



## CHURCH SERVICES

All Saints and St Mary's will be open daily and there will be limited services in our churches during May as follows

2<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am Morning Prayer St. Mary's Coryn Stanforth

23<sup>rd</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion All Saints Dawn Davidson

These will be within Covid rules (masks will be required, the congregation will be socially spaced and hymns can be played but not sung). Please let Jane know in advance your numbers if you would like to attend either of the services so she can organize a seating plan and ensure we can accommodate everyone safely.

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**In addition**, each Sunday there will be Benefice Zoom service at 9.30 am and a service in at least one of the benefice churches during May. See [tasvalley.org](http://tasvalley.org)

**Church flowers** **All Saints** -Trish Leighton, Christine Howes, Gwen Porter  
**St Mary's** -Fanny Wallis, Judith Pleavin, Betty Torbitt

### What's on

16	Walking group	10.15 Trinity hall
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27	PCC AGM	7.00 Zoom

**Shotesham Gardeners Charity Plant Fair** Thank you to everyone who has bought, or donated plants, from the plant stalls in April. We have already made a very pleasing amount for St Martin's Housing Trust, Norwich and Norwich Food Bank. So, we have decided to continue selling plants from gateways for the time being. Some may be there all the time and some just at weekends. As the weather warms up you should find vegetable and annual seedlings on sale as well as perennials. If you would like to take part either by having a stall or contributing plants to any of the existing stalls, please contact Sue Astbury on 550377 or [susan.astbury49@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.astbury49@btinternet.com)

**Advance Notice:** Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July - Open Garden at Clifton House, The Street, Shotesham, in aid of EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice) Further details next month but, regulations permitting, there will be teas, plant stall, games etc If you would like more information or could help for some of the weekend on the stalls, car parking etc please contact Sara Webber 01508 550190 or [webber.sj@btinternet.com](mailto:webber.sj@btinternet.com)

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## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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### Thought from Dawn

In these weeks following Easter, we continue to reflect on different aspects of the story and their relevance for us. After his brutal execution – death by crucifixion – Jesus rises to new life. And yet he still bears the scars of what he suffered on the cross. These scars are significant. Visible proof of what Jesus endured and a positive reminder of what he achieved through his suffering. We're carrying scars as a nation; scars because of pandemic, mourning the loss of loved ones, and a once familiar way of life. Living with the effects of isolation and loss of human contact. More recently we've mourned the death of Prince Philip – the passing of an era, the loss of the familiar.

We have all been wounded in life and bear scars that are unique to us. Perhaps not the sort that leave visible marks on our physical body, but scars nevertheless. The message of the resurrection is that God can transform these scars, bringing good out of what was not good. Turning bitterness into blessing. Seen through

the eyes of faith, with that hope of a future better than anything we've known before, our past and present sufferings can become doorways to a deeper life. They enable us to empathise with others who are going through tough times.

They prompt us to pray and draw closer to the God who loves us. Just as the spring flowers festoon garden and hedgerow with colour and fragrance, so the love that God offers each one of us will carry us into the future refreshed and renewed, in eager anticipation of what is to come.

With every blessing

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### Shotesham Parochial Church Council

"The Annual Meeting of Parishioners" and the "Annual Parochial Church Meeting" will take place on **Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm via Zoom**. All parishioners are warmly invited but only persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity. Please contact Dawn if you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom.

## **Parish Council**

Our footpaths are regularly checked by a group of dedicated walkers from the village. Their reports have been coordinated over the last few years by Polly Gould and Polly is now stepping down. We would like to thank her for doing all the work involved and for her full reports to the Council.

Having checked with the highways department, we would like to ask that no potential hazards are put along the roadside verges, as the verges are deemed as part of the highway itself. It has been said to us that some objects have created dangers for drivers.

Finally, we would like to extend a welcome to all the new people who we haven't had the chance to meet, without the normal village occasions, over the last year but that with the predicted changes, hopefully this can soon be remedied.

