



## Village Newsletter

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If you have any updates for the March newsletter, please send to me by the 26<sup>th</sup> February, warm wishes, Natalie  
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**Defibrillator code C159 X, located back of Sorrel Horse pub**



*12 January 2025, Shottisham*

### **Sorrel Horse**

Curry night £15.50, February 1st, fish and chips, 2 for £20, every Friday through February. Live music from Jefferson County Saturday 8th February 7.30pm. Quiz night 13th February, teams up to 6. Book your table for Valentine's 14th and 15th February, our normal menu with a few Valentine's specials and a free glass of bubbles each with bookings.

## **Parish Council**

Thank you to everyone who signed the 20mph petition before Christmas, there is a very high level of support from across the village which ticks one of the criteria. We now need to obtain data regarding number of vehicles and speeds which we are being supported with by funding from Cllr Andrew Reid. This is going to be a long process, and we will keep you posted with any updates.

Again, many thanks, SPC

## **PET OWNERS**

There will be low noise fireworks at Woodhall Manor March 2nd at 10.30pm lasting around 6 minutes.

## **February Diary**

1 Feb Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club Talk - Bawdsey Village Hall 7.30pm

4 Feb Craft Group 7.30pm Bawdsey Village Hall

8 Feb Breakfast Hollesley Village Hall 9.30am-12 Breakfasts and Stalls

8 Feb Three Chordettes at Hollesley Village Hall 7.30pm £10 Including Buffet to book ring Ruth 01394/410021 (Bar provided)

15 Feb Broomswell Quiz Night Fish & Chip Supper Veggie option available - bring own drinks and nibbles to book call Lauren on 01394460577

15 Feb Bawdsey Market 2-4pm Bawdsey Hall

16 Feb Acoustic Night at the Swan Alderton

17 Feb Birds of Panama Talk Bawdsey Hall - FREE

18 Feb Craft Group Bawdsey Hall 7.30pm

Boathouse Cafe - Closed

Suffolk Punch Trust Closed

Marsh Barn Cafe - RSPB Reserve, Hollesley 10-2pm daily

Chair-Based Exercise Class 10.30am Bawdsey Hall ring Jane 411373

Yoga with Darren paused for the moment

Suffolk Police [www,suffolkpolice.uk](http://www.suffolkpolice.uk) email [woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

## **FOOD BANK**

We managed to fill another 5 Large Boxes for the New Year, making it 18 in all.

Thank you to everyone who donated especially the WI and our cash donors, who enabled us to do lots of shopping. We should be able to fill 2 boxes for the winter months. It is amazing for such a small village.

Well Done

*Dawn & Ray*

Thank you to everyone who has left me Jars all year and plastic Pudding Containers

*Dawn*

## Shottisham Women's Institute

Do you want new experiences this year? Why not become a member of the Shottisham W.I.

We have 24 members and offer a warm welcome to everyone. Monthly meetings are held in the beautiful Shottisham WI Trust Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm. We enjoy talks from a variety of speakers; we have a book group and enjoy trips out. In 2024 these included: theatre trips, boat trips, walks, pub lunches, curling and bird watching in Rendlesham forest.

If you are interested, join us as free guests on February 12th for the afternoon. We will be welcoming, as our guest speaker, Jeremy Quinlan the President of the Suffolk Beekeepers' Association.

For more information please contact: Lisa Shackleton [07760 360486](tel:07760360486)  
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*Diana Fleming, President Shottisham W.I.*

## CHURCH NEWS

Hello again!

February is a strange month, it is hard to spell correctly, it is too late for the New Year and yet we are not encouraged yet to think about Spring-too much weather to get through before that!!!

On 2nd February the church celebrates Candlemas. This is the time that Jesus is taken to the Temple to be blessed by the priests, a task considered very important for sons and especially first sons. It is while they are there that Mary and Joseph meet Samuel and Anna. Samuel has been waiting a long time for this day and Anna also has lived near the Temple for many years. They are waiting for the Messiah, the new king to make himself known.

Candlemas is also described as "the pivot". Liken it to a see-saw – we have been weighted at one end by Christmas, the coming together as families or as church gatherings. We have met together with friends and families, just as the shepherds visited the stable to share the joy of the new baby.

Also, we have shared presents, just as the kings brought their gifts. That little family was born in the darkness and poverty of a stable, visited first by the lowly shepherds and then by the might and power of the kings. This new baby welcomes everyone, regardless of status, race, gender and culture.

Similarly, we are asked today to help those we know and those we may meet. It does not matter if we are only able to leave a few tins in the bus shelter, or if we can send great sums to charities to aid world situations. Our gifts are given from the heart and from the desire to serve Christ in the world.

Lastly, in some churches all the candles that will be used during the year are brought to the front to be blessed – the lights that will signal that "The Light of the World has come". These lights remind us daily of God's light in the world.

And so, the see-saw tips slowly to the other side going down as we look to Spring, to the days of Lent – fasting, learning, waiting for the glory of Easter. Of course, those people living in first century Palestine did not know what would happen as the years would unfold. We have that privilege of knowing the sequence but we are also aware of the wider world and the many needs of others.

So, I hope and pray that you will be able to watch the story unfold with open eyes for all those and others who need us and our help. May we feel moved to be Christ's hands, feet and hearts in the world and know that what we do for each other we are doing for Jesus Christ.

God bless you all.

*Rev Judith*

*Retired Priest*

**Church service dates for February attached.**



<b>DAY</b>	<b>ALDERTON</b>	<b>ALDEBURGH</b>	<b>ORFORD</b>
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>

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 12th February 2025 – Alderton
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

All calls will be redirected to 111.

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

### **Dementia service**

Peninsula Practice is collaborating with the Alzheimer's Society to develop an in-house service for our patients who are worried about their memory. We know there are many people nationally with dementia who have not been assessed for dementia and are therefore unaware of their condition. However, there are treatments and support that can significantly help delay progression if it is identified sooner than later.

If you or a loved one has concerns about your memory, please contact the surgery to arrange a full memory assessment.

**We now request that patients/carers order what they need between 7-10 days before their prescription is due.**

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