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We are very pleased to welcome a new regular columnist this month – Brian from Melton has decided to honour us with his words of wisdom on life as he sees it. Enjoy this legend's 'Suffolk' take on the world on page 17. If you are not familiar with Bryan do look him up on YouTube, you won't be disappointed.


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Jim Carrey



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FROM WOODBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, Woodbridge Town Council organised a Peace Day on Saturday 10th May. The proceedings started at 12 noon at the Shire Hall with a march led by the Royal British Legion Band, processing through the town centre and finishing in Elmhurst Park. The park was a hive of activity starting with the bandstand where musical entertainment reflected the 1940s. Radiating around the park were various stalls from local organisations, a refreshment marquee, organised by the Town Council, and purveyors offering a variety of food and drink.

Amongst those stalls could be found Woodbridge Rotary who ran a Wine Tombola, alongside a stall manned by the ladies of Woodbridge Inner Wheel. It proved a successful event with glorious weather ensuring a good turnout. Our bottle stall raised a worthwhile amount which will be allocated to one or more of the charities we support. In addition, we had permission to organise a bucket collection which raised over £958 to be donated to the Rotary Foundation charity.

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International, a global service organization. It supports various humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programmes that promote world understanding and peace. The foundation is funded by voluntary contributions from Rotary members, friends, and the public.

Robin Saunders, our current Town Mayor, is pictured with Irene Childerley, who is the District Foundation representative. Richard Perkins, one of Rotary Assistant District Governors, also attended.

A date for our diaries, or more importantly yours, is the Annual Ruff Stuff charity cycle ride, organised by Woodbridge Rotary Club, along the highways and byways and through Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk. This takes place on Sunday 26th October 2025. The first ride will start from the doors of Butley Village Hall at 10am, the hall will be open from 8am for tasty light bites and drinks, organised by Woodbridge Inner Wheel. For those who need motorised transport to Butley, parking behind the Hall is more than sufficient.

Participants come from far and wide to this event which we have organised every year, since 2018 (the exception being a one-year Covid break) it has become extremely popular. This year proceeds will be supporting Bike Active, Air Ambulance and other Rotary charities. If you would like to sponsor this event or donate a raffle prize, then please contact: robin.pivett128@btinternet.com or to enter you can find further details and an entry form at: www.woodbridgerotary.com

We are always happy to welcome male or female visitors at our meetings, because we are keen to explain the way that Rotary contributes both in the local community and internationally. Our club meets most Fridays at The Bull Hotel on Market Hill, Woodbridge. If you have any interest or curiosity, you will be made to feel at home - we are a convivial bunch so come along and say hello.

Advance warning is helpful from the catering perspective - the food provided is very good indeed - you will find contact details are below.

Alternatively, just pop into the bar on the right of the main entrance between 12:30 and 13:00 and have a chat. You may find a way that Rotary can assist or contribute to an event or project in which you have a personal connection.

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Sat 28 June – **Transition Woodbridge Open Ponds** Be inspired to create a pond!
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Wed 23 July – **Imagine a pond** – Tots & Families, 10-11.30am. Elmhurst Park
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Sat 26 July – **Pond dipping for families**, 10-12pm @ Woodbridge Prep. Booking
on Eventbrite required.

Sat 26 July – **Pond dipping for adults** 1-3pm @ Woodbridge Prep. Booking on
Eventbrite required, limited places.

Thur 31 July – **Imagine a pond** – Tots & Families, Elmhurst Park 10-11.30am
Booking on Eventbrite required.

Tue 5 Aug – **Minibeast Heaven Creation** at Kingston Fields, 10-1pm. Drop-In!

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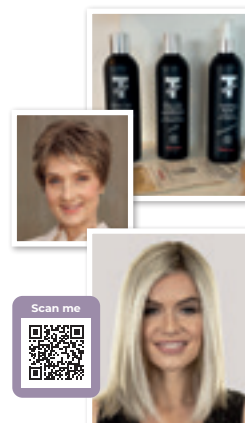
*Following on from the launch of my mobile wig business, **Wigs & More To Your Door**, back in May 2023, I am so excited to now officially open the doors to my new wig studio, situated in the IP12 area.*

The studio offers a comfortable and friendly home-from-home, which allows you the opportunity to explore a wide variety of wig options, where you'll be able to feel and try them on within a private and friendly space. This operates on an appointment-only basis so that the care and attention can be solely focused on you, the customer. I offer lots of advice and aftercare products that are available to you. You are encouraged to bring someone along with you so that you feel completely at ease and able to ask for that all-important second opinion from someone that knows you. Although there is a small charge for the appointment, this amount is deductible from a wig purchase but, as with all of my consultations, there is no pressure or obligation to buy.

