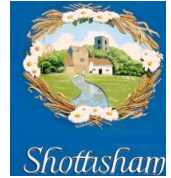


# Shottisham Village Newsletter



## Vicar's Voice February 2022

I guess the most important date we think of in February is the 14<sup>th</sup>. Yet there are a number of special dates for people in this month.

The church begins the month with Candlemas, or the presentation of Jesus in the temple by his mother Mary and earthly father, Joseph as according to Jewish rite.

Then there is the Blessing of the Salmon nets in Northumberland, where close to midnight on 14th February, fishermen gather on the banks of the River Tweed when local vicar blesses the nets and boats. The fishermen then set out to make their first catch of the season.

And of course, when it comes to marriage, proposing has always been seen as the gentleman's prerogative, but once every four years Leap Year tradition has it that on the 29th of February, women can ask their loves to marry them.

But where did this tradition begin? it's believed to have started in [Ireland sometime during the 5th century](#). Saint Brigid of Kildare, arguing that women were languishing away waiting for their shy beaux to pluck up the nerve to pop the question, asked Saint Patrick to give a day they might do the deed themselves. A little negotiating was involved, with Saint Patrick first suggesting every seven years, but eventually 4 years was settled on. According to folklore, Saint Brigid then immediately proposed marriage to the Irish saint.



(However, scientists will tell you that an extra day every four years keeps our calendar aligned correctly with the [astronomical seasons](#)....but I like the idea of Brigid proposing to Patrick better!!)

But Valentine is the saint we celebrate in February, usually with flowers and cards and chocolates, but did you know he is also the patron saint of beekeepers, ensuring the sweetness of the honey?

St Valentine's Day is all about love. And as the song says "love is all around us", even though it may not always seem like it when we read the papers or watch the news. But there are examples of love all around us, when a neighbour helps another neighbour out, when we offer a shoulder for someone to lean on for a while, when people come together as a community to help those less fortunate and more vulnerable among us.



At the end of the day, no matter what the day, it all comes down to love. We all want to love and be loved. And as Thomas A Kempis the German-Dutch clergyman and author wrote....

**Love is a great thing**, yea, a great and thorough good.

By itself it makes that which is heavy light.

It carries a burden which is no burden; it will not be kept back by anything low and mean.

It desires to be free from all worldly affections.

Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of trouble, attempts what is above its strength, pleads no excuse of impossibility.

It is therefore able to undertake all things, and it completes many things and warrants them to take effect, where he who does not love would faint and lie down.

Though weary, it is not tired; though pressed it is not straightened;

It is not confounded; but as a living flame it forces itself upwards and securely passes through all.

With my love and blessings, *Rev Mandy*

**FEBRUARY CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Shottisham	Morning Praise	Helene Berry
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Sutton	Morning Praise	Helen Shand
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	All Saints, Sutton	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Shottisham	Family Communion	Rev Mandy

**Billy the Fish** is back at 9.45 am outside the pub on the knoll on Wednesdays.

**The mobile library** is at The Knoll on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** 3.00 to 3.20 pm.



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 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. When the surgery is closed call NHS 111. **Covid Boosters and Flu vaccinations.** The practice continues to administer our Covid boosters and flu vaccinations. If you are due, please call the surgery to book your appointment or visit our website for further information. [www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk)



**Help for those in need**

You will all be aware of the potential hardship which may arise to some as a result of the energy increases and general inflation. Our District Councillor James Mallinder has some funds available to help those in need.

**Requests for help to be sent direct to James, complete confidentiality is assured.**

James' contact details are: Email: [james.mallinder@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:james.mallinder@eastsoffolk.gov.uk) Work No:07810 815879

**Building Affordable Homes Starts for PVCLT**

Peninsula Villages Community Land Trust (PVCLT) is pleased to announce that building work of four affordable homes at School Lane Bawdsey has at last started. They are due to be completed and occupied

by Spring 2023. After a difficult year with delays caused by Covid and legal issues, the Trustees are delighted that at last the CLT can now look for local people who could enjoy an affordable home and stay in the area. PVCLT was set up in 2018 with Trustees from the local parishes. The aim of the CLT is to work with housing developers to provide affordable homes for people who either live or have a strong connection with the villages on the Deben Peninsula. The site at School Lane will have a total of 13 homes 4 of which are affordable homes to rent. The four homes comprise of two 2 bed and two 1 bed. They are owned by PVCLT and will be a community asset forever. Those eligible and interested in renting one of the properties should register with Gateway to Home Choice, please go to [www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk](http://www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk)

The CLT continues to look for new opportunities to ensure affordable homes are built in the area. Local affordable homes for local people. The trustees remain committed to building a sustainable future for our community. For more information about PVCLT and its aims plus updates of progress at School Lane please check our website [www.peninsulavillagesclt.com](http://www.peninsulavillagesclt.com)

### News from your Local History Recorder

The Shottisham local history book is moving forward swiftly now. I have been able to include details from the 1921 census, which was released this month. Kim Crowder, now in Scotland, is acting as my editor and is about halfway through the chapters. The next part of the puzzle is to decide on the maps, pictures and photographs to be included and I am visiting Ann shortly to look at her wonderful collection of local photographs. I already have some very useful items from Pat's collection. If any of you have your own local photographs that you feel might be of use, do please let me know.

Once these have chosen and all chapters have received Kim's blessing, I shall be approaching printers. My aim is to complete before the end of the year.

