



### CHURCH SERVICES

5	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Sally
12	9.30 a.m.	My Church	St. Mary's	John and Dawn
19	11.00 a.m.	Songs of Praise with Dedication of Kneelers -	St Mary's	Bishop Alan, Dawn
26	9.30 a.m.	All Saints Service	All Saints'	Dawn and David

### Saxlingham services

5th 9.30am, 12<sup>th</sup> 11.00am, 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am & 3.00pm Songs of praise  
26<sup>th</sup> 8.00am HC & 11.00am

**CHURCH FLOWERS -All Saints** , Jane Blease , South Window, Ros Dix  
St. Mary's Janet Sochon, Christine Howes

### WHAT'S ON

4/5	Shotesham rocket exhibition	11.30am -4.00	Trinity hall
4	St Mary's churchyard cutting	9.00-12noon	
4	Big Sky concert	7.30pm	All Saints' church
9	Walking group	10.15am	trinity hall
10	The book Thief -Film	7.30pm	Poringland
11	Pond clearing	1.30-3.30pm	
15	Garden group	7.30pm	Trinity hall
17	Saxlingham Garden Society talk	7.30pm	Saxlingham village hall
18	Village Market	10.00-12.00	Trinity hall
23	Mobile Library	Afternoon	
26	Walking group	10.15am	
29	Mechanical Dolphins!	7.30pm	Trinity Hall

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** It is time to launch the *Shoe box appeal for children in need in parts of eastern Europe and Africa.* Info. leaflets and flat pack boxes will be in the churches. The final date for handing in the filled boxes is 9<sup>th</sup> November remembrance Sunday. Last year we sent 407 boxes from the benefice with a huge amount coming from Jill and her helpers. For more information contact david Lancaster on 01508493159 There is still a box at the back of All Saints church where you can leave items for the boxes if you do not want to make a box up yourself.

**Thank you** everyone who sat in the churches for the Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride, and to those who cycled for Shotesham churches.

Thanks to John and Kathy Beeson who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact'



### SHOTESHAM CONTACT

October 2014

#### Message from Dawn

Thank you to all who have responded to the PCC's letter regarding possible changes to All Saints. We felt it important to listen to the views of the local community - although the discussion is still in the exploratory stages so nothing is definite. We will of course keep you informed as to what does or doesn't happen next as we consider the way forward.

Please do join us for a special service in the more intimate setting of St Mary's at 11am on 19th October as Bishop Alan comes to dedicate the new altar kneeler and a number of individual kneelers, all beautifully worked by local people. See separate flyer for more details.

Looking further ahead to next month, we encourage you to come along to a 'Debatable Sermon' this time on the subject of 'Why attend church?' An intriguing question for many, it is your opportunity to ask/listen/contribute. This service is planned for 9:30am on 23rd November at All Saints. Listening to a variety of views can stretch us and help us all deepen our understanding.

Finally, in this season of Harvest we have been blessed with the bounty of the land - reaping the rewards of seed sown and nurtured over past months. These natural principles echo what is true in the spiritual sense - that generally we reap what we sow in our lives. Are we sowing 'in thought, word and deed' what is good and healthy, positive and life-giving? If so, we can expect to receive fruit in keeping with this - and be blessed - as we are a blessing to those around us.

Every blessing to you all.

**Dawn** Team Vicar 01508 498924

**Choir for St Mary's Carol Service.** We are hoping to reform the choir for the Carol Service in St Mary's church. All parts needed, anyone who likes to sing, especially men, please contact Jenny Clarke 01508 550261.

### **V2 Rocket – 70th Anniversary exhibition**

Over the weekend of 4th-5th October (11.30-4pm Sat and Sunday) the Shotesham Village Association is holding a small, free exhibition in the Trinity to mark 70 years since the V2 rocket landed in Shotesham. It exploded in Joy's Loke, narrowly missing the church and school, and there is now a sign on the footpath marking the spot.

Over the last year, Sue Astbury and Sara Webber have been conducting interviews, helped by 5 Shotesham schoolchildren, with residents and former residents of Shotesham who were at the school on the day the rocket landed. The exhibition will include extracts of their memories of that day and life in Shotesham during the Second World War. Everyone is welcome.