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.

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FELIXSTOWE LOVES - SUMMER WEEKEND EVENTS 2025

Headliners Jazzie B - DJ set - and Aswad Live

Jazzie B, the double Grammy Award winning founder of Soul II Soul, and Aswad, Britain's biggest reggae act, are to headline the new 'Felixstowe Loves' events this summer on 15th – 17th August and 6th - 7th September.

Two new cultural weekends in Felixstowe, will feature live music and DJs, art, family activities and food and drink stalls across the town and on the sea front.

August's headline DJ Jazzie B, founder and frontman of Soul II Soul, needs no introduction. Writer and producer of chart and club hits, such as 'Back to Life' and 'Keep On Movin', and winner of two Grammys, he was the first Sound System sound man to be awarded an OBE. He has been a regular on London radio since Kiss FM was a pirate station. He ran Motown in the UK and was asked to present James Brown with a Lifetime Achievement award by James Brown himself. Jazzie was awarded the Ivor Novello Award for inspiration; which described him as "the man who gave British black music a soul of its own". Don't miss him playing a beach front DJ set to kick-off the new 'Felixstowe Loves' weekends this summer. Aswad are arguably Britain's biggest Reggae act and appear at Felixstowe Loves as part of their 50th anniversary year! They've been performing since the 1970s and their albums, such as New Chapter in Dub and Live and Direct, and tracks such as Shine and Love Don't Turn Around, have spanned decades of chart and genre defining success. The band have played major events across the globe and headlined venues such as London's Royal Albert Hall and Montego Bay's Reggae Sunsplash. They bring their sunshine reggae and dub music to Felixstowe's shoreline in September.

The 'Felixstowe Loves' events are organised by Felixstowe BID and will feature international and local music acts and DJs, art and craft stalls, street food, bars, make and do art workshops, rides, family entertainments, eco-sessions, active participation events and a large-scale community art project, 'The Wall of Hearts'.

The multi-venue weekend will include events at the sea front Promenade, Beach Street, The Triangle, The Alex and more venues to be announced. Most of the weekend events are free to attend, but some events, such as the Jazzie B and Aswad, need attendees to register for tickets for audience management reasons. For those that want to help support future events, there is a donation ticket. Felixstowe BID (Business Improvement District) was formed in 2021. The BID represents 280 Businesses in a zone that stretches along the seafront and through the town centre.



BAWDSEY RADAR MUSEUM

On the site of the world's first operational radar station, the Bawdsey Radar Museum is open 11am to 4pm on Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays until the end of October. Don't forget, kids get in free!

In August we celebrate the world's first airborne radar experiments at Martlesham Heath. To commemorate these events the Bawdsey Radar Trust, in conjunction with the Defence Electronics History Society and the Communications and Electronics Museum Trust, will be holding an event at Adastral Park, the home to BT's research and innovation labs at Martlesham Heath on 15th August 2025.

There will be two sessions open to members of the public.

Session 1, on the morning of 15th August, will consist of a series of mini-presentations aimed at those with little or no technical background, and will give the opportunity to see replicas of the original airborne radar equipment.

Session 2, on the afternoon of 15th August, will consist of longer presentations for those with some technical background. Advanced booking is essential, via the website. £12.50 per person per session.

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REPORT FROM CEEC

Climate & Ecological Emergency Committee

Hello people of Woodbridge and beyond; people of the Deben estuary

Addressing our town's biodiversity resources has been prioritised in the town's newly developed climate action plan. Our carefully designed, first major project, will result in time with a very attractive mix of hedging and larger standard tree planting - all native species. New shaded areas for human seating and, most importantly, new protective habitat for other than human wildlife will develop. And, with its determined line of new plantations, the Kingston Field is immediately more secured from unauthorised vehicles parking on our town's recreation field.

In 2025, Suffolk, UK experienced its driest and hottest spring since at least 1974. The spring was also the warmest on record for the UK as a whole (breaking the previous record of 2024). Specifically, the spring months of March, April, and May saw below-average rainfall and significantly higher-than-average temperatures.

