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So the next edition of The Bugle is out November 1st and the copy deadline for advertising, articles & events is October 18th. This will contain a full report on the Heritage Open Days Activities, and Lowestoft (a very busy historical town) has already let us know what is going on! By this time too people will be turning their attention to that December event C..... agh - too early!

We always welcome news and events from all of our area so why not contact us and get your town or village in The Bugle?

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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Half Term Fun at The Kirkley Centre

Community Action Suffolk and East Suffolk Communities team are working together to host a fun activity day at The Kirkley Centre on Wednesday 23rd October from 10am to 2pm.

Come and have a go playing the steel pans, boxing, dancefit, arts and crafts and more!

The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend, drinks and snacks will also be provided free of charge. No need to book just come along on the day.

For more information contact Kareena Chapman at The Kirkley Centre, 154 London Road South, Lowestoft on 01502 558353 kirkleycentre@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk



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Report from the September meeting of the Blyth Valley & Southwold Wildlife Group.

Pam Evans spoke to us about a walk that she undertook in the company of friends, to cover 146 miles along the Suffolk coast and river banks from Lowestoft to Hadleigh.

The walk was divided into twelve days which were scheduled over a year so that the landscape could be seen in all four seasons. She arrived at the Walberswick foot ferry in winter which as it was the off season, was closed. But fortunately, the ferry man was on the river training a new recruit, so the walkers got a ride across the river after all. Pam showed us wonderful pictures of the Suffolk landscape and described some interesting observations: a forest floor that appeared white-washed by the droppings from a heronry in the trees above, the gap that runs along the length of the Orwell bridge that can only be seen when viewing the bridge from below and being surrounded by hungry baby starlings during a lunch stop. Our thanks go to Pam for an entertaining talk.

The Blyth Valley and Southwold Wildlife Group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) meet in the Southwold Arts Centre, Cumberland Road, Southwold, IP18 6JP, for a presentation on a wildlife topic. Meetings start at 7:30pm, admission costs £3 and all are welcome, you do not have to be a member of the SWT to join us.

On Thursday 10 October, Dr Ian Bedford will be talking about 'Bugs on the Move', discussing the signals that bugs use to locate mates, food and habitats.

On Thursday 14 November, Rob Spray from Seasearch East will be talking about recording wildlife under water.

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SAVE OUR RECORDS OFFICE with Andy Pearce

The Save Our Record Office campaign has now been running for almost 21 months. A lot has happened since 10 January 2018, when it was announced that Lowestoft Record Office would be replaced by an "unmanned Access Point".

Following campaigning by SORO and others, closure has morphed into "transformation". We have for now retained the public searchroom: with the books, the transcripts, the fiche and film records, and the loaned Port of Lowestoft Research Society collection and limited staffing.

But we should be under no illusions: the archives in the strongroom are still earmarked for transfer to "The Hold" in Ipswich where they will be out of any meaningful reach to the communities whose heritage they actually represent. SCC will never be able to deliver on the scope and scale of digitisation that it once proclaimed. In NE Suffolk, the much-hyped County-wide Activities programme is being used to disguise and distract from service withdrawal, loss of community access, and job losses. Job losses will also result elsewhere in Suffolk Record Office. The campaign therefore continues.

Some readers may recall the 7,300+ signature community petition that was presented to Suffolk County Council in May 2018. SORO recently launched two new petitions: one aimed at partner organisations who promote or fundraise for "The Hold", and the other at those mainstream media outlets who are allowing themselves to be used as PR platforms for "The Hold".

On the opening day of HODs, our Town Hall was opened for a visit by Historic England. It is probably no coincidence that SCC has chosen the same day to bring its "We Are Listening" roadshow to town. The idea that the SCC Administration can come to Lowestoft on the opening day of a major heritage festival and publicly claim to be listening when "The Hold" and the LRO decision are doing so much to undermine heritage in Lowestoft - trampling all over local opinion and feeling in the process - would be laughable if it were not so serious.

We have a proud history of civil protest in Lowestoft: during HODs, SORO remembered the so-called Town Hall "riots" of May 1933 and also the Suffragette movement. With sickening hypocrisy, the two partners in "The Hold" chose to mark the centenary of the Representation of the People Act last year: SCC put on a commemorative exhibition, and the University of Suffolk appointed the great-granddaughter of Emmeline Pankhurst as its new Chancellor.

The reality: the current SCC Administration has tried to silence, suppress, intimidate, and smear protesters who have been asking hard questions and trying to hold it publicly accountable for its actions.

HODs is one of the few opportunities that Lowestoft gets to publicly come together and celebrate its heritage and community. SORO successfully played its part this year

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SHAREL - Community Hub in Beccles - set to close

It is with sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the closure of Sharel at 2 Northgate, Beccles on 1 November 2019. The community outreach project, which is part of the charity STEP Norwich, Sharel has been operating in Beccles for six years.

Over the years we have helped many people in line with the STEP values of supporting vulnerable people to improve the quality of their lives. In terms of advocacy, support and referrals we have helped an average of 500 people each year across a range of issues from welfare benefits, dealing with authorities, domestic violence, physical and mental health and loss, bereavement and financial management.

Our Vintage Teatime get togethers for lonely older people have helped people to socialise again and some lasting friendships have been formed.

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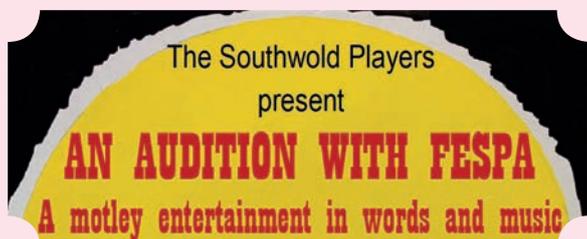
parcels each year and providing extra help for those most in need.

