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A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR



A busy November for Aldeburgh with the annual fireworks display, Remembrance Day ceremony and service, Poetry in Aldeburgh Festival, the 30th Aldeburgh Documentary Festival and more . Although I am not a fan of Christmas beginning anytime before December, in this job I am working a month ahead most of the time so there are some lovely festive events within these pages also, all would welcome your attendance I'm sure – enjoy!

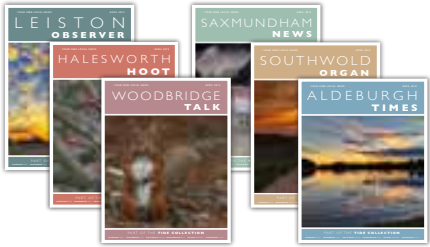
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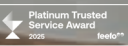

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TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Aldeburgh Town Council met in September 2025 at the Moot Hall, where councillors discussed a range of local issues and projects and two new members, Ali Norman and Malcolm Myers, were co-opted onto the council and formally took their seats.

Councillors approved the engagement of Castlevue Charitable Services to assist with a grant application to the Sizewell C Community Fund. The application will support upgrades to the Rugby Pavilion changing facilities and conversion works at the Old Generator Station.

Parking concerns were discussed, particularly the ongoing problem of vehicles parking on the grassed areas along Crag Path. The council continue to work with East Suffolk Council to identify longer-term solutions.

Other matters included approving a contractor for the internal redecoration of the Moot Hall, noting the final proofs for new directional signage, and setting a date for in-person Councillor Code of Conduct training in October. Reports from Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council highlighted wider issues affecting the town - these included housing and traffic pressures linked to Sizewell C and Scottish Power Renewables projects, the possibility of introducing 20mph speed limits in certain areas of Aldeburgh, and preparations for a parking review in summer 2026.

The Mayor's Report covered a busy programme of summer activities, including the Carnival, RNLI events, and the arrival of the Tour of Britain cycle race, all of which brought residents, visitors and volunteers together. The meeting concluded with councillors noting forthcoming forums on energy projects and receiving an update from the Town Clerk on the new Employment Rights Bill due later in 2025.

The Council currently has 3 Councillor vacancies. If you are interested in supporting your community and shaping decisions about Aldeburgh's future, please consider putting yourself forward to become a town councillor by contacting the Town Clerk on townclerk@aldeburghtowncouncil.gov.uk

What's On in Aldeburgh – November to December 2025

As autumn settles on the Suffolk coast, Aldeburgh readies itself for a season of culture, remembrance, and festive cheer.

November opens in sparkling style with the **Annual Fireworks Display** (2nd November, Kings Field), followed by the town's poignant **Remembrance Sunday service** on 9th November and Armistice Day on Tuesday 11th November. Creativity takes the spotlight mid-month as the **Poetry in Aldeburgh Festival** (6th - 9th November) brings readings and workshops to venues across town.

On 15th November, treasure hunters can browse at the **Antiques & Vintage Fair**, while film lovers flock to the **30th Aldeburgh Documentary Festival** (21st - 23rd November). Meanwhile, the **Aldeburgh Gallery** stages Creative Fusion (13 - 19th November) and Sophie Crockett's exhibition **Now More Than Ever** (27th November - 3rd December).

December brims with festive traditions. **The Christmas Craft Fair** (22nd November) at the Jubilee Hall kicks off seasonal shopping, followed by the **Christmas Lights Switch On** the same day and later in the month the **Aldeburgh Gallery Christmas Show** (11th - 24th December) with unique gifts and artworks. At Jubilee Hall, **Jane Austen Day** (16th December) celebrates her 250th birthday, while **Ghost Stories for Christmas** (19th December) promises atmospheric winter chills. After Christmas, crowds cheer on hardy souls at the **Boxing Day Swim** (26th December), before the year ends with the fun-filled **Sprout Sprint or Saunter 5K** (31st December), a fancy-dress run-or stroll-by the sea.

From fireworks to festivals, antiques to art, swims to sprints, Aldeburgh's final months of 2025 promise a rich mix of joy, tradition, and community spirit. For the latest updates and full details of What's On in Aldeburgh, visit: <https://aldeburghsuffolk.com/events/>

ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

'My two husbands, and the effect of war on young men' - Manette Baillie. Manette Baillie, now aged 103, was only 17 when Britain declared war on 3rd September 1939. She will tell us about her two husbands, Tom Derek Bowden, and Adam Reid Baillie and the effect of war on these young men.

The talk takes place on Monday 17th November at 2.30pm, in person at the Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL. No need to book - but do get there early, we anticipate a large turnout!

£3 including tea/coffee/biscuits. Good, free car-parking. The speaker will be present in person, and the talk will NOT be on Zoom.

Further Programme: All at 2.30pm at the Fromus Centre, Saxmundham:

Mon 15 Dec: 'Tracing Your Non-Conformist Ancestors' – Liz Yule

Mon 19 Jan: 'Where there's a Will' – Ian Waller

Mon 16 Feb: 'Army Records' – Graham Brady.



