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A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR



Great news for Leiston and the surrounding area as a new College and apprentice hub is approved by East Suffolk Council, creating new opportunities for employment and training. A launch pad for over 16s on their doorstep! See page 7 for more details. A welcome asset for the town.

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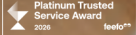


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Fri 28th Aug at 7.15pm
Sat 29th & Sun 30th Aug at 6pm
Mon 31st Aug, Tues 1st &
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ON SCREEN IN AUGUST - André Rieu's 2026 Summer Concert: Viva Maastricht. This year, André Rieu celebrates a spectacular milestone — the 20th anniversary of his iconic summer concerts on the magnificent Vrijthof square. Captured live in his beloved hometown, this brand-new cinema event marks two decades of music and unforgettable magical summer nights. Joined by his world-renowned Johann Strauss Orchestra and a vibrant ensemble of artists, André brings the spirit, culture, and warmth of his hometown to life in a dazzling new concert filled with emotion and wonder. From timeless waltzes to soul-stirring classics, this landmark anniversary concert promises an evening of passion, joy, and togetherness.

LEISTON-CUM-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL

Exciting Progress on Leiston's BMX Track

If you've recently visited the recreation ground near Alde Valley Academy, you may have noticed work taking place to transform Leiston's BMX track. The resurfacing was carried out by Jackson Civil Engineering, who are working on the nearby Sizewell C project. As part of its social value commitments, Jackson is funding and delivering improvements to this community asset. The upgraded track will provide a fun, safe and challenging space for BMX riders, scooter users and anyone wanting to develop their confidence and skills. Adding a personal touch to the project, local young person Teddy has designed the new information board installed alongside the track, celebrating the facility and everyone involved in bringing the project to life. The Town Council is delighted to see this investment in local recreation and looks forward to seeing the community enjoying the improved track for years to come.

Summer Activities in Church Square

The Town Council is working with local organisations to deliver an exciting programme of activities in Church Square throughout the summer. The aim is to create enjoyable, inclusive events that bring people together, whether through creativity, entertainment or wellbeing. Ideas being explored include: Circus skills workshops; Live music; Arts and crafts; Storytelling; Community performances; Family games; Wellbeing sessions; Quiet spaces to relax, read and unwind.

If you have ideas for activities you'd like to see, the Town Council would love to hear from you. Keep an eye on the Visit Leiston website and social media channels for the latest updates.

Love Leiston

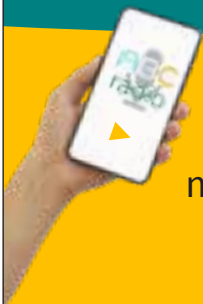
With summer sunshine making Leiston look its very best, the Town Council is encouraging businesses, organisations and residents to help keep the town looking clean, welcoming and attractive. A special thank you goes to the Leiston Community Land Trust trustees, who recently gave the seating in Post Office Square a well-deserved makeover. Their pressure washing has revealed the beautiful details of the artwork, originally designed in 2008 by local artist Les Bicknell in collaboration with local schools and the wider community. Small improvements like these help make a big difference and encourage pride in our town.



Lorry Watch Volunteers Needed

The Lorry Watch Scheme helps local communities identify and report potential breaches of HGV weight restriction orders. The initiative supports parishes that are concerned about heavy goods vehicles using restricted routes and aims to protect some of Suffolk's most sensitive towns and villages from unnecessary traffic, environmental damage, and road wear. We are looking for active volunteers in Leiston who are willing to undertake training and function as observers, recording details of vehicles that may be using restricted routes unlawfully. Reports are sent to Trading Standards, who investigate them and provide six-monthly updates on enforcement activity and outcomes. Interested in getting involved? Please contact the office for more information. Your support can make a real difference to our community. Contact us on office@leistoncouncil.gov.uk

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COLLEGE ON THE COAST

A new chapter for education in East Suffolk is set to begin after East Suffolk Council this week approved Sizewell C's plans to build a new permanent post-16 college and apprentice hub in Leiston.

The College on the Coast and Apprentice Hub will be a single, two-storey building facing King George's Avenue in Leiston with space for 150 students, 20 full-time staff, as well as drop-in space for 50 apprentices.

Delivered in partnership with Suffolk New College, the college will provide post-16 technical and vocational pathways in engineering, digital skills, business, and logistics, supporting both apprenticeships and wider workforce progression. Its learning spaces will include classrooms, training suites, technical, digital and practical workshops, and a lecture theatre.

Nigel Cann, CEO of Sizewell C, said: *"This is a big moment for our project, for Leiston, and for young people and adult learners in this part of Suffolk."*

"For too long, people here have faced obstacles to continuing their education and training, not least the time and cost of having to commute to institutions much further afield. By building a new college right here in Leiston, in partnership with Suffolk New College, we're removing some of those barriers and creating life-changing opportunities for thousands of people."

"This education campus will not only create the pipeline of talent that our project needs to deliver the best value project for Britain, it will transform education pathways in this area for generations to come."

Archaeology is due to begin on the site – on the eastern edge of Leiston – in the coming months, with the main construction phase to commence in the New Year. Teaching and training is scheduled to begin in 2027 and will expand in the following academic year.

East Suffolk Council also approved an outline application for a Centre of Excellence – a purpose-built training infrastructure for SZC's project-facing workforce, delivered in partnership with regional academic and training partners – which will be located behind the College and Apprentice Hub.

Alan Pease, Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Suffolk New College, said: *"I'm thrilled that we now have planning permission to build the College on the Coast in Leiston. This is fantastic news for our communities and for the future of skills in Suffolk. Our partnership with Sizewell C will play a vital role in shaping opportunities for local people, and we're eager to work together to meet the fast growing demand for specialist training."*

The news has been welcomed by figures across the region, including Leiston's newly elected mayor and East Suffolk Council's Cabinet Member for Energy and Climate Change.

Councillor Nicky Corbett, Mayor of Leiston-cum-Sizewell, said: *"The College on the Coast has come as a very welcome bonus for Leiston and the surrounding area. The members of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council are keen to ensure home-grown talent is at the heart of the nuclear industry here in Suffolk. We hope the college will not only provide a launchpad for our post-16 youngsters but will also offer the opportunity for upskilling and retraining for men and women who have an ambition to work both on the construction and also at the plant, once it's operational."*

"Leiston students find our rural location is a barrier to accessing further education and training, so the College on the Coast is a tremendous opportunity. We already have plans to ensure cycle routes and footpaths to the college are in place for its completion, offering a safe environment through to the east of the town for Leiston students. With a state-of-the-art new college to add to our many assets, the town will provide the whole package. Exciting times are ahead for Leiston."

