



CHURCH SERVICES

3	11.00a.m.	Jubilee Thanksgiving	All Saints	Adrian & David
10	9.30a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	David
17	11.00a.m.	Special Service with Bishop Allen	All Saints	Adrian
24	9.30a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Chris

Saxlingham services – 3rd 9.30am, 10th 8.00am HC 11.00am,
17th 9.30am 24th 11.00am

CHURCH FLOWERS

All Saints- Trish Dunmore /Britt Riches **South Window** -Sue Astbury
St. Mary's –Christine Howes / Bernie Fenn

WHAT'S ON

2	Decorate your gateway for Jubilee - judging tomorrow		
2	Tea Party and Games	2-5pm	Trinity Hall
3	Classic Car Cavalcade	11-12 mid-day	Through the village
3	Jubilee Picnic Lunch	12.30pm	Playing field
	followed by games	2-3pm	
3	Jubilee Diamond dance	7-11pm	Playing Field
5	Mobile library	Afternoon	
15	Saxlingham Garden Soc.	7.30pm	Saxlingham village hall
24	Shotesham Park Jubilee Walk	3pm	Shotesham Park hall
20	Garden/Conservation Group	Open Garden	7.00pm
27	Identify wild flowers	7.00pm	St. Martin's churchyard

Thanks to Joan Oldman who has kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact' in memory of Michael.

The next 'Contact' will be a joint July /August issue - items to the editor Pat Harris, Hill Cottage, Rogers Lane- 01508 550672 by the 15th June please. Or e-mail at hill.cottage@btinternet.com



SHOTESHAM CONTACT

JUNE 2012

A thought from Adrian

Avenging Guilt

The new Avengers movie is great fun - I've been excited about it. It's a fascinating mix of mythological gods, superheroes and 'ordinary' humans. The clash of these cultures raises some interesting questions:

- the nature of God - with Captain America uttering the classic line to Loki, who thinks of himself as a god and sometimes wears a helmet with elaborate horns and a cape, "There's only one God, and I'm sure He doesn't dress like that!"
 - the nature of worship - with Loki saying that humans are weak because they need to worship something (Though of course that's only a sign of weakness if what we're worshipping is not worthy of worship, or not in fact true...)
 - the nature of guilt - with the Black Widow admitting that she may have superhero powers but still can't atone for the harm she's caused in the past. She wants to pay for her bad deeds and put it right but is taunted by the reality that she can never achieve that on her own.
- The movie is a classic escapist jaunt but underlying it are some questions about our need of a rescuer who is perfect in goodness and power, can atone for our wrong, can be trusted for eternal life and is worthy of our devotion.

"...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith." - Romans 3:23-25

Through this Jubilympicathlon of a summer, may you know the One true God, who alone fights for us, and gives us peace.

Adrian:

A special invitation for all parishioners to attend church on 17th June

when we shall remember Maisy Benson. Bishop Allen will bless and formally open the room we have dedicated to her memory.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

We will be saying goodbye to Chris and family next month - they should have their last Sunday with us on 29th July.

Shotesham Parish Council - See enclosed Chairman's report.

On Thursday, 17th May the Parish Council held its Annual Meeting, attended by 19 parishioners, our County Councillor [Alison Thomas] and District Councillor, (Florence Ellis). Following the meeting, there was a lively discussion about the findings of the Village Questionnaire and what we have learned from it. An "Action Plan" is now being evolved and will be circulated to all households.

Shotesham Village Association -Jubilee Programme

A reminder of all the events planned for the Jubilee for full details see the flyer issued with the May 'Contact '

Sat 2nd June

Decorate your gateway 'fit for a queen' for the Jubilee

2-5 Tea Party -Trinity hall

Sunday 3rd June

11-12am Classic car cavalcade and gateway judging

12.30 Bring your own Picnic lunch to the playing field-
Non- alcoholic drinks will be provided

2-3pm Games on the field

7-11pm Diamond Dance on the playing field

Please visit All Saints' church which will be decorated for the Jubilee

Shotesham Park Jubilee Walk

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations, Shotesham Park is pleased to invite you to an 'Estate Walk' to take place on **Sunday 24th June at 3 pm** from the Hall. The walk will be followed by a BBQ at approx 7pm. Numbers are limited but all ages are very welcome. We will be walking for at least an hour so please wear suitable clothes and footwear. Please RSVP with names and numbers to 01508 499285 or jonnott@shoteshampark.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who donated items and supported the Accessories Sale and Afternoon tea . We raised over £400 for the St. Martin's appeal. We are holding a **silent auction for two watercolour paintings.**

St Martin's by Joan Durrant and St. Mary's by Ruth Walker. They will be on display during the Jubilee celebrations on the playing field where your bids can be recorded.

