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## A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR



An eventful September for Halesworth – Halesworth to Southwold Narrow Gauge Railway are holding an Open Day which will include a Model Railway Show and is free, as are the refreshments! The end of September brings Climate Action Energy weekend with three days of very informative events of benefit to all I'm sure.

Our lovely cover photo of a reed warbler feeding an adopted cuckoo was taken in Norfolk by Harriet Day

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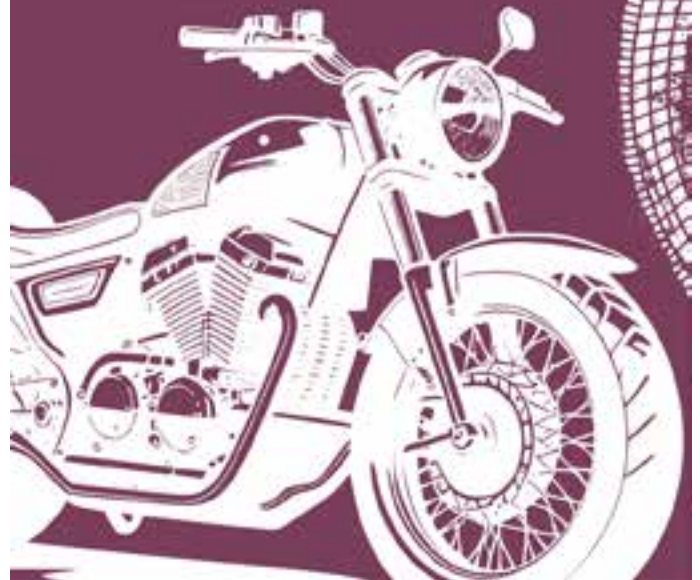
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**Steak Night\***: Every Thursday evening. Pan seared minute steak, fries, dressed rocket with a brandy & peppercorn sauce £21.95 incl. house glass of wine or pint of lager

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### Annual Beer & Burger Festival

September 19th, 20th & 21st

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**Wine Evening:** Thursday 16th October  
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**2 for £15 Menu\***: Starts November 3rd. Enjoy 2 courses from our pre-set menu for just £15, available Monday-Friday, between 12pm-3pm

**Quiz & Curry Night:** Starting November 6th. £15pp, includes prize for winners!

**Lunch Club:** Starting November 6th  
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**FOOD FOCUS OF THE MONTH**  
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# HALESWORTH CLIMATE ACTION ENERGY WEEKEND



What if we never had to worry about energy price rises again? What if Halesworth generated its own electricity, reducing energy costs for homes and businesses? What if all our homes were insulated so well that our energy costs were under £100 a year? These are the questions behind a weekend of positive, practical workshops and discussion, on the last weekend in **September, (26th - 28th)**. The event is organised by HASH (Halesworth Area Sustainability Hub) and is hosted by St Mary's Church, Halesworth.

Whether you are interested in taking steps to reduce bills and use cleaner forms of energy as a family, a business or at community level, this is a chance to gather information and inspiration from experts and local people who have already begun doing just that. Why not come along and learn more?

We will also be hearing a report from sustainable energy experts, Opergy, who have been commissioned to produce a baseline study of our town's current energy use and carbon footprint. From this baseline – where we are now – we will be developing a Net Zero Pathway to help Halesworth and area reach the sustainable energy targets adopted by the Town Council – where we want to get to.

Our partners, Blyth Valley Churches, are organizing a linked week of activities with local schools to engage children with the practical energy solutions to big problems that affect their futures.

## Friday evening 26 September: What if?

When we'll be imagining our energy futures. Adrian Ramsay MP will talk about the political dimension. Professor Peter Hobson will describe 'Energy Landscapes' and Climate Change: adapting to extreme weather events, ecosystems and natural energy. John Collins will tell the remarkable story of Charsfield Community Energy.

## Saturday 27 September: Pathway to Net Zero:

OPERGY will present their report commissioned by the Town Council on current energy usage; they will explain the baseline and potential way forward for residents, businesses, transport, and land use. Then there will be a chance to join workshops on a list of topics including:

**How I changed my house:** Local residents will describe how they changed their homes with and without grants, to insulate and adapt.

**Challenge the Landlord:** How as a tenant you can safely challenge your landlord; and how landlords can benefit from retrofitting, particularly in the light of proposed government strategy.

**East Suffolk energy strategy:** councillors will explain how this informs planning decisions.

**Community Energy:** John Taylor (Community Energy UK) and James Rolls (Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Officer) and the Deben Climate Centre will share the joys of community energy ventures.

**My carbon footprint:** How to calculate your carbon footprint, with pleasure and not pain.

**Halesworth Town Council:** What is the responsibility of the town council in supporting the people and businesses of Halesworth to Net Zero?

Further details, including on the themed service to be held at St Mary's Church on **Sunday 28 September**, can be found at: <https://halesworthash.com/halesworth-climate-action-energy-weekend-draft/>

## HALESWORTH DEMENTIA CARERS' FUND

### Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. of the H.D.C.F. will take place on Monday 8th September. It will take place in The Stables, Angel Hotel, and will begin at 2pm, to be followed by refreshments. All interested parties are very welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there and telling you about all we have been doing in the last year.

### Next Film – it's a week earlier!

Our regular film shows are usually the third Wednesday of the month, but in September it will be a week earlier, showing on Wednesday 10th.

The film will be Penguin Lessons, starring Steve Coogan and Jonathan Pryce. It is a wonderful comedy, based on a true story. According to one review "if there were Oscars for animals the penguin should have won one". As usual, doors open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start, and entry is by £5 donation.

### Groups and Activities

Last month I gave a list of our groups and activities. Since then, there has been one major change. Singing with Friends will now be every Thursday from 2 – 3.30pm at the new Patrick Stead Day Centre on London Rd. Also, for those interested in the Friday Day Care, booking is essential.

### Charity Shield Golf Tournament

On Friday 8th August David Tower, Senior Captain at Halesworth Golf Club, staged the Captain's Charity Shield competition. Thanks to David, and the incredible generosity of all the golfers who participated, over £800 was raised for Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund. We are so grateful to David and everyone involved in this wonderful event.

For more information please call 07990 199632 or email: [info@halesworthdementia.co.uk](mailto:info@halesworthdementia.co.uk) or visit: [www.halesworthdementia.co.uk](http://www.halesworthdementia.co.uk) or our Facebook page.

