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# Saxlingham Contact June 2025

**Barriers** 

Walking in Yorkshire recently, I came across a large sign at the entrance to some private land which boldly announced:

> **STRICTLY** NO Religious Callers or their Leaflets

What had provoked such a blunt prohibition in the middle of idyllic countryside with not another dwelling in sight? Perhaps the owner had been visited by members of those pseudo-Christian cults whose persistent calling can cross the line into harassment. Or perhaps there had been some more serious incident at the root of it.

How many people erect similar signs around their hearts? Barriers meant for self-protection but which in fact serve only to keep potential friends at bay? We can't go through life without experiencing a few emotional knocks and varying degrees of pain but the answer isn't to grow a hard outer shell because this often leads to loneliness.

We are all vulnerable at times but there is strength in being part of a caring and supportive community. Our rural villages are often great examples of this. And I venture to say that if you were to come along to your local parish church, you would find a warm and welcoming group of people who also know a thing or two about the value of community and the positive impact it can have.

With every blessing

Dawn

This month's contact is sponsored by Chris Benton in memory of the late Mrs Betty May Benton, missed always by son Christopher grandson Frankie and all the family



# **ST MARY'S SERVICES**

1 June: 9.30 am - Holy Communion
8 June: 11.00 am - Matins
15 June: 9.30 am - Holy Communion
22 June: 8.00 am - Holy Communion
22 June: 11.00 am Contemplative Worship
29 June: 10.30 am Benefice Service at Newton Flotman

# **CHAPEL SERVICES**

Every Sunday at 11.00 am and 6.30 pm

All are warmly invited

### How to contact the teams:

Contact Rev'd Dawn Davidson at The New Rectory, The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich, NR15 1AJ; tel 498924; e-m: dawndavidson@btinternet.com

Contact Pastor Ian Masson at 73 Blithemeadow Drive, Norwich, NR7 8PY; tel 07778 347461; e-m: ianmasson1@btinternet.com

**Contact Rev'd Austin Uzoigwe** at The Rectory, Church Hill, Tasburgh, NR15 1NB; tel 470901; e-m: revaustinuzoigwe@aol.com

**Contact Rev'd Rachel Hayden** at The Rectory, Church Lane, Newton Flotman, NR15 1QB; Tel 01508 826971; e-m: racheljhayden@outlook.com

### Useful Information Sharing

Don't forget to look at the PC's website for useful information – saxlinghampc.wixsite.com/saxlinghampc (or just Google Saxlingham PC). Anyone wishing to add useful items, please send them to our Parish Clerk, Julie King at saxlinghamnethergatepc@gmail.com

# Saxlingham Tree Walk



If you enjoy walking and would like to combine that with finding some of the ancient or notable trees in the village, then try this walk from Ross Jolliffe, our tree warden. Ross would be very pleased to hear from anyone that has more information on the local landscape history and anecdotes. Enjoy your walking.

Ross has also provided a Google map of around 150 notable trees (and identification of the community orchard fruit varieties). Both things are to be found on the parish website: https://saxlinghampc.wixsite.com/saxlinghampc/saxlingham-tree-walk



### Saxlingham Village Voice

Don't forget to sign up to Village Voice which is full of useful and interesting information and is organised by Cathy Harvey. She does not release your e-mail address to the wider community and so all you need to do to join this distribution list is e-mail her at saxlinghamvillagevoice@gmail.com.

## Village Hall Website

Don't forget to visit the village hall website https://saxnethergatevillagehall.co.uk/

#### Contact deadline

# Cinema Trips – all at 7.30 pm

11 June - Fisher Theatre, Bungay - "A Complete Unknown" The Bob Dylan Biopic. Tickets available from the Fisher Theatre priced at  $\pounds$ 7.00 each.

**17 June - Newton Flotman Village Centre - "A Complete Unknown".** If you missed it at Bungay, here's a chance to see this film a bit closer to home. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets  $\pounds 5.00$  each available from William Ball on 471506 or e-mail him at william.ball@outlook.com.



Saxlingham Walkers



## 14 June at 7.00 am

To celebrate St Botolphs (patron saint of wayfarers), there will be a short walk, meeting at the St Botolphs Ruins in Shotesham at 7.00 am, walking back to Saxlingham for a light breakfast at Beech House. Further details available from William Goff 499013

### 28 June at 9.30 am

All are welcome to join our late June walk. We will be doing a 5.5 mile walk in the Hales area. We will leave Saxlingham Church car park at 9.30 am, park in Loddon and aim to start walking by no later than 10.15 am. Bring your own coffee and picnic to enjoy en route. There is also a tearoom at the end of the walk. For further details contact Fiona on 07710 655537 or Leilia on 07880 942393

Please note that the deadline for **July's** edition is **Thursday 19 June**. Don't forget there is a parish photocopier available for use at very reasonable rates.

Please contact me with contributions/sponsorship by telephone on 498277 or e-m: stevens.t@btinternet.com or at home, 6 Pitts Hill Close, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich, NR15 1AZ.

Teresa Stevens

### News from the Pews

By the time you read this, the annual Parochial Church Council meeting will have been held at the end of May. One of the highlights of the past year was the support for the Fete, which is again being held in the grounds of The Old Hall. Please do put the date in your diary and see the separate article about it.

