

Report of Shottisham Local History Recorder to Shottisham Annual Parish Meeting, May, 2024.

I have continued to keep abreast of activities and events, by use of social media and word of mouth of friends in the village.

In 2023 I attended the village fete, the plant sale, the Big Lunch for Coronation Day and 3 funerals of Shottisham residents, all known with great fondness. I gave 3 talks about the local history book *Shottisham People* and sold a substantial amount of copies. Browsers Bookshop sold copies also, until they closed and Woodbridge Books have taken over selling. I will be depositing further copies with them this month.

I also attended the annual Recorders' Conference last Spring, gave a talk about the village and the writing of the history. My annual report to the Suffolk Local History Council was sent in January.

A large amount of parish papers, from the 1970s onwards, required sorting and decisions made as to which should be deposited at the Suffolk Archives. After consultation with members of your Committee, I sorted, listed and with the help of Ray, deposited two boxes of papers with the Archives at the beginning of April.

It is now 10 years since I took over the Recordship from the late Audrey Morgan and I feel that it is time to hand over the reins to someone in the village or close by. I have written a piece for your latest newsletter and hope that someone will come forward. This year's Annual Conference takes place on the 11th May and anyone interested in becoming the recorder could accompany me and get a flavour of what happens on the few occasions when we all get together. I would also be happy to meet anyone and go through the very light but enjoyable duties of being a recorder. The beauty of it is that you make of it what you will; some recorders make it their life's work, others keep it on the periphery of their activities.

I shall not leave you in the lurch, but would love to hand over to someone who also loves the village.

Diana Bickerton
Shottisham Local History Recorder.
28th April, 2024.