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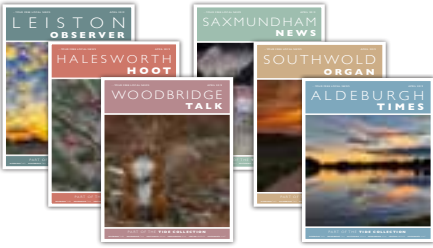
How fitting that there is now a permanent exhibition of the Old Hospital's history in the building itself, honouring those who brought about its creation and those who worked there over the years. This will be of great interest to their descendants and people in general I'm sure, so do go along and take a look.

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Luigi Pirandello



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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
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SOUTHWOLD AND REYDON SOCIETY

We are concerned that the proposed Teal Close development by McCarthy Stone (shown in colour below), next to the Sole Bay Health Centre, does not provide the sort of housing required in our area, in particular affordable housing.



The proposed development is for 36 leasehold retirement properties and 28 parking spaces. We feel that the parking spaces are inadequate and that the two and a half storey buildings do not fit in with the surroundings. We also strongly feel that the development will put additional, and unacceptable, strain on local resources and facilities.

We have written to East Suffolk Council expressing our concerns, as have Reydon Parish Council.

The RNLI provide an invaluable service to our area and most of the lifeboat crews are unpaid volunteers. On 2nd September one of the volunteer crew, Jochem Voogt, was awarded a 20 year service medal. In total the RNLI operate over 400 boats from 238 stations. There are various ways to support the RNLI and we encourage people either to volunteer their support or give a donation.

For example, one way to help is to volunteer at the RNLI shop in Southwold centre. The website is at: <https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeboat-stations/southwold-lifeboat-station>

The Reydon & Southwold Community Fridge & Pantry is a local initiative, led by Reydon Parish Council in collaboration with Southwold Town Council. The project helps local businesses reduce food waste by offering the local community short-date fresh and dry goods that would otherwise be thrown away, free of charge.

Volunteers, especially drivers to collect the donations, are needed to support this work, the Parish Council can be contacted at: <https://reydonvillage.org/contact-us/>

We are very concerned about the lack of activity on the empty Council properties in Southwold and Reydon, for example, along North Road, as these could potentially provide suitable accommodation for local people.

We have been active in trying to move this forward and are writing to ESCC with questions to understand better what can be done.

The SRS annual lunch will be held on the 13th November at the William Godell Pavilion (the Rugby Clubhouse) and will comprise a two course meal at a very reasonable price of £32 with Marc Vlessing as the guest speaker.

We hope that as many members as possible are able to attend, and members may also bring guests - the more the merrier.

Ian Benson

SOUTHGEN NEWS

The opening of the Story of Southwold Hospital, a permanent exhibition on the hospital's history from when it was a seed in the mind of the Vicar of St Edmund's Church through 'till today, was a great success. More than 50 people attended the event, which took place on Friday, 5 September, including Suffolk Coastal's MP, Jenny Liddell-Carpenter. The exhibition provides interesting details, not widely known, about the people who worked in the hospital, and the building itself. There is a plaque honouring the service of all those who worked in every capacity at the hospital, who could be identified within living memory, and also a spar of wood with the names of the builders who worked on the 1954 renovation of the building, which was continuously extended from the 1920s onwards as demand for its services grew. The exhibition's curators could not decipher the first name on the spar, so we are now calling out to the community in the hope that the name will be recognised by a family member or an old-time local with a long memory.

During the lonely days of Lockdown Summer of 2020, when the world as we knew it seemed to be coming to an end, SouthGen provided materials for people isolated at home to embroider a square on the theme of 'A Brave New World' with the idea of eventually hanging them in the hub once it was completed. The squares are now framed and part of the exhibition and make a lovely collection, with many original ideas and much charm.

Now their creators will be able to pop into The Studio at the Old Hospital and see their work given its proper prominence.

In her remarks, Mrs Liddell-Carpenter or Jenny, as she told everyone to call her, commented on the strength of community through Suffolk Coastal. Time and again, she is so impressed by how much is going on at the grass roots level.

Like the building and maintaining of the original hospital, it was mostly volunteers the exhibition was created by and it is designed to recognise the enduring strength of our community.



L to R: Reverend Russ Gant, SouthGen Chair
Jessica Jeans, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, MP.
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OUR LOVELY HUTS

Nothing shouts 'seaside' more than the spectacular array of colourful beach huts along Southwold front. They also have a fascinating history.

