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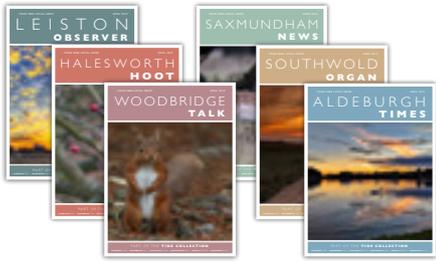
The Live Well Hub in Leiston is clearly a resounding success with 760 people attending last month! There are many services available – support for people with health conditions and addictions, veterans and children with SEND, guided walks & bike rides and much more. What a great initiative, wonderful for the community as a whole. See page 7 for more details

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FROM LEISTON-CUM SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL

Rise in fly-tipping: Residents in Leiston and Sizewell have raised concerns about fly-tipping in recent months. Fly-tipping is a criminal offence, yet it continues to affect many rural areas across Suffolk. Waste left on public land must be cleared by East Suffolk Council, creating a financial burden for local taxpayers. Across the county, the cost of removing fly-tipped waste runs into hundreds of thousands of pounds each year. Authorities are urging residents to report incidents. You can report any sightings here: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/fly-tipping>

Leiston Film Theatre news: Leiston Film Theatre, one of the town's most treasured cultural venues and the oldest purpose-built cinema in Suffolk, continues to play an important role in the community by offering a diverse programme of films, live events and special events throughout the year. The historic theatre has been entertaining audiences in Leiston for more than a century and remains a much-loved destination for cinema-goers and visitors alike. Known for its welcoming atmosphere and varied programme, the venue regularly screens the latest films alongside live theatre, opera, ballet and special performances. To ensure the building continues to provide the best possible experience for audiences, Leiston Film Theatre will be closed for essential maintenance from Monday 20th April to Thursday 30th April. The theatre will reopen on Friday 1st May with an exciting programme of films and live shows ready to welcome visitors back. Residents and visitors are encouraged to check the latest listings and upcoming events by visiting www.leiston-filmtheatre.co.uk where full details of the theatre's programme can be found. Whether you are a regular visitor or planning your first trip, the theatre remains a versatile and much-valued part of Leiston's cultural life.

Leiston-cum-Sizewell Annual Council and Town Meeting: Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council is inviting residents, community groups and organisations to attend this year's Annual Council Meeting and Town Meeting, which will take place from 6.45pm onwards on Tuesday 26th May 2026 at the Leiston Community Centre, King Georges Avenue. The evening will begin with the Annual Council Meeting, followed by the Town Meeting and Public Forum. These meetings provide an opportunity for residents to hear updates about local matters, share views, and take part in discussions about the future of the community in Leiston. Community groups and organisations are particularly encouraged to attend. The event offers a chance for local groups to showcase their work, share their plans for the coming year, and highlight the valuable contributions they make to the town. It will also provide an opportunity for different groups, organisations and residents to exchange ideas and information, helping to strengthen connections and encourage future partnership working within the community. Groups and organisations are welcome to deliver a short presentation, submit a brief report, or provide a display stand and leaflets about their activities. Any group or organisation wishing to attend, present, or provide a display is asked to contact Helen Greengrass, Town Clerk, by 19th May 2026 to confirm their participation. Telephone: 01728 830388. Email: townclerk@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk.

All residents and individuals are equally welcome to attend, listen and take part in the Public Forum and are warmly encouraged to come and learn more about the work happening in the town.

Welcoming our newest Councillor, Jennifer Housego: Jennifer Housego moved to Leiston four years ago from Ipswich, although she has had a long-standing connection with the town through family and many visits over the past 35 years. Since settling in Leiston, she has developed a strong affection for the town and its community. Her younger daughter and grandson also live locally, and she now works part-time in the town after semi-retiring from a 40-year career in the public sector, primarily in law enforcement and policing. Jennifer is standing as an independent councillor with no political affiliations. She hopes to use her experience and skills to support Leiston and help preserve what she believes makes it special - particularly its strong community spirit and the willingness of residents to support one another. In her spare time, she enjoys walking her two golden retrievers, with Sizewell Beach being a favourite destination.

