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Live Music in Southwold

The colder weather has meant that Nathan Williamson and Magnus and Marije Johnston haven't been able to perform on South Green since the end of September.

They have paid two visits to Southwold Primary School and been busy negotiating logistics of staging events in St Edmund's Church in Southwold to a limited, socially distanced audience with live streaming to local care homes and isolated individuals. Sadly the new lockdown rules have pushed back any plans to launch in November but they hope that

December may allow concerts to continue. Please follow the Southwold Concert Series on Facebook and Twitter for updates. You will also find announcements on Next Door and if you would like to join our mailing list, please email info@southwoldmusictrust.co.uk

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Bill Murray**

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Once again a local person goes... Under The Spotlight!

This month STAN SMITH Lowestoft Pat Tester and Lamp Creations expert is our willing victim! Stan is a regular advertiser and his ad can be found on page 14

If you won a million pounds what is the first thing you would do?

Buy a new van to pop all my gear in!

What was your life changing moment?

Saving lives of two kids who were fishing from a rock just out at the far reaches of the tide. They couldn't swim. Tide came in and cut them off. I went out and fetched them back one at a time - in my new Levis!

What is your favourite group/band/artist? *Pink Floyd*

What is your favourite holiday destination *Anywhere in Scotland - love it.*

What was your first car? *Original Mini Cooper S Reg: AVV 697 C*

Who is your favourite film star? *Humphrey Bogart*

TV shows you always switch off: *Anything Reality/celebrity*

If you could have dinner and a conversation with any person living or dead, who would it be?

Lauren Bacall

Beatles or Stones: *Stones definitely*

Who was your childhood hero? *Adam West - the best ever Batman*

Best and worst thing about your town

Best = *Beach by Claremont pier. best beach by far*

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A Light in the Darkness' in 2021 Holocaust Memorial Day

Following the success of the 'Holocaust Memorial Day' event in Southwold and Reydon in 2020, plans were being discussed for a similar event to take place in January 2021. However because of the coronavirus pandemic restrictions it has been decided that rather than meeting together in person, there will be a live event online via Zoom instead. The theme for 2021 is 'Be a Light in the Darkness' and our event will include a talk by Professor Lawrence Goldman, a historian and the former director of the Institute of Historical Research in London. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a resident of Southwold.

His talk, 'Miriam's Story', will speak of his remarkable family member who shepherded her grandparents, parents and brother to safety from Paris in 1941 through occupied France and Vichy into Spain and onto Lisbon where they took a ship to Jamaica. Aspects of Miriam's story appeared in Anne Sebba's book, *Les Parisiennes*, about women in Paris under Nazi occupation. Anne Sebba spoke to the Southwold

Archaeological and Historical Society about her book two years ago.

There will also be a film clip of a talk by Mukash Kapila about the Darfur Genocide where an estimated 200,000 people died from violence between 2003 and 2005. The one hour programme will also include music, a poem read by Janet Gershlick, and prayers from Reverend Alan Perry.

The event will take place between 11.30 and 12.30 on Thursday 21st January and everyone is invited to attend. The event can be accessed at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88312600710?pwd=NjFYXXJmZURzQUxjdzhFSUU4LzZzd09>

Meeting ID: 883 1260 0710 Passcode: 171377

For further information email Chris Ure at ure.spring@btinternet.com or phone 01502 725793.

Charles Hazelwood - The Drummer at the Salvation Army

It is with great sadness we have to report the death of Charles Hazelwood better known as "Burt" to most people who knew him. He passed away peacefully on October 16 in Eastview care home at the good age of 96

He was featured in 'The Bugle' a year ago and had been playing drums since he was 5 years old and he went on to play in dance bands and of course the Salvation Army where he was a devoted member. He was probably the oldest drummer, still playing in the country.

On the day of his death having recently been ill in hospital he was back to his old self, singing to the other residents. He had a little saying when people did something for him it was "thank you most sincerely". We should be like that. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him especially the Salvation Army.



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During the first three weeks of Covid-19 lockdown more than 5,300 people contacted the 'Home but not Alone' East Suffolk telephone support line. More than 50% of the calls were for help with shopping because the caller did not have access to online shopping. Between April and the end of June more than 800 visits were made by volunteers in the Kirkley area to deliver shopping to more than 50 households unable to access online food shopping.

In response to the needs of Kirkley community, The Kirkley Pantry, a branch of Your Local Pantry will open on Tuesday 1 December at 10am in Kirkley Church Hall, St Peter's Road, Lowestoft. Kirkley Pantry is not a Food Bank, there are no vouchers, no referral system.

