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photos, book reviews, or anything else you can think of!

In these troubling times our thoughts and prayers are with all those in the Ukraine and around the world who are impacted by war and conflict. May God bless them all and keep them safe.



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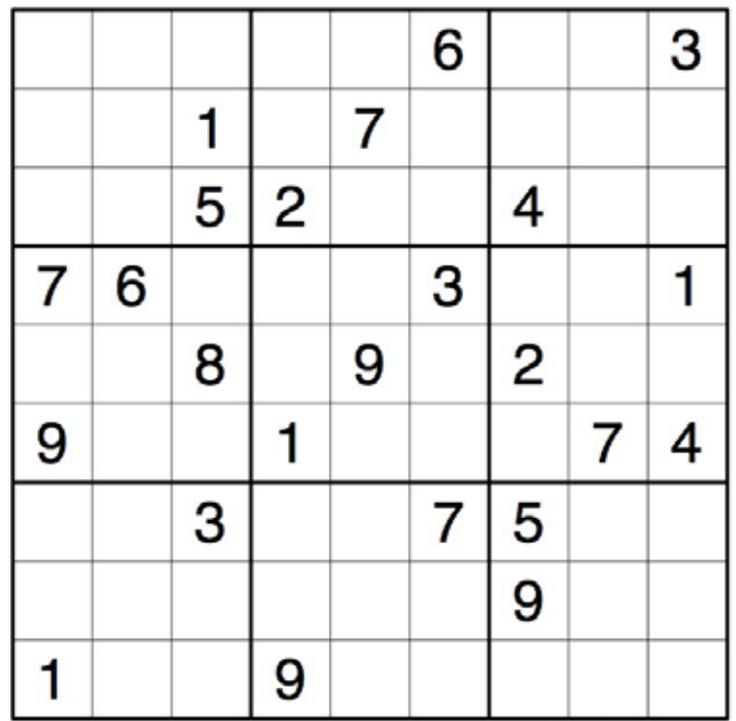
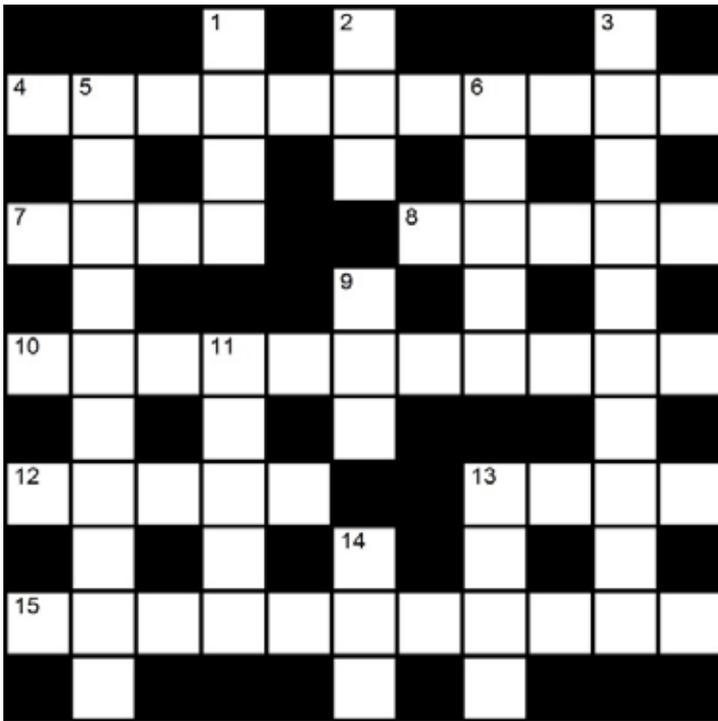
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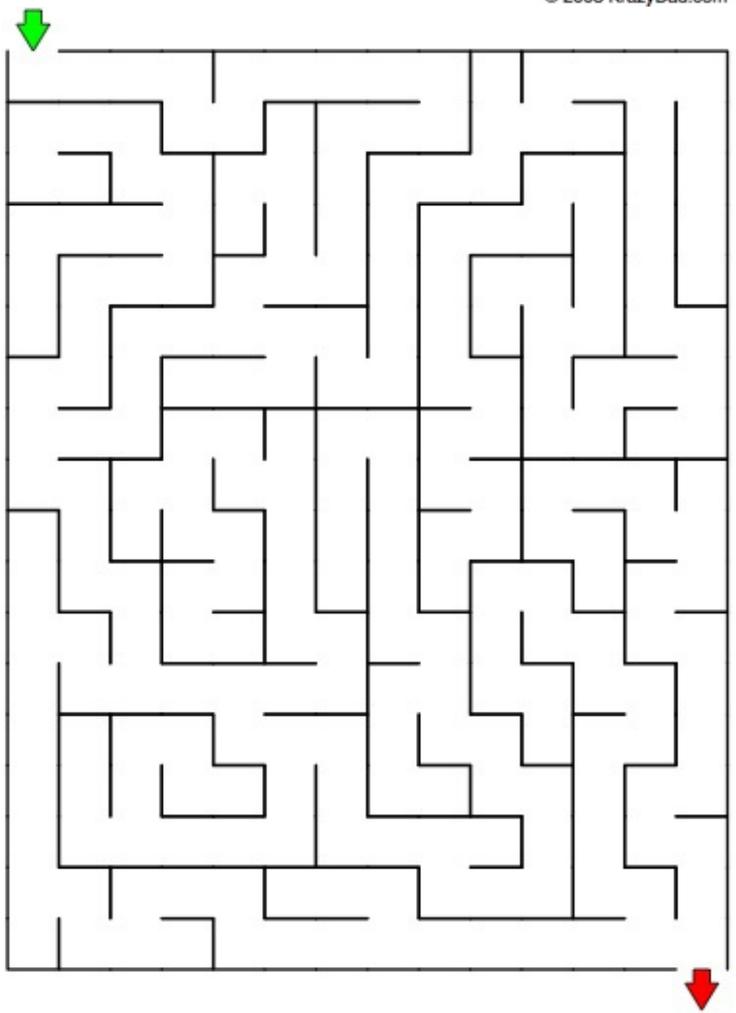
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The Rockin' Rev

The world we live in!

At the time of writing, it's day twelve of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Over a million people have already fled to neighbouring countries. A new Iron Curtain seems to be grinding into place. A global economic war deepens, as the military conflict escalates, and civilian casualties rise.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell condemned the Russian attack on Ukraine and urged Christians to place their trust in Jesus Christ, and to keep praying for Ukraine, for Russia, and for peace.

In a pastoral letter to the clergy and people of the Church of England, the Archbishops wrote, "This attack is an act of evil, imperilling as it does the relative peace and security that Europe has enjoyed for so long. The attack by one nation on a free, democratic country has rightly provoked outrage, sanctions, and condemnation."

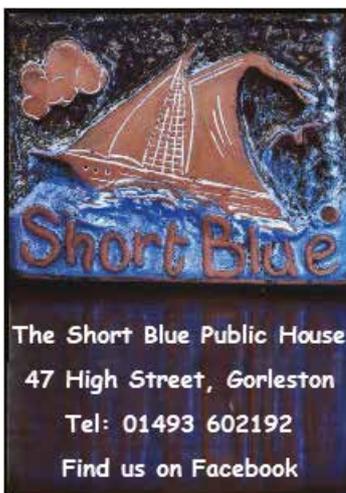
It's difficult to know how the situation in Ukraine and around the world will unfold. Meanwhile, many charities and agencies are doing all they can to supply food and other basic humanitarian aid to those affected by the invasion.

What we have seen unfold in Ukraine presents a serious challenge to the view that humanity is on an upward climb toward a utopia of freedom and democratic norms. Rather, we find ourselves in a world given to wars and rumours of wars.

"There's one thing the world does" wrote English writer, philosopher, and theologian, G. K. Chesterton, nearly a century ago – "it wobbles." Living in this wobbly world, Christian faith, hope, and love takes on a distinctive shape and a particular vision.

The promise of God is "to make everything new!" This present created order that has become afflicted with disease, disharmony, and death, will ultimately give way to what the Bible calls "a new heaven and a new earth". In this new order of things death and mourning, crying and pain will have passed away.

Rev Brian Hall
Vicar of St Andrew's Church



God has guaranteed this re-ordering by raising Jesus Christ from the dead. Three days after the horror of his crucifixion the angelic announcement was made to those who went to a tomb expecting to find the dead body of Jesus - "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here! He is risen!"

The resurrection body of Jesus was God's first act of new creation that will one day extend to and transform the whole cosmos. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the central affirmation of the Christ faith but also the source of profound hope and comfort to those who believe.

Happy Easter!



"The knitting circle are playing their part in our heating efficiency programme."

Prayer Corner

Prayer is simply having a conversation with God. It can be out loud or in your head and heart, it can be about whatever you want it to be and you can pray whenever and wherever you want to, God is always listening.