**Big Sky concert** -A treat for an early autumn evening, on **Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Church, Shotesham at 7.30pm it will be a concert with singing of traditional and contemporary songs from home and away. Not to be missed! Tickets £6 from Sue 550377 or Bernie 558407 or on the door.**

**St Mary's Churchyard** In order to best preserve it for nature there will be the usual clear up of the churchyard on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October** from 9.00 am to 12.00. Please spare an hour or two and bring your strimmers, loppers, secateurs etc. Hay rakes and forks will be provided.

Also **village pond** clearance **11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1.30-3.30pm** -Frank 558545

**Shotesham Gardening and Conservation Group - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
7.30pm Trinity hall. Talk by Ian Roofe all welcome.

**Village Market Saturday 18th October 10-12, Trinity hall**

Lots of stalls, christmas gifts, cards and also an opportunity to look at the Shotesham website. Tombola for the Nelson Journey. Donations of prizes would be much appreciated. Contact Gwen 01508 550337

### **Village History Project Appeal**

As part of a larger village history project, we are trying to track down any old photos, documents or other objects that anyone has relating to Shotesham's history. Do please contact us if you have anything at all that might be of interest – even a simple village view might show old farm equipment, buses, businesses etc. We will not keep the originals (unless you would like us to) – just take copies if possible.

Please call Sara Webber on 01508 550190  
or Sue Astbury on 01508 550377

### **Shotesham Heritage update**

We are updating the information that was published in the Heritage Trail booklet in 2001 so we have more accurate information about Shotesham's buildings. The original text of that booklet is now available on the village website. We intend in the fullness of time to gather together information about as many of Shotesham's buildings as possible so we can put more comprehensive and up-to-date information on the website. If your house was featured in the Heritage Trail Booklet and you would like to update what it says then please send your new wording and any other relevant material to either Tom Higgin (or Heather Jackson (If your house was not in the booklet but you would be willing for information about it to go into the updated pages then please get in contact as well. We look forward to hearing from you.

**WALKING GROUP- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 10.15am meet at Trinity hall Frank and Diane to lead. **26<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 10.15am

**Mechanical Dolphins! Wednesday, Oct 29<sup>TH</sup> Trinity Hall. 7.30.**

Karen Heywood is Professor of Physical Oceanography at the School of Environmental Sciences at UEA, and is coming to talk about her fascinating work with Ocean Gliders. Admission £3 for Wine and Nibbles.

**Website [www.Shotesham.com](http://www.Shotesham.com)** Thanks to everyone who came to the launch meeting and for the constructive feedback and ideas on how to improve the new website and make it relevant and accessible to all. Frank demonstrated the Home page which has an updated scrolling bar and a Monthly calendar of events with more details about each available by clicking on the link. General consensus was that it is useful and user friendly and that Frank has done a great job setting it up. We will demonstrate it on a laptop at the next village market in October. Other ideas will be considered for the future once we have all got used to checking the site regularly for updates. If you have relevant subject matter that you would like featured - articles, photos etc. you can email them to me for inclusion. **In the meantime go to the website and put a hotlink on your desktop so that you can have a quick up to date check on what is going on in Shotesham.**

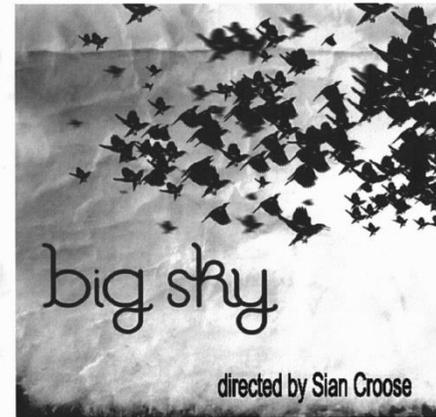
***Shotesham Village Association** Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Harvest Supper and Ceilidh a success. Special thanks must go to Ed, who once again allowed us into his home, and as always put in a huge effort.*



*Please come and join us as we welcome*  
**Bishop Alan**  
*To our beautiful*  
**St Mary's Church**  
*On Sunday 19th October 11am*  
*for a service of*  
**Songs of Praise**

**The service will include the  
Dedication of the Altar Kneeler  
and individual 'wild flower' kneelers.  
It will also give us the opportunity to say a  
special "Thank You" to all those who took  
part in the Tapestry project.**

Light refreshments will be served.



Singing traditional and contemporary  
music from around the world

**Saturday October 4th at 7.30**  
**All Saint's Church, Shotesham**

**Tickets £6**

Call Sue: 01508 550377 or Bernie: 01508 558407  
to reserve your ticket