



Village Newsletter April 2026 Issue 292

If you have any updates for the May newsletter, please send to me by the 28th April. Warm wishes, Natalie
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Defibrillator code C159 X, located at the back of Sorrel Horse pub.



Spring has sprung.

Dear Resident,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent, unprecedented surge in heating oil prices, which is hitting our rural communities in East Suffolk. While households on mains gas and electricity have the relative protection of the energy price cap, the 1.5 million UK households reliant on off-grid heating oil—including thousands in our district—are left entirely exposed to an unregulated and volatile market.

In just the past week, local residents have reported prices more than doubling, with some quotes jumping from around 59p per litre to over £1.25. This volatility, exacerbated by recent global instability is a direct threat to the wellbeing of our most vulnerable neighbours, particularly the elderly and those in deep fuel poverty.

As your local district councillor who has long championed environmental responsibility and social mobility, I believe we must address this inequality. It is simply unacceptable that rural residents should face such sharp, sudden increases without any of the safeguards afforded to urban areas.

Therefore, I have urged our government to take immediate action to investigate potential profiteering by suppliers who increase prices beyond wholesale costs. Implement a price cap or transparency scheme for domestic heating oil to provide the same level of fairness and stability found in the regulated energy market. And grants to help homes to move away from fuel oil dependency or to increase efficiencies of our homes.

We cannot control global conflicts, but we can—and must—control how we protect our residents here at home.

Our rural communities deserve better than to be left out in the cold.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr James Mallinder

Shottisham WI.

We now have 3 swift boxes attached to the WI Trust Hall and hope they will support Swifts in the future. It can take several years for the birds to occupy them, but it would be nice to hope we can help the Swifts declining numbers to once again increase in Shottisham.

Saturday May 2nd 10am to 1pm.

Our annual Plant and Cake sale will be held on Saturday May 2nd from 10am to 1pm at the WI Trust Hall. Any donated items for the general raffle, gardening raffle, tombola, plants and produce or cakes to sell would be gratefully received.

Tables inside the hall for £10.00 will be available to hire, per trestle table, to sell crafts etc. Table numbers limited. All proceeds will help the running costs of the hall and go towards our new kitchen project.

Please come and join us for a hot drink, glass of squash, selection of cakes, sausage rolls etc and enjoy a good old-fashioned natter and catch up.

We look forward to welcoming you.

There will also be a collection box on the day for tinned and dried food, toiletries and pet food. These will be sent to the Food Bank at the Salvation Army, Woodbridge, who we support.

If you would like to join Shottisham WI, this year's annual membership is £54.00, starting on April 1st. We enjoy a monthly meeting, with a variety of enjoyable speakers or activities, walks, garden visits, lunches, theatre visits, outings, a book club and more. New members are always welcome, or come as a guest for your first meeting, to see what we are all about and if you would like to join.

For any questions regarding the Plant and cake sale or WI membership, please contact Diane Fleming dillypal@outlook.com or tel. 01394411870.

HOLLESLEY GARDENING CLUB - we meet in Hollesley Village Hall @ 7.30pm.

Our speaker on 30th April is 'Transition Woodbridge' who are giving a presentation about Ponds.

If you would like to come along as a guest it's £5.00 on the night, or why not join us?

Membership costs £20 per year, for more information contact Sue Barnes 01394 411579

The Easter Message 2026 "He has swallowed up death in victory"

Dear All,

The Easter message is a 'dawning' in our hearts and the hearts of all that "He has swallowed up death in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54) , which proclaims that Jesus Christ's resurrection has conquered death. This promises freedom from the fear of death, transforming it from a final defeat into eternal life, where mortality is replaced by immortality. The "sting" of death, sin, is defeated through Christ's sacrifice. A message of hope, assuring us that death is not final. Isaiah (25:8), prophesies a future where God "will swallow up death forever". Christ's resurrection guarantees that those who follow Him will also be raised to eternal life.

