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A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR



A bit of rain clearly didn't stop play for Halesworth's 'Day of Dance'. It's lovely to see so many smiling faces in the photos - a positive attitude is everything! I hope it was enjoyed by all, such a colourful event.

Also celebrating is The Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund, on its 10th anniversary. I'm sure there are many families who have benefitted from their funding, care and friendship. Long may it continue.

As always keep me informed of anything you would like me to share with our readers or if you wish to advertise in any of our 6 titles. I would love to hear

from you, email: lou@tidecollection.com

Louise Gissing

Our cover photo this month is of Chelmsford Ladies with their Jolly Brollies celebrating Halesworth's Day of Dance. Photo: Sas Astro

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Make space in your life for the things that matter, for family and friends, love and generosity, fun and joy. Without this, you will burn out in mid-career and wonder where your life went.

Jonathan Sacks

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THE SEVENTH HALESWORTH "FOOLISH" DAY OF DANCE

When I started work on Tuesday morning, my client said that he felt so sorry for me having to cancel the day of dance after all that preparation. On the contrary, we had a fantastic day. We decided this year not to make a rainy day

back up plan, and gosh did that work. The beautiful array of colourful umbrellas even enhanced the fabulous collection of photographs we accumulate each year.

Kevin Corcoran

You can see more photos in our Facebook group. A date for your diary 8th Halesworth Day of Dance 23rd March 2024

Zoé-Anne Wadey, for Oxblood



Town Cryer Yanni Mac and Rosemary Lewis open the proceedings. Photo: East Suffolk Radio



We just rolled up the lawn, cheeky selfie by Alan Turner



Photo: Sas Astro



Pretty grim Brought a Foxy Lady (it's a wolf actually). Photo: Sas Astro



Leading Lights brought a hobby horse. Photo: Colin Littlewood



This is MOLLY DANCING. Sometimes you can be blessed with a moment of artistic inspiration, and "understanding" like when I saw "something" in this photo by Pauline Champion of Oxblood Molly dancing at the 2023 Halesworth Day of Dance and took the liberty of editing it. Oxblood are a lovely side with a strong sense of community where the old and the young dance together and enjoy themselves and celebrate in a lively positive way their Home and its folk traditions. They might dance in a "revival" style (Seven Champions) and wear contemporary costumes, but Pauline's photograph, I believe, captured some "real authenticity" as they turned. I was transported to the harsh East Coast winters when gangs of out of work agricultural labourers would battle for their families and communities against poverty by roaming villages and towns in gangs of "Ploughwitches" and "Molly Dancers" busking and threatening in turn. I felt a sense of continuation, so editing Pauline's photo, here is the community pride that is "Molly Dancing". Photo: Kevin Corcoran



Kemps Men brought a dragon. Photo by Sas Astro



Chelmsford brought a lovely doggy. Photo: Sonja Collins.



Music session in the Swan with dancer Shelly. Photo: Kevin Dale



Busy Thoroughfare with Rumburgh and Golden Star.
Photo: Colin Littlewood

music / performance / science / theatre / workshops / wellbeing / talks / food



Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 June 2023
South Beach, Lowestoft

First Light returns for a free solstice celebration of creativity, arts and the midsummer sun in the UK's most easterly town of Lowestoft

Set amongst the golden sands and lush gardens of Lowestoft's South Beach, First Light Festival marks the inaugural sunrise of British midsummer with a unique weekend of experiences.

Musical highlights of this year's programme include **Jembaa Groove**, **Luke Una**, **DJ Paulette**, **Eliza Carthy Trio** (presented by FolkEast) and **Holst's Planet Suite**, while the performance line-up offers big hitters such as **Josie Long**, **Linton Kwesi Johnson** and **Joelle Taylor**.

The **Cosmic Pirates** zone has plenty of activities to keep little hands busy, while the **Planet Positive** area presents the latest climate research ideas from authors, scientists and partners including **Natural History Museum** through a programme of talks and workshops.

