



CHURCH SERVICES

1	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
8	9.30 a.m.	Morning Service	St. Marys	Austin
15	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Coryn
22	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints'	Dawn
29	10.00 a.m.	Benefice Service	Newton Flotman	Dawn

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

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

What's on

28 th April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	7.00pm All Saints church
1	Walking Group	10.15 Trinity hall
4	Parish council AGM	7.00pm Trinity hall
12	Walking group	10.15 Trinity hall
14	Garden group Plant sale	10.00-12.00 Trinity hall
25	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove 10.40The Street
29	Walking group	10.15 Trinity hall
29	Sound bath	10.45am Trinity hall

Thanks to Malcolm and Angela Ackerley who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact'.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT *May 2022*

Thought from Dawn

What a joy it was to celebrate Easter sans restrictions; no masks, no socially distanced seating, a real 'in-person' encounter with all who joined our church services and village outdoor activities. Some were away on holiday, others were hosting visiting family members – all rediscovering our freedom and reconnecting with community.

In a recent conversation someone described how they were struggling with stress and a feeling of 'not belonging' in the workplace. This person is deeply attracted to the community offered by God's family – the church – and is exploring how this might help to build their resilience for what they have to deal with during their working week.

The desire to belong to and maintain community is strong. Over the last couple of years many discovered Zoom or other such platforms for virtual gatherings.

But as helpful as these are, nothing beats a face-to-face meeting. Community happens as troops in Ukraine bond as brothers to defend their freedom and regain peace. Community is formed in bomb shelters, refugee camps and on hospital wards.

Adversity teaches us many things. Pandemic and war alike, highlight our God-given yearning to be together. Adversity shows us how interconnected we all are – in ways we're not always aware of when circumstances are more favourable.

Shotesham is particularly blessed with a significant community spirit; activities, local traditions, people looking out for one another and help regularly offered to those with needs big and small in the village and beyond. As we prepare to welcome families from Ukraine, may we continue to work together to discover and share more of the joys of being community.

With every blessing Dawn

Shotesham Parochial Church Council

"The Annual Meeting of Parishioners" and the "Annual Parochial Church Meeting" will take place on **Thursday 28th April at 7.00pm in All Saints church.** 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.



Parish Council

On **Wednesday 4th May at 7 pm** we have the Annual Parish meeting which is a chance for the public to ask questions and to raise topics within the village that interest them.

This is followed by the Annual general meeting for the election of officers etc, and then the usual meeting agenda follows. Please come along.

Shotesham Jubilee Beacon – Thursday 2nd June 9pm

Please join us at 9 pm on Thursday 2nd June for the lighting of the Shotesham Jubilee Beacon at St Mary's Church on one of the highest points in our Parish.

We will be joined by a village community choir, a local bagpiper, a trumpeter, local poets and purveyors of fine wines and tasty Jubilee snacks as we mark this significant national event.

Parking is limited at St Mary's so consider taking an evening stroll across the fields if able. A torch is advisable – beacons will be lit simultaneously all across the UK at 9.45pm, which will be after sunset.

This event is being arranged by us but has been made possible by the generosity of our community.

Shotesham Village Association

April was a busy month for SVA activities. An excellent Kids (and adults!) Easter Funday at All Saints Church, with Egg & Spoon races and a parent and child three legged race taking place in Peter Holmes' garden. Many thanks to Mr Holmes for the use of his property, and he certainly enjoyed the three legged debacle!

Unfortunately we had to cancel our live show - The Time Machine and apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced. A fine sunny day for the 10th anniversary Tour de Shotesham, which saw the main prizes retained by Terri Howard and Martijn Muntingh, and the Burtons - Christine and Ted cycled away in the 'mature' categories. Full results and photos of both events on the website. May is a bit quiet as we prepare for a street party on the **afternoon of the 5th June** to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, more details to follow but the plan is for a gathering around the Globe, with tables and chairs set out, bring your own picnic and entertainment provided, starting around 4pm. Look forward to seeing everyone.

Note from Raz about the Shotesham screen. No film in May and then a Summer recess. Thanks to all who have supported the film shows.

Garden Group

Saturday May 14th 10-12 at the **Trinity Hall** sees the welcome return of the **Shotesham Gardeners Annual Bring and Buy Plant Fair**. Come along have a cup of coffee, meet friends and browse the wide, and varied, selection of plants and seedlings that will be on 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.

For more information phone Sue 550377.

Shotesham Sound Bath Back by popular demand

Sunday 29 May 10:45 -12:30 Trinity Hall

Come along and enjoy the sounds of the gongs, crystal singing bowls, chimes, drums and tibetan singing bowls. Enjoy the vibrational healing that the instruments will provide in a relaxed calm environment.

To join us on this sound bath I will need payment up front to secure your place.

Please email laurawoollacott@gmail.com or call 01508 550122

COST IS £15 a person Places are limited.

Shotesham Park Estate Walk

Shotesham Park is pleased to invite you to an Estate Walk on Saturday 18th June at 2pm. Please follow the signs from Norwich Lodge on Mill Lane NR15 1UX. The walk will be followed by a BBQ at approximately 5.30pm. Numbers are limited but all ages are very welcome. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate any dogs.

We will be walking for at least an hour in total, so please wear suitable clothes and footwear. Please RSVP by 27th May with names and numbers to joncott@shoteshampark.co.uk

Stoke Holy Cross Jubilee Celebration

Saturday 4th June on the playing field

10am fun run 12pm main event

Picnic in the Park with live music from local musicians, bouncy castle, dog show, viking and saxon displays, licensed bar, ice-creams, pizza, games crafts and more.

Ukrainian Tea Party at the Trinity.

The fundraiser for the Red Cross Ukrainian Crisis Appeal raised a staggering total of £1570! A fantastic afternoon sharing a huge range of home baked cakes, many following Ukrainian recipes. The many who joined us at the Trinity, showed amazing generosity. Thank you to all our bakers and helpers. Thank you to all who came and made the event so amazingly successful.

Laura and Raz Woollacott

