



## Shotley store expands to offer wider choice

CHANGES to a Shotley shop are already proving popular with the locals and visitors to the peninsula. Manish Patel's Premier shop and Post Office in Shotley has turned a former pizzeria attached to the building into a shop extension after a survey concluded people wanted a bigger range of goods. Customers now have a wider choice in fresh and chilled meats, fruit and vegetables, and a larger selection of frozen products (pictured left by Derek Davis).



Mr Patel is being supported by his suppliers and he has negotiated lower prices, which he has passed on to his customers, including £1 for large loaves of bread, and 1.5ltr of milk also £1, and again, a more extensive choice of a variety of goods.



Locals are already backing the decision by using the shop and a number of people turned up for the official extension opening on 25<sup>th</sup> April, including Manish and wife Triptu, Mr & Mrs Patel Senior, County Councillor David Wood, District Councillor Derek Davis and staff Vicky Sadler, Margaret Docherty and Kirsty Patterson. Shotley Parish Council Chairman, Barrie Powell, cut the ribbon (pictured above by Kirsty Patterson).

If you have not paid a visit already, it could be a worthwhile trip and Manish said that if you can't find what you are looking for, please enquire so that he can try to help you in future.

## Shotley Pier community shares now available

AT last we are about to sell community shares in the Pier! As we go to press, several local events are planned so watch out for Shotley Pier announcements. Have a look at our website or Facebook page for more information, or Bristol Arms and Shotley Rose.

The Shotley Pier community share document is ready to see. We will be sending copies to people who asked for a copy by post, and emailing a copy to those 300 people who have given us an email address.

We are working with crowdfunder.co.uk and the Power to Change fund to sell community shares. Subject to meeting their terms and conditions, we could get matched investment

from Power to Change of up to £65,000 at this stage. Community investors should be aware of all the important facts before making the decision to invest, and these are given in the share offer document. It's important to be aware that this is not a money making investment and is instead to support the community ownership and control of the pier. No dividends will ever be payable, and although the rules allow interest to be paid to investors, the stated policy is to pay no interest for the first three years. The minimum purchase is £50 although we hope that many people will offer more. We are aiming to raise at least £80,000 at this stage. If you would like to see the pier in community ownership, now is the time to help!

For more information, please look at our website [www.shotleypier.co.uk](http://www.shotleypier.co.uk), the Facebook page, or pop into the Bristol Arms or Shotley Rose for details.

Sally Chicken, Chairman



**Pat Richens**  
1950 – 2017

IT is with great sadness I need to report that Pat Richens sadly passed away on Friday morning, 19<sup>th</sup> May. Pat was one of my leaflet distributors in the recent local elections and did a fabulous job for the campaign, despite being very ill. *Continued on Page 3*

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# COFFEE TIME

## Jim's Quiz - Geography

- 1 Where is Britain's most easterly point?
- 2 In which country is the Gobi Desert?
- 3 What is the capital of Latvia?
- 4 What is the world's largest island?
- 5 Where are the Apennines Mountains?
- 6 Where is and the name of the world's uninterrupted waterfall?
- 7 Iceland is part of which continent?
- 8 What is the longest river in Africa?
- 9 What country has the longest coastline in the world?
- 10 How many UN member states in the world?

Answers on Page 14 under the contacts list

## For youngsters

- 1 How many months of the year have 30 days?
- 2 In which street does the British Prime Minister live?
- 3 Name the famous nurse of Victorian times who improved care for wounded soldiers?
- 4 What is the name of the toy cowboy in Toy Story?
- 5 Pharaoh was the title given to the rulers of which country?
- 6 Which Italian city is famous for its leaning tower?
- 7 Who does (the animated character) Princess Fiona marry?
- 8 Which planet in our Solar System has rings?
- 9 Which country can you see when directly looking over the sea from the White Cliffs of Dover?
- 10 What is the name of the Australian stick or toy that is designed to come back to you when thrown?
- 11 What is the name of the Lion in The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe?
- 12 How many wives did Henry VIII have?
- 13 From what tree do acorns come?
- 14 Name the school that Harry Potter attended.
- 15 Which country's flag is known as the 'Stars and Stripes'?

### SHOTLEY NOTICEBOARD FACEBOOK GROUP

Missed a date for placing an item in Shotley Noticeboard? Just phone June on 788723 or send an email to noticeboard2015@outlook.com to request a spot on the Facebook page to share your news or event. If you need to check, forthcoming deadline dates are published in each issue.  
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### Police Parish Forums 2017

- 5<sup>th</sup> July Chelmondiston Village Hall
- 30<sup>th</sup> Aug Capel Village Hall
- 26<sup>th</sup> Oct Stutton Village Hall
- 30<sup>th</sup> Dec Brantham tba

# LETTERS

## 'Canine Partner for Sharon'

I'm pleased to let you know that I have finally bought Callie home. Our two weeks of training was tiring but I loved it! Can I please ask you though, if you would like to fuss her - and before you approach her - to wait until I have Callie sitting and give her permission to say hello to you. The guidelines of Canine Partners remind us that Callie is a working dog and as such needs to stay focused in case I need her, otherwise it may become destructive to our working relationship if my leadership is undermined. It's always lovely to see you all so do come and say hello!

