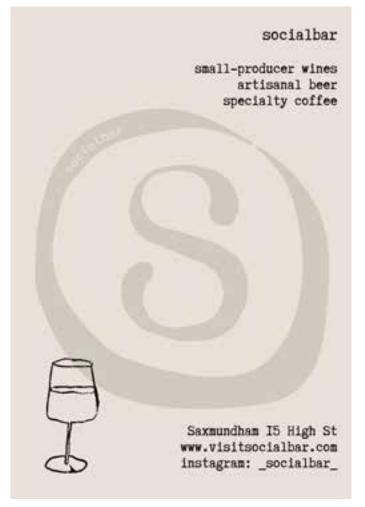
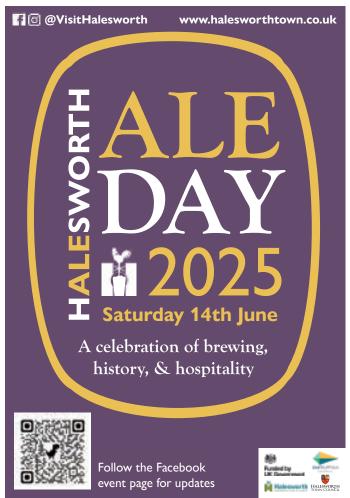
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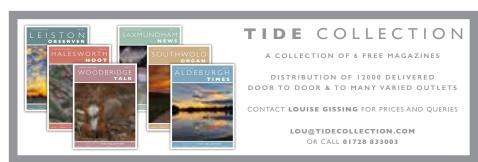
At the beginning of May the community came together to mark VE Day 80, along with Army & Air Cadets, Guides, Scouts and the Royal British Legion Band who were presented with the highest honour a council can bestow – 'The Freedom of the Town'. Very well deserved, they are such a part of many community events throughout the year, in Leiston and beyond.

Please get in touch if you have anything to share with our readers or if you have an event coming up why not consider increasing your footfall by placing an advert in the Tide Collection? We people really engage with our publications. I would love to hear from you, email me at: lou@tidecollection.com

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Remembrance Day is a timely reminder that, in what may be some of Britain's darkest hours, it is the bravery of millions of ordinary people from all races, religions, and backgrounds that have kept our country's flame burning and stood up for the values we hold dear.

Amber Rudd





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LEISTON TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

VE Day 80 Event, 8th May at Sizewell Beach

Even with the cold wind the local community came to support the 'VE Day 80' event at Sizewell Beach, organised by Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council with representatives of the community.

People came prepared with blankets, found corners to sit in and sheltered in the dunes.

The evening started with music of the time played through the p.a. system which Sonny Cracknell had kindly provided.

An important addition to the programme was a special presentation by Mayor, Councillor Lesley Hill, of a framed scroll to The Royal British Legion Band Leiston of 'The Freedom of the Town', the highest honour Council can bestow on an organisation or person.

The Royal British Legion Band Leiston played music and songs from WWII with part of the programme also featuring The Sizewell Creative Choir. The community singing of well-known WW2 songs and more modern songs with meaningful lyrics led by the Band and the Choir was well received.

Leiston Air Cadets and Army Cadets together with representatives from the Guides and Scouts assembled behind the standard bearers to hear the reading of The Tribute by John Farmer CBE, President of The Royal British Legion, Leiston branch. The beacon was lit by Stuart Smith, Flt Lieutenant RAFAC Officer Commanding 1379 (Leiston) Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets and all were invited to join in the singing of 'I Vow To Thee My Country' and then the national anthem.

With the beacon ablaze, Scott Davidson as The Lone Piper stood in the forefront of the beacon performing laments to close the evening.

Cllr Lesley Hill, Mayor of Leiston cum-Sizewell said "I thank the community for coming to this special event, to those who took part and to everyone involved in helping to organise it.

"It was an evening to rekindle the joy that must have been felt at the announcement of the end of the war in Europe but also an opportunity for us all to remember those who served at home and abroad during World War II."

By-Election, 26th June 2025

Leiston-cum-Sizewell will be holding a by-election on June 26th 2025. By the time this article is published the candidates will have been announced and we ask the community to come out and vote. Polling stations will open at the Leiston Community Centre and at the Long Shop Museum.

