



## Village Newsletter

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Hello everyone, a big thank you to Nicky for compiling the Shottisham newsletter for the last few years. Best wishes to Nicky and Dave for their big move to Scotland. Also, best wishes to Lyndsey and Brian who have moved to France. If you have any updates for upcoming newsletters, please send to me by the 25th of the previous month. Warm wishes, Natalie [Nataliebrett64@gmail.com](mailto:Nataliebrett64@gmail.com)



*Peter Nichols funeral 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

November and the nights are drawing in, the leaves on the trees are turning from green to reds and golds, there is a definite chill in the air, and people are beginning to talk more about.... yes, you have guessed it, Christmas!! There are aisles in the shops devoted to Christmas cards, decorations, and traditional Christmas treats!

But November is a special month. it is a month when we remember. On the 1st and 2nd on November, people will be attending 'remembering' services for All Saints Day and All Souls Day, taking time to think of those they grieve in a more personal way.

The Very Reverend Stephen Lake, Dean of Gloucester reflects on how lighting a candle, or simply pausing in the silence, can be an enormous sense of comfort to people. Lighting a candle can help us to remember, to pause, to focus, to calm and to pray.

For many people around the world, November will involve events marking the 11th of November, Armistice Day and in many churches, parks, and village greens, on Remembrance Sunday there will be a local memorial service to remember those who gave their lives in conflicts past and present. As many will know, I have the enormous privilege of being the Chaplain for The Spirit of Normandy Trust, and this year, we managed to take 8 Veterans back to Normandy for the 79th

Commemorations of the D-Day landings. As well as taking Acts of Remembrance in various Commonwealth War Cemeteries, this year I took a service out at sea, remembering the lives lost on HMS Fratton off the Normandy coast, giving up a poppy wreath to the elements following the exhortation, taken from the poem "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon:

They shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old, age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

During this Act of Remembrance, we had the last living survivor from HMS Fratton with us, who, at 99 years of age, stood and remembered his mates, who did not come home. A very poignant moment.

*And so, we light our candles, and remember Christ as the light of the world, lighting our way when things seem dark or difficult.*

*May the Light of Christ be with you during this season of remembering,*

With love and blessings, Rev'd Mandy XX

## Food Bank and Jars

It is approaching that time of the year again when we will be collecting items for the "Food Bank Christmas Delivery" We managed to get 17 Boxes together last year so lets see if we can do as well this year. If anyone would like to contribute (every little bit counts) you can either leave at our house or we can collect call 410331 or email [dawnrosemarykay@aol.com](mailto:dawnrosemarykay@aol.com) by the week commencing 11th December.

If anyone has Jars they do not want then please drop them off or we can collect call 410331 email [dawnrosemarykay@aol.com](mailto:dawnrosemarykay@aol.com), Any I cannot use I will recycle.

Thank you, Dawn & Ray Kay

## Peninsula Practice

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DAY	ALDERTON	ALDEBURGH	ORFORD
Monday	8.00 to <b>14.30</b>	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 18.30
Tuesday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 18.30	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wednesday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to <b>13.00</b>
Thursday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to <b>13.00</b>
Friday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to <b>13.00</b>

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 13.00: staff training. Aldeburgh surgery will be open for booking future appointments. Alderton and Orford surgeries will be closed. All calls will be redirected to 111.

### Goodbye and Thank You to Dr John Scott

On behalf of all the staff and thousands of patients who have benefited from the care, kindness and expertise of Dr John Scott, we would like to thank him and wish him the very best as he steps down from his GP position with Peninsula Practice in December.

### Contact details

Have you given us your current mobile number? This allows you to get information directly and quickly from us. We can send you appointment reminders, results, and information via your phone if you share your up-to-date mobile number (you can opt out of these if you wish). To check if we have your current number and to update, go to your account at <https://systmonline.tpp-uk.com/> or call the surgery after 11am.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Play Area

At the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 14th November we will be

discussing the Budget for 2023/24 and the proposed Precept for the year. A major requirement of the Budget is the maintenance of the Play area equipment and Grass Cutting.