**John Wood**



*Time to be beautiful*

*Welcome inside*

## WIGS & MORE

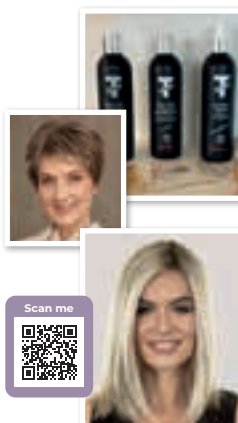
*Following on from the launch of my mobile wig business, **Wigs & More To Your Door**, back in May 2023, I am so excited to now officially open the doors to my new wig studio, situated in the IP12 area.*

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.

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.

*Allison*



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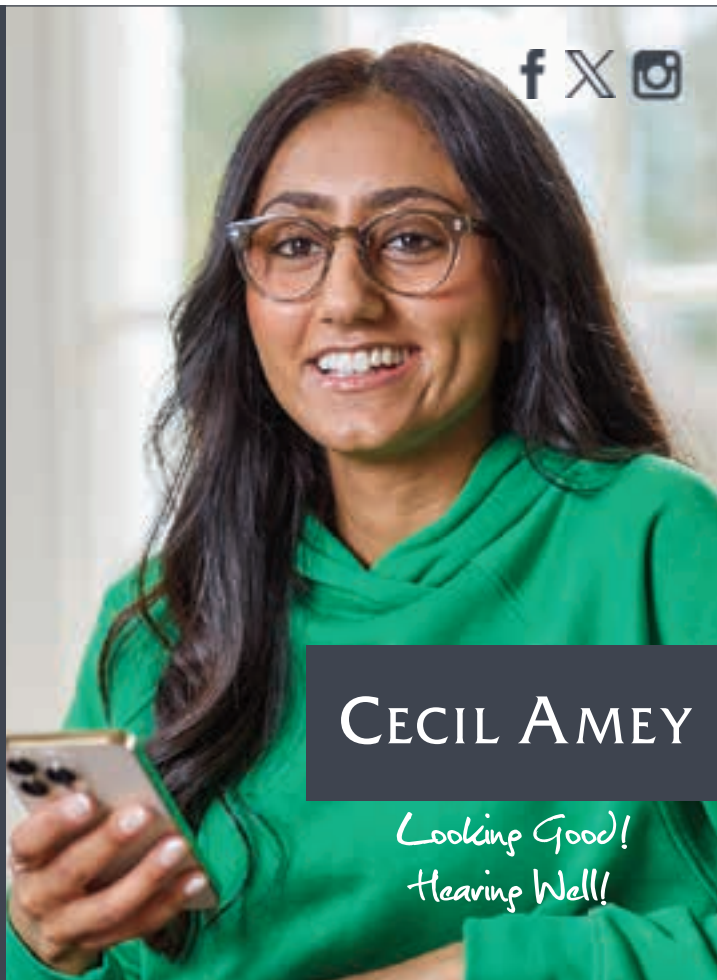
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# HALESWORTH TO SOUTHWOLD NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY

The charity would like to invite all Halesworth Hoot readers to attend our Open Day and Model Railway Show at Blythburgh Station on **Sunday 14th September**, from 10.30 'til 3.45. The event is, as always, free to attend: the light refreshments are also free! The station is signposted off the A12 almost opposite the White Hart - only Blue Badge holders can park onsite, but there is a field near the church for everyone else. Halesworth's Community Bus will provide car-free access to the event at 11.00 and 1.00, leaving from the Saxons' Way car park.

In the Village Hall will be unusual model railways, trade stands, displays of our work, teas, coffees and homemade cake, and films.

At the adjacent station will be guided tours of the museum site, and demonstration train runs and shunting turns, using our 90-year-old solar-charged battery-electric locomotive. The historic railway trackbed can be walked to both west and east and Holy Trinity Church is also close by, and well worth a visit. Before the event, we will be found in the I-Chameleon Pop-Up shop in Thoroughfare, Halesworth, on September 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th, promoting Halesworth's Heritage Open Days, so please drop in to see us. You may wish to support our efforts to restore the railway branch line in the Blyth Valley - if so, then becoming a member at one of our events is an ideal way to show support. For only £10 per year you can receive fortnightly newsletters and join in at our social events - also enjoying being part of this exciting project. You can become a member online - on our website [www.halesworthtosouthwoldrailway.co.uk](http://www.halesworthtosouthwoldrailway.co.uk)

The charity's work continues: our display and leaflets were popular at the 'Railway 200' Exhibition at Lowestoft Station - an extremely well-run and successful event, promoted by the Community Rail Partnerships.

Also, our volunteers are preparing to re-start work at Walberswick Station now that we have Agreement and insurance:

this important historic site will be presented to passers-by with information, photographs and a section of the original platform with its station sign. The Heritage Train is making strides - the luggage van now has both doors affixed and working, and only requires internal lining, some hardware, painting and lettering. The unique Cleminson coal wagon and the van will join the stock already at Blythburgh to "tell the story" of the station's history. Staff are working on the unique battery-electric locomotive and our coach to get them ready for next year's planned passenger trains.

Grant aid has recently allowed the erection of high-quality information boards and photos at the station heritage centre, reflecting the history of the railway, and of the village, its church, the Priory, and the river Blyth.

**James Hewett**



# SOLAR FARMS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE DIVERSITY

As District Councillors, we are often involved in planning applications for solar farms in our communities. These can be controversial, and it is understandable when communities resist yet more energy development in our countryside.

The government plans to triple solar generation by 2030. Suffolk, as a largely flat agricultural county, can expect to see a good proportion of this generation. Large solar farms (over 50 MW) are decided by national government. Smaller applications go to the District Council for approval. These need to satisfy statutory consultees, and to meet planning 'tests' against national planning policy. There may be good reasons to refuse a mega-solar farm if it is placing an undue burden on a host community. The views of communities are always taken into account, but ultimately any application can only be refused on the recommendation of a statutory consultee, or failure of the planning tests. A particular preference of this Council is more small-scale Community Energy solar schemes which are planned and owned by the community, bringing electricity and any excess profits directly to residents in the host parish.



**Ground-mounted solar panels on a farm in East Suffolk**

## Do solar farms threaten food security?

There are some misconceptions about solar farms, which are important to address, given the urgent need to decarbonise our energy system and play our part in the global battle against a warming planet. One persistent allegation against solar arrays on farmland is that they threaten food security. Yet recent reports by DEFRA present climate change, in the form of increasing extreme weather events, flooding and drought, as the greatest threat to food security. DEFRA also cites soil degradation as a result of intensive farming, biodiversity loss, water insecurity (a real issue here in Suffolk), and ecological breakdown, particularly the loss of insects. They do not cite solar farms as a threat. Solar farms are one of the cheapest and quickest renewable technologies to implement and so play an important part in the phase out of carbon emissions that lead to climate change. More than this, they present significant opportunity for nature recovery and improved soil health, as solar panels mounted on former intensively farmed land allow the soil to regenerate, free from pesticides, tilling and soil compaction. This enables a greater diversity of species to thrive and ultimately improves the land for food production at the end of the solar lease.

