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I'm not a fan of Christmas starting too early but in the case of performances you may wish to attend it's a must, as tickets go fast! Seckford Theatre are presenting 'Robinson Crusoe' - a swashbuckling adventure - and the classic 'Oliver Twist' and of course you don't get much more Christmassy than the Co-op Juniors' 'Magic of Christmas' - great opportunities for some family time over the festive period, enjoy!

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Quote of the Month

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Aristotle



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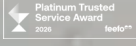


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'The Real Basil Brown: From Rickinghall to Sutton Hoo and Back' by Sarah Doig at The Quay Church, Woodbridge,
Wednesday, 4th November @ 7:30pm

Many people will be familiar with the story of the discovery of the Anglo-Saxon Great Ship Burial at Sutton Hoo on the eve of the Second World War. However, the life and achievements of the man behind one of the greatest archaeological finds of all time are less well known.

This talk shines a light on Basil Brown, a native of Rickinghall in Suffolk; his motivations, passions and discoveries, as well as his ability to enthuse others. It tells, in his own words and using recollections from local people and from those who worked alongside him, a tale of a largely self-educated farmer's son who achieved immortality in the world of archaeology.

Sarah Doig is an independent historical researcher and author. She is also a popular speaker on local and general history. Sarah has had several books published by The History Press and Amberley Publishing.

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MAYOR'S MONTHLY

Do you know what you would do in an emergency? A group of Woodbridge Town Councillors led by Councillor Adelson has developed a plan in case part of the town has to be evacuated due to a serious incident. We have been supported by Suffolk County Council's Joint Emergency Planning Unit and the plan is now agreed and available on the Town Council's website. A written plan is one thing, but it now needs to be tested and we are looking for volunteers from the community to support councillors, should there ever be a need to respond to an emergency. In an emergency situation, the blue-light services will hopefully be in a position to take charge. The plan explains how the Town Council will assist them. Our main action will be to open one or more safe places, where residents caught up in an incident can find shelter, hot drinks etc. Furthermore, we have organisations and businesses in Woodbridge who have kindly agreed to step up on behalf of the town with equipment and expertise - if needed. Being prepared for an emergency is something for all of us. Advice for residents & business owners from the Suffolk Resilience Forum can be found at this link <https://suffolkprepared.co.uk/get-prepared/prepare-yourself/>.

Continuing with the theme of resilience, Nick King from the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association used the Town Council's public session to ask Councillors to help reinvigorate Neighbourhood Watch in Woodbridge, and we support this initiative. The College of Policing tells us that crime is 20% or so lower in visible Neighbourhood Watch areas.

A vibrant area also improves connections between neighbours and provides improved connections with the policing teams that look after Woodbridge. If you are already running a Watch scheme in town, or if you used to run one, or if you would like to run one, please do get in touch to get the ball rolling. Online tools and additional support make the role an easier one.

If you are interested in becoming an emergency volunteer or a lead of a Neighbourhood Watch area, please contact Claire at support@woodbridge-suffolk.gov.uk.

Councillor Nigel Phipps

Mayor of Woodbridge

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DEBEN ESTUARY PLAN OPEN FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Deben Estuary Partnership's Deben Estuary Plan 2026 (Link to Public Consultation Draft Deben Estuary Plan) is out for public consultation until the end of November 2026. The Deben Estuary Partnership is a partnership of around 42 separate organisations and individuals working together towards **Promoting the Conservation, Protection and Improvement** of all aspects of the river Deben Estuary. It places particular emphasis on the relationship between local communities and the **Physical and Natural Environment and Provision of Sea and River Flood Defence**.

The Deben Estuary Plan is the go-to reference document for agencies such as East Suffolk Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England and others – to understand what our community wants and what matters to us when it comes to environment, wildlife, nature, heritage and culture. The previous Deben Estuary Plan (Link to 2015 Plan) was acknowledged by the planning authority as Material Consideration in Planning Matters and was approved by the Environment Agency and with the Suffolk Local Plan, was accepted as Planning Guidance by the relevant planning authorities. The intention is the same this time around.

The 2026 Plan, written by local community experts in their spheres backed up by specialist advice and knowledge, covers all aspects of estuary life and aligns closely with East Suffolk Council's Strategic Plan priorities and themes such as environmental impact, restoring ecosystems and biodiversity, working in partnership to manage coastal adaptation and resilience and encouraging food self-sufficiency – while maintaining a laser focus on the estuary.

Two chapters are particularly high on the public agenda right now, 'Flood/Coastal Erosion Risk Management' and 'Water Quality.' Not far behind is 'Freshwater Management' where farming and business depend on adequate supplies to feed the country and grow its economy. Climate change and population growth drive changes from the previous plan in the areas of 'Recreation & Leisure,' 'Landscape & Heritage and Environment' and 'Biodiversity and Geodiversity' raising questions of how we balance the tranquility of the estuary with the need to increase access to local residents and visitors. The final chapters cover 'Land Use and Agriculture,' 'Broader Constituencies' and 'Community Engagement and Estuary Economics and Natural Capital.'

Read the plan to learn more about the Deben Estuary and leave any comments by the end of November to ensure your voice is heard.

Colin Nicholson

Vice-Chair, Deben Estuary Partnership (DEP)

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A SWASHBUCKLING ADVENTURE!

The Deben Players pantomime this year is 'Robinson Crusoe' written and directed by Nikki Brown and Debbie Osborne. It promises everything a family pantomime should, romance, villainy, pirates, seagulls, and one flamingo pedalo travelling far beyond its natural habitat.

From the moment Princess Isla tries to escape the world's most despicable fiancé, Prince Leonard, to Dame Gertie with her weapons of mass dumplings searching for the treasure with her charming son, Robinson, the show sails cheerfully from one chaotic situation into another.

There are seagulls with attitude, pirates with limited counting skills and who say "Arrr" because they have forgotten the next line in the script, a Kraken monster to fight and enough bluster to power the ship without a following wind. 'Robinson Crusoe' is a barnacle encrusted, plank wobbling, joke jangling, family friendly voyage of magnificent nautical nonsense. Bring your best boos, your loudest cheers and, if possible, a pirate hat.

At the Seckford Theatre from Tuesday 22nd December 2026 to Saturday 2nd January 2027. Tickets bookable at debenplayers.net

AUTUMN EQUINOX AT WOODBRIDGE TIDE MILL MUSEUM

The Tide Mill held its first 'Autumn Equinox at Woodbridge Tide Mill Museum - An appreciation of the power of the Moon' at the end of September.

The Tide Mill is driven by the tides which are a direct consequence of the Moon. Astronomical events like equinoxes (the official astronomical start of autumn) and solstices are great times to draw attention to, and appreciate, the Moon which causes them.

Tide Mill Museum showed its appreciation of the Moon with projections onto the Mill of the Moon from the recent Artemis II NASA flypast as well as footage of how the Mill harnesses the renewable energy of Moon's gravity on tides to mill flour. There was also a display in the Mill about the Equinox and Solstice – highlighting the reasons for, and types of tides and how it uses them to mill. It also covered some of the threats to the Mill from changing weather.

The Mill also acquired an illuminated 3m inflatable Moon, which provided a surprising attraction in the clement weather! Bringing the Moon back to Earth!

