

## CHURCH SERVICES

### July

1	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	David
8	9.30a.m.	Morning Light	St Mary's	Adrian and John Wright
15	11.00a.m.	All Age	All Saints	Adrian
22	9.30a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	David
29	10.30a.m.	Benefice Informal Worship	Tasburgh	

**Saxlingham** 1st 9.30am HC, 8<sup>th</sup> 8.00am HC & 11.00am, 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am HC, 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm evensong at the ruin

### August

5	11.00.a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	David
12	9.30a.m.	Morning Light	St Mary's	David
19	11.00a.m.	Songs of Praise	All Saints	David L
26	9.30a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Mark

**Saxlingham** , 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am HC, 12<sup>th</sup> 8.00am HC, 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am HC, 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00am,

## CHURCH FLOWERS

**July Flowers – All Saints-** Jennifer Walters / Joan Oldman

**South Window** Pat .Harris **St. Mary's** –Valerie Crowle /Britt Riches

**August Flowers- All Saints** Sylvia Harmer / Jane Blease

**South Window** Ros Dix **St. Mary's** Fanny Wallis

### WHAT'S ON July

3	Mobile library	Afternoon
18	Parent and Toddler Group	10.30 Church meeting room
21	Village Market	10.30am – 12.00am Trinity Hall
22	Olympic flight competition	3-5pm All Saints' church
24-27	Holiday Club	10.00-12.00 Saxlingham
31	Mobile library	Afternoon

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28	Mobile Library	Afternoon
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Thanks to Mark and Kim who have kindly sponsored this edition of 'Contact' to celebrate Joe's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.



## SHOTESHAM CONTACT

July and August 2012

*A thought from Adrian Keeping up appearances'*

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012 the eyes of the world will again be on London as it is estimated that more than 1 billion people around the world will tune in to the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games. The person charged with dressing London as the UK's shop window for the event is Danny Boyle and, as I write this, his 'Green and Pleasant' theme seems to have caused a bit of a stir. The picture being painted for the world to look at is one of rolling hills, green meadows, rivers and streams, family picnics, village cricket, national flowers and farm animals, evoking echoes of William Blake's famous poem 'Jerusalem', which is seen as an emblem of Englishness. For some, this romantic 'Telly Tubby land' is a far cry from the reality of lengthening unemployment queues, flood damaged homes and the street riots that have become a feature of British life in recent times.

I'm not going to be a party pooper; it's appropriate to celebrate what's good and, in doing so, to let that conjure up some hope and vision for a better future. However, it does make me wonder how often it is that the picture of ourselves that we paint for others to see simply does not match up to the reality of who we really are and all that's going on beneath the surface of our lives. We become like Hyacinth Bucket (or is that Bouquet?) who constantly wears the mask of respectability to conceal who she really is, what she's really like and where she really comes from. It's her continuous desperation not to let others find out about her true (working class) self that provides such wonderful humour. What lengths would you go to, to hide from who you really are? What would you not like displayed in the 'shop window' of your life? It doesn't have to be like this; we don't have to pretend. We have a God who knows the very worst about us and who loves us just the same. He sent His son to be 'the friend of sinners' and to give us the freedom to be ourselves. He accepts us just as we are and, because He loves us, enables us to become more like the person he made us to be.

So, stop pretending and enjoy the Olympics!! Adrian

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July – "The New Creationism" 10am Saxlingham Chapel – Dr Stephen Lloyd: "Why does it matter? What's at stake in the evolution/creation debate?" & Paul Garner: "The New Creationism - with integrity" - with discussion session following packed lunch

### **Shotesham Parish Council**

Please find enclosed an ACTION PLAN formed as a result of discussions held at the Annual Public Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May in the Trinity Hall based on the FINDINGS OF THE SHOTESHAM VILLAGE PLAN

The order for the renovation of the BT box on The Common has been placed and work should commence shortly. It will be used as an information base for the village.

Our thanks go to the SVA and Ruby Woollacott for all their work in organising the village Jubilee celebrations

Broad band reception in this area is weak, do not forget to register your personal concern so that it may be improved. We have as a council registered our overall comments.

If you note any highway issues please let the Clerk or any councillor know so action may be taken.

There will be an inaugural meeting of a 'Parents and Toddlers Group' at the Meeting Room at All Saints Church at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Bring your toddlers. Coffee and biscuits and a chance to contribute to this new initiative. Need further information ? Call Jan Jeeves on 550348

### **Village Association Village Market Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**-- Trinity Hall - 10.30am – 12.00noon**

We will have the usual mixture of produce. Don't miss that lovely honey, those delicious cakes, fresh local produce, local pork, fair trade goods, amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> hand book bargains and more. If you have excess garden produce we can sell it for you. If you would like to have a stall selling local produce or local crafts, please contact Bob 550672 or Colin 498304.

### **Olympics Flying Competition, 3pm, Sun 22nd July,**

You are invited to attend All Saints Church for a pre-Olympics celebration of village ingenuity and skill! Design something that will fly a long distance when thrown from the top of the Church Tower! Batteries, internal combustion engines and lighter-than-air gases 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 **on the back** of the enclosed leaflet or from the back of either church (open every day) or downloadable from [www.tasvalley.org](http://www.tasvalley.org).

Closing date for entries: Fri 20th July.

Entry Cost: Just 50p (pay on the day) Refreshments available for onlookers.

### **Go MAD! 'Sports Academy' Holiday Club Tue 24th – Fri 27th July, 10.00am - 12 noon Tasburgh School with family fun and a shared picnic lunch immediately following the Friday morning session**

MAD stands for Make A Difference. It is a fun filled, action packed holiday club which also helps children of Primary school age to make a difference in the world. This year will see an Olympic theme with money raised going to fund sports equipment for Rwentobo School in Uganda – see

[www.tasvalley.org/news#26](http://www.tasvalley.org/news#26) Application forms available from Adrian 498317. Get your form in quickly to guarantee your place. **Do you have any old shoeboxes or fabric we can put to good use during the holiday club? Offers gratefully received ahead of time please contact Hannah (07724 179004) or Chris (470768).**

### **Sponsored churches cycle ride Saturday 8th September**

If you would like a sponsor form or if you could volunteers to sit in the churches to record the cyclists that visit and also to offer refreshments. (usually 1 hour slots). please contact Jane 558787 or John 499541.

### **A Trades' Directory for Shotesham with small personal ads.**

is issued twice a year in September and March. 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 Sandra Coles at [s.coles@paston.co.uk](mailto:s.coles@paston.co.uk) or tel.01508 558944 or fax 01508 558939The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text (extra fee for more lines) Entries by 15<sup>th</sup> August please to be included in September "Contact".

**WEA Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall.** Starting Thursday afternoons, **20th September for ten weeks** "The Country House Revealed". Their origins, people who created them, their lifestyle, and reasons for their decline. More information in September "Contact".

### **The Ruin of St. Martins church**

The PCC is pleased to report that we have been awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery fund. This is thanks in a major way to the generosity of our donors (total 57 to date) and the work by the volunteers which has demonstrated the large support within the village. We now have sufficient funds banked or promised to commission the repairs to make it safe.

### **Need a Babysitter?**

Victoria Pleavin, age 16 call - 07857281320 or 01508 498197. Also available school holidays.