Councillor Tom Daly, East Suffolk Council's Cabinet Member for Energy and Climate Change, said: *"We are pleased to see planning permission granted for the new education hub in Leiston. Sizewell C is expected to have a significant impact on employment in the area, both during construction and in the long term, creating new opportunities for skills development, training, and apprenticeships."*

Sizewell C already has partnerships and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in place with all education providers across the region to support young people to access the opportunities on the project. With the support of Sizewell C, Kingfisher Schools Trust has established a collaboration between 18 primary and secondary schools in the area. The project also provides a £24m funding commitment to enhance facilities and resources in local colleges, Higher Education, and training providers and improve skills.

Lord Vallance, Minister of State for Science, Innovation, Research and Nuclear said: *"Sizewell C is about more than generating clean energy, it's about creating opportunities that will last for generations."*

"This new college will give many people in Suffolk the skills they need to access good jobs and ensure the benefits of Sizewell C are felt across the local community for years to come."





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VJ DAY COMMEMORATION

Long Shop Museum - Saturday 15th August – 10.45 am

On Saturday 15th August, the Leiston Branch of the 'Friends of the Suffolk Regiment' and 'Royal British Legion' will be holding their annual service of commemoration at the Long Shop Museum to remember those from the town who served in the Far East between 1942 and 1945.

For those who may be unaware, the Long Shop Museum is home to a unique war memorial. There, framed upon its walls, is a Union Flag that has special significance to many men of the town who fought in the Far East with the Suffolk Regiment, and who were later taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore.



Corporal Herbie Bailey along with another Far East Prisoner of War (FEPoW), Sergeant Wilf Goddard, were both Leiston men and had been pre-war members of the Territorial Army. They were determined that the Flag should be framed as a permanent memorial to all their comrades who died in captivity and sadly never came home. The importance of this simple memorial cannot be underestimated. The Union Flag was brought back from the Prisoner of War Camp by 4th Btn. The Suffolk Regiment. Throughout the period that the Btn. were captives of the Japanese the Flag occupied a place of honour over the Altar in the little bamboo Church in Chunki (Thailand) POW Camp. It is the only war memorial in the United Kingdom which takes the form of an object from the time in which it commemorates. All other war memorials and tablets were erected later, after the events they seek to commemorate. The Friends of the Suffolk Regiment who are the custodians of this important piece of local and regimental history, are committed to ensuring the memorial's long -term preservation and its continued home in the Long Shop Museum.



We warmly invite you all to attend and share with us a moment of reflection for all those men of the town who paid the ultimate sacrifice and who never returned. This short service of commemoration will start at 10.45am with the Wreath Laying Ceremony. The Leiston Royal British Legion Band will play after the Commemoration.

10am: Standard Bearers muster for rehearsal

10.45am: Parade form up in the Long Shop car park.
Parade will be stood at ease for Wreath Laying

10.50am: Wreath laying ceremony

Leiston Town Council
Friends of the Suffolk Regiment
TRBL Leiston Branch
Leiston Army Cadets
1379 (Leiston) RAF Air Cadets

10.57am: Exhortation:

*'They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them'*

Response: We will remember them

11am: The Last Post

Two Minutes Silence
Reveille
Words from the Kohima Memorial:

*'When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow we gave our today'*

Prayers: Led by the Revd Richard Ellis

National Anthem
Parade will be called to attention
Standard Bearers carry Standards
First Verse will be played

Parade Dismiss

Note: Wreath Layers to muster by south-west corner of the building. Enter building by south west corner steps to lay wreath. Exit by East Door following wreath laying.

Mark Forsdike

Secretary, Friends of the Suffolk Regiment



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July has been another busy month at the Live Well Hub. Our Service providers are constantly monitoring the temperature to ensure comfort of attendees. Hot weather forced cancellation of some of our exercise classes.

The Sisu machine we had on loan from East Suffolk Council was used by 33 hub users to check their numbers, blood pressure, BMI and body fat and encouraged lots of conversations about health and how it could be improved. The following diagram shows 51.9% of users had not had a blood pressure check in the previous 12 months so having machine in situ for these people was valuable.

Sizewell creatives exhibition has now moved on to Snape Maltings but in its place we have a new exhibition of stunning wildlife photography from SZC workforce and Jon, one of our social prescribers. Our New Exhibition is open to view during usual hub opening hours.

Huge thanks go out to Sizewell Creatives for not only filling our corridors with fantastic artwork for all to share and enjoy but also for allowing service users the opportunity to assist in making props for their production of 'Opera - King Arthur Reimagined' held at Snape Maltings. All our service users were also offered free or discounted tickets to the performances, which were taken up by many. Some had never been to Opera or to Snape Maltings and welcome the opportunity to experience both. Well done to all involved!



We have been kindly donated some bedding plants via Sax Community Fridge (Thanks to Sax CF, Waitrose and Tesco). We are incredibly grateful one of our volunteers braved the heat to dig the bed out front and to plant them, a welcome addition, really brightening up the area as you arrive.

During the school summer holidays we are hosting Footstar's holiday activity club, open to children 5 - 13 years old (Free for those eligible to have free school meals). See poster below for details and drop guy.hayes@footstars.org.uk an email to book on.

Also in August we welcome back Future Female Society with a Spoken Word Workshop with Amy Wragg. This will be held on **Monday 17th August**, 10.30am- 1pm, all welcome, booking not required, just pop along and join in.

'Way To Go' are offering free bikeability holiday courses Please see poster below and scan the QR code to book or email bikeability@suffolk.gov.uk for further details.

We are planning to host an afternoon tea during August to raise funds and awareness with Breast Cancer Now so keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details.

Alongside all the above we will still be operating our usual services throughout the summer so do pop in for a chat!

The Live Well Hub is in the Waterloo Centre, off Waterloo Avenue, IP16 4HF (the site of the old Middle School)
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LEISTON BOOK FESTIVAL

The 2026 Leiston Book Festival on **Saturday 19th September** promises to be a day of adventure and exploration, taking you beneath the grounds, up in the air and out into the countryside. Your day will begin right here in East Suffolk, with Jacky Collis Harvey talking about her book *Thoughtlands* in which she walks familiar local lanes with almost forgotten local writers.

