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A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR



A huge well done to Halesworth resident Karen Prime and her friend Rachel Plant from Southwold who took on a gruelling Triathlon to raise over £2500 for the Pear Tree fund.

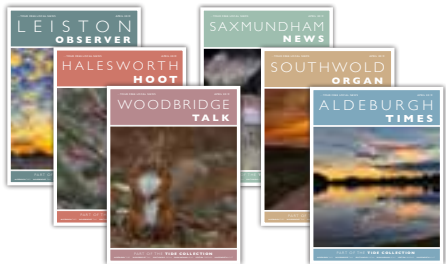
I'm sure many local people will benefit from the support this money will enable the charity to provide, at a very difficult time in their life.

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? I would love to hear from you, email me at: lou@tidecollection.com

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The best way out is always through.

Robert Frost



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This autumn, they're on the road again, with **THE TALES OUR MOTHER TOLD!** Two brothers try to untangle truth from fiction in the twisted tales from their childhood.

Exploring the nature of myth and memory, it'll feature Ipswich-based actor Julian Harries, known to East Anglian audiences from appearances at the New Wolsey, Mercury Colchester, Eastern Angles & Southwold/Aldeburgh summer theatre, and to wider audiences from his TV appearances in EastEnders, Detectorists, Father Brown & Mary & George.

Then for Xmas/New Year, after the huge success of last year's Father Brown & The Curse of The Xmas Fairy, they return in full bonkers mode with their traditional festive comedy caper, which this year will be **SHERLOCK HOLMES SMELLS EVIL!** Holmes & Watson investigate a number of mysterious disappearances at the Queasy Pines Sanatorium, high in the Sroughton Mountains, near Ipswich. Suspicion falls on its strange one legged superintendent, Professor Eintrouser.

Featuring live original songs and a liberal helping of one-liners, puns and sight-gags, it's the perfect panto alternative. Touring to Woodbridge, Hadleigh, Stowmarket, Felixstowe, Aldeburgh, Colchester, Diss, Ipswich & more. December 10th to January 18th. Visit www.commongroundtc.co.uk for full details and booking.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCT 4 Oktoberfest at the Rifle Hall
(Tickets in advance only). . Live music, beer, drinks and food. Tickets available via Eventbrite or The Halesworth Taproom.

OCT 5 & 19 Halesworth Harmony rehearsal 10.30 - 12.30 at The Cut.
Come along for a free taster session.
Email: halesworth.harmony@gmail.com.

OCT 11 Fressingfield Sounds – Autumn Concert Series 2025. Heath String Quartet: Schumann, Larcher, Beethoven. 7.30pm at Chapel Hall Arts, Fressingfield. IP21 5QD. Tickets from £5 (for under-25s), standard £23 or £25. Season tickets and patron packages also available. Visit: www.fressingfieldsounds.org.uk or call 07900 350117.

OCT 12 Fleamarket at Westleton village hall. 10am – 3pm. 50p admission (under 16s free). Light refreshments available. Enquiries: 01728 648353

OCT 18 Kinda Forest Family Saturdays.
Explore the forest with guided nature walks, games, nature crafts and more! Kaliwoods, Holton, Halesworth, IP19 8NQ. For more information visit: www.kindaforestschoo.com or email: info@kindaeducation.org.

OCT 18 Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research Jumble Sale. Tea/Coffee and Delicious Cakes. Bric-a-brac, books, toys, ladies, men's, children's clothes etc. 10am – 12 noon at Holton Village Hall, Lodge Road IP19 8RZ. Tel. 01986 873640.

OCT 18 Cough remedies. 11am at the Harmony Centre Halesworth. £10.

OCT 25 Wenhasston Produce and Craft Market. 10am to 12.30pm at Wenhasston village hall. Handmade cards, jewellery, homemade jams, cakes, honey, handbags, knitted items and much more. Tea, Coffee and savouries and cakes. Contact Carol at: caz-mike@outlook.com.

OCT 26 Tallis Chamber Orchestra Concert. Conductor: Michael Coleby I Soloist: George Strivens (Horn). 3pm at St Peter's Church £15. Visit: www.tco.org.uk for any changes

OCT 28 Scarecrow Train Fancy dress Scarecrow Train. Tickets available from <https://railplus.greateranglia.co.uk/community-rail-partnership-events/scarecrow-pumpkin-trail/>

OCT 31 – NOV 2. Winter Beer Festival at the Rifle Hall. Live Music, Craft Beer & Ale, Gin Bar, Halloween fancy dress party Friday night. Free Entry.

