



Shottisham Village Newsletter

Dear Friends

Now that October is here, the days are getting short and the nights are drawing in. Darkness seems to be closing in – and not just literally but in events we hear of around the world and perhaps in our own life too. Autumn is traditionally a time of melancholy as we reflect on the fading of summer light and warmth. Some people try to neutralise the scariness of dark thoughts and fears – things of the night’ by confronting them at Halloween.

Much of Christianity emphasises the coming of the light of Jesus Christ into a world of darkness. We celebrate that Light particularly at Christmas and Easter but also at the feast of All Saints (1st November, the day after the ‘eve of All Hallows’ or Halloween). Yet darkness – physical or spiritual – is a fact of life and God is with us in our darkness just as much as in the light. Although it is harder for us humans to see in the dark, it can be a time of growth and re-creation as well as a time of rest. I can remember a summer visit to Iceland when the almost continuous daylight made it difficult to sleep, to ‘switch off’. A time of darkness, pain, grief or anxiety can be very difficult and is not something we actively seek or welcome. But through darkness and doubt often come the greatest creativity and faith. Wishing you every blessing *Ruth Hatchett*



We all look forward to presents at Christmas and if you would like to provide a shoebox full of gifts for a child caught up in conflict or natural disaster, Samaritans’ Purse are sending shoeboxes again this Christmas to children caught up in conflict or natural disaster. You can find instructions on how to pack a shoebox on the Samaritans Purse website or on the leaflets in any of our churches. Please leave your shoebox in any of our churches before 17th November.

Confirmation – what is it? What’s involved?

‘Confirmation’ comes from a Latin word meaning to strengthen. In the Church of England, a service of Confirmation, led by a Bishop, is the opportunity for people to make a public commitment to the Christian faith, *confirming* for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf if they were baptised/christened as infants. (Those who are not already baptised can be baptised at the same service.) The Bishop prays for God’s Holy Spirit to *strengthen* each person to continue to grow in their relationship with God. There is going to be a service of Confirmation locally on Wed November 8th and there is an opportunity for both youngsters (at least 10 years old) and adults to explore Christian faith and whether they would like to be confirmed, starting this month. Please contact me (412052 ruth.hatchett@yahoo.co.uk) for further details.

October 2017	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
1st 16 th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Sutton Heath Family Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist (CW) and recommissioning of elders	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday 5th			2.30 pm Glebe House, Evensong	
8th 17 th Sunday after Trinity	4.00 pm Harvest Praise at the Allotments	9.30 am Morning Praise	9.30 am Family Communion 6.00 6 pm Reflection and Song	11 am Harvest Festival
15 th 18 th Sunday after Trinity		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Café Sundae Judy Foulger/Revd Ruth 6.30 pm Evensong	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday 19th			10.30 am Glebe House Holy Communion	
Saturday 21st			Messy church	
22nd 19 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Family Communion	6.30 pm Evensong	9.30 Family Communion	
29 th Orford Annual Team service of Holy Communion with Bishop Martin and team clergy. 20 th Sunday after Trinity.				

SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE on Saturday 9th September.

I took the bike on the train to Halesworth this year with friends Kathy and Rachel and we rode round some of the Saints churches in South Elmham finishing up in the Halesworth churches – a beautiful part of the county with some interesting churches and even a brewery. Anne Buswell started at Shottisham and finished at Sutton (about 30 miles going as far as Tunstall) and rang bells for a wedding at Ufford on the way. Paul Goodwin also rode for Shottisham. Thank you to Pat, Robyn, Lotti and Anne for signing people in



at St Margaret's and for all our generous sponsors. Anne Buswell continues as our stalwart local organizer. *Nicky Beaven*

Gardening gems from Ivan

Interesting time of the year – growth continues apace but time and inclination are not always conducive to getting things done, ie controlling weeds, clearing spent crops and generally keeping the allotment neat and tidy. I must confess I am as guilty as the next person when it comes to getting things done at the right time, rather than playing catch-up. I will hide behind the shield of the weather and other commitments, responsibilities and general laziness. Now is the time to consider the season and then for next year, less of this, more of that - try something new/different. Seed catalogues are starting the rounds, and tree and plant sales are cropping up everywhere. The hanging baskets have been taken down and returned to the nursery from whence they came. We bought some violas yesterday and management is threatening to make up some hanging baskets. I intend treating the grass one more time this season with weed and feed whilst growth is still strong. The regal pergonium cuttings I took a few weeks ago have rooted well and will soon need potting up. The tomatoes in the greenhouse have succumbed to leaf disease, possibly blight, so will need clearing out soon. I am allowed another week of taking it easy, then I must start tidying up and eventually start some digging. End of the allotment season means it's time for me to send out the bills, so I won't be very popular.

