

Shottisham Village Newsletter



Stanley's friend North star to



Dear Friends

One of the (many) memorable moments of the film 'Stanley's War' is how and mentor Arthur Hunt teaches him to use the stars (and, in particular, the find his way. "Follow the star and you won't get lost". Stanley passes this knowledge on to his comrades on the WW1 battlefield when they are wandering in circles and they are able to get back to base before the explosives go off. 'Following the stars' might mean different things to different people. These days we more likely to use satellite navigation than the stars in the sky to find our way. It could be interpreted as following the fortunes of celebrities or trying to imitate them. Or we might think of consulting our horoscope for astrological guidance according to the signs of the zodiac. It's quite likely that the wise men who visited the infant Jesus in Bethlehem were astrologers. We are certainly told that they were guided by a star. This Christmas the Church of England is encouraging us too to 'Follow the Star'; to make our journey to meet Jesus. For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time. But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, #FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey. If we follow this star, it will help us find our way. Wherever you are this Christmas, you are invited to follow the star and to be with Jesus. You are welcome. You are deeply known and truly loved. Each Christmas we are reminded of God's longing to surprise us with his gift of joy, love and new life. It's the greatest present we can receive and share with others! Wishing you every blessing this Christmas,

Ruth Hatfield

Do come and join us **Carol Singing** around the village on Wednesday 5th Dec. We meet at The Mill from 6pm for a 6.30pm start, aiming to end up at the Sorrel Horse just before 8pm, in time for the Quiz.

St Margaret's Church hold their **Christmas Fayre** on Saturday 8th December 12-3pm at the Trust Hall.

Relax and meet friends over home-made soup & bread, mince pies and refreshments with carol singers from 1-2pm. Proceeds to Woodbridge Salvation Army foodbank. All Welcome.

December 2018	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
Sunday 2 nd Advent Sunday	11 am Morning Praise Helene Berry	Sutton Heath 9.30 am Christingle Revd Ruth/Mel Spurling	9.30 am Sung Eucharist (CW) Revd Michael	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Ruth
Thursday 6 th			2.30 pm Glebe House Evensong Pat S/Mel	
Sunday 9 th Second Sunday of Advent	6 pm Evensong Mel Spurling	9.30 am Christingle Revd Ruth	6 pm Reflection and Song Di Barnard	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Ruth
Sunday 16 th Third Sunday of Advent		11 am Holy Communion Revd Michael	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Revd Michael	6.30 pm Carol Service Revd Michael
Monday 17 th			2 pm Hollesley School Carol Concert	
Thursday 20 th			10.30 am Glebe House Holy Communion Revd Ruth	
Sunday 23 rd Fourth Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm Carol Service Revd Michael		9.30 am Café Sundae Judy Foulger	
Monday 24 th Christmas Eve	9.30 pm Christmas Communion Revd Ruth	4 pm Carol Service Revd Michael	5 pm Crib Service Revd Ruth 11.30 pm Midnight Mass Revd Ruth	11.30pm Midnight Mass (BCP) Revd Michael
Tuesday 25 th Christmas Day		11 am Christmas Communion Revd Ruth		
Sunday 30 th First Sunday of Christmas	11 am Hollesley Sung Eucharist with carols for the Deben Churches with the Deben Churches choir Revd Ruth/Revd Michael			

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

SHOTTISHAM WI Merry Christmas to everyone and many thanks for supporting the fundraising events for the Trust Hall throughout the year. Thank you to Shottisham 'WI men' for the help they have given with the upkeep of the Trust Hall and surroundings so we can enjoy using it for social occasions, meetings and community events. For WI Membership 2019 - please contact Robin 411260

THE SORREL HORSE in December**SATURDAY 1st 10.30 am AGM in St Margaret's Church with refreshments afterwards at the pub.**

'A little gem of a pub. The food itself was fantastic and the service was of a high standard (which was refreshing for a bunch of city dwellers). We had a great experience all around and would certainly return if in the area again.' Latest Trip Advisor comment November 2018

We shall be lighting our Xmas Tree late afternoon on **Friday 30th November**, together with complimentary mince pies and sausage rolls, as well as a mulled wine competition. We still seek one or two extra judges please!