Other authors include Deborah Tomkins, Matt Gaw, Robert Ashton and Louis de Bernières, who will reflect on everyday life with the warmth and eccentricity for which he is known. His latest book *Smelling of Rooks* will be published a few days before the festival.



Deborah Tomkins



Robert Ashton



Louis de Bernières

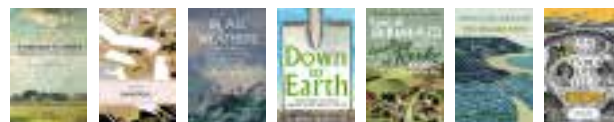
The festival, which is now in its third year, takes place in the town's Edwardian film theatre, which has 240 seats.

Last year's festival sold out, with people travelling from as far away as California and London to attend. Tickets cost £35.00 for all six sessions: <https://www.leistonbookfestival.co.uk/>

Robert Ashton



Join us for the 2026 Leiston Book Festival featuring inspiring authors whose books explore the ground beneath our feet, the gulls that soar above our heads and the weather that envelops us. You'll learn about the spirituality of walking, and Louis de Bernières will give us an insight into how he sees the landscape around his Norfolk home.



Sat 19 Sept - Leiston Film Theatre
For more info and tickets scan the QR code or visit [leistonbookfestival.co.uk](https://www.leistonbookfestival.co.uk)



THE BAND OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, LEISTON

The Band of the Royal British Legion, Leiston has been enjoying a busy summer season so far, with gigs in Aldeburgh, Southwold, Heveningham and our own Leiston, with plenty more to come.

Find us on Facebook to keep up with where you can hear the band out and about.

Following the generous grant from the Sizewell C Community Fund the band has been spending some big money on some big instruments!



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CATS IS 30 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR

CATS has been transporting passengers for decades, and this year is celebrating its 30th birthday!

CATS has previously been based out of Leiston, Woodbridge, Framlingham, and Lowestoft, covering a wide range of services for many different communities.

Last year, CATS completed over 20,000 passenger journeys and covered over 100,000 miles across our various services: CATS buses, Katch, Connecting Communities, Wheels Within Wheels, and the Community Car Service. These journeys are normally for shopping, day centres, and VCSE activities, as well as travelling to and from other bus and train services. We also take a fast-growing number of passengers to medical appointments at doctors' surgeries and hospitals such as Ipswich, Norfolk and Norwich, Colchester, Addenbrookes, and Papworth.

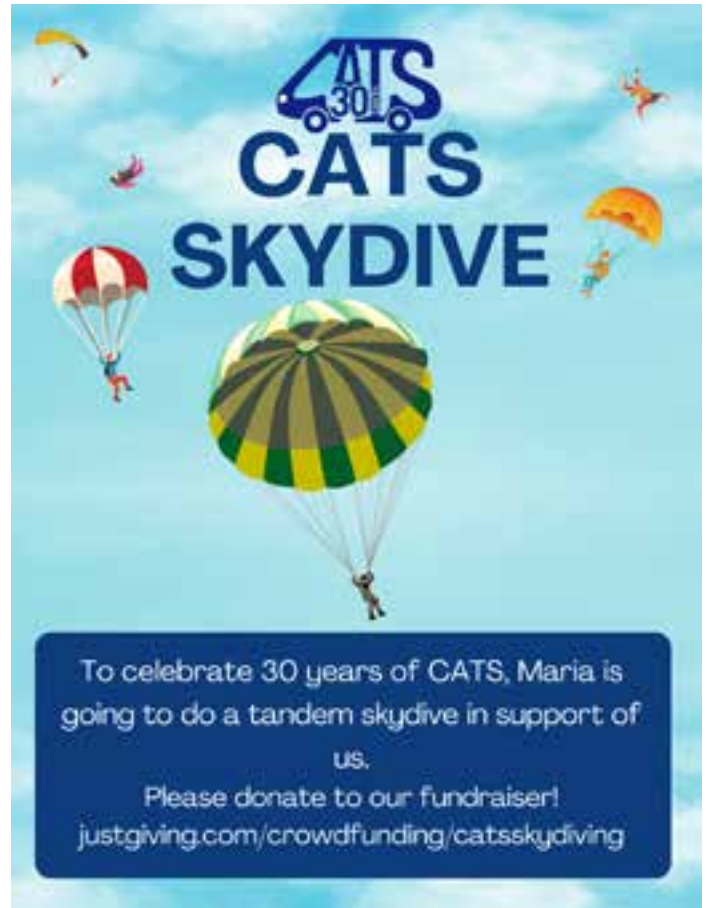
The car service has been running for more than 35 years, having started in July 1990 in Aldeburgh and Leiston before combining with the Aldeburgh, Leiston, and Saxmundham Volunteer Centre. CATS was founded a few years later by a dedicated group passionate about local, accessible community transport, led by Allan Hoffman, who himself was disabled.

CATS started off with a single minibus and, over time, grew into what we have today: multiple accessible vehicles that can accommodate both able-bodied and disabled passengers, a hybrid car, and an adapted MPV that can transport non-transferable wheelchair users in their own wheelchairs.

As we turn 30, we are so thankful to all our staff, drivers, and volunteers - both current and former - who have helped make CATS the success it is today. As part of the celebration, Maria, one of our booking administrators, is doing a sponsored skydive in aid of CATS this August.

Maria said, "I'm really looking forward to it. I've never done one before and doing it in support of CATS and what they do, is an amazing feeling."

If any users, groups, or organisations would like to sponsor Maria, they can do so via our JustGiving page: justgiving.com/crowdfunding/catsskydiving



EA GYMNASTICS LEISTON

Exciting things are happening at EA Gymnastics Leiston! Due to the fantastic support from our local community and growing demand, we are thrilled to announce that we are introducing even more classes. Our expansion means we can welcome even more children to experience the fun, confidence, fitness and friendships that gymnastics has to offer. Whether your child is a complete beginner or looking to develop their skills further, we'd love to welcome them to our growing gymnastics family.

As part of our exciting expansion, we are launching new Parkour and Acro classes. To celebrate, we're offering a FREE month for children who join the waiting list now and secure a place before the new classes open.

If your child has always wanted to try gymnastics, now is the perfect opportunity.

We offer a FREE trial session for all new children ages 3 -15, giving them the chance to experience our friendly coaching and fantastic facilities before joining.

EA Gymnastics Leiston is based at Leiston Leisure Centre, providing a fun, safe, and supportive environment where children can build confidence, develop new skills, and make lasting friendships.