A new Marketing and Comms Officer on the Council staff team: Lizzy will be responsible for delivering effective communications, digital engagement, and promotion for Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, managing the Council's online presence, branding, and publications, while promoting Leiston as a vibrant community. The role's purpose is to enhance Leiston's visibility online and offline, strengthen local engagement, and support the town's growth as both a community and visitor destination. Contact Lizzy: projects@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk

Council Meetings: A reminder that Full Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Leiston Community Centre from 6.45pm. Agendas are posted on the noticeboard outside the Council Offices and published online at: www.leistontowncouncil.gov.uk

For further information on any of the above, or to find out more about getting involved with the work of the Town Council, please contact the Town Council Offices on 01728 830388 or email office@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk.

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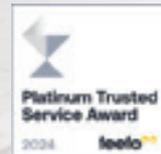


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LIVE WELL HUB LEISTON

March has been a busy time at The Live Well Hub, throughout the month we welcomed a staggering 760 people through our door, attending for a huge variety of reasons, for anything from 1-2-1 Counselling, training to direct a digger to seated yoga. Some services users enjoyed Intergrative Holistic Heath CIC- Healthy lifestyle program, aimed at helping those with long term health conditions to exercise more and improve their diet for better outcomes. Places are still available, get in touch with us to learn more.

Families Together Suffolk were at the hub hosting SEND support coffee and catch up. This event was very well attended, huge thanks to all who came along. Keep an eye out for further news as we are hoping this will be a regular offering over the coming months.



Correction from last edition ***EVERY Monday (not just third Monday) 'Way to Go'** are offering Guided Walks - assemble at hub for 10-11.30am. The guided cycle ride is between 1.30 - 3pm. Both will be followed by refreshments served at The Live Well Hub. The Bike Doctor will be visiting monthly too, to assist and teach people how to service their own bikes.

'Way to go' have a selection of bikes and trikes available for people to try including one adapted for wheelchair users. See photo above with our lovely Courtney and Andy off on a ride in search of sausage rolls!

Come see our fantastic Exhibition. In partnership with Sizewell Creatives and First Light Festival we are hosting an exhibition of Art works and photography depicting our beautiful Suffolk coast alongside flora and fauna from the surrounding area, with works on display produced by the Sizewell C workforce. The Exhibition is open to view 9-5 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and evenings or weekends viewings available on request.

New Age Kurling - Every Tuesday 10.30am-12noon. Free to attend, everyone is welcome to join this group or just pop along and have a go. The group is growing weekly and attendees are really enjoying it. Last week 18 attended - perhaps Leiston's first Olympians in training?



Combat2Coffee will be present at the Hub 10am -12noon on the third Friday of each month offering a warm welcome to veterans and their families.

Turning Point-addiction recovery service will be in every other Monday, (next one 13th April), as well as the usual Wednesday sessions.

Inspire-Youth employment service will now be in every other Monday (next one 6th April). All visitors to the Live Well Hub are welcomed to stay for a cuppa and a chat after the activities they have attended. This has proved very popular and is great for reducing social isolation and for everyone's mental health.

Please follow us: The Live Well Hub-Leiston on Facebook for more on what's new and coming soon. The Live Well Hub is in the Waterloo Centre, off Waterloo Avenue, IP16 4HF (the site of the old Middle School). You can contact us on: 01728 808 388 or 07955 437 070; Email: livewellmanager@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk should you have any questions or if you would like to enquire about hiring space at The Live Well Hub





A brand-new comedy drama is to premiere at the Leiston Film Theatre in September 2026. 'Mourning Campers' has been written by Leiston Film Theatre manager Wayne Burns and is being brought to the stage under his 'Team B Productions' banner, who also are responsible for creating the venue's popular annual Pantomimes. Inspired by the iconic sit-com, Hi-de-Hi, Mourning Campers is set in a Suffolk holiday camp in the 1980s and follows the drama behind the scenes and on stage at Archers Holiday Camp. At a time when the package holiday is growing in popularity, what can be done to keep the campers coming? Thankfully, the campsite owner has an idea and it's now up to the staff to make it a success. The idea for this comedy drama, which is deemed suitable for ages 16+, came literary out of the blue - 35,000 feet off the ground! "We were returning home from Florida in 2017 and I grabbed a few serviettes and scribbled various notes about possible characters, their mannerisms and a potential storyline to help me through the flight! These notes then sat in my panto box until 2024, when I finally started work on a draft script in earnest." said Wayne, who originally hoped to bring the show to the stage in 2025, but ended up postponing it until 2026, as he wasn't happy about one section of the script.