Meanwhile I have sent my usual annual report on Shottisham to the Suffolk Local History Council, although of course it was by no means 'usual', with all the uncertainty during 2021.

Happy New Year and may it be a safe and healthy one, *Diana Bickerton* dianabickerton88@gmail.com

### Shottisham WI

New members are always welcome to join us at Shottisham WI. We have a book club, walking group and enjoy various other activities. For further details contact 01394 411870. Thank you, *Diane Fleming*

### THE SORREL HORSE

We have a few events lined up to get everyone through the Winter months!

- All you can Eat Moules Frites (3 types of mussels with house fries for £15 per person) - EVERY 1st Wednesday of the month! Starting on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Booking advised.

- Celebrate National Pizza Day with a Pizza Party in the Pub! **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**!

- OYSTER HAPPY HOUR - **EVERY FRIDAY** between 5pm - 6pm. £1 an Oyster!

We look forward to seeing you at the events. Team Sorrel Horse



### Shottisham Campsite

The Blue Rabbit Cafe has some very exciting news. We have been awarded a very generous grant from East Suffolk Council via their Plan for the Future scheme to help develop the cafe. We have been able to buy a converted container that will provide temporary indoor seating space for the cafe so there will be somewhere warm and dry for people to sit while having a coffee or a meal. Attached are some photos of the conversion in progress. The container should be arriving some day soon and definitely in time for the big cafe re-opening in April. (If anyone is worried, we have done our due diligence and we have permission from East Suffolk Council planning department for the opening the container). The grant has also allowed us to buy a fabulous new espresso machine so you will be able to get delicious espresso, cappuccino and lattes at the Blue Rabbit to have with your home-made cakes and cookies. As a result of East Suffolk Council funding for this project we are excited to announce that the Blue Rabbit will be opening for breakfast/brunch **and lunch** from April onwards. We are committed to providing a farm-to-fork experience for customers and as usual our meat, vegetables, fruit and eggs are all grown right here on the

campsite smallholding. We will be selling home-made soup, sandwiches and toasties (with ham from our rare-breed pigs as well as vegetarian and vegan options), home-made tarts and quiches and a selection of seasonal salads as well as the usual Blue Rabbit cakes. There will also be home-baked waffles, croissants, French toast, bacon sandwiches etc for late breakfasts or brunch. Opening times will be 9.30-1.30 at weekends and we hope to expand to weekday opening too. See our website [www.bluerabbitcafe.com](http://www.bluerabbitcafe.com) for more details about the menu and updates on the container and espresso machine. We are really excited about this opportunity and very grateful for the support of East



Suffolk Council. Stay tuned for more information and photos about the project.....

In other news our chickens have started to lay again so we have eggs for sale. We also have sausages and bacon from our rare-breed pigs available for sale too.

## Shottisham Parish Council

### WALKING IN SHOTTISHAM

You are all fully aware that Shottisham does not have the benefit of pavements, a situation that is not going to change. Peter Widdup regularly moves our SID device around the village which contributes to slowing the traffic down. However, you can add to your safety by ensuring that when walking you walk facing the oncoming traffic and if possible wear easily visible clothing. The Parish Council are regularly reviewing road safety but even the cost of investigation places a considerable strain on our financial resources, we will continue to look for grants to assist in this process, *Ray Kay*

The next **Parish Council meeting** will be on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, WI Trust Hall at 7:30 pm. Ideally come along and take part but if you can't do that and have any matters to bring to the Council's attention please e-mail Lesley Roberts our Parish Clerk on [shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:shottishampc.clerk@gmail.com)

### JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The village is still looking to hold a street party for the above on the The Knoll outside the pub as previously. Either a BBQ or Hog Roast with salads and puddings to be organised by the villagers. It is hoped to call a meeting of helpers/organisers very soon

### LOCAL INTEREST IN FEBRUARY

Marsh Farm RSPB Reserve Hollesley 10am-2pm every day

Thrift Shop Sutton Heath open Wed, /Thur 9am-12 noon (Opposite Poppy's)

Poppy's Sutton Heath Mon-Thur 9am-12noon

**Sutton Hoo** is open at weekends only, the walks are open in the week

The next Sutton Village Breakfast is on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Memorial Hall. We will be serving from 9am and last orders for cooking will be 10.30. Once again we are limiting the number of people attending and require everyone to book in advance by either emailing me or phoning 01394 411793. For catering purposes we do require numbers bWednesday 2 February.

**Chair Based Exercises** Bawdsey Village Hall every Tuesday 11.15 -12.15 Contact Jane on 01394 411373.

**Yoga with Ellie** Tuesday mornings 9 to 10 am on Bawdsey recreation ground. £7.

**Woodbridge Library**  
Holding the Line:  
**The Women of Sutton Hoo**  
by Sally Sibley  
National Trust Volunteer

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 p.m.  
Tickets £5 from Woodbridge Library 01394 330855  
Includes raffle and second-hand book sale  
Proceeds to the National Trust and Friends of Woodbridge Library

For contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact **Nicky Beaven 411861** or [nicky.rosecott@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.rosecott@gmail.com) by **25<sup>th</sup>** of previous month. For church-related information please contact Rev Mandy E Reynolds [revmandy.rendlesham@yahoo.com](mailto:revmandy.rendlesham@yahoo.com)