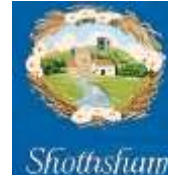


Shottisham Village Newsletter



Dear Reader,

I am sure many of you will be saying as your Village Voices drops through your letterbox, "Another month has gone, where does the time go?"

Everything that lives is on a life journey. I think we may forget that all the journeys progress through time, as well as ours.

Les hits a milestone this month and reaches 80.

Mostly, he says he does not feel as if he has journeyed for 80 years, well 81 actually since birth, but it is not the same for all of us.

There are ups and downs, happiness and sorrow, but the days will pass, one day at a time.

Jesus journeyed through his birth, presentation, baptism, temptation, ministry, betrayal, trial, death, resurrection and ascension.

What a journey, just as with us, highs and lows.

But our spiritual journey continues – God has left His Holy Spirit with us, the third part of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit – The Trinity - and the Holy Spirit continues to guide us on our journey. But Jesus offers us help through all of these varying times.

Jesus can be our friend, our best friend, if we allow him into our lives.

You may hear a lot about those who pray, perhaps you have been asked if prayers can be offered for your personal situation.

Praying is different for each person, some talk to God as a friend, others use the words of well-known prayers; others are just enveloped by light and silence. Whatever you feel at ease with is your way.

Within the church today are so many opportunities to explore your thoughts, moods and concerns. Your questions can be answered or discussed.

Contact your local church to find out the events that will suit your needs, or better still talk to the Priest.

Yours in retirement, *Rev Judith*

Services in June in Shottisham

4th Family communion 9.30

11th Morning Praise 11 am

18th Evensong

Bark and brunch at The Rectory **Wednesday 28th 9 to 11 am**

St Margaret's Campsite and The Blue Rabbit Cafe



Hello from the campsite and Blue Rabbit Cafe. May finished with 4 baby goats being born. A single called Lollipop and triplets who haven't told me their names yet. We are still waiting for one Aaliyah to have her babies in early June and of course we are expecting baby alpacas in June too watch this space for more news.

The cafe has now reopened fully ie 9.30 to 1.30 on Saturdays and Sundays as I am feeling quite a bit better after my surgery. Back on the menu are homemade waffles with homemade caramel sauce and homegrown strawberries. I think I may have also found the perfect toastie recipe so why not pop by

to try it out and see if you agree. As usual there is always a selection of homemade cakes and my sausage and bacon buns made with our own rare breed pork and homegrown leaves - the Blue Rabbit is very much a farm to fork cafe. We also have lots of vegetarian and vegan choices.

The bees have been thinking about swarming a lot because of the good weather, but all the luscious blossom this early summer means that there will be some Blue Rabbit raw honey again very soon.

Hope to see you soon, *Claire x*





goats on the heath



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

Thursday 15th June from 13.00: staff training. Aldeburgh surgery will be open for booking future appointments. Alderton and Orford surgeries will be closed.
 All calls will be redirected to 111 for this afternoon.

Reception

When you call the surgery, the phone will be answered by one of our experienced care navigators. They are highly trained to direct queries and care needs to the appropriate health or social teams. They are an integral part of the surgery and ensure patients are directed to the care they need at the earliest available time.

Compassionate Companions

Compassionate Communities is part of a local project to support living life fully before we die, providing companions for people and families affected by life-limiting illness, and starting conversations about end of life. If you or a loved one is interested in this and would like to find out more, in terms of becoming a companion, or looking for support, please contact the surgery.

Let’s celebrate the completion of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon c/o the village of Shottisham

Friday 30th June 17.30 to 20.30 at Rushlake House, Shottisham

RSVP to Gary glmemi@yahoo.co.uk



Dear Resident

I am delighted to be back as your district councillor, especially when the majority of Suffolk coastal councillors lost their seats

The council now stands as 16 green. 15 conservative, 12 labour, 11 lib dem and 1 independent.

Greens and Lib dem are likely to be in coalition and we will see how that develops

I will of course be keeping them in check especially in continuing the focus on the environment - water quality and biodiversity in particular and making sure decisions benefit our community

Over the last year I pushed hard to implement a number of important initiatives, small changes perhaps but the start of a bigger impact. Small electrical recycling bins, allocation of spring bulbs under our East Suffolk blooms campaign and an increase in the number of pardon the weeds sites. Much work continues in Lowestoft to deliver improvements – third crossing , sea defences and beach huts.

I have been chair of the Suffolk Waste Partnership for a number of years and have worked hard with officers to investigate and prepare for new collection streams, bins and vehicles.