Manette Baillie

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Prancing reindeer, rocking Santas, a moving nativity scene, toe-tapping music and dynamic dancing are set to delight audiences at Snape Maltings Concert Hall from December 5th in a new show, Magic of Christmas. The award-winning Co-op Juniors Theatre Company returns to the world-famous venue with a brand new festive spectacular of music and dance for the whole family, with affordable prices and a discount for children. Directors Harriet and Ellena Bacon are taking the company of almost 100 performers and the audience on a magical musical journey.

"We're tapping into the spirit of Christmas," they said. "There are lots of surprises in store, many magical moments and stunning staging. We're so excited to share it with audiences, as we connect with families to celebrate Christmas with our young performers."

The huge stage set has animated projection and thousands of twinkling lights, together with hundreds of specially created costumes. As the largest youth musical theatre production in the UK, it's become a must-see for audiences across East Anglia, with seats from just £15.

Selecting the right mix of musical styles is a challenge for the creative team. Musical director Nicholas Sheehan works with composer and arranger Emily Bennett, five choreographers and artistic director Oliver Brett to bring together a breath-taking selection of musical delights.

Producing the hundreds of costumes needed for so many performers requires an experienced team, led by Jeannie Ingram and Cilla Tricker. They have costumed literally thousands of performers for Christmas and summer musical shows over more than two decades.

Says Jeannie Ingram, *"The look and feel of the costumes has to reflect the mood of the music and the choreography, so we start in September as soon as the cast begin rehearsals."*

Tickets for Magic of Christmas are £28, £21 & £15. Discounts for seniors, children under 16 and groups. Book 01728 687110 or online at brittenpearsarts.org. Select the What's On tab and search for Magic of Christmas.



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Date for your Diary: Sunday 7 December, Lifeboat launch 9.30am, Aldeburgh Beach

On 7 December 1899, Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station suffered one of the worst disasters in RNLI history, when they launched into a raging gale and extremely heavy seas. The 18-strong lifeboat crew were doing a sterling job battling against the ferocious onshore wind. But the Aldeburgh's broadside was taking a pounding by the relentless waves. She was savagely struck by two huge waves in quick succession, causing her to capsize and hurling the crew into the tumultuous waters. The Aldeburgh did not sink. Instead, she was driven bottom upwards onto the shore. Only then came the stark realisation that six of the crew were missing, feared trapped underneath the boat.

The whole community gathered, and frantic work began to try and free the crew. But with the Aldeburgh weighing over 13 tonnes and measuring 14 metres in length, it was a gruelling task.

Six men died that day, and another didn't recover from his injuries and died the following March.

Augustus Mann was among the 11 survivors of the Aldeburgh disaster. He believed his lucky escape was down to the three acorns he carried in his pocket. The acorns have left a lasting legacy for Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station. A legacy that has kept the history, and the memory of his fellow lifeboatmen, alive.

The very acorns that were in his pocket have been carried onboard Aldeburgh's lifeboats since the disaster as a sign of good luck.

Due to the fragile nature of the 126-year old acorns, we will display the originals at the lifeboat station, and place fresh acorns on the lifeboat, swapping each year around 7 December.

On Sunday 7 December at approximately 9.30am, we place new acorns on our Atlantic 85 Lifeboat, Ralph, and launch from Aldeburgh Beach. All welcome.

Follow us on social media for dates and time of planned training exercises .

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ALDEBURGH PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The next meeting of the Aldeburgh Photography Group will be held on Wednesday 19 November at 7.30pm in Aldeburgh Library.

This month we are pleased to welcome David Calvert, a photographer based on the Suffolk coast, who has been working professionally for over twenty years and specialises in landscape and portrait photography.

Since moving here most of his work has primarily centred on coastal images, in particular Aldeburgh and the surrounding areas and most images are available as beautiful fine art prints and cards.

His work is regularly used by publications and broadcasters around the world and he has been recognised by more than 120 awards, including 16 UK titles and three international honours. David is a Fellow of both the Royal Photographic Society and the British Institute of Professional Photography, as well as an Icon Master in the USA.

The evening will conclude with members showing their images inspired by the talk given last month by professional photographer Daniel Ruffles.

We are a friendly group and keen to welcome everyone from beginners to experienced photographers, from users of iPhones to the latest DSLRs.

We do not run competitions, which put too many amateur photographers off joining local photography groups. Instead, we aim to help each other learn and improve our work.

If you want to know more, or if you want to check for up-to-date information on our meetings, please contact us through our website (www.aldeburghphotographygroup.org.uk).



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Traces of the White Rose: Sansara choir tells the powerful story of five students and a professor who stood up to Nazism and paid with their lives. 7 November, 7pm, Britten Studio.

Study Morning: Historian Dr Lucy Walker and pianist Dr Simon Callaghan reflect on art born from atrocity in a morning of talks, music and reflection. 8 November, 10.30am, Britten Studio.

Stories as Brittle as Glass: Tenor Liam Bonthron and pianist Benjamin Mead (a former Viola Tunnard Scholar at Britten Pears Arts) explore the profound and often uplifting resilience of humanity in times of war. 8 November, 3pm, Britten Studio.

English Chamber Orchestra and Raphael Wallfisch: Beethoven's spirited Leonore Overture No. 1 sets the stage for Bliss's emotionally rich and rarely performed Cello Concerto, a showcase for Raphael Wallfisch's artistry.

