



Village Newsletter

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If you have any updates for the August newsletter, please send to me by the 28th July, warm wishes, Natalie
Nataliebrett64@gmail.com

Defibrillator code C159 X, located at the back of Sorrel Horse pub.



Allotments – we still have a number of vacant plots available. If you are interested, please contact Terrie via email – terriebsl@hotmail.co.uk or 410134

Shares for the Sorrel Horse are available to buy please contact Natalie on nataliebrett64@gmail.com for further information. If you are interested in being a Director for Sorrel Horse Shottisham Ltd, please contact Natalie, nataliebrett64@gmail.com; Dana, danab@live.co.uk; Clare, lbyellis@googlemail.com

Shottisham Parish Council

The next meeting will be held in the Trust Hall, Tuesday 14 July at 7pm.
All welcome!

18th July 2026

Your Deben Ward District Councillor, James Mallinder will be holding a drop in surgery

(no appointment needed), at:

Sutton Village Hall: 2:00 – 3.00

Hollesley village Hall: 3.30 - 4.40

SHOTTISHAM WI.

If you have ever thought about joining us, Shottisham WI have a lot of events coming up for members before the end of the year.

At our monthly meetings held in the beautiful Trust Hall at 2pm, on the second Wednesday of the month, we have a variety of people come to speak or entertain us.

July 8th. Lilianna, The Suffolk Harpist.

August 12th. Ali Norman, Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station.

September 9th. Andrew Wiltshire, Storyteller.

October 14th. Lucy Lewis, Bomb Disposal Expert.

November 11th. Annual Meeting.

December 9th. Christmas Party or Dinner.

In July we have planned lunch at Hollesley Marsh Barn Cafe and a walk around the RSPB reserve.

We will also be visiting The Red House in Aldeburgh, home of Benjamin Britten composer, and will take a picnic to help keep costs down.

During August a party of us will go to Sutton Hoo to see "12th Night" performed by the brilliant Red Rose Chain, once again with a picnic.

There will be other walks, outings and Theatre visits too.

Why not join us? Membership works out at less than £4.50 per month.

Diane Fleming, President Shottisham WI.

Email dillypal@outlook.com.

Summer Fete - Planning Meeting

Anyone who would like to help plan the Summer Fete again this year is invited to join the fete planning meeting on Wednesday evening, 1st July at 7:30pm at the pub.

Everyone is invited and all ideas, comments, and help will be appreciated!

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PASTORAL LETTER JULY 2026

Confined to barracks for a while I have been drawn into the thoughts of our mentors speaking to me online from the pulpits of cathedrals, as we transitioned to the long green season of Ordinary time and as I count 21 weeks between Trinity Sunday and 25 October. We will already be four or five weeks in by the time we begin our month of July, during which time our lectionary notes celebratory days for the apostles Thomas and James, and for Jesus's companions Mary and Martha and Lazarus, and also for Mary Magdalene on her festival day 22 July – a prompt to us all to do as she was bid, to go and spread the news.

Jesus has returned to the Father, yet these days of celebration of individual disciples, as well as of so many other ordinary people, serve to make sure we don't forget what kind of person he was, calling fishermen and a tax collector to discipleship, teaching through parables, healing and cleansing the sick and diseased. These were ordinary daily activities for Jesus, albeit extraordinary in our eyes, not something that any of us could think of doing.

Excavation and research in Turkey is exposing the extraordinary, that is remnants of buildings and settlements indicating possibly large gatherings of people in Christian worship in 3rd century CE and in one underground tomb in Iznik, a huge, perfectly preserved fresco, of Jesus as shepherd standing with sheep in a meadow full of grasses and flowers, dressed in a Roman knee length toga with short dark hair (and no beard). It is believed that political and economic difficulties of the Roman Empire, low infant mortality, general opposition to Emperor worship and imperialism all helped to foster the appeal and growth of early Christianity, especially in present day Turkey, and around Ephesus.

[<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/archaeology/turkey-christianity-jesus-picture-iznik-archaeology-b2986393.html>]

Extraordinary in the ordinary is a bit like Trinity itself, isn't it? The father always there from the beginning, the Son come to redeem us, and the Holy Spirit gathering us all up together in the love of God, uniting us and not dividing us. We are hearing our theologians speak more directly about the threats in our society now, as artificial intelligence gains momentum and as power finds its way to those whose values do not seem very like our own. There is a fear which our Christian mentors seek to

calm, encouraging us that the Spirit of Truth has now come upon us opening the way for the Holy Spirit to energise us and take up the challenges which present themselves, loving one another in our communities ever more fiercely to build and rebuild, to unite not divide and to include not exclude. This is a voice resounding strongly in what I have read about Pope Leo's long pastoral letter, his Magnificat Humanitas, which could be holiday reading for all of us. May concentrated power be diluted wherever it exists. And he ends with the Magnificat of that other wondrous Mary, the mother of Jesus, the prayer we all love, Roman Catholic or not: He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

Enjoy the summer,

Janet Bishop

Reader

What's on...

HOLLESLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our July meeting takes place on **30th July at 7.30pm** in Hollesley Village Hall

The speaker is Mike Abel who is going to talk about growing soft fruit.

For more information contact Sue Barnes 01394 411579

Sorrel Horse, Shottisham

Quiz nights Thursday 9th and 23rd July, 7.30pm, booking advisable

Karaoke, Saturday 18th, 7pm

Fish and Chips Hollesley Recreation Ground every Friday Lunch Time between 12-2pm

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, the Hall, ring Jane 411373

Suffolk Police www.suffolkpolice.uk email woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Yoga with Darren returns from Wednesday 6 May, 9.30am, the Hall, £10/session

Deben Ferry 1 May-30 September daily, 10.00am-5.00pm, dependant on weather