All the above coincided with the separate Woodbridge Ambient Music Festival which took place over the same weekend, with many events throughout Woodbridge, adding a beautiful 'ambient' feel.

The Museum is very grateful to East Suffolk Council, who's grant made the projections possible.



BAWDSEY RADAR MUSEUM

From the end of October the Block will be closed until Easter, to enable the volunteers to have a rest and for us to perform all that winter maintenance but we are still hoping to again offer conducted tours of the former RAF Bawdsey site and Bawdsey Manor over the winter period.

Details and booking availability will appear on our website.

There will also be a fundraising general knowledge quiz on Friday 13th November starting at 7.30pm at Newbourne Village Hall. Teams of up to 6 people would be very welcome.

Again, further details on our website. We welcome new volunteers at the Museum. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the number below or see our website. www.bawdseyradar.org.uk. For more information contact info@bawdseyradar.org.uk or phone 07821 162879.

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ROTARY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE

Woodbridge Rotary Club in partnership with Opera for Woodbridge recently held another successful operatic performance, arranged and directed by Lady Caroline Blois and Nick Fowler.

Nick is a renowned performer, director and adapter, and this year's performance was 'Don Pasquale' the story of a wealthy, elderly and miserable bachelor, his nephew, and a smart and spirited young widow.

Opera for Woodridge remains as popular as ever and an audience of over 260 attended the event, held in Woodbridge Community Hall.

Over £1,300 was raised to supplement the cost of this event and other operatic events. Money raised will also be used to support the Rotary Christmas Toy Box appeal. For every £30 raised, a child in a refuge, often as a result of physical or sexual abuse, will receive a toy box valued at £80 for Christmas.

It is not too late to support this really worthwhile cause as donations can still be made online to Woodbridge Rotary Club BACS Sort Code: 04 14 50 Account Number: 50484849. Over £67,000 was raised during 2025 for this worthwhile cause.

And, don't forget the Rotary Christmas Open Air Carol Service to held at 6.30pm on **Wednesday 16th December** on the Market Hill in Woodbridge. Father Christmas will arrive as usual with sweets for all the children.

This is a free event to attend, and Woodbridge Rotary will happily accept voluntary donations which will help in the work of the East Anglian Children Hospice. Please bring some spare change, or better still - your plastic!

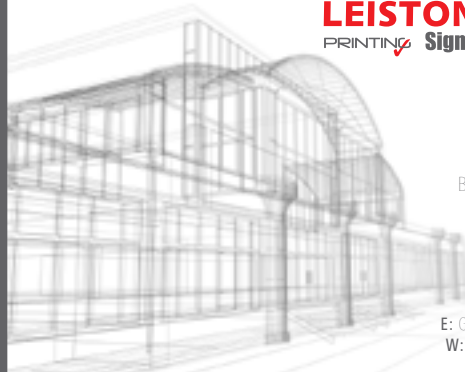
Woodbridge Rotarians look forward to seeing you there.

DEBEN ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

At a recent meeting at Ufford Park the Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben held our annual Community Service Award presentation. This year the award, which consists of a cheque for £350 and an engraved shield, went to the Deben Climate Centre.

The photo shows the club's immediate past president Ian Baker presenting the shield to Eamonn O'Nolan, the chairman of the Climate Centre, and his fellow director Wendy Herniman. After the presentation they gave an interesting and informative talk about the work of the Climate Centre, including an extensive project monitoring pollution in the local rivers, and helping households to address their own carbon footprint. Given the recent heatwaves and drought we believe them to be worthy recipients of the award.





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UPDATE ON THE WOODBRIDGE PROJECT

Over the last couple of years, Suffolk County Council has been developing plans for Phase 1 of the Woodbridge project, working with local communities and stakeholders to shape the proposals. They now want to share the latest update on the project, including what is planned and the anticipated delivery timeline.

The aim of the project has always been to create an enhanced Woodbridge - a safer, more accessible and attractive town, while giving people more choice in how they travel.

The improvements will enhance pavements, crossings and junctions, reduce traffic speeds, improve public spaces and create safer, easier routes to the local schools.

The plans have been developed following engagement and consultation with residents, businesses and visitors. As a historic market town and popular visitor destination, the project aims to support Woodbridge as a vibrant place to live, work and visit, now and in the future.

Councillor Christopher Hudson, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport Strategy, said:

"Woodbridge is one of Suffolk's most treasured market towns, and these works are about protecting its future while improving how people move around today."

"By investing in safer streets, better crossings and more attractive public spaces, we are giving people genuine choice in how they travel and helping the town thrive."

"This project is a positive step towards a more vibrant, accessible and sustainable Woodbridge."

For more information on the planned improvements, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yuf3avvw>



WOODBIDGE RIVERSIDE TRUST

The King's River Tapestry

We now show on the monitor in the John Gibbins Gallery a delightful video featuring some of the people who produced the wonderful textile art panels that make up 'The King's River' tapestry. We are very grateful for grant aid support from Cllr Ruth Leach and East Suffolk Council's Enabling Communities Budget; from the Nichol-Young Foundation; and from a private donor. The video has been very well received by visitors to the Gallery, and we plan to capture the stories of more of the volunteers who created this special work of art.

WRT was represented at the recent Southampton Boat Show as part of a panel discussion about how the wooden boat building industry can engage with schools. We were invited because of the work we have done in partnership with Woodbridge Model Boat Club and local primary schools. The photo shows WRT's Nancy and Pat alongside participants from The Boast Building and Furniture Making School (based in Lyme Regis), Spirit Yachts (based in Ipswich) and Hunter's Yard (based in Ludham). (photo Belinda Joslin)

Our 98 years young volunteer, Bill Kober, is extraordinarily fit for his years. He has a regular routine of 20 press-ups each morning and each evening. He took on the challenge of doing an EXTRA 20 press-ups each day (so a total of 60 a day!) throughout October to help raise funds for a young family friend diagnosed with MND. We are proud of you, Bill!

On **Saturday 14th November**, Sue Pennison will be with us to run two rope-making workshops - one in the morning and one in afternoon. The cost per person for adults is £16. We have set aside some free spaces for young people between 14-17 years of age. To register for a course, please contact admin@woodbridgeriversidetrust.org. Spaces are being taken quickly, so please don't delay. First come, first served. (photo: Sue Pennison).

On **13th December**, the Woodbridge Historic Riverside Group (of which WRT is a founder member) will be organising a Yuletide event in and around Whisstock's Place. The event is designed to complement the annual Suffolk Light Tractor Parade.

Winter Opening Times at Weekends: from 1st November on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, The Longshed will be open from 11am – 3 pm. Weekday hours are 10am – 4pm. Please visit: woodbridgeriversidetrust.org



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WOODBRIDGE MUSEUM

Before the summer of 2026 becomes a distant memory, we thought you might like to see this picture of people enjoying the River Deben. The photograph was taken from the Sutton side of the river probably before the Second World War.

As many of you will be aware, a ferry service operated from Woodbridge across to the bathing area on the Sutton side. As this photograph shows it was a very popular pastime but sadly came to an end when the ferry ceased to operate in 1976. We have a display in the museum about the ferry, the last ferryman Frank Knights and the fight to keep the ferry running. Do come and have a look.