Sharon

## Shotley Rose

### Mini Beer Festival

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## Bid to extend Shotley Peninsula AONB boundaries

MAY I start by thanking you for returning me as your County Councillor and I look forward to representing all of the residents of the Peninsula for the next four years. The turnout was 42.34%, the fifth highest in Suffolk.

Thanks also to my opponents for a hard fought but friendly campaign, I certainly feel a lot fitter now than I did at the start! The make-up of the new council is Conservatives 52, Labour 11, Lib Dems 5, Ind. 4 and Greens 3.

Some of you will be aware that we are looking to extend the boundaries of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty of which Shotley and the Peninsula is an integral part, to take in the southern side of the River Stour (yes we are invading Essex albeit peacefully).



Further designated landscape protection will also be given to other areas of the Peninsula mainly in Freston, Holbrook, Stutton and Brantham. Pre consultation has already been held and the formal consultation should have been held by now, however elections have got in the way of this process but we have been promised by Natural England that once these are over the formal process will begin. As Chairman of the AONB it is something I have been working towards since 1998, so what's another few weeks!

We at the AONB will also be applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a substantial grant in the next few weeks for a project entitled "The Two Rivers". The project will cover the Peninsula and land either side of the Orwell and Stour. Our project officer, Bill Jenman, has already been out and about speaking to various organisations to get their support for what looks like being an exciting project. I will keep you up to date as more information becomes available. Should you wish to contact me at any time my details are:- Mob: 07889389443 Phone: 01473 328269

Email: david.wood@suffolk.gov.uk

David Wood

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JUNE / JULY 2017

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>JUNE</b>			
Thu 1	1.50-4.00pm	Whist Drive	Village Hall
Tue 6		Social Club: Show at Spa Pavilion	Felixstowe
Wed 7	1pm	Surgery closed	
Thu 8	1.50-4.00pm	Social Club	Village Hall
Sat 11		The Rose Quiz Night	The Rose
Wed 14	From 11.30	Soup-a-Lunch	Village Hall
Thu 15	1.50-4.00pm	Whist Drive	Village Hall
Sat 17	7pm for 7.30	Bingo & Raffle: Church Heritage 700	Village Hall
Wed 21	1.30-4.30pm	Surgery Advice Service	Both surgeries
Thu 22	1.50-4.00pm	Social Club	Village Hall
Sat/Sun 23/24		Mini Beer Festival with Bands	The Rose
Thu 29	1.50-4.00pm	Whist Drive	Village Hall
<b>JULY</b>			
	TBA	Quiz Night	Bristol Arms
Sat 1	10am-5pm	Flower Festival	St Mary's Church
Sat 1	2-5pm	Viking Forest picnic	Golden Wood
Sun 2	From 11am	Flower Festival	St Mary's Church
Sun 2	4pm	Songs of Praise	St Mary's Church
Wed 5		Social Club: Visit to Garden Centre	Outing
Thu 6	1.50-4.00pm	Social Club	Village Hall
Sat 8	2pm	Fun Day: Book Your Stall Now	The Rose
Wed 12	From 11.30	Soup-a-Lunch	Village Hall
Thu 13	1pm	Surgery closed	
Thu 13	1.50-4.00pm	Whist Drive	Village Hall

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While many of you will know Gary Richens, her husband, who is at the forefront of many of the good things going on in Shotley and beyond, Pat was the quiet woman in the background supporting many projects in her own understated way.

Their love was deep and shone through even in the most trying of circumstances at times as Pat's illness manifested itself.

Warm-hearted and tactile, her patience was endless as Gary, myself and others discussed all sorts for hours and she would be making coffee/tea and chipping in now and again with her thoughts.

Cat-loving Pat knitted many dolls and used her needlecraft skills to make many a unique raffle prize. She loved her music and positively lit up when reminiscing about the bands she and Gary had danced to over the years, and enjoyed talking about the trips they had been on. She leaves behind a son who lives in Australia but who will come over for the funeral, and Pat. She will be missed by many in their own way.

Derek Davis

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# COMMUNITY & COUNCIL NEWS

## Shotley Parish Council news - May 2017

WE are nearly half way through the year and work continues in earnest ...