With the option to **wild camp on the beach**, the weekend's free daytime programme is complemented by Saturday night's ticketed Sundown Events in venues across the town, which offer the chance to keep the party going once the beach programme finishes at 21:30 Dusk, and feature events including the latest show from acclaimed comedian **Robin Ince**, an intimate evening of classical **Moonlit Soundscapes**, and an **Intergalactic Silent Disco**.

Explore the full programme and book Sundown Events tickets at

→ firstlightlowestoft.com



HALESWORTH DEMENTIA CARERS' FUND

Celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The HDCF was established in 2014 and set out to provide respite care for those families where someone has dementia. Over the last 10 years the Fund has worked closely with Prestige and First Choice to put staff in to support those families, and in that time the Fund has provided a staggering 35,631 hours of respite care, at a cost of £267,220, and from just 2 people the Fund now has a board of 10 Trustees who meet monthly. The Board of Trustees is also supported by our Patron, Paddy Cox, who is also our Carers Representative.

HDCF has also worked closely with other charities, and special thanks go to the Halesworth Volunteer Centre and their wonderful volunteer drivers who take many people to our groups. We would also like to thank the Pear Tree Centre for the use of their premises and many referrals.

Putting staff into homes is not the only way the Fund can support families. The Fund is able to provide activity sessions for dementia sufferers and their loved ones. These sessions are a wonderful way to help and support those families, and we are grateful to the facilitators, Sophie Wood, Jo Knight, Helen Hayes, Toni Miller and Vicky Hutchinson

Our Activities

Seated Movement to Music: This session takes place every Monday at Holton Village, from 11.00 to 12.15, followed by tea or coffee.

Memory Café: The Memory Café meets every Tuesday at 2.00 in the Old Day Centre, London Rd. This involves reminiscence activities, quizzes, individual games and many other activities. Tea, coffee and cake is always available.

Singing with Friends: This group meets every other Wednesday at Holton Village Hall at 2.00. Attendees enjoy a wonderful time of singing together and playing musical instruments.

Bi-monthly Film: On the 3rd Wednesday of every other month there is a Film Show at The Cut, starting at 2.00pm. Following our film this month, the wonderful

Fishermens Friends 2 - a very uplifting film, on 17th May, we are planning to celebrate with tea, coffee and anniversary cake in the Cut Theatre foyer. All are welcome. Doors will open at 1.45 and admission is by £5 donation.

100+ Club: If you would like to join please contact Anna on 01986 872207.

Fund Raising

As shown above, the services of the HDCF require constant fund raising to allow us to carry out our aims. Over the years we have successfully applied for numerous grants and we have been fortunate to have had incredibly generous support from the Heveningham Hall Community Fund, the Angel Hotel, Halesworth Town Council, the Sibton White Horse, White Swan, Dee's Den and the Westhall Charity Football Team, Southwold Rotary Club, Halesworth W.I., Halesworth Day Centre, the Community News and The Cut. Individuals have also played a major role, and we are so grateful to Karen Prime and Teresa Forder who ran sponsored marathons for us, and Danny Mitchell who ran a sponsored half-marathon. Thanks too to Teresa and Charlie Forder for their annual Christmas lights display, Halesworth Ladies Golf Captain Linda Baldry and Karen Prime who ran a virtual marathon for us, and John Giles and Phil Gill. To everyone who has supported us in anyway, we just cannot thank you enough. Many thanks too to all

the Trustees, past and present.

We are also deeply grateful to all those wonderful people who have so kindly given us funeral donations following the loss of a loved one.

Such has been the success of the HDCF we have made Halesworth a centre of excellence for dementia care, and with your most wonderful and generous support we hope to continue our work well into the future.

If you would like further information please contact us via respite. halesworthdementia.co.uk, or follow on our Facebook page. Those wanting information about our Respite Care Service should contact respite@halesworthdementia.co.uk.

John Wood

Halesworth Celebrates the Kings Coronation

Handbell interactive workshop by ST Mary's Church Handbell Ringers at the library on Saturday 6th May 2023 from 10.30 am - 12 pm.

Crown making and coronation crafts in the library on both Saturday 6th May 2023 and Sunday 7th May 2023.