Our furniture donation, resale and giving scheme has seen items amounting to a value of over £6,000-00 given to those in need during the last 18 months.

We have also hosted one off events such as Easter competitions for children, Christmas hampers for those most in need..

Without our dedicated team of staff, volunteers and partner agencies none of this would have been possible. We have seen some of our volunteers go on to obtain paid employment and the Trustees extend many thanks to them all.

There is a 'pop-up' sale at Sharel during our usual opening hours until we close so please come along, you will receive a warm welcome -. Warmest wishes - contact Theresa on 07974518925.



Best known for their past performances of 'Ghost Stories by Candlelight' and last year's tribute to Southwold and Reydon's Fallen on the Centenary of The Armistice, The Southwold Players return with a witty, cabaret-style revue called 'An Audition with FESPA' to aid the charity Friends of East Suffolk Performing Arts.

Two 'auditions' will take place on Saturday October 26th at 5.30pm and 7.45pm in The Reading Room at The Swan Hotel, Southwold, courtesy of Swan Hotel Events.

The Tap Room bar will also be open for pre-show and interval drinks. Only 40 seats each performance. Tickets are £7.50 each and can be booked through Viv Tolfree, Tel: 01502 722582 or vtolfree@outlook.com. Please note performances at 5.30pm and 7.45pm, and please check for disabled access.

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Concerts range from full evening recitals to shorter morning 'Coffee Concerts' in Blythburgh Church, Southwold Church, and Aldeburgh's The Red House and The Jubilee Hall, as well as a film screening at Southwold's Electric Picture Palace. The programme is extremely eclectic, ranging from Mozart and

Handel through to contemporary composers Cheryl Frances-Hoad and Michael Berkeley, and works by Alwyn, Elgar and Herbert Howells.

For more information and bookings, visit our website www.alwynmusicfestival.co.uk where you can also sign up to our mailing list. You can also pick up festival brochures or flyers and posters distributed around the region.

William Alwyn was a distinguished composer, conductor and teacher who lived in Blythburgh, and this festival was established in his memory to promote his music, that of other British composers, as well as the education and support of young musicians.

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 Email the details in the format and order as below to: the.buglemag@yahoo.co.uk

- Wednesday 2nd October** .Reydon Women's Institute meeting. Reydon Village Hall at 2.30 pm. Ms L Bellefontaine talks about the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution ,what is it ? come and find out all are welcome Contact Sue Pretty 01502 724361
- Thursday 3rd October** Beccles and District Historical Society meets at 7.30pm at Hungate Church, Beccles, NR34 9TT. October topic: SAMUEL PEPPYS: the making of the Royal Navy by Mark Mitchell's. Admission £2.00
- 4th to 12th October** The Alwyn Music Festival. Southwold: St Edmund's Church, and the Electric Picture Palace. Blythburgh: Holy Trinity Church. Aldeburgh: The Red House, and Jubilee Hall. For all information and bookings: www.alwynmusicfestival.co.uk
- Friday 4th October** RSPB Lowestoft & District Local Group meet at St Mark's Church Centre, Oulton Broad, NR33 9JX at 7.30pm talk 'Estuary, Wildlife, Landscapes & Habitats of Essex & Suffolk', by Alex Bass, wildlife tour guide. All welcome, visitors £3.00.
- Friday 4th October** Macmillan Coffee Morning. Wissett Village Hall. From 10-12pm. Please come along and support.
- Friday 4th October** Waveney Folk Club, Gunton Estate Community Hall, Hollingsworth Rd, Lowestoft, NR32 4DZ. Dave Ellis & Boo Howard. Plus Support. Admission £6. Time 8pm-11pm. Details www.waveneyfolkclub.co.uk Info Peter Hood 01502 566656.
- Saturday 5th October** - Harvest Quiz - doors open 6.45 start at 7.30pm .Alburgh Village Hall, IP20 0BZ. £7 per ticket to include a Ploughman's Supper. Raffle, Bar. All proceeds to All Saints Church Alburgh. Pre-booked tickets only - phone 01986 788732
- Saturday 5th October** Yoxford Village Hall - Old High Road, IP17 3HN. Jumble Sale - 10 - 1 Tea and Coffee Bargains to be had. Raising funds for refurbishment of the hall.
- Saturday 5th October** - Indoor Car Boot, Ringsfield Village Hall, NR34 8NT. 10-12 noon.Refreshments . In aid of play area . 07749 714 747
- Sunday 6 October** - Halesworth Community Choir rehearsal, 10.30-12.30, The Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth. - first taster session free. For details see website: hcc1.no-ip.info or email: halesworth.community.choir@gmail.com.
- Thursday 10th October** Halesworth & District Gardeners' Society meet at St. Mary's Church Hall, Halesworth. Sir Nicholas Bacon will talk on the History of Raveningham Hall. Members Free, Non-Mem £1. Raffle. Refreshments.
- Friday 11th October** at 7pm in Beccles library, a talk by Suffolk Wildlife Trust on the work being undertaken at Carlton Marshes.
- Saturday 12th October** Ceilidh, Wortwell Core Community Centre IP20 0HS, from 7pm. Tickets including supper £10
- Saturday 12th October** 10.00am - 4.00pm Southwold Treasure Hunt. Starting at Southwold Library. Treasure Hunt Programme £3. First Prize: Luxury Hamper. Little treat for every child taking part. Refreshments served all day at Southwold Library. Raffle
- Tuesday 15th October** - Southwold Jazz Appreciation Society, meets in Reading Room, Swan Hotel, Southwold, at 7.30 Presentations on Jazz Arrangers and a 'guess who' session. Small entry charge. All welcome.
- Wednesday 16th October** Oulton Broad & Lowestoft Horticultural Society meeting, 7.30pm at St Lukes Church, Homefield Ave, Lowestoft. Speaker Bob Coutts. Preparing for Autumn and Winter. Refreshments, plants for sale. Parking behind Church.
- Wednesday 16th October** 2.30pm & 7.30pm: "Everybody's Talking About Jamie" Southwold Arts Centre, St Edmunds Hall. Tickets £10 (£8 for 12s and under). 164 minutes Filmed at The Apollo Theatre, London. Tickets Southwold Library and via www.ticketsource.co.uk/suffolklibraries
- Thursday 17th October** at 2.00pm Beccles Library. Back by popular demand - The Lowestoft Longshoremen. All male singing group singing sea songs and shanties. Free to attend. Book your seat to avoid disappointment.Refreshments.
- Friday 18th October** Join RSPB Lowestoft & District Local Group for a walk at NWT Thorpe Marshes. Meet 10am by the pedestrian railway bridge, end of Whitlingham Road, Norwich, with parking along Yarmouth Road. All welcome, no facilities.
- Friday 18th October** Two course Supper and Quiz at Wangford Community Centre 7.30pm in aid of the local Food Bank. Teams of 4 - 6. £10.00 per person. BYO wine etc. To book a table please call Tracey on 01502 575415
- Friday 18th October** Sugarcraft East - workshop on Xmas figures - starts 7.30 pm - The United Reform Church - North Lowestoft
- Friday 18th October** Waveney Folk Club, Gunton Estate Community Hall, Hollingsworth Rd, Lowestoft, NR32 4DZ. Liz Simcock. Plus Support. Admission £6. 8pm-11pm. Details www.waveneyfolkclub.co.uk Info Peter Hood 01502 566656.
- October Half Term 19th-27th** Waveney Kids' Book Festival. Featuring popular authors & illustrators Plus "The Railway Children" from the National Railway Museum in York, Peppa Pig Stories, Fing Fun, Gruffalo Crafts and more! Southwold Arts Centre, Southwold Books, Southwold and Beccles Libraries. For more details visit www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/wkbf
- Saturday 19th October** - 7.30pm - Pakefield Singers present Vivaldi's Gloria and Schubert's Mass in G major in St Margaret's Church, Lowestoft. Conducted by Vetta Wise. Tickets £12.50 Age 16 and under free. Information line - 01502 571733
- Sunday 20th October** - Singing workshop with Sally Davies, 10 - 4pm, The Cut, Halesworth. Details: halesworth.community.choir@gmail.com.



