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Welcome to the November edition of The Bugle. This year has literally sped by and now it is time to get out the winter woolies and prepare for the festive season. With these darker nights come the Winter Solstice, alongside Christmas and the New Year.

Shops are already packed full of goodies plus decorations and everything you may need to help you enjoy the season to the full.

This year though, how about shopping a little less on-line and at the larger stores and instead try some of our local independent retailers for gifts and goodies? And as Christmas wrapping paper is not recyclable - how about using brown paper and string? They look really great under the tree.

The next edition of The Bugle is out December 1st and the copy deadline for advertising, articles & events is November 18th.

The January 2020 issue has an earlier than normal copy deadline - 14th December due to the holiday.

For all your advertising needs, for What's On Guide entries and interesting articles across the area - call Anna & Neal on 01502 578074 or E: the.buglemag@yahoo.co.uk

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The event was founded by Laura Baggott & her Dachshund Percy back in 2017 & with the help of her team members Stuart McBurney, his Dachshund Eddie, Sarah Baggott & her Dachshunds Wilson & Olly and has raised nearly £7000 for dachshund charities.

Laura's seven year old Miniature dachshund Percy suffered with the disease last June, unfortunately it left Percy paralysed and over the last year he has had to learn to walk again. With the help of the charity Percy has been able to live his adventurous life as normal as he possibly can.

The #SouthwoldSausageWalk has recently helped Susie Medland with funding for her Dachshund who was left fighting for her life after she & her brother were involved in a tragic accident in Fressingfield. Rambo & Rose were both hit by a speeding car. Rambo was killed instantly. Unfortunately, the driver fled the scene leaving the family in absolute shock & devastation.

Rose's injuries were so severe that her surgery would cost £10,000. Laura said "We really do feel for Susie, as soon as we heard what happened we knew we had to do something! We set up a Just Giving page & we raised over £5000 in a week. The dachshund community we are a part of is amazing.

The 7th event will take place on Saturday 23rd November 10:30am, at Southwold Harbour, IP18 6ND. There is a £5 donation required upon entry. There will be music by DJ Carlos, local stalls including pet boutiques, a raffle, goody bags & professional photographers. The day will finish off with a walk to Southwold pier.

This year's event has been kindly sponsored by Filing Fortress & SM Direct. Other local businesses supporting the event include Toby's Pet Shop in Framlingham, Wag & Bone in Aldeburgh & Wangford Veterinary Clinic. If you're unable to make this event the next one takes place on the 25th January 2020. Check #SouthwoldSausageWalk on Facebook & Instagram to find out more details on this & future events.



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Update from Theresa Cumbers, Director

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We are truly thankful for answered Prayer and announce that Foodbank in Beccles will be continued by Sharel@step, offering parcels and vouchers every Wednesday and Thursday as from the 6th November until the 18th December. This will take place at the former St. Johns Ambulance site – 42 Blyburgate, Beccles, NR34 9TF

We would like to thank all of our supporters and customers over the years and to give a very special thank you to our team of staff and volunteers who have made so much possible. Interim foodbank arrangements until Christmas have been made to complement the existing outlets. Arrangements for 2020 are being developed. The foodbank will be open:-
Wednesday 12.00 -3.00 pm Thursday 11.00 – 2.00pm

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Stories of these local unsung heroes will be celebrated with a free exhibition daily from 10am-4pm, on 4th-15th November at The Parcels Office at Lowestoft Railway Station for all to review and reflect upon.

Are you aware of any relatives who lost their lives in WW1? Perhaps you have a photograph of them for our remembrance wall? We may have documented them and would love to see and share the faces and stories of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Contact richard.allen@accessct.org or clive.knowles@accessct.org for more information.

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Dear Bugle

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Well we went one Saturday as usual but more of the manned tills had been taken out so a new scan and pay area could be installed. When it came to check out the queues at the manned tills were horrendous, the new scan and pay area empty. The other self scan area is ok if you only have a few items, but even that is not as easy to use, if you have alcohol or certain other products the red light comes on and you have wait for a member of staff to reset the till. Now the queues at the manned tills should tell ASDA that people want to be served by real life people, and I agree that self service checkouts mean having to employ less staff.

We no longer visit the store, I do my shop online, one week ASDA the next Iceland (who if you spend £35 or more do not charge for delivery) ASDA on the other hand does charge, and no longer deliver in bags, so you have to unload your shopping into your own bags or boxes. As ASDA is part of the Walmart group which is American, why don't they use paper bags as they do in their US stores?

