

Letters....

Dear Wellwishers,

On behalf of the 'ploughman' employed to advertise the Heritage 700 Open Gardens in June might I assure all those worried by his absence on the day that he has been returned to us. His legs came home first having been found up a tree in Great Harlings and his head and torso were returned from a garden on Main Road. Sadly he sustained damage to his head but nothing that vinegar and brown paper can't mend. Thank you to everybody who expressed concern at his disappearance.

Yours sincerely,
Allana Baxter

Good Samaritans

On Sunday the 3rd of July my son had a nasty accident on his bicycle near Shotley Primary School. I didn't get their names, but a lovely couple stopped and gave us a lift to my parents house in Orwell View and another man very kindly looked after our bikes. Thank you so much for stopping and helping, it was much appreciated. After a trip to A & E my son is on the mend and the dentist did a wonderful job on his teeth.

S. Hughes

1st SHOTLEY SCOUTS ANNUAL CEILIDH

1st Shotley Scouts invite you to their annual fund raising Ceilidh in Shotley Village Hall on Saturday 26th November 2005 at 7pm. Good food, good company, good music and dancing. Make up a table of six or let us introduce you to new friends. Tickets £12.50 per head with admission by ticket only.
Contact Allana Baxter 788163

(Ed's note - this is one of the best 'Knee's up's in Shotley - tickets sell out FAST...)

Viking Forest Project

Saturday 17 of September - 9 am. At Golden Wood. Come and join us cutting and raking to tidy our wood at the years end - Lunchtime barbeque for the workers! All welcome - (children must be accompanied) Contact: Anna Long 787263



As our school's near the end of another academic year, most pupil's are aware that the school report is looming. The Environment Agency, the leading public body for protecting and improving the environment in England and Wales ("It's our job to make sure that air, land and water are looked after by everyone in today's society, so that tomorrow's generations inherit a cleaner, healthier world.") has just published its 'end of term' report on the efforts made by the Government to protect the environment in England and Wales.

The report draws together the latest information from 80 of the most dependable sets of environmental data. This gives a full picture of work to protect the environment over the last year. So how have we all done?

Subject - Wildlife

Hard work throughout the year has enabled some wildlife to begin to recover. Unfortunately lack of consistent effort has meant that some parts of England risk losing parts of the web of life. This is due to pollution, climate change, spread of some successful species and development and agricultural practice.

Subject - Air

Although not natural at ensuring our survival, we have put in extra effort and air quality has generally improved. Unfortunately, reluctance to be complete team players has meant that climate change and pollution still cause poor air quality.

Subject - Water

We have had a good year. Rivers and coastal waters are the cleanest on record. But we have rested on our laurels and not started to renew our crumbling sewerage system Work to improve drainage systems and prevent run-off from roads and fields should contribute to a top mark next year.

Subject - Waste and resources

Too many basic errors mean that we are producing far too much waste - over 190 million tonnes from households, industry and businesses. Recycling rates have increased too slowly. Can do much better.

Subject - Land Quality

Some improvement in cleaning contaminated land but poor soil management damages our environment. Heading for a fail. Cont...

Subject - Climate Change

Action to tackle rising temperatures and changing weather patterns is too slow. Carbon dioxide already released has triggered changes that will last 30-40 years. Not recovered from slow start. If no improvement temperature will rise between 3 and 5 degrees Celsius and winter rainfall will increase by up to 30%. Summer rainfall will decrease by 45 - 60%

Subject - Flooding

Poor planning has allowed number of people at high risk to increase to 1.5 million.

Neil Lister

EAST SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION for the BLIND (Shotley Peninsula Branch)

The Branch continues to flourish with new members coming along to our monthly meetings at The Stutton Community Hall. (Which are normally held on the last Wednesday in the month at 2 pm.) One of our committee members, Pearl Gunfield, joined in a sponsored walk round the Alton Water reservoir on Easter Monday. Although blind, Pearl walked more than half way round the reservoir and would have done the rest had she not promised her family that she would not 'overdo it'. The sum of £201.41 was raised as a contribution from our branch to the Stutton Community Hall repair fund. Very well done Pearl and thank you. The Shotley Peninsula Branch of E.S.A.B. is now listed on the Suffolk Libraries website and can be seen at <http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/libraries/direct.html> Search on the link to Infolink. On 24 June Mrs. Enid Funnell of Chelmondiston held a coffee morning on our behalf. The event was very well supported and raised £139 for our funds. We must not forget also to thank the Chelmondiston Methodist Church Saturday Morning Coffee Fund for their very generous donation of £40.

Our Summer Outing was held on 29 June when a party of 24 members and helpers went to Clacton-on-Sea. Lunch and afternoon tea were taken at The Esplanade Hotel. The party enjoyed the day and we were blessed with excellent weather.

For telephone enquiries relating to the social club the number is 01473 787779 (Carol or Bryan). Welfare matters are for Beverley on 01473 278047.

At our next Meetings -

31 August Talk by Clifford Wrate about 'The Great Train Robbery'.

21 September The Felixstowe Singers (ESAB Babes !) will entertain us.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL.