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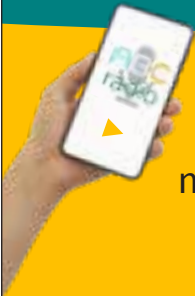
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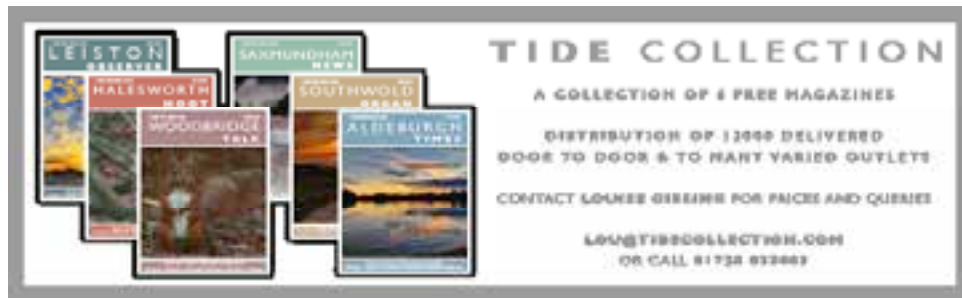
Southwold recently had a reassuring visit from members of Suffolk Constabulary, a great way to engage with local residents. Sadly, many crimes come via telephone or computer with various scams. Citizens advice have some very good tips and advice on page 21. From my many years working for a high street bank I know the negative impact these crimes have, especially psychologically. Please don't feel embarrassed if you have been caught out, it's not your fault - these people's tactics are very sophisticated. They prey on the vulnerable and seem to lack a conscience so be sure to report any worries you may have!

As 2025 comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors to the Southwold Organ and our loyal advertisers, without whom there would be no Tide Collection. Do get in touch, email: lou@tidecollection.com.

Quote of the month

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly

Andy Rooney



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- Beat the scammers and have a Happy Christmas!

Christmas with Aldeburgh Museum.

This year 2025, marks 80 years since the end of WW2. Earlier this year, Aldeburgh marked VE Day with vintage music, beacon lighting, church services and a parade by 1379 Squadron Air Training Corps.

As a final homage to this 80 year anniversary, Aldeburgh Museum's fifth 'People and Place' Christmas exhibition will be 'Aldeburgh at War' 1939-1945.

On display will be photographs and war time artefacts from the Museum's collection as well as some 'on loan'.

Held in the Aldeburgh Gallery in the High Street the exhibition is FREE and will run from Sunday 28th December until Thursday 2nd January. Please check our website and social media for opening times; www.aldeburghmuseum.org.uk

There will also be the opportunity to purchase an Exhibition book, available for sale both at the Exhibition and in the Museum, which gives a glimpse into the War years here and what happened to the town and some of its buildings.

Visit and discover what happened in/around Aldeburgh in WW2. The Museum is open weekends and selected days between Christmas and New Year between 1-4pm. See website for details.



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

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FOOD FOCUS OF THE MONTH

November "Oh my Gourd" (Pumpkins etc)	December "Seasonings greetings" (Festive treats)	January "Veganuary" (Vegan focus)	February "Rooting for you" (Focusing on Root veg)
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MARKS MILESTONES FOR SOUTHWOLD

Southwold's Remembrance Sunday on 9th November 2025 proved to be a landmark occasion, bringing moments of reflection and civic pride to the town.

This year's ceremony was the first Civic Event led by newly appointed Southwold Town Mayor, Cllr Paula Goldsmith. For Cllr Goldsmith, the day carried personal as well as official significance. It marked the first Remembrance Parade in 40 years that her mother, Joan Goldsmith, had not been involved in organising the church service - a role she had fulfilled with dedication for decades.

The commemorations were further marked by another poignant milestone: for the first time in 35 years, Serjeant-at-Mace Steve Wright did not perform the Last Post. His long-standing contribution to the ceremony has become a familiar and moving moment for many in the community.

Despite these changes, the parade retained its solemn dignity and strong turnout, with residents, veterans, and civic leaders gathering to honour those who served and sacrificed.

Southwold Town Council would like to thank Rev. Philip Tarris for leading the Remembrance Service and all of those who attended.



SOUTHWOLD & REYDON SOCIETY

At our November Committee meeting we welcomed Laura Cliff to speak to us about the challenges and opportunities facing local businesses. Laura runs Duchies and the Buckenham Wine Bar as well as the Southwold Boating Lake Tea Room.

Despite the challenges of dealing with the multiple regulations involved in running a small business, Laura remains upbeat about the opportunities for her businesses, her team, and for Southwold as a whole. She is seeking to create a stronger dialogue between local businesses through a business WhatsApp group, to publicise the large number of independent traders in Southwold and to address common issues.

For example - during the Latitude Festival, when there was a spike in the number of visitors to the town, the poor Wi-Fi bandwidth made it almost impossible for local traders to take electronic payments. This is the type of problem that they aim to resolve by working together and with other stakeholders such as Southwold Town Council. Laura also spoke eloquently about her ideas for developing the environment and infrastructure around the boating lake.

