

Shottisham Village Newsletter

Dear Friends

Particularly at this time of year, we are reminded of the amazing variety in the natural world. Just the number of different species of plants, flowers and creatures we can find in our local environment is truly mind-boggling. On our recent bird-watching retreat, Michael and I helped identify 49 different species of bird – a relatively small number but a reminder of the wonderful diversity of creation. Since our return we have paid more attention to the birds in our garden and been thrilled to discover the variety even within each species – for example, identifying the juvenile goldfinches and robins.

In recent weeks, there have also been many opportunities to admire flowers and plants and the talents of our community in arranging them for our delight in gardens and flower festivals. And, of course, the variety we see around us and experience is just a small fraction of the diversity of the universe where we are told there are yet more organisms waiting to be discovered by human beings, for example in the depths of the ocean. It is surely our responsibility as human beings to preserve and celebrate this variety by protecting endangered species and not thoughtlessly destroying them.

If God is the creator of the universe, then God clearly loves diversity. In all creation, is there any evidence to show that God is into uniformity? Christians believe that there is a diversity within God which we call the Trinity – God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If God is love and goodness, then there is variety within love and goodness. Goodness is not sameness. Goodness needs contrast and tension, not perfect uniformity. God's goal, it seems to me, is the same in creation. It is the making of unique individuals, which means there is clear diversity and 'open-endedness' in all of nature. Let us enjoy and celebrate our wonderful world and the fact that we are all different and have different opinions, skills and talents.

Wishing you every blessing

Ruth Hatfield

July 2017	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
1st			11 am Baptism of Elsie May Brown Revd Ruth	
2 nd Sea Sunday 3 rd Sunday after Trinity	11.00 Holy Communion (Revd Ruth)	9.30 Sutton Heath Sea Sunday Service	9.30 Sung Eucharist (CW)	8.00am Holy Communion (Revd Ruth)
Thursday 6th			2.30 pm Glebe House Evensong Pat S/Mel	
9th Sea Sunday 4 th Sunday after Trinity		9.30 Morning Praise for Sea Sunday (Revd Ruth)	9.30 Family Communion for Sea Sunday (Revd Michael) 6pm Reflection & Song	8.00 Holy Communion (Revd Ruth)
Saturday 15th		2 pm Wedding of Charlie Ward and Jemma King	12 to 2 pm Messy church	
16 th 5 th Sunday after Trinity		11 am Holy Communion (Revd Michael)	9.30 am Hollesley café Sundae 6.30 Evensong (Revd Ruth)	8.00am Holy Communion (Revd Michael)
Thursday 20th			10.30 am Glebe House Holy Communion (Revd Michael)	
Saturday 22nd		2 pm Wedding of Toby Chapman and Lesley Paternoster (Revd Ruth)		
23rd 6 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Family Communion (Revd Michael)	6.30 pm Evensong (Revd Judith)	9.30 am Sung Eucharist (Revd Ruth)	

30th July 7th Sunday after Trinity 11 am Ramsholt Holy Communion for all the Deben Churches (Revd Ruth).

Shottisham Parish Council The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11th July** at 7.30 pm in the Trust Hall. I have been in touch with SCC Rights of Way team and am advised that footpaths are due to be cut again in early July. Work on the cable route for East Anglia ONE windfarm is due to start on 3rd July. I will aim to keep you updated as new information becomes available. If you would like an email or hard copy of the minutes of the last meeting please contact the Parish Clerk shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com *Mike Hazelwood (Chair)*



Gardening gems from Ivan

Allotment keeping and gardening generally does have highs and lows. The expectation of a crop can be spoilt or totally destroyed by the activities of pest, disease or weather conditions. Pigeon damage to brassicas or peas, blackleg in potatoes and rust on garlic. Complete pest and disease control is expensive, time consuming and not very environmentally friendly. The best we can do is to purchase seeds and plants of clean stock from a reputable source. The rains of 17th, 18th and 19th May came as a great relief but because our light soils can only hold so much water against the pull of gravity more than half of that rainfall will have drained away, hence many farmers have been irrigating again to maintain soil moisture for growth and disease reduction in the case of potatoes and common scab. Too hot at times to work outside so job selection is important. Good weedkilling weather at present so keep the hoe going. Strawberry picking this weekend, the asparagus loves this weather, and the potatoes were well worth digging – totally delicious. As the asparagus started early this year we have already stopped harvesting to allow it to make good fern and build up the crowns for next season.



