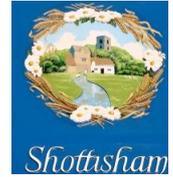


Shottisham Village Newsletter



CHURCH NEWS

Vicars Voice April 2021

Dear friends, perhaps as you read this, the hot cross buns will have been eaten aplenty! (Although it's easy to have them all year round now, I remember when it used to be only on Good Friday that they were eaten) and the Easter Eggs are now but chocolatey crumbs and screwed up foil wrappings. At least this year we have been able to celebrate Easter more traditionally than last, even if it has been with social distancing. But like Christmas, Easter doesn't end with a Bank Holiday. Easter is a season which goes on all year round, because every Sunday is thought of as a Resurrection Day. Through Christ's resurrection, Christians believe life has triumphed over death, good over evil, hope over despair. The resurrection is a sign of God's great power. Nothing is too great for God to achieve, and this is comforting and encouraging for Christians in difficulty.

And that is what we celebrate each Sunday in our churches. We celebrate the joy of the Easter story through our prayers and praises, and especially through music and the singing of hymns. Sadly, because of the pandemic, hymns have had to be put on hold, but we are all looking forward to the day we can lift our voices together in song and hymn.

Singing God's praise has taken place throughout the ages. The Book of Psalms, contained in the Bible, generally believed to be the most widely read and most highly treasured of all the books in the Old Testament. It is a collection of beautiful poems, hymns, and prayers that express the feelings of faith for God's peoples, whether it be joy, fear, despair or hope.

The most famous and perhaps best known of the psalms is the 23rd psalm, which begins with the words "The Lord is my Shepherd, I will not want", written by a young shepherd boy David, who slayed a giant and went on to become a great King. The pop group Boney M made a hit record of Psalm 137, "By the rivers of Babylon" which tells of the yearnings of the Jewish people during their Babylonian exile.

One of my favourite psalms is Psalm 100, "*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing*". It is one of the shortest psalms and I always have to smile when we read it because, if you have ever heard me singing, then you know it is just that - a noise!! But whether it's a joyful noise or not...well, that would have to be up to you to decide!!

Singing is good for the spirit and the soul, so, hopefully soon, we will all be able to make a joyful noise together. Love and blessings, Rev Mandy Xx

THE SORREL HORSE

Hopefully the weather will be kind as we move into April, with less of the showers and more of the sunshine, which will hopefully encourage visitors to the pub

We plan to reopen on **Wednesday 14th April** all going well and our trading hours will be as follows:-

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 1200-1500 1730-2030

Thursday: 1200-1500 1730-2030

Friday: 1200-2030

Saturday: 1200-2030

Sunday: 1200-1800

We may revise depending on footfall and Govt guidelines etc

With best wishes

Gary Miller

SHOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Play Area

I am pleased to report that all outstanding repairs at the play area have been completed by the Contractors. In addition, work on the rope supports for the slide has been repaired by Parish Councillors at a minimal cost. Thanks to Pat Southgate for arranging this, the Parish Councillors for their help and not forgetting James Mallinder for covering the costs through a generous grant.

Annual Parish Meeting/AGM

We will be holding the Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 11th May** and the Annual Parish Meeting on **Tuesday 24th May**. The APM is an informal gathering which gives all villagers the opportunity to let the Parish Council know of any concerns they may have in respect of the village. There are normally reports at the meeting by all village groups eg W.I., Sorrel Horse Board, Sorrel Horse Operators, The Church and the Village Charity. Unfortunately, the meeting is likely to be by Zoom but we would like to see as many people as possible. Details on how to attend will be available from shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com, or call 410581.

Speeding

There have been some comments at recent Parish Council meetings regarding speeding. The Parish Council is in the process of trying to arrange a survey by the police in the village using Advanced Number Plate Recognition with Speed Detection, the result of this will help to decide what speed deterrents, if any, need to be employed in future. These may include such remedies as village gates, speed gun use and a 20mph limit. As any of these remedies may prove costly the village will be consulted on the eventual choice(s).

Gifts

Thanks to a Heads Up from Pat Bendon re Bawdsey Parish Council. We were able to obtain a number of "Wellbeing" packs from East Suffolk courtesy of James Mallinder. These were distributed in the Village to those living alone and the vulnerable.

Dogs

We are still experiencing dog fouling on many of the walks around the village. We realise it is difficult to police visitors but would request that villagers continue to set an example as responsible dog walkers.

Overhanging vegetation

Households are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut any vegetation overhanging the highway. They should be kept trimmed to avoid pedestrians needlessly stepping further into the road.

CITIZENS ADVICE LEISTON & SAXMUNDHAM

As the country comes out of lockdown (again!) we are expecting to see more changes for many people in our area with their employment and finances.