Ivan Clarke 8th October 4 pm Harvest Praise at the allotments – everyone welcome.



SHOTTISHAM TRUST HALL - for **Trust Hall hire** please contact Terrie on 410134.

Cathy's Craft Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.00 pm in The Trust Hall, cost £2 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Proceeds all go to the maintenance of the hall. Any queries please contact Cathy on 411449.

Thank you very much to Keith and Robyn for cutting back the overgrown verge alongside the Trust Hall orchard.

SHOTTISHAM BOOK SALE is on **Saturday October 21st from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm** at The Trust Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please donate your books, board games and cds. Collections can be arranged by contacting Jane Monk on 411375, Jayne Backhouse on 41169, Christine Block 411660.

SHOTTISHAM WI Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Trish on 411735. The next meeting is **October 11th at 2.00 pm** where the speaker is Laurie Wiseman 'A Year in the Life of a Bee Hive'. The WI is working hard at fundraising for the improvement and extension of the Trust Hall. Thank you so much to everyone for supporting the cake sale which raised £184!

SORREL HORSE We are looking forward to seeing you in The Sorrel soon. Our wonderful chef Sharnet is back with a full and delicious menu – check food opening times. Enjoy Sunday breakfast and roast lunches. The Sunday evening offer is no longer available.

Sorrel Horse Music The music night is **Monday October 8th at 8.30 pm** when we have **Martin McNeill** – 'one of this country's finest bottleneck blues guitarists' (Radio Suffolk). The support act is **Holly Johnston** – the 'East Anglian girl' and her father **Bill Johnston**.

Chris Harvey

Quizzes Quizzes this month are on **11th** and **25th** starting at 8.30 pm.

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 am – 11.15am at the Knoll - tel Sonya 07810370314 for info

Mobile Library – **Tuesday October 17th** at the Knoll from 3.00 pm – 3.20pm.

CATS Link Bus can be contacted on 01728 635938

Fresh fish - Cath from Lowestoft visits the village weekly on Tuesday afternoon. Tel 01502 530965 Mobile 07971 970836

LOCAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

5th Coffee and Chat with Bring and Buy at Bawdsey Village Hall at 10.30 am.

7th Rainbow Charity breakfast café at Bawdsey Village Hall 9.30 am to 12 noon.

7th Annual Jumble Sale for play equipment at Sutton Memorial Hall at 2.00 pm.

14th Community Breakfast café at Hollesley Village Hall 9.30 am to 12 noon.

21st Shottisham WI Book Sale at the Trust Hall 10 am to 5 pm.

21st Bawdsey Market at Bawdsey Village Hall 2.00 pm to 4 pm.

23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th Suffolk Punch Trust Halloween Trail and Pumpkin Painting 10.30 am to 4.00 pm.

IKEA TRIP 9.11.17 Coach leaves Bawdsey Village Hall at 8.30 am picking up at Alderton/Sutton/Melton Railway Station. Another coach leaves Woodbridge Pool at 8.45 am (£12 per person). Leave IKEA at 3.15 pm. To book call Sue 411758 or Jenny 411813.

Bawdsey ferry weekends only 10 am to 5 pm.

Boathouse café open Thursday to Monday 11 am to 5 pm.

Suffolk Punch Trust open Friday to Monday 10.30 am to 4 pm.

Coffee Republic Weekdays 8 am to 3 pm. Weekends 8 am to 2 pm.

LOCAL SCHOOLS 29th September Well done Farlingaye students and staff who walked at least 8 miles round Woodbridge for charity and the school and especially Corey who added Bethany's miles on to his own, knowing she was upset to miss it.

Bawdsey School Seniors lunch is on the second Thursday of the month during term time – please phone to book for a lovely roast dinner. Our successful Nursery is now accepting 2 year olds and 3 to 4 year olds. Baby and toddler group is 1.30 every Friday and anyone looking after a baby or toddler is welcome. (There are no costs). *Katie Butler*, Head.

Congratulations **Anna Venediger** who has headed up to Leeds University to study fashion marketing.



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Some of our long-standing residents will probably remember Chris Wilson and his wife Brenda who were running the village shop in 1972 before moving to the Old Star at Bawdsey. Chris also served as church organist over many years. Unfortunately, Chris died recently.

For further information about 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.