In the past fishermen lived and worked on Southwold beach. 'Beach huts' in the Victorian era provided accommodation for the fishermen and their families as well as a place to store and process their catch. In the early 20th Century recreation began to overtake fishing as the main activity on the beach. The beach huts evolved accordingly. Photos from the 1920s show Southwold beach containing a mix of fishing boats, beach huts like today's, and also 'bathing machines'.

The late Jack Storer, founder of the Southwold Beach Hut Owners Association, recalls using a bathing machine on a Southwold holiday in the early 1920s: *"They were drawn by a horse to the water's edge and were double ended so that you entered from the landward end, up steps, changed into swimwear inside the machine, then descended into the sea, as far as possible out of public gaze, at the seaward end. As the tide came in the horse would draw the machines back up the beach."*

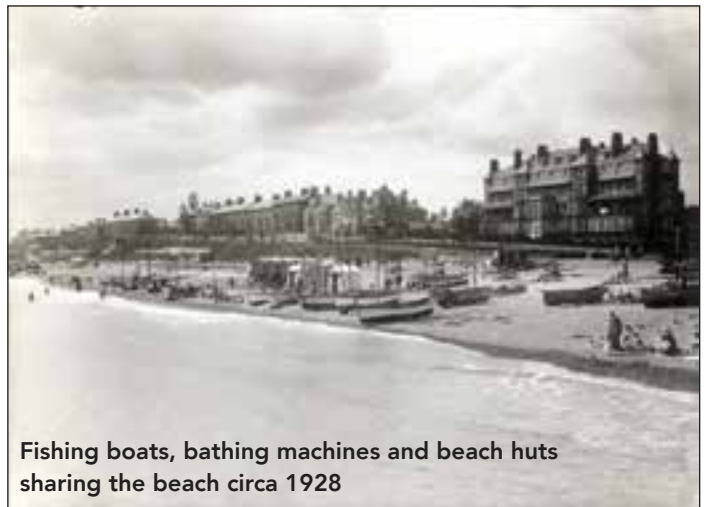
In 1929 Jack's father rented a beach hut on the promenade. With the fading of Victorian modesty, bathing machines were dropping out of use to be replaced with more of the huts (or chalets as they were then often called) that we know and love a century on.

Today the famous Southwold beach huts provide places to fully enjoy being by the seaside, even with the unpredictability of English weather. Like all treasures, the huts and the beach need constant care and attention. The Southwold Beach Hut Owners Association was formed with this intent. Not only does it act on behalf of hut owners it also helps to maintain the amenity of the promenade, beach and surrounding areas.

To find out more (including Jack Storer's full recollections) visit the Southwold Beach Hut Owners Association website @ www.southwoldhuts.co.uk. Photos courtesy of Southwold Museum.

Simon MacDowall

Southwold Beach Hut Owners Association



Fishing boats, bathing machines and beach huts sharing the beach circa 1928



Fishermen and their huts on Southwold beach circa 1900



South Beach in the 1930s



Bathing machine on the beach 1923

BLYTH VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

Blyth Valley Rotary Club is proudly celebrating 65 years of inspiring service in the community! Established in 1960 as Southwold and District, we are part of Rotary International, a global charitable organisation with over 1.4 million members across 200 countries. With 28 dedicated members, our club exemplifies the spirit of 'Small but Mighty.'

This year, we raised an astounding amount for worthy causes, both locally and internationally, serving the vibrant communities of Reydon, Southwold, and Halesworth. Our annual Christmas Day swim stands out as a remarkable event, where 420 courageous participants plunged into the North Sea, raising more than £10,500. We proudly shared these proceeds among RNLI (Southwold), Sole Bay Care Fund, and the Little Princess Trust, which provides real hair wigs for children facing the challenges of chemotherapy.

Beyond this, we organised a range of community events, including the Henham Steam Country Fair, the Starlight Walk for Dementia, a Women Who Inspire Evening at Halesworth Gold Club, and the Southwold Arts Street Festival. Our support extended to the Help2Ukraine Dog Show, Lions Fete, Reydon Fun Days, and brightening our towns with festive initiatives like Light Up Southwold and Reydon Christmas Lights. Our commitment to the community also encompasses initiatives for the Reydon Community Pantry, Southwold Food Bank, and various local school projects. This year, we proudly launched a RotaKids group at St Felix School in Southwold, inspiring the next generation to engage in service. A highlight of our year was our collaboration with Re-Cycle (Bikes to Africa). Through community outreach for unused bicycles, we organised a collection that collected 145 bikes in just two hours!

