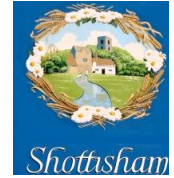


Shottisham Village Newsletter



Vicar's Voice

Extraordinary Time

When I took my coffee and toast out into the garden the other morning as the sun was beginning to shed its light on it, I saw that the shrubs looked bright and beautiful; the forsythia was a burst of yellow, and the trees were budding with the promise of flowers and fruit. Everything looked so much more cheerful. Spring has not yet removed the hint of chill from the wind, but the freshness of the day lifted my spirits. Seeing these wonderful gifts of nature made me remember yet again that ordinary things of life can be extraordinary. We often say, 'this is just another ordinary day.' Well when you consider all that goes into making the sun rise, the flowers open, the dew evaporate and the birds sing then shouldn't each day be a chance to do or appreciate something wonderful? Shouldn't we just take a moment 'to stop and stand and stare?' and in the staring shouldn't we remember to give God the glory? The great Blues guitarist, Bo Diddley used to tell his audience, 'I thank you in advance for the great round of applause you are about to give me!' Don't you find that if you go through life expecting the worst of people, you get just that, but if you expect the best then more often than not people will exceed your expectations? If we always do our best, whatever that might look like, then we find ourselves rising to the occasion, the occasion of living our life. I remember when I was a child my Dad would just stop when we came to a beautiful view or an amazing sight of natural beauty and say, 'Now there is one for the list.' Not a bucket list, but a list of blessings – an inventory, if you like, of all the things that money can't buy. It was a time to stop and stand and stare in awe and wonder - A time to praise our creator God. 4 When our lives are filled with moments when we see God's hand in everyday life something amazing happens - Ordinary life becomes extraordinary and the process of life begins to nourish our souls. I wish you an extraordinary day.

Rev Mandy

MAY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1 st	11.00 am	Shottisham	Morning Praise	Helene Berry
Sunday 8 th	11.00 am	All Saints, Sutton	Morning Praise	Helen Shand
Sunday 15 th	11.00am	All Saints, Sutton	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy
Sunday 22 nd	9.30am	Shottisham	Family Communion	Rev Mandy

The mobile library is at The Knoll on **Tuesday 24th** 3.00 to 3.20 pm.

The Queen's Jubilee tree that was planted earlier this year has been turned into a wishing tree! A wish can be written and then tied to the tree in the hope that it will come true... Everybody is welcome to make a wish. Lara had great fun organising this with her friend.





DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	ALDEBURGH	HOLLESLEY
Monday	8.00-14.30	8.00-14.30	8.00-18.30	13.30-17.30
Tuesday	8.00-18.30	CLOSED	8.00-18.30	CLOSED
Wednesday	8.00-18.30	08.00-13.00	8.00-18.30	CLOSED
Thursday	8.00-18.30	08.00-13.00	8.00-18.30	CLOSED
Friday	8.00-18.30	08.00-13.00	8.00-18.30	CLOSED

BANK HOLIDAY & STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE DATES

The surgery will be closed on **Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May**. The surgery will be closed for staff training on **Wednesday 18th May from 13.00**. **When the surgery is closed please call NHS 111**

Text messages - some patients have received duplicate text messages. If a phone number is on more than one patient’s record, that number may receive multiple texts about the same subject. Please contact the surgery and check your contact details if this has happened to you.

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Shottisham WI

SPRING PLANT SALE SATURDAY 30TH APRIL 10 AM TO 1 PM TRUST HALL

Any cakes welcome and garden-related things to Pat Bendon 411740 for hamper.

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*

THE SORREL HORSE

The quiz is back again on Wednesday 5th May at 8.30 pm. Oyster Happy Hour continues **every Friday** (5pm - 6pm) - come and enjoy £1 oysters! Many thanks, *Rebecca*

Shottisham Campsite

We had a fun Easter Egg hunt at the Blue Rabbit Cafe with lots of chocolate, cunning clues and excitement. Thank you also to everyone who came to try out the coffee from my lovely new espresso machine - I’m slowly getting the hang of it. Big thank you once again to East Suffolk Council who made the new developments possible at the Blue Rabbit Cafe with their very generous grant. We also had a visit from a spring lamb - watch out for more animal visits at the cafe.



