



Village Newsletter

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If you have any updates for the December newsletter, please send to me by the 27th November. Warm wishes, Natalie

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



Shottisham Allotments - we have plenty of plots still available, now is a great time to get a plot and start to get it ready for spring. The allotment rent is a set price each year and any vacant plots still have to be paid for; it will be great if we could fill these empty plots. If you are interested, please contact me via email - terriesbsl@hotmail.co.uk thanks Terrie

Shottisham Village Christmas Meal - Saturday 5 December at the Sorrel Horse at 7.00 p.m., eating at 7.30.

If you would like to come to the village meal please either email me, terriesbsl@hotmail.co.uk or send me a WhatsApp and I will add you to the list. You will then need to give me your menu choice and £5 deposit no later than Friday 27 November so I can get the list to the pub (menu is available at the pub). Please note that places are limited, thanks Terrie

SHOTTISHAM WI.

We are very pleased that our WI Trust Hall kitchen project is now finally complete.

We are very pleased with the result; we have waited a long time!

On Saturday 7th November, we have a first responder, Colin Davis, coming to give a training session of how to use a defibrillator and EpiPens.

Everyone is welcome to attend. You could save a life with this knowledge.

If you came before, come along to refresh your memory of what to do.

At the last event, 22 people attended and all felt they had benefitted from the training, giving us all the confidence to be able to help if the situation arose.

It will be held at The WI Trust Hall from 11am to 1pm.

At 1pm, after the training, we will have the official opening of the new kitchen. There will be cake and bubbles (or tea if you prefer!) To celebrate. All welcome.

If you would like to come to either, or both events, please email me.

Diane

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Shottisham Parish Council

Please note that the next meeting of the parish council will take place on Tuesday **10th November at 7:00 pm in the Trust Hall.**

Full minutes from the last meeting can be found on the Shottisham Village website at: <https://shottisham-pc.gov.uk>

Lesley Roberts, Clerk to Shottisham Parish Council clerk@shottisham-pc.gov.uk
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Summer Fete Results:

The Parish Church Council would like to thank all of the villagers for your support at the summer Fete this year. Although we had the bad luck of the Fete coinciding with one of the few very rainy days of the summer and had adapt by moving activities indoors, we still had very good attendance and managed to raise £1325.95! This fundraising is an essential part of meeting the church's annual running costs that include insurance, electricity, ground maintenance/mowing, food/drink/stationary expenses, and our "parish share" payment required each year to the Church of England. Thank you for your support.

Church Maintenance and Repairs:

This summer we undertook two sets of repairs to the church. First and most significantly, essential and long overdue repairs to the loose and crumbling historic plaster on the interior walls of the tower were completed. This was significant work, and we're happy to say it was successful. Separately, we had fix a degraded connection between one of the rafters and collar beams over the nave that had slipped over time. Fortunately, this ended up being a simple repair but still required a scaffold tower for access.

Additionally, and separate to the tower plaster repairs, a small section of plaster recently fell from the ceiling near the main porch entrance door. Unfortunately, this

has prevented us from opening the church to the public on a daily basis like usual for the last few weeks. It is also clear that several other relatively small sections of loose ceiling plaster at the back of the church need investigation once a scaffold tower can provide access for an up-close inspection, and we anticipate that both the fallen section and the other loose areas will require repairs soon. We're currently obtaining quotations for the work and looking into how to pay for these repairs. In the meantime, we'll need to keep the church closed while repairs are organised, except that services and other events will be able to continue by entering through the small "priest's door" at the front of the church and roping off the back of the church to prevent access to the area below loose plaster.

Stay tuned for more info as things develop, and thanks for your understanding.

Jeremy Emerson & the PCC



**November 1st- Family Communion
Service 9.30AM**

**November 8th - Remembrance Service at
Sutton Church 10.50AM**

November 15th - Evensong 6PM



The Rectors Ramblings – November 2026

The clocks have gone back, and the nights are drawing in, Autumn is coming to a close, and winter is about to set in. And of course, Strictly Come Dancing is back! We can sit back and watch the glittering sequinned costumes and the dancers waltz, samba and tango their way through the competition as we act as judges in our living rooms. And November is the marking of the end of the harvest season as we enter the season of remembering.

We begin with *All Saints Day* on the 1st November each year, when we remember and give thanks for the Saints and Martyrs who stayed faithful to God and gave their lives as examples of loyalty, courage and service to the glory of God.