Finally in the October issue, I disagree that the clowns are taking over Parliament, at least clowns are sane, the same can not be said of the elected idiots who currently work there.

C Grimmer

Hi Bugle

You will have heard that Barclays will no longer allow people to withdraw cash over the counter at post offices. This means that someone on a tight budget might get down to the last £9 in their account and be unable to get it out unless they can get to a branch - ATMs only dispense in £10 notes and higher.

Barclays clearly have no interest in customers who have little money - I guess it's no surprise, but holding people's money and restricting access - surely that's illegal?

All the best. Ann Green

Dear Bugle,

Lots of people move to the countryside because they crave peace and quiet – so did we!

We absolutely love a quiet day gardening BUT! – HGV's thunder past, Tractors and trailers hammer past at unbelievable speeds, Farmers harvest the fields, Grain dryers have been buzzing till late evening all summer, Clay pigeon shoots take place alternate Sundays, Latitude traffic arrives, It's autumn now and the shooting season has started!

But maybe, just maybe we can look forward to that quiet day in the garden next spring – but of course then the seeds are sown and bird scarers go off all day!!

Haha, but of course its very quiet in the countryside isn't it?? LOVE your magazine, keep up the good work (Name and address supplied)

Dear Editor

It's a pity "Grumpy Old Man" reinforces the clichéd, stereotypical view of cyclists. As a car driver and a cyclist, I see that cyclists are not a homogeneous group but a mix of careful cyclists and those with little consideration for others - just like motorists really! A bit more courtesy and patience from both sides would help. As for road tax, low emission electric cars do not pay road tax, so it seems fair that non-emission bicycles should also not pay. Of course, many, like myself also run a car, so do pay some road tax. Road tax isn't actually used to pay for roads, it goes into the general taxation pot. So all tax payers pay for roads, even those without a car or a bike, but that's another issue.

(Name supplied)



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MOSQUITO & V1 AT FLIXTON with Bob Collis

Every few months I receive an inquiry or comment about the memorial beside the footpath near "The Warren" at Decoy Farm, Flixton, near Lowestoft. As this month marks the 75th anniversary of the wartime tragedy which resulted in this memorial it is wholly appropriate the story airs again. Much of the research into this incident was done by my old friend and research colleague Ian "Clackers" McLachlan of Worlingham, whose reseaches I have supplemented.

Mosquito NF.XVII HK289 WM-K of 68 Squadron took off from Coltishall at 1805 hours on the evening of 14 Nov 1944 for a DIVER patrol over the N Sea. DIVER was the Allied code-name for V-1 Flying Bomb "Doodlebug" the infamous pilotless missiles which brought terror to London that summer and which were now being nocturnally launched off the East coast by converted He 111 bombers.

The crew were unusual in that both were members of the US Navy. Lts Black and Aiken were part of a group of USN aircrew who had joined the RAF night-fighter squadron to undergo familiarisation of British night operational techniques. It was hoped that the experience would aid the Americans in developing their own night-fighters for use against the Japanese in the Pacific. Despite the poor weather, the Germans launched a major V-1 attack against London that night with over 40 aircraft, and Mosquito HK289 was soon in action. Call-sign "Ferro 17" the crew reported radar contacts at 1905 hours - then silence.

At 1910 hours a V-1 crossed the coast at Hopton and the searchlights and heavy AA guns engaged it. Two minutes later the Mosquito followed it into the gun belt at 2,000 ft and was blasted by "friendly" guns. Despite

having its navigation lights on and belatedly firing very lights, the RAF fighter was set on fire and dived into the ground at Decoy Farm, setting fire to a haystack and killing both crew. One witness claimed a flare pistol was seen clutched in the hand of a body at the scene. The tragedy was compounded by the fact that Joe Black had been due to marry an English woman, Nancy Annan, the following week.

The original memorial was dedicated by the then Hon Savile Crossley (later Lord Somerleyton) on 31 Dec 1944, and the monument has been restored and reinstated several times after being lost in the undergrowth beside the track over the years. A propellor boss from the aircraft was recovered from the crash site in 1975 and is on display at the Flixton Air Museum.