Shottisham's varied gardens were enjoyed by many on 25th June – thank you to everyone who helped make it such a pleasant afternoon - £669 was raised for the church and lots of fond memories of Ted Price were rekindled.

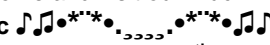
Shottisham Trust Hall For Trust Hall hire please contact Terrie on 410134.

Cathy's Craft Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.00 pm in The Trust Hall, cost £2 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Proceeds all go to the maintenance of the hall. Any queries please contact Cathy on 411449.

Shottisham WI Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Trish on 411735. Thank you to Andrew Excell from Suffolk Wildlife Trust for the talk he gave us. It was inspirational to learn about all the wildlife that lives on the peninsula and has made us appreciate just how lucky we are to live here. Suffolk Wildlife Trust does such invaluable work and is well worth supporting. The raffle raised £41 and the plant stall raised £8.60 and this will be used for hall improvements.

Next WI meeting July 12th at 2 pm Strawberry tea in aid of breast cancer care.

Sorrel Horse We have an excellent new menu and have introduced a 2 for 1 offer on roasts from 6.00 to 8.00 pm on Sunday evenings. Please come and visit our much improved premises and enjoy the ambience!

Sorrel Horse Music  What an excellent night we had with Homebrew – authentic American roots blues here in Shottisham. On **July 10th** we have **The Bards of the Heath** – a magical and mysterious evening is promised with a blend of inspirational music, magic chants and pathos. *Chris Harvey*

Quizes Quizes this month are on **July 5th** and **19th** starting at 8.30 pm.

Regular Village Services

Community Car Service for Doctor/Hospital appointments Woodbridge and Ipswich. Part funded by Suffolk County Council. Cost Woodbridge £5 / Ipswich £10. Colin Beecroft Tel 411794

Mobile Grocer – every Thurs 10.30 - 10.45am at Heath Drive and 10.50 am – 11.15am at the Knoll - tel Sonya 07810370314 for info
NO MOBILE GROCER ON 13TH JULY

Mobile Library – Tuesday July 25th at the Knoll from 3.00 pm – 3.20pm.

CATS Link Bus can be contacted on 01728 635938

Fresh fish - Cath from Lowestoft visits the village weekly on a Tuesday. Tel 01502 530965 Mobile 07971 970836

Local events in July

8th -9th St Mary's Church, Bawdsey Flower Festival 12 noon to 6 pm Saturday and 11 am to 5 pm Sunday with the theme – Books in Bloom. There are refreshments and the tower will be open.

10th Jul-18th Aug Grunel Moneta - Sutton Hoo – watch a coin smith at work and find out about Anglo Saxon coins.

15th Bawdsey Market, Bawdsey Village Hall 2 pm to 4 pm

20th Jazz Society 7.30 pm Bawdsey Village Hall

22nd Community Garden in Hollesley open 2-4 pm teas etc

28th Girls' night out – Sutton Memorial Hall 7 for 7.30. Book on 411793.

Hollesley School's residential trip to Aylmerton in Norfolk was greatly enjoyed by years 5 and 6 including Bethany, Evie, Geraldine and Max from Shottisham – the Pirates Day involving great teamwork was really popular.

Bawdsey School is having a very active summer including a great run for the Young Minds Charity. The children dressed up in their wackiest outfits and ran up to 2.2 miles around the sea wall and back to school. There were 49 children running from 24 months old to year 6 pupils.

We would like to extend an invitation to everyone to a tea party on **Wednesday 19th July** from 3.30, at Bawdsey School. This leavers' tea party is for Mrs Feakes, Mrs Osmani and Mr Sealy (who is relocating to Cornwall).

The school has places for 3 and 4 year olds in the Nursery and is match funding any session paid for with government funding with a free session from the school. So if you have 3 paid sessions another 3 are given free. *Katie Butler*, head

Woodbridge School Jacob had a great week in France in June.

Havergate Adventure 2017 RSPB is running a boat trip to Havergate Island from Orford over 3 days from Saturday August 12th to Monday August 14th To book and for more information call Minsmere on 01728 648301.

Welcome to Keith and Robin who have moved into Church Lane and Lisa, Stewart and family in Heath Drive.

For further information about church related items please contact Revd. Ruth Hatchett 412052 or email ruth.hatchett@yahoo.co.uk. For future contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact Nicky Beaven 411861 or nicky.rosecott@gmail.com by **20th** of previous month.