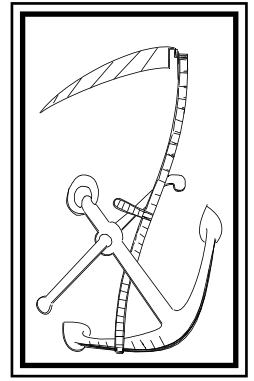


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HMS GANGES

The next installment of the H.M.S. Ganges planning application saga will unfold at Babergh Council's Offices on February 14th when the Public Inquiry commences. Set to last for three or four weeks a Government appointed Inspector will hear evidence from all of the participants - the developer, District and County Council, Shotley Parish Council and the other Parishes across the Peninsula. As well as experts in planning, highways, transport, road safety, and the environment the Inspector is also keen to hear the views of local residents and businesses. To facilitate this one day of the Inquiry will be held in Shotley, hopefully it will also sit in the evening.

Your opinion on the developers proposals for the site, whilst important, are of less interest to the Inspector than **your experience of living in Shotley**. He needs to know is the proposed development "sustainable" i.e. will it make your life better or worse? What are your concerns at the moment - road safety, congestion, facilities for young people, care places for the elderly, lack of shops, not enough local employment, protecting the environment ? If you have concerns, how would you like to see the Ganges site developed to meet them - a good mix of housing, protect the playing field, make sure everyone can be safe on the roads, employment and training facilities. **If you have something to say the Inspector will want to hear from you**. At this time we do not have the date and times of the session, however, when it is decided it will be advertised on the web site, local noticeboards and through the press and radio. **If you wish to speak you just have to turn up**. However, it would be helpful for the Parish Council to know who intends to speak and what they would like to talk about; we may be able to give you advice and information that will help you make your contribution more effective . **E-mail us at info@myshotley.com or call 07845 785238.**

'20's' Plenty!

Many people in our village drive and are probably very 'familiar' with our winding main road and therein lies the problem for both drivers and pedestrians...do you **know** what is round the corner?

The road past Shotley school has a bend just before you reach the school, traveling towards Ipswich, and at school times the road has children and parents crossing, cars parking and pulling away and delivery lorries and the dustcart turning into the drive. There is now a '20's' Plenty' sign at both end of the road passing the school, which will soon be supplemented with flashing lights in the morning and afternoon when the children arrive and leave.

Since the beginning of term there is also the very welcome return (after 10 years or so) of a Lollipop lady, who will stop the traffic to allow children to cross safely.

**It takes seconds to cause an accident and only seconds to slow down and avoid one, so please,
when passing Shotley School - 20 Is plenty!**

Letters....

For the third time in about as many weeks, I have had to clean dog mess off shoes, including my young daughter's. I am sick and tired of being unable to walk in Ganges wood, or even on the pavement along the main road between Great Harlings and the Bristol arms, without constantly being on my guard for dog's mess

It obviously needs repeating that this is a health hazard, particularly for children, who can become blind through exposure to the **Toxicara** virus found in dog mess.

As a dog owner myself, if my dog 'goes' on or near a pathway, pavement or road, I take responsibility and clean it up. It really isn't difficult to take 'dog poo' bags or even a carrier bag with you on walks, and only takes about 3 seconds to clean it up!

If you are a dog owner and you don't already do this, please take note and take your dogs mess away.

J Moxen
Shotley Gate

Anything getting your goat, rattling your cage or ruffling your feathers?...Or would you like to thank somebody or share some good news?

Send us a letter, email or call us and we'll let everyone else in Shotley know!

Please note, we do not publish anonymous letters, (although we do enjoy reading them)!!!

Ed

Walk on the wild side...?

This Spring, Ian Peters is offering to take small groups of people in to our beautiful Shotley countryside to meet nature 'close up'. Expect an early start and bring your wellies.

Initial enquiries (to get an idea of numbers) to Ian Peters 787460 - Donations to the Viking Forest Project.

