



CHURCH SERVICES

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'	Coryn
26	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints'	Dawn

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

All Saints'-Jane Blease, South window, Christine Howes
St Mary's- Polly Gould, Betty Torbitt

What's On

1	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm Trinity hall
1	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove 10.40 The Street
2,9,16,23	Warm welcome	2pm-4pm Trinity hall
3	Garden Group meeting	7.30pm Trinity hall
5	Walking Group	10.15 am Trinity hall
10	Film Night -Hit the Road	7.30pm Trinity hall

Trade Directory for Shotesham with small personal ads

Issued twice a year. Next issue will be with April 'Contact'. The fee for a trade entry is £10.00 per year for both issues or £3.00 to place a small personal ad. To advertise please contact Trish Leighton 01508 558487 or email mp95@btinternet.com. The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text (extra fee for more lines) Entries by **10th March** please to be included in April directory.

Thanks to Florence Ellis -District Councillor who has kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact'



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

February 2023

Thought from Dawn

I have an alarm function on my iphone – which for the past two mornings I've apparently slept through, resulting in some rather frantic catching up around breakfast time. Further investigation revealed that my phone recently had an automatic update which changed how to access the alarm. Now, in order to set the alarm, it requires me to enter some sort of daily bedtime and wake up routine so my sleep can be monitored..... what?!!!! I am not a huge fan of 'tech' and this kind of thing irritates me intensely. Along with those phone calls we are sometimes obliged to make where we find ourselves talking to a recording and playing multiple choice with a variety of options – none of which quite answers the question.

Technology has become part of daily life – but so often leaves us feeling frustrated and undervalued.

At times it seems as though 'they' are trying to make human beings redundant. As if God's creation has been outmoded.

One of the many things I value about church, is the interaction with real live people – a flesh and blood community who don't behave like automatons, who have different opinions and who know the real meaning of family. I also value the time I spend with God in prayer, God who treats me (and each one of us) – as the unique individual he created.

Far less stressful and much more satisfying!

With every blessing

Dawn

Team Rector dawndavidson@btinternet.com 01508 498924
The New Rectory, The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk NR15 1AJ

Thanks to all those who contributed to the Christmas Services collections (including the Carol Service). £253 was sent to EACH and £253 sent to The Children's Society.

Shotesham Parish Council

The next election for the Council will be in early May this year. If you think you may be interested why not come to our next meeting on the **1st of February at 7.30pm in the Trinity Hall**. Everyone is welcome and you could see what is involved if you did decide to put yourself forward.

The **warm welcome** is continuing in the Trinity until Spring. It is open to all on **Thursday afternoons from 2 until 4pm**. The sessions are for everyone who would like an informal get together- and tea and cake.

The annual litter pick will be held in March. If you would like to help please tell Heather, either on 550785, or heatherbelljackson@btinternet.com.

In the new financial year we have been promised that a new water main will be installed between the village and Poringland, where our supply comes from. Apart from some disturbance for the installation we hope it will mean less road closures in the future.

Shotesham Garden Group

On Friday February 3rd George Gillespie will be coming to the Trinity at 7.30 pm to talk about The Sentience of Plants.

<https://georgesgorgeousgardens.co.uk>

He runs a nursery at Earsham Hall and is a horticulturalist with a special interest in growing indoor plants.

This should be a fascinating and topical subject and he plans to bring some plants for sale on the night.

Entrance is £4 to include tea or coffee.

All are welcome.

Shotesham Village Association

Christmas Eve was celebrated as usual with a large crowd at All Saints for Carols, bellringing and a blessing from Dawn, and over £160 was raised for EACH following donations for the mulled wine, hot chocolate and munchies! The Fun Run on the 31st was well contested with a sprint finish up Church Hill which Steve Blomfield from SHC just outstripping former winner Dom Copping, Anna Lloyd was first lady, and Mike Lawrence and Liz Blakie took the seniors places. Well done to all.

Nothing planned for March, but look out for the AGM on 18th April, and other events to come soon.

Shotesham Screen Friday 10th February 7.30 Trinity Hall

HIT THE ROAD

(Jaddeh Khaki)

Iran/Persian comedy/drama (2021) 90mins

We join an Iranian family on a mysterious and chaotic road trip.

"All of Iranian life on four wheels"

Friday 10 February 7.30 Trinity Hall Ice cream on sale

Shotesham Walking Group will continue to meet every 4 weeks on a Sunday for a friendly, non-taxing walk, normally 3-5 miles.

We would be delighted to see some new walkers - just turn up at the Trinity at 10.15 on the appointed date.

We would also love it if more people would volunteer to lead a walk - if necessary we share lifts if we are going further afield.

Coming walks - Feb 5th, March 5th, April 2nd.

Any queries, please contact me - Judie Olivier 07584049072 or judieharrison52@aol.com

Shotesham Residents please be aware that **Scout Explorers** will be at large overnight between 15.00 on Saturday 18th Feb until 09.00 on Sunday 19th. We have been assured of proper and adequate supervision for their activities which while in Shotesham will be centred around a base at St Marys Church (which is to be open) and St Martins. This walking event involves 6 bases from Eaton to Mulbarton. The total number of Scouts is 100-150. There should not be more than 30 at a base at any one time, and most of the night there will be less than 10 at a base.

Total number of Leaders is estimated to be 50. Typically 5-6 leaders at each of the 6 bases, If you see activity overnight please do not call the police. The event leader is David Cartwright 07799 881595.

I have further information if required John Torbitt

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