ST Mary's Church are having a community viewing of the Coronation. Everyone is welcome to come together with refreshments on Saturday 6th May 2023 at 10am. Coronation celebration service 10am on Sunday 7th May 2023.

Street Party on Sunday 7th May 12-4 pm. Food available from local vendors. Bring a chair and a picnic. Street entertainers. Children's crown making procession, all children will receive a Coronation medal. Face painter.

We would like to say a massive thank you to local businesses open and supporting the street party: The Farmhouse Bakery, The Angel, Rose and Rhubarb, Halesworth Library, Spar, The White Hart.

MAY IS FOR SWIFTS

Have you spotted your first swift this year? Keep your eyes on the skies – here's hoping these amazing, joyous birds will once again be racing over the Halesworth Thororoughfare, around the market square and up and down Chediston Street, where they return to make their nests under the old roof tiles. You will hear them 'screaming' as they bomb through the skies in little groups.

They arrive in the UK from Africa every year to raise their young here, then leave these shores and head south again by late July or early August. We must cherish them for the three months they are with us. All the more so since they are now on the Red List of endangered birds, their numbers dropping dramatically. The reasons for this, as far as we know, are declining insect numbers and serious loss of nest sites.

Traditionally swifts nest in roof spaces of older properties, where they can squeeze through small gaps to find their place. However, with so much modernisation and new home building going on, too many swifts are returning to find last year's nesting site blocked up, no longer there for them.

If you live in a modern property with a sealed roof, you can get specially

designed swift nest boxes put up (see below) - that's if you do not already have inbuilt swift nesting bricks, which we'd love all new houses to come with!

Wild birds and the law

If you are having work done to your roof, please be aware that nesting birds are protected by law. It is illegal to 'intentionally take, damage or destroy a wild bird's nest while it's being used or built; intentionally take or destroy a wild bird's egg'. So, builders, scaffolders and homeowners please be aware and vigilant, there may be swifts nesting under the tiles you are planning to replace. Do not get a criminal record!!!

If you are one of the lucky people who does have swifts nesting with you, rejoice! How about celebrating with one of these lovely tiles on your house, artistically created especially for us by Smoke and Fire of Darsham. We have two versions, one for homes with nesting swifts, and one for homes where you wish to share your love and support for them. The tiles



are new this year, cost £15 each and can be ordered by emailing edithsummerhayes@btinternet.com.

Halesworth has a little group of enthusiasts, Halesworth Swifts. Email: halesworthswifts@gmail.com if you are interested in having a swift nest box put up (for a donation) and someone will come out to assess the site. If you would like to be involved with the group, or if you know where swifts are nesting, please do share that too.

Edith Summerhayes



Swift Tiles

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, HALESWORTH

*May is pretty, May is mild,
Dances like a happy child;
On a blessed holiday,
Come out children, join the play!*

Annette Wynne

The Coronation of King Charles III is nearly here and on the day, Saturday 6 May, St Mary's will have a big screen in the church and all are invited to watch the event via BBC iplayer there, with refreshments available. We hope that the church will be full of flowers to celebrate the event, and that your business, group or organisation will join us with your own arrangement. These can be placed in the church on Friday 5 May from 9.30am through to 5pm. Arrangements should be able to be placed on a table; if you wish a pedestal arrangement, please supply the pedestal. If you require any further information

please do not hesitate to contact us on: jenny.janes@btinternet.com Tel: 01986 874929 (answerphone)

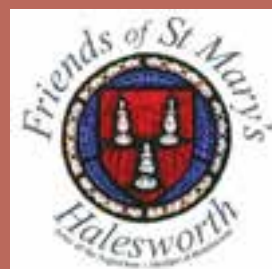
Meanwhile, the Ninth Series of the Friends' popular lunchtime Recitals in St Mary's, continued in April with The Kirkley Trio ably stepping in and playing organ/piano, bass viol and oboe; a delightful interlude of Baroque music lifting the heart, whilst the sun streamed through the stained glass windows during a brief interlude from April showers! On 10 May we look forward to the return of Veronica Downing (soprano) and Wendy Slaney (mezzo soprano). As always light refreshments are available or bring your own lunch to 'picnic in the pews' from 12md - with the recital at 12.30pm. We remain grateful to our regular audience and extend a warm welcome to those who have not been before. If you would like to be on our

mailing list, please email: friendsofstmarys@talktalk.net

and we will keep you up to date on our programme.

