



### CHURCH SERVICES

3	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn
10	9.30a.m.	'My Church' Service	St. Mary's	John
17	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion Father's Day	All Saints	TBC
24	9:30	Morning Service	All Saints	David Lancaster

**Saxlingham services** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am, 10<sup>th</sup> 11.00am, 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am  
 24<sup>th</sup> 8.00am HC 11.00am

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**All Saints'** - , Britt Riches

**South Window** -Sue Astbury / Christine Burton  
 special decorations for the open gardens weekend.

**St. Mary's-** Christine Howes, Bernie Fenn,

### WHAT'S ON

26 <sup>th</sup> May -10 June	Open studios	Flint cottage
4	Walking group	10.30am Trinity hall
7	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm Trinity hall
<b>23/24</b>	<b>Open gardens and art trail</b>	<b>12.00-5.00</b>
26	Mobile library	3.00-4.25pm
<b>30</b>	<b>Concert</b>	<b>7.30pm All Saints' church</b>

[www.shotesham.com](http://www.shotesham.com) for all the latest information.

The next 'Contact' will be a joint July /August issue - items to the editor  
 Pat Harris, Hill Cottage, Rogers Lane- 01508 550672 by the 15<sup>th</sup> June please.  
 Or e-mail at hill.cottage@btinternet.com

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## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

**JUNE 2018**

### Thought from Dawn

Life is full of problems and uncertainties. At the time of writing, one of the biggest seems to be "Will he or won't he walk her up the aisle?" By the time you read this we will all know the answer.

No matter what our age or occupation, most of us face a variety of challenges on a regular basis. Like turbulence on the flight path or storms at sea interrupting what would otherwise be a smooth journey, they can sometimes cause us to be gripped by fear.

The gospels describe a time when Jesus and his disciples went out in a boat. A sudden and violent storm arose and they were in danger of sinking. Jesus had fallen asleep and slept on as the storm hit. The terrified disciples woke Jesus who, perplexed at their fearfulness and lack of faith, spoke to the elements; "Peace! Be still!" Immediately all was calm.

It can seem as though God has abandoned us during our most difficult times. But the fact is he is there – not sleeping – but waiting, longing for us to turn to him and ask for his involvement. When we bring our problems to God in prayer, we can be sure of his help. It may not be as immediate or as dramatic as the story of the calming of the storm, but we can know that he is with us in the midst of our problems and we can experience the gift of God's peace. An inner peace that will sustain us through any storm.

All we have to do is call out to him.

With my prayers for a peaceful month ahead. **Dawn**

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### Saturday and Sunday June 23rd/24th

**Shotesham Open Gardens and Art Trail** in aid of All Saints Church bells project

## **Shotesham Parish Council**

The Chairman's report from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the May 3rd will be available on the village website. [Shotesham.com](http://Shotesham.com).

Lisa Fountain from SNDC gave a well informed talk on maximising our green bin recycling in a way that doesn't contaminate the loads collected.

There were many useful points which emphasised and expanded on the leaflet that SNDC had delivered to every home.

1 Black food trays should be recycled, but without the plastic coverings.

2 Do not crush plastic bottles but leave the lids on.

3 Spray nozzles on bottles can be left in.

4 Tetra packs - go in too.

5 All envelopes recycle.

6 Shredded paper can go in but should be loose not in plastic bags

7 Leave the lids on glass bottles and jars. No drinking glasses or broken sheets of glass.

8 No rigid plastic such as washing up bowls etc.

Everything should be rinsed and dry but doesn't need to be spotless, and should all be loose not bagged together. If you are unsure then you can contact Lisa at SNDC on 01508533633 or if in doubt use the black bin.

Nothing in South Norfolk goes into landfill.

Next parish council meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Trinity hall

**Walking group** Monday 4th. 10.30 Trinity hall

## **All Saints Church Bells Project**

We are extremely grateful for the support from the SVA, Garden Group and those who have already donated to this project. We ring the church bells at All Saints' from a ringing chamber in the tower which is above the font space; accessed by the Victorian spiral staircase behind the back of the church. If you lean against the wall in the ringing chamber when we are ringing you can feel the tower sway, caused by the heavy bells going through 360 degrees as we ring them. The significant sway can make ringing the bells quite difficult as we pull them against it. The bells have been rung like this for over 100 years but essential maintenance is needed to the bell frame. Our project is to do the maintenance, move three of the bells lower down in the tower which will greatly reduce the sway making ringing easier and causing less strain on the tower and add a 6<sup>th</sup> bell (offered in memory of a child). We will then have bells easier to handle and more interesting for experienced ringers with many more 'methods' that 6 bells will offer. At the same time ensuring that there will be no concern about the possible effect of the ringing on the tower.

**Bob Harris**

## **Shotesham Village Association**

Don't forget that **Shotesham Open Gardens and Art Trail** will take place on both **Saturday and Sunday June 23rd/24th** between **12 noon & 5pm** each day.

The village will be full of visual delights to enjoy: 15 varied gardens, Art & Patchwork displays and activities for children including a gnome hunt around the gardens and of course, there will be teas and delicious cakes. All Saints' church will be decorated for the occasion and there will be displays about the bell project and bell ringing and there will also be an opportunity to try ringing the bells.

£5 entry per adult in aid of All Saints' Church bells project.

**Get involved, volunteers wanted** We need cakes or other 'tasties' for sale on the days, they can be made in advance and frozen for the event. If you can help for a couple of hours over the weekend with serving teas, parking etc. or sitting in one of the open gardens to give the owners a break and allow them to look at some other gardens,

Please contact Lindsay 550285 or Heather 550785.



**Summer Evening Concert Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm**

**All Saints' church Shotesham**

Come and enjoy an evening of light music with the Framingham Earl Singers

Conductor Jacob Swindells and accompanist Jo Richards

Tickets £8 to include a glass of wine

Contact Jane 01508 558787 or Pat 01508 550672

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