If you are not sure what to pray, why not start by joining us in praying this month's prayer:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for civilians who have been displaced and families separated from each other. Grant that wise and peaceable counsels may prevail. Amen.

Gorleston Library

Regular Activities and Events:

- Mondays Bounce and Rhyme** – 1-1.30pm (drop in)
Spanish Chat – 5.45 – 6.45pm (intermediate chat group)
- Tuesdays Mini Movers** - 10.30 – 11am (pre-school music and play) (drop in)
- Wednesday Just a Cuppa** – weekly 10am – 12 all welcome, **Bounce and Rhyme** 10.30-11 & 1-1.30pm
Colour me Calm 11:30am – 12:30 & 2pm – 3pm (materials available/main library)
- Gorleston Library Craft Group** 2-4pm Carnegie Room (bring your own crafts – all welcome)
Lego Club – 3-4pm (term time)
- Thursday Story time**, 12-12.30pm (term times only)
- Fridays Homework Club** Fridays 3.30-5pm in the main library, drop in. Year 7 upwards
Learn My Way – Digital online learning for beginners / **Friday** 4-6pm & **Saturday** 11am -1 drop in
- Saturday Children's Crafts** 10.30am - 12 (all ages) – please book your place in advance
Family Learning Sessions for 0-5's – pop in for details
SEND Storytime (once a month) - See library/Facebook for info

Gorleston Library Friends presents:

- 6th April**- Easter Book and craft sale 10-12pm.
27th April- Slipper swap and Dementia care support, 10-12pm.

NEW - Mend with friends!

4-7pm on 6/4, 20/4, 4/5 & 18/5. Drop-in **clothing repair sessions** – bring something to mend! (basic advice and materials avail.)

Norfolk Reading Pathway coaching sessions available (Support to learn to read)

Collect **Lateral Flow Device test**

Get help to book/attend your virtual doctor's appointment.

Collect **Tricky Period/Toiletries To Go** and various **Household Support items** – all free

NEW - Starting soon! 25th April 3.30-4.30pm
Fortnightly **Shared reading (adult)**



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Wednesdays - Gorleston Library craft group, bring your own crafts and join in – **all welcome!**

Pencil Art club.
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World Book Day Celebrations

Children and staff at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary School had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th of March.

As ever, the children and staff really embraced the day by dressing up as characters from their favourite stories and came together to celebrate our shared love of books by holding special assemblies, in which teachers shared extracts from some of their favourite children's stories.



Throughout the day, the children took part in a story swap, visiting another teacher's class to share some wonderful books!

In addition, we held a 'Dress a Potato' World Book Day competition, where the children were encouraged to decorate a potato to look like a character from one of their favourite books. The quality of entries was outstanding, and all the children had the opportunity to visit our potato exhibition throughout the morning. We had the unenviable task of selecting a winning entry from each year group and these children were awarded with book vouchers. It was a fantastic day and a wonderful way to bring our school community together in a shared love of books!



Careers Mark Project

We are working hard towards achieving the Careers Mark Award. This is linked to the important work that we do in school to educate our children about the wealth of opportunities which await them in the future. As part of this project, we regularly invite visitors and special guest speakers into the Academy to talk to and inspire the children about their own interesting experiences. This week we were lucky to receive a visit from Jamie Houchen, who told us about his long and successful career working in professional football and all the exciting jobs that exist behind the scenes!

Well-being Woodland Walk

We are very pleased to announce that the first phase of our Well-Being Walk is officially underway! Our School Council and Eco Council are working together to lead the transformation of an area of our school field into a special 'Woodland Walk, where we hope that the children will be able to relax in tranquil surroundings as well as engaging with nature. We thought that this would be a special way to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year too!



Every one of our children has had the opportunity to plant their own tree! Together, this will create a walkway of over 500 trees! Each child placed a special label on their tree so that they can monitor its progress. The children are looking forward

to taking care of their tree and watching it grow! Families have also been invited to purchase a special 'family tree' for them to take care of.



We are very excited to see this wonderful project develop over the coming months and years and to see our children enjoying the benefits of being in this special space.

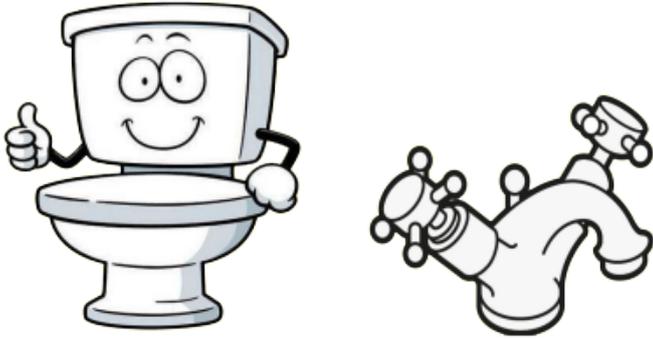
Cross Country Success

On Tuesday 8th of March we were delighted to take 37 pupils to represent the academy at the 2022 East Norfolk School Games Cross-Country Competition.

All the children were excellent ambassadors for the academy and gave their all throughout the competition. We were very proud of their excellent results and of the sporting attitude demonstrated by all our competitors throughout the event.

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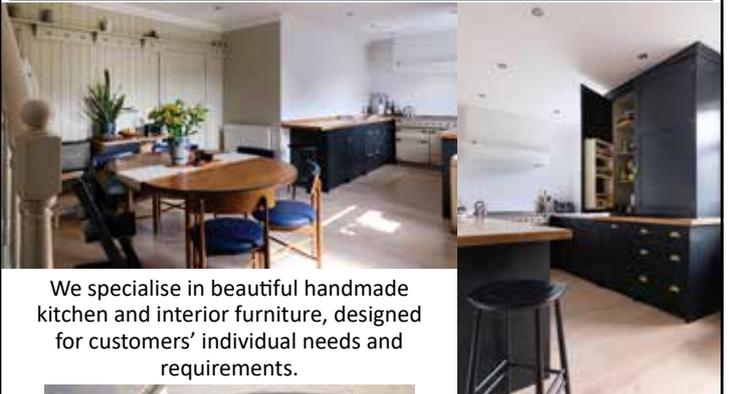
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Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group

Gorleston's World Famous Clown - Whimsical Walker

In the April 2019 edition of the Gorleston Community Magazine, we covered the working life of the early silent film actor Jamie Darling, who was really Thomas Henry Dawson Walker (1851-1934) better known as Whimsical Walker the world famous clown who was living in Gorleston when these films were being made, around 1913. GoSH member Peter Allard has compiled the following short biography about Whimsical Walker and his connections with Gorleston:-

Whimsical Walker was a world famous clown who came to live in Gorleston around 1910. Why he came to live in Gorleston is unknown, but he would probably have come to Great Yarmouth when the Barnum and Bailey's Circus visited the town with "Jumbo" the famous large Elephant in July 1899.

Known as the "Mystery Clown", he toured the world three times during the 14 years he was with the Hengler's Circus and played 21 seasons in the Pantomime at the Drury Lane Theatre. He came into this world as Thomas Henry Dawson Walker, the son of the landlady of an inn called "The March of Intellect" at Hull, and Robert Stanley Walker, an advance man for Cook's Circus. At the age of eight, he was performing in Pablo Fanque's Circus. He learnt all aspects of the business, and became an equestrian, tumbler, ropewalker, clown and all-round adept circus performer. He was a frequent visitor to America having visited 16 times. His first visit was in 1874 with a contract to John Murray's Railroad Circus. It was eight years later (October 1882) before he returned to England.

In 1887, while with Barnum and Bailey's Circus, he purchased "Jumbo the Elephant" for them, from the London Zoological Gardens, for the high price of £2,000. The fee was more than paid back in just a few performances. Walker put on a profitable pantomime presentation of W.S.Gilbert's The Three Wishes, at the Metropolitan Alcazar Theatre, New York, he became the only person to put on a successful English pantomime in America during this period.

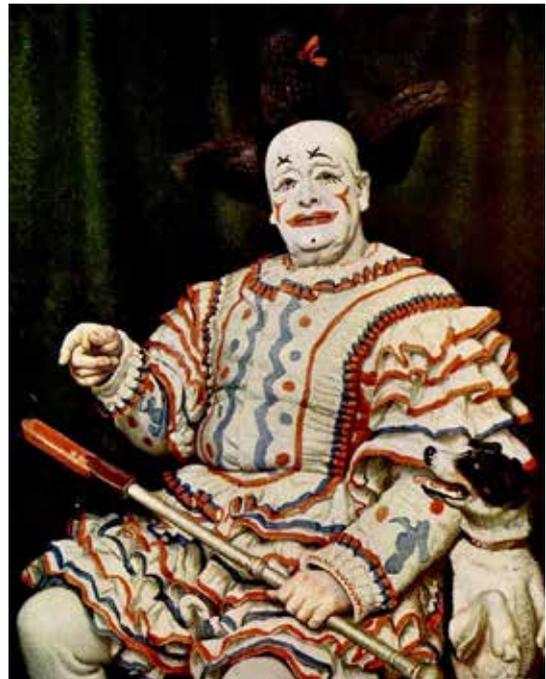
He became bankrupt however due to a defective theatre balcony. In 1886, he was commanded to appear at the first Royal Command Performance, staged at Windsor Castle, before Queen Victoria. His last performance before royalty was for the first visit to a circus of Princess Elizabeth, in 1934.