NOV 1 Annual Ceilidh. The fabulous Hosepipe Band. 7pm at Laxfield Village Hall, High Street. Bar Tickets £10, in aid of the Laxfield & District Museum, must be purchased in advance. Please call Elaine Nason tel.01986 798531 or email: laxfieldmuseum.org.uk And hurry!

SPOKES UNITING FOLKS

On Tuesday 2nd September, the famous Tour of Britain Men's cycling race sped through Halesworth.

East Suffolk was the chosen starting point for this year's Tour. The 114 strong team of cyclists and their impressive entourage dashed through Halesworth at approximately 2pm.

Entering via Walpole Road, they received a warm welcome from the residents of Highfield House who had gathered under gazebos to watch from their excellent vantage point. There was much cheering and flag waving! The cyclists then sailed along London Road and Saxon's Way where they were met with more cheering, flags, bells and shakers from those gathered in the Town Park. They then belted up Norwich Road, cheered on by onlookers, then off towards Bungay.

Quite a sight to behold, the police bikes with their flashing lights and sirens particularly delighted the children and the Tour of Britain cyclists rode with such speed and energy that it was hard not to be wowed.

Halesworth Town Council, with funding from East Suffolk Council, produced a children's trail around some of the shops in the Thoroughfare and Market Place, where families had to find the bicycle letters hidden in windows. They also put on a Pedal & Picnic in the Park event to celebrate the Tour. There was live music from the Halesworth Ukulele Band, ice creams and outdoor games, flag decorating and shaker making, medals to give away, plus Sam the Bicycle Wizard offered his bicycle maintenance service for free and made safe several bikes during the afternoon. The Town Council also gave away 25 sets of bicycle lights and hi vis straps – helping to make riders safe as the darker nights arrive. Some fun flags were delivered to St Mary's Church Youth Group, Mencap, Beech House and Highfield House Care Home prior to the event and these were decorated in style! Some of the Mencap group and residents from Beech House were able to join the event at the Town Park and watch the cyclists fly by whilst waving their colourful flags. The 550-mile Tour of Britain route finished in Cardiff a few days later, with the overall winner being Romain Gregoire.

Well done to all those who took part in the Tour, a real inspiration to cyclists, and thank you to all those who supported Halesworth's events – another brilliant way of bringing the community together.



OCTOBER AT HALESWORTH LIBRARY

Exciting things are happening at Halesworth Library this October! We start the month with a Quiz Afternoon on Thursday 2nd October at 2:15pm, hosted by the Friends of Halesworth Library. Teams of 4, £12 a team and booking is essential. Please email friendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com or call 01986 506062 to book. No team? Contact us and we can match you up!

As part of 'Poetry in Aldeburgh's' pre-festival libraries programme, we're very excited to host Poetry People's specialist community poets Dean Parkin and Naomi Jaffa. On Friday 17th October at 10:30am - 12:30pm, Dean and Naomi are running a free 'Finding Family Lines' poetry workshop. Suitable for both new and seasoned writers, this welcoming session will offer a mix of inventive exercises and inspiring sample poems to prompt reconnections with those relatives, episodes and memories that continue to shape our lives.

Spaces are limited, please call 01986 506062 to book your free space.

As part of their 'Thursday Book Talk' series, the Friends of Halesworth Library will be hosting a book talk on Thursday 16th October at 2:30pm. Further details will be published in due course, on our website: suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk

October half-term will see the first set of art workshops for young people, as part of a gift from Edna Comport who was a local resident and regular user of the library, hosted by Francesca Armour-Chelu and Meraylah Allwood. Specific details will follow on our social media channels or speak with a member of staff. During the school half-term, the library will be taking part in the town's scarecrow festival and trail - look out for our spooky display! On Tuesday 28th October, 10:30am - 12:30pm, we'll be joined by Suffolk Archives who are running a craft session for families.

There will also be sessions of Sociable Sundays on Sunday 5th and 19th October, 10.30-12.30pm and Board Games Cafe on Monday 27th October, 14:00-16:30, both hosted and run by volunteers of the Friends of Halesworth Library.