We look forwards to learning more as her plans develop and are delighted that she has agreed to join our committee.

We have a regular dialogue with the Sole Bay Health Centre and were pleased to hear that with around 5500 patients registered, the Health Centre is fully staffed and has completed its recruitment of three new doctors. The practice staffing has diversified, with patients having direct access to appropriate experts, such as a pharmacist, physiotherapist, Social Prescriber, nurse, or GP. Approximately two thirds of appointments are face to face based on patient demand. The Health Centre holds an 'Outstanding' overall rating from the Care Quality Commission.

An NHS dentist is soon to move on site with good access for the disabled.

We had noticed that a number of council houses in our local area seemed to have been unoccupied for a long time whilst awaiting refurbishment. We raised the issue with East Suffolk Council Housing Department, who treated the question as a Freedom of Information request.

We have just received their response. Of 189 council houses in the IP18 postcode area (Southwold, Reydon and Walberswick) only 12 (6%) are currently unoccupied, with 1 awaiting refurbishment, 8 in the process of being refurbished and 2 ready to be let out, with two properties currently sitting with their investment team.

Whilst the council do not have specific target times to undertake repairs, they say they try to repair such properties in a timely manner, though are aware that some properties in the IP18 postcode have stood empty for longer than they would have liked.

Good news! On the 18th September, the Secretary of State approved the Southwold to Pakefield section of the King Charles III England Coast Path, though it is not yet open to the public. We have been told that work on the route will take place over the winter months, with a view to open the footpath by summer next year.

We note that the election for the first Mayor of Suffolk and Norfolk is due to take place on 7th May next year, though it is as yet unclear how the new Combined County Authority will be structured.

And finally, if you have anything that you would like to bring to the Society's attention, please get in touch by emailing us at admin@sandrsoc.org.uk

Michael Samuels, Committee Member

SOUTHWOLD NEW YEAR'S DAY CONCERT

The 2026 Southwold New Year's Day concert will be given by Suffolk-based choir Concordia, led by their director John Witchell and accompanied by Southwold-based pianist Nathan Williamson.

Concordia gave their debut in 2010, since when they have developed a strong and enthusiastic following at venues across Suffolk and further afield. A mixture of both keen amateurs and professionals, each season they perform a wide range of familiar choral classics, church music, and music in more contemporary styles. Their concert in Southwold will include music about the passing of the year, seasonal classics, light music, contemporary music, including composers as diverse as Brahms, Morley, Rutter, and the Beatles! Nathan Williamson will also provide some magical musical interludes on the piano.

Nathan Williamson writes, "I was invited to work with Concordia on a series of concerts last spring, and was deeply impressed by their technical skill and musical flair – as well as their novel and ambitious choices of repertoire. I know they will give a superb concert - the perfect start to the New Year."

The concert will last approximately one hour. Younger audience members are welcome, with tickets for 16s and under free, available through TicketSource at www.ticketsource.co.uk/southwoldmusictrust, www.southwoldmusictrust.co.uk or phone 0333 666 4466. Seats are reserved and demand is expected to be very high. All proceeds from the concert will go to the Southwold Music Trust. More information will be posted at www.southwoldmusictrust.co.uk or on Facebook @southwoldmusictrust.



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POLICE ENGAGEMENT VISIT

Bringing Policing to the Heart of the Community: Our Engagement Visit to Southwold

On Saturday 8th November 2025 we had the pleasure of visiting North Parade, Southwold with our Suffolk Constabulary, Rural, Wildlife and Heritage Crime Team trailer, a mobile hub designed to bring policing closer to the people we serve. These visits are a vital part of our commitment of making the public aware of our team and the type of work we deal with and strengthening relationships with residents across Suffolk.

The trailer acts as a welcoming space where you can speak directly with officers, ask questions, raise concerns, and learn more about the work we do. Whether it's discussing rural crime, offering crime prevention advice, or simply having a friendly chat, these face-to-face interactions help break down barriers and ensure our policing is truly community-led.

It was an unseasonably mild day for November with people swimming in the sea near to the pier first thing as we were setting up. We had a steady stream of people visit us during the day and we were thrilled by the turnout and the warm reception. Children were given Rural Crime Team stickers and could see our array of exhibits within the trailer display cabinet. These visits also allow us to showcase our specialist roles and help demystify aspects of policing that the public rarely gets to see.

The team consists of Sgt Chris Green, Pc Colin Taylor, Pc Kevin Stollery and Pc Sophie Buckle. Our team covers the whole of Suffolk and oversees offences including farming, livestock, poaching, hunting, wildlife, and heritage crime. We work closely with partner agencies such as Natural England, Historic England, Environment Agency, National Wildlife Crime Unit, RSPB, RSPCA, and IFCA

Thank you to everyone in Southwold who stopped by, your input helps shape the future of local policing.

