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A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR



The Town council is inviting residents to prepare in the event of a local emergency, not to alarm anyone of course but an Emergency Plan for the town will be in place just in case anything untoward should happen - fires and floods being more prevalent now. See page 5 for more details and reassurance.

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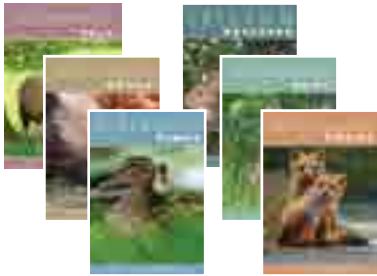
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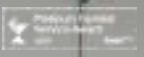
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at Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Saturday 28th November at 7pm

Following their sell-out performance of Messiah at Snape Maltings Concert Hall last year, **ALDEBURGH MUSIC CLUB** return to Snape on 28th November with another great choral masterwork for Christmas, J.S. Bach's **CHRISTMAS ORATORIO**.

Written in 1734, the Oratorio tells the story of Christmas - the birth of Jesus in a manger, the announcement of the birth by the Angels, the visit of the shepherds, and the arrival of the Wise Men with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Telling this eternal story, the choir will be accompanied by the Suffolk Baroque Players, and conducted by their musical director, Tom Appleton, with a great line up of professional soloists - Elenor Bowers-Jolley (soprano), Diana Moore (mezzo soprano), Jonathan Hanley (tenor) and Mark Saberton (bass).

Tickets for the concert, which starts at 7pm, are available from Snape Maltings Box Office, or online at : www.brittenpearsarts.org.

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FROM ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Helping Aldeburgh prepare for an Emergency – a little preparation goes a long way

Aldeburgh Town Council is encouraging residents to take a few simple steps to make sure they are prepared should an emergency affect the town.

Emergency planning is simply about thinking ahead, knowing where to find reliable information and making sure you have a few essentials available should you ever need them. To make this easier, the Town Council website now brings together Aldeburgh's Town Emergency Plan information, useful emergency contacts and links, advice on preparing at home, information about alerts and Priority Services Registers, and opportunities for residents to tell the Council if they could help – or may need additional help – during an emergency.

Why does Aldeburgh need an Emergency Plan?

Living by the sea is one of the things that makes Aldeburgh such a special place, but our coastal location also means the town can be affected by flooding and tidal surges, severe storms and extreme weather. Other incidents, such as a major fire, prolonged power cut, loss of water or another disruption to essential services, could also affect the community. In a significant emergency, roads and services could be disrupted and some areas of the town may temporarily become more difficult to access. While emergency services and other agencies would respond to a major incident, being prepared at an individual and community level can make an important difference.

A few simple preparations

Government emergency preparedness advice encourages households to consider how they would manage during a temporary disruption to everyday services. It doesn't need to be complicated. Would you know where to find a torch if the electricity suddenly went off? Is it charged, or do you have spare batteries? Do you have a charged power bank? Are important telephone numbers easily accessible if your mobile phone cannot connect to the internet?

It is also worth considering whether you have essential medication and basic supplies readily available, along with some food that does not require cooking. Government preparedness guidance recommends keeping around three days of essential supplies, including approximately three litres of drinking water per person per day – nine litres per person for three days, with additional water where possible for cooking and hygiene. There is no need to rush out and buy everything at once. Adding an occasional extra tin, bottle of water, packet of batteries or other useful item to the shopping can gradually create a small emergency supply at home without significant expense. Hopefully, it will spend most of its life sitting untouched in a cupboard – and that would be a very good outcome! But if it is ever needed, a little preparation could make an unexpected situation considerably easier.

Sign up for alerts

Residents are also encouraged to make use of the official warning and information services available. The Town Council website provides links to useful services covering areas such as weather warnings, flooding and power interruptions, helping residents receive reliable information when conditions or circumstances change. Eligible residents should also consider registering with their utility providers' *Priority Services Registers*. These schemes can provide additional support to people who may need extra assistance during interruptions to services.

Could you help Aldeburgh in an emergency?

One of Aldeburgh's greatest strengths is its community. The Town Council is keen to hear from residents who would be willing to volunteer their support should the Aldeburgh Town Emergency Plan ever need to be activated. Depending on the circumstances, additional local assistance could be invaluable. Having a list of people who are happy to be contacted means the Council can better understand what community support may be available if it is required.

Residents who would be willing to help can complete the Emergency Volunteer form on the Town Council website and have their details added to the emergency volunteer database. Please click on the Emergency Town Page and scroll down to the section for volunteering. Registering does not mean someone must always be available. It simply lets the Council know that they may be willing and able to assist if contacted.

Would you need additional help?

Just as importantly, the Council would like to hear from Aldeburgh residents who may require additional or priority assistance during an emergency. This might include someone with a disability, reduced mobility, accessibility needs, a health condition or other circumstances that could make it more difficult for them to manage or leave their home during an emergency. Residents can use the website to let the Council know that they may need additional support and provide relevant information to help with emergency planning. Knowing in advance where additional assistance might be required can help the town to be better prepared and support those who may need it most. To let us know, please click on the Emergency Town Page and scroll down to the section for needing Priority Assistance.