Village Market The next village market is planned for 21st July. Make a diary note and don't miss that lovely honey, those delicious cakes, fresh local produce, fair trade goods, cards, local pork, wrapping paper and amazing book bargains and more. Support your village.

Parochial Church Council

At the Parochial Church Council annual general meeting in April churchwardens elected were John Torbitt and Jane Blease.

The secretary is Joan Oldman and the treasurer is Bob Harris.

Shotesham Garden and Conservation group

Wednesday June 20th 7pm onwards, an open garden at the home of garden designer, **Sarah Cushion, Dove Cottage, Wolferd Green, Tel 550703**. Plants for sale. Cost £3, includes a glass of wine. Proceeds towards the Norwich and Sudanese hospitals link. Everyone welcome just come along

Would you like to be able to identify wild flowers?

Come to the churchyard of the ruined **St. Martin's on Wednesday evening 27th June 7.00pm** when we will be identifying the wild flowers. We will move on to St. Mary's churchyard for identification of more plants. You could also take some specimens home for pressing. If the weather is bad, this will be postponed to Saturday 30th June morning 10.00am . More information Bob 550672

Olympics Flying Competition, 3pm, Sun 22nd July 2012, All Saints Church Grounds:

Shotesham villagers are invited to attend All Saints Church for a pre-Olympics celebration of village ingenuity and skill! You are invited to design something that will fly a long distance when thrown from the top of the Church Tower! Balloons, batteries and internal combustion engines are not permitted. Anything else is fair game! The vicar will throw each item in turn and there will be winners for each age group. Please do have a go! It should be a fun occasion. Application forms are available from the back of either church (open every day) or downloadable from www.tasvalley.org. Cost just 50p to enter your grand design. Closing date for entries is Friday 20th July.

Holiday Club 2012 This year will see an Olympic theme, with money raised going to fund sports equipment for Rwentobo School in Uganda, which we shall be visiting in August. Runs Tues 24th June-Fri 27th June, 10am-12noon, with a shared lunch following immediately after Friday's morning session. Offers of shoeboxes and fabric gratefully received ahead of time!

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of John Pyne who died recently.

The Village War Memorial. During the year various bulbs and seeds were planted to improve the setting of the memorial

Shotesham Common

The Parish Council elects four Trustees to Shotesham Common, these are currently Mrs. Bernie Fenn, Mr Bob Harris, Mr. Ed Howard and Mr. Andy Musgrove.

In agreement with Natural England, the Trustees have been utilising the earlier fine weather to have the grasses, [especially the encroaching rush grass] trimmed in the hope that this treatment may weaken it and make it more suitable to the cattle. Last year, with similar spring weather, we found that the grasses were knocked back by the treatment and we had many more wild orchids. The Church end of the common will again be grazed by Red Poll cattle in 2012.

The Shotesham Parish Council is working for the benefit of the whole village. If you have a problem, query, or suggestion, please contact your local councillor.

The current Parish Councillors are:

John Hope *Chairman* 01508 550368
Jon Nott *Vice Chairman* 01508 498696

Councillors -

Philippa Grant	01508 550563
Roy Howell	01508 558075
Jan Jeeves	01508 550348
Henry Walker	01508 550349
Beryl Sims	01508 558051

The only employee of the council is

Jeff Gough *Clerk* 01508 550358
e-mail address shoteshampc@btinternet.com

Thank you for your support over the past year.

John Hope

Chairman of Shotesham Parish Council

Shotesham Parish Council Chairman's Report for 2011

The past year was a very busy time for the Parish Council, and I would like to thank all Councillors and particularly our Clerk for their positive support, help, and guidance. In addition thank all those who have supported the parish by helping with the litter picks, grass mowing, and our two Tree Wardens who keep a wary eye on the protection of our trees and environment. They are our link with the District Council. The work at St Martins demonstrates what we are capable of when we pool our resources.

There are many others who take responsibility for keeping our parish special. They know who they are – my thanks to you all.

Meetings During the year there were 12 Parish Council Meetings: 6 full meetings and 6 planning meetings. The average councillor attendance at the full meetings was 81%. Councillors also attended meetings run by South Norfolk Council, and other similar bodies. Several councillors attended training courses on planning criteria, budgets etc.

