

# Shottisham Village Newsletter



## ENJOYING OUTDOORS

We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful area and if able to do so, to continue to enjoy walking down at Shingle Street where the kite surfers are still in evidence, beside the River Deben to see wading birds including the avocet and curlew and the black headed gull sporting his summer black hood. Hazel and hawthorn are coming in to leaf; blackthorn, cherry and wild plum are in blossom, weeping willows are gracefully weeping and the first migrant bird – the chiffchaff can be heard.

The allotments are a busy centre of the community where villagers can stay a safe distance apart, while digging in onion sets and chitted early potatoes and sowing seeds or seedlings– thank you for the manure Robin.



## Dear Reader, **Coronavirus and Church Services**

Following the recent announcement from the Bishops of Canterbury and York, sadly there will be no church services for the foreseeable future. It is going to be a huge adjustment to us not to gather together for public worship, not least because that is precisely what we want to do in a time of crisis. We must however observe this strictly, because of the risk of communicating infection. However, churches will be kept open where possible for people to come in and pray on their own, and there will be facilities to request a chat or prayer support. Hand Sanitiser will be available. Morning Prayer is being livestreamed every morning at 8.30am, Monday to Saturday, on the Bishops' Facebook page [@BishopsCofEsuffolk](#) or on the App "Daily Prayer". Evening Prayer is being livestreamed from the Cathedral Monday to Saturday at 5.30pm on the Cathedral Facebook page [@Stedscathedral](#). Sunday morning eucharist will be celebrated livestreamed from 10.30am, again on the Cathedral Facebook page. At such a time as this, we need to care for ourselves in these very strange times, but we must look after our neighbours, especially those who are most vulnerable, such as the housebound and the elderly. If you know of anyone in need of any pastoral or spiritual care, please contact Rev Mandy or the Church Wardens and we will ensure that care is given. Please be assured of my prayers for you all at this time, With every blessing, *Rev Mandy*

**PENINSULA PRACTICE** For the latest up to date practice information please visit the dedicated Coronavirus/Covid-19 page on our website [www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk)

If anybody wishes to add information to be included in the updated emergency file then I would appreciate it if the form could be returned to me asap, if people are unable or unwilling to return the form to my house then they could alternatively email it to me at [pat.southgate@hotmail.com](mailto:pat.southgate@hotmail.com) and I can print out the reply. This will still be in line with data protection, *Pat Southgate, Freshwoods*

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**NEED HELP?** As coronavirus continues to sweep across the country it is extremely likely that our community will be affected by it at some point. If you need any help or support including getting shopping or medical supplies delivered to your door please do not hesitate to contact **Pat Southgate on 410110** or **Lesley Roberts on 410581** and we will ensure that what you need is delivered to your door. To avoid contact with the virus and help limit the spread of the illness all deliveries will be left outside the door for you to collect once the person making the delivery has left your premises.

**SHOTTISHAM TRUST HALL:**

**Shottisham WI:** The next branch meeting has had to be cancelled and the Plant and Cake sale also at the Trust Hall which helps to raise funds for the Hall Insurance is also postponed. It is hoped to hold this event later in the year - so watch this space! *Jane Monk, joint secretary*

**WI walking group** Meet at 11.00 am outside the Sorrel Horse returning at around 1.00 pm. Our next walk will be **April 16<sup>th</sup>** – hopefully going ahead with social distancing. Any queries please contact *Trish* 411735.

**THE BLUE RABBIT CAFE** will be open for delicious home-grown *takeaway* sausage and bacon buns, cakes, coffee etc., at weekends and bank holidays (8.30-11.30am) from May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are also planning to open for *takeaways* on the Easter weekend (Sat and Mon 8.30-11.30am). We are keeping up with government advice so please see our website for up-to-date details and any changes [www.bluerabbitcafe.co.uk](http://www.bluerabbitcafe.co.uk) - if you come for *takeaway* food, please keep a safe social distance. We also sell our free-range eggs, home-reared sausages, bacon and home-made jam made from our own fruit. Eggs and jam are available at the stand on our driveway - please put money in the honesty box – You can phone/email in advance for meat (it is frozen) and then collect or we can deliver in Shottisham (01394 411247 [bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com](mailto:bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com)). Claire is currently planting extra seeds in the “polytunnel of dreams” and as the spring progresses there will be vegetables and salads for sale too. We are planning to open a pop-up smallholding shop on Saturday mornings that will sell fresh vegetables and fruit grown here as well as cakes and savoury tarts made by Claire from smallholding produce (and of course our eggs and meat). Check out our website or Instagram for more details. We accept contactless payment. In other news from the smallholding - we have three new pigs who are joyously running about with their ears flapping. We are also currently waiting for Elsie to have her kids - she has already started the process! Lambs and more kids will arrive at the end of April. While Claire won't be doing her usual Saturday evening "animal feeding extravaganza" at the moment you can follow the exploits of the animals on the smallholding on her instagram @blue\_rabbit\_smallholding  
*Claire Norton*

If who would like to join the **village WhatsApp group** please send your mobile number to [diana@bouscarle.co.uk](mailto:diana@bouscarle.co.uk) and send your email address to [nicky.rosecott@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.rosecott@gmail.com) for health updates and general local information.

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**THE SORREL HORSE IN APRIL** <https://thesorrelhorse.co.uk/>

**COVID-19: Protection and Vigilance at The Sorrel Horse.** We are implementing fresh initiatives from Monday 23rd March 2020 to enable Team Sorrel to fulfil its prior commitment of supporting the local community and our loyal team. We face unprecedented times, thus unprecedented measures must surely follow; we are using our best endeavours to overcome the challenges of this global crisis and truly appreciate your continued support:- as per Government

instructions we shall be closed henceforth until further notice. **Takeaway and Delivery Service** is effective from Tuesday 24th March 2020 every Tuesday to Saturday 12 - 3pm and 6 - 9pm. From Thursday 26th March 2020 half price Pizza take away or delivery every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6 - 9pm please see <https://thesorrelhorse.co.uk/food/> for the menus.

Local Community Support Team Sorrel has been inundated with words of comfort from the local community of Shottisham; we have been overwhelmed by the kindness, love and support for the precious Sorrel Horse. May we sincerely thank you all. It is our intention to also implement a series of initiatives limited to the village of Shottisham effective from Tuesday 24th March 2020. Full information will be circulated to the village asap, *Leila, Gary and Neale*