Woodbridge Museum is now operating on our winter timetable. Please see our website for up-to-date information. The Friends of Woodbridge Museum Talks continue each month, the next being on 13th November in Woodbridge Community Hall at 2.30pm.

This talk will be presented by Terry Lock on 'WW1 Through Pictures & Stories'. Terry has a long-term interest in the First World War and has been to the Western Front, guiding parties there on many occasions.

On **11th December**, Julia Jones will give her talk 'We fought them in the Gunboats'. This relates to local actions out of Felixstowe in WW2.



CHRISTMAS MAKERS MARKET

Join us at Old Hall Southwold this November for our fantastic two-day Christmas Makers Market, now firmly established as one of our favourite community events of the year!

With more than 55 talented makers gathered under the shelter of our Big Barn, it's the perfect place to start, and finish, your Christmas shopping. Browse an inspiring selection of handmade gifts and treats, including jewellery, ceramics, textiles, homeware, woodwork, fine art, candles, cosmetics, greetings cards, and delicious local produce.

There'll be live music throughout the weekend and lots for younger visitors to enjoy. Santa's Chief Elf will be helping little ones write and post their letters to the North Pole and, weather permitting, the much-loved Miniature Donkeys for Wellbeing will be paying us a visit. We also have some fantastic street food vendors joining us, alongside a bar serving a selection of suitably festive tipples.

Make a day of it by exploring our beautiful estuary walks, which are lovely at this time of year as the landscape takes on its autumn colours. Your four-legged friends are very welcome too, making it the perfect outing for the whole family.

With oodles of free parking, beautiful estuary views and a wonderfully festive atmosphere, Old Hall is the perfect place to soak up a little Christmas magic this November and support the brilliant independent makers and small businesses that make our region so special.

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FROM THE CLIMATE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, CEEC

Hello people of Woodbridge and beyond; people of the Deben estuary

Between the end of May and the middle of August, this summer the UK experienced six heatwaves. Some readers will be reassured hearing the new leadership at county council level have rescinded the 2019 declaration of a climate emergency this July - somewhere between the 4th and 5th summer heatwave.

Others may be interested to watch the 'national emergency briefing' film - now showing at many a local church or community hall. And many might say, don't go on about that, I've already got too much on my plate to worry about (understandable).

The film comprises the key summaries of multiple respected scientific government advisors presenting at a COBRA style security briefing for top government officials. It is a chilling presentation of accelerating, multiple interrelated crises and potential tipping points. The central government has steadfastly declined demands for this emergency briefing to be shared on prime-time TV (I guess it doesn't sit well with the "we're going to make things better" messaging).

And those scientists, local activists and environmentalists such as Chris Packham, have pushed to create a grassroots town by town, village by village presentation of the film followed by a discussion panel. Spoiler alert, this is not a film for people who prefer to bury their heads in the sand.

At the local level of politics, it was gratifying to note at our early October CEEC meeting that we are involved in both adaptive and mitigating actions addressing some of the major areas of concern highlighted in the film.

The Town Council has partnerships and active collaborations with the Deben Climate Action and Transition Woodbridge, and the District Council. Community energy generation initiatives, community garden, and locally owned fresh food growing project, water harvesting and flood mitigation measures, biodiversity projects, overall Woodbridge Town Council estate resilience measures. All of these on the agenda, in progress or in active discussion as possible future projects.

And hang on to your hats, folks! The effects of the super El Niño are just around the corner. More a natural earth rhythm, than a fossil fuel burning consequence, but the combined threats to climate stability over the winter will likely break new records. If we can kindly take care of ourselves and of our neighbours in equal measure, we will be contributing to a growing strength of community in our town, and that is perhaps the most important factor that we can attend to, to nurture, to grow, as we turn, collectively, to face our increasingly uncertain future.

Councillor Martin Wilks, CEEC

councillorwilks@woodbridge-suffolk.gov.uk
P.S. Pass it on

FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Dancers from KayJ's Street Beatz, a local dance school based in Kesgrave, have been invited to perform at Disneyland Paris in August 2028. This is an absolute dream come true for the children! Getting them there comes with considerable costs, including travel, accommodation, costumes, participation fees and other expenses, so we are reaching out to local businesses and our wider community for support.

A little about KayJ's Street Beatz

KayJ's Street Beatz was established in September 2025 and, in a very short time has achieved so much. Within their first year the children competed nationally and even reached the Grand National Finals.

KayJ's is about far more than competitions and dancing. The children have grown in confidence, built friendships, gained valuable experiences and have become one big dance family, supported by their dancers' families and the wider local community.

One of their upcoming fundraising events is a Christmas Party on 5th December.

We would be extremely grateful for businesses willing to donate a raffle prize or other item that we can use to raise funds towards the dancers' trip.

Donations could include a gift voucher, hamper, product, meal, experience, service, treatment, family day out, food or drink, or anything else. No donation is too big or too small – every prize gives us another opportunity to raise money and takes our dancers one step closer to Disneyland Paris.





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WOODBIDGE CRUISING CLUB

The autumn programme is now underway, with Thursday walks, Wednesday suppers and Sunday talks, which have a nautical theme. The first talk of the season was on Kayaking in Canada by club member Peter. Future talks include the life of the actor David Tomlinson, Heritage sites in the Mediterranean, Global Yacht circumnavigation, Border Force and Lloyd's of London - Creator of World Insurance. Talks are free to all members.



The first walk of the season was a gentle stroll around the undulating Suffolk countryside, led by William, with a welcome meal in Framlingham. Future walks are all led by club members, and end at dog friendly pubs for lunch.

The onshore winter programme is fully underway, with the delicious Wednesday suppers always popular. These are a chance to meet fellow members in the riverside club house.

The laying up supper, under the expert galley team officially marks the end of the sailing season, and the homecooked puddings are always a highlight.

The monthly Friday games night organised by Brian and Rosemary are a welcome addition to the club social calendar for winter.



The club is an official Royal Yachting Association accredited training centre, and the RYA Day Skipper shore-based course, and VHF Radio course will be run at the club in spring 2027. The later course is for the SRC certificate, and this is a legal requirement to operate a ship's radio. Full details are on the club website and prices are very competitive.



Other club events include the November AGM, under the auspicious of the Commodore John, when Officers will be elected, reports given and the opportunity for questions. If you have a genuine interest in sailing and the sea, have a look at our programme of maritime related events on our website at www.woodbridgecruisingclub.org. New members are always welcome.

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Paul Schlesinger
As Executive Producer, Paul has mastered the art of bringing together top-quality writers, actors, and collaborators and helps define our comedy culture across television, radio, and stage. His skill, influence, and calm demeanour shape iconic performances as much as the stars themselves, but he is equally committed to giving rising writers, directors, and actors their big break. As a Director, Paul stays grounded in his core objective "to make sure the joke or the moment works, and to help guide actors towards performances that are rooted in reality and believable."

Station House Community Foundation is a registered charity no. 1228948 under the UK registered and Community Development Foundation Act 2005 and operated on a voluntary basis.