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Saturday 26th October. Wrentham Village Hall film night. 'Red Joan' starring Judi Dench. Doors open 6.45pm for refreshments, film screens 7.30pm. Only £4.50 including refreshments. All welcome.

Saturday 26th October 10 till 12.30 Wenhaston Village Hall Product and Craft Market. Cafe is open for Tea, Coffee and Homemade Cakes. Please do come and join us. Further details contact: Carol Hudson-Jary on: 07864083296.

Sunday 27th October Last Boot sale of the year, Wortwell Core Community Centre IP20 OHS, 2 – 4pm Free admission. Or £5 for Cars and £8 for vans to book a pitch.

Sunday 27th October Apple Day & Local Food Fair 11 am – 2.30 pm. The Hub Huntingfield, IP19 0QH. Entry by donation Local Food Producers: Honey, Meat, Eggs, Apples, Apple Juice, Preserves, Pates, Dips, Ice Cream Cakes, Yoghurt, Organic Soaps, Plants & Bulbs. Apple Identification Service. Demonstration of Apple Pressing. Apple Bobbing Raffle, Tombola, Refreshments.

Tuesday 29th October Rumburgh Morris 'Have a Go' evening 7.45 - 9.30 at St Margaret South Elmham Village Hall IP20 0PJ (on the road between Halesworth and Homersfield). For further information contact Dave 01986 784719 www.rumburghmorris.org.uk

Tuesday 29th October Autumn Traidcraft Day to be held at the Catholic Church Halesworth Church Farm Lane from 9.30 - 2.30pm Christmas cards and gifts. Coffee morning/ cake and book sale. Car Parking. Making a difference to the world's poor.

Wednesday 30th October. One night only 'The Tale of Little Bevan', Wortwell Core Community Centre IP20 OHS, open 7pm, curtains up 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from Wortwell Bell or 01986 788593 or £12 on the door.

Friday November 1 RSPB Lowestoft & District Local Group meet at St Mark's Church Centre, Oulton Broad, NR33 9JX at 7.30pm for a talk entitled 'Green Birding', by Gary Prescott, The Biking Birder. All welcome, visitors £3.00.

Saturday 2nd November: Mini Autumn Fayre. South Lowestoft Methodist Church hall (corner of London Road South and Carlton Road), 10am to 12.30pm. Many and varied stalls and a raffle. Refreshments & bacon rolls served. Free admission.