Hold the date for Halesworth Heritage Open Days this year, on and around Saturday 16 September when St Mary's will be hosting displays and events around the national theme of *Creativity Unwrapped!*

The Friends of St Mary's is looking for volunteers for the committee and to help with its activities; we would welcome anyone interested in helping in the aim to preserve and maintain the building for the community, now, and in the future. Do get in touch! See the website: www.friendsofstmary-shalesworth.org.uk



ALL CHANGE AT COLOURCHANGE

Colourchange UPVC, a home improvement business at Rendlesham near Woodbridge has a new exciting future ahead.

Local entrepreneur and joint founder of the 'Paddy and Scott's' coffee business, Paddy Bishopp has become a majority shareholder and will work alongside Daryl Collins, who launched the business over ten years ago.

When first established Colourchange was one of the first companies to provide colouring services for windows and doors. They expanded, selling and installing windows, doors and conservatories and in 2018 was shortlisted in the East Anglian Business Awards as "One to Watch".

Colourchange launched a division called Suffolk Conservatory in recognition of the growing demand for insulated, tiled conservatory roofs. A year later Colourchange was recognised by New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership as one of the fastest growing companies in Norfolk and Suffolk.

In 2020, responding to customer demand, the business launched Office Garden Rooms. With the skills, products, supply chains and experience from 40 years in the building trade

they added bespoke garden offices to the range of products offered.

Founder of Colourchange, Daryl Collins, explained that the business had grown substantially and that he had approached Headwater, specialists in selling and valuing businesses. "I recognised that I had built the business as far as I could, I needed to find a new owner that could take the business to the next level"

Paddy Bishopp, joint owner of Headwater was so impressed with the business that he decided to buy it himself. "Daryl has created a fabulous business, incredible products, a fantastic team and the timing was perfect for us all. Daryl remains a shareholder and continues to work in the business sharing his 40 years of building experience".

Julian Evans, who has been working with Daryl in an advisory role for the past six years will be leading the team forward in his new role as Managing Director. Julian said "This is an exciting change, an amazing opportunity for the business. Over the past five years customer feedback consistently scores

over 95/100. We have a choice of products to suit all customers, our skilled installers and paint team are exceptional. A fabulous base to start on a new era."

When asked about future plans Julian said: "We will be growing and we will be recruiting more local people. Paddy and I want the business to be known as the best place to work for in the industry. We know that having the best people on our team means we will excel. A huge proportion of our business comes from recommendations, having the right people doing the right job delivers customer satisfaction."



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HALESWORTH CAMERA CLUB

We were pleased to be able to hold a pop-up exhibition of images produced by our members in the Thoroughfare over the weekend of the Ink Festival. Together with some of the business owners we're working on the idea of filling empty shop windows with photographs to help make the Thoroughfare stay attractive whilst new tenants are found.

The display received some positive feedback. Thanks to Fennel's for facilitating access to the space, and the Beccles Camera Club for the loan of display stands.

Our website has had a bit of an overhaul, and now includes galleries of images

taken by our members, which will give you an idea of the variety of subjects we enjoy taking photos of. They include images from our March club competition and some of those displayed in the exhibition. You can also find our 2023 programme there. We are not a group of experts, just people who enjoy taking photographs. Indeed some of the winning images were taken using camera phones so no specialist equipment is needed. If you have an interest in photography you are most welcome to come along to meet us. Please 'Contact Us' via

our website: halesworthcameraclub.co.uk



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HALESWORTH SPORTS' HONOURS BOARDS RETURN HOME

From 1958, Halesworth Modern School decided to keep a record of all their students' sports achievements in the form of sports honours boards. The two teachers responsible for the setting up of these were myself, Neil Howell (Head of physical education) and the late Mark Saunders (Head of woodwork and metalwork). I was responsible for all the records and information whilst Mark took charge of the presentation and the writing on the boards.

