

Shottisham Village Newsletter

Dear friends

'Bittersweet' is a description which can be applied to the Christian festival of 'Candlemas' otherwise known as the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on February 2nd, celebrating the occasion when the infant Jesus, as was first-born, male Jew, was presented in the temple in elderly Simeon recognised Jesus as a 'light to lighten the predicted trouble and suffering ahead. On 2nd February, back with joy to Christmas celebrations and forward towards and Easter with their themes of testing and suffering but also of new life. Bittersweet.

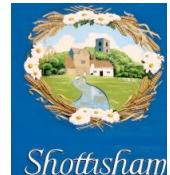
2nd February is also half way between the winter solstice and the spring equinox and therefore has other beliefs and customs associated with it. Winter is not yet over but spring is on its way. According to tradition, if the day is sunny and bright we can expect more winter weather to come and vice versa. Bittersweet.

And 'bittersweet' is a good description of my feelings as I write this final letter for our village magazines and prepare to leave our home and ministry here. There are so many memories from the last 10 years that I hold dear; it has been such a privilege to share your joys and sorrows and to be part of the life of this community. We will miss the people and the place so much and hope to keep in touch and return to this lovely part of the country from time to time. But Michael and I also look forward to moving to our own new home in Tiptree during March, to a new phase of our ministry and also to leaving the freedom and space for new possibilities and initiatives in these parishes for the future. Bittersweet. We hope that you will all feel welcome to join us for a final service at All Saints' Church, Hollesley at 11am on 2nd February and/or at the bring and share lunch afterwards at Hollesley Village Hall.

With my love and prayers *Ruth*



American bittersweet plant



customary for a Jerusalem. The Gentiles' but also Christians look Lent, Holy Week



Hollesley Community Café has been taking place during the autumn/winter/spring months since October 2015, going from strength to strength. It has been a great privilege and joy to me to have been part of it and I wish the new management team of Juliet Johnson and Meryl that you will continue to support them in the future. interested in some facts and figures. Unfortunately, I have been served although I could possibly tot up cracked – it's just under 1400! But I can tell you that donated to charity- a terrific result! Thanks to all our including Village Voices who pay for the hire of the village hall for Community Café.

Montague every success, knowing I wondered if you might be can't tell you how many breakfasts the number of eggs that have been a grand total of £9,328.67 has been supporters, helpers and sponsors,

Revd Ruth Hatchett

DEBEN CHURCH SERVICES

February 2020	SHOTTISHAM	SUTTON	HOLLESLEY	ALDERTON
Sunday 2 nd Candlemas		9.30 am Sutton Heath Family Worship <i>Mel Spurling</i>	11 am Sung Eucharist <i>Revd Ruth's final service</i>	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Revd Michael</i>
Thursday 6th	2.30 pm	Glebe House, Hollesley, Evensong	Pat S/Mel S	
Sunday 9 th Third Sunday before Lent	6 pm Evensong <i>Mel Spurling</i>	9.30 Morning Praise <i>Revd Judith/Helene Berry</i>	9.30 am Family Communion <i>Canon David Lowe</i> 6 pm Reflection & Song <i>Di Barnard</i>	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Revd Charlotte Cook</i>
Saturday 15th	Hollesley Messy Church 12-2 pm <i>Di Barnard & team</i>			
Sunday 16 th Second Sunday before Lent		11 am Holy Communion (CW) <i>Revd Judith</i>	9.30 am Café Sundae <i>Judy Foulger</i> 6.30 pm Evensong <i>Gill Whiffin</i>	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Revd Judith</i>
Thursday 20 th	10.30 am	Glebe House, Hollesley, Holy Communion	<i>Revd Judith/Pat S</i>	
Sunday 23 rd Next before Lent	9.30 am Family Communion <i>Revd Nigella</i>	6.30 pm Evensong <i>Revd Judith</i>	9.30 am Sung Eucharist <i>Ven Jeanette Gosney</i>	8 am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Canon Clare Sanders</i>
Ash Wednesday 26 th	10.00 Rendlesham, St Felix, Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes <i>Revd Mandy</i> 7.30pm Woodbridge, St Mary, Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes			

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

Shottisham WI: Our next meeting is on **Feb 12th at 12pm** starting with a soup and pudding lunch followed by our speaker, Amanda Aufenast, who will be demonstrating rag rug making. If you are interested in joining Shottisham WI the 2020 subscription fees are £43. Please contact Robin on 411260 for any new membership enquiries.