To book your child's FREE trial, view our latest timetable, or join the Parkour and Acro waiting list, simply scan the QR code.

We can't wait to welcome even more families to EA Gymnastics Leiston and continue sharing our passion for this amazing sport with the local community!



PROJECT UPDATE

AUGUST 2026

We are committed to bringing 60 per cent of construction materials by sea and rail. The Marine Bulk Import Facility (MBIF) is being built in the Sizewell C harbour to accommodate deliveries by sea during construction.

The structure will extend 500 metres from the beach into the North Sea. We have now reached the sea and the landing stage is already established in the harbour. Public rights of way are open, with marshals ensuring safety of beach users and our workers.

Friday Street and Yoxford Roundabout construction is now complete. Road safety improvement works along the A12 continue in Marlesford, which includes a new pathway and signalised crossing. The western arm of the works is now complete, we have switched the traffic management requirements to the other side of the road as we build new footways along the eastern section of the A12.

The Park and Ride work capacity has now increased at the Wickham Market site with more of our workers using the site to park their cars and access our sites on

Sizewell C buses. The roundabout at the park and ride in Darsham continues to progress, with the required traffic management now lifted at peak times. We are sorry that the opening of Willow Marsh Lane has been delayed by a few weeks due to technical issues, we anticipate the road reopening by mid-August. During August the A12 will be closed at nights between The Street, Darsham and Westleton Road (10 August to 14 August, 21:00 – 06:00 and 17 August 21:00 – 06:00) to enable road improvements including resurfacing and construction of a new pedestrian crossing. Details of the works can be found on the Sizewell C Works Tracker.

The rail link works continue at pace with all track installed on the temporary rail line around Leiston, and trains beginning to run in and out of the temporary construction area. Throughout August the B1122, Station Road in Leiston will be closed to enable Cadent Gas to install new gas mains ahead of the installation of new level crossing gates. Traffic management is also required on the B1122 as the Sizewell Link Road roundabout to the site plaza is constructed.

Along the B1122, Pretty Road has now been closed throughout the construction of the Sizewell Link Road, Hawthorn Road will also shortly be closed and Fordely Road will also be closed in the late summer.



All our works and planned road works can be accessed on our Works Tracker. Please sign up to receive bespoke alerts via email or SMS. Thank you for patience during these works. To find out more about the progress of the works, the next round of community forums are:

**Northern
Transport Forum**

Wednesday 5 August 18:00,
at the High Lodge, Darsham

**Southern
Transport Forum**

Wednesday 2 September 18:00,
at the Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre

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

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



Sizewell C

KAY GODDARD – A TRIBUTE

The local dance and theatre community mourn the loss of Kathleen Iris Page, affectionately known to generations of pupils as Kay Goddard, whose remarkable life inspired a lifelong love of dance, theatre and performance in thousands of young people across Suffolk and beyond.

Beginning her teaching career shortly after the end of the Second World War, Kay built one of the region's most respected and enduring dance schools. With unwavering dedication, she travelled each week to teach in Halesworth, Saxmundham, Framlingham, Leiston, Diss and Woodbridge, sharing her passion for ballet, tap, modern, jazz and musical theatre with generations of aspiring dancers.

Kay's career was one of extraordinary commitment. She continued teaching until the age of 85, retiring after an incredible 68 years devoted to dance education. In that time she became far more than a dance teacher; she was a mentor, role model, confidante and friend to countless young people and their families.

Her influence extended far beyond East Anglia. Many of Kay's former pupils went on to perform professionally on Broadway, in London's West End, on television, in summer seasons and aboard international cruise ships. Others achieved distinction as soloists with The Royal Ballet, while many followed in her footsteps as dance teachers, passing on the values and love of dance she instilled in them.

Yet professional success was never how Kay measured achievement. She believed every child deserved the chance to discover confidence, discipline, creativity and joy through dance. Whether a pupil dreamed of the world's greatest stages or simply danced for the love of it, Kay encouraged each one with equal warmth, patience and enthusiasm. Her classes created lasting friendships, treasured memories and a sense of belonging that endured long after the final curtain call.

Known for her wonderful sense of humour, captivating storytelling and infectious enthusiasm, Kay had the rare gift of making every student feel seen, valued and capable of more than they imagined. Her warmth, kindness and high standards earned the respect and affection of generations of families, many of whom entrusted not only their children but later their grandchildren to her care.

Kay's legacy is measured not only by the remarkable careers she helped launch, but by the thousands of lives she enriched. Her influence continues every time a former pupil steps into a dance studio, teaches a class, takes to the stage or remembers with affection the lessons she taught both in dance and in life.

She leaves behind a community of grateful students, colleagues, families and friends who will forever cherish the memories she created and the opportunities she gave so generously. We mourn her passing deeply, and her life remains one of dedication, generosity, artistry and service. Her contribution to dance education will not be forgotten.

Donations in Kay's memory, if desired, may be made to the Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund, a charity close to her heart, helping to support those within the dance profession she loved throughout her life.

Kathleen Iris Page – Kay Goddard – leaves a legacy that will continue to dance through the lives of generations to come.

"Kay always believed that every child could shine. Her gift was not simply teaching dance - it was helping people discover confidence, discipline and joy. We were incredibly fortunate to have known her, and her legacy will live on in every life she touched."

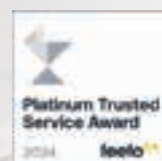
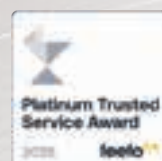
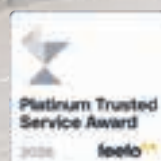
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SIZEWELL VINTAGE & CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW

A fabulous time was had by all at the Sizewell Vintage and Classic Vehicle Show on Sunday 21st - the sun shone and there was a great atmosphere.

Organised by Leiston Events Group and hosted by Sizewell Social, there was something for everyone to enjoy.



There was an impressive display of beautifully maintained vintage and classic vehicles, great live music, fabulous craft stalls, delicious ice cream, a bar and barbecue plus lots of rides and activities for children.

Leiston Events Group would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who displayed a vehicle and ran a stall, to Tim Staff and 'Handle with Care' for providing the entertainment, Stocks Fair, Lamarti Ice Creams, Sizewell Social and all of the volunteers who give up their time so that events like these can be organised for our local community to enjoy.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended - over 1,200 of you! Thanks to your generosity an additional £230.04 was collected via our bucket collection.