Looking for a guest speaker? Aviation historian and author Bob Collis has a range of illustrated talks (aka "Slideshows") on different aspects of military aviation history in East Anglia. Target: Lowestoft, Aviation Archaeology, Down in the Drink, Zeppelins over Lowestoft and more. For full details contact Bob Collis at robertjcollis@aol.com or Tel: 01502 585421



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Christmas Lights Switch-Ons (more on page 13)

Halesworth: Sat 23rd November 4pm - 6pm

Lowestoft: Saturday 30th November 5pm London Road North

WHAT'S ON GUIDE

This Guide is a free service and is open to all local fundraising & community events
 Entries are subject to editing and inclusion is subject to space. Incomplete entries will not be included
 Email the details in the format and order as below to: the.buglemag@yahoo.co.uk

4th to 15th November Memories Carved in Stone. A free exhibition to commemorate local service personnel lost during WW1. Daily 10am-4pm. The Parcel Room, Lowestoft Train Station. Email: richard.allen@accessct.org

Tuesday 5th November - It's all about the Sparkle by Lorraine Scott. Demonstration at Loddon Flower Club. St Johns Lecture Hall, George Lane, Loddon, NR14 6NB . Open 6-30pm Start 7pm. Refreshments/ raffle . Visitors £6. Contact Tricia 01508-480522.

Tuesday 5th November. Auction - all household items. Corton Pavilion. View from 10am Sale 11.30am Enq: 01502 731358

Wednesday 6th November - 7.30pm at Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre, 10 Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, a lecture '1918 - The Decisive Year' by Dr. John Greenacre, Suffolk University lecturer. £5.00, light refreshments, tickets available from the Centre, to book 01502 573564.

Wednesday 6th November Beccles Society of Artists AGM at The Waveney Centre, NR34 9HE 7.30pm Members Welcome

Thursday 7th November: Beccles & District Historical Society meets 7.30pm at Hungate Church, Beccles, NR34 9TT. Topic: Bones & Stones -Geodiversity in the Waveney Valley by Tim Holt-Wilson. Admission £2.00. All Welcome.

Friday 8th November. Beccles library 7pm U3A Madrigal groups, 'Singing With Joy'. A piano duet, Sea Shanties, pastoral songs, madrigals and ballads - some audience participation too! Entrance £3 , refreshments available.

Saturday 9th November Quiz Night in aid of Christmas Lights, Community Centre, Upper Olland Street, Bungay, teams of 4, £6 pp inc finger buffet, bring own drinks and glasses. Please book teams in advance on 07741 165 430 or stephengwent@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday, 9 November – Framlingham & Saxmundham Cats Protection Christmas Fair – Reydon Village Hall, Southwold 10 -3pm

Sunday 10th November Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair, at the CORE Wortwell Community Centre, IP20 OHS. 10am- 4pm Free Adm. Over 50 tables booked -loads of exciting ideas for Christmas. CORE café will be open and offering Light Lunches & refreshments.

Sunday 10th November Wrentham Brass Band presents their Centenary Concert at Wrentham Church at 4pm. The entrance is free, with Refreshments provided. Please come along to support this wonderful event.

Thursday 14th November Halesworth & District Gardeners' Society meet at St. Mary's Church Hall, Halesworth. Matthew Tanton Brown will talk on "Old Fashioned Roses". Members Free, Non-Mem £1. Raffle. Refreshments.

Thursday 14th November Charity Quiz in aid of Halesworth Junior Football Club at Westhall Village Hall 7.30pm. £5 per person, to include a buffet. Teams of 4 -6 byo wine etc. Please call Tracey to book your table on 01502 575415

Friday 15th November Alburgh Cinema showing "Yesterday" (a Comedy/Drama/Musical) Alburgh Village Hall open 6.30 pm Film starts 7.30pm. Admission £4 adults £2 U16's Contact details www.alburgh.org.uk or 01986 788477

Friday 15th November. Waveney Folk Club, Gunton Estate Community Hall, Hollingsworth Rd, Lowestoft NR32 4DZ. Sound Tradition, Plus Support. Adm £6. 8pm-11pm. Details www.waveneyfolkclub.co.uk Info Peter Hood 01502 566656

Saturday 16th November. Grand Garage Book Sale, 10am to 2pm, Spindleberry Narrow Way ,Wenhaston IP19 9EG. Many different books at reasonable prices Tea/Coffee and biscuits £1 iao St Peter's Church

Saturday 16th November Christmas Bazaar, Wangford Community Centre. 2pm. Adm Free. Many varied stalls. Tombola. Raffle .Refreshments

Saturday 16th November - Craft Fair at The Salvation Army Hall, Beach Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1EA. Open from 9:30am to 1pm. Free Entry. Tea/Coffee and light refreshments available.