Our team can be contacted at RWP@suffolk.police.uk

Pc Colin Taylor



SOUTHWOLD MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINTER LECTURES

Tuesday, 6 January 2026 at 2.00pm



'A new Historical Map of Ipswich and the work of the Historic Towns Trust.'

James Winterbotham is a resident of Reydon and an enthusiastic amateur historian who writes regularly on local history. He is currently a Visiting Senior Fellow at the University of Suffolk.

Stella Peskett Millennium Hall

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Admission: Society Members £5 Non-Members £8

Details of the full programme are available on www.southwoldmuseum.org



The Arts Society Southwold invites you to a lecture on Tuesday at Dec 9th at 2pm in Southwold Arts Centre, St. Edmund's Hall

THE ART OF CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Dr Sarah Pearson



The celebration of Christmas brings together a broad range of traditions which are now regarded by many as integral to Christmas as a whole. Using a wide range of artworks and covering the output of many well-known and lesser known artists including Giotto, Caspar David Friedrich and Norman Rockwell, this talk examines the elements of Christmas in their artistic setting. From the Christmas feast to Christmas Cards, holly and ivy, trees, crackers, gift giving and of course lots and lots of snow, this lecture is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit

Guests are welcome at all our events. £10 entrance charge.

VIEW TO THE NORTH

In my last month's article, I mentioned that I would like to have some clear skies at night so that I could do some astrophotography. In particular, I wanted to capture a comet, C/2025 A6 Lemmon. It is now moving away from us and will not reappear for 1160 years' time. I cannot imagine what the Earth will be like then. At its closest it was 55 million miles from us (about half the distance from us to the sun). I was fortunate to get this image one night. The 'smart 'scope' collected sequential 10 second images for 3 minutes and stacked them to produce the final result.

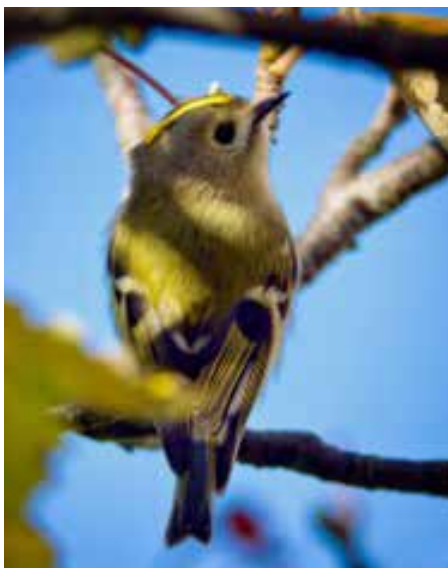


Overall, the weather has been a mixed bag; there have been sunny spells, heavy rain and very high winds. The wind has fortunately been predominantly from the southwest.

There have been high tides with a metre surge, this coupled with an easterly would have been very damaging. The waves have been pounding the promenade with some spectacular results; no damage was done to the beach huts. The ones immediately south of the pier and those north of the pier have now been safely moved on to the car park for winter storage.



I have a monitor in the garden which records bird song, identifies them and produces daily statistics. I was looking at the current results when it recognised that there were some goldcrests about.



I grabbed a camera and managed to take some photos of them flitting about in the tree. They are not easy subjects as they are so small (smaller than a wren), and they move rapidly from branch to branch catching bugs.

The detector has also shown the presence of the winter visitors, redwing and fieldfare, but I have yet to see them. Armies of long tailed tits have landed in the tree but they rarely stay for more than a few minutes.

They have several colloquial names including mumruffin, bumbarrel, jack-in-a-bottle, and hedge jug! They are delightful to watch.

Despite the prolonged periods of high wind there have been periods of calm, and I have flown the drone on a number of occasions. A dawn flight gave me some interesting shots including this one of sunrise.

It shows the boating lakes and pier. Just visible on the horizon to the left of the sun is a container vessel, 'One Inspiration', which was at anchor for several days, 8 nautical miles away, waiting to sail into Rotterdam.

I wish you a very successful 'Festive Season', my next article should appear January 2026

Halcyon



SOUTHWOLD & REYDON POPPY APPEAL

Thanks to the generosity of local people and visitors, this year's Poppy Appeal has raised £12,557 in Southwold and Reydon. Thank you to all who donated - without your help we would not be able to raise such a large sum of money locally.

Once again Adnams gave us permission to set up a stall outside the Crown, and we were well supported by a large number of local volunteers collecting in the High Street, including the Scouts.

Local businesses, schools, pubs, clubs and residential homes displayed our boxes during the three weeks leading up to Armistice Day, and we received the Remembrance Sunday collections from St Edmund's Church in Southwold and St Margaret's Church in Reydon.

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Carol and Nick Horton

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THE MILLENNIUM FIRING OF THE SOUTHWOLD CANNONS

On the night of 31st December 1999, as the world stood on the edge of a new millennium, I had the honour of organising and leading a small team of volunteers tasked with firing the cannons.

