

## Shotley Pier Update

### Misty the Cat

Misty has kindly sponsored a plank and joins our many supporters. His family has sponsored a plank too.



We can't wait to show off the plank plaques and railing plaques soon and we fully expect Misty's plaque to be a popular one with children.

### Donation

A very pleasant surprise last week when a member emailed to say he and his wife had decided to donate £300 because they have missed the coffee mornings and decided to send some money in lieu to help fill the coffers for the next stage of renovations. They said they would have spent that much over the last year on coffee mornings. A big thank you to them, and we thought we would mention it here in case you'd like to donate.

### Fund-raising Poetry

Peta Hillier, who many of you know as our volunteer Company Secretary and Art Co-ordinator of our events has just published a book of poetry about the Shotley Peninsula. £5 per copy generates a donation to the pier so please look out for this stylish volume of poems. It is available at Sunshine Stores in Pinmill from the end of May, as well as directly from Peta by emailing [petahillier@yahoo.com](mailto:petahillier@yahoo.com)



## Plant Sales from Bank Holiday Monday

For the second year running, our volunteers Peter and Jane are putting their gardening skills to help our fundraising by selling plants at the pavement edge at the far end of Stourside, Shotley Gate by the fields. So if you are out for a stroll, why not visit the community orchard and walk to the other end of Stourside to see the selection of young plants for sale?



## More Work at the Pier

The month of May will be busy at the pier as we remove temporary scaffolding and install railings and railing plaques.

We purchased the scaffolding rather than renting it, as we will re-use it in future phases. It's going to be very handy to have it ready for use.

## Shotley Heritage Calendar 2022

The Shotley Pier group is pleased to announce it will be producing a fund-raising calendar for 2022 to be known as the Shotley Heritage Calendar.

We spotted a gap in the market as there is no longer a Shotley Calendar produced locally.



We would love to feature your photographs of flora, fauna, rivers, and the beautiful and interesting landscapes through all seasons around Shotley.

Images for the calendar will be chosen by the Pier Group, and entrants will be advised if their work is to be used which may also appear on our website, social media and/or newsletters.

The publisher advises us images should be 300 dpi or better, probably around 7 MB, if in doubt send it in and we will assess it.

If you would like to take part, please send no more than two images of the highest possible resolution to [shotleycalendar@outlook.com](mailto:shotleycalendar@outlook.com)

We look forward seeing your images by 1st June 2021

### Changing Volunteers

We are saying goodbye to Barrie Powell as he retires from the Board, we thank him for his 3 years of volunteering.

We welcome Sarah Webb who is joining the Board, many of you will know Sarah from Pierside Snacks last summer.



We will be training some new volunteers at the Shotley Rose in July (subject to lockdown restrictions of course) so if you are interested in joining our Pier volunteers, please get in touch. Much of our volunteering is chatting to people at the pier or elsewhere and you can do one task or many, it will be your choice:

**Pier Guides** – chat to people about the history and also gate guardian when there are occasions to restrict entry

**Drivers** with their own vehicle and towbar to move our foodtruck to and from the pier – as many or as few sessions on the rota as you wish!

**Coffee Morning volunteers** – cake makers, ticket sellers, etc

### Lockdown easing

We are aiming to open Pierside Snacks and the Pier at the end of May for the bank holiday weekend. Hope to bring you more details in the next newsletter.

We will be re-launching our monthly coffee mornings at the Red Lion in Chelmondiston, and we will advise of a date as soon as we are all comfortable with being indoors again! We feel it's realistic to aim for June or July. The first few will be ticket only, so we are sure of social distancing. It will be a pleasure to offer tiny tastes of our very own bespoke Rum, as once tasted, people usually purchase a bottle!

### Fundraising Sales

Shotley Vineyard has kindly offered to stock our rum and will have an open bottle to offer tiny tastes too, with their regular customer events this will be a very useful opportunity to promote our rum more widely.

And of course, our bespoke rum is on sale at Hollingsworth Stores & Butchers in Chelmondiston.

	<p><b>Shotley Pier Rum Bespoke Recipe.</b></p> <p>Only two hundred 75cl bottles were made to our own recipe Smooth, delicious Rum</p> <p>On sale at Hollingsworth's in Chelmondiston £60</p>
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Email [shotleypier@gmail.com](mailto:shotleypier@gmail.com) if you would like full details

### Featuring Sharon from Outflux

If you have ever wondered how we manage to have such good graphic design on our professional flyers and associated images, let us introduce you to our volunteer Sharon, who runs her own graphic design agency, and whose personal connection with the pier is very very close, as her childhood was spent at the pier with her parents Pat Polden and Barbara who owned the pier as a commercial fishing business - landing the catch at the pier and selling at a fish stall by the pavement.



Sharon came to our earliest meetings and designed the share prospectus and other items, and has always kindly given advice about sourcing and up to date information.

You can read about Sharon's recent high-profile project to produce a hardback book and other merchandise "Ed Sheeran: Made in Suffolk"

**Click here to see how Sharon created "Ed Sheeran: Made in Suffolk"**