



Shottisham Village Newsletter

Mothers' Day or Mothering Sunday? Most of the shops, restaurants, the cards we buy or receive now call the 4th Sunday of Lent 'Mothers' Day'. We are encouraged to think of it as a day to say thank you to our mothers, to give them a treat, a day off perhaps. But then that implies that it is an occasion just for those who are, literally, mothers – which excludes all the men straightaway, not to mention those who are children and those women who, for whatever reason, have not given birth to children. And then there are those whose experience of being or having a mother has been an unhappy or painful one.

'Mothering', on the other hand, is something that anyone can do – from quite small children to aunties, uncles, teachers, friends. And God. Although traditionally we are encouraged to think of God as Father, many of those 'ing' words that we associate with mothering – caring, feeding, nurturing, healing, carrying – are also things that God does. So on *Mothering* Sunday we meet to give thanks for all who 'mother' us, including God. In the past, Mothering Sunday was an occasion to visit our 'mother' church – the church where we were baptised, attended Sunday school, were. This nurtured. To go back to our roots. year, Mothering Sunday falls on 11th March and I hope many people will want to join together at one of our services to give thanks for all the mothering we have received in our lives. The services at Alderton, Hollesley and Bawdsey include Holy Communion but all are welcome and there will be gifts for all to give to thank those who show a mother's care.

Wishing you every blessing

Ruth Hatfield

St Margaret's Churchyard -Thank you so much to all those who attended the meeting on **Saturday 3rd February 2018** or offered to help. We have divided the churchyard into areas and allocated them to our 20 volunteers (list is on the notice board in the church porch) some have already made a brilliant start on their patch. If you want to join us please let Pat know on 411470. Ted would be proud of us, thank you all again. *St Margaret's PCC.*

Pancake Party-

Thanks to all who came and for all the contributions to the food. Thanks to Rev. Ruth for making 100 delicious pancakes and our speaker Jenny Webb. We all had an enjoyable evening. *St Margaret's PCC.*

March 2018	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
Thursday 1st			2.30 pm Glebe House, Evensong Pat S/Mel	
Sunday 4 th Candlemas	11 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Sutton Heath family worship	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 11 th Mothering Sunday	6 pm Evensong	9.30 Mothering Sunday praise	9.30 am Family Communion 6pm Reflection and Song	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Ash Wednesday 14th		12.00 noon Holy Communion followed by Lent lunch Revd Michael		
Thursday 15th			10.30 am Glebe House Holy Communion	
Saturday 17th			12.00 noon Messy church	
Sunday 18th		11 am Holy Communion (CW)	9.30 am Café Sundae Judy Foulger 3pm Baptism of Olivia Howlett 6.30 pm Evensong	8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 25 th Palm Sunday	9.30 am Family Communion	6.30 pm Evensong tbc	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Ruth
Thursday 29 th Maundy Thursday			6.30 pm Maundy meal and prayer watch	
Friday 30 th Good Friday	1.00 pm Prayer walk to Sutton	2.30 pm approx Good Friday reflections	6.00 pm Dramatised stations of the cross	9.00 Prayer Walk to Bawdsey

Gardening gems from Ivan

Spring may be just around the corner, and when we do have a warm, sunny day then things begin to move and the world is a lovely place. Then the weather man tells us we are in for another cold blast, with the wind in the east, and let's face it, the wind could stay there for weeks. However, there are signs of spring in the garden. We have in flower cyclamen, dwarf iris (reticulate and danfordia), crocus, snowdrops, hellebores and dwarf daffodils. In the greenhouse, sowings of sweet peas, lettuce, cabbage and summer heading purple sprouting broccoli are all well under way, having been germinated indoors on top of the boiler. The seed potatoes are also trayed up in the greenhouse to encourage good, strong sprouts. Watering plants in the greenhouse should be carried out early in the day to allow any excess moisture to dry off, so, choose a warm, sunny day with some wind. Patience is a virtue, keep it if you can, always in a woman, never in a man, or so the saying goes. Both in the garden and on the allotment waiting for the right conditions under foot and overhead will pay dividends in the long run. So, don't force a seedbed if the soil is too wet, this will only destroy any soil structure and delay plant establishment and growth. In the garden I have delayed cutting plants back too much because we are due another cold snap. So, be patient but be ready to respond when conditions are favourable. *Ivan Clark*



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.

Shottisham Trust Hall Project Group - if anyone else from the village is interested in helping with renovation planning and grant applications please phone Christine Block on 411460. **Trust Hall Insurance** - the hall's insurance is paid for by the proceeds of the annual plant and cake sale which is held on the **first May bank holiday weekend**. The continued help and support with donations of plants for this event will be appreciated.

SHOTTISHAM WI - **March 14th** at 2 pm 'Bringing History to Life' by Jenny Webb.

Shottisham Parish Council News The six villages of Alderton, Bawdsey, Boyton, Hollesley, Shottisham and, we hope, Sutton are joining together to form Peninsula Villages Community Land Trust (PVCLT). Read the March issue of Village Voices for more information.

