

Shottisham Village Newsletter

'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass ... it's about learning to dance in the rain'.

Vivian Greene



As June approaches villagers are taking their golf bags out of hibernation, pumping up their bike tyres, re-launching their boats and re-filling watering cans as the warm, dry weather continues and elderflowers replace May blossom. On our evening walks we listen to nightingales, watch swifts overhead and spot muntjac and fallow deer; a few evenings ago we watched ten hares having frolicsome spring frenzy. Shingle Street is now covered in flowering sea kale, red valerian, sea peas and campion and if you venture into the bracing North Sea you might swim with a seal, *Nicky* (any jottings welcomed for July)

PENINSULA PRACTICE For the latest up to date practice information please visit the dedicated Coronavirus/Covid-19 page on our website www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS The PC held the AGM on Tuesday 26th May via Zoom, the exercise was successful but unfortunately no villagers, bar one, took up the invitation to attend. Amongst the items covered were the Annual Audit and Governance Return, review of current Financial and Standing orders (under which the PC operates) and a review of inspection work required to the play Area in preparation for the go-ahead to re-open from HMG. The "informal" Annual Parish Meeting will be held once the lockdown is suitably lifted and social distancing relaxed. The next PC meeting is on **Tuesday 14th July** at 7:30pm and may be by Zoom.

COVID - 19 and the Parish Council. You will all have received the page of useful numbers. Pat Southgate is co-ordinating help in the village so if you can help OR you require help please contact Pat on 01394 410110 or e-mail pat.southgate@hotmail.com. Ray Kay is at present taking/collecting prescriptions so please call 410331 or E-mail kayrymnd@aol.com in this respect. Thank you, *Ray Kay* (Chairman)

Billy the Fish is coming to Shottisham every Wednesday morning with a great variety of fresh, refrigerated fish. He is usually at the knoll by the pub at 10 am. Janet went for the first time and found it refreshing waiting socially outside the pub (at a safe distance) and choosing her own fish.



THE BLUE RABBIT CAFE Thank you to everyone who has been supporting us by buying cakes and other smallholding produce from the pop-up Blue Rabbit Cafe cake and farm-shop - we really appreciate it. We are open Wednesday and Saturday 2-3 pm for homemade and homegrown goodies. You can reserve cakes in

advance, just message or email Claire bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com Please see our website for more details <https://bluerabbitcafe.com/cakes-and-veggies/>

In smallholding news we had three new lambs at the end of April and then last week Ziggy Stardust surprised us with three new baby goats - Barley, August and Clover. We knew she was pregnant, but we didn't know how many. All are doing OK although I am bottle-feeding Barley as he is so tiny - about a third the size of Clover who was born first.

If who would like to join the **village WhatsApp group** please send your mobile number to diana@bouscarle.co.uk and send your email address to nicky.rosecott@gmail.com for health updates, general local information and the newsletter.

Pete's Pizzas will be at The Blue Rabbit café on **Friday June 12th and 19th** 5 to 8 pm – order in advance please pete@petespizzas.co.uk



The allotments are a hub of activity as frosts seem to be over and the first strawberries are already being picked before the birds reach them. As well as seasoned allotment gardeners Nigel, Edwige, Dan and Sabina have transformed their plots and here is a link to Dan's short animation – The Allotment - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vs2ZKp_m23c



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THANK YOU VERY MUCH TEAM SORREL FOR THE CHARITY TAKEAWAYS

We actually have a fair amount of news to share despite the trials and tribulations that we are all facing at this difficult time

The Community Shop has understandably seen a significant reduction in business as travel restrictions have been eased. However we are desirous to maintain a presence in the village and thus have decided to make some changes to our offering. Effective 02/06/20 we shall offer our fruit and vegetable produce as individual sale items and dispense with the standard fruit and veg packs. We shall also offer freshly cooked breads from the Cake Shop as well as a range of other more interesting and unusual delicatessen items. Norman is busy sourcing stock and will complete a detailed list soon.