Soames coach trips Forget Me Not Travel Ltd

Norwich – Tuesday Feb 14th departing Shotley 8 am - leave for home at 4 pm.

Fare 6.50 per person. Names to Roger 787238

Milton Keynes – Thursday Feb 15th departing Shotley 7.50 am leave for home 5 pm

Fare £10.50 per person. Names to Norman 787358

***Local Groups -
lets have your news!
The Noticeboard is
delivered to every
household in Shotley, so
if you need new recruits,
sponsorship, jumble for
fundraising, or you just
want to tell everyone
about your group and its
work, this is the place to
do it!***

Please let us have your letters, articles etc., at least two weeks in advance of issue date. Diary entries should be sent to Anna Long. If you have anything you would like included in 'Noticeboard', please get in touch.

STOP PRESS! WIND-FARM AT SHOTLEY!!!

Rumours are spreading of a wind farm in Shotley...No, don't panic, it's just 'Old Amsterdam' being built in the Village Hall, as part of the scenery for this years panto 'Puss in Boots'.

Set in Amsterdam, hence the windmill, (complete with mice) it has most of the usual characters, plus a few you might not expect.

Once again the Shotley drama group is working very hard to produce another show that will appeal to all ages.

Come and have fun at the Village Hall from Feb 15-18 inclusive, plus a matinee on the Saturday.

Tickets from Shotley and Shotley Gate post offices and the 'Rose' pub or call 01473 787630

Adults £5.50 / Concessions £4.00
Family ticket - 2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children - £15.00.

Chelmondiston 'Household waste recycling centre'

...To give it it's 'proper' title, is having it's height restriction barrier raised to 2.00 metres. Following a review at Suffolk County Council (Environmental Services and Waste Management Service) it was decided that drivers of 'people carrier' size vehicles and 4x4's might like to get into the site to deposit their household waste!

The barrier will go up sometime in the early part of this year.

FEBRUARY

Thurs 2 Over 60's Village Hall 1.50 - 4.00pm
 Fri 3 Mobile Library
 Thurs 9 Whist Drive Village Hall 1.50 - 4.00pm
 Sun 12 Walking Club - Meet Woolverstone Marina details call Jill 787504
 Mon 13 Book Exchange Village Hall 10 - 12.30pm
 Fri 17 Mobile Library
 Mon 20 Book Exchange Village Hall 10-12.30 pm
 Mon 20 Garden Club Village Hall 7.30
 Wed 22 W.I. Village Hall 7.30pm 'Gemstones and Silver'
 Wed 22 Royal British Legion 8.00 pm Village Hall
 Thurs 23 Whist Drive Village Hall 1.50 -4.00 pm
 Thurs 23 Parish Council Village Hall 7.15 pm

**YOUR GROUP'S DATES
 COULD BE HERE!**

Beavers meet at 5pm Tuesdays in the Village Hall
Brownies meet 3.30pm Thursdays in the School Hall
Carpet Bowls Mondays 7pm Village Hall
Cubs meet at 6.30pm Tuesdays in the Village Hall
Kids' Club Tues - 1.15pm -2.45pm - Kidzone Portacabin
Scouts meet at 7.30pm Tuesdays in the Village Hall

LOCAL GROUPS

Bab D Cllr (Wendy Sadler) 787594
 Beavers.....788850
 Brownies.....787465
 Buzabout.....0845 4581920
 Carpet Bowls.....787393
 Community Council.....787495
 Cubs.....787725
 Drama Group.....787353
 East Suffolk Association
 for the Blind.....787779
 Gardening Club.....787731
 Good Neighbours. 07799 873881
 Kids' Club.....788850
 Mothers Union.....780800
 Over 60's.....787358
 Parish Council contact
 (Anna Long).....787263