Hence, we had an immediate challenge to our best efforts in Kingston field. I'm happy to say that WTC rose to the challenge with especially purchased watering equipment and many hours of council employee dedicated labour.

It takes a few years for these small 'whips' to establish a root system and without such thoughtful human assistance the planting over the winter would have been a shrivelled-up waste of time and resources before the first summer began.

The biodiversity crisis - often overlooked by the generic use of the term 'climate crisis' - IS an issue that we can usefully and appreciably address at a local level.

There has been a catastrophic 73% decline in the average size of monitored wildlife populations in just 50 years (1970-2020), according to the World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) Living Planet Report 2024. The report warns that parts of our planetary home are approaching dangerous tipping points driven by the combination of nature loss and climate change which pose grave threats to humanity (England is amongst the most denatured environments in Europe).

However, town by town concerned citizens can restore habitable areas for non-human animals by building networks of interconnection. Locally, the ever resourceful Mr Martin continues, with CEEC support to develop 'bee-highways' to supplement his bee hotel initiative by strategically positioning feeding stations of wild flowers in such a manner that pollinators can move around in - AND beyond - Woodbridge and thus continue to do their essential work in maintaining the eco-system that they, you and I depend upon.

We have placed 3 bird baths in Elmhurst Park, and the specific encouragement of wetland areas are under consideration in Fen meadow; a handsome boardwalk has been installed across the bottom path before the steps.

A provisional agreement has been reached - subject to stringent health & safety precautionary checks - to locate our first WTC sponsored pond in Elmhurst Park in what used to be the rose bed (just below the bandstand). And we continue to discuss possibilities for both rainwater harvesting and surface water capture - to enable us to be off-grid with our watering needs, and also to render us more resilient to the increasing phenomenon of flash-flooding.

I am proud to be working on the CEEC with a council that claims to be an 'earth protector town' (see badge above) and to participate in and witness our accumulating momentum. Some of us may well experience moments of despair and hopelessness when viewing the ecocidal 'business as usual' antics on an increasingly fractured and unravelling world stage? The old adage "think global, act local" is a welcome refuge, at whatever level we might engage with it. For example - is there anything you can do in your garden; ponds, insect hotels, wilded areas, even bowls of water or upturned dustbin lids, placed outdoors for birds and small mammals during the inevitable drought periods we will face during the long hot summer that has been forecasted.

No garden? You might consider offering a watering volunteer shift; feel part of a team of concerned, like-minded townsfolk who, in years to come will take pride in knowing that they contributed to the thriving habitat area of Kingston field. Interested? - drop us a line.

Councillor Martin Wilks, CEEC

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WOODBIDGE TIDE MILL NEWS

On Thursday 29 May The Woodbridge and Melton Society and the Woodbridge Tide Mill Charitable Trust unveiled a Blue Plaque on Woodbridge Tide Mill honouring Mrs Jean Gardner. Mrs Gardner bought the near derelict Mill in 1968 for £7,300 and encouraged its restoration. In 1977 she gave it to the Town for the enjoyment of the people of Woodbridge. It is now the only working tide mill in the UK and still produces stoneground flour.

The unveiling, attended by invited guests from the community and four generations of Jean Gardner's extended family. The plaque was unveiled by George one of her great-great grandsons. Woodbridge Tide Mill Museum Chair, John Carrington comments *"The Mill's Trustees cannot overstate the importance of Mrs Jean Gardner who purchased the Mill to save it. Mrs Gardner approached Norman Scarfe, a local historian, after hearing him lecture on the Mill's plight. They discussed the possibility of her buying and restoring it. Time was short but at its auction in May 1968 Mrs Gardner became the proud owner of a ruined Mill and granary!"*

"This unique and attractive part of the Woodbridge Riverside is a tribute to the generosity of Mrs Jean Gardner, without whom it would surely have been lost. The Tide Mill remains a symbol of the Suffolk tourist industry. It is one of the most photographed, painted and drawn buildings in the East of England, and attracts the attention and interest of mill enthusiasts worldwide."

"We are grateful to the work of the Woodbridge and Melton Society in securing this lasting tribute to the lady that saved the Mill."