We welcome interest from our community in serving as a Councillor. Vacancies often arise throughout the year. If anyone would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk or East Suffolk Council elections team.

Neighbourhood Plan - 28th June 2025 at Community Centre, King Georges Avenue

Council is reviewing its 2017 Neighbourhood Plan which is a document created by a community, shaping how their neighbourhood grows and changes. Please come along anytime between 10am and 2pm and let us hear your views on our draft plan.

Diary Dates

Just a reminder: Full Council meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Community Centre from 6.45pm. An agenda is posted on the noticeboard outside the Council Offices and is available online from our website www. leistontowncouncil.gov.uk.

If you would like further information on any of the above, please contact Council Offices on 01728 830388 or email office@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.





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COMMUNITY PROJECTS RECEIVE FUNDING BOOST

Volunteers who run a swimming club in Leiston have praised the support they received from Suffolk Community Foundation while applying for an £88,000 grant from the Sizewell C Community Fund.

Leiston and District Swimming Club is one of nine organisations to have been awarded money during the most recent round of funding. It will be used over three years to introduce a new swimming session, improved coaching and new equipment. The club has now thanked Suffolk Community Foundation for the help it received during the application process while urging other smaller charities to follow their lead and see whether they could benefit.

Buddy Lamb, volunteer and committee member at Leiston and District Swimming Club, said: "We're incredibly thankful to have been awarded this funding. It will allow us to grow and enhance the club and improve the programs and opportunities we can provide for people in Leiston and the surrounding communities. We believe this will help more individuals and families get involved in the sport - supporting both their mental and physical wellbeing.

"As a club run entirely by volunteers, we were initially nervous about applying, since we had no prior experience and no dedicated staff to handle the application process. But the support we received from the team at Suffolk Community Foundation was outstanding and made everything so much more manageable.

"We'd really encourage other small charities and community groups thinking about applying for funding to reach out to Suffolk Community Foundation and learn about the support they offer."

The third round of funding has taken the total awarded so far to nearly £2m. Other charities and not-for-profit groups to benefit include:

1379 Leiston Squadron Air Cadets, which was awarded £21,088 to buy six kayaks, water safety gear and a trailer to give cadets the chance to try paddle sports.

ActivLives, which was awarded £141,079 over three years to fund activities designed to boost the wellbeing and mental health of older residents, people with a long-term health condition or disability and people experiencing, or at risk of, social isolation.

Green Light Trust, which was given £14,755 for a joint project with Wardens Trust to pilot a programme of nature-based therapeutic activities for people from Leiston and the surrounding areas.

I Made This, which has been given £89,153 over three years to fund term-time after school stop-motion animation sessions for children in the Leiston area with autism and other special educational needs.

The project aims to boost their confidence, social skills and wellbeing.

The Art Station, which was granted £86,264 to fund a two-year programme of community art-based activities in Saxmundham, including photography sessions, gardening and walks held throughout the year.

Wickham Market Partnership, which was awarded £8,280 to resurface its three tennis courts and an additional £500 to buy equipment to encourage children and young people to take up the sport.

In addition, **Leiston Youth Club** was given £28,099 and the Live Well Hub, managed by Leiston Town Council, was awarded £67,033.

For more information about the Sizewell C Community Fund, eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit sizewellcfund.org. uk or call 01473 602 602. The current round closes to applications on Sunday 20 July, with the next round opening the following day.



Head Coach Tom Pawle with Buddy Lamb



Children from I Made This



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June Events

Saturday 14th 80's Disco

Sunday 15th Ace Karaoke



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LEISTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Community at the heart of the Club

Preparations are already underway for the start of the new football season at Leiston FC. When you are a Step 3 Football Club in England, getting yourself prepared for another big season ahead starts as soon as the last ball is kicked in the previous campaign. However, on the final day of the season just gone, back in April, Leiston enjoyed a Youth Section Day at Victory Road, where young players, boys and girls, came together to support the first team in their final game of the season against Biggleswade Town. Sadly, the result didn't go the way of the Blues, but the day itself was a huge success and was much more important than a result that mattered little to either side. The youngsters got to meet the first team and there were plenty of opportunities for photographs, as well as a free BBQ for the young players throughout the day.