From 1971-72, many changes took place in the field of education. One of the more controversial issues was the removal of the sports Honours boards. Many ex-students pointed out that the boards contained a history of the school and it was sacrilege to remove them. What happened to them? Were they destroyed during the removal? Why did they go missing? Where did they go?

The Halesworth Museum fortunately took charge of them when the school was demolished. They initially placed them in storage, then in time, moved them to a larger site. The boards took up an enormous area because of their size. The good news is they are safe and intact. The

Museum relocated them to the newest part of the building at the railway station and they are now on display for all to see, alongside many trophies, shields and memorabilia from the Modern and Middle schools.

Categories on the boards are as follows:

1. Students who have represented themselves, their school and their area in a) Football b) Swimming c) Cross Country d) Cricket e) Netball
2. Athletics champions a) Boys Senior b) Girls Senior c) Boys Junior d) Girls Junior
3. The record holders for all boys and girls Athletics events including Junior Hockey and Road races.

There is more detailed information about all the sports achievements between the years 1958 to 1981 in my autobiography - Take Your Marks. I have written specific chapters relating to all categories of sports achievements. When writing my autobiography, I used four main sources: 1) The Sports Honours Boards 2) Press Reports 3) my own personal records 4) My memory.

There were so many facts and figures that

it was difficult to select what to include in my book and what to leave out. I could have written another book and filled that with more achievements of just as much importance.

Having been a PE teacher for over 35 years I believe that it is imperative to keep the history of competition alive. Unfortunately, over the last few years competition has been rather watered down and seen as not appropriate. However, surely life is competitive?

During my time as a teacher the students thrived on competition in the form of Houses; these were Stuart - Red, Tudor - Green, York - Blue and Windsor - Yellow. At the end of the year there were trophies for the highest points earned during that year both in sport and academia. This was seen as healthy competition and an achievement for the pupils.

This article was originally written by Neil Howell for the Halesworth & District Museum's newsletter. For more information about the Museum see www.halesworthmuseum.org.uk/wpress/. (See page 17 for more news from the museum and a photo which relates to this article)

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Musical drama of forbidden love

A squire's daughter is sent away by her father after she falls for a lowly horseman. But can love find a way to reunite the couple? The Suffolk Miracle, a musical drama presented by Open Space Theatre and the Syzewell Gap folk band, will be touring north Suffolk May 25 - June 3.

Written by former Suffolk school teacher, Beverley Barnett, who lives at Dennington, the play is based on a centuries-old, local folk myth.

A ballad based on The Suffolk Miracle was first published in the late 17th century. The play's director, David Green, said: "It is a great story to tell with the help of some brilliant actors and musicians".

Syzewell Gap has been entertaining audiences throughout Suffolk and further afield for 40 years. Open Space Theatre, founded in 2008, is based at Wingfield Barns, near Eye.

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Middleton Open Gardens

Our Open Gardens event offers an eclectic and exciting mix of gardens, some conventional and formal, others more informal or relaxed, including some new to our event. 15 gardens will be open (the total may vary from day to day; please contact the organisers if you need exact numbers).

In the pretty village of Middleton, there are gardens stretching down to the Minsmere River and others overlooking Middleton Moor. Some with views of the marshes and others across the fields, some with the Spire of Holy Trinity church seen piercing the sky in the distance. Many of the gardens have a story to tell, of both their creation and development over the years.

Several of the gardeners cleverly borrow the beautiful surrounding Suffolk landscape, to attract animals, insects, plants and birds. You will also find a herd of alpacas grazing quietly in fields within the village.

Refreshments (including Cream Teas) available all day. There will also be plants for sale.

Proceeds will go towards maintaining the village church of Holy Trinity, as well as a donation to the local charity 'FIND' (Families in Need), who offer a lifeline to people in East Suffolk who are experiencing poverty and despair.

THE PEAR TREE FUND



Golfers support Pear Tree Fund

Generous golfers have presented the Pear Tree Fund with a cheque for £2,000 to help the charity continue its vital work supporting local people with life-changing illnesses.