- Shotley has been nominated for National Village of the Year!
- Cllr Barrie Powell has been elected to a second year of office as Chairman of the Parish Council; Cllr Robert Higgs as the Vice-Chairman. We would like to thank both for the consistent hard work and dedication in the last few months, as well as our other seven councillors.
- The role of a parish councillor is often challenging and unappreciated regardless of how hard we work and what best intentions we have, but we will always try to do the best for our village! And the rewards of the great decisions made today will be there for generations.
- At this year's Annual Parish Meeting, five unsung heroes will be receiving the Shotley Parish Council Community Award. We will tell you about them on the next issue.
- UK Power Networks have kindly put their dates back to allow the Shotley Flower Festival to go ahead without any disruption and continue to work with the Parish Council to ensure that one of their greatest undertakings goes as smoothly as possible.
- The Parish Council agreed to support proposals for a Landscape Partnership Scheme around the Stour and Orwell, which could result in path improvements to the foreshore at no cost to the taxpayer.
- The Parish Council has also agreed to lobby Babergh District Council into repairing, re-opening and re-letting currently empty council houses in the village. There is a desperate need for housing in the area and it just does not make sense

that some properties remain unoccupied for so long.

- Mr Manish Patel from Shotley Stores kindly donated two picnic tables to the Parish Council, which will hopefully be well used by parents and children in the Kingsland play area.
- Speaking of the Stores, Cllr B Powell and I were very fortunate to attend the grand opening of the bigger and better facility. We hope the business goes from strength to strength. It is always special to see any of our village business ventures succeed!
- The Parish Council has been working with Babergh DC's grants team in order to identify possible funding sources for the works needed to the Village Hall car park. The re-surfacing project is likely to cost in the region of £30,000.
- Installation of two Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> celebratory benches on the path between the primary school and East View Terrace. The Council agreed to purchase two recycled materials benches, in line with others in the village. However, these cost in excess of £500 each and the Council would welcome sponsors. Your generosity will be "advertised" on the benches themselves for many years to come.

The Parish Council will meet on June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 17<sup>th</sup>, September 21<sup>st</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7.15pm, at the village hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Dina Bedwell, Clerk to the Parish Council*

*"Whilst minutes are on the website, anyone can contact the Parish Clerk for a printed copy, especially for those not on the internet."*

*Please send letters/articles to June at  
19 Kitchener Way, IP9 1RN or to  
noticeboard2015@outlook.com*

## No County seat but Derek continues fighting on local issues

CONGRATULATIONS to Derek Davis who recently gained a good proportion of votes in the local election for Suffolk County Councillor, leading the main parties up for election. Whilst not successful in his challenge, he should be proud to have done so well and, who knows, this may be a good omen for success in the next County elections.

Meanwhile, Derek remains as one of our Babergh District Councillors. He clearly means to continue promoting his patch for the benefit of business and the community alike and, at the May Shotley Annual Parish Council meeting, was first to congratulate Cllr David Wood on regaining his position and declared that he was pleased to be able to continue working with David. As District Councillor (Berners Ward) Derek was in purdah for a while, meaning he was unable to take part in certain political activities for the duration of the County election period, so there was little news to share (although there should be a bumper report next time). However this didn't stop him from being involved in community activities, making his continued presence felt.

Derek has told *Shotley Noticeboard* that he is working on having a number of properties in Shotley, and beyond, brought back to use one way or another for the community. Derek has also indicated that he is having talks about bringing the mast renovation forward which the HMS Ganges boys, civilians who worked there and residents would be very pleased to hear.

However, we all know that this would be an expensive task and these days everything is down to cost and making sacrifices. How do you feel about it? Would you be in favour of having the mast renovated or would you be prepared to make a compromise elsewhere eg give up the swimming pool? I wouldn't want to make the compromise – would you? Do email/phone me with your views. Contact details are on the front page.

*Editor*

**Contact details:** *If you have an issue you would like to discuss please contact: derek.davis@babergh.gov.uk or call 07824167196. Facebook page is: Derek Davis - Independent.*

I KNOW it's not just me that thinks that the year is flying by, already we are almost half way through and it seems only a few weeks ago that we were still in the icy grips of January. Well here we are in June, and we are starting to get a great variety of produce appearing locally, strawberries, broad beans, peas, asparagus, zingy gooseberries (surely quintessentially English). Our suppliers at Brooklyn Farm are picking lovely Cos lettuce, for a classic Caesar salad and there is an array of seafood being caught just off our coast. Super!

Maybe we'll have a spell of nice weather, and even a good run in the World Cup in South Africa (well we can dream can't we?). We have been receiving some really nice comments recently about the food here at the Bristol Arms. Thank you, it's nice to be appreciated! It's lovely to hear your feedback, whether it's positive or negative, so that we can continue improving.

I thought I'd give you a recipe for something from The Bristol's menu which many of you have been giving great feedback on and enquiring about. You can do the first part of the preparation a day or two in advance if you wish.

