



Village Newsletter July 2024 Issue 271

If you have any updates for the July newsletter, please send to me by the 28th June, warm wishes, Natalie
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*******BELATED HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY WISHES TO DEREK*******



Image courtesy of Sorrel Horse

Sorrel Horse

Opening times for drinks and food are on the blackboard outside.
For event updates please check Instagram and Facebook pages.

UEFA 2024 games will be shown in The Barn, Sorrel Horse

<https://www.instagram.com/sorrelhorsepubshottisham?igsh=dG40YThxZjJmMDd4>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558587351987>

Allotments available– contact Terrie - terriebsl@hotmail.co.uk

Upwardly mobile!

Look out for the mobile library in Shottisham.

Did you know that the mobile library, run by Suffolk Libraries, visits Shottisham every four weeks? You may have seen it passing through but may not realise how easy it is to access and use the service.

The mobile library stops at Sorrel Horse PH 15:00 – 15:20 every four weeks and will next be visiting on the following dates **July 16, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 5, December 3, 2024.**

If you've not already got a library card, it's free and easy to get one and you can join Suffolk Libraries next time it visits. You can borrow 20 items for eight weeks at a time and if you're worried you won't find something you like on board, the mobile library driver can help you reserve something from the entire Suffolk Libraries catalogue to collect next time it visits! So, you can pick from nearly a million items and you're not restricted to what's on board! The mobile vehicles also have lifts to help those with mobility issues to get on board.

For more information go to suffolklibraries.co.uk and check out the Visit pages or contact our customer service team at: help@suffolklibraries.co.uk or by calling 01473 351249 between 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday.

Please do check us out and come aboard next time we're in your area!

Shottisham WI

Shottisham WI have enjoyed some outings in recent weeks including a theatre visit, tea with the Ipswich mayor in her parlour, and walks in the countryside. Our recent speaker was Jeremy Mynott from Shingle Street. We had a lovely slide show of the local flora and fauna.

More theatre visits are planned, walks for bird watching, garden visits and a river trip in Beccles during the summer. We are an active group, enjoying each other's company and caring and supporting each other too.

We continue with improvements to the hall. We plan a memorial garden and bench for past WI members at the front of the hall and hope to have the floorboard sanded and polished to further enhance the interior of the hall. We also want to improve the orchard.

As members of Shottisham WI, we are all passionate about the continued care and improvement of the grade 2 listed WI Trust Hall. We receive no income from outside of our group for its maintenance and rely on our fundraising events and through applying for grants and funding. In the last four years, through dedication and time-consuming work we have raised over £17,000.00 through funding and grants.

Additionally, our annual plant and cake sale has also raised in excess of £1,100.00 per year. The National WI do not make any contribution to its upkeep.

The hall is used by most members of the local community during the year, for WI meetings, Parish Council meetings, Yoga, parties and as a Polling station etc. It is available to hire.

To raise more money for our next phase of improvements we are holding an evening of entertainment. Everyone is invited to join us.

THURSDAY 11TH JULY. DOORS OPEN 6.45 PM. ENTERTAINMENT STARTS 7PM.

Tickets will cost £7.50 to non-WI members. Restricted to 45 tickets.

The talk will be followed by a buffet and glass of wine, included in price of ticket.

There will also be a raffle.

"Come and join Kevin Walker on a journey to some of the country's famous and not so famous buildings as he tells stories of lovers, fools and the weird. Laugh, gasp and perhaps shed a tear and hear about some of the hilarious and moving incidents in the life of a professional storyteller. Suitable for over 16s."

Kevin Walker is an engaging and very entertaining speaker. He has spoken at Westminster Hall in the past.

Please come and enjoy the surroundings and help us preserve our unique and beautiful hall.

For tickets, please contact Diane Fleming email [dillypal @ outlook.com](mailto:dillypal@outlook.com)

Shottisham Parish Council

COMMERATIVE PICNIC & LIGHTING OF THE BEACON FOR D.DAY
Fortunately, the weather was kind to us, and a nice evening was enjoyed by Villagers/Family and Friends ending with the Lighting of the Beacon and a glass of Prosecco for a Toast to remember all those who fought to keep us safe. Thank you to James Mallinder for his financial support, to the Church for the loan of their Tables/Gazebos/Chairs, to David Wass for the Beacon and to all those who supported the function.

