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Hello Gorleston!



Welcome to Issue 48 of **YOUR** award-winning, free community magazine.

This month sees the final article from The Rockin' Rev. As alluded to in his article, Rev Brian Hall is approaching retirement and as of 31st May will be stepping down from his position as vicar of St Andrew's Parish Church. We at the magazine want to take this opportunity to thank Rev Brian for all his service at St Andrew's and his contributions to this magazine, and to wish him all the best for his retirement.

St Andrew's Church now moves into an interregnum. The word from Latin means "an interval between two reigns", literally "between-reign", and is defined by the Collins dictionary as "a period between the end of one person's time as ruler or leader and the coming to power of the next ruler or leader". During this time, the Churchwardens will share the overall responsibility for the church and its services with the Rural Dean.

There is no telling how long the interregnum will last, maybe 3 months, maybe 6, maybe 12, maybe more... but, in the meantime we pray God's hand will guide St Andrew's through the interregnum and the selection process for a new vicar.



Enjoy and celebrate all our wonderful town has to offer, and we'll meet again in June!



Ed.....

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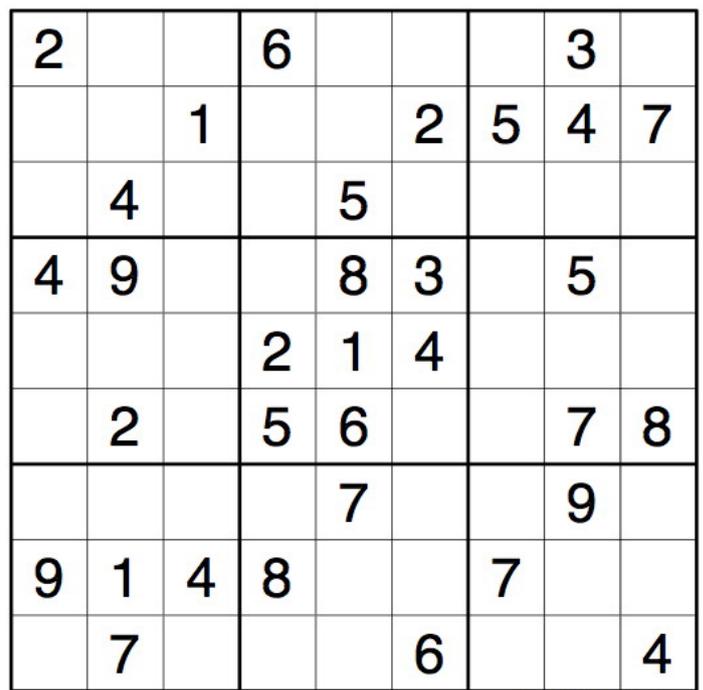
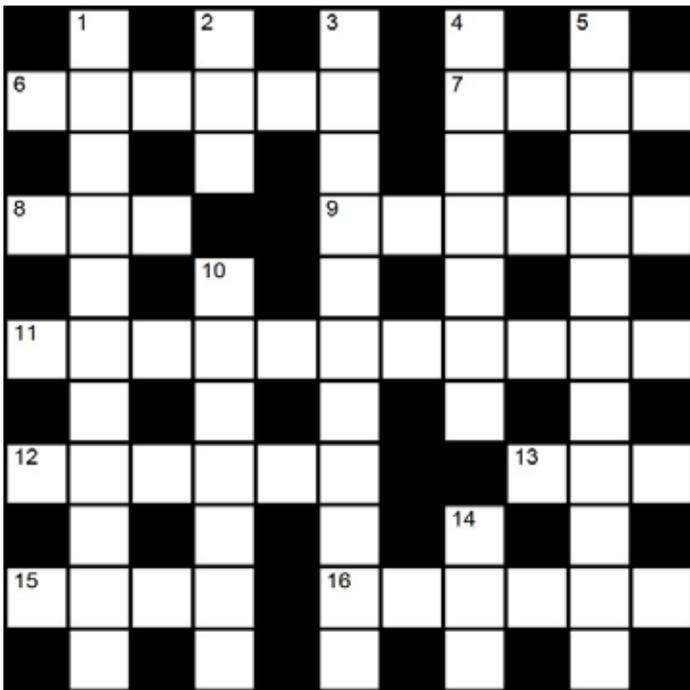
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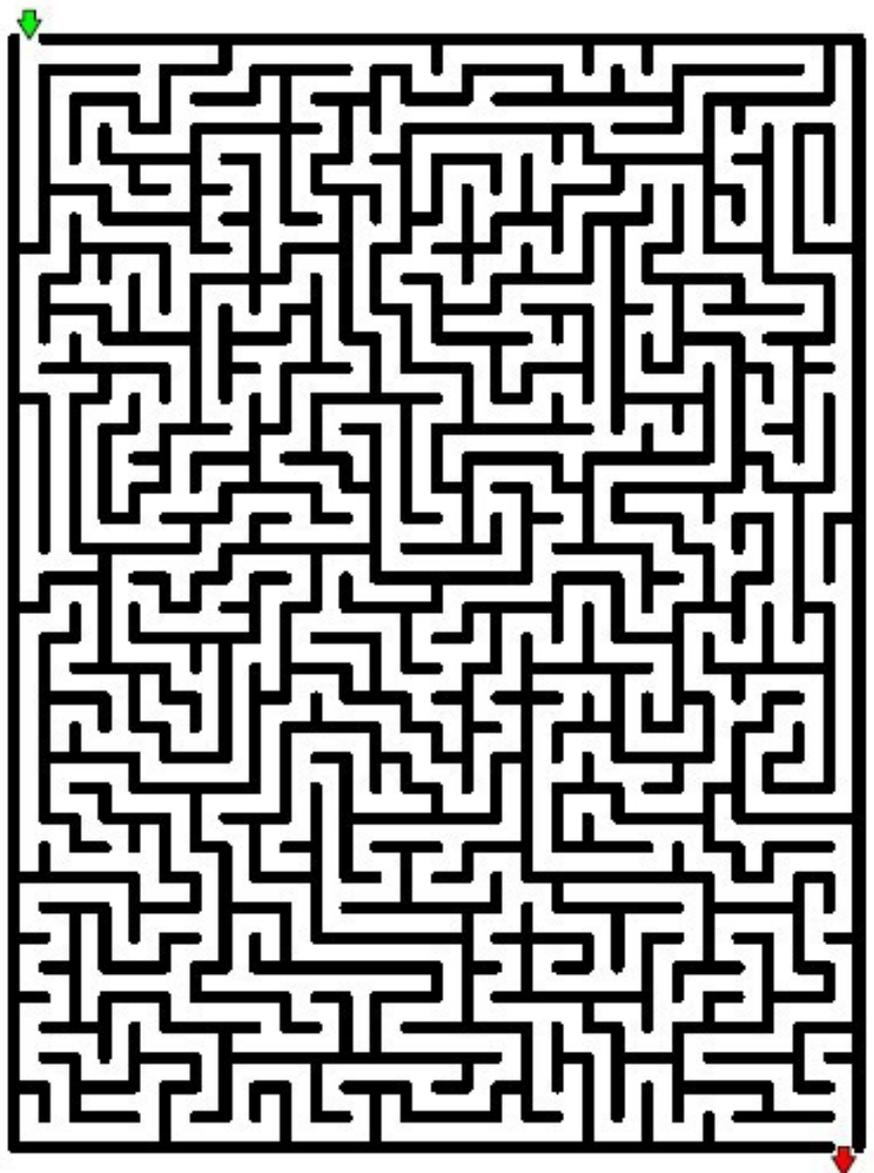
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The Rockin' Rev

Looking back to move forward

Once upon a time, back in 1688 to be precise, the role of nostalgia was thought to be harmful. One Swiss doctor at the time was convinced that to have nostalgic cravings was a symptom of neurological disease.

Do you indulge in sentimental memories? Do you enjoy perusing photo collections or listening to old songs on the radio, YouTube, or other popular media? If so, don't feel embarrassed - social scientists now say that nostalgia isn't only harmless but that it enhances our wellbeing. Feeling sentimental is a sign of good emotional health.

Nostalgic cravings are nothing new. We take pictures, collect souvenirs, and establish traditions to remind ourselves of special relationships and events in our lives. We do so because, let's be honest, some days we need to be reminded of how much we love our families and our friends, and that life is worth living.