Behind the Scenes Winter Tours: Find out the work involved behind the scenes as well as some gems from the collection. Includes a tour of the house, composition studio and library followed by a talk in the Archive (Every Wednesday from 5 November – 17 December, 11am, The Red House, Aldeburgh).

Scratch Choir: A Ceremony of Carols: Led by conductor Ben Vonberg-Clark. 26 November, 11am, Snape Maltings Concert Hall. Participatory event.



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Red House Recital: Cellist Raphael Wallfisch and pianist Dr Simon Callaghan perform Bridge's Cello Sonata and Britten's Elegy for Solo Cello. . 9 November, 12pm & 3pm, The Red House, Aldeburgh.

Alice Boyd: Offering a first glimpse into Alice Boyd's new live adaptation of her BBC Radio 4 documentary Shifting Soundscapes. 14 November, 7pm, Jerwood Kiln Studio, Snape Maltings.

Britten Pears Chamber Choir: Britten Pears Chamber Choir conducted by Ben Vonberg-Clark. A programme centred around spiritual struggle and mortality through experiences of Nazi oppression. Snape Maltings. 15 November, 3pm St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds & Sunday 16 November, 3pm, Britten Studio.

Britten's Birthday

Thomas Kelly: A programme by Pianist Thomas Kelly, Britten Fellow at the Royal College of Music. 21 November, 11am, The Red House, Aldeburgh.

The Red House Open Day: The Red House and Archive will be open for a special autumn open day and guided tours – plus there will be cake! 22 November, The Red House, 11am – 3pm.

Aurora Orchestra: Aurora Orchestra returns to Snape Maltings to perform memorised Mendelssohn. 22 November, 7pm, Snape Maltings Concert Hall.

Full listings online at www.brittenpearsarts.org.

LEISURE FACILITIES – THE FUTURE

By Councillor Sarah Whitelock

Changes at Leisure Centres

You will be seeing some significant changes at your local leisure centre soon - Green led East Suffolk Council has ambitious plans to upgrade and decarbonise three of the district's leisure centres and has secured £4.8m to do the necessary work.

To help residents improve their health and to achieve our goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030, we are adding £2m to a hard-won government grant of £2.8m for the necessary improvements.

Leisure centres are currently the single largest contributor to the Council's greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for around 42% of the total, so tackling emissions from the buildings is crucial to meeting overall carbon reduction targets. We also want to secure the financial future of leisure centres by reducing their running costs. Put simply, swimming pools are eye watering expensive to heat, so good insulation and reduced energy bills are needed to make them financially sustainable. At a time when leisure centres all over the country are being closed due to high maintenance and operating costs, this investment is essential for the planet and residents.

Everyone benefits from physical activity



Upgrades to Leiston, Waterlane in Lowestoft and Deben in Woodbridge will focus on replacing outdated gas boilers with cutting-edge air source heat pump systems for heating and CO2 heat pumps for hot water, significantly cutting energy use and emissions. The Council is also planning solar panel installations at all three sites to help offset increased electricity use from electric-only systems and is exploring a potential project for solar panel car ports at Leiston to further reduce energy bills.

Deben Leisure Centre will benefit from a new roof (the current roof was installed in the 1980s) and ageing equipment due for renewal will also be replaced across all sites.

Work is currently in the planning stage and will begin over the next two years. While there will be some inconvenience, the long-term benefits to the community are huge.

Encouraging Participation

Fewer than two-thirds of adults and less than half of children and young people meet the Chief Medical Officer's guidelines for physical activity (Sport England 2022). Tempting residents into leisure centres with modern facilities and very low cost, or free, opportunities, such as Feel Good Suffolk, The Big Sister Project and swimming lessons, are vital in encouraging the first positive steps towards investing in one's own health and wellbeing. It's not just about mental and physical health, it's also about community cohesion and personal development.

Meeting the Demand for new Leisure Options

The power of leisure activities is huge but planning proposals for new facilities can be contentious. For example, the previous Conservative administration promised a big increase in artificial grass surface ('3G') pitches which are popular with teams who can use them 24/7, but opposition to them can be significant.

If clubs follow planning legislation when applying, we are legally required to approve 3G pitches. However, if local clubs want to receive Council managed grants (mainly the Community Infrastructure Levy) they now have to meet stringent demands on business planning, projected use and capturing micro plastics.

Offering enthusiastic team members a local venue and preventing long and repeated car journeys has to come into the planning equation, as does the value of increasing opportunities for young people to play team sports.

Swimming lessons are vital for children



Access to the outdoors has become so restricted to young people that these new facilities are becoming vitally important in finding rewarding and healthy ways for them to spend their spare time.

A Personal Perspective

Soon after becoming a councillor for East Suffolk I attended a national course for newbies. On the first day the course facilitator (and a council leader) apologised for not being as cheerful as she should be. She fought back the tears as she explained that the previous evening her cabinet had reluctantly decided to close the only remaining public swimming pool in her borough. She described the anger and disappointment of residents because previous administrations had not invested sufficiently in leisure facilities. As a long-term advocate of regular activity to maintain physical and mental health, I vowed not to let that happen in East Suffolk. The plans we are making now will secure the future for our leisure centres for a decade.



