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Halesworth Air Museum marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day by serving creams teas and in early June they welcomed the co-author of 'Into the Cold Blue'. The other author is 101 year old John Homan who flew 34 missions in his time at Halesworth and he was able to chat with museum staff on the phone. What a fitting way to mark VE80, speaking to the only surviving veteran from 489th Bomb Group.

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HALESWORTH AIRFIELD MUSEUM

On 3rd of June Halesworth Airfield Museum opened its doors for a visit from Dr Jared Frederick and his friends who were on a trip from America. Jared is a historian and author who has recently co-written a book with John Homan titled 'Into The Cold Blue'.

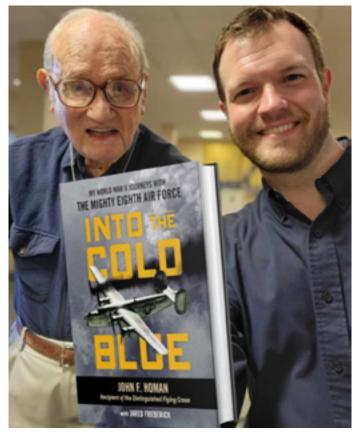
John served as a pilot with the 489th bomb group at Halesworth in 1944. He is now at the grand age of 101 years old and still going strong. He flew 34 missions in his time at Halesworth.

Two of Jared's friends, who accompanied him, had been involved with the Mini series 'Masters Of The Air'. While they were looking around the museum, guided by our volunteers, Jared managed to phone John Homan back in America so that we could all chat with him.

After touring the museum they toured what remains of the airfield in a Willys jeep, stopping off to see where the Nissan hut John lived in during the war was. It was a lovely to see him and his friends and great to be able to chat with the only surviving veteran that we know of from the 489th bomb group.







Co-authors of 'Into the Cold Blue' John Homan & Dr Jared Frederick

The Museum marked **VE80** by serving cream teas on 11th May. The event was a great success with glorious sunshine. People turned out in force. We even had a veteran's daughter over from America pay us a visit. There was a fantastic spread of homemade scones covered in clotted cream and jam. The museum would like to thank everyone who made scones and cakes etc. We would also like to thank Spar and Morrisons, who donated jam, milk and strawberries and more. Most of all we would like to thank our volunteers and the general public who ensured the event was a great success. By the time VE Day came the 56th fighter group and the 489th bomb group had moved on but the 5th emergency rescue squadron and 495th fighter training group were at Halesworth on VE Day.

The Museum's main Open Day and fundraiser will be held on 24th August, just after the anniversary of VJ Day when the Japanese surrendered and brought an end to the war, at last. We are planning to mark the anniversary of VJ Day with special displays.

Paul Starks



HALESWORTH BRANCH OF CANCER RESEARCH

The Committee and Volunteers would like to thank everyone who came along to our Spring Fair which we held at Holton Village Hall on Saturday 17th May. We hope that all of you who stayed for lunch enjoyed the food. We have received some really nice comments about the meals, which means a lot to us, so thank you very much. It was a lovely friendly community event and the hall looked very pretty with all the flower table decorations.

We are so grateful that so many of you support our events and we are delighted to say that you raised an amazing £2425.19 for the incredible work carried out by Cancer Research as they continue to find new treatments and better diagnostic techniques in their fight to beat Cancer.

We have to say a huge thank you to the following businesses for providing items used for our meals: Cleveleys; Co-op Halesworth; Spar Halesworth; Tesco's Beccles; The East of England Co-op Beccles. Their support makes a massive difference to us and we are extremely grateful to them.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for providing items for our raffle:

Tulula's Fish and Chips; Patrick's Newsagents; Adnams, Southwold; Mumfords, Southwold; Hidden Ivy, Holton.

Congratulations to everyone who won a raffle prize and thank you all for taking part.

Thank you to **Market Fields, Holton** for donating the lovely food hamper which raised £157 and was won by Beverley from Ipswich. The Bonus Ball Gin Hamper was won by Maxine V, with Saturday 17th May lottery bonus ball number 26.

A special thanks to **Woottens of Wenhaston** for donating some fantastic plants for the plant stall. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes or savouries for our cake stall, donated a raffle prize or contributed in any way.

Our next fundraising opportunity is our week in the I-Chameleon pop up shop in The Thoroughfare Halesworth from Thursday 3rd - Wednesday 9th July. We have something outside the shop each day. Thursday is Tombola and on Friday we have Jane Bastow with her very popular plant stall. Saturday is cake day, Monday it's books and jigsaws. On Tuesday the Ukulele Band are playing for us from 11.30 ish (weather permitting). In the shop we will have lots of bargains and we will have some nearly new clothes (with good labels eg. Seasalt, Dash, Fat Face Weird Fish, Boden etc). Please call in and say hello.

