



CHURCH SERVICES

6	11.00a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service	St. Mary's	Dawn and Sally
13	9.30a.m.	'My Church' Morning Worship	St Mary's	John
20	9.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
22	7.30pm	Compline Service	St. Mary's	TBC
25	8.00pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	St Mary's	Dawn
27	9.30 a.m.	Easter Holy Communion	All Saints'	Dawn

Saxlingham church services

6th 9.30 & 3.00pm HC 13th 11.00am 20th 9.30 25th 3.00pm 27th 11.00am

CHURCH FLOWERS *No flowers during Lent* but for Easter Sunday
All Saints' Jane and helpers, **St Mary's** Betty, Sheila and Britt

WHAT'S ON

6	Village walk	- UEA	10.15 am meet at	Trinity hall
10	Village walk	- Framingham Pigot	10.15 am meet at	Trinity hall
8	Mobile Library		Afternoon	
11	Shotesham Film night	Sunset song	7.15 pm	Trinity hall
11	Poringland film	Spectre	7.30pm	Poringland
12/13	Village Litter pick			
16	Plight of the bumble bee	Talk	7.30p.m.	Trinity hall
20	Village walk	- Fritton	10.15am meet at	Trinity hall
23	Village Assoc AGM		7.30pm	Trinity hall
28	Easter Fun		2.30-4.00pm	All Saints' church

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.

Diary note -15th April. A piano concert is planned in All Saints' church in aid of the charity E.A.C.H., More details will be posted on the village web-site soon and in Contact next month.

Check your website- www.shotesham.com for all up to date information, photographs, village history, trading post etc.

Thanks to Christopher and Shirley Bailey who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact'



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

March 2016

Thought from Dawn

Two friends went through university together but separated after graduation, eventually losing touch with each other. One of them went on to become a judge, the other took a very different path and ended up a criminal. One day the criminal was brought before the judge. He had committed a crime to which he pleaded guilty. The judge recognised his old friend and now faced a dilemma. He was a judge, so he had to be just, he couldn't let the man off. Yet he didn't want to punish him because their friendship had meant so much. So he told his friend that he would fine him the correct penalty for the offence. That is justice. Then he took off his wig and robe, came down from the bench and wrote a personal cheque for the amount of the fine. He gave it to his friend, saying he would pay the penalty for him. That is mercy.

This story, used by Nicky Gumbel on the Alpha course, illustrates something of what Jesus did for us on the cross. The crucifixion brought both justice and mercy as Jesus paid the penalty for all our sin. In so doing he gave us a fresh start and opened the way to friendship with God. As we remember his death and celebrate his resurrection this Easter, why not renew your faith at one of our services – or perhaps come along for the first time and discover the good news of God's love, forgiveness and freedom – the gift he offers to all who recognise their need of it.

May you know God's blessing this Easter!

Dawn

Team Vicar dawn@tasvalley.org 01508 498924

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 Sunday 20th March. 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.

Shotesham Parish Council...

On Thursday February 4th the parish Council confirmed 3 key actions. That both the ex-BT boxes will be refurbished as soon as the weather warms up. The one opposite the common is and will remain the 'defibrillator' box. The Grove Box will be for Information/Books and Magazines etc. Also, the council will soon have delivered 10 more footpath signs. All 16 missing or damaged posts will then be replaced one 'working weekend..... again as the weather improves. And finally, a number of posts have appeared around the village in preparation for the introduction of a speed awareness camera. Thus meeting one of the key outcomes of the village survey... reducing traffic speed. Time for our **village litter pick weekend** again. How quickly it comes around. If you are prepared to do an area could you contact me on heatherbelljackson@btinternet.com or 550785. The date set is for around the weekend of **12/13 th March**.

Shotesham Film Nights Friday 11th March 7.15pm

"SUNSET SONG" (135mins/Scottish Accent!)

