



CHURCH SERVICES

3	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn
10	9.30 a.m	"My Church" Morning Service	St. Mary's	John
17	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Dawn
24	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints'	John

Saxlingham Services 3rd 9.30, 10th 11.00, 17th 9.30, 24th 11.00

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

WHAT'S ON

2	Garden group open garden	11.00-4.00	Byre Cottage
3	Village walk	10.30am	
7	WEA Course -	1.30pm	Saxlingham
8	Film- Hidden Figures	7.30pm	Poringland
9	CPR Training session	10.00-12.00	Trinity hall
9	Sponsored Cycle Ride	9.00am-5.00pm	
12	Village walk	10.30am	
16	3 Ponds cutting	9.30am	
19	Mobile Library	3.00-4.25pm	
22	Film night- Mindhorn	7.30pm	Trinity hall
23	3 ponds raking up	9.30am	

Volunteers are needed to help with conservation cutting and raking up on the following dates (weather permitting):-

3-Ponds Meadow - cutting **16th September**
 - raking up **23rd September**

Refreshments and tools will be provided. Wear suitable footwear/gloves For further info contact Bernie Fenn 558407 email floracot@btinternet.com

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

September 2017

Thought from Dawn

Last week I arrived to take a service in one of our parishes and was greeted by excited whispers of "Have you seen who's with us this morning?" There was indeed a well-known star of stage and screen in our midst. On holiday nearby, he'd come along to our service with a couple of friends.

The stars – celebrities – hold quite a fascination for us. We follow their careers and like to learn what we can of their personal lives. We're interested in their opinions, and may even try to emulate something of their lifestyle. When a celebrity makes headlines for the wrong reasons, we can feel let down or even betrayed by their actions.

We tend to look up to 'the stars' whether the celebrity variety or the stars in the night sky... and we're usually keen to know how much we'll see of the star at the centre of our solar system, the sun, on any given day!

The Old Testament prophet Malachi describes Jesus as "the sun of righteousness" (Malachi 4:2) who will bring salvation and freedom. And Jesus speaks of himself as "the bright Morning Star" (Revelation 22:16).

He is the one star who will shine forever and will never fall. We are wise to make sure that Jesus is at the centre of our own universe, our role model, our guide on the journey of life....

I must confess my ignorance that I didn't recognise the actor I mentioned at the beginning.... and I had to look him up later to fully appreciate just who had been in the congregation that morning.

If you haven't already done so, why not look up Jesus and discover Him for yourself?

Every blessing

Dawn

Team Vicar dawn@tasvalley.org 01508 498924

All Saints Bell Project: We are planning major improvements to the bells in All Saints church. See enclosed.

SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

Saturday September 9 th. 10am. To 12 noon. In the Trinity Hall.

Everyone is welcome to this training session, where we will have expert advice on life saving techniques with both CPR and the use of the defibrillator -which is permanently in the old telephone box on the common. This will be a refresher for those who have already done a session, but also a confidence giver to others. Please try to come.

Vacancy on the Council.

We have had notices on the Parish Council boards during August, but if you do have an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council please contact the Clerk- by e mail at shoteshamipc@btinternet.com - to make your application by the end of the afternoon of the 4th of September.

Be aware

The sad demise of a young horse occurred after some garden hedge clippings were thrown into one of the local fields. There was yew amongst the clippings. Even small quantities of yew are highly toxic to livestock causing rapid death. Much garden waste is poisonous and needs to be disposed of with care.

Shotesham Garden Group

Also something to look forward to, the autumn programme starts off on **Saturday 2nd September** when from 11am until 4pm Ian and Janet Munday will have an open garden at **Byre Cottage, The Street, Shotesham.**

Minimum donation £5 which includes a tea or coffee and a piece of cake. Proceeds will be split between The Salvation Army 'ARC' supporting the homeless of Norwich and The Haematology Unit at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. Look forward to seeing you there

Warm congratulations to long-term Shotesham residents Vera & Bill Dade on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Vera was born in the village and Bill moved here from Saxlingham in 1953. They were married in Shotesham All Saints Church on Saturday 19 August 1967 and have raised their own family in the same house that Bill's family originally moved to in 1953.