Last Sunday of the Month Monthly Car Boot Sale March to October 2019 Wortwell Core Community Centre IP20 OHS 2 - 5pm Free Admission. Refreshments. contact 01986 788511 for bookings and info wortwellcore@gmail.com

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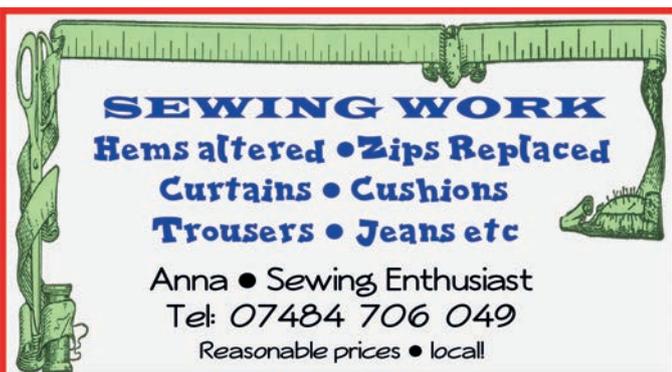
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OCTOBER 1944 - THE RAIDS with Bob Collis

October 1944 was a month of loud explosions for East Suffolk, with German V-1 Flying Bombs and V-2 rockets arriving and bomb-laden Allied aircraft crashing. Norwich was the target for one of the Nazi V-2 batteries during this period, but so inaccurate were these long-range missiles that several landed in Suffolk.

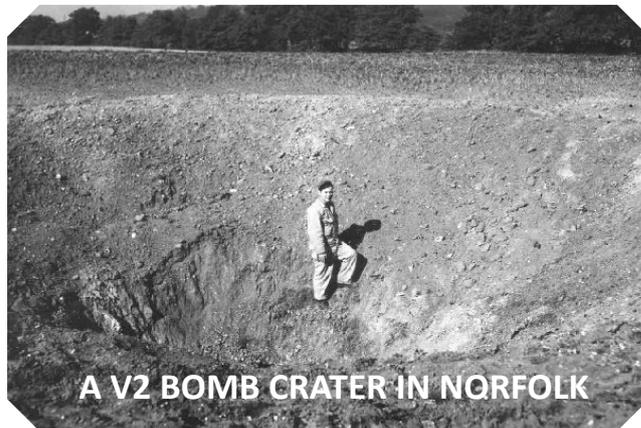
The terror aspect of the V-weapons was underlined on 3 October when a V-2 fell at Kennell Farm, Hopton, just off the A12 road. Farm cottages were hit by the blast and a hail of flying glass caused 8 casualties, three judged to be serious and one of whom was an unnamed child only four days old

On 5 October another V-2 fell at Peasenhall, the same village where the first V-1 had arrived in the county in June the same year. On 7 October a USAAF B-17 Fortress belly-landed with an engine on fire at Holly Tree Farm, Walpole, exploding minutes after the crew got clear and warned local people of the danger. On 9 October a V-1 fell in a stack yard at Elm's Farm Wangford, setting stacks ablaze and destroying farm equipment.

On the night of 14 October a wave of air-launched V-1s were met with a devastating barrage of AA gunfire at the coast which destroyed two and crippled others. One exploded in the air directly over Southwold, the blast shattering the windows of some 512 separate houses and premises. Another "Doodlebug" glided across N Lowestoft after its engine cut, falling in the water of Lake Lothing but still causing widespread minor damage from the exploding warhead. Daylight revealed the crumpled wreckage of a V-1 near High Cottages, Hopton, and it quickly became clear this one had not exploded. The next

day as three RE Bomb Disposal officers were examining the fuzes one exploded, killing Lt Bassett and injuring two others.

Mancroft Towers in Oulton Broad narrowly escaped destruction on 19 October when a V-1 skimmed over the building and hit a row of trees 100 feet away. The flash and the explosion from the warhead above the ground that morning were such that they were seen and felt in Beccles.



The pattern would continue for several more months. At night, noisy air-launched V-1s headed in towards the Suffolk coast each with a jet of flame marking its passage and a deadly reception from the coastal guns awaiting that destroyed or crippled most. V-2s arrived unannounced, however, and their peculiar "Double-bang" explosions were caused by the fact the missiles outstripped sound. Luckily East Suffolk escaped many serious incidents from these vergeltungswaffe (revenge weapons)

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Their show, English Eccentrics, will see the married couple present a musical celebration of some of the colourful and remarkable characters who have entertained us throughout the ages, and still stand out today.

Amongst the endearing public figures introduced will be author Lewis Carroll, Dr Samuel Johnson and conductor Sir Thomas Beecham. The couple will be accompanied by Christine Croshaw on the piano and Clive Conway on the flute.

Lesley Cox, Events Coordinator at the Hall said: "We are so excited to have what we consider acting royalty on our stage. It really is a one-off opportunity to spend the evening in their company and witness their talent at such close quarters. Neither have visited Beccles before, so we really are honoured."

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Lowestoft Town Council News

Hard work is underway to progress bringing the old Town Hall back to life. Since Lowestoft Town Council became the owner in 2017, it has improved the building's appearance by installing artistic hoardings over the security sheets on the windows and has also undertaken routine repairs and maintenance when needed. It has also been able to open the superb historic council chamber for public events, such as Heritage Open Days.

However, permanent solutions are needed and the Town Council does not have the required significant funds to inject into major regeneration works. Its ambition is to explore all realistic options for the Town Hall's future and there has already been a tremendous contribution of ideas from the public. The Town Council also needs any solution for the future of the building to pay its way; it is in everybody's interests, especially the taxpayers, for a viable solution to be found which does not unduly pull on the public purse or harm the environment and which benefits the community.

Over a period of approximately 5 weeks from mid-September, contractors Purcell and MS Oakes are identifying emergency repairs on the Town Hall, including to the roof and guttering.

These necessary works are totally funded by Historic England and are in partnership with East Suffolk Council and the Heritage Action Zone. Exciting things happen

when we work together

As part of the Heritage Action Zone, Historic England have also commissioned Colliers International Ltd, specialists in looking for practical and economically sustainable solutions for buildings like the Town Hall, to conduct a feasibility study on future options for the Town Hall and land adjacent to it, on behalf of the Town Council and East Suffolk Council. This exciting project will establish the best long term mutually supportive options for their regeneration.

