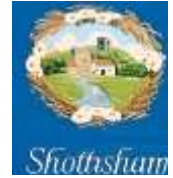


Shottisham Village Newsletter



Dear friends

When the Saints Go Marching In 🎵🎵🎵🎵

From an early age I inherited an interest in traditional jazz from my father as I listened to his old records, featuring among others Louis Armstrong, Bix Biederbeck and the then young Chris Barber, Acker Bilk and Kenny Ball. One of the earliest songs I remember listening to was Kenny Ball's jazzmen playing When the Saints Go Marching In. I am sure many people are familiar with the chorus of the song:

Oh, when the saints go marching in
 Oh, when the saints go marching in
 Lord, how I want to be in that number
 When the saints go marching in.

The reason why I mention this is that on the first Sunday in November the Church celebrates All Saints Day. Many people who are familiar with the major Church festivals such a Christmas and Easter may be unaware of All Saints Day, and that it is such an important date in our Church calendar. So, what do we as a Church celebrate on All Saints Day? The short answer is the communion of saints. This is our belief as a church that all of God's people, both on earth and in heaven are part of one communion. Because of our common communion with and through Jesus Christ, our prayers are joined together with the heavenly community of Christians. Therefore, on All Saints Day we remember all the saints who have gone before us. Some saints, such as St Mary, St John, St Peter and St Bartholomew are well known, and have their own special day in the Church calendar. But on All Saints Day we remember all the saints, both known and unknown. This covers all those people who have died in the Christian faith: our family and friends, famous people and all those we have never met or even heard of, but who in their lives quietly demonstrated their Christian faith. What a wonderful thought that those we remember on this day are praying with us and for us in heaven, and that one day we will join them. Which brings us back to the hope expressed in the final two verses of the song:

Lord, how I want to be in that number
 When the saints go marching in.

And when we are tempted to think we will never live up to their standard, let us remember Nelson Mandela's wise words: "I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying."
 God Bless. Reverend Giles

Services in October in Shottisham

Sunday 1st 9.30 family communion

Sunday 8th 1100 morning praise

Sunday 15th 6.00 evensong

Wednesday 25th Bark and brunch at The Rectory 9 to 11 am



We all found our singing voices at the allotment **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 17th September. Thank you Kathy for the welcome refreshments afterwards.

The Church bike ride Saturday 9th September

Diana and I took our bikes across to Felixstowe, met other friends and visited the 12 churches in the town before a welcome lunchtime swim in the sea, Nicky Anne Buswell - I crossed over to Felixstowe Ferry with Nicky and others. Before that I had started at Shottisham and then been to Ramsholt, Alderton and Bawdsey churches. I then signed myself in at Felixstowe Ferry chapel before going on to the two Trimley churches, Kirton (missed the sign and had to backtrack), Falkenham, Newbourne (nearly missed this one too), St. Mary's Woodbridge, St John's Woodbridge, St Andrew's Melton and finishing at All Saints, Sutton at 13.30. As usual everyone was very welcoming and there were plenty of biscuits and drink for which I was very grateful in the later stages.



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

The surgery will be closed on Wednesday 11th October from 13.00: staff training. Alderton surgery will be open for booking future appointments, and the dispensary will be open for collections. Aldeburgh and Orford surgeries will be closed. All calls will be redirected to 111 for this afternoon.

Vaccinations We are pleased to have completed our three large scale winter vaccination clinics across our practice surgeries. This contributes to the majority of our vulnerable patient population having greater protection from winter illnesses. Thank you to our staff, volunteers and patients who enabled this. If you believe you are in one of the eligible groups and missed your vaccination, please call the surgery to find out about possible opportunities to get your vaccination.

Compassionate Companions Training Have you got 1 hour a week to spare to support a person within your local community? People approaching the end of their lives need medical care for only 5% of the time - we aim to make the other 95% as rich and essential as possible. To find out more, please search this link (<https://www.compassionate-communities.co.uk>) or contact the team at bill.thompson1@nhs.net.

Shottisham WI In October, the Shottisham WI will meet at the Trust Hall on **Wednesday 11th** at 2pm. The two speakers will be from Woodbridge Salvation Army. They will tell us about the Woodbridge Food Bank that they organise, and of other community services that they provide. If any non-WI members would like to attend our meeting as guests, please contact me. Just a small donation would be required. Tea and cake will also be served.

We have harvested the fruit from the orchard behind the hall. The crop was not as prolific as last year, but there are still a few spare apples left. Please contact me if you would like some and it can be arranged.

Diane Fleming, Secretary Shottisham WI 01394 411870 dillypal@outlook.com 01394 411870

BLUE RABBIT CAFÉ

Hello everyone, the Blue Rabbit Cafe will be open for the next couple of weekends, but with shorter opening hours. We will be open 9.30-12 on Saturday and Sundays, so pop along for some delicious coffee, bacon and heritage tomato buns and of course a selection of delicious cakes, waffles and toasties. We are also pleased to say that we have retained our Food Hygiene Rating of 5 - hurray!