Saturday 16th November 9.30am – 5.00pm & Sunday 17th November 11.00am – 4.00pm Donated Sound & Vision Sale: DVDs, CDs & Vinyl. All donations welcome. All funds towards supporting Southwold Library

Sunday 17th November 7.30pm Harbour Lights Trio: Unmissable Evening of Music. Stella Peskett Millennium Hall, Mights Road IP18 6BE. Bar & Raffle. Proceeds to Southwold Library. £7 (advance) £9 on door. From Southwold Library 01502 722519

Sunday 17th November - 11.00am - 4.00pm, Christmas Craft Fair at Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre, 10 Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft. Handcrafted, homemade, FREE admission, small charge to visit Santa To book 6 foot table space £15 contact the Centre 01502 573564.

Tuesday 19th November - 7.30pm at Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre, 10 Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, a lecture 'The World's Worst Wound Great Britain and the Aftermath of WW1' by Dr. John Greenacre, Suffolk University lecturer. Tickets £5 from centre -call 01502 573564.

Wednesday 20th November "Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund are showing Danny Boyle's film 'Yesterday' at The Cut, Halesworth at 2.45 pm for 3 pm start - £5 on the day. All are welcome.

Wednesday, 20th November - Film at Geldeston Village Hall Danny Boyle's 'Yesterday' 2pm and 7pm (doors open 30 minutes prior) Tickets £5 each available on the door. Refreshments available.

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Thursday 21st November Join RSPB Lowestoft & District Local Group for a walk at National Trust Dunwich Heath. Meet at 10am in NT car park by coastguard cottages (charge for non-NT members). All welcome, facilities available. Leader: Daphne Hayward

Thursday 21st November. Guns that won the West. Beccles Library 2-3pm. Ray Perry - Western' films and the guns used in them. The Colt 45, Derringer and Winchester rille (which will all be on display) Adm Free. Refreshments available.

Thursday 21st November 2.30pm & 7.30pm English National Opera: The Barber of Seville. Southwold Arts Centre, St Edmunds Hall. Tickets £10 (£8 for 12s and under). Filmed: October 2015 at London Coliseum. Tickets from Southwold Library Tel: 722519

Saturday 23rd November Christmas Fayre at Jays Green Hall Harleston IP209HH. 10am Free entry Over 20 stalls plus balloon art, face painting, raffle, tombola, refreshments proceeds to Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Saturday 23rd Nov plus Dec 7 & 21 Markets in The Triangle Market, Lowestoft. Stalls £10. www.lowestofttowncouncil.gov.uk

Saturday 23rd November. Wenhaston Commons Group Quiz Night at Wenhaston Village Hall, doors open 7.00pm. Contact Richard or Jan for details. 01502478775./07886022340. email janetclements616@btinternet.com.

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th November Independent Artists Open Studios Bungay. Derek Baitey, Jan Hughes, Jean Baitey & Neil Harvey will be at 1 Pilgrims Way, NR35 1HL showing their work from 11am – 5pm both days.

Sunday 24th November Loddon Antiques & Collectors Fair. Jubilee Hall, George Lane, Loddon NR14 6NB. Entrance £1 (trade free with card) Children Free. Over 40 stalls, Hot & Cold Refreshments. KC Fairs & Events 01502 711174/715771 for details

Wednesday 27th November - 7.30pm at Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre, 10 Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, a lecture '1918-1939 - The Fall of Europe' by Dr. John Greenacre, Suffolk University history lecturer, £5.00, light refreshments, tickets available from the Centre, 01502 573564.

Friday 29th November Waveney Folk Club, Gunton Estate Community Hall, Hollingsworth Rd, Lowestoft NR32 4DZ. Chris Cleverley, Plus Support. Adm £6. 8pm-11pm. Details www.waveneyfolkclub.co.uk Info Peter Hood 01502 566656.

Saturday 30th November Winter Event at The Yard Project Ashby Road off Norwich Road Lowestoft 10.30 to 3pm free admission Crafts, refreshments and lots more. Details Sue 07510 551 697

Saturday 30th November Wrentham Village Hall Film Night. YESTERDAY (12A). 2019 romantic comedy directed by Danny Boyle, written by Richard Curtis. Stars Lily James, Himesh Patel, and Ed Sheeran. Open 6.45pm for 7.30pm. £4.50 inc refreshments.