When 'Whimsical' came to live in Gorleston, he took over the site of Peggotty's Hut on Brush Quay, Gorleston and expanded it into a rifle range. Little is known of his life in the town between 1910 and when he died in 1934. In the early 1930's, he moved from Brush Wharf to a new council house at 42, Suffolk Road, Southtown. His spare time was devoted to shrimping and it was reported that he kept a number of cats for company. His death on November 10th

1934, aged 83 was reported in great detail in the following week's Yarmouth Mercury. He was buried in Gorleston (old) Cemetery following a service at St. Andrews Church. His grave, number P180, is unmarked.

The Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group will be unveiling a blue plaque on Whimsical Walker's grave at an invitation-only ceremony (due to space restrictions) on Tuesday 10th May. This will be followed by an open-to-the public exhibition about Whimsical Walker's life, at the Shrublands Youth and Adult Centre, Magdalen Way, Gorleston, NR31 7BP. This will be a one-day-only event and will be open from 11.30 until 14.30 on the 10th May.

The committee and members of the Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group would like to extend their gratitude to the Central England Co-operative Society for their sponsorship of these events.



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Ramblings of a Displaced Cockney

"Well known in Gorleston as the former Principal of the East Norfolk Sixth Form College, our Displaced Cockney is Laurie Poulson whose travels in life have taken him from birth in the East End of London, all around England, until he came to Gorleston in 1999, where he has been ever since."

The Joy of Bedtime-Story Reading

In previous Ramblings I have mentioned reading stories at bedtime to children and grandchildren. Books that came to mind were Philippa Pearce's truly-magical "Tom's Midnight Garden" and the whole of Arthur Ransome's "Swallows and Amazons" set of 13 enchanting books.

In odd moments I have been mulling over other memories of reading books to the children as they were growing up. High in any set of these memories must be J.R.R. Tolkien's mighty tales of swashbuckling adventure, "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings". If you have read them or seen Peter Jackson's film versions you will realise that they do take a long time to read out loud, but the effort was worth it.

The big difference between reading something like this to yourself and reading it out for others is the opportunity to "do the voices". There are so many: hobbits, dwarves and elves for a start, not to mention humans. Then there are the special characters like Gandalf and Smaug. You can really indulge yourself and ham it up a bit with all of these, but especially with Smaug's "My precioussss . . ." when he is talking about the famous ring.

There are all sorts of treats in the books: humour, mystery, danger, magic, riddles, treasure, battles, philosophy, yearning for lost times There are moments of solitude and loneliness, but there are also epic set pieces like the "Battle of the Five Armies" that need to be read straight through in one long sitting!

I had come to Tolkien first myself when I was at the start of secondary school and a regular at the local public library. I read it to my own boys when the oldest two were still quite young, so the other two boys missed out rather. The implication of that was that they all demanded that I repeat the entire exercise a couple of years later, as it would be most unfair if the two younger ones were denied the opportunity to sit through the whole epic presentation! The older pair insisted on joining in, despite the difference in bed-times!

This repeat reading had an interesting side-effect which I had not anticipated. Every now and again, as a new character appeared in the story, David our eldest, would stop me and say "No Dad, that's the wrong voice. Do it the same as you did last time!" I was just amazed that his memory could still bring up that recollection of a particular voice! It was harder for me to do the remembering, but I did my best and he was prepared to be accommodating!

I suppose, with that in mind, it is not surprising that he got into acting at school, into the local young people's

drama club and the town's amateur dramatics group. He subsequently included both Drama and Performance Studies amongst his subjects at the Sixth Form College before going on to study for a Drama degree at university.

Who knows whether the many great stories that we shared together in those early years were responsible for generating that life-long love of the theatre? Either way, it gives the boys some golden memories of happy, shared times which I know that they are keen to repeat with their own children. That's the joy of reading story books at bedtime!

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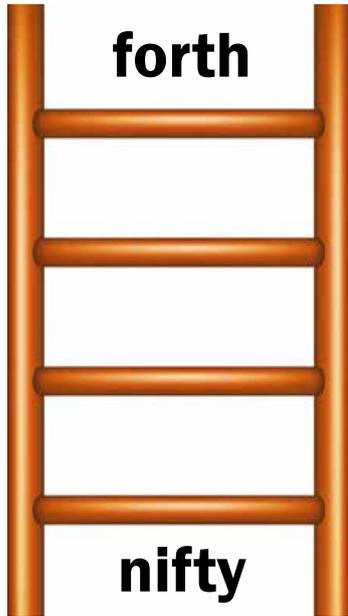


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Word Ladder

Can you climb the ladder changing 1 letter at a time, to get from the bottom word to the top word?



Seeing Double

Each pair of words share two middle letters. The first has been filled in as an example. Complete the remaining words to find the mystery keyword reading down.

1	ST	AP	LE
2	TE		OT
3	AS		CT
4	SU		RB
5	BE		ER
6	QU		TZ
7	CH		CE
8	SH		TY
9	DE		IT
10	EX		SS

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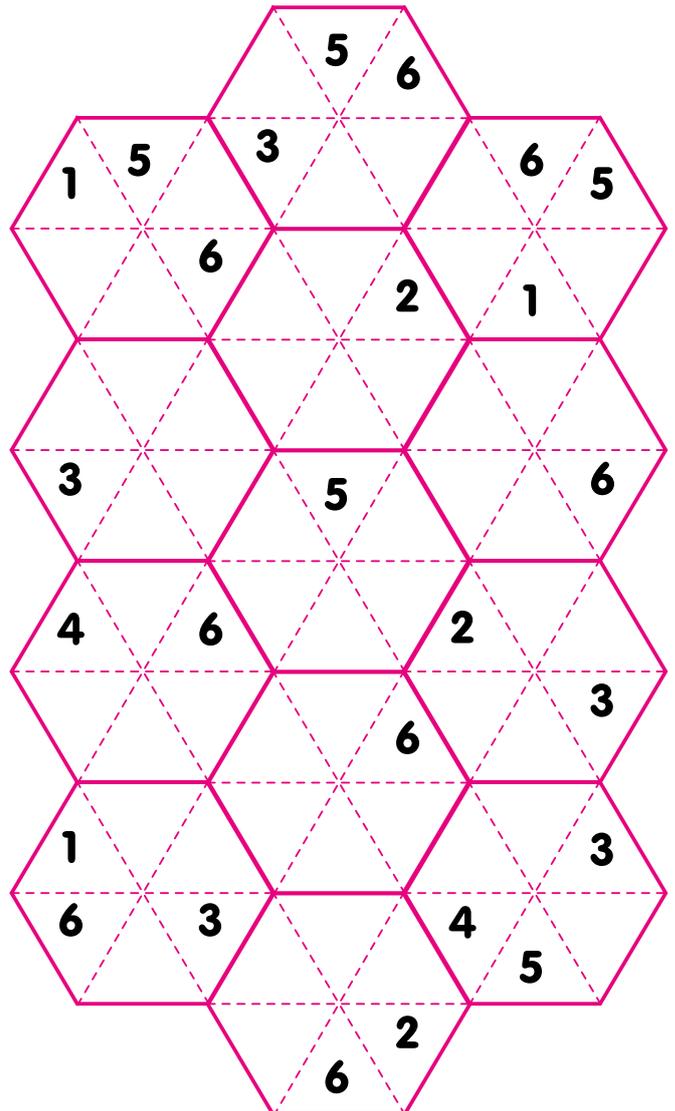
Caught in the middle

What are the words that can be written down the middle to create two more words or phrases either side?

jam	.....	box
quick	.....	smith
front	.....	gate
under	.....	luggage
for	.....	price

Hexoku

Fit the numbers 1 to 6 into each hexagon so that where the hexagons touch, the numbers are the same. No number is repeated in any hexagon.



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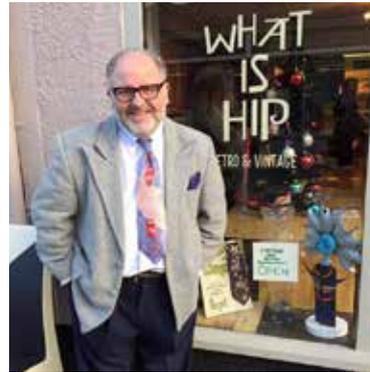
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"The life and times of"



Life in the Routledge household was going well, the house we moved into was slowly getting decorated to the way we wanted.

We decided to have the kitchen done up, so a friend of mine helped put it in once we had the design finished. After a

few weeks it was finished and looked how we wanted for us.

I loved being a postman, I would start about 6am and go on main sorting where all the mail was put into their own postcodes and streets for each postman. When all that was sorted, after about an hour, you collected all your mail from the boxes with your round on them and went on your own frame which was for your round.

