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PICNIC ON AUGUST 29!

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Lafarge exhibition: 1.8m tonnes of gravel
from Frizer's Farm with landfill by 75
lorries a day, then extension to Shiplake

An exhibition last week publicised Lafarge's intentions to apply to extract 1.8 million tonnes of gravel from a 50 hectare site east of Spring Lane in Sonning Eye. Attendance was poor, partly because publicity was inadequate, partly because the exhibition was timed for the start of the school holidays, when many people are away.

After the exhibition, Sonning Eye Action Group held a meeting at which it resolved to fight the imminent planning application for the following reasons:

- a tiny rise in previous flood levels would flood many houses: computer modelling cannot be trusted to the degree of accuracy necessary in such a critical area
- waste can never be absolutely guaranteed to be 'inert' – millions of tonnes of builders' waste will have unknown consequences for the local environment
- no matter how ambitious the restoration proposals, once the original landscape is lost it is gone forever
- the site provides vital flood prevention capacity for a large area, including densely populated Lower Caversham
- noisy HGVs and overhead conveyor belts have no place in this beautiful riverside countryside close to the Thames Path and a Conservation Area

What can you do?

- **SEAG needs to raise funds. You are invited to join us at a fun family picnic at Dunsden Lodge from 12.30 on Sunday August 29.**

There will be a treasure hunt, Pimms, some exciting raffle/auction prizes thanks to The French Horn and the Shoulder of Mutton and others and a chance to admire the attractive gardens. Bring your own picnic. Entrance cost includes SEAG membership, or please fill in the standing order overleaf.

- **We need a list of the height of local houses to estimate flooding risk.**

Individual householders can access this information by contacting kathryn.harris@environment-agency.gov.uk (01189 535 736). Please apply now and email Nick Marks, SEAG Chairman your results: dunsden@aol.com. Thank you!



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