



CHURCH SERVICES

1	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
8	9.30a.m.	'My Church' Morning Worship	St Mary's	John & Dawn
15	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn & David
18	7.30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Benefice service of Wholeness and Healing Swainsthorpe Church		
22	9.30 a.m.	Morning worship and baptism	All Saints	David

Services in Saxlingham

1st 9.30p.m. 8th 11.00a.m. 15th 9.30a.m 22nd HC 8.00a.m. 11.00a.m

CHURCH FLOWERS

All Saints-Jane Blease, Ros Dix

St Mary,s- Sheila Warne, Fanny Wallis

WHAT'S ON

31 Jan Film Night Silver linings playbook 6.30pm Trinity hall

4	Walking group	10.30 Baxters Lane
10	Mobile Library	Afternoon
12	Shotesham Garden Group	7.30pm Trinity hall
13	The hundred foot journey Film	7.30pm Poringland
20	Sax.Garden Society talk	7.30pm Trinity hall
22	Walking group	10.30am Trinity hall
27	Film Night - Ida	7.30pm Trinity hall

Diary Notes

Village Market The first market of 2015 will be on **Saturday March 14th**

Please contact Gwen Jackson on 01508 550337 mob 07788932646 if you would like to book a table.

For all up to date information and news go to www.shotesham.com

Thanks to Martin and Patricia Leighton who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact' in celebration of their recent wedding.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

February 2015

At a recent 'Debatable Sermon' we tackled the challenging question of 'Why does God permit suffering and premature death?' Needless to say, we barely scratched the surface of what is a huge and difficult subject! Like many of these issues there is no watertight answer but exploring what the Bible says and listening to one another can be an enriching and helpful experience.

Whenever this particular topic arises I'm always encouraged by the number of people (myself included) who can testify to the fact that knowing God in the midst of our difficulties makes them easier to bear.

Other people react to suffering by blaming God and/or rejecting Him. Yet the message of the Gospel is that God loves us and longs for us to return that love. He created a perfect world which we have spoiled but despite this He holds out the promise of a forever perfect world in the life to come – an open invitation to each one of us – made possible through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus.

If you'd like to find out more, why not consider joining our next Alpha course which offers ample opportunity to ask questions and explore the meaning of life – look out for further details over the next month or two. Or come along to one of our services – we'd love to welcome you!

God bless you!

Dawn

There were record attendances at the Christmas services and carol singing. **Thanks to everyone** for their great generosity in donations to charity. £800 was divided and sent to two charities Nelson's Journey and EACH.

Walking Group 4th Start from Baxters Lane 10.30am
and 22nd Feb. Start from Trinity hall 10.30am
Please check website for more details or ring Tom on 558751

Garden and conservation group On **Thursday February 12th 7.30** at the Trinity Hall **Anna Outlaw, head gardener** from **Somerleyton Hall**, will be coming to talk about how they set up a cutting garden at the Hall and how to do the same on a smaller scale in our own gardens. There may even be some goodies for sale to get us started!
Cost £3 Everyone welcome

Saxlingham Garden Soc. talk 20th February- 7.30pm Trinity hall
Shotesham Speaker Dr. Colin Purdham talking about 'Bees'.
All welcome.

Film Night at The Trinity Friday February 27th 7.30pm Film: "Ida"
Polish (subtitles) oscar-nominated. Poland 1962, a young woman about to take vows as a nun learns from her only relative that she is jewish! Both women embark on a journey to discover their family story and where they belong. A beautiful film in black&white. DON'T MISS IT!
Bookings: Raz 550122 Tickets: £5

Future Film Night Dairy Date: Friday March 27 "Sunshine on Leith"

"TREES FOR LIFE" Wednesday March 18 7.30pm. An illustrated talk/discussion on the importance of trees for wildlife and the landscape. From the highlands of Scotland to the lowlands of Shotesham. What can we do individually and as a community to encourage and protect our trees and wildlife. ALL WELCOME. Refreshments. For further info contact Raz Woollacott(Parish Tree Warden) 550122

Poringland Community Cinema

The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG) Friday 13th February Comedy

The Kadam family leaves India for France where they Open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's Michelin-starred eatery.

