



Village Newsletter

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If you have any updates for upcoming newsletters, please send to me by the 25th of the previous month. Anything for the January newsletter, please let me have by 23rd. Warm wishes, Natalie
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The Street, Shottisham. November 2023

Shottisham Parish Council

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year from Shottisham Parish Council

80th Anniversary of D Day

Councillors have agreed to take part in the 80th D Day celebrations on the 6th June 2024 and will be lighting the beacon and providing a toast to celebrate the event. Cll James Mallinder has kindly agreed to donate £200 towards the event.

Highways issues

- Blocked drain outside 1 New Houses has been reported after recent storms for the fourth time, still no action. However, the culvert has now been re-dug and is much more effective.
- Junction B1083 and Hollesley Road has been inspected and some road markings are to be re-painted. Moving the 40mph sign to beyond the junction requires approval which is unlikely unless there is a fatality.
- Problems with farm traffic are still being experienced with tractors and their sub-contractors going too fast and complaints that they are running people off the road.

Playground issues

The RoSPA report completed recently has identified several medium risk areas which will need some work doing on them. Some of the timber components have decayed and will

need to be replaced with plastic posts as soon as possible. Posts at the highest risk will be fixed first and the other at-risk areas worked on gradually.

Vacancies for new councillors

There are still two vacancies for new councillors on the council and existing councillors would love to encourage some new faces to join the council. If anyone is interested, please feel free to contact Lesley for an informal chat if you would like to find out more about what the role entails.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th January at 7:30 pm in the Trust Hall. Full minutes from the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting can be found on the Shottisham Village website at <http://shottisham.suffolk.cloud>

Hedges

if you have a hedge or branches from a tree on the boundary of your property and it is growing over the public footpath/verge can we please ask that you trim back the hedging to allow some access of the footway and also to improve visibility on any road junctions. Thank you. *Shottisham Parish Council.*

Lesley Roberts, Clerk to Shottisham Parish Council clerk@shottisham-pc.gov.uk Tel: 410581

Message from the Rev Canon Kevan S. McCormack ***Snow on snow***

'In the bleak mid-winter' and 'snow on snow' and, please God, more 'snow on snow' was always my prayer as a little boy for 5th November. But no snow in Bromeswell this year! I recall standing in our next-door neighbour's back garden, as a little chap, in my pyjamas and dressing gown watching and waiting as my dad tried in vain to light the bonfire drenched in the slush and water. I cannot remember now whether he managed to light the fire, but I do remember the fireworks. We did not have many, but they lit up the garden and the endless darkness of the sky. Huddled together to keep warm we all gazed and went 'ooh and ah' and 'wow' and 'look at that' and wondered and hoped that that was not the last One.

We rarely huddle together these days. Of course, there is no need to. Warm coats and an aversion to any act that could be perceived by an onlooker as even slightly inappropriate is frowned upon. We are nervous of each other and any potential for assuming misplaced affection, but we also rarely gaze into the wider world and ooh and ah at anything. There is little sparkle. The news from abroad is disturbing. The world is getting warmer, and humanity gets colder. We distance ourselves from the heat of the fire because of policies and regulations and our response to each other is sterile. Spontaneity is left to reality TV and we crave for it. 'Snow upon snow and, please God, more snow upon snow' was always my prayer too as 25th December approached. Huddled in a stable: I wanted to be there. I imagined the weary family trying to keep warm in their pyjamas and dressing gowns looking up into the sky as the sparkle of the star lit up the endless darkness of the sky. I suppose they must have gazed in surprise and wonder. Were they fearful of the cold and needing each other? No policies in place here. No protection from the outbreak of Covid, or something similar. No international outcry at the cruelty of a puppet king or a terrorist on the rampage. But someone else managed to light the fire! – I remember now. It smoked and crackled and leapt into life.

Every time the autumn comes, I look forward to someone lighting the fire. Whatever the weather, the depth of cold or the weight of snow; whatever the burden of depravity, and emptiness, and the futility of life in the shadow of existence, I rely on the warmth of the

huddle and the fire. So, I gaze once again as I did before with my 'ooh' and 'ah' at the sparkle of the star. But I know something now I never knew before; the star is my light for another next-door, another garden, another fire, and another shore. With my love and prayer for a wonderful Christmas.