Sarah Whitelock, Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture, Leisure and Tourism

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

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ALDEBURGH YACHT CLUB CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

Saturday 22nd November at Aldeburgh Yacht Club, Slaughden Road, Aldeburgh IP15 5NA, 10am – 3pm - Free entry

Get ready for forthcoming festivities and into celebratory mode at the Aldeburgh Yacht Club's Christmas Gift Fair. Discover nearly 30 individual retailers offering ideas for unusual gifts and goodies, with something for everyone to delight family and friends.

Find little luxuries and treats for stocking fillers. Indulge in glamorous party fashion. Enjoy mouth-watering treats from local producers. Add twinkle and style with decorative accessories.

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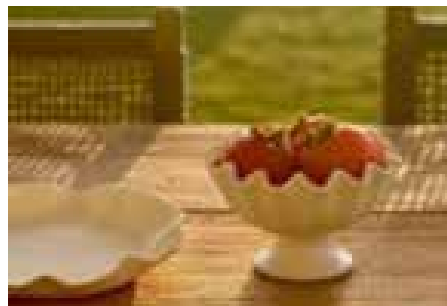
You can add the feel-good factor by shopping at the AYC Christmas Fair because a proportion of the proceeds will be going to support two charities: Aldeburgh Yacht Club Schools Sailing Trust and BigKid.

About Aldeburgh Yacht Club Schools Sailing Club

The AYC Schools Sailing Trust has been established to get young people from schools and youth groups in the Suffolk community on the water to benefit from the life skills that sailing and water-based sports can encourage – creativity, confidence, teamwork, communication, determination, and independence.

About Bigkid

BIGKID Foundation is a multi-award-winning youth and community charity established in 2008; their mission is to end social exclusion and youth violence. They work with over 1,500 young people annually and are experts in youth engagement. They equip young people to take control of their lives, find, develop and act on their own potential through community engagement, mentoring and leadership programmes, including the chance to access places and experiences they wouldn't otherwise have.





Fri 7th & Sat 8th Nov at 7.15pm
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 Mon 10th, Tues 11th & Wed 12th Nov at 7.15pm
 Thurs 13th Nov at 3.00pm
 Sun 16th & Wed 19th Nov at 7.15pm

SPRINGSTEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE 15

Thurs 13th Nov at 7.15pm
 Sun 16th Nov at 3.00pm

JOHN CLEESE PACKS IT IN 12A

Fri 14th Nov at 1.00pm
 Sat 15th Nov at 7.15pm
 Sun 16th Nov at 5.00pm
 Mon 17th & Tues 18th Nov at 7.15pm
 Wed 19th Nov at 3.00pm
 Thurs 20th Nov at 7.15pm

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Fri 21st Nov at 7.15pm
 Sat 22nd Nov at 4.00pm & 7.15pm
 Sun 23rd Nov at 3.00pm & 6.00pm
 Mon 25th - Thurs 27th Nov at 2.00pm & 7.15pm
 Fri 28th Nov at 7.15pm
 Sat 29th Nov at 12.00pm
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Sunday 7 & Saturday 13 December
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Saturday 20 December
Christmas Farmers' Market

Saturday 20 December
Sing Christmas!

Sunday 21 December
The Snowman with Live Orchestra

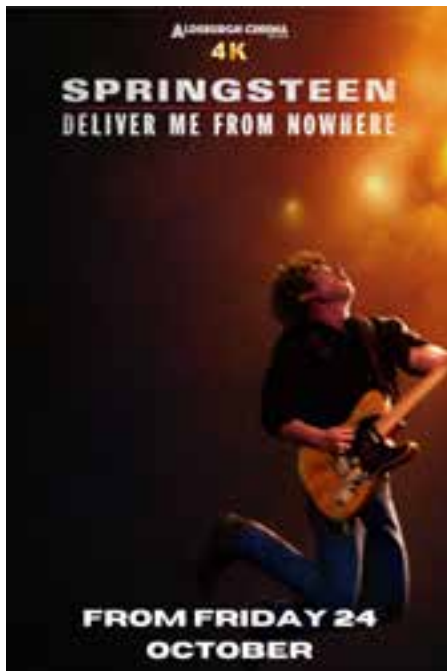
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NOVEMBER AT ALDEBURGH CINEMA

We've got a great line-up of movies coming this month...

Much-anticipated biopic **SPRINGSTEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE**

chronicles the making of Bruce Springsteen's 1982 "Nebraska" album when he was a young musician on the cusp of global superstardom, struggling to reconcile the pressures of success with the ghosts of his past. Starring The Bear's Jeremy Allen White as the Boss, the film is written for the screen and directed by Scott Cooper, based on the book "Deliver Me from Nowhere" by Warren Zanes.



ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER -

Washed-up revolutionary Bob (Leonardo DiCaprio) exists in a state of stoned paranoia, surviving off-grid with his spirited, self-reliant daughter, Willa (Chase Infiniti). When Bob's evil nemesis (Sean Penn) resurfaces after 16 years and Willa goes missing, the former radical scrambles to find her.