All of the money raised goes towards future events organised by Leiston Events Group. To keep up to date and find out more information about our future events please follow us on Facebook or check out our website: leistoneventsgroup.com

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events soon!

FROM JENNY RIDDELL-CARPENTER MP



Recently, I led a Westminster Hall debate on the contribution of nationally significant energy infrastructure projects to communities, building on my ongoing work on the impact these developments are having across Suffolk Coastal.

This is an issue that continues to be particularly relevant for communities across our area, where major energy projects are already changing the local landscape and placing real pressure on roads, access and day-to-day life.

In the debate I made two key points.

First, that the level of community investment being offered in some cases needs to better reflect the scale of the infrastructure being delivered locally. For example, I raised concerns that the proposed community investment for Sea Link - set at 0.1% of the project value and split between Suffolk and Kent - feels out of step with the level of impact these projects have on our area.

Second, I highlighted the very real, immediate pressures being felt by local businesses during the construction phase of Sizewell C.

While the community investment framework is focused on long-term legacy, many businesses are telling me they are struggling now as a direct result of disruption from construction works. I gave examples of businesses such as Theberton Lion and Leiston Refill Store, who are not opposed to the projects themselves, but are finding it difficult to withstand the day-to-day impact of roadworks, closures and reduced access. The message I heard clearly is that future benefit only matters if businesses are still there to see it.

Following the debate, I have already been contacted by the Minister and a follow-up meeting has been arranged to look at these issues in more detail.

As ever, I am grateful to everyone who has shared their experiences and evidence with me. This work is ongoing, and I will continue pushing for a fairer approach that ensures communities hosting this infrastructure are properly supported both now and in the long term.

You can read more about my wider work on energy infrastructure here: www.jennyforsuffolkcoastal.org/energy

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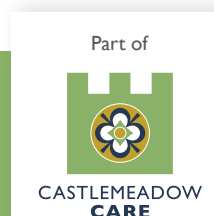
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Chris Broom, Chairman of the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group, welcomed members and guests to our June talk at the Fromus Centre, Saxmundham. Clare O'Grady Msc, QG, gave an excellent presentation to help us find out about Pauper Ancestors.

People were only allowed to claim relief in their home parish, and to stop people moving around to claim in several parishes the 1601 Settlement Act came in so people had to be legally settled and had to comply with certain conditions. Parish officials examined newcomers under oath and gave a certificate, copies of which may still be found in the records of larger parishes. Settlement examination records can be found in Union records after 1834.

In 1834 compulsory indoor relief in workhouses was created with boards of guardians overseeing them. Entry into a workhouse was voluntary and the able-bodied were set to work. The Overseer would seek to find them work outside the workhouse. Records pre 1834 can be found in the parish chest. Incorrect behaviour saw the miscreants fed only bread and water back at the workhouse. Workhouses were inspected regularly. Paupers could leave the workhouse if they had housing and work to go to.

Poor children in a parish from the age of seven were often bound as apprentices to nearby farmers or tradesmen, the agreement being recorded in the Vestry minute books, Overseers accounts or parish registers. Licences for sailors and also vagrants were held in the parish chest. Vagrants were divided into *"idle and disorderly"*, *"rogues and vagabonds"* or *"incorrigible rogues"* and information for these may also be found in JP records and Quarter Sessions records.

Clare showed us that there are several places to seek information to add to that found in the census. Local history groups or museums may have information about workhouses in their area, and perhaps you might see an actual parish chest in a church, although the records may be held elsewhere.

Jenny Mann



The Plomesgate Workhouse at Framlingham Castle

Photo: Peter Higginbotham / workhouses.org.uk.

Further Programme:

Sat 12 Sept: Family & Local History Open Day at the Fromus Centre, Saxmundham

Mon 21 Sept: *'Hands Across the Sea'* by Helen Baggott

Mon 19 Oct: Members' Stories

Mon 16 Nov: *'Epidemic Diseases and our Ancestors'* by Janet Few

Mon 14 Dec: *'200 Years of Farming History'* by Ashley Cooper



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CAMPSITE COMEDY TO DEBUT AT LEISTON FILM THEATRE



A brand-new comedy drama is to premiere at the Leiston Film Theatre in September and tickets are already selling well.

Mourning Campers has been written by Leiston Film Theatre manager Wayne Burns and is being brought to the stage under his 'Team B Productions' banner, who are also responsible for creating the venue's popular annual Pantomimes.

Set in a Suffolk holiday camp in the 1980s, Mourning Campers follows the drama behind the scenes and on stage at Archers Holiday Camp.

At a time when the package holiday is growing in popularity, what can be done to keep the campers coming? Thankfully, the campsite owner has an idea and it's now up to the staff to make it a success.

The idea for this comedy drama, which is deemed suitable for ages 16+, came literary out of the blue – 35,000 feet off the ground! "We were returning home from Florida in 2017 and I grabbed a few airline serviettes and scribbled various notes about possible characters, their mannerisms and a potential storyline to help me through the flight! These notes then sat in my box until 2024, when I finally started work on a draft script in earnest," said Wayne, who originally hoped to bring the show to the stage in 2025, but ended up postponing it, unhappy about one section of the script.

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

Wayne has been busy buying up authentic props for the production, as well as making a custom-built set. "Mourning Campers is something very different for us all and requires a different discipline from those performing on stage. It's a very exciting exercise for us and there's already a lot of interest in this particular production," said Wayne.

Tickets: Tel: 01728 830549 or visit: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk

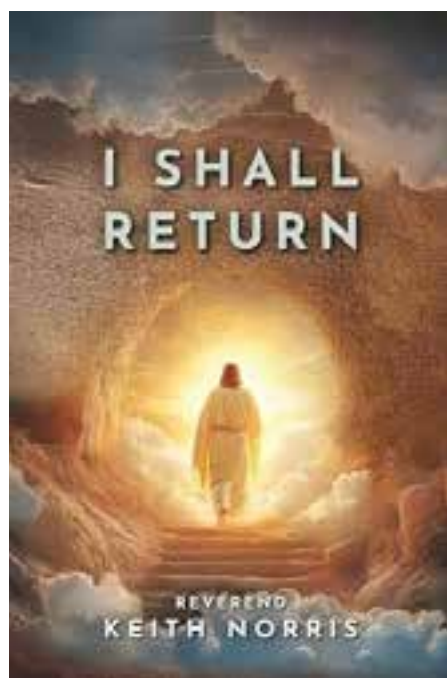
'I SHALL RETURN'

During the pandemic Reverend Keith Norris moved to the east coast of Suffolk and he and his wife are active members at Leiston Baptist church.