After many years of service, Peter Crowle has decided to relinquish the role of Treasurer. If you would be interested in filling this role and would like to know more details, please contact Revd Dawn Davidson, tel 498924, Cindy Brookes, churchwarden, tel 398521, or Peter Crowle, current treasurer, tel 498411.

Norwich Foodbank – once again several bags were taken to the warehouse from this church. There are some different requests this month:

Tinned vegetables/fruit/meat; rice; pasta sauce; instant mash; jam; peanut butter; custard; rice pudding; long life juice; tea bags (40s and 80s); wrapped chocolate biscuits (Penquins, etc); ladies' and men's toiletries; razors; and tin openers.

Thank you. Cindy Brookes, tel 398521, email cindylbrookes@icloud.com



Rainbows Brownies Guides and Rangers Fundraiser 8 June 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm at the Scout and Guide HQ Church Hill

Come and have a cuppa, squash, cake, sausage roll or even a cream tea ! Please support our Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers in their fundraising! We look forward to seeing you all!



#### Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 May 2025

**Parish Council roles**: Elsje Stocker was elected Chair of the PC and Mark Fisher was elected Vice Chair.

**Elected representatives of committees:** Village Hall Management Committee was elected; there remains a vacancy on the Saxlingham United Charities - if there are any volunteers please do contact our clerk Julie King; Thank you to Corinne for all her years of service and the impact she has had over the years in the role; Planning Advisory Committee was re-elected; PC Accounts for inspector elected; delegation arrangements were agreed to the Clerk;

**Issues arising from Parishioners**: updates requested on flooding and learning from other Parish Councils with regards to insurance and volunteers; fund raising for the insurance costs for the village hall; update on the Shotesham Solar Panel Group and arranging walks in Saxlingham Nethergate; issues of hedges requiring cutting back and traffic coming through the village

Planning: The applications for Hill Pond, West End and for Steward Close both received approval.

**Enforcement**: The PC agreed to send a letter of complaint to the South Norfolk and Broadland District Council enforcement team and requested updates on outstanding cases.

**East Pye Solar**: The PC has joined CPREs alliance against solar farms in Norfolk and highlighted the seminar CPRE which by the time this is read, will have been hosted on 22 May. The PC proposed a walk around the village to understand the potential impact of the solar panels. Details will be shared once a date is arranged. All welcome.

**Highways:** The PC noted a railing has been erected on Mudhole steps, the clearance of footpaths around Redwings and the maintenance of wooden posts. The PC again highlighted the risks of traffic continuing to pass through the village as a result of works on the A140.

**Flooding**: The PC noted the Environment Agency's annual maintenance regime of watercourses around the catchment, meetings with relevant authorities, further clearance of the ditch along the Street and renewing our insurance.

**VE anniversary celebration event**: the PC noted the huge success of the event with almost 100 people attending which was enjoyed by all.

**Next Meeting** is scheduled for Monday 9 June 2025. The full minutes of this and all other PC meetings are available on the website:

http://saxlinghampc.wixsite.com/saxlinghampc

#### Grand Village Fete 12 July 2025 in the grounds of the Old Hall

Fete preparations are hotting up. By the time you read this, I daresay posters might be ready! Still a fair bit to do and this year, we are reaching out to raise money for more than one cause. Whilst we are still raising much needed funds for the Church, we are also raising money for our lovely village hall and the Norfolk charity, NARS (Norfolk Accident Rescue Service) and so we hope you can dig deep into your pockets. Start filling up a piggy bank to spend on the day.

If you have a classic car which you would like to display, we would love to hear from you. Limited spaces available to fill up the Old Hall driveway.

To entertain us all for the afternoon we have booked Lee Vasey and with so many of you enjoying the VE Day event, Charlotte will also be joining us for the latter part of the afternoon.

#### How can you help with the Grand Village Fete?

We still need any **plants bric a brac** (please only provide items which are in saleable condition) or **suitable raffle/tombola prizes** and so if you can contribute, please drop them off at the Church, leaving them in the marked areas within the children's space where it will be sorted. Thank you.

If you are a cake maker and from past experience, I know there are several of you out there, the committee would love it if you could provide **some home-made cakes**. If you can, let me know in advance, but if not, bring them at any point on the day straight to the Hall. Thank you all so much.

This is a very much a village event and so I hope you agree it is best to reach out to you all so you can get involved if you wish—no pressure at all. We all lead busy lives each having different commitments and if you feel unable to join in, that is fine too. Whatever you do, enjoy every moment of your day which passes by at a blink of an eye.

Teresa

#### Vacancy for Saxlingham United Charities Clerk

Saxlingham United Charities are looking for a clerk to provide administrative support and manage their accounts. The Trustees meet twice per year to review their assets, manage the land they own and decide on distributions. The job isn't onerous, around 20 -25 hours per year and is paid, a full handover will be provided. If you'd like to assist the Charity and feel you have the skills required please contact the current clerk, Julie King – saxlingham.uc@gmail.com or Chair, Linda Kent - linda.kent30@gmail.com