For more information, please contact Dawn Davis 01986 873640



HALESWORTH TO SOUTHWOLD NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY

The heritage railway charity will hold its summer Open Day at Blythburgh Station on Sunday July 20th. All our usual attractions will be there: you can see demonstration trains and shunting, using our replica rolling stock and 90-year-old solar-charged battery-electric locomotive 'Helen'.

The large-scale live steam model railway will run with its new scenic features, there will be guided tours of the station and track-bed; in the Village Hall will be railway films, displays of our work and our plans and light refreshments.

Not only is entry free – but the teas, coffees and homemade cakes are also free! (Charitable donations are of course welcome).

Despite being ready with rails and sleepers – and of course dedicated volunteers – to extend the railway westwards, we are still waiting for planning permission to do that: the Parish Council, sadly, have decided to prevent the railway being restored by seeking to designate the trackbed as a public Footpath – if granted, that would make the railway rebuild close to impossible. The HSNGR charity has always provided and maintained a very good permissive footpath, and will continue to do so: so, it is hoped that the wishes of most of the valley's population, and of all the Members of the Charity - to see this iconic railway running again - will not be stopped by a small minority.

Meanwhile the charity has applied for planning permission to provide better facilities for our hard-working volunteers, and to restore heritage structures, at the station.

We have not neglected our duties to maintain the track and loco shed site at the Folly, on Halesworth Millennium Green. The restored track is a historic attraction for the area, and we are providing guided walks from the town to the track on a number of occasions. We will also be attending events in Wenhaston and Walberswick. Another date for your diaries: the autumn Blythburgh station Open Day on Sunday September 14th includes a model railway show, and this year is also part of both the National Heritage Open Days and 'Railway 200', which celebrates the 200 years since the first official passenger train ran between Stockton and Darlington.

James Hewett











HALESWORTH DEMENTIA CARERS' FUND

Golf Competition: The Halesworth Golf Community came together in remarkable fashion on 7th May 2025, raising a staggering total of £7,100 in support of the Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund. The event, filled with camaraderie, compassion and competition, was a powerful tribute to those impacted by dementia and the critical work being done by the Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund. Congratulations go to the winning team of Tony Marshall, Teddy Mattocks, Andrew Perkins and Nicholas Sillett, who took home the engraved shielded – kindly crafted in 2023 by the Halesworth Men's Shed.

Special Thanks: A heartfelt thank you goes to our very generous sponsors, especially Suffolk Car Centre for their continued support, and also to Pearce and Kemp, Spectra Packaging, S. J. Geomatics, Kevin Townsend, Norton Peskett, Micropress, Dynamic Dental, Broadway Colours, Gentleman's Row, A. W. & D. Hammond, Jordan Fencing, Glam R Beauty Salon, Durrants, Van Djik, MRWCF Electrical, Wenhaston Parish Council and Huus who also sponsored the event so generously. We also thank all the local businesses for their great support. We would also like to thank the golf club for making us so welcome. Our special thanks go to Sara Higgins, Ben and Mark and their teams for their outstanding work and course preparation.

The Halesworth Dementia Carers' team – Anna, Iris, John, Irene and Nicky – were instrumental in the day's success, and Robin Douce deserves special mention for selling so many raffle tickets we ran out!

Thanks to our Captains, Paul, Dave and Barbara for their leadership, to Viv for managing the finances and entries and to every member and visitor who contributed raffle prizes or who placed bids in the auction.

The auction of fourball vouchers alone raised over £800. A special mention also goes to Terry Jeffery for donating one of his stunning paintings, which will be auctioned at a future event to further benefit the Dementia Carers.

We were all deeply moved by Tessa Summers, who shared her personal story about the care her late father received. Her heartfelt account reinforced the invaluable role of the Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund.

Our thanks also to Tony Pennock for introducing the 'Fore Get Me Not' golf initiative, highlighting the importance of inclusive golf opportunities for those living with dementia. We are excited to look into adopting this at Halesworth Golf.

Save the Date: Next year's event will take place on Wednesday May 6th, 2026 when we hope to bring back the shotgun start. More details will follow later in the year.

Finally, a personal note of thanks to John Giles, who dedicated so much time and heart to making the day memorable, despite it being a difficult one personally for him. His efforts exemplify the supportive spirit that defines our community.

Thank you once again to everyone who took part and contributed. We look forward to welcoming you back next year.

With best wishes,

John Giles and Sara Higgins

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WHAT'S ON AT THE SAIL LOFT? Summer 2025:

Welcome to the Sail Loft, here you'll find all the exciting things we will have going on this Spring/Summer

September 20^{th} , 21^{st} & 22^{nd} . The Sail lofts very own **Biannual Beer & Burger Festival** with live music, exciting speciality burger selection, cask ales and cider at £4.50/pint.