DIARY DATES

NOV 12 Little Hoo-ligans - Sutton Hoo's outdoor toddler group. Trails, crafts, games and songs at this monthly group for 2 to 4-year-olds and their parents/guardians. No need to book. Email: suttonhoo@nationaltrust.org.uk, phone: 01394 389700. 10.30am – 12noon at National Trust Sutton Hoo. IP12 3DJ

NOV 14 Fressingfield Sounds presents Tamsin Waley-Cohen and Huw Watkins. A memorable evening of music by Debussy, Clara Schumann, Beethoven and Huw Watkins himself, along with Arvo Pärt's Spiegel im Spiegel. Tickets £25, £5 for 25 years and under. Chapel Hall Arts, Fressingfield, Suffolk IP21 5QD, 7.30pm. Visit: www.fressingfieldsounds.org.uk or phone 07900 350117.

NOV 28 Christmas Market on The Hill at Wickham Market. Sounds of singers, the smell of hot food, and the sight of 40 stalls will officially kick off the village's Christmas preparations. 40 skilled makers, crafters and producers will highlight a truly local Christmas Market. A visit to Santa's grotto (organised by the school PTA) is a must for children. The primary school choir and local musician Nigel Ashcroft will perform during the event. 9am – 2pm. Email: deputyclerk@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk

NOV 28 Fabric Sale. A huge variety of fabrics on sale, plus buttons, zips, cottons and other craft making items for your next creation. 9.30am – 4.30pm at the St Elizabeth Hospice shop in Stowmarket. All proceeds will go to St Elizabeth Hospice's work in the community.

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INNER WHEEL CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE

Current president, Deirdre Griffin, chose Ipswich hospital's 'Time Garden Appeal' as her charity this year and members were intrigued to learn more about this from Maxine Birchall, clinical project lead for End-of-Life Care at Colchester and Ipswich hospitals.

A Time Garden is a meticulously well-planned space within which patients and those closest to them can take time; quality time, when time really does matter. It might be time to breathe in the fresh air or listen to natural sounds, to see the sky and feel the breeze. It might be for a celebration or gathering which could not happen on the ward. Although, essentially, a non-clinical space, the Time Garden will have all the equipment and staff necessary to keep the patient safe and comfortable.

The smells, sounds and sights will be homely and natural.

Colchester Hospital already has a Time Garden, but Ipswich has a designated plot within the grounds which is ready to be transformed into an amazing space for end-of-life patients.

However, this amazing project cannot be started until all the £600 000 needed has been raised.

All proceeds from the Inner Wheel of Woodbridge annual quiz will be donated to this fantastic charity. Please put **12th March 2027** in your diaries and bring a team to support this great cause.

Macmillan event

Deirdre Rothwell shared the news that she had raised **£1500** by hosting a Macmillan event at the beginning of September.

June Kenyon asked members to please start baking again ready for the Memory café which continues to be held at Woodbridge Football Club, for those with memory loss and their carers, on the last Wednesday of each month.

Woodbridge IW members meet at Ufford Park Hotel at 6.30 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Find out more about the club and its aims and objectives at District 8 <https://innerwheel.co.uk> or email district8innerwheel@gmail.com for further information.

FATHER BROWN & THE CARNIVAL OF FEAR

Fear in the Funhouse. Terror in the Tunnel of Love, Shivers in the Shooting Gallery! On the trail of stolen artifacts, Brown faces a motley crew of churls and showgirls, led by Mozzarelli, the big cheese.

For those who fancy a bonkers, surreal and hilarious alternative to panto, book now for Common Ground Theatre Company's ever-popular Xmas spoof! "Madcap comedy gold", as The Stage put it. With their unique brand of music theatre, they've been described by Libby Purves as "One of the best things on the road in East Anglia right now...A proper treat."

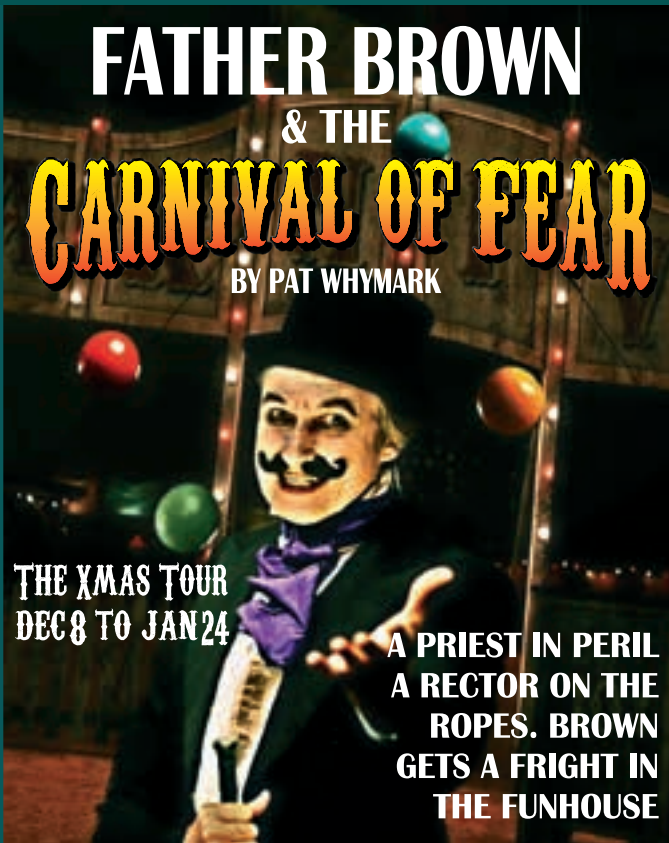
This Xmas/New Year they return in full bonkers mode with their traditional festive comedy caper, which this year will be **FATHER BROWN & THE CARNIVAL OF FEAR!** A haul of recently unearthed Roman gold and silverware, the Hiddenham Hoard, has been stolen whilst in transit to the British Museum! Maud Fiveways of the Hiddenham archaeology society asks her old flame Father Brown for help, but his investigations are disrupted by the arrival of Mozzarelli's Carnival! How will he find the culprit before the precious Hoard is sold off on the black market?

Dick Mainwaring & Julian Harries star as Brown and Flambeau. Julian is known to East Anglian audiences from his many performances in the region. He has also made TV appearances in EastEnders, Detectorists, Father Brown & Mary & George.

Suitable for ages 8+. Venues include: Seckford Theatre, Woodbridge (11-13 Dec), Harkstead Village Hall; Laxfield Village Hall; Southwold Arts Centre; Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall. Full tour schedule on our their website - www.commongroundtc.co.uk.

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With photographs from every British county and city in the country, from Cornwall to Orkney and from Cardiff to Derry, this spectacular 616-page book captures a nation poised between tradition and modernity, revealing everyday life in unprecedented detail. Britain in the 1930s was a land of striking contrasts. Economic depression and mass unemployment devastated many industrial communities while elsewhere prosperity, suburban growth and consumer culture transformed daily life.



Through these astonishing photographs, Britain in the 1930s captures a decade in which old ways of life endured even as Britain embraced the modern age. The 1930s marked the golden age of the British seaside. Crowded beaches, bustling promenades, pleasure piers and elegant hotels welcomed millions seeking leisure and escape. Families enjoyed day trips to Brighton and Margate, while Blackpool and Morecambe became synonymous with summer holidays. Camping, walking and boating holidays grew in popularity, while lidos, dance halls and pavilion theatres reflected a new culture of recreation and entertainment.