All of the ideas given to us by the public over the last 2 years will be considered and with these experts, the Town Council and partners will put together a vision for the Town Hall and will apply for funding to make it happen. It is not too late for other ideas to be considered and any thoughts should be sent to admin@lowestofttowncouncil.gov.uk.

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The Story of Suffolk's oldest cinema



Leiston Film Theatre is busy preparing to celebrate the venue's 105th anniversary story behind one of the country's oldest surviving purpose-built cinemas to be screened at the venue on Sunday 20th October. Entitled "The Story of Suffolk's Oldest Cinema", this unique event, compiled by Film Theatre Manager Wayne Burns and colleague Stephen Ginger, will celebrate the fascinating story behind Leiston Picture House, as it was originally named with a rare collection of images, documents and footage, much of which have never been seen before, with an informal and no doubt entertaining commentary from Wayne sharing the various tales behind many of the images.

This presentation provides an opportunity to see this collection and includes images of the venue prior to its opening in 1914, original documents dating back 100 years and even footage of former manager Peter Free in the projection room. The programme travels from the cinema's inception in 1914, through to the present day and is a fitting tribute to the visionaries who brought cinema to Leiston and the remarkable achievement that, despite many uncertain times, the cinema is still thriving over a century later. The presentation will be projected in digital quality and all proceeds will be donated to the Leiston Film Theatre Support Club, who have raised a staggering £120,000 since 1992 to keep Leiston's cinema on trend with the big city multiplexes.

The Story of Suffolk Oldest Cinema will be presented at Leiston Film Theatre on Sunday 20th October, with two separate presentations at 3.00pm and 7.00pm. Tickets now available from the box office Tel: 01728 830549 priced £10 & £8.50 for club members. Tickets can also be booked online at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk.

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Cyclists

Cyclists are a strange breed these days. They now have a uniform of their own, brightly coloured bum-hugging lycra, crash helmets and flashing led lights to let you know they are there. I don't feel inclined to get stuck behind these wobbling male cyclists standing up showing their black lycra bums as they peddle furiously uphill. I might have just had my breakfast. And they seem compelled to ride 2, 3 and even four abreast and they never pull in so you can get past them. Bring back the old cyclists with a Sturmy Archer 3 speed, bike clips and ordinary clothes. At least they were courteous and stopped at traffic lights and gave way to let cars pass. This lot think they own the road and they don't even pay road tax! Put some trousers on you exhibitionists!

Supermarkets and Their Employees

The supermarkets think that the public are stupid and they are being proved right. One day a gel-boy with sticky-up hair walked into a top management meeting and said. "I know, let's sack all our checkout operators and make the shoppers check themselves out!

They'll never fall for that" said a few. But they did it anyway and guess what? Supermarkets are saving a packet as customers contribute to helping them sack staff - by checking themselves out! Never, ever use a self service till. You are killing jobs. Or you could shop on line, that way somebody has to pick it and someone has to deliver it. Jobs everyone, JOBS!

Pakefield Roundabout Homeless Man.

The homeless man who pitched up camp on the southern end of the Pakefield roundabout is apparently doing ok to the point that he now has lots of supplies and gifts from passing

motorists and even a patio heater. I can't help thinking about the other homeless people in Lowestoft and across the area who haven't got such a high profile as this man. In the last ten years or so government has done more to cripple the population than to help it. My grandparents would think it unbelievable that in the 21st century ordinary working-class people would rely on Foodbanks and it is a catastrophic failure of the 650 wasters in parliament. Shambles!

Fireman Sam & The Snowflakes

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue service said it would no longer be using a male firefighter in its advertising because it puts women off from joining the fire service.(Fireman Sam) The character had been used by the fire service for open days and on its advertising products.

Come on you silly lot – instead of banning the man to appease the snowflakes – why don't you just get inclusive and sensible and create.... Firefighters Sam & Samantha. It isn't rocket-science, if women want to be included (rightly) then do it properly. Use both sexes and stop pandering to snowflakes.

Finally..

They say that Clowns are leaving circuses in ever-increasing numbers and are heading to Westminster where apparently they are almost guaranteed a job!

No matter what your view on Brexit, the people voted Leave the EU and parliament overwhelmingly promised to deliver it. Now they have reneged on their promise and this once great bastion of democracy has descended into a home for self-serving career politicians who are unworthy to sit in that once hallowed place and are the laughing stock of the world. Labour has more differing opinions than a bingo hall, The Lib Dems suck up to remoaners to boost their numbers.

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Something Else

With Elsie Towers

When did you stop believing in Magic?

Faeries, Elves, Nymphs and all manner of creatures not really acknowledged or "believed in" today definitely do exist and they were known by those who lived long ago - and a few who lived just a few short decades ago. Although I am quite old now I remember my grandmother and her sisters talking of such creatures - having seen a few occasionally.

As a young girl I listened to their stories and their experiences with an ear that I wished had been keener. Today I wish too that I had committed the stories and events to paper but sadly I did not. You see my dears it was a long time ago when they sat talking to me in a country garden in the 1950s relating a time that was probably in the 1890s.

I often think of those times and the village life that young girls and boys lived then. It was a time of no central heating, no real transport, hard winters, warm summer days and a local school. It was a time devoid of the curse of technology that children have to endure today. I know technology has it's uses but it has taken over the lives of people to such a degree that it is frightening. Technology coupled with big towns and cities full of people who don't know each other - it is a world away from those times of 130 years ago. That was a time when your friends were many, you knew nearly everyone in the village and everyone in the village helped anyone in need. In the throws of winter farmers went around the village in the deep snow to take milk to all the houses, eggs too. Today we live in a world where your neighbour could be dead on the floor and nobody would know for a long time.

