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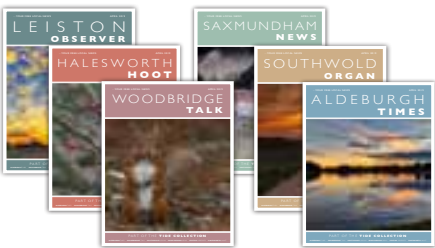
It feels very autumnal now but hopefully the weather will be kind to the participants in the annual Ruff Stuff charity cycle ride which takes place on 26th October through Rendlesham Forest. It is one of Woodbridge Rotary's biggest events of the year and will this year raise funds Bike Active, Air Ambulance and other Rotary charities. If you would like to sponsor this event or maybe donate a raffle prize do get in touch (details on page 14).

Please get in touch if you have anything to share with our readers why not consider increasing your footfall by placing an advert in the Tide Collection? I would love to hear from you, email me at: lou@tidecollection.com

Quote of the Month

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PROJECT UPDATE

OCTOBER 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

FORUM SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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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@eastsuffolk.greenparty.org.uk

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WOODBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

During the August/ September, Woodbridge played host to many visitors. The evidence was all around. Kingston Field was very popular. The Deben Yacht Club's regatta brought many people back to Woodbridge. Engaging with visitors provided a wonderful opportunity to get a glimpse into other people's lives – people from Shropshire, Amersham, Stansted and a self-declared Cockney now living in Essex to name a few, in my case.

Woodbridge now has improved bus services. There are more frequent services to Felixstowe, Grundisburgh, Rendlesham and Sutton. The 73 Felixstowe bus now provides the link to Tesco, M&S and Aldi at Martlesham Heath. The new 800 service provides a new link with Martlesham Park and Ride and a service into the centre of Ipswich hospital. The 70 bus provides a later return bus from Ipswich than previously available.

August did not turn out to be a complete holiday for the Council.

Have you heard of the plans for **Local Government Reform**? Sounds a bit dry but it is going to impact Woodbridge and its ability to thrive as a Market Town. LGR will abolish the current two upper levels of local government – Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council – and replace it with a single Unitary Council. There will also, in addition, be a new Strategic Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk presided over by a directly elected Mayor.

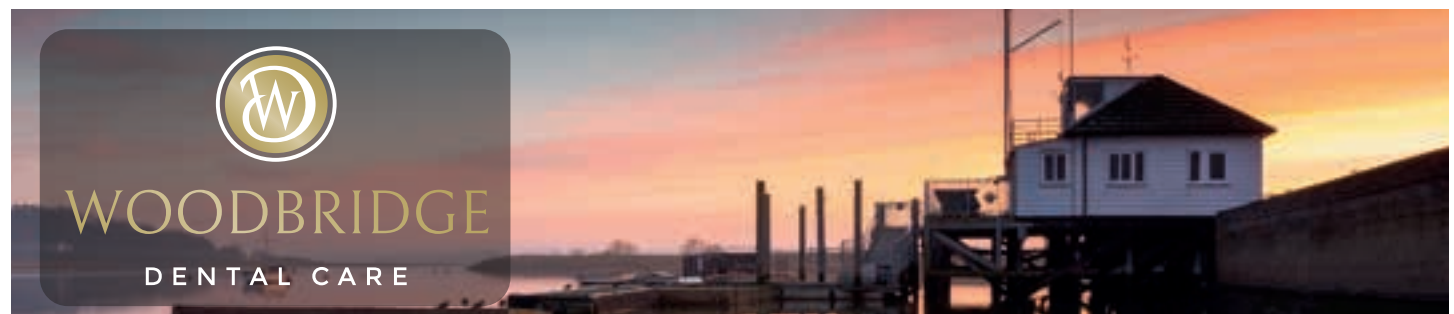
What does this all mean for us in Woodbridge? In July and August, we met with both SCC & ESC and there are some early indications that Woodbridge Town Council might need to play a bigger role in looking after some of the land and buildings currently owned by both. Opportunity? Threat? We're trying to work it out. We've established 4 working parties based on the four wards of Woodbridge to do an immediate review of the land and buildings. You might see us about - your engagement will be needed if we are to get this right.

Other events: Woodbridge has held commemorations for Victory in Japan Day and Merchant Navy Day. Both paid homage to the bravery of many in wartime and reminded us all how vital it is that we work for peace and reconciliation rather than conflict.

