

# Shottisham Village Newsletter



(Derek's birthday card from Dan)

***'Do what we can summer will have its flies.'* Ralph Waldo Emerson**

**Dear friends**

**Living out our faith**

In the month of August, the Church of England remembers the lives of three people whose Christian faith inspired them to work for the good of others.

**Octavia Hill** was born in 1838. As a teacher she was horrified at the conditions in which most of her pupils lived. Strongly motivated by her faith, Octavia managed to secure some finance with which she purchased some slum properties. These were then improved and rented out in a way that that combined financial viability with a genuine concern for the people renting them. The success of this approach led to more properties being built and Octavia became a key driving force of housing reform.

**William Booth** and **Catherine Mumford** were born in 1829 and married in 1855. They both had a deep concern for the plight of the poor, which led to them founding a Christian mission in Whitechapel, London in 1865. This mission was to become the Salvation Army in 1878, which became a worldwide movement with a strong commitment to caring for the poor.

We live in a country in which the economic fallout of the Corona virus epidemic has fallen most heavily on those who often have the least. Those without savings to fall back on, or whose employment is low paid and precarious. Our Christian faith should cause us to be concerned about people in this situation. We may not be able ourselves to undertake major initiatives such as Octavia Hill and the Booths did, but as individuals we can support those organisations who are supporting the lives of those who are struggling through no fault of their own. Mother Teresa of Calcutta summed it up as follows: *'It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts.'* Maybe as our country moves into a post Corona Virus world, maybe we will see our love for all members of society, particularly the least well off and vulnerable, grow stronger. God Bless, *Reverend Giles*, team rector.

**Message from Citizens Advice Service:** The financial hardship caused by Covid-19 is having a big impact on the people in our community. We are aware that this is likely to worsen for some people if they face redundancy or continued reduced income. On 1 July energy companies will be able to chase for arrears and it is likely that other creditors will take action to reclaim debts. It is therefore a good time for people who are struggling with their finances to seek advice and support. At Citizens Advice Leiston, (with Outreach at Alderton surgery) we have two Covid funds we can use to help people in our community who have been financially impacted by Covid.

- Covid Energy Fund where we can help clients manage their energy bills whether gas, electricity or oil
- Covid Secondary School Uniform fund where we can help people with the cost of secondary school uniforms.

Call 0330 1075627 or email [moneymoneymatters@nescab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:moneymoneymatters@nescab.cabnet.org.uk)

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DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	HOLLESLEY	ALDEBURGH
Monday	8.00am to <b>2.30pm</b>	8.00am to 6.30pm	Temporarily Closed	8.00am to 6.30pm
Tuesday	8.00am to 6.30pm			8.00am to 6.30pm
Wednesday	8.00am to 6.30pm	8.00am to <b>1.00pm</b>		8.00am to 6.30pm
Thursday	8.00am to 6.30pm	8.00am to <b>1.00pm</b>		8.00am to 6.30pm
Friday	8.00am to 6.30pm	8.00am to <b>1.00pm</b>		8.00am to 6.30pm

Due to the Pandemic, our service has had to adapt to keep both patients and staff safe, and to manage your medical care with responsiveness, professionalism and compassion.

Because of the rapidly changing directives we receive in relation to the pandemic, we are unable to inform patients via local newsletters of these changes to our service. Therefore all practice updates are posted on our website: [www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk/coronaviruscovid-19](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk/coronaviruscovid-19) and The Peninsula Practice Facebook page.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Emergency Vehicle Access to Church Lane and The Knoll.**

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that due to cars parked at the entrance to Church Lane and The Knoll that access for emergency vehicles could be contravening the highways authority guidelines. A width of 3.7 metres must be left to allow vehicles like fire engines or ambulances to have clear access to the whole length of Church Lane. Causing an obstruction and delaying an emergency vehicle access could obviously have serious consequences.

Other large vehicles also require access for example refuse trucks. Sometimes these trucks have been unable to make bin collections because cars have been parked on both sides of the road. This has caused great inconvenience to residents further down the Lane.

When parking in this area please park considerately and judge if you have left enough space for an emergency vehicle to gain access down Church Lane, *Ray Kay (Chairman)*

**MARY WARNER'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** As you may know the Charity is empowered to make grants to students who are under the age of 25 and who live (or whose parents live) in the Parishes of Boyton, Butley, Capel st Andrew, Shottisham, Sutton, Bawdsey, Alderton and Hollesley and who may be in need of financial assistance.

