



CHURCH SERVICES July

7	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn
14	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	St. Mary's	John
21	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
28	9:30 a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	Dawn
August (Subject to changes, please check Tas Vally benefice website.)				
4	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	TBA
11	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	St. Mary's	TBA
18	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	TBA
25	9:30 a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	TBA
Saxlingham services – July 7 th 9.30am, 14 th 11.00am,				
21 st 9.30am & 6.30pm evensong at St. Marys church ruins				
28 th 8.00am HC11.00am				

CHURCH FLOWERS July

All Saints - Jane Blease, Britt Riches South window Pat Harris
 St Mary's - Polly Gould, Julia Moncrief

August All Saints - Sylvia Harmer, Jane Blease . South window Jane Blease

St Mary's – Christine Howes, Fanny Wallis

What's On July

6	Shotesham Gala	2-4. 30 then 6.30 Playing field
7	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
17	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.35 The Street

August

3	St Mary's churchyard raking	9.30am St Mary's
4	Village walk	10.15 am Trinity hall
4	Open Garden	Brick Kiln House 10.00-4.00
14	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.35 The Street
17	All Saints hill raking	9.30am All Saints hill

A Trades' Directory for Shotesham with small personal ads.

is issued twice a year in September and March. The fee for a trade entry is £10.00 per year for both issues or £3.00 to place a small personal ad. The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text (extra fee for more lines) Entries by 15th August please to be included in the September "Contact". To advertise please contact Trish Leighton 01508 558487 or mp95@btinternet.com

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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Message from Dawn

Looking at the topic of courage recently with a local school, I reminded them of a well-known story for children which tells of a quest during which various obstacles are encountered – each is met with the refrain; “We can't go over it. We can't go under it. Oh no! We've got to go through it!”

It's best to tackle our problems head-on. If ignored they rarely disappear but often get worse. Courage doesn't mean being without fear, it means doing the right thing even when we're scared.

I went on to talk about David and Goliath. The shepherd boy who defeated the giant who had mocked and intimidated the Israelite army. David tackled the problem head-on and came through victorious. His secret? Faith in God. David used his skill and experience - in faith – believing that God would help him to win the battle.

What battles are you facing at the moment? Problems that cannot be avoided but must be gone through.... ask God to be with you and trust him for the outcome. He is on the side of justice and he champions those who trust in him.

With every blessing

Dawn

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Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 14th September

The Norfolk Churches Trust: Bike: Walk: Drive
 in the Norfolk Countryside. Annual Event on Saturday 14th September
 9am to 5pm We are looking for volunteers to sit in All Saints Church
 between 9 & 5 Details from Trish Leighton 01508 558487

Parish Council

We were pleased to see so many at the informal AGM in the Trinity. We hope that those of you who came found it informative about how and what we do as a council. Some of our pavements are still narrowed by the hedges and banks of some of the houses in the village. Please can you check if this could be you, and if so try to cut back the vegetation that crowds the pavements. The original Boudicca Way is now fully open and the sign posts are in place. The Warm Welcome is on its way. First get together soon.

Shotesham Village Association

May has been a quiet month for the SVA as it has been all hands on deck with preparations for the **Midsummer Gala on 6th July**. This year's Gala will be slightly different from previous years as we will be showcasing the many and varied activities of the groups in the village. As well as displays and presentations in the marquee, there will be some groups demonstrating their activities outside as well. This promises to be an impressive collection of the activities that go on in the village, some of which you might not be aware of. The aim is to showcase these activities rather than recruit new members to the groups but if any of them catch your eye then there will be members of the groups on hand or information for you to follow up. There will also be the traditional tea tent which itself will showcase the amazing baking that goes on in Shotesham. We will also be putting on some amusements and side shows and a football event for the more active among us. Some of these amusements will have a small charge so don't forget to bring your cash. There will be a line up of classic cars as in previous years. **The Gala opens at 2:00 p.m. and will end at about 4:30 p.m.** but the fun does not stop there as they will be disco music, a bar and hot food in the **evening starting at 6:30**. All we need now is sunny weather!

Open Garden

Jim and Jenny's garden at Brick Kiln House, Priory Lane will be open on **Sunday 4th August 10-4pm**, for the National Garden Scheme. This is the 10th year we have opened raising over £20,000 for the scheme. The NGS is the biggest donor to MacMillan Nurses as well as supporting other nursing or caring charities.

Admission is £6pp and there will be homemade tea and cakes.

Nature Conservation in Shotesham. A looming crisis?

The village conservation group has been in operation for over 25 years and many of you will have taken part in the projects at St Mary's churchyard, All Saints church hill, Stubbs Green and other sites in the village. We hope you will be aware of how effective this voluntary work has been in improving parts of the village environment. If you have walked through the magnificent meadow at Stubbs Green this month or seen the pyramidal orchids at St Mary's you will know just what I mean.

All this could be at risk simply as a result of the passing years. Along with a small group of other enthusiasts I have acted as coordinator of the group since it started in the late 1990s. Unfortunately, as we have aged, several of us, including me, have become less able to take on the manual work such as mowing rough ground or strimming or hedge cutting. As a result, we have steadily reduced the number of sites we look after and have had to call in paid help with some of the ones we still do. Other activities that we've organised over the years such as educational meetings, surveys, nest box making etc have stopped happening mainly due to lack of energy (at least on my part)!

We are grateful that the crucial final stage of each project, usually raking up, has continued to be well supported by so many enthusiastic village volunteers.

At a time when wildlife conservation is more important than ever we really want the group to survive and flourish but without some new input we are close to the point where the group is no longer viable and the only practical option will be to wind it up, in which case the sites will no longer be managed for wildlife.

So, I am sending out this letter to ask for a few new recruits to begin to help with the leadership of the group and to share in some of the physical work. This would involve quite a small amount of work and time but could revitalise the group for many more years.

If you are at all interested and would like to know more please contact me and I'll happily tell you more.

My contact details are Frank Mitchell, 8 The Grove, 01508 558545, and frank333mitchell@btinternet.com

Thank you for reading this.

Note: Volunteers needed for the annual raking up at St. Marys churchyard on 3rd August and on All Saints hill on 17th August. Refreshments provided.