



# Shottisham Village Newsletter

“Don't judge each day by the **harvest** you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

Robert Louis Stevenson.



## CHURCH NEWS

### Vicar's Voice – October

We are at that time of year once again when the churches are beautifully and lovingly decorated with late summer and early autumnal flower displays as we come together to celebrate God's bounty, and we give thanks for all He has given to us, from the grain in the fields to the fish in the seas.

Harvest is traditionally the time when we thank Him for His goodness by helping to meet the needs of others. The origins of celebrating God's creation and abundant provision go back to Old Testament times, when, 3 times a year praise would be given for everything God had provided to people to live and grow by.

However, the form of Harvest Festival we know and love now only really started from the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Perhaps this was due to industrialisation and the feeling of losing touch with nature. Harvest is a time for thanksgiving for all that God has given us, but it's also a reminder of our Christian duty and responsibility to ensure that, as stewards of the world, He has entrusted to each of us that we work to share the abundant provisions with those who are struggling or less able to care for themselves.

St. Felix's Porch Pantry is just one way of letting those in the local community who are struggling with the current climate of restrictions, redundancies, furloughing and all the effects of Covid19, know that they are valued and loved. Remember, a stranger is only a friend we haven't met yet!

I want to finish with a poem by an unknown author from the book "Liturgy of Life", an anthology based on Christian Worship.

God bless the field and bless the furrow,  
 Stream and branch and rabbit burrow,  
 Hill and stone and flower and tree,  
 From Bristol Town to Wetherby,  
 Bless the sun and bless the sleet,  
 Bless the lane and bless the street,  
 Bless the night and bless the day,  
 Bless all travellers on their way,  
 Bless the minnow, bless the whale,  
 Bless the rainbow and the hail,  
 Bless the nest and bless the leaf,  
 Bless the righteous, pray for the thief,  
 Bless the wing and bless the fin,  
 Bless the air we travel in,  
 Bless the mill and bless the mouse,  
 Bless each family in their house,  
 Bless the earth and bless the sea,  
 God bless you ad God bless me  
 Happy Harvests everyone. Love and blessings, **Rev Mandy**

## LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

<b>Shottisham</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
	<b>25th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>
Sutton	11th	11.00am	Morning Praise
	18th	11.00am	Holy Communion
	25th	6.00pm	Evensong
Sutton Heath	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Family Worship

**SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES’ TRUST RIDE and STRIDE 2020**

I prepared well (or so I thought). Son, Joe, checked bike over before ride and recommended purchase of one new tyre and 2 inner tubes (1 spare). Started from Sutton about 8.40 and rode to Shottisham (church number 1) to set up for ride minders. Left at 9.15, rode to Alderton (2) (via Bushey Lane – much nicer than main road), then to Bawdsey (3). No-one minding these last two churches.



Proceeded to Hollesley (4), Boyton (5 and 6) and Butley (7) then disaster! Turned (slowly) right by the Oyster and loud sssssssssssssssss!!! Older tyre had suddenly given out. Well I had intended to have a break but not this early. Fortunately kind son had offered to be my emergency cover and one hour later thanks to him and his friend Stuart I was on my way again. Long slog up past Wantisden Hall Farms – would have called at church if I had not had breakdown – to arrive at Tunstall Baptist Church (8) (locked so I took photo as proof). Then on to Tunstall St. Michael (9) where I met a friend who cycled with me to the next two churches. These were Blaxhall (10) and Campsea Ashe (11). I pretended it was downhill to Rendlesham St. Gregory (12) it is down the map! and then on to Eyke (13). Final two churches should have been Bromeswell and Sutton but when plugging up small hill after Eyke amongst fast cars and tractors and trailers hauling maize silage, my back tyre felt strange - it had given out again. This time I knew I had to abandon the ride as I was due to mind my home church at 3.00 pm and it was now 2.30. Son again rescued me (currently all white van man but soon to change). 13 is usually a lucky number for me, but not this time. Thanks to my seven sponsors who have helped me raise £145 for the cause and well done Nicky and Micky who also rode for Shottisham Church and whom I met on my travels amongst many others, *Anne Buswell* (As Anne flashed past, my church bike ride companion - Kathy - and I managed 12 churches and 25 miles via Orford – a relaxed ride and no dramas this year, thanks for the photo of Tunstall church and scarecrow Kathy, *Nicky*)



DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	ALDEBURGH	HOLLESLEY
Monday	8.00 to <b>14.30</b>	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 18.30	13.30 to <b>17.30</b>
Tuesday	8.00 to 18.30	<b>CLOSED</b>	8.00 to 18.30	
Wednesday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to <b>13.00</b>	8.00 to 18.30	
Thursday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to <b>13.00</b>	8.00 to 18.30	
Friday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to <b>13.00</b>	8.00 to 18.30	

The surgery will be closed on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 13.00 for GP training.