These photographs capture moments of joy and relaxation during a decade often overshadowed by memories of economic hardship and the approach of war.

Beyond the towns and cities, much of rural Britain appeared little changed from previous centuries.

Medieval market squares, village greens and ancient churches dominated the landscape, while agricultural shows, livestock markets and seasonal fairs continued to shape everyday life.

Traditional customs survived across the country, from hunts and village races to ancient celebrations and country shows.

The photographs reveal a world where horses and carts still shared roads with motorcars and where picturesque villages, market towns and centuries-old buildings remained at the heart of British identity.



A true reflection of JB Priestley's famous vision of 'three Englands' – the ancient country of cathedrals and villages, the industrial Britain created by the Victorians, and the new world of suburbs, cinemas and motorcars – Britain in the 1930s presents a nation in transition.



The archive images and detailed commentary that make up this book evoke a bygone age, capturing a turning point in Britain's national story.

It illuminates a momentous decade, one that was both a window on the past and signpost to the future.

The book is published on 5th November by Atlantic Publishing @ £50



ALL ABOARD ME HEARTIES!

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Tickets: £15 from the Dance East website.
Call: Dance East on 01473 295230.

Please visit: www.suffolkmenschorus.co.uk

To contact the Choir Secretary tel: 07816678141.



CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP OPEN

The traditional Charity Christmas Card Shop in Woodbridge opened in October at 8 Thoroughfare, Woodbridge IP12 1AF. The shop is organised by Woodbridge 41Club, and proceeds are used to support local charities and other good causes.

41 Club organiser, Roger Parker commented, "Buying and sending Christmas cards is a great way to keep in touch with friends and family, whilst providing valuable support to some great charities. I am very grateful to all the volunteers and customers who support the shop."

The shop stocks the largest selection of Charity cards in Suffolk from over 20 different charities. This includes favourites such as RNLI, Marie Curie Cancer, Barnardos, Blue Cross and Amnesty. Additional local charities include St. Elizabeth Hospice, East Anglian Children's Hospices, Somersham Ward, East Anglian Air Ambulance and Ormiston Families.

The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm, (9.30am to 5.00pm on Saturday). Please do visit – you won't find a better selection!

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Music at Lunchtime - Tuesday 17th November 12.45pm - 1.30pm

Come along to our free lunchtime concert with the fabulous *Pick n Mix*, a 4-piece band who have performed across Suffolk. Their current set list includes numbers by Glenn Miller, Big Bill Broonzy, Ray Charles and The Kinks. Toe-tapping to their music optional! This is a free event, however, donations to The Friends of Woodbridge Library are always welcome.

Free Event! A Talk on Captain Cook - Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm

The Friends of Woodbridge Library (FOWL) invite you to a talk by John Whitehead on the famous British explorer Captain James Cook, celebrating the 250th anniversary of his final voyage. Although there is no charge for this event, donations to the work of FOWL are much appreciated. Due to room size, numbers are limited and therefore booking is required. Please contact the library to book.

Hermione Lee in Conversation at Woodbridge Library - Monday 23rd November at 2pm (this is a Woodbridge Books event).

The much-acclaimed, award-winning literary biographer Hermione Lee will be in conversation with Catherine Lerner about her latest work which recounts the life of the Booker Prize winning author, Anita Brookner.

Tickets are £26 and include a signed copy of the book, presented at the event. You may purchase a ticket without the book for £15 which is redeemable towards the cover price of the book (RRP £28) on the day. Details [/www.ticketsource.com/moreaboutbooks](http://www.ticketsource.com/moreaboutbooks) Tuesday, 2 - 4pm: Write Now Writing Group. Are you interested in writing short stories and poetry? Looking to share your work with others and get peer support, exchange ideas and more? We would be delighted for you to join us! Everyone can write - all abilities are welcome. Bring your work or come along and listen to others share their words. For more information and to confirm your attendance, email jeannie@butterwicks.com

Tuesdays, 10 – 11am: Home Education Group: A great opportunity for Home Educated children and their adults to meet and share in a fun and engaging activity together. Suitable for 5-10 year olds.

Wednesdays: Wordplay: 10.30 - 10.50am: Baby Bounce: Soothing songs and gentle nursery rhymes for babies and their grown-ups; **11.15 - 11.45am: Tot Rock Rhyme and rhythm:** music, songs and action rhymes for toddlers with their parents and carer; **1.30 – 3.30pm: Open Space:** An informal drop-in for anybody interested in their mental health and wellbeing, as well as families and carers, run in partnership with Suffolk Mind.

Thursday 5th November, 2 - 4pm: Top Time Social (first Thursday of the month). Join us for tea, coffee, cake and a chat in a friendly space along with board games, wordsearches, jigsaws and crosswords. A great opportunity to meet new people. Just turn up!

Thursday 12th November, 2 - 4 pm: Book, Banter and Biscuits Book Group (second Thursday of the month). Open to everyone, They will be discussing *Intermezzo* by Sally Rooney. Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell.

Thursday 19th November, 2 - 4pm: Top Time Play Reading (third Thursday of each month). A group that reads all varieties and genres of plays in a shared format.

Thursday 26th November, 2 - 4pm: Top Time Games Club. Improve your vocabulary and exercise your mind muscles with Scrabble or practice strategy and balance with Dominoes. Tea and coffee are supplied!

Fridays, 9:30 - 10:15am: Stay & Play. A chance for new parents to meet and share experiences in a relaxed environment, gaining peer support; **10.30 - 11.00am: Wordplay - Story Time:** Stories and more for young children accompanied by an adult; **2 - 4pm: Knitting Group:** For all types of knitters from expert to beginners, sewing to crochet, come and share your knowledge or pick up some tips.

Saturday 7th November, 10am - 2pm: Lego Club for Children (first Saturday of every month). Come along to this free club and have a go at creating your own Lego masterpiece! Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Tuesday 10th November, 2 - 4pm: Write Now Writing Group. Are you interested in writing short stories or poetry? Looking to share your work with others and get peer support, exchange ideas and more? We would be delighted for you to join our friendly and informal monthly writing group! Everyone can write - all abilities welcome. Bring your work or come along and listen to others share their words. For more information and to confirm your attendance email: jeannie@butterwicks.com

Book Sale: Please have a browse of our ex-stock books and donated books.

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Kate Fawcus
Library & Information Advisor
Woodbridge Library
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WOODBRIDGE WILDLIFE GROUP

Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Woodbridge Wildlife Group hold their popular annual Quiz Evening at Woodbridge Community Hall, Station Road, (IP12 4AU) on **Thursday 19 November 2026**, with doors opening at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Phil Smith, Chairman of the group said "The quiz is very interactive, with teams of 4 to 6 people joining together to answer a wide range of questions on wildlife and general knowledge. Entry is £7 per adult and under 25s are free.

We ask participants to bring their own food and drink. There will be a raffle during the evening and hot drinks will be available."