In some cases, food production can even continue. So, in fact,

solar generation can support food security. With additional planting and management, which should always be prioritised in any solar scheme, it can also increase the abundance of insects and other plants and animals.



**Rooftop solar panels on a farm building**

## Why don't we put all solar panels on brownfield sites and rooftops, instead of farmland?

In an ideal world, we would, but it's not so simple. Any solar farm is only viable once it has land rights and a connection to the electricity grid. However, following decades of inaction to prepare our national grid for the transition to renewable energy, there remains limited capacity for new connections, and developers are led by those sites which can absorb new generation. Solar developers are also in competition with housebuilders for brownfield sites, so that these become commercially unviable due to the limited lifespan of solar farms, against the costs of converting the sites. We should be placing more solar generation on rooftops, and recent government announcements on a Rooftop Revolution are welcome, as is the long overdue Future Homes Standard, putting solar panels on new homes by default. But rooftop solar can only be part of the equation. Solar farms are designed to produce high volumes of electricity that feed into the power grid to supply millions of people, to electrify our cars, heat our buildings and power industry. Rooftop solar panels are primarily intended for self-consumption in homes, businesses and community settings.

## We are here to work with you.

As we work within a national planning system, communities may find it a challenge to stop a solar farm in their community. But your councillors will always support you to engage with developers, preferably before plans are submitted for approval. Together we can help shape solar projects to minimise impacts on the community, maximise the gain for nature, and get the most payback from community benefit schemes.



**Councillor Katie Graham**

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**Promoted by Julian Cusack on behalf of the East Suffolk Green Party, both at Paget House, Back Road, Saxmundham, IP17 3NYP**



# RUMBURGH CELEBRATES VJ DAY

VJ Day celebrations featured a '1940s Peacetime Party' in the Suffolk village of Rumburgh on August 15th. Dozens of villagers and others from further afield turned up, many dressed in 1940s outfits. The Glen Hurst Big Band, from Ipswich, played music from the era while villagers danced on the green. There was a barbecue and many people brought a picnic. Award-winning local pub, The Rumburgh Buck, served drinks nearby.

Rumburgh resident Pam Fenner was there, dressed in period style. Speaking of the event, she said *"I think it's brilliant, because it's brought the community together, but it also recognises the lessons, contributions and sacrifices that people made for us, not only in this war (WW II) but also in current conflicts,"*

Stuart Cullen of All Saints South Elmham, holding his baby granddaughter, said *"It's a lovely atmosphere and lovely weather...people have made an effort. Lots of people have dressed up,"*

Glen Hurst from Ipswich, leader of the band, did National Service in the RAF between 1952 and 1954, based in Stradishall, near Haverhill. He was dressed in military uniform, as was the rest of the band.

There are, including a Rover and an Alvis, a Willys Jeep and an old tractor.

Kerry Wilmot, from St Margarets South Elmham, owns the jeep.

*"It was built in 1949, from wartime parts for the Swiss army, to jump start Vampire jets"* she said. *"It's easy to drive...a little bit temperamental sometimes."*

Originally owned by John Bennett, the Southwold architect, Kerry and her partner bought it five years ago.

Although scheduled to end at 8pm, the party carried on until well after sunset.

Thanks go to County Councillor Judy Cloke for sponsoring the Glen Hurst Big Band.

**Jez Donaldson**



Local resident Kerry Wilmot on her Willys Jeep

Rumburgh resident Pam Fenner dressed in 1940s attire



Glen Hurst, leader of the Glen Hurst Big Band



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# HALESWORTH BRANCH OF CANCER RESEARCH

In this month's update we can start with some great news. Although it seems a while ago now, at the end of June our street collection in the town on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th at the Co-op raised a brilliant £603.48. Thank you to everyone who stopped and contributed to this amount, it was so very kind of you all.

Thank you to committee members Helen and Maxine for organising everything and to everyone who gave their time to collect for us on what was two very hot days. I know some of you were concerned about us but please be reassured that everyone was aware of the damage the sun can do and they were all well prepared.

Our next piece of good news is that our week in the I-Chameleon pop up shop in July was a fantastic success. We hope if you visited the shop you managed to find some bargains and with your generosity we raised a brilliant £2455.53.

We had something different each day outside the shop. Thank you to Gill and Paula for organising Saturday Cake Day and thank you to everyone who baked for us. Thank you to Jane Bastow for bringing such an array of lovely plants on Friday which is always very popular. A big thank you to Halesworth Ukulele Band for giving up their time to play for us on Tuesday morning.

It was lovely to see so many people stopping to listen and generously popping something in our collecting bucket. They played a variety of songs and it was such a great atmosphere in the town.

Our next big event is at the end of August so we will let you know how we got on at The Maize Maze by Torchlight in the next edition of the magazine.

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you just some of the early detection research that your generosity in supporting our events is making possible. As you know the best way to improve cancer survival is detecting and diagnosing it earlier. A simple breath test is being developed to detect stomach cancers. It will identify the gases produced by stomach cancer cells as an early sign of cancer. A hydrogel flavoured lollipop is being developed to diagnose mouth cancer using saliva rather than invasive biopsies. Work is being carried out on a urine test that amazingly could help doctors spot lung cancer at its very early stages.

Your support is making all this vital research possible which will save lives and we are truly very grateful to you all. Thank you all very much.

For more information please contact me.

**Dawn Davis**

01986 873640.



The Halesworth Ukulele Band

## HALESWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

**On Tuesday 16 September, Jonathan Clough will be presenting his talk called 'The September Night Sky'.**

His talk will take us on a planetarium show through the delights of the darkening September skies. A parade of planets stretches across the sky, starting with Saturn in the early evening, followed by Uranus and Jupiter through the night, and finishing with the morning star, Venus, just before the sun rises.

Jonathan, based in Cambridge, and a Fellow of the Royal Astronomy Society, is an experienced speaker and describes himself as an "astro-nut" with an infectious enthusiasm for all astronomical topics.

He is a regular guest speaker for many well-known Cruise lines: for example, sailing to the Arctic, chasing the Northern Lights.