Saturday 30th November Quiz Night at the CORE Wortwell Community Centre, IP20 0HS, from 7pm. £10 per person includes supper. Max 6 per table. Tickets can be booked on 01986 788511

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Well done to all of the team at Anglia Print

Picture: Proprietor John Popely holds this prestigious award which will be added to the plethora of awards the company has achieved over the years.



THE MESSIAH - with Beccles choral Society

Following another sell-out concert at Snape Maltings Concert Hall in May when they were joined by the Phoenix Singers and Gippeswyk Singers for Verdi: Requiem, the choir returns home to Beccles for the 2019-2020 concert season. The programme comprises two classical concerts, Handel's Messiah in November 2019 and Mendelssohn's Elijah in May 2020, together with the ever popular Christmas Cracker concert in December, featuring guest artists.

The first concert will be a performance of Handel's Oratorio Messiah. This was first performed in Dublin on 13 April 1742 and received its London premiere nearly a year later. After an initially modest public reception, the oratorio gained in popularity and eventually became one of the best-known and most frequently performed choral works in Western music.

The choir will be accompanied by their regular orchestra the Kingfisher Sinfonietta together with professional soloists from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

The concert will be at St. Michael's Church on Sunday 24th November at 4.30pm with a talk about the piece by conductor Geoff Lavery at 4.10pm. Interval refreshments. Tickets are £15, under 16s free, from Cheryl Coutts: cherylcoutts468@btinternet.com or tel. 01502 714655, also from Beccles Books or any choir member.



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Lowestoft HODs - Bringing History to Life Bob Collis

For a town which according to some is 'dead' and which if you believe Suffolk County Council is 'lacking in culture' I would suggest a rapid reappraisal based on this year's Lowestoft Heritage Open Days festival over 13-22 Sept. Such was the amazing work undertaken by an army of heritage volunteers that for the second year running Lowestoft had more registered HODs events than anywhere in Suffolk. Based on the 85 registered events and two late additions, the town came 10th in the national HODs league table, an extraordinary achievement when one considers 808 towns and cities took part! Surely our town now deserves some acknowledgement as being the heritage capital of Suffolk?

The total cost of the event, which was borne by Lowestoft Town Council's local heritage budget, was £803.50, principally the cost of producing 7,000 brochures. I did not see many of the other attractions open but from my station at Port House, there were times when it was difficult to move. A superb team of volunteers guided by a steering committee led by Paul King again laid on an incredible array of buildings, talks, exhibitions, music and displays - and the public did not disappoint. An estimated 15,000 visitors poured through the doors over the ten days.

All of the guided tours, walks, and talks were full to capacity. Both the Crown Artist Brush Factory, the 1904 Signal Box and the Old Town Hall were fully booked and several events had to organise further tours due to demand. On the Historic Wharf both the Excelsior and Mincarolo, aided by the Laura Moncur had a steady stream of fascinated and inquisitive visitors.

One member of the HODs National Board made an incognito visit to Port House (where she commented on the passion exhibited by members of the SORO campaign group) and the Excelsior. At both ends of the town churches, historic buildings, private houses and schools opened up to welcome the public. At least two visitors from Scotland came to stay for the event, but it has become evident that visitors from as far afield as London, Colchester, Oxford and Norwich attended this year, demonstrating that we are reaching a much wider audience than just Lowestoft and Suffolk.

Personally I felt privileged to have been a part of it. One comment in the Port House visitors book made all the hard work involved worthwhile: "Thank you for bringing history to life"

Pic: Paul King, Chairman of Lowestoft HODs and Bob Collis Local Aviation Historian outside The Port House



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Oliver Cromwell put it best – abridged version:

It is high time for me to put an end to your sitting in this place, which you have dishonored by your contempt of all virtue, and defiled by your practice of every vice; ye are a factious crew, and enemies to all good government; ye are a pack of mercenary wretches. Is there a single virtue now remaining amongst you? Is there one vice you do not possess? Ye sordid prostitutes have you not defil'd this sacred place by your immoral principles and wicked practices? Ye are grown intolerably odious to the whole nation; So! lock up the doors. In the name of God, go!"

