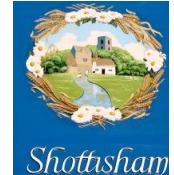


# Shottisham Village Newsletter



Dear Friends

'Carols' are something most of us associate with Christmas. But what is a 'carol' and how is it different from a hymn or a song? 'Carol' originally referred to 'a ring-dance or the song accompanying it' but a more modern definition is 'a song of joy or praise; a Christmas song or hymn'.

Although when we speak of carols we generally mean Christmas carols, there are 'carols' for other seasons of the year as well, for example Easter, Saint's days and Advent (the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas Day). Going 'carolling' has been a winter activity for hundreds of years – cheering people up in the dark cold evenings with merry songs, not necessarily of a religious nature but celebrating life and music and being together.

Essentially a carol is a joyful song created and sung by ordinary people. Their subjects are down-to-earth and include references to plants and animals, food and drink. While, in the middle ages, the church sang Gregorian chant in Latin, the people sang and danced to crols in the street, the home and the inn.

At Christmas time we remember how God, the creator of the universe, came down to earth, to share our lives in all their joys and sorrows and we celebrate by singing God's praise in our churches, schools, streets and pubs. Come and join us at one (or more!) of the many carol services in our village churches or singing around our streets.

Wishing you all joy and peace at Christmas

Wishing you every blessing *Ruth Hatchett*



*The people of St Andrew's Church, Boyton warmly invite you to Light a Candle and Name a Star in memory of a loved one at their annual Memories Service on Saturday 7th December at 3pm. All are welcome to this quiet, reflective service which many people have found helpful at this time of year.*



Arranged by the parish churches of Alderton, Bawdsey, Boyton, Hollesley, Ramsholt, Shottisham & Sutton  
Vicar: Rev'd Ruth Hatchett 412052



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 to 7.30 pm** Candlelit Carol Service – 9 lessons and carols at Ramsholt Church.

## DEBEN CHURCH SERVICES

| December 2019   | SHOTTISHAM  | SUTTON  | HOLLESLEY   | ALDERTON   |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Advent Sunday                 | 11.00 am Morning Praise<br><i>Revd Ruth</i>   | 9.30 am Sutton Heath<br>Family Communion<br><i>Canon David Lowe</i> | 9.30 am Sung Eucharist (CW)<br><i>Revd Ruth</i><br>12.30 pm Baptism of George Collins       | 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)<br><i>Revd Michael</i>   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>                                | 2.30pm Glebe House, Hollesley, Evensong <i>Pat S/Mel</i>  |   |   |  |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Second Sunday of<br>Advent    | 6 pm Evensong<br><i>Mel Spurling</i>  | 9.30 am Morning<br>Praise<br><i>Mel Spurling</i>                    | 9.30 am Family Communion<br><i>Revd Michael</i><br>6 pm Reflection & Song <i>Di Barnard</i> | 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)<br><i>Revd Ruth</i>  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 6 pm Sutton Girls' Night Out carol service <i>Mel Spurling/Revd Ruth</i>  |   |   |  |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Third Sunday of<br>Advent    | 6.30 pm Carol Service<br><i>Revd Michael</i>  | 11 am Holy<br>Communion<br><i>Revd Michael</i>                      | 9.30 am Café Sundae <i>Judy Foulger</i><br>6.30 pm Evensong <i>Gill Whiffin</i>             | 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)<br><i>Revd Ruth</i><br>6.30 pm Carol Service<br><i>Revd Ruth</i> |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>                              | 10.00 am Shottisham, Sandlings School <b>Carol Service</b> <i>Revd Michael</i>  |   |   |  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>                               | 10.30 Glebe House, Hollesley, Holy Communion <i>Revd Ruth</i><br>2pm Hollesley Church, Hollesley School <b>Carol Concert</b> <i>Revd Ruth</i> |   |   |  |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>Fourth Sunday of<br>Advent   |   | 6.30 pm Evensong<br>(said) <i>tbc</i>                               | 9.30 am Sung Eucharist (CW)<br><i>Revd Ruth</i>   | 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)<br><i>Revd Michael</i>   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup><br>Christmas Eve               | 9.30 pm Christmas<br>Communion <i>Revd Ruth</i>   | 4 pm Carol Service<br><i>Revd Michael</i>                           | 5 pm Crib Service <i>Revd Ruth</i><br>11.30 pm Midnight Mass <i>Revd Ruth</i>               | 11.30 pm Midnight Mass<br>(BCP) <i>Revd Michael</i>  |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>                              | 11 am Sutton Christmas Communion <i>Revd Ruth</i>   |   |   |  |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>First Sunday of<br>Christmas | 11 am Hollesley, Sung Eucharist <b>with carols</b> for the Deben Churches with the Deben Churches choir <i>Revd Ruth/Revd Michael</i>         |   |   |  |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>                                | 2.00pm Alderton, Wedding of Alex Dron & Becci Chapman <i>Revd Ruth</i>  |   |   |  |