The town of Southwold had gathered on Gun Hill for a grand celebration to welcome the year 2000. Spirits were high, the sea breeze carried laughter and music, and the hill was alive with families and friends enjoying picnics, parties, and dancing. On behalf of Southwold Town Council, I coordinated a large fireworks display, the lighting of the Beacon and the preparation of the cannons. Everything was carefully arranged throughout the day. We tested the charges without issue and set them inside the barrels, ready for the stroke of midnight.

Yet, when the moment came and the countdown reached its end, disaster seemed to strike—nothing happened. The charges refused to ignite.

In the hush that followed, I realised the culprit: the dampness of the evening air had seeped into the powder. Fortunately, quick thinking saved the night. One of our volunteers, Doug Pope, had parked his car nearby, and my steadfast son-in-law swiftly removed the car battery. In a flurry of teamwork and determination, we wired the battery down the barrel of each cannon to a central firing console. Then, with the fireworks blazing across the sky and the new millennium officially begun, I had the privilege of firing each cannon in succession. One by one, they roared across the night - echoing over the sea, rolling through the crowd, and marking the dawn of the year 2000 with the thunder of history itself.

It was a proud and unforgettable moment for all of us who took part, and for the town that gathered to witness it.

Mike Medland

'OLD HOSPITAL' NEWS

Overwhelming Response to Old Hospital Community Gym Survey

At the end of October, the Old Hospital's Management Team announced plans to create a community gym in the Old Hospital on Field Stile Road. They issued an online survey to obtain the community's views on the benefits of the gym, both for respondents personally and for the community and also to learn the type of gym offer that the community wanted. The survey ran for 10 days and elicited 305 responses, mostly from people living full time in Reydon and Southwold. Over three-quarters of the respondents said they were likely or very likely to join the gym – and that having a community gym on their doorstep was likely to make them more active. Over a half respondents said it would improve their mental health. Over 90% said having a nearby gym was important because it would improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the wider community. A gym would also help to reduce social isolation and bring the community together.

As for what local residents and workers want from a job, the message was clear - good quality equipment in a well maintained space, 7 day a week access, extended hours for working people, a secure, supportive, welcoming environment, and affordable prices.

There appears to be so much pent-up demand for a gym that the survey generated an explosion of interest from all quarters. The Old Hospital has had many expressions of interest in instructing and providing workshops, along with requests for specific types of workshops. For example, an elderly Southwold resident touchingly wrote about the onset of Parkinsons, noting how many other elderly people suffered from this debilitating disease and asked whether The Old Hospital gym might be able to put together an exercise programme to help improve their quality of life. This is part of the community gym's vision - to provide individualised care, for unmet needs, that can be delivered within the community. A young woman with a professional background as a physio in the NHS wrote,

"I'm super excited for the community and anything that gets people exercising, stronger and fitter. If I can help bridge the gap between health care and exercise then I'd love to. If there's a need for back pain classes, post-natal rehab, elderly rehab, cardiac rehab, falls prevention, these are all things I'd absolutely love to be involved in."

The gym, as the Old Hospital Team sees it evolving, will be for everyone and perhaps, especially, it is for our over-looked young workers.

Southwold is an employment centre with many young people working in small retail, leisure and hospitality businesses, who do not get a chance to connect with other young people or develop the kind of lifestyle habits that will keep them healthy and happy throughout their lifetime. There is so much media coverage today of the rise of mental unwellness in young people. The solution is often not more pills but connectedness, exercise and having a purpose. Wouldn't it be great if the community gym could be a place for young employees in Southwold and Reydon to connect and try new things like, perish the thought, cold-water swimming, which enthusiasts swear is the best 'high'?

The Old Hospital Team is now hard at work finalising the business plan which it will use to apply for grants to raise the capital costs of creating the gym. We hope to hear the answer to initial funding requests in January. If you would like to sign up for the gym newsletter to stay in the loop, please visit our website www.oldhospitalhub.co.uk where you can register your interest.

Sydney Barbrook

Community Business Manager, The Old Hospital Hub, 4 The Old Hospital, Field Stile Road, Southwold, Suffolk, IP18 6LD <https://www.oldhospitalhub.co.uk>

Local, family run business The KBB Centre on why we should SHOP LOCAL and SUPPORT INDEPENDENT.

The KBB Centre is a family run business based in Ipswich. Owned and managed by brothers Roger and Patrick Peck. They have a long standing history in Ipswich with their family having been in the kitchen and bathroom industry in Suffolk since the mid 70's.

In the early 1970's Roger and Patrick's late father, Alan Peck, started a home improvement business in Ipswich called Star Lines. It had a very catchy advertising jingle, with many locals singing 'Let's go down to Star Lines' to the tune of Mike Oldfield's 'In Dulce Jubilo'. People still remember it to this day. Star Lines was ahead of its time back then, being the first Kitchen and Bathroom showroom in Ipswich. Both Roger and Patrick worked at Star Lines during their youth, and although they went on to do other things in the industry throughout the years, they came back to their roots and established KBB in 2003 and over the last 20 years they have built up the business with hard work, long hours, determination and an eye for detail.