Peninsula Carers.....787461
 Peninsula Toy Library.....787220
 River Orwell Sporting &
 Conservation Club.....787400
 Royal British Legion.....788566
 Scouts.....787168
 Shotley School PFA.....788248
 Shotley Kidzone.....788530
 Shotley Rose Bowls Club..787358
 Shotley Rose F.C.....787529
 Shotley Walking Club.....787504
 Sffk C Cllr (Dave Wood)....328269
 Suffolk Wildlife Trust.....787460
 Vicar (Rev. Peter Thorn)....788166
 Viking ForestProject.....787460
 Village Hall Bookings.....787711
 Women's Institute.....787334
 www.MyShotley.com....Community
 Website

MARCH

Thurs 2 Over 60's Village Hall 1.50 -4.00 pm
 Fri 3 Mobile Library
 Thurs 9 Whist Drive Village Hall 1.50 -4.00 pm
 Sun 12 Walking Club TBA
 Mon 13 Book Exchange
 Mon 13 Garden Club 7.30 pm Village Hall
 Wed 15 W.I. Village Hall 7.30 'Creative Memories'
 Thur 16 Over 60's Village Hall 1.50 - 4.00 pm
 Thur 16 Parish Council Village Hall 7.15
 Fri 17 Mobile Library
 Mon 20 Book Exchange Village Hall 10 -12.30 pm
 Thur 23 Whist Drive Village Hall 1.50 -4.00 pm
 Wed 29 Royal British Legion Village Hall 8.00pm
 Thurs 30 Over 60's Village Hall 1.50 - 4.00 pm
 Fri 31 Mobile Library

OR HERE....!

'Trickster'

A musical with a difference

Based around it's central character, a World War II veteran, 'Trickster' is an interactive musical which hopes to raise levels of awareness of the problem of doorstep crime and provide the audience with the confidence and skills to enable them to identify and reject attempts by criminals wanting to exploit their vulnerability. Following the performance, the actors will lead the audience in a sing-along of popular songs from the era.

Monday 6 March

10 am IPSWICH, Methodist Church Hall, Museum Street (other dates available please phone)

Tickets to all performances are FREE and include light refreshments. Bookings from groups of older people are particularly welcome but **please book early.** 01473 265272



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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Minutes of Shotley Parish Council meetings are available from www.myshotley.com or by contacting the temporary parish clerk;

Mrs Carol Williamson on 01449 736362 or email ecwil@hotmail.com

Shotley Parish Council meetings take place on the third Thursday of every month, and start at 7.15pm in the large committee room at Shotley Village Hall.

There is a 15 minute session for parishioners to talk to councillors before or during the meeting. The next meeting is on Thursday the 23rd of February, to make way for the pantomime!

As promised in the last edition - The joint winner of our Short Story Competition - Nicola Darroch - Danielle and Yasmin Peters Cole's story will appear in the next issue

The wizard causes chaos!

Well this story all started back a long time ago. It was in a town called Wizardville. There was one wizard that lived in the mountain called Martin. He was always doing magic and creating chaos. One day he had just tried to turn a dog into a wizard but the dog just ended up being a talking dog. "Oh can we go for a walk"? "No" just stand still so I can turn you back to normal" "No"! Martin gave the dog some potion but the dog spat it onto the trees and they came to life! Martin was so angry he stormed off into his cave.

The trees were so excited that they could talk - "I'm a talking tree"! "Yes so am I" "Maybe we can walk" "Let's try"

The trees pulled their roots out and walked down the mountain into Wizardville. "Let's go shopping"! "This is definitely what I would call heaven"! All the lady trees went shopping and the boys went to play football. It was chaos, windows got broken and people got knocked over and the trees just said "oopsey daisy not my fault"!

All the wizards were angry and marched out of wizardville and up the mountain to see Martin, he looked out of his cave and was shocked to see all the people standing there. "You caused all this trouble didn't you"? Martin said in a very tiny voice "Yes"

The people decided not to be cross and after Martin had explained what had happened he said "I'm sorry I ruined the village, I'll put the village back to normal and the trees and especially this dog, he's starting to get on my nerves"! They all helped him make a big and strong potion to turn all the trees and the dog back to normal.