Regular activities and drop-ins:

Tuesdays 10 - 11:30am: free Rhyme Time & Play session, fun songs followed by free play with our toys; Wednesdays, 10am: Time Out sociable group for older people meets for tea and biscuits. The Knit & Natter group meet alternate Tuesdays 2 - 4pm, staff can provide dates. Lego Club is on every Saturday 12 - 1pm and Family Board Games Club every Sunday 10:30 - 11:30am. You can find advice drop-ins from East Suffolk Council Customer services every Tuesday 10.00 - 16.00 and Barclays Bank on Wednesdays 09.00 - 17.00. Citizens Advice have a drop-in every other Tuesday 10.00 - 12.00, please ask a member of staff for future dates.

PROTECTING OUR LIBRARIES



By Marianne Fellowes

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." – Joseph Addison.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know." – Dr. Seuss

LIBRARIES ARE NOT JUST COLLECTIONS OF BOOKS...

Many of us no longer rely on the printed word for information or knowledge, but libraries provide so much more. They are a vital community service that needs to be protected, especially in rural areas like East Suffolk.

The history of libraries dates back to ancient civilizations; the Romans first gave access to 'citizens', not just to scholars.

Modern public libraries emerged in revolutionary France with the nationalisation of noble libraries and national libraries were established in the 19th and 20th centuries. In recent years digital technology has transformed libraries once again.

Libraries continue to evolve, while maintaining their core mission of preserving knowledge and supporting education. They provide access to information and technology, and enrich society, supporting social well-being and mental health. They support young people, helping them to acquire key skills and have also become 'warm hubs' offering refreshments and a safe place to spend time for free.

With the demise of most of our Tourist Information Centres, libraries now offer a range of leaflets including bus times, information about what's on and services for residents and visitors.

As we lose pubs, banks and village shops, libraries have taken on even more roles. East Suffolk Council holds weekly drop-ins and Police Safer Neighbourhood teams visit.

Sadly, as of December, Barclays Bank will cease their satellite services in several local libraries, despite them being well attended!



Halesworth Community Library

Once you join your local library, you can access several online services for free: you can download e-books and read most national newspapers, borrow audio and large print books, access the County reference library and use the computers/Wifi. Printing, photocopying, scanning and laminating are available for a small charge.

Volunteers provide a 'Books at Home' service for those unable to visit. Libraries host the Reading Challenge during school holidays, provide term-time access for schools, after school Code Clubs, and even visits by 'reading' dogs. Every library is unique. Some have meeting rooms for hire. Period products and other health-care items may be available. There are lots of weekly activities from Music/Stay & Play for under 5s, to groups for those with Dementia and their Carers, language classes, and a wide range of talks and workshops. Libraries are truly an asset in our communities as diverse as you could imagine, yet familiar and welcoming for all.

ARE OUR LIBRARIES AT RISK?

Today there are 45 libraries across Suffolk and three mobile Libraries which visit villages in between.

Earlier this year the library service in Suffolk reverted to being run in-house by Suffolk County Council (SCC). Prior to this they were managed by an independent charity, 'Suffolk Libraries', which was set up when SCC threatened to close our libraries some ten years ago.

There was widespread outcry then and now, strong evidence of how passionately the public feels about keeping its libraries open to the same extent as currently, or even to increase this.

SCC promised that library users would not notice any change to hours or services until a full review in 2026, but in the meantime, items of planned works and key decisions have been paused.

Great uncertainty remains, for the amazing staff, dedicated volunteers and the services that many residents have come to rely upon.

One worrying change is that the former SCC Portfolio Holder for Libraries has banned story-telling activities by a Pantomime Dame who has done this for 7 years across our area. This seems to go against principles of free speech and welcoming diversity, not to mention theatre tradition since Shakespearean times!

Libraries have clearly played a significant role throughout human history and still do today. It is vital that our communities have free access to information, a 'place' for all, without perceived or actual barriers, and where young people can continue their relationship with reading. Your library is there for YOU, will you be there for your library? To enrol for free, just pop along, or look at the library website for opening hours, information about services and activities.

www.suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk



Marianne Fellowes attending a Council meeting to advocate for the continuation of library services.

Marianne is a library user, and volunteer Trustee with Aldeburgh Library Foundation.

If you have any questions or comments on this article, please contact Marianne via info@eastsuffolk.greenparty.org.uk

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SUFFOLK PUNCH TROPHY

Halesworth Golf Club hosted The 5th annual Suffolk Punch Trophy Order of Merit 36 hole golf competition on Monday 25th August 2025. The weather was great, lots of warm sunshine with a modest breeze and the scoring was excellent with several rounds grossing under par.