Shottisham WI would also like to extend an invitation to any villagers who would like to join us on our social walk every third Thursday starting at 11am from The Sorrel Horse returning about 1.00pm. Our next walk will be on **Feb 20th.**



DO YOU HAVE A SPARE ROOM TO RENT?

We operate a lodgings scheme where we can help find a lodger that specifically meets YOUR criteria with ongoing help and advice
If you live in the Suffolk Coastal area and would like more no obligation information, call your lodgings officer on:

07880 737520 or 01379 640250

We are a charity so there are no fees or costs involved and you will be helping a single person find affordable accommodation

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS The next council meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th March** at 7.30 pm. Agenda items to Lesley at shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com

The Woodland Trust trees have been planted with a few left over given to Hollesley Prison, *Peter Whiddup*

THE SORREL HORSE IN FEBRUARY

Sorrel Horse Shottisham Ltd

Would you like to be a part owner of the village pub? A number of £500 shares are being offered for sale by current shareholders. Please contact admin@sorrelshareholders.com to express your interest.

A most generous **February** special to help banish those winter blues, especially on a **Sunday**, as we shall be offering a 'buy one meal get one half price' on our Sunday Menu throughout the month -this offer is in addition to our **Tuesday Winter Warmer**. Furthermore our buffet this month will be a special **Valentine's buffet on Friday 14th** at our normal price of £14.95 for adults and £8.95 for children. On **Tuesday 25th February** we shall be celebrating **Pancake ~Day** by offering crepes cooked to order from a selection of ingredients at £2.50 each

We have now planned the year's events at the Sorrel, the full list can be found on our notice board in the bar, and should you wish to have your own copy then please do not hesitate to ask! *Gary and Leila*

??? Quizzes this month are on **12th and 25th** starting at **8.30 pm** <https://thesorrelhorse.co.uk/events/>

REGULAR VILLAGE SERVICES

Community Car Service for Doctor/Hospital appointments Woodbridge (£5) and Ipswich (£10) - Colin Beecroft Tel 411794

MOBILE GROCER TUESDAYS It has not been an easy decision, but with regret and due to personal family ongoing issues, we have to cease trading at the end of January. I would like to thank all customers past and present over the 9 years we have come to Shottisham. We have become very fond of the customers and will miss you all very dearly but hope to keep in touch with some. Best Wishes to all, *Sonya & Sheila* – Shottisham will miss you both.

Mobile Library – Tuesday 4th at the Knoll from 3.00 pm – 3.20pm.

CATS Link Bus can be contacted on 01728 635938

LOCAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

1st 1 Eastfields Bawdsey 10.30 am coffee and chat

7th Knit and natter 2-3.30pm in Alderton – phone Liz 411426 for venue

8th Community Cafe at Hollesley Village Hall 9.30am-noon

8th Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club Winter Talk 'A Baltic Cruise in 1939' by Julia Jones 7.30pm in BVH adults £2 under 18s 50p

15th Annual Jumble Sale in aid of Church and Rec 2pm in Bawdsey Village Hall

28th Girls Night Out at Sutton Memorial Hall 7pm for 7.30p. To book phone 411793

Meet up Mondays 2-4pm Shepherd & Dog, Hollesley and **Meet up Wednesdays** 10-11.30am at Alderton Village Hall

Poppies (Sutton Heath) 9am to 1.30pm Monday to Friday and **Shelby's** Warren Hill Weekdays 8am-4pm/Weekends 8.30am-3pm

SAD NEWS **Robert Gawthorn** was larger than life. Although he lived in Sutton, he felt very at home in Shottisham, in particular the Sorrel Horse. As a community we always thought of Robert as an honorary villager. Weekends were spent doing the crossword with Robert, helped by all kinds of people. Conversations were always stimulating. Robert will be missed by so many friends and family, God bless him, *Terrie Cornwell-Dunnett*

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mike and June and Mat, Miranda and Wren and hope they enjoy their new homes. We are pleased to welcome Chrissie and her dog Lola in **Three Gables** and Dan, Sabine and their dog Dottie in Mill Cottage.