Introducing our new **Diners Loyalty Card**. Simply collect 8 stamps for every 2 courses you enjoy with us & receive a free meal on your next visit (T&C's apply)

Steak Night*: Every Thursday evening as of Thursday 27th March.
Pan seared minute steak, fries, dressed rocket with a brandy & peppercorn sauce £21.95 incl. house glass of wine or pint of lager

Food focus of the month: Come & join us each month where you'll find a different food focus as we go through each season

Wine Evening: Thursday 16th October (Wine supplied by Jeroboam Wines)

2 for £15 Menu*: Starts Monday 3rd November. Enjoy 2 courses from our pre-set menu for just £15, available Monday-Friday, between 12pm-3pm

Lunch Club: Starting Thursday 6th November. A different themed 2-course lunch with coffee, talk from our Chef about the dishes served and a full recipe card.

Quiz & Curry Evening: Starting Thursday 6th November - £15pp includes prize for winners

Live Music on 26th July & 16th Aug

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SWIFTS - WITH AUTHOR SARAH GIBSON

Swift lover and writer Sarah Gibson is travelling from Shropshire to share her passion for these amazing iconic birds with us in a talk presented by Halesworth Swifts on Thursday 10th July.

Sarah, who works as Communications Officer for Shropshire Wildlife Trust, admits she became aware of swifts late in life, but once she tuned in, she was completely hooked. That tends to happen with these particular birds ...

Her book, 'Swifts and Us', is utterly fascinating and inspirational. Beautifully written, it is a book you will find hard to put down; it will hook you into swifts too. She covers the ancient history, design and lifestyle of the birds and their plight as an endangered species in our time.

She meets people around the world and on her own little patch who are devoted to helping them and she urges us to tilt the balance and keep swifts flying in our skies.

She writes: "Swifts are living symbols of wildness. They are the most aerial of birds, staying on the wing for years at a time ... "They fly closer to the sun than any other bird, feeding and sleeping at altitude. This is their realm, the world to which they are supremely adapted; Icarus, be green with envy."

Her writing, and her voice, calling for our attention and care for swifts and for a wilder world to continue to be their home and ours, will inform and inspire her audience.

The illustrated talk is free and open to everyone (donations appreciated for the work of Halesworth Swifts).

It will be held at St Mary's Church, Halesworth. Doors open at 6.45pm for 7.30pm. Copies of Sarah's book will be available to buy.

If you are interested in supporting Halesworth Swifts, or you know where swifts are nesting, please do get in touch via the Facebook page Halesworth Swifts or email halesworthswifts@gmail.com

Edith Summerhayes



NEWS FROM HALESWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

On Tuesday 15 July, Roger Simpson will be presenting his talk 'Three Victorian Paintings'. Roger Simpson, Art Historian, will be investigating the deeper meaning in Victorian narrative painting by looking in detail at three pictures. Particular compositions that enjoyed great popularity during this period (1837-1901), but in a style largely rejected by the artistic elite. These works communicated a huge amount of information to their onlookers, on many levels, offering a unique insight into the 19th century and the British Empire. The plight of women, the effects of the class system, and the onslaught of industry are forced to the front of the observer's mind. Within each picture there is a story to uncover, either optimistic, educational, or tragic.

In many ways, narrative art was the reality television of the Victorian era. The public loved it. Accessible and sensational, it transported viewers into the scenes shown and let them identify with the characters depicted. The three paintings are 'Work' (1852-1865) by Ford Madox Brown; 'The Awakening Conscience' (1853) by William Holman Hunt – see image below; and 'The Derby Day' (1856-1858) by William Powell Frith.

This talk will start in the Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth at 2.30pm and all are welcome. u3a talks are free to Halesworth and District u3a members. For non-members, tickets are £4 in advance or on the door at the Cut. Why not come early and have lunch in the Café?



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Sadly, after 20 years together, the Halesworth based Oxblood Molly have disbanded.

For many years they hosted The Halesworth Day of Dance and many of their members contributed to this in various ways, helping with its organisation (as well as performing!)

Hopefully this event will continue, hosted by another side.

Many thanks to all members past and present (especially Maureen Hunter, the only one of the original side left) and our supporters.



HALESWORTH IN BLOOM

Our valiant volunteers work year round, keeping Halesworth's many public spaces and roundabouts looking as attractive as possible and we really appreciate all the kind comments that come our way when we are gardening, thank you! This year as well as maintaining our existing plantings, we have planted the three new planters installed by the Town Council in the Old Market Place. Roses are gloriously blooming opposite the train station at the top of Station Road following our mammoth (and yes, very prickly!) pruning sessions earlier in the year.

If we're lucky to get lots of sunshine, but no rain, then watering is another important job. Could you help us by adopting a particular planter for watering in the warmer months? Several businesses about the town kindly give us access to a tap to make this quite easy.

If you'd like to help - however much or little time you can spare email: email@halesworthinbloom.com, reach us through our Facebook page or use the contact form on our website halesworthinbloom.com or just come along to the borders at the main town park entrance where you'll usually find us at 10am on Tuesday mornings. We'll be very pleased to see you!