Carrying on their family tradition the brothers strive to encourage people to shop local and support their independent businesses. They say "The kitchen and bathroom industry has changed immensely since the Star Lines days. There is now so much competition from chain stores and online shopping. When you buy online or from a lot of large chains or faceless superstores, you're just a statistic; an order which has to be fulfilled and you will most likely be forgotten. When you buy from a small business, such as ourselves, your purchase – no matter how big or small – means a great deal. You will also receive a more personal, caring service and get more value for your money. We like to build a relationship with our customers and give advice and recommendations when needed. Large organisations with an abundance of customers often don't care about the customer, as long as a sale has been made and their statistics look good. However, we rely on word of mouth. We understand that we need to provide the best service possible in order to be recommended to others.



"We believe buying locally from local people is so important. Our service is from people who really care and have been in the local industry for many years. It makes a huge difference to where and how you shop. It's tough being a small business owner. We live and breathe for our business. It's a big jump from being an employee to an employer to try to make a better life for yourself and your family. We urge people to support their local independents. Small businesses do not have a huge marketing budget and every little bit of help counts from sharing social media posts, leaving positive reviews and recommending them to anyone you can. It all means a great deal to small business owners"



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HALESWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

In December our usual monthly talk is replaced by something more light-hearted and entertaining. We are pleased to announce that on **Tuesday 16 December at 2pm** in the Cut Art Centre, Halesworth, Jane Hoggar will be presenting her new show *Parisian Cabaret*.

Following her successful book and one-woman show entitled *Bluebell Girl*, cabaret artiste and retired showgirl Jane Hoggar, now tours her new show which explores the fascinating history of the theatres of Montmartre from 1860 to 1960, including the wonderful period known as *La Belle Époque*.

Having worked for Miss Bluebell at the once famous *Lido de Paris*, we are in for a treat as Jane regales us with the backstage anecdotes from shows at the *Folies Bergère* and the *Moulin Rouge*. Performances which featured some of the Parisian classic songs made famous by *Mistinguett*, *Josephine Baker*, and *Édith Piaf*. You will learn about history and art, be inspired to laugh and also be dazzled by visual entertainment - a cracking way to get in the mood for Christmas!

It's free to current Halesworth and District u3a members and for non-members, tickets are available at £4 in advance, or on the door at the Cut.



WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT WASPS?

The Blyth Valley and Southwold group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust welcomed the entomologist Dr Ian Bedford to our November meeting to talk about wasps. These insects aren't usually met with much sympathy, but Ian's talk showed us how to view wasps in a different light.

There are an astonishing nine thousand different species of wasp in the UK. All are excellent pollinators, a great help with pest control, and an essential part of the eco system. The great majority are solitary wasps, which are generally no trouble to us. They may live underground, or in nooks and crannies in trees, bushes, or sheds. Gall wasps create odd little growths on leaves, branches, or acorns to harbour their young. Other wasps are parasitic, using caterpillars and grubs as hosts for their eggs. Some, like the bee wolf, hunt a single species to feed their offspring.

Only about 1% of wasps are social, living in large colonies, and we have eight native species. The yearly cycle begins when a mated queen wakes from hibernation, begins to build her nest, and to lay eggs. The workers, infertile females, then labour to build, protect, feed, and repair the nest. Their lives are short, two to three weeks. Male drones hatch later, and once mated with a new queen, they too die. By late summer, the wasps' need for sugar makes them uninvited guests at outdoor meals, but Ian suggests we resist the urge to swat them. They sting if provoked, and an alarm pheromone in the venom will attract other angry wasps. There are kinder, more effective ways to deal with the issue. They dislike certain smells, so have cloves-studded lemons, peppermint tea, or thyme on the table. A false wasps' nest hanging nearby has been shown to be effective, as wasps are territorial creatures. Their value in our gardens is significant, and where possible, they are best left alone. Wasps may even help humans medically, as their complex venom is being studied for new ways to fight bacteria.

It was a fascinating talk that made us look at these useful insects in a much more positive way.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, January 8th, 7.30pm, at Southwold Arts Centre. Local naturalist Tony Brown will talk about 'The Fascination of Fungi'. Admission is £5, to include refreshments, free for under 25s. All are welcome.

Penny Mansfield

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Cor to heck - I dunt believe that Christmas is almost here agen - where hev the year gorn? It only seem five minutes since I put the tinsel back in the lorft.

When I wuz just a little ol boy, we hed to make do with a stocking filled with fruit and nuts and if I wuz lucky, I got a clockwork toy or a new hat, scarf and gloves that mother would hev knitted me. The hats never did fit propley and the scarf wuz too long, but they ment the world to me.



I expect we'll get lumbered with the same ol squirt on the telly agen this year. Me and mother used to like to watch the The Two Ronnies and Morecambe and Wise and mother hed a sorft spot for Mike Yarwood. He always used to make her laugh with his impersonations.

I will be getting the tree out of the lorft on the fust of December like I always do. I hed that tree since Woolworths closed in Ipswich and that still stand straight, as long as

I put a bit of wood under one of the feet.

