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Sat 6th June at 12.00pm  
Sun 7th June at 3.00pm

**THE SHEEP DETECTIVES** PG

Sat 6th June at 7.30pm. **LIVE ON STAGE**

**SHADES OF SIMON**  
**A TRIBUTE TO PAUL SIMON**

Mon 8th & Tues 9th June at 7.15pm  
Wed 10th June at 3.00pm & 7.15pm  
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**THE CHRISTOPHERS** 15

Fri 12th & Sat 13th June at 7.15pm  
Sun 14th June at 6.00pm  
Mon 15th June at 7.15pm  
Tues 16th June at 3.00pm  
Wed 17th & Thurs 18th June at 7.15pm

**TUNER** 15

Sat 13th & Sun 14th June at 12.00pm  
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**CHARLIE THE WONDER DOG** PG

Mon 15th June at 2.00pm  
Tues 16th June at 7.15pm  
Wed 17th June at 2.00pm  
Thurs 18th June at 3.00pm

**MY MOTHER'S WEDDING** 15

Fri 19th - Thurs 25th June

**PROGRAMME TO BE CONFIRMED**  
**PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS**

Fri 26th & Sat 27th June at 7.15pm  
Sun 28th June at 6.00pm  
Mon 29th, Tues 30th June & Wed 1st July at 7.15pm

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# A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR



Cllr Lesley Hill will be stepping down from her roles as both Town Mayor and Councillor and I'm sure the people of Leiston will join the Council in thanking her for her dedication to her community and the impact she has had on the town, which was reflected in her receiving a 'Councillor of the Year' award in 2025. Of course this creates a vacancy on the council so, if you feel like making a difference do get in touch with the Town Clerk

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## ART IN THE BARN

### A Celebration of East Anglian Artists at Old Hall, Southwold

This June, Old Hall's Big Barn will burst into life as more than 50 East Anglian artists transform it into a vibrant, undercover gallery overlooking the Blyth Estuary. It's a one day celebration of the region's creativity - colourful, eclectic, and full of the character that makes our corner of the world so special.

Visitors can explore an inspiring mix of disciplines: watercolour, printmaking, sculpture, textile art, collage - alongside many more imaginative forms. And this isn't just a chance to browse: every piece on display is original art for sale, with work available for all tastes and budgets. Whether you're looking to add something meaningful to your home, buy a gift or simply fall in love with a piece that speaks to you, this is the place to find it.

Even better, the artists themselves will be there throughout the day, ready to chat, share their process, and bring their work to life. It's a rare opportunity to meet the makers behind the art and connect with the creative community that thrives here in East Anglia.

With a stunning rural setting, a welcoming onsite café, live music, easy parking, and free entry, it's the perfect day out... relaxed, inspiring, and rooted in local talent.

OLD HALL CAFE & WALKS, SOUTHWOLD

## Art in the Barn

A celebration of East Anglian artists

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
10am - 3pm

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OLD HALL  
CAFE & WALKS

# FROM LEISTON-CUM-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL

**Hayling's Pond has just taken a fantastic step forward in accessibility:** The Mayor and Town Councillors proudly joined representatives from the Leiston Youth and Community Angling Society, along with the Suffolk Community Foundation, to celebrate the completion of a brand-new accessible pathway leading down to the fishing pond. This exciting improvement has been made possible thanks to a £10,000 grant awarded to the Leiston Youth and Community Angling Society from the Sizewell C Community Fund. The new pathway opens the pond to more people than ever before, making it easier for everyone to enjoy this much-loved local spot.



**A fantastic community effort in Leiston!** A huge thank you goes out to everyone who took part in the Leiston Town Litter Pick in May. It was a brilliant show of community spirit, with so many people coming together to make a real difference. Special thanks go to Sandra Harle and Cllr Last for organising the event, as well as the wonderful Leiston Scouts and Leiston Guides, whose help was truly invaluable on the day. It just goes to show what can be achieved when the community works together - Leiston is looking better than ever!

**Heartfelt thanks...**Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Cllr Lesley Hill, who is stepping down from her roles as both Town Mayor and Councillor. During her time in office, Lesley has shown outstanding dedication, commitment, and passion for the community, carrying out her duties with great care and making a lasting positive impact on the town.

Last year, Lesley was also recognised with the honour of Councillor of the Year, a reflection of her hard work and dedication. Speaking about the award, she said: *"To receive the news that I had been nominated and selected as the winner for Councillor of the Year came as a complete surprise."*

*I am delighted and honoured to receive this award as a member of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council. I take the role of Councillor and Mayor very seriously as a representative of our community. I also accept this award on behalf of my fellow councillors who contribute to the work in the community."*

As she retires from her mayoral duties, there is now a vacancy on the Town Council.

The Council is inviting expressions of interest from residents who are passionate about their community and would like to play a part in shaping its future. Becoming a councillor is a rewarding opportunity to make a difference, share ideas, and support local initiatives. Anyone interested is encouraged to find out more about how they can get involved, please contact the Town Clerk.



**More thanks...**Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council would also like to extend its sincere thanks to former Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, (Suffolk County Council), for her dedication and support to the Leiston community over the years. TJ has played an important role in supporting local initiatives and contributing to community life, always showing commitment, enthusiasm, and a willingness to help wherever needed. Her efforts have made a meaningful difference and have been greatly appreciated by both the Council and residents alike.

**Cinema in the Park Returns to Leiston on August 1st – save the date!** The much-loved Cinema in the Park event will return on **1st August**. This popular outdoor event offers a relaxed summer evening of film, food and community spirit. This year's event marks 50 years since the Leiston Film Theatre was saved by the Town Council.

**Help us make improvements to King George's Avenue Recreation Ground:** Plans are already underway to improve this important green space, and feedback from the community is key. Leiston residents are encouraged to help shape a new nature area and share ideas on what other improvements could make the space even better for everyone. Our online survey is still live and takes around 2 minutes to complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYYC7SJ>. Thank you!

**Council Meetings:** The Council will be holding regular quarterly roundtable meetings in Leiston during the new Civic Year, with further details to be announced soon. Finally, residents are reminded that Full Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month at the Leiston Community Centre, starting at 6.45pm. Agendas are available online and on the council noticeboard, and all are welcome to attend or get involved. Contact us: [office@leistoncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@leistoncouncil.gov.uk) or call (01728) 830388

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# £210,000 FUNDING BOOST FOR SUFFOLK PROJECTS

Six organisations that support East Suffolk communities by bringing people together have been awarded a share of £210,000 from the Sizewell C Community Fund.

The latest round of funding has been presented to a wide range of projects, including sports clubs, community facilities and initiatives that promote positive mental health. With these awards, the total distributed since the fund launched just over 18 months ago now stands at around £4m.

Among the latest recipients is **Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures**, a youth wellbeing programme, which has received an £11,000 grant to deliver football and boxing sessions for young people in Leiston.

Paul Knight, Project Manager, Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures, said: *"We're delighted to have received funding from the Sizewell C Community Fund. Our project will provide local young people with more opportunities to take part in sport, promoting healthy lifestyles, confidence, teamwork and wellbeing. Activities will include boxing and football, with young people able to take part in one or both sessions on the same evening, helping them stay active and safe within their local community."*

Around 30 young people currently attend the sessions in Leiston following the project's launch in October. The programme was initially made possible through funding from Sizewell C contractor Breheny Civil Engineering, as part of its social value commitments. Sessions take place every Monday from 7pm to 8pm at Leiston Leisure Centre and are open to young people aged 11 to 15.

Alfie, a young person who currently attends sessions in Leiston, added: *"The Leiston football project has helped me improve my confidence. It's nice to be able to play football and keep active with my mates in the evening when I wouldn't always get the opportunity. It's something I look forward to every week."*

Across Suffolk, Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures runs 16 projects that use sport to build teamwork, provide a safe and supportive environment and introduce young people to positive role models.

The Sizewell C Community Fund, managed by Suffolk Community Foundation, is making around £2m available each year to projects in the East Suffolk Council area. It supports initiatives that promote the economic, social, or environmental wellbeing of communities closest to, and most affected by, the construction of Sizewell C.

**Other organisations to benefit from a share of this round of funding include:**

**Darsham Village Hall**, which has been awarded £82,688 to create a new village green where community activities can take place.

**Westleton Village Hall**, which will receive £54,000 to help fund the second phase of a refurbishment project to bring the hall up to modern standards.

**1st Saxmundham Scout Group**, which has been awarded £17,448 to buy new equipment and run activities for members.

**Saxmundham Museum**, which will receive £7,833 to help fund ongoing improvements.

**Suffolk Mind**, which has been awarded £36,302 over three years to fund counselling and anxiety management courses for residents in Leiston and the surrounding areas.

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## CLASSICS ON THE GREEN

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# FRISTON

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**THURSDAY 9TH JULY FROM 2.30PM**

*Bring your VETERAN, VINTAGE or CLASSIC CAR or BIKE - or just bring your friends and family along to see the classics*






Tea, coffee and cakes will be available in the Village Hall. There will be a Bar and BBQ on the Green and food and drink at The Old Chequers.

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# LEISTON FOOTBALL CLUB

## AWARD SEASON IN FULL SWING AT LEISTON

The end-of-season awards presentations have proved successful as the Club acknowledges the successes of not just it's senior players, but also many of the Club's junior players.

On a glitzy night at the Flannery Stadium, first team, U23 and U18 award winners celebrated:

### CLUB AWARD

Leiston FC top goalscorer of the season: **Ollie Long (20 goals)**

### FIRST TEAM AWARDS

Manager's player of the year: **Seb Dunbar**

Players' player of the year: **Fraser Alexander**

Supporters' player of the year: **Eddie Jackson**

Committee player of the year: **Fraser Alexander**

Most MOM Awards: **Adam Mills**

Vice Presidents' player of the year: **Seb Dunbar**

Leiston FC supporters of the year: **Toby Barker & Ethan Kean**

### UNDER 23s

Manager's player of the year: **Liam Shaw**

Players' player of the year: **Liam Shaw**

Supporters' player of the year: **Ewan Parlett**

### UNDER 18s

Manager's player of the year: **Nathaniel Copping**

Players' player of the year: **Herbie Ellis**

Supporters' player of the year: **Herbie Ellis**

Meanwhile, the Saturday youth section also held their awards at the Club. The winners were:

