



CHURCH SERVICES

7	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
14	9.30 a.m.	Morning Service	St. Marys	Coryn
21	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Dawn
28	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints'	Dawn

Saxlingham Services 7th 9.30am, 14th 11.00am, 21st 9.30am,
28th 8.00am HC 11.00am

Church flowers

All Saints -Trish Leighton, Christine Howes,
South Window -Gwen Porter
St Mary's -Fanny Wallis, Bernie Fenn

What's on

28 th April - 5 th May	Art Exhibition	10.30 Earsham Mill
4	Council elections	7am-10pm Trinity hall
6	Televised Coronation	10.45am Trinity hall
7	Venue Open Day	11am -2pm Shotesham Park
7	Coronation Picnic	6.30pm St Martins
12	Shotesham Screen Aftersun	7.30pm Trinity hall
24	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove 10.40The Street
27	Garden group Plant sale	10.00-12.00 Trinity hall
31	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm Trinity hall

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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Thought from Dawn

The tomb is empty, the Easter egg boxes are empty.... Easter has been and gone – and we're left wondering did it really happen?
Into the void of uncertainty, steps doubting Thomas, looking around for tangible evidence. Despite what he heard from his fellow-disciples, he refused to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead, until the Lord himself appeared and invited him to see and touch the wounds on his hands and side.

Doubts do not disqualify a person from a life of faith. Thomas' doubts compelled him to dig deeper and he was rewarded with irrefutable proof.

Doubt can often lead to deeper faith. It's when we allow our doubts to run unchecked that they undermine us and become destructive.

When Jesus died, the curtain of the temple was torn in two – signifying the removal of the barrier between God and mankind. With his rising from the dead, Jesus invites us all to share in new and eternal life with him.

Don't let uncertainty keep you from exploring – the church is full of people who are continuing to learn and grow in faith, constantly being surprised and delighted as they discover more of the living God and the fullness of life that he gives.

Like Thomas, who went from doubt to delight with just five words : "My Lord, and my God!"

With every blessing Dawn

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Shotesham Parochial Church Council

At the Parochial Church Council annual general meeting in April churchwardens elected were John Torbitt and Jane Blease. The treasurer is Bob Harris and secretary Patricia Leighton.

Parish Council

Only five people put themselves forward to be a member of the Council and as there are seven vacancies they were deemed to be elected unopposed.

As a result there are two places to be filled at the next meeting in the Trinity on the 31st May at 7.30pm.

If you would like to be considered as a candidate then please contact the clerk who will give you all the necessary information clerk.shotesham@outlook.com

The Warm Welcome which has run so successfully from the beginning of November until the end of April on Thursday afternoons has ended for the Summer. Thank you to everyone involved for their help with transport and making cakes. We may continue over the Summer, on a monthly basis, and if we can the details will follow as soon as possible.

Shotesham Village Association

Two lots of thanks are owed; to all those who have made their annual donation to assist the work of the SVA on behalf of the residents of our village, and to all who attended our AGM which helps keep us legal! And a reminder (just in case anyone forgot) donations can still be contributed, details of how can be found at www.shotesham.com or with last month's Contact.

After a busy April, slowing down a bit in May but still a couple of things going on. First up will be a couple of celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III, with a community showing of the ceremony in the Trinity Hall on **Saturday 6th May**, doors open from 10.45 with the ceremony due to commence at 11am. Tea, coffee and cake will be served while the ceremony will be shown on a big screen, and at a suitable time, we'll drink a toast to King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla. Following up on this, weather permitting, there will be an open air picnic in the grounds of St Martins Church starting around **6.30pm on Sunday 7th May**. You're invited to bring your own food & drinks, though once again, the Village will provide a suitable toast. Despite all rumours/debate for and against, we will also light the beacon, hope to see you all at one or the other....or both!

Shotesham Screen is undoubtedly one of Raz's legacies, and May's film, which continues his hankering for independent cinema, is the 'heart-stopping and unforgettable **'Aftersun'**: after an idyllic holiday, an adolescent Sophie and her father Callum struggle with growing up / old. **Friday 12th May 7.30 Trinity Hall**, Ice cream on sale as always. Tickets £5 on the night
bookings via Ken - **07880801674 or resotan@aol.com**.

For film review see <https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/aftersun>

Garden Group

Saturday May 27th 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. This year we are also having a stall from Tilia Market Garden who, from their plot in Hempnall, produce seasonal, naturally grown vegetables for their veg box scheme. You can find out about their work and see some of their produce. **For more information phone Sue 550377.**

Shotesham Art Group Exhibition: "People, Places, Things"

April 28th-May 5th Merlina Arts Gallery Earsham Heritage Mill Church Road Earsham NR35 2TQ

An exhibition of work by the Shotesham Art Group will be held at the Merlina Gallery in Earsham, close to Bungay (at the site of the old mill, formerly Atlantic Country Store). The Gallery will be open for viewing from Friday 28th April until Friday 5th May from 10:30 am. A large variety of work will be on show, so please come along! This is a new gallery on an industrial site undergoing development so the more support the better, particularly for artists in the area. There is also a café close by overlooking the old mill race. ***Wally and Nick***

Shotesham Park – Venue Open Day, May 7th from 11am to 2pm

After many years of planning, the Grade II listed Stables at Shotesham Park have been transformed into a wonderful new venue. Kelly and Ed Bailey invite you to join them for a cup of tea and cake to celebrate the launch and have a look around. The event will be held at The Old Stables, NR15 1UX from 11am to 2pm. There is no charge and all are welcome. Please RSVP to info@shoteshampark.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks

The family of Raz Woollacott would like to convey their grateful thanks to all the villagers who have provided support and comfort to the family during Raz's illness and since his death. Flowers, meals, cakes, cards, messages and friendship, have been much appreciated by us all.

A genuine thank you from Laura Frankie and Ruby

