



CHURCH SERVICES

1	11.00a.m. Holy Communion	St. Marys	Dawn
8	9.30 a.m. Morning Service	St. Marys	John
15	11.00a.m. Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
22	9.30a.m. Morning Service	All Saints'	Dawn
29	10.30 a.m. Benefice Service	Saxlingham	Dawn

Saxlingham Services 1st 9.30am HC, 8th 11.00am, 15th 9.30am HC
22nd 8.00am HC & 11.00am 29^h 10.30am Benefice Service

No church flowers during Lent

WHAT'S ON

1	Village walk	10.15am Trinity hall
4,11,18	Yoga	6.30pm Trinity hall
5,12,19,26	Warm welcome	2-4pm Trinity hall
5,12,19,26	Table Tennis	6.30-8pm Trinity hall
10	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm Trinity hall
12	Poringland WI	2-4pm Poringland
13	Shotesham Screen - Santosh	7.30pm Trinity hall
14/15	Litter pick around the village	
25	SVA AGM	7.30pm Trinity hall
25	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.35 The Street

Thanks to John Blakey who has kindly sponsored this edition of Contact.



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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Thought from Dawn

Lent is to Easter what Advent is to Christmas - a season of preparation.

During the approach to Easter, these weeks of Lent tend to be a time when we typically think about giving something up. Many churches refrain from using flowers during Lent and sometimes parts of the Sunday services are adapted to reflect a slightly subdued tone. This means that the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Day is more pronounced as flowers reappear and Sunday services once again have a more obvious joy.

Practicing restraint at any time can enhance even the smallest of life's pleasures. On my weekly day off, I often go out for breakfast with my husband. However, deciding to have a short break from this simple but enjoyable treat means that when it's resumed, we appreciate it all the more.

Even **imagining** life without the things we enjoy, can help us not to take these gifts for granted. This then increases our happiness and gratitude to God for his goodness to us.

May this season of Lent bring many blessings.

Dawn

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PCC AGM will be on the 16th April at 4.30pm in All Saints Church – All welcome

Parish Council

Our **litter collection is the 14/15th of March**. If you have one of the village long arm pickers and are unable to help this year could you return them please. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help, and we can still use any extra people.

We have had reports of the burning of plastic waste in the village. It is not only toxic and unpleasant but it is against the law. We will be following up any future incidents, and report it to the authorities.

We have added a leaflet to Contact this time to give a brief update on the EastPyeSolar Application. We hope it makes it clear but if there are questions the clerk will put you in touch with someone who can help.

Our next meeting is **10th March 7.30pm in the Trinity Hall**. Everyone is welcome.

Shotesham Screen

The next Shotesham Screen film will be on **Friday 13th March**

Santosh

will be shown on **Friday March 13th** at the Trinity at 7:30pm. Tickets £5.

All are welcome.

Booking via Lindsay on 07702832033 or lindsayheywood3@gmail.com

A government scheme sees newly widowed Santosh inherit her husband's job as a police constable in the rural badlands of Northern India. When a lowcaste girl is murdered, Santosh is pulled into the investigation by charismatic feminist inspector Sharma.

'A tough, sinewy, satisfying film' Guardian

'As well as working rivetingly as a procedural thriller and a psychological study, Santosh has a hard, documentary-like edge, exploring Indian social phenomena with intense analytical focus' FT

Shotesham Village Association

A quick reminder that the Shotesham Village Association AGM will be held at the Trinity on **Wednesday 25th March at 7.30**. We are inviting anyone who feels they have the time and energy to stand for the committee - new ideas, enthusiasm, and a sense of humour are all that is needed. Please contact Judie (judieharrison52@aol.com) if you are interested.

We are hoping to put together a short slide show of 25 years of the SVA, so please send any photos to Katie on katiemurphy6@icloud.com or drop them off with me at Myrtle Cottage. We would like to create a small booklet for each household of all the fun times that have been enjoyed in the village over the last 25 years.

Last, but not least, please remember to complete the registration form for the SVA (Form enclosed) - a bargain at £3/person, or more if you feel able.

Looking forward to seeing as many people as possible - drinks and nibbles will be available!

Poringland W. I

Our meeting will be on **Thursday 12th March**. Author, Dale Wiseman is going to talk to us about St Andrews Hospital. It's history, and some case notes.

Visitors very welcome at 2pm at Poringland Community Centre until 4pm

Trades' Directory for Shotesham with small personal ads

Issued twice a year. Next issue will be with April 'Contact'. The fee for a trade entry is £10.00 per year for both issues or £3.00 to place a small personal ad. To advertise please contact Trish Leighton 01508 558487 or email mp95@btinternet.com. The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text. Entries by **10th March** please to be included in April directory.