The donation comes after Rob Sherington, men's captain at Halesworth Golf Ltd, selected the Pear Tree Fund as one of his charities of choice for 2022.

During the year, he held a variety of different events to raise funds, including two successful race nights, a gents' captain's charity day and an invitation day which more than 80 golfers took part in.

The money will help the Pear Tree Fund to support people who have been bereaved or have life-changing illnesses or long-term physical or mental health conditions, as well as their families or carers.

This includes providing services such as information and support to help understand diagnosis, counselling, bereavement support and complementary treatments. The charity also offers social welfare advice, including benefits and support with finances, as well as support for families, children and young carers.

A spokesman for Halesworth Golf Ltd said: "We are very proud to support the Pear Tree Fund. It is an excellent charity that offers invaluable support to people within our local area. We have held the Pear Tree Fund's charity golf day for a number of years now and look forward to helping it grow into the future".

Ted Edwards, Pear Tree Fund trustee, said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to Rob and everyone at Halesworth Golf Club for their fantastic ongoing support. Their generosity will make a real difference to local people, as well as their families and carers, by making sure they can get the right support when they need it most".

The Pear Tree Fund will hold its annual golf competition at Halesworth Golf Ltd on Friday 1 September. To find out more, call 01986 899655, email info@peartreefund.org or visit www.peartreefund.org.



L – R: Pear Tree Fund trustees Ted Edwards and Dinah Morley, men's captain Rob Sherington and Pear Tree Centre manager Seva Newrick.

Generous grant to help the community get cooking.

People who have lost a loved one can now socialise with others and boost their wellbeing by taking part in special cooking classes organised by the Pear Tree Fund.

The 'cooking for one' sessions will give people who have recently been bereaved the chance to join eight classes to learn how to cook healthy, nutritious meals while developing strategies for self-care which will improve their health and wellbeing. The classes will also give them the chance to socialise with others who are experiencing loss and build new friendships.

Three sessions will take place over the coming months, each with space for eight participants. They have been made possible thanks to a £5,000 grant from the East of England Co-op's Community Cares Fund.

Dinah Morley, chair of the Pear Tree Fund, said: "We are incredibly grateful to the East of England Co-op for this generous donation, which will make a significant difference to the lives of people who have lost a loved one.

"By giving them an opportunity to learn how to cook healthy, tasty meals while socialising with others, we hope that we can help them take steps to improve their health and wellbeing in the longer term."

The Pear Tree Fund ran several classes last year and received overwhelmingly positive feedback from those taking part. Comments included:

"I was a total wreck (when I was referred to the Pear Tree Centre) but have never looked back. Cooking for one gave me my life back."

"I have loved coming to cooking for one. I have met so many lovely people who have become my friends."

"I have made lots of friends who I have shared many laughs with. The Pear Tree Centre has changed my life."

Anyone who would like to express an interest in joining a future cooking for one class should contact the Pear Tree Centre at info@peartreefund.org or by calling 01986 899655.



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BE SURE TO PARK PRETTILY

A word of warning if you are parking in the centre of Halesworth.

Last month I was delivering the 'Hoot' to various outlets in the town, returned to my van after about 20 minutes and I was very surprised to find a ticket on my windscreen, despite using the Ringo app to pay.

Upon opening said ticket I discovered I was being fined £50 for parking a few inches over another parking space with my rear wheel. Bearing in mind my vehicle was a large van, there was a row of cars in parking spaces behind me, making it difficult to manoeuvre and the fact that I didn't want to alarm the queue of

people at the pay station directly on my left by getting too close, to say I was surprised would be an understatement!

Nobody I have spoken to since has heard of such a thing so I thought I had better warn you before you possibly meet the same fate. Presumably if someone else has parked over the lines, forcing you to, you may receive a fine through no fault of your own.

Needless to say I immediately appealed but received what I suspect is an automatic 'not upheld' reply, bearing in mind none of the points I had made were addressed. There is the opportunity to appeal a second time but you

are encouraged not to do so as, if it is rejected once again (which I suspect it would be) you pay the full £50 rather than the £25 you can pay by coughing up immediately.

