



Shottisham Village Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Well! That's Christmas over for another year! Or is it? Many Christmas decorations have been up for a month already and may be looking a bit tired. The days are already lengthening and it feels like time to move on into a new year and a fresh start. Yet the '12 days of Christmas' don't end until January 6th and the practice of celebrating the coming of Jesus Christ – 'God with us' ('Emmanuel' means 'God with us') right up until the beginning of February, is growing in popularity. Just as God came alongside us at Christmas time, God is with us too in this New Year with all its hopes and dreams and anxieties. Your parish church is always there for you too. If you came to a Christmas service in one of our parish churches, you may have found a card showing this 'word cloud'. It illustrates some of the many activities which the church in Suffolk is involved in. You might like to count how many you are aware of taking place in the villages of this area*. If there's one (or more!) that you'd like to know more about, please get in touch with me or any of the people listed under 'Church Contacts'. Wishing you a blessed New Year,

Ruth Hatfield



*No fewer than 26 of these activities take place within our 'cluster' of seven parishes and there are others that aren't mentioned!

January 2018	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
Thursday 4th			2.30 pm Glebe House, Evensong Pat S/Mel	
Sunday 7 th Epiphany	11 am Holy Communion Revd Michael	9.30 am Sutton Heath family worship Padre Andrew Thompson	9.30 am Sung Eucharist (CW) Revd Michael	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Ruth
Sunday 14 th Epiphany	6 pm Evensong Mel Spurling	9.30 Morning praise tbc	6pm Reflection and Song Di Barnard	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Michael
Thursday 18th			10.30 am Glebe House Holy Communion tbc/Pat S	
Saturday 20th			12.00 Messy church Di Barnard and team	
Sunday 21st		11 am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Ruth	9.30 Café Sundae Judy Foulger 6.30 pm Evensong Gill Whiffin	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Michael
Sunday 28th	9.30 Family Communion and Christingle (CW) Revd Michael	6.30 Evensong Will Richards	9.30 Sung Eucharist	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Ruth

Gardening gems from Ivan

It's the season to be silly, so here are a few offerings.

Once in Royal Shottisham City stood a lonely allotment shed, with no windows, a green door and a double bed.

Gardeners on their plots abiding, but it's too cold, too wet or too windy, so home we go to sit by a warming fire.

While gardeners watched their crops by night, all seated by the shed, a glass in one hand, a minced pie in the other and a hat upon their head. Good King Have-a-Bash looked out on the feast of Derek, when the weeds grew round about thick and green and even bigger than they were last year. Hark the Herald Angels Sing Glory to the season ahead of us. Fortify yourselves ready for the big push in February, when Mother Nature properly stirs and things begin to happen above and below ground. But rest assured Mother Nature will be in charge of events, so we must do what needs to be done when energy and conditions permit. A happy, healthy and horticulturally rewarding 2018 to everyone.

Ivan Clarke



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.

JUMBLE AND NEARLY-NEW SALE

10.30-12.30 Saturday 13th January at the Trust Hall. Refreshments will be available. This is a fundraising event for the hall renovation work. Nearly-new and jumble will be very gratefully received. Please contact Jayne Backhouse 411169 who will open up the hall to receive your donation or arrange for a collection from you.

SHOTTISHAM WI

Subscriptions commence in January, any enquiries please contact Trish Hurley 411735. We are looking forward to enjoyable presentations, trips and events for 2018.

WI COMMUNITY PROJECT

The chair-based exercise courses are very successful and have been awarded under the enabling communities local grant scheme. This initiative has been seen as example of 'best practice' by Suffolk Coastal District Council.

SHOTTISHAM TRUST HALL

The Trust Hall Project Group has been set up in partnership with our parish council/community and is in the early stages of drawing up plans and applying for finance for the renovation work. The hall is a wonderful asset to the village and local community and the fundraising for the renovation project will continue through the year.

TRUST HALL ORCHARD - the fruit trees are doing well and the outside surrounds of the hall are looking good –much better now they are cared for. **ANNUAL PLANT AND CAKE SALE** – every year Shottisham villagers grow and donate their plants, make homemade cakes and also come and buy the produce. The valuable support given to this event pays for the hall insurance.

THE SORREL HORSE in January

We are pleased to announce that the wood burners have been successfully installed, so the pub should be much more cosy and warm for the remainder of the winter. We will be closed on 2nd and 3rd January to give everyone a much needed rest after the exertions during the festive period.

Gary and Leila Miller

Music – this month on January 8th we have as our main guests Kev Walford and Kelly Prtichard who perform Americana/Country and folk as a lively duo. The support act is The Merry Harriers. Admission is free and it starts at 8.30 pm.

Chris Harvey

Quizzes Quizzes this month are on **3rd, 17th and 31st** starting at 8.30 pm.

CALLING ALL VILLAGERS – St Margaret's Churchyard

Please come to a meeting at the church on: **Saturday 3rd February 2018 @ 11am**, Refreshments provided.

The church and churchyard is a well-loved community asset and central to the life of the village. If you are interested in helping with strimming, mowing, hedge cutting, raking, etc., please come along. The present five of us (total age 364!) need help.

We would like to set up a rota, so even if you can only give a small amount of time please come to the meeting. We can sort out a system and then adjourn to the Sorrel. If you are unavailable on the 3rd Feb but would like to help, please contact Pat on 411470, St Margaret's PCC

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 –Thursdays Heath Drive 10.55 – 11.15 and The Sorrel Horse 11.25 – 11.45- tel Sonya 07810370314 for info. There is **no mobile shop** on Thursday **4th January**.

Mobile Library – **Tuesday 9th January** 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 Tuesday afternoon. Tel 01502 530965 Mobile 07971 970836

LOCAL EVENTS IN JANUARY

1st Bawdsey Ferry Runs by John White- 10am to 3pm - wine, tea, coffee, mince pies served from Fisherman's Hut 10.30am to 2.30pm by Ann White, John's wife in aid of Felixstowe Volunteer Patrol Rescue Service. **Boat House Café** is also open from 11am to 3 pm.

6th Hollesley Community Cafe - Hollesley Village Hall - 9.30am to 12 noon



6th **Twelfth Night Party** to celebrate the 60th year of the Sutton Memorial Hall - 7.30pm onwards. Music by local band Flamin Cheek, hot food, raffle, bring your own drink. Tickets £10 per person, children under 16 free. Contact Daphne on 384659, Sue on 411793 or Kelly on 412035 for tickets. For catering purposes you are advised to book.

13th Rainbow Cafe - Bawdsey Village Hall - 9.30am to 12 noon –

13th Shottisham WI Jumble & Nearly New Sale - Trust Hall - 10.30am to 12.30pm

13th "Exploring the Irish Inland Waterways in a Cornish Shrimper" talk by Robin Whittle - Bawdsey Village Hall - 7.30pm - adults £2, under18s 50p

26th Knit & Natter - The Anchorage, Bromeswell - 2pm to 4pm

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.