

Station Adopters Report July 2024

The past few months has been very much dominated by preparing for the 175 yrs celebration of the Gainsborough Line. Bures Primary School reception class were given a free train ride and entry to the railway museum and Bures Scouts Explorers were given free rail tickets to facilitate one of their walks to Sudbury. The primary school, scouts, Ferriers Barn and Baptist Church produced some excellent art work and models of the Gainsborough Line which will be on display in the barn on the common at the next market on Saturday 13th July. Also some more artwork from the school is hanging on the fence along the station platform. The scouts also assisted in planting a rectangular flower bed at the station depicting the numbers 175 which is cut out on the grass.

On 12th April, Bures station adopters hosted a visit by other station adopters from the region to see our station garden and we hosted refreshments for them in the barn on the common.

Our station adopters were invited to attend a special viewing at Chappel railway museum of the 64 watercolours east and west views of the viaduct by Wladyslaw Mirecki, and we also attended the opening of the Chappel Viaduct and Gainsborough Line.

On sat 29th was a successful old time music hall train which ran between Marks Tey and Sudbury and was completely sold out.

Regular working parties have been taking place to plant and dead head the flowers in the tubs and beds as well as watering. We have also erected a bug hotel and a water feature which runs off solar power and are situated amongst the trees near the waiting room.

Greater Anglia have facilitated our travels to visit other stations to meet the adopters and see and share ideas of what we all do in our station gardens and we were also invited to a free day at Beth Chatto where we attended a talk.

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