After refurbishing, these bikes are shipped to Africa, providing new opportunities for rural communities.

At 65, Blyth Valley Rotary are more vibrant than ever! Our passionate members continue to energise this Rotary year, embodying our guiding principle: 'Having Fun – Helping Others.' Doing good is not only fulfilling, but it also creates a positive ripple in the world around us. Together, we can transform lives, uplift our community, and find fun in helping others. Let's unite to inspire and protect one another!

This year, we welcome Ronnie Carter as the President of Blyth Valley Rotary until July 2026. We meet at the Sole Bay Bowls Club, Halesworth Road, Reydon. Email: info@blythvalleyrotary.co.uk

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We are always pleased to hear from you, especially if you would like to help run the theatre. There are lots of volunteering opportunities, so please drop us a line or give a call if you are interested. We look forward very much to welcoming you to Southwold Arts Centre!

October highlights

3rd - What's Wrong with Benny Hill: brand new comedy that explores the life and legacy of a very peculiar and brilliant comedian while raising question about current issues around free speech.

4th – Meatloaf: The Ultimate Tribute to Meat Loaf & Jim Steinman including a complete performance of the 1977 classic album 'Bat Out Of Hell'. in its entirety - as well as songs from other Meat Loaf albums and other artists - penned by musical genius Steinman.

10th – Oasis: (See right.)

11th – Stand-up In Southwold - Troy Hawke: Expect timeless 1930s sophistication fused with delightfully modern absurdity as Troy tackles everything from IKEA labyrinths to high street psychology.

16th – Author Ann Cleaves: Ann Cleaves is the multi-million copy bestselling author behind TV series 'Shetland', 'Vera', and 'The Long Call'. Tickets include a signed copy of her new Jimmy Perez novel 'The Killing Stones'

17th – Matt: Based on the real-life story of writer, director and lead actor Peter Dewar, MATT is a raw, real and thought-provoking journey through depression, addiction and the fight to survive.

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27th to 31st - Science Week: Workshops for children and adults: Surprising Sounds; Lovely Light; Light & Electricity; Forces; Halloween Animal Show; Halloween Science Experiments; Space.

30th October – The Tales your mother told: See right.

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VIEW TO THE NORTH

There is a definite chill in the air when I go for my morning stroll north of the pier. I would have expected to see wheatears passing through but so far I have seen none. They were absent in the spring and I was hoping to photograph some on their migration south. There are a few sand martins, and more swallows are passing though often settling on the wires near the paddle boat pond. Butterflies are still flitting around the garden, predominantly, whites, peacock and red admiral. I was pleased to see a hummingbird hawk moth feeding on the plumbago. Even at 1/1000 second, its rapid wing beat is not frozen.



The boating lakes attract numerous birds. Recently I have seen reed and sedge warblers and lots of pied wagtails. One morning they were accompanied by a single yellow wagtail, a bird I have not seen there for several years. A little egret can often be seen patrolling the paddle boat and model yacht ponds. They also attract mute swans, and a pair has recently taken up residence. I managed to capture this incoming flight.



By the shore, the turnstones are gathering on the groynes and one morning I saw five redshanks on the tideline. They are not a frequent visitor here and usually they appear as individuals. Oystercatchers have also been present, usually flying past making their characteristic call. One morning I was rather baffled by a sound I heard. I tried the 'Merlin' App to see if it was recognised, it was not. I then remembered that I had heard something similar before; it was a muntjac barking.

Another insect that allowed me to get close to photograph was a speckled bush cricket. It was resting on the porch window. A rather splendid beast with a very green body and legs with a hint of red. The males rub their wings together to attract females. The sound is very high pitched about 40 kHz. Despite the wings, it is flightless.



Since I last wrote, it has continued to be predominantly dry and there have been clear nights allowing me to take images of nebulae and galaxies. Unfortunately, it was cloudy for the total eclipse of the moon. One of my favourite deep sky objects is the Iris Nebula. It is a bright reflection nebula in the constellation Cepheus and is around 1300 light years away.