This could take up to two hours to sort, during sorting was where you got all the banter going on across the office floor and where I got a thick skin. I never ever saw any bullying there, only soft hearted banter which we all took on our double chins. Even the bosses got some of it but they gave it back as well.

When our sorting was done we packed our post bags to where we needed to start and finish. In the early days I was there we all went out in vans to pick up points and left our bags in special pick up places, or in grey post bag lock ups. My first round was in Bradwell for a couple of years in the Beccles Road area, then I went onto Mill Lane in Bradwell. As a few years went by I did a few rounds in Gorleston and Caister. To do a bit of overtime I did collections from post boxes in the late afternoons and then did some from firms on the industrial estates. I loved driving the vans and at 6pm I would take the mail up to the main depot in Norwich. It was a great job but not without its dangers. Dogs were always the main worry, if you were on a round for a long while you got to know where the biters were, but if you filled in for someone you had to be wary. I got bitten once, I went down a garden and half way down I heard a shout to say the dog was out. I took a chance and ran back to the gate with the dog in tow... I got to the gate but as I shut it the terrier put its teeth round my fingers.

The lady wasn't that bothered about my bleeding hand and complained I should be more careful while delivering her mail. I was lucky I was only two minutes from a garage where they patched me up. Later that day I popped to the doctors for my tetanus jab and thankfully no stitches.

In the next issue I'll tell you about my last few years as a postie of eighteen years.

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Gorleston FC



Gorleston's form has taken a dip recently but, with ten games remaining, they still have every chance of gaining promotion to Step 4 football for the first time in their history.

At the time of writing, Gorleston are sitting second, four points behind leaders Mildenhall but with two games in hand, and six of the Green's final ten games are at Emerald Park. Two of those are against the other two sides in the top three. By the time you read this, they will have played current leaders, Mildenhall.

Then, current third placed side, Wroxham, who are two points behind Gorleston with two games in hand on the Greens, visit Emerald Park on 5th April.

League Table as of 11th March 2022		
Team	Played	Points
Mildenhall Town	30	66
Gorleston	28	62
Wroxham	26	60
Mulbarton Wanderers	29	54

Back in January, the FA stated that all 16 sides who finish league champions across all the Step 5 leagues will be promoted automatically to Step 4, as will the ten best runners up decided on a points per game basis. Gorleston appear to be in the top half of the 'points per game' table.

April is the month when it will all be decided with the final league game of the season on the 23rd at home to Lakenheath. This also might be the final time Gorleston play at Emerald Park. Before that, the Greens also play at home on Easter Monday with a 3pm kick off.

Gorleston are hanging on in there in the promotion battle despite only picking up two points from nine heading into March. A surprise 1-0 defeat at strugglers Long Melford was followed by a 1-1 draw with another struggling side, Haverhill Rovers. Rovers took the lead just after half time. Robbie Sweeney equalised with twenty minutes to go but a winner couldn't be found.



Joel Watts hits a shot off target at Long Melford



Mitch McKay almost gets a header in v Haverhill

Another draw followed, this time goalless, away at Thetford where the Greens ended with ten men after Christy Finch was sent off.

Those two games saw a welcome return to Emerald Park for Elliot Pride who stepped in on loan for a few games as cover for the injured Jake Jessup. Gorleston also slipped out of the Norfolk Senior Cup, losing 2-0 at Fakenham.

Three wins in four have moved Gorleston Reserves into the top six of their league. Fakenham Reserves were beaten 2-0 with goals from Sam Wooldridge and Issuf Sanha. Next came a 2-1 defeat at Easton (Ross Gilfedder).

They bounced back from that to win 4-2 away at Aylsham with Harrison Hall (2), Joe Corby and Kanu Maxwell Ibenne the scorers. Following that came a resounding 6-0 victory over Norwich Utd U21s (Joe Corby (3), Sam Ellis(2), Harrison Hall).

The Under 18s beat Waveney 4-1 (Callum Blevins, Harrison Hall, Tyler Hall and Samir Lamarti) before welcoming newly crowned champions, Wroxham, to Emerald Park and losing 4-2 (Blevins and H Hall). Norwich Utd then visited Emerald Park and left with all three points after winning 2-1 (Corby).

Gorleston Women went out of the Plate, losing 2-1 at Caister (Rebecca Waters). In the league, a Mara Fernandes goal helped them to a 1-1 draw with second placed UEA. They then thumped Bulldogs Ladies 11-1. 16 year old Kelsi Adams scored five and the other goals were shared by Sophie Brown, Chloe Dobson, Claudia Fernandes, Hannah Halfnight, Rebecca Waters and Joana Teixeira.

To be in with a chance of winning some cash, and show your support for Gorleston at the same time, join the monthly GoLD draw. The draw paid out £75 prize money in February. Full details are on the website, contact me (Dave Hardy), or email gorlestonfootballclub@hotmail.co.uk

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March Fixtures				
Date	Time	Competition	Team	Opponents (Home/Away)
2nd	14:30	League	Reserves	Kirkley & Pakefield Res (H)
2nd	15:00	League	Firsts	Hadleigh Utd (A)
5th	19:45	League	Firsts	Wroxham (H)
7th	19.45	League	Under 18s	Bungay Town (H)
9th	2.30	League	Reserves	Wells Town (H)
9th	15:00	League	Firsts	Whitton Utd (A)
10th	14:00	League	Womens	Horsford (H)
16th	15:00	League	Firsts	Newmarket Town (A)
17th	14:00	League	Womens	KLSC (H)
18th	15:00	League	Firsts	Woodbridge Town (H)
23rd	3 pm	League	Firsts	Lakenheath (H)

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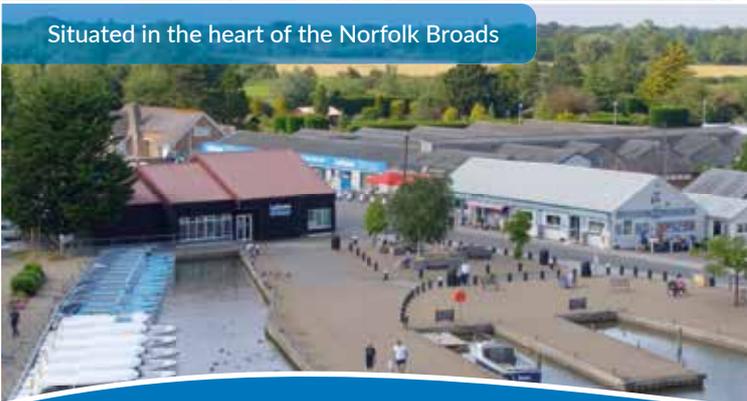
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Ormiston Venture Academy

Venture Smashes 25th World Book Day



Students at Ormiston Venture Academy, have been celebrating the 25th World Book Day, by dressing up as their favourite book characters.

Both students and staff showcased their wonderful imaginations, talent and creativity through their amazing costumes. The costumes that filled the academy came from a wide range of books and comics, with staff and students dressing as different Harry Potter characters, Mary Poppins, and even a dictionary!

Students were also given the opportunity to participate in a range of activities throughout the day, from a 'guess the teacher' competition to afternoon tea in the library to celebrate reading and a love of books.

The costumes and celebrations sparked some great conversations amongst students over what their favourite book is and everyone really enjoyed being able to guess which famous character their friends had come dressed as.

The World Book Day celebrations were a fantastic opportunity for the academy to bring students together to celebrate a range of wonderful literary stories, as well as inspiring everyone to read more.

A Year 7 student at Ormiston Venture Academy commented:

"It was so fun to dress up, I loved taking part in the competitions and it was great to see everyone in their costumes."

Rebecca Kirby, Leader of Literacy and Humanities at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"It was awesome to once again be able to celebrate World Book Day in true Venture style this year and to have the whole academy engaged in a range of activities. Here at Venture, we put reading and literacy at the heart of everything we do and promoting World Book Day is just one of the many ways that we advocate reading for pleasure. It's brilliant to see our students so enthused about the wonderful world of reading."



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Life Afloat

by Patricia West, who continues her reminiscences...



Following our first night aboard Pillage we were up early to enjoy breakfast in the cockpit where we devised a strategy enabling Adrian to reach Paris by mid August to meet with other students for a brief holiday before returning to start their autumn term at university. OUR

plan was to stop as the fancy took us exploring the country side and small towns and cities along the way; eventually it was agreed 35 kilometres a week should safely get Adrian to Paris on time.

We cast off around 10.00am in bright sunshine, thankfully the canal was tranquil and I was relieved at my easy introduction to life afloat. Coasting along we negotiated a couple of swing bridges operated by a young mademoiselle who, after raising the first bridge jumped on her bicycle and pedalled along the tow path to be ready for us at the next one. She was young, pretty adding to the pleasure of our day and there was an exchange of smiles and hand shakes before she cycled off to help the next boating enthusiast.