Leiston have 11 youth teams, from U9 to U18, as well as two girls' teams.

Community is at the heart of the Club and, while the first team are one of the highest-ranked sides in Suffolk and indeed East Anglia and England at nonleague level, they also enjoy a thriving youth section, with many local boys and girls involved. If you would like to know more about Leiston's youth section, contact Director of Football, Dave Williams on dave.williams@leistonfc.co.uk

Picking up Awards

The Awards night, held at the Football Club, was a glittering occasion and there was plenty of silverware on show as the first team, U23s and U18s all celebrated their seasons.

And here were the winners...

First /Team

Supporters' Player of the Year: Eddie Jackson.

Vice-Presidents' Player of the Year:

George Quantrell

Committee Player of the Year: Eddie Jackson

Most Man of the Match awards: Fraser

Alexander

Leading Goalscorer of the Year: Jamar

Players' Player of the Year: Fraser

Alexander Manager's Player of the Year: Kyran

Clements

Under 23s

Players' Player of the Year: Marcus

Mehew

Leading Goalscorer: Mackenzie Travis Supporters' Player of the Year: Marcus

Mehew

Manager's Player of the Year: Archie

Hubert

Under 18s

Players' Player of the Year: Liam Shaw Supporters' Player of the Year: Liam

Manager's Player of the Year: Harry **Bales**

Supporter Award

lan Tugwell Memorial Cup: Craig Cooper

Always welcome to join the Blues.

Founded in 1880 Leiston Football Club is one of the oldest and most established non-league clubs in the UK. If you would like to be involved at Leiston Football Club, from becoming a match day volunteer through to bespoke sponsorship packages for the 25/26 season, that include Matchday, ball and individual player sponsorship, contact Andy Crisp on 07769 904555 or email acrisp5@aol.com and see how you as an individual or your business can enjoy being part of the Leiston FC experience.

For information on the club, news and teams, head over to www.leistonfc.co.uk or follow Leiston on X, Facebook and Instagram @leistonfc

Lionesses meet the First team: Leiston's Youth Section Day at the final game of the season back in April saw the U10 Leiston Lionesses, meet the first team. Photo: ELITE GRAPHICS



KYRAN STARS: Leiston first team Manager's Player of the Year, Kyran Clements, right, pictured with first-team boss Chris Wigger. Photo: LEISTON FC



ALL SMILES: Young Leiston players are pictured with first team player and former Ipswich Town man, Fraser Alexander, who won Leiston's Players' Player of the Year at the end of season awards. Photo: LEISTON FC





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A FIRST FOR FREYA!

Young Royal British Legion Standard Bearer achieves new 'first' for Suffolk

Youth Standard Bearers have not been part of Suffolk County for at least twenty years.

When we re-introduced the format two years ago, 16 year old Freya Owen took up the challenge of becoming one of our first Youth Standard Bearers at the age of 14, taking part in her first County Youth Standard Bearer Competition in early 2024.

She achieved a very good second place!

During 2024 Freya paraded the Leiston Branch Standard at the D Day Commemoration in Bury St Edmunds Cathedral where she was introduced to the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Lady Clare, and the Military Attachés from USA, Canada and France.

Since then, Freya has competed in both the County and Eastern Region Youth Standard Bearer Competitions and won both! On Sunday 6th April 2025 at Stockport (Manchester) she competed against five other National Youth Standard Bearer.

Representing Suffolk, Essex, Norfolk & Cambridgeshire she came an incredible fifth out of the six.

This might seem a 'lowly' place but for her first National event this is quite an incredible achievement! Freya epitomises all that the Royal British Legion stands for where 'Service not Self' is our byword.

Freya has shown great interest in continuing as a RBL Standard Bearer when she reaches 18 years old.

Presently, Freya is a member of Leiston Army Cadet Force and is the Leiston RBL Branch Standard Bearer.

She attends most local Remembrance events and the August VJ Celebrations and Commemorations are going to be particularly busy times for her.