Emergency planning is not about expecting the worst. It is about making sensible preparations for situations that we all hope will never happen. If those who are able to prepare independently take a few straightforward steps now, it also helps ensure that available resources can be focused on members of the community who genuinely need additional assistance during an emergency.

Please take a few minutes to visit the Aldeburgh Town Council website, read the Town Emergency Plan information, follow the useful links, register for relevant alerts and consider whether your household has the basic supplies it might need. A few minutes spent preparing today could make a considerable difference tomorrow. Be informed. Be prepared. Help Aldeburgh be ready.

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ALDEBURGH LIFEBOAT YOUTH ACTIVITY SCHEME

Charlie is the first recruit on Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station's Youth Activity Scheme, having joined in April 2026. This initiative gives local young people, aged 16 to 18, the opportunity to take part in the activities at Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station, generating an interest and aiding the transition to join the volunteer crew when they reach the age of 18. Under the scheme the youth volunteers can undertake a limited number of tasks in support of lifeboat operations. Charlie has been assisting and learning about the launch and recovery of Aldeburgh's Atlantic 85, Ralph and our inshore lifeboat, Susan Scott at Thursday evening and Sunday morning training exercises. Charlie has witnessed helicopter operations at a joint training exercise with HM Coastguard. He has spent a training session in the cab of the Talus, the amphibious tracked launch vehicle, to see the tractor driver's role up close. Charlie has learnt about the Personal Protective Equipment both afloat and on shore and assists with the post recovery checks done by the boat crew and shore crew. He has undertaken some of the shore crew training, including learning the nine knots of which the crew have to be proficient.

All being well, in June next year on Charlie's 18th birthday, he will join as volunteer and will commence his boat crew training having obtained the basics as a youth activity volunteer. If you are aged 16 – 18 and want to join the Youth Activity Scheme at Aldeburgh lifeboat station, please send your contact details to linda_hall@rnli.org.uk

If you are aged 18 – 70 and would like to join the Aldeburgh Lifeboat crew please visit: rnli.org/support-us/volunteer/volunteering-opportunities or pop to the beach on a Sunday morning (launch approximately 9am) and have a chat with the shore crew.

Jo Litt
Volunteer Press Officer



Charlie. Photo: Susie Potter

RNLI collections: The Aldeburgh & District RNLI Guild wishes to thank all those who contributed most generously Aldeburgh Beach Collection on Carnival Day, Monday 17th August 2026. The total amount raised was **£1197.99** and on Saturday 29th August at the Street Fair & Open Day where the total amount raised **£1850.09**. The organisers would like to thank all who helped and worked so hard to achieve this result.

ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On **Wednesday 14th October** local Quaker and non-fiction author Robert Ashton will be speaking to Aldeburgh and District Local History Society about his research into his next book which explores how guided by their shared principles, so many Quaker businesses succeeded.

Titled '*Custard creams, cheques and the cane furniture on the Titanic*' Robert will show us how Quaker business touched all of our lives, and how here in Suffolk, Samuel Alexander and Robert Ransome established businesses that went on to trade globally.

In this very individual presentation, Robert will explain why so many Quakers started businesses, what made them so successful, and why so few remain in Quaker ownership today. The talk will take place in the Old Generator Station, Kings Field Aldeburgh at 6pm. Doors open 5.30.



Leiston Quaker Meeting House

On **Wednesday, November 11th**, Nick Ashton will present '*The Palaeolithic History of Suffolk and East Anglia*' at the Old Generator Station, Kings Field, Aldeburgh, IP15 5HY at 6pm. Last year the discovery of the earliest known instance of fire making by humans - here in Suffolk - made international headlines. This followed Professor Nick Ashton's earlier discovery at Happisburg, in Norfolk, of the first pioneers in northern Europe 900,000 years ago. Professor Ashton is curator at the British Museum, responsible for the Palaeolithic collections. He has been awarded the Graham Clark Medal for his contribution to archaeology.



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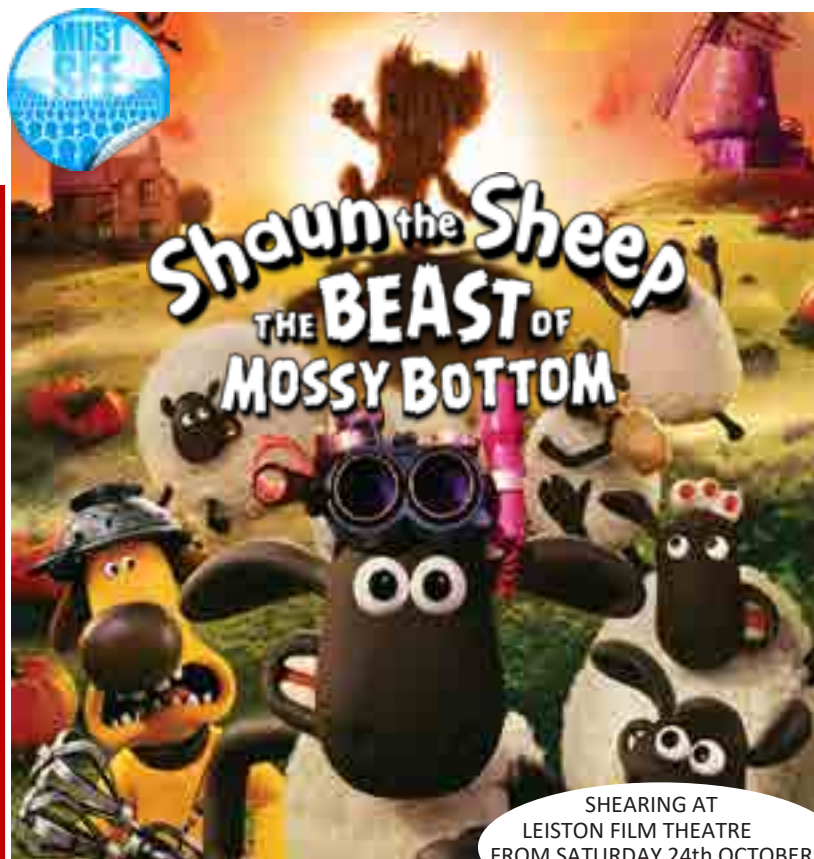
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The next meeting of the Aldeburgh Photography Group will be held on **Wednesday 21 October** at 7.30pm in the Aldeburgh Library.