He also gives presentations based around the skies of the Canary Islands, the Mediterranean and those above the Caribbean.

He has a talent for making this complex subject matter both fascinating and accessible.

The talk will start in the Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth at 2:30pm and all are welcome.

Please note that u3a talks are free to current Halesworth and District u3a members. For non-members, tickets are available at £4 in advance, or on the door at the Cut.

Come early and have lunch in the Café and catch up with your friends! We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an entertaining and informative session.

# ..'WHEN WILL THAT BE?..

"When will that be? Say the bells of Stepney" - a line from 'Oranges and Lemons', the playground and party game of London bells, known and loved by generations of children, its origins lost in obscurity.

The bells of Stepney still ring in the tower of St.Dunstan and All Saints, originally and for many years the parish church of the whole of Tower Hamlets in East London. It is the focus of an exhibition of new work by Jane Roberts and Derek Chambers in the Ballroom Gallery, Aldeburgh, from **September 18th to 23rd**, daily 10 to 5. Late Opening Friday and Saturday until 7pm. Like all our parish churches, St.Dunstan's is steeped in history. Dunstan was a learned and influential monk, who built the second church on the site in 952, dedicated to All Saints.



Stepney was a wealthy manor with fertile fields and orchards and close to the Norman stronghold of the White Tower.

A third church was built in the thirteenth century; the

nave, aisles and tower in the fifteenth century and it is that medieval gothic building which stands today, much altered, repaired and extended over the years. Stepney itself has changed and the bells now ring out over busy roads and housing estates.

It stood through the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the Reformation, the English Civil War, the Industrial Revolution and two world wars. Some key figures in these political and social changes are represented in the detail of the furnishings and fabric of the building and in the headstones and crumbling tombs of the graveyard.

All the festivals and rituals of the Christian church are celebrated at St.Dunstan's; it hosts a food bank, regular Veterans' Association events, school visits and other social activities. For many years babies born at sea were registered here and visitors come from all over the world to look for traces of their ancestors in the old records and in the weathered gravestones. Close links with shipping and trade have earned it the title 'The Church of the High Seas'. The Red Ensign, flag of the Merchant Navy, flies from the flagpole.

Jane Roberts has been artist-in-residence at St.Dunstan's for two years. She appreciates the church as a building well-used and well-loved, which has been altered, patched and repaired over the centuries. Her work for this show reflects this long usage, focussing on the worn fabric of the building with drawings of the stonework and of the strange decorative figures, battered by wind and weather.

Suffolk artist Derek Chambers, familiar with the building from his working life in London, is taken by the way the church stands in an oasis of shade and shelter, surrounded by tall trees, as if on a village green.

His paintings and drawings for this show reflect his admiration for this peaceful setting.



**New work by Jane Roberts  
& Derek Chambers**

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**'..When will that be?..'**  
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## NEWS FROM 1ST HALESWORTH SCOUTS

As we relax and enjoy the summer holiday, it is a good time to reflect on a busy term of Scouting. We kicked off the summer term with our annual Group Camp at Eaton Vale in Norwich. The young people had a fantastic weekend staying in the Alpine Village and enjoying activities such as archery, kayaking, raft building and climbing. We then continued our adventures in our weekly section meetings, with Scouts hiking from Brampton back to Halesworth, Cubs going on a scavenger hunt and the Beavers learning how to put up a tent.

These activities are only made possible through the fantastic Leaders and Trustees that keep our Scout Group running. I am delighted to share that David, our Scout Leader, has been recognised for his outstanding leadership in Scouting and was presented with the Scout Association's Silver Acorn award. In addition, Gaby, our Cub Leader, was also recognised for her leadership of Cubs, and was awarded the Scout Association's Order of Merit.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all currently full and have waiting lists for young people to join - in fact, Scouting has never been more popular in Halesworth. For more young people to access Scouting in Halesworth, we do need more adult volunteers. We are hosting our Group AGM at 19.30 on Friday, 19th September at the Scout Hut in Chediston Street.

This would be an excellent opportunity to meet the people who make Scouting happen in Halesworth and find out more information about how you could get involved and volunteer. In the meantime, if you'd like to find out more about Halesworth Scouts, please email: [matt.bailey@suffolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:matt.bailey@suffolkscouts.org.uk)

**Matt Bailey**

Group Lead Volunteer, 1st Halesworth Scout Group



## HALESWORTH ANGEL BOWLS CLUB

By the time you read this the outdoor bowling season will be almost over. It's a short but intensive half year. There are some weeks when the green is in use every day, the club has been exceptionally busy this year.

We joined another league, Saxmundham's Bob Wright, which is played on a Wednesday. On Monday we play in the Benacre League and on Thursday afternoon the Sunshine League. On Friday it's the Halesworth triples and on Tuesday and Saturday we roll up. These 2 days are well attended with usually two thirds of the club playing competitive but informal games.

We have almost finished our internal competitions with finals day on 13th September. On top of that we have been progressing well in cup games. PHEW! Not only that but other clubs have recognised the quality of our green and we have hosted area and county competitions.

It's probably been our most successful season for a couple of years.

We had extended runs in cup games which meant some players had to bowl twice in one day.

Three members, Gary Nick and Trevor competed in the area finals. What is most encouraging is that we had an influx of new members in April. Most of them were completely new to bowling but a number have already represented the club in league matches. Matthew Filby ran a beneficial coaching session and will return before the end of the year to build bowling skills. Johnny Thompson created a video of the club in action. We hope to build a new web but we are sure you will enjoy it on [jrtproductionsltd@gmail.com](mailto:jrtproductionsltd@gmail.com).

Despite all this competitive activity we remain a convivial club with a number of well attended social activities. 30 members enjoyed a brilliant BBQ at the end of July. It's not too late to become a member!

**Benny Cardwell**

# HIMALAYAN BALSAM PULL

For the fourth year, volunteers, corralled by Halesworth Greens, pulled Himalayan Balsam from the banks of the town river, along Halesworth Town Park.

*"It is most heartening to notice the difference we are making. The first year we needed many volunteers and 3 - 4 days; this year we have almost pulled all in one morning."* said Rachel Kellett.

It takes about 5 years of continual pulling to effectively curtail this invasive species, however, due to the ease of spread in water, the plants upstream spread their seeds into the water which then float downstream. Ideally, we need to start upstream and work down, and join up the work of pulling throughout the Blyth river but this takes time. It's not only the time doing it, but the preparation time: we need to contact all the riparian owners, (East Suffolk Council, Town Council, Environment Agency, Environment police), seek advice from Suffolk Wildlife Trust, and very importantly, carry out a risk assessment to ensure the safety of our volunteers and we have to look out for water voles, making sure we do not jeopardize this endangered species.

