

The weeks go by and lots of preparation is happening as we await the outcome of our planning application. One of the planning lawyers supporting us through the complexities of the planning process lives near Manchester. His time is provided free of charge to us due to the Booster Fund support. He mentioned in passing that he is enjoying advising us because he used to sail up the Orwell with his Dad, and has many fond memories of Shotley. It never ceases to amaze us just how many far-flung people have fond memories of Shotley.



Apologies for the delay in printing the share certificates, the company doing it had a couple of technical hitches including a key member of staff departing and the need to recruit anew. The order is being fulfilled, so bear with us. If you need details for a gift, we can provide a pdf gift certificate or print of a gift note.

## Прощай (Goodbye)

The story of the Russian Sailor came to its conclusion this week, after several weeks of translating quite a few email messages. We were in touch with the gentleman, and it seems he was on a lovely European holiday having visited Holland first, Shotley next, having saved up for more than 10 years for his trip. Luckily one of our volunteers has knowledge of Russian language, isn't it amazing how wide ranging are the talents of our volunteers!

When this lone, Russian yachtsman arrived in the Harwich Haven in his slightly damaged yacht, he had little fuel and was helped to purchase more at Shotley Marina. He moored up at Shotley Pier, which is not currently safe for use by vessels or pedestrians.

The Society's Pier Master issued a Movement Order to the Owner/Master, as both the vessel and any crew were in danger. Unfortunately, either he did not understand or just ignored the instruction, and did not move his yacht as directed. He then travelled to London without contacting the authorities or the Society.

The day after a Final Movement Order was issued, the Russian sailor's luck ran out and his vessel became damaged as the wind changed from off shore to on shore whilst he was absent. This situation could not be allowed to continue as the yacht and the pier could have been damaged even further.

The Society came to the rescue and moved the vessel to a safe berth, keeping in touch with the authorities and ensuring that all due processes were followed.

His whereabouts were not known for almost two weeks so a notice was posted on the pier gate for him to contact the Society at its Registered Address. This he did and he is now happily on his way to Russia via Amsterdam, after paying the Society's invoice for the recovery of his yacht.



John Davitt, Chairman, said “We are looking forward to welcoming people to the pier, but not until it has been repaired, and always within UK border control regulations. Several of our Board members have prior experience of working in ports, so knew when and how to liaise with the authorities”

### **Suffolk Day**

Suffolk Day is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, with lots of possible ways to celebrate. We are holding two separate events with the help of our partners, please come along to one of them if you possibly can.

Lunch at the Red Lion starts at 12 noon, with wonderful Suffolk Sausages provided by Hollingsworth's Butchers. Tickets are £14.95 to have a two course lunch of Suffolk Sausages and Creamy Mash, with Onion Gravy, followed by Eton Mess. If you can think of a good alternative local name for the pudding, you might get a prize!

## Suffolk Sausage and Mash Lunch



Red Lion, Main Road, Chelmondiston, IP9 1DX

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 12 - 2pm

Hollingsworth's Suffolk Sausage Recipe

£14.95 for two courses in aid of Shotley Pier

Email [shotleypier@gmail.com](mailto:shotleypier@gmail.com) or phone 780400

to pre-book tickets due to limited numbers



Picnic by the Pier has been mentioned on BBC Radio Suffolk hundreds of times over the last few weeks, and we would like to give a big thank you to Shotley Open Spaces for kindly hosting the BBQ from 4pm to 9pm.

Some will want an early tea with children after school perhaps, others after work. Take your own picnic and you can cook your own food on the gas BBQ at the picnic area near the pier. Last year, the sunset was incredible on Suffolk Day, which is the longest day of the year. Refreshments are, of course, also available at the Bristol Arms nearby.

This email newsletter has a special offer just for founder members - you qualify for a free Suffolk Sausage in a bun at the picnic event, even if you just come for a walk and a nibble, come and say hello!

## Picnic by the Pier



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 4pm – 9pm

Bring Your Own Picnic

Barbeque kindly supervised

by Shotley Open Spaces

Bring your own food to put on the BarBQ



We will soon be issuing the tax certificates to claim the income tax rebate from HMRC. If you fill in a self assessment tax return, do email to let us know if you would like a tax certificate.

Lots of hard work is taking place with grant applications, and we hope to announce good news very soon. If you hear of a grant that might be suitable, do email to let us know.

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