

Good Neighbour Scheme - Tony Roberts - 787185 - We all know what a 'good neighbour' is but sometimes there isn't one around when you need them! Suffolk Acre has been setting up Good Neighbour Groups across the county and the Shotley & Erwarnton scheme was launched on April 6th 2005. During that time we have been able to help with a variety of tasks. The Scheme can provide help for any age group, you don't have to be a pensioner, we will collect prescriptions, change light bulbs, smoke alarm batteries, get you to hospital appointments, even walk the dog or perhaps just arrange to come round for a cup of tea and a chat. This help is not on a regular basis, just for those occasions when a helping hand is required, for whatever reason. If you are not sure, give us a ring. Our mobile number is 07799 873881, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. We will ring back if you are concerned about the charge for a mobile call. No charge is made for journeys within the village, however we do make a charge of 35p per mile for making trips to hospital/town and usually we are able to wait to make the return journey.

Homestart - 01379 678552 - Help, advice and support for young families and single parents.

Home-workers Lunch Club - ?????

Kids Club - Bridget Connell - 788850 Located in the new portacabin in the grounds of Shotley CP School. Currently, there are 15 families on the register and up to 20 children attend each week. Sessions are held every Tuesday during term time from 1.15pm until 3.00pm. We provide a stimulating, relaxed environment, enabling parents and children to meet weekly, socialise and have fun. We can use all the age appropriate Kidzone facilities, including the outdoor playground and garden. Sessions are not structured, children participate in the activities of their choice. Drinks and a snack are provided for the children and adults can have endless cups of tea or coffee! The local health visitor attends once a month and mums, dads and carers are welcome to bring babies and toddlers for weighing and can discuss health issues etc. Annual registration fee of £3.00, (which helps towards the running costs of Kidzone); the weekly charge per family is £1.50. Kids' Club has close ties with the pre-school, enabling the families who attend to occasionally participate in their outings. After attending Kids' Club, at 2 ½, children can attend the pre-school which is also located in the same building. Familiarity with the surroundings makes the transition easier and most children tend to settle in more easily.

Kidzone - Therasa Butcher - 07986 310647 (formerly Shotley Village playgroup) started in 1968 and became a charity in 1984. A Management Committee (elected annually by the parents) runs Kidzone. We offers 8 pre-school sessions weekly (including lunch), for children aged from 2½ – 5 years, also a breakfast and after school club between the hours of 7.30am and 6.00pm. Part of the service that Kidzone provides is the pick up and collection of children from nursery and school. Recently, it has introduced an additional breakfast club rate of £1.00 from 8.15am – 8.45am and a 50p "chaperone" service rate for an 8.30am drop-off/supervision. We run a holiday club for children up to the age of 11.

Meals on Wheels - Local Organisers - Diana and Elizabeth Waite-Gibbs - 787466 'Meals on Wheels' is part of the WRVS (Women's Royal Voluntary Service) Staffed by local volunteers who take hot, mid day meals to clients in the area who have been nominated through Social Services. We are a dedicated team but would always welcome new recruits to deliver meals. (Chelmondiston branch - Jennifer Edwards - 780459)

Mothers Union - Joint branch leaders - Elizabeth Waite-Gibbs 787466 or Pam Ross - 780796 The Mothers Union, whose local branch is joined with Chelmondiston, meets every month in St Andrews Church Room, normally every second Wednesday afternoon, or with other local branches. We have a link with the Methodist chapel and include in our programme, a shared meeting with the Women's Fellowship. A warm welcome is extended to them and any visitors, to share in any of our meetings. We have an interesting programme, with various speakers to celebrate the festivals during the year.

Over Sixties Eileen Bugg - 787358 We meet every other Thursday. At the moment we have 25 members and a new member who has only been in Shotley for a few months. At the moment we are busy arranging all the outings for this year, anyone can join us on these trips, you don't even have to be 60! If we can fill a bus we can keep the costs down. When we meet, we play 3 games of bingo, have break for refreshments, 2 draws and then play Whist, Dominoes and sometimes Scrabble, finishing at about 4pm. Membership is £5.00 per year with a £1.00 entry for each meeting, special draw tickets are 30p for 2 Outings this year will visit: Newmarket in April, Dunwich in May, with a fish and chip lunch, the best in Suffolk? To Wroxham Barns in June and a boat trip. Felixstowe in July, Clacton in October. November is Colchester and our Christmas outing is a return to Taverham Garden centre near Norwich where there are many shops and a huge Christmas shop.

Peninsula Carers - Jill Line - 01473 835429 - Division of Suffolk Carers

Peninsula Crafts - Glen Gerrard - 780589 Association of local craft workers - for the promotion of our work .We run two, two/three day exhibitions a year which are always well publicised and attended.

Peninsula Swimming Club - ?????

River Orwell Sporting & Social Club - Jim Dale - 328374

Royal British Legion - Shotley, Erwarnton and District - Hon Sec. - Norma Bembridge - 788566

The Royal British Legion is now over 60 Years old, our branch is 58. During those years it has helped millions of men and women financially or otherwise, who have fought in the many conflicts this country has been through. We meet on the last Wednesday of every month, at the Village Hall in the Main room at 8 pm. Our Welfare section helps many people on the Peninsular. We visit those who are ill and those who would like to have people visit for a chat. We have our Annual Dinner and our County Rally, where we meet up with other Branch's and old friends and "I" Group meetings. One of our most important events of course is Remembrance Sunday. The Christmas Raffle is held during our November meeting, when we have a few drinks and nibbles and the money raised goes towards the 'Christmas Vouchers' we give to our members and dependents of those who have passed away. On October 21st at St. Mary's Shotley the Old Branch Standard will be laid up and our New Standard will be dedicated. It is vital that we keep the Royal British Legion functioning, as there are so many men and women who have sacrificed their lives for this country and are still doing so, who leave loved one's behind. That is why we have the Poppy Appeal Collection, and members who care.

Scouts - Mike Mitchell - 788812 - 7.30pm Tuesdays - Shotley Village Hall

Shotley Heritage 700 - Norman Bugg - 787358 Raising funds for the restoration and upkeep of St Mary's church, Shotley

Shotley Rangers Football Club - Colin Grogan - 788806

Shotley Rangers Girls Football Club - Jane Barker - 788987 (hope this is correct, 'Happy Fryer' chip shop number)