

Shottisham Village Newsletter



FROM Revd RUTH HATCHETT

Dear Friends

Perhaps that is a little presumptuous of me in what I hope will be the first of many articles. I feel very blessed in coming to you in December when there are so many opportunities to meet and get to know people at the many Christmas activities and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming months.

“Christmas is for the children” is something we often hear said. It’s certainly good to see children enjoying learning to be generous, to witness their anticipation and excitement, to experience the joy of giving and sharing. Children have so much to teach us about hope and celebration. But what if providing the children with a ‘good’ Christmas places a strain on our family relationships or budget? Or perhaps there aren’t any children in your immediate family. If children are the main focus of attention and the only ones to benefit at Christmas time, there might be all sorts of reasons why adults might feel under pressure or excluded by the festivities. The attitude of Ebenezer Scrooge is quite rare these days – we are less inclined to stand out from the crowd and make ourselves unpopular, preferring to go along with the celebrations or quietly escape.

Christmas is certainly about a child; the child Jesus, born in poverty to an unmarried mother in an occupied country. A child who Christians believe was God himself; God come to earth as a helpless human baby, to live alongside us and show us just how much He loves us; to bring home the reality that God’s spirit, God’s life is not only with us but within each one of us.

Christmas is certainly about a child but it’s not just for the children. Its message is one of generosity: our responding to God’s generosity to us by being generous to one another. There are many ways of showing generosity – not just giving cards and presents to our family and friends; not just in material things but being generous with our time and giving people we don’t perhaps like or get on with the ‘benefit of the doubt’. And it need not cost a lot of money. When we think back over the Christmases of our past, it’s often the simple things that stand out – simple gifts, homemade and given and received with love; time spent helping people in need; welcoming someone who’s on their own to a shared meal. Our generosity and God’s generosity is what makes Christmas special – and it’s for everyone, not just the children.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas
Your Vicar Ruth

December 2015	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON
Sunday December 6 th 2 nd Sunday of Advent	6.30pm Evensong Rvd Michael	9.30am Communion Revd Ruth Hatchett
Sunday December 13 th 3rd Sunday of Advent	11.00am Holy Communion Revd Ruth Hatchett	
Sunday December 20 th 4 th Sunday of Advent	6.30pm Carol Service with a display of ‘Angels’ artwork from Sandlings School projected onto the tower Revd Ruth Hatchett	11.00am Communion Revd Ruth Hatchett
Thursday December 24 th Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Mass Revd Ruth Hatchett	4.00pm Carol Service Revd Ruth Hatchett
Friday December 25 th Christmas Day		11.00am Christmas Communion Revd Ruth Hatchett
Sunday December 27 th		

Each Wednesday at Noon at Sutton – a quiet reflective service of Holy Communion

CAROL SINGING. This year it will be the evening of **Wed 9th Dec.** meeting at the Mill House at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Please come and join us and bring a torch, warm clothes and optional hip flask.

MEMORIES SERVICE The people of St Andrew’s Church, Boyton warmly invite you to Light a Candle and Name a Star in memory of a loved one at their annual Memories Service on **Sat 12th Dec** at 3pm.
All are welcome to this quiet, reflective service which many people have found helpful at this time of year.

THANK YOU to all who donated to Judith’s Retirement Gift - the grand sum of £375 was received from Shottisham. Shottisham, Bromeswell and Sutton have come together to commission a painting of the three churches and buy an iPad Air 2 for Judith which was presented on her last day as Priest in Charge, 22nd November 2015 along with a cheque for her to spend as she wishes.
All those who left their names with their donations I have listed on a card to be given to Judith, thanking her for all that she has given our community over the last 7 years.
Pat Bendon on behalf of Shottisham PCC

22nd November 2015. A day I will never forget. It started with an amazing service at Shottisham. It was so good to see old and new friends, older people and youngsters. We moved to Sutton, filled with people from many years ago, wedding couples and friends met recently. The lunch at Bromeswell completed the day, the gorgeous lunch, and, of course, the cake made by my wonderful husband.
Sadly, Amelie could not be with us as she had tonsillitis, but the two collections raised £1390.00. This will be sent to Reverse Rett Syndrome. It may be that on 4th December this total can be matched online by a group of business men.
I received an Apple i-Pad, many gifts and a cheque, also so many lovely cards. Thank you all so much, there are no words to express my gratitude. I have had seven wonderful years getting to know you all and working alongside. I can only hope I have set you up for the future.
God bless you all, *Judith*

SHOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Following further reports of speeding in the village, the Council has agreed to look into the possibility of establishing a Speedwatch programme, jointly with Sutton & Bromeswell. This will involve the purchase of a speed gun to be used by volunteers to monitor traffic speeds. The Council is also contacting Highways department in an effort to obtain some progress on traffic calming measures proposed for Ford Hill.

Given the poor mobile phone coverage the Council has agreed to leave the telephone kiosk in BT ownership, and I can confirm that the phone is now operational, but it will only accept payment by card.

Cllr. Jay Fletcher has been trained to manage the Parish Council website and is in the progress of updating it with all the appropriate information. It can be viewed at <http://shottisham.onesuffolk.net/shottisham-parish-council/>

Following the public meeting in October the Council has sent a formal response to the SCDC concerning the Shottisham Conservation Area Appraisal. We received an updated document relating to SCDC Preferred Options for housing development. They still expect us to have 6 new houses, but they have indicated that none of the currently identified sites are considered suitable. We will seek advice on how they expect us to proceed.

The Council has made payment of £800 to support the work currently being undertaken to improve the Trust Hall.

I wish to record our thanks to Broxstead Estate for the work they have recently undertaken on some of the footpaths, and also to Nick White for clearing a tree that had blocked the path by the allotments.

We still have an unfilled place on the Council. If you feel that you can make a contribution to our community in this way please contact our clerk at (cont) **Jenny Webb**, 5 Fern Terrace, The Street, Bawdsey, Woodbridge IP12 3AH. Tel: 01394 410198 Email: shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com

The mobile police unit is visiting Shottisham on **Thurs10th Dec** between 12.15 - 13.45 at the layby on The Street. This gives residents the chance to air any views on local policing issues.

Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of alternate months in the Trust Hall. If you would like an email or hard copy of the minutes of the last meeting please contact the Parish Clerk shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com. The next Parish Council Meeting is Tues 12th Jan at 7.30pm in the Trust Hall. All welcome. The Agenda will be put up on the Parish Council notice board at least three days before the meeting or can be viewed on the Shottisham website www.shottisham.onesuffolk.net which has recently been revived. *Mike Hazelwood, Chairman*

SHOTTISHAM WI TRUST HALL Shottisham WI - meet at the Trust Hall at 2.00pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Terrie on 410134

Craft Group has finished for the year but will start again in March 2016.

Trust Hall hire please contact Terrie on 410134 *Shottisham WI Committee*

THE SORREL HORSE

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all our customers! We have our Christmas menu's in place and available to order from 1st - 24th December and will also be serving our fantastic Christmas lunch on 25th December and All Day Breakfast on New Year's Day. The pub will be closed Christmas night. Please check the website for the kitchen opening times over the Christmas period.

The Village Meal will be on **Sat Dec 12th** please don't delay your booking and miss out on a great evening with your Shottisham friends and neighbours. The **Christmas Quiz** night will be on **Wed Dec 23rd**.

Ralph Holland, Pub Manager

Sorrel Horse Music **Mon Dec 14th : Folk/Rock with Silbury Hill** Silbury Hill are an acoustic rock duo playing a range of covers and original songs providing an eclectic and entertaining set. With a mutual interest in the prog rock / folk rock era of the late 60's early 70's, Silbury Hill's David and Scott have drawn from many influences and vary their set with different instruments and arrangements to provide a rounded performance. There are many familiar songs in the set but arranged with a unique Silbury Hill approach.

No December Jazz session as it is Christmas!