Written by Alan Bennett, directed by Nicholas Hytner and starring Ralph Fiennes, **THE CHORAL** is set in 1916, as war rages on the Western Front. The Choral Society in Ramsden, Yorkshire has lost most of its men to the army and its ambitious committee decides to recruit local young males to swell their ranks and a new chorus master - Dr. Henry Guthrie (Fiennes) - who is driven, uncompromising, and recently returned from a career in Germany.

As conscription papers start to arrive, the whole community discovers that the best response to the chaos that is laying waste to their lives is to make music together.

Our November programme isn't finalized so please visit aldeburghcinema.co.uk. You can book tickets and sign up to our. We're also on Twitter/X, Instagram and Facebook.

During November, we also hope to screen...

THE MASTERMIND - In a sedate Massachusetts suburb circa 1970, unemployed family man and amateur art thief J.B. Mooney sets out on his first heist. With the museum cased and accomplices recruited, he has an airtight plan. Or so he thinks. Written and directed by Kelly Reichardt and starring Josh O'Connor.

BLUE MOON - On the evening of March 31, 1943, legendary lyricist Lorenz Hart confronts his shattered self-confidence in Sardi's bar as his former collaborator Richard Rodgers celebrates the opening night of his hit musical "Oklahoma!". Richard Linklater directs Ethan Hawke, Margaret Qualley, Bobby Cannavale and Andrew Scott.

NT LIVE: MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION
Saturday 1st November at 3pm.

Vivie Warren is a woman ahead of her time. Her mother, however, is a product of that old patriarchal order. Exploiting it has earned Mrs. Warren a fortune - but at what cost? Imelda Staunton joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter for the very first time, playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic.

NT LIVE: THE FIFTH STEP

Thursday 27th November at 7.00pm

Jack Lowden and Martin Freeman star in this critically acclaimed and subversively funny new play by David Ireland. After years in the 12-step programme of Alcoholics Anonymous, James becomes a sponsor to newcomer Luka. The pair bond, but as Luka approaches step five - the moment of confession - dangerous truths emerge, threatening the trust on which both of their recoveries depend.

THE ROYAL BALLET: LA FILLE MAL GARDÉE

Wednesday 5th November at 7.15pm

Sixty-five years after its premiere, The Royal Ballet presents Frederick Ashton's La Fille mal gardée. Undoubtedly Ashton's love letter to the English countryside, be whisked away into pastoral bliss with Ferdinand Hérold's cheerful score and Osbert Lancaster's colourful designs.

CINDERELLA

Tuesday 25th November at 7.15pm

This enchanting ballet by The Royal Ballet's Founding Choreographer Frederick Ashton is a theatrical experience for all the family and will transport you into an ethereal world where a sprinkling of fairy dust makes dreams come true.

EXHIBITION ON SCREEN:

CARAVAGGIO

Tuesday 11th November at 7.30pm

Five years in production, this is the most extensive film ever made about one of the greatest artists of all time. Featuring masterpiece after masterpiece and with first-hand testimony from the artist himself on the eve of his mysterious death, this beautiful new film reveals Caravaggio as never before.



THE 30th ALDEBURGH DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL

It's a highlight of the cultural calendar and as ever, we are preparing a terrific line-up of films and panellists for this year's DocFest, taking place from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November. The final festival line-up is still unconfirmed So visit our website for full details. And don't forget, Friends of Aldeburgh Cinema get priority.



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Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December

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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 mornins are hooly dark now and I dunt know about you, but I hate gettin up on these dark days and hevin to put the lights on. Last year, I bort meself one of them led head torches - the one with an elastic strap round yer hed and if I hev to get up in the night for a wee, I use that instead of putting the lights on, as the lights are so bright, that wake me up and can't get back to sleep.

I got a new washin machine last month. It's a good quality one and me mate Ticket plumbed it in for me, as he used to be a plumber before he got the sack. Anyway, I call it the nagger, because when that finish spinnin, that start beepin and if you dunt get the washing owt straight away, that carry on naggin until you do!

The gal Rosemary next door ram as many clothes into hers as she can and I'm surprised that int brook yet. I always say that you should leave plenty of room for the washing powder to do its job and agrivate the fibers. And where hev all my socks gorn? I know I put them in the machine together, but I now hev a stack of odd socks!

The gal Rosemary and me are gorn to see the Christmas show at Snape this year and I hope I'll come owt feeling

festive, because I got right cheesed off when I see all the Christmas bits and pieces owt in the shops in September! We know when Christmas is. It's the same day every year. They int moved it, so why do they need to start getting the kiddies excited so early? When I was a little ol boy, the Christmas adverts dint come on the telly until December.

I want to finish this month with a wud about letterboxes. Not the posh ones that go on the wall, but the ones that are part of the door. A month or so ago, I hed to put a new letterbox in my door and I hed a duddy job getting it in. When the Avon lady posted her book through the door, the flap was so sharp, she cut he fingers - not bad, but enough for her to cuss a few wuds. She knocked on the door and I giv her a couple of waterproof plasters and she say that mine int the only sharp one about, so if you live in Melton, can you kindly check your letterbox? Thank you.

