

Shottisham Village Newsletter

Dear Friends

June always stands out in my mind and memories as a month of blue skies and sunshine; when the leaves and flowers are still fresh and vibrant; long, light evenings, strawberries, tennis – and exams. This year we have a General Election in June and spring – let alone summer – seems to be struggling to get going. As I write, we are being warned of water shortages and failing crops: not only is it not very warm, we have had so little rain. Water is hugely important – essential, in fact – to our well-being. Without it, life cannot exist. It is no coincidence that we use water to baptise new members of the church at their christening. It is a powerful symbol of life.

After the excitement and celebration of Easter and Pentecost (Whitsun), Christians begin a season of 'ordinary time' in June. The colour on the altar and elsewhere in church is changed from white to green. Rather than sitting back and having a rest, green reminds us that this can be a time of growth; a time when we can spend time appreciating the growth and flourishing around us but also attending to our own spiritual growth, becoming more fully alive. In June, the churches of this area begin a new series of bible study groups on a Wednesday evening in Hollesley. We will be studying Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. Although it was written while Paul was in prison, the letter brims over with joy and positive thinking. All are welcome, whatever your views or experience. Please contact me or Jenny Maddock (411228) for further details.

With the long days and fine weather comes the opportunity for growth in our relationships with each other as well. There are so many opportunities to meet together and have fun and I hope to see many of you at the many and varied events over the coming weeks in our villages.

Wishing you every blessing

June 2017	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
Thursday 1st			1.30 pm Wedding 2.30pm Glebe House, Hollesley, Evensong	
4 th Pentecost	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Sutton Heath Family Communion	9.30 Sung Eucharist (CW)	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Monday 8th		7.30pm Archdeacon's visitation		
11 th Trinity Sunday	6.30 Evensong	9.30 Sutton Holy Communion	9.30 Family Communion 6pm Reflection & Song	8.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday 15th			10.30 Glebe House Holy Communion	
18 th First Sunday after Trinity		6.30 pm Flower Festival Songs of Praise	9.30 am Hollesley café Sundae 6.30 Evensong	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
25 th Second Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Family Communion	6.30 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Gardening gems from Ivan Growth and development are mainly governed by moisture and temperature, and they have both been lacking in recent weeks which has resulted in slow growth. However, with irrigation and the protection of a crop cover (fleece) the balance can be restored, as witnessed with our strawberries, courgettes, beetroot and lettuce. Potatoes and onions are now making good progress, runner and French beans have been sown and I have a few to transplant this weekend. In the greenhouse-tomato and cucumber plants are ready for planting. We have some summer bedding plants – geranium, mimulus and gazania almost ready for planting out, but it's two weeks too soon, in case of late frosts. We have bought a collection of regal pelargoniums which will soon need potting on into litre pots to make decent seed flowering plants. The garden continues to develop with some partition fencing, shrubs and perennials purchased, planted and well watered in, but still room for more. The hedgehog we had in the garden has come to a sticky end at the hands of a fox or some other predator considering the remains I found. We are now in the period of maximum growth and development with both crops and weeds making rapid growth over a 24 hour period. Anyone who has fleeced their early potatoes should soon be harvesting these delicious first early tubers. When conditions permit, keep the hoe going to disturb and destroy weed seedlings. Happy, healthy gardening. **Shottisham Open Gardens** will be on **June 25th 12 to 4 pm**

Ivan 

Shottisham Parish Council Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of alternate months in the Trust Hall. 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)*



Shottisham Trust Hall For Trust Hall hire please contact Terrie on 410134. The Plant and Cake Sale made £819.60 which will pay for the hall's insurance. Thank you very much to everyone for your contributions and help.

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.

WILDLIFE ON OUR PATCH by **Andrew Excell** from Suffolk Wildlife Trust on **Wednesday June 14th** at 7.00 pm in The Trust Hall with light refreshments to follow – this is an open meeting and everyone is invited.

