



Shottisham Village Newsletter

Vicar's Voice

According to Meteorologists or weather forecasters, Autumn officially starts on September 1st, and although we are still beginning to recover from our hottest and driest summer for many years, we start to think about the harvest being brought in from the fields and orchards.

It is surely this thought that inspired the favourite school hymn 'Autumn Days', which starts with natural things, but also moves to include manmade things for which to give thanks.

I don't know if you've ever sung it, but the song is a good reminder of our need to be thankful, and as Christians we believe that 'every good and perfect gift comes from God', so we can direct our thanks to Him. As a challenge, can you find a post a 'thankful post' on social media every day through September, to remind you of your attitude of gratitude?

And yet, September this year doesn't feel very autumnal, I wonder if it's because no one has told the sun yet.

And whilst we always celebrate New Year on 1st January, September is also a New Year of sorts. Schools begin a New Year, and some pupils begin a New School. The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, also happens in September. Clubs, coffee mornings, organisations also begin again in September, following the summer holidays.

A New Year is a time for reflection and refreshment. It is a time to look back and learn from times past. It has been fascinating seeing the Archaeological Dig happening in Rendlesham, which unearths artefacts and teaches how life was lived in the days of King Redwald and teaches us just how far we have come from those days.

So this month, we look back to how life was lived then, and look the future of a good harvest to come.



Harvest is also a good time to share what we might be lucky to have in enough of, or even more than enough of with friends and neighbours who may be struggling at this time of economic worry.

During his time teaching and preaching, Jesus gave us two commandments, to love God with all our strength, mind, soul and heart. The second is to love our neighbours as ourselves.

How are your neighbours doing?

With Love and blessings, **Rev Mandy Xx**

Autumn days when the grass is jewelled

And the silk inside a chestnut shell.



Jet planes meeting in the air to be refuelled.

All these things I love so well

Clouds that look like familiar faces

And the winter's moon with frosted rings.

Smell of bacon as I fasten up my laces

And the song the milkman sings

Whipped-up spray that is rainbow-scattered

And a swallow curving in the sky

Shoes so comfy though they're worn out and they're battered

And the taste of apple pie.





Scent of gardens when the rain's been falling
 And a minnow darting down a stream
 Picked-up engine that's been stuttering and stalling
 And a win for my home team.

So I mustn't forget
 No, I mustn't forget
 To say a great big thank you

I mustn't forget.

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| Sunday 4 th | 11 am | Shottisham | Morning Praise | Helene Berry |
| Sunday 11 th | 11 am | Sutton | Morning Praise | Helen Shand |
| Sunday 18 th | 11 am | Sutton | Holy Communion | Rev Mandy |
| Sunday 25 th | 9.30 am | Shottisham | Family Communion | Rev Mandy |

Sunday services in September

Saturday 10th Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Sunday 11th 4 pm Shottisham Harvest Festival on the allotments



| DAY | ALDERTON | ORFORD | ALDEBURGH | HOLLESLEY |
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| 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 | CLOSED |
| Wednesday | 8.00 to 18.30 | 8.00 to 13.00 | 8.00 to 18.30 | CLOSED |
| Thursday | 8.00 to 18.30 | 8.00 to 13.00 | 8.00 to 18.30 | CLOSED |
| Friday | 8.00 to 18.30 | 8.00 to 13.00 | 8.00 to 18.30 | CLOSED |

STAFF TRAINING DATES

Aldeburgh and Orford surgeries will be closed for staff training on Thursday 8th September from 13.00.

Alderton surgery will be open for booking future appointments only, and Alderton pharmacy will be open. All calls will continue to be redirected to 111 for this afternoon.

This means that there will be no clinical staff available during this afternoon at any site.

When the surgery is closed please call NHS 111

Flu season 2022

We are planning our flu vaccination clinics for the 2022/23 winter period. We currently have flu vaccine clinics organised for the following dates:

Tuesday 4th October 2022 – Orford Surgery

Wednesday 12th October 2022 – Aldeburgh Community Centre

Thursday 20th October 2022 – Hollesley Village Hall

Appointments for our flu clinics will be released on 12th September 2022; these will be available to book online, via text link direct from the surgery and by calling the surgery after 11am each day.

For our housebound patients, we will be vaccinating from 10th October. We will contact all our housebound patients to confirm a date prior to arrival.

Our aim is to deliver the flu vaccine with the Covid-19 Autumn Booster. There are still many variables to work out for this to be possible; please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details as they become available.