### Goats Cheese & Asparagus Souffle

You will need: 25g Butter, 225ml milk, 100g Goats Cheese – diced, ½ onion, 2 eggs – separated, Nutmeg, 4 Asparagus Stalks - chopped & blanched, Salt/Pepper and 25g Self Raising Flour.

1. Heat the milk in a pan with the onion and a pinch of nutmeg, salt & pepper until just beginning to bubble, then stand for a couple of minutes, before sieving the milk and discarding the onion.

2. Heat the butter in a pan, then add the flour and cook for a couple of minutes.

3. Slowly add the milk, stirring as you do. Cook for a further couple of minutes and take off the heat.

4. Add the egg yolks, goats' cheese and asparagus and mix together.

5. In a separate bowl beat the egg whites until stiff, then fold them into the mix.

6. Put the mixture into 4 buttered ramekins and cook for about 20 minutes at gas 5.

7. Cool and keep refrigerated until about 20 minutes before you want to serve, then top with the remaining goats' cheese and cook for another 20 minutes at gas 5.

It makes a great, light, summer dish. We sell it as a starter, but it would make a nice main course, or even a tasty light bite, with some fresh salad & hand-cut chips. It really does work a treat with a nicely chilled Sauvignon Blanc, which pairs really well with the asparagus & goats cheese!

Enjoy!

Shane @ The Bristol Arms

## Prisoner escapes after firing squad goes wrong in Shotley!

THOSE of you on social media couldn't fail to have noticed the great photos and video of the 44<sup>th</sup> East Essex Regiment of Foot causing havoc on Bristol Hill on 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> May. However, many of you won't have had the opportunity to attend the event or don't use computers – so this is for you in particular. The event was set up by Shotley Pier Group, the aim of which was to raise awareness of the community initiative to purchase the Pier.

The flags went up at the entrance to the Picnic Area, guarded by two soldiers in full dress uniform, fully armed and kitted up. As for the other soldiers, their uniforms varied according to rank. We saw the troops charge along the Heritage Park footpath followed by an inspection and the dismissal. We soon found ourselves watching the capture of a deserter who was promptly marched into the Bristol Arms for a Court Martial (no doubt the most amusing one ever) and, having been found guilty, the party holding the prisoner promptly took him out and placed him against a wall to face a firing squad (pictured by Tony Lawford-Randall). That was when panic broke out – the aim went wide, killing the guard. Amid the smoke and flame the quick thinking prisoner seized the opportunity to make a run for it!

We later learned, in great detail – as a kit bag was



deconstructed piece by tiny piece – what every soldier carried with them, being their sole possessions. The event was rounded off with a raucous but tuneful sing-song in the evening.

Should you be interested in the purchase and renovation of Shotley Pier, just contact *Shotley Noticeboard* and we will put you in touch with the Shotley Pier Group.

June Lawford-Randall

**WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?** Send details of your event to June at [noticeboard2015@outlook.com](mailto:noticeboard2015@outlook.com) Copy deadline for next edition - 7th JULY

# WHAT'S ON

SHOTLEY CHURCH HERITAGE 700

## BINGO & RAFFLE



SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Starting: 7pm for 7.30pm  
Shotley Village Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME

## ST MARY'S CHURCH SHOTLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL 2017



SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY  
10am - 5pm

SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY  
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An evening of  
*Open Verse*

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

@ The Bristol Arms, Shotley Gate,  
7.00 for 7.30 pm

An evening of verse recital  
The theme

*Cities*



Come along to listen or recite a poem,  
prose of your choice or share one of your own

Food & drink available at the bar.

An evening of  
*Open Verse*

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

@ The Bristol Arms, Shotley Gate,  
7.00 for 7.30 pm

An evening of verse recital  
The theme

*Darkness  
&  
Light*



Come along to listen or recite a poem,  
prose of your choice or share one of your own

Food & drink available at the bar.

# NATURE NOTES



## VIKING FOREST PROJECT

To our children's, children's, children

### Golden Wood and wildflower meadow

WHILST writing this piece it is still cold with a wind in the north east making it particularly difficult for our nesting birds to find the vital insect life to feed their young. It is apparent that one pair of great tits in the garden are taking sunflower hearts from the bird feeder back to their chicks when they should be taking live food in the form of caterpillars and other protein packed insects. I'm just hoping that the week will warm up fairly soon and bring out the butterflies and moths who are also unable to complete their life cycles whilst this yo-yo weather continues. Examination of the nest boxes later in the year will give me an indication of how they have initially fared. Those who have visited Golden Wood will have noticed that we are endeavouring to control smaller areas of Alexanders which are dominating much of the peninsula. Our hope is that by taking off the flowering heads, particularly on those "pioneer" plants, we will be able to reduce the number of seedlings of this biennial next year. It is unfortunate that where this plant occurs, the number of our native umbellifers appears to fairly quickly diminish. Introduced by the Romans, and formerly cultivated as a pot herb, Alexanders have been naturalised, particularly on the coast, for centuries.

