



CHURCH SERVICES

2	11.00a.m. Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
9	9.30 a.m. Morning Service	St. Marys	John
16	11.00a.m. Holy Communion	All Saints	Austin
23	9.30a.m. Morning Service	All Saints'	Dawn with Rachel
30	11.00 a.m. Mothering Sunday	All Saints'	Dawn with Rachel

Saxlingham Services 2nd 9.30am HC, 9th 11.00am, 16th 9.30am HC
 23rd 8.00am HC & 11.00am 30th 9.30am Mothering Sunday

No church flowers during Lent

St. Mary's March 2nd Betty

WHAT'S ON

2	Village walk	10.15am	Trinity hall
6,13,20,27	Warm welcome	2-4pm	Trinity hall
6,13,20,27	Table Tennis	6.30-8pm	Trinity hall
12	SVA AGM	7.30pm	Trinity hall
14	Shotesham Screen - Kneecap	7.30pm	Trinity hall
13	Poringland WI	2-4pm	Poringland
15 /16	Litter pick around the village		
15	Haydn – The Creation	7.30pm	Eaton
16	Community Walk	10.00am	
18	Garden Group -Film Wilding	7.30pm	Trinity hall
26	Mobile Library	10.15	Grove, 10.35 The Street
29	Spring Fayre at Framingham Earl High School	10.00-2.00pm	

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 Jan Jeeves who has kindly sponsored this edition of Contact.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

March 2025

Thought from Dawn

I'm sure, like me, you've heard plenty of comments recently about the current state of the world, (even the church), the environment, politics, and the like. Mostly lamenting the way things are and dreading how the future will pan out....

Often part of these conversations will focus on blaming God – or using whichever awful situation is being discussed as evidence for the non-existence of God. How can a loving God allow such things to happen? is the typical question.

A loving God is one who does not control the behaviour of those he loves. He has given us all the gift of free-will. He has given us rules and principles for living in his way of love, peace, and harmony. But he will not force obedience.

If we don't drive according to the rules of the road, we are more likely to be involved in (or cause) an accident. The principle is the same.... If we choose not to live by God's law of love, there are likely to be consequences.

Why many should suffer for the foolishness of the few is another question. But I have the faith to believe that in God's economy nothing is wasted. It will all come right in the end.

Meanwhile, we can each work towards a world in which God's will is done.

With my prayers

Dawn

Team Rector dawndavidson@btinternet.com 01508 498924

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

Date for Annual Parochial Church Meeting is 10th April at 4.30 All Saints Church.

The Parish Electrol Roll is due for renewal this year.

Trish Leighton will contact all current Parishioner on the current list,

Shotesham Parish Council....

As we had hoped we now have an additional defibrillator in the village. It is located at The Trinity Almshouses on The Street. It is bright yellow in colour and mounted on the exterior wall of the garages. There is a light above it so is easy to locate at night. It is registered for use and linked to the Ambulance Service by dialling 999. Due to the success of Defibrillator use and resuscitation training last year the Parish Council will organise again.

Please express interest to me at kimelizabethdyke@yahoo.co.uk

A reminder for those of you have offered to help with the **village litter pick**. It can be done any time around the weekend of **15/16th of March** and whatever you collect can be left at the end of Grove Farm drive.

Warm Welcome continues on Thursday afternoons 2-4pm in Trinity hall.

A series of Community walks have been planned to help raise awareness of the potential damage to our beautiful countryside.

Woodton - Saturday 8th March

Fritton - Sunday 9th March

Shotesham- Sunday 16th March at 10am

Brooke Sunday 23rd March

Lundy Green-Sunday 6th April

Hempnall - Sunday 11th May

Great Moulton- Sunday 8th June. There will be more details to follow.

Shotesham village Association

We had no events in January so just one item to mention this month - the **Annual General Meeting**. This year it's on **Wednesday 12th March at 7:30 at the Trinity Hall**. Everyone is welcome as the SVA is intended to benefit the whole village. After the formal business there will be refreshments and a chance to talk informally to the committee members about the Association's activities. As always, there will be elections to the committee and we would be delighted to welcome new members so do contact me or any other committee member if you want to find out more about standing for election. There are other ways to contribute to the work of the Association so if you're interested in helping with our events then do speak to us. And of course, we will be open to ideas for future events. Please find with this Contact a form to renew your membership of the Association or join if you're not already a member. We look forward to seeing you on 12th March.

Shotesham Screen

The next Shotesham Screen film will be on **Friday March 14th** at the Trinity. All are welcome. Booking via Lindsay on 07702 832033 or lindsayheywood3@gmail.com

We will be showing "**Kneecap**"

This is a hard hitting film about a rap group in Belfast during the Troubles..."With its rambunctious spirit the fictionalised origin story of real-life Irish-language rap group 'Kneecap' (who play themselves) probably won't be for everyone. But the combination of the profane and the political, the riotous humour and punchy editing makes for one of the more energising viewing experiences of the year, and possibly one of the funniest"Kneecap won a BAFTA award but again, read the reviews before you come along!

Framingham Earl Singers invite you to -

Haydn – The Creation at **St Andrews church, Eaton**
Saturday 15th March 7.30pm

Garden Group

On Tuesday March 18th at 7.30 in the Trinity Hall we will be showing the film '**Wilding**' which tells the story of a young couple that bets on nature to turn around their failing, four-hundred-year-old estate. They battled entrenched tradition, ripped down fences, introduced a mix of tame and wild animals and tried to reset the land back to the wild.

Did they succeed, come and find out. <https://knepp.co.uk/2024/04/wilding-movie/>

Open to all, tickets £5 Contact Sue on susan.astbury49@btinternet.com for more information

Spring Fayre at Framingham Earl High School

Saturday 29th March 10.00-2.00 Stalls, food and fun games for all the family.

A reminder for walkers, there is an organised village walk on the first Sunday of every month, so March on is on 2nd and April on the 6th, and so on. Always look forward to seeing new faces.

PORINGLAND WI, Next meeting **Thursday 13th March 2pm-4pm**
Poringland Community Centre. Visitors/New Members always. welcome.
For more information call (01508) 492155/550388

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Membership Application – 2025/26

I/We apply for annual membership of the Association

(minimum donation of £3.00 per person per annum)

Name(s) (in block capitals please):

Address:

Tel No:

E-mail(s):

If possible, can you please pay your membership contribution by bank transfer to: account name Shotesham Village Association, A/C no. 23782145, sort code 60-15-31. Please use reference of your surname & SVA (e.g. Higgin SVA).

Or return the completed form with your donation to –

David Howes (Treasurer), Swallow Cottage, The Street, Shotesham All Saints NR15 1XH or Tom Higgin (Chair), The Old Forge, The Street, Shotesham All Saints NR15 1YL with cash subscription or a cheque payable to Shotesham Village Associatio

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