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As we enter our busiest time of the year, we would very much like to say "thank you" to everyone who supports our programme of Events, Talks and Exhibitions in the Longshed's John Gibbins Gallery.

The month of June featured the 'Herring Girls' exhibition, telling the story of the women and girls who followed the fishing fleets down the east coast of Britain, processing the catches – not an easy life! On 7th June, we had a truly fascinating talk from Antony Bowring, who took us to 'The Ends of the Earth' with humour, film and anecdotes. A little later in the month the Gallery hosted the annual 'Young Suffolk Artists' exhibition - always a firm favourite.

Also in June, the Gallery became a once-a-week pop up workshop! With the help of teachers and pupils from Woodbridge Primary School, we have been piloting 'Sail and Save – the Recyclable Regatta', a seven-week programme to make working model boats from recyclable materials, leading to a Regatta on the local model boat pond. Huge fun! We are tremendously grateful to Moray MacPhail (The Repair Shed), to Matt Lis (Woodbridge Boatyard), to our own Education Director, Nancy Clay, and our own Education Officer, Caroline Moore for developing the concept and leading individual sessions.

In addition to our wonderful volunteers, we are having invaluable help and support from Geoff Lambert and John Rowles of Woodbridge Model Boat Club, and Jason Alexander, curator of the Vintage Litter Museum, all of whom are actively involved in the pilot. It is an impressive team! Photo – some of the members of team.

Forthcoming Event

Please join us at 3pm on Saturday, July 26th for 'Tapestry Tales of the River Deben' by Clare Lightfoot. Clare will talk about how she started this community project to tell the story of the River Deben in stitches, and how that will be achieved.

The river's life story will be told over the centuries from its bubbling source at Debenham to its flowing into the sea at Felixstowe, and will explore how the river has sustained life - human, animals and plant - and what the River has meant to all who lived and worked by it, and enjoyed it, from the Celtic era to the present day.

After the Talk there will be refreshments. Then everyone is welcome to join in with the Tapestry Workshop and be part of the project (even if only one stitch is made!). Ticket price: £10 (to include refreshments), available from Eventbrite and The Longshed Gift Shop

n.b. Our Talks and workshops are very popular. If you would like to be on our mailing list to keep you up to date with forthcoming events at The Longshed, please send your email details to admin@woodbridgeriversidetrust quoting 'Events Listings' for reference.

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WOODBIDGE WILDLIFE GROUP

A summer butterfly walk in Bonny Wood, Barking.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Woodbridge Wildlife group invite you to join them for a butterfly walk to the ancient Bonny Wood near Barking on Saturday 12 July at 2 pm.

"We are meeting at Barking Tye Village Hall from where we will take the 15-20 minute walk along public footpaths to this delightful reserve" said Phil Smith, Chairman of the SWT Woodbridge Wildlife Group.

"Bonny Wood is part of Barking Tye Woods, a site of special scientific interest and, weather permitting, is a good place to spot a range of butterflies. We'll also be on the lookout for woodland flowers and birds."

The walk starts from Barking Tye Village Hall car park, IP6 8HP (TM 076524). Participants should bring binoculars and wear strong and waterproof footwear, as this reserve can be wet and muddy. Also bring a drink and sun hat.

Places on this walk are strictly limited and must be pre-booked by contacting Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The cost is £5 per person with under 25s free and bookings can be made online through www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org (events section) or by telephoning them on 01473 890089.

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WOODBIDGE CRUISING CLUB

Members are enjoying being back on the water and the cruising season is fully now underway.

The Deben Discovery in May was an excellent start to the season, with eleven yachts participating, and many congratulations to solo sailor Andy who won the timed passage to Washington Bouy with an amazing time of 50 minutes. Members enjoyed a meal at Ramsholt Arms, and SADS (safe arrival drinks) at the clubhouse on the Deben. The Ore and Alde cruise saw members enjoy a peaceful visit upriver to Snape (for those boats with shallow draft only). The shared experience of the unique blend of sailing, navigational challenges, great company and sociable dinners make club cruises so popular.

June cruises are to Walton Backwater and Burnham Crouch – both perennial favourites, whilst July onwards are voyages further afield to Belgium, Lowestoft and beyond.

Club members also have solo voyages, cruising to France, the Mediterranean and more. The club bar is a lovely place to catch up on members' adventures and hear their seafaring stories.