I'm not sure if this is a new 'parking crime' but this sort of heavy-handedness doesn't encourage 'shopping local' and I would have thought there must be better ways of boosting the council coffers – particularly in these times when we are all struggling with the cost of living.

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HALESWORTH HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Halesworth needs you – can you help?

A Call-Out to anyone who might have bits and pieces of film footage, videos or other digital formats which we could put together into a visual record of Halesworth and its people from as far back as we can reach up until the nearly-now! They might contain private moments or be records of public events in or around the town - as long as they show some aspect of life in the town back in the day (e.g. the old cattle market, the Thoroughfare pre-pedestrianisation, volunteers working on the Millennium Green, carnival celebrations, floods, significant buildings which have now been replaced, sporting activities...). We need them

as part of our celebrations of different aspects of the town.

Please contact, office@halesworthmuseum.org.uk or leave a message on 07552 508893 with your name and telephone number if you have anything that might be suitable. Your original film will not be altered in any way and will be returned to you. We will however need your written permission - for copyright purposes - in order to include it in the completed documentary which will consist of edited digital copies of the original material. The project has been initiated by *Halesworth Heritage Open Days* and the final version will be gifted to the Halesworth & District Museum as a permanent record for the town's archives.



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At Blythburgh Station we spent a week putting in the sidings to form the goods yard. This has taken many months to prepare for, as each rail and each sleeper has to be modified to our unusual three-foot gauge. But despite indifferent weather, the entire job was done, and the station now looks a lot more like it did in 1879. The new track is entirely levelled into the car park surface, as was always done in such yards in the nineteenth

century, so the footpath can be used as before, and staff and visitors can park to attend our regular events. More rolling stock is being built and modified so that demonstrations of typical shunting can be held from time to time.

Not content with that, our battery electric locomotive now has working air brakes, and is being tested ready for delivery. And the Channel Tunnel RFS locomotive has been tested on our track in Wenhasston, with its own brakes and safety systems working - so that is also close to normal use. And as "icing on the cake", engineer Jamie's replica MOY Cleminson coal wagon underframe has been made up with its flexible sub-

frames and has negotiated the sharp curves on the test track. No such Cleminson's Patent wagon or coach has been built for over 100 years.


On Saturday May 13th, in St Mary's Church in Halesworth, we hold our first Halesworth Day, to celebrate our first five years of existence. Halesworth community organisations have been invited to celebrate with us. The event is between 10.30 and 16.00, with the close-by White Swan public house very kindly offering facilities for our visitors.

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1953 FLOODS REMEMBERED

Described as one of the worst peacetime disasters in the UK, the 1953 floods that battered coastal towns throughout Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, is featured in a new film being shown at **Leiston Film Theatre** that shows how it devastated the East of England.

Entitled *A Surge of Memories*, the film features accounts from survivors, memories of those who witnessed the floods, stories captured from those who are no longer with us and reflections of family members affected by the floods.

The film has been made to commemorate the storm surge's 70th anniversary and has been created by the Coastal Partnership East, comprising of East Suffolk Council, North Norfolk District Council, in partnership with the Anglian Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

It is estimated that around 307 people died in England during the evening of January 31 to February 1, 1953, including 41 in Felixstowe and five in Southwold. It was the worst storm surge disaster for 60 years.

The film also reflects on the 2013 East Coast tidal surge and considers future challenges.

Closer to home, Aldeburgh was also severely affected by the devastating tidal surge and the screening at Leiston Film Theatre will be preceded by an exclusive set of images on screen, of the 1953 Aldeburgh floods.

A Surge of Memories will be screened at Leiston Film Theatre on Sunday 21st May, with separate screenings at 3.00pm and 5.30pm. Tickets are priced £8.50 for adults, £7.50 for concessions and £6.50 for members of the Leiston Film Theatre Support Club. Tickets are

now available from the Leiston Film Theatre box office on 01728 830549 and via the Film Theatre website at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk



HALESWORTH ANGEL BOWLS CLUB

HABC held their presentation dinner on Sunday 2nd April at the Angel Hotel.

Unfortunately, Trevor Flatt our chairman was whisked off to hospital on Friday night so could not present the trophies and was not present to receive a number of the cups. We wish and hope that Trevor will be well enough to welcome the start of the new season.