The Surgery will be closed between 14.00 & 16.00 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October for a staff meeting.

**Please contact NHS 111 when the Surgery is closed.**

**Flu Vaccination Clinics 2020**

Due to social distancing we are unable to host our Health and Wellbeing Event this year but we will be holding three Flu Vaccination Clinics. The clinics will be open from 09.00 until 18.00 and **by appointment only**.

**Who is eligible for a Flu Vaccination?**

Anybody over the age of 65 years old.

Anybody with a pre-existing health condition who has received a letter from the Surgery.

**Flu Vaccination Clinic Dates & Venues**

- 12.10.20      Hollesley Village Hall
- 22.10.20      Aldeburgh Community & Sports Centre
- 27.10.20      Orford Town Hall

Wherever you live you can attend a clinic at a venue of your choosing. **Please call the surgery to book your appointment for the Flu Clinic.**

**THE MOBILE LIBRARY** will be at the knoll on **TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> October 3 pm to 3.20 pm.**  
**BILLY THE FISH** is at the knoll at **10 am on Wednesdays.**

**SHOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL** The next meeting will be a zoom meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### **THE SORREL HORSE**

As we enter the autumnal and winter months we shall close on a Monday and Tuesday, but are determined to remain open the rest of the week despite the various challenges we all face today! We have installed a significant amount of screening which we trust will add further protection to the existing covid measures, and have added a table for the village drinkers in the bar. Otherwise we hope you will pay us a visit to help keep the pub alive, so long as you feel happy and confident so to do, *Gary and Leila* <https://thesorrelhorse.co.uk/>

### **THE BLUE RABBIT CAFÉ**

The Blue Rabbit Cafe is now closed for the winter as Claire is getting a new hip in a few weeks. The cafe will be re-opening in the spring when Claire will hopefully have extra bionic bounce. There are some new plans for the cafe which might include a shiny new espresso machine, more cake, and for lunches some Ottolenghi-inspired home-grown salads, vegetarian Turkish meze, and seriously delicious home-reared, free-range ham and cheese toasties and sausage rolls - watch this space for more details ..... We will also be selling our own free-range home-reared eggs, bacon and sausages over the winter .... eggs at the front stall, ring on the doorbell for frozen meat.

### **News from your Local History Recorder.**

I thought it was time to give you an update on my progress on the book of the history of Shottisham. As you know, I was spending a great deal of time in the Suffolk Archives, but this ceased at the beginning of March, when they closed to prepare for the move to new premises, across the road from the University. We all expected to be able to continue our research by the end of May, but of course Covid 19 intervened. This delayed not only the move, but the builders' work. The latest information is that for reasons to do with the University's need for more room, the public will not be able to use the Archives, to be known as The Hold, until 2021. However, I had obtained a great deal of information over the last 2 years and I have completed 6 chapters of the book, with a few more to go. One of the chapters to be completed will be details and occupancy of the houses. I am very grateful to those 9 households who have generously lent me their title deeds, which give such useful information. There are about 14 more houses I should like to investigate and I will send each household a personal note, asking for their help. I promise to deliver the title deeds back within a week of their loan. I also promise that each of you will have due acknowledgement in the book. As to my other duties as local history recorder, I am keeping notes of all the events and happenings within the village. This is a very special year for all of us and there is plenty to record, particularly how people have kept the community together. You may not see me very often but I keep myself informed and record and research with the greatest affection for the village. Stay safe,  
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### **LOCAL NEWS**

**Suffolk Punch Trust** open 6 days a week from 15 August to 31 October 2020, closed every Tuesday. .

**Meet-Up Monday:** 10.00am-Noon, Shepherd and Dog, Hollesley. Bring your own mug.

**Butley ferry** is running until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays.

**Bawdsey ferry** every day 10.00am to 5.00pm (weather permitting).

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

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