Ray & Dawn Kay



Images courtesy of Dawn and Ray Kay

Church letter

Gazing up to heaven?

I first wrote this article a few years ago, and I hope those of you who remember reading it will forgive my submitting an updated version. Having spent a few hours recently following my friends on the App Flightradar24 on their journey from Amsterdam to Stansted, I once again was inspired to stand, gazing upwards, into the sky, listening to the sound of aeroplanes overhead. Coincidentally I was pondering the remarkable information that this particular App Flightradar24 provides but it was the sound that drew my attention, then the flickering lights, and then the movement. Nothing extraordinary was happening. The sky was clear with the clarity that comes after a lovely day. The aeroplanes appeared to be queuing up, three or four of them, one after the other, coming slowly from the northeast and having the same destination. Their flight path was precise and the same. They all began to bank and turn left just an inch above the chimney of the last house in the row in front of me. This is no coincidence, I thought. There is a plan here, I thought. Something is guiding these aeroplanes; some remarkable system is operating little robots in the sky. I mused on the physics and the wonder of modern technology.

Of course, each aeroplane was undoubtedly owned and operated by a different company. Had it been daylight, I might have identified them by colour. Of course, they were full of different people and undoubtedly coming from different places. Some passengers would be comfortable and confident with their flight, some would take to the thrill of it all and some, like me when I'm flying, would be nervous, apprehensive, and glad to be near the end of the journey.

For Christian people, the journey of life has a specific destination, and in general, the same guidance systems are used. Different people travel at different speeds. Some enjoy the thrill of the journey. Some are comfortable and confident. Some, like me are nervous and apprehensive. The value of experience differs according to personal make up, memories of the past, judgments about the present and expectations for the future. Different faith groups and even denominations, like companies, offer different packages for the journey. All are deemed attractive.

Whatever our understanding of the nature of the world in which we live we are clearly all going somewhere. I would hate to be in an aeroplane that didn't know where it was going to. I would hate it even more if I felt that the pilot wasn't in control. But then, what are guidance systems for? Is there a twist here? Who is it that is really in control?

So, who built the guidance system? What was the objective, the vision? Could it be that I'm safe after all? Am I nervous without just cause? Will the destination be as anticipated and hoped for? Will there be a thrill at the end, if not on the way?

I shall gaze up to heaven another night: I shall muse, and I shall wonder.

The Reverend Canon Kevan S. McCormack

What's on

TO: ALL PET OWNERS

Please note that there will be fireworks here at Woodhall for a wedding on the 25th August at 9.45pm.

13 July Alderton Fete 2-5pm - Recreation Ground Alderton

20 July Fete at Glebe House Hollesley 12-3pm

20 July Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm, Bawdsey Hall

Car Boot Sale and Tabletop Sale

Sutton Memorial Hall IP12 3JQ on Sunday **14 July** from 10am

£6 per pitch £5 if paid in advance

To book phone 01394 411793 or 01394 384659 or email

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Stay & Play: Big Bears children walking–4 years Baby Bears babies, non-mobile to crawling. Both Wednesdays 10.00-11.30am, Bawdsey School. Booking essential.

Deben Ferry runs daily 1 May–30 September 10.00am-5.00pm

Boathouse Café open Thurs-Monday, until school holidays then all week, 11.00am-5.00pm

Suffolk Punch Trust open Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Monday 10.00am-4.00pm

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

Thrift Shop, Rock Barracks, Monday-Thursday 9.00am-4.00pm

Marsh Barn Café RSPB Reserve, Hollesley 10.00am-2.00pm daily

Mobile Post Office every Thursday 11.30am-12.30pm, Alderton Village Hall

Yoga with Darren on Tuesdays 9.00-10.00am, £10 per session Bawdsey Hall

Yoga with Amanda every Tuesday 12.15-1pm, £5 Trust Hall. Chair-based Exercise Class 10.30am, the Hall, ring Jane 411373

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The Peninsula Practice

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

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