Yes, we are very vigilant and want to protect the water vole and river habitat! If you are a riparian owner of a river side along the Blyth, can you help by pulling your side of the river? If you need help we have a very good team of volunteers who can assist!

Why are we doing it? To limit this invasive species. It threatens to overwhelm our native species and adversely impact the associated native insect and animal life. It can also damage and erode stream and river banks, thereby causing a threat of serious erosion and increasing the flood risk. It is not taken light heartedly, but it is fun:

*"There is a certain pleasure in pulling this extraordinary plant, with trifid like roots that easily give"* said one volunteer puller, George, who pulled for the first time. Once pulled, we leave them beside the riverbank to rot down, which it does very quickly.

If you'd like to join us next year, welcome. The annual pull is arranged by Halesworth Greens, and anyone is welcome. Email: [halesworthgreens@gmail.com](mailto:halesworthgreens@gmail.com)



## SEPTEMBER AT HALESWORTH LIBRARY

September is back to school month, which is a fantastic time to get a library card! With your free library card, you can get up to 20 books at a time, request books for free from other libraries within Suffolk, use our computers and access a whole variety of online resources to support schoolwork.

Speak with a member of staff to find out more about what you can do with your library card, even if you're not going back to school!

The Friends of Halesworth Library will be hosting local author, Jennie Fontana, on Thursday 18th September at 2:30pm. Jennie worked as a teacher in many settings from primary schools to prisons. She was a tutor in Creative Writing and Poetry for Open College of the Arts and University of Sussex's Women's Studies Access Course. Her poems have been widely published and she has given readings and held residencies at festivals and poetry events. Join us on Thursday 18th September at 2:30pm to hear more about Jennie's long poem, *'The Great Alignment'*.

There will also be a session of Sociable Sundays on 7th and 21st September 10.30 - 12.30pm and Board Games Cafe on Monday 29th September 14:00 - 16:30, both hosted and run by volunteers of the Friends of Halesworth Library.

**Not forgetting our regular activities and drop-ins!**

**Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30am: Free Rhyme Time & Play session.**  
Sing fun songs followed by free play with our toys.

**Tuesdays, 10am - 4pm: East Suffolk Council Services drop-in.**

**Alternate Tuesdays, 10am - 12noon: Citizens Advice drop-in.**

**Wednesdays, 9am - 5pm: Barclays Bank**

**Wednesdays, 10am: Time Out sociable group for older people meets for tea and biscuits.**

**Alternate Tuesdays, 2 - 4pm: Knit & Natter group.** Staff can provide dates.

**Saturdays, 12noon - 1pm: Lego Club.**

**Sundays, 10.30 - 11.30am: Family Board Games Club.**

Did you know that the library can deliver books to your home? If you're unable to visit us at the library, one of our volunteers can come to you. Please contact us on 01986 506062 for further information.



# HELP2UKRAINE

This autumn Southwold's Erika Clegg DL is walking the 60-mile Sandlings Way over three days to raise £16,000 for Help2Ukraine - enough to send two fully equipped ambulances to the frontline. On day three Erika will be joined by other women to share a symbolic walk of solidarity with the women of Ukraine. The ambulances, which are sourced by Help2Ukraine through a trusted medical network, will be driven to the Ukraine border from which they are transferred in country to the front line, ready to deploy. They will each be stocked with around £250,000 of medical equipment and will begin saving lives immediately. Erika's walk takes place over three consecutive days, each one with a different theme and a different walking companion.

- **Day One: Peace (Friday 3rd October):** A solo walk with her dog, Biggles, from Ipswich to Rendlesham Forest. A quiet day of reflection.
- **Day Two: Hope (Saturday 4th October):** A full day with her son, Will, from Rendlesham to Sizewell.
- **Day Three: Solidarity (Sunday 5th October):** A 20-mile women's walk from Sizewell to Southwold, in step with the women of Ukraine, who are carrying the weight of war, family and survival.

*"This is a promise to the women of Ukraine," says Erika. "We will not look away, and we will do what we can to help. They are doing impossibly tough jobs: running hospitals, farming land, protecting their families and rebuilding communities. This walk is for them."*

**If you'd like to support the campaign there are a few ways available:**

- Donating to the campaign: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help2ukraine-suffolk-ambulances-for-ukraine>



Erika Clegg DL

- Sponsoring aspects of the walk
- Sharing the campaign with people you know

Erika adds: *"An ambulance costs £8,000 to buy and deploy. That small sum becomes £250,000 worth of medical aid. The impact is immediate and enormous. I hope that this walk can reach its target of £16,000 to cover the cost of two ambulances and take half a million pounds' worth of supplies to the people who need it most."*

Between 2024 and 2025 Help2Ukraine has raised in excess of £70,000 to date. They now seek to raise funds to take at least four more ambulances in 2026. Funds raised will be used to pay exclusively for ex-NHS ambulances, for their preparation for the journey to Ukraine, for their fitting out, MOTs, tools, insurance and breakdown insurance, and the cost of rooms, fuel and air tickets and for drivers' return. Sustenance, drink and other costs will be paid for personally by those involved so that the funds people so kindly give go entirely into the task of raising the funds and getting the ambulances and medical supplies to Ukraine.

When peace finally comes to Ukraine, the requirement for these vehicles and medical supplies will long remain to manage the wounded and crippled. The clear up and rebuilding operation will be years in the making.

The wounded will long need extra transport and supplies.



## OUR VILLAGE HALL IS 50 YEARS OLD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

You are all invited to come along and enjoy the celebrations

There will be a Children's Treasure Hunt on Church Common at 1.00pm

Local artists will be displaying their artwork for sale

The Café will be open from 10.00am – 12.00pm serving the usual Homemade Cakes & Savouries and BBQ Bacon Baps will be available outside in the car park

Lickety Ice creams will be on sale in the car park in the morning and early afternoon

From 7.00pm – 10.30pm Wenhasdon's finest musical groups will be entertaining us in the hall along with other entertainments

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**SEP 13 Fressingfield Sounds – Autumn Concert Series 2025.** Adrian Brendel (cello) and Tim Horton (piano): Bach, Beethoven, Shostakovich. 7.30pm at Chapel Hall Arts, Fressingfield, Suffolk. IP21 5QD. Tickets from £5 (for under-25s), standard £23 or £25. Season tickets and patron packages also available. For full details and bookings, visit: [www.fressingfieldsounds.org.uk](http://www.fressingfieldsounds.org.uk) or call 07900 350117.

