



Shottisham Village Newsletter

When Christmas is cancelled and The Sorrel shuts its door
Stoke the fire, watch Bill and Oti swivel round The Strictly floor
As truck drivers dashed for portaloos full of curry and mince pies
And Graham Norton on Radio 2 said his final goodbyes
Hedgehogs snuggle down, Claire's goat munches a Christmas tree
It's 1 o'clock in Shottisham and WATER finally gushes free!

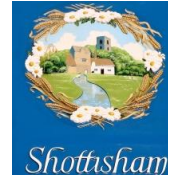


Photo of St Margaret's Church midnight mass, Pat Bendon

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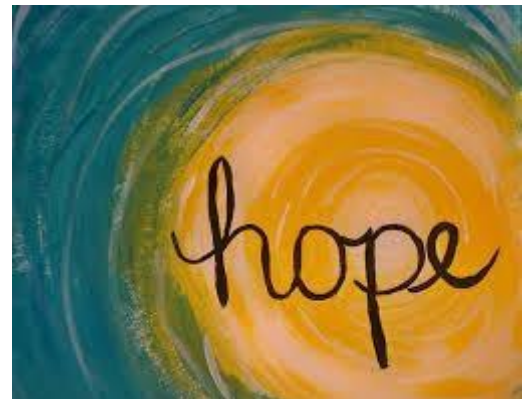
With the dwindling away of the strains of Auld Lang Syne, which has perhaps been sung with even more poignancy this year, and the toasts to absent friends, a new year stretches out ahead of us, with many of the days perhaps planned out, but in the reality of the times we are living in, each day as yet, unknown as to what it will bring.

But, as 12th night approaches, and the decorations are put away for another year, the leftover turkey having produced yet another quiche or curry, the last of the brussel sprouts have been turned into bubble and squeak, the radio seems bereft of Christmas songs, and the TV Christmas "Specials" of our favourite programmes have been watched, we start to get back to what many are calling the new normal, as we put on our masks to pop to the shops, or attend church, or visit our neighbours.

Yet, if Christmas has brought us anything (other than the pair of socks or bubble bath we really didn't want or need) then it has brought us hope once more. And there is a lot to be hopeful for. With the vaccines which have begun to make a difference, and the hope of being able to visit and hug our loved ones once again drawing ever closer, all the plans we hoped to make will be able to come to fruition. To use the old adage, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Hope is something we must always have, at all times and in all places. And whilst hope might not suddenly change the circumstances of our life, it changes us and that changes everything. Hope means we give thanks for our blessings in all circumstances and we must, as the song says, "always look on the bright side of life". Because, if we do this, it will enable us to both hear and become the voice of hope to others.

May 2021 bring you all that you hope for. With love and blessings,
Rev Mandy x



BILLY THE FISH is having a well-earned holiday - back at the knoll at 10 am on **Wednesday 13th January**.

SHOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Please note that our next meeting, likely to be ZOOM, is on **Tuesday 12th January 2021 7:30pm**. Please contact shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com if you would like to join the meeting, *Ray Kay*

THE SORREL HORSE

So long as we remain in Tier 2 we believe that it is not prudent to open our doors.

All the same may all remain blessed for 2021! *Gary and Leila*

<https://thesorrelhorse.co.uk/>



Welcome to Shottisham Pete Chroston, a shipwright by trade, who has moved into 4 Barracks Row. We wish William McMullan a happy time in The New Rectory.



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	

Staff meeting closure date - the surgery will be **closed between 14.00 – 16.00 on Thursday 21st January** for a staff meeting.

We appreciate that not all of our patients have internet access, but in the current rapidly changing climate our website & Facebook page are the most direct route for you to find up to date patient information.

If you are unable to access the internet please call the surgery if you have any queries on 01394 411641. www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk

A MESSAGE FROM PAT BENDON

Thank you all who donated food for the Salvation Army Food Bank – it was delivered before Christmas. We have had a huge amount given and it will make a difference to those who are struggling. An overwhelming effort from Shottisham. Well done all of you and thank you sincerely on behalf of PCC.

Shottisham food parcels delivered to the Food Bank



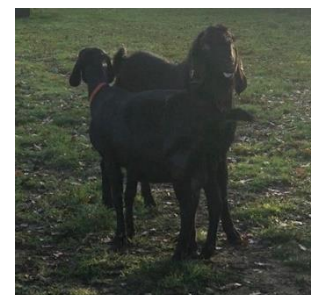
SHOTTISHAM CAMPSITE AND THE BLUE RABBIT CAFÉ AND CAMPSITE

All the assorted animals (and Claire and James) from Shottisham campsite and smallholding wish everyone a peaceful 2021. The goats have been enjoying the winter sunshine but have been dismayed by the rain - goats hate the rain! Dave, our lovely Anglonubian buck has been visiting with some of the girls so we are



hoping for baby goats next April and May. If anyone has a real Christmas tree they are looking to get rid of, the goats would love to help recycle it. Please drop off any trees just in the entrance to the campsite or email Claire at bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com and we will arrange a time to come and collect it. The hens are well and safe in their little chicken barn but they are hopeful they will be allowed out to free-range again soon. We are hoping that we will be allowed out to free range again soon too. Eggs are available for sale at the stall at St Margaret's House - call at the back door if you would like

our bacon or sausages. The cycle of life keeps going here and unfortunately Juniper, one of our lovely alpacas, died, but she did have a lovely long life. We still have two alpacas - Peanut and Inky Dinky Do - and we hope to get a couple more younger alpacas in early 2021 to keep them company. We also have a crazy plan to organise alpaca and goat walking adventures what could possibly go wrong? All things being well, the Blue Rabbit Cafe is planning to re-open in April with homemade, home-grown breakfasts, brunches, lunches and cakes watch this space for more details in the next few months *Claire Norton*



GOOD NEWS

8 hedgehog homes were purchased by the village association and the PC with a grant from the AONB. The one at Tower Cottage is inhabited – a cosy, warm site to over-winter – Tower Cottage has 4 hedgehogs hibernating altogether – please do not disturb!