It was at this time that God changed his ministry from preaching His Word to writing it. Keith Norris remains obedient to God.

Eighty years ago, General Douglas MacArthur withdrew from the Philippines with a promise: "I shall return." Against long odds, he kept his promise. Two thousand years ago, the risen Messiah made the same promise to his disciples and to all who would come after them. Jesus Christ, too, will keep his promise to return.

'I Shall Return' is a Scripture-centered approach to the Book of Revelation, which gives readers meaningful clarity, hope and encouragement.



By presenting Christ's promised return as the culmination of God's redemptive plan, Reverend Norris has created a work that speaks powerfully to both devoted believers and readers seeking a deeper understanding of biblical prophecy.

The vision of Revelation ultimately provides hope. John's account culminates in the renewal of all things: a world made new, a people restored, and a God Who dwells among them. 'I Shall Return' invites readers to encounter revelation as it was intended – not as a distant or impenetrable text which is a living promise. The Alpha and the Omega has spoken; and what he has begun, He will bring to completion.

This book, 'I Shall Return' by Reverend Keith Norris is available at www.amazon.co.uk for £13.99. Also, he has a website (www.revkeithnorris.com) with more information about his next book.

CITIZENS ADVICE EAST

Understanding parking tickets.

Getting a parking ticket is annoying; it can also be expensive. There are three main types of parking ticket in England, each with their own enforcement and appeals processes. To know your rights and obligations you need to know what these are. This article summarises the main points.

Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs): These are issued by local councils and are the most common type of parking ticket, they can be given for both on-street and council car park violations. Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs), employed or contracted by councils, have the authority to issue these. If they are paid early there is often a discount but if they are unpaid after 28 days, the fine increases by 50% and can eventually be registered as debt, enforceable by bailiffs. Importantly, the registered keeper of the vehicle is liable, regardless of who was driving, though there is an independent appeals process if you dispute your liability.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs): These are issued by police officers, police-employed Traffic Wardens, or the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA), typically for on-street parking offences. Unlike PCNs, FPNs can result in prosecution in a magistrate's court if unpaid; they are also the only parking ticket that can result in penalty points on your driving licence for certain offences.

Private Parking Charge Notices: Private companies issue these notices on private land, including supermarket or retail park car parks.

When you park in one of these car parks you automatically agree to the terms displayed on the signs. Private firms can pursue the registered keeper for unpaid charges and can take cases to civil court to recover debts. These notices also have an appeals process. Note that it is important that your driving licence and your V5 form have your current address, so that you receive any tickets without delay.

Enforcement Powers and Appeals

The process for all councils is fundamentally the same.

- 1: Informal challenge (within 28 days): If you received the ticket on your car, you can make an informal challenge by letter or online at your local council.
- 2: Formal representation (after a 'Notice to Owner'): If the informal challenge is rejected, you'll get a formal notice and can make a formal challenge.
- 3: Independent appeal: If that is also rejected, you can appeal to the Traffic Penalty Tribunal (for council tickets) or the relevant private appeals body (for private car parks).

There is more detailed information on the Government website (gov.uk). Search for 'challenge a parking ticket' If you believe you have received the ticket incorrectly you will need to provide evidence that either you have paid or there was a good reason why you didn't. For advice on this or any issue you can email us from our website: www.caes.org.uk/email-service. Or you can phone us on 0808 278 7866 (lines open 10-2 Mon-Fri). Our website gives details of our drop-in outreach sessions and how to make an appointment at one of our offices.



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AUG 14, 21 & 28 Finds Fridays Object Handling at Sutton Hoo. Take a closer look at real archaeological finds and replicas of some of the famous Sutton Hoo objects in their family-focused Finds Friday handling sessions. 10.45am – 1.15pm at National Trust Sutton Hoo, Tranmer House, Woodbridge IP12 3DJ. Email: suttonhoo@nationaltrust.org.uk, phone: 01394389700

AUG 19 East Suffolk Council roadshow. Councillors and senior officers will be present to listen to local people and chat about our plans, our services and how we are looking to improve lives and outcomes not only in the towns we visit but throughout East Suffolk. 10am to 1pm in Aldeburgh High Street.

AUG 29 Seasonally-themed Crafts at RSPB Minsmere. There will be a selection of craft activities available, including paper flowers and cards. The craft activities are free but normal entrance fees apply. No booking required. 10am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3pm but you may have to wait at busy times. Email: minsmerer@rspb.org.uk; Phone: 01728648281



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**Yoxfayre returns to Yoxford on Saturday September 5th,
11am – 3.30pm**

**Locations: Yoxford & Peasenhall School playing field, Yoxford
Village Hall and St Peter's Church, Yoxford**

There will be plenty for everyone to enjoy at this circus-themed event, from face painting, a fancy-dress competition and children's games as well as a Punch & Judy show, dog show, flower show in the church and the ever-popular tombola and raffle. Other stalls will include plants, books, bric-a-brac and produce and no village fête is complete without a BBQ or a spread of delicious homemade cakes to have with a cup of tea. It is hoped that there will be organ trials in the church offering the chance for members of the public to have a go.



This programme of events is subject to amendment and additions and updated information will be sent out nearer the time.

This year's beneficiaries of the money raised by Yoxfayre will be the church organ fund and the village hall.

Yoxford resident, the artist John Craig has again designed the borders for all Yoxfayre's printed material.



Last year's revival of Yoxfayre, which had been a very popular village event in the past, was a resounding success and raised £5,500, which was split between the Townland Trust, Yoxford & Peasenhall Primary School and restoration of the church organ.

There was a flower festival in the church and local sculptor Laurence Edwards, a Yoxford resident, kindly donated a small statue which was auctioned off.

