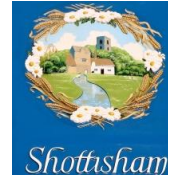




Shottisham Village Newsletter



A Little Ditty

May in Shottisham and Spring has sprung,
8 o'clock on Thursday and bells are being rung,
Dough is rising and cakes are sublime,
It's jigsaws and box sets now we've the time.

We can walk the Deben estuary without looking at a map,
Who needs to socialise – we have the social Shotty app!
Who'll sort out our hair and Pat's destructive deer?
Don't worry the pub shop's open – grab another beer!
Camping pans and bread flour are in short supply,
But Jane's made jam, Paul's left bulbs and the Easter bunny's just gone by.
Gardens are immaculate, allotment muck dug in,
But weeds are piling up in the unemptied green bin!
As we cheer for Bethany and JJ as they race away,
Plant Hayley's Suffolk rose and sing Caleb Happy Birthday,
Spring has sprung in Shottisham now it's May
And home in Shottisham is a good place to stay.

Dear friends

An Easter Season Message of Hope

When I was offered, and accepted, the role of Team Rector of the Wilford Benefice back in January, I never dreamt that I would be writing my first article in the context of the suspension of all public worship in the Church of England and the semi-lockdown of society. This however is the stark reality presented by the Coronavirus Pandemic, that requires us all to make sacrifices to our normal way of life to ensure the common good, especially in protecting the health of the elderly and vulnerable. My public licensing service which was due to take place on April 28th at All Saints Hollesley was instead replaced by a telephone licensing by Bishop Mike; strange times indeed! However, I am delighted that I have now been licensed and can serve you.

Although we will not be meeting for public worship, we are foremost 'a people of prayer.' I will be maintaining the daily office of Morning and Evening Prayer when I will hold the people of our Benefice, and our health workers, schools, shops and businesses before God. I would encourage everyone to try to set aside a small space each day for a quiet time of prayer.

Alongside being a 'people of prayer' we are a 'people of hope.' The glorious event of Easter Day, with the resurrection of Jesus Christ, means that we live our lives as people of the resurrection. Although we could not celebrate Easter Day in Church that does not detract from the fact that as Easter People, we live our lives with hope. Martin Luther King Jr expressed this hope in the following way in one of my favourite quotes:

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.

In these testing times we need to have the hope and faith to metaphorically plant our apple trees. To plan for the future with optimism and hope and explore new ways of worship and being church. Whilst it is looking like we will not be able to celebrate the Easter Season in public worship in our churches, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a joyful, and hopeful, Easter season in the love of the risen Jesus Christ. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! With every blessing.

Giles (Reverend Giles - Team Rector of the Wilford Benefice)



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Dear Resident

In May I have been your district councillor for a year. My first year in local politics has proven to be both positive and inspiring.

I hope very much I have lived up to expectations to be an active councillor involved in your community and getting to know as many residents as possible. Over the last year I have attend 9 village fetes, an inspiring afternoon in Shottisham at your open gardens and Sutton's beautiful flower festival.

In September I held a number of surgeries across the ward where I was able to help residents with individual concerns. Then at the end of 2019 a carol service, two harvest festivals and afternoon making apple juice with Boyton Parish council.

Asked to be the first Cabinet member for the Environment at East Suffolk is a great honour and I am grateful to the leader in trusting me with this important portfolio.

I have approached this with energy and enthusiasm to push the agenda and make a real difference. Making sure environmental considerations are at the top priority of everything we do and completely embedding into our decision process and policy formation.

Unfortunately in March all of this is suspended. In reaction to the Coronavirus I want to express my thanks on behalf of all residents to how proactive, caring and thoughtful you are on the Peninsula. All villages have a volunteer group who are keeping an eye on vulnerable residents and I am helping to make sure support is focused in the right direction.

We are blessed in living right in the middle of some of the most beautiful countryside of the UK and looking outside there is something reassuring to see blue skies , watching the birds start nesting and to see the spring flowers ,proving everything will eventually be back to normal .