Sadly though this lot will not vacate until forced - what a complete and utter disgrace they are

A Better Idea

What about this for an idea? Fully fund all schools including provision of Arts, Music, Sports, Driver Education, Growing Food, Self-Sufficiency and Archery

by slashing MPS expense claims to a maximum of £60 per week each. After spending all that we needed to on our kids' education we would still have enough left over to give free school dinners and bring back free school milk. Such is the level of corruption and greed of our MPS

Christmas Cheer

It is the time of year when we spread joy and laughter, give gifts to those we love and enjoy the gathering of family and friends to eat drink and be merry. That is indeed the way I remember it growing up. Sadly though 21st century living has changed much of that. First of all there is the shopping to be done which usually falls on poor old Mum - Dad couldn't possibly organise that - he wouldn't know where to start. The kids Christmas lists that used to range from toys for the little one to record players for the older ones has now been replaced by anything with a screen that they can stare at all day long and totally ignore you! From mobile phones to I pads and computers, so long as they can live in the virtual world most of their waking hours, they seem fine.

Deciding who you are going to invite to stay for Christmas has to be tempered with just which ones you can poke up with the longest! It is a time most don't like and are glad when the relatives leave and you can close the door on your little house again! On Christmas Day the teens in the family will emerge from the bedroom caves just long enough to eat, drink and get their presents. As soon as they have everything the need they WILL disappear back into oblivion. Christmas lights and decorations that have gotten broken in the box, presents ordered on line that dont arrive and menfolk spending too long in the pub. Ahh, It's Christmas again. Lovely!!



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Lowestoft Centre for Over 60's

The Lowestoft Elderly People's Welfare Committee is a registered charity established some 60 years ago to assist the welfare of elderly people. Our mission is to provide a meeting place and reduce loneliness for the over 60's.

Our meeting place is in Clapham Road beside the Library, with access from the town centre (via the Britten Centre). No membership is required and everyone aged 60 or more is welcome. We operate a coffee bar and provide hot meals and a range of activities for those wishing to take part.

We are self-sufficient financially – paying our way from charges for the coffee bar, meals and activities. We rely heavily on our volunteers and that enables us to keep our charges low. More volunteers are always welcome (contact 01502 561438).

In the last 12 months we have seen a drop in the number of people using the Centre and for the first time ever we have decided to advertise our presence in the town. Our longer-term future depends on people wanting to use the Centre. If you are aged 60 or more then please come in and give us a try. (See advert on next page!)

Rita Carter, Chairman

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# Something Else

When did you stop believing in Magic?

With Elsie Towers

Faeries are found in German and Slavik folklore as well as English & Irish. In Greek and Roman folklore they are Nymphs or Satyrs, in Norse they were Elves. Faeries have turned up in Authurian legend with Morgan Le Fay - the nickname Fay means Faerie. In Shakespeare's work faeries appeared also, Arthur's wife, Guinevere, or Gwenhwyfar in the Welsh tradition, also appeared to be a fairy, as well as the sovereignty goddess. Many knights were either born from fairies or they took female fairies as their lovers. Even Merlin was only part mortal. There has been a long history of a very firm belief in Faeries, drawn from those who could and did witness them.

For every country where people may have at one time witnessed these creatures there is a folklore surrounding them with good and bad character traits and devilish ways sometimes. It seems that many times the faerie folk have been much maligned by writers, burdoning them with human traits! There were the faeries seen dancing in a meadow beside the road now known as the A14 between Stowmarket & Haughley. Several witnesses saw them but once they realised that they were being watched - they instantly disappeared.

Then there was the tale told of a group of faeries seen on a summer day in Tostock, Suffolk in the mid 1930s. A group of children happened upon them one sunny day in June. They were on the farthest side of a meadow away from the children who saw them. They were brightly coloured, appeared to be gliding on the air playfully whilst they tended some flowers. They seemed to know some humans were near and quickly vanished.

Faeries, Elves and the like are merely nature spirits who can manifest themselves if need be. They are innocent spirits who are evolving by caring for other less able creatures and plants. Whilst once they were almost a common site, today they are rarely witnessed. It may be that the way we are destroying nature, they are just very, very busy.

The Green Children of Woolpit is a story of two children, greenish in colour who appeared in the village one day... that full story I will save for another time.