Do you have a question for Brian, or do you have a dilemma you need some advice with? Email your question or problem to: lou@tidecollection.com



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We've recruited some brilliant local musicians to help you bop whilst you shop, and weather permitting, we'll have a very special visit from the beautiful mini donks from the Miniature Donkeys for Wellbeing charity.

In Kids Corner we'll be offering festive facepainting, and Wendy the Elf will be helping the wee ones write and post their letters to the big man.

The team from Churros and Chorizo will be bringing along their street food trailer serving a delicious Spanish inspired menu of burgers and churros, and our lovely cafe will be open as usual serving breakfasts, lunches, and great coffee.

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Friday 14th November, 6.30pm

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Sunday 16th November, 2pm

Jazz @ Jubilee presents A Blues, Boogie & Swing Special featuring stars of the Jools Holland Rhythm & Blues Orchestra

An afternoon full of swing, blues and grooves.

Friday 21st November, 11am

Jubilee Chamber Concert

Morning recital featuring musicians from the Prometheus Orchestra

Saturday 22nd November, 10am – 2pm

Christmas Craft Fair

Aldeburgh Town Council presents a day full of Christmas crafts and festive treats.

Saturday 22nd November, 7.30pm

The Post Floyd Dream

A journey through the sound and vision of Pink Floyd

Friday 28th November, 7.30pm

An Evening with Graham Gooch

Former England cricket captain shares stories, insights, and memories from his career.

Saturday 29th November, 7.30pm

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Common Ground Theatre Company present their annual dose of Xmas Bonkers-ness! This classic comedy mystery is peppered with Common Ground's trademark sparkling wit, ingenious staging and hilarious songs. Suitable for ages 8+. Holmes has booked Watson a two week stay at a health spa, high in the Sroughton Mountains, near Ipswich. But something is amiss at Queasy Pines Sanatorium. Having no contact with the outside world except phone, post, telegram and carrier pigeon, Watson must investigate the mysterious goings-on and the strange one-legged director, Professor Eintrouser. Touring East Anglia from 10th December '25 to 18th Jan '26 - Seckford Theatre, Woodbridge (12 - 13 Dec), Hadleigh Old School (15 - 17 Dec), John Peel Centre, Stowmarket (18 - 21 Dec), Laxfield Village Hall (23 Dec), St Marys Hall, Walton (27 - 29 Dec), Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall (1 - 3 Jan), Headgate Theatre, Colchester (5 - 7 Jan), Diss Corn Hall (8 Jan), Gallery Studio Theatre, Ipswich (9 - 17 Jan). To book, visit: www.commcommongroundtc.co.uk

CITIZENS ADVICE EAST

Are you a student wanting to build your CV? Or leaving college or uni' and looking for a job? If the answer is 'yes' we need you, and we think we have a lot to offer too. One staff member, now 24, agrees: "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do after uni'. I knew Citizens Advice was well respected, so I applied to train as a volunteer adviser. This was March 2023. My trainee cohort were friendly and welcoming. When we went to the office the advisers and supervisors were welcoming too - how they dealt with client issues was impressive. I also met several of the managers early on and I remember thinking how closely their values matched my own.

"Quite soon after qualifying as a volunteer adviser I was told of job opportunities. I applied and was successful.

"My first role involved working with the Probation Service providing support and guidance to vulnerable people on probation."

"It taught me a lot about the justice system but also about the incredibly tough lives many people have. I also worked on a housing research project for CA's Research and Campaigns team. Again, I learned a lot about housing but also about how to run a campaign. Over the last two years I've had a chance to work on many other projects. I've also developed the skills to support and supervise volunteers.

"What can Citizens Advice offer people my age? Well, based on my experience, it gives you the skills needed for any public facing job. Teaching for example, or the health service, counselling, charity work, law, politics, journalism. Time spent as a volunteer adviser is great for a CV.

"There are also opportunities for paid work in CA itself. You train as a volunteer, do some general advising and then, you can apply for a paid job when opportunities arise. Some jobs allow you to specialise, others give you supervisory and management skills."

"Does CA need more young people as volunteers and staff? Yes, I think it does, for several reasons. People in their late teens or twenties don't tend to come to CA for advice, not because they haven't got problems, just because they don't think it's for them. We need ways to reach that group. Having more young people as face-to-face advisers would show we're here for them.

"CA needs more young people for other things too. Take social media - we use it and understand it. And we're not fazed by rapid changes in technology or digital systems. We grew up with them. Teams work best when with a range of skills and perspectives - we have skills that weren't needed in the past but are now."

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ALDEBURGH GARDENING CLUB

My topic this month is seeds. Again. I checked my archive and find that I have been writing this column every month since 2012, so it is unsurprising that I am starting to repeat myself. Also, I am 72 so it is unsurprising I am starting to repeat myself (that was an intentional joke not an indication of dementia).

I have had a bit of a seed collecting binge and finding a growing pile of rattling paper bags in the kitchen I had to set about sorting the seed from the chaff and popping them in envelopes to take to the gardening club where we have a free seed exchange. This "little" job, plus writing on the envelopes, takes hours and is either boring or zen depending on your outlook. Needless to say, my mind wanders... a lot.