This month we are very pleased to welcome Kevin Sawford to our club. Kevin is a professional wildlife photographer based in Suffolk. The subject of his talk will be '20 nature projects throughout the year'. He will take us on a pictorial journey to enthuse and stimulate our interest in nature. From in and around our home to specific projects or seasonal ideas, this presentation will provide us with plenty of suggestions for photographing the natural world around us and across the year. Kevin runs an array of photographic courses for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and at RSPB Minsmere.

He has won multiple awards in national and international competitions including the European Wildlife Photographer of the Year, Bird Photographer of the Year, British Wildlife Photography Awards and International Garden Photographer of the Year.

Kevin is one of the RSPB agency photographers whose work is regularly seen in the RSPB magazine and other RSPB literature and merchandise. His website, www.kevinsawford.com showcases his imagery and lists his current available courses. Kevin's social media pages are:
Instagram – [kevin_sawford_photography](https://www.instagram.com/kevin_sawford_photography)
Facebook – Kevin Sawford Photography

We are a friendly group and we are keen to welcome everyone from beginners to experienced photographers, from users of smartphones to the latest DSLRs.

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On the 50th Anniversary of Britten's death (4 December), Britten Pears Arts stages a weekend of events honouring his life, music and legacy. Highlights include performances of his *Lachrymae*, *Saint Nicolas* and *Oboe Quartet*, together with a special study morning and an opportunity for a moment of stillness and reflection with a Remembrance service at Aldeburgh Church.

Timothy Ridout and James Baillieu: These two outstanding artists perform Schubert's popular *Arpeggione Sonata* and Britten's *Lachrymae*, plus variations upon music by John Dowland. Also on the programme is Schubert's *Sonatina No.1*. (4 December, 12pm, Britten Studio).

Guy Johnston and Melvyn Tan: Cellist Guy Johnston and pianist Melvyn Tan give a recital featuring Britten's *Cello Sonata*, together with Mendelssohn's passionate second sonata. The programme also includes Beethoven's *Sonata No.4*, and a new work from Matthew Kaner. (4 December, 7pm, Britten Studio).



Guy Johnston

Study Morning with Dr Lucy Walker: Join writer, researcher and speaker Dr Lucy Walker, an expert on the life and works of Benjamin Britten. Lucy is joined in conversation by mezzo-soprano **Alice Coote**, who discusses the impact that Britten's music has had on her, and in performance and discussion by violist **Timothy Ridout** (5 December, 11am, Britten Studio).

Winterreise: Mezzo-soprano **Alice Coote** and pianist **Christian Blackshaw** perform one of the great song cycles, Schubert's *Winterreise*. Exploring sorrow, longing and existential reflection, Schubert's song cycle shows his mastery of transforming poetry into music, combining them into an art form of intense emotional resonance (5 December, 4pm, Britten Studio).

Saint Nicolas: Britten Sinfonia, BBC Singers, Britten Pears Chamber Choir and London Youth Choir (LYC Boys) combine under the baton of **Owain Park**, to tell the tale of the saint that inspired Santa Claus. Also on the programme is Britten's tribute to fellow composer and his teacher, Frank Bridge, and Arvo Pärt's moving tribute to Britten (5 December, 7pm, Snape Maltings Concert Hall).

Britten Oboe Quartet: Oboist **Nicholas Daniel** opens with Britten's *Phantasy Quartet*. He is joined by **Jaqueline Shave** (violin), **Judith Busbridge** (viola) and **Caroline Dearnley** (cello). The programme also includes Mozart's *Oboe Quartet* plus two more recent compositions – Huw Watkins' *Oboe Quartet*, which will receive its premiere this summer, and Jacqueline Shave's haunting and thought-provoking take on traditional tunes (6 December, 12pm, Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh).

A Celebration of **East Anglia's Young Musicians:** Celebrate the next generation of musical talent in this inspiring end-of-term performance by some of Suffolk's finest young musicians (6 December, 7pm, Snape Maltings Concert Hall).