"Please book a table in advance by calling 01473 625630 or emailing swtwoodbridge@outlook.com"

U3A EAST SUFFOLK

East Suffolk's u3a members know how to bring yet more colour into their lives. The older members of the community – anyone retired or semi-retired with time on their hands – can join this vibrant organisation and enjoy a wide range of activities.

For some u3a provides the opportunity to find new interests, to meet new challenges or to make new friends. For others it is all about lifelong learning in the company of others with similar goals. Members enjoy walks, quizzes, dining out, visiting gardens or churches, discussing architecture, the arts, current affairs and much more. Alongside approximately 150 different local activity groups, there is a varied programme of monthly talks held at venues in Kesgrave, Felixstowe, Woodbridge and Saxmundham.

November's programme of speakers will be tackling subjects including: The Ipswich Riots of 1863, A Life in UK Customs, A Tour of Supernatural Suffolk and The East Anglian Food Museum. Full up to date information is available on the u3a website: www.u3aeastsuffolk.org.uk. Please be aware that there is the occasional need to cancel or reschedule, so please check before setting out. New members are welcome in East Suffolk u3a, with the expectation that they will contribute to the success of the group. Membership is on an annual basis and gives members access to all the u3a's many activities, subject to availability. For more information about u3a please see the website or call the secretary on 0300 123 3913.



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Taking place on Saturday **14 November** at East Point Pavilion, Lowestoft, NR33 0AP, this FREE gaming celebration - **GAME Lowestoft** - brings together tabletop and video gaming, industry workshops and a 'Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament' to Lowestoft.

Organised by First Light Festival CIC with funding and support from the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board, the event shines a spotlight on the region's growing presence in the UK's gaming and creative industries.



Throughout the afternoon, visitors of all ages can drop in to a packed programme of workshops and gaming sessions, including e-games from Norwich Gaming Festival, a self-led 'Create Your Own Loot Box' workshop from Wayward Adventurers, tabletop gaming with Skyward Fire, a content creation workshop with Dominic Sacco, and a prototyping workshop from Stray Dog Games.

The day builds to a headline 'Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament', with sign-ups open from 12 noon and play running from 4.30pm to 6.30pm, before the event wraps up at 6.45pm. Also joining the event will be Game Anglia, The Fort, gaming influencer Miyuki Panda and Epilogue Book Shop.

Dominic Sacco, writer, editor, speaker and founder of Esports News UK said, "I'm delighted to be a part of Game Lowestoft 2026! Having visited the inaugural event last year, it was lovely to see developers, traders and gamers gather for a host of activities, and I'm super excited to be running a content creation workshop at this year's show. I believe regional games events are the future and look forward to seeing Game Lowestoft go from strength to strength".

On **Friday 13 November**, schools are invited to a special day featuring workshops and activities from professionals working in the industry including education partners Access Creative College, East Norfolk 6th Form College, Norwich University of the Arts and University of Suffolk.

A workshop, 'Speaking Confidence: The Cheat Codes' by Jon Torrens, a self-confessed neurodivergent introvert show-off, will show students some simple techniques for writing great material and delivering it like a final boss.

Mr Garwood the STEM lead and Ambition Programme Coordinator at Beccles High School said, "We came to the previous one and it was superb".



In advance of the weekend BAFTA award winning Games Developer Fred Hoffman from Newfangled Games will be heading back to East Coast College where he studied to give an inspiring talk to the students on the power of saying yes to opportunity.

For more information and to book a place for your school,

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PROJECT UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2026

It has been a busy summer with works continuing to progress well. We have reached a key milestone with the arrival of the first commercial trains, delivering materials directly to the Temporary Construction Area via the newly installed rail line, known as the Green Rail Route.

Each freight train prevents the equivalent of around 50 HGVs from having to travel on our roads. Between now and Christmas around 100,000 tonnes of material will be delivered by rail, removing the need for approximately 5,000 HGV journeys from local roads.

Added to this, our jetty – what we call our Marine Bulk Import Facility (MBIF) – will be operational in the New Year, at which point we can open up more deliveries by sea too.

Overall, 60% of our materials will be delivered by rail or sea. That means less HGVs on the roads and less impacts on local communities.

The Park and Ride capacity continues to increase at our southern car park near Wickham Market with more of our workers using the site to park their cars and access our sites on Sizewell C buses. Our contractor has now removed the temporary welfare building as they complete the access to the Southern Park and Ride site.

The A12 road improvements at Marlesford are also almost complete, improving community connection and safety for the community.

Whilst train movements have commenced, there are still investments being made to further upgrade the main and branch lines which are being carried out by Balfour Beatty Rail and Network Rail. From Saturday 24 October – Monday 2 November, there will be a nine-day blockade of the East Suffolk branch line to support rail upgrades. The works include:

- Complete renewal of Saxmundham rail junction
- Upgrade of signalling system between Westerfield and Halesworth
- Civils work around Bealings level Crossing that includes installing bases for signalling future equipment

Throughout the blockade, buses will replace trains between Lowestoft and Ipswich. A separate shuttle bus will operate for customers travelling to and from Beccles, these customers will need to change bus at Halesworth.

More information will be made available in the coming weeks on greateranglia.co.uk.



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

Southern Transport Forum

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

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

WOODBIDGE FLOWER CLUB

The theme used by our demonstrator for this month, Linda Kingcott, was 'Sunset to Midnight', based on the musicals by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Linda explained how much she enjoyed the shows and proceeded to make several arrangements depicting such titles as 'Sunset Boulevard' and 'Midnight Express',



Throughout her demonstration Linda explained several techniques which help make a good design for a flower arrangement, such as a contrast of the textures of both flowers and leaves as well as a contrast of colour. She added that it is important to also have a focal point in the design.

Our November meeting will be at Woodbridge Golf Club where members will have a meal before our AGM.

The December meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd when the committee will be making arrangements for the members to enjoy.

Hilary Bailey



SUFFOLK ANIMAL RESCUE

Poor Piggy. Piggy the gentle tabby has lived outside, for the whole of his 15 years. His 'owner' moved away and someone else took on giving him a little food. Now they are moving away too. They all thought he was fine, living in an old box, outside in all weathers, the chill of 15 winters invading his skinny frame.

Suffolk Animal Rescue took this little sweet soul in, and he joined 200 other rescued felines, all hoping to find comfort and affection as autumn and winter nights begin to march in and bite.

SAR is a tiny but massively-effective animal welfare charity based near Debenham, Suffolk.

Next year it celebrates 30 years of relentlessly rescuing animals, but founder Mrs Jayne Roberts says things have never been so bad.

The charity is overwhelmed by cats and kittens, dogs, rabbits and even some wildlife... all needing rescue and veterinary treatment. The veterinary bill for last month alone was £18,000.

SAR is unusual in that it concentrates on the feral cats and kittens because, as Jayne says: "Nobody else is keen on doing that. And they make the best pets, grateful for the kindness, attention, shelter and food."

Luckily the local community rallies to raise funds, including the parishioners at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Aldeburgh. And Debenham Veterinary Practice is generous and hugely supportive.

Jayne says: "We are incredibly grateful to everyone who supports us but we really need to find good homes for cats like Piggy.

"We are overwhelmed by the numbers of animals needing help. We have a huge waiting list. Crucially we need to get these cats and kittens out of our catteries and into cosy homes before winter bites."