Wayne was a huge fan of the 1980s BBC sit-com Hi-de-Hi and in 2016 met Jeffrey Holland, who played the comedian Spike Dickson in the hit TV series. "I told Jeffrey that I was hoping to write a script about a Suffolk holiday camp and he wholeheartedly encouraged me to do it - so I did!" said Wayne.

Wayne has spent most of 2025 buying up authentic props for the production and will shortly start making a custom-built set for the play.

"Mourning Campers is something very different for us and requires a different discipline from those performing on stage. It's a very exciting exercise for us and there is already a lot of interest in this particular production." said Wayne.

Tickets are currently discounted for a limited time and available from the venue box office on 01728 830549 and via the Leiston Film Theatre website at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk

What's On at Leiston Film Theatre

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Tickets are sold out for this month's visit to Leiston Football Club of Liverpool goalkeeping legend, Bruce Grobbelaar. Bruce is guest of honour at the club's Sporting Dinner on April 9 and one person who can't wait to meet him – again – is Lesley Pyke, who lives in Worlingham, near Beccles. She takes up the story.

"My husband David and I now live in Worlingham," Lesley said. "But Bruce and I go back many years, as he was a member of my golf club in Harare, Zimbabwe, the Warren Hills GC, during the time he was goalkeeper for Liverpool and I lived in the country.

"Bruce used to regularly visit. He became the football coach for the national team. He was also the Patron for Special Olympics in Zimbabwe, and we held an annual fundraising golf day at our home club as well as other events.

"I am a glass engraver and the golf club commissioned a tankard for me to engrave, which I presented to him.

"A few years ago, I invited Bruce to play in our Air Ambulance Golf Day at Halesworth Golf Club (where I have been a member since 2001 when I arrived back in the UK). He was in my fourball with my husband and another good friend of mine from Zimbabwe, Mark Brackley. That was the last time I saw Bruce. I'm so looking forward to seeing him again at Leiston."



Reunited: L to R: Bruce Grobbelaar, David King, Lesley Pyke and Mark Brackley, at Halesworth Golf Club.



Leiston Football Club are staging both this season's Suffolk Senior Cup semi-finals on the same day. The Blues Flannery Stadium will host both semi-finals on Saturday, April 25th. The first time one club will have done so. SIL Premier Division side Haughley United will meet Mutford & Wrentham of the Anglian Combination Premier Division at 12 noon in the first semi. That will then be followed by Henley Athletic of the SIL Premier Division versus Thurlow Nunn League Division One North opponents Halesworth Town at 4pm.

Leiston FC Chair Andy Crisp said: "It's an honour for us to stage the Suffolk Senior Cup Semi-Finals 'double-header' at Leiston.

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FIRST TEAM HOME FIXTURES IN APRIL