Set in the rural community of Kinraddie, Scotland, this film is driven by the young heroine Chris and her intense passion for life, for the unsettled Ewan and for the unforgiving land. As the approaching war brings the modern world to bear on the rural community, Chris must endure against the hardships of rural Scottish life and draw strength from this ancient land."A

lyrical triumph" (Guardian) Tickets: £5 Raz 550122

And on **FRIDAY 1 APRIL 7.00pm RECORDED LIVE, on screen"**

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST"

(**148mins with 2x13mins intervals; refreshments on sale**) Filmed live at Vaudeville Theatre, London, October 2015.

New production of Oscar Wilde's superb satire on Victorian manner, opened to critical acclaim, with a great performance by David Suchet.

Booking Essential for this performance. Tickets £8. Raz 550122
razwoollacott@gmail.com

Gardening and Conservation Group "The plight of the bumblebee".

An illustrated talk by the Conservation Group about these important insects and advice from Shotesham Gardeners on how we can help them in our gardens. **7.30pm on Wednesday 16th March at Trinity Hall.**

All welcome. Enquiries to Frank on 558545 or frank333mitchell@btinternet.com.

Walking group 6th March Walk around UEA with Lindsay meet at 10.15 Trinity hall for lift share.

10th March Ronnie to lead walk around Framingham Pigot meet at 10.15 Trinity hall for lift share.

20th March Mike and Nicola to lead walk around Fritton meet at 10.15 Trinity hall for lift share.

Shotesham Village Association

What kind of events and entertainment would you like to happen in your village? Come along to the Shotesham Village Association (SVA) annual meeting on **Wednesday March 23rd Trinity Hall 7.30** to tell us what you think we should do to bring our community together.

There is an elected Committee who meet roughly 6 times a year to come up with ideas and organise the running of events. At the Annual Meeting we will be electing this new Committee, so now is your chance to get involved. Meetings are informal and good fun and are usually held in the pub! If anyone would like to get involved or would like to come along to one of our meetings first to see how we operate, please contact Bernie Fenn (558407).

Come and have eggy fun on Easter Monday, March 28th 2.30-4pm in and around All Saints church, Shotesham. The Village Association is planning a treasure hunt, races and Easter crafty things to do for children of all ages. **Bring a hard-boiled egg!** For more details contact Bernie, 558407 or Sue, 550377

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 ruthemaddison@gmail.com. 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.

Thanks to all those that supported the concert in All Saints' church on the 5th February. It was a splendid evening with some very talented young people delighting us with their performances.

The profits from the Concert, amounting to £220.00, were sent to the Hamlet Centre in Norwich, a local charity which supports young people with disabilities.

Thanks to everyone who has offered to sponsor the Contact. We had a very positive response and have now had several months of sponsorship promised. Ed. Pat Harris 550672 or hill.cottage@btinternet.com

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, 2015 included the New Year Fun run; Fun with Easter Eggs; the 'Tour de Shotesham' bike ride; Village Summer Fete, various events organised by the Garden group, including a Plant Sale and Willow Weaving workshop; a Midsummer Picnic and a Quiz and Supper at Trinity Hall. Also in 2015 the SVA also supported the very popular Village Film nights, the oral history project and further editions of the Shotesham Times. The very active Conservation group also comes under the Association banner, as do the Saturday Village Markets. The ever-popular Christmas Eve carols under the tree followed by entertainment and refreshments in All Saints' church was organised by the SVA. We also provide the beautifully lit Christmas tree on church hill. Quite a busy year!

All the events we organise are open to everyone in the village; we encourage residents to become a Member of the Association to elect the committee and to share your ideas and skills for village activities. We welcome your donations to help with the cost of running the events. We suggest at least £3 per person. It is always good to get new and different suggestions as to how we can make Shotesham an even better place to live, so don't be shy if you think you could contribute in any way.

Applications forms to join the Association, or renew membership, are overleaf 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.

SHOTESHAM VILLAGE **ASSOCIATION**

Membership Application – 2016

I/We apply for annual membership of the Association and enclose a minimum donation 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, Norwich NR15 1YQ.