Piggy is one of the lucky ones to get a place. He has had his thorough vet check already. Some of the roots of his teeth were exposed so he's been to the veterinary dentist! He will have to have one other operation on his thyroid and then he'll be fit and ready for his new home.

Jayne said: "I want him to have comfort and kindness and a little luxury. I want someone to make up for the last 15 years of struggle and fear.

"He's such an adorable, sweet and lovely chap, giving gentle head bumps, asking for kindness and a little fuss. I'd love him to be spoiled, to make up for all the struggles he has been through.

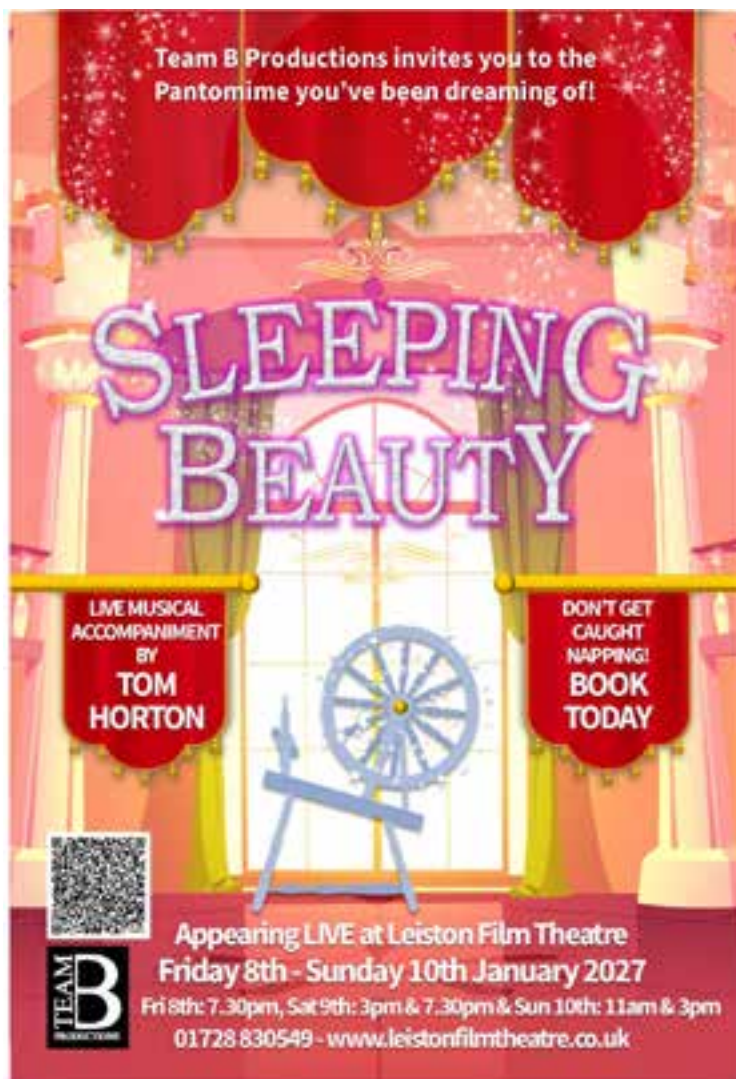
"These gentle head bumps demonstrate that Piggy already trusts his rescuers and is saying 'thank you' in his own sweet way".

If you can offer this little Piggy that kind, special home, ideally as the only cat but not necessarily, please contact Suffolk Animal Rescue. The folks there would always be grateful for donations, items to sell in their Ipswich shop, and offers of any help. You can read all about them at <https://www.suffolkanimalrescue.org.uk/>

Please call: 01728 860937 or email: suffolkar@hotmail.com if you can offer poor Piggy a home or wish help to this fantastic local charity. Charity Number:1065934.



YOU'RE PROMISED A PANTOMIME WORTH STAYING AWAKE FOR AT LEISTON FILM THEATRE THIS JANUARY!



Team B Productions invites you to the panto you've been dreaming of ... Sleeping Beauty, appearing live at the splendid Leiston Film Theatre between the 8th and 10th January 2027 and tickets are in big demand, with seats for some performances already limited.

As a baby, the beautiful Princess Aurora is cursed by the evil Carabosse, destined to perish on her 18th birthday, by pricking her finger on a spinning wheel. But when the good fairies intervene, the Princess falls under a sleeping spell and into a deep slumber and can only be awoken by true love's kiss.

Now it's up to a dashing Prince, the good Fairies, and the Princess' best friend Muddles to save the day. Will good triumph over evil, will true love's kiss be enough to break the spell and will they all live happily ever after?

The Pantomime has been written by Wayne Burns and Toby Young and is being brought to the stage under Wayne's 'Team B Productions' title - a group of experienced am-dram performers, who have enjoyed numerous sell-out successes, gaining a reputation and following for their polished performances.

Sleeping Beauty promises another traditional family Pantomime, bursting with colourful costumes, dazzling effects, toe-tapping tunes and sprinkled with magical mayhem!

The Pantomime sees renowned Suffolk musician Tom Horton returning as the Musical Director and the energetic students from the Chloe Kinrade School of Dance will be making a welcome return to the stage, as part of the Pantomime extravaganza.

Sleeping Beauty will be appearing live at the Leiston Film Theatre on Friday 8th (7.30pm), Saturday 9th (3pm & 7.30pm) and Sunday 10th (11am and 3pm) January 2027. Limited tickets are still available, priced £19.95, £19.50 and £17.95. Book your seats on 01728 830549 or at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk.

INTRODUCING THE PANTO PRINCESS FOR 2027

There are no words to express how excited Kelly Eagle was to be offered the role of Princess Aurora, in Sleeping Beauty. Kelly first contacted Team B back in 2024 to enquire about getting involved in their productions and after a brief audition process, patiently stood in the wings waiting to take to the stage in the 2026 production of Mother Goose. Since then, Kelly has appeared in Team B's recent comedy/drama, Mourning Campers and this year is their leading lady in Sleeping Beauty.

If you've ever thought about taking to the stage, or working in the wings as the vital stage support, now's the time to get in touch. Simply message Team B Productions via their Facebook page, or via the Leiston Film Theatre website at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk



CITIZENS ADVICE EAST

What happens to your debts when you die?

When someone dies, there is often confusion among family members about what happens to their outstanding debts. Do they disappear, does the family have to pay them? The answer, in England, is usually straightforward: debts are normally paid from the deceased person's estate, rather than by their relatives.

An estate consists of everything a person leaves behind, including money in bank accounts, investments, property and personal possessions. It also includes money they owe to other people or organisations. Common debts might include a mortgage, credit card balance, personal loan, overdraft, utility bills or unpaid tax, there is more information on this on the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/probate-estate>

The person responsible for sorting everything out is known as the Executor, if there is a will, or an Administrator if there is not.

Their job includes identifying the deceased person's assets and debts, dealing with creditors, paying what is owed and then distributing anything left to the beneficiaries. Probate or letters of administration may be required before some assets can be dealt with.

Importantly, family members do not normally inherit someone else's debts simply because they are related to them.