Monday 6th BURY TOWN (Southern League) 3pm

Saturday 18th SPALDING UNITED (Southern League) 3pm

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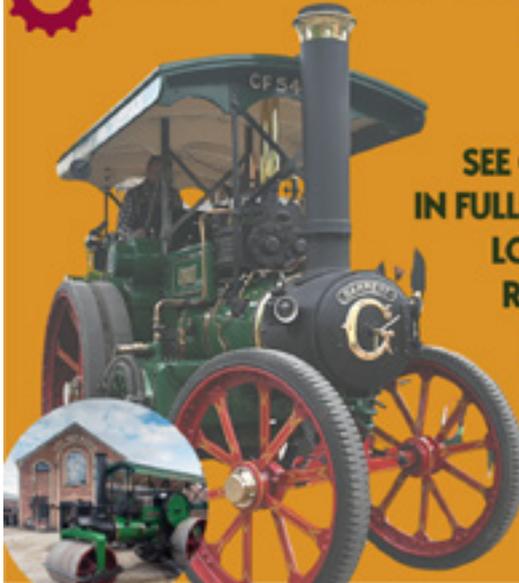
April has arrived – but beware of frost! **Vegetables:** Sow beetroot, plant onion sets, peas, maincrop carrots and early potatoes. At the end of the month sow French beans but protect with cloches or fleece. **Fruit:** Plant strawberries, and clear away weeds from around each plant. Feed and mulch fruit bushes if not done last month. **Flowers:** Feed and deadhead tulips and daffodils, etc. Take cuttings of dahlias. Pot up and mulch camelias.

For germination improvement of sweet peas, try soaking seed 24 hours before sowing! **Lawn:** Mow, aerate and fertilize. Scarify existing grass, use a 'selective' weed killer if necessary. Continue mowing, keeping blades on mower at a level not too short for early grass growth. **Greenhouse:** Sow tomatoes for outside growing, and sow cucumbers and tomatoes for inside.

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Looking at Military Records by Graham Bandy

At a recent meeting members of the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group were treated to a master class by Graham Bandy in ways to identify service records, and the history of their ancestors by identifying pieces of kit and uniforms.

Graham started his talk by telling us of his long term interest in the Armed Forces and military history. He had served in the Army twice, once in the Royal Military School of Music and for a second time as an Army nurse. He writes articles each month for Family Tree magazine. Looking at photographs of people in uniform he was able to correctly identify which units they had served in and at what time. If there was a picture of a First World War soldier wearing or carrying a steel helmet the photograph was taken in 1916 or later: Graham told us that Britain didn't use steel helmets until then. It seems easy if you know your uniform items and Graham certainly did. The position a badge was placed on a tunic or sleeve told him during which period the item was worn. Cap badges, medals, styles of headgear, belts, collar badges and cuffs all help to date the uniform wearer accurately. These also help him to identify in which theatre of war they served.

To find out more about our ancestors it would be easy if we could ask them what we want to know. Unfortunately, most of us don't think to do that until all family members who would know the answers to our questions are no longer with us. So, we need to look at surviving documents and old photographs. The census may help, rolls of honour, birth, marriage and death certificates can also give clues. If your soldier is seated on a horse, a military horse will be wearing two sets of reins.

The senior service is the Royal Navy, which has been in existence for more than one thousand years. Naval officers' records starting in 1660 can be found at The National Archives. Any surviving documents prior to that date will be found at The National Archives under the State, Chancery and Exchequer series. Searching The National Archives website for your sailor ancestor should prove fruitful. Army lists for Officers started in 1703 and have been published annually from 1740. Lists for other ranks began in 1809.

The Royal Air Force began officially on 1st April 1918; the Air Force lists are available at The National Archives.

One warning from Graham – Artificial Intelligence cannot be trusted!