In the villages, parents and grandparents told of the things they knew. Faeries, Sprites, Elves and Nymphs were and still are, very real. Our technology and our quest for fine living and being better than anyone else has taken over from that knowledge and the real world falls evermore by the wayside in favour of things to own and personal gratification. It is a world which is heading towards a planetary disaster. It could all be so different. Next month I will tell you all about these little creatures that are really just elementals who often chose to make themselves visible. From the green children of Woolpit to the faeries dancing nr Stowmarket and the little people of Tostock - unbelievable today to many but that only proves how minds have become closed.



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However for two local Lowestoft boats, the last before the War and the first Lowestoft boat after it, we have more or less drawn a blank with no crew photos or names other than their Skippers. Does anyone remember the 1939 Winner LT 89 'Present Friends' (Skipper Fred Darkins) or the 1947 Winner the LT 178 'Patria' (Skipper George Meen)? Here's what we have on George, pictured with that other local Prunier winner Ernest Jumbo Fiske. Any more?



If not the presses must roll sometime in October. It will be a shame to go without two sets of our heroes. Call us. Peter Page at 01502 511438 or call in to the Maritime Museum on Fridays when we are both Guides. Thanks, Bob Dickson, and Peter Page PLRS

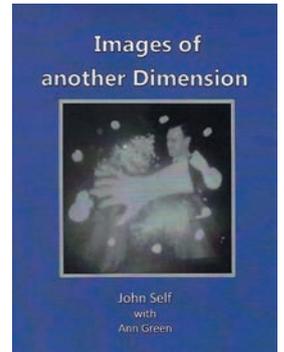
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Years later there was a startling new insight to one of the images and John has spent much of his life since, considering what those images might imply.

Halesworth bookseller Ann Green has recently collaborated with him to put the images and his thoughts into print for others to see and draw their own conclusions on just what may be possible.

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On Saturday 12th October 'The Labologists Society' will visit the Southwold Arts Centre and will bring with it a challenge to local people to search their cupboards and attics for unusual brewery items and ephemera. The Society was founded in 1958 to promote the hobby of beer label collecting and is now one of the

oldest beer-related collecting societies in the world. The Society's premier annual event is the 'Label of the Year' and for the first time it will be hosted in Southwold by Adnams plc, a corporate member of the Society.

The event which takes place between 11.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. will include a 30-minute talk by local Historian and former Quality Control Brewer at Adnams, Robert Porter, who will provide a history of Adnams and the Sole Bay Brewery. His talk will begin at 12 noon in the Main Hall at the Arts Centre.

The Society's Secretary Rev Eric Doré, who lives in nearby Wrentham, has been responsible for co-ordinating the Southwold event and says 'We are delighted that the 2019 Label of the Year will be held in Southwold, and we hope that as many people as possible will come along and enjoy the day. In addition to thousands of beer labels there will be stalls selling beer mats, brewery playing cards and a

brewery bookstall! Many labels sell for well under £1 each, and all profits will be donated to an East Anglia charity Fresh Start – New Beginnings. It is an extremely worthwhile charity 'providing therapeutic services for sexually abused children and young people in Suffolk and Norfolk'.

The hobby of collecting beer labels is now an international activity and although modern labels are mostly inexpensive to obtain there is a high demand for rare older labels some of which are worth considerably more.

A beer label of interest linked to Southwold, is Adnams 'Deathly Pale' which was brewed in 1972 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Adnams family involvement with the Sole Bay Brewery. However, because of the questionable skull and crossbones label design for this the strongest of beers, it was withdrawn from sale quite quickly. The unused labels are fairly common but full bottles of the original beer are hard to find'

The Society's invitation is for local people to search around at home for any kind of interesting breweriana and to bring it along on the day. It is a free event and there will be exhibition stalls and refreshments at Southwold Arts Centre from 11.30am to 5pm.

The Society's website is: <https://labology.org.uk/>. Anyone interested in joining the Labologists Society can email Peter Standen at members@labology.org.uk

For further information about the Southwold event, contact Rev Eric Doré at: secretary@labology.org.uk or telephone him on 01502 675777.

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Your Letters to The Bugle

Hello,

I enjoy reading the GOM and agree with his comments in the September issue about the Dutch government receiving profits from UK rail franchises. However, the GOM has been misinformed regarding the operation of Stowmarket Station Manually Controlled Barriers (MCB) Level Crossing. This is one of the safest types of crossing on the network. The signal box at Stowmarket is still open to control the MCB at the station and the nearby Regent Street MCB which is supervised by CCTV. Although the overall control of train movements is done at Colchester Signal Box (not Romford), the signallers at Stowmarket have not been made redundant and operate the barriers from the box overlooking the crossing.

Whilst appreciating the frustration of motorists waiting for trains to pass, the duration of closure ensures that express trains to and from London can run through safely at speed and should typically be about 2-3 minutes. After lowering the barriers, the signaller has to visually inspect the crossing to check for any obstruction before the lineside signals authorise a train to pass over the crossing. Freight traffic heading to Felixstowe docks, accelerating away off the Bury branch will take longer to reach the crossing and slightly extend the road closure time.

A better experience for motorists, with consistent lower road closure times would be possible by the introduction of full automation with obstacle detection, but this would make the signallers at Stowmarket redundant!