**SEP 19 Last chance to spend an evening with Charlie Haylock.** Come along and hear how Ralph Fiennes, who played Basil Brown in the film 'The Dig', the story of Sutton Hoo - and the other actors, learnt their Suffolk accent (and how not to sound like West Country pirates!) Charlie will also include a dialect tour of the British Isles showing how a deaf person can lip read and tell which dialect it is. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start at Laxfield Village Hall, The Link, Laxfield High Street. Tickets £10 (proceeds to Laxfield & District Museum). Tickets by email: [info@laxfieldmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@laxfieldmuseum.org.uk)

**SEP 20 Stress remedies.** 11am at the Harmony Centre Halesworth. £10. Discount price bookings can be made on the day.

**SEP 20 Kinda Forest Family Saturdays.** Join us at Kinda Forest School in Holton for a day of adventure, laughter, and connection in the heart of nature. 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: [www.kindaforestschoo.com](http://www.kindaforestschoo.com) or email: [info@kindaeducation.org](mailto:info@kindaeducation.org).

**SEP 21 Halesworth Harmony rehearsal.** 10.30 - 12.30 at The Cut in Halesworth. Come along for a free taster session - no experience is necessary, everything is taught by ear, and you'll receive a warm welcome. For further details email: [halesworth.harmony@gmail.com](mailto:halesworth.harmony@gmail.com).

**SEP 23 Southwold Dickens Fellowship** first meeting of new season. 2pm in the Guide Centre. Bill Wallond. Tel: 01502 722212 or email: [wjwallond@hotmail.com](mailto:wjwallond@hotmail.com).

**SEP 27 Wenhasston Produce and Craft Market** from 10am to 12.30pm at Wenhasston village hall. Handmade cards, jewellery, homemade jams, cakes, honey, handbags, knitted items, the famous Dexter Beef, soaps, face serums, framed prints, handcrafted wood brooches, keyrings, fridge magnets, tote bags, garden and indoor plants and much more. The cafe will be open for Tea, Coffee and Homemade savouries and cakes. We are always looking for new stallholders to come and join us. For further details contact Carol at: [caz-mike@outlook.com](mailto:caz-mike@outlook.com). Visitors please park with due care and attention along Narrow Way to allow easy access for any ambulance/emergency or delivery vehicles.

**OCT 11 Optics 'Music for the Soul' at Sibton Church.** A Night with Optics - Mowtown, Funk, Soul: upbeat rhythm, repetitive grooves to keep you dancing and emotional intensity with gospel-influenced vocals. Light show, Bar. Food by Cheryl's Suffolk Catering. Tickets: Cash only please - Adults £15, U18s (must be accompanied by an adult) £5. Tickets on sale at the door, or from Weavers Tearoom Peasenhall, Peasenhall General Stores and on Eventbrite. There is ample free parking on the church's car park at IP17 2LX. Organised by The Friends of St Peter's Sibton (reg.charity Nr.1063822) For more information visit and contact via Website: <https://www.sibtonstpeter.com>. 19.00 - 22.00 at Sibton Church (IP17 2NB).



**Bike Active North Suffolk (BANS)** is based in Halesworth, Suffolk.

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**WHO ARE WE?** A group of friendly volunteers that want to give those with a disability, differing needs or recovering from illness or injury the ability to get onto a cycle and do something active outside.

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Your carer or a companion should ride with you & will also have access to one of our cycles.

A small donation of £5 per session would be appreciated.



**RIDE OR VOLUNTEER** - We run fortnightly sessions on Tuesday mornings (exc. winter) through Halesworth Millennium Green on National Cycle Route 1.

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# PROJECT UPDATE

## SEPTEMBER 2025

You may have read, Sizewell C has announced the new shareholders of the project, with the government the largest shareholder, alongside EDF, Centrica, La Caisse and Amber Infrastructure. Further details on the final investment decision can be found on our website [sizewellc.com](https://sizewellc.com).

We also announced the location and designs of the College on the Coast. This post-16 education facility will be located on the eastern edge of Leiston on King George's Avenue, opposite the Sizewell C Ancillary Construction Area. The college will include an apprentice hub and have space for 150 students, 20 full-time staff and drop-in space for 50 apprentices.

We also launched the East Suffolk Trust (EaST), a new grant-giving charity, set up to enhance biodiversity and restore landscapes in east Suffolk and the wider county. This includes at least £78 million over the next 70 years, with the aim to make East Suffolk the most ecologically diverse and resilient area in England.

### OUT ON THE ROADS

Everyone in the area will have noticed a significant uptick in road improvements along the A12. We know this disruption can be annoying, but the various speed limits have been introduced for the safety of workers and road users. We continue to review speed limits and will adjust if appropriate.

We have installed average speed cameras along the B1122 and B1125 to enhance road safety in the new 30mph speed limit. On the B1122 the average speed cameras are in operation between Yoxford and Leiston, and the B1125 speed cameras are between the B1122 junction and Westleton. The speed limits are now enforceable with legal penalties which are enforced by Suffolk Constabulary. To further enhance this, from 11 August, permanent 30mph signs along B1122 will begin to be installed.

A further 30mph speed limit has been implemented along the A12 for the duration of the works around the Friday Street site, Northern Park and Ride site (Darsham) and Yoxford. This is to ensure the safety of the public and our workforce during construction. Further traffic calming measures have also been installed including lane management cones and lining. As work progresses, further traffic management and some smaller road closures will be required, which we will publish once timelines are confirmed.

We will start the upgrade work to the layby on the northern carriageway of the A12 near to the B1078 in mid-August. This work will help us to manage our Abnormal Indivisible Loads which are escorted by the police. There will be a lane closure along the dual carriageway section of the A12 during this time.


## FORUM SCHEDULE

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

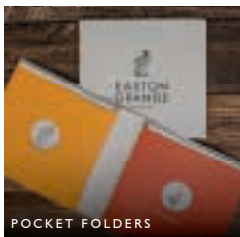
<b>Southern Transport Forum</b>	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
<b>Main Development Site Forum</b>	Wednesday 8 October 2025	Leiston Town Athletic Association
<b>Northern Transport Forum</b>	Wednesday 5 November 2025	Darsham Village Hall

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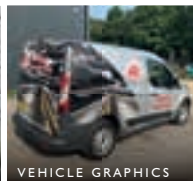
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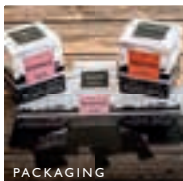
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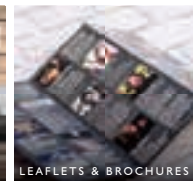
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## BRIAN

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.