I still hev the same fairy too. Mother got that from one of her catalogs back in the day. That nearly fell in the open fire once when the dorg jogged the tree with it's tail. The fairy fell into the coal bucket and got dutty, so mother give it a good scrub in the sink and after that one of the eyes wuz wonky. If you give it a good shake, sometimes the eye go back to how it should be.

The only new thing I bort was a set of the led lights, cuz the old ones popped and I dint hev any spare bulbs. The new lights are hooly bright, but not as bright as the ones on the neighbours house. It light up like Blackpool alloomination, but the kiddies like to see them and to be fair, they are so bright, that save me hevvin to put my lights on in the living room.

I hope you all hev a nice Christmas and remember, it's not about what you get, but who you spend it with. The presents will break, but the memories will last forever.



REYDON COMMUNITY QUIZ REPORT

The new season of the Reydon Community quiz commenced on 14 November, when we welcomed back many familiar faces, as well as a new team, 'The Village People'.

Nick Humphry was our quiz master, and as always, an entertaining evening was had by all! Winners were 'If Onlys' with 126 points, in second place 'What, No Broadside?' with 112 points, and in third place 'What the Ecc' with 110 1/2 points. Together with proceeds from the raffle, the evening raised £285. The good cause selected to be this month's recipient is Reydon Village Hall, to go towards the ongoing refurbishments. An email from Luke Winter was received, sending his appreciation for our donation earlier in the year to our local Cub/ Scout/ Beavers group and detailing what the money has been spent on.

Quizzers were delighted to hear how much of an impact our donation had made to our local youngsters.

Thank you to everyone who supports the quiz, we look forward to seeing everyone again for the Christmas edition on Friday 12 December.

There is sometimes space for another team so do contact me if you are interested in joining us for the new season, on ahumphry@talktalk.net

Dates for 2026 will be 16 January, 20 February, 20 March, 17 April.

Amanda Humphries

LOTTERY

The local monthly lottery for The Brain Tumour Charity took place on Sunday 2nd November, with Fred & Kate Assmann being present to adjudicate. There were 217 entries, making a total prize fund of £108.50. 1st prize of £54.25 with ticket number 78 went to Margaret Sims; 2nd prize of £32.55 with ticket number 229 went to Sarah Davies;

3rd prize of £21.70 with ticket number 183 went to Kate Attwell. Congratulations to each of them.

If you would like a monthly flutter, whilst supporting The Brain Tumour Charity, please contact John Huggins: Email: thebtclottery@btinternet.com or tel: 07873 376168.

The lottery is regulated and licensed by East Suffolk Council. Every penny raised goes to The Brain Tumour Charity and I'm pleased to say my family and friends have raised over £64,700 since losing our 8 year old family member Sophie. Our next fundraising event will be in the new year.

John Huggins



Fri 5th, Mon 8th & Tues 9th Dec at 7.15pm
 Wed 10th Dec at 2.00pm
 Thurs 11th Dec at 7.15pm
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SOUTHWOLD LIBRARY

Throughout December during opening hours: Southwold Library Christmas Tree Festival. Guess the Christmas Creatures! Free! Donations welcome. Big Thanks to all the local groups, clubs & businesses who have decorated our trees

Saturday 6th December, 2 - 4pm: Friends of Southwold Library Coffee Afternoon. Hot drinks, mince pies or biscuits. Cake Stall, Craft stall, Game stalls, & Raffle. All funds towards supporting Southwold Library.

Monday 8th December @ 11am: The History of Felbrigg Hall – a talk by Margaret Younger. Come along for a talk on the history of Felbrigg Hall and the people who have lived there. Margaret Younger is a member of the National Trust House Team at Felbrigg Hall, Norfolk. Margaret's talk will cover the history of house and its parkland, which is located south of the Cromer to Holt road. Free talk, no need to book.

Thursday 11th December @ 6.30pm: Southwold Library Reading Groups Christmas Do. Are you in a reading group? All reading group members welcome to this annual Christmas get together. A chance to compare notes, discuss group favourites (and the ones you hated) and get recommendations for the new year. Tea, coffee and squash provided but please bring nibbles and any other drinks to add to the evening's offerings.

Saturday 13th & 20th December, 10am - 1pm: Come and visit Santa. Santa Crafts, Meet & Photo with Santa plus Gift. £4.50 per child.

Sunday 22nd December, 11am & 2pm: Snowman Crafts. Free crafts - no need to book. Make a wide variety of snowman themed Christmas crafts.

Southwold Community Cinema

Black Bag (2025) 15 – Wednesday 3rd December @ 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

Wednesdays: 10am - 12noon: Let us help you Get Connected. Need help with tech? A drop-in advice session where we can help you with things like; Setting up email and social media accounts; Online shopping (Amazon, eBay and more); Basic support with smartphones, tablets and computers; Travel plans using Google Maps and similar tools; Staying safe online; **2.15 – 4pm: Crochet & Craft Club.** A friendly group for all crafters as well as those who crochet (to any ability). Barbara will be on hand to teach beginners, add to your crochet skills or troubleshoot problems, should you want to. Or just bring along your latest craft project and work on them together. Bring your own equipment or Barbara can supply crochet equipment at a price. Hot drinks supplied. £2 each.