Anyone who has found after paying all the household bills there is very little left over for food can become a member of Kirkley Pantry. It is a membership scheme where for £3.50 each week members can shop at the Pantry and select at least 10 items of their own choosing from a wide selection of high quality products including tinned, chilled, frozen and fresh. The value of these items is approximately £15. Members are encouraged to pay their £3.50 weekly membership (pay by DD and receive a 25% discount!) This helps families budget for food, and offers peace of mind knowing that even with an unexpected expense, there will be food on the table.

Become a member by calling 01502 589112 or visit www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/kirkelypantry/

Members of Kirkley Pantry can also volunteer, earning work experience credits and increasing skills. Please contact Rev'd Helen Chandler on 01502 589112 if you are interested in volunteering to help with the Pantry - jobs such as: Responsibility for food deliveries. Unpacking and putting food onto shelving/fridge/freezer. General cleaning. Greeting members and guiding them through the Pantry shopping experience. Stock rotation and management. Administration roles. IT roles

If there are any further lockdown restrictions Kirkley Pantry will remain open for shoppers because we can accommodate a single shopper at a time or take telephone orders to be picked up.

Kirkley Pantry not only provides members with access to affordable food, but also cooking experiences, new adventures in food tasting, nutritional information and more. Once the Café is open and members are able to eat and socialise, the Pantry will be a place to make friends, have a nourishing meal, and be signposted to other services when necessary. One of the distinguishing features of Pantries is that the requirements for membership are minimal and there is no pressure for people to move on."

As part of the Lowestoft Food Forum, Kirkley Pantry complements the work of other agencies in the area. Initially open on Tuesdays 10:00 – 3:30. These hours may change as the patterns and needs of our members become clearer. For more info visit Facebook: Kirkley Pantry Your Local Pantry. Also on Twitter & Instagram

Picture: Reverend Helen Chandler and Volunteer Paul Light await the tiler in their new kitchen!



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The story follows a child who believes life does exist inside there snow globe and when they believe they are magically transported to the north pole, where they become one of Santa's elf's and go on a whole host of an adventure. An action packed family production full of songs, stories and laughter. At the end of the show, children will be able to take part in a socially distanced meet and greet with Santa where they will each receive a present.

The production runs from 19th - 24th December 2020 with unto three performances a day at Beccles Public Hall & Theatre. Tickets are £12 and can be booked online at www.becclespublichall.com


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

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By December 1940 the Battle of Britain was over, the Germans having postponed their invasion of Britain indefinitely. The night Blitz against London was underway, and would continue with increasing venom until May 1941.

In Lowestoft and other East Suffolk towns and villages, a new threat began to manifest itself, the "hit and run" raider. From their bases in France, Belgium and more importantly Holland, the distance across the North Sea, 100 miles, meant that the Suffolk coast was a mere 20 minutes flying time away. The relatively short distance also meant that fighter-bomber aircraft like the Me 110 and even 'Jabos' - bomb-carrying fighter aircraft like the Me 109 and FW 190 - had the range to reach targets in Suffolk.

Lowestoft featured high on the Luftwaffe's Suffolk target list, minesweepers were built and operated from there, and thousands of sailors received their basic training at HMS Europa, the HQ of the RNPS. The town, or more pointedly the harbour facilities, became "Target No.457".

The Observer Corps (the 'Royal' came later) had a post atop Hamilton House, overlooking the docks and with a commanding view of the coast, but of defences there were few. Only the four Lewis machine-guns of 514 Coast Defence Battery responded against any aerial threat, hardly a deterrent against sudden low-level raids and night raiders flying at 10,000 feet or more.

On 4 December 1940 at 1258 hours, a raider approached Gisleham at 2,000 feet and dropped four bombs on the Pakefield Holiday Camp. Huts and a recreation building were destroyed and an army officer, Lt Latter of 326 coastal Battery, was killed.

On 29 December it was Lowestoft's turn as a Do 17Z made a direct run across the south of the town at 8,000 feet and dropped bombs which wrecked properties in Orchard Terrace and fractured a gas main. People in Anderson shelters had extraordinary escapes in this raid; in one shelter four people were only 7 feet from a crater, and from one of two shelters a mere 6 feet from another, all four occupants again emerged unharmed.

