



Shottisham Village Newsletter

Dear Friends

The short month of February always seems to me to be something of an 'in-between' time. It starts off still dark and cold but by the end of the month the days will be noticeably lengthening and whatever winter weather is still with us, we know won't last too much longer. Plants that have been coming to life underground will be starting to put out shoots. Our thoughts turn towards spring and, in some cases, with Valentine's Day on Feb 14th, towards love and romance.

As a vicar, it is always a particular joy to officiate at a wedding service, having got to know the couple over several months – sometimes years – and to join in that celebration of their love and public commitment to one another. Over the months, we will have tailored the service to reflect their unique relationship to make their wedding day a very special occasion.

There is a tendency to think of church weddings as lavish occasions but the most important – and only essential – part is the commitment of two people to love and support one another for the rest of their lives. Everything else is 'icing on the cake'!

Since 1997, a number of national organisations have promoted the week that includes Feb 14th as 'Marriage Week UK' (formerly National Marriage Week). According to their website (www.marriage-week.org.uk), Marriage Week UK celebrates the diversity and vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life in the UK.

Current research suggests that the enduring stability of marriage results from the commitment that two people make to each other, embodied in their vows, and supported by family, friends, and society at large. Permanent, loving relationships contribute significantly to the stability of society, communities and families.

It is a great act of trust to take on the commitment of marriage, but I believe that it is part of our make-up as human beings to want to make such a commitment. It is also part of our relationship with God that he gives his grace to help to sustain us in all our commitments. There is a particular invitation to engaged and married couples, widows and widowers to come to give thanks for marriage at our service at All Saints, Sutton on 19th February at 11am when we will be recognising the value of the love we give and receive, and the healing power of God's love. All are welcome. Wishing you every blessing



Our series of **Lent lunches** begins at Sutton Church on Ash Wednesday 1st March at 12noon with Holy Communion followed by a light lunch of homemade soup and bread with donations going this year to **Suffolk Refugee Support**. All are welcome.

The series continues with a short service of midday prayer at 12 noon each Saturday. Venues will be announced in March Village Voices. Suffolk Refugee Support rely entirely on donations and grant funding for all their work helping refugees rebuild their lives in Suffolk. Starting this month (February) the churches' team of **pastoral visitors** are offering to visit anyone who would like someone to talk to now and again. There is no 'hidden agenda' – we are not going to 'push' religion at you, try to persuade you to come to church or give money. We just offer a friendly smile and a listening ear. All our visitors have received appropriate training and DBS clearance. If you or someone you care for would like a visit, please contact Rev'd Ruth 412052 ruth.hatchett@yahoo.co.uk in the first instance.

Church Dates

If anyone is able to help us with **the monthly flower rota** please get in touch with Pat 411470.

February 2017	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
Thurs 2 nd February			2.30 Glebe House, Evensong Pat S/Mel S	
Sunday Feb 5 th 4 th Sunday before Lent	11.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Ruth	9.30 Sutton Heath, Family Worship (Candlemas) Rev'd Ruth	9.30 Sung Eucharist Rev'd Michael 6.00 Reflection & Song Di Barnard	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev'd Michael
Sunday Feb 12 th 3 rd Sunday before Lent	6.30 Evensong Rev'd Ruth	9.30 Morning Praise & Christingle Mel Spurling	9.30 Family Communion Rev'd Ruth	8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Rev'd Michael
Thursday Feb 16 th			10.30 Glebe House, Hollesley, Holy Communion Rev'd Michael?/Pat S	
Sunday Feb 19 th 2 nd Sunday before Lent		11.00am Holy Communion (CW) for marriage week Rev'd Michael	9.30am Café Sundae Judy Foulger 6.30pm Evensong Rev'd Michael	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev'd Ruth
Sunday Feb 26 th Sunday before Lent	9.30am Family Communion Rev'd Ruth	6.30pm Evensong Mel Spurling tbc	9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev'd Michael	8.00am Holy Communion Rev'd Michael

Morning prayer will be said at 9am on Mondays at Shottisham church and at 9am on Thursdays at Sutton church. A short, less than 15mins, informal service to start the day. All welcome. Prayers and readings are provided for when there is no one to lead the service. Each Wednesday at Noon at Sutton – a quiet reflective service of Holy Communion

Shottisham Parish Council 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 meeting will be on March 14th 7.30pm at 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 at www.shottisham.onesuffolk.net, *Mike Hazelwood (Chair)*



Shottisham Trust Hall 2017 has started really well with so much local support. Thank you to Colin and Yvonne Potter who have given and installed a new entrance gate, the parish council who have earmarked £1,000 from the budget and The Sorrel Horse quiz teams who have raised and donated £100. All these funds will go towards the next stage of planned improvements to the hall which is used throughout the year for the parish council, WI, fund-raising events, exhibitions, craft group, coffee mornings, polling station, family get-togethers and children's parties. **For Trust Hall hire please contact Terrie on 410134**