This central message of Easter focuses on the triumph of life over the grave. 'For God so loved the world that he gives His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.'(John 3.16)

Easter marks the most hopeful and powerful moment in history: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is the celebration of God's promise fulfilled and the victory of life over death, sorrow turns to joy and death gives way to life.

He willingly gave His life so that we could be forgiven and restored to the realisation that, 'I and my Father are One', the true relationship with God in the heart of All. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." His resurrection was physical and real.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day so that through Him we can be made new, and given eternal life.

The paradox of human life runs through the Easter story and in the scenes that daily come before our eyes — at one moment, terrible images of human suffering and, in another, heroic acts in war-torn countries, where humanitarians of every kind risk their own lives to protect the lives of others. The abiding message of Easter is that God so loved the world — that He sent His son to show us how to love one another, and to lay down His own life for others in a love stronger than death. There are three virtues that the world still needs — faith, hope and love. “And the greatest of these is love”. It is with this truth in mind, and heart, that I wish you all a blessed and peaceful Easter.

love and blessings. The Rev'd Dr Stephen Peter Thompson

Easter egg hunt, Saturday 4th April, 2pm-4.30pm at The Place By The Water.





Shares for the Sorrel Horse are available to buy please contact Natalie on nataliebrett64@gmail.com for further information.

WHAT'S ON?

- 4 Apr Easter Extravaganza – 10.00am, the Bawdsey Hall
- 5 Apr Easter Egg Hunt at Alderton Rec. Ground. Meet at the Pavillion at 10.30am
 £1 per child
- 6 Apr Family Easter Egg Hunt – 2.00-4.00pm, Hollesley Church
- 7 Apr Craft Group – 7.30pm, Bawdsey Hall

13 Apr Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, Bawdsey Hall
18 Apr Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm, the Hall
21 Apr Craft Group – 7.30pm, Bawdsey Hall
27 Apr Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, Bawdsey Hall
30 Apr Hollesley Gardening Club – 7.30pm, Hollesley Village Hall

Marsh Barn Café RSPB Reserve, Hollesley 10.00am-2.00pm daily
Mobile Post Office every Thursday 11.30am-12.30pm, Alderton Village Hall
Chair-based Exercise Class 10.30am, Bawdsey Hall, ring Jane 41137
Suffolk Police www.suffolkpolice.uk email woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk
Yoga with Darren Suspended until May
Fish & Chips at Hollesley Rec. Ground Friday's 11.30am-2pm

Woodhall Manor

Fireworks on 12th April at 10.30pm and on 26th April at 9.30pm

FOOD BANK

WE WILL BE PUTTING TOGETHER 2 SPECIAL BOXES FOR EASTER. IF ANYONE HAS ANYTHING THEY WISH TO CONTRIBUTE PLEASE LET US KNOW, WE WILL NEED TO HAVE THEM BY WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL WE CAN COLLECT OR LEAVE IN THE PORCH AT BROOK COTTAGE,
THANK YOU - DAWN & RAY

ADVANCED WARNING

4th MAY THERE WILL BE AN EVENT AT ALDERTON RECREATION GROUND INCLUDING STALLS BETWEEN 11AM-4PM
MORE INFORMATION NEXT MONTH

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The Peninsula Practice



You will **automatically** receive an appointment for your long-term condition much like the Hospital does, **by Email, NHS App, or letter.**

You will **automatically** receive an appointment for your long-term condition in a **timely and organised** way, **without** you having to remember to contact the Surgery to book it.

All necessary **blood tests** will be done before your reviews. Your actual review appointment will usually be a **telephone consultation** with a member of our nursing team, but if you prefer, you can request a face-to-face appointment at the Surgery.

From April 2026 onwards, appointments will be automatically **scheduled in the month of your birth.**

To ensure you are reviewed at the correct time, you may notice this change before April if your birth month falls within the early part of the rollout.

We are excited about this change and expect it to provide better care, reduce delays in long-term condition reviews and make the process efficient.

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