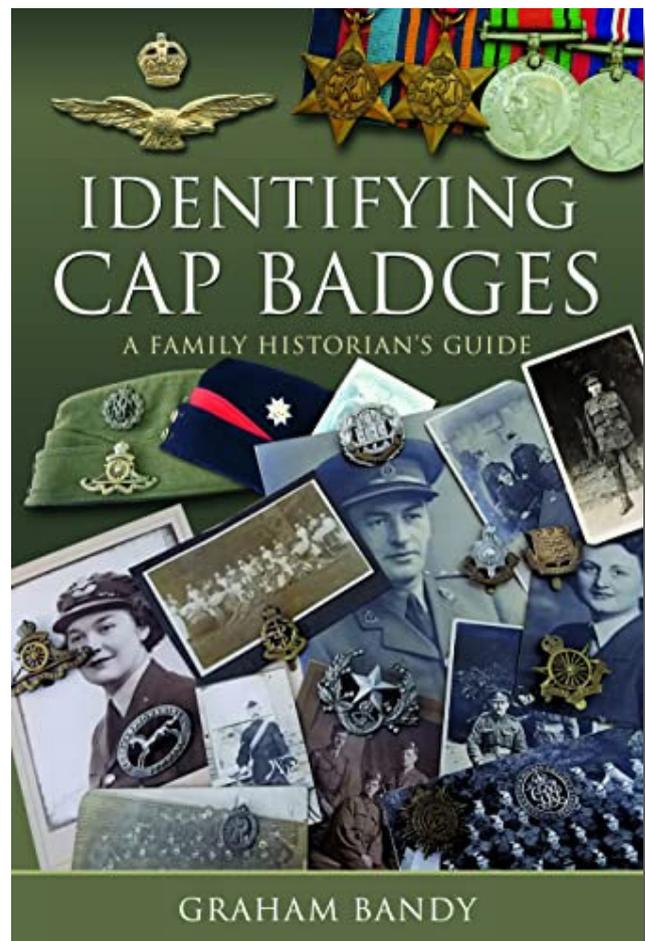
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Monday 18th May: Apprenticeship Records - Richard Holt

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All the cats were severely malnourished and infested with fleas, worms and ticks. They underwent veterinary examinations, and those old enough were neutered. It became apparent that the cats were not truly feral but rather frightened domestic cats, which had probably been abandoned. Unfortunately, one kitten required euthanasia due to a stomach obstruction caused by stones and was too small for surgical intervention.

Two kittens had ingested plastic, which fortunately passed through them without complications.

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On 16 May, at Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall, I will have the pleasure of presenting the Orion Orchestra in a programme that reminds us why this corner of Suffolk has long punched above its weight in cultural life. Aldeburgh is not simply picturesque it is purposeful. Ever since Benjamin Britten rooted his festival here, this coastline has stood for the idea that serious music belongs not only to great capitals but to communities.

That idea that music belongs to everyone is the thread running through this concert.

The Orion Orchestra was founded to bridge the precarious gap between study and the profession, taking outstanding young graduates and giving them the platform their talent deserves. We talk often about social mobility in abstract terms. Music education makes it tangible. It teaches rigour, teamwork, courage and the discipline of listening not only to notes but to one another. For many young people it is the first experience of being part of something larger than themselves. That is not decorative it is formative.

The programme itself embodies that argument. Vivaldi's Four Seasons was the populist sensation of its day, vivid, dramatic, almost theatrical in its depiction of storms and sunlight. It spoke to audiences directly. Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante is in a different register, a masterclass in dialogue, violin and viola in conversation - distinct yet inseparable. Between them these works remind us that music is both storytelling and citizenship.

We are joined by the remarkable violinist Danny Koo whose reach extends from classical stages to the vast audiences of contemporary Korean popular culture alongside the brilliant violist Meghan Cassidy. Their presence signals something important.

Accessibility does not dilute excellence it expands it. Inviting new audiences into classical repertoire is not compromise - it is confidence.

In an age that can feel fractured and impatient there is something profoundly civilising about sitting together in a hall and listening. No algorithm, no shortcut, just human beings making sound in real time. Aldeburgh understands this instinctively. It has built a reputation not on spectacle but on seriousness of purpose.

If you have never thought of yourself as a classical music person, I gently suggest that the category is redundant. Music is one of the few languages that requires no passport and no prior qualification. It is a great leveller precisely because it asks only that we show up.

That is why this evening matters. Not simply because the playing will be superb, although it will but because every ticket affirms a belief that culture in communities like ours is not an indulgence but an inheritance worth sustaining.

And that is something well worth gathering for.

Rob Rinder

16th May 2026 - Proceeds to local charities. Tickets: £40, £30, £20, £15; Students: £10 (not available online). A single £4.50 transaction fee applies to all online bookings (per order, not per individual ticket). Orders made in person at the box office are exempt from transaction fees.
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Programme
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The band is also celebrating a significant donation from the Sizewell C Fund, £59,497 and the committee is working hard getting ready to spend the money on new uniforms, instruments and a shiny new trailer to tow all our kit in. The band is an entirely volunteer run organisation and funds such as this enable us to invest in top quality equipment.