At the time of going to press it is our Intention to relaunch our Pizza Takeaway service on a Thursday and Friday evening commencing Thursday 4th June 2020.



The Menu is as follows:-

Margherita £7.50

Classic with smoked tomatoes and oregano

Pizza al salame piccante £9.50

Spiced pepperoni with roasted red peppers and chilies

Formaggio di capra e pesto £9.50

Goats cheese, Genoese pesto, pine nuts and olives

Pollo e pancetta affumicata £9.50

In-house smoked chicken breast with crispy streaky bacon

We have also begun to plan for a limited re-opening of the pub. Whilst we are still unclear as to when this will be we need to prepare for the various health and safety and of course social distancing measures that will be implemented by the Government. We are also conscious that if our outdoor spaces can be used then we must ensure that our locals and friends have first priority in frequenting the pub. We have therefore decided that this would be the correct time to launch our Village Loyalty Scheme, whereby we can offer promotions and discounts to the village as well as priority access to the pub. Further details will follow soon once the setup is complete and costs known

As Team Sorrel is not great gardeners we are seeking kind assistance from the village to guide and help us to create a small herb garden on the pigtle. If anyone is keen to help us out then please shout, as all offers will be gratefully received!

On a final note, congrats to all for the fabulous support of our Charity evenings which we hope to also continue. Stay safe and well, Team Sorrel



It is uncertain when some children are returning to school, but for the most recent information here are the links –

For **Bawdsey Primary School** go to <http://www.bawdseyprimary.com/>

For **Hollesley Primary School** go to <https://www.hollesley.suffolk.sch.uk/suffolk/primary/hollesley>

For **Farlingaye High School** go to <http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/default.asp>

For **Woodbridge School** go to <https://www.woodbridgeschool.org.uk/>

We are delighted that **Bawdsey School** is partially open from **June 1st** for specific pupil groups, having not been needed by parents before this. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for assisting with their children's online learning during the closure. We would also like to thank them for supporting the group zoom calls and the regular phone calls from the staff to all the children themselves. The school is always contactable via the below email address if it is urgent, or by the school phone number if it is less urgent. We look forward to when we can invite the wider community back in for our open events and see everyone again but do have a look at our new Facebook page for school updates. In September we are excited that we will be joining up with Orford CEVAP School for different ventures, as I have been lucky enough to be accepted as Executive Head teacher of Bawdsey CEVCP and Orford CEVAP schools. Wishing you all the best of health at this time, **Katie Butler** (Headteacher) admin@bawdsey.suffolk.sch.uk or 01394411365.

SAD NEWS**Andreas Zeck**

Historically, I always had an irrational fear of going to see the dentist. Over twenty-five years I learnt to trust the Church Street practice, so when Andreas Zeck took it over a few years ago I was delighted to discover that he had a very gentle, careful and professional way with him, and I knew that I could carry on going to the dentist with confidence. It is very much a matter of trust with dentists. We always had interesting conversations too. I almost came to enjoy it! It was therefore with great sadness that I received the following email from the practice late last month:

“Dear Patient, it is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we have to inform you that Andreas Zeck has sadly passed away. We would like to reassure you that it was unrelated to COVID-19 and we will be in contact as soon as possible with an alternative number to call for dental emergencies - Kate at Twenty-One Church St Dental Practice.”

Apart from our professional meetings, I did not know Andreas well; I bumped into him in the pub a few times, and sometimes I would stop for a brief word when I saw him sitting outside Costa's coffee house in Woodbridge around eight o'clock in the morning, checking his emails. He was nonetheless a man who made an impression on me, and whom I always enjoyed meeting. He was also well known to many in the village as someone who approached quiz nights in the Sorrel Horse with great enthusiasm, having a reputation for setting challenging questions with a historical theme.

He was not only a very fine dentist, he was also a very lovely man who will be sadly missed by many; a man I wish I had had time to get to know better. I am sure all will join me in passing on our sympathies and condolences to his family.

Tony Pinfold

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

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