SHOTTISHAM BIG LUNCH PICNIC 2017 Sunday June 11th at 1.00 pm in the village marquee on Shottisham playing field. Everyone is invited including friends and families. Please bring a plate of picnic food to share (such as sandwiches, quiche, crisps, cake or pudding) and your own refreshments. **Please can anyone who can help put up the marquee meet on the playing field on Sunday morning at 10.30 am.**

Shottisham Parish photographic book.

The sales of the photographic book have proceeded well. Owing to the generosity of Christine Block, District Councillor, and Andrew Reid, County Councillor, in funding most of the printing, I now have some £290 to put into some other project in the village. I have written to both councillors and to the Parish Council for their views and suggestions, but would welcome any suggestions from residents. I have had the following thoughts:

1. Do any hedges in the village need enhancing with native stock?
2. Is there a suitable place for a special tree or trees?
3. Could the village telephone box be used to house local maps, leaflets, brochures, for walkers, cyclists, riders and week-enders?

Do please email me with your ideas at dianabickerton88@gmail.com. Diana Bickerton, Local History Recorder for Shottisham.

The Sorrel Horse

We welcome our new Head Chef Sharnet Zechner from Woodbridge, who promises to provide excellent food for us all to enjoy. Her apple crumble pie is simply delicious! We now have a new management team managing the pub. All local people, and headed by Robin Pendle. Being local, they understand what sort of pub you would like, and aim to bring the standard of service up to a level never seen before, so why not give them a try and visit us.

Monday Music Nights

Last month we had another splendid evening with Kev Walford and Kelly Pritchard: thank you for a memorable evening.

June 12th Roots Blues with Homebrew – a welcome return for this electric trio from the Suffolk Delta led by the native New Orleanian America Nolan Wiltz – brilliant music and superb entertainment. *Chris Harvey*

Quizes Quizes this month are on **June 7th and June 21st** 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

Mobile Library – Tuesday June 27th at the Knoll from 3.00 pm – 3.20pm.

CATS Link Bus can be contacted on 01728 635938

Mobile Post Office Sutton Memorial Hall Car Park every Thursday 9.00 am to 10.30am

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

Hollesley Players 2017 Panto Auditions.

The Hollesley Players are preparing to put on another panto - The Wizard of Oz. We are always looking for new members to join our cast, over 7 years old. We usually rehearse on a Friday night and Sunday afternoon. Auditions will be held on Friday 7th July evening for adults and Sunday 16th July afternoon for Juniors, with a pre audition on Friday evening 30th of June at Hollesley Village Hall. The show dates are Thursday 7th December to Sunday 10th December. hollesleyplayers@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

Local events in June

10th Becker Art Workshop for adults Suffolk Punch Trust

11th Becker Art Drop in session for adults Suffolk Punch Trust

17th Bawdsey Market, Bawdsey Village Hall 2 pm to 4 pm

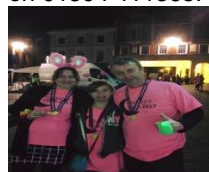
17th-18th Flower Festival – Women of Influence - at All Saints Church, Sutton 10 am to 6 pm

18th Out of the Case at Sutton Hoo 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm – look at the replica treasures with an expert 01394 389714

24th Yard Sale and Car Boot Sale at Sutton Memorial Hall and residents' gates 10 am to 1 pm – pitches £5 01394 410331 to book.

Bawdsey and Hollesley Schools have lots of exciting outdoor enriching experiences planned for June now SATs are over.

Bawdsey School Baby and Toddler group is going from strength to strength and is available for any parent or carer with a baby or pre-school child. It is on a Friday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.15 – no booking is needed and there are no costs involved. The children play in the Nursery setting while adults get to chat and have a cuppa. The next senior citizens' lunch is on **Thursday 8th June** - book a place on 01394 411365. A cuppa, chat and biscuits are available after too!



WELL DONE TERRIE, KEVIN AND BETHANY FOR FINISHING THE ST ELIZABETH MIDNIGHT WALK

20.5.17 Ipswich

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.