The End

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Images of Shotley

During the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd of April, the Viking Forest Project will be taking over the Village Hall to present our 4th 'Images' exhibition of local artist's work, crafts, music, local history and farming items - last year the tractors proved a big hit with boys (and girls) of all ages!

The children's art competition this year is entitled 'Postcards from the Peninsula' with no particular theme, just imagination! We were overwhelmed with over 200 entries last year, across several age categories, they made a stunning display in the hall over the weekend. The 'Tug of War' held between local village teams for the first time last year was won by the Shotley Rose pub... so if you think you can get a team together, start training now! During the weekend we are hoping to have a band, possibly brass, and display of Morris dancing. Ploughman's lunches will be served on both days, with cream teas on the Sunday.

At the crack of dawn, (5am) on both mornings there will be a 'Dawn Chorus Walk'. Led by Ian Peters, this is a wonderful way to get a little closer to nature and learn about our native birds and wildlife, (however some of us just suffer through because of the Full English Breakfast provided by David Armes when we get back)! Tickets for this need to be booked in advance, £5 – Please call 787630

On Saturday the 22nd there will be an evening of guaranteed good music and probably a little fun too... provided by 'Tricks of the Trade'. A two-course supper is on offer and the tickets will be £7.50 per head (787263 / 788349 to book)

If you have paintings / artwork / photographs of local – peninsula or related subjects you would like to offer for display or sale, please contact 787157 or 787242 (we do not charge an entry fee but a 10% donation of sales to the Viking Forest Project's funds).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Dave Wood for the donation of £250 from his 'Locality Fund' to enable us to purchase two 'Brushcutters', they'll save a lot of backache!

Did you know ?

The www.myshotley.com web site also has an e mail news service? Every week or so an email is sent to approximately 200 people and the local media about the area including events, news and information.

If you would like to be on the list, e mail your details to info@myshotley.com

Dance East – 6th Annual Village Hall Tour

Wonderfully Grimm!

The weird and wacky world of the Grimm Fairy Tales is brought bang up to date at a village hall near you in March –

Once upon a time...

In a forest on the edge of a big city, two writers broadcast hysterical news bulletins about the strange adventures of some of our favourite characters from Grimm's Fairy Tales – including Hansel and Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin, Rapunzel and Little Red Riding Hood.

This is a multi media production of dance, storytelling, music, film, comedy and extravagant props for young people aged 7+ and their families.

Tickets: Adults £5 Under 16's £3 Family ticket £13
(2 + 2 or 1 Adult and 3 children)

**Shotley Village Hall Friday 3rd March
7pm**

Money from the Lottery?

Come and learn how your group can successfully apply for lottery funding...

Reaching Communities Briefing – SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Councils)

Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre,
7 Friends Walk, Grange Farm, Kesgrave, Ipswich
Monday 6th February 11am – 1pm

Contact Miranda McCoy for more information
01223 49034 or enquiries.ea@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Money from Babergh!

Babergh has £100,000 to distribute from its 'Community Grants Programme'.

'This fund supports a wide range of local projects from Village Halls to play equipment as well as new sports facilities and improving existing ones'

For information and application pack contact Sue Bulmer on 01473 826616

Closing date for applications is 1st March 2006.

Shotley Gardening Club

Our January meeting was cancelled due to the sudden death of Meryl Pitcher. One of our founder members, she was a tremendous asset to the club and will be greatly missed by us all, We extend our condolences to Ted and his family and hope that he will still remain an active member of the club.

Our February meeting will be on Monday 20th Feb. (a week late due to the Panto) We will be watching a video and having a quiz. Hope this gives members time to swot up!

The annual holiday this year is to Rouen in France, from 8th – 12th May. Visiting Monet's garden, the palace of Versailles and the Normandy coast. There are still a few seats available. The cost is £310 per person with a £30 single room supplement, (some single rooms are still available.)