ALDRINGHAM CUM THORPE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Council has submitted their Neighbourhood Plan to East Suffolk Council, ahead of it undergoing an independent examination and residents are invited to give their views. East Suffolk Council is publicising the plan and inviting representations, which will be forwarded to the examiners for consideration alongside the plan.

Subject to the plan successfully completing all the relevant regulatory stages, the policies and proposals contained in the plan will be used by East Suffolk Council in the determination of planning applications within the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Area.

Cllr Mark Packard, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Planning and Coastal Management said: "Neighbourhood planning enables communities to influence planning proposals at a local level and helps residents get directly involved with shaping the future of their area. I would encourage those living in Aldringham cum Thorpe to view their Neighbourhood Plan and submit their comments for consideration."

View the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents and make a representation at www.eastsuffolk.gov. uk/neighbourhood-planning.

Hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view during normal opening hours at Leiston Library and Aldeburgh Library. Should there be any difficulties in accessing copies of the document, please call 01502 523029 / 01394 444557 or email planningpolicy@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

Alternatively, comments can be emailed to planningpolicy@eastsuffolk.gov. uk or posted to East Suffolk Council, Planning Policy and Delivery Team (Neighbourhood Plans), Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 0EQ. All representations should be headed Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan as the subject matter. Where representations relate to a particular paragraph or policy, please ensure that this is also clearly stated. Any representations made may include a request to be notified of East Suffolk Council's decision whether to accept the examiner's recommendation and future progress with the plan. Representations must be received no later than 5pm on 18 June 2025.

All representations will be made available to view online as soon as possible after the close of the consultation.

PROJECT UPDATE

JUNE 2025

Work across all Sizewell C sites continues to progress at pace.

Preparation for the Friday Street Roundabout is progressing well. The works compound has been established and the vegetation and tree clearance along the A12 is almost complete. Site preparation along the route of the two-village bypass is also ongoing for the archaeology phase.

Yoxford Roundabout is also being prepared for construction. BT Openreach will be diverting cables along the A12 from May to June which will require traffic management with traffic signals.

For the Sizewell Link Road, a works compound has been established at the western end of the Sizewell Link Road beside the A12, with archaeological works ongoing. The Park and Ride site preparation continues, with construction due to begin this summer. Railway track improvements along the Leiston branch continue at pace, we expect the first trains bringing in materials to site this summer.

The Freight Management Facility (FMF) at the Orwell Logistics Park, located off the A14, is now operational. The FMF is a vital part of how we manage our lorries and goods travelling to Sizewell. The FMF site will be for HGVs to check-in before proceeding along the A12 to site.

We are installing average speed cameras along the B1122 and the B1125 from the end of May 2025 to further enhance road safety along this route. We are also upgrading the temporary Sizewell C signs across the county along the A14, A12 and local roads to be permanent signs. An Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) layby will also be built on the A12 near the B1078 that will help to manage our wider load HGV movements that are escorted by the police to site.

From the summer we will be undertaking road improvements along the B1122, B1078, A140 / B1078 and the B1119 / A12 at Saxmundham, further details and updates will be given to communities as the works programmes are finalised.

Along the Sizewell beach, from the week commencing 19th May, we will be establishing two small compounds on the foreshore. One compound will be approx. 5m x 5m Heras fenced and the second compound will be 20m x 20m storage and welfare and will be fenced off. There will be no impact to the public footpath along the route.

From the end of May 2025, Sizewell C will begin construction of the northern section of the temporary sea defence. We will be installing sheet piles at 7.3m height to create the temporary defence. This work will continue over the next few months. We will carry out these works Monday – Friday. The public footpath will remain open for the duration of the works. We apologise in advance for any noise disturbance caused due to these works.

FORUM SCHEDULE

All forum timings 18:30 - 20:30

(Arrival from 18:00)

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Forum	4 June 2025	Riverside Centre
Main Development	Wednesday	Leiston Town
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Northern Transport Forum	Wednesday 6 August 2025	Darsham Village Hall

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GREEN LIGHT TRUST

We are Green Light Trust, an East Anglian environmental wellbeing charity based in Bury St Edmunds. We support children, young people and adults to improve health and general wellbeing through nature in Suffolk and Norfolk.