### UNDER 8s

Player of the Month for April: **Jason Jooda**

Fair Play Award: **Eddie Turner**

Most improved: **Charlie Conwell**

Golden Boot: **David Esan**

Players' player of the season: **Leon Tonev**

Supporters' player of the season: **Darcy Southey**

Coaches' player of the season: **Riley Burgin**

Manager's player of the season: **Harvey Howard-Kraft**

### UNDER 10s

Golden Boot: **Kade Norton**

Players' player of the season: **George Gounaris**

Supporters' player of the season: **Zachary Clutterbuck**

Fair Play Award: **Gilbert Scaiff**

Most improved: **James Martin**

Coaches' player of the season: **Victor Sebolatan**

Manager's player: **Reuben Green**

### UNDER 11s

Most improved: **Aderinsola Sebolatan**

Golden Boot: **Joe Andrews**

Coaches' player of the season: **Laura Haxell**

Parents' player of the year: **Aderinsola Sebolatan**

Golden Gloves: **Elliot Baxenden**

Team player of the season: **Ralph Williams**

2nd Golden Boot: **Samuel Esan**

2nd Most improved: **Beret Savas**

Most tenacious player: **George Marrison**

### UNDER 13s

Players' player of the season: **Alfie Davey**

Supporters' player of the season: **Lily Haxell**

Golden Boot: **Zach Squirrell**

Manager's player of the season: **Isaac George**

Most improved: **Kian Meehan**

Coaches' player of the season: **Alfie Davey and Gabriel Amutei**

### UNDER 16s

Clubman of the year: **Ollie Baker**

Supporters' player of the year: **Ollie Baker**

Leading goal scorer: **Archie Reynolds**

Coaches' player of the season: **Freddy French**

Manager's player of the season: **Connor Sheppard**

Players' player of the season: **Archie Reynolds**

Most improved: **Archie Hill**

For information on all things Leiston FC, head over to [www.leistonfc.co.uk](http://www.leistonfc.co.uk) Or follow Leiston FC on X, Facebook, WhatsApp, TikTok and Instagram. Season tickets for the new season, as well as sponsorship packages, including are popular Matchday Experience packages, are now available. Contact chairman, Andy Crisp on 07769 904555



**ALL SMILES:** Leiston youngsters celebrated on presentation night at the Flannery Stadium. Photo: Nick Boulter.



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**Wednesday 8 July, 2pm & 7pm**  
**Snape Maltings Concert Hall**



# FROM JENNY RIDDELL-CARPENTER MP



One issue I hear about time and time again across Leiston and the surrounding villages is buses – or in many cases, the lack of them altogether. Suffolk Coastal really has become a ‘bus desert’. Whether it’s routes that have quietly disappeared over recent years, services that don’t run at the times people actually need them, or buses that are simply too unreliable to plan around, too many people across Suffolk Coastal are being left behind.

For some residents, particularly older people, young people and those without access to a car, this creates very real barriers to everyday life. It can mean struggling to get to work, college or medical appointments, or finding it harder to stay connected to family, friends and local communities. Reliable public transport is not a luxury – it’s essential, especially in rural communities such as ours.

That’s why I’ve launched a constituency-wide bus survey to gather direct feedback from residents about what is and isn’t working. I want to hear from people who rely on buses regularly, those who used to use them but no longer can, and those who feel local services simply don’t meet their needs.

What makes this even more frustrating is that Suffolk has received millions of pounds in Government funding intended to improve local bus services.

Between 2023 and 2025 alone, Suffolk County Council received almost £3.8 million through Bus Service Improvement funding - yet the total number of annual bus miles operated across the county fell by more than 1.1 million miles, from 9.18 million in 2022 to 8.01 million in 2025. Residents are understandably frustrated that despite repeated promises of improvement, many communities are seeing fewer services rather than more.

With a new Reform-led County Council now in place, I will be pushing hard to ensure rural and coastal communities are not overlooked when decisions are made about transport funding and service provision. Too often our villages and smaller towns are treated as an afterthought when it comes to public transport, and I will continue putting pressure on the County Council to deliver the improvements residents have been promised.

Later this year, I’ll also be bringing together operators, local decision-makers and residents for a roundtable discussion focused on practical improvements and long-term solutions. Good public transport helps keep communities connected, supports local businesses and reduces isolation – particularly in rural and coastal areas like ours.

If you’ve been affected by poor bus services, I’d really encourage you to take part in the survey by visiting my website: <https://www.jennyforsuffolkcoastal.org/buses> or scan the QR code below.



Together, we can keep building the case for the better, more reliable bus services our communities deserve.

As always, if there is anything I can do to support you, or if you have any thoughts you’d like to share with me, please get in touch.

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## BAWDSEY RADAR MUSEUM

Activities continue at the block this month. The Museum is open every Thursday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.

Amateur radio station GB2BRS will be operational on certain days over the summer, including **18th June**.

Come and say hello to the world!

The second series of our podcasts ‘*Echoes of Bawdsey – The Story of Radar*’ will also be rolling out over the summer. Available on our website and most audio streaming sources.

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# HALESWORTH ALE DAY

Halesworth Ale Day will take place on **Saturday 13 June 2026**, from 12noon - 6pm, bringing a full programme of events celebrating brewing, history and hospitality across the town.

Following last year's inaugural Halesworth Ale Day, the event returns promising to put the 'ale' back into Halesworth! The day will include a launch of a new Halesworth ale specially brewed by the local Tindall Brewery, along with other collaborations including handmade Ale Day Mugs from a local potter and Ale Bread made using the spent grains from the brewing process. The event will also offer brewery talks, beer-making demonstrations, ale trail, guided heritage walks, a 'Malt Experience' exhibition at The Cut Arts Centre and a brewing exhibition at Halesworth Museum.

New this year will be a 'Dwile Flonking' contest in the park - not seen in the town since 1970! Organising the event is Kelly Parker, Marketing and Events Officer at Halesworth Town Council. She says: "Halesworth has a great tradition of malting and a vibrant hospitality scene. The Halesworth Ale Day is a great opportunity to showcase the very best of our town. Visitors can take part in the festivities, while also visiting award-winning delis and cafés, and browse the town's independent shops.

"The event also shines a light on our local ales at venues including The Tap Room, The White Hart, The Angel and The Swan."