Citizens Advice Leiston Saxmundham and District works closely with organisations in the community. We are therefore aware of support available to people who have financial worries. So, for example, with schools now back, no doubt many children have grown out of their uniforms during this lockdown period. If you are struggling to get your secondary school children equipped, do get in contact as we may be able to help.

Citizens Advice also helps clients with a financial health check to review your income and outgoings. It means checking that you are receiving all the income you should be and that you aren't paying more for services you need - or even paying for services you don't need at all.

We continue to remain open but with no face to face meetings - you can reach us by phone, email or post. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 am to 2 pm 01728 832193 or Freephone 0808 278 7868 Email: supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk

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

BANK HOLIDAY & STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE DATES

The surgery will be closed on **GOOD FRIDAY 02.04.21 & EASTER MONDAY 05.04.21** And for staff training on **Wednesday 22.04.21** from **13.00**. All calls will be diverted to NHS 111 We are looking forward to welcoming you back into the surgery. As soon as we receive government advice that is safe to do so we will be opening our doors again fully, using our waiting rooms and patients will be able to collect medications from inside the surgery. If you are planning on travelling overseas this year, please remember to book your appointment for travel vaccinations in plenty of time.



Liz’s photo of a beautiful camellia in her mum’s garden. Liz’s mum, Joyce, is in hospital at the moment, but will hopefully soon return to the home in Felixstowe.

Wildlife to benefit from more wild spaces

Spring has seen the popular Pardon the Weeds we are Feeding the bees campaign return to East Suffolk. Since the 1930s we have lost over 97% of our wild flower meadows, which in turn threatens the wildlife that make these areas their home. Therefore to try and support our biodiversity we have identified over 100 sites where the grass will be allowed to grow to support our insects, especially pollinators. These areas, which are large enough to provide an environmental benefit and do not present any safety issues for local communities, will be marked with our ‘Pardon the weeds, we are Feeding the bees’ signs to make residents and visitors aware.

In addition to creating more conservation areas, East Suffolk Council has also reviewed its policy on herbicide spraying to further encourage and protect local wildlife. As a result, such spraying has already been reduced by 45% across council-owned land and further trials will now be carried out using foam control on unwanted weeds, especially on pavements, to reduce it further. “We are committed to promoting environmental sustainability and ensure responsible stewardship of our open spaces. By making these small changes, we are hopeful these conservation areas will benefit both wildlife and local people living nearby. East Suffolk Council has an



ambitious environmental vision to build the right environment for East Suffolk and since declaring a climate emergency in 2019, the Council has expressed its intention to increase the amount of wild spaces in the district, where a more conservation-based approach to cutting could promote biodiversity. “ *Cllr James Mallinder*

SHOTTISHAM CAMPSITE AND THE BLUE RABBIT CAFÉ AND CAMPSITE

Spring at Shottisham Campsite and the Blue Rabbit Smallholding has sprung. So far three ewes have had lambs and you might see them bouncing in the field by the bridgeway. They often race around near dusk. Unfortunately one ewe was pretty poorly after giving birth so I have had to bottle feed her lamb. This of course means that I have a super cute, friendly, cuddly lamb available if anyone fancies a lamb cuddle or a go at bottle feeding. Just let me know and we can arrange a time. The lamb is called Kitten and she is currently best friends with one of my sheepdogs Zephi. They sit together outside and get up to all sorts of mischief. Last week they were playing in the poly tunnel among all the peach blossom. You might even see me walking with her around the smallholding or behind the campsite. Next up will be the goats - they should start kidding in mid-April.



I am hopeful that the Blue Rabbit Cafe will re-open soon. As soon as I feel well enough I will start baking cakes again. I am hopeful that it will be open in May. This year it will be open for late breakfasts, brunches and lunch at weekends 9.30-1.30. There will be home-baked croissants and breakfast muffins, bacon sandwiches, toasted sandwiches, waffles, vegan options, home-made savoury tarts and cakes, salads and more. As usual all the meat, eggs and veggies/fruit will be from the smallholding - coffee and bread from The Cake Shop in Woodbridge. See the website for more details Bluerabbitcafe.com



Welcome

Peter Musgrave, Barry Cottage, Villa Hill

Just a short note that after many attempts to finally retire and move to Shottisham I have now made it !!! The sale of my Epping property has now completed and I am looking forward to the summer and a peaceful time in the village. Many thanks to kind neighbours who always find time to chat with me, *Peter*



For contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact **Nicky Beaven 411861** or nicky.rosecott@gmail.com by 20th of previous month. Please contact Rev Giles Tulk as Team Rector revgileswtr@gmail.com and Judith Andrews as local spokesperson for the 7 local villages judith.andrews@btinternet.com