On the 2nd November every year, we celebrate *All Souls Day* also known as *The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*, when we remember with thanksgiving before God those we have personally known and loved who have died, those who had an influence on our lives or who made a difference to us, and who helped to shape us into the people we are today.

Then we have perhaps the biggest opportunity to remember when many of us come together to remember for Remembrance Sunday. We remember all those who gave their lives in the Great War, the Second World War and sadly, many conflicts since. We explore at these services the theme of memory, as we confront the ongoing issues of war and peace, loss and self-sacrifice.

As I write this, I have recently heard of the death of one of the few remaining Normandy Veterans, Ken Hay, aged 101. I knew Ken personally through my work as Chaplain for the Normandy Veterans Association and The Spirit of Normandy Trust and had watched him emotionally remembering his brothers-in-arms who now lie “in a corner of a foreign field that is forever England” (Rupert Brook’s “The Soldier”). It was a privilege to know him.

We will remember them.

Ken, and many of the Normandy Veterans, would visit schools both here and in France, to talk about their experiences, not to frighten the children or glorify war, but in the hope that the next generation would learn that war is not the answer, but respect, peace and tolerance is the way forward. Sadly, with wars and conflicts still raging around the world, we are certainly taking our time to learn this lesson.

St Francis of Assisi said: *“Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury pardon; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy”.*

Even in the darkest of days and nights, we can all shine as lights within our communities and surroundings. We can become light and bring joy within

challenging environments. We can all make a difference in someone's life, often with just a smile and a kind word.

As Edith Wharton, who in 1921, became the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her novel *The Age of Innocence* wrote "*There are two ways of spreading light, to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it*".

We can be both.

With Love and Blessings, *Rev Mandy Xx*

Sorrel Horse AGM Saturday 14th November, 11am. All welcome.

There are a number of shares for sale please contact Natalie Brett

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or Kelly kellyb@pinfold.co.uk

NEW DIRECTORS NEEDED please contact any of the above for a chat.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sutton Christmas Market will be held in the Memorial Hall , Sutton, IP12 3JQ on Saturday 21 November from 10am -12.30pm, when the hall will be packed with goodies for Christmas. Local craft people will be selling their crafts which will include handmade items, jewellery, knitted toys, jams and pickles, Xmas crafts, hand sewn items, knitted hats and gloves, plus a cake and bake stall, tombola, raffle, refreshments and a hamper raffle. The market provides a good opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. Hope to see you there! In aid of memorial hall funds.

WHAT'S ON?

1 Nov Broomswell Christmas Market 11am-3pm

7 Nov Hollesley Christmas Fair Hollesley Church Light Lunches 11am-2pm

7 Nov Community Garden bonfire – Behind Village Hall, 4.00-6.00pm

8 Nov Act of Remembrance –Bawdsey War Memorial, 9.30am

9 Nov Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, Bawdsey Hall

10 Nov Craft Club – 7.30pm, Bawdsey Hall

14/15 Nov Open Studios – 11.00am-4.00pm, 15 The Street, Bawdsey

21 Nov Sutton Christmas Market 10am-12.30pm

21 Nov Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm, Bawdsey Hall

24 Nov Craft Club – 7.30pm, Bawdsey Hall

24 Nov Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, Bawdsey Hall

27-29 Nov Advent to Christmas Celebration – St Mary's Church Bawdsey

28/29 Nov Open Studios – 11.00am-4.00pm, 15 The Street, Bawdsey

28 Nov Glebe House Hollesley Christmas Fair

Chair-based Exercise Class 10.30am, the Hall, ring Jane 41137

Yoga with Darren suspended until the Spring

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

COMING IN DECEMBER

12 DEC SWAN INN ALDERTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE 1PM-5PM

PET OWNERS

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE FIREWORKS AT "WOODHALL MANOR"
ON THE 5TH NOVEMBER AT AROUND 8.30PM**

CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK

We have reached that time of the year again. We realise it is difficult for most people these days but anything that you can spare for our Christmas Collection would be gratefully received. As a village over the past few years we have managed quite a lot of boxes so we would like to continue this. If we could have any contributions by Wed.16th December,

we can collect or please leave in the porch at "Brook Cottage"

Thanks for your continued support.

Dawn & Ray

FISH & CHIPS

**NOW AVAILABLE AT HOLLESLEY RECREATION GROUND 4.40-8.30PM ON
FRIDAY EVENINGS**