We also hosted the opening stage of the Tour of Britain men's cycle race. It was quite a spectacular event and, despite the traffic and the inconvenience caused, I hope you were able to enjoy it. As Mayor, I was also invited on to the panel of judges for the RSPCA's annual dog show. Judging dogs was a first for me, but I was surrounded by other very knowledgeable people. By the time this is published, we will have celebrated the 450th birthday of the Shire Hall which we all hope will have been an enjoyable, Elizabethan celebration, for Woodbridge to mark National Heritage Week.

Councillor Nigel Phipps

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INNER WHEEL CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE

Celebrating 75 years of the Inner Wheel Club of Woodbridge, members dressed with 1950 in mind and enjoyed a delicious celebratory cake to mark the occasion.

Guest speaker Linda Fellas, District International Service Chairman, explained how she met her Cypriot husband and that as their family has grown so has the number of different nationalities it includes.

Members were fascinated as she shared photographs and memories of the recent Hindu wedding of her grandson. Each individual has brought value to her truly multicultural family.

Memory Café continues to be held at Woodbridge Football Club, for those with memory loss and their carers, on the last Wednesday of each month. The next knit and natter will be held at Notcutts on October 1st at 2pm where coffee and cake will be enjoyed.

Woodbridge IW members meet at Ufford Park Hotel at 6.30pm on the first Thursday of each month. Find out more about the club and its aims and objectives at: District 8 <https://innerwheel.co.uk> or email: district8innerwheel@gmail.com for further information.



WOODBIDGE MUSEUM

Friends of Woodbridge Museum talks continue at the Community Centre at 2.30pm and guests are very welcome.

The next talk on 14th November is to be presented by Jane Bradburn: Capture & Escape in WW2. In the summer of 1941 Woodbridge men who had joined the 67th (Suffolk) Medium Regiment R.A.T.A. left England. The entire regiment was captured at Tobruk and Jane's talk provides a picture of how these local men survived their experiences of war.

On the 5th December Karl Lumbers' talk is entitled '*The Trinity (Lighthouse) Story*'. More details to follow in our next article.

Woodbridge Museum is delighted to have received a gift of this model ship. The donor said his family believed the model was made by William Woodruffe who lived in The Thoroughfare, Woodbridge. We have a copy of Dr Groom's detailed notes of conversations he had with local people and there is a reference to a 'Woodruffe' who made model ships and who was a sailor. Dr Groom's own notes refer to a full model of the 'Newcastle' being a full three rigged mast ship without sails. Is that a reference to this model? Sadly, there is no name on this model.

Two of our knowledgeable volunteers think the model is of a whaling ship because the small boats lashed to the sides look like the type used by whalers.

We would love to know more about William Woodruffe and whether our suppositions are correct.

So, if you can add to the story we would love to hear from you on enquiries@woodbridgemuseum.com or come in and see us.

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

Then for Xmas/New Year, after the huge success of last year's Father Brown & The Curse of The Xmas Fairy, they return in full bonkers mode with their traditional festive comedy caper, which this year will be **SHERLOCK HOLMES SMELLS EVIL!**

Holmes & Watson investigate a number of mysterious disappearances at the Queasy Pines Sanatorium, high in the Sroughton Mountains, near Ipswich. Suspicion falls on its strange one legged superintendent, Professor Eintrouser.

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WOODBRIDGE CRUISING CLUB

The summer cruising season is now over and the club is moving to onshore winter activities, although members are still sailing locally and abroad when they can. The Walton Pond cruise, led by Mark and Clare was the penultimate cruise and one of the most sociable, all enjoyed the cruise dinner, walks and entertainment. The final Three Rivers cruise led by Graham and Alison was a triumphant end to the official sailing season and the annual cruise dinner held at the Royal Harwich Yacht Club marked the finale of the cruising calendar.

The August Bank Holiday barbecue in the pleasant garden of the riverside club house, was a highlight of the summer, and members are looking forward to future events including the more formal laying up supper; a lovely occasion to meet with other club members and enjoy a delicious three course meal.

The autumn programme is now apace, with Thursday walks, Wednesday suppers and Sunday talks, which have a nautical theme, the first talk of the season is by Peter from the East Anglian Sailing Trust, with a personal view of Climate Change. Future talks include weather forecasting and yachting adventures. The Wednesday maintenance parties started again in September, when willing volunteers enjoy coffee and cake, and undertake valuable jobs in the club house.