Coming up:

- On parade in Wickham Market, marking the town's Royal British Legion 100th Anniversary, noon on Sunday 12th April
- Playing at The Long Shop Museum's Steam Up event, Sunday 19th April
- Join us at St Margaret's Church, Leiston for a Spring Concert, in the afternoon on Sunday 10th May



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PROJECT UPDATE

APRIL 2026

Our work along the A12 to bring forward junction improvements is progressing well and we would like to thank you for your patience as this continues.

A12 ROUNDABOUTS: We are on schedule to open the roundabout at Friday Street to traffic on Monday 30 March. Whilst the works will not be fully complete, this will be a significant milestone and will improve the traffic flow in the area and the safety of the roads at this important junction. Once the full work on the road structure of the roundabouts is complete, the community will start to see a reduction of traffic management in the immediate areas and later in the year landscaping and planting of flora will begin.

The roundabout that is being constructed at Yoxford is also progressing well and will be operational to traffic Tuesday 31 March. As with Friday Street, the roundabout will not be fully complete at this time, with landscaping and planting to commence later in the year.

PARK AND RIDES: Both the Southern Park and Ride (Wickham Market) and Northern Park and Ride (Darsham) are now open. Work will continue to increase the capacity of both car parks through to late summer 2026.

NORTHERN PARK AND RIDE (NPR): The roundabout that links the A12 to the Darsham Park and Ride is also being linked to the A12 in phases. The western arm of the roundabout is now linked to the A12 for traffic, we expect the roundabout to be operational by the end of March.

Traffic lights remain in place to pace the traffic flow. We are now working to increase the capacity at the NPR to 280 spaces.

AT THE SOUTHERN PARK AND RIDE (SPR) the access road at Wickham Market is due to open at the end of March, which is timed with the completion of the Cadent gas works that are ongoing on the slip road and roundabout. This enables us to increase our bus fleet to transport workers to and from the Park and Rides. The prescribed routes for the buses are along the A12 and B1122. Road signs will be put up on the A12 during March.

The local road improvements at Yoxford have been completed. The works included the construction of a signalised crossing across the A12 and access improvements to the High Street and the A12 (picture below). In early summer, further improvements on the A12 will commence at Marlesford and then Little Glemham; we will share further details on the Sizewell C Works Tracker.

RAIL: The improvements to the Saxmundham to Leiston rail line continue, with construction of the branch line to the Temporary Construction Area continuing at pace. Level crossing improvements and construction will require small road closures, which will be outlined via the Sizewell C Works Tracker: www.szcworkstracker.co.uk. Between 23 and 31 May Network Rail will be working on the rail line between Ipswich and Lowestoft. A bus replacement service will be in operation throughout.

Thank you for your patience as we work towards the completion of many of the road schemes and as always if you need to speak to us, please contact us via the **FREEPHONE 0800 197 6102***.

FORUM SCHEDULE

Forum timings
2026 | 18:00 - 20:00
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Northern Transport Forum	Wed 6 May	High Lodge Darsham

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Bright Sparks Panto is celebrating a special milestone in 2026, marking 40 years of bringing family pantomime to local audiences - and what better way to celebrate than with one of the most magical stories of them all, Peter Pan?

The group has long wanted to stage this much-loved classic, but until now it has felt just out of reach. With its flying, fantasy and sense of adventure, Peter Pan is a show that demands ambition - making it the perfect choice for an anniversary year.



Audiences can expect a lively, funny and heart-warming pantomime, packed with the traditional ingredients Bright Sparks is known for: colourful characters, original humour, lively music and plenty of opportunities to boo the baddies and cheer the heroes.

From the Darling nursery to the pirate ship and the magic of Neverland, the show promises excitement for all ages.

Bright Sparks Panto has been performing in the area for four decades, staging favourites including Rapunzel, Snow White, Dick Whittington and more. The group prides itself on producing professional-standard amateur pantomimes, with self-written scripts, imaginative staging and a strong focus on storytelling.

