



Village Newsletter

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If you have any updates for the September newsletter, please send to me by the 27th August, warm wishes, Natalie
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Defibrillator code C159 X, located at the back of Sorrel Horse pub.



Allotments – we still have a number of vacant plots available. If you are interested, please contact Terrie via email – terriebsl@hotmail.co.uk or 410134

Shottisham Parish Council

First Responder request

At the recent Parish Meeting a parishioner proposed that the parish council consider funding someone locally to become a First Responder for the village. The £2,500 cost includes training and the kit, which the council can ill afford. It was agreed that it would be useful to find out if anyone is interested in volunteering before further consideration. Please contact Lesley by phone or email if this might be of interest to you.

Overgrown Footpaths

The local footpaths managed by Suffolk County Council are cut back twice a year in May and August to manage peak seasonal growth while balancing wildlife protection

and public access. The other footpaths are the responsibility of the farms adjacent to them. If there is an issue with a footpath becoming too overgrown to walk through, please use the Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool to report it.

You will need to identify the location on the map and then write a detailed description of the issue. See link for further details: Report a public right of way issue - Suffolk County Council

Change of Venue

Please note that the next meeting of the parish council will take place on Tuesday 8 September at 7:00 pm in St Margaret's Church as the Trust Hall is unavailable.

Full minutes from the last meeting can be found on the Shottisham Village website at: <https://shottisham-pc.gov.uk>

Lesley Roberts, Clerk to Shottisham Parish Council clerk@shottisham-pc.gov.uk
01394 410581

SHOTTISHAM WI.

We are very pleased to be able to start the renovation of the WI Trust Hall kitchen very soon.

The hall will not be available from Thursday 11th August for approximately six weeks, while the builders carry out the work.

There will be no access to the parking area or hall during this time.

We hope it will make the hall a more attractive building for people to use and should increase the hire possibilities.

This project has been a long time in the planning, but we are sure it will look lovely when completed.

Diane Fleming, President Shottisham WI.

Email dillypal@outlook.com.

Shottisham Summer Fete

This year's fete will be held on Saturday 29th August

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The Rectors Ramblings

Celebrating 50 years of friendship, my "bestie" and I managed a long planned and much awaited trip to Malta. We had been waiting since before Covid to actually get there, but our plans had constantly been on hold...due to various obstacles in our path. It was a guided tour, with our guide, a lovely Maltese lady called Agnes, leading us around and imparting lots of information, including both past and present history of this Mediterranean island.

We loved seeing all the historic buildings, especially the myriad of churches on this beautiful island, and the coastal views were stunning. However, as a group of around 30, we were a mixed bunch with varying ages, walking abilities and speeds, which Agnes seemed, sometimes, not to fully appreciate, especially when we were on time limited walks.

I totally understand that leading such a group must at times, be like herding cats, keeping us all together. Of course, she knew where she was heading so needed to lead the way. But, sometimes I felt that with Agnes at the front, she didn't really know what was going on behind her. Were some of the "dawdlers" getting left behind? Were those taking photos taking too long getting the "perfect" picture (urmm...that might have been me then!!)? Or should there have been a second guide walking at the back of the group acting as "sweeper upper"? Encouraging those who were finding the pace of the walk a little difficult. It made me think of the times when I have led a pilgrimage, or a walk of witness. Did I stop to consider where it was best to be?

This has led me to reflect on how life leads us on our journey day to day. Sometimes we want to be the leader: knowing where we want to go and planning the route; hoping the people we are leading are following; and being engaged and enthralled with the surroundings en route.

Of course, being a leader has responsibilities. And sometimes things don't go the way we planned. The route is not what we expected. At other times I have been happy to be led. Joining in on the journey, I had time to look around and admire the view. I could leave the responsibility to someone else. Then there are times when we are the "sweeper upper", encouraging people to take the next step, or maybe giving them the time to stop and look around them.

As Christians, we firmly believe that God is with us at all times on our journey of faith. He becomes both the leader and the "sweeper-up er". He leads us because he wants us to follow the right path, but at those times when we doubt, or are tempted to stray, to keep us on the right path He is also behind us, to encourage us and to hear us when we struggle as the path becomes rough and bumpy. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, both leading his flock on the way they should go and also, being behind his flock to protect us, watch over us, and keep us on the right path.

The good news of the gospel is, that if we do wander off, or stray from the path, or feel we are being left behind, He will surely come searching for us and bring us back into the sheepfold, with rejoicing and thanksgiving.

With love and blessings
Rev Mandy Xx

Sorrel Horse Shares available

There are a number of shares for sale please contact Natalie Brett nataliebrett64@gmail.com or Clare Ellis elbyellis@googlemail.com or Kelly kellyb@pinfold.co.uk

NEW DIRECTORS NEEDED please contact any of the above for a chat.

HOLLESLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our speaker on 27th August is Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, they are an Owl & Raptor Rescue Centre in Stonham Aspal.

They will be telling us about the conservation work they do.

We meet in Hollesley village hall at 7.30pm, guests are welcome to come along,
£5.00 admission

For more information contact Sue Barnes on 01394 411579

Sorrel Horse, Shottisham

Quiz nights Thursday 6th and 20th August, 7.30pm, booking advisable

Saxophonist, live music, Sunday 9th August, 1pm-3pm

Orwellman Sea Shanty singers, Wednesday 12th August from 7pm

Morris Dancers, Saturday 15th August in the afternoon

Live music, Midnight Road, Saturday 29th August from 7pm

Deben Ferry 1 May-30 September daily, 10.00am-5.00pm, dependant on weather

WE'RE OFF
to the
RACES!

Come and have a fun evening of excitement and friendship!

VENUE -
Hollesley Village Hall,
Woodbridge Road,
IP12 3QR

DATE -
Saturday 26 September 2026

TIME -
Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm
"They're Off!"

TICKETS £10
pre-booked.
Not on door.

★ *Includes Supper -* ★
Beef/Vegetarian Chilli Con Carne
and Jacket Potato with
Green Salad, Apple Crumble .

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND GLASSWARE.

CONTACT LINDA 07925 465015 (or speak to a church member)

BECOME A HORSE OWNER!

We are also looking for people to become
"horse owners" @ £5 per horse.
You will have your name on the race card
and the horse name of your choice.

★ **PRIZE FOR WINNING HORSE OWNER.** ★

£5 PER HORSE

ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 10 SEPTEMBER 2026.