All the players were greeted by 'Colony Aspoll' the Suffolk Horse from Suffolk Punch Trust who was in the care of Tracey Pettitt, supported by Belinda Rudderham from the Suffolk Horse Society.

Each 3ball group was greeted by the Suffolk Horse as they completed the morning round and were sent off the 1st tee for their 2nd rounds

With genuine hospitality from Halesworth GC and continuing generous support from the event sponsors we able to honour the prize fund by awarding 10 prize vouchers and presented both Suffolk Horse Charities with a cheque for £820 each.

Twelve different golf clubs were registered and prizes on the day were awarded to members from 6 separate clubs - 5 from Suffolk and 1 from Norfolk

L to R: Belinda Ruderham & Tracey Pettitt with 'Colony Aspoll'



Trophy winners on the day

Gold Trophy for best gross score: Taylor Crisp (Woodbridge).
h/c +2

Silver Trophy for best nett score: Paul Coby (Halesworth)
h/c. 1

Prizes were also awarded for both Gross and Nett 2nd and 3rd plus best am and pm rounds, all on countback where applicable

Virtually every one of our competitors expressed their enjoyment on the day and Club members really made a fuss of 'Colony Aspoll', as he made their competition a bit more special.

We look forward to seeing all the best regional golfers competing again next year as it is now confirmed the Suffolk Punch Trophy OOM competition will be hosted by Halesworth Golf Club on Monday August 31st 2026 – save the date!

Taylor Crisp



Paul Coby



HALESWORTH DEMENTIA CARERS' FUND

At our AGM Chair Nikki Sawkins welcomed interested parties. The meeting started with the ratification of the Trustees, all were willing to serve for another year. Nikki presented the Annual Report which was approved by the whole meeting as were the draft accounts for the year. A brief update on the new Patrick Stead Day Centre was given. Words of appreciation for the work of HDCF were given by Teresa Fyffe and Mark Jones. Finally, Nikki thanked everyone for their hard work, and for supporting her during her recent illness. She announced she was standing down as Chair, this role would now be undertaken by present Vice-Chair Nicky Kelly, with Nikki now Vice-Chair. Nikki was presented with a bouquet and the AGM closed and all adjourned for tea and wonderful cakes (Thanks Nikki!)

iChameleon Shop: In August HDCF ran its annual shop in iChameleon. Thanks to people's great generosity we took £1,545, which, after expenses, gave us a final total of £1,275.

We are so grateful to donors, customers and all those set up and manned the shop.

Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea: On 31st August John Giles ran a coffee morning/afternoon tea for HDCF in memory of Sarah. So many people came attended and nearly £400 was raised. With a donation from the tennis club John was able to hand over just over £500. We are so grateful to John and everyone who helped on the day or came along in support.

100+ Club: The winning numbers for this month are 84 (£100), 108 (£75), 96 (£50) and 41 (£25).

For further info email: info@halesworthdementia.co.uk, visit; www.halesworthdementia.co.uk or see our Facebook page.

John Wood

THE PEAR TREE FUND

A daring duo have presented the Pear Tree Fund with a cheque for more than £2,500 after conquering an epic charity challenge which saw them swim, cycle and run a total of 140.6 miles in just one day.

Firm friends Karen Prime, who lives in Halesworth, and Rachel Plant, from Southwold, took part in the Outlaw Triathlon in Nottingham on 26 July. The race saw them complete a 2.4 mile swim before embarking on a 112 mile bike ride followed by a full 26.2 mile marathon, raising £2,572 for the Pear Tree Fund in the process. The money will be used to provide bereavement support and emotional, physical and practical help for people with life-changing illnesses or long-term conditions, as well as extra equipment and 24-hour care in the last days of life.

Karen and Rachel signed up for the event six months ago after Rachel, a seasoned runner, set her sights on completing a full triathlon after they had competed in a half-distance race together. Never one to refuse a challenge, Karen soon agreed to join her and the pair embarked on a rigorous training schedule which included 4am alarm calls to fit in sessions before work.

"Training was incredibly demanding, but the support of our families and friends made all the difference," said Karen.

"This support was a lifeline on race day, as seeing our cheering families really helped to spur us on."

"We'd like to thank everyone who supported us so generously, either by donating or helping us to prepare for the race. We couldn't have done it without them."