As I approach retirement, I've found myself looking back in recent weeks. I began my ordained ministry in the Church of England back in 1994, and for the last six years I've been vicar of the parish of St. Andrew's in Gorleston.

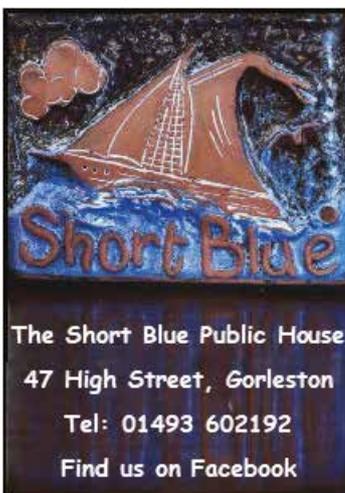
And just like thumbing through old photos (and even old sermons) can help us see how far our lives have come, looking back on my walk with Jesus has helped me to appreciate his faithfulness and provision in ways that I perhaps haven't always noticed.

Throughout the Old Testament (the first 39 books of the Bible), we read how the nation of Israel built monuments and established traditions to help them remember God's power and faithfulness.

Over the years, I too have kept a record of God's work in my life and in the lives of others. I've also kept a journal of what I've learned from the Bible and memorised meaningful portions of the Bible.

Providing we don't fall into the trap of living in the past, I believe that looking back can be helpful when it comes to moving forward and adjusting to changes in life. So, why not indulge yourself in a little nostalgia from time to time. It's sure to do you good!

Rev Brian Hall
Vicar of St Andrew's Church



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, The Serenity Prayer, written by theologian Reinhold Niebuhr:

God, give me grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things
which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other.

Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
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Amen.



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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. Here are some of the things we have been up to within the last month.

Easter Fayre Fun!

On Friday 25th March, we were able to have our first community fayre in over two years! Stalls ranged from 'pin the tail on the bunny' to 'face painting' to an 'Easter memory matching game'! The traditional raffle is held at the end of the fayre with Mr Thorpe and Mrs Redhead calling out the names and numbers. We are so pleased to announce we have raised over £1200 and want to thank everyone who took part and a special mention to Miss Manifold and Miss White for organising it.

Supporting Ukraine and Purple Accessories!

The children, parents and carers of Ormiston Herman have shown a fantastic amount of support over the last few weeks to the people of Ukraine. It started with bringing in essential items to send over to Ukraine and ended with dressing up in yellow and blue!

Children of Herman also participated in raising money for a local charity run by one of our ex-pupils. Tia's Treasures is a charity that promotes random acts of kindness and raises money for Epilepsy research and support. Everyone was asked to wear a purple accessory all day and to bring in a donation. The total amount raised from our fundraising was £443.26 and this will be split between both charities! Great work everyone!



Year 6 – Off to Gressenhall

To conclude our Topic: World War Two, Year 6 pupils attended an evacuee day at Gressenhall. Children arrived at the Academy dressed as evacuees and many even brought a ration themed lunch with them. Children took part in many activities across the day, which consolidated their learning even further. They learnt all about the Land Army and how they were needed to support food supply. The children also went inside an Anderson Shelter and were able to think about how it would have felt and what children and adults would have done whilst in there. In the afternoon, children were taught how to be a member of the Home Guard and due to a lack of weapons, what they could do to protect themselves against the Germans. Overall, it was a very informative and enjoyable day.

Tag Rugby Training

On Thursday 17th, 16 Year 4 children were lucky enough to take part in a 'Tag Rugby' experience held at Lowestoft and Yarmouth Rugby Club. As part of the local sports partnership, this event was designed to give children an experience of tag rugby whilst playing some non-competitive games. It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all the children and adults involved! We have managed to create a community link with Lowestoft and Yarmouth Rugby Club and encourage any children who are looking to play a new sport to get involved!

Comic Relief: Red Nose Day

Once again, the children of Ormiston Herman have shown how fantastic they are at 'Social Action'. All children across the academy were asked to bring in a small donation for wearing their non-school uniform. There were plenty of Red Noses on show and as a total, we raised over £780! Well done to everyone who got involved!



Eco/Community Garden

As mentioned in a previous issue, our Eco Garden is beginning to take shape. Many members of staff and children have been giving up their weekend to help clear out the space. A big thank you needs to go to Clems Skip Hire and Carl Anniston Paving for helping create a wonderful space free of charge! Thank you!