Sundays, 12.15 - 1pm: Lego Club! Open to kids (and adults) of all ages. This winter we're building: Humongous Houses. All donations of Lego welcome. Free event, no booking required. Adults: Would you like to help with Lego Club? Just ask staff.

Sundays & Tuesdays, 10.30 - 11am: Baby Bounce & Tot Rock. Instruments, clapping, jogging and action rhymes. For babies & toddlers of all ages. Free event, no booking required.

Friday 5th December, 2.15 - 3.30pm Blyth Poets 'The isle is full of voices' - A poetry group meeting. All welcome to read or just listen. We invite contributions of original work or well-loved poems. Refreshment break in The Canteen. Free event, no booking required. First Friday of every month.

Thursday 11th December @ 2.15pm: Scrabble Club. All Equipment Supplied. Refreshment break in The Canteen. Free event, no booking required. Second Thursday of every month.

Friday 12th December, 2.15 - 4.15pm: Mah-jong Group. Can you play mah-jong? Do you want to learn? £1 per person. Second and fourth Friday of the month.

Thursday 8th January @ 6.30pm: Southwold Library Reading Group. This month we are reading: 'Underland' by Robert Macfarlane. Pick up a book at the library. Free event, no booking required.

Friends of Southwold Library 100 Club: Would you like to turn your £1 in £25 and support your library? For just £1 a month you could win £25 at our monthly draw. Southwold Library 100 Club is a fundraising club and money raised will be used to support the facilities and services supplied by the library. More members = More prizes!

Southwold Library Jigsaw Swap Shop: Come and help yourself to a jigsaw completely free! You can take one and return it, take one and return a different one or just take one (we have plenty). Come and check out what we have available.

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Far from home, their families and friends, in an unfamiliar country, crews risked their lives every day flying into battle, never knowing if they would return.

Glimpses of their celebrations have been gleaned from the 1943 daily diary archive held at Halesworth Airfield Museum.

Throughout the month, entertainment included films such as *A Night to Remember*, *Reveille with Beverley*, *Honeymoon Lodge* and *The Ghost of Frankenstein*.

Live entertainment was provided by ENSA (Entertainments National Service Association), performing *Come Out and Play* and *The Patsy*. The USO (United Service Organization) stage show, *USA Calling*, took place on the 17th.

The festivities began on December 18th when officers of the 62nd Squadron *"entertained various young ladies at a dance on the station."*

It was deemed a *"huge success"* although several of the guests *"were adversely affected by drinking punch on empty stomachs."*

On December 21st, a dance and Christmas party was held in the evening. Approximately, 200 WRNS (Women's Royal Navy Service), WAAFS (Women's Auxiliary Air Force) and WLA (Women's Land Army) girls attended.

Jivin' Yanks and The Blue Chasers provided the music and *"there was food for all."*

Unfortunately, on December 22nd, the children's party was cancelled *"due to the unavailability of a proper film and adequate transportation. The candy donated by the enlisted men was sent to the schoolmaster at Halesworth, who distributed it to the school children."*

Religious services were held on 24th including a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service in St Peter's Church, Holton and a high Mass at midnight in the Station theatre followed by refreshments.

On Christmas Day, it was work as usual with *"skeleton crews in most of the departments"* while *"most of the officers and enlisted men were sleeping off a too merry Christmas Eve."*

The Christmas Turkey Dinner *"was highly successful, however, all the turkey you could eat and how we did eat."* Each man was given candy and a pack of cigarettes and *"a plate so full he could hardly carry it."*

On 30th December, the enlisted men held a dance. *"There were about 40 girls including WAAFS, WRNS and WLA. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all."*

While the pilots had gone out on a long mission in afternoon, the officers were busy on the 31st, preparing for the New Year's Eve party. *"Those of the pilots that did return were almost too tired to enjoy the party and went to bed early."*

Women guests staying overnight were given rooms at Holton Hall.

"The officers residing there went elsewhere to bunk for the night. All in all, it was a very successful party and the officers are looking forward to another in the future."

This daily diary gives a fascinating insight to wartime life on the base. The wider archive provides a unique resource for research.

The volunteers at Halesworth Airfield Museum wish everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas.

If you would like to help us at the museum, please contact Paul 07944504490 or Richie 07815441669.

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DECEMBER 2025

Thank you for your patience this year whilst we build Suffolk's new power station. We know our work is causing disruption at this stage of the project and we apologise for this whilst our teams work as swiftly as possible to build new roads and make improvements to Suffolk's rail line. We look forward to meeting with you next year to discuss our plans and invite you to attend our public forums, the next ones are listed below. You can also subscribe for updates of our works online too through the **Sizewell C Works Tracker**.