We will be holding a picnic down in Golden Wood on Saturday 1st July between 2 - 5pm to which all are cordially invited. Weather permitting, of course! If it's warm and sunny, bring

your own picnic, children and their teddy bears and we'll try to show you the wonders of woodland and wildflower meadow. Hopefully it will be a chance to identify some butterfly species in preparation for the Big Butterfly Count later in the year.

Cuckoos have made it back to Shotley although I have only seen two so far. The British Trust for Ornithology reports "Five of our tagged Cuckoos have now completed the desert crossing and, with Victor's recent return, there are now four back in the UK and on their breeding grounds. Peckham has a little further to go yet but we think that Bill has died after the efforts of his Sahara Crossing." Swifts too have only just arrived, probably a week later than usual and it was disappointing to learn that one has perished on the road outside The Rose. Just in case anyone comes across a grounded, uninjured Swift, all you need to do is locate the wind and gently lift them directly into it. Being completely aerial, they never intentionally land on the ground and indeed only land on buildings during the short nesting season. With a 47% decline in Swift numbers between 1995-2014, these relatively long lived birds cover an average of nearly 500 miles each day and will, if poor weather predominates, return to continental Europe to feed, bringing a ball of insects back to their waiting young. *Ian Peters*

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## Shotley Rose F.C. & Bowls Club

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## Busy, buzzy, in the garden

HAVE you paid a visit to Flatford Wildlife Garden yet this season? Well, it's peak nesting time now and the birds are busy, busy, busy. As I write this in April, we have cameras

in three nest boxes, all showing the beginnings of nests. One pair of blue tits in particular seem to be taking matters very seriously and we're looking forward to seeing a clutch of eggs nestled into the fluffy depths very soon. Last year we had eleven blue tit chicks hatch and fledge successfully from one nest, all on camera. The parents worked very hard to raise their brood and looked pretty exhausted by the end of it all, but they were helped by the close proximity of a bank of butterfly friendly plants. Caterpillars were in plentiful supply just a short flight away when there were eleven hungry chicks to keep up with. Up in the barn we have a screen showing all the dramas, so why not come along and keep up with all the latest nesting news?

Visitors of all ages are also invited to explore the treasures of the nature table. Examine the skull collection and feel the texture of the grass snake skins that were shed last summer. As part of our refurbishment, we also have a new 'colouring wall'. Intrigued? Come and see for yourself.

Of course, most birds will have built their nests in hedges, shrubs and trees rather than nest boxes, so we need to remember not to risk disturbing them by cutting back at this



time of year. They need our cooperation if they're to successfully raise their broods.

As well as birdsong, the garden is full of the gentle humming of bees and the fluttering of butterflies in the sunshine. Our borders are full of good bee and butterfly plants, useful pollen and nectar providers, and we have lots of information to share about how to make gardens more wildlife friendly overall.

The half-term holiday at the end of May is approaching fast, and we're planning a range of nature-themed family activities every day between May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 - 3.30. Bring your children along and join in some outdoor fun in the garden with no need to book in advance. There is a small charge that covers all activities on the day, with a discount for those who are RSPB members.

Free for everyone to enjoy in the garden, among other attractions we have a child-sized nesting box, a log pile house to climb over and through, and a special living willow tunnel begging to be run through.

Full details of the activities are on our website: [www.rspb.org.uk/Flatford](http://www.rspb.org.uk/Flatford) and we look forward to seeing you. If you have some spare time available and would be interested in volunteering with the RSPB locally, do get in touch for information about the range of roles available. Please either ring 01206 391153 or email [sharon.barker@rspb.org.uk](mailto:sharon.barker@rspb.org.uk) for more details.

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Visitor Experience Officer  
RSPB Flatford Wildlife Garden



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# NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

## SHOTLEY GARDENING CLUB

OUR meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May took a different form to our usual talks and activities. We invited Bryan Thurlow an actor and gardener to come and introduce us to a charming, elderly gentleman, born in 1900 and apprenticed to the head gardener at Glebe House, Suffolk at the age of 14. As Horace Potter, Bryan talked to us about his life and experiences, his hopes and disappointments. A gentle, often funny and touching tale of a life at the start of the last century. It was a lovely performance. One of the highlights of our Year. We were even able to buy some of his home grown plants, he says he can't resist propagating them.

Our next meeting due to be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June has had to be changed and we will no longer be visiting a garden in East Bergholt. Instead we will be going to the Open Gardens in Holbrook on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

We will not now be at the village Hall for our meetings until September for our AGM.