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As I said last month, the year is just flying past, just doesn't seem possible another month has gone and we are now well into Spring.

Easter has been and gone and we are now getting into the Spring and Summer holiday season.

What a year this has been already, with the war between Ukraine and Russia, some of the pictures we are getting at the moment are just heartbreaking, I just hope that peace can be sought, but even if it is, the damage that has been done to some of the Ukraine cities is just irreparable.

Covid just doesn't want to go away either, we are still getting staff testing positive and having to stay off work, as well as clients ringing in and having to stay in isolation. I wonder if this will change now that lateral flow tests are chargeable? Worrying really that point is, especially that we are now being told that there are nine more symptoms of Covid that we must watch out for. I have to say some of the new symptoms are really similar to the good old fashioned flu, which of course if you have there is no need to be told to isolate.

Moving onto sport, I have to say the ladies are really coming into their own with everything, the women's football is now on the telly nearly as much as the men's game, as is cricket and rugby. Hats off to them, as I have to say it is all looking very professional in the way it is organised and sponsored.

It was nice to have some warm sunshine in March and a week of rising temperatures, although it seemed crazy that one Friday, I was cutting my lawn in tee shirt and shorts, yet exactly one week later it was overcoat and gloves with rain, sleet and snow along with gale force winds, but you know what the old saying says "Don't cast a clout till May is out"!

Very sad to hear of the passing away of local businessman Mr Rodney Scott. Rodney was a prominent businessman in the area with lots of different businesses in the area. Rodney was also a keen Norwich City fan and regularly attended games at Carrow Road. Mr Scott will be sadly missed by a lot of people in the area, a lovely man, RIP Rodney.

I have to say the cost of living is becoming very worrying with everything going up extortionately, whether it is food or utilities we are all spending more and more on running our houses and in fact living in general. Electricity has got to a ridiculous level and the worrying thing now is you don't really find out what you owe till you get the bill in, unless of course you are on a pre-pay meter. I suspect more and more people will be taking regular meter readings at the moment to make sure they know approximately what they are spending. At home we run our heating and hot water by oil and I guess the one thing that oil has got going for it is that

you know what you are paying when you have your tank filled up. My recent experience has taught me to always haggle, I have one of those oil tanks with a smart reader on it which notifies the oil company when I am getting low. I had notification from the oil company I was due a delivery of oil and that the cost was £1.18 a litre, ridiculous when you think my last top up was just over 50p a litre. Anyway, I challenged the price with the company after going online and finding a cheaper price from another company. After my discussion with the company that supplies me and gave me the quoted price, I ended up paying 98p a litre, so certainly a conversation well worth having. Petrol and diesel have also gone up, but it never fails to amaze me why different stations' prices vary so much. I have been seeing well over £1.80 a litre for diesel, yet other stations are £1.70. Surely this, in the current crisis needs regulating, some of these stations with varied costs are from the same company, just a different station. The government doesn't seem to be able to do anything about it, in fact when the chancellor reduced the price of the petrol or diesel by 5p a litre, it was very difficult to tell if the stations had lowered their prices.

This fuel hike is really going to have a dramatic cost in everything. I have to say for years I have always said we must regret the "Beeching Cuts", the railway network in this country was as good as anywhere in the world. Yes, I would agree that some lines, especially in the countryside were being run at a loss, but I can't help thinking that to cover those losses with what our road network must cost to maintain and repair, that the cost of running the rail would have been well worth it. Great Yarmouth is a great example of that with having a rail line all the way down the quay, the outer harbour could have been served from anywhere without having to worry about new roads and bridges! One point I don't understand, after having worked in Europe for some time in the past, is how when we drive over in France for example, how much it costs us to travel there with toll roads etc. Yet, those lorries from Europe, most have large double fuel tanks, fill up before coming to this country, travel all round our roads, wearing the roads out and then going home again, without having to pay anything like what we must pay when we travel over in Europe.

I guess there is quite a lot we paupers will never understand about how these large oil and gas companies are swimming in money and could quite easily pay more tax to help us keep the costs of our energy down, yet if the good old-fashioned worker in this land manages to earn extra they also have to pay more in tax!