As a result of inflationary pressures, we anticipate a substantial rise in our grass cutting costs and to mitigate any increase we will review the frequency of cuts. In addition to this the recent ROSPA inspection has identified serious deterioration of the wooden (Trim Trail) equipment and as a result some of the equipment has been temporarily roped off. We are awaiting a Penetration Test of our equipment to determine the extent to which internal rot has affected the wooden structures. It is highly likely that extensive repair/replacement will result with a consequent impact on the budget and precept.

### **Roads**

The PC have received numerous complaints about speeding in the village particularly by farm tractors and trailers, this is an area of concern expressed also, at our recent Joint Parish Council meeting. There has been recent damage to the verges/hedges particularly on Ford Hill, you will all be aware of the damage to the Bridge. These areas are under constant review with our County Council Councillor although cost pressures are resulting in delays to remedial work. If anyone gets Reg Nos of offending vehicles, will they forward them on to kayrymnd@aol.com.

### **Flooding**

There have been several serious incidences of flooding this year, specifically on Ford Hill, The Street and Church Lane. The PC are in negotiation with local farmers to ensure adequate defences are maintained and when necessary replaced, this is an ongoing process but given current climate changes the situation is likely to get worse.

If any of the above matters are of interest to you, please attend our next PC meeting where they can be discussed at our Open Forum.

*Ray Kay, Chair of Parish Council*

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th November at 7:30 pm in the Trust Hall.

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

*Lesley Roberts, Clerk to Shottisham Parish Council clerk@shottisham-pc.gov.uk  
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## **Sorrel Horse**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SORREL HORSE SHOTTISHAM LTD  
Shareholders and villagers are all invited

***11.00 am, Saturday 18th November 2023, St. Margaret's Church, Shottisham***

**WI**

The members of Shottisham WI try hard to maintain and improve the facilities of Shottisham WI Trust Hall for all the people of Shottisham to use and enjoy.

After the upgrading of the toilet facilities earlier in the year, enabled by obtaining a grant from the Lottery Fund, we are having the outside woodwork of the hall repaired and repainted, by a local painter and decorator, Neil Smith. We are able to pay for this project using a grant obtained from East Suffolk Council Enabling Committee, with kind assistance from James Mallinder. Our intention is to carry on with further projects to improve the hall.

After a very interesting talk by Woodbridge Salvation Army at our last meeting, we now have a large plastic box outside the back of the Trust Hall; anyone can place tinned and dried food and cleaning products etc as donations for the Woodbridge Food Bank. The Shottisham WI will take these donations into the Salvation Army on a regular basis.

The remaining fruit from the orchard, was donated to the foodbank. They are happy to accept donations of excess fruit, vegetables and eggs too.

New WI members are always welcome. Our next outings are to The Red Rose Chain Theatre production of The Ungodly, and a trip to Christchurch Mansion.

*Diane Fleming. WI Secretary. 01394 411870.*

## What's on

- 4 Nov Bawdsey History Afternoon – 2.00pm, the Hall (postponed from 07.10.23)
- 5 Nov Christmas Craft Fair – 11.00am-3.00pm, Bromeswell Village Hall
- 11 Nov Fireworks Woodhall Manor, (*for information only*), 9.15pm
- 14 Nov Craft Group – 7.30pm, Bawdsey Hall
- 18 Nov Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm, the Hall
- 25 Nov Christmas Market – 10.00am-12.00pm, Sutton Memorial Hall
- 28 Nov Craft Group – 7.30pm, the Hall
- 5 Dec Craft Group Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.00am-12.00pm, Bawdsey Hall
- 9 Dec. St Margarets Church Christmas Get Together - 12.00-3.00pm, Trust Hall.  
Soup, stalls, carol. singing etc. **Christmas hamper will be done by Helene, please leave donations. in the church.**

**Boathouse Café** open Friday-Sunday 11.00am-5.00pm

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

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

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

**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

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