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If you are contacted unexpectedly, then be wary. It might be a scam. If you suspect you are not dealing with a real company, then check it out. Real companies will offer a postal address. Don't click any links – search for the company on another website and check the phone number. If you're about to spend a lot of money, it's best to use the Companies House website to be sure the company you're buying from is real and still trading.

Always be suspicious if you are asked to transfer money quickly, such as being pressed to act now because the offer will only be open for a short time, or items are limited in number.

Being asked to pay in an unusual way is another warning sign – for example by iTunes vouchers or through a money transfer service like MoneyGram, Western Union or with a crypto currency such as Bitcoin. If in any doubt, do not buy.

If you are asked to give personal information such as passwords or PINs you should back away. Reputable companies and businesses do not ask for these.

And if you are called by someone suggesting you should apply for a grant or benefit, such as a Warm Home Discount or Winter Fuel Payment, hang up. These benefits are automatically credited to the accounts of those who qualify.

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If you have lost money, contact the police on 101 and contact your bank immediately.

If for any reason you think your account may be vulnerable, contact your bank. If you fear your computer has been compromised change your passwords, contact your bank and update your anti-virus software. It is better to be safe than sorry.

If you are contacted by the scammer ignore them, but keep a record of what has happened, Citizens Advice has online advice on how to stop nuisance calls and texts.

Citizens Advice offers advice and help in spotting and dealing with scams online, by phone, by email and at its offices and outreach sessions.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DEC 6 Kinda Forest Family Saturdays. Explore the forest with guided nature walks, games, challenge your skills with a scavenger hunt, or try your hand at nature crafts! We can't wait to welcome people of all ages. Kaliwoods, Holton, Halesworth, IP19 8NQ. For more information visit: www.kindaforestschoo.com or email: info@kindaeducation.org.

DEC 7 Made in Benhall. Are you looking for a unique and locally made Christmas gift? If so, come along to Made in Benhall to meet a wide range of local artists, crafters and makers. There is always a hugely diverse range of high quality products on sale at very affordable prices. Entry is free. 10am – 2pm at Benhall Club.

DEC 13 Wenhaston Village Hall Christmas Bazaar, 2 – 4pm. Lots of lovely festive stalls for you to browse a raffle with some great prizes, a tombola, mulled wine and Christmas music played by Waveney Saxs creating a warm and lovely Christmas atmosphere. The cafe will be open for Tea, Coffee and Homemade Savouries and Cakes. This will be a most enjoyable afternoon so do come and join us. Contact Carol on: 07864083296 or caz-mike@outlook.com.

DEC 13 Framlingham's Phoenix Singers. The programme includes Mozart's beautiful mature works 'Ave Verum' and 'Vespers', Parry's well loved 'Blest Pair of Sirens' and Fletcher's joyous festive work 'Ring out Wild Bells', as well as carols for audience. The evening's music is sure to get you into the Christmas spirit. 7pm at Framlingham College Chapel. For tickets and full details visit www.phoenixsingers.org.uk

DEC 14 Halesworth Harmony rehearsal at The Cut in Halesworth. Come along for a free taster session - no experience is necessary, everything is taught by ear, and you'll receive a warm welcome. For further details, email: halesworth.harmony@gmail.com. 10.30am - 12.30pm.

DEC 17 Aldeburgh and District Local History Society (ADLHS) Lecture. A special ticketed event in partnership with the Aldeburgh Society at the Jubilee Hall. James Thellusson, a descendant of the wealthy Huguenot banker Peter Thellusson, will discuss his ancestor's extraordinary will from 1797. The talk will explore how the notorious 60-year legal battle that followed is said to have inspired Charles Dickens's masterpiece, Bleak House. Tickets are available from Jubilee Hall website.

FRAMLINGHAM AND SAXMUNDHAM CATS PROTECTION

We are approaching the end of another busy year for our branch. Our fosterers have been kept very busy caring for a large number of felines. Adoptions have been steady, and we have found homes for many kittens and several mature cats, too. It does look as though we shall be caring for more kittens into the new year; the kitten season seems now to be extended! Our Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) programme is ongoing, and the youngest ferals we trap are often brought into our care so they can be socialised and rehomed. Our fundraisers have also been doing sterling work, helping us raise money to enable the branch to continue our vital work.

We send our thanks to everyone who has supported us this year in so many ways - from donating cat food, money, gifts for sales and knitted goods. We thank all our dedicated volunteers - and, of course, those who have adopted cats and kittens. From everyone in the branch, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Date for your diary: Please come along to support us and stock up on your Christmas cards, calendars and gifts on: Sunday 7th December at the Woodbridge Christmas Street Fare.

Cat Looking for a Home: Heidi gave birth to her four kittens under a shed in a garden. She is estimated to be about 3 years old. She was an extremely attentive mother to her kittens and is always very gentle. Heidi is still a little wary, but she has become much more confident since coming into care.

She now enjoys a head scratch, being stroked, and even being brushed! She will need a quiet home where she can continue to grow her confidence. Heidi will be best without young children, other cats or dogs. Please contact us, or see her on our website, if you could give Heidi the loving home she needs.

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

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