

Shottisham Newsletter October 2026

Please send updates for the November newsletter by 26th October to nataliebrett64@gmail.com

Sorrel Horse

The AGM for the shareholders will be Saturday 14th November at 11 am. Venue to be confirmed. Three of the existing directors will be stepping down at the AGM, as a ltd company, shareholders will need to appoint new directors, to date no one has come forward. The minimum for quorate is 5. If you are interested in being a director please contact me on the above email. Further information regarding the appointment of directors, AGM with agenda etc will be forwarded to the shareholders in the next 2 weeks.

The Rectors Ramblings – October 2026

With the extraordinary summer we have experienced this year now becoming a distant memory, and the leaves beginning to turn, it is traditionally the time of our Harvest Thanksgiving Services in Church. The crops are gathered and stored safely although the farming work carries on, tilling the fields and sowing winter crops, repairing boundaries, servicing farm equipment and no doubt many other things those outside of the farming community know nothing about. Life is always busy, but it should never be too busy to say thank you and show appreciation. Just as Harvest Thanksgiving Services are planned as part of the pattern the churches year, planning to say thank you is a good thing.

I remember being taught the discipline of writing 'Thank You' notes as a child after Christmas, Birthdays, and other special occasions such as after spending a quiet supper with friends, I still take time to write a card to say thank you. And even in today's modern technological world, where texts and e-mails are the norm, a hand written card or note is always welcomed and valued.

But although saying 'Thank You' for special gifts or nice surprises may come naturally, it often takes more discipline to say thank you for the everyday things we more often than not take for granted. Remembering to say thank you for a lovely midweek meal after a busy day is one way of showing apprecia

tion, offering to wash up after the meal is definitely another!!

Perhaps another way is to have a moment of quiet reflection towards the end of the day looking back at what has happened. It is surprising how many things there are to be thankful for that may have gone unnoticed.

The Apostle Paul was always giving thanks, especially for the people he had met on his journeys around Asia Minor – nowadays the Eastern

Mediterranean. If you read the first few verses of his letters to the Ephesians and Colossians in the New Testament, Paul recognised the good in others and their work to help others and make things better.

There are many things that I give thanks for, especially the people I meet in my day to day routine of “vicar-ing”. I am blessed that I get to meet so many people from all walks of life, and that I am invited and welcomed into their lives too.

When priests are ordained, they make a vow to say the “daily offices” of morning and evening prayer every day, no matter where they are. As I say my evening prayers, I always give thanks for the people I have met, who I have had the privilege of spending time with, getting to know, and all those I have ministered to in a spiritual and pastoral way.

So, this Harvest time, let us give thanks for the abundance of grace we have been given, whether in the fruits of the fields, or the fruits of families and friends.

As we will be singing in the popular Harvest Hymn during the coming month:

All good gifts around us, are sent from heaven
above,

Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love!

With my love and blessings, *Rev Mandy Xx*

What's on

CLOTHING EXCHANGE/HELP YOURSELF

SATURDAY 24 October 2026 2.00PM – 4.00PM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HOLLESLEY, IP12 3R

COMPLIMENTARY TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS AVAILABLE

The scheme is totally **free**, helping yourself, within reason. Please feel free to donate clothes in **good condition please**. We are accepting any Autumn/Winter clothes only at this session due to storage restrictions.

We do not take school uniform for all schools as some have their own recycle schemes, however Hollesley Primary does not have such a scheme. We are therefore able to accept and offer Hollesley Primary School uniforms.

If you are not interested in our Clothes Exchange, just pop in for a cuppa and a natter. **ALL WELCOME** Any queries or feedback would be gratefully received too. allsaintshollesley@gmail.com

Hollesley Gardening Club

As a community club we are able to offer Kings seeds for sale at a discounted rate. The catalogue prices are cheaper than you can buy direct from Kings or from a garden centre.

The great news is that if our group order exceeds £250 then the seeds are discounted by 50% which we pass on to you. This additional discount is not guaranteed as it depends on the value of our final group order.

If you would like a catalogue contact Pat on 07775 692256 please don't delay as all orders have to be placed by 29th October at the absolute latest.

Bromeswell Carpet Bowls Club runs during the winter from October until May in Bromeswell Village Hall on a Friday afternoon 2-4pm. They provide everything and no previous experience is required. There are refreshments provided during the session. Cost approximately £3 to cover hall costs. The club would welcome more members. For more information, please contact Margaret on 07938125837.

ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE

SUTTON MEMORIAL HALL IP12 3JQ

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

at 2pm

Come and bag a bargain or two!!

In aid of Play Equipment Fund