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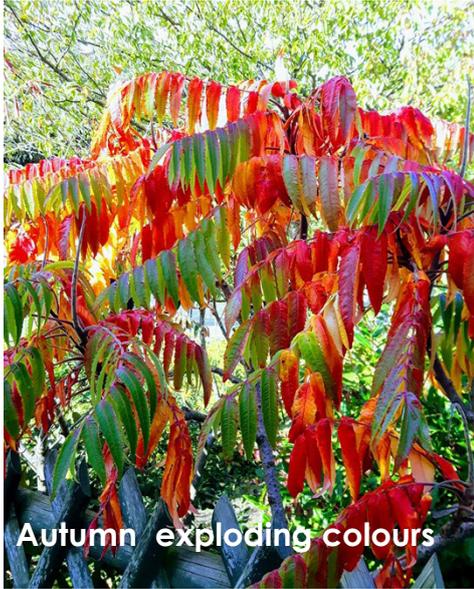
# Friends of Kensington Gardens *Lowestoft*

Autumn started with a Gold award for the Friends of Kensington gardens 'for our community project - the Long bed' (the longest garden bed in Suffolk ) a Lowestoft in bloom award and we are sooo proud and thrilled.

We started our group just a year ago and it has gone from strength to strength with 7-10 regulars arriving on a Thursday for 2 hours of gardening. It's very, very social we have lots of fun and laughs and we always, always end up in Marks cafe for tea and cakes!



**The Friends of KG and their Gold Award!**



**Autumn exploding colours**

We have many projects in the pipeline, we have a monthly meeting to discuss our ideas, all for the spring to come, but our next, is bulbs (provided by Lowestoft Town Council, who support us in every way) lots of them to plant, all over the gardens, beautiful colour for the spring everywhere!

You may have noticed our fairy tree in the sunken gardens, oh my goodness the children adore it, they come to see what the fairies have been up to, we do have things mysteriously left and it thrills the children, us too! The children will visit on their way to school and pop notes and painted stones, even a sweet or two behind the fairy doors.

Throughout the year we have been having stalls to fund our forthcoming projects, we produce all our own products, jams, pickles, chutneys, cakes, bird feeders/boxes, herbs, and our own merchandise, and we get lots of donations of cakes and plants from our 'friends' of 'friends'!

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## HALESWORTH TO SOUTHWOLD NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY

Project 1 – Halesworth Junction tracklaying – has begun. Thanks to agreement with the Halesworth Millennium Green, HSNR volunteers have already laid down three track panels – and with the one panel already on the Folly bridges, that makes just over one chain and one rod of track.



This is the first time that track has been laid on the 1879 main line, since scrapping in 1941. Modern track materials, slightly heavier than the originals, have been used to increase longevity. Over the next few weeks, more track will be laid (weather permitting!), up to a length of over 2½ chains. There are still opportunities

to sponsor your section of track – via our website – or ring us for a form.

On Monday 7th October, HSNR were proud to be asked to take part in the Suffolk Libraries Book Journey. The Society van carried the book – and a 1:16-scale model of Sharp, Stewart locomotive “Halesworth” – to most of the original stations along the line. The Friends of Halesworth library gave us a very nice send-off, and Southwold Library welcomed us at the end of our journey: Adnams took the book on from Southwold the next day. The Friends also ran a competition, to win a Sponsored Sleeper on the HSR trackbed.

The HSR is almost certainly the last major UK narrow gauge railway that can be restored in its entirety. The Welsh Highland Railway and Lynton and Barnstaple Railway show that it can be done. We are anxious to help Halesworth’s prosperity by providing a family-friendly tourist attraction in the town – but we can only do that if we can find suitable premises.

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### ANN GREEN BOOKSELLER Going... but not gone

With a heavy heart, secondhand bookseller Ann Green has announced the forthcoming closure of her shop in Halesworth. Ann said, ‘James Hayward started the business in The Thoroughfare next to the Angel and all together it has been trading for over 25 years. I had to move premises to Steeple End two years ago and hoped to keep going. Unfortunately, changing trends including the recent closure of banks and reduction of bus services have hit older people hard, and they are the very people who tend to shop locally. I shall miss seeing all the lovely people who enjoy books, many of them I now regard as friends.’

However, Ann is not giving up hope of continuing to ‘re-home’ books. She said, ‘There are still people who love books and there’s plenty of books that deserve a second chance, so I will be trading online as well as appearing at local

fairs. I have reserved a week at I-Chameleon next year to try a pop-up shop in the Thoroughfare. I shall maintain my Facebook page and will advertise in the Bugle so that customers can come and find me.