Typical of the pattern of attacks that would be symptomatic of the winter ordeal that would continue well into the new year of 1941 for Lowestoft was the final raid of 1940. At 1622 hours on 31 December 1940, too late for a warning to be sounded via the Observer Corps lookout, a Ju 88 dived across the harbour and released 2 x 250 kg HE bombs before speeding back out to sea. One bomb exploded harmlessly in the harbour. The second scored a direct hit on the bandstand of the South Pier, totally destroying it and blasting a crater in the piling and decking, and cracking the concrete in the spur groyne nearby. The Pier Pavilion was battered by the blast and a soldier was slightly hurt. 80 properties in Royal Plain, Waveney Road and Pier Terrace had windows damaged.

Everyone knows about the ordeal suffered by London in WW 2. For the people living on the coast in Suffolk during the winter of 1940-41, the terror was to last much longer than anyone knew.



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YOUR LETTERS

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Dear Editor

I refer to Dick Houghton's letter in the November edition of "The Bugle". With regard to his comments regarding Lowestoft Town Council, I would like to correct several points of fact:

They are proposing to spend Council taxes on a food bank Not true. A grant was made towards ESC co-ordinated efforts to support food banks in the early weeks of lockdown, to help with Covid-19 community support/relief, but to date no discussions have taken place regarding further grants to food banks. One of our Town Councillors volunteers at a local food bank in his personal capacity, but not as a Councillor. There are no proposals currently under consideration for Town Councillors to man food banks.

They are proposing to spend Council taxes on...a Memorial Bench to applaud the retirement of Stephen Ardley and Keith Patience". Not true. If it goes ahead, the proposed bench would be funded by County Council locality funding, not Town Council taxes. Nor is the bench being considered as something to mark the retirement of two County Councillors. Whether the bench actually proceeds will depend on time constraints associated with the allocation of locality funding.

They are proposing to spend Council taxes on...a statue to the NHS". Not true. One of our Town Councillors did moot the idea of a piece of public art, to be sited in one of our local parks, as a tribute to the work of NHS staff during the Covid-19 crisis. The artwork would have been funded using Community Infrastructure Levy or Section 106 funds (i.e. funds from developers which have to be spent on community projects), not Town Council taxes. However, the idea has never actually been formally proposed and considered by the Town Council. And once again: 5 of the 19 Town Councillors are Labour Party members. Those numbers do not constitute a political takeover or a controlling majority. Any proposal would require support from Independent Councillors in order to pass.

Dick Houghton has previously made these comments on Facebook and I offered at the time to discuss the concerns he has raised regarding public toilets with him if he wished. Unfortunately, he did not take me up on this offer. The offer still stands.

If Dick does wish to speak with me, I would also be happy to let him know what is happening regarding our parks and the Town Hall.
Andy Pearce. Harbour & Normanston Ward
Lowestoft Town Council

Dear Editor,

The Grumpy Old Man asks in the November issue, how is it that we are the 5th richest country in the world, but still many people have to rely on food banks and handouts to survive. I believe there are at least 3 reasons which are, our benefits system, foreign aid and migrants.

Let me expand on these, we have many people on benefits who could work but have never done a days work in their lives. These people are quite happy to take tax payers money to spend on booze, fags and in some cases drugs. There are families who have a large number of children claiming enough that neither adult need to work, they will be housed, spend their benefits on widescreen TVs, etc some may even run a car. All around them are people who work and can just about keep their heads above water, but they see these large families and well if they felt resentment against them, then I do not blame them. Why are we giving foreign aid to countries like China and India, if they can support a space program then they are in my mind no longer "third world".

Lastly the flood of migrants coming across the channel. They land illegally or are picked up by Border Force vessels, given housing and benefits, access to the NHS, none of which they have paid towards. They are in my view not asylum seekers as they are all well dressed carry up to date mobile phones, and mainly young fit men. They should be sent straight back to France, saving tax payers having to pay for them to stay. It would also save money by not having Lifeboats and Border Force having to rescue them from the channel. Oh and one other way money could be saved, scrapping the HS2 and the obscene amount being spent on it. Good to see you back in print, and may I one Grumpy Old Man say to another, keep up the good work, and continue to say what a large number of people agree with.
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Earlier this year with the assistance of the Kirkley People's Forum and The Kirkley Residents Association we formed KIT. The Kirkley Independent Traders group. It replaced Kirkley Business Association which had folded. The goal has been to promote KIT to all the shops and businesses in Kirkley but sadly, like most things this year, Covid19 got in the way. Initially some businesses linked to the Facebook page. For KIT to work we all need to be in it together and make this a real and positive change for Kirkley.

