



Village Newsletter

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If you have any updates for the December newsletter, please send to me by the 25th November, warm wishes, Natalie
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Defibrillator code C159 X, located at the back of Sorrel Horse pub.



Shottisham Campsite, October 2025

Sorrel Horse

Michelle and Tony are now the new tenants of the Sorrel Horse. Please do go and say hello if you haven't done so. They have brought in a new wine list and are open to any feedback and suggestions.

The **AGM** for the shareholders will be held **Saturday 15th November 2025 at 11 am** in St Margaret's Church. We are currently seeking 3 new directors for the board. The current directors are Natalie Brett, Claire Ellis, Arya Norton, Tony Pinfold and Dana Woodmansey. Tony is unlikely to stand at the AGM so we do need to replace to

maintain the running of Sorrel Horse Shottisham Ltd. Please contact any of us for a chat if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK

We are fast approaching that time of year again and we will be collecting for the Christmas donation for the food bank. We will be taking boxes to the Salvation Army Food Bank, Woodbridge on 11th and 18th December. If you can spare something we will be very grateful. It does not have to be a lot as it soon mounts up. It can be left at 'Brook Cottage' or call 01394 410331 and we will collect.

Thanking you in advance,
Ray and Dawn

Thank you and update Clothing Exchange held on 23 September 2025. All Saints Church, Hollesley

We launched our first Clothing Exchange in September.

We would like to thank all those who came along to browse and enjoy a free cuppa and biscuits with us. Thanks to all of you who donated clothes. We had a good selection of sizes in most age ranges. Remember all clothing that is taken is **FREE of CHARGE**.

We received feedback face to face, through a quick questionnaire on the day and via social media. The feedback was helpful and will inform us going forward. We have already planned afternoon and weekend dates as a result.

Please remember the Clothing Exchange when you sort out your cupboards, wardrobes and drawers next time -please.

Our next date is Tuesday 25 November, 2.00 - 4.00pm

There will be no events in December, January and February.

The next date will be Saturday 21 March 2026 afternoon, time to be confirmed.

Wilford Benefice Pastoral Letter

News is now with us that the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullaly will be the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, to be installed next Spring.

We are asked to pray in the words of our morning and evening liturgy that God may send down upon her and all committed to her care, the spirit of His heavenly grace, pouring upon them the continual dew of His blessing. These are lovely words, which we repeat every week, probably rarely stopping to think about the dew of a blessing. Let us give ourselves time now to ask what we would like of a new Archbishop of Canterbury and how we can help her fulfil our hopes.

To the many who have followed a career in the National Health Service she has been a well-known figure, holding the highest positions in nursing, at eminent London hospitals and then as Chief Nursing Officer over all the NHS at the Department of Health. In the NHS as well as in our Church, she has shown herself well able to manage a large complex organisation – holding the ring, helping to forge resolutions, dispel fears and move forwards.

Walking along London's Embankment past Lambeth Palace, a few weeks ago, I stopped to take in the grandeur of its towers of Tudor red brick, dwarfing pedestrians below: it looks a worthy place to accommodate the head of our Church, alongside those pillars of our health and our democracy - Saint Thomas's Hospital and the Houses of Parliament.

Our newspapers have led us through a history of relatively recent predecessors including Arthur Ramsey, George Carey and Rowan Williams, pointing out how the new Archbishop may draw on the relative strengths of each of these to create and manage new structures, at the same time inspiring theologically and in deep faith.

We are reading reports, including here last month, of renewed interest in faith and in our churches - in quiet spirituality and contemplative prayer. As cathedral congregations get larger, we hope that our smaller parish ministry will not be overlooked. We celebrate our own new leader in Revd Mandy Reynolds to bring out the best in our smaller parish churches here on the peninsula. We know we don't need to be evangelistic to promote a visible and recognisable presence in our contrasting rural, yet warm and diverse communities. Revd Mandy also has complex structures to work across what we believe must be the largest benefice in the country. She has a new Bishop to work with in Rt Revd Dr Joanne Grenfell, coming from east London to St Edmundsbury, Ipswich, who passes on the safeguarding baton, maybe mindful of concerns, shared by colleagues, that the requirements of safeguarding training at the parish level may have become disproportionately onerous.

All three are women. They will each find their way. We have much to look forward to.

As we turn to the season of Remembrance we draw on our heritage. Many churches read out the names of all those with recorded funerals over time in the parish; we read the names of all those killed in two world wars, civilians as well as servicemen. And we celebrate the saints, down the ages, drawing attention to those we wish to. And remembering that, by our Christian values, we are all saints (including musicians Louis Armstrong and Bruce Springsteen):

*When the saints go marching in
O when the saints go marching in
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.
Amen.*

*Janet Bishop
Reader*

WHAT'S ON

- 2 Nov** Broomswell Christmas Fair - Broomswell Hall 11am-3pm
- 4 Nov** Craft Group – 7.30pm, the Hall Bawdsey
- 7 Nov** Christmas Craft Fair – 10.00am-1.00pm, Hollesley Village Hall
- 10 Nov** Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, the Hall Bawdsey
- 11 Nov** Act of Remembrance – 9.30am, Bawdsey War Memorial
- 15 Nov** Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm,
- 22 Nov** Christmas Market – 10.00am-12.30pm, Sutton Memorial Hall
- 24 Nov** Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, the Hall Bawdsey
- 25 Nov** Clothing Exchange 9-10.30 Hollesley Church
- 30 Nov** James Woodrow Concert – 2.30pm, St Mary's Church Bawdsey

UP AND COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- 6 Dec** Glebe House Hollesley Christmas Fair 2-4pm
 - 13 Dec** Shotisham Church Fayre
 - 20 Dec** Alderton Swann 1.30- 5pm Christmas Fair To raise funds for the Hospice in memory of Mel Spurling and Andy Rankin.
- More details in December Newsletter

Suffolk Punch Trust see www.suffolkpunchtrust.org for days/times
Marsh Barn Café RSPB Reserve, Hollesley 10.00am-2.00pm daily
Mobile Post Office every Thursday 11.30am-12.30pm, Alderton Village Hall
Chair-based Exercise Class 10.30am, the Hall, ring Jane 411373
Yoga with Darren Wednesdays, 9.00-10.00am, £10.00, the Hall
Suffolk Police www.suffolkpolice.uk email woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk



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

Staff training is important for our practice. On the following days, all surgery sites close from 1pm until the following day. All calls are redirected to 111

- Wednesday 12 th November 2025
- Thursday 12 th February 2026

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

Get up to date with your health

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
- Minor surgery including moles & lesions
- Steroid joint injections
- Ultrasound (by referral)
- Mental health and wellbeing support
- Single skin lesion clinic
- 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)

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