To find out more about the Pear Tree Fund call 01986 899655, email info@peartreefund.org or visit www.peartreefund.org



Rachel (left) and Karen (right) presenting the cheque to Pear Tree Centre manager Seva Newrick

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What do our volunteers do? Home-visiting volunteers are at the heart of what we do at Home-Start Suffolk. They offer practical and emotional support to a local family once a week, in their own home. This might mean being a listening ear, helping with daily routines, or simply showing up with kindness and understanding. It's all about being a trusted, reliable presence when it's needed most. We also offer a variety of other volunteering roles to suit your skills, interests, and availability - including telephone support, group support, community-based roles including fundraising, and office-based opportunities. **No special qualifications needed** - just empathy, life experience and a desire to help.

We provide full, free training and ongoing support. Volunteering is flexible and fits around your life. You'll also join a warm, supportive network of like-minded people.

Why volunteer with Home-Start Suffolk?

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Are you looking to make a difference?

Become a volunteer and help change lives

At Home-Start Suffolk, we believe families should have the right support at the right time, giving children the best start in life.

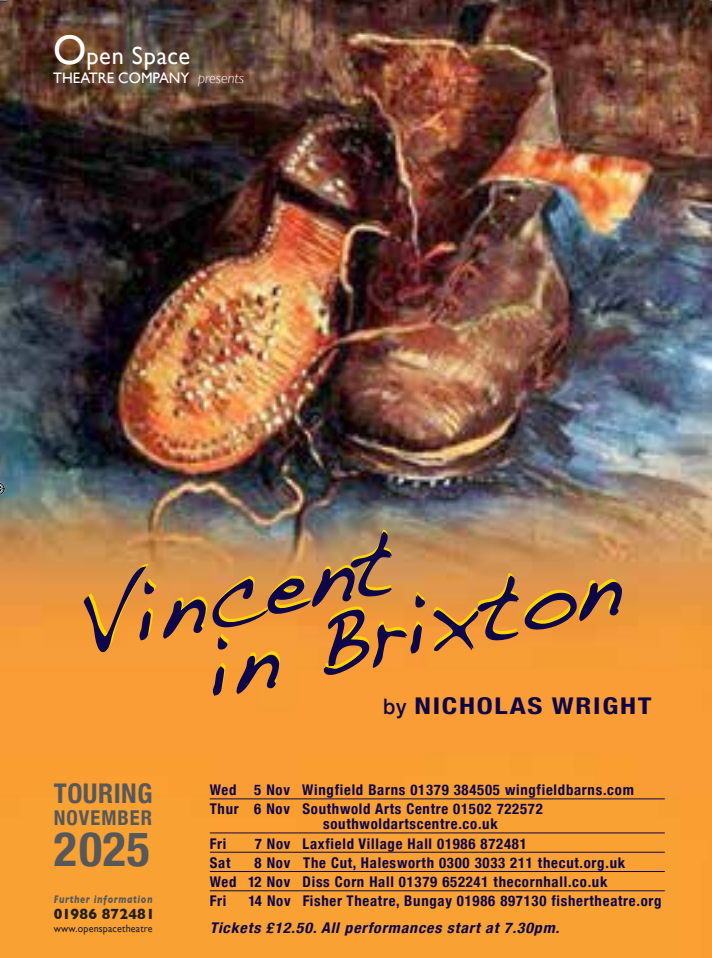
As a volunteer you can help us ensure families and children are given the support they need to thrive. Your volunteering journey will offer a rewarding experience where you can learn new skills and meet new people, all while contributing to your local community. Your time and kindness could make a big difference to Suffolk families.

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Sat	8 Nov	The Cut, Halesworth	0300 3033 211	thecut.org.uk
Wed	12 Nov	Diss Corn Hall	01379 652241	thecornhall.co.uk
Fri	14 Nov	Fisher Theatre, Bungay	01986 897130	fishertheatre.org

Tickets £12.50. All performances start at 7.30pm.

THE YOUNG and naive Vincent van Gogh finds himself lodging in a house full of secrets in a theatre production destined for Halesworth and Southwold and four other local venues in November.

'*Vincent in Brixton*', by Nicholas Wright, was premiered at the National Theatre and the local production is by Open Space Theatre Company, which has brought a series of classic plays to the area over the past 17 years.

It is 1873 and the young Dutchman rents a room in a suburb of London while he is being trained for a career as an art dealer.

Slowly, he becomes aware of the secrets which lie beneath the surface of everyday life in this house.

Wright's play traces the transforming effects of love, sex and youthful adventure on Van Gogh's still unfound talent as a painter.

It is scheduled for Southwold Arts Centre on Thursday, November 6 and The Cut, Halesworth on Saturday November 8. Further performances are at Wingfield, Laxfield, Diss and Bungay November 5 – 14.