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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

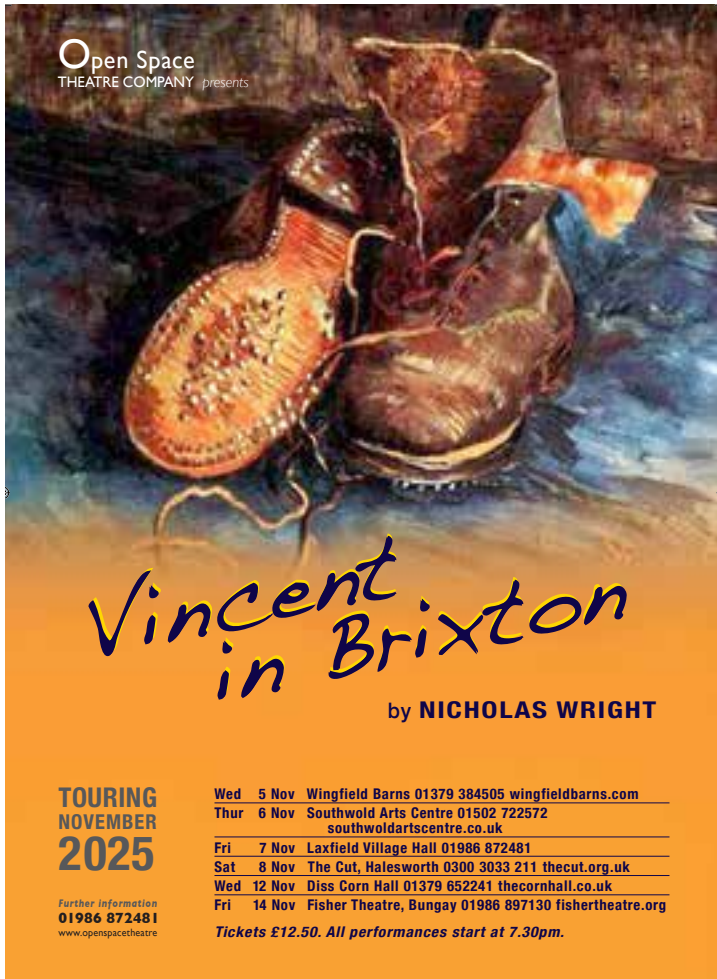


Marianne Fellowes attending a Council meeting to advocate for the continuation of library services.

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@east Suffolk.greenparty.org.uk

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**Vincent
in Brixton**
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Wed	5 Nov	Wingfield Barns	01379 384505	wingfieldbarns.com
Thur	6 Nov	Southwold Arts Centre	01502 722572	southwoldartscentre.co.uk
Fri	7 Nov	Laxfield Village Hall	01986 872481	
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.

OPEN SPACE THEATRE COMPANY

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.

Further information 01986 872481 or www.openspacetheatre.org.uk

CITIZENS ADVICE EAST

Paying Income Tax on your State Pension

It is not always appreciated that the state pension is subject to Income Tax. This is because HMRC do not deduct tax before paying the state pension. If you are receiving the basic state pension of £230.25 per week this is not an issue as the annual amount received of £11,973 is below the tax-free allowance of £12,570. However, if you receive more than the basic state pension you should check if this exceeds the annual tax-free allowance. If it does, there is a tax liability on the excess. If you do not have private pension income as well, HMRC will issue you with a Simple Assessment calculating the tax due and asking for payment by 31 January 2026. If you do have private pension income, HMRC will collect the tax on the state pension via PAYE from your private pension provider. Effectively you will be paying more tax on your private pension to compensate for the tax you should be paying on your state pension. We take a number of calls from people who cannot understand why the tax being deducted from their private pension goes up each year. The simple reason is that the triple lock means that the state pension must increase each year. However, the tax-free allowance of £12,570 has not increased since 5 April 2021 and will not increase until 5 April 2028 at the earliest.

This means that the tax on the increase in the state pension is being deducted from your private pension income.

In net of tax terms, you are overall better off, but it is confusing when the tax paid on your private pension increases even though the gross amount remains the same. With the tax-free allowance frozen at £12,570 it is likely that from 5 April 2027 even the basic state pension will exceed this resulting in a tax liability for the majority of pensioners.

For married couples, where one of the spouses does not use their tax-free allowance (possibly due to restricted pension entitlement), it is possible to have up to £1,260 of their unused allowance transferred to their spouse, saving up to £252 pa. in tax. A Marriage Allowance claim must be submitted to HMRC by the lower income spouse - this can be backdated to 6 April 2021. This could result in a refund of tax of up to £1,008. We recommend you take advice before you make any submission to ensure that this decision benefits you.

For details about how tax is paid on the state pension see <https://www.gov.uk/tax-on-pension/how-your-tax-is-paid>.