The event offers free family entertainment, which includes live theatre, giant bubble displays, stilt walkers, craft activities, face painting, drumming workshops and garden games. Visitors can also enjoy live music performances from brass, blues, folk and roots bands.

Halesworth's Market Square will be turned into a drinks market, offering produce from local breweries, vineyards, cider makers and distilleries alongside food vendors.

Visitors can also enjoy scenic walks to explore the Blyth Road Navigation to learn how traditional wherry boats once transported malt along the river Blyth for beer production.

Halesworth Ale Day 2026 is funded and supported by the SZC Tourism Event Grant through East Suffolk Council and Halesworth Town Council.

'Dwile Flonking' Photo: Alan Hall



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- Accounts of the Overseer of the Poor
- Settlement records
- Vagrancy examinations and passes
- Pauper apprenticeships
- Workhouses pre and post 1834
- Pauper migration

Clare is a professional genealogist and researcher and qualified tutor with over 10 years professional experience. She has an MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic studies from the University of Strathclyde and is a member of the Register of Qualified Genealogists and an associate member of AGRA. Her website is <https://herefordshiregenealogy.com/>

The talk takes place on **Monday 15th June at 2.30pm**, in person at the Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL (behind the library) and, for members only, on Zoom. The speaker will be talking to us on Zoom.

No need to book - just turn up - free for members and £5 for visitors, including tea/coffee/biscuits. Good, free car-parking.



Only members can take part in our meetings on Zoom, but

it only costs £10 for a year’s membership – see <https://www.avsfhg.org.uk/join-us>

Zooming is free.

**The Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group (AVSFHG) has recently launched a new website: <https://www.avsfhg.org.uk>** which has been designed to bring together information about the group’s activities in a modern and simple to navigate hub, easily accessed by scanning a QR code.

Partly made possible by a generous donation from the Sizewell C Community Fund, the website also incorporates a dedicated Members’ Area full of all sorts of interesting goodies!

Much easier to navigate than the previous website, anyone can easily find details of monthly talks and events; free family history research sessions and advice; and paid up members have free access to monthly talks at the Fromus Centre in Saxmundham (either in person or online via Zoom); a copy of the Group’s very informative quarterly newsletter; and notifications about events, discounts and family history special offers from the likes of Ancestry and Findmypast.

The cost of individual membership is just £10, so whether you are just starting out on your family history journey, an experienced researcher seeking help with a genealogical ‘brick-wall’, or simply have an interest in the people and events that shaped our beautiful county, why not take a look at the re-vamped website and, if you like what you see, consider signing up? You can be sure of a warm welcome!



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Each June, artists open their studios to the public, offering free entry and a rare opportunity to meet makers, explore their processes, and enjoy a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere - with no obligation to buy. Taking place over weekends in June, SOS connects visitors with artists, artisans and makers across the county, including communities such as Leiston and Saxmundham. It’s an inspiring way to discover art and the people behind it, right on your doorstep.

In addition to Open Studios, SOS members take part in three annual group exhibitions at venues across Suffolk. In 2026, these will be held at Holton Lodge Barn, near Halesworth (May), Framlingham Town Hall (August), and Bury St Edmunds Guildhall (October). Exhibition locations rotate each year to ensure a broad geographic reach and to support SOS’s core value of inclusivity. Membership is open to all artists and makers living or working in Suffolk, with no selection process. This creates a diverse and supportive creative community, welcoming both emerging and established practitioners. Visitors can explore SOS through the printed Art Directory 2026, available from galleries, cafés, libraries and local venues, or via the mobile app, which allows users to plan personalised studio visits across the county. The SOS 2026 Art Directory and app are available now. For more information, visit [www.suffolkopenstudios.org](http://www.suffolkopenstudios.org) or follow @suffolkopenstudios on Instagram.

# LIVE WELL HUB LEISTON



May 2026 has been another busy month; our regular Service Providers continue to offer a wide range of support to people in East Suffolk. These services include different forms of exercise, counselling, diabetes prevention alongside fun activities like walking and cycling - not forgetting the New Age Kurling!

We have also hosted some one-off events which are fun and life-enhancing. This month we hosted a Willow Weaving class, which was very popular and being creative has been shown to benefit people in a number of ways. We hope to hold more classes and courses in the near future, watch this space or follow us on Facebook to learn more.

The photos below are of ladies who attended our first Willow Weaving workshop which was run in partnership with Sizewell Creative who kindly funded this initiative. They have also funded similar workshops open to families during May half term.



In June Suffolk Family Carers will be holding a series of 4 Workshops, designed to support unpaid family carers. These workshops are aimed at helping you in your caring role with information, advice and peer support. For maximum benefit, do try to attend all 4 sessions. They are completely free but booking is essential. To book a place email them at [hello@suffolkfamilycarers.org](mailto:hello@suffolkfamilycarers.org) or phone them on 01473 835 477.

Also in June, we are welcoming back the Future Female Society for a second Happiness brunch on June 15th, 11am-1pm, this time focusing on women's safety. All welcome to join us (not just females) for a free lunch and to explore ways to stay happy and healthy and safe within our community. No booking required, just turn up and join in.

Our bike doctor will be back on June 15th, 10am -2pm, assisting with bike servicing and some tuition on how it's done. Bring your bikes along to get them safe and ready for summer cycling.

In collaboration with The National Literacy Trust we are soon to be launching our bookcase which is stocked with both children's and adults' books free to take and enjoy, encouraging more reading with a view to improving literacy levels in our local area.

So, with a mix of support for very serious issues to creative workshops, we will continue to support the local community however we can – we are always open to suggestions either from our users or service providers.

