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**TUNER** 15

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**CHARLIE THE WONDER DOG** PG

Mon 15th June at 2.00pm  
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**MY MOTHER'S WEDDING** 15

Fri 19th - Thurs 25th June

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## A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR



Saxmundham and the surrounding villages will benefit from awards from the Sizewell C Community Fund - a new village green for Westleton, Darsham Village hall can complete the second phase of their refurbishment and Saxmundham's Scouts and Museum have received funds too. All good news for our area. See page 7 for details of other beneficiaries.


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**Thursday 9th July from 2:30pm.**

All types of vehicles that were in production before 1970 are welcome with Classics parking on the Village Green. Teas, coffees, and homemade cakes served in the Village Hall. Pop up bar and BBQ. Free designated public parking in Grove Road Sat Nav IP17 1NP.

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## CLASSICS ON THE GREEN

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## FRISTON


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11.30am - 5.30pm**

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(last sold 4. 15pm)**

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**Village Hall open  
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# SAXMUNDHAM TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

## Town Council in Action - Current work in progress, driven by what matters to you.

May was a busy month for the Town Council, with projects progressing across community spaces, the environment and long-term planning.

The Annual Town Meeting brought together residents, councillors and local organisations for an evening focused on the issues shaping the town. The meeting is an important opportunity for residents to hear updates, ask questions and engage directly with local representatives and community groups. This year's event also included a fascinating presentation from Cotswold Archaeology on discoveries from the Sizewell C excavations, helping connect Saxmundham's future with its rich past.

Work has also continued on the Modified Neighbourhood Plan, helping ensure local priorities are reflected in future development. In preparation for the forthcoming South Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhood outline planning application, the Town Council has been working closely with Benhall and Sternfield Parish Council ahead of a joint public meeting on **Tuesday 9 June** at the Market Hall. The event will give residents the opportunity to better understand the planning process, hear key concerns raised by both Councils, and ask questions about issues that matter to them.

The Town Council has also submitted a funding application to Anglian Water's Thriving Communities Fund for a rainwater harvesting scheme at the Town House. If successful, the project would help supply water for hanging baskets and pollinator-friendly planting while reducing costs and easing pressure on drainage infrastructure. The scheme reflects the wider environmental approach taken across the town, including the use of reservoir planters to conserve water, peat-free compost and bark mulch to retain moisture while creating habitat for beneficial insects such as beetles and spiders. Planting schemes are also carefully chosen to support pollinators and encourage biodiversity throughout Saxmundham.

Elsewhere, practical improvements continue across the town. The teen shelter is set to be relocated beside the skate park following discussions with Young People Taking Action, creating a more suitable social space for young people.

Refurbishment work at the Market Hall has also progressed, helping preserve one of Saxmundham's most valued community buildings.

## Local Highlights - People and projects shaping Saxmundham

Community spirit has been on full display across Saxmundham in recent weeks.

Sunday Social at the Market Hall was a great success, with residents enjoying an evening of Thai food, live music and conversation. The event showcased the Market Hall's potential as a welcoming community venue and reflected the growing appetite for opportunities that bring people together socially. Thanks go to The Thai, The Bell Hotel and Christy Bullen for helping make the evening so enjoyable.



Volunteers also continue to make an enormous contribution to the town. BlueSpaces~Saxmundham and Green Team volunteers have been carrying out river clean-ups, citizen science projects and planting initiatives to help make Saxmundham a welcoming place for both people and wildlife.



Fittingly, June marks National Volunteers' Week, and the Town Council has been working with local organisations to collect and share stories celebrating the volunteers who generously support community life in Saxmundham.

## Community Calendar - Opportunities to join in.

Town Council Meeting: Monday 8th June 7pm in the Market Hall  
 South Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhood Public Meeting: Tuesday 9th June 7 - 9 pm in the Market Hall  
 Saxmundham Arts Fest: Saturday 13th June in the town centre  
 Saxmundham Saturday Market: Saturday 11th July 9 am - 3 pm in Fromus Square  
 Saxmundham Community Festival: Friday 7th - Sunday 9th August on the Memorial Field  
 Saxmundham Christmas Fayre: Saturday 5th December 3 - 7pm in the town centre

## Short updates and reminders

The Town House remains open daily from 9am - 5pm for residents seeking help, advice or to report local concerns. A replacement commemorative bench is planned for Chapel Road following requests from residents and a generous private donation.

The Sealink examination has now concluded, with all submitted Town Council responses remaining available on our website. Keep an eye on our social media pages and website for updates.

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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.

For more information about the fund, eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit [www.sizewellcfund.org.uk](http://www.sizewellcfund.org.uk) or call 01473 602 602.