For details about how the marriage allowance works see <https://www.gov.uk/marriage-allowance>

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WHAT'S ON AT SOUTHWOLD LIBRARY

Monday 6th October at 11am: Meet Local Author Writer Carsten Clovelly:

Local fiction author Carsten Clovelly will talk about his novel series featuring Nathan and Moriarty. Including their visits to Southwold! Nathan Stockwood is a middle-aged, middle of the road actor. A fundamentally decent man with a slightly flawed conscience. His overly theatrical nature and willingness to bend the rules leads him into a succession of disastrous situations. Moriarty is a vast wolfhound of regal bearing and sharp intellect. Free talk, no need to book.

Thursday 9th October, 6 - 7pm: Harry Potter Book Night 2025 - free Harry Potter Book Night Event:

Crafts, Games, Sorting Hat and Fancy-Dress Competition with free Harry Potter Activity Pack. Come and pick up your free pack full of special Harry Potter Book Night 2024 activities and owl and wizard craft materials supplied by the Friends of Southwold Library between 4th & 11th October.

Thursday 23rd October, 10am - 1pm: Meet the East Suffolk Lettings Team.

Our aim is to increase residents access to the private rented sector. If you're a landlord, we want to meet you! Come along to discuss the landlord benefits and free services included within the rent guarantee scheme. eastsuffolk.gov.uk www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/east-suffolk-lettings

Saturday 25 October at 3.30pm: Welcome to THE MUSHROOM SHOW!

Book your FREE tickets here <https://suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk/events/the-mushroom-show-at-southwold/> <https://tinyurl.com/547ua467>.

There's a secret kingdom full of mysteries...a whole world of strange, smelly and surprising life...and they're all around us!

Augustine Fogwoode *might* be the world's MOST enthusiastic mushroom enthusiast! She is on a quest to make sure everyone knows about the brilliance of fungi: their scientific superpowers and amazing abilities. But it's just her and her puppet friend Goldie.

She might just need a few more fun-guys to make it happen. Join the party and discover how fungi grow, connect and help the natural world, including us humans. Packed full of interactive games, playful music and lots of laughs for all the family, The Mushroom Show is one person's mission to build a community... and maybe it'll become your mission too? Critically acclaimed Scratchworks Theatre fuses their signature style of physical comedy, audience interaction and family theatre with the world of fungi. Award winning Scratchworks Theatre Company brings together science, music and participatory activities for whole families to experience together. Suitable for ages 5+. *Supported by Arts Council England, Doorstep Arts, Libraries Unlimited, Beaford, Theatre Alibi and Unity Theatre Trust. Developed in consultation with research partners and funding from the University of Plymouth.*

Tuesday 28th October at 11am and 2pm: Free Monster Crafts. Make a monster flowerpot, monster magnets, monster masks & more! Crafts supplied by the Friends of Southwold Library. No need to book

Wednesday 29th October at 11.00am & 1.30pm: Freaky Science Workshops for Kids with Kinetics Science

Adventures Lab. Our Freaky Science workshops include inflating hands, gruesome faces, ice excavation of brains and much more! This is a hands-on activity (we even ask the adults to join in). £2 per child. Open to children 5+ Please do not wear your best clothes. Limited spaces. Book your place today at the library or www.ticketsource.co.uk/southwoldlibrary

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th November @ Southwold Arts Centre: Southwold Literary Festival. Inspired by the success of 'Slaughter in Southwold'. The Festival features an amazing mix of fiction and non-fiction authors speaking about a fascinating range of subjects. Tickets can be booked at the library, by visiting www.ticketsource.co.uk/southwoldlibrary or at Southwold Arts Centre, in person, by phone 01502 722572 or by visiting www.southwoldartscentre.co.uk.

Friday 7th November at 5.30pm:

Alison Weir: Legend of historical fiction.

Saturday 8th November: 10am:

Richard Negus: Suffolk conservationist & hedge layer; **11.30am: Neil Lanham:** The James Herriot of antiques; **2pm:**

Jasper Fforde: Wildly inventive, genre-bending novels; **3.30pm: Sarah Perry:**

'The Essex Serpent' author on dying,

family & love; **5pm: Robert Ross:**

Biographer of Monty Python's Terry

Jones. **Sunday 9th November: 10am:**

Robert Ashton: Storyteller of vanished

rural traditions; **11.30am: Sophie**

Hannah: Poirot writer & Queen of the

thriller; **2pm: Wendy Holden:** Author of

'The Teacher of Auschwitz'

Southwold Arts Centre & Southwold Library Present: Southwold Community Cinema

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy

(2025) 15 - Wednesday 1st October at 3pm. After jumping back into the dating pool, single mother Bridget Jones finds herself caught between a younger man and her son's science teacher.