Many of our members and friends will be departing for their holiday in Yorkshire on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. I wish I was going with them and hope they have a wonderful time. *June Edwards*

Date	Speaker/Topic/Activity	Competition
10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	'Club Open Gardens'. Earlier start. Time. TBA. Meet at Karen's	A single rose grown by member (leave at Karen's during walk.)
14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Annual Cream Tea.	Photograph of a Shotley sunset.
11 <sup>th</sup> Sep	AGM	A plate of fruit or vegetables grown by the member.

## SHOTLEY CHURCH HERITAGE 700 CLUB

March Draw Winners:

£25 (145) Mrs S Ratcliffe; £20 (023) Mrs E Merritt; £15 (117) Mrs J Stafford; £8 (131) Mr A Arkley; £7 (064) Mrs J Catchpole.

April Draw Winners

£25 (079) Mrs S Edwards; £20 (137) Mr R Quantrill; £15 (141) Mrs C Cushing; £8 (135) Mr E Amner; £7 (012) Ms E Fleming.

New members are always welcome to join the 700 Club at a cost of £1 per month. This can be paid at intervals of 3, 6 or 12 months. To join, or for more information, contact Norman Bugg on 787358.

**Thursford:** We have booked tickets for this popular show on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November for the 2pm performance. To book a

seat (no money required until September), ring Norman on 787358.

## SHOTLEY SOCIAL CLUB

WE are meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July from 1.50pm until 4pm.

OUTINGS:

On **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** we are going to a show at the Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe, and going first to Alex for a Fish & Chip lunch. We still have a few tickets left.

On **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** we are going to Peter Beale's Garden Centre and are now taking names for this outing.

If any information is needed – or lifts would be of help – please contact Norman and Eileen on 787358.

## SHOTLEY WHIST DRIVE

OUR Whist Drives for June are on Thursdays, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 1.50pm to 4.00pm and at the same times on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We play 12 games of Whist, have refreshments and a draw, then we play another 12 games. If you need further information please contact me. Norman Bugg 787352

## SHOTLEY FUN DAY

SHOTLEY Rose Bowls and Football Clubs are having a Fun Day with a variety of stalls on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm on The Rose Inn playing field. Stalls can be booked with Sarah on 787237.

## SHOTLEY & ERWARTON W I

A GREAT morning was had by all who attended Shotley and Erwarton WI's old fashioned coffee morning. The WI serving ladies dressed up as "Nippys", (for those too young to remember they were the waitresses who worked for Lyons Corner Houses and wore smart black and white uniforms with white, upstanding hats - pictured right) and they looked the part and hopefully also fulfilled the ethos of Lyons Corner Houses by nipping



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around with tea and coffee. Homemade cakes were served on three tiered cake stands supplied by Phil Rivers and the hall echoed to chatter and laughter. There was a tombola, and stalls selling plants and homemade cakes and preserves. Thank you to all who attended and made this such a fun and satisfying morning. To our delight we were able to hand over £460 for the village hall funds. We hope to run another similar event and look forward to welcoming you.

Shotley and Erwarnton WI holds its meetings on the third Wednesday of the month so our forthcoming meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7 p.m. We extend a warm welcome to you.

*Allana Baxter*

Monthly Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm in Shotley Village Hall (except where indicated below). Visitors are welcome.

## PROGRAMME FOR 2017

21<sup>st</sup> June: Microwave Cookery by speaker Frances Harper

July: Evening Outing

Aug: Day Outing

20<sup>th</sup> Sept: Knickers – The History of Underwear by speaker Liza Jones

18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Jin Shin Jyutsu – Japanese Healing Therapy by speaker Erik Punaks

15<sup>th</sup> Nov: AGM and a talk about the ACWW by speaker Moira Hammond

13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Zahara Belly Dancing by speaker Henrietta

## SHOTLEY BOWLS CLUB

THE new season is almost upon us and all members of Shotley Bowls Club are preparing for the challenges ahead. The green has had extensive work done on it throughout the closed season and is in good shape for the months ahead (or will be once it starts to rain!). Players have begun to have their first practises or 'roll ups' and our first league game was played on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The club will be playing league matches throughout the summer every Monday and Wednesday evening. As usual the club will also be running some internal cups and competitions to suit players of all levels as well as a few club members competing in County Cup games.

