



CHURCH SERVICES

1	11:00a.m	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn
8	9:30a.m.	"My Church" Service	St. Mary's	John Torbitt & Dawn
15	11:00a.m	Holy Communion with Baptism	All Saints'	Dawn
22	9:30a.m	BCP Matins	All Saints'	Dawn & David Hamilton
22	6:00p.m.	Deanery Evensong - The Rev. Lynn Chapman - St. Peter's Brooke		
29	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Dawn

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

Flowers – All Saints- Mary Seppings / Christine Howes

South Window—Gwen Porter

St Mary's –Fanny Wallis, Judith Pleavin, Sandra Coles, Betty Torbitt

WHAT'S ON

30 April	Village market	10.00-12.00	Trinity hall
1	Hempnall Art Exhibition		Hempnall village hall
1	Willow Weaving	10.00am	Hillside
3	Mobile Library		Afternoon
4	Parish Council AGM	7.30pm	Trinity hall
9	Village walk	10.15am	Trinity hall
13	Dad's Army- Film		Poringland
14	Plant sale	10.00-12.00am	Trinity hall
29	Village walk	10.15am	Trinity hall

Baby and Toddler group in Saxlingham every Wednesday morning (term time)9.30-11.30 call 01508 471375 for more details.

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Thought from Dawn

Don't cast a clout until May is out'

You can be forgiven for thinking (as I once did) that this old proverb must have something to do with not fighting until after the month of May....! Then I learned that the word 'clout' means coat, in other words warm clothing. So casting a clout is about removing an outer garment not about throwing punches! Perhaps the revised version of this would be 'Don't put your winter woollies away until after the month of May'. However, other sources give different explanations for the meaning of this saying.

We have many such proverbs and sayings, some born out of wisdom and common sense, others steeped in folklore and superstition.

Various explanations can be found for the saying 'touch wood' – including the idea that by touching wood you are touching the cross of Christ and thereby seeking God's protection. Whichever explanation you go with (including the so-called Christian one) it boils down to superstition. When we give credence to sayings which are in the category of superstition we endow them with a power they do not have – and we can end up prisoners of these words – compelled to say them in certain situations. How do you react to the number thirteen, or to seeing a single magpie for example? Having faith and trusting in the living God gives real security and freedom, allowing us to live without the restriction of shackles we were never meant to wear.

Leave superstition behind and step into the light of God's love!

God bless you!

Dawn

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Shotesham Parish Council The heavy rain on Thursday 14th brought problems for Market Lane, with banks washing down, and closing the road for 2 days. The highways authority responded very quickly that evening, but found that more mud had collapsed onto the road. It took another visit and a digger to do the job on Friday.

New finger posts have been put on some of our footpaths, and while they look very good indeed, we are still awaiting the delivery of the remaining ones needed before the job can be finished.

The annual Parish Meeting is on the **4th of May. at 7.30.** If you have ideas you would like to put to the council it is your chance to do so. Everyone is welcome, as they are to all of our meetings. The agenda is on the website.

Shotesham Village Association Weather permitting we may organise a **pop-up picnic in May or June.** Watch out for email and check out the website for details. Some changes have been made to the website **www.shotesham.com** to make it more user friendly. Don't forget to check it for news, pictures, items for sale or wanted and lots more interesting items.

Keep **2nd July** free for the **Village Fete and evening entertainment.**

We hope you are enjoying the Shotesham Circular Walks booklet and will find it useful now that the weather is warming up! Further copies are available for sale at £3 each from The Globe, both churches, Trinity Hall and Salamanca Farm shop or by calling Bernie Fenn 558407.

Shotesham Garden/ Conservation Group

Our now annual **Willow weaving workshop,** with new ideas and old favourites for your garden will take place on **Sunday May 1st 10.30** onwards at Christine Burton's, Hillside, The Common, bring your own sandwich, but hot soup will be provided. Everyone welcome, suitable for all the family. Cost £5 to cover materials. Tel 550364 for directions.

Shotesham Gardeners are holding their now annual Bring and Buy Plant Fair on Saturday May 14th 10-12 at the Trinity Hall, where both professional growers and local people will sell their plants. Again there will be a wide, and varied, selection of plants and seedlings for sale. If you have plants you would like to sell bring them along, labelled, to the Trinity at 9.30 on the Saturday or take them to Sue Astbury's Rectory Farmhouse, The Street earlier in the week. 25% of all sales will be donated to the Shotesham Gardeners funds. For more information phone Sue 550377.

Shotesham walking group 9th May 10.15am and 29th May 10.15 am

9th May – Meet at trinity at 10.15 for lift share to Denton

29th May Meet at Trinity at 10.15 for lift -walk in Tasburgh -Pub lunch

Piano Concert in All Saints' Church. Everybody enjoyed the splendid music which Frank played for us. An especial thank you to Frank who did not charge any fee for his performance. Also thank you to Bernie Fenn, Sue and Nick Astbury, Bob and Pat Harris and my wife for helping organise the event. The proceeds of £466.76, have been delivered to the E.A.C.H. offices in Wyomondham. *Dave Fox.*

Poringland Community Cinema - Dad's Army 13th May

at Poringland Community Centre Tickets £4

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

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*

We are a club for the over 55's who meet the first Thursday of every month for tea and biscuits and play cards, dominos or just sit and chat. We also meet every Wednesday afternoon to play bingo or carpet bowls. During the summer months we have trips out and we also have various events throughout the year. We would love to see you and extend our warm welcome to everyone. All you have to do is either call the number below or turn up at **St. Georges Hall, Upper Stoke** at about 1.30pm on the first Thursday of the month. If you have any questions then please call our chairperson Susie Curson - 01508493990.

Saxlingham Midsummer Ceilidh Hall Farm, The Green, Saxlingham. Sat. 18th

June 7pm - 11pm Hog roast and pudding Bar, Raffle and Skittles Children 12yrs+ (under parental supervision) Tickets £12.50 from Carolyn Rush 01508 498248 familyrush@hotmail.com Jo and Alec Stevenson 01508498470.

Educatyperu's June Jaunt on Saturday June 25th

This is a safari style supper where we start and finish at Saxlingham village hall but eat in different venues in Saxlingham for each of the 3 courses - and with the groups re-mixed as we go along. We have a lot of fun and it's a wonderful way to meet new people.

Don't worry, I organise it - all you have to do is buy your ticket for £16 from Jill - 498050 (or call at Nurses Cottage) and this includes a glass of wine. All proceeds go to support Educatyperu.

