

Shottisham Village Newsletter



CHURCH NEWS

Vicars Voice May 2021

We can attribute 'change' to many months of the year, but I think May is the month of the biggest changes.



The force of nature gets to work to change our landscapes and gardens, as flowers and trees bud and blossom, crops grow and yield, and these events inspire and perhaps challenge us with renewed energy to get busy with tidying up our gardens and patios, refreshing borders with bedding plants and veggie patches with all kinds of produce. My love is pots and pots of red geraniums, which were my dad's favourite flower, and when they are in full bloom, I feel dad is watching down and smiling at the glorious blooms.....and my efforts!!

(my dad at his greenhouse "potting on")

May is also seen as the beginning of the wedding season, when many couples choose this month for their life changing event of marriage. This year many will marry under covid restrictions having had to postpone from last year. And with the easing of lockdown, they can share their big day with at least a few more than 6 family or



friends attending. wedding season, their life will marry under

friends attending.

Exams are being prepared for, the results of which can be life changing for them and for those alongside them at work or home.

Of course for some people, a change may be less welcome and we pray for those going through an unwelcome or unplanned change, that restoration and newness may ultimately come of it.

May brings change and we all hope that change will be in the air this month as Step 3 of the Governments Road Map out of the Lockdown comes to pass, and the light will truly be at the end of the tunnel for June 21st.

Change is something we all experience in our lives at some time or other.

Christians who celebrate the Easter Mystery open themselves up to being changed people, through the death and resurrection of Christ. In church during each service of Holy Communion, we proclaim the Easter mystery,

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!.

And the message of the Easter Mystery is that because He loves us, we are reminded of God's love for each of us and like nature, it changes us, it re-energises us in our faith and our lives ready to meet him when he comes to earth again. And the greatest gift from God is to love and be loved, and that knowledge of love gives us the strength and ability to adapt to change when life throws it at us.

Whatever this month of May brings to you, I pray you live and love it well.

With love and blessings, *Rev Mandy Xx*

THE SORREL HORSE

The pub will be open on **Bank Holiday Monday May 3rd** between noon and 6 pm, and we shall continue as we are until 17th May when hopefully we will once again be able to open the doors and accept guests inside once more. The weather will probably turn very warm at that point! Regards, *Gary*

Shottisham WI has a new committee. Unfortunately, due to WI Federation and government COVID 19 safety guidelines, we are unable to hold our regular indoor monthly meetings at the Trust Hall yet. We anticipate that they will recommence in June. But we are managing to organise some outdoor "meet ups", within allowed regulations, during May. We hope to enjoy more normal meetings later in the year,

Diane Fleming, Shottisham WI Secretary.



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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I am writing to introduce myself, and to tell you of the events we have planned for our beautiful village church in the promise of lockdown ending and being able to get back to an active and vibrant social calendar.

My name is the Reverend Mandy Reynolds, and I have been a priest here in Suffolk for 5 years. Prior to coming to this stunning county, my ministry has included the privilege of being a Chaplain at Ipswich Hospital, and as a Chaplain to the Forces, serving 10 years in the British Army. I have 2 sons and 8 grandchildren, ranging from 21 to 5 years of age!! So as you can see, I have had a very varied ministry, which I believe gives me plenty of "life experience" to be your vicar here in Shottisham.

Like all households, due to Covid, the church has gone through a difficult year or so, but now is the time to look forward and embrace all the opportunities that we have in front of us.

However, we need YOUR help and support if the church is to remain an active and social hub within the village. So, the events we have planned are:

15th August –Annual Pet Service at 3pm

29th August –The Church Fete. (Offers of help will be greatly appreciated)

19th September – Harvest Festival at 3pm followed by Afternoon Tea at 4pm

14th November – 3pm Concert for Remembrance

We hope you will be able to join us for some or all these events.

I am also making a plea for volunteers who might be willing to join our Parochial Church Council. Two of our beloved members have recently moved from the Village, which has left some vacancies which include a Secretary and Treasurer. Vital roles, if the church is to continue. **Can you help?**

If you are interested and would like to know more, or can offer help with the planned events, please contact either myself, or one of the church wardens (details as above)

On behalf of all at St Margaret's, I wish you every blessing, *Rev Mandy*

Local photo by Rod Cardnell



Billy the Fish is at The Knoll outside the pub on Wednesday at 10 am.
The mobile library is at The Knoll on **Tuesday 25th May** 3 pm to 3.20 pm.

Shottisham Parish Council

Update on Highways Issues

The council has received some suggestions on ways to reduce speeding in the village and after discussing the feasibility of each option agreed that these could be an issue for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting, while a reminder to cut back hedges/verges would be included in the next village newsletter.

The SID sign has been set at a lower speed while it has been situated in the centre of the village and the speed through here is noted between 24-28 mph. However, speeding traffic is more of a problem on the

Hollesley Road from Heath Drive down to the Knoll and is causing concern for nearby residents. Councillors are considering moving one of the SID poles up there to see if the SID would help to slow traffic down.

