



CHURCH SERVICES July

6	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn
13	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	St. Mary's	John
20	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Rachel
27	9:30 a.m.	Morning Service	St. Mary's	Dawn

August (Subject to changes, please check Tas Vally benefice website.)

3	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	TBA
10	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	St. Mary's	TBA
17	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	TBA
24	9:30 a.m.	Morning Service	All Saints	TBA

Saxlingham services – July 6th 9.30am HC, 13th 11.00am,
20th 9.30am 27th 8.00am HC 11.00am & 6.30pm at St. Marys church ruins

CHURCH FLOWERS

July _St Mary's Britt Riches, Polly Gould, Julia Moncrief

August St Mary's – Julia Moncrief, Christine Howes, Fanny Wallis

What's On July

5	Summertime Concert	7.30pm Poringland Catholic church
6	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
10	W I Meeting	2.00pm Poringland
16	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.35 The Street

August

3	Open Garden	Brick Kiln House 10.00-4.00
3	Village walk	10.15 am Trinity hall
12	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm Trinity hall
13	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.35 The Street
15	Garden visit-Severals Grange	1.45 pm at the garden

W I Meeting Poringland Thursday July 10th, 2pm

Talk about Newhaven Court, from author, Helen Murray.

Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 13th September

The Norfolk Churches Trust: Bike: Walk: Drive
in the Norfolk Countryside. Annual Event on Saturday 13th September
9am to 5pm We are looking for volunteers to sit in All Saints Church
between 9 & 5 Details from Trish Leighton 01508 558487

Thanks to Jeff and Rosemarie Gough who have kindly sponsored this edition of Contact.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

July / August 2025

Message from Dawn

The recent Friday night storm left quite a bit of debris on local roads – a curiously similar mix of sandy soil and pebbles washed off surrounding verges. It had me reflecting on how the storms of life can cause all sorts of detritus to surface in our own lives. Under pressure we realise (often with a certain sense of shock) that we are perhaps not as 'together' as we thought. Things may come to light which – like the debris on the road – need dealing with and removing.

Sandy soil also reminds us of the parable Jesus tells about two men, each of whom built a house. One chose to dig down deep and laid a foundation on solid rock, the other opted for sandy soil. When the storm hit, the house on the rock stood firm, while the house on the sand collapsed and was destroyed. Those who build their lives on the solid foundation of Jesus' word, his teaching and example, will withstand the storms of life. A solid faith carries us through.

Whether or not storms are forecast, it's always worth checking our foundations! With every blessing **Dawn**

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Please note - All Saints Church is to be closed to the public for repairs from Monday 14th July until Wednesday 20th August.

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

Parish Council

If you have an interest in the East Pye Solar project the next stage of their application is now in progress. All the information is on line at www.eastpyesolar.co.uk or on freephone 0808 281 3175.

A list of their consultation meetings is on the village notice boards.

Now is the time to make yourself fully aware of the plans.

Our next meeting, when everyone is welcome as always, is 12th August

Framingham Earl Singers Concert

Summertime

Saturday 5th July 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Catholic church Poringland

At Poringland Catholic Church, Upgate, Poringland, Norfolk, NR14 7SH

Featuring young musicians playing with the choir. They will perform a variety of music including Les Miserables medley, Gospel choruses and other familiar music arranged by our Musical Director Rob Goodrich.

Open Garden, Brick Kiln House

Open Garden, on **Sunday 3rd August 10-4pm**, £6pp, at Brick Kiln House, Priory Lane. Jim and Jenny are opening their garden again for the National Garden Scheme. Come and enjoy homemade teas whilst listening to live music.

Garden Group

We're having a rest in July but 2 things to look forward to in August and September **On Friday 15th August** Sarah has organised a visit to **Severals Grange NR20 5BL** 2mls north of Guist on the B1110. This is a lovely colourful late summer garden developed on the site of the ex Hoecroft nursery. Lots of later flowering perennials. Wonderful grasses and shrubs.

A real feast for the eyes. Cost- £7.50 which includes a tour, talk and tea and cakes. The tour starts at 2.00pm - meet there at 1.45pm There will be interesting plants for sale. Sarah needs to let the owners know numbers so please reply to her sarah.cushion815@btinternet.com

And on **Monday September 8th**, another glorious garden to visit and have a guided tour, at **Manor Farm, Coston, Wymondham NR9 4DT**

This is a wonderful five acre country garden set in larger estate. It consists of several small garden rooms, with both formal and informal planting, includes a walled kitchen garden. There are many interesting trees, and a collection of sculptures dotted around the garden. £10pp to include refreshments. All proceeds to their charity To share lifts, meet at **Trinity Hall at 2, or 2.30 at garden**. Let David Averill if you can go, and if you have any dietary requirements davidhaverill@gmail.com

Shotesham Village Association

Last month's SVA piece was somewhat rushed and I didn't have time to mention the hugely successful Duck Race on 4th May. Thanks to Simon and Ken with the help from Damian to make it such a great event. Jane Taylor's number 73 won - a worthy winner! This event has become a much-loved tradition in Shotesham but we will probably hold it earlier in the year in 2026 to avoid a lack of water in the Beck and will also liaise with the Commons Trustees about cutting back some of the overhanging vegetation. The only other event in May was the VE Day commemoration on 8th May at St Martin's. Another enjoyable event livened up by music from Mike Knights's wind-up gramophone on which he played a recording of Churchill's actual speech from 1945. St Martin's was the venue for the other event to mention – the annual Midsummer Picnic. This was a great success with about 30 adults and numerous children. A guitarist played lovely background music while we enjoyed the evening and each other's company. Luckily, the scorching heat of the day broke in the evening and we even had a cooling breeze.

Thanks to the church for the use of St Martin's for these events and to committee members (especially Katie) for making the picnic happen. There will be a bit of a gap until **the next SVA event. We will be staging the ever-popular Barn Dance on 27th September** on the playing field. Tickets will be £15, children under 12 free. They can be obtained in advance from Jo Nisbet on nisbetjoanne@yahoo.com or 07904 072977. Tickets will be issued on receipt of payment. Please put "Barn Dance" in the subject line if buying by email. If paying by bank transfer please make sure you say who you are. Meanwhile, have a great Summer! Tom Higgin, Chair of the SVA at tomm.higgin@gmail.com or 07495 417887

The first Shotesham Screen film will be on Friday September 12th at the Trinity at 7:30pm. All are welcome. Booking via Lindsay on 07702832033 or lindsayheywood3@gmail.com

We will be showing "**The Crime is Mine**"

In 1930s Paris, Madeleine, a pretty, young, penniless and talentless actress, is accused of murdering a famous producer. Helped by her best friend Pauline, a young unemployed lawyer, she is acquitted on the grounds of self-defense. A new life of fame and success begins, until the truth comes out. The Crime Is Mine is a funny, beautifully charismatic film, full of brilliant characters, gorgeous costumes and captivating production design.