Britten Canticles: The following weekend, Britten's haunting *Canticles* are performed by a superb roster of singers and instrumentalists including **Allan Clayton** (tenor), **Iestyn Davies** (countertenor), **Peter Brathwaite** (baritone), **James Baillieu** (pianist), **Olivia Jageurs** (harp) and **Richard Watkins** (horn). These works were written for Britten's partner, Peter Pears and close collaborators, and are intimate and spiritually charged, reflecting Britten's interests in poetry, religion and the human condition, together charting his musical evolution over an almost thirty-year period (12 December, 7pm, Snape Maltings Concert Hall).



East Anglia's Young Musicians

A Christmas Miracle: 20 and 21 November

A Christmas Miracle is a once in a generation new opera by Master of The King's Music **Errollyn Wallen** inspired by Britten's unrealised community opera *A Christmas Sequence*. A dramatic story of lives that transcend time and generations with much-loved Christmas carols for everyone to sing along with. Described by the composer as an "all-embracing musical adventure", *A Christmas Miracle* sees Britten's plans for an intergenerational performance of the *Christmas Story* come to fruition. It has been developed by **Mahogany Opera**, co-produced by **Britten Pears Arts** and supported by **Jubilee Opera** and **Orkney Music and Culture**. The world premiere performances will take place in Orford Church, where, in 1958, Britten's visionary community opera *Noye's Fludde* was premiered. Director **Frederic Wake-Walker** collaborates with **Errollyn Wallen** for the third time (following *The Lighthouse Wave* and *Dido's Ghost*) and together they have created a piece that combines high levels of community participation with more complex material for professional artists.

The professional cast features, in the role of Angel Gabriel, sopranos **Hilary Cronin** and **Emma Tring**; countertenor **Andrew Watts** in the role of Herod; mezzo-soprano **Idunnu Münch** as Melchior, **Robert Gildon** as Balthasar and actor/singer **Nick Mercer** as Preco/MC. Conducted by **John Andrews**,

A Christmas Miracle is scored for ten instrumentalists and will be performed by musicians from **Ensemble X** (20 November, 6.30pm & 21 November, 3pm and 6.30pm, Orford Church, Orford).

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LIBRARY NEWS

New Poetry of the Suffolk Coast

Saturday 31 October at Aldeburgh Library

New poems inspired by a historical coastal walk and writing workshop in Dunwich. With the Open University, Poetry in Aldeburgh and Sonic Wave.

This two-part event begins with an afternoon poetry-writing workshop led by poet and lecturer Wanda O'Connor, who will suggest a series of inclusive writing activities which engage imaginatively with the coastline. The workshop features a screening of *Walking the Lost Coast*, a short documentary by local filmmaker Graham Daniels about the Dunwich walk.



The evening event will be introduced by novelist and lecturer Sarah Bower and will begin with a further screening of *'Walking the Lost Coast'*. This will be followed by poetry readings from several participants on the Dunwich walk, accompanied by Will Fergusson on piano, Zoë Anderton on harp and Jason Parr on guitar. The trio will also perform a specially commissioned piece inspired by Dunwich. There will also be a chance to hear about the Open University's work in coastal communities.

Both events are free but must be booked in advance here: <https://www.poetryinaldeburgh.org/pre-festival-events-2026>

3:15pm - 4:15pm: Poetry writing workshop

7:30pm - 9pm: Poetry reading and music

Library opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am – 1pm; Wednesday: 9am – 6pm; Saturday: 10am – 3pm; Sunday: 10am – 1pm.

Please note: the library will be closed for installation of a fire alarm from Monday 28th September to Tuesday 6th October.

Activities at the library: free of charge.

Mondays 9.30am: Wordplay (Baby Bounce) followed at **10am by Stay & Play**. Babies and pre-school children are welcome, along with their grown-ups.

Fridays, 10.30am – 12noon: Friendship Fridays. An informal get-together with tea, coffee, cake, board games and other activities. New members would be very welcome – no need to book, just come along.

We have a lovely new range of general greetings cards, all competitively priced at £3 each and free parking available outside. Christmas cards should be with us by October!

Real Food Lifestyle courses:

FREE four-week courses at the library on Tuesday evenings from 6 - 7:30pm. Start dates: 7th October & 4th November. To book, email: christine.collett@phcuk.org (alternative dates at the church hall)

Aldeburgh Library Foundation

The new programme of courses and activities has been delivered locally and is now available in the library. There are a range of physical, academic, creative and fun activities.

Full details can be found online at: aldeburghlibraryfoundation.org where you will also find the online booking form. You can book in person at the library if you prefer. Do let us know if there are courses, activities or subjects you would like to explore.

Aldeburgh Photography Group meet in the library on the third Wednesday of every month 7:30 - 9:30pm. See their website for details: <https://aldeburghphotographygroup.org.uk/events/>

Are you interested in researching your family history?

Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group run monthly drop-in sessions (third Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm). Advice and support to find out all about your roots. All welcome.

WISE (Women, Interests, Skills and Experience) meet on the first Saturday of the month, 4 - 5.30pm. All women are welcome. Contact Sue Pine via the library for more information.

Public computers in the library are free to use and you don't need to be a library member. Pre-booking is advisable, especially at weekends. Call the library or book online. We have free Wi-Fi if you prefer to bring your own device.

Printing and laminating are available, also scanning to email or memory device.