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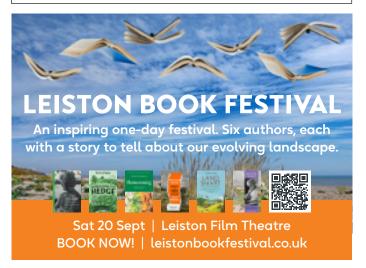
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July marks the start of the summer holidays and the start of the Summer Reading Quest! Join us on Saturday 19th July, 10am – 12noon, at Halesworth Library for our Summer Reading Quest sign-up event. There will also be lots of activities throughout the summer holidays. Kicking off a jam-packed summer we have two sessions of 'Kitchen Chemistry', run by Kinetic Adventure, on Friday 25th July 10.30am - 12:30pm and 1 – 2.30pm. Tickets for 'Kitchen Chemistry' are £1 and can be purchased from a member of library staff from 1st July. The following week on Tuesday 29th July we will have a free, drop-in craft session, 11.30am - 12:30pm, where we'll be making lots of fun things!

The Friends of Halesworth Library will be holding their AGM on Thursday, 24th July, 6.30 pm at the library. Copies of the agenda, the report of the trustees to members and the latest accounts will be available for collection from the library from 7th July. The guest speaker this year will be local writer Natalie Meg Evans, who will talk about the importance of libraries to authors.

There will also be a session of Sociable Sundays on 13th and 27th July, 10.30am - 12.30pm and Board Games Cafe on Monday 28th July, 2 – 4.30pm, both hosted and run by volunteers of the Friends of Halesworth Library.

Not forgetting our regular activities and drop-ins! Every Tuesday 10 – 11.30am there is a free Rhyme Time & Play session - singing fun songs followed by free play with our toys. Every Wednesday 10am our Time Out sociable group for older people meet for tea and biscuits. The Knit & Natter group meet alternate Tuesdays 2 - 4pm, staff can provide dates. Lego Club is on every Saturday 12noon - 1pm and Family Board Games Club every Sunday 10.30 -11.30am. You can find advice dropins from East Suffolk Council Customer services every Tuesday 10am – 4pm and Barclays Bank on Wednesdays 9am – 5pm. Citizens Advice have a drop-in every other Tuesday 10am – 12noon, please ask a member of staff for future dates.

Catherine Draper

FRAMLINGHAM AND SAXMUNDHAM CATS PROTECTION

Cats Protection is calling for cat breeding to be regulated across the UK. Since 2021, cat breeding has been regulated in Scotland, but the rest of the UK has no restrictions. This leads to cats being sold underage that are subsequently weak, prone to illness, and, in the worst cases, may die. Cats can also currently be bred with extreme features, which can negatively impact their welfare and cause suffering. People are increasingly wanting to own pedigree cats that have been intentionally bred with extreme traits. Breeds with features that are harmful to their welfare include Scottish Fold, Munchkin and 'Bully' cats. Although some may think these cats look 'cute', they can suffer a lifetime of pain. Cats Protection has produced a petition with two aims. Firstly, that cat breeding be regulated, and secondly, that the commercial breeding of certain cat breeds with harmful, extreme traits be banned. You can help by signing the Cats Protection Petition here: action.cats.org.uk/page/138248/ petition/1

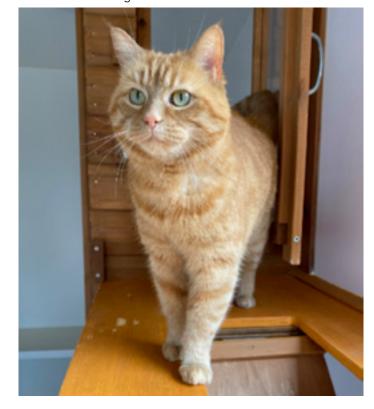
Find out more about the breeds with harmful extreme traits here: www.cats.org.uk/extreme-traits

Date for your diary: Saturday, 19 July, at Saxmundham Market Hall – 10am to 2pm: Framlingham & Saxmundham branch fundraising event and celebration of our 35th Anniversary! Please come along to meet the team and help raise funds for the cats in our care.

Cat Looking for a Home: Lily is a beautiful, friendly 11-year-old girl. She is lively and enjoys having space to run around and play. She also loves a lap to jump onto and enjoys a fuss and a brush. Lily has tested positive for FIV, but she has no other health issues. She will be best suited to an adult-only, indoor home (she has mostly lived indoors), but access to an enclosed outside space would be fine, too.

Please let us know if you could offer Lily the special home she needs.

