

CHURCH SERVICES



31 st March 7.30pm	Compline	St Mary's	Dawn
3rd 8.00pm	Tenebrae	St Mary's	Dawn
5 th 11.00am	Easter Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
12 th 9.30am	Morning Service	All Saints	Rachel
19 th 11.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
26 th 9.30am	Morning Service	All Saints	Dawn

Saxlingham church services

2 nd Devotional Service 3.00pm	5 th 9.30am	Easter HC	12 th 11.00 am
19 th 9.30am HC	26 th 8.00am HC	11.00am	

Church flowers

All Saints Susie Hill, Kim Dyke South Window Trish Leighton

St Mary's Betty Torbitt, Fanny Wallis

What's On

2,9,16,23,30	Warm welcome	2.00pm-4.00pm	Trinity hall
2,9,16,23,30	Table tennis	6.30-8.00pm	Trinity hall
4	Easter Family Fun Day	12.00	The Globe Pub
5	Village walk	10.15am	Trinity hall
6	Easter Egg hunt	2.00pm	Church hill
9	WI Poringland	2-4	Poringland Community hall
10	Shotesham Film A New Kind of Wilderness-	7.30pm	Trinity hall
16	Parochial Church Council AGM	4.30pm	All Saints church
18	Shotesham Bowls club open day	2.00-4.00pm	Bowling green
22	Mobile library	10.15am	Grove, 10.35am The Street
25	Shotesham Bowls club open day	2.00-4.00pm	Bowling green
26	Duck Race	11.45am	Hollow Lane
29	Garden Group visit	1.15pm	Trinity hall

Last session of Warm welcome 30th April, monthly meetings in the Summer

Shotesham Bowls club always welcomes new members. Anyone who has not played before or is a seasoned player who is thinking of joining our club is welcome to come on our "open days. These are on **Saturday April 18th and 25th at 2 O'clock.** We can provide the bowls, just wear soft flat soles shoes please. We look forward to meeting you."

Thanks to the 'Munros' of Flint Cottage for sponsoring this edition of Contact in celebration of Lesley's coming of yet another age on 6th April!'



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

April 2026

Thought from Dawn

Alleluia! Christ is risen! This is the cry that fills the Church on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection. The same cry fills our hearts, shapes our lives, and gives us joy and a sure and certain hope for the future. Yet there is no resurrection without death. There is a spiritual experience of dying and rising – a dying to self and rising to God. A dying to all that we know to be wrong and a rising to what is good, pure, and true. A dying to those aspects of life that deny God and a rising to the values and attitudes that affirm God.

By faith we accept that one perfect life was given on the Cross – in a death both physical and spiritual - as payment for all our wrongdoing. By faith we know that because of this – the resurrection is given as a sign of forgiveness and of greater life beyond death. A promise we can confidently believe in as we look to the days to come.

Some would argue that the Christian faith is a matter of the suspension of reason. Not so. Books have been written by academics and sceptics who set out to disprove the resurrection. Being people of integrity, they did their research well. Because of this their books evolved in the writing and told a very different story to the one they'd intended.

Their conclusion? Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! May God bless you this Eastertide and always

Dawn

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Shotesham Parochial Church Council

"The Annual Meeting of Parishioners" and the "Annual Parochial Church Meeting" will take place on **Thursday 16th April at 4.30pm in All Saints church.** All parishioners are warmly invited but only persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to vote at the election of the parochial representatives.

Shotesham Parish Council

Thank you to everyone who helped with the litter pick again. Lots of rubbish collected which South Norfolk quickly removed. If you spot any flytipping -rather than the scattering we collect- you can put SNDC flytipping- into search and it brings up a form to report any incidents. There is also a similar site to report potholes directly.

Shotesham Ford remains closed and the decision on its fate has been delayed by the upcoming election. The Parish Council is still pushing for a reopening and are approaching our MP to get involved.

The defibrillator telephone box door was badly damaged in the strong wind and a temporary closure has been made which can be unfastened very easily should access be necessary.

EastPyeSolar has submitted their application to the planning inspectorate. We now await information as to whether this has been accepted for consideration or whether changes will be required for it to move ahead. Until then we don't know what they are asking for.

Shotesham Screen

A New Kind of Wilderness will be shown on **Friday April 10th** at the Trinity at 7:30pm. Tickets £5. All are welcome.

Booking via Lindsay on 07702832033 or lindsayheywood3@gmail.com

On a small farm in a Norwegian forest, the Paynes live a purposefully isolated self-sufficient life, aiming to be wild and free. However, when tragedy strikes the family, it upends their idyllic world and forces them to forge a new path into modern society. The Paynes' journey, their triumphs and struggles, invite reflection on our own life choices, our responsibility to the planet and our children, and how we navigate life after loss.

Shotesham Village Association

Easter Monday, 6th April 2.00 pm All Saints Church - the traditional **Easter Egg Hunt, Easter biscuits and cakes**, followed by egg and spoon races in the garden of the Old Rectory.

All donations of biscuits and cakes can be taken to the church after 1.00pm

April 26th - The Annual Duck Race -

Meet at the bridge on Hollow Lane at 11:45 for a 12 o'clock start.

Ducks can be bought from The Globe for £1 each -available from April 1st. Or buy one on the day. Always great fun. Come along and cheer for your duck and the intrepid duck herders!

Shotesham Park Walk, Sunday 17th May - more details to follow.

Open Gardens

We have had an excellent response from villagers, and we now have plenty of gardens that will be open during **Shotesham Open Gardens** on **Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th of June**, raising money for children's charities, the major beneficiary being the NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> about how to get involved later but in the meantime, here is a request from Lindsay who is running the plant stall over the same weekend.

Hello Gardeners, we shall need some plants! I have been propagating a few, but we need a lot more and from now on into the spring it's the perfect time to do it.....

So, any seedlings or plants, that you've divided, pot them up, no weeds please, and drop them into my house or get in touch. Thanks Lindsay lindsayheywood3@gmail.com 3 The Row, NR151YW

WI in Poringland Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th of April.

The Speaker will be Fay Jones. Her subject is The Wonderful World of Stinging Nettles. Few people's favourite weed. Come along and find out more about this common plant, and what you can do with it, from boiling it to eat, to making fertiliser for your garden. Visitors always welcome at Poringland Community Centre from 2pm until 4pm

Garden Group

Something to look forward to, a springtime trip to a Suffolk garden. On **Wednesday April 29th** we have arranged a visit, and tour, to **Paget House**, near Saxmundham. This NGS garden, which will be open by arrangement, covers one and a half acres and is designed to be wildlife friendly with a mixture of wild and formal planting. It includes an orchard, vegetable plot, woodland and a pond. There are also abstract garden sculptures by a local artist. We need to be there at **2.30** and it will take about 55 minutes so if you want to share lifts I suggest we meet at the Trinity Hall at 1.15. Otherwise meet at the garden, the address is Paget House, Back Road, Saxmundham, IP17 3NY

Cost £10 per person, includes refreshments. Open to everyone, please contact Sue Astbury susan.astbury49@btinternet.com

Thanks to Trish Leighton who has compiled the Shotesham Trade Directory which is included with this issue.

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