Once again there were insufficient candidates to fill all the posts and during the year Jan Jeeves, Henry Walker, and Tully Wakeman were co-opted to the Council. Unfortunately Tully had to withdraw due to pressures of work, and I am pleased to report that this vacancy has been filled by Mrs Beryl Sims.

Thanks are due to our South Norfolk Councillor, Florence Ellis, and our County Councillor Allison Thomas, for their very active support and help, and their valuable updates which have kept the Council well informed.

Planning During the year 12 planning applications were considered, 11 accepted and one rejected. Members of the public attended only three meetings, the total number attending was a disappointing 6. The Parish Council works for the village and it would be constructive if more would take an interest on what is going on.

Applications of major interest ;

1. TCI Renewables has announced that it will make an application for four wind turbines, around Hempnall, instead of the original seven by Enertrag. These will be s taller than the previous units, TCI Renewables states they have reduced the number to comply with the Inspector's comments. We expect the application sometime in 2012. The four new turbines may be sited just outside our parish boundaries, but there still is the question of intrusion.

2. Also there was an application for an ECO home to be constructed and contained within the hillside of the Common, we await developments.

Finance. The precept this year rose to its normal figure following the reimbursement of unspent precept last year for the War Memorial. The figure was £5083.00. The bank balance at the end of the year was £9397.53

The assets of the parish are approximately £23,000.00 with about £20,000.00 allowed for the war memorial. The rest includes seats, sign, notice boards, dog bins and the computer equipment operated by the Clerk.

Playing Field I have to report that despite protracted discussions the landlord

[Kidner Farming Ltd] has declined all our proposals to improve the parking and tenancy of the field. It was also hoped that the parish could purchase the land but this has not been possible. However, it has been confirmed that the existing agreement will continue and that the Parish Council will retain the existing tenancy on the original terms.

The field continues to be enjoyed, by three football teams - the under 7's, under 8's, and under 9's under the title of Stoke United Football Club. All three teams have done well in their leagues. The field provides an essential facility for them, and is the only such area available to our parish. It also provides a base for many other village activities and fetes run by the Village Association.

We have received several reports that dog fouling on the field is a continuing problem. Please bag dog faeces and remove it. We have provided dog bins so please use them.

Pride of Norfolk Competition. I am pleased to report that Shotesham came a close second in the under 1000 population class, the next bracket up from the smallest which we only just exceeded, so we were competing in the next grade. We did particularly well thanks to Jan Jeeves who put the exhibition together and co-ordinated the judges visit. We received our certificate on the 23rd November 2011 at County Hall and had a mention in the Eastern Daily Press.

Village Questionnaire It was agreed to carry out a village questionnaire to establish what residents felt was enjoyed or needed, so that the Parish Council could accurately represent their views.

Jan Jeeves took on the mantle and I am delighted to report that there was a response of over 60%. This must be one of the best responses for such a questionnaire. Copies of the report have been circulated to all homes and we are looking for an interesting discussion after the Annual Meeting to night.

Thank you Jan.

Village Litter Pick Thanks to Heather Jackson for organising the litter picks again this year. Litter is becoming a problem in the village and the amount collected this time was up on the last. If you see litter on or about your property please pick it up as litter begets more litter. I would like to thank all the volunteers who were involved in this necessary work, although more volunteers would make the job easier.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme I am pleased to report that communications with the police have much improved. We have had two visits at Parish Council meetings by local officers, and there is a marked increase in the presence factor of police in the village. One alarming trend is the increase in reported crimes here. There is no simple solution exceptlock everything up particularly oil tanks and sheds.

Highways and Verges Over the past year Highways have speedily responded to all our concerns, in fact the service has been exceptionally high. It is appreciated that some road surfaces are below par, but their non repair is a sign of the financial situation. We are still having discussions with NCC regarding the gritting of Shotesham Hill during the winter period. There are significant safety matters and we have the full support of our County Councillor.

Telephone Boxes As you know the B.T. boxes are now owned by the Parish Council. After much discussion, when the costs of renovation were finally established, and consultation with local residents it was decided not to renovate the box in The Grove. It has been vandalised and it is the intention to remove it after some parts have been taken to restore the box on The Common. The Common box will be equipped with shelves etc. as a village information centre. Tenders have been issued to establish the costs actually expected.

Dog Bins We now have three dog bins in the village. The Council pays £200 annually to SNDC to have these bins cleared regularly, so please use them.

Web Page The Council has been concerned for some time that communications in the village leave much to be desired. As a result the Parish Council will fund for a trial period the running of a more active village web page. We need a forum so that all the groups and associations can inform residents of what is going on. Henry Walker and Tom Higgin have agreed to input the information.