Eddie Beanlands won the Men's 4 Wood, Trevor won the Men's 2 Wood, the Men's 3 Wood and the Mixed Pairs with Ann Burnside. Paula Gooch won the Ladies' 2 Wood. India Bell beat Sheila Beanlands to win the Novice's Trophy.

Hopefully there will have been a good turn-out for our Open Afternoons which will have taken place in April by

the time you read this.

We welcome anyone interested to our 'roll up' sessions on a Tuesday. Our

Club can be found next to Halesworth FC's ground at the top of Dairy Hill. Ben Cardwell (Hon Sec) 01986873352



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 9 The Arts Society Southwold Lecture. The Anatomy of a Masterpiece: Bathers at Asnieres by Georges Seurat. Lecturer: Steven Barrett. 2pm at Southwold Arts Centre. Visitors welcome.

MAY 13 – 28 Suffolk Walking Festival. Over 70 walks. Launch day will be held in the beautiful Thornham Estate with a discovery tour of the estate's natural history; a tasty stroll foraging the estate's woodlands; a step back in time along a 900-year old Drive Road; and a night exploration of hoots, heavens and things that glow! There are walks about Suffolk poets, artists and writers; we celebrate Rogation Day in Bury St Edmunds; and experience the Japanese practice of Forest Bathing! For more information visit www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk

MAY 14 Prometheus Orchestra: The Musical Draw of Cities. 4pm at St Bartholomew's Church Orford. Tickets: £20 (unreserved seating) / £10 fulltime students. Tickets available at Britten Pears Arts Box office and website www.brittenpearsarts.org

MAY 17 Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund Film Show: Fishermens Friends 2. A very uplifting film. 2pm at The Cut Doors will open at 1.45 and admission is by £5 donation.

MAY 20 Halesworth branch of Cancer Research Spring Fair. Light Lunches and Delicious Desserts served from 11.30am. New and Gift Stall, Raffle, Cakes, Books, Bric-a-brac, Tombola etc. 10.30am - 2pm at Holton Village Hall IP19 8RZ. A warm welcome to everyone.

MAY 27 Wenhamston Village Hall Produce & Craft Market. Handmade cards, jewellery, homemade jams, chutneys, hand knitted items homemade artisan bread, Dexter Beef and other food and plant produce on sale and more. The cafe will be open for Tea, Coffee and Homemade Savouries & Cakes. 10am to 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome. For further details contact: Carol on: 07864083296.

MAY 27, 28 & 29 The Annual Book Sale Weekend: everything for sale is

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JUN 3 & 4 Holton & Blyford Village Hall Open Gardens Weekend. Refreshments available, Raffle in aid of hall funds. 11am to 4pm each day. Admission £6. Children free

JUN 24 An evening of Swing Music and Dance with 'Out of Nowhere'. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start at Wenhamston Village Hall. Tickets are £12 adults, accompanied under 16s free and are available in advance from Wenhamston Post Office from Monday 22nd May and on the door from 7pm. Bar and 50/50 raffle including nibbles! For further information email Carol at: caz-mike@outlook.com.

CITIZENS ADVICE EAST SUFFOLK

Fornightly drop-in opens in Halesworth as Citizens Advice East Suffolk expands its service

The opening of this new outreach follows the review undertaken since the formation of Citizens Advice East Suffolk to extend its presence and provide a more comprehensive and accessible service.

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A film commemorating the 70th anniversary of the 1953 floods.

The devastating North Sea flood of 1953 caused catastrophic damage and loss of life in Scotland, England, Belgium and The Netherlands. It became one of the worst peacetime disasters of 20th century. In England alone, 307 people lost their lives, many of those on the Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex coast.

The failure of any preventative measures meant that many people, children and adults alike, went to bed on that fateful night of 31st January 1953 not knowing of the devastation to come.

The film includes memories of those who witnessed the floods, stories captured from those no longer with us and reflections of family members affected by the floods. The film includes contemplation from those impacted by the 2013 East Coast tidal surge and takes a look at future challenges.

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