

Newsletter

Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project

Information
on board
"come in
for a chat..."

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Occold is successfully using its new village hall to maximum potential. Occasionally we go to their lunch club, but as it is only every two months we fill in with our own visits during the months in between, giving the locals a social event. One visitor even gets the bus from a neighbouring village every time we come!



The Mayor of St Edmundsbury Mr Ian Houlder meets Sally Fogden (centre left). We are at Barrow and being used as an info point during a Police Community Engagement event.



In August a special free community event was organised by Kerri Leach from Forest Heath District Council (Top left). The festival of international arts and culture included free food! African, Portuguese and traditional British among the free tasters. Also Dancers from China, American Philipino and belly dancing as well as local school children. There was also a big brother style video log booth for residents to record their views, Police advice and an international market. We provided seating and information to the residents and a couple of residents benefitted from free fire safety checks being arranged by Homeshield plus at their homes, and free subscriptions to Age UK and Heart foundation magazines.



Below, the kids at Kemps Field recreation in Aldeburgh enjoyed a morning of activities and making things. Pictured below, some of the children proudly showing their creations including hand puppets made from plastic milk bottles, we had Snow White, a Princess and Darth Vader! Ann Osborn Project Manager (below right) dutifully making tea and coffee for the mums and dads. Ann and Garry were on hand along with Children's activity coordinators from Saxmundham and Leiston Children's Centres to play with the children and talk to the parents about the wonderful provision of Sure Start Children's Centres available in Suffolk as well as Parentline and other related information.

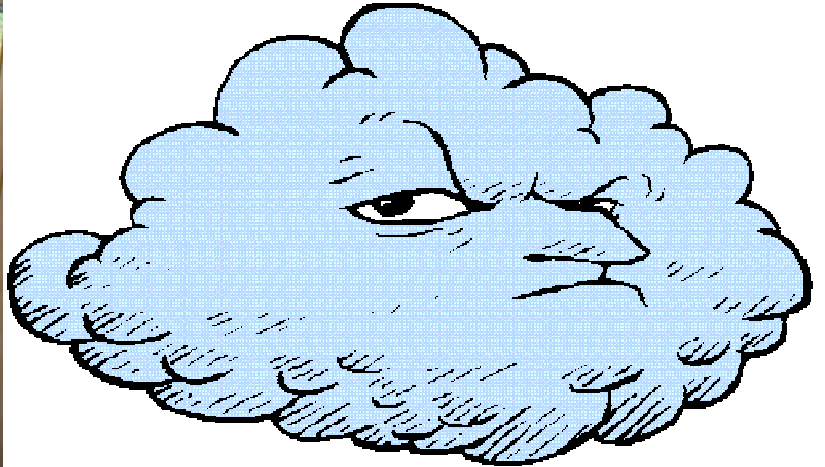


It was a glorious August Day and many other games and activities were taking place all over the recreation field. The children were having a whale of a time. Over 30 children and mums turned up. Some of the toddlers also managed to find this over friendly cat who had given himself the job of guarding our (famous) silver tractor donation tin.





After 2 days of sun in August it rained and rained, remember? However it did not stop 8 hardy residents of Benhall Green braving the torrents and sitting inside the Campervan. One lady even arrived on a mobility scooter. The campervan is versatile and cosy! Luckily there is still room next to the kettle to make the tea.



Left - we carry a vast array of information on subjects for all ages and abilities.

Below left – The locals of the village of Barking enjoy an outside visit from the project.

Below After a short speech by Garry highlighting certain services, locals at Thurston social club browse the leaflets before asking for advice.