All was peaceful as we pattered into open countryside which was very reminiscent of East Anglia – same flatness, church spires and fast ripening crops in the rolling fields. Everything was quiet and the canal appeared to have been little used of late.

Suddenly we ran into thick green weed spreading across the water bank to bank and stretching far ahead upstream. Our engine spluttered, coughed and finally died - the cooling water intake had swallowed huge clumps of the stuff.

Adrian and I were told to steady the boat as Richard dived underneath Pillage in an attempt to clear the weed. We smiled at the cries of astonishment as his body made contact with the sharp coldness of the water.

Eventually the boat was declared weed free and we resumed our journey, leaning back to enjoy the sunshine, only to be halted after a few hundred yards by the same problem - green weed. Various suggestions were made and although my knowledge of boating was limited I had seen the film “The African Queen” where a large boat in the Congo runs into difficulties and Humphrey Bogart decides to solve the problem by towing the “African Queen” while Katharine Hepburn steers the boat. Trying to appear nonchalant I suggested we tow Pillage. “Good idea” said the skipper as he and Adrian clambered onto the tow path holding the bow and stern ropes and proceeded to haul Pillage through the green algae.

Cripes, what had I done? Richard loved this boat more than he loved me and here I was, sole custodian steering his precious baby. I seemed to keep fairly close to the middle of the canal until it was declared weed free and the crew

came back on board. I sneaked a look over my shoulder - oh dear I hadn't done as well as I thought - our wake displayed wobbly patterns across the whole of the canal so I swiftly handed the tiller back to a very relieved skipper. No time for self congratulation, almost immediately we were faced with our first automatic lifting bridge. The theory being when a craft passes the sensor on the bank the bridge lifts automatically.

This one was out of order and despite passing the sensor three times the bridge remained resolutely shut.

It was Saturday afternoon, no-one on duty, no sign of a phone and mooring was forbidden anywhere near the bridge itself. Certainly we couldn't face the weed and go back.

This time I hadn't seen a film to help me look knowledgeable and together with Adrian I stared at the skipper as he squinted, measuring with his eyes the space between the cabin roof, the mast on its cradle and the lowest part of the arch of the bridge. Finally Richard made a decision – he would use an old method popular with the bargees in the past. “Obviously” he said “it is going to be as tight as sardines in a tin” then explained if we used the palms and the heels of our hands we could literally hand walk Pillage through.

I was instructed to lay on my back on the cabin roof leaving my nose only inches away from slime and grime while the men crouched almost double then with a shout of “GO” we began using our upturned hands easing the craft under the bridge. Pushing and panting I joined in but was obsessed with the idea of a boat coming in the other direction triggering their sensor, ploughing into Pillage with all sorts of repercussions.

It seemed an age but then we were through - no oncoming craft. No weed either. Beaming triumphantly we hugged each other but suddenly it was all too much... my home, my family, the animals, a foreign language, coffee at a £1 a cup! - unexpectedly easily the hot tears fell. The men, busy with ropes and fenders remained oblivious so I hid my face until composure returned.

In late afternoon we tied up beside a grassy bank. After a swim in the now crystal clear canal and a change of clothing I brewed some tea before cooking pasta for supper with cheese, crusty bread and a glass or two after which we were ready for our berths. Twenty five seconds after my head hit the pillow I was fast asleep.

Next month - I acclimatize.

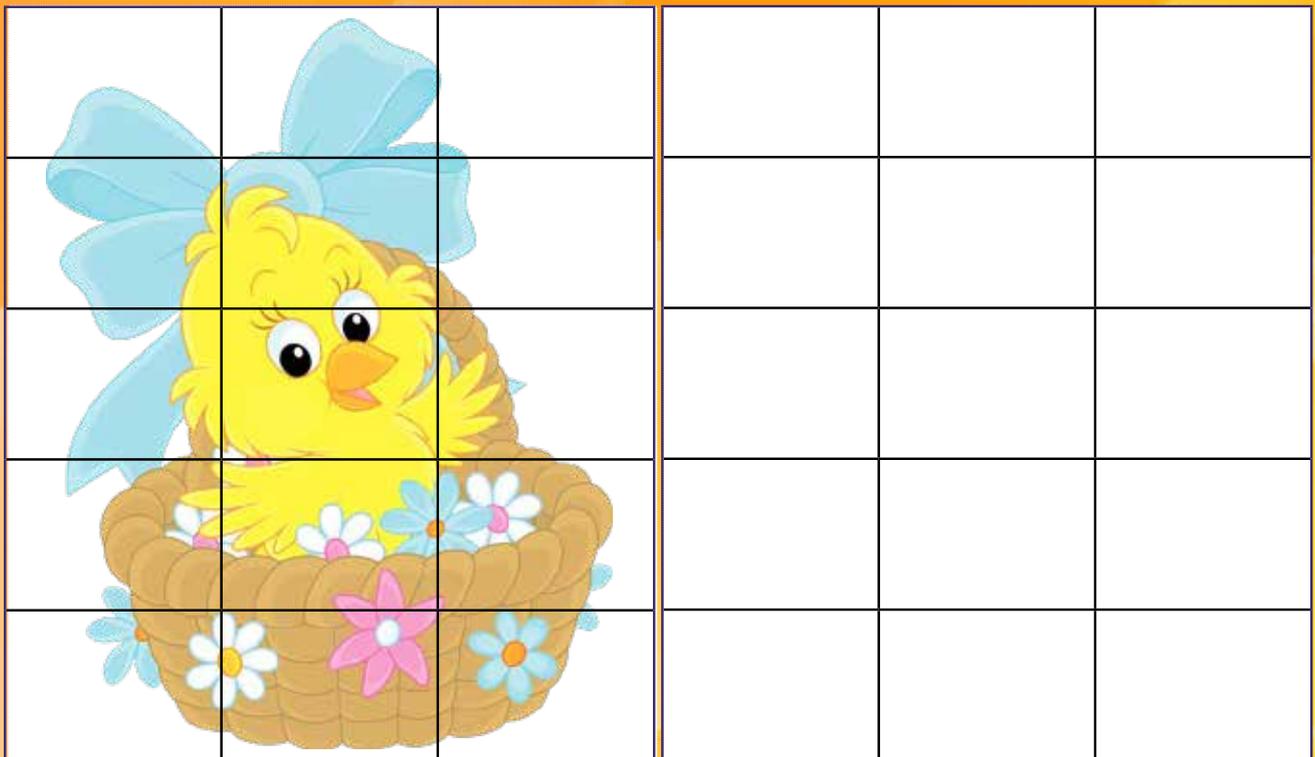


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Can you find 7 differences?



Solomon says a prayer (1 Kings 5 - 8)

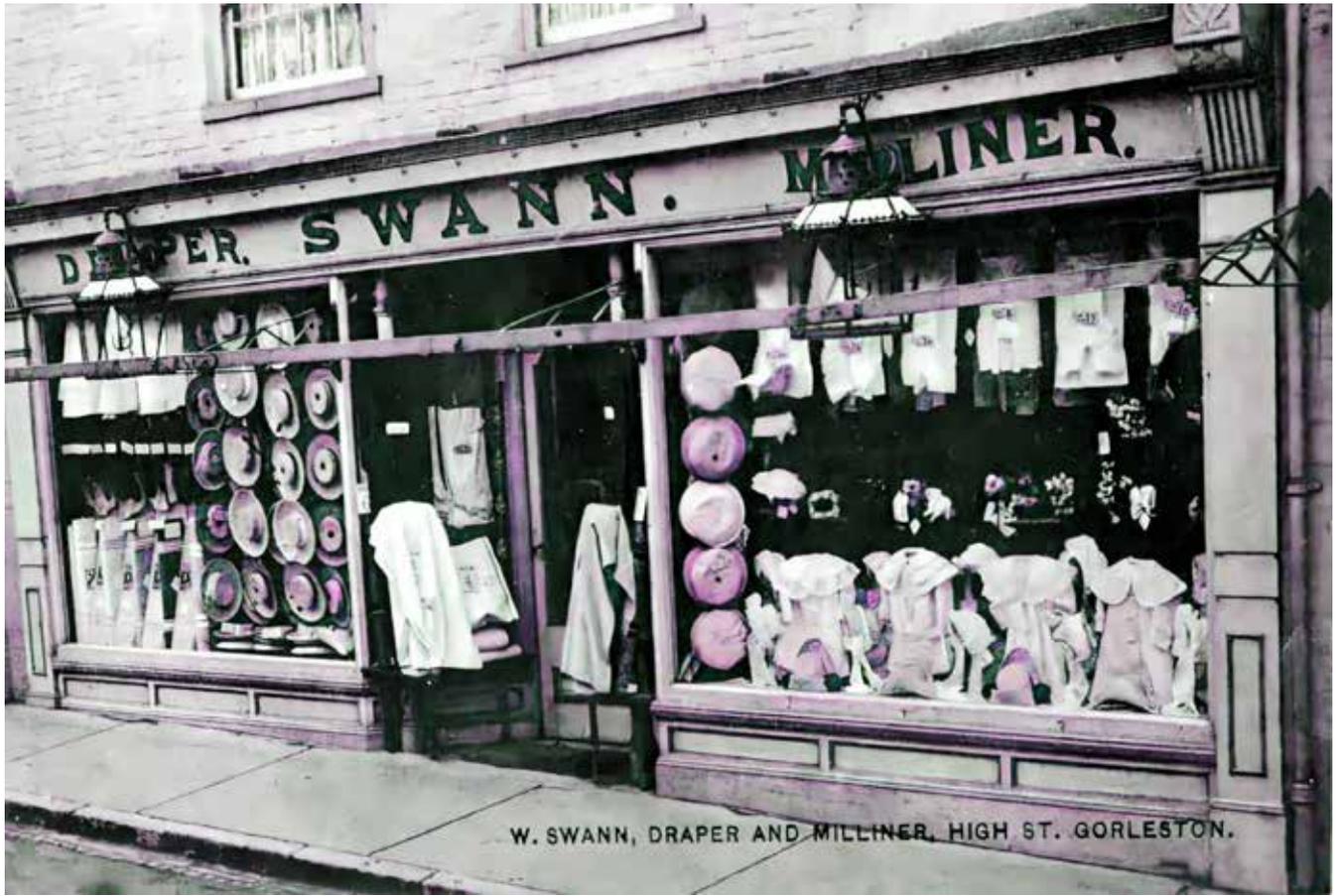
Solomon became the King of God's people after David. He built a temple in the city of Jerusalem. He wanted it to be a place where God's people could come to worship God and pray. He himself prayed to God, and asked Him to listen to them from His home in heaven.