There are no subscriptions, no membership fees and no pressure.

With Christmas coming up, and the possibility that it might not be the usual Christmas we all look forward to, it's time to get the ball rolling again. With the upcoming Heritage Action Zone for the area it would be great if we could make London Road South, and all the Kirkley shops and businesses, look as festive as possible to attract residents both in the immediate area and beyond to come and look at what we have to offer so We thought a competition for the best dressed Christmas window might be a good start. Bright and sparkling lights, a tree, traditional or eclectic decorations and a willingness to create a real Christmas atmosphere would be a huge attraction.

We can promote it on social media and in local papers and if, on the weekend of the judging we promote a one off Saturday and Sunday opening for shoppers we could make sure we shine our Kirkley light all over Lowestoft and further afield.

As we aren't getting our Christmas lights this year on London Road South (2021 has now been promised), this could be the best opportunity we get to give back some 'sparkle and fizz' cheer to 2020.

We can offer a prize worth £200, kindly donated, for the best dressed Christmas window and a bottle of Champagne for the two runners up along with a hamper donated by the KPF

If you are interested in participating in the competition, keeping your shop or business open on the weekend of the 12th /13th December and joining KIT to help traders in the area start 2021 with a bang not a whimper then pop into (Seagulls and Other Birds at 153 London Road South) or call Jacqui on 07957355937

Together we really can make a difference

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The Grumpy Old Man

Life today - is it any better - or worse??



Santa's Generosity

A lady I know reminded me recently that many kids this year will be getting expensive technology presents like Xboxes, computers, televisions and other high tech gadgets that I have probably never heard of, that some parents cannot afford to give their children. The sad thing is that many parents will attribute these outlandishly expensive gifts as coming from Santa. This begs the question, what about all the kids who ask Santa for this stuff but Mum & Dad cannot afford to buy them? It will mean that in the kids eyes he is getting these things for some kids but not others.

When it came to Christmas in my day (a long time ago) it was always quite clear that Mum & Dad had to pay for the things and that Santa brought them. If every parent did this it would solve the problem.

Children In Need & other charities.

This is the worst possible time to ask the population for money and yet the tv ads are full of them, plus at the moment Children In Need. Many in our population are poorer than they were 10 years ago, food banks abound and the government are locking us down, closing businesses and urinating on the festive season. Now whether or not you are religious it has always been a time to see family, eat, drink, give gifts and generally have a party. This year it is clear that much of the merriment will be stunted by the Covid 1984 scare and the antics of government. Things are bad enough for Joe public without asking them to dip in their pockets when there are so many rich people who stay hidden and just keep counting their dosh. Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Musk, Microsoft and a myriad of others are dripping with money and it wouldn't hurt them to put a couple of million in each. Then there is our Queen who has a personal wealth vast enough to match the GDP of a small country. Prince Charles owns half of Cornwall and is filthy rich. The Churches stink of money from C of E to the Roman Catholics. The latter is the biggest landowner in the world I hear, so why don't these people pop their hands into their pockets and just

give a little so that TV charity nights can become a thing of the past. And amid all the tough times for us, MPs just awarded themselves a pay rise. Ok it isn't due till 2021 but it is still an extra £3,000 per year. Just this month the inept and incompetent Health Secretary Matt Hancock (other surnames are available) ruled OUT a pay rise for NHS staff. It's ok - Boris has sorted that, he got everyone to stand outside and clap for them - and that is as much as they are going to get. Despicable behaviour.

Mileage tolls

So the chancellor is planning to make motorists pay £1.50 per mile every time they drive which is just lunacy coming from a government that has locked the country down twice, sent businesses to the brink, used austerity to cut the standard of living for every working person for the last twelve years. I think Rishi should follow the example of Sweden. They have got rid of all ministerial cars and told their MPs and staff to use public transport instead. Good start! I hope those new tanks that the gov are buying are electric!!

Fairytale of New York.

So the woke, cancel culture, leftie BBC have struck again banning 'Fairytale of New York' by The Pogues from Radio 1. It may suit the millennials to go along with this stupidity but it is interesting to note that in the latest poll taken, places only 7% agree with the ban. That is a whopping 93% in favour of leaving this song alone. Ban Rule Britannia, Ban Land of Hope & Glory. It is like the leftie idiots are trying to eradicate everything that they don't agree with. What is next - book burning? I know of someone else who did that in the 1930s and thank your lucky stars that history has recorded those terrible deeds - lest it happen again. but I think we are well on the way. The Pogues will sing their fab tune this Christmas across the airwaves of sensible radio stations and in homes here and across the English speaking world. End the BBC license fee now. Sack the lot of them! So what else is new?