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# FROM JENNY RIDDELL-CARPENTER MP



One issue I hear about time and time again across Saxmundham 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

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As we enter summer it's also the season of school fêtes, town festivals, and community events. This month we have Sax Arts Fest on **Saturday 13th June** and Kelsale Primary School have their school fête on the same day. We look forward to this year's SaxFest in August. I am sure there are other events too coming up that we can gather together to celebrate.

Gathering together is a great way to get to know your local community. We can spend time with people and have the opportunity to meet others we might not otherwise meet. It feels like this is so needed in our society today, so please do take the opportunity to gather together at the upcoming summer events in our town.

As a church we love our community. I believe that God has put us in our communities for a reason, to love and support them. Jesus says to his followers 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.'

*Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'*

It's through being in community, doing good, and showing God's love that we can shine a light into places that are dark in our world.

As well as being in the local community we are also our own church community. It's sometimes described as a church family. We're all different: we have different tastes, ages, stages of life, backgrounds, even beliefs and understandings. In a functioning family all are welcome. Likewise, in church we aim for everyone to feel valued and welcome and that includes you!

In a summer of gathering together why not try coming to church? Our services are listed below and you can find out more information on our website: [www.skc.church](http://www.skc.church). It doesn't matter what you wear or believe, come along and we would love to welcome you.

With every blessing,

**Dave Preece**

Rector Saxmundham with Kelsale cum Carlton

**Tuesday 2nd June: 10:30am** reflective Holy Communion in St John's, Saxmundham.

**Sunday 7th June: 9:30am** informal service in St John's, Saxmundham, and **11:00am** Holy Communion in St Mary and St Peter's, Kelsale.

**Sunday 14th June: 9:30am** intergenerational service in St Mary and St Peter's, Kelsale and **11:00am** Holy Communion in St John's, Saxmundham.

**Sunday 21st June: 9:30am** informal service in St John's, Saxmundham, **11:00am** Holy Communion in St Mary and St Peter's, Kelsale. **3pm** Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion in St Peter's, Carlton.

**Sunday 28th June: 9:30am** informal service and **11:00am** Holy Communion both in St John's, Saxmundham. **4pm** Sunday Mayhem in St John's, Saxmundham.

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# BENHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Squirrels have really enjoyed learning about minibeasts and insects, especially observing our caterpillars and recording the changes we've seen. We discovered that caterpillars shed their skin, just like snakes, and a real snakeskin from Miss Nicholas sparked lots of discussion about how it felt and why animals do this. We've loved learning about life cycles and have been creative in making posters to show each stage of a butterfly's life.

In Acorns, we have been busy with our learning! In English, we went on a walk around Benhall to explore the nature around us and used what we noticed to create zigzag books inspired by the book 'The Green Line'. In science, we have also been learning about microhabitats and exploring where minibeasts might live, linking nicely to our work in English.

In English, Oaks have been creating their own diary entries inspired by 'King of the Sky' by Nicola Davies. In Science, they have started learning about plant reproduction and exploring the different parts of flowering plants.

Woodlands have been exploring the theme of curiosity in English, focusing on formal writing and report writing. In maths, pupils have been developing their understanding of coordinates and translations, building confidence in applying these skills.

Our pupils enjoyed an incredible experience this month as they took part in the Mini London Marathon in the heart of the capital. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to be part of such a prestigious global event, creating lasting memories while embracing the spirit of determination, community and achievement.



Oaks had a brilliant day at the School Farm & Country Fair!

We met amazing animals, tried local produce, saw sheep shearing, planted peas and even brought back three trees.

The children loved it - huge thanks to our parent volunteers for their support!

KS1 and KS2 have been on the move this month around school, completing 2.6 miles to raise money for our chosen charity, 'You Are Not Alone'. A fantastic effort from everyone involved!

We have loved our first few sessions with 'Chance to Shine' cricket! Pupils have been focusing on developing their throwing, catching and batting skills.

What fun Oaks had at their Lego workshop! They used their Lego engineering skills to design and build motorised cars, which we then raced along the floor. A huge thank you to Woodbridge School for inviting us to such a fantastic workshop - the children had an amazing time!



KS2 have had a fantastic time in their British Cycling sessions. The children have taken part in a range of activities, building confidence and developing key cycling skills along the way.



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# ALDEBURGH YACHT CLUB NEWS

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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# ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

## Researching Your Pauper Ancestors – Clare O’Grady

At some point in their lives, many of our ancestors would have been in receipt of some form of poor relief, either from the parish or from a Poor Law Union. This talk discusses the records that you can use to find out more, especially:

- 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 consider signing up? You can be sure of a warm welcome!



