



CHURCH SERVICES

7 11.00a.m. Holy Communion St. Mary's Dawn & David
 14 9.30.a.m "My Church" * Morning Service St. Mary's Dawn & John
 21 11.00 p.m. Holy Communion All Saints' Dawn
 28 16:30 **Harvest Festival & afternoon Tea** All Saints' Dawn

** My Church service will be a short service of Prayer & Praise and at around 10.00 coffee and buns- all welcome.*

Saxlingham Services 7th 9.30, 14th 11.00, 21st 9.30, 28th 11.00

CHURCH FLOWERS All Saints Shirley Pull South Window Joy Moore
St Mary's Joan Oldman, Sheila Warne

WHAT'S ON

5 Film *In Love with Alma Cogan* 7.00pm Poringland community centre
 10 Walking group 10.15am Trinity hall
 11 WEA Course 1.30pm Saxlingham
 11 Website launch 7.30pm Trinity hall
 12 Film - *Calvary* 7.30pm Poringland Community centre
 13 Sponsored Bike Ride 10.00am-6.00pm
 19 Cheese and wine and plant sale 7.30pm Saxlingham village hall
 20 Shotesham Garden Group Plant sale 10.00am Trinity hall
 20 Harvest Supper & Ceilidh 7.00pm Ed Howard's farm
 23 Mobile Library Afternoon
 28 Walking group 10.15am Trinity hall (for lifts)

Church opening -All Saints- Frank Mitchell, Christine Howes, Joan Oldman, Geoff Fiddler. **St Mary's-** Peter & Valerie Crowle, John & Betty Torbitt, Joan Oldman, Dr. Colin Purdham

Walking group: 10th September 10.15 Trinity hall led by David Howes

28th September 10.15 Trinity hall led by Ronnie Sutton

Saxlingham Garden Soc 19th Sept 7.30pm - Cheese & wine with plant sale and a comp. for best vase of own garden flowers. Visitors welcome.

Shotesham Gardeners PLANT SALE, outside Trinity Hall, Saturday 20th September, 10 am. If you have any thriving cuttings or plants to sell please bring them by 9.30 on the morning of 20th or drop them off at Lindsay's house, (3 The Row) during the week before.

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

September 2014

A message from Dawn: It's been two months since we moved into the New Rectory and just over one month since I was licensed as Team Vicar here, so here is a little bit about me by way of introduction...

My childhood was spent living overseas, attending school in Germany, Malaysia, Bulgaria, Uganda, India, and Italy. I began my working life at Norwich Union, followed by a short time with Anglia TV and then as a private secretary for a local farmer and landowner.

My husband Tim works in Norwich and we have a 14 year old son Joel, who is at Hethersett Academy.

Tim and I came to faith together – we had always been believers but had a powerful experience of God 20 years ago which turned our lives around. I was ordained in 2009. Research earlier this year revealed that vicars report the highest job satisfaction and I would add a loud 'Amen!' to that.

We're delighted with what we've discovered of Saxlingham and Shotesham so far - and everyone we've met has been very welcoming. We're looking forward to meeting and getting to know more of you over the coming weeks and months! Meanwhile, do be in touch if you have a specific prayer request or if you know anyone who would appreciate a visit.

Assuring you of my prayers. **Dawn** Revd Dawn Davidson
 01508 498924

PS. Enclosed with this issue is a letter asking for your views on the possibility of changes to All Saints' church which would make the building suitable for use as a community centre while retaining its primary function as a place of worship. This is still in the early stages of discussion and we would appreciate your thoughts on the matter as we prayerfully consider the way ahead. **Please return the reply form so that we can assess the views of the whole community.**

Harvest Festival Service 28th at 4.30 All Saints' followed by Tea and home-made cake September 13th – Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride

Please raise money for Norfolk Churches by joining the Sponsored Cycle Ride. This is open to people of all ages who cycle and also to walkers. It is an excellent opportunity to visit the historic churches in Norfolk which will be all open and have some exercise as well. Sponsorship forms in All Saints' church.

SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

1. Remembrance Day, 9th November, this year is something even more special, being 100 years since the First World War started. The Parish Council feels that not just the village fallen should be remembered but all those ancestors of residents who currently live in Shotesham should also be honoured at the same time. If anyone living in the village would like lay a cross on the War Memorial during the service then please let Jeff/Rosemarie Gough know [550358 A cross can be provided if needed.
2. I am pleased to report that a defibrillator will soon be installed in the BT Box on The Common. It is there to be accessed by anyone who needs it. We are hoping to organise both an explanatory talk and basic training at the Trinity shortly. The machine is very simple to use, full directions are given and it is there to save lives.
3. Following the Annual Meeting an additional dog bin is to be installed close to the Bowls Club and an additional salt bin at The Grove
4. A litter bin will be installed at the Mill Ford.
5. The Parish Council's Annual Report is now on the new web site. Agendas and Minutes are also there for you to see.
6. Broadband BT intends to energise its new system sometime in September 2014. This should make a big difference to most villagers.

Footpaths Many of you will have read in the EDP the recent correspondence and articles about the condition of Norfolk Footpaths. The footpaths have an important place in the fabric of the community, providing opportunities for families to walk together and learn about nature and to exercise. Thank you to the village "footpath carers" who regularly walk the paths, report any problems and do as much as they can to keep the footpaths open. Sadly despite our efforts some paths are in poor shape. We continue to work towards keeping the paths open Footpath problems can be reported via e-mail to shoteshamfootpaths@hotmail.com

WEA in Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall.

The autumn course at Saxlingham Village Hall (The Street) starts on Thursday, 11th September, 1.30 to 3.00 for ten Thursdays - fee is £48 and with tutor Jean Smith we will be studying Looms, Linens, Woollens and Worsteds - a survey of the East Anglian Textile Industry from the Middle Ages to the Nineteenth Century. For info ring Thelma 550368

Shotesham Village Association

Have a look at www.shotesham.com your new website for the village. Created by a small group of residents and supported by the Village Association, the site aims to provide up to date communication and information for the people of Shotesham. We would like to introduce you to the website with a live demonstration at **Trinity Hall on Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm.** There's lots of scope to develop the website further and we'd be really interested to hear your ideas about what else we can do with it to make it relevant and useful to you. Please join us for a glass of wine on 11th September if you can. Frank Mitchell

Our annual Harvest Supper and Musical Event will take place on Saturday 20th September at 7pm in the marquee at Ed Howard's place.

Tickets priced at £8.50, £5 for under 16's, are available from Bernie Fenn 558407 or Anthony Lister 558719 or any Committee member. Offers of help with putting up/taking down marquees would be appreciated.

Diary note : Film Nights – Trinity Hall in October details to follow.

Big sky concert 4th October in All Saints church details to follow.

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.

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