We have partnered with the Wardens Trust and Suffolk Community Foundation's Sizewell C fund for an exciting new opportunity...From Summer 2025, Green Light Trust will be delivering woodland activity days in the beautiful grounds of the Warden's Trust in Sizewell for residents of Leiston and surrounding villages. Our woodland activities will be running for 10 weeks across the summer, providing opportunities to engage with nature. Locals will have the chance to learn green woodworking skills, fire lighting, build conservation knowledge, participate in woodland crafts, amongst a host of other activities. Each week we will provide a meal cooked over the open fire and a chance to meet other people from the community whilst engaging in meaningful tasks around the grounds.

This is a partnership we are looking forward to starting this Summer to help connect people with nature and each other for residents in and around Leiston.

If you're interested in finding out more please contact pecsupport@greenlighttrust.org.

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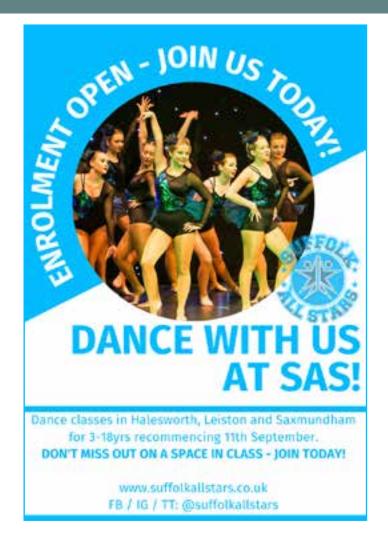
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Janet Few is an experienced and well-known British family, social and community historian who has lectured at conferences across the English-speaking world and at sea. She is an author of both historical fiction and non-fiction, as well as many magazine articles. In addition, she has worked with the UK 'Who Do You Think You Are?' television programme. As an educator, Janet runs online genealogy and social history courses for Pharos Tutoring and Teaching. She is currently serving as the President of the Family History Federation and is actively involved in several other family history organisations. For Janet, the joy of genealogy lies in the context and she believes in the importance of understanding the history of the places in which our ancestors lived and the social history of their time.

The talk takes place on **Monday 16th June at 2.30p**m, in person at the Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL (behind the library) and, for members only, on Zoom. Janet will be speaking to us on Zoom and the talk starts at 2.30pm.

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Future programme, 2.30pm at the Fromus Centre, Saxmundham: Mon 21st July: The Garrett Family - Fraser Hale

LEISTON COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

Volunteers are urgently being sought to set up a charitable trust to care for a 24-hour Community Public Accessible Defibrillator site (CPAD) in Leiston, known as Leiston Community Defibrillator. It is located at Leiston Family Hub in Waterloo Avenue and is currently the sole responsibility of the Primary Guardian who established the site in July 2017 after feeling there was the need for another CPAD site in the town.

At the time there was just one at the East of England Co-op store in Sizewell Road. There is now a total of four, the others are at Haylings Pond in Haylings Road and Sizewell Sports and Social Club in King Georges Avenue. The Waterloo Avenue CPAD site was installed with the permission of Suffolk County Council who own the building. The project was completed through receiving grants and public donations, with the assistance of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council who kindly looked after the funds. All the monies raised were used to purchase the defibrillator, the cabinet, and a 10-year worry-free consumables package. The defibrillator is registered with The Circuit - The National Defibrillator Network, and it has been deployed by East of England Ambulance Service Trust eighteen times. It has been used once. There are currently three people caring for the site, the Primary Guardian and two Secondary Guardians.

With the 10-year worry-free consumables package due to end in June 2027, fundraising needs to begin in earnest to ensure that there will be funds in place for purchasing further consumable items, meaning a charitable trust needs to be set up. A minimum of three trustees are required; a chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer. However, The Charity Governance Code suggests a board of at least five, but no more than twelve trustees is typically considered good practice. Currently, there are just two people wishing to be trustees. If you would like join them, please contact Linda Hawes by mailing linda.hawes1@btinternet.com or by calling 01728 833903. For further information see: https://www.facebook.com leiston.community.defibrillator https://www.gov.uk/set-up-a-charity







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Thursday 10th July - Friston Classics on the Green IP17 1NP from 2:30pm.