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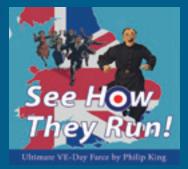
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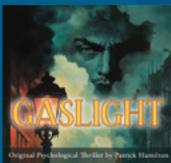
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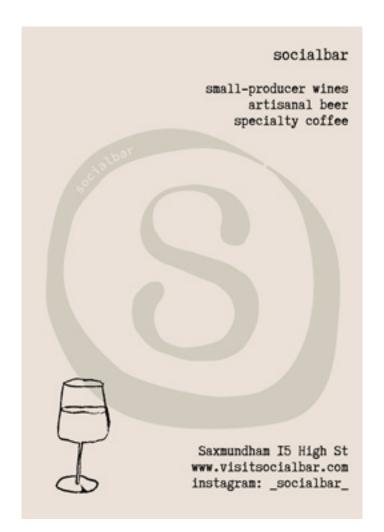
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HALESWORTH ANGEL BOWLS CLUB

Halesworth Angel Bowls Club have had a successful start to the 2025 season. For a club that was in danger of folding in 2022 prospects are now outstanding!

The club held two open days on 19 & 26 April. 12 new members enrolled. The majority had no experience of bowling but our resident coach Stuart Bourne showed them how it was done and a number of them are already showing promise. They will be gradually blooded into our league teams.

The green is the best it has looked for many years and competitors enjoy bowling on it as it runs so true. It's amazing how well our green keeper Nick Gardener has mastered the husbandry of the grass in such a short time.

Of-course there has been a lot of hard work carried out by all our members. Despite it being voluntary there is still an expense maintaining the necessary equipment, which is beginning to show its age. We do have a number of sponsors who commit to advertising their wares. A pleasant surprise was our adoption during April by 'You Drink' the new 'tap room' which has established itself in the thoroughfare.

Our thanks to them for raising in excess of £150 to support the Angel Bowls Club. If anyone else in the town wishes to become a patron, it would be very welcome. Durrants are supporting our tournament at the end of August when we are inviting other clubs to enter our Three Wood Triples Tournament.

We are conscious that we still need to improve our record in the various leagues but we are working on it and given the short experience of most of our bowlers we are doing quite well. The bottom line is that we are all enjoying ourselves. So, if anyone is interested in having a go they would be very welcome on a Tuesday or Saturday afternoon.





Melton's famous resident, Brian, shares his stories, views and observations on everyday life with his very own column, exclusive to The Tide Collection magazines.

For me, July is a funny ol month. There's nothing I like more than so we hed a drink while we were waiting and then hed to get on sitting owt in the garden enjoying the wonderful Suffolk sunshine the plane at this thing called a gate. Now why do they call it a with a bag a Frazzles and a bottle of Ghost Ship. Lovely. I never have understood why so many folk want to head orf on a holiday to foreign parts, when they spend most of the time moaning about how hot it is and fighting for a sunbed.

The gal Rosemary next door last year suggested that I could go away to Spain with her for my first ever jaunt abroad . I wernt convinced that was a good idea, but she said it would do me good to get away, so I decided I'd give it a go and I hev to say,

> that as the holidee got closer, I did get a bit excited. Fust of all, we hed to get through Stanstead Airport a ruddy great greenhouse with people, bags, kids and planes everywhere. Checking me bag in was easy, as I wernt taking a lot with me - just sum shorts and short sleeved shuts and a pair of rubber sandals that Mother hed bort for me years ago. I never fort I'd wear them and nearly give them to that lot who come round and take your old bits away. Good job I dint.

I hed a bit of trouble in security with that scanner thing. That kept beepin, so I hed to take me belt orf and then my trowsers nearly fell down.

We then hed to wait to get on the plane for ages,

gate, when it's a door? That dunt make no sense to me.

That was my fust time on a plane and the airplane lady cud tell I was nervus and even give me a bag in case I was sick.

When it finally took orf, it shot down the runway and as it went up I'm sure I could hear evry nut and bolt straining to get in the air.

Once we were up above the clowds, the gal Rosemary hed a glass of wine and I hed one of them posh beers - it must be a posh beer, because that cost a ruddy fortune and I dint like it either. In fact, that went right through me, so I hed to use the smallest loo I hed ever sin and wen I flushed it, I'd never sin anything like it - it was a good job I was standing up too, else that might hev bin me lot!

I hev to say that the holiday was right nice and I wud probably go away agen another time. But for me, there's no place like home, with my own bed and food I know and can eat and like I sed, the blue Suffolk skies.

I just hope we hev plenty of sunny days in July and August.

You can hear Brian from Melton chatting with Mark Murphy every Saturday morning on Suffolk Sound Radio and listen out for the new Brian from Melton podcast, coming soon to Alde and Blyth Community Radio (www.abcradio.co.uk).



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In addition to offering an appointment within the new studio I am still happy to provide my personal home consultations which have always been at the core of my bespoke business. This extra option, however, now allows me to offer my caring and compassionate service to more people and to be able to reach out to those who live outside my usual area.

So if you, or anyone you know, could benefit from my personal and friendly service, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I look forward to hearing from you.

