



CHURCH SERVICES

5	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Marys	Coryn
12	9.30 a.m.	Morning Service	St. Marys	John
19	11.00a.m.	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	All Saints'	Dawn
26	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints'	Dawn

No church flowers during Lent

Saxlingham Services 5th 9.30am, 12th 11.00am, 19th 9.30am,
26th 8.00am HC & 11.00am

WHAT'S ON

1	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.40 The Street
5	Walking Group	10.15am Trinity hall
10	Shotesham Screen - Mrs Harris goes to Paris	7.30pm Trinity hall
11-12	Litter pick around the village	
14	Garden Group	7.30pm Trinity hall
25	Craft fair	9.30-4.00 Trinity hall
29	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.40 The Street

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. The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text. Entries by **10th March** please to be included in April directory.

Thanks to Adrian and Judie Olivier who have kindly sponsored this edition of Contact.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

March 2023

'Use it or lose it...'

You may have heard by now that reorganisation is planned for the churches in this area. Details were made public on 30th January and this is the first opportunity I've had to share them with those who do not attend their local church.

I head up a small team which looks after a group of churches comprising; Saxlingham, Shotesham, Swainsthorpe, Newton, Tasburgh and Tharston. For financial reasons, the Church of England is looking to rationalise – particularly in rural areas. I will therefore be given the care of an additional group comprising; Forncett St Peter, Forncett St Mary, Forncett End, Hapton, Wreningham, Tacolneston, Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall when the current vicar of those parishes retires at the end of April. Early this summer, we expect legalities to be completed enabling the two groups of churches to be identified as one larger group. Sadly, we will lose the parish of Tharston, which is being grouped with Long Stratton.

Aside from our work in the churches, we also go into our nursing homes and church schools on a regular basis. We have three church schools in our current group – the new group comes with an additional four church schools. Inevitably this will involve change – possibly a reduction in the number of Sunday services that are available. Our 'staff team' will gain volunteers from the additional parishes – but they are already nearing or beyond retirement age. Our Team Vicar, Revd Austin Uzoigwe is a full-time paid minister, as am I. Revd Coryn Stanforth is full-time but will be obliged to leave here at the end of her curacy (essentially a training post) in approximately 18 months. The majority of people who keep our local churches running are volunteers – not only lay ministers but a larger number of people who deal with the upkeep and maintenance of our buildings and churchyards, cleaning, locking and unlocking and a host of other unseen but vital tasks.

I am beyond grateful to each person I work with, lay and ordained, paid and voluntary and it is my heartfelt prayer that I may be able to continue to serve this larger group of parishes with some kind of effectiveness for some while to come. If you have concerns or questions regarding any of this, please do contact me.

With every blessing Dawn

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The New Rectory, The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk NR15 1AJ

Shotesham Parish Council....

The Parish Council elections on May 6th :-

You will need a photo id. to vote this time. If you do not have a driving license, passport or bus pass you can apply for an id. card specifically for the vote.

If you need information on how to get the necessary id the clerk can help.

[.clerk.shotesham@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.shotesham@outlook.com)

If you are interested in being part of the council and would like to see what we do, then come along to our meeting on **April 5th at 7.45pm in the Trinity Hall.** Full details about how to be involved in the election are on the village notice boards.

The litter pick is taking part around the weekend of **11/12 th March.** If you would still like to take part then contact heather 550785

or heatherbelljackson@btinternet.com.

May 6th is Coronation Day and while there are no definite plans we look forward to marking the occasion.

Shotesham Walking Group

Sunday 5th March- meet at the Trinity 10.15am – All welcome

Shotesham Screen presents

Mrs Harris goes to Paris

comedy/drama (2022) 115mins

A widowed cleaning lady in 1950's London falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own

Friday 10 March 7.30 Trinity Hall Ice cream on sale

Tickets £5 Raz 550122 razwoollacott@gmail.com

Shotesham village Association

The AGM for SVA is on Thursday 18th April at the Trinity at 7.30.

More details and information about proposed events will follow in next month's edition of Contact.

Garden Group

On **Tuesday March 14th 7.30pm at the Trinity Hall, Shotesham** we're delighted to say that Henry Walker from [Norfolk FWAG | The Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group for Norfolk](#) will be talking on 'Gardening for wildlife and conservation management in South Norfolk.' Henry, a one-time Shotesham resident, and his colleague Evan, will give a brief overview of current farming & environmental policy. Then will focus in on the various conservation initiatives working in the local area and what measures we can take to improve our gardens for wildlife.

This promises to be an evening that will interest anyone concerned with encouraging a wider diversity of wildlife. Everyone welcome, cost £4.

Shotesham Open Gardens 2023.

Following the postponement of last summer's Open Gardens we are delighted to announce that this event will be happening on **Saturday July 1st and Sunday July 2nd.** This year we will be raising money to support the work of the Motor Neurone Disease Association [MND Association | Fighting motor neurone disease](#) I am glad to say that we already have some gardens that will be open for visits but if you would like to open your garden too, big or small, tidy or untidy please let us know. We will also need a myriad of volunteers, refreshments, car parking etc, again get in touch with Sue Astbury 550377 or susan.astbury49@btinternet.com We're hoping this will be a real community event, 'may the weather be with us!'

Craft Fair Saturday March 25th 9.30-4 Trinity hall

Come and browse many different crafts.

Tea/coffee and Biscuits

Tombola proceeds to EACH

Our last craft fair collected £234.25 for EACH