Solomon's prayer involved 'asking'. In fact, 'praying', in its simplest definition, is talking to God, whether it be asking, saying thank you, telling Him how you are feeling, telling God how you feel about Him and so on. And just like when you talk to anyone else, prayer involves listening too: God to us and us listening to God.

Have you ever sincerely talked to God? Maybe you could have a go. Just talk to Him about anything, simply in the way you normally talk. He will listen.

Gorleston Then & Now

by John McBride



W. Swann - Draper and Milliner shop was at 69 High Street for many years. In the 1911 census William Swann was living above the shop with his wife Kate Rosa (both aged 45) and their family. William died in 1913. In 1939 it is recorded that at 69 High Street Kate was living there with her sister-in-law, both retired drapers. Kate Rosa died in 1943.

In 1947 the shop opened as a greengrocer and florist shop by William John White, later specialising in just the florist trade, until closing in 2016. In February 2022 the shop frontage shows Willow Tree Stores.





Opening THE Book

with
Reverend
John Kinchin-Smith

Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Let's look at what the Bible says. One fact cannot be contested: Jesus was crucified by the Romans in about AD33 and was dead and buried. (The 1st century Roman historian Tacitus and Jewish historian Josephus confirm this.) The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, give detailed accounts of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. St Paul, writing to the Corinthians about 20 years later, wrote, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time... Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also."

When St Paul wrote the above, most of those witnesses to the resurrection would have still been alive and could have been questioned. What is certain is that these witnesses truly believed that they had seen and met with Jesus after he had been killed. The Bible gives other evidence to the resurrection of Jesus. The tomb where he was buried on Friday was found to be empty the following Sunday. The authorities tried to cover this up. On at least three occasions, Jesus had predicted that he would be killed and then be raised back to life.

All these pieces of evidence could be challenged, but there is one piece of evidence that cannot be disputed and that is the extraordinary change in Jesus' followers after Easter Day. Here were a small group of men and women who had seen their leader crucified by the Romans at the instigation of their own Jewish authorities. Disillusioned, grieving and afraid, all of their hopes, that Jesus was the Messiah sent by God, had come to an end. Yet within days, these same people were boldly and fearlessly proclaiming that Jesus had been raised to life by God. Over the next few years, many would give up their lives for this Jesus – and this has continued ever since. A small religious movement grew, often under severe persecution, to claim millions upon millions of followers. The Bible says that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive for ever. Can all of his followers be wrong? Happy Easter!



News from The Mag

with
Reverend Matthew Price



Hundreds of pancakes, games and crafts was the order of the day at St Mary Magdalene on Tuesday 1st March, otherwise known as Shrove Tuesday. Over the course of just under two hours almost 200 people passed through the church and church hall for our community pancake party.



Brian Philpot wielded the pancake pans, making somewhere in the region of 300 pancakes and those who attended were also able to decorate their own rice-cake versions of pancakes, make salt-dough animals, and take part in a pancake tossing competition and pancake obstacle course. A great time seemed to have been had by all who attended and my grateful thanks go to everyone who made the event happen!



The next community celebration will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt which, this year, will take place on Saturday 16th April. Keep an eye on our facebook page at facebook.com/magdalenechurchgorleston for further details!

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Interview of Olivia (Juliet) and Kai (Romeo) by Thom Bailey (Director)

Olivia Knight playing Juliet

What are you looking forward to the most with performing this play at the Pavilion Theatre?

I did my first show at the pavilion when I was six and have never known a Shakespeare to be performed there, so it is especially exciting being a part of this production of 'Romeo and Juliet' and bringing Shakespeare to the Pavilion stage!

How would you describe this production of Romeo and Juliet? – and what do you particularly like about this production?

This is a very stripped back production, using minimal set and costumes, so us as actors have extra responsibility to keep the audience engaged in the story, which is a very exciting challenge!

What have been some of the challenges in bringing these well-known characters to life?

Juliet is one of the most famous characters out there and has one of the most famous Shakespearean speeches, so there are probably some expectations on how the roles should be performed, so it's been important to find my own take on the character!

What other plays by Shakespeare would you like to see at the Pavilion?

I would love to see a comedy performed at the Pavilion, so maybe Twelfth Night or Comedy of Errors!

Why should people book tickets?

This is a very fast paced and exciting production and people probably would not have seen a production of Romeo and Juliet like it!



Kai Spackman playing Romeo

What are you looking forward to the most with performing this play at the Pavilion Theatre?

I am looking forward to hearing the audience's reactions. After all the hard work the cast have put in during rehearsals, I think we

are all excited to find out what people will think!

How would you describe this production of Romeo and Juliet? – and what do you particularly like about this production?

Fresh, exciting, romantic, and dark. I particularly like the end of the first act. I wouldn't want to spoil anything, but it's safe to say that any potential "Shakespearean-

romanticism" is suddenly lost after a certain event. The second act brings a whole new atmosphere to the play. It is bold and exhilarating.

What have been some of the challenges in bringing these well-known characters to life?

There is always the pressure in the back of your mind that you are playing a very famous character. It can be very intimidating to think about all the great actors who have performed the role before you. But you just have to keep those thoughts out of your brain and focus on your interpretation!

What other plays by Shakespeare would you like to see at the Pavilion?

I think Macbeth would be a great play to perform at the Pavilion. It is another of Shakespeare's great tragedies and has a gripping story.

Why should people book tickets?

Whether this will be your first Shakespeare play or you are a seasoned veteran of the Bard, everyone will find something they love in this play. There's romance, comedy, and music, but also violence, conflict and tragedy. And this is no ordinary production of Romeo and Juliet; It is Shakespeare as you've never seen it before.

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Ormiston Herman Academy

Providing a rich and stimulating curriculum is an extremely high priority at Ormiston Herman Academy. As well as delivering an excellent academic programme, we provide a varied range of activities including sports, music, drama and the arts. This is what we have been up to recently.

World Book Day

All the children at Ormiston Herman Academy enjoyed celebrating World Book Day together by dressing as their



favourite book character! The day started off with our brand-new breakfast routine of toasted bagels and a story. The rest of the day included: a live lesson on reading, a chance to read with younger children, a whole school assembly and a 'Where's Wally' treasure hunt around the school! A big congratulations to the winning year group of the treasure hunt – Year 4!



We are excited to announce some results from OAT's Big Write and Extreme Reading competition. Neveah (Year 5) was the proud winner of the Primary Big Write competition whilst Tillie, Oscar and Sophie (Year 4, 3 and 1) were the proud winners of the Extreme Reading competition. Thank you to everyone who took part and a special congratulations to Miss Smith for winning Ormiston Herman the 'Best Engagement' award from all 44 academies!

Reading is a fundamental life-skill and something that we encourage all children of our academy to do daily. What a magical way to celebrate reading and our love of reading books!

Primary Regional School Leadership Team

Student Voice is a powerful mechanism and is important to everyone at Ormiston Herman. Over the last year, our Academy Student Voice along with OAT regional and national Student

Voice members have worked together to identify where young people would like to enact change and make a difference. We hope that in giving our students opportunities to express themselves, make a difference, feel that their opinion is valued and their voice is heard, will give them key skills that will prepare them for many opportunities in the future.