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'NELL MANGEL VERSUS THE ROBINSONS' REUNITE

Those of us who were around in the eighties may remember that the pop charts were punctuated by songs from soap stars, in particular, the Australian soaps.

In Gateshead, industrial chemist Martin Walker and guitar teacher Zoe-Anne Wadey bore this in mind when choosing a name for their band, which was based on a plots line from the 'olds' in Neighbours. 'Nell Mangel versus the Robinsons' was an independent band, recording five short albums at the Deckham Music Collective Sound Room, in those days called demo tapes.

They also provided two tracks on the collective vinyl LP, Young Blood. In 1990, Martin moved to America but Zoe kept the band going for a few years and eventually ended up here in Suffolk.

This summer, the Sound Room has been running a project and as a result of this has asked 'Nell Mangel versus the Robinsons' to play a handful of gigs in Newcastle this summer.

After 35 years, Martin and Zoe are looking forward to playing together again at last. They will be rehearsing here in Suffolk, and on Sunday 13th of July will perform a one-off gig at the Lion Inn, Theberton at 1.30pm.

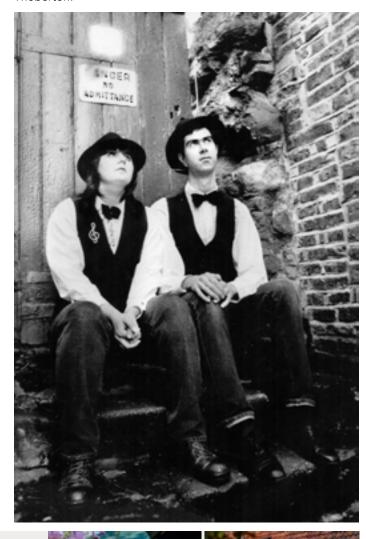
The band performed sometimes as a duo, and sometimes as a larger ensemble, often using reggae and African rhythms and covering a range of musical genres.



Their repertoire includes quirky numbers such as "Who's that fat girl in the mirror where my reflection should be", "I'm glad that I'm not going out with you" and "We don't smoke and we don't drink but we eat lots of cake and we don't feel guilty".

You can listen to all five albums on reverbnation.com. There are also a few tracks and some live recordings on YouTube.

Better still, do come along on July 13th to the Lion at Theberton!







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YOXFAYRE RETURNS

Yoxford's Oxfayre, which flourished from the 1980s to the early noughties is returning this summer with a new name, Yoxfayre.

Taking place on Saturday 5th July, the event incorporates the Yoxford Flower Festival at St Peter's Church, which is also the venue for an evening concert. Bringing the community spirit back to the village there will be plenty of things for everybody to enjoy throughout the day including a dog show, flower show, silent auction, music, games, cakes, barbecue, ice cream van and old fashioned fun and games such as splat-a-rat and the stocks in Mulberry Park, run by the youth club.

A variety of stalls will include bric-a-brac and vintage clothing, books and plants and produce as well as a tombola and raffle.

Over in St Peter's Church, the annual flower festival will have an abundance of displays, including one by the children of Yoxford and Peasenhall primary school.

Local professional musicians Alec Hone (organ) and Anna Noakes (flute) will be performing in the church throughout the day along with children from the school singing under the guidance of Yoxford resident, opera singer Katie Graham. A saxophone group will be performing in Mulberry Park.

No summer fair would be complete without tea and homemade cake, available in the church with a barbecue and Parravani ice cream van outside the village hall.

Sing Out! Yoxford, a free concert by Yoxford's local community choir takes place in the church at 7.30pm.

"Oxfayre was a huge event in the eighties and nineties. It was such a fun day out and we all missed it, so it is thrilling to bring it back. Everyone in Yoxford is joining in and we look forward to welcoming friends, family and visitors from across the county to join in the celebrations over Yoxford's big weekend." Lynn Walford.

A silent auction is already live, with a chance to win a signed 16cm high Yoxman bronze sculpture, kindly donated by the sculptor Laurence Edwards.

Bids now being taken and the closing time is 5pm on Saturday 5th July. Email: yoxfayre@gmail.com.

An added bonus to the day's events is the Yoxford History Group's exhibition, Creative Yoxford, in the village hall, featuring work from current artists and writers in the village such as Laurence Edwards and Nancy Main along with information of past creative endeavours and people.

The flower show continues on Sunday 6th July and there's Yoxfayre Songs of Praise at 3pm. All are welcome.

Proceeds from Yoxfayre will be divided between St Peter's Church (for the organ restoration), Yoxford & Peasenhall Primary School (for play equipment) and the Townland Trust.

The organising committee is keen to hear from anyone who can offer help on the day and from anyone who can donate items for the stalls and raffle or grow some plants for the plant sale.