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Winter 2025/26:

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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 Friday evening, starting 5th September – Pan seared minute steak, fries, dressed rocket salad & a brandy & peppercorn sauce for £21.95 inc glass of house wine or pint of draught

Wine Evening: Thursday 16th October – booking essential.
(Wine supplied by Jeroboam wines)

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

Lunch Club: 1st Thursday of every month, starting Thursday November 6th (Spanish Basque) – A different themed 2-course lunch with coffee, talk from our chef about the dishes & a full recipe card £22.95

Quiz & Curry Night: 1st Thursday of every month, starting Thursday 6th November – Come & join us for a tasty curry & test your knowledge with our in house quiz master £12.99PP (winning team to win bottle of wine)

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

*** NOT AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

FOOD FOCUS OF THE MONTH

October	November	December	January
"Holy Shiitake!" (Mushrooms)	"Oh my Gourd" (Pumpkins etc)	"Seasonings greetings" (Festive treats)	"Veganuary" (Vegan focus)

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HALESWORTH ANGEL BOWLS CLUB 2025

From May to September - The song says "it's a long, long time" but members of the club have found it to pass very quickly. All of sudden we are at the end of the 2025 season with our internal club finals being held on Saturday 13 September.

It has been one of the club's most successful seasons in recent years. We held our open day bacSk in April and were fortunate in recruiting a dozen new members, two of whom were seasoned bowlers, the rest never having bowled before. We've competed in 4 leagues, been promoted a division in one of them, finished close to the top in the other and achieved a mid-table position in our newest league. We have languished at the bottom of the Sunshine League but this is where we blood new members, so our aspirations for success are lower. We have also taken part in cup games and narrowly missed making the finals in two of them, having to go to a tie break to determine the winner, proving we can compete with clubs in higher divisions. We finished the season with a very successful triples tournament, hosting 15 teams. We hope this will be an annual event and there has been some really enjoyable social bowling. Our roll up day having been very well attended, ending with much conviviality and drinks from the bar. We regularly host members of Halesworth University of the 3rd Age and have established a special relationship with Peasenhall bowling club playing 'Aussie Pairs'. These games have shown the broad age range of bowls players. We have had a 12 year old girl playing against men in their 90s! So here's to the 2026 season. Come and join us.



12 year old Ruby with (l to r) Don Cheese, Eddie Beanland and Ian Parker (one of the best bowlers in the East of England). Photos: Gary Lindsay

NATURE, COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

Nestled in the heart of Holton, Kali Woods is a place where people of all ages come together to learn, share, and grow. We believe that it takes a village to raise a child - and a child to raise a village. Here's a snapshot list of what we get up - you are welcome to join us from September

Welcoming the Elders Tribe: A warm, inclusive gathering for older members of the community. You'll find friendship, shared stories and a chance to pass on knowledge and skills. The film of our last clay project can be found here: <https://www.kindaeducation.org.uk/elders>

Home Education & Flexi-School Group: Welcoming children aged 5 to 14. A joyful, hands-on learning space where young people explore nature, build practical skills, and form lasting friendships

Family Forest School: Shared adventures for elders to babies. It's a chance for the whole family to connect, create, and play together.

Woodsisters Forest School: For women aged 14 and over, Woodsisters is a gathering of creativity and connection. We craft, relax, and enjoy the company of other women in a supportive, friendly environment. All women are welcomed.

Growing Together in Kali Field: All of these groups are part of the ongoing development of Kali Field, Holton - a growing community woodland and garden that wraps around Kali Woods. Together, we're shaping it into a shared space for food, wildlife, learning, and community events.

Training & Skills for the Future: Beyond community gatherings we offer opportunities to gain new skills and qualifications, including Leadership Training; Outdoor First Aid Training; and Bespoke Community Training.

Alternative Provision in Worlingham: In Worlingham woodland, we run a trauma-informed, low-arousal alternative provision for children referred by schools or local authorities.

These small, nurturing sessions help build confidence, resilience, and trust.

Come and join us! If you'd like to be part of a thriving, nature-based community, we'd love to welcome you.

Find out more at www.kindaeducation.org.uk or email info@kindaeducation.org. Bring your curiosity, your stories, and maybe sunscreen or a pair of wellies—we'll provide the campfire



PROJECT UPDATE

OCTOBER 2025

Welcome to the latest round up of construction activity at Sizewell C.

