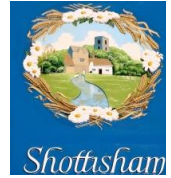


Shottisham Village Newsletter



Vicar's Voice

This month sees two major events taking place.

The first is Ash Wednesday, on the 2nd March. This is the day the season of Lent begins, and the day when, Christians receive ash on their foreheads, reminding us that we are but dust and ashes. It is also the time of year when we traditionally give up something we enjoy for the 40 days of Lent, as we remember Jesus fasting in the wilderness, where he is tempted by the devil 3 times.

Over the years I have given up some of the things I love, sometimes, chocolate, sometimes wine, sometimes crisps, and sometimes a combination of these, but, whilst I have managed most of the time to complete the 40 days, there are times when I have failed and given into temptation. My excuse...well, I'm only human!!

But that is what Lent is about, reminding ourselves that we are only human and we will get things wrong from time to time. And no matter how hard we might try, we will all make mistakes in our lives. But it's knowing that when we do get things wrong, when we do make those often silly mistakes, that when we are truly, deep down sorry for those mistakes, we learn from them, and move forward in a new understanding of ourselves.



The second event we celebrate is Mothering Sunday. (*Not to be confused with the American celebration of Mothers Day on Sunday May 8th this year.*)

Traditionally celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent, it is a time when we think about our mums. We make or buy cards, and give flowers or chocolates, prepare breakfast in bed, or take mum out for a special day. It is a time when we can give thanks for all she does for us throughout the year. To say thank you to her for nurturing, caring for and loving us.

Of course, there are many kinds of mums, birth mums, foster mums, adoptive mums, grandmas, aunts and sisters who sometimes have to step up and take on the role of being mum. We give thanks for them all, for the love and sacrifices they often make for those in their charge.



We also remember the mums who are no longer with us. I

remember my mum's smile, it was just so beautiful. My mum lived by the old adage that "if you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all!" and I never heard her say anything bad or gossip about anyone. I wish I could say the same!! I give thanks every day for all she gave me, and I cherish her memory.

In church this Lent, we will be holding a 4 week Lent Course, looking at women in the bible who stayed with Jesus during the week leading up to his death and resurrection. We will be looking and reflecting on Anna, Joanna and Salome, and of course Mary Magdalene, was she really was the kind of woman depicted in modern art and literature?

The Lent Course will be held over 4 Tuesday afternoons in St Felix Church, at 2pm with light refreshments, if you would be interested in joining us in. just give me a call or drop me an e-mail if you would like more details.

I hope that the month of March will be a good one for you and yours, and however you celebrate it. Love and blessings, **Rev Mandy Xx**

SHOTTISHAM CHURCH PANCAKE PARTY



Is back! To be held at The Trust Hall on Tuesday 1st March 6.30 for 7.00 pm
(Ticket price includes food, one drink and the talk.)

Numbers limited; Contact Micky McBurnie (411775) or Anne Buswell (412134)

MARCH CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6 th 1st of Lent	11.00am	Shottisham	Morning Praise	Helene Berry
Sunday 13 th Lent 2	11.00am 6 pm	Sutton Shottisham	Morning Praise Evensong	Helen Shand Helene Berry
Sunday 20 th Lent 3	11.00am	All Saints, Sutton	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy
Sunday 27 th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	9.30am	Shottisham	Family Communion	Rev Mandy

Café Church

On the 30th January, we tried a new style of worship at St Felix. We held “Café Church”

We had an uplifting time of worship, enjoyed by all who came along. Everyone was given their own candle which was lit and blessed, and raised high as we sang the popular hymn, “Shine Jesus Shine”. Thank you to the ladies who did sterling work in the kitchen, and to everyone who came along. Our next Café Church will be on Sunday May 29th. Come and join us!!



Billy the Fish has been ill – we wish he gets better soon. Pat Bendon has latest information. **The mobile library** is at The Knoll on **Tuesday 1st** and **Tuesday 29th** 3.00 to 3.20 pm.



The surgery will be **closed on Wednesday 9th March**. When the surgery is closed 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

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	

Shottisham WI

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

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Suffolk <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk> has hundreds of walks to download and print free. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris www.walkinginengland.co.uk john@walkinginengland.co.uk

THE SORREL HORSE

You are invited to a listening meeting on **Saturday 5th March** at 11 am at the Sorrel where villagers and shareholders will have the opportunity to meet the new management and ask questions and express views on the pub and its developing offer.

