



CHURCH SERVICES

1 11.00a.m. Holy Communion St. Mary's Dawn & David Hamilton
 8 9.30a.m. 'My Church' Morning Worship St Mary's John & Dawn
 15 9.30 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service All Saints Dawn
 22 10:30 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion
 with Commissioning of AWAs All Saints Archdeacon Steven Betts
 29 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Service All Saints Dawn

Saxlingham church services

1st 9.30 8th 11.00am 15th 8.00am HC 9.30 22nd 8.00am HC 29th 11.00am

CHURCH FLOWERS *No flowers during Lent*

WHAT'S ON

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| 5 | Village walk | | 10.30am meet at The Globe |
| 10 | Mobile Library | | Afternoon |
| 13 | Poringland film | Mr Turner | 7.30pm Poringland |
| 14 | Village Market | | 10am – 12 Trinity hall |
| 14/15 | Litter pick | | |
| 18 | Trees for life Talk | | 7.30p.m. Trinity hall |
| 20 | Gardening talk | | 7.30pm Trinity hall |
| 21 | Quiz and cake | | 6.00pm Trinity hall |
| 25 | Village Assoc AGM | | 7.30pm Trinity hall |
| 27 | Shotesham Film night | | 7.30pm Trinity hall |
| 29 | Village walk | | 10.00am Trinity hall |

A reminder that the foodbank is still operating from both churches. Gifts of non-perishable foods can be left in the boxes inside the church.

Check your website www.shotesham.com for all up to date information

Thanks to Alan and Glynis Lawson, Michelle Collins and Trevor Matsell who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact' in fond memory of Dennis Jewell.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

March 2015

Easter is early this year and so by the time you read this we will already be a few days into Lent. Lent is to Easter what Advent is to Christmas - a season of preparation and anticipation. In particular, Lent is a time to prayerfully reflect on how we're doing spiritually. For those who take seriously the discipline of Lent it is an opportunity for a kind of spiritual spring-cleaning, sometimes involving the practice of fasting – giving something up – so that more time can be given to prayer. It may be food - chocolate seems to have become the popular option (perhaps in anticipation of the large amount of Easter eggs shortly to be consumed!) Some choose to go without their social media during Lent. Now there's a challenge for many of us! How dependent we've become on our 'hand held devices'.... if only we were so dependent on God!

We can use Lent to focus on growing in a specific area of faith, or to renew and refresh a faith that has fallen on dry times. Traditionally, at this time of year, people new to Christianity would be prepared for their baptism which would take place at Easter. So Lent is both a time of preparation and a time to return to God.

There are so many helps available to those wanting to explore or renew their faith – books, courses, Christian TV and radio channels, daily devotional material and a wealth of on-line resources. Some care and guidance is needed when looking at what's on offer as not all of it is helpful. Then of course, there is the local church. Do be in touch with me if you'd like further details of services or help with resources you can use at home.

Meanwhile, have a meaningful and blessed Lent.

Dawn

Church Electoral Roll. The forms are available in both churches for inclusion on the Electoral Roll. These must be posted in the box available in All Saints Church by Thurs. 9th April. A current Electoral Roll list is available to see on the notice board in All Saints Church. Those on that list do not need to re-apply.

Goodbye to David and Janet Sochon

While this issue of Contact goes to press, David Sochon and his wife Janet are in the process of moving to live in Suffolk. David, always supported by Janet, has served church and community in Shotesham for many years – first as lay reader, then as priest, always as friend. I came to know David while training for ordination and well remember being with him in one particular session where we'd been given the task of presenting some aspect of theology "in a creative manner" to our fellow students. At David's suggestion we sang our presentation in the style of Gilbert and Sullivan!

David's friendship, keen sense of humour, appreciation of words and solid ministry will be deeply missed by many, as will Janet's warmth, wisdom and hospitality. The Sochons will return to Shotesham on **Sunday 19th April** for a service of Evensong at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend – further details to follow. *Dawn*

Shotesham Parish Council...