**SHOTTISHAM TRUST HALL:** For Trust Hall Hire please contact **Terrie on 410134.**

**Shottisham WI:** Merry Christmas everyone and a huge thank you for generously supporting our fundraising efforts for the Trust Hall throughout the year. Thank you also to everyone who gave of their time and expertise to help us with the upkeep of our Trust Hall. **For Shottisham WI membership in 2020** please contact **Robin on 411260.**

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS** The next Parish Council meeting will be on 10th January 7.30pm - this is when the Budget will be finalized for 2020/2021 ([kayrymnd@aol.com](mailto:kayrymnd@aol.com))

**THE SORREL HORSE IN DECEMBER** - please see attachment

??? Quizzes this month are on 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 8.30 pm and 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 8.00 pm <https://thesorrelhorse.co.uk/events/>

The **Blue Rabbit Cafe** is now closed for the winter, but will re-open at Easter 2020. We are still selling our very free-range eggs on our drive-way farm stall and at our back porch (St Margaret's House) for £1 a box. If you would like to buy some of our frozen rare-breed, free-range sausages, please just ring the bell and ask and we will get them for you. We also sell homemade jam made from homegrown fruit.

#### REGULAR VILLAGE SERVICES

**Community Car Service for Doctor/Hospital appointments Woodbridge and Ipswich.** Woodbridge £5 / Ipswich £10. Colin Beecroft Tel 411794

**MOBILE GROCER TUESDAYS** Heath Drive 1.30 - 1.55pm. We will not be coming on Tuesday 24th December and Tuesday 31st December. We will be back on Tuesday 7th January 2020. Thank you, Sonya 07810 370314.

**Mobile Library – Tuesday 10th** at the Knoll from 3.00 pm – 3.20pm.

**CATS Link Bus** can be contacted on 01728 635938

**Fresh fish** – Cathy is no longer coming to the village, but hopefully we are finding someone else from Lowestoft.

#### LOCAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** Switch on Lights at bottom of Mill Hoo Alderton 4pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** Knit & Natter (new time 2-2.30pm) for venue phone 411426

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** Bawdsey Craft Group Annual Coffee Morning Raffle/Hamper/Crafts/Wreaths/Refreshments 10am Bawdsey Hall

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** Hollesley Village Hall - Energy Advice and more 2-4pm "Rural Caravan"

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** Bawdsey School - Christmas Cracker 2pm

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** Bawdsey Christmas Market 2-4pm Bawdsey Village Hall

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** Xmas Community Café 10-12 Breakfast/Stalls/Raffle/Hamper/Tombola at Hollesley Village Hall

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** Santa's Grotto at Alderton Village Hall 10.30am-12.30pm

Meet up Mondays 2-4pm Shepherd & Dog, Hollesley and meet up Wednesday 10-11.30am at AldertSundayon Village Hall  
Suffolk Punch Trust - open Fri-Mon 10.30am-4.30pm and Shelby's, Warren Hill Weekdays 8am-4pm/Weekends 8.30am-3pm  
Poppies, Sutton Heath - from 29th Mon-Fri. 9am-1.30pm no café . 21<sup>st</sup> December to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

#### A FAMILY PANTO - TREASURE ISLAND

HOLLESLEY VILLAGE HALL Evenings 7:30pm 5, 6 & 7 Dec. Matinees 2:30pm 7 & 8 Dec Tickets: 01394 411079 & Hollesley Village Stores On the door Adults £8.00 Pensioners £7.00 Under 16s £5.00. In advance Adults £7.00 Pensioners £6.00 Under 16s £4.00



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Norman (chef at The Sorrel Horse), Kerry and family on the birth of their twins Louie and Sofia.



For information about church related items please contact **Rev. Ruth Hatchett 412052** or email [ruth.hatchett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ruth.hatchett@yahoo.co.uk).

For contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact **Nicky Beaven 411861** or [nicky.rosecott@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.rosecott@gmail.com) by 20<sup>th</sup> of previous month.