Email change

Our practice email address has changed. Please use this email to contact the surgery:

sneecb-ies.peninsula-practice@nhs.net

www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk <https://www.facebook.com/ThePeninsulaPracticeGPSurgery/>

Shottisham WI

Shottisham WI hosted an evening of fun on Wednesday 10th August at the Trust Hall, with tales of the sea and singing with Shantyfolk, a five-piece singing group. The hall was full of WI members, friends, family and Shottisham villagers of all ages. We sang along to Sea Shanties and pirate songs. A great evening was had by all. We have invited Shantyfolk to come again next June for another evening of audience participation and fun. Tickets will be on sale once again.

Our next monthly meeting is **Wednesday 14th September at 2pm.**

Our speaker will be Andrew Brogan of Henstead Exotic Gardens. He will talk about the gardens and how he set them up.

If any ladies would like to come along that afternoon, with thoughts of possibly joining Shottisham WI, you would be made very welcome to attend as a guest.

We have a monthly meeting at the hall, a book club, walking group and various outings too.

New members are always welcome to join.

For further information please contact

Diane Fleming Shottisham WI Secretary. dillypal@outlook.com 01394411870

THE SORREL HORSE

Look out for Michael Portillo who was filmed eating cake outside the pub!

[Sorrel Horse Shottisham Ltd](#)

"Our insurance does not permit bonfires or fireworks on pub premises due to the risk to the thatched roof. As a result there cannot be any more Bonfire night celebrations on pub land. The Parish Council have been informed of this if villagers want to organise an alternative event"

Shottisham Campsite

Hello to everyone from Elsie and Pantalaimon two of the goats here at the campsite. The kids are all growing well and I have been milking three of the goats for the past couple of months. Everything is very dry here but we do have some lovely tomatoes from the polytunnel of dreams for the cafe as well as home-grown strawberries, cucumbers and plums. The cafe will be closed the first weekend in September (3rd and 4th) because the blue rabbit is going on holiday with her sister.

It will reopen on Sunday 11th September with all the usual delicious home-grown, home-made food including sausage and bacon buns,

waffles with strawberries and home-made caramel sauce, as well as waffles with bacon and maple syrup. There are also lots of vegetarian options, cake and lovely coffee, including decaffeinated. The new puppy Cemal is doing well and is growing super fast. Here he is at East Lane. See you all soon Claire xxx



Pete's pizzas are back at the campsite on **Friday** evenings.

Shottisham Parish Council**Play Area**

We have as most of you will know recently purchased a small Tractor for Toddlers, hopefully it will help during the Summer.

Our next objective is to seek funding to carry out some potential repairs/replacements on existing equipment and to add a piece of equipment to the Trim Trail for older people. Pat does an excellent job in looking after the play equipment but we would ask that villagers intervene if they witness abuse of the equipment which could lead to repairs or worse injury. We will keep you advised as to how funding is progressing.

Overgrown Hedges

Some of the village's hedges and plants have become overgrown and are obstructing the highway. As we have no pavements in the village, pedestrians are being forced to walk further into the roadway. It is the responsibility of households whose property is adjacent to the roads to keep their hedges and plants from encroaching the highway. Please be considerate to pedestrians and cut back your hedges as soon as possible. Thanks.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Tuesday 20th September at The Trust Hall, 7:30pm**
Parish Council

LOCAL INTEREST IN SEPTEMBER

Boyton Fete on **Saturday 3rd** 1 – 4 pm on the Village Green – teas and cakes, dog show and more

Suffolk Punch Horse and Dog Show Sunday 18th from 9 am, otherwise open Friday to Monday 11 am to 4 pm from 4th September.

Quizzes – Quizzes are at The Swan, Alderton on **Wednesday 7th** and **Wednesday 21st** at 8 pm.

Mobile library at The Knoll, Shottisham 3 to 3.20 pm on **Tuesday 13th**

Alderton Swan is now open Thursdays/Fridays/Saturdays 6-10pm and Sundays 12-3pm

The Ramsholt Arms is open Mon, Tues 12– 3pm, Wed, Thurs, Fri 12-3 pm and 5 – 8 pm, Sat, Sun 12 – 8 pm

Bawdsey café is open all week 11 am to 5 pm, closed Tues and Wed in term time and Deben ferry every day 10 am to 5 pm

Bawdsey Radar open Thursday/Sunday

Marsh Farm Cafe 10am-3 pm daily

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

Poppy's Sutton Heath Mon-Thur 9.15 am to 2 pm to 5th September

Sutton Hoo is open all week

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

For contributions to the Shottisham newsletter please contact **Nicky Beaven 411861** or nicky.rosecott@gmail.com by **25th** of previous month. For church-related information please contact Rev Mandy E Reynolds revmandy.rendlesham@yahoo.com