We are pleased to announce our SMS alert service is now live, the community can now sign up to receive works tracker updates via SMS as well as email. Subscribe to the Sizewell C Works Tracker at szcworkstracker.co.uk. Track Sizewell C Projects and get alerts for new activities via the login button.

Firstly, thank you for your patience as we work hard to get new infrastructure in place, such as park and ride facilities to bus our workers into site and improvements such as the A12 two village bypass and Sizewell Link Road. We are sorry for the inconvenience this is causing and will work to complete these essential projects as quickly as possible whilst providing updates to communities so you can plan your journeys. With this in mind, the Sizewell C works tracker and One Network Causeway [one.network](#) are guides to works in the area and the new subscription service through our works tracker will also help with transport plans around the county.

We are working across the county and wider East Anglian region to improve Sizewell C related road signs, which includes removing temporary signs and replacing with permanent road signs.

This will ensure contract drivers are taking the correct routes. Closer to site, we are also replacing temporary road signs along the B1122 with permanent speed reduction and camera signs.

As part of our accommodation strategy, we announced at the last Northern Transport Forum that we have acquired part of the Darsham High Lodge site which will provide accommodation for our workforce. High Lodge benefits from being closely located to the Darsham Railway Station and the Northern Park and Ride site. A bus service will be available for workers to transport from High Lodge to site, keeping cars off the road.

We have started to build a widened and improved layby on the A12 to assist police escorting our wide load HGVs. Working closely with Suffolk County Council, we have closed one of the lanes of the dual carriageway. This is to ensure traffic flow and not create a bottleneck along the dual carriageway by ensuring a consistent one lane traffic flow from Woodbridge. This also ensures road safety for road users and workers, and Suffolk County Council will also be undertaking maintenance work during this time. The traffic management will be in place until December.

FORUM SCHEDULE

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

Main Development Site Forum	Wednesday 8 October 2025	Leiston Town Athletic Association
Community Forum	Thursday 23 October 2025	Sizewell Sports and Social Club
Northern Transport Forum	Wednesday 5 November 2025	Darsham Village Hall
Southern Transport Forum	Wednesday 3 December 2025	Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre

For more information and for all 2025 forum dates visit sizewellc.com/community/forums

VISIT THE WORKS TRACKER SITE



SONIC WAVE

Film composer David Julian + Will Fergusson

Friday 7th November, at The Cut, Halesworth

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Christopher Nolan's breakout film *Memento*, and to celebrate Sonic Wave are thrilled to welcome the film's composer David Julian to The Cut for a special live performance with his string quartet.

Julian will present a reimagined live version of his original haunting score, transforming its eerie electronic textures into a striking new arrangement for strings and synths. Having only recently stepped out from behind the silver screen to begin performing live, Julian brings fresh depth to his iconic work and will also perform selections from his solo albums.

This is a unique chance to experience the music of a visionary composer - live, intimate, and deeply cinematic. Before the performance, David Julian will take part in a conversation and audience Q&A. In addition to his collaborations with Oscar-winning director Christopher Nolan scoring his films 'Memento', 'The Prestige' and 'Insomnia', Julian has composed for television and films, including 'The Descent' and award-winning 'The Cabin' in the Woods. Blending subtle orchestration with atmospheric electronics, Julian has established himself as a distinctive voice in the post-classical landscape.

Also, from 7pm, Suffolk virtuoso pianist Will Fergusson performs improvised pieces with a filmic flair in the bar. A versatile multi-instrumentalist and prolific composer, Fergusson is known for his ability to transform ordinary moments into extraordinary experiences.

Organised by local artists Addictive TV, Sonic Wave champions original and grassroots music, and showcases artists crossing over folk, world, jazz, electronic and contemporary styles. Supported by Arts Council England. Follow Sonic Wave on Facebook and Instagram @ SonicWaveney

Friday 7th November. 7pm-9:30pm.

The Cut, 8 New Cut, Halesworth IP19 8BY. Tickets £10 (early birds) / £12 conc / £15. Box office: 0300 303 3211 / boxoffice@thecut.org.uk



HALESWORTH TO SOUTHWOLD NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY

On Sunday 14th September the railway charity held its annual Heritage Open Days event at the Blythburgh Station Heritage Centre. The event also celebrated 'Railway 200'.

Thanks to enormous efforts from the volunteers, trustees, supporters, exhibitors, and many local businesses and groups, the Open Day was the best one we have ever run.