THE SORREL HORSE in March

We are delighted to announce that we have placed an order for two defibrillators one for the Sorrel Horse and the other for the Alderton Swan. Thus may we, as Flag of Suffolk, sincerely thank all of those who have made this possible in such a short period of time. We hope to have them installed and operational during March 2018, and will organise an appropriate celebration. Equally we hope to have the latest round of renovations completed during early March which will see our beloved pub enjoying a new slate roof and freshly renovated toilets - please don't be confused as the Ladies will become the Gents and vice versa! Here is what's happening in March at the pub -

Mother's Day Celebrations on **11th March**

Indoor Cinema Night on **16th March**

St Patricks Day shenanigans on **17th March**

Fun over the Easter weekend including an Easter egg hunt for local children and guests on Easter Sunday (**1st April**).

Finally **19th May** marks the date of the Royal Wedding, we are considering a 'Street Party' at the Sorrel along with some fun and games, all contributions and suggestions would be most welcome - a free meal on offer for the best suggestions!

Best wishes *Gary Miller*

Music - Admission is free and it starts at 8.30 pm - book a table if you want to eat beforehand. **Monday 12th March** sees the return of **HomeBrewan** eclectic Roots Blues trio from the Suffolk Delta. Led by the native New Orleanian American journeyman, the enigmatic Nolan Wiltz. Real authentic blues live here in Shottisham! And our support act is the superb **Millie Kirkpatrick**. Hope to see you there

Chris Harvey

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Swift Survey and swift boxes. Helen Kemp has arranged for Edward Jackson, from the RSPB, to give a talk on swifts at The Trust Hall on Saturday 3rd March from 7.15 p.m. There will be a raffle and refreshments. Donations are for Save Our Swifts, which is part of Edward Jackson's project and our Swift Project. Queries to Helen on helbru@gotadsl.co.uk or Diana on dianabickerton88@gmail.com Diana Bickerton, Local History Recorder.

Mobile Grocer - **Thursdays** Heath Drive 10.25-10.50 and The Sorrel Horse 11.00 - 11.15- tel Sonya 07810370314 for info.

Mobile Library - **Tuesday 6th** at the Knoll from 3.00 pm - 3.20pm.

Hollesley Village Hall. Hollesley Village Hall Management Committee is seeking volunteers as secretary and treasurer of the committee. All expenses are paid and there are only three or four meetings a year. Starting date will be October 2018 or earlier if preferred. Contact Sue (secretary) on 410477 or susan.bethell@btinternet.com or Christine (treasurer) on 411562 or christine-hayes@hotmail.com for more details.

LOCAL EVENTS IN MARCH

3rd Lent lunch at St Margaret's Church, Shottisham at 12 noon

10th Hollesley Community Café at Hollesley Village Hall from 9.30 to 12 noon

10th AGM Bawdsey Coastal Partnership - Alderton Village Hall - 10am (updated)

10th Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club Talk by the archaeologists working at Bawdsey- Bawdsey Village Hall - 7.30pm - adults £2 under 16s 50p

21st Gardening Club - Bowls Hut, Hollesley - 7.30pm

24th Away Day & Lent Lunch - Deben Churches, Sutton Memorial Hall - 10am to 4pm

25th Walsingham Walkers with Cross from Bawdsey Ferry to Alderton then on to Shottisham Trust Hall and finally St. Marys, Woodbridge

30th Easter Egg Hunt - Bawdsey Recreation Ground & Bawdsey Village Hall - 10am

31st Cake Sale - Hollesley Shop - 9.30am

SUFFOLK PUNCH TRUST opens again on **Friday 23rd March** with the new Wild Tayberry café.

In the school Easter Holidays (**Friday 30th March** - **Sunday 15th April**) follow the Easter Bunny's woodland trail to lead to a chocolatey surprise!

Calling for wool What does Knit & Natter at Bromeswell do? Knitting for premature babies at Ipswich Hospital, Syrian Refugees residing in Ipswich, seamen's hats that go to Felixstowe Dock. **We need New Double Knitting Wool**, please contact Judith Andrews 411642 or Liz Mark 411426.

FERRY - the ferry from Bawdsey to Felixstowe Ferry can be booked in the winter - phone 07709 411511 a day in advance.

Bawdsey School has had another busy month. During traditional pancake races all the children from Nursery to year 6 loved flipping pancakes,, the winner's name added to the huge wooden spoon. Senior diners can come to enjoy a roast dinner and pudding every second Thursday of the month for £3.47. Please phone by 9.30 to book - 411365. Baby and Toddler group is run in the EYFS class and is open to anyone who would like to come and play. It is every Friday from 1.30 with no costs or booking needed. *Katie Butler*, Head



Congratulations to Stuart and Lisa in Heath Drive on the birth of your baby boy Finlee in February.

NB The main road through Sutton is due to be closed from March 5th to March 16th.

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

For contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact Nicky Beaven 411861 or nicky.rosecott@gmail.com by **20th** of previous month.