Precedential times I guess, one thing is for sure we are all in this together and somehow, we will survive and get through it as we did in those dark days of 1974 when our electric was only allowed to run for 3 consecutive days at a time, and television stopped at 10.30pm at night! Hang on a minute, we must have saved money on our electric bills then! Just a thought, see you next month.



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A fantastic collaboration between East Norfolk Sixth Form College and local primary schools has led to an eye-catching sculpture capturing all that is great about Great Yarmouth, Gorleston and the local area.

In preparation for the Break GoGo Dino summer trail, EN launched a competition in September last year for children to create a design for the college's GoGo Dinosaur. The children were given a brief to come up with designs that captured everything that is good in our local area and encouraged to think about the past, present and future including landscapes, rich history and diverse industries.

A total of 252 entries were received from 13 local primary schools and were then judged by EN Principal Dr Catherine Richards and Art Faculty Lead Lyndsay Carlyon. Five designs in the Year 5 and 6 categories were chosen as overall winners. Not only will those children see their designs come to life on the GoGo trail in the summer, but they also received an Art workshop and art resources too.

The five overall winning designs were creatively brought together into one final design by Fine Art students at East Norfolk and then painted by those students.

In January 2022, a second competition was launched to name the dinosaur. A total of 623 votes were cast and the T-Rex has officially been named as Sandy Fisher.

The sculptures will take to the streets of Norwich from Monday 27th June until

Saturday 10th September and will encourage explorers of all ages to have fun and learn more about the county, while simultaneously working to raise awareness and vital funds for the Break charity and the vulnerable children and young people they support.



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What's On Stage in May

This month we have the following performances on stage:

- Pavilion Players - Murder on the Overnight Express
- The Greatest Magician
- The Carpenters Experience
- Swinging Blue Jeans and the Tornados
- Seriously Collins
- D16 - Spotlight
- Soul Train

Gorleston Bandstand Summer Concerts

Our free Sunday afternoon Bandstand concerts run every week on Sunday afternoons from May 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.

During the Summer you can enjoy performances from the likes of Great Yarmouth Brass Band, The Shanty Buoys, City of Norwich Brass Band, The Norwich Ukulele Society, Scott Ribbons and the KEMS Macclesfield Concert Band to name just a few.

If you or anyone you know is interested in performing on

the bandstand over the summer please get in touch with Alex Youngs at alex@pavtheatre.com.

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Gorleston Links Bowls Club

Well, we have been busy right now, organising and sorting teams and players for the various leagues, games and upcoming cup matches for the outdoor season. New competitions, new visiting clubs as well as well known fixtures to local clubs, it's all systems go after two years of disruption and restrictions.

The indoor short mat league was a great success, keeping us all in touch as a club through the winter months, enjoying a version of the game many had not played before.



The last sessions winners were "Irritable bowls syndrome", (top picture below) with the overall winners being "The High Rollers" (bottom picture below)... Many congratulations to them...



There are two main versions of outdoor bowls, one is Crown green, which gets its name from the part of the green that rises in the middle and is called 'The crown'..

We play Lawn green, or flat green bowls, which, as its name suggests, is played on a flat green on short cut grass, .. This doesn't make it any easier sometimes, getting your bowl to curve or run enough to go just where you would like it to go, it can be tricky, and can be a little frustrating, but that's part of the fun of it...But hey, no sport is too simple !.

On Saturday June 11th our Norfolk Ladies Bowls President Pat Smith, will be holding a Presidents coffee morning at the Gorleston Conservative Club There will be Tea, Coffee, craft stalls, tombola, competitions and games on offer from 11a.m. till 2p.m. Come along and enjoy the event to mark the Queen's official Birthday in this historic year.

Bowls in general does not get much media or newsworthy coverage, which is a pity as it is a great social sport, healthy gentle exercise for the body and mind, it is a game playable by all abilities, is played equally by men and women, , and like we do after matches and get together, you get tea, coffee and biscuits, can't be bad ...!

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The Paget Page



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We've been celebrating some of our new staff nurses, after six of our team successfully completed their Nursing Degree Apprenticeships.

Five of the group were formally presented with their certificates by our Deputy Director of Nursing Jacky Copping at a special ceremony held in our Education & Training Centre on Tuesday, watched by Head of Education & Practice Development Claire Ward, Clinical Educator Neenu Varghese, and other members of the team, who all congratulated them

on their success.