Other club events include the November AGM, under the auspicious of the Commodore John, when Officers will be elected, reports given and the opportunity for questions. The annual Boat Jumble on 13th October is a chance to buy nautical equipment at bargain prices and is open to the public. It starts at 11am, finishing at 2pm.

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



WATERS COPSE AND A DAY TO REMEMBER

Waters Copse lies at the bottom of Skilmans Hill, behind the free car park on Gardner Road. Named after Ronnie Waters, a former mayor, town Councillor and butcher, the copse as of 2020 was in dire straits. Overrun by brambles, nettles and Alexander there was only one pathway through from the Common to the road. Then Covid struck!

Ben Marriner rang up a few of his friends and collected together a group to tackle the problem of Waters Copse. The volunteers set to with a zeal unmatched. The two principal movers were Ben (on the right) and Bill Hancock (on the left) and it was Bill who tempered our enthusiastic efforts at immaculate husbandry, steering us to tending nature in a more considerate way. Instead of clearing the site and removing everything, Bill showed us how to build bug hotels and even created a beaver dam. He approved our digging out of the Alexander but insisted we pile it in heaps to rot slowly down. We have not seen a beaver yet however!

Paths have been driven north and south and east and west to create a delightful passage way from the carpark on Godyll Road right down and across the bridge, kindly put in by Suffolk Town Council, to the Ferry Road footpath. These paths have been laid with wood chippings, some of which have been brought up from the offcuts from the Long Ship at Woodbridge.

It is now possible to walk from the harbour to the centre of the high street and only cross one road.

Areas have been scoured to reveal snowdrops, daffodils, flowering blackcurrant, honeysuckle, wild garlic and a few bluebells. A space has been made for the talking bench. The increased bird song been remarked on, our resident mole has built his piles in the pathways and the rabbits play at dawn and dusk. The copse is there for everyone and if you have not seen it please do come and visit. The volunteers who have carried out all this work will make you most welcome - you might even like to join them one Thursday morning - we meet at the bottom of Skilmans Hill at 9am.

One final note - as a result of Ben's initiative he and Anthea were invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace and you can't beat that!

Clive Debenham



WOODBIDGE RIVERSIDE TRUST

Many of you will have seen **Sae Wylfing** at her usual moorings at Town Quay near The Longshed or leading the regular Yuletide row on the River Deben. This year she was invited to be part of a pageant on the River Thames near Kingston to celebrate the 1100th anniversary of the crowning of Athelstan as King of England. The photos show her being taken out of the water on 4th September ready for the journey to Kingston where she was to be cared for and rowed at the pageant by volunteers from the Sutton Hoo Ship's Company and Woodbridge Coastal Rowing Club. Sae Wylfing (translation: Sea Wolf Cub) is on permanent loan to Woodbridge Riverside Trust by her owners, the Gifford Family.

Woodbridge Historic Riverside Group: This is an alliance of visitor attractions, businesses and clubs operating from premises along our riverside here in Woodbridge, with a mission to encourage our local community and visitors to our town to come to the riverside to enjoy its beauty and all that the riverside has to offer. The Group recently sponsored a 'Buskers' Bank Holiday' event in Whisstock's Place to encourage live acoustic and low amp music to be played in keeping with a relaxing riverside setting. We had a wonderful response from the local music community and were oversubscribed with interest. Many thanks to all (buskers and audience) who supported the event! The WHR Group hope to do it again.

'Herring Girls' Exhibition: From 3rd - 13th October in the John Gibbins Gallery, we have a return visit of the story of the legendary women and girls who followed the fishing boats along the east coast, processing the catch of what was a very valuable industry which lasted for about 100 years until the early 1950s. Free entry.

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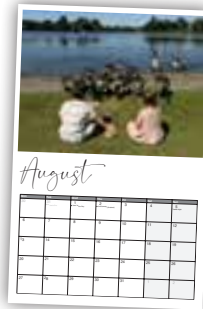
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There is an opportunity to hear about the return of the osprey to England when Dr Tim Mackrill from the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation gives a talk at Woodbridge Community Hall, Station Road, IP12 4AU on Thursday 16 October. The talk, which starts at 7.30 pm, has been organised jointly by Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Woodbridge Wildlife Group and Suffolk Bird Group. Phil Smith, Chair of Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Woodbridge Wildlife Group said

"Tim will discuss the Osprey reintroduction projects at Rutland Water and Poole Harbour and explain how some remarkable individual ospreys have played a key role in the recovery of the species in both England and Wales."