11am: YOXFAYRE opens

FLOWER FESTIVAL opens

11.30am: DOG SHOW (Registration by Village Hall 10.45 - 11.30pm)

12noon: CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PARADE (Circus themed - starting at St Peter's Church)

2pm: CHILDREN'S CONCERT (In St Peter's Church)

3.30pm: YOXFAYRE closes

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— 2026/27 FIXTURES —

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AUGUST

Sat 8	Anstey Nomads	(A)
Tue 11	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	(H)
Sat 15	RUSHALL OLYMPIC	(H)
Sat 22	Stourbridge	(A)
Sat 29	REDDITCH UNITED	(H)
Mon 31	Bury Town	(A)

SEPTEMBER

Sat 5	Emirates FA Cup 1Q	
Sat 12	Banbury United	(A)
Sat 19	Emirates FA Cup 2Q	
Tue 22	PETERBOROUGH SPORTS	(H)
Sat 26	Isuzu FA Trophy 3Q	
Tue 29	Real Bedford	(A)

OCTOBER

Sat 3	HALESOWEN TOWN	(H)
Sat 10	Racing Club Warwick	(A)
Tues 13	HITCHIN TOWN	(H)
Sat 17	STRATFORD TOWN	(H)
Tue 20	Kettering Town	(A)
Sat 24	Isuzu FA Trophy 1	
Tue 27	Peterborough Sports	(A)
Sat 31	ALVECHURCH	(H)

NOVEMBER

Sat 7	Bromsgrove Sporting	(A)
Tue 10	REAL BEDFORD	(H)
Sat 14	Leamington	(A)
Sat 21	LEIGHTON TOWN	(H)
Sat 28	Worcester City	(A)

DECEMBER

Sat 5	STAMFORD	(H)
Sat 12	BANBURY UNITED	(H)
Sat 19	Halesowen Town	(A)
Sat 26	Needham Market	(A)

JANUARY 2027

Sat 2	BURY TOWN	(H)
Sat 9	Hitchin Town	(A)
Sat 16	RACING CLUB WARWICK	(H)
Sat 23	Stratford Town	(A)
Sat 30	KETTERING TOWN	(H)

FEBRUARY

Sat 6	LEAMINGTON	(H)
Sat 13	Leighton Town	(A)
Sat 20	BROMSGROVE SPORTING	(H)
Sat 27	Alvechurch	(A)

MARCH

Sat 6	ANSTEY NOMADS	(H)
Sat 13	Rushall Olympic	(A)
Sat 20	STOURBRIDGE	(H)
Fri 26	Bishop's Stortford	(A)
Mon 29	NEEDHAM MARKET	(H)

APRIL

Sat 3	Redditch United	(A)
Sat 10	WORCESTER CITY	(H)
Sat 17	Stamford	(A)

MAY

Sun 16	Isuzu FA Trophy Final	
Sat 22	Emirates FA Cup Final	



■ HOME □ AWAY

*FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SAXMUNDHAM SPORTS CRICKET CLUB

As we move to the halfway point of the season the summer heat hasn't relented and unfortunately the green grass has turned to brown but with it the cricket has really heated up and so have the results, we won 3 of the last 4 league games, and now hold a solid 4th place in the league.

Game 7 saw a home match to local rivals Nacton. Batting first, Ray and Gary set about the bowling with a 3rd highest opening wicket partnership of 198 before Gary was out c&b 77. Ray batted on and carried his bat for 112 no. Nacton struggled against the bowling of Richard Battle (4/46) and were all out for 172.

Game 8 was another home game against another local rival, Melton, St Audreys, (bowling first). Some tight bowling by Mark (4/27) and Tom (3/54) kept Melton down to 157. In response Saxmundham made light work of the run chase with Suranga making 59no and Gary 44.

Game 9 saw a quick reverse match against Nacton. Batting first saw Saxmundham set an impressive target of 278/6 with Ray and Isuru setting a 2nd highest partnership of 214, Ray scoring 109no and Isuru 96. Nacton were quickly skittled for 54 with Tom taking 5/23.

During this match long serving club member and vice-captain Roshan took his 100th wicket for the club.

Game 10 saw a return to Carlton Park and a tough game against Colchester Cavaliers III. Batting, Saxmundham got off to a great start with Ray (70) and Gary (37) setting an opening partnership of 123. Finishing on 181/7 the total felt a little light. Colchester got off to a slow start but with a long batting line up were always in the game and reached the total with 7 balls to spare.

August fixtures

5th August: Away v Halesworth Pumas (T20)

8th August: Home v Dedham

15th August: Away v West Bergholt III

22nd August: Away v Harwich & Dovercourt

29th August: Home v Brightlingsea II

Our thanks go to our sponsors The Poachers Pocket and BMC Automotive

LEISTON TOWN BOWLS

June 28th, bright sunshine, blue sky, bowls green in top order, all set for an entertaining day of bowls at the Leiston Town club's Two wood triple Open tournament.

24 blocks competed for prize money of £360. Two sections each, 3 games of 10 ends with the winners of each section playing each other for the overall winners' prize, the second of each section playing for third and fourth places.

24 blocks from across the county competed, the eventual winners being a block from Alderton: Roy / Darrens; Richards second and third prize went to Laxfield's vocal Marcus' block which defeated John's block (also from Laxfield).

A great day's bowling, complimented by good food and refreshments from the Leiston Town Bowls Club ladies, all resulting in the club banking over £900. Deducting expenses, prizes etc. the club still made a handsome profit. Thanks to all concerned.

Our league positions are improving with new and returning players demonstrating their skills and back to their competitive best in the Saxmundham Leagues. Leiston A are second - two points adrift of the top, Leiston B in Sax 2 again second but with a game in hand. In the Woodbridge league (with two games in hand), we are third (only 6 points adrift). In the 3 wood Fynn we are comfortably mid table at fifth.

Last but not least, in the Bob Wright, we ensure every bowler gets at least one game a week and whilst we are second from bottom our losses are rarely more than five shots a game, showing we are always competitive.

Here's hoping the season continues with its improved weather and we are looking forward to our second tournament - the 3 wood Pairs on September 3rd. There may be still spaces for entering a block, please contact the secretary Richard.

Keep on bowling, see you on the green.

Ditcher

BAWDSEY RADAR

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

Over the school summer holidays we will again be running our Spy Trail. Learn how to become a spy and how to communicate covertly.

The virtual reality Climb the Radar Tower will also be available on **16th August**.

Amateur radio station GB2BRS will be operational again on **Sunday 30th August**. Come and say hello to the world or perhaps listen to the Universe with a radio telescope!

On the Bank Holiday **Monday, 31st August**, there will be an opportunity to join members of the Orwell Astronomical Society looking at the Sun safely with special telescopes.

Further details of all our activities may be found on our website: www.bawdseyradar.org.uk

RUNNING IN THE FAMILY - THE SAXONS 5 MILE RACE

This year's 5 mile race at the Saxmundham Running & Fitness Club will be a family affair - the current Race Director, Tina Church - has three sons and a daughter who have all been part of the club, along with other relatives. Tina's son-in-law, James Wilson, is Head Coach at the club and even his son Harley, aged 5, now takes part in the junior fun run on race day.