The six all started their apprenticeship in February 2020 and have all worked through the pandemic supporting our ward teams. They will all now start as newly qualified staff nurses within the James Paget.



The James Paget has recruited and introduced new Family Liaison Officers to help support patients and their families during their hospital stay.

With continuing visitor restrictions and busy ward areas, we recognise how difficult it can be for families to keep in touch, particularly with older patients who may not have their own mobile phones, and the new Family Liaison Officers (FLOs) will aim to be an important link, as well as providing a friendly presence for patients who may not have close family to talk to.

The aim is to improve the experience of care that our hospital provides and to support communication and connection between inpatients and their loved ones.

not have the time.”

The introduction of Family Liaison Officers is one of the measures highlighted in our new Patient Experience and Engagement Strategy which can be read on our website: <https://www.jpaget.nhs.uk/about-us/strategies-policies/>

A local family have handed over a cheque for £295 for our Ward 16 team in memory of John Matthews.

Maureen Matthews, John's wife, and Gary Matthews, John's son, visited the James Paget to hand over the cheque to our charity co-ordinator Maxine Taylor, and also made a presentation to two of our consultants, Dr Paul Babu and Dr Damodar Makkuni, who had cared for John.

John had vasculitis and he contracted Covid-19 earlier this year. Sadly he passed away but his family wanted to say thank you to those who had looked after him.

Maureen said; “The team were fantastic. We can't fault the treatment he received - we've always had excellent treatment at the James Paget. We also wanted to say thank you to the two consultants – Dr Makkuni had spent some time with John on the day he died, and they have both always been supportive. We wanted to donate to do something to remember John and to thank the ward who cared for him, Ward 16.”



Family Liaison Officers will help our wards provide compassionate care, and offer patients the time to talk, be listened to, and put in contact with their loved ones using a variety of means, including virtual communication while visiting restrictions remain in place.

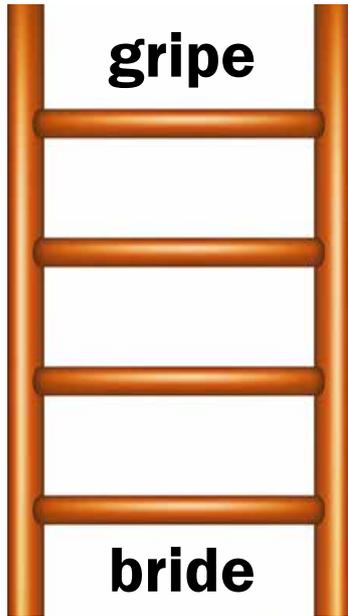
Our new FLOs include some of our existing staff, who have moved to the new role, and a number of new employees who have joined our Trust, and the team are already receiving positive feedback from patients and their families.

Our FLOs say; “As a team we feel privileged to be able to facilitate contact between family members. As people become familiar with our role, patients are understanding that we can sit and talk to them whereas other staff are very busy and may



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.