Find us: 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: Tel: 01728 808 388 or email: [livewellmanager@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:livewellmanager@leistontowncouncil.gov.uk), should you have any questions about any services activities on offer or if you would like to enquire about hiring space at The Live Well Hub



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[www.suffolkfamilycarers.org/upcoming-workshops](http://www.suffolkfamilycarers.org/upcoming-workshops) or contact us for bookings and enquiries: [hello@suffolkfamilycarers.org](mailto:hello@suffolkfamilycarers.org) or 01473 835477



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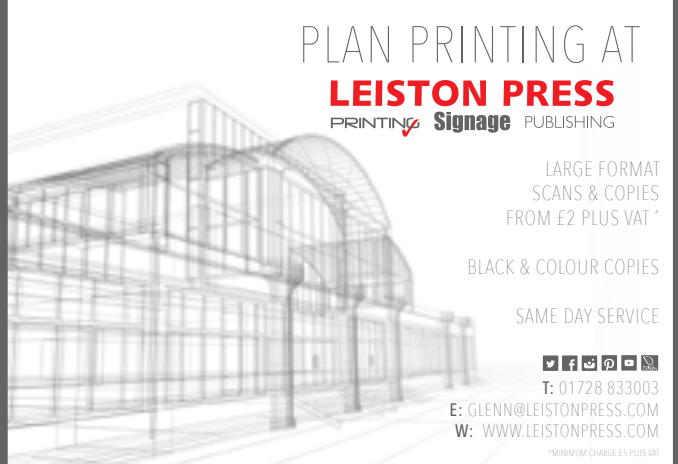
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# ALDEBURGH YACHT CLUB

It has been a busy time at Aldeburgh Yacht Club since the sailing season started in March. The moorings on the river have been filling up, as has the dinghy park.

The club is an RYA training centre which is run by our new full-time instructor Seb Garfield. Seb, who is from Woodbridge, has a busy schedule of courses running across the year, having already delivered instructor and power boat training in his first few weeks.

In June, we will be welcoming 13 of the local primary schools with up to 250 children joining in during our programme. This will be delivered by Seb with the backing of the Aldeburgh Schools Sailing Trust and numerous volunteer members whose long-standing support has brought over 2,000 children for sailing and water sports on the Alde in recent years. We will also host older students from South London alongside our partners, the BigKid Foundation.

Junior sailing started on Sundays in April. In July we will move to a daily programme, followed in August by our Junior and Youth Regatta and then our main Regatta. We are celebrating the achievements of Matilda Nicholls, one of our members who has been one of the British Sailing Team since 2019 and is now well into her Olympic campaign for Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032.



On the water, we have been racing on Saturdays and Wednesdays and have held open meetings and our annual two-day Spring Regatta.

We are expecting visitors throughout June including cruisers from the Royal Yacht Squadron and to join our Dragon class. Our Loch Long sailors are heading to Cornwall and Scotland over the coming weeks.

We are, of course, far more than a sailing club. Recent social events include an evening hosted by local entertainer Iestyn Edwardes, talks, dinners and a quiz. We have lots planned for 2026, so please visit our website to see what's to come. [www.aldeburghyc.org.uk](http://www.aldeburghyc.org.uk).

We pride ourselves on being a friendly and welcoming place. Anyone interested in joining or finding out more should get in touch via [office@aldeburghyc.org.uk](mailto:office@aldeburghyc.org.uk).



**Aldeburgh Yacht Club is a great place to learn and develop new skills.**

AYC is a Royal Yachting Association (RYA) recognised training centre running courses for every level from beginner to expert, including power and safety boating and first aid.

Our Summer sailing courses run through July and August, Monday to Friday. Whether you're new to sailing or if you already enjoy sailing and want to do more, book onto one of our RYA sailing courses.

Spaces are still available on some of our courses, please visit our website [www.aldeburghyc.org.uk/book\\_courses\\_at\\_ayc](http://www.aldeburghyc.org.uk/book_courses_at_ayc) to view the full programme. Book your course through the online booking forms.

Private sailing tuition is available for all throughout the season in dinghies and this is a great way to improve on water confidence, or work on specific skills – whatever level you are.

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**JUN 13 The Lettering Arts Trust Pop-up Shop and Letter carving talk.** 10am - 5pm at Aldeburgh Church Hall, Victoria Rd, Aldeburgh IP15 5DY. 11.30am Tour of letter carving in the church yard and talk; 12noon - 1pm. Drinks. Free event

**16 JUN Fantastic Flowers at RSPB Minsmere.** Join RSPB's flower expert, Steve, to discover some of the fantastic flowers found at Minsmere. The May walk will focus on the flowers of Minsmere's drier habitats, including grasslands and heath. In June we'll look at the marvellous marshland flowers. Email: [minsmerer@rspb.org.uk](mailto:minsmerer@rspb.org.uk), phone: 01728 648281. 10am - 12noon at Minsmere IP17 3BY

**JUN 24 Fram Concerts: Rose Gosney (Violin).** BBC Young Musician quarter finalist 2024 and former leader of the National Youth Orchestra with Duncan Honeybourne (piano). 1.30pm at Framlingham Church. Tickets £10 by email: [framconcerts@outlook.com](mailto:framconcerts@outlook.com), on the door or online @ [www.ticketsource.co.uk/framlingham-concerts](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/framlingham-concerts)

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Visit the exterior of the pub seen as the Two Brewers where Andy and Lance unwind after a day of detecting and the DMDC gather. Explore the castle and surrounding area that appears throughout the series and learn about its real-life significance, including its royal connections and links to modern pop culture. Discover many more filming spots, including Maggie's shop, the site of the open mic night and hear about the show's music, including the creation of its iconic theme song. See Framlingham College's exteriors, used for Andy's interview scenes and other key moments from the series.