Race Director Tina Church (front row, second from left) with some of the Saxons at Sizewell Parkrun

Registration is now open for the 2026 race, which takes place on **Sunday, 4th October**.

Tina first got involved with the Saxons in 2012, supporting her eldest son Jake when he joined the club. Jake's older sister Shannen, who is now married to Head Coach James, was also a member.

"I joined because Jake needed an adult to accompany him as he was only 15 at the time," Tina says. "It soon took over from football, and as time has gone on the club has just become more and more a part of our family."

As well as acting as Race Director this year, Tina is also the club's Secretary and a member of its coaching team. Her youngest son Kyle will play a key part on race day:

"Kyle will be Sign Co-ordinator, Car Park Marshal, lead bike and anything else I can put his way!" Tina says.



James and Kyle have both represented Suffolk in inter-county championships, as has Tina's second son, Aiden. It would be hard to imagine the Saxons without the extended Church family!

The Saxons 5 Mile Race takes place at the Saxmundham Running & Fitness Club, Carlton Park, Saxmundham, IP17 1AT. The adult race is open to runners aged 15 and over and is a chip timed, multi-terrain run on sports field, footpaths and off-road, fully marshalled and sign posted. There will be winners' prizes and every finisher will receive a memento.

The Junior Fun Run starts at 10.15 am and is one lap of the field (1km) for ages 8 and under, or two laps of the field (2km) for ages 9 - 14. Entry for the Junior Fun Run is £3 – registration and payment will be cash only on the day. All finishers in the junior fun runs will receive medals.

The Saxons would like to thank all the 2026 race sponsors including My Mortgage Planner, Marshall and Lilley Opticians, Fairweather Law, Flick & Son, The Poacher's Pocket, Fuller Fencing Ltd, Stay in Suffolk, Christies Care, Footsure Podiatry, Wag & Bone, Deben Physio and Reydon Garage Services.

Andrew Lamb, business owner and optician of Marshall & Lilley, said:

"At Marshall & Lilley we are proud to sponsor the Saxmundham Running & Fitness Club in all they are doing to promote local health. Everything done to improve general health will have a positive impact on social wellbeing and the health of the eyes."

Peter Crawley, Director of My Mortgage Planner, said: *"The Saxons Five Mile Race is a fantastic community event and I see running as a brilliant way to bring people together - regardless of ability or experience. That's one of the things I love most about the sport; it's inclusive, accessible, and encourages everyone to challenge themselves in a supportive environment. I'm really looking forward to being there with my family and colleagues, soaking up the atmosphere and supporting everyone taking part. It promises to be a fantastic community event and we're proud to support something so positive in the local area."*

For more information on The Saxons 5 Mile Race visit <https://thesaxons.org.uk/5-mile-race/>



LEISTON ALLOTMENT HOLDERS & GARDENERS ASSOCIATION - AUGUST

August is the time to harvest the rewards of your hard work and gardening skills. It is also a good month to take root cuttings of shrubs, geraniums and fuchsias, to name but a few. Clear any spent crops as soon as the last harvest is made. Lightly cultivate the vacant soil and mulch to help prevent weed growth. Alternatively, sow a crop of 'green manure' which will also prevent weed growth, while giving something back to the soil.

Vegetables: Begin to lift onions for winter storage. Keep harvesting all crops as they mature, beetroot can get woody and tasteless if allowed to get too large. Plant out the remainder of any spring brassicas, also make sure established sprouts have a little soil drawn around the base of the stem. Keep well firmed in to prevent winter wind damage.

Harvest second early potatoes as required. It's not too late for sowings of lettuce, these can be useful for autumn salads. Keep a careful look out for potato blight making an appearance.

Fruit: Stop harvesting rhubarb at the end of the month, to allow 'crowns' to buck up for next year. Finish pruning on trained apples and pears, and prune blackcurrants by removing any branches that carried fruit this year. Reduce side shoots on redcurrants / white currants by two thirds. Pick loganberries only when ripe (dark crimson), and when harvesting has finished, cut out shoots.

Greenhouses: These will benefit from a little ventilation overnight, then full ventilation as soon as morning temperatures lift.

Continue watering, feeding, and tying up of tomatoes and cucumbers, as necessary. If nights are extra warm, leave a vent open to prevent condensation.

Dahlias: Feed with a liquid fertilizer, and keep plants carefully tied to avoid wind damage; **Roses:** Remove blooms as they fade. Do not apply rose fertilizer this month, as this can encourage late 'soft growth', which will not mature before winter. If greenfly appears, spray with a systemic rose insecticide.

Hedges: Continue to trim fast growing hedges, hoe and weed at the bottom.

Herbs: Water your herbs first thing in the morning, NOT in the evening. If you send your herbs to bed wet, they will sulk!

Roderick Linsell

RNLI ALDEBURGH OPEN DAY & STREET FAIR

Saturday 29th August at Crag Path and the Lifeboat Station from 10am - all welcome - FREE!

Pop to Crag Path on the Saturday of August Bank Holiday and support your local lifeboat station. The Fundraising Guild will hold their regular Street Fair in the morning with various stalls, raffles and refreshments. Throughout the day, the volunteers from RNLI Aldeburgh will be welcoming you into the station for their annual Open Day.

Meet the two lifeboats – the Atlantic 85, Ralph, and the D-class, Susan Scott; and the launch vehicles – the amphibious Talus tractor, Bobcat and L200. Tour around the station, visit the Crew Room and learn a little of their 200-year history. Come along and ask your questions, sign up to join or share your link to the lifeboat family.

If you can't make it on Saturday 29 August, the Lifeboat station is open every Saturday from 10.30am to 4pm. Pop in and meet Ralph, the Atlantic 85 lifeboat and read the station history in boards around the boat hall.

Brew with the Crew – on the last Saturday of every month you can chat with volunteer crew members over a cuppa. Check social media for timings.

Please be aware that all training exercises, station drop in and Brew with the Crew are subject to operational requirements. Follow RNLI Aldeburgh on social media for dates and time of Brew with the Crew, planned training exercises and to learn more about their history.

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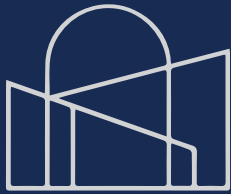
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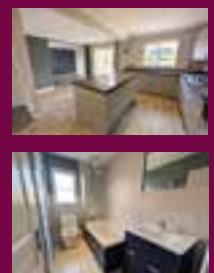
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