The East Anglian Daily Times newspaper is available for customers thanks to funding by the Friends of Aldeburgh Library. We also have a variety of magazines, donated by customers, and The Aldeburgh Times and Gazette.

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Mediation: a better option than going to court

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Using mediation to help make child arrangements: When a couple split up, they must decide where their children will live, when each parent sees them, and how to pay for their expenses. The two parties can speak with the Mediator jointly or separately, in person or by phone or video. A Mediator can also talk to any children about what they want, if agreed by both parties and the children themselves. When agreements are reached, the Mediator draws up a document that summarises what has been agreed. This serves as a record for both parties. They need do nothing further. However, to make the agreement legally enforceable, they can instruct a solicitor to draft a 'Consent Order'. This document is then submitted to the court, where it will be reviewed and, if approved, made legally binding. For more details see <https://www.gov.uk/looking-after-children-divorce>

Using mediation to help with dividing money and property: When divorcing or ending a civil partnership, both sides will need to agree on how to split their finances. Their assets may include pensions, property, savings, and investments, held jointly or separately. Unmarried couples with children need to arrange child maintenance.

A useful resource in deciding about dividing money and property is Money Helper's 'Divorce and Money Calculator'. This gives both parties an overview of their financial situation: what they have, what they owe, and how they might split assets and finances.

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/family-and-care/divorce-and-separation/divorce-and-money-calculator?source=mas#>

As with child arrangements, the Mediator will talk to both parties and draw up a document showing what they have agreed. They may use this to draft a Consent Order and apply to the court to make their agreement legally binding. For more details see: <https://www.gov.uk/money-property-when-relationship-ends>

Finding a family mediator: To find a local accredited family Mediator see: <https://www.familymediationcouncil.org.uk/find-local-mediator/>

Charges for mediation depend on the time needed and individual circumstances but will be a small sliver compared to the thousands charged if a divorce goes to court. These two websites give useful information on charges, including the government's voucher scheme.

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/blog/life-events/how-much-does-a-divorce-cost> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/family-mediation-voucher-scheme>

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

LEISTON & SAXMUNDHAM SCOUTS

Saxmundham lost their Scout leader due to ill health so we are looking to fill this vacancy as at the present time the Scouts have transferred to the Leiston troop. We also need Cub assistant volunteers and also a trustee to join the group Trustee board to complete our governance with the Charity commission. This can be anyone not involved with the Scout group. The Leiston group is now running four sections with the opening, last term, of our Explorer Scout section for 14 to 18 year olds which is open to any young people living in the area. They meet on a Tuesday evening at Leiston Scout hut.

Our Beaver and Cub sections are also looking for extra volunteers to help or take on a leader role, just send us an email for any further information.

Through the Sizewell C contractor forum we were able to have our Scout hall painted and some minor repairs completed by the CMT Group, our thanks go to them for this work.

We also received a grant from Sizewell C, so we now have a lovely new box trailer to enable us to transport all our equipment to camps and other activities.



We would like to say a big thank you to Persimmon Homes who have made a £2000 donation to the group from their Community fund, a cheque was presented to us at their show house on Abbey road.

Activities coming up: County Thorpeness Meare day for Scouts; Link camp for Cubs and Scouts; Cub District cooking competition; Jamboree on the Air (International radio contact) for all sections. So plenty to look forward to!

For any further information please contact:

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PROJECT UPDATE

OCTOBER 2026

We have awarded contracts for the main construction works to deliver the Two Village Bypass to family-owned Suffolk company Breheny Civil Engineering, and the contract for the Sizewell Link Road to Kier. Construction of the roads remains on schedule.

As part of our commitment to bring 60 per cent of our materials to site by train and sea, the new rail line that bypasses Leiston is now operational, with new level crossings at Buckleswood Road and Abbey Road in Leiston. The first commercial trains are now starting to arrive at site overnight to avoid disrupting the daytime passenger service, delivering materials and aggregates. We will be changing the weekly traffic management update to include train times and movements, Sizewell C related traffic

management, road closures and rail movements – sign up on the Sizewell C Works Tracker.

On Sizewell Beach, construction has begun to install support piles that will hold the Marine Bulk Import Facility (MBIF) structure in place in the seabed. Onshore, the temporary sea defence wall (783 metres) is now complete, and we are preparing to begin construction of the rock armour flood defences at the southern end of the site that will enhance protection for both Sizewell B and the Sizewell C site.

The Park and Ride work capacity continues to increase at the Wickham Market and Darsham sites, with more of our workers parking their cars and accessing our sites on Sizewell C buses. The roundabout at the park and ride in Darsham is complete, with the required traffic management now lifted at peak times and all local roads are open to all traffic.



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:

Community Forum

Thursday 22 October 18:00, at the Sizewell Visitors Centre

Northern Transport Forum

Wednesday 4 November 18:00, at the High Lodge, Darsham

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.



ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Members' Stories

On **19th October** three of our members will give short talks about their research into the lives of their ancestors.

Jean Laidlaw will talk about Samuel James Robert Legerton who was the first coxswain of the Lifeboat at Clacton. He received medals from R.N.L.I. and was honoured by the French government.

Janet Huckle will tell us about 'Soldier, General, Policeman' - three people in her research. She will tell how researching an old newspaper cutting led to a story of heroic action by a family member on May 10/11 1941.