Wednesday barbecues are now running through the summer, when the weather is sunny, and members enjoy an evening in social company in the pleasant garden of the riverside club house.

The club was open on Woodbridge Regatta Day, which was an immense success, with visitors enjoying the club bar overlooking the Deben.

If you have a genuine interest in sailing and the sea, have a look at our programme of maritime related events on our website at www.woodbridgecruisingclub.org. New members are always welcome.



WOODBIDGE MUSEUM

The museum is now open every day from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Entrance is free so do come and have a look. We welcome more volunteer stewards. to ensure we open. If you are interested, please contact us at stewards@woodbridgemuseum.com. If you would like a guided walk around the town, please contact the museum. Alternatively, a leaflet is available in the museum shop if you prefer to self-guide.

We are delighted to have been gifted an apprentice piece box made by William Flaxman in 1828 when he was 16 years and 8 months old.

This information is set out in an inscription on the inside lid including the fact that he was "of Woodbridge" when he made it.

Our research indicates that William was born in Woodbridge in 1811. His father, another William (1782-1851) was also a carpenter as was his grandfather, yet another William (1756-1826).

William married Lucy Wightman in 1835 in London and from census records of 1841 and 1851 it looks like he stayed in London until his death.

His parents William and Elizabeth (nee Gosling) lived in The Thoroughfare in 1841 and in Sun Lane in 1851.

William is listed as a furniture maker in the Dictionary of British & Irish Furniture Makers.

The Friends of Woodbridge Museum's talks will recommence on 12th September at 2.30pm in Community Centre. The first talk of the season will be presented by Gary Egerton 'Looking After VIPS & Protection'. Guests are very welcome.

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BRIAN from MELTON

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 sitting owt in the garden enjoying the wonderful Suffolk sunshine 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,

so we hed a drink while we were waiting and then hed to get on the plane at this thing called a gate. Now why do they call it a 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 cloudws, 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).

MAEVE'S TEA ROOM

A Gem in the Thoroughfare, Woodbridge.

I guess the first question is, "Why Maeve's?" The name depicts the proprietor's vision and commitment to the future, "One day this will be the legacy to Maeve, my daughter, currently four years old".

After working in the hospitality industry for many years, opening his own café is a dream come true for Pulkit. Pulkit is a man of many talents, and his own cooking skills are very evident as he works closely with Pete the Chef to offer a varied menu of breakfast and lunchtime specialities which, in the cold weather, often includes an ever changing "soup to die for". There is also a great range of pastries and delicious homemade cakes, including a number of gluten-free and dairy-free options. Staff are a great bunch of people welcoming smiles and a fantastic knowledge of the menu. The premises encompass a warren of rooms across this double fronted listed building and a beautiful courtyard garden.

An important element of the Tearoom's success is the commitment to using local produce as far as possible, to provide good quality freshly made food, coupled with the enthusiasm the whole crew has to ensure they are able to keep their clients happy and satisfied.

How did this all begin, one wonders? Born in New Delhi in 1992, working in hospitality is something which runs in Pulkit's family.

His father, a hotelier in India, owns a few small successful hotels concentrating on backpackers. From the age of 14, Pulkit started to work with his father and it was from there that he gained a passion for the hospitality industry.

After leaving India to study business management at the University of Michigan, Pulkit relocated to Suffolk in 2016. He continued to work in hospitality initially for a local hotel, pub and restaurant. Soon after Maeve was born in 2020 Pulkit decided to take the next step and opened the Tearoom in August 2023.

Alongside its food and drink offerings, Maeve's also hosts a variety of events throughout the year. From Yoga and Pilates to the quarterly supper nights, collaborating with other local chefs, Maeve's is more than just a tearoom! A place to dine, meet with friends and enjoy the events!

Pulkit is ambitious and there will be another venture to compliment Maeve's, but he is also determined that they will never lose the personal touch with their clientèle. Two Tearooms will be a sufficient challenge! One could add "perhaps for the time being at least", after all there is a very ambitious personality at the heart of this venture!