Mr Burton (2025) 12A – Wednesday 5th November at 3pm. The story of the wild school boy Rich Jenkins, son of a boozy miner and an English teacher who recognised his talent, Philip Burton.

Black Bag (2025) 15 – Wednesday 3rd

December at 3pm. When his beloved wife, Kathryn, is suspected of betraying the nation, intelligence agent George Woodhouse faces the ultimate test -- loyalty to his marriage or his country.

Tickets - £5 including refreshments. Book a ticket at southwoldartscentre.co.uk or visit the box office, tel: 01502 722572 Southwold Arts Centre, Cumberland Road, Southwold IP18 6JP

For details of the many regular activities at the library please get in touch.

Charlotte Clark

Executive Library Manager, Southwold Library. Tel: 01502 722519

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LLOYDS TOUR OF BRITAIN MEN

Southwold once again took centre stage on the international sporting calendar on Tuesday 2nd September as the Lloyds Tour of Britain Men returned to the Suffolk. Stage one raced from Woodbridge to Southwold, before stage two began and ended in Stowmarket.

The event was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the town and beyond. Southwold Deputy Mayor Paula Goldsmith expressed pride in Southwold being chosen to be involved in one of the UK's premier sporting events, adding: *"We were really delighted and honoured to have been chosen to be the end of stage one for the cycle race. It was a real success."*

Riders covered 169.3km across Suffolk's roads in stage two, bringing significant footfall into local communities and boosting local businesses. Companies across the district had been invited to get involved, with Southwold Boating Lake providing the catering in Southwold for the event crew and guests throughout the day.

The 2025 Tour concluded on North Parade, reinforcing Suffolk's position as a host for major sporting spectacles. With its backdrop of the beach and pier, the shots of the town relayed on the TV were very impressive, and the finish line itself attracted hundreds of visitors.

All of these will hopefully help to provide a valuable lift for tourism and the local economy.



The finish line with the race being shown on the big screen above. Suffolk County Councillor Michael Ladd, Deputy Mayor of Southwold Paula Goldsmith and Southwold Town Councillor Mike Wells.



WHAT'S ON AT THE SAIL LOFT?

Winter 2025/26:

Welcome to The Sail Loft, here you will find all the exciting things that we have going on over the next few months.

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

"Holy Shiitake!"
(Mushrooms)

November

"Oh my Gourd"
(Pumpkins etc)

December

"Seasonings
greetings"
(Festive treats)

January

"Veganuary"
(Vegan focus)



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCT 5 & 19 Halesworth Harmony rehearsal 10.30 - 12.30 at The Cut in Halesworth. Come along for a free taster session - you'll receive a warm welcome. For further details email: halesworth.harmony@gmail.com.

OCT 9 Blyth Valley & Southwold Wildlife Group illustrated talk by Vicky Eyles - Review of Carlton and Worlingham Marshes S.W.T. Reserves. 7.30pm at Southwold Arts Centre. IP18 6JP. Admission £5 inc. refreshments. Under 25s free. Raffle. Everyone welcome.

OCT 9 Peter Gutteridge presents Horatio Nelson – From Disaster at Tenerife to Triumph at the Nile. The story of how Nelson recovered from the disaster of being seriously wounded at Tenerife to becoming the hero of the Battle of the Nile. Peter is a retired senior partner of a large law practice and has Masters' Degrees in Maritime History from Greenwich University and History from Cambridge University. His interest in Nelson was originally fostered by his grandfather, Professor H.C. Gutteridge who was a distinguished academic and author of 'Nelson and the Neapolitan Jacobins'. 6 – 7pm at Butley Priory, Butley. IP12 3NR. Visit: orfordmuseum.org.uk

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. 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.kindaforestschool.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. For more information tel. Dawn Davis: 01986 873640.

OCT 18 Cough remedies. 11am at the Harmony Centre Halesworth. £10. Discount price bookings can be made on the day.

OCT 25 Wenhaston Produce and Craft Market from 10am to 12.30pm at Wenhaston village hall. Handmade cards, jewellery, homemade jams, cakes, honey, handbags, knitted items, the famous Dexter Beef, soaps, face serums, framed prints, and much more. Tea, Coffee and Homemade savouries and cakes. We are always looking for new stallholders to come and join us. Contact Carol at: caz-mike@outlook.com.