John Deans will talk about Alfred Francis Edward who died in Eritrea during the war and how John managed to obtain images of his final resting place.

These talks will take place on Monday 19th October 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 speakers will be talking to us in person. No need to book – just turn up - free for members and £5 for visitors, including refreshments. 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?section=register> and Zooming is free.

Family & local history heritage open day – 12th September 2026

We were back at the Fromus Centre in Saxmundham this year for our annual Open Day. Smaller than last year's event at the Long Shop in Leiston, we hosted nine other organisations, including for the first time: Parham Airfield Museum and Dunwich Museum, both of which produced interesting displays – Dunwich even brought fossils and a cannon ball!

This year our Open Day was part of the Heritage Open Days Events organised by the National Trust with the support of FindMyPast – and one of our exhibitors, the Benhall and Sternfield History Group, had been shortlisted for FindMyPast's 'Everyday History Hero' competition – the only shortlisted group from Suffolk! Sadly they didn't win the competition – Holkham Estate in Norfolk was the overall winner – but their display about Ted Ayden, renowned past resident of Benhall, attracted a lot of interest.

As in the past, Janet Huckle's expertise in the dating of old family photographs was popular with visitors, as was Peter Drew's enormous collection of old postcards.

Visitor numbers were down on previous years, no doubt because of competition from other Heritage Days events, as well as the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride fundraiser, on the same day, but our team of researchers was kept busy pretty much non-stop all day and their customers seemed to go away happy!

Some had even come from as far as Norfolk and Cambridge specifically for our free family history advice and have now also joined AVSFHG as members.



104 year old Manette Baillie inspecting Aldeburgh & District Local History Society's display



Friston History Group



Dunwich Museum



Parham Airfield Museum



Martlesham Heath Aviation Society

Further Programme: at the Fromus Centre, Saxmundham, at 2.30pm

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

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

Mon 18 Jan: 'Social media for family history' by Kelly Cornwell

Mon 15 Feb: 'The real Basil Brown' by Sarah Doig

Mon 15 March: 'History of Saxtead Mill' by Jonathan Sullivan

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY AT ALDEBURGH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

The League of Friends held its Annual Garden Party on 19 July, welcoming around 60 guests to the hospital gardens. Everyone enjoyed tea and cake prepared and served by Sarah Gray, Team Leader of Facilities, and her team.

Thanks to the gardening volunteers, the grounds looked beautiful despite the drought.

Local harpist Marie Young added to the atmosphere with music throughout the afternoon.

Guests also met artist Les Bicknell, who is working with local schools on artwork for display in the hospital, funded by the Sizewell C Community Fund. His creative demonstration was warmly received, and we look forward to seeing the completed work.

The League of Friends helps keep the hospital a special community facility and is keen to welcome new members. To join, please visit aldeburghhospitalfriends.org.uk.

Nina Parkinson

Chair, Aldeburgh and District Community Hospital League of Friends

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OCTOBER AT ALDEBURGH CINEMA

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June 1940. France collapses and signs the armistice. In the midst of the chaos, one man refuses to give up. Alone against the odds, this unknown general flees to London to save what remains of freedom. Without an army, without backing, without hope. But with one irrational conviction – France, his France, has not laid down arms. Taking the ultimate gamble, he seeks to convince the world that the battle for France is neither over, nor lost. Reality, however, is unyielding and seems determined to prove him wrong. Yet, little by little, resistance fighters, rebellious students and determined soldiers rise up in England, France and Africa to join the cause. Their faith, audacity and thirst for freedom defy what history seemed to have written in advance.

Daisy Edgar-Jones, Esmé Creed-Miles, Caitríona Balfe, George MacKay and Fiona Shaw star in an irresistible new adaptation of Jane Austen's **SENSE AND SENSIBILITY**: a charming, witty, and deeply relatable story of love and sisterhood.

Academy Award-winning filmmaker Alejandro G. Iñárritu returns with his original film **DIGGER**, starring Tom Cruise in the title role.



The most powerful man in the world embarks on a frantic mission to prove he is humanity's saviour before the disaster he's unleashed destroys everything. Cruise stars alongside Oscar-winner Riz Ahmed, John Goodman, Oscar-nominee Sandra Hüller, Michael Stuhlbarg, and Oscar-nominee Jesse Plemons. At the time of going to print, our October programme is not yet finalised. Please visit aldeburghcinema.co.uk for full details about what's on and when. There, you can also book tickets and easily sign up to our regular email newsletter. We're also on X, Instagram and Facebook.



HADESTOWN: THE MUSICAL: Tuesday 13 October - 7pm. This genre-defying musical blends modern American folk music with New Orleans-inspired jazz to reimagine a sweeping ancient tale of two intertwining love stories: that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and King Hades and his wife Persephone. Filmed live on stage in London's West End and featuring the original Broadway stars, **HADESTOWN: THE MUSICAL** invites audiences on a hell-raising journey to the underworld and back.

