



CHURCH SERVICES

13	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
27	6..30pm	Harvest festival	All Saints	Dawn

From September each church in the Tas valley Benefice will of necessity hold 2 services a month. Shotesham will hold a service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and all available services in the benefice will be published on the website: tasvalley.org

Saxlingham services – 6th HC 9.30am, 20th 11.00am

CHURCH FLOWERS All Saints' Shirley Pull, South Window- Joy Moore
St Mary's Elaine, Britt

WHAT'S ON

6	Walking Group	10.15am Trinity hall
9, 16, 23, 30	Yoga	6.30pm Trinity hall
9	Mobile Library	10.15 Grove, 10.35 Street
11	Village screen -The Blue Trail	7.30pm Trinity hall
12	Churches Cycle Ride	9.00am-5.00pm
12	End of the Summer Party	6.30pm Playing field
15	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm Trinity hall
18	Garden painting workshop	2.00pm Grove Farm
26	Stubbs green clearing	

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SHOTESHAM CONTACT

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Thought from Dawn

As long ago as 2007 around 50 nature-related words such as acorn, bramble, and kingfisher were removed from the Oxford Children's Dictionary and replaced with tech-related words such as broadband, blog, and voicemail. The dictionary could have been expanded rather than edited – why remove such a fundamental theme?

Sitting in a waiting room this week, I was surrounded by people watching videos on their mobile phones. Ironically the book I was reading described how the Japanese electronic culture of computers and gadgets was probably the most advanced in the world yet, in that country, it functioned alongside many of the ways and traditions of the past. The formal welcome, the low-bow, the politeness, were unexpected courtesies in such a hectic city as Tokyo. The continuing practice of these old ways was reassuring and likely helped to give people a sense of well-being within a fast-paced environment. To many people, Christianity is a quaint vestige of a past era, irrelevant to today's more sophisticated culture. But the reality is that the Christian faith is alive and well and has much to offer those who feel pressured by the pace and problems of today's world.

When the news (or weather!) threatens to overwhelm; join us for Sunday worship – we don't have all the answers, but we know the One who does!

With every blessing

Dawn

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Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 12th September

The Norfolk Churches Trust: Bike: Walk: Drive in the Norfolk Countryside. Annual Event on Saturday 12th September 9am to 5pm. Should you wish to take part and raise money for our Shotesham churches sponsorship forms are available at the back of All Saints and St. Marys churches and further details and sponsorship forms are also available on the Norfolk Churches Trust web site.

Parish Council

Our next meeting is September 15th at 7.30pm in the Trinity Hall. There will be elections in May next year so if you have any interest in being part of the next council for the village then please come along and find out what we do. Everyone is always welcome.

The football teams based in Stoke will be starting to use our playing field soon. They are open to everyone and have both junior ages and girls teams. If you have a child who would like to play then contact Robert Ward 07541185261

The Parish Councils from both our village and some of our neighbouring ones, as well as several other interested parties, had a meeting with Tom Dickerson who is the cabinet member for highways and transport. This was in an effort to gain his support for the re opening of Mill Road . Our county and district councillor were present too and we hope that full consideration will be given to our case.

Shotesham Screen

'The Blue Trail' to be shown on Friday Sep 11th. 7:30pm

In a not-so-distant dystopian future where the government sends seniors to isolated colonies under the guise of boosting the economy, 77-year-old Tereza (Denise Weinberg) decides her story is far from over. Refusing to surrender her independence, she embarks on a journey to pursue the dreams she is not yet ready to abandon. Along the way, she discovers freedom, companionship, and the joys of going wherever the river takes her. Winner of the Silver Bear Grand Jury Prize at the 75th Berlin International Film Festival, the latest from director Gabriel Mascaro is an inspiring reminder that it's never too late to take flight.

Friday 11th September at 7:30pm. Tickets £5. Booking via Lindsay on 07702832033 or lindsayheywood3@gmail.com

Shotesham Garden group

Come and enjoy a contemporary and fun, garden themed, painting workshop with Lesley and Sarah. Doesn't matter if you've never picked up a paintbrush in your life or if you are an accomplished artist, this is something everyone can have a go at! We will be providing paper, paint and brushes but you could bring a blank canvas if you like (The Range has some)

We will be meeting at Heather and Wally Jackson's house, **Grove Farm, Shotesham NR15 1XH at 2pm Friday 18th September.**

Cost £5 to cover materials.

Everyone welcome, contact Sarah on sarah.cushion815@btinternet.com Looking forward to seeing you there to try out something different. Might be messy so make sure you wear old clothes.

Shotesham Village Association

The mid-summer picnic at St. Martins was enjoyed by many. Little did we know how long the heat was going to last!! Many thanks to Mike Knight for his wonderful music and to Jon Nott for lighting the beacon - always a splendid sight.

The football evening at the end of July wasn't very well attended - perhaps folks were "footballed out" after this years World Cup. Those that went had a great evening and particularly enjoyed the 60s snacks. Thank you Tom for organising it all.

Future Events

Saturday 12th September - The End of the Summer Party - 6.30 onwards at the Playing field. Music by Mike Knights and dancing. Bring your own picnic and drinks. Because of the ongoing very dry weather we have decided against a BBQ due to the fire risk. (Small cash donations would be great to help cover the costs.)

Friday 16th October - a talk by Jim Clarke on Benjamin Gooch and Astley Cooper - both eminent local physicians who in different ways contributed enormously to modern medicine.

21st November - Quiz Night with our very own quizmaster, Damian.

7.30 at the Trinity. Tables of 6, with a maximum of 8 tables. £1/per person. More details about booking to follow.

Framingham Earl Singers

Join the Framingham Earl singers this September, our local friendly community choir. No auditions required just a love of singing. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings 7-9 in Poringland Catholic church. Starting on the 7th September.

For more information see -info@framinghamearlsingers.co.uk

Conservation Group

Thank you to everyone who turned up to support with the St Marys and All Saints Projects. We had a great turn out, meaning each project was completed in around an hour, so we had plenty of time for coffee, cake and catch up :-)

Thanks as always to the Tuesday club and Robert Jackson for all the pre-cutting, without them our works would not be possible. Thanks to Ed providing all the tools and big equipment, as well as giving us a talk on the great progress being made with the wild flower meadows.

Hope to see you at our next project clearing Stubbs Green on Saturday September 26th! *Angela*

For entries or sponsorship of Contact please get in touch with Editor Pat Harris hill.cottage@btinternet.com or tel 01508550672