The Rev Canon Kevan S. McCormack

What's on

- 2 Dec** Breakfast – 9.00-10.30am, Sutton Memorial Hall, book with Sue on 411793
- 2 Dec** Craft Group Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.00am-12.00pm, the Hall
- 2/3 Dec** Craft Fair and Refreshments – 10.00am-6.00pm, Suffolk Punch Trust
- 6 Dec** Village Carol Singing for the Childrens Society 6pm start Trust Hall
End Rectory for mulled wine and refreshments
- 9 Dec** Bawdsey Christmas Market – 2.00-4.00pm, the Hall
- 9 Dec** St Margaret's Church Shottisham Christmas Fayre – Noon-3.00pm, Trust Hall
- 10 Dec** Antiques & Makers Market 2-6pm at The Swan Inn Alderton
- 16 Dec** Carols at the Quay – 2.00pm, Boathouse Café Yard
- 17 Dec** Carol Service- St Margarets Church, Shottisham 6-7pm
- 17 Dec** Carol Service – St Mary's Church, 3.00pm followed by tea in the Hall
- 31 Dec** New Year's Eve Party – 7.00pm-1.00am, the Hall

Swan Inn at Alderton has several events on throughout December. Check out here - <https://www.facebook.com/people/Swan-Inn-Alderton/100083480132057/>

Boathouse Café closed

Poppy's Café Rock Barracks – Monday-Thursday 9.15am-2.00pm *Both closed*

Thrift Shop Rock Barracks – 9.00am-4.00pm (close noon on Fridays) *18.12 - 09.01*

Marsh Farm Café RSPB Reserve Hollesley open 10.00am-2.00pm daily

Mobile Post Office Every Thursday, 1.15-3.15pm, Alderton Village Hall

Yoga with Ellie Tuesday, 9.00-10.00am, Village Hall, contact Rawdon 411459

Chair-based Exercise Class Tuesday 10.30am, Village Hall, ring Jane 411373 2-7pm
Bawdsey Village Hall

Suffolk Punch Trust Open every Sunday from 7th Jan 10am-1pm- New Breakfast Menu

Police <http://www.suffolkpolice.uk>, email woodbridge.snt@suffolkpnn.police.uk. Tel;101

Food Bank and Jars

If you are thinking of donating to the "Salvation Army Food Bank" for our Christmas Donation (It does not have to be a lot as each thing makes a difference) please can you let me have them by week commencing 11th December. We can collect email dawnrosemarykay@aol.com or call 410331 – Thank you Dawn & Ray

Thanks to everyone who has left jars for me, I am very grateful please keep them coming.
Dawn

Peninsula Practice

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

Staff training is important for our practice. On the following days, surgery sites are closed from 13:00

until the following day. The specified site is open for booking future appointments and accessing repeat prescriptions.

- Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Aldeburgh
- Thursday 8th February 2024 - Alderton

All calls will be redirected to 111.

We offer an increasingly wide range of NHS services to our patients:

- Memory checks (if worried about dementia)
- Menopause management
- Paramedic appointments
- Same day physiotherapy for acute musculoskeletal symptoms
- Ultrasound (by referral)
- Single skin lesion clinic
- Mental health and wellbeing support
- Insomnia support - SleepStation (a bespoke programme)
- Travel health
- Social prescriber – support for non- clinical health and wellbeing needs
- Compassionate Companion service – to support end of life choices and care
- Full contraception services (eg coils) and sexual health

Also available at our practice are non-NHS services (charged):

- Chiropody – foot care appointments & home visits

Ear care – wax removal (see website)

Wishing you a happy winter holiday

On behalf of the staff at Peninsula Practice, we would like to wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

We will be closed on the bank holidays over Christmas and the New Year (25th & 26th December 2023, 1st January 2024) – please call 111 if you need medical help, or 999 in an emergency.

We will be open as usual over the rest of the festive period; you can call us for an

appointment, or log into your online account – please see our appointments page on our website for more information about these options. 01394 411641 peninsula.practice@nhs.net
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