End the tour at the home used for Terry and Sheila, where many memorable moments and meetings take place.

Whether you're a dedicated fan or simply love exploring scenic English towns with rich history, this tour offers a relaxed, engaging, and highly immersive experience.

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# LEISTON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

It was back in 2019 that a survey conducted by East Suffolk Council highlighted the opportunity for Leiston to have a Community Land Trust. The creation of Church Square, with its seating and bandstand has been the most visible achievement of the Community Land Trust to date.

Led by a volunteer Board of trustees, a community land trust is a form of cooperative, so a membership organisation where every member has an equal voice.

A survey conducted earlier this year gave the trustees an insight into local people's priorities. High on the list was to see more shops in the town, particularly a bakery.

We can take no credit for Bushells opening in Leiston but hope other independent retailers will follow.

A particular strength of community land trusts is their ability to provide affordable homes that can be rented by people with a local connection.

To deliver this we need to work in partnership with landowners with sites suitable for development.

This won't be an easy task, but it is something your community land trust is exploring.

The more members a community land trust has, the more it can achieve. Membership costs just £1 and you can join online at: [www.leistonclt.co.uk](http://www.leistonclt.co.uk).



## LEISTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Hello everyone, we hope that you are all enjoying the better weather, long days, the birdsong and colours and smells of the flowers and nature.

We held our AGM on 29th April, and it seems unbelievable that we have been operating now for 8 years! Over the year from March 2025 - 26, we carried out 315 activities including 50 social visits and 100 trips to collect medication or emergency shopping. Some of the things we do may seem small in comparison with the big projects that get a lot of publicity, but to the individuals we help they are very important. The total number of activities also includes the regular gatherings of the allotmenters, either at the allotment or at Coffee Link in the Co-op, although the figure is actually much higher as it doesn't include all the extra time people have given to jobs such as watering, trips to the recycling centre and feeding the birds.

We had some volunteers from Sizewell join the allotment, on their Volunteer Day – this was really helpful as they could carry out tasks that our volunteers don't have time to do, or heavier tasks which are difficult for our volunteers.

We now have a Facebook page – Leiston Good Neighbour Scheme – so please take a look. We think it will be particularly helpful for relatives who live a long way away and want to know what services are available for their loved ones in this area.

Just to remind you all that the Leiston Good Neighbour Scheme covers Leiston, Sizewell and Knodishall.

Our small group of volunteers can provide help like:

- Meeting up for a chat
- Telephone support
- Helping to fill in forms
- Giving information about other services and facilities locally
- Helping people who are temporarily having difficulties getting out, for example collecting a prescription, or a small amount of emergency shopping

Anyone is welcome to join the Community Allotment on a Wednesday morning and have a coffee, tea and biscuits, to see what goes on. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you would like more information on how you could help, please contact us (details below).

Our hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm – we do not cover weekends, although we do have an answerphone, so you can ring out of hours and we will get back to you on the next working day.

If you would like any help, or you know someone who might benefit please contact us: Tel: 07724 777465 or email [leistongoodneighbour@gmail.com](mailto:leistongoodneighbour@gmail.com)

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Trading Standards services are provided by local authorities, but contact the Citizens Advice consumer service.

(Contact details above) which will pass the matter on to the local Trading Standards office. They will use your information to decide if they will investigate and will only contact you if they need further details.

Trading Standards may also investigate a business if you have been scammed; if the business tried to stop you using your legal rights; they weren't clear about price or extra costs; they sold products to people who looked underage without asking for ID), or they undertook work that wasn't carried out properly.

For further information about Trading Standards, see <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards/>

Contact us about this or any issue through our website: [www.caes.org.uk](http://www.caes.org.uk) email-service. You can also phone us on 0808 278 7866 (lines open 10-2 Mon-Fri). Our website also gives details of our drop-in outreach sessions and how to make an appointment at one of our offices.

## LEISTON ALLOTMENT HOLDERS & GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

June is the month to complete 'half done' jobs in the garden, which can mean extra work with the hoe and secateurs. Watering in dry spells is important. Replace salad crops spoiled by slugs. 21st June is the longest day, which also means onion plants will now stop producing leaves and divert their energy into swelling the bulbs.

**Vegetables:** Outdoor tomatoes can now be planted in a warm sheltered position. Sow maincrop carrots and make sure peas have necessary supports. '*Tip out*' broad beans to lessen blackfly and continue to earth up potatoes. First thinning of such crops as beetroot and carrots can now be done. Potatoes and tomatoes can both be subject to blight, so try not to go from potatoes to tomatoes, as it can easily be transferred.

**Fruit:** Summer prune gooseberries, and tie in blackberry canes. Feed fruit trees and continue with harvesting of strawberries.

**Greenhouse:** Tomatoes start to feed once bottom truss has set, keep removing side shoots. Water regularly to avoid problems of blossom end rot. Tie in plants as they grow. Keep greenhouse well-ventilated on warm days, as rising temperatures can damage young plants. If not done yet, consider applying shading with 'whitewash' type or netting. This must be done on the outside to reduce the heat getting inside.

**Lawns:** Feed, spike, repair patches, scarify and mow – but not too short. Regulate height of mower blades. In drought, raise cutter and cut without the box.

**Bulbs:** Start lifting spring bulbs when foliage has turned yellow (usually near the end of the month). Store in shallow trays and dry out in ventilated shed.