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## SAXMUNDHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

At our April meeting Richard Crisp welcomed Sarah Doig to speak to us about *'Basil Brown: from Rickinghall to Sutton Hoo and back.'* Sarah is part of a group who have been researching and have produced 16 books: *'Recording Local History'* published by Quatrefoil and based in Rickinghall. Sarah used the Basil Brown Archives along with people's recollections to research his life. Basil kept many notebooks, letters, maps, scrapbooks with newspaper cuttings, diaries and photographs, with meticulous notes about his many digs.

Much of the archive is kept in the *'Hold'*, Ipswich. From a very young age Basil was interested in digging to see what was under the ground. He was also fascinated by the stars and later in life became a member of the British Astronomical Society 1918 and gave many reports of his observations. When Basil was young he had a thirst for knowledge, studied and learnt much from people he spoke to. Basil's family were involved in farming but on the death of his father he sold the farm and became a handy man, with more time to follow his love of archaeology.

Basil became famous following his uncovering of the Sutton Hoo ship. He died in 1977 aged 89. Eventually a Blue Plaque was placed on his former home *'Cambria House'* in Rickinghall.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 25th June** at 2.30pm in the URC, Chapel Road, when Richard Crisp and Rob Potter will do a presentation about the *'Old Shops of Saxmundham'*.

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## SAXMUNDHAM W.I.

At our April meeting President Jo welcomed members and introduced our guest speaker Laura Parsons - Mann from Sweffling. Laura introduced herself and her topic 'Singer Sewing Machines'. Tables were set around the room with a selection of various Singer models and a table with Singer handbooks and a variety of machine presser feet. Laura had very informative slides covering the history of the invention on the sewing machine and the type of stitches. One of the first mechanical sewing machines was patented in 1755, by Charles Frederick Wiesenthal, born in Germany in 1726. Various men tried different forms of machines until in 1851, Isaac Merritt Singer joined with his solicitor Edward Clark, and eventually they formed a multinational company to provide sewing machines. Machines were developed that could be used by tailors, seamstresses, cobblers and found to be far quicker than hand sewing. Ladies could then earn good money working at home to help family finances. Singer and Clark had gone selling machines door to door and so their business grew.

After question time our ladies joyfully tried out the Singer machines Laura had supplied. There followed a very animated time where ladies were exchanging their own stories to do with sewing machines and discussing things they had made. We were all very grateful to Laura for her very interesting and most enjoyable presentation.

On **18th June** we have 'Silver and Gemstones' with speaker Marianne Hayward at U.R.C Chapel Rd, Saxmundham

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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.

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The museum houses a unique collection of engines, machine guns, equipment, paintings, photos and memorabilia to illustrate life on the base and war in the air. The museum opened in 1997 after research involving the surviving men and women who had been bound by the Official Secrets Act. It holds a large collection of photos, manuals, weapons and sabotage equipment. Visitors can enter our reconstruction of the underground Stratford St. Andrew Operational Base. An Operational Patrol of 7 or 8 auxiliaries would have lived there with supplies for just two weeks. The Museum of the British Resistance Organisation tells of the 'Secret Army'. Had Britain been invaded, these Auxiliaries would have fought a ruthless guerrilla war.

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*"Good displays and wonderful volunteers". HM*

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The museum will be open on Sundays and Bank holidays through to the end of October, 11am to 4pm. From June to August the museum will also be open on Wednesdays, 11am to 4pm.

Groups and research are welcome by arrangement.

A shop with café serves light refreshments and there is a grass picnic area and of course parking. There are also meeting facilities, a library and archives and a Memorial Chapel.

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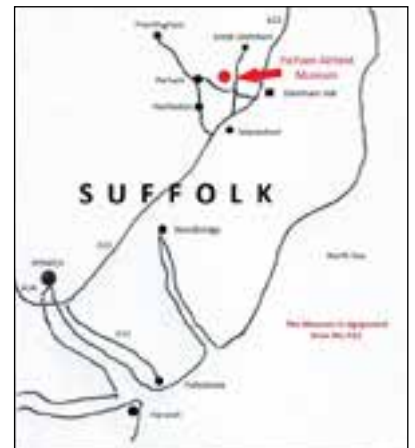


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**JUN 13 The Lettering Arts Trust Pop-up Shop and Letter carving talk.** 10am - 5pm at Aldeburgh Church Hall, Victoria Rd, Aldeburgh IP15 5DY. 11.30am Tour of letter carving in the church yard and talk; 12noon – 1pm. Drinks. Free event

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**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: minsmere@rspb.org.uk, phone: 01728 648281. 10am – 12noon at Minsmere IP17 3BY

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**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, on the door or online @ www.ticketsource.co.uk/framlingham-concerts

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**JUN 25 Saxmundham History Society meeting. 'The Old Shops of Saxmundham' with Richard Wills Crisp & Rob Potter.** We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the URC, Chapel Road, Saxmundham. IP17 1BJ. Visitors £3. Annual membership £18. Enquiries to Jenny 01728 604608

