



## CHURCH SERVICES

In keeping with government guidelines our church buildings are closed for services but ministry continues....

Tas Valley Benefice 'Zoom' Sunday services are held every week with details sent out on the Emma information village email list. For details of 'Zoom' Sunday service contact the Team Rector: Revd Dawn Davidson 01508 498924 or [dawndavidson@btinternet.com](mailto:dawndavidson@btinternet.com)

Or find us at: Website: [tasvalley.org](http://tasvalley.org) Facebook: Tas Valley Team Ministry

**Churches Open:** The Churches, All Saints and St. Marys, will be open for private prayer on Sundays from 10.00am to 4.00pm (subject to variation). (Please follow government guidelines while inside the church).

Details to contact if you need assistance during this difficult time are:

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### **Trades' Directory for Shotesham with small personal ads**

Issued twice a year. Next issue will be with April 'Contact'. The fee for a trade entry is £10.00 per year for both issues or £3.00 to place a small personal ad. To advertise please contact Trish Leighton 01508 558487 or email [mp95@btinternet.com](mailto:mp95@btinternet.com). The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text (extra fee for more lines) Entries by **10<sup>th</sup> March** please to be included in April directory.

**For all up to date information and news go to [www.shotesham.com](http://www.shotesham.com)**

**Thanks** to all those who contributed to the Greener Christmas Greetings Insert in the previous issue of Contact. £200 was sent to the Each children's hospice. We received a letter of thanks from the hospice.

*Thanks to Jason and Pam Crawley who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact'*



## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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### **Thought from Dawn**

A couple of days ago, I came across a friend striding out on her daily walk... we stopped for a brief and safely distanced chat. I'd not seen her for almost a year and she looked very well. However, she commented that "it's all just getting boring" now. The frustration of being constrained and restricted is beginning to manifest in rioting and protests around the world. But there's a lot positive happening as well – not least the roll out of the vaccine.

We press on into the new year ever hopeful that things will improve... adverse circumstances often contain the seeds of advantage...

Did you know that when a giraffe gives birth, she does so standing up? Her calf leaves her body and falls about ten feet to the ground, often landing on its back with legs flailing in the air. If the newborn doesn't stand up within a couple of minutes, the mother gives it a hefty kick to stimulate its effort to stand. When the baby does manage to wobble to its feet, the mother often kicks it over again. This process may be repeated a few more times. It seems cruel to us but the mother's action is preparing her baby for survival. Unless the calf learns how to get up quickly and run with the herd, when danger comes it won't survive.

Before you were born, God already had a plan in place for you – and that plan involves you dealing with setbacks and overcoming obstacles.

Character is developed as we learn to persevere through tough times. I'm NOT saying (or even suggesting!) that God kicks us when we're down - but it's the hard times that offer opportunity to learn our most valuable lessons. And it's the hard times that deepen our appreciation of the good times! Hold on to this when circumstances leave you feeling confused and vulnerable and know that God is there, encouraging you to get up and move forwards.

May God bless you and hold you close

**Dawn**

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## Shotesham Parish Council

South Norfolk Council have supplied us with a very comprehensive list of sources of information about dealing with telephone and internet fraud attempts. This is now in the village notice boards but if you would like the full list then we can forward this to you. Contact the clerk or the chairman of the council- details below.

At our March meeting we will be selecting our new Parish Councillor to replace Jill. All the information regarding this appointment is on the village notice board but if you would like to speak to any of the existing councillors before you put yourself forward then their contact details are on the notice board and website. For details of the process contact the clerk. The closing date to apply is February 28th at noon.

Sadly we still have litter in the village so if you would like to be a part of this years clean up at the beginning of March please contact me -details below.

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Chairman. - heather 550785 or [heatherbelljackson@btinternet.com](mailto:heatherbelljackson@btinternet.com)

## The Common

You will no doubt have noticed that the common is extremely wet and muddy at the moment, certainly since the flooding at Christmas time. This is just to let you know that flood alleviation work is in progress around Brookfields, which will make everything even more messy for a while! Please take extra care while machinery is in use and keep your dogs under control. I'm sure, like me, you are all looking forward to Spring when everything will start to look beautiful again!

The Trustees would also like to take the opportunity to thank all those who helped retrieve the sleepers that were washed downstream when the bridge to Brookfields gave way during the floods. The bridge is now temporarily repaired to allow access to Brookfields so that repair work can start on the cottage. Many thanks also to Ben Turner, who kindly donated the use of a digger to help with the bridge repairs.

**Bernie Fenn** Trustees of Shotesham Common

## Shotesham Village Association

Following the success of the events over the Christmas period (notwithstanding the need to cancel the Hogmanay run), the SVA are now looking at some options for the year ahead. Whilst we will need to take cognisance of what the Covid rules and guidelines are at any given time, and also to recognise that some people will not wish to get into 'gatherings' regardless, we'll be doing our best to put on some activities and keeping our fingers crossed for some semblance of normality.

## Shotesham History Notes

It is just over 100 years ago that the village saw a big change to its way of life. On 26<sup>th</sup> June 1920, the Fellowes family put up for auction a large part of their Shotesham Estate. This was just one example of the decline of country houses and their estates that was happening across the country in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The auction catalogue describes 87 lots comprising 4,633 acres, farms, woodlands, houses and small cottages in Shotesham and neighbouring parishes. Until then, most of the people living in Shotesham would have been tenants of the Fellowes family.

Just a few examples:

Mr Lovewell bought Grove Farm with 130 acres for £2,250,

Vine Cottage on The Street went for £300,

The Butchers shop and house was sold to Mr Dye for £420.

There were several more auctions until Shotesham Park and the remainder of the Estate was sold in 1979. This brought to an end the Fellowes family's links with the village which had begun in 1731 when William Fellowes bought Shotesham Park Estate at the age of 26.

It was William Fellowes who founded what may be the country's first 'cottage hospital' at Hawes Green, Shotesham "for the benefit of the sick and needy of the neighbourhood." This was done with help from the surgeon Benjamin Gooch (who lived at the Duke's Head) and was in use by 1754. From this starting point, the pair went on to establish the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital in 1771 - 250 years ago.

(Sara Webber would love to hear from anyone who has any photos, memoirs, memorabilia etc of village life - please contact her on 01508 550190 or [webber.sj@btinternet.com](mailto:webber.sj@btinternet.com)).

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