OCT 26 Tallis Chamber Orchestra Concert. Conductor: Michael Coleby | Soloist: George Strivens (Horn). Overture, Don Giovanni, K. 527 – W. A. Mozart; Horn Concerto No. 2 in E flat major – R. Strauss; Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Op. 11 – F. Mendelssohn. 3pm at St Peter's Church, Westleton. Admission by programme, £15 at the door (cards accepted). Any changes to concert arrangements will be posted on our website, www.tco.org.uk

OCT 26 The Breakfast Club with live jazz. Start your Sunday morning with the soulful tunes of Snape Maltings' resident jazz band. 9am – 12noon at Snape Maltings. IP17 1SP. Email: info@snapemaltings.co.uk, phone: 01728 688303

NOV 1 Annual Ceilidh. Enjoy a lively evening with the fabulous Hosepipe Band to celebrate the end of another successful season for the Laxfield & District Museum. Doors open 6.30pm. Dancing begins at 7pm at Laxfield Village Hall, The Link, Laxfield High Street. Bar and refreshments available. Tickets £10, in aid of the Laxfield & District Museum, must be purchased in advance. Please call Elaine Nason tel. 01986 798531, or email info@laxfieldmuseum.org.uk And hurry!

NOV 1 Fressingfield Sounds – Autumn Concert Series 2025. Liturina Baroque Ensemble: Bach, Handel, Telemann, Couperin. 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 or call 07900 35011

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SONIC WAVE

Film composer David Julyan + 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 Julyan to The Cut for a special live performance with his string quartet.

Julyan 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, Julyan 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 Julyan 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*', Julyan has composed for television and films, including '*The Descent*' and award-winning '*The Cabin*' in the Woods. Blending subtle orchestration with atmospheric electronics, Julyan 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





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The weekend will include digital gaming, tournaments, talks, role-playing adventures, and free play zones. Presented by First Light Festival CIC and funded through the Lowestoft Community Partnership and East Suffolk Council Enabling Communities Fund, the event will be delivered in collaboration with The Fort, Skyward Fire Games and Game Anglia. Whether you're a seasoned player, a casual gamer, or simply curious about the culture, Game Lowestoft promises a welcoming and action-packed line-up:

Saturday 11 October, The Battery, 119 London Road North, Lowestoft, 12noon – 8pm

Tournaments, Talks & Free Play

- Test your skills in FIFA face-offs, Mario Kart showdowns, Smash Bros, Street Fighter and more.
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- Explore the art of storytelling, world-building, and character design through interactive workshops.
- Experience live demonstrations from role-playing creators and discover how gaming fuels imagination and collaboration.
- Enjoy classic board games and try new games and designs.

The event creates a space where people of all ages can come together, share their passion, and discover new ways to play. Families are encouraged to join in, with activities designed for every age group, from children picking up a controller for the first time to long-time players reliving the classics.

Artist and Game Developer, Henry Driver said:

"Game Lowestoft features award winning games from local developers and further afield, with talks from these incredible creators too."

"There will be playable demos from upcoming games, alongside recent hits, VR experience, and classic social games like Mario Kart and Fifa. It's been a pleasure to help with this new festival and bring together some of the region's finest game developers."

The event has been made possible with the support of the Lowestoft Community Partnership, East Suffolk Council Enabling Communities Fund, and Lowestoft gaming partners The Fort and Skyward Fire.

For more information visit www.gamelowestoft.com or email info@firstlightlowestoft.com.

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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.

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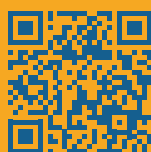
SCHEDULE

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
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SUFFOLK GIFT FAIR RETURNS

On 13th and 14th October, the much-loved Suffolk Gift Fair returns, this year hosted in the Hangar at Milsoms, Kesgrave Hall, a beautiful venue conveniently located near both Ipswich and Woodbridge.

This year's fair supports a special milestone: 25 years of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. In that time, this incredible service has treated thousands of people, helping an average of six patients every single day. Many of us have known, met, or heard about someone who has been helped by the highly skilled doctors and paramedics onboard. They not only save lives daily but carry sophisticated medical equipment that allows them to perform life-saving surgery at the roadside for the most critical patients.