The nights are pullin in now which mean the summer is coming to an end, but we hed sum luvly nights in the past few weeks int we? It will soon be time to get me autumn blankets out and put the summer duvey away.

I give the garden shed a coat of fresh stain, with a drop of that old one coat stuff, which needed three coats in the end as it wuz so watery. It was so running, I ended up with as much on me as the shed did.

I hed a nice time at the Aldeburgh Carnival, but blast that wuz busy and I got right fed up wiv people bumping into me cuz they were looking at their phones instead of watching where they were gorn. After waiting for nearly an hour for a tail of cod and chips and some scraps, I sat up on the beach ready to tuck in and along come a groot ol seagull who wanted my bit of fish. The ruddy thing got hold of my bread roll and I ended up sitting in the shelter and that seagull sat on the sea wall watching me the hole time.

They tell me there's a lot more warsp nests about this year. Me mate Ticket, he hed one in his old outhouse and only found owt wen he went in there to get his mower owt. He dint get stung but hed to get some bloke come out to get rid of it and he still int hed the bill.

I'm orf to Henham Steam Rally in September and I int bin there for a good few years. I like looking round all the old traction engines, horses and fairground organs. Like I say, I int bin there for years and the last time I went I took mother with me and all she did was moan about the smell of the smoke that was warfin our way.

I love the smell of steam and the sound the engines make. I've always wanted to hev a go on a proper steam train, so I might hev to do that one day.

Before I go, I just wanted to say that I'm gorn over to record a thing called a podcast soon, which you'll be able to hear on community radio or something or other. I int got a clue what a podcast is, but thas something to do with the interweb and I'll let you know more when I know wen as gorn owt so you can hev a listen.

**You can hear Brian from Melton chatting with Mark Murphy every Saturday morning at 9.20am on Alde and Blyth Community Radio and listen out for the new Brian from Melton podcast, also coming soon to: [www.abcradio.co.uk](http://www.abcradio.co.uk).**



# FRAMLINGHAM AND SAXMUNDHAM CATS PROTECTION

Kittens, kittens and yet more unwanted kittens; 30 still with us as I write and more on the waiting list to come in! All need to be socialised, fed (sometimes by hand), taught to use litter trays and taken to the vets for at least two visits before we can find suitable homes for them.

We do everything we can to ensure every cat has received only the best standards of love and care while with us. A kitten adopted from Fram and Sax Cats Protection will always come with assurances that they have been health-checked, treated for fleas and worms, vaccinated, microchipped and neutered if older than 16 weeks (or a voucher for free neutering if not). Four weeks of free insurance is another plus point. We also provide support, help and advice on getting your new cat settled in. Whilst the love and attention our cats receive comes free, veterinary treatment, neutering and microchipping all have to be paid for. We ask for an adoption fee of just £95 for a kitten under 6 months. Our adoption fee helps us continue our work.

Be wary of buying a kitten from sales or auction sites or through social media (unless from a legitimate seller, registered breeder, charity or shelter) as it can be risky and may perpetuate indiscriminate breeding. In such private ads for kittens, the health of the mother is rarely mentioned; whether she is kept for breeding and how many pregnancies she has endured, or whether she has been regularly vaccinated and health checked. Thought must be given to infectious diseases, genetics and other breed issues. Always be cautious of a private sale where you are unable to see the mother. Ask for the vet's details and what treatments have been given.

If you are told the kitten has been vaccinated, you must be given the record card. A seller who cares about a kitten's well-being will make enquires about you and your home, too. Importantly, make sure you have the kitten neutered to prevent yet more unwanted kittens. Please, if you or your friends and neighbours are looking for a kitten to re-home, adopt rather than shop.

**QUIZ TIME: \*STILL TIME TO BOOK YOUR PLACE\*** If you enjoy stretching your brain cells, get your thinking caps ready for our special Framlingham & Saxmundham branch QUIZ NIGHT! Part of our 35th Anniversary year, we would love you to join us at the Woodbridge Community Centre on Friday, 26 September 2025 at 7pm.

Tickets: £5 each and teams of up to six people. For bookings and payment details please email with the subject heading QUIZ to: fundraising@framandsax.cats.org.uk

**Cats Looking for a Home:** Meet Aretha and her daughter, Amber. Aretha is approximately 18 months old. She has successfully raised her litter of three and is now ready for a home and new start in life with her kitten Amber (the other two kittens have now gone to their new home). She is a little shy on first meeting new people but is friendly once she gains her confidence. She has a healthy appetite and likes to be brushed. Amber is 14 weeks old.

She is a lively, confident, friendly little bundle of fun. We would like a loving home for them, with a garden to explore, away from a busy traffic area.

Please contact us or see them on our website if you could offer them the new start they crave.

See our website: [www.cats.org.uk/framandsax](http://www.cats.org.uk/framandsax), email: [enquiries@framandsax.cats.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@framandsax.cats.org.uk), or telephone 01728 723499 for more information about adopting cats in our care; how to become a member of the branch; event dates; neutering; cat-care leaflets; how to become a volunteer fundraiser or fosterer, make a donation and other ways you can support us.

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The legal rights of two people living together may depend on whether they are married, in a civil partnership or cohabiting. Marriage in the UK is valid if it complies with the law relating to who can marry and the ceremony conforms to certain procedures. A registered civil partnership is a relationship recognised in law between two unrelated people, whether same-sex or opposite-sex, conferring rights similar (but not identical) to marriage. Living together (or cohabitation) generally means to live together as a couple without being married or in a civil partnership. Automatic legal rights are not necessarily the same as if married or in a registered civil partnership.

Couples can make an official agreement that will be recognised by the courts setting down each person's legal rights in specified areas of the relationship.

To terminate a relationship, an unmarried couple can separate informally without the intervention of the court.

A couple in either a civil partnership or marriage can also separate informally but will need to apply to the court for formal dissolution of a civil partnership, or a divorce if married.

In the case of a tenancy, options on relationship termination will depend, not just on the status of the relationship, but also on whether the landlord is a local authority or housing association, or if it is a private rental; on whether one or both of the couple are named on the tenancy agreement; and if just one or both wish to move out of the property.

An owner-occupier, if named in the title deeds, usually has the right to stay in the home irrespective of the relationship. If both of a separating couple are named on the title deeds, both own the home and will need to decide what happens to the property.