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Coffee Time 2

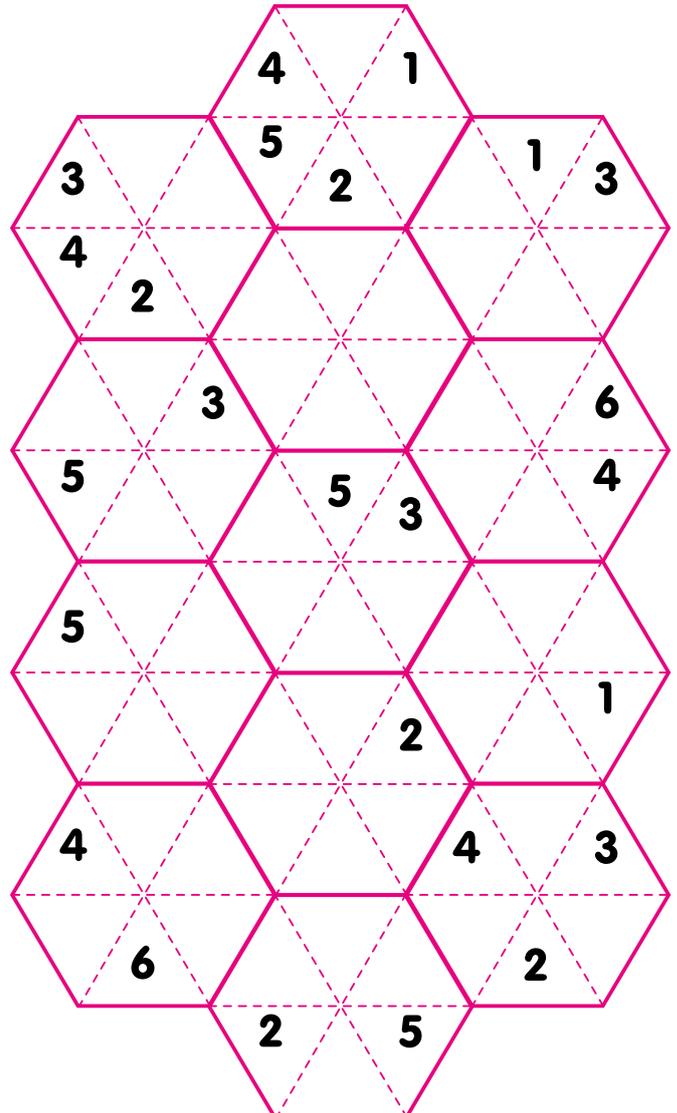
Caught in the middle

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

seedless	.....	vine
home	.....	scape
credit	.....	shop
common	.....	rent
count	.....	cast

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.



Poems to Ponder

From Nigel Beeton

The Refugee

All that I was, I no longer am
All that I have, I hold in my hand
My home, my love, my world are all gone
One among thousands, I shuffle along.

Only last week I knew who I was
All that has gone, and only because
Someone in a land a long way away
Turned life into hell one terrible day.

He started a war, his heart icy cold
He rained down his hell on the young and the old
I ran for my life for I had no choice
And nobody heard the fear in my voice.

Everything's gone, and all that is 'me'
Summed up in a word – the word 'refugee'.

I have no control, no say in my fate
Just one in a crowd, I stand and I wait.

Waiting for what? The future's unclear,
For armed men have taken all that I held dear
Along with my hopes, and all I had planned
All swept away by the tanks in my land.

One thing alone puts a smile on my face
A far nicer stranger has come to this place;
A bed for the night? A cup of hot tea?
And – best of all – someone who sees me as me.

"Perhaps this month we may be blessed enough to be able to go for a nice walk in the country. I love to do that, but I'm an idiot when it comes to cows..."

Bovinophobia

Some cows are big, some cows are fat
But all cows stare at me like that!
Some are smooth and some are hairy,
But this I know, all cows are scary!

And when I take a country stroll
My mouth dries out, my eyeballs roll
My body shakes just like a rattle
If I cross a field of cattle!

And as upon my way I go
I wonder why they love me so
I hear them make a snort of glee
As they come trotting up to me!

My wife – she thinks I am a fool
For thinking ev'ry cow's a bull
She cannot change my false belief
And so, I'm shaking like a leaf!

Yes, I do love a country walk
The rabbits, trees, the sparrowhawk
Just one thing causes furrowed brows –
If I must cross a field of cows!