'litter-pick' is the weekend of **14/15th March**. Can you spare some time over the weekend to help with the litter pick that we do before Spring each year. If you already have a long armed picker and will do clearing again, or if you want to join in for the first time please give me a call or e mail me to arrange your area. Thank you,

Heather Jackson 550785 or

Village Market Saturday March 14th 10am-12.00

Lots of stalls. Gifts for Mothers day and Easter.

Tombola for British Heart Foundation.

Easter game for the children to win an Easter egg. 😊

Gardening and Conservation Group TREES FOR LIFE"

Wednesday March 18th 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

Walking group 5th March 1½ hour walk around the village starting from the Globe at 10:30.

29th March 2 hour walk around Hardley Flood starting from Chegrave church at 10:30 a.m. (lift sharing from the Trinity at 10.0).

A 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 Ruth Maddison 558701 or The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text (extra fee for more lines) Entries by **10th March** please to be included in April directory.

Saxlingham Garden Society Trinity Hall Shotesham. MARCH

20TH. 7.30pm. "SINGING THE BLUES" by Simon White. A talk about plants with blue flowers ! Plus plants for sale. Visitors very welcome. Charge £3.

Quiz and cake for VSO

Hi it's Barley again. A huge thank you to those of you who have donated already, it means so much to me and will go straight to VSO so more volunteers can share their skills in the developing world. REMINDER I am holding a charity quiz and raffle for VSO on Saturday the **21stth March at 6pm at The Trinity Hospital** and would love as many people to come as possible. To register a team (4-8 members) please text me on 07778183463 Tickets are £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children under 13 and include a non- alcoholic beverage and slice of cake.

If you cannot make the Quiz but would still like to get involved then raffle prizes would be much appreciated (please text me) or look at my justgiving page for more information on the project and how to donate **SHOTESHAM VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

What kind of activities and events would you like to happen in your village? Come along to the Shotesham Village Association (SVA) annual meeting on **Wednesday March 25th Trinity Hall 7.30** to have your say.

Shotesham Village Screen Friday 27th March 7.30 pm. Trinity Hall Sunshine on Leith

Not be missed! Tickets £5. **Please book in advance.** Raz 550122

Poringland Cinema Friday 13th March 7.30pm- Mr Turner **SAXLINGHAM PLAYERS PRESENT** - The Farndale Avenue Housing

Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery Thur 15th – Saturday 18th April 7.30pm Saxlingham Village hall.

SHOTESHAM VILLAGE **ASSOCIATION**

What is the SVA? The Association has been active in Shotesham since 1999 and its aim is to organise and promote events and activities for all ages in the village and to encourage community life. Each year there are a variety of events, which are open to all, 2014 included the New Year Fun run, Fun with Easter Eggs, the 'Tour de Shotesham' bike ride, village summer fete followed by a dance with fish and chips, and the ever-popular Harvest supper. Also in 2014 the SVA has supported the Village Film nights, the oral history project and further editions of the Shotesham Times. The Garden, and very active, Conservation groups also come under the Association banner as do the Saturday Village Markets. The increasingly popular Christmas Eve carols under the tree followed by entertainment and refreshments in All Saints church was organised by the SVA. Phew!

Although events are open to all, we encourage residents to become a Member of the Association to elect the committee and to share your ideas and skills for village activities. It is always good to get new and different suggestions as to how we can make Shotesham an even better place to live.

Applications forms to join the Association, or renew membership, are enclosed and can also be obtained from Bernie Fenn (558407). Please return the forms before, or at, the annual meeting.

After the very brief formal proceedings, everyone is very welcome to stay on have a glass of wine and discuss future activities and events in the village.

If anyone would like to be nominated for election to the Committee, or would like to come along to one of our meetings first to see how we operate, please contact Bernie Fenn (558407) or Anthony Lister (558719).

SHOTESHAM VILLAGE **ASSOCIATION**

Membership Application – 2015

I/We apply for annual membership of the Association and enclose the subscription of £3.00 per person.

Name(s) (in block capitals please):

Address:

Tel No :

E-mail:

**Please return the completed form and subscription (cheques payable to Shotesham Village Association) to Mrs. Bernie Fenn
Flora Cottage, The Common, Shotesham St Mary,
NorwichNR151YQ**

