

# Shottisham Village Newsletter



The Vicars Voice – January 2022



I hope you all managed to have a good Christmas, and despite ongoing restrictions due to Covid, you managed to spend some time with your nearest and dearest.

I hope you also managed to attend a Carol Service (or two!) or a Nativity Play, or you might even have watched Midnight Mass from Kings College. During all these services we hear various readings from the Bible which come together to tell the Christmas story, including the arrival of the Wise Men to the Christ Child.



It's probably safe to say that the story of these almost mystical characters visiting the Christ child at Bethlehem has become somewhat lost in the romantic myth displayed on our Christmas cards, but our focus should be on what the story is actually saying to us.

So, we all enjoy singing the carol, "We three kings of Orient are". But actually, these men weren't actually kings, they were scholars and astrologers.

You might be familiar with the names of these travellers, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Although there's no mention of the places they came from in the bible, art through the ages has Melchior represented as an old man, grey haired with a long beard who offers the gold. Often, Caspar is depicted as young and without a beard and who gives the frankincense, Balthasar is the one who has African origins with a newly grown beard on him and he brings the myrrh. And of course, one of the significant things about this story is that they are the first gentiles, non-Jews, to acknowledge and worship the Messiah, symbolising that Jesus had been sent for everyone, not just the Jewish nation.

Their journey of exploration begins when they see a strange new star in the sky, and despite the risks they take on their long journey, they eventually come into the presence of Jesus where they offer him precious gifts.

Through these almost mystical visitors to Jesus, we can perhaps see our own journey of faith, a journey which will no doubt also involve an element of risk and vulnerability, a journey that leads us to Jesus, where we give him all that we have to offer. Our hearts.

So, on twelfth night, the Feast of the Epiphany, as all the decorations are taken down and packed away in the loft or the garage until next year, let us remember the Christmas story continues, as we look forward to Jesus being presented in the temple to Simeon and Anna, the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, the gathering of his disciples and of course, travelling on our journey with Him to the Easter story and beyond.

May I wish you all a blessed 2022, with all the possibilities and opportunities it holds.

Love and Blessings,

**Rev Mandy x**

**St Felix and Café Church**

On **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January**, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, we will be worshipping at St Felix, in a very different way to the normal Sunday Service, and will be coming together in the style of a café.

So, what happens at Cafe Church?



Well, Cafe Church is church with a difference. Instead of sitting in rows in the pews, everyone will be seated around tables. There will be coffee and croissants, tea and pastries, there will still be hymns or songs, prayers and bible readings which we can discuss together, all the while enjoying worship in an informal setting.

If you are looking for something different from your church, come and join us!

**Rev Mandy**

**Just an update** - we made 23 p short of £400 at the Church Fayre, £240 on the hamper raffle and the rest donations for the soup and food. As you know it is meant to be a social gathering not a fund raiser - that is a bonus. So I thank you all who donated to the hampers so generously on behalf of St Margaret's PCC, Yours **Pat**



**JANUARY CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Shottisham	Morning Praise	Helene Berry
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	11.00am	Sutton	Morning Praise	Helen Shand
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	11.00am	Sutton	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	9.30am	Shottisham	Family Communion	Rev Mandy

**Billy the Fish** is **not** coming for 3 weeks as the boats aren't going out at the moment.

**The mobile library** is at The Knoll on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** 3.00 to 3.20 pm.

**Food Bank** - Thank you to the Sorrel Horse quizzers, villagers and a large donation we managed to fill 9 large boxes, which we took to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Woodbridge "Christmas Week" for which they were very grateful, *Dawn*



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	

The surgery will be **closed on 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](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk)

**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*

**THE SORREL HORSE** Everyone at the Sorrel Horse wants to thank you for all of your support during 2021, which was quite a challenging year! We wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope to see you in 2022. From January we will be starting our themed nights on a Wednesday again so keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details or contact the pub directly. Happy New Year!

*Father Christmas at The Sorrel*



## Shottisham Campsite

Happy New Year from all the animals at Shottisham Campsite (and Claire and James). May 2022 bring peace. If you are wondering how to recycle your Christmas tree the campsite goats would love to help. They will happily eat any natural tree that doesn't have decorations (!). You can drop the tree off just inside the campsite gate or email us

at [bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com](mailto:bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com) (or phone 411247) and we can collect it. Here are some of my girls snuggling with JJ a friend's billy goat who has been visiting for a few weeks - we are expecting baby goat in early May. We have some exciting news coming about the Blue Rabbit Cafe too so watch this space for more details in February .....take care, *Claire*



## Shottisham Parish Council

### WALKING IN SHOTTISHAM

You are all fully aware that Shottisham does not have the benefit of pavements, a situation that is not going to change. Peter Widdup regularly moves our SID device around the village which contributes to slowing the traffic down. However, you can add to your safety by ensuring that when walking you walk facing the oncoming traffic and if possible wear easily visible clothing. The Parish Council are regularly reviewing road safety but even the cost of investigation places a considerable strain on our financial resources, we will continue to look for grants to assist in this process, *Ray Kay*

The next **Parish Council meeting** will be on **Tuesday 11th January**, WI Trust Hall at 7:30 pm. Ideally come along and take part but if you can't do that and have any matters to bring to the Council's attention please e-mail Lesley Roberts our Parish Clerk on [shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com),

### LOCAL INTEREST IN JANUARY

Tickets available for Sleeping Beauty at The Seckford Theatre, Woodbridge on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 2 to 5pm.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/woodbridge/seckford-theatre/sleeping-beauty/e-yyxqov>

Suffolk Punch Trust Café/shop open Monday & Wednesday 10.30am-3.00pm

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 3.00 - 4.40 pm. Treasure Island Livestreamed in Hollesley village hall.

Marsh Farm RSPB Reserve Hollesley 10am-2pm every day (Closed 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec-4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** Coffee & Chat – 10.30am, 1 Eastfields, Bawdsey

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** knit and natter at Sutton Memorial Hall 2 – 4 pm.

**Bawdsey Boathouse Café** is closed, open New Year's Day if good weather *photo by Mike*

**Chair Based Exercises** Bawdsey Village Hall every Tuesday 11.15 -12.15 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](mailto:yogajane21@gmail.com) 07850 994707.



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