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 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*.



THE BLUE RABBIT CAFE Blue Rabbit Cafe pop-up cake stall and farmstand. Every Wednesday and Saturday 2-3 pm you can buy homemade cakes and jam, home-grown veggies, and home-reared meat and eggs at the Blue Rabbit Cafe (Shottisham Campsite). You can reserve cakes (and produce)

in advance or even request a cake to be made - just email bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com. We sell the cakes in quarters so don't worry if you think you can't eat a whole one - although we have heard that people do find themselves eating more of the cake than they planned! If you want to know what cakes will be available just check out our website <https://bluerabbitcafe.com/cakes-and-veggies/> or the Shottyapp. Claire makes gluten-free and vegan cakes too and pretty much all the ingredients are organic. We can deliver in Shottisham and you can pay by contactless card payment, bank transfer or cash.

We will also be selling our eggs, jams and some cakes at the Sorrel Horse Community Shop (Tues-Sat) 12midday to 2 o'clock - thank you Leila and Gary for supporting us.

We are currently in what used to be termed (and still is by those of us who grow our own veggies) the 'hungry gap' - the period of the year when winter crops are finishing and before the late spring and summer crops have really started to produce well. Despite this the Blue Rabbit smallholding still has some veggies for sale - some chard, rhubarb, psb with lettuces, radishes and spinach coming later in the week. In a month we expect to have a lot more (Claire has been sowing seeds furiously) and will be starting a small weekly csa (community supported agriculture) scheme selling shares of the salad, vegetables and fruit grown here on the smallholding. If you are interested in participating and supporting a small local business that focuses on regenerative, local, sustainable food production then email Claire bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com. We will also be selling ad hoc bags of homegrown veggies too when Claire has a surplus. While we are not certified as organic Claire grows in accordance with sustainable, organic principles - no pesticides and no artificial fertilizers. This is truly local food, measured in food metres not miles.

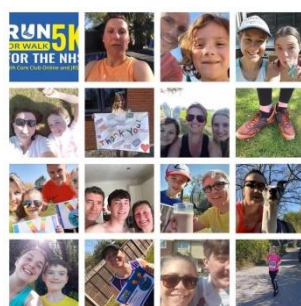


Of course the circle of life continues on the smallholding. The bees are out and about more, the queens are laying and I am hopeful that I will be able to rob some honey although I always prioritise the bees' needs first. Just after the lockdown started in March our goat Elsie had triplets. After lengthy discussions their names are Pye, Pixie and Pantaliamon (aka Pants). They are full of joy and are busy perfecting their parkour techniques. Keep up to date with smallholding adventures by checking out Claire's token engagement with social media on instagram @blue_rabbit_smallholding - In a week or so lambing should start and Ellen (the goat) will be having her babies. At the end of May it will be Ziggy Stardust's turn, *Claire Norton*

Takeaway pizza We are going to be making pizzas on **Friday 1st May** from 5 pm to 8 pm from The Blue Rabbit café, Shottisham campsite. It is strictly by pre-ordering via pete@petespizzas.co.uk All info including a menu can be found here <http://www.petespizzas.co.uk/2020/04/covid-19-takeaway-service/>

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BETHANY ON RUNNING 5 KM AND HELPING RAISE THIS AMOUNT FOR THE NHS!



Bethany is bottom right.

THE SORREL HORSE IN MAY <https://thesorrelhorse.co.uk/>

We continue to evolve the offering at the Village Community Shop which remains open Tuesday to Saturday inclusive 1200 midday to 2 pm. There is a varied choice including the veg boxes, several flours, beer and Blue Rabbit cakes, eggs and jam from the campsite, *Gary*

Thank you very much Sorrel Horse for the takeaway Fridays to support the NHS and other charities.



We are sorry to say goodbye to Anthony Whitaker who has moved to Woodbridge with his family. Dana has now moved up the road to Forge House and will hopefully be very happy there.

WELCOME to the village Madeline and Lara (Dana's daughter and granddaughter) who now live in The Square.

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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