One of the nice things about growing on sandy soil is the number of plants that pop up from self-set seed. If, of course, your garden is of the very neat variety, that can be a nuisance but I love it.

I have a lot of biennials like foxglove and verbasum and Ammi that I would never get round to replanting every year deliberately and luckily they do it themselves. I have never deliberately planted Gaura (yes I know it has changed its name but can't remember the new one) since my sister gave me a plant 20 years ago, or Catananche 10 years, or orange poppies 7 years. The list goes on. The mix that appears each year varies according to the conditions so one year I might have a magnificent display of white foxgloves, the next it might be a sea of grey leaved Lychnis and I love the variation.

It's like a new bedding scheme every year without ever having to plan it or plant it, just yank out the ones that are in the wrong place.

Other things manage to seed occasionally including *Ceratostigma wilmottianum* and lavender. I have a lovely yellow *Abutilon* that volunteered from scattered bird seed. Such serendipitous treats are joyful discoveries.

My wandering thoughts started me thinking '*what is it about sand that makes this so common?*' The same is true of gravel, though perhaps fewer plants manage the trick in gravel.

I think it is partly the fact that water doesn't sit about on the surface so seeds don't rot before they have a chance to germinate.

Sand grains are large compared to heavier soils so small seed (and most of the reliable self-setters have small seed) can drop into the surface and hide from foraging birds and mice and frost. This is so successful that sometimes half-hardy seed survives the winter here.

This year I had a white flowered half-hardy tobacco plant appear that I haven't grown for at least 5 years! That is pretty amazing even allowing for climate change.

I do 'top up' some plants that are a bit less reliable. I love the small, short-lived, shrubby *Hypericum olympicum* which has neat plants of vertical shoots with tiny greyish leaves and a flush of yellow full sized hypericum flowers across the top. A post flowering shearing will have it flowering again in September. I have collected seed of this one this year and some of those seeds will, of course, be at the Gardening Club.

Karen Mountford

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hypericum olympicum

Cosy up this Christmas

Our Winter Garden is back for the festive season. From 15th December until 5th January, we invite you to bundle up and enjoy winter warmers and seasonal plates with friends and family under canvas.

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PROJECT UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2025

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

Sizewell C is now working in multiple areas across East Suffolk whilst we build infrastructure such as park and ride facilities and rail extensions to transport our workers and freight. We are very sorry for the impact this work is having on local journeys. Our teams are working hard to get the new infrastructure built as quickly and safely as possible but we acknowledge that some work, such as the major works to build a new road to by pass two villages on the A12, will take up to two years before it is finished.

As our work ramps up we have introduced a weekly summary of road diversions and closures that can be found on the **Sizewell C Works Tracker** - Track SZC Projects & Get Alerts for New Activities. The update will be added to the Sizewell C social media feeds, our SMS and email alerts.

The traffic lights on the A12 at Marlesford will be lifted and moved off the carriageway by the time of publication. We are reviewing the cones along the A12 and will reduce the number required as much as possible, the lay-by works are due to be completed in early December, however we are making good

progress and hope to complete the work earlier than projected. As we progress the roundabouts at Friday Street and Yoxford, careful traffic management will still be required.

We are working hard to reduce HGV and Sizewell C related traffic, we are reducing the number of office-based workers coming into Leiston as we relocate staff to the Orwell Logistics Park site where 300 desks are available. The office at Orwell will also become the default base for external meetings. We are also opening the Northern Park and Ride in phases with the first partial opening from early November, with a bus service running from the Park and Ride to site. Bus services are also now running from Saxmundham train station as we continue to promote the use of train and public transport.

As part of our commitment to bring 60 per cent of our materials by sea and rail, we are prioritising the construction of the new rail line that will take our materials to our temporary construction area, with the aim to have trains running in the first half of 2026. The works will involve building level crossings across Buckleswood Road and the B1122 (Abbey Road) in Leiston, we have built a temporary diversion road to ensure that traffic disruption is minimised.

FORUM SCHEDULE

Forum timings
2025 | 18:30 - 20:30
(Arrival from 18:00)
2026 | 18:00 - 20:00
(Arrival from 17:45)

Northern Transport Forum	Wednesday 5 November 2025	Darsham Village Hall
Southern Transport Forum	Wednesday 3 December 2025	Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
Main Development Site Forum	Wednesday 14 January 2026	Leiston Town Athletic Association
Community Forum	Thursday 19 March 2026	Woodbridge Rugby Club

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

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DIARY DATES

NOV 11 SWT Alde Valley Wildlife Group Talk - 'Mammals of Essex and Suffolk' by Darren Tansley. £4 entry (cash, please) includes light refreshments and raffle ticket. 7.30 in the United Reform Church, Leiston.

NOV 14 Woodbridge Museum Talk: 'Capture & Escape in WW2' by Jane Bradburn. In the summer of 1941 local 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 tells how these local men survived their experiences of war. 2.30pm at Woodbridge Museum. All welcome.

NOV 19 Aldeburgh and District Local History Society (ADLHS) Lecture: 'Orford's Atlantic Wall Breakers' by John Ogden. The little-known story of how 12 square miles of local countryside, including Orford and Snape, were used as a top-secret testing ground for the specialised tanks that proved crucial to the success of the D-Day landings. 6pm at the Old Generator Station, Kings Field.