Please contact Roger Cushing on 01473 787238

Winter preparations

We may not yet have escaped the worst of the weather, February can bring severe conditions, so please take a few minutes to check on your supplies! Just in case... do you have: Alternative heating and lighting? Candles, camping stoves? A land-line phone? (No power – no chargers!) A well-stocked larder, and a supply of any regular medication?

Do you have elderly or infirm neighbour who might need help if the weather gets worse? Even if we don't get snowed in for a week, checking on these things now can save a lot of frustration later.

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In the this and future editions of Noticeboard we will be printing extracts from the Parish Plan and of course keeping you up to date on its implementation. This month we look at who responded to the household questionnaire and housing need.

A total of 944 household questionnaires were distributed of which 577, 61%, were returned. A total of 1181 individuals completed the personal section representing 49.7% of the population recorded in the 2001 census. An equal number of males and females were represented reflecting accurately the known gender balance of the villages.

Age Group	Number (% of total questionnaires)	2001 Census
11-15	83 (7%)	376 (15.8%)*
16-17	31 (2.6%)	209 (8.8%)**
18-24	67 (5.7%)	
25-44	332 (28.2%)	743 (31.3%)
45-59	324 (27.5%)	531 (22.3%)* ** *
60-64	92 (7.8%)	
65-74	150 (12.7%)	217 (9.1%)
75-84	76 (6.4%)	145 (6.1%)* ** *
85+	24 (2%)	

(* Aged 5-15 ** Aged 16 -24 *** Aged 45-64 **** Aged 74+)

People over the age of 45 were over represented and young people under represented in the sample. Eleven per cent of the sample described themselves as having a disability.

The questionnaire identified the location of households and the returns indicate a strong correlation with the known distribution of the population:

Area	No of quest's returned	% of total number of questionnaires returned
Outlying	33	6%
Shotley Street	159	28%
Shotley Gate	341	59%

The remaining 43 (7.4%) responses were from Erwarton and were analysed and reported upon in a separate report.

Thirty-eight households, 6.6%, indicated that one or more people were in need of alternative accommodation. Twenty-one independent children and twelve complete households were wishing to move from their current homes.

There is a perceived lack of "social" housing in the area with 37% wishing to see more homes for young people, 22% small family homes, 18% for single people and 12% for people with disabilities. However 35% would like to see no further houses.

The Parish Council is using this information in negotiations with Babergh District Council over the types of houses that will be provided on the Ganges site, if permission is granted, to ensure that there are affordable homes and social housing for example for the elderly or people with disabilities.

The complete Parish Plan can be viewed on the web site at <http://www.myshotley.com/planning-progress.html>

If you would like to help ensure that the Parish Plan is implemented and ensure a positive future for Shotley then get in touch at info@myshotley.com or call 07845 875238

**Article for the Noticeboard? Contact Anna Long - 01473 787263
2 Tudor Close, Shotley Gate, Ipswich, IP9 1PA**

**A message from
your Community Police Officer**

A concern has been raised with me in relation to the reporting of crime. It is apparent that not all crime happening within the village is being reported to the Police. I understand there are a number of reasons why minor crimes are not being reported and I am willing to discuss this in more detail if required.

HOWEVER

It is important that **ALL** crimes are reported to the Police and recorded by the Police, not only can this build up a picture and pattern of events it can also assist in the deployment of Police Officers in your Village. If incidents are not reported it can give the impression that nothing is happening in the Village! We all know that this is not true, so please take the time and effort to report matters either when they are happening or when it comes to your attention.

In an emergency - dial 999.

To report a non-urgent incident - dial 01473-613500. If you wish to speak to me in person the number for Capel St Mary Police Station is 01473-383115 You can leave a message on my voicemail by dialling 01473-613555 then # 2 followed by my number, 9304.

Many thanks, John Campbell PC 304.
Capel Police Station, Suffolk

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