Shottisham WI meet at the Trust hall on the second Wednesday of the month (usually at 2 pm). Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Trish on 411735. The programme is available for 2017 or alternatively please look at sefwi.org.uk/institutes/shottisham The next meeting is a talk by **Juliana Harris** Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medal Winner - on **Wednesday February 8th** at 1.30pm. There will be soup and pudding beforehand at 12.00 so please phone Trish 411735 or Jayne 411169 if you want to come along – everyone is welcome

Sorrel Horse Have a look at some very positive feedback recently on trip advisor. A warm welcome to the new manager Marie.

Quiz Quizzes this month are on **1st and 15th February** starting at 8.30 pm

Music Thank you to Eliza who provided beautiful music in January – 'you could hear a pin drop'

Monday 13th February from **8.30 pm Folk with Tin River who are a very popular trio from Bungay/Beccles. Their repertoire combines instrumentals with accompanied and unaccompanied harmony singing. Hope to see you there** *Chris Harvey*

Regular Village Services

Community Car Service for Doctor/Hospital appointments Woodbridge and Ipswich. Part Funded by Suffolk County Council. Cost Woodbridge £5 / Ipswich £10. Colin Beecroft Tel 411794

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

Mobile Library – Tues February 7th at the Knoll from 3.00pm – 3.20pm.

CATS Link Bus can be contacted on 01728 635938

Mobile Post Office comes to Sutton Memorial Hall Car Park every Thursday between 9.00-10.30am and offers all the same facilities as a normal Post Office. *This facility* is important to the area and we would encourage people to use it, as unless it is used there is always a danger that we may lose it.

Would you like to be able to buy your fresh fish weekly? *Cath from Lowestoft visits the village weekly on a Tuesday (except Bank Holiday weeks). To place an order or arrange a delivery contact Cath on Tel 01502 530965 Mobile 07971 970836*

Sutton, Hollesley and Bawdsey events

4th Feb Birds of the River Deben - Sutton Hoo - 10am to 12 noon

4th Feb Boyton Coffee Morning - Boyton Village Hall - 10.30am to 12.30pm

11th Feb Hollesley Community Cafe - Hollesley Village Hall - 9.30am to 12 noon Breakfast, Bacon Rolls, Refreshments etc. Various Stalls, also a Technology Help Desk where you can get help and advice with Computer, Tablet and Mobile Phone problems.

11th Feb Bawdsey Coastal Partnership meeting with Therese Coffey - Bawdsey Village Hall - 11am

15th Feb Marine Conservation Zone presentation - Hollesley Village Hall - 7pm

18th Feb Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club - Illustrated Talk on "Maritime History of Orford Haven - Shingle Street" 7.30pm at Bawdsey Village Hall. Adults £2, 50p under 18's. Refreshments available.

19th Feb Out of the Case - Sutton Hoo - 1.30pm to 2.30pm

24th Feb Knit and Natter 2-4pm At "The Anchorage" Broomswell

25th Feb Jumble Sale - Various Stalls, Refreshments at 2pm Bawdsey Village Hall in aid of Church & Village Hall funds.

The cost of the **Zumba** class at Hollesley Village Hall on Thursdays at 10.30am has changed to £6.50 per session or £20 payable in advance for four sessions.

Woodbridge Library Monday and Thursday mornings. Technology Help Desk where you can get help and advice on Computer, Tablet and Mobile Phone problems. 3 Free Sessions available.

Thanks to John & Ann White who ran the Bawdsey Quay to Felixstowe Ferry on New Years Day - £765 was raised for Felixstowe Volunteer Coastal Patrol Rescue Service. Also Thanks to Julie Dovey who organized the annual New Years Day Swim at Bawdsey Quay also for Charity which this year was East Anglian Air Ambulance, £237 was raised.

Local cafes

Bawdsey Quay Boathouse Café open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11.00am to 5.00pm. No Ferry service until Easter 2017

Poppies Sutton Heath open Wed - Fri 9am - 1pm. Not open in School Holidays.

Suffolk Punch Trust open Saturdays and Sundays 10.30am – 4.00pm Closed weekdays.

Coffee Republic Warren Hill - open daily 8am to 4pm, weekends 8am to 3pm

Farewell and welcome

A fond farewell to Margaret, Shirley and Dorothy who have all played a large part in the village for a long time and we wish them all well in the next phase of their lives.

A warm welcome to Keith and Carol, Bruce and Helen and Mark and Claire who are all moving in to Shottisham or are already here. It is also very exciting to have two new Shottisham babies – Wren and Zoe Josephine.

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 Nicky Beaven 411861 or nicky.rosecott@gmail.com by 20th of previous month.

