



CHURCH SERVICES

7 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's	Dawn
14 th	9.30am	Morning Service	St. Mary's	Rachel
21 st	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints'	Rachel
28 th	9.30am	Morning Service	All Saints'	Dawn

Saxlingham Services 7th 9.30am, HC 14th 11.00am, 21st 9.30am, HC 28th 8.00am HC 11.00am

Church Flowers

All Saints- Julie Chilvers, Jane Blease (Altar)
Sue Astbury, Christine Burton (South Window)
St Mary's- Elaine, Britt, Polly

What's on

3,10,17,24	Yoga	6.30 pm	Trinity hall
6/7	Open studio	10.00-5.30	coffee yard
7	Village walk	10.15am	Trinity hall
9	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm	Trinity hall
11	Poringland W I	2-4pm	Poringland
12	Film -The Phoenician Scheme	7.30pm	Trinity hall
13/14	Open Gardens	10.00-4.00	
13	Big Sky Concert	7.30pm	All Saints Church
17	Mobile Library	10.15	Grove 10.35
20	Summer Party	12.00pm onwards	The Street The Globe
21	Midsummer picnic	6.30pm	St Martins

www.shotesham.com for all the latest information.

Thanks to Mary Lowden who has kindly sponsored this edition of Contact with appreciation for living in such a beautiful place.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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Thought from Dawn

Perhaps you've heard the true story of a surgeon who successfully removed a tumour from a young woman's cheek but in doing so had to sever a tiny part of the facial nerve, leaving the corner of her mouth frozen and twisted in a clownish grin.

She asked whether her mouth would always be this way and was told it would. Her young husband simply smiled, announced it was "kind of cute", then bent to kiss her crooked mouth, twisting his own lips to accommodate hers and prove to his wife that their kiss still worked.

The poignancy of this situation struck me afresh as a fitting analogy for God's love for us. He meets us where we are rather than insisting that we 'measure up' first. His desire is to transform us, so that we reach our full potential as human beings – a transformation that cannot be complete this side of heaven.

Meanwhile, his patience, compassion and love are beyond measure, as time and again he stoops to meet us where we are and gives us the encouragement we need to keep going.

With every blessing

Dawn

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Please note that the next Contact will be a joint July / August edition. Entries by 24th June please to Pat Harris hill.cottage@btinternet.com or telephone 01508550672

Parish Council

Some of the street hedges are making it difficult for people on the footpaths. The open gardens is coming soon, as well as day to day use, so if you can make sure that your hedge is trimmed back please.

Thank you to those who came to our AGM. As a council it's useful to us to see if there are any issues that we have overlooked, but we hope it was informative for you.

There are going to be Parish Council elections next year. If you have an active interest in the village and feel you would like to know more about what it means to be part of the council then please come along to meetings or talk to the current councillors about what is involved.

Our next meeting is the 9th June at 7.30pm in the Trinity Hall.

Garden Group

Shotesham Open Gardens Saturday June 13th and Sunday June 14th 10-4pm

This time we are raising money for children's charities, the main beneficiary being the NSPCC. We have 20 varied gardens to visit across the village, and this year have organised a bus to take you around. As well as the usual marvellous teas, coffee and general refreshments which will be on sale in the Trinity Hall, the Globe pub and Kat's coffee cart will also be open, so you won't go hungry!

Tickets will be £7 per adult per day and will be on sale on the playing field.

Shotesham's Annual Bring and Buy Plant sale is also taking place over the same weekend on the playing field. Proceeds from this sale are going to Street Child. Looking forward to seeing many of you over the weekend

For more information or questions, contact Sue at susan.astbury49@btinternet.com

More to enjoy over the Open Garden weekend, on **Saturday June 13th 7.30** join **Big Sky**, led by **Sian Croose**, at **Shotesham All Saints Church** for a summer evening concert of uplifting songs from a wide range of musical traditions. Tickets £10 from Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-songs-tickets-1988624697001?aff=oddtcreator/>

or contact Sue on susan.astbury49@btinternet.com

As part of South Yare Art Trail, there will be an Open Studio by local artists at **Shotesham Kin Coffee Yard** on **6/7th June from 10am - 5.30pm**. Free entry, all welcome, more detail available at www.SouthYareArtTrail.co.uk

Shotesham Village Association

Sadly the infamous duck race had to be cancelled due to lack of water in the beck. We hope to try again in the autumn - before it gets too cold again.

Dates for your diary -

June 21st - Mid-Summer Picnic 6.30 at St. Martins. Come and raise a glass of fizz with your friends and family. Bring your own picnic. Weather permitting Jon Nott will light the beacon and Ed Howard will do a flypast.

July 31st - World Cup Anniversary Event. Celebrate the Glory Days - 60 years since England won the World Cup. 6.30 at the Trinity. Dress up in your 60s gear or your football supporters outfit (optional). Refreshments will be available at half-time.

September 12th - End of Summer Village Disco - 7.00 - 11 at the Playing Field - more details to follow.

Shotesham Screen

The last of this season's films "**The Phoenician Scheme**" will be shown on **Friday June 12th at the Trinity at 7:30pm**. Tickets £5. All welcome.

Booking via Lindsay on 07702832033 or lindsayheywood3@gmail.com

This classic Wes Anderson film is set in 1950 and the lead is Zsa-Zsa Korda (Benicio del Toro), a wealthy businessman who has survived several assassination attempts over the years. After the latest incident – a bomb on a plane – Zsa-Zsa decides to bring his daughter into his confidence so that, if anything should happen to him, she can complete his latest venture. "Another meticulously staged production by Wes Anderson, *The Phoenician Scheme* is an A-list variety show that will particularly tickle Andersonites with its whimsical dead-pan delivery of verbal delicacies".

"A lovely lark and a spirits lifter"

Summer Party at the Globe Saturday 20th June 12pm onwards See enclosed flyer

Stoke Holy Cross – Summer Sounds 13th June 6.00pm

Live music, food and drinks- book on website shc-communityhall.com

Poringland W I Our next meeting is on **Thursday 11th June** in the Community Centre in Poringland, 2pm - 4pm. Our Speaker is from the Yorkshire Building Society, to talk about fraud and scams. Something which concerns very many of us. Please feel free to visit us on June 8th to find out more. New Members always welcome