



CHURCH SERVICES

3	11:00a.m	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn & David Hamilton
10	9:30a.m.	"My Church" Service	St. Mary's	John Torbitt & Dawn
17	11:00a.m	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Dawn
24	9:30a.m	Pentecost Service & Baptism	All Saints'	Dawn
31	9:30 a.m.	Service of the Word	All Saints'	John Torbitt & Dawn

Saxlingham services 3rd 9.30am, 10th 11.00am, 14th 19.30 ascension day HC 17th 9.30am, 24th 8.00am HC, 11.00am 31st 18.30pm

CHURCH FLOWERS

Flowers – All Saints- Mary Seppings / Christine Howes

South Window—Gwen Porter

St Mary's –Fanny Wallis, Judith Pleavin

WHAT'S ON

2/3	Hempnall Art Exhibition	Hempnall village hall
3	Willow Weaving	10.00am Hillside
4	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
5	Mobile Library	Afternoon
8	The Theory of everything - Film	7.30pm Poringland
15	Vegetable growing talk	7.30pm Trinity hall
23	Village market	10.00-12.00 Trinity hall
24/25	Topcroft Open Gardens	11.00-5.00 Topcroft
31	Village walk	10.15am

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

May 2015

It seems we have entered 'silly season' or at least that's what many clergy feel at this time of year with so many Annual Parochial Church Meetings (equivalent of AGM's) to attend. At the time of writing I am 'two down and two to go' ... and it's a busy time for others with the start of a new financial year and the run-up to the general election...

Creation is also busy – our gardens and hedgerows bursting forth with spring flowers and fresh leaves. After the dormancy of winter this great explosion of energy gives spectacular results, offering a feast for the eyes as we welcome the lighter evenings and begin to shed overcoats (well - hats and gloves at least!) in anticipation of summer.

Even in a village as tranquil and seemingly sleepy as Shotesham, there is a lot going on. Many people claim to be retired but in reality are busier than ever. Busyness is most satisfactory when like spring blossom it produces beautiful results. Not so if we don't pace ourselves and take time to enjoy the journey, or don't prioritise wisely and end up wasting our energies instead on something that will not yield good fruit.

God counsels us to invest our energy in building good relationships – with Him and with one another. When we take time to do this life takes on the promise of spring as friendships blossom and grow strengthening and encouraging the community as a whole and yielding the kind of fruit that never goes out of season!

God bless us all as we grow together!

Dawn

Team Vicar, Tas Valley Team Ministry The New Rectory, The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk NR15 1AJ 01508 498924

Shotesham Parish Council

Only 5 people were prepared to stand for election to the Parish Council thus, as there were 7 possible posts, the election has been ruled as 'UNCONTESTED' all 5 are therefore deemed elected.

They are : Slim Dinsdale, Philippa Grant, Heather Jackson, Jon Nott, and Henry Walker.

It also means there are 2 posts still to be filled. The new Parish Council will be required to attempt to co-opt 2 eligible people to fill the posts as soon as possible after May 7th.

If you are interested in filling one of the co-option vacancies please contact one of the 5 people above or the Clerk.

The Clerk J K Gough, 01508550358. shoteshampc@btinternet.com

Shotesham Garden/ Conservation Group

Annual Willow Weaving Event Sunday 3rd May 10am onwards

at Hillside, The Common, Shotesham, NR15 1YD

Learn to make a willow wigwam for your sweet peas or replace your old one. New ideas also welcome.

Lunch provided. Any queries to Christine on 01508550364

Poringland Community Cinema The Theory of everything

8th May at Poringland Community Centre Tickets £4

Doors open 6.45pm starts 7.30pm Tickets on sale at Budgens or the door

Saxlingham Garden Society meeting in Trinity hall 7.30pm 15th May

Growing vegetables in small spaces. Talk by Pauline Harper.

Visitors very welcome cost £3

Village Market Saturday May 23rd 10 - 12.

Competition - Guess how many currants in the fruit cake 😊 (proceeds to British heart foundation)

Lots of stalls. local pork, honey, cakes, chutneys, savoury baking, lemon curd, craft, handmade cards, plants, eggs, dressed dolls, Avon. Children's tombola and second hand books. Please support your local market.

Shotesham walking group 4th May 10.15am and 31st May 10.30am

4th May – Meet at trinity at 10.15 for lift share or 10.30 at Howe church for start of walk.

31st May Saxlingham walk 10.30 TBC

Church Opening and Flowers

Could you spare a few minutes twice a day every three or four months to open the church. We have a rota operating for each church and would love to boost numbers having lost several of our volunteers as they have moved away. It is not onerous and enables the churches to be opened daily for the benefit of locals and visitors.

The same applies to church flowers, no experience needed! Whether you are happy to put flowers in a vase or have a go at an arrangement all help is welcomed.

For All Saints contact Jane on 558787 and for St Mary's contact Betty on 499541

Topcroft Open gardens 24/25th May 11.00-5.00 £4 entry

Shotesham Park Estate Walk

Shotesham Park is pleased to invite you to an 'Estate Walk' to take place on Sunday 14th June at 3 pm from the Hall. The walk will be followed by a BBQ at approx. 7pm. Numbers are limited but all ages are very welcome. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate any dogs.

We will be walking for at least an hour so please wear suitable clothes and footwear. Please RSVP with names and nos to 01508 499285 or jonnott@shoteshampark.co.uk

Shotesham Village Association

Our next event is the Midsummer picnic at St Martin's on June 21st. More details in the next edition of 'Contact'

SHOE BOX APPEAL Throughout the year I meet with a small group of ladies to collect and make items for the shoe box appeal (Samaritans purse). These are then sent at Christmas time to disadvantaged children in other countries. We currently need items such as small toys, stationary, sweets, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste to include in the boxes. We also require wool and ribbons for the ladies who knit hats and puppets. I would really appreciate your support to continue with this work and therefore have left a box at the back of All Saints church where you can leave these items. You can also ring or text me for any queries on 07767757732

Thank you very much *Jill Masters*

