

December CHURCH SERVICES

4	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
11	9.30a.m.	Crib Service	St Mary's	Dawn & John
18	6.30p.m.	Carols by Candlelight	St. Mary's	Dawn
25	9.30a.m.	Short service with Holy Communion	All Saints'	Dawn

January

1	11.00a.m.	New Year Benefice Service - Café team	Tasburgh Church	
8	9.30 a.m.	'My Church' Plough Sunday	St. Mary's	Dawn & John
15	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Dawn
22	9.30a.m.	Service of the Word	All Saints'	Martin
29	11.00a.m..	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Sally

Saxlingham December 4th 9.30am 11th 11.00am 18th 15.00pm carol service
24th 15.00pm crib service & 23.30pm HC 25th 10.30am

Jan 8th 11.00am 15th 9.30am 22nd 8.00HC & 11.00am 29th 11.00am

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

WHAT'S ON December

1/2/3	Panto	7.30pm Saxlingham village hall
3	Village market/ Craft fair	10.00-12 Trinity hall
3	Concert –Tin Heart Troupadours	7.30pm All Saints'
7	Village walk	10.15 Trinity hall
9	Film –Golden Years	7.30pm Poringland
10	Supper and sketch show	7.30pm Trinity hall
13	Mobile Library	Afternoon
18	Village walk	10.30 am Trinity hall
24	Carols round the tree	6.00pm Church hill
31	Fun Run Shotesham	11.00am All Saints'

January

6	Meet and Mardle	7.30pm Trinity hall
10	Mobile Library	Afternoon
12	WEA Classes	1.30 pm Saxlingham village hall
13	Film night Local hero	7.30pm Trinity hall
25	Shotesham Conservation/garden group	7.30pm Trinity hall

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

Thanks to Ken and Lesley Munro who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact'.



**SHOTESHAM CONTACT
December2016/January2017**

Thought from Dawn Ding Dong Merrily on High

We are privileged to enjoy the sound of church bells throughout the year but bells of all kinds have come to hold a special significance at Christmas. They appear as tree ornaments, on Christmas cards, and in other ways too...

Think 'jingle bells' of the 'one horse open sleigh' variety. With their glass-like ringing they let us know that someone is on the way, journeying towards us.

The Advent period prepares us for the coming of Jesus.

There's the ring of the doorbell – announcing the arrival of visitors – a personal meeting. We remember that God is 'Emmanuel' – a name which means 'God with us'.

Hand bells are more in evidence at this time of year – entertaining shoppers in department stores or being skilfully played at local concerts – often with proceeds towards a particular charity. We're reminded that Jesus came for the needy – and that we are all needy in one way or another.

Then there are church bells – ringing out to call people to worship, to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. The birth of Jesus was foretold by the prophets, announced by angels and broadcast by shepherds. His arrival in our lives today brings joy to our hearts, enriching each day with a beauty and peace that defies description.

May the call of Christmas resonate with us all – taking us into the year to come and beyond – in the presence of this God who loves us – who came as a baby, grew up, lived among us and promises to be with us always - no matter what the future holds.

May you know God's richest blessing this Christmas!

Dawn Team Vicar dawn@tasvalley.org 01508 498924

Crib service at St. Marys 9.30 am 11th December Bring your young children or grandchildren.

Candlelight Carol Service St. Mary's 18th December at 6.30pm - Bring a Torch. Christmas Eve 6.00pm Carols round the tree on All Saints' hill. 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.

Remembrance Day collection: Thank you to those who donated during the service. £137 was sent to British Legion and the same amount to Help for Heroes.

December Village Market/Craft Fair 3rd December 10-12 Trinity hall

Lovely items for sale ... wreaths, local pork, chutneys, cakes, gifts for Christmas trees .handmade cards, Avon, dressed dolls, and local honey. Come and buy your Christmas presents. BIG TOMBOLA FOR EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCELOTS OF LOVELY PRIZES.

Saturday 3rd December 7.30pm. The very popular Tin Heart Troubadours will be playing at **All Saints' Church, Shotesham**. Their music is the sound of American parlour folk music. Tickets: £7.50 (includes a glass of wine) from Sue Astbury 550377 or susan.astbury49@btinternet.com Proceeds will go to EACH for their new children's hospice.

Shotesham Village Association is proud to announce a **Supper and Comedy Sketch Evening on Saturday 10th December 7.30pm at Trinity Hall.** Tickets will be **£10 per person** and will include a glass of Prosecco and a delicious homemade supper prepared using locally sourced ingredients. Tickets are limited, so **book early to avoid disappointment.** Email martin.bonser@w-l-p.co.uk phone 558088. raffle in aid of East Anglian Children's Hospice

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 charity collection– please give generously**

Every year a highlight is a group of **children ringing hand bells and we would encourage more to get involved.** Ted Burton arranges rehearsals on 11th 3.30, 18th 3.30, 23rd 5.30, 24th 5.30 so please contact him by email tedburton221@gmail.com If your child is interested in joining in.