The care and safety of children is, necessarily, of prime importance to all separating couples.

The rights and responsibilities of parents and others having responsibility for children are complex and advice should be sought at the earliest opportunity.

Other areas of law where the nature of the relationship may be relevant include inheritance rights, occupational and personal pensions, entitlement to some state benefits, ownership of and access to money and possessions, responsibility for debts and the right to financial support.

For further information, please see [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family).

You can contact us for advice on this and any other issue by emailing Citizens Advice East Suffolk from our website: [www.caes.org.uk/email-service](http://www.caes.org.uk/email-service) or phoning us on 0808 278 7866 (lines open 10-2 Mon-Fri) Visit: website [www.caes.org.uk](http://www.caes.org.uk)

## BAWDSEY RADAR MUSEUM

The museum is open as usual on Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays until the end of October. Kids get in free. During September, Black & White Productions, with Bawdsey Radar Trust, present a touring production of the successful show 'Operation : Radar', written by Suzanne Hawkes. For further details please contact the Black & White Box Office on 01394 279613 or the website: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/black-white-productions](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/black-white-productions). The planned date / venues for 'Operation : RADAR' are as follows:

**2nd / 3rd Sept:** 7.45pm, Two Sisters Arts Centre, Felixstowe (Previews)

**6th / 7th Sept:** 2.30pm, Bawdsey Radar Museum

**9th Sept:** 7.45pm, Martlesham Community Hall

**12th Sept:** 7.45pm, Darsham Village Hall

**13th Sept:** 7.45pm, Old Jet, RAF Bentwaters

**14th Sept:** 2.30pm, Harvest House, Felixstowe

**15th Sept:** 7.45pm, Waldringfield Village Hall

**16th Sept:** 7.45pm, Bury St. Edmunds Guildhall

**19th Sept:** 7.45pm, Orford Village Hall

**20th Sept:** 7.45pm, Jubilee Hall Aldeburgh

The virtual reality 'climb a tower' will be available on 21st September and 26th October and the popular 1940s pop-up café will return on 6th and 7th September and will be open to non-museum visitors too! Further details are on our website: [www.bawdseyradar.org.uk](http://www.bawdseyradar.org.uk). For more information contact: [info@bawdseyradar.org.uk](mailto:info@bawdseyradar.org.uk) or phone 07821 162879.

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## Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum

### Battle of Britain Day

#### Sunday

**14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2025**

Open from 1000 to 1600

Gather the family and come along to the Museum to help celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The museum site will be fully open as usual from 1000 with aircraft on display, cockpits to sit in and flight simulators to fly. Museum staff will be on hand to explain the wealth of exhibits.

For your entertainment, we will have Station 366 in the main hangar. Station 366 are a singing group who love performing American Swing numbers from the 1940s.

**Museum has:** 60+ Aircraft on Display · 1,000s of Artefacts · Shop onsite · Picnic Tables · ++ Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea & Snacks from the NAAFI Café

**Admission =** Adults £10, Children (aged 5 - 17) £5, under 5 free  
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## Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum

### Veteran Vespa Club

#### Saturday

**13<sup>th</sup> Sep 2025**

Open from 1000 to 1600

Come along to Flixton and enjoy a great day out for the whole family. There will be a gathering of veteran Vespa scooters to look at and plenty more to see and do, including open cockpits to sit in and flight simulators to fly. The Veteran Vespa Club hope to bring along 25 to 30 scooters, weather permitting. We are wheelchair friendly, with access to all areas except for aircraft cockpits. We are dog friendly too.

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Fri 5th, Mon 8th & Tues 9th Sept at 7.15pm  
 Wed 10th Sept at 3.00pm  
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**THE LIFE OF CHUCK** <sup>15</sup>

Sat 6th Sept at 7.30pm. LIVE ON STAGE

**SONG SUNG BLUE**  
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 Mon 15th - Thurs 18th Sept at 3.00pm & 7.15pm  
 Fri 19th Sept at 4.00pm & 7.15pm  
 Sat 20th Sept at 7.15pm  
 Sun 21st Sept at 6.00pm  
 Mon 22nd Sept at 3.00pm & 7.15pm  
 Tues 23rd Sept at 3.00pm  
 Wed 24th & Thurs 25th Sept at 3.00pm & 7.15pm  
 Fri 26th Sept at 4.00pm  
 Sat 27th Sept at 7.15pm  
 Sun 28th Sept at 3.00pm  
 Mon 29th Sept at 7.15pm  
 Tues 30th Sept at 3.00pm  
 Wed 1st Oct at 3.00pm

**DOWNTON ABBEY** <sup>PG</sup>  
**THE GRAND FINALE**

Sun 21st Sept at 3.00pm  
 Tues 23rd Sept at 7.00pm

**LOVE NEVER DIES**  
**THE MUSICAL** <sup>12A</sup>

Fri 26th Sept at 7.15pm  
 Sat 27th Sept at 4.00pm  
 Mon 29th Sept at 3.00pm  
 Tues 30th Sept & Thurs 2nd Oct at 7.15pm

**THE ROSES** <sup>15</sup>

Sun 28th Sept at 6.00pm

**THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (1925) 100th ANNIVERSARY** <sup>12A</sup>

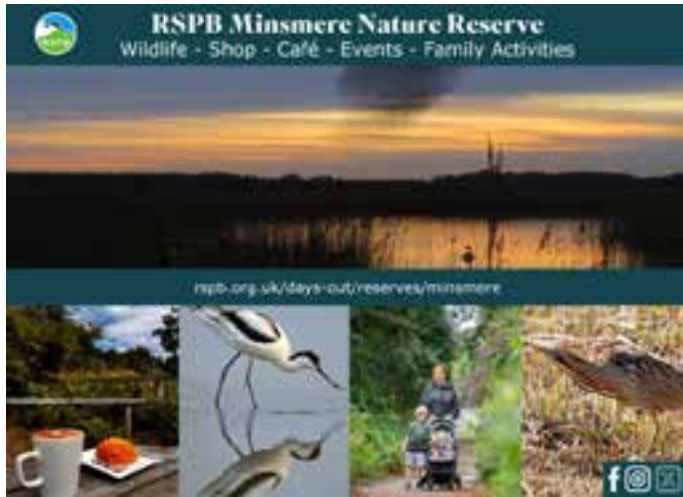
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## OPEN DAY

There will be an Open Day on **Saturday 13th September 2025** from 10am until 4pm. This is the same day as Ride and Stride Day.

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