NOV 27 Saxmundham History Society meeting. 'Roman Suffolk' by Christopher Turland. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the URC, Chapel Road, Saxmundham. IP17 1BJ. Visitors £3. Annual membership £18. Enquiries to Jenny 01728 604608

NOV 28 Everyman Folk Club. 'Narthen'. As well as four magnificent voices, Jo Freya, Fi Fraser, Sarah Matthews and Doug Eunson are an 'orchestra of sound' and plenty of humour from this excellent quartet. Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door. 7.30pm at The Riverside Centre, Gt Glemham Road, Stratford St Andrew. IP17 1LL. Email: everyman@wheatstone.co.uk

NOV 29 Knodishall Cancer Research UK Support Group Annual Christmas Fayre. Come and visit Father Christmas, shop for Christmas presents enjoy a free glass of mulled wine, there will be homemade Christmas cakes, C.R.U.K Christmas cards calendars, diaries, mugs, bags, a Grand Draw, Craft stalls, Booze Barrow, Tombola, new items, children's stall and lots more. Refreshments will be served all day. 11am - 3pm at Knodishall Village Hall. If you would like to donate any items tel: 01728 831748.



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Aldeburgh Music Club presents
MESSIAH
By George Frideric Handel

Saturday 29 November 7pm
Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Aldeburgh Music Club Choir

Elenor Bowers-Jolley soprano
Diana Moore mezzo soprano
Jonathan Hanley tenor
Rob Gildon baritone
Suffolk Baroque Players

Tom Appleton conductor

Tickets: £35, £25, £20, £15 Under 18s half price
Book at www.brittenpearsarts.org



Aldeburgh Music Club
Founded by Benjamin Britten in 1952

ALDEBURGH MUSIC CLUB presents HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Snape Maltings Concert Hall. Saturday 29th November 2025 at 7.00pm

Aldeburgh Music Club – founded by Benjamin Britten in 1952 – return to Britten's Snape Maltings Concert Hall on November 29th with one of the greatest choral works of all time – Handel's MESSIAH.

First performed in 1742, Messiah has since become one of the best loved of all choral works, especially in its retelling of the Christmas story, a perfect start to the festive season. Amongst the many famous choruses are 'For unto us a child is born, Glory to God', and of course the Hallelujah chorus, in which the audience traditionally stand and are invited to join in.

Aldeburgh Music Club Choir will be accompanied by the Suffolk Baroque Players, led by Kathryn Parry, and be joined by a brilliant quartet of locally-based professional soloists – Elenor Bowers-Jolley (soprano), Diana Moore (mezzo soprano), Jonathan Hanley (tenor) and Rob Gildon (baritone). The performance will be conducted by the Club's Director of Music, Tom Appleton.

The performance starts at 7.00pm, and tickets, priced at £35, £25, £20 and £15, are available from the Snape Maltings Box Office or online at www.brittenpearsarts.org. People under the age of 18 can get in at half price. For further information regarding the Club or this concert, please contact David Edwards dwe450@gmail.com

FRAMLINGHAM AND SAXMUNDHAM CATS PROTECTION

We have had a number of very successful fundraising events throughout this year. The most recent, at the end of September, was our special Quiz Night. We haven't held a quiz for some years, and we were delighted with the response to the one arranged for our 35th Anniversary, in Woodbridge. Kim and her amazing team of volunteers pulled out all the stops to make this a lively and very successful event. Over 90 people attended, and we raised over £900, all of which goes to help the cats in our care. A fantastic result and one which we hope to repeat in the coming years.

It is firework time! 5 ways to help your cat stay calm during fireworks season

Keep your cat indoors after dark. It will reduce the risk of them being spooked!

Create a safe space for your cat. A cardboard box lined with blankets is perfect. Cats feel safer higher up – placing the box on a sturdy shelf is even better.

Play music. Cats and loud noises don't necessarily mix and keeping a radio or TV can help if your cat gets scared from the sudden sounds of fireworks. Classic FM even has a special programme of soothing music specially for your pet!

Use a pheromone plug-in. A plug-in diffuser, such as Feliway, can create a calming effect on anxious cats. Begin using it a couple of weeks before fireworks season and place it in the room where your cat spends most of its time.

Stay calm. Instead of overly comforting an anxious cat, keep your cool – your cat is more likely to feel settled if you are.

Dates for your diary: Please come along to support us at our Framlingham & Saxmundham Christmas Fairs, in Reydon and Saxmundham on:

Saturday, 8th November at Reydon Village Hall, 10am - 2pm

Saturday, 15 November at The Fromus Centre, Saxmundham, 10am to 1pm (Ample free parking at both)

Cat Looking for a Home: This 'mature' chap is Smudge. After the death of his owner there was no friend or family to give Smudge a home, so he came into our care. He is 13 years old and in good health. Until he gets to know you, he can seem to be a bit of an old curmudgeon (think Victor Meldrew!), but he then becomes very friendly. Smudge is used to being able to go outdoors during the day and come in at night to sleep in a comfy place. He would be best as an only pet. Please let us know if you would like to meet this lovely lad.

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