**Dahlias:** Ensure dahlias are planted out by the middle of the month, stake well tall varieties. **Gladioli:** Give plants a good soaking in dry weather. **Roses:** Require attention this month. Treat with a fertilizer, dead head, mulch, and keep free from weeds. **Sweet Peas:** Spray with a mist-like spray of water in dry weather. Spray monthly against 'sap insects' with a systemic insecticide. Remove any plants whose leaves turn yellow or brown. Continue pinching out side shoots and tendrils from cordons. **Sunflowers:** Most sunflowers take 70 days from sowing, given good conditions, so work backwards from the time you wish your plants to flower. Sow directly in the ground, 1" deep on a sunny site, 3 seeds in each position. Thin out as they germinate. Plants should be grown about 24" apart. Beware of slugs.

Roderick Linsell

# PROJECT UPDATE

**JUNE 2026**

The works on Sizewell C are progressing very well and on track. We have launched a new hybrid website comprising the Sizewell C Works Tracker and causeway one that can be accessed from the Works Tracker.



This new feature will give the community further information on traffic management and road works across the East Suffolk network which help people plan journeys and further improve accessibility. The site will include an automated table of works related to Sizewell C which is updated in real time: [szcworkstracker.co.uk/causeway-one-network](http://szcworkstracker.co.uk/causeway-one-network)



Information on the business support service and tourism fund which are managed by East Suffolk Council can be found at: [eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk/business-support/resources/sizewell-c-tourism-events-grant](http://eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk/business-support/resources/sizewell-c-tourism-events-grant)

Construction works around the Friday Street roundabout and Yoxford roundabout continue with the removal of the redundant parts of the A12 and building of the footways. Once these are complete later this summer, the landscaping work will begin with initial planting of new hedgerows, trees and grass in the autumn.

At Yoxford, the similar work will require a weekend closure 8pm on Friday 19 June - 5am Monday 22 June.

In early June, we will start the next phase of the A12 improvement works. This time in Marlesford, in which a new pedestrian crossing will be built along with road junction improvements. These works will involve night time road closures and day time traffic management. The Sizewell C Works Tracker will be updated throughout the works.

The Park and Rides are open with Sizewell C workers parking their cars and catching a bus to get to the Leiston sites. The road adjustments have been completed around the Wickham Market site, and the roundabout at the Park and Ride in Darsham continues to progress with the required traffic management removed, easing the traffic flow.

Finally, the Two Village Bypass at Stratford St. Andrew and Farnham is now in the full construction phase. Most of the works are carried out away from the existing road network, which will reduce disruption on the road network. The new works compound that will be accessed from the A12 is now operating and the speed limits along the A12 have now returned to normal (30mph through the villages of Farnham and St Andrew, 50mph on the A12 towards or coming from Ipswich).

Thank you for patience during these works. To find out more about the progress of the works the next round of community forums are listed below.

## FORUM

## SCHEDULE

### Forum timings

18:00 - 20:00  
(Arrival from 17:45)

**Southern Transport Forum**      Wednesday 3 June      Stratford St. Andrew Riverside Centre

**Main Development Site Forum**      Wednesday 8 July      Leiston Town Athletic Association (LTAA)

For more information and for more forum dates visit [sizewellc.com/community/forums](http://sizewellc.com/community/forums)

\*Calls to 0800 numbers are free from UK landlines. Call costs from mobile and international numbers may vary.



Sizewell C



## SAXMUNDHAM CRICKET CLUB

Summer is here at last and it feels great to be able to put the cricket whites back on, feel leather in hand and smell freshly cut grass.

Best of all are the cricket teas, win or lose the teas make the day worthwhile!

We have a new score hut (see photo), sponsored and converted, with thanks, by local company BMC Automotive.

The first game of the season, on 9th May, was against Felixstowe & Cor III. The square and strip looked immaculate, thanks go to groundsman Lewis for his hard work during the winter preparing this.

Winning the toss and deciding to bat first Gary and Ray strode with purpose to the square. Continuing where they left off last season, they took the batting to the bowlers before Gary fell for 27. Ray and Suranga continued to score quickly until Suranga was out on 109, top scoring with 39. Following a mix up between Ray and Niraj, Ray was run out for 37. Runs continued to flow, all be at a slower rate. At the end of the 40 overs Saxmundham had scored 186/9, a competitive score.

With early tight bowling by Richard, Felixstowe found runs hard to come by but various bowling changes didn't quite work and Felixstowe pushed on with Oscar Anderson scoring freely. Enter Suranga, with some tight bowling, a hat-trick and 5 wickets, ably supported by Avi and Saxmundham bowled Felixstowe out for 150. A good win by 36 runs and 20pts on opening day.

### Upcoming Fixtures:

- 6th June: Harwich & Dovercourt II (h)
- 13th June: Brightlingsea II (a)
- 20th June: Nacton II (h)
- 27th June: Melton St. Audrey's (a)

If you feel like put on those whites and enjoying those summer cricket teas then contact Niraj 07960219653 or Gary 07891691431

Gary Butler

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In February 1959 a new 42ft Beach lifeboat, Alfred and Patience Gottwald (ON-946) was placed on station, at which point Lucy Lavers was withdrawn. Alfred and Patience Gottwald was built with a strengthened hull to withstand the rigours of beach launching across the shingle at Aldeburgh, and her cost of £30,000 was defrayed by the legacy of Mrs Patience A. Gottwald, of Southport.

Alfred and Patience Gottwald became something of an iconic lifeboat during her 20 years on station thanks in part to her prominent position on the beach, visible to all visitors and resulting in her becoming the centrepiece of many picture postcards.