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Something Else

With Elsie Towers



This month, in my final look at the four elements I am going to talk about Earth.

Earth is the foundation of all the other elements. It is intertwined with the element of water in rivers, oceans, lakes and ponds. It embodies the element of fire from its molten core to its creation upon its surface.

Fire is also linked to air, which it needs to flourish. Air also gives life to man and all of the Earth creatures and is a second home to the winged ones.

The Earth is the mother of all life upon her. The bodies of all creatures born of the Earth return to the Earth when their life force returns to spirit. Earth is the giver of the corporeal body for all. The Earth is energised by lightning that strikes her where replenishment is needed.

The Earth contains rivers of energy that zig zag across its surface - recently called Ley Lines. In the 12th century, the rising Christian religion built many of their Churches on Ley Lines. They recognised the energy contained within them was allowing flowers, plants and trees to flourish along their route.

It is good for a human to connect with the Earth and it is so easy to do - although we are the only creature in nature that does not do it naturally.

To connect with the energy of the Earth just walk upon her surface barefoot. I am sure that I have said this before but that does not matter! Walk gently upon the Earth and feel the energy interacting with your very being. Feel the moist Earth around your feet and feel the plants and grasses as you walk gently through them. Barefoot is fantastic. It imbues a feeling of oneness with nature and an undeniable connection. That is why the Hippies were barefoot as much as possible.

They realised that shoes serve as a barrier between you and the Earth energy. I know people who also walk barefoot in the snow! Once the snow is down the temperature normally rises by a few degrees and if the sun is shining it is fine for a little while! In my younger days Hippies very often walked naked in the snow - but only in secluded spots obviously, they didn't want to offend the people's sensibilities!

Our children are disconnecting with nature - by the time they are five they can identify over 200 corporate logos - but they cannot identify the trees that are growing in their front yard.

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Kensington Gardens Update with Sally Breakspear

Here we are again IN LOCKDOWN although not as severe as the first one but we, the gardeners are not able to garden and we miss it. Not just the gardening but the companionship, laughs, tea and cake, it's what volunteering gardening is all about and we have a great gang, all ages that range from 30's to 80's - anybody is welcome!

Browsing my way round the gardens this last week it's telling me it's missing us too, all the growth and activity of the summer is there waiting to be cut down, tidied up ready for spring. A load of mulch was delivered last month of which we distributed around the beds, locking in a bit of goodness and retaining some moisture although we've had our fair share of that, rain, rain, rain.

The boating lake has been emptied and it's pretty yucky down on the bottom the seagulls are having a fine time scavenging amongst the mud that remains full of wildlife! A big cleaning project ahead (not for us) We have had such generous people giving us plants this year they just keep on coming. Our latest was the hugest Red star cordyline, it's in our fernery, we started this project in the spring of this year and now it's bursting at the seams with ferns, yuccas, cordylines and stumps every bit of it has been donated.

I guess our final job this year will be the planting of a mass of bulbs awaiting us, a lovely selection a burst of colour for the spring! Let's hope for a better year and lots of happy times ahead!

Merry Christmas to everybody and anybody who walks through our lovely gardens. Pic: The Resplendent Fernery!



THE GRUMPY OLD MAN

The Grumpy Old Man recently referenced The Gatestone Institute as a source for No Go Area information. We accept that this institute is according to Wikipedia a far right think tank known for publishing anti-Muslim articles. We also received a communication from a reader stating that there are no 'no-go' areas in the UK. We apologise for referencing Gatestone.

We have forgotten how to be good guests, how to walk lightly on the earth as its other creatures do.

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Bungay Car Club Auto Jumble annual event in Earsham has been cancelled for this year

FORGET ME NOTS AT BECCLES PUBLIC HALL We've really missed seeing our guests and entertainers at Forget-me-Nots these past few months. All looking forward to a brighter 2021 and a sing-a-long again. Happy Christmas, stay safe.

Jenny and Forget-me-Not girls at Beccles Public Hall.