On **Saturday 22nd** we will see Santa visiting the Peninsula and Sorrel Horse once again *Gary and Leila Miller*

Music – Monday 10th @8.30 Honey and the Bear plus Anni Meehan & Tom Crosthwaite Jon and Lucy both bring beautiful harmonies and charisma. Great music and entertainment! Please book a table if you wish to dine beforehand 01394 411617 www.thesorrelhorse.co.uk

Chris Harvey

??? **Quizzes** Quizzes this month are on **5th** and **19th** starting at 8.00 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 –Thursday at Heath Drive 10.25 – 10.50am The Sorrel Horse 11.00 – 11.15am Contact Sonya on 07810 370314. No mobile shop on Thursday's 27th December 2018 and 3rd January 2019 -due to low demand if no extra customers use my service at The Sorrel Horse by Christmas. I will be making just one stop at Heath Drive starting in the New Year. As this is an all year round service.

Mobile Library – Tuesday 19th 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

Traffic Lights - Ford Hill

We have now been informed that they will be in place for approximately another year. The number to call in case of them breaking down during the week is [01473/834960](tel:01473834960). If they fail at the weekend please call us on [01394/410331](tel:01394410331) and we will report it to an Emergency Number (so keep these numbers safe). Please be mindful of the way you drive through the lights, we know it is frustrating but they are there for a reason and there have been instances where people have jumped them, eventually this will result in an accident. Also please remember we have to live here and it is just as frustrating for us! Thank you for your co-operation Dawn & Ray Kay

THE PENINSULA POPPY PROJECT would like to thank everyone for amazing support. For continuing information www.peninsula2018.org

The Cascade of **knitted poppies** in remembrance of the fallen from Sutton will remain in **Sutton Church** for a little while longer. Mary-Jane researched the names of the fallen on the War Memorials for Sutton and Shottisham and she has produced an information board for each name. She must have spent many hours not only on the research but on putting the display together. If you have not already been into the Church to see her display I would urge you to do so.

At **Bawdsey School** anyone is invited to come and have a **free NHS Health check** with thanks to One Life Suffolk. On the **3rd, 11th and 18th of December from 9.30-4** for anyone aged 40 to 74. For more info and to book an appointment time please phone the school on 01394 411365.

The pupils from years 2-6 would also like to invite everyone to their Panto performances of 'Panto Pandemonium' on **Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December from 6pm**- we hope to see you there. There are no costs involved.

We also have a new **Baby and Toddler group on a Tuesday morning** 9 am to 11 am and a **stay and play afternoon in the EYFS setting on a Friday afternoon**, again fun for the children, a cuppa and a chance to chat for the adults. There are no costs and everyone is welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS Lotti Dautzenberg from The Rectory on gaining The East Anglian Daily Times award for Professional Writing.

LOCAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

1st -2nd Hollesley Players Panto - Hollesley Village Hall - 2.30pm – adults £8, pensioner £7, under 16s £5

6th Special Opening of Radar Block 11am-3pm

7th Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper - Sutton Memorial Hall - 7.30pm - tickets £8 - book on 411530 or 384659

8th -9th, 15th-16th Christmas Craft Fair - Suffolk Punch Trust - 10.30am to 4pm – see the Christmas farmyard and the Suffolk Punch pulling Santa's sleigh and visit Santa's Grotto. £6.50 for children. Essential to book on 01394 411327

8th Hollesley Community Café – breakfast/stalls/raffle/tombola - Hollesley Village Hall - 9.30am to 12 noon

8th "Christmas Fayre" Shottisham Trust Hall 1200-3.00pm. Soup Lunch/Stalls etc. In aid of Woodbridge Salvation Army foodbank.

9th Vintage Afternoon Tea - Bawdsey Village Hall - 2.30pm - £12.50 for 3 course afternoon tea plus free gift 07867 335916 – proceeds to Over The Rainbow children's charity.

14th Girls Night Out "A Buffeting Xmas" at Sutton Memorial Hall. Must book by 10th Dec.

14th "Christmas Fayre" 2pm at Glebe House, Hollesley. Refreshments/Stalls etc.

15th Bawdsey Christmas Market 2-4pm Bawdsey Village Hall.

15th Cake Sale outside Hollesley Village Shop at 9am in Aid of the Homeless

16th Santa's Grotto & Coffee Morning - Alderton Village Hall - 10.30am to 12.30pm – in aid of village funds.

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.