Bring along your veteran, vintage or classic car or bike or just bring your friends and family along to see the classics. There is public parking on Grove Road and there will be refreshments and cakes available in the village hall.

Both events are to raise funds for Friston Church



LEISTON ALLOTMENT HOLDER & GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

June can be a warm month, although often the driest and sunniest days can finish with thunderstorms.

Vegetables: Plant sprouts, winter cabbages, and savoy. Plant tomatoes outdoors, and support plants with canes – except the bush varieties. Feed cucumbers weekly with a liquid manure. Continue sowing peas, salad crops and French beans.

Fruit: To encourage new blackcurrant growth, water if necessary, mulch with manure or compost, protect from birds.

Flowers: Plant out young dahlias by the middle of the month. If greenfly appears on your plants, spray monthly with a systemic insecticide. Dahlias need plenty of water, and mulch after watering.

Greenhouse: Maintain a humid atmosphere by regular spraying and 'damping down'. 'Vent' at night in warm weather. Spray or brush 'whitewash' or shading liquid on the outside of the greenhouse, including cloches and frames.

Lawns: Continue mowing, raising blades during very dry weather. Spike the lawn to allow any water to penetrate and apply weedkiller if necessary.

In drought conditions raise the 'cutters' and mow without a box.

Finally – Keep on top with the weeding.....

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FRAMLINGHAM AND SAXMUNDHAM CATS PROTECTION

The first week in June is designated as, 'Volunteers' Week'. It's a wonderful opportunity to show appreciation to everyone who generously gives their time to support their communities, charities, and other great causes. At Framlingham & Saxmundham Cats Protection, we want to thank all the amazing volunteers who help us care for our cats and support our branch. Their contributions mean a great deal to us, and we appreciate them not just during this week, but every single week of the year. We couldn't do what we do without their incredible support!

Our volunteers come from all walks of life and do so many different things fostering cats, fundraising, transporting supplies, knitting adorable catnip mice and cosy blankets, making cat duvets, collecting food, handling inquiries, and so much more. We salute each and every one of them! If you're interested in joining our friendly and lively team, we'd love to hear from you!

Send us an email at the address below or give us a call. We look forward to hearing from you!

Date for your diary: Sunday, 29th June Woodbridge Regatta, Ferry Quay.

Come and see us on our stand to support us and find out more about what we do.

Cat Looking for a Home: This pretty girl is Dove. She is approximately 6 years old and is a very sweet-natured, friendly girl who would like to be an only pet. Dove is very affectionate and loves a lot of fuss in return.

She has not had access to the great outdoors for a while so is looking for a quiet home, away from busy roads and with a secure garden for her to start exploring again.

See Dove and all the cats looking for new homes on our website: https://www.cats. org.uk/framandsax#adopt-all

Website: www.cats.org.uk/framandsax, email: enquiries@framandsax.cats.org. uk, or telephone 01728 723499 for more information about adopting cats in our care; how to become a member of the branch; event dates; neutering; cat-care leaflets; how to become a volunteer fundraiser or fosterer, to make a donation or explore other ways you can support us. Also find us on Facebook and Instagram.



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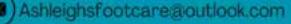
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THE SALT PATH 12A

Sun 8th June at 4.00pm

FIRE OVER SHINGLE STREET 12A

Fri 13th, Sat 14th & Wed 18th June at 7.15pm

THUNDERBOLTS* 12A

Sun 15th June at 7.30pm. LIVE ON STAGE

SERIOUSLY COLLINS - THE PHIL COLLINS & GENESIS SHOW

Mon 16th & Tues 17th June at 7.15pm Wed 18th June at 3.00pm Thurs 19th June at 7.15pm June at 7.30pm. LIVE ON STAGE

THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND 12A

Fri 20th & Sat 21st June at 7.15pm Sun 22nd June at 6.00pm Tues 24th - Thurs 26th June at 7.15pm

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Fri 27th June at 5.00pm Sat 28th & Sun 29th June at 3.00pm

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Fri 11th, Sat 12th, Mon 14th & Tues 15th July at 7.15pm Wed 16th July at 3.00pm & 7.15pm Thurs 17th July at 7.15pm

F1: THE MOVIE 12A

Sun 13th July at 7.30pm. LIVE ON STAGE

THE BOOTLEG SHADOWS

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THE 81ST ALDEBURGH CARNIVAL

The 81st Aldeburgh Carnival will be held on Monday 18th August 2025 and the theme will be: 'Summer by the Seaside'.