FALLEN ANGELS: Tuesday 22 October – 7pm & Sunday 25 October – 2pm. Sparkling, dizzying, and deliciously potent, Noël Coward's champagne-fresh comedy of bad manners shocked and delighted audiences at its 1925 premiere. Two upper-class wives, their husbands away for the day, share a few toasts to their pre-marital dalliances - with the same man, who just may be en route from France to visit. Starring Golden Globe-winner Rose Byrne and Tony Award winner Kelli O'Hara, with Tracee Chimo, Mark Consuelos, Christopher Fitzgerald and Aasif Mandvi, this production of "pure escapist fun" (The New York Times) was filmed live on stage at Broadway's Todd Haines Theatre.

RBO: MET OPERA – MACBETH: 20 October – 6pm. Two of opera's most extraordinary artists return to The Met: Live in HD for Verdi's thrilling take on the immortal Shakespearean tale of the scheming couple determined to seize power at any cost. Baritone Quinn Kelsey is the Scottish king haunted by the ghosts of his murderous ascent to the throne, opposite soprano Lise Davidsen as the power-mad Lady Macbeth. Met Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin takes the podium for a penetrating production by Louisa Proske.

THE ROYAL BALLET - MANON: 27 October – 7.15pm. Manon's inner turmoil and struggle for survival lie at the heart of Kenneth MacMillan's 1974 adaptation of Abbé Prévost's novel. MacMillan's nuanced understanding of human psychology makes for an unflinching look into the moral degradation of Manon's Paris, while all its decadence and decay are brought to life through Jules Massenet's score and Nicholas Georgiadis's designs.



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WHY WOMEN FIGHT – THE LONG HISTORY OF WOMEN IN COMBAT

I've been researching women in war for several years now and my new book *'Why Women Fight – The Long History of Women in Combat'* was published by the History Press this summer. It tells of women throughout history, starting in ancient Babylon and concluding with the women fighting in Ukraine today, including some trained here in East Anglia.

I wanted to find out more about women from this region who served both on and off the battlefield. Some, like Diana Youngman (nee Gemmell), from Charsfield, served as a cryptanalyst at the top-secret Bletchley Park without any expectation of glory, only sharing her story decades later. Diana's daughter Lulu recalled how her mother worked without thanks or feedback. *"Neither was she allowed to discuss the task with others. She learned to work in silence and simply get on with the job. She said it was a lonely and thankless business, but the women at Bletchley knew they were making an important contribution. That's what kept them at it."*

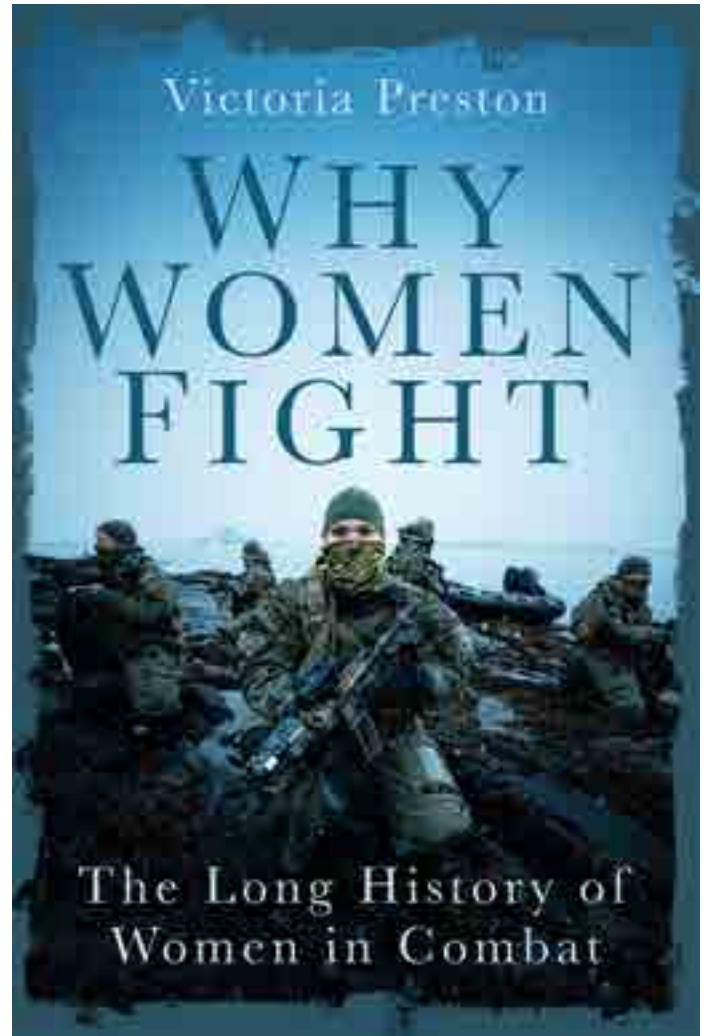
Others, like Sue Ryder, who lived in Cavendish, was a volunteer with the Special Operations Executive (SOE) in WWII and a member of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, (known as the FANY). As the FANY were not constrained by rules which prevented military women from going behind enemy lines, several worked as wireless operators in occupied France and Poland, at enormous personal risk.

Next time you pass a Sue Ryder charity shop, think of her, and of Diana Youngman and the other valiant Suffolk women who helped keep us safe through Britain's darkest hours.

Victoria Preston

Victoria Preston will be discussing the topic of women and war at the Social Bar in Saxmundham in October (see www.visitsocialbar.com for details).