Update on Playground Issues

REJB Sports have been back and remedied the two issues that were outstanding from their previous visit. All the slide steps have now been repaired and safety matting is in place around the bottom of the slide. Three posts still needed replacing by the steps to make the slide safe but the quote to replace these was too expensive so councillors agreed to do this work themselves.

Donation Request

A request has been received from the Shottisham Village allotment group who has asked for a donation towards the cost of replacing three fence posts and two gate posts at the allotment. The chairman agreed the council would consider making a contribution once a quotation for the cost has been provided.

Councillors wanted!

There are still two vacancies on the parish council if anyone is interested in becoming a councillor. Please contact the clerk for further information if interested.

Date and time of the AGM has been changed to Tuesday 4th May at 7:30 pm via Zoom to comply with Covid-19 legislation.

Full minutes from the March meeting can be found on the Shottisham Village website at <http://shottisham.suffolk.cloud>

Annual Parish Meeting

All parishioners are invited to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday 25th May at 7:30 pm in the Trust Hall. County, District and Parish Councillors will be in attendance to answer any questions along with representatives from village organisations. The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Roll for Shottisham to raise any matters of concern for them that relates to their local community. The Parish Council needs **YOU** to say what is needed to make decisions affecting the quality of life in your community.

Roadside Signs Cleaning

The road signs in the Village and approaches have been cleaned – thank you. Suffolk CC no longer offer this service so if you feel that a sign near your property needs cleaning it would help if you could clean it, all it needs is some soapy water and a brush. Also if there is any foliage obscuring the sign could you please trim it back.

Lesley Roberts, Clerk to Shottisham Parish Council Shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com 01394 410581

Local and police elections are on Thursday 6th May at WI Trust Hall 7 am to 10 pm.



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 for MAY BANK HOLIDAYS on 03.05.21 & 31.05.21

And for staff training on Wednesday 19.05.21 from 13.00.

When the surgery is closed please call NHS 111

SHOTTISHAM CAMPSITE AND THE BLUE RABBIT CAFÉ AND CAMPSITE

Shottisham Campsite and Blue Rabbit Smallholding news: Kitten the lamb continues to do well. Although she now lives with the other sheep and lambs she still enjoys coming for walks with me and the sheepdogs. She loves running along with the dogs, but also stopping to nibble tasty leaves and grass. It is now kidding season on the smallholding. Elsie started things off by having twin girls last week. Her labour

was quite long and at the end required a bit of help from me. Unfortunately, one of the kids didn't survive, but the other is called Aaliyah and is doing well, bouncing all around the goat area and showing off her lovely long ears.

Next to kid in May will be Ellen and Iggy Pop. I hope to reopen the Blue Rabbit Cafe in May, but it all depends on how well I am feeling as my Grave's disease is still not under control and I feel a bit wretched. Fingers crossed it will be open before the end of May, but do check the website www.bluerabbitcafe.com or email me for more details at bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com



We are resuming **pizzas** on Friday 30th April at Shottisham campsite. Every Friday from 5 – 8 pm. Again we are asking people to email or text their orders in advance, we also have a new online ordering system which you can find on our

homepage - www.petespizzas.co.uk Many Thanks, Pete and Alfie x

LOCAL INTEREST

Ramsholt Arms is open 12 to 4 pm from Monday to Thursday 12 to 7 pm Friday, 12 to 8 pm Saturday and 12 to 6 pm Sunday for outside food and drink at the start of May.

Hollesley knit and natter is to be held in the garden of 9 Watson Way on **Friday 21st May** from 2 pm to 3.30 pm by kind invitation of Judy Foulger. If you have not been before, please ring Judy on 01394 410254.

Suffolk Punch Trust will be opening with pre-booked tickets only for 4 days a week from **Saturday 1st May to 14th June (Friday to Monday)**. ticketsource.co.uk/suffolkpunch The garden, café, shop and museum are free to visit and Hayley is doing group tours for 10 people or more for £5 per person.

Saturday 15th Bawdsey market 2 to 4 pm Bawdsey Village Hall

Monday 24th—a virtual event <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-story-of-sutton-hoo-tickets-143213031031>

Sutton Hoo The estate walks at Sutton Hoo are open every day. The café, which is serving a limited takeaway range of hot and cold drinks and snacks, is open Wednesday - Sunday. The gift shop and second-hand bookshop are open at weekends only. To avoid disappointment, booking is advised at weekends.

Bawdsey Boathouse Café is open Thursday to Monday 11 am to 5 pm weather permitting in May. If unable to open there is a post on google. **Felixstowe Ferry** operates daily 10 am to 5 pm – check with Felixstowe Ferry Boatyard on their Facebook page.

Yoga with Ellie Tuesday mornings 9.30 to 10.30 am on Bawdsey recreation ground. £7.

Yoga with Jane Friday evenings 6.30 to 7.30 pm Hollesley Village Hall, £6 drop in , £15 for 3 classes – booking info: yogajane21@gmail.com 07850 994707

For contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact **Nicky Beaven 411861** or nicky.rosecott@gmail.com by **20th** of previous month. For church-related information please contact Rev Mandy E Reynolds revmandy.rendlesham@yahoo.com