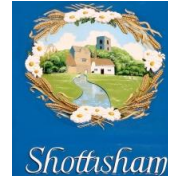


Shottisham Village Newsletter



The Vicar's Voice

December, and the month when we get excited about Christmas...or the month we dread!

No doubt, as December draws on, many of you will be making preparations for the big day. Writing and

sending a myriad of Christmas cards, buying a new real tree or getting the old well used one out of the attic, together with all the decorations and tinsel, doing the food shopping including the treats that only come along at this time of year, visiting family who we haven't seen for a couple of years, especially during the pandemic, and of course, there is the choosing, buying and wrapping of just the right gift for family and friends.

And, no doubt, as we hand over the gift, we will eagerly await the reaction from our loved one, and hopefully, it will be a reaction of joy and delight.

And of course, just as we are busy watching their faces, they'll be watching ours too. And after all, it's the thought that counts isn't it?



I well remember one Christmas when I was a little girl, all I really wanted was a pink Petite typewriter, and I hoped so much for it. But, my mum and dad, being as practical as ever, bought me a proper typewriter, and they said it would stand me in good stead later. Well, I was sooooo disappointed, but I

didn't want them to know that as they would have been so hurt. I hugged them and said my "Thank Yous" and after Christmas was over and we tidied everything away, I duly hid the gift under my bed for a number of years! I'm sure they never noticed!!

On Christmas morning, we will celebrate the greatest of all gifts given, the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. And, as with all gifts, we have the choice to accept this precious gift with joy and thanksgiving, or we can say "how lovely was that?" after the Nativity Play or Carol Service is finished, and then not give Jesus another thought until next year.

With the birth of Jesus, God says to us all, "Here is my gift to you, the gift of your salvations, hope and love". And it is pure, unconditional love for everyone for all time.

No matter how rich or poor we are, we all need the gift of love. To love and be loved. The birth of Jesus in a stable all those years ago is the gift of love given to everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity, of behalf of St Felix and St Gregory's churches and congregations, to wish you all a very blessed Christmas, and a peaceful New Year

With Love and Blessings, *Rev Mandy Xx*



DECEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Please note – there will be no services on Boxing Day

Sunday 5 th Advent 2	11.00am	Shottisham	Morning Praise	Helene Berry
Wednesday 8 th	6.30pm Meet at the Mill	Shottisham	Carols Around the Village	Rev Mandy
Sunday 12 th Advent 3	11.00am	Sutton	Morning Praise	Helen Shand
Sunday 19 th Advent 4	11.00am 6.00pm	Sutton Shottisham	Holy Communion Carols and Lessons	Rev Mandy Rev Judith
Friday 24 th Christmas Eve	4.00pm 9.30pm	All Saints, Sutton Shottisham	Family Carols Midnight in Bethlehem	Helen/Will Rev Mandy
Saturday 25 th Christmas Day	11.00am	All Saint's, Sutton	Christmas Eucharist	Rev Judith

Billy the Fish is at The Knoll outside the pub on **Wednesdays - best to arrive at 9.30 am.**

The mobile library is at The Knoll on **Tuesday 7th** 3.00 to 3.20 pm.

Citizens in Shottisham

We are intending to hold our joint Christmas Tea Party at Sutton Memorial Hall on Monday 6th December at 2pm. We will be serving tea and there will be musical entertainment and a raffle. If you would like to come please let me know - email dawnrosemarykay@aol.com or ring 01394/410331 ideally by 30th November. Lifts can be arranged, thank you, *Dawn*



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

BANK HOLIDAY & STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE DATES The surgery will be closed for staff training on Thursday 8th December from 13.00. The surgery will be closed 27th December 2021 and 28th December 2021 and 3rd January 2022. When the surgery is closed please call NHS 111.

Covid Boosters and Flu vaccinations. The practice continues to administer our Covid boosters and flu vaccinations. If you are due, please call the surgery to book your appointment or visit our website for further information. www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk

The Peninsula Practice wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING
ST FELIX CHURCH
SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER
10AM – 12.30PM
 Hot Drinks and
 Tempting Christmas Treats



THE SORREL HORSE

The pub will be hosting some themed nights during December.