Here is a snapshot of events with some timings that may be subject to change so please look out for the Carnival programme which will be on sale in the short term and contributes greatly to Carnival fund raising.

What's New For 2025:

Saturday August 16th

- At Aldeburgh Yacht Club we have the presentation of the De Quincey Cup
- Silent Auction with some fabulous prizes 10am 4.30pm at Moot Green
- Sale of ducks for racing 10am -4.40pm at Moot Green
- Ginat kite flying 10am 4.30pm at the beach opposite the Wentworth Hotel
- Ticket sales and programmes for Live music 1 - 7pm - North of Moot Green

Sunday August 17th

- Highlight of Sunday is the 10K race from Aldeburgh to Thorpeness and back
- Most of the above will continue into Sunday
- Punch & Judy shows 12noon & 2pm at Moot Green
- Duck & Egg boat races 4.30 5pm at the yacht pond

Monday August 18th

- 8.30 09.30am Swimming Races (weather permitting) off beach opposite
- 10.30am 12noon Life-Boat Launch
- 11am 1pm Judging and presentation of prizes for decorated premises throughout town
- 1 2.15pm Entrants starting to arrive at Market Cross Place
- 1.45pm Briefing of judges at Moot Hall upper
- 2 3.15pm Judging of entries and formation of the Carnival procession
- 3.50pm Waiter's Race from the Suffolk to the White Hart pub
- Chief Marshal leads Pipe band to Wentworth Hotel to meet the Carnival Queen then returns to the Moot Hall with the band and Carnival Queen on her float

So much more to follow!

I would like to remind our readers and supporters once again.....that this event costs approximately £50K to put on, supported by a large team of committee members who volunteer their free time.

It can only be a success if we have more volunteers focussed on the weekend to shake buckets, operate contactless pads, man the car parking etc. etc. to collect money for our local charities, so please, do get in touch if you have an hour to spare on any day over the weekend.

Happy and successful Carnival to all!







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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUN 4, 11, 18 & 25 Heritage Coast Bridge Club. Duplicate bridge at 1pm every Wednesday in the Leiston Community Centre, Sizewell Rd (next to the fire station). Parking on site and refreshments provided. New members welcome friendly club, further information on our website or phone 07444824778.

JUN 9 The Suffolk Strings Annual Concert. Conducted by Peter Bumstead, the programme includes a J.S. Bach Violin Concerto, soloist Rosemary Shaw. Tea follows the performance. Tickets are on sale at Weavers Tearoom and Peasenhall General Stores or on the door (Cash only please – no internet). 3.30pm at Sibton Church.

JUN 11 Save the Children (Aldeburgh Branch) - Garden Party. 2 – 5pm, at The Red House, Golf Lane, Aldeburgh IP15 5PZ by kind permission of Britten Pears Arts. Music by the Deben Strings. Pimms & other refreshments available. Plants, books & other gifts.

JUN 14 The Friends of St Andrew's Church, Aldringham Coffee Morning & Sale. Books, Bric-a-brac, Jewellery, Tombola, Cakes, refreshments and more. 10am – 12noon at St Andrew's Church, Aldringham.

JUN 14 Plant Sale: 10am- 4pm in Westleton Village Hall Car Park. IP17 3AD. Running alongside Westleton Yard Sale and raising funds for Westleton Gardeners Club. Light refreshments.

14 JUN Westleton Yard Sale.

Collectibles, furniture, bric-a-brac, garden items & more, in gardens and driveways around the village. Map to be purchased at the Village Hall (£1) at the start of your tour. Under 16s free. 10am – 4pm

JUN 22 Suffolk Wildlife Trust Nature Walk @ Thorpeness - led by Steve Massey. 10.30am. Meet at the Meare by 10.15am. £5 per head (cash). No dogs please. Suitable for children over 12 years of age. Tel: 01728 831231

JUN 26 Saxmundham History Society meeting: 'History of Saxmundham Museum' by Richard Wills Crisp. Membership: £18 a year. 2.30pm @ URC, Chapel Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1BJ. Visitors £2. Tel: 01728 604608 for more information.