Fun Run Saturday 31st Dec is the date, 11am start from the Church.

Once again, the village (and friends) are invited to take part in the annual Shotesham Fun Run on New Years Eve. Runners of all ages and abilities can come along and see out 2016 with a 5 mile run around the village. Please meet at Shotesham All Saints Church at 10:30 to sign in, with the race starting at 11am. Please note this is a casual, free to enter fun run designed for families and friends of the village. For further details, please contact Matt Sykes - matt@mind-span.co.uk.

On Friday 6th January 2017 at 7.30pm, Trinity Hall - NEW YEAR MEET AND MARDLE evening. Bring your own drink and glass and a plate of food to share. ALL WELCOME, just come along. An opportunity to celebrate the

New Year with fellow community members. Several members of the Village have decided to stand down at the next AGM in March 2017. If you are interested in getting involved in community events or would like to know more, please talk to any committee member or email Bernie floracot@btinternet.com.

Walking group Wednesday 7th Christine and David to lead. . A walk from Caistor car park to Stoke and Dunston Common ..meet at The Trinity at 10.15am to share cars. **Friday 9th** – walkers Christmas supper.

Sunday 18th Mary and David to lead. Meet at Trinity at 10.30 a.m. local walk of About 1.5hours, lanes or off-road as mud/weather allows.

Operation Christmas child -We managed to fill over **500** shoe boxes for children in need in Central and Eastern Europe and Africa. This will make a real difference to the children receiving them this Christmas. Thank you very much if you have contributed any items for the boxes. I will continue to leave a box in the church for anyone who would like to contribute items throughout the year. For more info phone 01508 550306. *Jill masters*

Panto time is here again!!! "Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood".

Performances are being held on **1st, 2nd and 3rd December at 7.30 pm** and a matinee on Saturday 3rd December at 2 pm. There will also be lively singing, colourful costumes and lots of laughs - in short, a show all the family can enjoy! Tickets are £7 for adults £5 children Telephone Vicky 499631 to book

WEA Class in Saxlingham Village Hall

starts Thursday 12th January at 1.30/3.00 for nine weeks with "Some remarkable Norfolk individuals including J.J.Colman, Dorothy Jewson, Margaret Paston, and five others set in the context of their times". Fee is £48. More information? Ring Thelma 01508 550368.

Shotesham Gardening and Conservation group

On 25th January 2017, Dr Ian Bedford, of the John Innes Centre, will be giving an illustrated talk on "Garden Bugs – Cohabit, Conserve or Control? What are the good and bad bugs and what do we do with them?!"

The meeting is at **7.30pm in the Trinity** with a £3 contribution to cover costs. Everyone is welcome. More information Sue on 550377.

SHOTESHAM SCREEN Friday 13 January tickets £5 7.30 Trinity hall

Local Hero (PG/110mins/1983 comedy drama)_American oil company sends a man to Scotland to buy up an entire village to build a refinery. But things don't go as expected. Starring: Burt Lancaster, Peter Capaldi,

The Car Man Recorded Live, On Screen 2015.(98mins)

Dance musical By Mathew Bourne loosely based on Bizets popular opera Carmen. **Friday 10 February tickets £8 not to be missed!**

BookingsRaz 550122 razwoollacott@gmail.com

Diary note: February 3rd All Saints' church, Concert with Emma Nuule and Flute Bravada. The return of the local soprano and flute duo whose performances here last February were greatly enjoyed.

Parish Council

The Grove telephone box is up and running. All the books are free, so pop in when you are passing and help yourself.

The defibrillator in the Common's box is checked on a regular basis, and happily unused as yet.

The agenda and minutes for all the Parish Council meetings are on the village website shotesham.com. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings.

SAM 2 - This is the sign that flashes your speed

You will have noticed that the sign is now fully operational. It flashes your speed and if you are going over a certain speed, it just says slow down.

It will be moved around the village onto the grey posts that have appeared.

The primary aim is to try and reduce the speed of traffic in the village which was clearly a major issue identified in the last village survey.

Whilst it is flashing speeds, it is also collecting data. It does not collect number plates but it records the speed and time of each vehicles. From this we can then over time create traffic flows, ie peak times, number of vehicles, percentage speeding and as the sign is moved around the village get a better understanding of the traffic.

Why does it matter? If/when the next large residential site in Poringland goes out for consultation we as a Parish council will be able to respond from a position of strength having actual physical data of traffic flows and can then extrapolate what the extra housing might mean for traffic in Shotesham.

The sign can also be used to identify time slots when we have a particular speeding vehicle/s which we can pass onto the police.

Please keep a look out for it!