So... watch this space!

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Tasha Leaper will be at the theatre on Saturday, November 23, to perform a catalogue of the American icon's hits throughout the decades.



Joined by two backing dancers, Tasha is hoping to have everyone on their feet during the show, which starts at 8.15pm.

She began her career as a professional dancer and worked at various high profile events supporting the likes of Take That, before she began impersonating Madonna 13 years ago.

She said: "I start with her songs from about 2005 in the first half, such as Music and Ray of Light, through to Vogue and Express Yourself, and then I work backwards to all the favourites of the 80s in the second half. I hope that everyone will get up and dance. I've been doing it for such a long time, but I still get a buzz from performing her songs."

Fancy dress is encouraged, but not essential.

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# The Herring Bonanza *John Blowers*

During the early part of the last century, every autumn saw Lowestoft undergo a major transformation. It was the time of year when the huge herring shoals that moved around these isles are positioned off our shores. Following the fish were large fleets of drifters from various ports around Britain and considerable numbers of these, (particularly Scots) would augment the home fleets of Yarmouth and Lowestoft. The size of this combined fleet fishing from Lowestoft alone in the peak year of 1913 was a staggering 682!

Most of the enormous catches being landed had to be processed (gutted, salted, packed etc) before selling on, up to 4/5ths being exported to many northern European Countries and elsewhere. This required a workforce of several thousands, most of whom also came south from Scotland to work in the many outdoor curing yards. Many of these were situated on the North Denes but others occupied unused plots in town centre streets. The largely 6-roomed terrace houses in these same streets also provided most of the accommodation for this huge workforce. Many residents in that part of town were in the low-income category and therefore only too willing to supplement their incomes by boarding these workers. Some householders would crowd a small group of workers into their tiny properties where the boarders would be denied the luxury of a bed and settle for a mattress of sorts on the floor.

It is how the issue of cleanliness and hygiene were dealt with that have long puzzled me, as almost none of these houses would have a bathroom, relying on a solitary tap on the kitchen sink for its only water supply. Other beneficiaries from this addition to the local population were not only the High Street businesses but also the many so-called "corner shops" that

existed in those days in residential town centre streets from where the bulk of a family's basic needs would be purchased in those pre-supermarket times. The scale of the boost to the local economy that resulted from this annual influx was one that present-day businesses can only dream of.



The fortunes of the local herring industry, of course, fluctuated over the years, eventually ceasing to exist in the late 1960s. My most remembered childhood memory of those days is being taken by my father to the South Pier on Sunday mornings to join large numbers of others witnessing the drifters putting to sea while yet another indelible memory is of those Scots lassies working in the open curing yards, sleeves rolled up, often in inclement weather and at a speed that would today be an embarrassment to many and while walking the streets in their off-duty hours, they were conspicuous in their heavy ankle length aprons, invariably knitting a Fair Isle jumper, also at incredible speed, while engaged in conversation in accents only intelligible to themselves!

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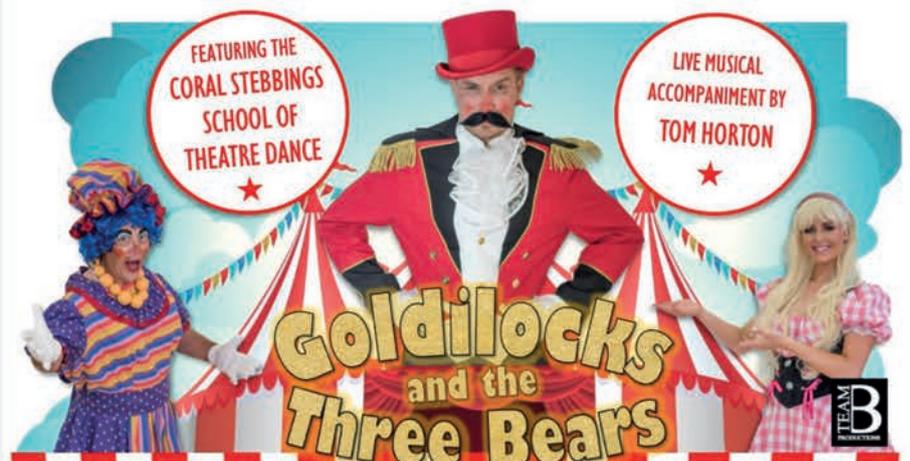
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