Shotley Bowls Club welcomes anybody who is interested in trying bowls for the first time or experienced players who would like to return to the sport. Please contact the club secretary Mr Norman Bugg on 01473 787358. *Simon Whitney*

## SHOTLEY DRAMA GROUP

ON behalf of the Drama Group I would like to thank all those who supported our quiz last month! There was a great atmosphere in the hall with nearly 80 competitors making up 15 teams. Many thanks to our question master Kevin Widdick and to Carol Blumfield for producing a great set of questions. Our thanks also go to those who helped with the buffet, especially Glynis and Debby. Our congratulations go to the winners Andrew, Maureen, Annette and Derek. We raised £675 which is over a third of the cost of the lighting desk we are in the process of buying! Once again, many thanks for your support. *Mandy Peters*

## SHOTLEY CARPET BOWLS

SHOTLEY Carpet Bowls has come to a close once more. Although we finished bottom of the league, the bowls was enjoyed by all the members once again. Special mention to four of our members who represented Shotley and won the

Harkstead invitation competition - Well Done! The club has just had its AGM meeting with the existing committee reinstated. We are looking forward to starting again in August, when we hope to attract some new members. *Paul Catchpool 788829*

## SHOTLEY PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

### Meetings & Speakers for 2017

Venue – The Shipwreck 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Annual Membership £5.00

Meetings £2.00 Guests £3.00

11<sup>th</sup> July – Mary Wain “The Bawdsey Story”

12<sup>th</sup> Sept – Robert Simper “A Voyage round the River Orwell and Stour”

14<sup>th</sup> Nov – David Wood “A History of Languard Fort”

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

TWO years ago Sharon Kennedy started the process of getting an assistance dog, from Canine Partners in Sussex. Sharon approached Shotley and Erwarnton Good Neighbours' Scheme to see if they could help her with transport to and from the centre at Heyshott and a volunteer was found.

Two years later Sharon was finally matched with a dog, Callie, and they set off for two weeks' training on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April with Sharon “graduating” and able to bring Callie home on 28<sup>th</sup> April. As the volunteer, I was thrilled to be given the opportunity of seeing how Partner and dog were trained to work together.

Shotley & Erwarnton Good Neighbours is happy to be approached for any help, each job is considered and if we can help we will.

*Allana Baxter*

**Footnote:** Many of you will remember the featured event ‘Canine Partner for Sharon’ held last year to raise funds for Sharon to have her training with Callie, so this great news demonstrates the power of community. Sharon sends a heartfelt “thank you” for giving your support. *Editor*

## EAST SUFFOLK ASSN FOR THE BLIND

THIS is an independent and voluntary charitable organisation promoting the welfare of blind and partially sighted people in East Suffolk since 1914. Membership is free. We hold a social gathering on the last Wednesday of every month at Stutton Community Hall from 2pm until 4pm providing entertainment, afternoon tea and a raffle and, twice a year in the Summer and at Christmas, we enjoy a lunch at a local hotel. If you would like to join us, ring our Community Support Worker, Ian, on 01473 788380 for more information.

Contact June on 788723 or email  
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## HMS GANGES MUSEUM

THE museum was filled with the sound of the bell ringing and the DVD playing the Manning of the Mast to the 25 young visitors looking around at their history of Shotley. Many chose to don the navy caps as they examined the photographs, flags, medals and other artefacts on display.

The scouts had walked all the way from the Village Hall yet still had the enthusiasm to explore and ask questions about the life of the Ganges Boys. Many found the nerve to stand on the "button" and look down at a photograph of the parade ground, taken from the top of the mast, thus showing our brave recruits how high it really was to be up there on your own with nothing to hold on to but your nerve – in exchange for a Crown (coin) as reward.

Have you visited the Museum yet? If not, we are open at weekends and Bank Holidays between 11am and 5pm until the end of October. Do call in to see Shotley's naval history for yourself.



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**Training days:** Our next training afternoons will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July when we will be shut from 1pm. Please ring 111 for advice if your query cannot wait until the following day. In an emergency, dial 999.

### Adult and Community Services coming to our surgeries:

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ACS will be holding a drop-in advice service at both Holbrook and Shotley surgeries, with our first being on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at Shotley from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. If you would like to come along and ask questions, please feel free. A number of patients agreed via our questionnaire that this would be a useful service so please use it, otherwise we may lose it.

*Julia Smith, Practice Manager*

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# SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May was the launch of the Suffolk Walking Festival. Geraint Pugh and Jane Leach took a group of 36 Walkers on a circular walk around Shotley Gate, the first of four Shotley walks in this 10th anniversary year. It was also the celebration day for Shotley 'Walkers are Welcome' at the village hall. This celebration also started with a circular walk around Shotley, led by Alex Leach and I, with Jack Leach, official photographer. Both events were a huge success and

helped to showcase Shotley as a great destination for Walkers. I must thank all the Soup-a-Lunch ladies for pulling out the stops at the village hall to make all our guests so welcome. It was really pleasing to see that so many of our friends from Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council had made the effort to be with us. They have helped us achieve so much. This celebration event, together with the group walking around Shotley Gate, shows

what can be achieved when our community works together. Derek Davis had been at the Walking Festival launch event at Sutton Hoo in the morning and managed to join our Shotley Walk at noon, even picking up our WaW celebration cake made by the 'Outrageous Cake Company' on the way. I must thank Maggie Warner for doing the lunch table menus and lovely Thelma for organising the finances and raffle. The whole day was just brilliant!  
Gary Richens

## Footpath maps and boards aim to help walkers

THE first two walks we had in the Suffolk Walking Festival went very well with both fully subscribed. The third and final walk is the longest of the Shotley walks on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

This is a 7.5 mile walk taking in views along the rivers Stour and Orwell, and a good deal of the farmland in between.