The cast for Peter Pan ranges in age from five to sixty-and-a-bit, reflecting the welcoming, multi-generational spirit that has kept Bright Sparks going for forty years.

Join us this April as we celebrate 40 years of laughter, adventure and community spirit — and come with us to Neverland!

Rebecca Vincent

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Join University of Essex Choir, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and special guest soloists for: 'An evening of sacred splendour' - Saturday 9th May, 7pm at Snape Maltings

The University of Essex Choir returns to Snape Maltings this May with an exuberant programme of Mozart, Handel and Haydn. Musical director Ben Vonberg-Clark will lead the choir, who will be joined by the acclaimed Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the Britten Pears Chamber Choir and four talented soloists [see below].

This evening of glittering sacred music unites three titans of the Baroque and Classical eras. The programme opens with Mozart's radiant Regina coeli, K.127, a work that captures his gift for combining profound spirituality with effortless melodic grace. This leads into the uplifting Dixit Dominus, where Handel demonstrates his early explorations of counterpoint and dramatic expression. The evening reaches its zenith with Haydn's monumental Missa in angustiis, better known as the 1798 "Nelson Mass", a work born from the composer's mature genius against the tumultuous backdrop of the Napoleonic Wars. Under the expert guidance of conductor Ben Vonberg-Clark, this collaboration promises to illuminate all three composers' shared commitment to music as spiritual expression.

The University of Essex Choir, renowned for their precision and musicality, will be joined by the Britten Pears Chamber Choir, with both perfectly complemented by the orchestra's period-informed approach. Soloists: Soprano: Charlotte Bowden; Alto: Rebecca Leggett; Tenor: TBC; Bass: Božidar Smiljanić

A NEW ERA FOR THE RANDOLPH



Few pubs can claim more than a century at the heart of their community, but The Randolph has been welcoming locals through its doors for an impressive 127 years. Now, the historic pub is beginning an exciting new chapter: for the first time in

its long history, The Randolph has become a Free House.

The change means the pub is no longer tied to Adnams brewery, giving the team behind the bar the freedom to carefully select a wider and more varied range of drinks. Alongside familiar favourites, customers can now expect rotating guest ales, craft beers and ciders, as well as an expanded choice of spirits and wines. The move not only broadens the selection but also opens the door to showcasing independent breweries and producers.

While the bar offer is evolving, the character of The Randolph remains firmly rooted in tradition. Known for its friendly faces, relaxed atmosphere and loyal regulars, the pub continues to offer the same warm welcome that has defined it for generations.

For a venue with such a rich history, becoming a Free House represents the perfect balance between heritage and progress — honouring the past while embracing new possibilities. As this next chapter begins, The Randolph invites guests old and new to pull up a chair, raise a glass and be part of the story.

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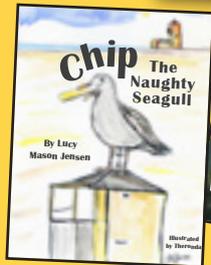
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Theronda is the artist in residence at the gallery and studios of Kesgrave Arts at Kesgrave in Suffolk. She is inspired by the Suffolk skies and landscapes, particularly of Aldeburgh and the neighbouring seaside towns. She has a large body of work - acrylics, oils, drawings, metal sculptures and more - and has exhibited widely in the area. (see her website: www.kesgravearts.co.uk)



Lucy was born in Aldeburgh and visits frequently from her animal rescue ranch 'Solace' in California. Lucy has an extensive background in real estate, newspaper and animal rescue and has published several books to date, most recently 'Tales from the Forest - The Adventures of Madame Dragonfly'.

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Secretary Richard has been busy behind the scenes organising the fixture lists.

This year we are hoping to have a second team in the Saxmundham league, partially to ensure every club member will have at least one game a week. This year also sees the return of both our invitation tournaments - 2 wood triples on June 28th and the very popular pairs tournament in September Thursday 3rd. Places are filling fast so contact Richard (secretary) asap on 07841647166.

At the Spring AGM on March 25th members were enthused with talk of the refurbishment plans and keen to get back on the green. Here's to a great season for all bowlers across the greens, see you on the green soon.

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