Doors open at 7pm. Entry is £4 for adults, with under 25s free For more information Email: swtwoodbridge@outlook.com Telephone: 01473 625630.

Helen Taylor



Dr Tim Mackrill with an osprey.



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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!



WOODBIDGE BANKING HUB

Cash and banking services in the heart of your community.

A new shared banking hub, set up by Cash Access UK, is now open at its temporary home at Woodbridge Library, New Street Woodbridge IP12 1DT

Opening hours: 9am – 5pm, Monday – Friday

The hub has a counter service operated by the Post Office, run by Shaun and his team who also run the Leiston Banking Hub and the Saxmundham Post Office.

They are passionate about making cash and banking facilities available for the community.

Customers of 27 major banks and building societies can carry out regular cash transactions, whenever the hub is open.

Transactions available at the counter:

Withdraw cash
Deposit cash
Deposit cheques
Pay utility bills
Check your account balance
Collect change (registered business customers)



There is also a private space where you can speak to a community banker from your own bank about more complicated banking issues on the day your bank is in the hub.

Community banker availability:

Monday: Barclays

Tuesday: NatWest

Wednesday: Lloyds

Thursday: TBC

Friday: HSBC

The banking hub will offer you quick and convenient access to cash and face-to-face banking services. Visit us today or visit our website to find out more.

WOODBRIDGE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The First Team play in the Premier Division of the Thurlow Nunn Eastern Counties League, which incorporates teams from Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambs. For the past 3 seasons the First Team was managed by Luke Hyam and assisted by Billy Clark, both former Ipswich Town players. This combination was relatively successful when taking into consideration the financial budgets of Woodbridge compared to our opponents.

As we have embarked upon this season we now have a new management team of Liam Bevis as Manager, assisted by Chris Rogers as his deputy and a new coach in Tony Lanni. When asked why he wanted to join WFC Chris said *"Woodbridge Town Football Club has always been respected as a friendly progressive Club, well run both on and off the field"*. He encourages local people to bring their children on match days and enjoy the hospitality and friendly atmosphere, watch a good level of football and the kids can enjoy themselves.

The month of October will be very busy for home games played at Notcutts Park and everybody is welcome.

Come and support your local club and take advantage of the Club House facilities. Please visit www.woodbridgetownfc.com for details of fixtures for all teams.

Forthcoming Events in the Club House (open to all)

Sunday, October 5th: Ipswich v Norwich live on ITV.
Club opens at 10.30am

Sunday, October 5th: Bingo @ 7pm
Sunday, October 19th: Bingo @ 7pm

For further enquiries into any of the above events or to book your own event please contact Paul at venuebookings@outlook.com.

Finally in respect, celebration and remembrance of our long-standing stalwart Johnny Markham, who passed away recently, we will be arranging a '60s Disco Night at the Club in the near future.

RUFF STUFF CYCLE EVENT

Woodbridge Rotary Club (WRC) is privileged to have permission from Forestry England, responsible for the management of Rendlesham forest, to again organise the Annual Ruff Stuff charity cycle ride this year on **Sunday 26th October**. This very popular off-road event is along the highways and byways through Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk. Ruff Stuff is one of the biggest events of the year for WRC supported by Woodbridge Inner Wheel - commencing and finishing at Butley Village Hall. The doors will be open from 8am with the Inner Wheel organising light bites and drinks, giving participants time to "fuel up" and complete registration.

Please note helmets are compulsory and those under 13 must be accompanied by a responsible adult, parent or guardian. It is in Rendlesham Forest, consisting of three circular routes of 10, 25 or 30 mile courses offering an opportunity for a wide range of cyclists of mixed abilities and experience. It has proved to be a great deal of fun and, if you enjoy cycling, not to be missed! Come along and enjoy yourselves! More information as well as registration details can be found on our website: www.woodbridgerotary.com. This year proceeds will be supporting Bike Active, Air Ambulance and other Rotary charities.

If you would like to sponsor this event or donate a raffle prize, please email: robin.pivett128@btinternet.com. Woodbridge Rotary Club meets most Friday lunch times in The Bull Hotel, Market Hill, Woodbridge. We are a convivial mixed group sharing a drink and lunch, often with the added attraction of a visiting speaker. Why not come along and find out more about Rotary and its contribution to the local community? In fact, now is definitely a good time as extra hands / support are always welcome at the above event and it will give a great insight in to what WRC is all about!

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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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