The fair is organised by six dedicated female volunteers, all passionate about supporting this vital work. Over 30 stallholders from across the country will be offering a wide variety of unique products, many not available on the high street and at prices to suit every budget. Visitors can expect everything from delicious food and wine to beautiful clothing, jewellery, stationery, and stylish home and garden accessories. It's the perfect place to pick up early Christmas gifts, stocking fillers, or something special for yourself.

There's also a raffle with spectacular prizes donated by local retailers and restaurants. Bring your friends and enjoy a day of retail therapy in a stunning setting, with refreshments available throughout.

All proceeds go directly to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, which relies entirely on donations to keep its life-saving service airborne.

Event details:

Monday 13th October: 4pm – 9pm

Tuesday 14th October: 9am – 3pm

Tickets: Available on the door for a £5 donation

For updates, follow The Suffolk Gift Fair on Facebook and Instagram: @thesuffolkgiftfair.

We'd love to see you there - your support makes all the difference!



HI-DE-HI STAR COMING TO LEISTON FILM THEATRE

In tandem with the recent publication of his memoirs, sitcom legend, Jeffrey Holland, best-loved as holiday camp comic Spike Dixon in *Hi-de-Hi*, will be in conversation with Britain's Comedy Historian Robert Ross at a special one-day event at Leiston Film Theatre. Jeffrey Holland is well known for roles in television sitcoms, playing rising comic Spike at Maplin's Holiday Camp, as well as radio comedy, including 'Week Ending'. He also played leading roles in the sitcoms 'You Rang, M'Lord?' and 'Oh, Doctor Beeching!', making him a major part of the David Croft repertoire. Jeffrey's first stage appearance was at the Alexandra Theatre in 1967 and his first speaking role came in an episode of Dixon of Dock Green in 1974. He then went on to work with Jimmy Perry and David Croft for the first time when he took over the role of Private Walker in the Dad's Army Stage Show. Throughout the 1970s, Jeffrey made one-off guest appearances in television shows such as 'Are You Being Served?', 'Dad's Army' and 'It Ain't Half Hot Mum'. He also appeared in several episodes of 'Crossroads', but it was in 1980 that he broke through to fame in 'Hi-de-Hi'. Later that year, more TV fame followed on Russ Abbot's Madhouse. Alongside Britain's Comedy Historian Robert Ross, Jeffrey will be sharing memories of working on these classic shows, as well as reflecting on his comedy influences and favourites, including Arthur Askey, Peter Sellers, and the bowler-hatted genius who inspired his celebrated, sell-out solo show entitled, 'And This is My Friend Mr. Laurel'.

Film Theatre Manager, Wayne Burns, is especially excited about this event. "I have just finished reading Jeff's book and it was wonderful to read so many wonderful stories and personal memories. Jeff first visited the Film Theatre in 2016, and I cannot wait to welcome him back" he said.

'An afternoon with Jeffrey Holland' appears at the Leiston Film Theatre on Sunday 9th November at 3pm. Tickets are priced at only £10 and are now available from the Film Theatre box office on 01728 830549 and via the venue's website at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk



THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

The local monthly lottery for The Brain Tumour Charity took place on Monday 1st September, with Fred & Kate Assmann being present to adjudicate. There were 247 entries, making a total prize fund of £123.50. 1st prize of £61.75 with ticket number 76 went to Jill Morgan. 2nd prize of £37.05 with ticket number 50 went to Joanna Jarvis and 3rd prize of £24.70 with ticket number 4 went to Kerry Ricks. Congratulations to each of them. If you would like a monthly flutter, whilst supporting The Brain Tumour Charity, please email John at thebtclottery@btinternet.com or call him on 07873 376168. The lottery is regulated and licensed by East Suffolk Council LOT02110. The next draw will take place on Wednesday 1st October.

Every penny raised goes to The Brain Tumour Charity and I'm pleased to say my family and friends have raised over £62,500 from our various events since losing our 8 year old family member Sophie. Our annual Cream Teas on Sunday 3rd August raised £886.55 and our stall at the Randolph Family Fun Day raised £128. Our next big fundraising event will be in the new year. The September draw ends the current year for our lottery. If you are already a contributor, I will be in touch. If you would like to join now, please use the above contact details.

John Huggins

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Leiston Film Theatre

Fri 3rd & Sat 4th Oct at 7.15pm
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

BAT OUT OF HELL - THE MUSICAL ^{12A}

Fri 31st Oct at 7.15pm
Sun 2nd Nov at 6.00pm

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