As regard the failure scenario of the barriers remaining up, all railway signalling is designed to fail safe and it would not

Late Night Safety in Beccles

Dear Bugle Magazine

I take issue with the gentleman who stated there are few, if any, people on the streets of Beccles after 11.30 at night. Pubs let out late and so do several clubs in Beccles. The last bus arrives from Norwich at 11.40 pm and the last train at 11.25 pm, these can be busy services. In the summer I attended a funeral in Canewdon, Essex and was due back at 10.25 pm; I didn't have a torch, why should we use torches? The streets should be lit until midnight as they are elsewhere. A train to Norwich was cancelled and the next train was 40 minutes late. I decided to take a train to Norwich, it was raining so I took a taxi to the bus station catching the last bus home which drops near my road at Tesco. There is only one kerb to negotiate in the pitch black. Why did I choose this route instead of arriving back on the last train at 11.25? The last time I took this train I was followed off the train by a young black man who shouted out to me "Stop, stop.". Fortunately, I am a fit lady and I ran to Tesco. I explained the situation to a man checking out of the self-check and asked if he would drive me home. He was extremely helpful and kind, he said yes, adding "Is that the man, he's just entered the shop and is looking around for you." Two incidents have occurred to me in Suffolk but over decades in London nothing untoward happened.

Name Withheld

be possible for train drivers to receive a proceed aspect on signals if the barriers failed in the raised position, so the crossing remains safe and people will not be killed. There are other types of railway crossings such as half barriers, footpaths and private road crossings which unlike MCBs, don't completely fence off the railway when a train is approaching and therefore depend upon the vigilance and correct behaviour by crossing users. The railway is striving to improve safety at such crossings and a mock-up of such a crossing with new clearer explicit signage for the user is currently on trial in the Thetford area. To stay safe the message is always treat any railway crossing with great care. Unlike cars, express trains require over a mile to brake to a stand and cannot swerve around an obstruction.

Regards, David Bickell

Racism's Red Card

Dear Bugle

Show Racism the Red Card was a slogan which launched attempts to curb racism in sport. It has now evolved into an anti-racism educational charity that is asking people to show their support by wearing red on October 18th, which would certainly make a show. It has also been suggested that those wearing red may like to donate £1 for the privilege. This would obviously work in a collective environment like a business or college but for anyone who would like to donate you can find out more at www.theredcard.org
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Your Letters to The Bugle

Constable Close Lowestoft/Victorian Stone Bridge

Dear Bugle

I'm writing to support Patricia Creegan's letter in the last edition of your mag.

This week, Lowestoft is celebrating its rich heritage via a series of Heritage Open Days across town; it is incredibly disappointing therefore that at the same time, a planning application proposes to demolish a unique and still serviceable Victorian brick bridge in order to make way for a modern one more convenient for cyclists. I am a cyclist, 50 yrs old, and have no problem getting my bike up and down the current bridge. I do not feel any sense of entitlement that having to hop off my bike for 2 minutes to get over the bridge should outweigh the existence of the bridge itself. Surely it is preferable to preserve such monuments while they still exist, especially when they are still perfectly functional. Anyone who visited the Lowestoft Heritage Open Day sites might like to support this part of our heritage by writing to East Suffolk Council to object to this proposal number DC/19/2796/RG. My second point of concern is the destruction of the row of trees adjacent to the route, and associated wildlife. Everyone knows the arguments these days towards preservation of wildlife, re-wilding and so on. A family relative in Carlton Colville has done much to encourage dwindling Suffolk Swift numbers to breed again in the area with success this year. While not directly pertaining to the trees in question, it does go against the grain to consider that the trees - both themselves and as a habitat for wildlife - be destroyed in

order to 'upgrade' a cycle path.

Placed in a broader context it should be remembered that cycle routes - even if they encourage a sustainable means of travel for some - are essentially a leisure facility. Upgrading a leisure facility should never be prioritised over the permanent obliteration of historical local identity and hard fought-for wildlife. This bridge and row of trees must be allowed to remain!

Yours faithfully Lowestoft Resident

Grumpy Old Man Reassured!

Dear Editor

After reading a copy The Bugle I was amused to read the comments of Grumpy Old Man, and the crossing at Stowmarket, regarding when the crossing fails! The railway isn't just thrown together, a lot of thought goes into it, when the system fails- it fails safe, if the gates stay open as he says the signals remain at danger, RED, so trains cannot pass over the crossing until local control has been taken, by a Railway operative who can the lower and raise the barriers and can continue to run trains safely so there would never be any danger to the public be it on the trains or roads.

Yours.

Barry

We welcome letters from all our readers but please remember that space is limited and we cannot get them all on our pages. Those not published here will be posted on our website! www.buglemag.co.uk

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HALESWORTH TO SOUTHWOLD NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY

Dedicated to restoring Halesworth's 'Once & Future Railway'

The Society's most important ambition is to own, lease or rent a section of the original railway trackbed, to preserve this as a community asset for future use as a footpath, cycleway, and (of course) eventually a railway. We have no intention of removing any footpath, whether statutory or not – in fact one of our core aims is to provide a railway and a footpath eastwards along the Blyth valley. There is ample room for this, as the railway formation was widened in Edwardian times, when it was planned to re-gauge, and to join up with the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway. The Bure Valley Railway is our model – it provides a very popular long-distance footpath all the way along its line.