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JUL 12 & 13 Flower Festival - 'Dances through the Decades'. Refreshments, Raffle and Tombola. 10 am to 4 pm at St Peter's Church, Holton. Songs of Praise on Sunday at 6 pm

JUL 13 Halesworth Harmony concert to support WaterAid. 7.30 pm at The Cut, Halesworth, IP19 8BY. Tickets £10 from The Cut Box Office: www.thecut.org.uk, Tel: 0300 303 3211, Email: boxoffice@thecut.org.uk

JUL 19 Kinda Forest Family Saturdays. Join us at Kinda Forest School in Holton Explore the forest with guided nature walks, games, challenge your skills with a scavenger hunt, or try your hand at nature crafts! We can't wait to welcome people of all ages Kaliwoods, Holton, Halesworth, IP19 8NQ. For more information visit:

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JUL 19 The Friends of St Peter's Sibton present 'Folk in Ruins'. Music by Syzewell Gap, Silmor and Mary-Jane & Keith Tyrrell; Miraiker's World of Puppets - including Punch & Judy and circus skills; face painting and more. Food and drink from Ollie's Bar and Cheryl's Suffolk Catering; Sibton Abbey Ruins tours. Tickets (cash only): adults £20, U16s free, from Weavers Tearoom, General Stores, Peasenhall, on the day and Eventbrite. 2 - 6pm at the Sibton Abbey Ruins. Entry from 1.30pm.

JUL 19 & 20 'Folk in Ruins'. Sibton's Folk history. Discover the memorials and uncover the stories behind the stones of some of those who have gone before and now rest in Sibton Churchyard, an exhibition and records about some unexpectedly famous people, and those who made their home in Sibton. Refreshments at the church are available throughout both days. Ticket (cash only): Adults £5, U16s free. Tickets are available in advance from Weavers Tearoom and the General Store at Peasenhall. There is limited ticket availability on Eventbrite. 10.30am – 4pm at Sibton Church.

JUL 19 Sunshine remedies. 11am at the Harmony Centre Halesworth. £10. Discount price bookings can be made on the day.

JUL 26 Wenhaston Produce and Craft Market from

Handmade cards, jewellery, homemade jams, handmade Handbags, knitted items, Dexter Beef, the local author Ruth Leigh, Sally Debenham with her lovely soaps, serums and more. Plus other plant and food produce. Tea, Coffee and Homemade Savouries and Cakes available. New stallholders, welcome. Email: caz-mike@outlook.com. 10am to 12.30pm at Wenhaston village hall.

JUL 26 & 27 South Cove Flower Festival and Preview

Evening. View our lovely flower displays in St Lawrence Church between 11am and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. Refreshments include delicious homemade cake. Donations to church repairs welcome. Friday 25th July is a ticketed preview starting at 6.30. Tickets for the preview are £12 and include canapés and a glass of wine. Spangle Steel Pan Band will again provide the entertainment. Tickets available from Alison Evans 01502 675610 or Caroline Barnes 07757796377. All most welcome. Free entry to Flower Festival.

JUL 26 & 27 Festival of Archaeology: Wargaming the Age of the Anglo-Saxons at Sutton Hoo. A weekend of Anglo-Saxon era war games with miniature model soldiers. Paint your own miniature model Anglo-Saxon thegn to take home! Hundreds of beautifully painted model Anglo-Saxon warriors and their enemies line up for mortal combat. Visitor participation.

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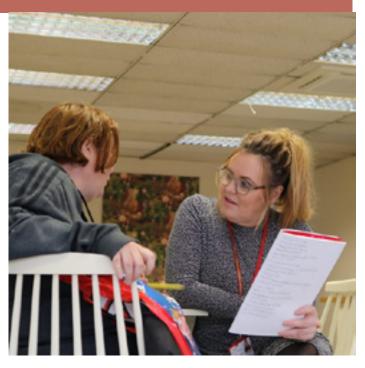


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For half a century, Access Community Trust has been a cornerstone of support in Suffolk, transforming lives and strengthening communities. Established in 1975 as the Lowestoft Night Shelter, operating from St. John's Church, it provided shelter for homeless individuals. In 1980, it became a registered charity and opened its first hostel, the Fyffe Centre. Since then, the Trust has expanded its reach, developing supported housing projects that offer safe havens and pathways to independence. Their innovative mental health initiatives, delivered through community hubs and outreach programmes, provide crucial support and reduce stigma.

A shining example of their work is Sams Wellbeing Hub & Cafe in Lowestoft. This vibrant social enterprise serves as a crucial community hub, supporting individuals and fostering connections. Sams provides essential services, including employment support, mental health guidance and practical assistance like free meals for vulnerable families. Beyond direct aid, Sams hosts a diverse range of community events whilst also serving as a vital base for over 40 statutory organisations and local charities, facilitating broader community strengthening efforts.







