



CHURCH SERVICES

28 April 9.30 am	Morning Service & Baptism	All Saints'	Dawn
5	11.00a.m. Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
12	9.30 a.m. Morning Service	St. Marys	John
19	11.00a.m. Holy Communion	All Saints'	Austin
26	9.30a.m. Morning Service	All Saints'	Lesley Cox


Saxlingham Services 5th 9.30am, 12th 11.00am, 19th 9.30am,
26th 8.00am HC 11.00am

Church flowers

All Saints -Trish Leighton, Christine Howes, South Window -Gwen Porter
St Mary's -Fanny Wallis, Judith Pleavin, Valerie Crowle

What's on

1	Garden visit- Goose green	1.15pm Trinity hall
8-11	Saxlingham Plays	7.30pm Saxlingham village hall
17	Village history talk	7.30pm Trinity hall
18	Bring and Buy plant sale	10.00am Trinity hall
18	Stuff and Folly	7.30pm All Saints church
22	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove 10.35The Street

Saxlingham players Spring production  An evening of TWO great one-act plays: **Grimstone halt** ~ A mystery drama by Peter Robbie -**Last tango in little Grimley** ~ comedy by David Tristram - **Wednesday 8th - Saturday 11th may**
Box office online at: www.saxlinghamplayers.org.uk Or telephone Mark 826516
(10 am to 5pm)

An evening event in All Saints church. May 18th at 7.30 All Saints

presented by **Stuff and Folly**, an East Anglian based entertainment group. They will be staging scripted original short comedy plays and sketches in what promises to be an entertaining evening. Proceeds to church funds (see enclosed flyer)

Open gardens in Poringland ,Framingham Earl and Upper Stoke 1st and 2nd June- see enclosed flyer

Jim and Sara Webber have kindly sponsored this edition of Contact with thanks to everyone who gives their time to sustain all aspects of our village life.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

May 2024

Thought from Dawn

After spending long cold months, cozy indoors, enjoying the comforts of an open fire and looking at the garden through the double glazing, we decided to have our coffee on the other side of the windows. Dusting off the outdoor chairs and settling under the glorious bower of a gnarled apple tree whose blossom hints at the promise of treasure to come. Under a clear sky, broken on occasion by a wisp of cloud gliding across the azure light, with the gentle cadence of birdsong and scent of fresh cut grass in the air - our coffee tasted even better.

We welcome such moments, fleeting though they may be. They are gifts of joy. Photographs or keepsakes are meant to help us remember the past fondly – but they can serve as painful reminders of what we didn't appreciate at the time.

Don't take a second of this gift of life for granted. Live each moment fully – whether you spend your time enjoying the comforts of home and appreciating solitude or whether you're out exploring the world in the company of others. Nurture friendships, relate well to others, live without regret.

This is the way of life that Jesus patterns for us – interspersing our days with moments of pure delight.

With every blessing Dawn

Team Rector dawndavidson@btinternet.com **01508 498924**

Shotesham Park Estate Walk

Shotesham Park is pleased to invite you to an Estate Walk on **Sunday 2nd 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 24th May with names and numbers to jonnott@shoteshampark.co.uk

Parish Council

The Warm Welcome, though extended from the original stop date, finished the weekly get together on the 25th of April. When the weather is warmer we will send out the date for starting the outdoor, monthly meetings, which will be in the garden at Grove Farm.

The next full meeting of the Council will be June 11th at 7.30pm in the Trinity Hall. Everyone is welcome. This year we have changed the format of our AGM, and thus how we report back on the year to the Parish. We are inviting everyone to come along on **June 5th at 7.30 in the Trinity Hall** to have a drink and to hear from your councilors, as well as representatives from the SVA and the Commons Trustees to talk about their involvement in the village.

This is also an opportunity for you to ask questions and to tell us about your hopes for the village for the coming year.

Garden Group

2 things for Shotesham Gardeners in May

On **Wednesday May 1st** there is an opportunity to visit **Goose Green Nursery** <https://goosegreennurseries.co.uk/> in Beccles. This usually wholesale nursery grows a wide range of plants, some well known and some less so. The owner Stephen Malster will show us around and tell us about the development of the nursery. This visit is free of charge, but they will provide refreshments for us to buy (plus plants, of course) We need to be there at 2pm so thought we could meet outside the **Trinity at 1.15** to share lifts. If you want to meet us there the postcode is NR34 9RL It would be helpful to know if you would like to come and have a lift, also if you have any dietary requirements.

Shotesham Gardeners Annual Bring and Buy Plant Fair will be at the **Trinity Hall on Saturday May 18th, gates open at 10.** 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.

I am delighted to say that Nancy will be bringing along her plants for sale again.

For more information on either of these things phone Sue 550377 or susan.astbury49@btinternet.com

Advance notice

Saxlingham Nethergate Open Gardens All welcome! **1 - 5 pm on Saturday 22nd June** Tickets £5 and under 16s free. Cash only please. Tea, coffee and cake. No dogs except guide dogs. In aid of St Mary's Church, Saxlingham Nethergate, and the Alzheimer's Society. Further details: 07939 504896 Anne

Shotesham Village Association

Following a successful and highly entertaining Shotesham History Talk by Sara in April, there is some discussion around another Heritage Trail next Year, and much planning going on around the Shotesham Midsummer Gala in July, should be great fun! SVA also trying to figure what else we might do for the younger people in the village, so if any parents have any ideas, or would like to be Children's Officer on the SVA committee, let one of our committee members know, or email Ken at resotan@aol.com. And, when the sun comes back, keep an eye out for an impromptu picnic!

Many thanks to all who made a donation this year to help the SVA to keep all the events going on in the village, however, if you did forget or didn't quite get around to it, details for a bank transfer can still be obtained at www.shotesham.com.

Friday 17th May - a second showing of Shotesham history talk!

On Friday 17th May, at 7.30pm in Trinity Hall, Sara Webber will give an illustrated talk about Shotesham in the 20th Century. It will last about 1 hour, followed by a glass of wine. If you have any photos, documents etc you think might be of interest do please bring them along. This is a repeat of the talk given in April, which was sold out - a reflection of people's interest in the history of the village. Tickets are £5 and proceeds will go to the Shotesham Heritage Group. There is limited seating available at Trinity Hall so please book tickets in advance by contacting Sara Webber on 01508 550190 or webber.sj@btinternet.com.

Works to replace bridge on Shotesham Common

Many of you will be familiar with the small old bridge on the Common near the Rogers Lane end which provides vehicle access from the Street across the Common to Brookfields. The bridge's old foundations are weak and its surface is unstable, and so will soon be replaced. The new plans have been developed with the Trustees of the Common, and all works approved by South Norfolk Council, Natural England and the Environment Agency.

The installation of the new bridge is scheduled to begin the week of **6th May**.

This will require shutting down access down the track leading to the bridge and use of the area around the bridge for approximately 2-3 weeks. This closure of the space is necessary to ensure everyone's safety, as there will be large machinery on site to manoeuvre the parts of the bridge into place.

Should you have any questions relating to the above you can email us on caitlinwallis@ymail.com Ed Howard chair of Commons Trustees 07900 246930 *Caitlin and Malcolm Wallis (Brookfields)*