Being a spouse, civil partner or child does not, by itself, make you responsible for debts in the deceased person's sole name. If the estate does not contain enough money to pay all the debts, creditors will generally have to accept that the remaining debt cannot be recovered.

There are, however, some exceptions. Where a debt was taken out jointly – such as a joint loan or another shared financial arrangement – the surviving borrower may still be liable for it. Jointly owned property and debts secured against a home can also raise complications.

Anyone in this situation should seek specialist advice rather than assume the debt no longer exists. The key message for families is simple: don't panic and don't automatically pay the deceased person's debts from your own pocket.

First establish what belongs to the estate, what is owed, and whether any joint liability or insurance applies. Where an estate is complicated, insolvent, or involves property or substantial debts, professional legal or debt advice can be invaluable. Handling an estate correctly protects both the deceased person's beneficiaries and the person responsible for administering it. We are here to help if you need more information about dealing with the debts of a family member who has died – or for more general advice about what to do following a death.

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).

ORFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We are so pleased to share with you all news of our successful Ofsted report in which we received the expected standard across all areas. Alongside this, we are very excited to announce that work will soon be completed on our brand outdoor EYFS areas. Please read on to find out more from our classes.

Hello everyone! In Class 2 and 3 we are learning about World War 2 as our topic. We learned about rationing, and in the teaching kitchen we saw how much each person would have had to eat. We also made some recipes from the war. We did an air raid drill and made shelters during Forest School. We have also learned about the battle of Britain and the Blitz.

In Maths we have been doing place value and adding and subtracting numbers with up to 4 digits and across boundaries whereas in English we wrote a comparative piece about childhood now and during World War 2 and we are currently writing a letter as a WWII evacuee. We have been reading War Boy for our reading workshops.

Jake and Alice

Class 1 have had a very busy half-term! Firstly, we welcomed our new cohort of reception children to Orford and they have been working very hard to settle into the new routines.

Our main topic this term has been Castles and the children have been identifying and labelling the different features of a castle. At the time of writing, we are excited about our upcoming trip to Orford Castle! This topic has inspired our writing, in which we have completed some informative pieces about castles.

The children have been developing their knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction in Maths, which has allowed them to lay the foundations of the Mathematical skills that will help them as they go through school.

The teaching kitchen is as popular as ever and this half term a particular favourite recipe was making chocolate chip cookies. We also had a chance to make food that would have been served up in a castle from a long time ago.



CHANCE MEETINGS BY VEE HOPKINS

Set across two time zones, *Chance Meetings* is a story of love, friendship and devotion against a backdrop of the Second World War and present day. Located in the Fenland Landscape, on the borders of Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, it brings to life the drama and beauty of an area steeped in its agricultural and Wetland story but is rarely featured in novels. The Fenland history is one of resistance, change and adaption.

The book also features the importance of Bexwell Aerodrome during the war years and the role of the Pathfinders during that time.

Primarily a love story it brings into focus the dilemmas and effect that war can have on everyday life and people.

Vee was writing the book during the first year of the Ukrainian War when war again had found its way back into Europe.

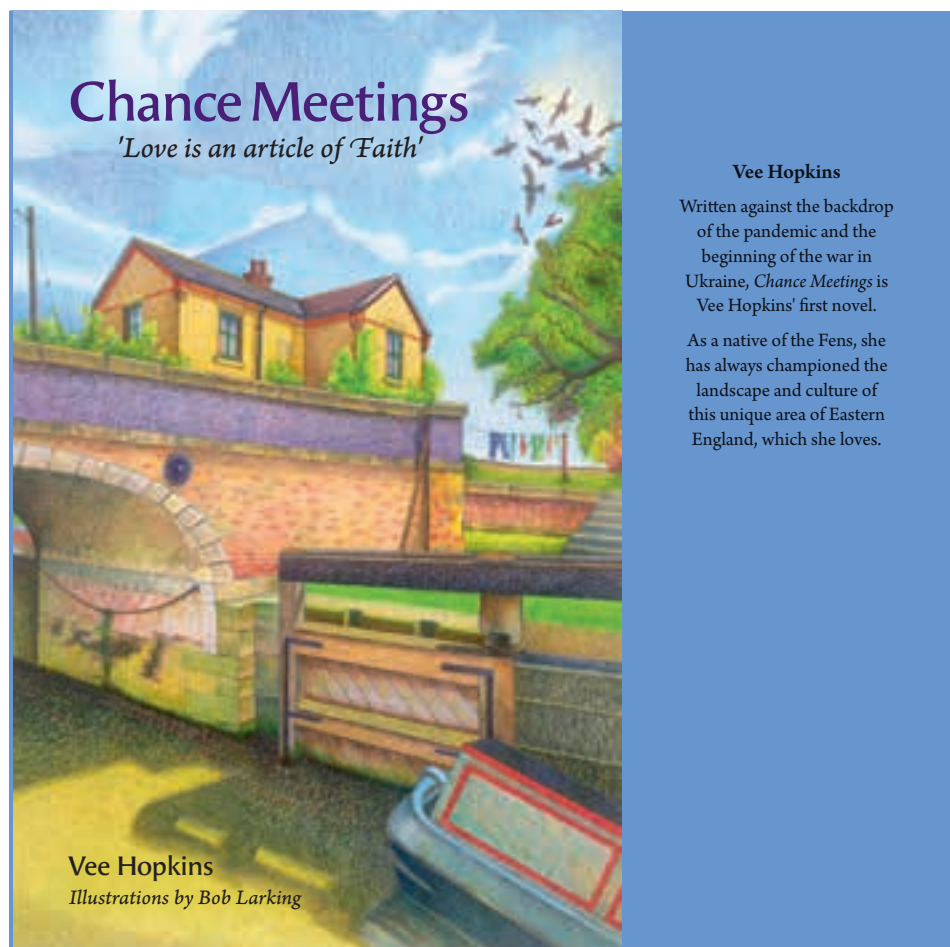
After finding a photograph of her father in R.A.F uniform she began to consider what life must have been like for her family and the idea for a novel was born.

The book has been illustrated throughout by her partner, illustrator and painter, Bob Larking.

Vee who is originally from the Fens and grew up with a love of the countryside, the waterways, the wide horizons and its wildlife.

The Fens has a fragile ecosystem that puts it on a footing with some of the endangered places in the world. Hopefully *Chance Meetings* brings its spectacular landscape to a wider audience through the medium of story.

The book is available from independent bookshops in Halesworth, Felixstowe and Beccles and can also be purchased from The Leaping Hare at Wyken, The Elveden Estate and the Norfolk/ Suffolk Aviation Museum.



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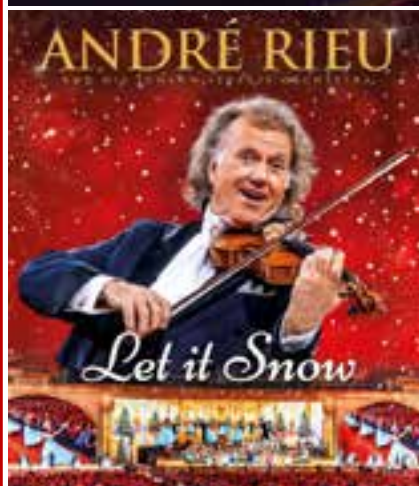
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