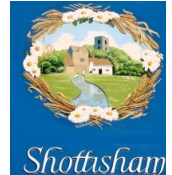




# Shottisham Village Newsletter



(Dan's pickles)

'This is truly the month of The Glut. There's a whole lot of ripening going on, and if you grow any of your own food, September will reward you with an embarrassment of riches,' *Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall*

## The Vicar's Voice September 2020

I think it could be said that September 2020 sees a new beginning and a new challenge for the Wilford Peninsula Benefice. Although we are still dealing with the restrictions and cautiousness around the COVID pandemic, and have over the last few weeks, experienced quite a heat wave, it is a time to move forward.

The new beginning is seeing our churches resume a new regular pattern of services and worship. Many of the services will be as you know them, but perhaps with a few different faces becoming more regular. We welcome Rev Kevan McCormack onto the team, and also Malcolm Salter as he takes up his role as Elder.

The new challenge will be ensuring that the pattern of services including the parishes of Sutton, Sutton Heath and Shottisham who join the "Rendlesham Cluster" will provide the worship that people expect and need.

Change and welcoming new times is not always easy, and sometimes many of us fight these changes, or tend to accept them as the new normal. Especially in such times as we experienced throughout 2020. Whilst the past few months have been difficult, sometimes strange and to use the popular phrase –"unprecedented", we have a lot to be thankful for, and coming together to pray, worship, praise, encourage and support one another is truly one of the blessings we should count each day.

I commend to you the poem by *Danny Joyce*. It's definitely food for thought.

This life is a wonderful gift, accept it, embrace it.  
 It starts with a new day, wake up and greet it.  
 Life is a challenge, take it head on and meet it.  
 Full of opportunity, use it, don't waste it.  
 This life is a mystery, unfold it, solve it.  
 It starts with meaning, wake up and understand it.  
 Life is a goal, take it head on and achieve it.  
 This life is precious, hold it, treasure it.  
 It starts with hope, wake up and feel it.  
 Life is a choice, take it head on and make it.  
 Full of knowledge, use it, don't abuse it.  
 This life is adventurous, enjoy it, explore it.  
 It starts with a duty, wake up and perform it.  
 Life is love, take it full on and love it.  
 Full of beauty, praise it and behold it.  
 Life is life, live it, learn and grow.

With love and blessings,

*Rev Mandy*

The recent Pet Service outside St Margaret's Church led by Giles Tulk was great fun and Shottisham now has many blessed animals including Sullivan – Liz's horse – the best behaved of the gathered congregation!





DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	ALDEBURGH	HOLLESLEY
Monday	8.00 to <b>14.30</b>	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 18.30	13.30 to <b>17.30</b>
Tuesday	8.00 to 18.30	<b>CLOSED</b>	8.00 to 18.30	
Wednesday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to <b>13.00</b>	8.00 to 18.30	
Thursday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to <b>13.00</b>	8.00 to 18.30	
Friday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to <b>13.00</b>	8.00 to 18.30	

#### GP TRAINING & STAFF MEETING CLOSURE DATES

The surgery will be closed on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 13.00 for GP training.

The Surgery will be closed between 14.00 & 16.00 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October for a staff meeting.

**Please contact NHS 111 when the Surgery is closed.**

#### Flu Vaccination Clinics 2020

Due to social distancing we are unable to host our Health and Wellbeing Event this year but we will be holding three Flu Vaccination Clinics. The clinics will be open from 09.00 until 18.00 and **by appointment only**.

#### Who is eligible for a Flu Vaccination?

Anybody over the age of 65 years old.

Anybody with a pre-existing health condition who has received a letter from the Surgery.

#### Flu Vaccination Clinic Dates & Venues

12.10.20	Hollesley Village Hall
22.10.20	Aldeburgh Community & Sports Centre
27.10.20	Orford Town Hall

Wherever you live you can attend a clinic at a venue of your choosing.

**Please call the surgery to book your appointment for the Flu Clinic.**

[www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk)

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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS** The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th Sept via Zoom. The relevant Zoom link will be published before the date. However, you can advise your intention to attend by contacting the Parish Clerk ([shottishampcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:shottishampcclerk@gmail.com)). The PC have recently cleaned signs around the village and the foliage around them, if you spot any which need doing please let the Parish Clerk know. Thankyou. *Ray Kay (Chairman)*

**THE MOBILE LIBRARY will be at the knoll on TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> August 3 pm to 3.20 pm.**

**BILLY THE FISH is at the knoll at 10 am on Wednesdays.**

#### THE SORREL HORSE

We shall continue to serve food Wednesdays to Sundays inclusive, but shall consider if we continue to remain open on a Monday and Tuesday for drinks only. This decision will be driven by demand.

We shall keep all updated. The community shop will be scaled down in September and will be staffed via the pub. This due to a lack of demand. If anyone would like any particular item we can of course order it in.

*Gary and Leila* <https://thesorrelhorse.co.uk/>

**BLUE RABBIT CAFÉ**

The Blue Rabbit Cafe will be open Sat/Sun 8.30-11.30 throughout September and into October for home-grown, home-made breakfasts, brunches, cake and coffee. It will however be CLOSED for the first weekend in September (5th and 6th) as the Blue Rabbit is going on holiday! You can also buy home-reared sausages and bacon and eggs from our very free-range pigs and chickens, *Claire Norton*

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Suffolk Punch Trust** open 6 days a week from 15 August to 31 October 2020, closed every Tuesday. The Heritage garden (well worth a visit and a credit to head gardener Hayley), café and museum are all free.

**Meet-Up Monday:** 10.00am-Noon, Shepherd and Dog, Hollesley, following social distancing rules. Bring your own mug.

**Butley ferry** is running from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays.

**Bawdsey ferry** every day 10.00am to 5.00pm (weather permitting). Social distancing measures in place & face masks must be worn by all over 11 years

(exceptions apply)

**Bawdsey café** has an outdoor service and take-aways every day 11 am to 5 pm.

**The Ramsholt Arms is open** - details are on the website <http://www.theramsholtarms.com/>

For contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact **Nicky Beaven 411861** or [nicky.rosecott@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.rosecott@gmail.com) by **20<sup>th</sup>** of previous month.

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