Events at the pub

2 nd – 6 th	French Pop-up Restaurant
24 th	An Evening of Music with Peter Hepworth
27 th	Mother's Day Special Menu
Every Thursday	Pizza Take Away
Every Friday	Oyster Happy Hour 5pm – 6pm - £1 an Oyster

Shottisham Campsite

Hello from the campsite and Blue Rabbit farm cafe. Our hens have started laying again so we have eggs at the new farm stand - the high winds damaged our old one. We also have a couple of new goats - a lovely pedigree Anglo-nubian who will hopefully sire the new generation of milk goats here (work progresses on the micro-dairy idea) and his friend. We also have two new piglets so sausages and bacon are guaranteed for the next year. We still have our own home reared bacon and sausages for sale - just call at the back of the house. Stay tuned for more cafe news next month



Shottisham Parish Council

Update on Highways Issues

- The parish council has heard from the ANPR team informing them that they are still waiting to set up the project and no date has been agreed for when it will be available for use in Shottisham. However, it has been confirmed that both locations in the village are still on the waiting list.
- Poor drainage is still causing problems with a lack of gullies down Ford Hill and Villa Hill resulting in frequent flooding at the lowest point in the village. Highways have agreed to come out and look at the problem along with Councillor Andrew Reid.
- Councillors are endeavouring to get Highways to come out and examine the traffic problems at Ford Hill and will also discuss the dangerous stretch of road between Michaelmas Cottage and Wood Hall at the same time.

Update on Playground Issues

- **Installation of new play equipment**

The new play tractor with connecting tunnel has been ordered and the proposed site for it is between the toddler swings and the picnic tables. The cost of this new equipment and installation will be £3,622 which will take up most of the money available.

- **Equipment for older children**

It will be necessary to find further funding to purchase any new equipment for older children as the previous grant is to be spent on the new tractor suitable for smaller children. Councillor Ray Kay is to continue his research into finding another funding source.

Any other business

- Councillors agreed that it would be worth looking at the cost of some good quality football nets before the next meeting. Councillor Ray Kay has agreed to check out the cost of them.
- The Sorrel Horse is planning a 4 day music and food festival over the June bank holiday weekend which could incorporate a joint event street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the Sunday. The parish council plan to put a sub-committee together before the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30 pm in The Trust Hall. Full minutes from the January meeting can be found on the Shottisham Village website at <http://shottisham.suffolk.cloud/>
Lesley Roberts, Clerk to Shottisham Parish Council Shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com 01394410581

A 'Treebilee' oak tree for Shottisham

Villagers gathered in the dog walking field on Saturday 19 February to watch children from the village plant their 'Treebilee' oak tree in commemoration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Lara, Vivi and Logan (pictured) did a wonderful job of planting their 'Treebilee' oak tree (and commemorative plaque) and are looking forward to watching it grow over the coming decades.



Vivi said: *'It will grow bigger and bigger and bigger and bigger into a huge tree and I am looking forward to that.'*

The 'Treebilee' scheme was launched by HRH The Prince of Wales to encourage the planting of trees during a year of celebrations to mark The Queen's 70-year reign.

The oak tree was a presentation from East Suffolk Council, via our district councillor, James Mallinder, as part of their vision to nurture environmentally sustainable communities. East Suffolk Council purchased 200 oak trees for local towns and parishes to mark the occasion and help tackle climate change.

Once mature, an oak tree can host up to 5,000 different species of invertebrate, supporting a healthy food chain benefitting many birds and mammals. Trees also absorb CO2 through the process of photosynthesis, helping to create a significant natural carbon sink, *Katie Emerson*
Thank you Katie and Peter Whiddup for organising this.

LOCAL INTEREST IN MARCH

Bawdsey café is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm

Marsh Farm RSPB Reserve Hollesley 10am-2pm every day – please check as it has been closed recently

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

Poppy's Sutton Heath Mon-Thur 9am-12noon

Friday 5th Knit and natter Sutton Memorial Hall

Saturday 5th 7.30 pm Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club talk by Robin Whittle – trail and sail round Western Europe in Bumble Chugger Bawdsey Village Hall

Thursday 10th 6.30 pm Eastern Angles A Night on Broadway <https://easternangles.co.uk/boxoffice/ticket>

Saturday 12th 2 pm Jumble Sale Bawdsey Village Hall

Sutton Hoo is open all week from **Monday 28th**

Chair Based Exercises Bawdsey Village Hall every Tuesday 11.15 -12.15 Contact Jane on 01394 411373.

Coastguards training at Shingle Street



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