**JUN 25 Little Strollers Walking Group at Sutton Hoo.** Take your little ones for a gentle stroll around the landscape at Sutton Hoo led by one of their volunteers. Just turn up on the day. The walk is aimed at new parents and guardians of children under the age of one. Free entry. Email: suttonhoo@nationaltrust.org.uk, phone: 01394389700. 10.30am – 12noon at National Trust Sutton Hoo. IP12 3DJ

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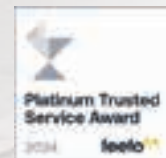
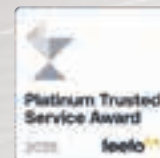





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## U3A EAST SUFFOLK

### Pirates, plastic surgery and personalities: topics for June

There's plenty to interest and stimulate in East Suffolk u3a's early summer programme. This thriving local members' organisation welcomes anyone retired or semi-retired seeking something new and/or interesting. Its motto is LIVE, LEARN, LAUGH. East Suffolk u3a has a strong following and it offers the chance to participate in more than 150 activity groups, including discussing the arts, history, science, learning a foreign language, walking, quizzing, dining out, short breaks and more. For those wanting to find out more, the organisation's AGM takes place on 8th June at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre at 2pm.

Meanwhile, the group's talks programme continues apace before the summer break.

**June 4th, 10.30am** at the Salvation Army Hall in Felixstowe: *'Pirate Radio Revolution of the 1960s'* with speakers Charles Wright and Brian Nichols.

**15th June, 10.30am** at Woodbridge Football Club: *'History of Plastic Surgery, both cosmetic and life-saving'* with speaker Andy Relf.

**11th June, 2pm** at Saxmundham Fromus Centre: *'Characters of East Anglia'* presented by Mark Michel.

New members are welcome, with the expectation that they will contribute to the success of the group. Membership is on an annual basis and gives members access to all the u3a's many activities, subject to availability and at a very modest cost. Full up to date information is available on the u3a website: [www.u3aeastsuffolk.org.uk](http://www.u3aeastsuffolk.org.uk) or call the secretary on 0300 123 3913.

### Halesworth & District u3a

On **Tuesday 16 June** at 2 pm at the Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth, our monthly talk will be *'Garden Bugs: Cohabit – Control or Conserve?'* presented by Dr. Ian Bedford, a retired entomologist, known as the *'Norfolk Bug Man'*! For over 42 years, Ian worked in plant science research at the John Innes Centre (one of the UK's leading research centres) near Norwich, where he became head of their Entomology Department. Now, apart from giving talks, he regularly holds Plant Pest Clinics at Garden Centres and national flower/garden shows and also appears on popular TV shows such as *Gardeners' World* and *BBC Breakfast*. His talk will explain the importance of the insects and other invertebrates we find in our gardens. The problem is that there are also many creatures that can potentially harm our garden plants so how do we achieve a happy balance?

Ian's talk will cover how we can effectively control these plant pests without resorting to killing them with the toxic chemicals that cause so much harm to other garden wildlife. He will also reveal some of the techniques and products to help us achieve this in what promises to be an entertaining and informative presentation. The talk is free to current Halesworth and District u3a members and for non-members, £4 in advance, or, on the door at the Cut. Why not come along early, meet with friends, and enjoy a delicious lunch in the Cut café?

Finally, as mentioned last month, our u3a is run by a small committee, we urgently need more volunteers to come forward to help us out in various roles, especially if you have IT skills. So, whether you are a current u3a member, or maybe just thinking of joining, we would be delighted to hear from you. To find out more, please send a message to Rachael De Souza via the contact page on our website at <https://halesworth.u3asite.uk>

## 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**

# DETECTORISTS TOUR OF FRAMLINGHAM

Follow in the footsteps of Andy and Lance on this charming Detectorists walking tour through the picturesque town that brought Danebury to life. This experience blends iconic filming locations with behind-the-scenes insights, local history and the unique atmosphere that made the series so beloved.

This tour explores the real-life backdrop used throughout the show. You'll discover how the production team transformed this historic town into Danebury, why Mackenzie Crook chose this location, and how the setting became such a vital part of the storytelling.

Along the way, you'll visit key locations featured across all three series and the Christmas special, hear fascinating stories about the cast and production, and uncover the real history behind the buildings and streets seen on screen.

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 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.



# 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

# ALDEBURGH RNLI

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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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.

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# 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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# GOLFERS BATTLE IT OUT IN THE RYDER 'PUP'

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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.

For more details on this event visit: <https://rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk/news-events> or scan the QR code:



Black Lab Charlie, Lurcher Bentley and Chihuahua cross Chip, all waiting for new homes at the RSPCA Martlesham Animal Centre

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