This continued opportunity is where two members of our academy will become part of the 16 children, across all 7 primary academies, to represent OAT Primary Regional Student Voice. During February, a group of Year 5 children were brave enough to nominate themselves and speak to the whole academy on why they should become our new Primary Regional Student Voice. The whole academy had a chance to vote for the candidate they believe would do the best job. After a lengthy counting process, we are proud to announce our new Primary RSLT members are Logan Anderson (below left) and Harrie Johnson (below right)! A big well done to both boys and to all children who took part in the election.



MathOlympics

A group of children in Year 5 have taken part in the latest MathOlympics competition. This involves a group of children representing Ormiston Herman in a series of small, team-based competitions. This task saw the children create a board game



that must include an element of geometry. Fingers crossed Ormiston Herman makes it through to the regional finals. Wow, the children in Year 5 have been very busy this half term!

Freshly Greated

Freshly Greated are local people who live or work in key neighbourhoods across Great Yarmouth and Gorleston. They meet-up once a month to discuss ideas for fun, creative activities and events for the local community to enjoy. We were lucky enough to be part of their latest Brass Band march which involved the brass band marching through the hall and across both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds! It was absolutely amazing!



More Coffee Time!

Codeword

Every white square is numbered from 1 to 26, with the numbers corresponding to letters of the alphabet. Use your knowledge of words to work out where letters go, completing both the grid and code boxes, and using every letter of the alphabet.

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Pavilion Theatre

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!

With sunnier days now with us we're in full swing rehearsing our brand new **Summer Showtime** show, which promises to be full of celebration in this special Platinum Jubilee year.

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As always our full What's On list can be found online.

Restoration Plays

Throughout the year our Pavilion Players group stage a number of fundraising shows to help keep our beautiful theatre alive. If you've never been to one of our murder mystery events then you're missing out!

Our next one is **Murder On The Overnight Express** on the 6th and 7th May and we have a number of other plays and performances taking place later in the year.

If you'd like to join our group or volunteer at the theatre in any other way, please get in touch with Luke at luke@pavtheatre.com.

Gorleston Bandstand Summer Concerts

Our free Sunday afternoon Bandstand concerts start on **Sunday 1st May** and run every week through to the end of September. Bring along a picnic from 2-4pm and enjoy a free afternoon of music in the glorious Gorleston gardens opposite the Pavilion.

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Poems to Ponder

from MJ Hemp

Sirens piercing.....

Sirens piercing through the night,
wake me up with startled fright.
Blood red engine hurtles through,
stacked with kit, a job to do.
Local parkland full of briar,
careless dogend started fire.
Guys and gals upon the shout,
have the guts to put it out.

Sirens piercing through the night,
ceiling bathed in harsh blue bright.
Ambulance goes flashing by.
Paramedics really fly!
Major trauma needing aid,
relatives await, afraid.

Worry not, helps on its way,
they'll live to fight another day.

Sirens piercing through the night,
bedroom decked in constant light.
Panda cars chase all about,
after reckless lager lout.

Brakes are squealing, turbos roar,
shaking locals to the core.

Have no fear, they'll catch the pup,
a stinger helps to lock him up.

Sirens piercing through the night,
maroons bang with fearful might.

Crew race down the river path,
know full well of Neptune's wrath.
Through the tempest, waves of white,
braving seas of seismic height.
Sailing on, the lifeboat tossed,
saving lives that would be lost.

Sirens piercing through the night,
spare a thought for those in plight.
Think of what you hear and see,
marvel at the bravery.
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Gorleston Links Bowls Club

Hello reader, here is a little bit of bowls trivia for you.

The game starts when you roll the white ball, known as the Jack. But it is also called a cot, a kitty, a sweetie, or in Crown Green bowls a block. A lovely idea to bowl a 'sweetie' isn't it ?!



Our club recently organised a night out to play bowls of a different sort, with games of tenpin bowling in Yarmouth. It was good to get together and get to grips with a few heavier bowls, and nice to be indoors after the recent bad weather. Top scorers on the night totalled over three hundred points, a bit different to our games where we average in the

tens to twenties, a great night was had by all. We are now organising a visit to the Greyhound racing.

One of our members is the current Norfolk Bowls Association Ladies' President. As part of her tenure she nominates a charity to fundraise for. She has chosen a little-known charity called 'The thin blue paw' which helps sick and injured police dogs, which is helping these brave service dogs to lead happy and healthy lives, a great idea.

So, April is now with us and that means a return to outdoor playing from the 1st May. Our newer members will have the chance to play for the beautiful 'Novices' trophy (pictured right). It will be so nice to chat again to passersby on the cliff top, welcome teams, old friends and new, or just sit on the benches to watch other games and matches, with a backdrop of the lovely flower borders, palm trees, and the sea. Our own mini-Riviera.

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Suddenly feels as if the year is flying past, here we are nearly into April and a quarter of the year gone already.

So much happening in the world and it all doesn't paint a pretty picture. Don't want to harp on about the Ukraine and Russia situation as we are all fed up with it, but it is so sad to see all those people losing, not only their homes but their country as well. Whatever we do to help with the migrants we just can't give them back what they have lost. We can give them clothes, we can give them food and we can give them somewhere to live, but we just can't give them their history and the comforts of their neighbours and friends and communities that they have lived in for so long. My utmost respect goes with them all and I just hope that common sense prevails in the end.

My team Norwich City also have not had a good month either and it looks like as far as the premiership is concerned the end is nigh, this will be the 5th time Norwich have been relegated since the turn of this century, the year 2000. I made the trip to Liverpool for the FA cup tie at Anfield. Norwich played well, particularly in the second half where we scored one and missed a couple of other chances to at least equalise. In the end the inevitable happened and we lost 2-1 thus going out of the FA Cup, but I have to take my hat off to the incredible away support that the canaries have, and I guess always will have, 2000 fans made the trip to Anfield on that Wednesday. I travelled up in the Fusion minibus with my two sons and some friends, we left around 11:00am and got to Anfield around 3:30PM. We then had a wander around the stadium at Anfield before ending up in "Taggy's" which is a well known Liverpool home supporters pub. I have to say when we got to the pub, we were the first there, by the time 7:00pm came there was around 2500 Liverpool supporters in the outside gardens, being led by a solo singer called Jamie Webster, singing a number of well-known tunes with a Liverpool slant to them. This built up to an amazing atmosphere and there I am standing amongst all these supporters with my Norwich coat on, not a bit of trouble at all and found it a great place to be, might have been a bit different if I had an Everton coat on!! After the match which kicked off at 20:15 and finished around 22:00pm, we had the journey home to look forward to. It was gone midnight before we even got out of Liverpool because of the traffic, and it was 05:15am before we got home after a big delay because of the roadworks on the M6. We passed many of the Norwich coaches travelling home and apparently, they hit Norwich at 04:45, My highest

respect to all those supporters giving up, basically 2 days to watch Norwich away from home. Thing is those supporters do it week in and week out and travel all over the country, we may not have the best team on the pitch, but we do have some of the best loyal supporters of any division.

It appears there is a proposal to increase car park charges in the area, I suppose with the increase in running costs etc. I am not really surprised, but I can't help feeling there is a little bit of cutting off their nose to spite their face. Car park charges are already high, particularly on Great Yarmouth sea front and I can't help feeling the businesses that rely on the trade are the ones that will be hit again, as people will quite simply not come to visit the town. As for the High Street, any increase in parking prices will really hit an already depleted trading market.

So hard to hear of the sudden death of Australian cricketer Shane Warne. Although an Ozzie, you couldn't help but get excited when he played as to what was going to happen next. To me he carried on really where Ian Botham for England left off, bit of a Jack the Lad and someone to take Test Cricket away from the boring game it had become. My thoughts are with his family and especially the three children he has left behind.

Having been with Fusion down Gorleston High Street now for the past 24 years, I am amazed nothing has been done with the High Street and the traffic situation. It might be my imagination but I am sure the buses that use the High Street have grown substantially, there is just no way that a vehicle should have to mount the pavement to pass each other. The number of car side mirrors that get knocked off is incredible and the thing is when a bus catches a wing mirror and knocks it off, nine times out of ten they do not even realise they have done it. In my opinion it is about time the High Street was made one way. If it was made one way from North to South (heading down the High Street towards the Library), the traffic lights on Beccles Road could be done away with and you would simply turn left there, past the fire station and go all the way down to the junction of Lowestoft Road. This would cut out the narrow bit where cars park on High Road, there could also be an allowance for cars to park all the way down one side of the High Street, increasing free parking for shoppers that would re-ignite the vibrancy of the High Street. As I have said it is my opinion and no doubt there will be others who disagree, but unless somebody does something soon, someone is going to get seriously hurt.

That's it from me for this month, hopefully by the time the next magazine comes out there will be some good news forthcoming and we can really get back to normality, because two years of Covid and the prospect of a world war is just not what we needed to hear.