To help walkers in Shotley we have produced and installed two large 'Footpath Maps' located on the outside wall of Shotley Village Hall and on the outside wall of the Bristol Arms. These are great maps (thanks to Shotley Parish Council for the funding to have them printed) and are marked up with the three circular walks featured in the Walking Festival. Also we have shown the brand new waymarked 'Arthur Ransome Walking Trail' from Pin Mill to Shotley.

We have been busy in Shotley Heritage Park with ongoing maintenance, and the footpaths are now much improved for walking. The Crow's Nest and Quarterdeck are also much nicer places to stop and rest. Why not have a picnic this summer in these lovely locations?

Our launch and celebration event for 'Walkers are Welcome' on 13<sup>th</sup> May was well attended, and thanks go out to the ladies of the Shotley Soup-a-Lunch team, who kindly volunteered their time and energy to provide a choice of three delicious soups for lunch. This is the second time the Soup-a-Lunch team have supported our special events, and I can only say a massive THANK YOU TO YOU ALL for what you do for us. We hope that the way Shotley Open Spaces helps to make Shotley a better place goes some way in paying back for what you do.

### 2018 calendar - 'Shotley through the seasons'

THE theme for the SOS Calendar next year is: '**Shotley Through the Seasons**' so now is the time to submit your photographic entries. Each person may submit up to six photographs which can be entered at any time before the end of July 2017. You just have to send a jpeg of your photo to: marian.pugh@btinternet.com, [pm](mailto:marian.pugh@btinternet.com) me or call 787182 for any more details. Please include contact details (email, address and tel. no.) and say when the photo was taken. Look back to see if you have any which may be entered now from last Autumn/Winter and then get your cameras ready for Summer. Last year all 400 Calendars were sold by the first week of December. I look forward to receiving your entry/entries soon.

Marian Pugh



Jane Leach putting the finishing touches to the board at the Bristol Arms.

If you haven't yet, please take a look at our website [www.shotleyopenspaces.co.uk](http://www.shotleyopenspaces.co.uk) for up to date information about what we are doing, and for information about the various walks around Shotley.

There are signs that more Walking Groups are coming to Shotley to enjoy our hospitality, and we will build on this as our membership of Walkers are Welcome matures. Already the Walkers are Welcome national website, [www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk](http://www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk) has Shotley on its map of the UK, and we are oh so lonely to be the only one in Suffolk so far. This will change soon, and we are hoping to have other villages on the Peninsula part of the scheme, along with other towns and villages in Suffolk.

The Walkers World website, [www.walkingworld.com](http://www.walkingworld.com) has an article in its April 2017 newsletter about the Arthur Ransome connection on the Shotley Peninsula. The All about Ipswich website, [www.allaboutipswich.com](http://www.allaboutipswich.com) links to the Walkers are Welcome (WaW) information, and we are also linked in to the Visit Suffolk Tourist Information website, [www.visitsuffolk.com](http://www.visitsuffolk.com). These websites are full of good information about the Peninsula and wider Suffolk, and they are being frequently updated.

If you want to be included on the growing Shotley Open Spaces e-mail list, please contact Geraint Pugh ([g.pugh1@btinternet.com](mailto:g.pugh1@btinternet.com)) or Gary Richens ([gary.richens.583@btinternet.com](mailto:gary.richens.583@btinternet.com))

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# Mountain biking on the Peddars Way

ON the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 13-year-old Aaron Ross from Shotley Gate is going to mountain bike the Peddars Way to raise money for St Elizabeth's Hospice.

The Peddars Way is an off-road route from Knetishall (near



Thetford) to Hunstanton in north Norfolk covering 58 miles in total. This will be a tough challenge for Aaron and he will be joined by his father Paul as support along the way. Aaron has been training hard for this and is hoping that his big efforts will be rewarded by people donating to his charity page.

St Elizabeth Hospice is an independent charity providing free services. Every year, their services cost £9.1 million to run, three

quarters coming from the local community. They rely on fundraising, donations and volunteers to keep going. Support helps them grow local hospice care in the neighbourhood. If you feel you can support Aaron his fundraising page can be found here.

<http://giving.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/aarons-peddars-way-challenge-/#.WKNCXft7Ayk>.email Alternatively, contact the Editor on 788723 for further information.



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