



Shottisham Village Newsletter

Dear friends,

‘Love is come again’
 ‘Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
 Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
 Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
*Love is come again,
 Like wheat that springeth green.’*

That hymn uses imagery of wheat growing from seed as a metaphor for the resurrection, just as Jesus did when he said: ‘Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.’
 St Paul uses similar imagery in his letter to the church at Corinth, both of Jesus’ resurrection and our resurrection hope. I firmly believe that Jesus rose again, and that there is good evidence both in the New Testament and in the lives of people who have lived and died for him, from then until now. The New Testament does not describe the resurrection, only how it was revealed to Jesus’ first followers. In Mark’s gospel we hear only that the tomb was empty! How could such a unique event be described? Our Christian hope of eternal life, beginning now and continuing through death, is equally hard to describe: we can only use poetic, pictorial language, and the symbolism of new life in eggs, in lambs, of new shoots and green leaves comes naturally to us in this part of the world where our celebration of Easter coincides with Spring.

Germinate

The same imagery is used in the Germinate programme our team of 17 churches are engaged in, which aims to ‘support rural multi parish benefices in developing and implementing a shared vision for mission and growth.’ – something we can only do by allowing the seed of the resurrection to be planted in us and our churches and allowing it to germinate, so that we may find that ‘Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.’ We want as many people as possible to be involved, so come and find out more:

**We would love to grow in the parishes
 of the Wilford Peninsula.
 Please come to join in the discussion :
 Growing in God in the countryside**
29th April 11.30 - 3pm
 at St Felix, Rendlesham
 Bring a plate of food to share.

(Our time will be facilitated by Revd Canon Sally Gaze,
 Dean of Rural Ministry Consultancy and author of ‘Mission-shaped and Rural’)

*P.S. this is **not** about cutting services or clergy!* Wishing you every blessing in this Easter season *Ruth Hatchett*

A reminder that everyone is invited to come to the **Annual Church Meeting** of their local church to elect two churchwardens to serve for the next 12 months. Churchwardens are your representatives and are responsible for making sure services are held in the church and that it is maintained in good order. Our Annual Church Meeting in Sutton is on **Monday 9th April 6pm** in All Saints’ Church. All are welcome to come and hear what we’ve been doing and help us plan for the future.

April 2018	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
Sunday 1 st Easter Sunday	9.30 am Family Communion Revd Michael	9.30 am Sutton Heath, Easter Praise Mel Spurling 11 am Family Communion Revd Ruth	6.15 am Shingle Street (Martello Tower) Sunrise Service Revd Ruth	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Michael
Thursday 5 th			2.30 pm Glebe House, Evensong Pat S/Mel	
Sunday 8 th	6 pm Evensong Revd Ruth	9.30 am Morning Praise Will Richards	9.30 am Family Communion and Baptism Revd Ruth 6 pm Reflection and Song Di Barnard	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Ruth
Sunday 15 th	6 pm Evensong	11 am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Ruth	9.30 am Café Sundae Judy Foulger 6.30 pm Evensong	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Ruth
Thursday 19 th			10.30 am Glebe House Holy Communion Revd Judith/Pat S	
Saturday 21 st			10 am Deben churches open meeting 12.00 noon Messy church	
Sunday 18 th		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 22 nd	9.30 am Family Communion & APCM Revd Ruth	6.30 pm Evensong Revd Ruth	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Canon Pauline Stentiford	
Sunday 29 th	10 am Family Communion and Baptism Revd Ruth			

Get Involved! Following the resignations of Mike Hazlewood and Kevin Dunnett from the **Parish Council**, there are 2 vacancies for new Councillors. If you feel you have something to offer as a member of the PC, please contact the Clerk at shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com.

Local people can now sign up to the new **Garden Waste Collection Scheme** being provided by Suffolk Coastal District Council which is introducing a £43 a year charge for collecting garden waste this financial year (2018/19) from the beginning of May 2018 my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/MyServices

Yoga for beginners and Intermediates - (Gentle Hatha) Fridays in term time 9.30 -11am Hollesley Village Hall. Summer Term starts on Friday 20th April – 12 week term. For more details please contact Cathie Shuster 01728 747001 07734469038 cathie@returnstilloness.co.uk www.returnstilloness.co.uk



Gardening gems from Ivan

A few days, or even a week or two's delay in planting or sowing is not the end of the world at this time of the year as establishment and growth rate will be much better as soil and air temperatures rise. Most plants were looking pretty good through the winter but the recent cold winds and frosts have taken their toll on the plants such as helianthus major, but the roots and stem bases will be fine and new growth is already showing. Rabbits or muntjac deer can do much damage to young growth of perennials and anything else that takes their fancy. It's a good time to visit gardens and nurseries for displays of early spring bulbs. There will also be some early flowering shrubs to enjoy. The rhubarb has survived under its blanket of straw, and with increasing temperatures we should be able to pull some in a week or so. I'm currently waiting for some active growth in the weeds before applying some weedkiller. To avoid repeating myself I will stop now and hope that conditions improve, as they surely will, and allow us to get things under way on the allotment. *Ivan Clark*



SHOTTISHAM TRUST HALL - For Trust Hall hire please contact Terrie on 410134. As of 31 March 2018 Kevin, Terrie and Bethany have moved and can now be found at Tower Cottage, Church lane, Shottisham. All the best with the move and wishing you happiness in your new home.

