



CHURCH SERVICES

3	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn
10	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	St. Mary's	John (TBC)
17	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
24	9:30 a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	Dawn
31	11.00 a.m.	Benefice Service (Bring a picnic)	St. Mary's	Dawn

Saxlingham services – 3rd 9.30am, 10th 11.00am, 17th 9.30am
24th HC 8.00am 11.00am & 6.30pm evensong at St. Marys church ruins

CHURCH FLOWERS

All Saints -Jennifer Walters , Jane Blease South window Pat Harris
St Mary's -Valerie Crowle, Britt Riches, Betty

What's On

16	St Martins open event	10.00-12 St Martins
20	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.40 The Street
24	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall

We will be issuing an August Contact this year as the open garden event is on the 20/21st August.

Thanks to Sandra and Peter who have kindly sponsored this edition who after 29 happy years in the village hope to continue to keep in contact with their friends.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

July 2022

Message from Dawn

At the time of writing, we've had plenty of bright sunshine over several days. Light benefits the natural world, being key to plant growth and development - contributing to a good harvest. Most people also find bright weather to be uplifting and energizing. The quality of the light helps us to feel so much more positive. Scientists will give you all kinds of reasons why this is so.

Aside from the science behind this, I believe there are other, deeper, reasons why bright weather resonates so well with us. Light is symbolic of many important things: enlightenment, knowledge, truth. It enables vision, literally and spiritually. It reveals things that are hidden – helping us to avoid pitfalls. It is indicative of warmth, welcome and love.

One of the ways Jesus describes himself in the Bible is as 'the light of the world'. Many of the benefits of physical light are seen in the spiritual light of Christ. He gives us insight for living. His truth illuminates our path, guiding our footsteps as we journey through life. We find nurture and growth in the light of his love. Remaining in the light of Jesus - patterning our lives on his - will contribute to our inner joy no matter what the weather is doing outside.

May your summer be filled with sunshine and your hearts with the light of Christ.

Dawn Team Rector, dawndavidson@btinternet.com 01508 498924

Thanks to all those who attended the Jubilee tea at All Saints and especial thanks to all those who decorated the church so beautifully and to those who made such splendid cakes.

Parish Council

A huge thank you to everyone who was part of the positive and successful Jubilee celebrations. So many people made this happen including everyone who went along to the events. We do have a few of the special mugs left and if you would like one for a £6 donation then contact Heather 550785

After our plea for someone to restore and maintain our village benches we were delighted and grateful that we have a volunteer. If you have been on church hill you will see the work has already started. The other benches will follow.

The second telephone box has now been painted and is looking so much better. The books in the box are a really good selection so please have a look...and they are all 'free'.

SNDC have told us that there are small grants available, in certain circumstances, to help with the increasing cost of bills. If you or anyone you are aware of feel this may be appropriate then please in confidence contact the clerk to the council Jeff 550358.

Shotesham Village Association

A Jubilee w'end to remember...

A piper(ess), a bugler, and an excellent choir, along with a sky high bonfire, A peal of our bells (which I almost disturbed!) was followed by tea and cake, The Marisca Trio played us some tunes, on a Sunday which was far from dire, So we drank our bubbles to toast The Queen, and ate Kelly's excellent bake!

A small village punching well above our weight. Four great events, culminating in our Street Party on Sunday which was attended by around 200 people through the course of the (almost dry) afternoon, someone was definitely looking out for us! Thank you Ma'am, and many thanks to all who attended the events and made it a successful weekend.

Thanks also to everyone who helped with the set up and taking down, the SVA is now considering whether we can fit in a Barn Dance this year in September, and we'll definitely be looking for more volunteers to help out if it goes ahead. Watch this space and the website - www.shotesham.com - for information to come.

Village walking group update

We have decided to organise only one walk a month for the foreseeable future. They will be on a Sunday, meeting 10.15 at the Trinity as usual, and anyone is welcome to join us. Upcoming dates are - **July 24th August 28th September 25th**

Please contact Judie Olivier for more details - judieharrison52@aol.com

Progress on St Martins ruined Church project

Thanks to generous financial support from the Mercers Company (responsible for the Trinity hospital), South Norfolk District Council and local private donations as well as the PCC, we now have sufficient funds in place to authorise our chosen contractor to begin the next stage of work at St Martins which will take place between the 14th and the 18th July.

An application to the Heritage Lottery has also been made, (with letters of support from the SVA and the Parish Council) to make up any shortfall and which will mean we can progress the later phases too. We are also hopeful of getting some donations from the Shotesham Garden Group after the open Gardens weekend in August.

On Friday the 15th July, Members of SPAB (Society for Preservation of Ancient Buildings) plan to carry out lime work repairs including local flintwork rebuilding and repointing. This will include slaking lime on site using a purpose building lime kiln which will be completed during the first day of the working party.

On Saturday 16th July the learning exercises will continue but there will also be opportunities for locals and other members of the public to come to site to ask questions about the repairs being undertaken as well as about the ruin, its historic importance and how we see its future being looked after? (10am – 12.00 mid-day)

In the early autumn we intend to have another session where we will be looking to put in place more grass turfs on the repaired wall tops to help reduce the amount of water that is penetrating the flint walls and causing voids which dislodge the flint core. This will again be an opportunity for the public to attend site to help, learn and see the work.

We will give further updates as they arise.

If more information is needed about any of the matters above including the summer working party, open day, summer placements etc then either e-mail Mike at mchlknights@gmail.com or spabnorfolk@gmail.com

Diary Note: 20-21st August Open Gardens in support of St. Martins.

Church Bell Ringing is a team activity that stimulates the brain and helps you keep fit. Initial teaching takes several weeks after which a learner can begin to ring with the rest of the band with weekly practices. **We need more ringers** to maintain this traditional skill; otherwise the church bells will become silent! Ringing is well within the capabilities of most people from age 12 into retirement age.

If you think you may be interested in learning contact Bob Harris, tel 01508550672 or e-mail hill.cottage@btinternet.com