There are some who ask – why do we bother to try to restore a railway closed for 90 years? But if Halesworth's diverse offer of independent retail shops is to survive, then encouraging a certain number of discerning tourists to visit our beautiful market town, by providing family-friendly-activities, will become more and more important as the pressures on traditional shopping – rates, rents, footfall, online and out-of-town - continue to increase. Visit another East Anglian town which already enjoys a heritage railway – Sheringham, Dereham, Diss, Wroxham – and you can see the value which local residents and businesses put on such a facility. Society Projects are gathering pace. Tracklaying on the 1879 main line, to Halesworth junction (thanks to agreement with the Halesworth Millennium Green), is in hand, using high-quality modern materials which are very similar to those used 140 years ago to build the railway. There are still some sleepers which you can sponsor, via our website www.halesworthtosouthwoldrailway.co.uk. The contractors' wagon and pointwork for the loco shed site at the Folly are being prepared. Our 150hp locomotive has been raised onto blocks

to allow access underneath, so we can get the air brakes operational, which will allow it to move. Our first passenger coach is ready for final dismantling, which will provide the components for rebuilding to the historic three-foot-gauge. We are doing a comprehensive survey of the western section of the railway, as far as is possible, and are keeping records of all artefacts and civil engineering features, as these tell a very important local historical story. We still suffer from a lack of active volunteers: a lot more could be done faster if we could recruit a few more willing workers.

Membership continues to rise (106 in mid-September), and almost all members are renewing after our first year – this is a gratifying trend, as it means that our members are satisfied with what we are doing. Some members asked that we start a scheme for Life Membership – so that is now available.



The Society will be participating in the Suffolk Library Book Journey on October 7th, starting at Halesworth Library, re-tracing the railway route from station to station, and ending at Southwold Library. Both libraries have interesting railway artefact collections.

Ken and James, Co-Chairmen



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IT'S A DEAD DUCK

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away." The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet.. "How can you be so sure?" she protested.. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman..

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "£1,000!" she cried, "£1,000 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been £20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now £1,000."

Roman Hill Residents Association, Lowestoft

Members of the Roman Hill Residents Association are keen for those that live within the Roman Hill area to attend their monthly meetings, held at St. Andrews Church.

Working with the Community Enablers Team at Community Action Suffolk as part of the Lowestoft Community Capacity Project and supported by district and county councilors, the group aims to make the area a positive, safe and enjoyable place to live.

Attending the next meeting will be an officer from Suffolk Police and members of the community will have the opportunity to ask questions, including concerns and updates in the service provided in the town.

Speaking on behalf of Community Action Suffolk, Dave Eagle, Community Enabler for the Harbour Ward explained: "It's important that residents have a voice in Lowestoft, to have the opportunity to be part of positive change in the area they live and these meetings are aiming to achieve just that. The more residents that attend, working alongside local councilors, also helps to strengthen such changes".

Residents living within a 1-mile radius of St. Andrews Church are invited to attend the next meeting which takes place at the church on Thursday 31st October between 6:30pm-8pm.

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The Hearing Care Centre, which is a family-run business with 26 centres across East Anglia, will hold a special Hearing Care Day at their clinic in Sole Bay Health Centre, Southwold on Thursday 31st October from 9am until 5pm. Complimentary hearing assessments will be on offer at the event, as well as professional advice from The Hearing Care Centre's award winning team to help you hear to your full potential.

To find out more information or to book an appointment, call The Hearing Care Centre on Freephone 0800 096 2637 or visit hearingcarecentre.co.uk/solebay

A Brand New Choir comes to Town!

The Award-winning Lowestoft Players have just added another string to their bow. Though they have tackled most aspects of Stagecraft over their 50-year existence, recently they tested the waters for an Exciting and Brand New Venture with the inaugural meeting of what is intended to be the Players 'Monday Choir'.

Its main focus will be on the Musicals with which the Players have made their name over the years but not exclusively so; all types of 'performance singing' will be brought into the mix. Under the leadership of the well-known Choir Mistress Vetta Wise, the object will certainly be to perform to a high level and to display the skills attained from time to time in a series of concerts, but underlying all of that, a secondary objective will simply be to have fun and to welcome in the many local people who enjoy singing.

Judging by the inaugural turn-out (see picture) the response is very encouraging. You don't need to be

a member of the Lowestoft Players to take part, though many are, there are no auditions and if you missed this first meeting you are still in time. Come and see for yourselves! Just drop a short note to Deanne Dickson to express your interest (bobandd@btinternet.com) and sheet music will be provided for you. A small weekly charge will be made to cover costs. The sessions will take place each Monday at the Players Theatre on Battery Green in Lowestoft ('The Bethel', next to the M & S Car Park), will begin at 7:30PM prompt and will last for a couple of hours. Welcome!



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# Waves & Wheels

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Lowestoft has a rich history of innovative engineering across many industries – traditionally boats and fishing, but also oil and gas along with the coach works, construction, prams, TV's, and many more. The town is still at the cutting edge with Orbis Energy acting as an innovation and incubation centre for the offshore renewables sector.

The day will showcase the prowess of the towns engineering with busses and boats, a mini tank, boat builders, a special Michael Burwood Art Exhibition, a workshop to make a film without a camera, as well as bikes and cars

Movie Makers in Sparrows Nest will be showing original travel and transport films, with events at Blackshore Clothing, and stalls & demonstrations from IBTC, Lings, Maritime Museum, Lowestoft Museum, Lowestoft Vintage Vehicle Club, Lowestoft War Memorial Museum, and more.

The Ness is a new park which will improve access, knowledge, participation and enjoyment of North Lowestoft and its unique maritime heritage and act as a new gateway to Ness Point. Work is due to start soon and is scheduled to be completed Spring 2020.

Waves & Wheels will be at the North end of Whapload Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1XG and with East Anglia Transport Museum supplying a vintage Lowestoft bus it promises to be an informative and fun day out.

All events are here [www.lowestofttowncouncil.gov.uk/events](http://www.lowestofttowncouncil.gov.uk/events) or check @thenesslowestoft on Facebook.

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