Chris Harvey

SUTTON, HOLLESLEY AND BAWDSEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri Dec 4 th	Quiz Night/Fish and Chip Supper at Sutton Memorial Hall 7.30pm start £8 per ticket teams up to 6. Contact Jacki 411530 / Daphne 384659
Mon Dec 7 th	Sutton/Shottisham Free Senior Citizens "Christmas Tea Party" Sutton Memorial Hall 2-4pm. There will be Musical Entertainment followed by Tea and a Raffle. Lifts can be arranged for more details please contact Dawn on 410331.
Sat Dec 12 th	2-4pm in the Village hall (see below)
Thurs Dec 17 th	Bawdsey Jazz Group - Bawdsey Village Hall 7.30pm

Bawdsey Quay Boathouse Café Now open Fri - Sun 11.00am - 5.00pm. No Ferry

Suffolk Punch Trust closed from November 2nd

Shelby's Bistro – Warren Hill Visitor's Centre open weekdays 9am - 1.30pm, weekends 10am - 2pm.

Bawdsey Market has finished for the season but there will be a seasonal market on **Sat 12th Dec** 2-4pm in the Village hall. Enjoy one-stop Christmas shopping at Bawdsey market. In the food line we will have meat, bread, cakes - dairy and gluten free, savoury pies, spreads and pickles, jams, olive oil and artisan vinegars. For gift ideas there will be plants, paintings and prints, home spun and dyed felted wool products and woodwork - all locally produced. Hope to see you there.

Regular Village Services

Mobile Grocer – every Thurs 10.30 - 10.45am to Heath Drive and 10.50 – 11.15am at the Knoll For more information Tel Sonya 07810370314

Mobile Library – Tues Dec 13th at the Knoll from 3pm – 3.20pm.

SUFFOLK PUNCH TRUST Christmas Wreath Making Fri Dec 4th and 11th Come and learn a new skill and create your own beautiful festive wreath to decorate your door. Includes lunch and mince pies! Booking essential - £50 contact info@suffolkpunchtrust.org or 01394 411327.

Sat Dec 5th and Sun Dec 6th Winter Wonderland Fair enjoy some relaxed Christmas shopping with local crafts and festive food, go for a festive stroll and catch a ride on our Tinsel Tractor! Entrance to the site is free. If you are interested in having a trade stand selling crafts and homemade produce at the event please contact info@suffolkpunchtrust.org or 01394 411327.

ALDERTON CHRISTMAS PARTY Sat Dec 5th at Alderton Village Hall

Live music with band "Carpe Diem" playing a variety of music. Table food provided, bring your own drinks, tea and coffee available. Tickets: £7.50 per person available from Veronica and Mal Tel: 01394 411691 or can be purchased from the corner shop

Save time and money: Buy your heating oil through a community bulk buying scheme

Community Action Suffolk (CAS) can save domestic households an average yearly saving of £74 on heating oil, and higher volume users such as community groups and rural businesses, an average yearly saving of £181. The heating oil is purchased in bulk twice a month (once in December) and deliveries are planned to provide an environmental benefit, with one tanker making a single trip to several customers in a village on the same day. Individual orders can also be made if a bulk deadline is missed. The scheme provides a hassle free process and membership is open to all, starting at just £20 per year with the option to place orders online, by email, by post or by phone. Visit www.communitybuying.org.uk or call **01473 345400**.

Courses for Family Carers, Find out more for free!

Suffolk Family Carers is a Suffolk wide organisation which aims to offer support and information to anyone caring for a friend, family member or neighbour with any kind of illness, disability or frailty. If you offer support, help or encouragement to a friend or family member who is unwell then you are a Family Carer and are able to access our free Caring With Confidence courses. These sessions are not only a great way to gain useful information but also give you the opportunity to meet others in a similar situation. Family Carers who have attended the sessions have said they have found it useful for a variety of reasons such as "feeling that I am not alone", gaining "friendship and knowledge" and knowing "that there is help out there". These sessions run regularly so to find out more about either Caring with Confidence or Caring for Dementia with Confidence please contact us on 01473 835446 or cwc@suffolkfamilycarers.org.

Missing Cat Bertie (who is a black cat) went missing in Ramsholt two weeks ago. He hasn't been seen since and it's just possible he might have strayed some distance in that time. A reward of £50 to anyone who finds him. Please contact Sarah email svickers@gmail.com

For further information about any church related items please contact Revd. Ruth Hatchett 412052 or email ruth_hatchett@yahoo.co.uk

For future contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact Diana Bouscarle 411215 or diana@bouscarle.co.uk by 20th of previous month