We will be open every Saturday and Sunday 9.30-1.30 from this weekend for coffee and home-made cakes as well as home-grow, home-cooked brunches and lunch. There will be bacon sandwiches from our own bacon, waffles, quiches, (toasted) sandwiches, soup, salads and more..... Please see the website for menus and more information www.bluerabbitcafe.com

We are also expecting some baby goats in early May so expect lots of cute photos on my instagram page @blue_rabbit_farmcafe



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The preparations are under way for the **Jubilee Street Party** and we hope that it will be as successful as the last one. We are going to need some help on the 5th June to set up collecting Tables/Chairs/Gazebo's etc., So if you can help in any way please can you contact

Ray on Telephone 01394/410331 or email kayrymnd@aol.com

Bunting - We would like to offer "Bunting" to the Houses in the Street and round the Knoll so if you would like some please can you let us know by 10th May and we will order it. Contact **Ray/Dawn 01394/410331 or email dawnrosemarykay@aol.com/ kayrymnd@aol.com**

Food - Although we have a **BBQ** organised we will need some Salads (such as Coleslaw/Rice Salad/Potato Salad etc.) & Puddings (we are going to try and stick to the Jelly & Ice Cream theme, such as Trifle, Jelly with Fruit in it etc.) and would like the Villagers to make these if possible as "Homemade" is much nicer than bought. We have a budget for this so if you would like to do something please make sure you let us have your expenses and we will reimburse you.

Please contact Dawn on 01394/410331 or email dawnrosemarykay@aol.com

Raffle - We will be doing a Raffle on the day the money raised will go to support the ongoing improvements to the Play Area. If you have anything suitable for the Raffle we would be grateful to receive it. **If you could please leave it with Pat Bendon, "Houston" The Street. We can collect call 01394/410331 or 01394/410470.**

James Mallinder- East Suffolk District Councillor and the Parish Council have been generous in supporting this event so let's make it a fun day for all.

Thank you, *Ray Kay/Dawn Kay*

Shottisham Parish Council

Update on Highways Issues

- Peter Swallow and Andrew Reid from SCC came out to inspect the traffic issues experienced on the B1083 at Ford Hill on Tuesday 15th March to give advice on traffic calming measures. Alan McManus from Sutton Parish Council was invited to the meeting to discuss the stretch between Michaelmas Cottage and Wood Hall Lane which comes under Sutton's jurisdiction.

Update on Playground Issues

- **Installation of new play equipment**

SPC have been unsuccessful in finding a new contractor to take over the grass cutting within budget so have contacted existing contractor CGM with a request for 5 cuts a year in 2022/23.

- **Maintenance issues**

The recent operational inspection from REJB has identified some more maintenance issues that require attention including replacing the 8 posts and rope on the fort steps. Other issues identified will be inspected before deciding which work is a high priority. Councillors agreed to use Andrew Frost whose quote was cheaper to replace the posts on the fort steps and have decided to reduce playground inspections to two a year.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

- **Lighting the Beacon**

The church council have kindly agreed that the new beacon can be sited in the church carpark close to the pightle as this is the highest point in the village. The lighting of the beacon is due to take place on **Thursday June 2nd at 9:45 pm** and a glass of prosecco for a village toast will be provided by the council.

- **Street Party**

Shottisham will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on **Sunday 5th June** with a "Street Party" in Church Lane. We would very much like the residents and children of Shottisham to join us in this special celebration. Full details can be found on the letter that was delivered to all residents recently. Tickets must be ordered and paid for in advance by **Cash** or **Cheques** made payable to Shottisham Parish Council. Please remember that the last date to book for catering purposes is **Friday 15th May**. Please return your slip and payment to the **Parish Clerk**: Lesley Roberts, 2 Square Cottages, Shottisham. Any Queries please phone **Dawn** 410331 or **Lesley** 410581.

- **Parking in the Knoll**

SPC request that residents and visitors who normally park on the Knoll (Quadrant) park elsewhere on Sunday 5th June and recommend that they use the field next to the playground.

The Shottisham Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd May at 7:00 pm in the Trust Hall followed by the AGM at 8:00 pm.

In order that the Parish Council can be sure it is addressing the issues that matter to the residents of Shottisham, we would like to invite all parishioners to attend this meeting to hear about what the parish council has done throughout the past year and to raise any questions or comment on what they would like to see done.

Full minutes from the March 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 01394 410581

LOCAL INTEREST IN MAY

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

Sutton Hoo is open all week

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

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