SUFFOLK COUNTY MUSIC SERVICE

A busy summer continues across Suffolk for the County Music Service. We are just back from an enjoyable and successful two days at Suffolk Show – where visitors to our stand were able to play on our vast Javanese Gamelan, enjoy Singing & Sensory Sessions and take Guitar lessons – all were aimed at children with disabilities, in particular the Guitar sessions were for children with hearing impairment and it was fascinating to learn about our tutor's method of teaching using live images of the sound levels.

Looking forward to other forthcoming events, we have coming up: Jazz at the Pav, Sunday 6 July at East Point Pavillion Prom Concert, Monday 4 August at Snape Maltings Folk East, 15-17 August at Sotterley Estate nr Beccles Gala Concert, Sunday 7 September at Snape Maltings Please visit our website www.suffolkcountymusicservice.co.uk/take-part, where you can learn more about the wide range of activities we offer your children and young people at different locations across the county.

Follow us on our social media pages for more updates and find out how you can join in!



WCET Fest at Trinity Park, Ipswich

SUFFOLK SINGERS

Suffolk Singers are pleased to announce their summer concert, 'Love Walked In', a choral celebration of love. Under the direction of musical director Claire Weston, the concert will take place in the church of St Edmund King & Martyr, Southwold on Saturday, 5th July, 2025 at 7:30pm. The programme will include an eclectic mix of music, old and new, on the theme of love.

Suffolk Singers have performed in many of Suffolk's spectacular churches over the years, but this will be their first ever performance in Southwold's beautiful parish church.

Apart from the other attractions of this delightful seaside town, it is worth a visit to Southwold just to see St. Edmund's, a Grade 1 listed, 15th century church situated in the middle of the town. It is considered to be one of Suffolk's finest Churches. It lies under one continuous roof and was built over about sixty years from the 1430s to the 1490s; it replaced a smaller 13th-century church that was destroyed by fire. The exterior is a beautiful example of East Anglian flint work. Inside, it is worth looking out for the carved and decorated angels in the roof, the spectacular font cover, and the great medieval rood screen with its fine paintings.

The figure of Southwold Jack is well known to anyone who loves Adnams beers. The armour-clad figure, dating from the Wars of the Roses, is still called upon today to announce the start of services by striking his bell with his battle axe.

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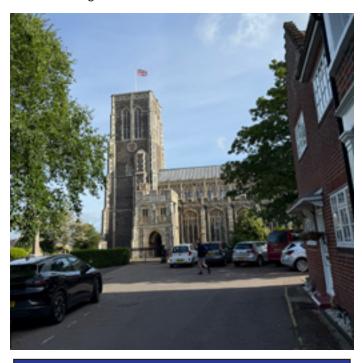
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PROJECT UPDATE

JULY 2025

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

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding funding of the Sizewell C. On Tuesday 10 June, the UK government gave the go-ahead for Sizewell C. This is the first British-owned nuclear power station to be announced in over three decades, with the government as a majority shareholder alongside EDF.

The Chancellor confirmed £14.2 billion of investment will be allocated to the project. It is the first nuclear power station in the UK to be funded through a Regulated Asset Base (RAB) model. Under the model, consumers are protected through independent regulation, strict cost controls, and transparent oversight – so families benefit from secure, low-carbon energy without the risk of cost overruns.

We are aware there are several key summer events coming up. We are in direct contact with Latitude and will work around their peak traffic times and remove our HGVs. For the Ed Sheeran concerts, we are working with Suffolk County Council to ensure disruption at Darsham Station does not affect travel. We will also not have any HGV movements during the Aldeburgh Carnival. The closure of Willow Marsh Lane will require cyclists on the Dunwich Dynamo to take the official diversion so we will actively communicate this on social media. GPS maps have been updated so riders can follow the designated route.

We have now installed average speed cameras along the B1122 and B1125 to further enhance road safety for the 30mph speed limit. We are also upgrading the temporary Sizewell C A-frame signs along the A14, A12 and local roads to permanent signs on posts. Further speed restrictions along the A12 are being implemented, including south of Yoxford, to ensure road safety as HGVs and construction vehicles manoeuvre on the sites. Further speed restrictions will be implemented in due course on the A12 at Darsham and the Friday Street turning.

Pre-construction works are progressing well and the roads, roundabouts and park rides will start construction this summer. The main site and temporary construction area are also preparing for construction, along with the temporary sea defence works along the beach.

Preparation for the Friday Street Roundabout is ongoing, with a works compound being established, and the vegetation and tree clearance along the A12 is almost complete. Site preparation along the two-village bypass route around Farnham and Stratford St Andrew is also ongoing, and Yoxford Roundabout is being prepared for construction.

There are now monthly email updates available on subscription, if you would like to subscribe, please create an account at szcworkstracker.co.uk/my-account

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All forum timings 18:30 - 20:30 (Arrival from 18:00)

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Site Forum	2 July 2025	Athletic Association
Northern Transport Forum	Wednesday 6 August 2025	Darsham Village Hall
Southern	Wednesday	Stratford st Andrew
Transport Forum	3 September 2025	Riverside centre

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