The monies must be used for 'promoting education' and can include:

1. Awarding the eligible students scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any school, university, college of education, or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education approved for the purpose by the Trustees.
2. Providing financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to assist such person to pursue their education (including the study of music and other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance thereof, or to prepare for or enter a profession, trade or service on leaving school, university, or other educational establishment.

The Trustees will be looking to make a fresh set of grants to such students at their next meeting the date of which is not yet known. If you wish to make application then please contact Jonathan Margaron, Clerk to the Trustees at Cross, Ram and Co Solicitors, 18 The Thorofare Halesworth IP19 8AJ, telephone 01986 873636 or email [info@crossram.co.uk](mailto:info@crossram.co.uk)

**THE MOBILE LIBRARY will be at the knoll on TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> August 3 pm to 3.20 pm.**  
**BILLY THE FISH is at the knoll at 10 am on Wednesdays.**



### THE SORREL HORSE

As we embrace the 'new normal' we are pleased to advise that all is going well, and our visitors have been respectful of the conditions attached to a visit, thus we have decided to expand our menu and opening times for the summer so as many visitors as possible can enjoy their time at our beautiful village pub, *Gary and Leila* <https://thesorrelhorse.co.uk/>

**The Blue Rabbit Café, Shottisham Campsite** is open Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun 8.30-11.30am throughout August for home-grown, home-made breakfasts, brunches and cakes. All our meat, eggs, vegetables and fruit are grown here – this is proper farm eating at its best. We are an outside café and all tables are spaced far apart.



Claire will still be making and selling cakes and you can reserve your cake by messaging her or emailing on [bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com](mailto:bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com) - collection time for cakes will be either during café opening hours or 6-7pm from the cafe. Home-reared, rare-breed meat, eggs, jam and honey can be ordered and collected between 6-7pm from the café.

Check out the Blue Rabbit website for more details <https://bluerabbitcafe.com/> *Claire Norton*

**Pete's Pizzas, Shottisham Campsite:** Thursday and Friday, 5.00-9.00pm. Pre-order on 87850 815486 or [pete@petespizzas.co.uk](mailto:pete@petespizzas.co.uk). Wood-fired pizzas.

### POLITE REQUEST FROM SHINGLE STREET RESIDENTS

Shingle Street has been particularly beautiful this year. A combination of sunny weather and bumper crops of Vipers Bugloss and Verbascum have cheered our locked-down hearts and made us prouder than ever to be custodians to our wonderful Site of Special Scientific Interest.

As the lockdown lifts, we've had more visitors than ever before – families desperate to escape their own back gardens, dog walkers in search of new frontiers, swimmers willing to brave the North Sea and more fisherman than you can shake a fish at.

We're delighted to welcome friends old and new, but would like to remind everyone that this rare and fragile landscape relies on all of us for protection.

To that end, could everyone pass the message along to visiting friends that there are no toilets here (nearest public facilities are at Bawdsey Quay) and that burying dog or human waste on the beach or using the surrounding land as a toilet is not a friendly solution – walkers have had too many unpleasant surprises and the abandoned loo paper doesn't do anything for the pristine beauty of the landscape. (If all else fails, perhaps borrow a doggy bag? And speaking of doggy bags, leaving them by the path "for later" has proven that we all have failing memories, and would do better to keep a firm hold throughout the walk.)

While we're offering reminders, there are just a few more -- no overnight camping, no beach fires, no BBQs (on or off the beach), and no parked cars on fragile verges or across access roads.

As for fishermen, please be aware that dogs have eaten left-behind hooks – causing a number of recent deaths and ruinous vet bills, so please be sure to take *everything* away with you.

And finally, a huge thank you to our habitual litter-picker friends from Hollesley and the surrounding area. You're our local heroes.

With everyone's help, we can keep Shingle Street safe and welcoming for our flora, fauna, residents and visitors.

Best wishes and stay safe, *The Residents of Shingle Street*

### LOCAL NEWS

**Meet-Up Monday:** Re-starts **Monday 3 August**, new time 10.00am-Noon, Shepherd and Dog, Hollesley, following social distancing rules. Bring your own mug.

**Butley ferry** is running from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays.

**Bawdsey ferry** every day 10.00am to 5.00pm (weather permitting). Social distancing measures in place & face masks must be worn by all over 11 years (exceptions apply)

**Bawdsey café** has an outdoor service and take-aways every day 11 am to 5 pm.

**The Ramsholt Arms is open** - details are on the website <http://www.theramsholtarms.com/>

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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.

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