Other good news is that the Blue Rabbit Cafe, smallholding and campsite will be featured on the Channel 5 series Norfolk and Suffolk: Country and Coast. The team came and followed me around for a day, milking goats, working in the cafe, growing the veggies and fruit for the cafe and lastly taking the children from the campsite animal feeding. It is narrated by Bill Nighy! The show will be aired on Wednesday 11th October at 8pm and also includes Pinneys' Oysters, Norfolk Cathedral, the Great Ship in Woodbridge and Martlesham Wilds.

On the smallholding, I am getting the bees ready for winter, harvesting butternut squash and raspberries and thinking about which goats to breed for next year's kids and milk. take care Claire xx



SHOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman and Secretary recently hosted a Joint Peninsula Parish Council meeting.

Subjects discussed for action included: 20mph initiative for Suffolk, problems of mud residue on the roads and farmers' responsibility, speeding generally with specific emphasis on the B1152 in Bromeswell, and communication problems with mobiles and the planned removal of landlines by BT (2025)

Next PC meeting is 7:30 at the WI Trust Hall on Tuesday 14th November.

Lesley Roberts, Clerk to Shottisham Parish Council Shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com 01394 410581

SORREL HORSE

AGM Saturday 18th November 2023 11am at St Margaret's Church, Shottisham.

Shareholders and villagers are invited to the AGM of the Sorrel Horse Shottisham Ltd

Allotments - we are lucky in the village to have our own allotments for the villagers in Shottisham. As the village changes with people coming and going there becomes an opportunity to have an allotment. If you are interested in a plot please contact me either via email: terriesbsl@hotmail.co.uk or you can pop down and see me in Tower cottage, church lane (by the allotments) Thank you, *Terrie*



Derek and his giant sunflowers

LOCAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- 7th Breakfast – 9.00-10.30am, Sutton Memorial Hall, book with Sue 411793
- 7th Anne-Marie's MacMillan Coffee Morning – 10.00am-12.00pm, Bawdsey Village Hall
- 7th Bawdsey History Afternoon – 2.30pm, Bawdsey Village Hall, Quilters, Manor & War
- 14th Jumble Sale – 2.00pm, Sutton Memorial Hall
- 14th Harvest Supper – 6.30pm, Bawdsey Village Hall
- 21st Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm, Bawdsey Village Hall
- 22nd BHYC Coach Trip to Thames Barrier/Cutty Sark/Greenwich
- 28th Halloween Pop-Up-Pub – 7.00-11.00pm, Bawdsey Village Hall, BBQ

Deben Ferry weekends only 10.00am-5.00pm

Boathouse Café open Thursday-Monday 11.00am-5.00pm

Suffolk Punch Trust/Café open Friday-Monday 10.30am-4.00pm (half-term open daily except Tues)

Yoga with Ellie Tuesday, 9.00-10.00am, Bawdsey Village Hall, contact Rawdon 411459

Chair-based Exercise Class Tuesday 10.30am, Village Hall, ring Jane 411373

Poppy's Café Rock Barracks open Mon-Thurs 9.15am-2.00pm

Thrift Shop Rock Barracks, open Mon-Fri, 8.00am-4.00pm (closes Noon on Fri)

Marsh Farm Café RSPB Reserve Hollesley open 10.00am-2.00pm daily

Pete's Pizzas, Shottisham – Ring 07850 815486 for days/times

Mobile library at The Knoll, Shottisham 3 to 3.20 pm on **Tuesday 10th**

Quizzes – Quizzes are at The Swan, Alderton on **Wednesday 4th and Wednesday 18th at 8 pm.**

Alderton Swan is open Thursdays/Fridays/Saturdays 6-10pm, and Sundays 12-3pm



PETER NICHOLS

Peter was born in Lilac Cottage, Shottisham in 1934. He worked as a builder and engineer partnering his Dad Chalker Nichols before taking on the business himself. When he married Jenny they moved in to Deben View which he had built and he continued to work until he was 82. Peter loved his shire horse Lottie which he learnt to ride at 60 and also enjoyed driving her. A real Shottisham character he will be missed. Our thoughts are with Jenny, Mark, Marie and their families.



Peter Nichols' funeral is on Thursday 5th October, 11:30 at St Margaret's Shottisham. Beforehand he will make his last journey through the village drawn by shire horses from his house to The Trust Hall, up to Heath Drive and back to the church.

Welcome to Emily and Johnny Klug who have moved into 6 New Houses



As we are moving up to Scotland after 37 years in the village I am handing the village newsletter on to Natalie who has very kindly volunteered. If you no longer want to receive a newsletter please let Natalie know, Nicky

For contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact **Natalie Brett** nataliebrett64@gmail.com by **25th** of previous month. For church-related information please contact Rev Simon Cake 07710 523856 simon.cake@outlook.com