Many new members were signed up, and new visitors and returnees alike all enjoyed the model railway show organised by Richard Doe. Solar-charged trains ran, there was a shunting demonstration, there were guided tours, and a large live-steam model railway.

Entry and entertainment was free, and even the light refreshments (including home-made cake!) at the Village Hall were also free: visitors were very generous, and donations were substantial.

During the week leading up to the main event we participated in the Halesworth Pop-Up shop at i-Chameleon (supported by the University of the Third Age and the East Suffolk Travel Association - and on Saturday charity members Shirley and Paul Taylor led a well-attended guided walk to the railway sections that we have re-instated on the Millennium Green.

In 2026 we will be running more Open Days, which will be announced in your local Halesworth Hoot. James Hewett, Trustee.



HALESWORTH BRANCH OF CANCER RESEARCH

On Friday 22nd August six of our committee members and volunteers were in Beccles for the first time collecting outside QD stores. The staff in the store were so welcoming and we are extremely grateful to Mr George for allowing us to carry out the collection.

Thank you to Helen F for organising the collection and also taking part along with committee members Helen K, Dot and volunteers Sheila, Gill and Paula. The collection raised £172.44. Thank you to everyone who stopped and popped some money into our collection goblets.

Our next big event in August was our Maze by Torchlight on Friday 29th, by kind permission of Bella at The Old Hall Cafe Southwold. They are so very generous as they donate all the entrance money to us at the Halesworth Branch and we can't thank them enough for their continuing support. The ticket sales this year raised £1179 which is an amazing amount.

Our games, stalls and donations on the night raised a further £315.11 to give a grand total of £1494.11. Thank you Bella, Emily and all the staff at The Old Hall café and a big thank you to the two lovely boys who did all the heavy lifting for us.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the maze. I can only apologise for the terrible downpour whilst some of you were in the maze. One minute everyone was taking photos of the incredible sky and the next the rain was monsoonal! I hope that despite the rain you had a good time and enjoyed the adventure.

Congratulations to the adults and children who won prizes in our games and congratulations to C Potter who won the hamper raffle with number 57.

Our next event is our very popular Jumble Sale on Saturday October 18th in Holton Village Hall. (please see the 'Dates for your Diary' section).

We always welcome good clean saleable items but unfortunately we cannot take electrical items or large pieces of furniture. Please do not leave any items outside the village hall as we only book it for the day and we would be unaware of anything left there.

Thank you all for continuing to support the work of Cancer Research, we truly cannot do it without your kindness, support and generosity. For more information please contact me.

Dawn Davis
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Murder Mystery Supper

The Pantaloons return this winter with a brand-new Murder Mystery experience! Settle in for a three-course supper as you immerse yourself in A Game of Murder - a Cluedo-style whodunit.

Tickets are available on our website.

Wednesday 26th November | 7pm

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Festive Menu

Alongside our seasonal main menu, we will also be offering a three-course festive set menu, perfect for family get-togethers, catch-ups with friends, or the big work Christmas party.

Available from 24th November
until 23rd December

2 courses - £28 | 3 courses - £34

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Sun 5th Oct at 6.00pm

Mon 6th & Tues 7th Oct at 7.15pm

Wed 8th Oct at 3.00pm

Thurs 9th Oct at 7.15pm

A BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY ¹⁵

Fri 10th Oct at 7.30pm. LIVE ON STAGE

THE JERSEY BEATS OH, WHAT A NITE!

Sat 11th Oct at 2.30pm & 7.30pm. LIVE ON STAGE

AKENFIELD

Sun 12th Oct at 6.00pm

STRANGE JOURNEY THE STORY OF ROCKY HORROR ¹⁵

Mon 13th - Thurs 16th Oct at 7.15pm

DEAD OF WINTER ¹⁵

Fri 17th & Sat 18th Oct at 7.15pm

Sun 19th Oct at 6.00pm

Mon 20th & Tues 21st Oct at 7.15pm

Wed 22nd Oct at 3.00pm & 7.15pm

Thurs 23rd Oct at 7.15pm

I SWEAR ¹⁵

Fri 24th & Sat 25th Oct at 7.15pm

Sun 26th Oct at 6.00pm

THE LOST BUS ¹⁵

Mon 27th - Wed 29th Oct at 7.00pm

ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER ¹⁵

Thurs 30th Oct at 7.00pm

Sun 2nd Nov at 3.00pm

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Fri 31st Oct at 7.15pm

Sun 2nd Nov at 6.00pm

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