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You might like to know that my new book, "The Book of Gnomes. From Elemental to the Gardener's Friend" is now available on Google as a paperback and on Kindle too. The first part is about gnomes, the nature spirits, including eyewitness accounts from people who have actually seen them, and the second is about garden gnomes, their history, origins and places to visit. It also includes quotes from great Native Americans and a technique for connecting with the Earth to relieve stress. Flavia-Kate Peters, whom I mention in the book, has bought a copy and said nice things about it. I hope you enjoy reading my book as much as I did writing and compiling it. Eddie Davey (Halesworth)



Alde Valley Family History Group

Barbara McElroy's talk, The Story of a Suffolk Bevin Boy, which was to have happened last March, has now been rescheduled for Monday, 14th December at 7.30 p.m. This is an additional talk to make up for lost meetings during lockdown – we don't normally meet in December.

This is the story of Barbara McElroy's father's experiences of being conscripted to go down the mines in WW2. With thousands of others, he expected to go into the forces, but instead was conscripted by ballot to go down the mines, NO excuses allowed. Besides his personal story, the talk looks at the reasons for the scheme, the conditions down the mines, subsequent problems, and tells of its impact on those serving.

The talk will be given virtually, over ZOOM. "On this occasion, the Zoom based event will also be available to non-members, at a cost of £3. Payment can be made either by direct transfer to the group's bank account or by cheque posted to our membership secretary. I

f you are interested in attending, you can find full details of how to pay by visiting the group's website at www.avsfhg.org.uk. Alternatively, at only £6 per annum for single membership or £10 per household, why not sign up as a full member of this growing band of passionate family historians?"

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YOUR LETTERS

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Dear Bugle

The use of a Keynesian style economic response has been deployed by the current government to try and save the UK economy from the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic. Support for businesses, furlough and other schemes have been tried in an effort to save businesses and jobs. This sits rather strangely alongside a strangling austerity programme - if the local councils are to be believed. The effectiveness & integrity of these various schemes is being questioned. In particular the money poured into private companies instead of the NHS to run not very efficient test & trace schemes and the responsive efforts to shore up the hospitality sector with discounted meals or indeed any other part of the service economy. It just demonstrates how foolish developed countries have been to allow this drift away from more sustaining economic sectors like agriculture and manufacturing; To compensate with house and road building will not make up the difference nor will it help with the fight to stave off environmental degradation. The resources on which so called wealth is based are depleting at an alarming rate. After this emergency is over a return to more sustainable wealth creating activities is essential. Locally, where is the business plan for the third crossing? Food banks are nothing to be proud of in this year of 2020.
Norman Castleton

Dear Editor of The Bugle Magazine,

I just wanted to thank you for such an inspiring free magazine. So many things I have read in it have resonated deeply.

The picture of the dog looking helplessly on as it is abandoned by its vile owner, reduced me to tears as I know only too well through working in animal rescue, this is an appalling thing that happens to many precious cats, dogs and other animals far too often!

I live in Leiston and picked up a copy in Beccles and think it is such an amazing collection of wise words and information, truly like a breath of fresh air. I was / am horrified to read of the barbaric slaughter of our precious wildlife, the article brought to my attention the further ridiculous fact that these dreadful groups are exempt from the rule of 6 as they are considered to be "sports gatherings".

As a result of reading this article, I have written to my MP DR Therese Coffey to complain.

So to whoever writes it and chooses the quotes etc, THANK YOU!

Keep up the great work and stay safe,
Kind regards
Tania Russell

Someone once told me to always live for the little things in life - Live for 5am sunrises and 5pm sunsets - you will see colours in the sky that are so often missed. Live for road trips and bike rides with music in your ears and the wind in your hair. Live for the lovely people you know and the good times to be had. Don't live for man's broken world but the world of trees and fields and oceans and stolen kisses beneath the moon.

Free training courses to ensure people in Lowestoft are 'prepared' for local community emergencies

Groundwork East has joined forces with fellow Groundwork Trust, Groundwork South alongside East Suffolk Council and the Environment Agency to deliver online courses to introduce the 'Communities Prepared' programme to local communities in Lowestoft. Communities Prepared is a Lottery funded nationwide community resilience programme, aiming to equip volunteer organisations in communities across the country with the knowledge and tools to effectively prepare for, respond to and recover from, emergencies such as flooding, snow, other severe weather events and utility failures.

The online courses are aimed at those interested in helping their local community respond to emergencies as part of the wider Communities Prepared initiative. This training is the first step to ensure volunteers are equipped with the knowledge and confidence to build their community's resilience to future floods and other emergencies.

The free online courses are available to local communities in Lowestoft and local people can register their interest via the below links.

Tues 1st December 2020: 5.30-7.30pm - Incident Management: <https://bit.ly/2I4kVCi>

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