What's On at
Leiston
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Fri 4th July at 6.00pm
 Sat 5th & Sun 6th July at 3.00pm & 6.00pm

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON PG

Mon 7th, Tues 8th & Thurs 10th July at 7.15pm

THE PHOENICIAN SCHEME 15

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

Fri 18th July at 7.15pm
 Sat 19th July at 4.00pm & 7.15pm
 Sun 20th July at 6.00pm
 Mon 21st & Tues 22nd July at 7.15pm
 Wed 23rd July at 4.00pm & 7.15pm
 Thurs 24th July at 7.15pm

JURASSIC WORLD: REBIRTH 12A

Fri 25th July at 7.15pm
 Sat 26th July at 4.00pm & 7.15pm
 Sun 27th July at 6.00pm
 Mon 28th & Tues 29th July at 7.15pm
 Wed 30th July at 4.00pm & 7.15pm
 Thurs 31st July at 7.15pm

SUPERMAN 12A

Mon 28th, Tues 29th & Thurs 31st July at 3.00pm

ELIO PG

Fri 15th Aug at 7.30pm. LIVE ON STAGE

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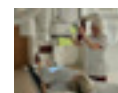
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ORFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Class 1

We were so excited to go on a big coach to Bewilderwood. When we got there we went on a boat across a lake. Mildred the crocklebog made us jump with a puff of smoke! We loved going up high in the sky maze and really fast down the slides. We enjoyed listening to a Hullabaloo story with lots of different characters. We were so tired at the end of the day that some of us fell asleep on the way home! In nursery we have been singing lots of rhymes using the number 5; 5 speckled frogs, 5 little monkeys, 5 currant buns. We love singing at circle time! In class we are learning about the beach and the ocean. Last week we read Commotion in the Ocean and wrote our own rhyming and shape poems. We are also learning lots about being safe at the beach.

By Harper, Autumn, Lainey and Harleigh

Class 2

In Class 2, we went to Bewilderwood and we went on an incredible incredible journey. We went on a boat in the Scaary Lake and we all loved getting lost in the sky maze. We got lost so many times! We have also been learning about Celtic life in the past to find out what life was like before the Romans invaded Britain. We also found out what jobs they had like farmers, blacksmiths, hunters and cooks. Weavers also made beds. In Science, we did an investigation of plants. When we did the investigation, we used 3 types of plants and for four weeks, we investigated whether the plants needed water and sunlight. We had three teams. We had the no light ones, which were given no light but had water, a no water but sunlight team and we had control plants which had both sunlight and water. We found out that not all plants need both sunlight and water to grow. In D&T, we used cardboard and wood to make Roman chariots. We made them for history and used rulers to measure and then used saws to cut the wood. We then used lollipop sticks as the floor and learnt all about chassis and axles.

Our journalists this month were Lily and Pharron.

Class 3

Colchester Zoo: A few weeks ago Class 3 went to Colchester Zoo to study and discover new animals in honour of Charles Darwin who we made a song about. We all had a lot of fun and learnt new things. Also saw new animals that we never saw before. We were very, very excited and perplexed about the animal's capabilities. We saw species of mammals, reptiles and amphibians. We all enjoyed every bit of what we had at this magical place, it was one of the best and memorable times of our lives.

Egyptian Museum: Currently Class 3 are working on our Ancient Egyptian museum to go along with our recount story about a person who gets stuck in Ancient Egypt and the rest was up to us. It was very fun getting to set it up with our teacher and look at the objects that we were sent in a ginormous suitcase. We have been working at home to make our own Egyptian craft which was our homework for the holidays.

Bewilderwood: Class 3 went to Bewilderwood with the rest of Orford school. Most of it was walking around but a large quantity of it was having fun for example, going down slides, going in mazes and going on fun play equipment which made all of class three have an amazing day. We ate our lunch while watching an interactive show which all of us enjoyed. It was mainly fun because it involved running and jumping around the area.

The Play: This year the whole of Class 3 are doing the play Cinderella Rockerfella as our yearly play. We all have important parts. Many of us have solos in songs and scenes that go throughout the whole play. We are all enjoying the idea of a fun and nice play. We all are hoping that the play will be just as fun as the movie.

We will be performing in 4 weeks so we all need to be prepared to get ready for the big unveil.

Your Class 3 journalists were Zack F and George.



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.

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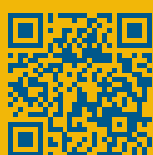
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BENTWATERS COLD WAR MUSEUM

Back in 1991, as the Cold War ended and the bases of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge faced closure, something unusual was seen leaving the Bentwaters base.