## **Shotesham Village Association**

Nothing planned for May by the SVA but, as mentioned last month, a few events being worked up for later this year depending on our continuing release from Lockdown. Info to come on the website - [www.shotesham.com](http://www.shotesham.com) and by email We're currently looking at a Government scheme which could provide improved broadband for the village, please see website for details and contact [resotan@aol.com](mailto:resotan@aol.com) if you're interested.

Still happy to receive SVA donations, details can be found on the website.

## **Bowls in Shotesham**

If you travel from Shotesham on the Brooke road you will notice Shotesham Bowls Club on your left just after the last of the houses of The Grove.

It has been there since the Queen was a Lass but until recently it has shyly hid behind a tall hedge. Now it is on full view through a picket fence.

We have heard people say "I did not know we have a bowl club in Shotesham."

Yes we have and now it has been declared by the Parish Council and South

Norfolk a "village Asset" Anyone is welcome to join for just £30 per year

whether you are a seasoned player or one who has never held a bowls wood

before. Because of the present circumstances which you know only too well, we

are not playing any league matches at the moment but by arrangement with our

ubiquitous hard working groundsman Raz Woollacott who lives next door you

are welcome to come and look round, or join, or just have a free roll up to see

how you get on. What is more, Raz will guide you and lend you woods if you

have never played before. Just wear flat shoes if you do not have bowls ones.

Do give Raz a call on 550122 or email. [razwoollacott@gmail.com](mailto:razwoollacott@gmail.com)

Raz would be so pleased to welcome you at a "Social Distance" of course.

**John Torbitt** Hon Treasurer

## **Memories of Shotesham – but who wrote it?**

Below are extracts from a book of essays called "Within Living Memory – a collection of Norfolk reminiscences". It was published in 1972 by the Norfolk Federation of Women's Institutes. (It is also printed on pages 48-49 of the "Shotesham 2000" book). **Shotesham 1900**

We lived in Shotesham [I was the middle one of five girls] and my father was a teamsman [who looked after the horses] on a farm on the estate of the late Robert Fellowes. My parents work very hard. My mother would make my father's shirts, and the younger children's clothes, sewing them by hand and, in the winter, with only a light from a paraffin lamp.

There was no fresh water at the cottages. It was brought twice a week by horse and cart in milk churns and it was stored in large earthenware pots in the pantry. It had to be used very sparingly for cooking and drinking. Water for washing the clothes and linen was obtained from a large pit, and for bathing, rain water was stored in large tubs. Sometimes my father had to bring water from the farm in two pails hung a yoke from his shoulder.

Sometimes my father had to go to Blofield with the sacks of corn, and two of us children would be allowed to go with him, if it was during the school holidays.....It would be midday before we arrived at Blofield. My father would stop at the King's Head where would be another man who had come from Maltby with an empty wagon. Mr Fellowes had a farm there. They would feed the horses and rest them and would have a drink and a mardle together. He would buy us a ginger pop and my sister and I would go down a country lane and have a picnic. After the horses had had about two hours' rest, we would make the return journey with the empty wagon. The horses were lovely creatures and my father was very kind to them; they knew his every word. I can remember, one time, my father falling asleep as we were going through Trowse on the way home. A policeman shouted at him and woke him telling him to look after his horses. 'They will be alright' he answered 'they know their way home' and they did. I loved to watch the men mowing the barley. I can hear the swish of the scythes now. We used to have rides in the empty wagons. When the last bit of the corn was stacked, we would have a Harvest Frolic. One of the barns would be decorated with leaves and berries. Cakes, puddings and huge joints of meat would be cooked by some of the women. In the evening the men and their wives and also the children and sit down to lovely supper and there would be beer for the men and some of them would get quite merry and there would be a sing song." I am sure we are all looking forward to when we might next have a

Harvest Frolic in the village! If anyone reading this knows who wrote this essay (she was the middle one of five girls), I would love to hear from you. Please call Sara Webber on 01508 550190 or email [webber.sj@btinternet.com](mailto:webber.sj@btinternet.com)