Victoria will also be at Aldeburgh Book shop at 6pm on **Friday 13th November**.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCT 10 & 24 Seasonally-themed Crafts at RSPB Minsmere. There will be a selection of craft activities available which are free but normal entrance fees apply. No booking required. 10am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3pm. Email: minsmerer@rspb.org.uk; Phone: 01728648281

OCT 11 Alde Valley Ramblers. Orford, Gedgrave 7.3 mile walk. Meet at Market Hill Square off B1084 Front Street at 10am. Free parking on the streets nearby or at Orford Quay car park paying. TM421499. For more details visit our website at www.aldevalleyramblers.org.uk.

OCT 18 Flea Market. Collectables, vintage, good quality pre-loved items and affordable antiques. Something for everyone! 10am – 3pm at Westleton Village Hall, The Street, Westleton. IP17 3AD. 50p entry. Under 16s free. Light refreshments available. Enquiries: Tel: 01728 648354.

OCT 25 Alde Valley Ramblers Wenhasdon five commons walk 5.2 mile walk. Meet at Wenhasdon Village Hall, Narrow Way off The Street, Wenhasdon at 10am TM425754. For more details visit our website at www.aldevalleyramblers.org.uk.

OCT 26 Lunchtime Classical Concert Series. The highly successful Lunchtime Classics Concert Series in aid of Save the Children continues with a Birthday Concert with family and friends to include works by Bach, Beethoven and Berlioz, played by Helen Stanley (Violin) and Nadia Lasserson (Piano). Admission is free, with a retiring collection for Save the Children. All very welcome. 12noon at Aldeburgh Parish Church

NOV 4 Leiston Festival of Remembrance. Tickets £7, under 18s free, available from Leiston Film Theatre. All proceeds to The Poppy Appeal. 7.30pm at Leiston Film Theatre, IP16 4BZ.

ALDEBURGH GARDENING CLUB

There is a nasty rumour going round that we are going to have another hot summer next year so what have we learned and what can we do to prepare? Apart from the obvious - install more water butts or spend £12,000 on a borewell and hope that the powers that be don't extend water extraction licenses from farmers to we lesser mortals that is. The butts are a good idea but you need someone with two working legs and arms to use them and I am definitely lacking in the leg department. You can make best use of what watering you do by planting pots beside plants as I described last month. Standing pots and tubs in large trays also helps as water that runs through doesn't run away. I'd be surprised if anyone is still planting up hanging baskets as they are very hard work. They get hot and lose water from all sides and having more plant and less compost means they have less of a reservoir.

Mulching helps for a short time. It keeps the burning heat away from the soil surface and reduces evaporation but doesn't stop it. Plastic membrane and stones or gravel probably work better than bark and compost in this regard but it's a lot of work and keeping it looking clean is a neverending job. If you are using bark or compost you need to wait till the soil is wet before applying it or you are just stopping the rain from reaching the roots.

I already choose plants that are drought tolerant but 'tolerant' is not necessarily 'proof'.

In my garden I have various amounts of shade and for many plants shade for even a short part of the day is enough to give them a breather. Even the vertical yews cast a moving column of shade without taking up much planting space. The six foot privet hedge may seem like a boring feature of the southern boundary but the plants in its shadow only get sun in the latter part of the afternoon. The shrubs/trees with waxy leaves, my upright yews, the Osmanthus heterophylla, and of course the olive tree, don't actually seem to have noticed either the heat or the drought. Others have survived but looked a bit unhappy. The softer the leaves and the more sun exposure a plant has got the more it has suffered. Oddly, the Wisterias with masses of soft leaf are completely unaffected and have reflowered and put out the usual world-conquering number of wandering shoots. The olive, the pollarded crack willow and the dark leaved cherry (myrobalan) have smallish canopies and don't cast too dense a shade so can be planted underneath. Don't forget that any shade from the sun will also give something of a rain shadow so it has to be a balance. Leaf size and shape clearly have an effect too, the big Salvia involucrata has very large (for a salvia) soft felty leaves and needed emergency watering a couple of times. Amistad has slightly smaller firmer leaves and didn't droop but did look a bit poorly a few times; she got a pot planted next to her and got watered weekly from July onwards. Salvia guarantica which has a similar build to Amistad gets more shade each day and needed less water.

The small leaved shrubby salvias like 'Clotted Cream' and 'Royal Bumble' survived largely unwatered but did stop flowering. The herbaceous salvias with their crinkly greyish leaves survived unpampered. I can safely say that the longer established shrubs survived very well. The 20 year old 'Blue Wave' hydrangea (a cutting my Dad rooted for me), which is needless to say only ever slightly blue, is in pretty much full shade and has survived almost unscathed but the two year old mophead in a similar shaded position has looked on the verge of death for six months now.

The stars that have survived and continued decorative in full sun are Abelia 'kaleidoscope' which normally goes orange in late summer and has been orange all summer instead; Sphaeralcea incana with its small melon orange mallow flowers and the unnamed yellow and green Euonymus which is clipped into a ball by the drive. The star has been Zauschneria californica which has been a bonfire of scarlet flowers since the beginning of June.

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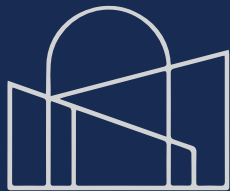
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