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.

Donations of plants and cakes for the annual sale on **May 5th** will be very much appreciated, the proceeds pay for the hall's insurance.

SHOTTISHAM WI - April 11th at 2.00 pm 'Buildings of local heritage interest' by Robert Scrimgeour.

SHOTTISHAM CAMPSITE NEWS www.shottishamcampsite.com

Interested in eating some really local, high-welfare, food grown in Shottisham? We sell our eggs, jams made from our own fruit, and honey from our bees at the back of the house - pop your money in the pot. Sausages (including gluten-free) and bacon from our pigs are frozen, but just ask and we will get some for you. Our little dairy herd of goats has also grown by 2 - Emelie and Eleven were born at the beginning of February and will join our milking herd. We expect to start lambing by Easter and have just hatched a batch of chicks - spring is definitely in the air. If you fancy popping by to cuddle a goat it would be lovely to see you. Coming soon at the campsite is the pop-up Blue Rabbit Café - open from May 2018 at weekends and school holidays. *Claire and James*

THE SORREL HORSE in April - www.thesorrelhorse.co.uk

We are delighted to announce that Norman Bell has joined us as Head Chef from March 19th, plus Spring Opening hours mean we are open seven days a week and will also be re-starting Sorrel Sunday Breakfasts from the 1st April. Upcoming events in April are:

Easter Egg Hunt 1st April - on Easter Sunday on the Pightle. Please email us to register how many children you're bringing, there'll be an egg for everyone! info@thesorrelhorse.co.uk

Sunday Acoustic Session 1st April - Hosted by Harry, starts 3.30pm, everyone welcome.

Grand National Day 14th April - Top Hats & Suits with a large screen to watch, and lunch before the race. Please call or email to book.

Wine Masterclass 19th April - 6.30-8.30pm tickets £15

Music - Admission is free and it starts at 8.30 pm - book a table if you want to eat beforehand.

Monday 9th April 2018 The Ross Birkitt Family acoustic band. Last time we enjoyed a very exciting performance to a packed house, and can again be sure of an evening to remember. You are advised to come early! Support act: Alderton's own Harry

Chris Harvey



Quizzes this month are on **11th** and **25th** starting at 8.30 pm Best wishes *Gary Miller*



Join the **RSPB Woodbridge Local Group** for the fourth year of our campaign to **Save Our Suffolk Swifts**. We are looking for swift nest sites either in roofs or nest boxes. From our previous surveys we have gathered information from Woodbridge and 10 of the surrounding villages. By the end of 2017, we had recorded 72 nests in 33 sites woodbridge.swifts@gmail.com

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 3rd at the Knoll from 3.00 pm - 3.20pm.

Hollesley Village Hall Management Committee is seeking volunteers as secretary and treasurer of the committee. All expenses paid and only three or four meetings a year. Starting from October 2018. Contact Sue (sec) on 410477 or susan.bethell@btinternet.com or Christine (treas) on 411562 or christinehayes@hotmail.com

CAFES AND FERRY Transmitter Block Bawdsey opens on 1st and 2nd April and then Thursdays and Sundays 12-4pm www.bawdseyradar.org.uk

Deben Ferry operates weekends 10-5pm for fresh fish, Winkles seafood café and The Ferry Café. Bawdsey Boathouse Café open Fri-Sun. 11-5pm

Suffolk Punch Trust Café open Wed-Mon during Easter Holidays 10.30-4pm

Coffee Republic Warren Hill open weekdays 8-4pm weekends 8.30-3pm

LOCAL EVENTS IN APRIL

Thursday 5th Coffee & Chat with Bring & Buy - 1 Eastfields, Bawdsey - 10.30am

Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th EbnU Easter Holiday Club - Hollesley Church - 10am to 12.30pm

Wednesday 11th Meet Chrisalis the Clown - Suffolk Punch Trust, Hollesley

Thursday 12th Church Annual Vestry Meeting - Bawdsey Village Hall - 7pm

Thursday 12th Sutton Ladies Group Talk by Julie Paul - Sutton Memorial Hall - 7.30pm

Friday 13th Sutton Ladies Girls Night Out - "April Showers" - Memorial Hall - 7pm for 7.30pm - £6 book on 411793

Saturday 14th Meeting about the Peninsula Poppy Project with coffee and chat from 11 am Church Farm, Hollesley IP12 3RG www.peninsula2018.org/

Saturday 14th Bawdsey Spring Bazaar - Bawdsey Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm

Sunday 15th Children's Easter Trail - Suffolk Punch Trust, Hollesley

Tuesday 17th Bawdsey Craft Group: Fabric Postcards - Village Hall - 7.30pm

Friday 20th Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper - Sutton Memorial Hall - 7.30pm - book on 01394 411530 or 384659

Friday 20th and Saturday 21st The Legend of Black Shuck puppet play (Rust and Stardust with school children) - St Bartholomews church, Orford contact@tmef.org.uk

Saturday 21st Bawdsey Market - Bawdsey Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm

Thursday 26th IKEA Trip - coach leaves Bawdsey VH at 8.30am, stops at Alderton & Sutton - £12 bookings Sue 411758 or Jenny 411813

Sunday 29th Sutton Quiz Night - Memorial Hall - 7.30pm

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.