1st December is our All You Can Eat Moules Frites (£15 per person)

8th December is Curry Night

16th December is Bangers & Mash Night

Booking is advised for all events.

Our Christmas menu goes live on the 1st Dec and can be seen on the website. The New Year's Eve menu will be coming soon too so watch out for that. Kind regards, *Becks*



Shottisham WI

New members are always welcome to join us at Shottisham WI. We meet once a month at the Trust Hall. We also have a book club, walking group and enjoy various other activities. For further details contact 01394 411870. Thank you, *Diane Fleming*

Food Bank

Thank you to those people who have contributed towards the boxes for the Food Bank for Christmas. If anyone else would like to contribute if you could let me have it by Wednesday 15th December I would be grateful, I can collect. Thank you, *Dawn Kay*, Brook Cottage

Shottisham Parish Council

Queens Jubilee: As was done for Harry & Megan's wedding we are planning to hold a street party on Sunday 5th June to celebrate the Jubilee. Discussions are currently taking place with the Sorrel re their involvement and we will later discuss likely meal options. There will likely be a contribution required from Villagers but we will do all we can to minimise this. There will be a charge for guests.

Beacon: We have commissioned the manufacture of a beacon which is to be lit on the Thursday night 2nd June at 9:15pm, the exact location of the beacon is yet to be decided. It is hoped that the PC will be able to provide a toast (To the Queen) for those present at the lighting.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Trust Hall at 7:30 on Tuesday 9th January 2022.

Shottisham PC has taken delivery of free tree saplings provided by Woodland Trust.



As you may remember we get tree saplings, protection tubes, wooden posts and mulch mats (with pegs) supplied to the PC over the last three years. This is part of the "plant a million trees a year in Suffolk" campaign run by the Woodland Trust. The saplings are: Hedge Hornbeam, Oak, Downy Birch, Whitebeam, Wild Cherry and Crab Apple. Please come and take your pick at Mill House down by the footpath gate to the field.



LOCAL INTEREST IN DECEMBER

Marsh Farm RSPB Reserve Hollesley 10am-2pm every day (Closed 23rd Dec-4th Jan)

Thrift Shop Sutton Heath open Wed./Thur. 9am-12 noon (Opposite Poppy's)

Poppy's Sutton Heath Mon-Thur 9am-12noon (closed 20th Dec-3rd Jan)

Sutton Hoo is open at weekends only, although the walks are open in the week.

SUTTON MEMORIAL HALL COFFEE AND CHAT will be on Thursday 2nd from 10am.

Friday 3rd knit and natter at Sutton Memorial Hall 2 – 4 pm.

Saturday 4th Woodbridge Christmas Craft and Gift Fair 08:30–18:00 Woodbridge Community Hall

Saturday 4th to Friday 24th Christmas Experience Easton Farm Park, Easton

Saturday 11th Bawdsey Christmas Market Village Hall

Saturday 11th Christmas Fayre for St Margaret's Church at The Trust Hall 12 noon -3pm. Soup etc , raffle, and chat .

Friday 18th Bawdsey Pop-up-Pub - Village Hall 7pm

Suffolk Punch Trust - Christmas Craft Fair **Sunday 5th** 10am-4pm. The Cafe will be open but not the Farm.

Open Mon.-Wed. until 17th Dec. then 10am-3pm for Christmas Shopping only - Cafe & Farm closed.

- Christmas Grotto **Fri. 17th/Sat. 18th/Sun. 19th Dec.** 12.30-6pm Please book the children coming along either on the Web Site or call 01394 411327

Bawdsey Boathouse Café is open Friday to Sunday 11 am to dusk

Chair Based Exercise classes are at Bawdsey Village Hall every Tuesday at 11.15 for 1 hour followed by refreshments. Contact Jane on 01394 411373.

Yoga with Ellie Tuesday mornings 9 to 10 am on Bawdsey recreation ground. £7.

Yoga with Jane Friday evenings 6.30 to 7.30 pm Hollesley Village Hall, £6 drop in , £15 for 3 classes – booking info: yogajane21@gmail.com 07850 994707.

For contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact **Nicky Beaven 411861** or nicky.rosecott@gmail.com by **25th** of previous month. For church-related information please contact Rev Mandy E Reynolds revmandy.rendlesham@yahoo.com