The 527th Aggressor Squadron had left in 1990, flying out their F-16 fighters, and the other A-10 squadrons had yet to wind down before leaving in 1993. But in 1991 a 1/5th scale model of a F-16 that had been on display, mounted on a plinth next to the Command Post, was transported to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford after the United States Air Force donated it to the museum.

It remained there on display until 2014 and was then put into storage. By then the Bentwaters Cold War Museum had opened and it seemed fitting that the F-16 "came home". After some lobbying and negotiations, permission was granted and in early 2023 the volunteers at BCWM collected the model and the "baby F-16" was at last back where it belonged. However, the task of moving the plinth to be nearer the museum (located in the Command Post) and then the installation of the model proved to be quite a challenge.

Eventually in spring 2025 the F-16 with its new paintwork and markings that reflect the 527th was positioned and unveiled. It had involved not only some manhandling by the volunteer staff (it is heavy and awkward), but mechanical help from local JCB dealer G & J Peck who provided a Telehandler to lift the plinth over the fence. The model now sits proudly at the front of the main museum entrance and gives visitors an opportunity for spectacular photos. Many thanks to G & J Peck at Bentwaters Parks.

The museum is open on the first and third Sundays of each month to October and Bank Holiday Sunday and Mondays, 10.00 to 4.00. It's a great place for local families to come and visit and enjoy your local tourist attraction ... and kids are free too!

Check out the website <https://www.bcwm.org.uk/> and find out more details where you can book tickets if you wish or just drop in on the day.

Simon Gladas



The F-16 model strikes a spectacular pose on the plinth outside the Bentwaters Cold War Museum.



Thanks to G & J Peck for their help with moving the F-16 model Plinth into position.



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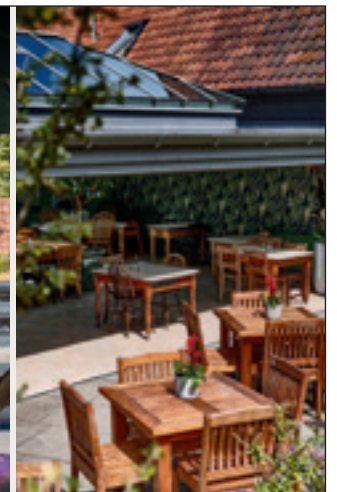
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NEW HORIZONS CLUB

It's been an exciting couple of months at New Horizons Club in Melton, alongside our usual activities, we've been busy with celebrations and trips to the seaside!

In May we celebrated one of our lovely members turning 100! We were joined by Robin Sanders, the Mayor of Woodbridge, and enjoyed a day of entertainment, including the St. Elizabeth's Hospice Choir and Zahara Belly Dancers. Our wonderful chef, Janet, cooked a delicious 3 course meal, followed by cake and champagne. It was such a special day, and it's great to be able to share these milestones with friends. In June, we headed to The Hut in Felixstowe for our bi-annual beach trip. The weather was on our side and was glorious! The members enjoyed sitting out in the sunshine with a cuppa, playing board games and chatting, before taking a little stroll along the promenade and into the gardens. For lunch, of course we had to have fish & chips, which we ate looking out at the sea view – perfect! Many members recalled memories of time spent here as a child - it's always so lovely thing to hear each others' stories! We're very much looking forward to our next visit here in September.

Each month at New Horizons we have a variety of activities and entertainment booked in, whether it's live music, quizzes and games, or some kind of craft. At each session we provide tea/coffee and biscuits along with a 2 course home cooked lunch, and members also have the option to join in with armchair exercises or manicures.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining us at New Horizons, please do get in touch by calling Ruth on 07596975252 or emailing at newhorizons912@gmail.com , we'd love to meet you!

We are also currently looking for a part-time cook to join our team, so please do get in touch (details above) for more info if you're interested.

New Horizons is a not-for-profit club, offering a sociable day out for older people, meeting at St. Audry's Club in Melton every Thursday from 10am – 2.30pm.



LOVE TO SING CHOIR

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We perform fundraiser concerts twice a year. Our current MD is stepping down after 13 great years with the group.

We are also recruiting for additional voices to join us. We have a mixed ability group. Please take a look at our repertoire on our website: <https://lovetosing.onesuffolk.net/love-to-sing-community-choir/> Please contact our Musical Director Rachael love2singchoir@gmail.com, Tel: 07925 245490

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