and moves back with his parents.

The Bigger Picture is the first project in Norfolk to use cinema to challenge preconceived ideas about mental health, and is funded by *Time To Change*, the national anti-stigma campaign which aims to improve public attitudes towards mental health issues. Creative Arts East is working with Norwich & Central Norfolk Mind to promote the project. Norwich Mind team will encourage and facilitate discussions after the film.

doors open: 6.00pm screening time: 6.30pm refreshments provided. free entry: but booking essential 01508 550122

www.shotesham.com for all the up to date village information

Defibrillator.

The defibrillator is now installed in the Common telephone kiosk and ready to use. It is in a bright yellow box which needs an access code to get to the (portable) unit. The emergency services will have this code, and members of the PC already have this code, but additional code holders are needed. Please contact Slim Dinsdale if you would like to be added to the list.

There is a simple picture guide on the front panel explaining how it should be used. There are four stages you need to follow

1. You will have **firstly called 999** to seek emergency help re: an ambulance/Doctor etc.
2. They will advise where the closest defibrillator is ..The BT box at the Common... and **provide the code** to open the yellow cabinet.
3. Once the cabinet is opened, **take the defibrillator to the 'patient'**. There is a video/audio which tells you what to do
4. **Follow the instructions on the video** as you wait for the ambulance/doctor to arrive.

We are planning to hold some training sessions in late January 2015 at The Trinity, where it is hoped villagers will volunteer to become 'first responders' available for emergencies.

More later on notice boards and the web site.