JUN 26 Quiz Night at Thorpeness Pavilion. Teams of 6. £2 per head. Bring your own nibbles. Bar available. Tel: 01728 831231. Starts promptly at 7.30pm, arrive from 7.15pm.

JUN 28 Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh. East Sussex Community Choir presents a delightful hour-long concert for a summer late afternoon (5pm). The programme will include extracts from Haydn Nelson Mass and Vivaldi Dixit Dominus, Schubert's An die Musik, and a medley from Bernstein's West Side Story, as well as pieces by Osgood, Stopford and Farrant. Entry is FREE.

LEISTON TOWN BOWLS

A lovely sunny start to 2025 but the evenings were bitter and cold for our first two games.

Only a few mixed results but things are looking good. Five away games in will have been played by the end of May.

The green is tip top as always, no bouncing bombs at Leiston, not so on other 'bowls' greens.

We proudly played host to the Suffolk County trials for Adams & Newton on Sunday May 4th and the under 25s on Sunday 11th, both lovely sunny days and hosting these helps with our finances thanks to Ann and her hardworking team.

Games are mostly in the evenings now, for the next 3 months.

Spectators and new members are always very welcome so come up and join us! See you on the green.

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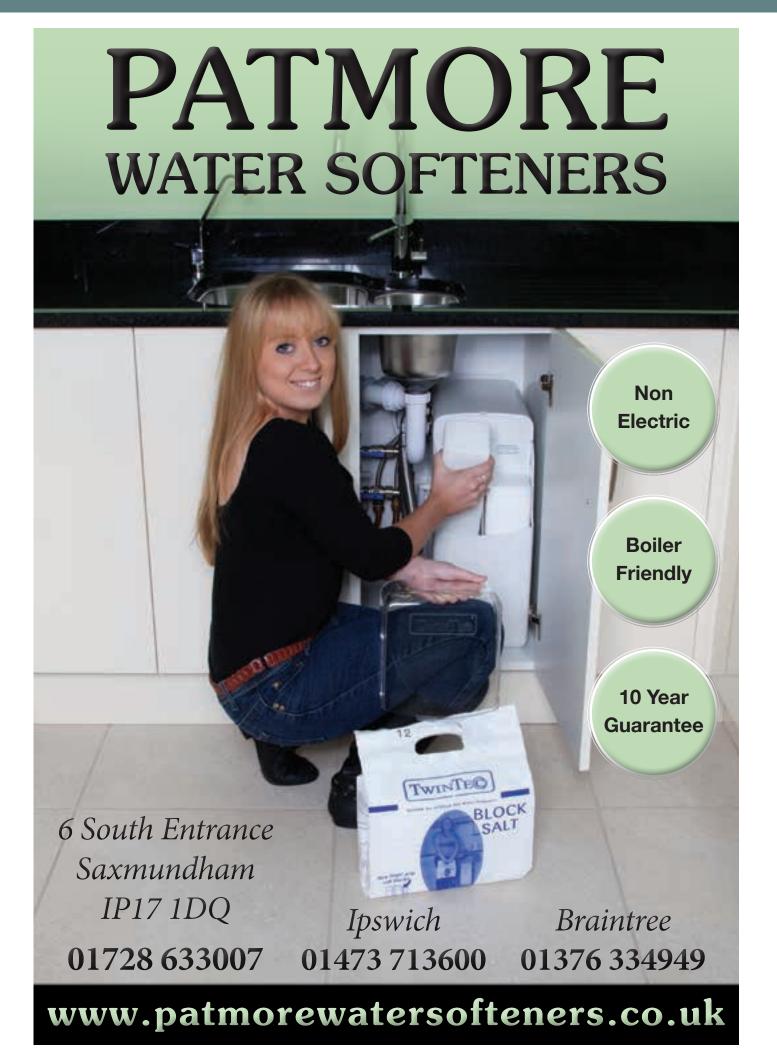
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