WEA Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall. starting 7th September

Thursdays 1.30-3.00 for 9 weeks. Fee £48. **Today is a good day to fight-** The real history of the the American West 1840-1900 Contact Thelma for more information All welcome.

- 7pm start from Saxlingham Nethergate village hall..

Ring Jill 01508 498050 to reserve your place for this safari-style dinner asap! £16 for 3 courses incl. a glass of wine, in 3 different venues in the village.

Shotesham village association As always, lot's of things going on around the village so, as well as Contact, keep an eye on the website -

www.Shotesham.com - for news and information from Shotesham and further afield. And if you have anything you think should be featured on the site, you can get in touch via the 'Contact Us' button at the top of the home page.

Film Night at The Trinity. Friday 22th September 7.30pm

MINDHORN 15 (1hr 30mins) A very funny British comedy to launch the New Seasons Film Nights. A has-been actor, known for playing British detective Mindhorn, works alongside the police to catch a serial killer who will only speak to Mindhorn, whom he believes to be real Tickets £5. Raz
550122 razwoollacott@gmail.com Coming soon: "**The Levelling**" Friday October 13.

Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 9th September

The Norfolk Churches Trust: Bike: Walk: Drive in the Norfolk Countryside. Annual Event on Saturday 9th September 9am to 5pm Details from Trish Leighton 01508 558487 should you wish to take part. Volunteers that can sit in Church for 1 hour on this day please contact Trish.

Local history day in Newton Flotman Church Saturday 9th September 10.00am -4.00 pm

See documents from the Norfolk record office, church wardens accounts, burials, marriages, and poor law papers. Also banns of marriage , baptisms and school log books. • Find out about the men on the first world war memorial and about Thomas Blundeville Queen Elizabeth 1st horse vet, astronomer, mathematician who is buried in the church • Replica costumes to try on • Children's treasure hunt • Cards/gifts • Themed refreshments, coffee & cake.

Concert in All Saints' church Saturday Oct 14th

The return of Pianist Frank Lawlor for another charity concert (Nick Astbury's Eye Hospital) is taking place on Oct 14th (Saturday) in All Saints Church. Tickets (£7.50 inc. interval drink) from 01508 558234/550348.

EducatePeru's September saunter, Saturday Sept 2nd

ALL SAINTS BELLS

The Parochial Church Council is planning to improve the bells in All Saints church. We have a very good ring of five bells which we hope parishioners like to hear rung, but they are hard work due to tower movement. This can discourage new and current ringers. The large movement can also strain the tower. We are planning to lower three of the bells into the lower chamber and add an additional 6th bell which was offered to us ten years ago in memory of a child. There will be some sound control for the ringers (as the three bells will be only one floor above the ringing chamber) and for outside when we have very new ringers. We will also use the opportunity to do some maintenance to the frame and fittings. The lowering will considerably reduce the tower movement and make a large difference in the effort to ring the bells.

With these improvements we hope to encourage new recruits, young and old, to learn the ancient art of bell ringing.

Later this year we will have a display at the back of the church giving a brief history of bell ringing in England and a full sized model of a bell as they are in the tower including some redundant fittings from Brooke and a fibre glass bell caste from an actual bell. (Bells are too heavy to move about!)

We plan to have various events including a talk about bell ringing and a concert and we will invite local scouts/guides and Stoke school children to our church to see the bells and learn about ringing.

The improvements will be expensive to implement. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has committed an important contribution and we will be applying for grants. If you would like to show your support by making a small donation please send a cheque payable to 'The PCC of Shotesham' to Bob Harris, treasurer of the PCC at Hill Cottage, Rogers Lane, Shotesham NR15 1YJ or use internet banking payment to the church account

PCC of Shotesham Sort Code 30 96 17 Account no 00398514 Reference: - Bell Project.

If you have any questions about this project please let me know (tel 550672).

Bob Harris

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