She served the station for 20 years, during which time she saved 31 lives and launched 84 times. Her most outstanding rescue took place on the morning of 10 April 1972, when, in rapidly worsening weather, the local fishing boat, Ocean Pride with three crew, did not return. Concerned, Coxswain Reuben Wood and Second Coxswain Billy Burrell decided to launch the lifeboat.

At 10.05am the maroons were fired to summon the lifeboat crew, and Alfred and Patience Gottwald put out into fierce conditions, with winds reaching force seven and heavy squalls reducing visibility.

The lifeboat located Ocean Pride a mile south of Aldeburgh, and, with gusts intensifying to force nine, Coxswain Wood chose to follow closely behind Ocean Pride as it approached treacherous shoals. Crossing the Outer Shoal safely, Ocean Pride struggled on the Inner Shoal, where a massive wave engulfed it, throwing the crew into the sea.

Wood swiftly manoeuvred the lifeboat, forming a lee to shield the men in the water. Two fishermen were quickly pulled to safety despite the violent seas and shallow waters. The third man was spotted closer to shore but taking the lifeboat any nearer risked grounding. Wood, showing exceptional skill, reversed the lifeboat through massive breakers, guiding it close enough for his crew to pull the man aboard.

Once in deeper water, Mechanic Nigel Saint administered artificial respiration to the third fisherman. The lifeboat was then beached, and the fishermen were rushed to hospital. For his outstanding seamanship and bravery, Coxswain Wood received the RNLI Bronze Medal, while Nigel Saint was accorded the RNLI's 'Thanks Inscribed on Vellum' for giving first aid and artificial respiration.



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# ALDEBURGH PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

## Photoshoot 17 June 2026

The beautiful tranquil setting of Snape Maltings is the location for our next group meeting. Nestled within the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape, Snape Maltings sits on the bank of the River Alde and is just six miles from our usual base in Aldeburgh. A feast of photographic opportunities awaits us from an array of wildlife attracted by the reedbeds and river, old converted Victorian buildings and sculptures by Barbara Hepworth.

Local photographer and writer, Richard Allenby-Pratt, will be leading the photoshoot and he will help us observe and better record the things we see with our cameras and smartphones.

Richard has won international awards and exhibited his work globally.



Closer to home, Richard leads 'The Suffolk Project', a study of the East Anglia landscape and its people so he is very well acquainted with the unique and fragile beauty of this coastal area.

If you want to know more, or if you want to check for up-to-date information please visit the website: [www.aldeburghphotographygroup.org.uk](http://www.aldeburghphotographygroup.org.uk)

# SUFFOLK COUNTY MUSIC SERVICE

Next in our busy summer programme is our Annual WCIT Festival. 'WCIT Fest' celebrates a year of music-making in Suffolk schools, bringing together large numbers of young musicians. Events take place from **15 - 26 June** at venues in Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Lowestoft. Parents are invited to attend afternoon performances, giving children the opportunity to rehearse and perform together - often for the very first time.

Applications are now open for talented young musicians to join our County Music Groups, Suffolk's flagship youth ensembles offering a season of high-quality music-making. Open to brass, percussion, string and woodwind players, our County Ensemble programme offers a rich variety of opportunities throughout the year, including Suffolk Youth Orchestra, Suffolk Youth Wind Band and Suffolk Young Strings.

Participants can enjoy rehearsal days, prestigious concert tours (this year to Spain and Sweden), and performances at leading venues such as The Apex in Bury St Edmunds and Snape Maltings Concert Hall.

Remissions are available to support families who may need financial assistance, helping ensure that all young people have the opportunity to take part. To find out more about the wide range of activities available for children and young people across the county, please visit: [www.suffolkcountymusicservice.co.uk/take-part](http://www.suffolkcountymusicservice.co.uk/take-part)



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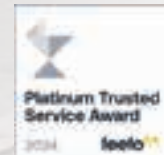
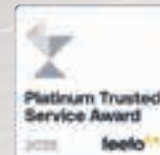
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# GOLFERS BATTLE IT OUT IN THE RYDER 'PUP'

Golfers from Suffolk and Essex are going head-to-head in a very special Ryder 'Pup' in June to see who really is top dog. While the Ryder Cup sees Europe take on the United States, this version is hosted by the RSPCA with money going to the charity in both counties. The event, on **12 June** will give golfers the chance to play on one of the best courses in the region – the Gainsborough course at the Stoke by Nayland Resort – set in 500 acres of Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The day-long fundraiser will see two-person teams from both counties go head-to-head, in a pairs match-play format. As well playing the 18-hole Gainsborough course, pairs will face other on-course challenges including nearest the pin and longest drive.

RSPCA fundraiser, Lorna Goodwin, said: *"Not only will this be a fantastic day out, players will be helping to fund vital vet care, safe shelter and rehabilitation for local animals in need across Suffolk and Essex."*

As well as an exceptional golfing opportunity, there will be a sausage bap and hot drinks on arrival, with a two-course barbecue lunch on a balcony overlooking the grounds. The day will also see a charity raffle and fundraising auction, before a final prize giving ceremony.

Lorna continued: *"What an opportunity to discover which county really has got what it takes when it comes to golf. Fingers crossed no one ends up in the 'ruff'"*

The prestigious Stoke by Nayland course has hosted multiple European Seniors, European Challenge and PGA Europro Tour events. Tickets are £200 per pair, with opportunities to sponsor a hole at the event. Registration on the day opens at 8.30am, with the putting green open from 9.30am ahead of the tee-off an hour later.

To book a ticket, sponsor a hole or supply a raffle prize, contact [lorna.goodwin@rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk](mailto:lorna.goodwin@rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk) or call 07842 93593.

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