Stars: Helen Mirren, Om Puri, Manish Dayalat Poringland Community Centre Tickets £5 (includes free tea or coffee) From Poringland Budgens or on the door. Doors open 6.45pm film starts 7.30pm

A date for your diary

Shotesham is a lively community with lots of social activities. A number of key events such as the Fete, Fun Run, Tour de Shotesham, Summer Picnics, village suppers, etc. are organised by the Village Association (SVA). Once a year we hold a get-together over a glass of wine when the whole village is invited to discuss ideas for future events and activities. Everyone is welcome (new and established residents) because we want our events to appeal to everyone! Please come and join us at **Trinity hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th March.**

Fundraising Quiz for VSO

My name is Barley I have lived in Shotesham for most of my life but in April I am going to volunteer in the Philippines for 3 months. I will be working on a project which encourages the locals to act more sustainably with regards to fishing, forestry and farming. The cost of my trip is subsidised by DFID however I would also like to raise some money to donate directly to VSO for them to use in developing countries. I have set myself a target of £800 to raise by mid-April . If you would like more information or to donate please visit www.justgiving.com/Barley-Rose-Collier-Harris/

Quiz and cake

I am going to be holding a charity quiz and raffle on Saturday the **21st March at 6pm** at Trinity Hall Shotesham and would love as many people to come as possible. Tickets will be £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children under 13. To register a team (4-8 members) please text me on 07778183463 Tickets include a non alcoholic beverage and slice of cake but feel free to bring nibbles.

Emmaus Charity -Belsey Bridge Road, Ditchingham, NR35 2D Second hand Retail Outlet Open Tues-Sat 10am-4.30pm We offer a comprehensive range of household goods, collectables, vintage/retro treasures and antique curios. Refreshments are available in our micro café. Sale Days the Last Saturday of Every Month

Emmaus Norwich events

Saturday 7th Individual Phobia treatments with Stacey Richards in Beccles. Stacey is an NLP Practitioner and EMI therapist and is donating all proceeds to Emmaus Norwich, Cos t £35. To book call Stacey on 07922 089699

Saturday 28th Sale day, all mums with accompanying children get 20% off any purchases in preparation for Mothering Sunday on 15th March.

www.emmaus.org.uk/norwich info@emmausnorwich.org 01986 895444

Shotesham Parish Council

I am pleased to announce that Pete Lowndes-Burt has been co opted onto Shotesham Parish Council; we are now up to strength.

Our new Tree Warden is Raz Woollacott who takes over from Frank and Diane Mitchell with immediate effect. Raz is contactable on

Elections 2015.

We are all aware that the Parliamentary elections will be in May 2015, but this is also the time for the Parish Council, District and County elections. This May the opportunity to represent the Parish of Shotesham for the next 5 years is open to you. There are seven Councillor posts for election. If successful, you will have the opportunity to have your say and influence the future happenings, within the Parish. The Parish Council is the local governmental representation for the village.

It is important that all seats are contested so that a truly democratic Council is elected. The District Council have set up a web page for all potential candidates <http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/democracy/7239.asp> which gives all the information.

If you wish to know more just contact a councillor or me.

Portable Speed Indicator [SAM2]

Due to the continued speeding of vehicles through the village the Parish Council has agreed to purchase a unit for Shotesham. Grants should off set the cost. As the sign is mobile we are looking for volunteers to erect and remove the unit on a rota basis, so all the village where speeding is a problem, is covered. Training will be given.

Anyone interested please contact Henry Walker on

Flooding In Shotesham

Over the last nine weeks we have experienced unusually high rainfall events resulting in flooding on some roads and unfortunately, some property damage. The Parish Council has had meetings with Norfolk County Council's Highways Department to establish what can or cannot be done. Below are some key points that all property owners should be aware of. The land around Shotesham is heavy clay in places. This type of land is unable to absorb rainfall as quickly as light sandy soils, so our watercourses will be put under more stress from heavy or prolonged rainfall.

We have experienced, and will continue to experience, these high rainfall events which will overwhelm systems not constructed to modern design standards. In Common Law, an upstream landowner has the right to pass drainage to the downstream land owner who has a duty to accept it. Maintenance of ditches, piped ditches and driveway culverts is the responsibility of the riparian land owner that is to say, the adjoining property who should keep their ditches and pipes clear. Household owners often assume some other body is responsible for ditches adjoining the highway but this is not the case. Owners have a duty in Common Law to maintain drainage features but they have no duty to improve them. Property owners should have the consent of the Council's Water Management Team before piping ditches although, normally, consent will not be given. Ditches can carry a much greater quantity of water than normal pipes so they are always the preferred option. Where householders pipe ditches, they sometimes use 75 mm guttering pipe or 100 mm domestic pipe and these are not adequate during heavy rain. Recommended sizes for watercourses are 450 mm or 600 mm although these pipes are very costly. Unfortunately there is no legal requirement for old inadequate culverts or piped ditches to be upgraded but they must be kept in good working order. There are many thousands of culverts in Norfolk that serve no specific highway purpose. Many of these carry land drainage water from one side of the road to the other. Where culverts are present that are not recorded or maintained by Norfolk County Council; they will be the responsibility of the upstream land owner. Sandbags for flood defence are sometimes provided by the District Council but it is not always possible for them to provide the amount requested in times of heavy rain. Ultimately, property owners have a duty to protect their own property from flooding although, we realise, this is a contentious issue.