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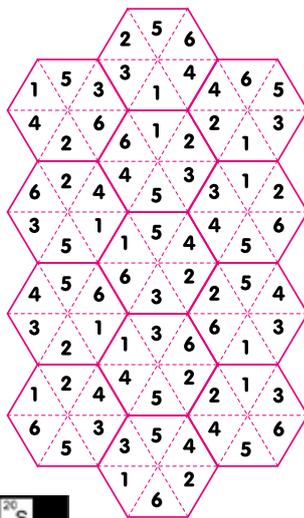
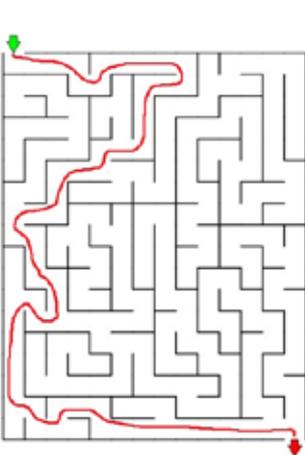
We would love to hear from former students, parents and former staff with their memories and photos of EN throughout the last four decades. We would also like to hear from members of the local community who might have pictures or articles relating to the college from across the last 40 years.

Share your story through art, photos, paperwork, podcasts, video or in writing and later in the year we will add your story to our 40 years celebration online gallery. Everyone who takes part will be sent a 40th anniversary gift and we will also keep you up to date with latest news from EN and give you the chance to be involved in our celebrations in August.

By sharing your story you will inspire the students of today and for the next 40 years.

Please join in by contacting marketing@eastnorfolk.ac.uk

Coffee Time Answers



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sandwich, silver, garden,
hand, sale

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bearer, quartz, chance, shanty,
deceit, excess

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The Paget Page

Overseas NHS Workers Day

Friday 4 March, was Overseas NHS Workers Day and we'd like to thank all our international staff for their incredible contribution and all of their hard work, particularly over the past few years.

Our hospital community is a diverse one and we've unveiled a new banner which shows the flags of more than 50 countries, representing the backgrounds and heritage of

our team.

We couldn't run the services we do without the support of talented professionals from overseas, and across all departments and teams we recognise the huge contribution made to support our hospital and the wider NHS, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our photo shows Staff Governor and Practice Development Nurse Yvonne Hacon - who was born, and trained as a nurse, in Ireland. The banner idea was Yvonne's initiative as she wanted to showcase the diversity of our workforce at James Paget University Hospital for the public to see.

Yvonne said; "I am extremely passionate about people, the James Paget and the NHS and I am delighted that we now have this banner to celebrate our multicultural workforce. It highlights our diverse organisation for patients and the local community to see and showcases where our team have come from to care for them. It also reminds our staff just how many different nationalities make up the Paget family."

Our thoughts are particularly with our Ukrainian colleagues at the moment, and it is more important than ever that we recognise the things which bring us together and celebrate the contribution so many nationalities make to our NHS.

We recognise other nationalities may need to be added to the banner in future and will look to update this when we can.



Permanent Chief Executive

Jo Segasby has been appointed as the permanent Chief Executive of James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Jo, who has been the Trust's Chief Operating Officer since 2019, will take up the position when current Chief Executive Anna Hills moves on to her new role as Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust.

A registered nurse, Jo has worked in the NHS for over 30 years, carrying out clinical work in Accident and Emergency and Critical Care, at Ipswich, Addenbrooke's and the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital.

She has held managerial roles in Cancer Services, Women and Children's Services and was Operational Director for Surgery at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital from 2014. Jo joined the James Paget team in October 2018 as Associate Chief Operating Officer, becoming the Chief Operating Officer in May 2019.

Anna Davidson, Chair of James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "On behalf of the Trust's Board of Directors and the Council of Governors, we are very pleased to have appointed Jo to the role of Chief Executive of the James Paget, and look forward to her leading the Trust in the future.

"Throughout a rigorous recruitment process, we were particularly impressed with Jo's dedication and commitment to the James Paget, the leadership she has shown in her



current role of Chief Operating Officer in steering the hospital through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, and her clear vision towards improving the quality of care for our patients."

Jo Segasby said: "I am delighted to have been appointed to the position of Chief Executive of the James Paget, and I am honoured to be leading such a fantastic, compassionate organisation into what is a very bright future.

"I am committed to engaging with staff across the hospital and working with other organisations across Norfolk and Waveney so that we can continue to deliver the best possible care for our patients on our journey to becoming an outstanding NHS Trust."

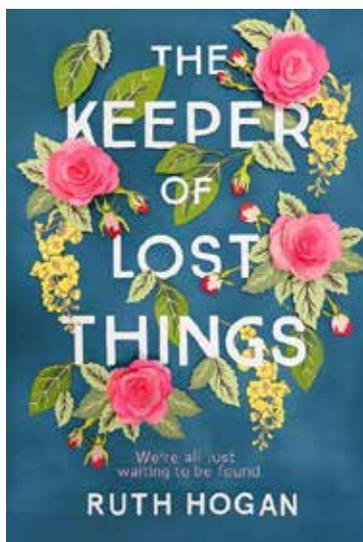
The Bookshelf

The Keeper of Lost Things

by Ruth Hogan

Thank you Margaret for this review!

Anthony Peardew has spent half his life collecting lost objects, trying to atone for a promise broken many years before. Realising he is running out of time, he leaves his house and all its lost treasures to his assistant Laura, the one person he can trust to reunite the thousands of objects with their rightful owners. But the final wishes of the "Keeper of lost things" have repercussions which trigger a most serendipitous series of encounters.



Gorleston Flower Club

Our next meeting is on Monday April 25th at Magdalen Way Methodist Church at 2p.m.

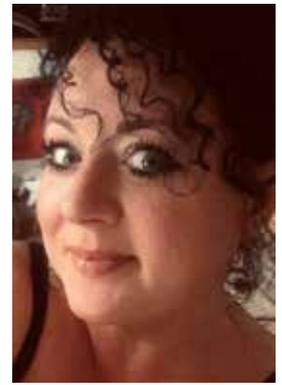
The demonstrator is Brenda Tubb, her theme is "Blooming Flowers" so why not come along for an enjoyable afternoon. You have a chance to win one of Brenda's colourful arrangements as well as a hamper full of items for your garden. Visitors are always welcome, just £5 entry. If you need any more information please contact the secretary Margaret Colman (01493) 663590.





Gorleston Grapevine

with Carol Todd



Spring is here at last my friend and where flowers blossom so does hope. It is truly humbling to see, hear and witness all the acts of courage, love and help, that not just in our local community, but globally, is being given to Ukraine. From the heroic efforts of the awesome



local Hopton Primary school boys raising £1000 on Gorleston sea front recently (photo credit Nicola Reilly) to lorry loads of urgently donated and much needed supplies heading off from Gorleston and Great Yarmouth to

the Polish border. It really is absolutely overwhelming the generosity shown by our community to others in dire need.

More great news from Bells Road with the recent opening of a m a z i n g vintage and pre-loved store, The Good Life. Run by the wonderful



Karolyn Hubbard (Manager of Margo's Lounge) and her husband, Steed. We attended the fabulous opening day recently, which was a roaring success. If you have any vintage items you'd like to sell; ornaments, furniture, crockery and such like, then you'll receive fifty percent of the sale value. So get your hat on and pay them a visit.

Our EE Green team continue with their #teamworkmakethedreamwork philosophy as always. This time on Harfrey's Industrial Estate demolishing a large office building before moving on to the old Dabs 'n' Crabs building in Scratby. It's really fantastic watching our expert team carefully taking down a building. I'd love to learn how to drive one of our excavators. Maybe one day!

I hear that all three of the new boutique shops to open at the old Wright's Ironmongers are now let. As I said in our last edition, Sophie is moving Maud and the Machine Tattooist from above Margo's Lounge. The second will be a lovely new house plant and gifts store, and the last one will be a wonderful new waxing salon for men and women.

March saw most Gorleston parents frantically searching for World Book Day costumes for our children. We always have the lovely kids who tell us the night before! Like my friend, Kerry, who was in Tesco at 6.30am on the morning

of World Book Day finding her daughter an outfit. We saw some absolutely brilliant outfits. All to encourage children



to embrace the joy of reading. My son went as Skullduggery Pleasant, the main character from the novel series created by Derek Landy. Face painting at 6.30am was fun as you can see from my photo!!

We were approached by the lovely Sally Connick, Project Manager of The National Literacy Agency, to source flat pebbles for painting to use for community groups around the area to promote World Book Day. A massive thanks goes out to our Kevin Lee who runs our Folkes Plant and Aggregates because he very kindly donated over 300 large smooth recycled pebbles so they could be painted and placed around the area for you to find on your walks. Look at this one from the famous book "The Tiger Who Came To Tea". So many local community groups enjoyed painting our Folkes' pebbles, and Sally and I had so much fun in the rain picking them out of the mountain of pebbles you see behind us. We had very muddy hands, feet and wet hair, however it was well worth it!



We'll be off to buy chocolate Easter Eggs for all our staff shortly. As I've said before, even small things like chocolate show we appreciate all our teams so much and all the hardwork they do.

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