

CHURCH SERVICES



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| 5 | 11.00a.m. | Holy Communion | St. Mary's | Dawn |
| 12 | 10.45a.m. | Remembrance Service | All Saints' | John Torbitt |
| 19 | 11.00a.m. | Holy Communion | All Saints' | Dawn |
| 26 | 9.30a.m. | Morning Service | All Saints' | David Lancaster |

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is on the 12th November at All Saints. Please join us to honour the dead of two world wars and subsequent conflicts. Be at the war memorial by 10.45 that morning so that we can observe the silence at 11.00 a.m. Do follow on to the church for a **short service** and coffee to which **everyone** is welcome.

Saxlingham Services 5th 9.30am, 12th 10.45, 19th 9.30am,
26th 8.00am HC 11.00am

CHURCH FLOWERS

All Saints' - Jane Blease **South Window** - Noreen Downing
St. Mary's - Judith Pleavin / Bernie Fenn

WHAT'S ON

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| 3 | Shotesham film night- A man called Ove | 7.30pm Trinity hall |
| 4 | Conservation Group | 9.30am Stubbs Green |
| 8 | Garden Group -Exotic garden visit | 11.00-1.00 |
| 9 | walking Group | |
| 10 | Poringland Film Their Finest | 7.30pm Poringland |
| 14 | Mobile library | Afternoon |
| 17 | Heritage Group open meeting | 7.30pm Trinity hall |
| 26 | Walking group | 10.30am Trinity hall |
| 29, 30, 1,2 Dec | Saxlingham Play | 7.30pm Saxlingham |

Please note that the next 'Contact' will be a joint December/January issue. Items to Pat Harris, Hill Cottage, tel. 550672 or hill.cottage@btinternet.com by 20th November please.

Thanks to all who produced Issue 11 of the Shotesham Times delivered with 'Contact'.

Thanks to Andrew and Judith Pleavin who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact' in celebration of 40 years of happy marriage.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

November 2017

Message from Dawn

I write this in mid-October as the sunlight illuminates the already glowing red, orange and bronze of the leaves. I could wax lyrical about the season – autumn has growing appeal for me year by year.

And it's a very visual reminder of change as we transition from summer heading for the colder winter months.

Change is also happening within our group of churches (Newton, Swainsthorpe, Tasburgh, Tharston, Shotesham, Saxlingham and the Tas Valley Cell Church). By the time you read this, we will have said farewell to our Team Rector, Sally Gaze who departs to begin a new ministry in the Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds area. So we now enter a period of several months (it can take longer) before a new minister is appointed to join the existing team.

What does this mean for people in pew and parish? It means that you will be ably served by a delightful, very capable and experienced team of authorised lay leaders. For the time being, I will be more thinly spread but will aim to be available to minister at as many services as possible. David Lancaster continues as our licensed Reader. Our churchwardens and PCC's (Parochial Church Councils) will continue to operate as normal, so I am hopeful that the impact of the current shortage of staff on our congregations and wider community will be kept to a minimum.

We look forward to the opportunities that this new season will bring, with confidence in our Lord, the God who never leaves us.

With my love and prayers

Dawn Team Vicar dawn@tasvalley.org 01508 498924

Operation Christmas child The annual Shoebox Appeal for children in need in Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Africa. The information leaflets are in the churches and the **final date for handing in the boxes will be on Remembrance Sunday, November 12th.** Thank you, David Lancaster Tel. 01508 493159

SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

Memorial service. - Starts at 10.45 on Church Hill for the Parish Council lead memorial service.

Homewatch -In response to the recent spate of burglaries, the P.C. will be working to encourage homewatch groups across the village. If you have previously been part of such a group, not just in Shotesham, we would appreciate hearing from you. shoteshampc@btinternet.com. Once we know the level of interest in this, we will work to set up village wide schemes.

Footpaths - we would like to thank the walkers, who because of their efforts, have maintained a well used and greatly appreciated network of paths around the Parish. Their efforts don't go unnoticed by us, or by many from outside the Village.

Shotesham Village Screen: Friday 3rd November 7.30pm Trinity hall

A Man Called Ove PG13 (1hr 50mins)(subtitles)

Swedish black comedy. Ove is the quintessential angry old man next door. An isolated retiree with strict principles and a short fuse. Ove has given up on life. After a boisterous young family move in next door and accidentally flattens Ove's mailbox, an unlikely friendship forms.

Tickets£5. Raz 550122 razwoollacott@gmail.com

Shotesham Garden Group On Wednesday November 8th 11-1

we have arranged a visit to **Urban Jungle nursery**, Ringland Lane, Old Costessey. They will give talk about the care, and overwintering, of exotic plants, we will also have time to look round their amazing site and have a delicious lunch in their exotic café. We can share lifts, so meet outside the Trinity at 10.15.

The overall cost is £20 per person includes a delicious lunch and drinks. Let me know if you would like to go, 550377 or susan.astbury49@btinternet.com

Walking group November 9th and 26th see website for details

Conservation Group Volunteers are needed for raking up at **Stubbs Green on Saturday 4th November from 9.30am**. As usual tools will be provided.

The Piano Concert on 14th October raised £782.58, including private sponsorship of £44.00 and £50.00 from the Lord Bishop of Norwich, the Rt. Revd. Graham James. After expenses of £83 cheques totaling £699.58 have been sent to the St John Eye Hospital charity. Thanks to Frank for playing and to the audience, we hope you enjoyed the music. *David Fox*

Shotesham Heritage Group

Everyone is invited to the inaugural meeting of the Shotesham Heritage Group in The **Trinity at 7.30pm on Friday 17th November**. Wine will be served whilst we talk about the aims of the Group and how people can contribute. There will also be a short talk by archaeologist Adrian Olivier (formerly of English Heritage) on *Spirit of Place: Exploring Shotesham's Past* and a selection of old maps and photos to view.

The main aims of the Group are to research the history of the village and to set up an Archive, which will include photos, documents, research and artefacts, so that they are kept for future generations. Please do come along if you would like to be involved. We also hope to hear from anyone who has already done some research on any aspect of the village or who has any documents, photos etc that we could copy for the Archive.

If you have any information, or are interested in helping but are unable to come to the meeting, please contact Sara Webber on 01508 550190 or webber.sj@btinternet.com.

Saxlingham Players are performing the play "The Heiress" at the Village Hall, Saxlingham on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December 2017. Tickets are £7 each and can be obtained by ringing Vicky Stocks on 01508 499631.

Catherine Sloper, a young Heiress, is considered dull and lifeless in comparison to her Mother. Could anyone love her as she is? Morris Townsend is her handsome, charming, penniless suitor - is it her, or her money, that he is attracted to? Adapted from a Henry James novel, this period drama is intriguing and touching. Do come along and decide for yourself.

Village Market December 2nd. 10 - 12. Lots of stalls including wreaths 🌿 Christmas 🎄 items 🎁 and Tombola for Nelson Journey any unwanted gifts would be much appreciated for the Tombola please contact Gwen Jackson 01508 550337/07788932646 thanks.

Wine Tasting – In the run up to the festive season, on Saturday December 9th, the SVA will host a Mystery Wine Tasting evening in the Trinity. A VERY informal evening that will include guessing the region/country the wines come from and bonus points for the age!! More details from Ken 07880801674

Check the shotesham.com website for information on all village activities, history, photos, etc.