Clearance of leaf fall is the responsibility of South Norfolk Council but it has never been possible for them to sweep the highway every week. Potential flooding caused by leaves blocking road drainage gullies, could be avoided by the neighbouring householder inspecting the gullies. If there is a build-up, a few minutes spent cleaning the gully top might avert a local flood. If the leaf build-up is too much or the gully has become blocked, please report the situation to the relevant

Council highways@norfolk.gov.uk or council@s-norfolk.gov.uk

Following our meeting with the Highways Department they have agreed to make a general inspection and carry out any maintenance or repairs that are their responsibility.

Jon Nott Deputy Chairman Shotesham Parish Council

Failure of water supply by Anglian Water

We have received a letter of apology from Anglian water regarding the loss of supply recently. They have kindly offered a compensation figure to each household [£20] and also offered £1000 donation to the parish to be administered by the Parish Council, for local charity, or project. If you have any suggestions please contact me or any Parish Councillor with your suggestions, for consideration.

The Defibrillator

I am pleased to say that the defibrillator is now fully operational in the telephone box on The Common, it is also on the list held by the emergency services. Training will be offered shortly. The co-ordinator is Slim Dinsdale contactable on

Showt campaign The one day hearing will be held on **Tuesday 17th March** at the Royal Courts of Justice in London. We won't know which judge it will be until nearer the date. The judge may announce the decision on the day but is more likely to hand down judgment at a later time - usually within a few weeks. Members of the public can attend but we are advised that a supportive crowd will not sway the courts on this occasion. Three defendants were named in the TCI challenge to the Secretary of State's refusal of planning permission: The Secretary of State, South Norfolk Council and Hempnall Parish Council. The Secretary of State and Hempnall Parish Council have appointed barristers to fight the challenge.

South Norfolk Council decided not to.

John Hope Chairman

Who pays for the cost of keeping our churches?

The Shotesham Parochial Church Council (the PCC) was pleased by the number of replies and the many helpful comments made about proposed changes to All Saints' church. As our vicar has said, it is good to know that the village community has a real sense of ownership of All Saints' as the local parish church. However, it was apparent that many in our community are unaware of who supports the running costs of keeping both of our churches and also maintaining the presence of clergy in our community. Although the Church of England has a great amount of assets giving it a large income, it also has large financial liabilities (eg clergy pensions, C of E schools ..). This means that **local parish churches receive no financial support from Church of England central funds**. It explains why some village churches are closed (or converted to community centres) owing to lack of local support. Regular running costs of our local Shotesham churches (insurance, churchyard upkeep -grasscutting * etc., church utilities, running repairs and maintenance, and cost of maintaining clergy presence in our community) were over £17,000 in the year 2014. Some of this was met from fees for weddings, funerals etc., and a contribution from the Parish Council for the cost of churchyard upkeep. Most of the cost has to be met from collections at church services and regular bank standing orders from parishioners but **these did not fully cover the regular costs in 2014**.

We are very fortunate in Shotesham that our church has been left some significant legacies, but these can only be used for the buildings of All Saints' and St. Mary's churches. It is the policy of the Parochial Church Council to invest most of the legacy fund and use the income for the major repairs and improvements (eg water facilities) to our two medieval buildings so that they will be there and used for generations to come. The Parochial Church Council thanks those who already contribute to our running costs. If you do not contribute and would like help to pay for the running expenses of your church please complete the following standing order and Gift Aid form or you could set up a standing order via internet banking. (If you wish you can specify the expense to which you would like to contribute.) Otherwise, when you attend one of our church services please be generous to the collection.

*eg Grasscutting cost £2,800 in 2014

Bob Harris Treasurer for the Shotesham Parochial Church Council

**Treasurer for the Parochial Church Council of Shotesham
GIFT AID DECLARATION**

Name of church Shotesham

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities(including churches) and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Full Name :

Address (including postcode):

Postcode:

Signature: _____ Date:

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Please notify the church/charity if you

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax. Basic rate tax is currently 20%, which currently allows charities to reclaim 25 pence on the pound. Higher rate taxpayers can claim back the difference between basic rate and higher rate or additional rate tax. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please give this form to one of the churchwardens or send it to Shotesham Churches Treasurer Bob Harris, Hill Cottage, Rogers Lane, Shotesham NR15 1YJ

Standing Order

Please complete if required and the Treasurer will then send this to your bank.

To The Manager

.....Bank plc

Bank Address:

Date

Dear Sir,

Please arrange for payments to be made to the following

Credit: PCC of Shotesham

Account No: 00398514 Bank Sort Code 30-96-17

Bank Name Lloyds TSB

Branch 16 Gentleman's Walk Norwich

The sum of (words) Figures £.....:p

Beginning on 2015

And thereafter on the of each month/quarter/year*

until further notice by me.

Please debit my account as per the above instructions

Signature:

Name (BLOCK LETTERS):

Account Name:

Account No

Address:

* Delete as appropriate