I hope very much my vision of environmentally sustainable communities continues and will make sure I continue to lobby Suffolk County Council, our MPs and all stakeholders to support these aims.

Your view and concerns are important and I will continue to offer guidance and sign posting and will articulate your views through the processes of east Suffolk, and any issues please do not hesitate to contact me James.mallinder@eastsoffolk.gov.uk - here to help

Shottisham WI

Shottisham WI has enjoyed a year of monthly meetings, walks and outings including talks about Morris dancing and famous Suffolk people and walks along the coast and to local towns ending in lunch out.

We celebrated the Queens Jubilee with a glass of bubbly and a slice of cake also enjoying a visit from Coxwell Suffolk Punch Stud. Sadly, at a later date, we reflected on the passing of our wonderful Queen.

The book club meets monthly after reading a book one of the members has chosen. We enjoy evenings of lively discussion, laughter and the occasional glass of wine!

Our Orchard produced a good amount of fruit last year which was shared by WI members, the surplus offered to the people of Shottisham. We enjoyed Apple crumble and Apple cake at several meeting with our home grown produce.

We have obtained funding to cover the work and hope that the long awaited upgrade to the toilet area, to disabled facilities standard, will be completed later this year.

Our hall is available to hire at very competitive rates for parties, meetings etc.

At our recent Plant and Cake sale we were blessed with a warm sunny day and raised over £1,100.00. This should cover the annual hall insurance cost.

Shottisham WI meets at the Trust Hall once a month, usually on a Wednesday afternoon and has a programme of events throughout the year.

Our membership numbers continue to grow. If you would like to join Shottisham WI, enjoy companionship, walk to help your fitness and mental wellbeing, listen to interesting speakers for education and enlightenment, please contact me for more details. Diane Fleming. Shottisham WI Secretary.

Telephone 01394 411870 or email dillypal@outlook.com."

The Sorrel Horse

PIZZA'S ARE BACK! We are delighted to announce that we are going to firing up the Pizza Oven every Friday night during the summer months! You can order between 5pm - 8pm every Friday, drinks available to enjoy while you wait on the decking! Please call 01394 411617 to order or go visit the pizza barn to place your order. Thanks, *Rebecca*

SHOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Peter Widdup proposed that Councillor Ray Kay continue as Chairman for 2023-2024 and thanked him for all his hard work as chairman last year. This was seconded by Councillor Philip Bouscarle and carried unanimously. Councillors were very pleased to welcome James Campbell onto the council as a newly co-opted councillor. This brings the total number of councillors back up to six but there is still room for one more if anyone is interested?

Update on Playground Issues

- **Maintenance issues**

The issues identified in the RoSPA report have not been addressed as yet because of the difficulty in finding a company who would be prepared to take the work on. Councillor Ray Kay has now sourced a handyman who is willing to take on the work so he will be given a trial to check on quality

- **Playground role**

Councillors have agreed to split the playground role up between themselves from now on as the role is so large and has been done so admirably by Pat Southgate. It will be split into four smaller roles which will include equipment maintenance, grass maintenance, monthly checklists and equipment research. Hopefully, this will be more manageable for everyone.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th July at 7:30 pm in the Trust Hall.

Full minutes from the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Parish 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

BIG LUNCH FOR THE CORONATION

Thank you to all the people for helping to set up and clear up afterwards, for cutting the grass, for loans of Gazebos, table, chairs and for all the amazing food and the financial contribution from the Parish Council, for all the people that attended we hope you all enjoyed it. We were blessed with the beautiful weather and the day had a really good community spirit, which was the intention, *Ray & Dawn*



The Coronation picnic was a very pleasant village event. Thank you to Dawn, Katie and Ray and all the other helpers.



LOCAL EVENTS IN JUNE

1st Breakfast – 9.00-10.30am, Sutton Memorial Hall, book with Sue 411793

Mobile library at The Knoll, Shottisham 3 to 3.20 pm on **Tuesday 20th**

Quizzes – Quizzes are at The Swan, Alderton on **Wednesday 14th and Wednesday 28th at 8 pm.**

Alderton Swan is open

Thursdays/Fridays/Saturdays 6-10pm , and Sundays 12-3pm

Boathouse Café Open Thursday to Monday 11.00am-5.00pm and ferry running daily to Felixstowe Ferry

Suffolk Punch Trust/Café open 10.30am-4.00pm, not open Tuesday

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 Simon Cake 07710 523856 simon.cake@outlook.com