St Andrew's Community Gardener's
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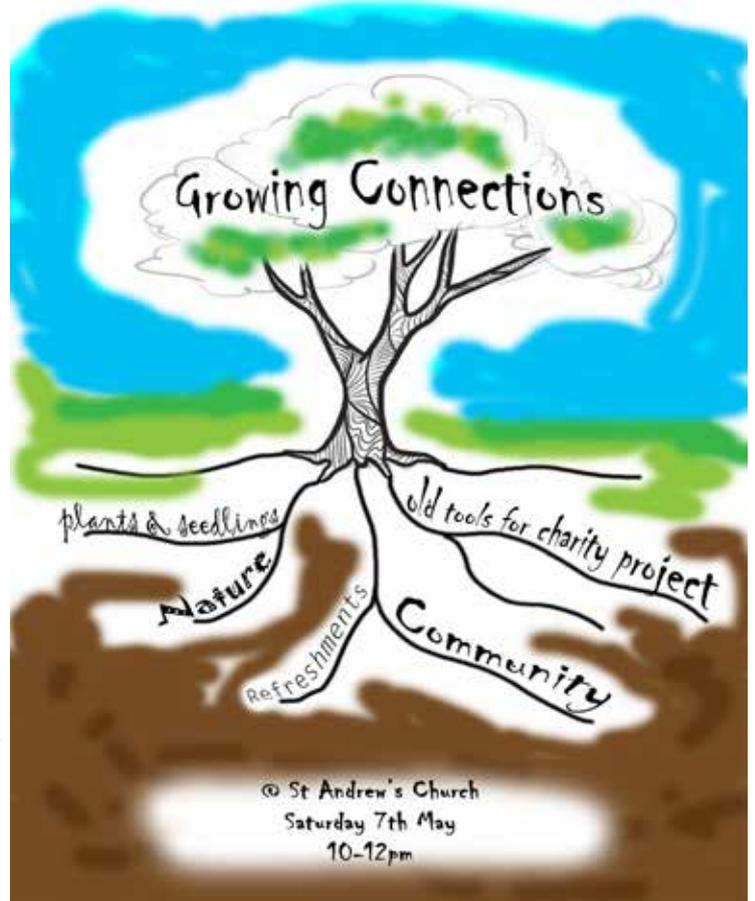
It's that time of year when our growers are busy sowing, transplanting, propagating in readiness for the annual plant sale. Come along early & choose your plants from the vast selection we have on offer including bedding plants, flowers, tomatoes, peppers, courgettes, marrows & beans plus many more.



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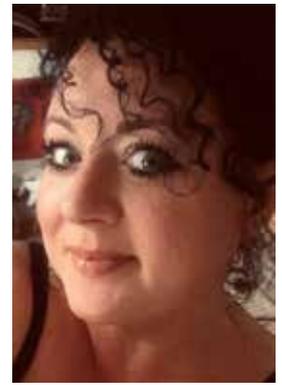
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Gorleston Grapevine

with Carol Todd



REMEMBERING RITA NORMA GREEN 28th August 1935 – 25th March 2022



We start this month's edition of GG with the saddest news. On Friday 25th March, our matriach, Mrs Rita Green, (pictured left) passed away at her home peacefully surrounded by her family. She was poorly for a little while and had recently spent some time in hospital. I'm sure some of our readers will know Mrs Green, who was involved in our business for

over 30 years and really the backbone of the company. She grew up in London, and like many came to Great Yarmouth on holiday with some friends where she met John Green at The Floral Hall (Ocean Rooms). After some time courting, they fell in love and married in 1962. At first, they lived with John Green's parents in Middleton Road, then moved into their first home together in Rosyln Road. Mr & Mrs Green had 3 children, and Philip, the oldest, is our Managing Director of E.E. Green, Folkes Plant & Aggregates and L.G. Perfect MOT, Service & Repair Centre. She always loved the theatre and in her teens, while working at Prudential in London, she made great friends with Margaret, who got her into amateur dramatics. She appeared on stage in multiple performances (pictured right) and the family have some fantastic photographs from this time. Many trips were made here to Gorleston's Pavilion Theatre. Her nephew, Tim Flaxman, recalls a few years back they went to see a music show at the Pavilion and Auntie Rita was the first up dancing. "She did love to dance. Even recently, we'd put on 50s music and have a shimmy around her lounge."



Mrs Green requested donations to two charities dear to her heart; Meningitis UK and Alzheimer's UK via Arthur Jary's in Gorleston.

She would've been so pleased how her funeral went and thanks to everyone who attended. Family, relatives and friends all concluded the day remembering her at The Priory Farm Restaurant, which she once owned and loved. We'd like to personally thank everyone who came along and showed how much she meant to them. She will always be remembered and cherished in our hearts. As Gene Kelly was her favourite, we finished with "Singin' in the Rain". (Picture left with her son, Philip, at E.E Green's 85th Anniversary Party)



Oh, how poignant it was that as we entered the crematorium, it started to thunder, then when we were inside, it absolutely poured with rain, then just as the ceremony finished, the sun was back out again shining bright.

Mrs Green "you're singing in the rain, laughing at the clouds, with the sun in your heart".

My friends, please try and have fun, laugh lots, hug your loved ones, and enjoy life while you can.

Rita and husband John



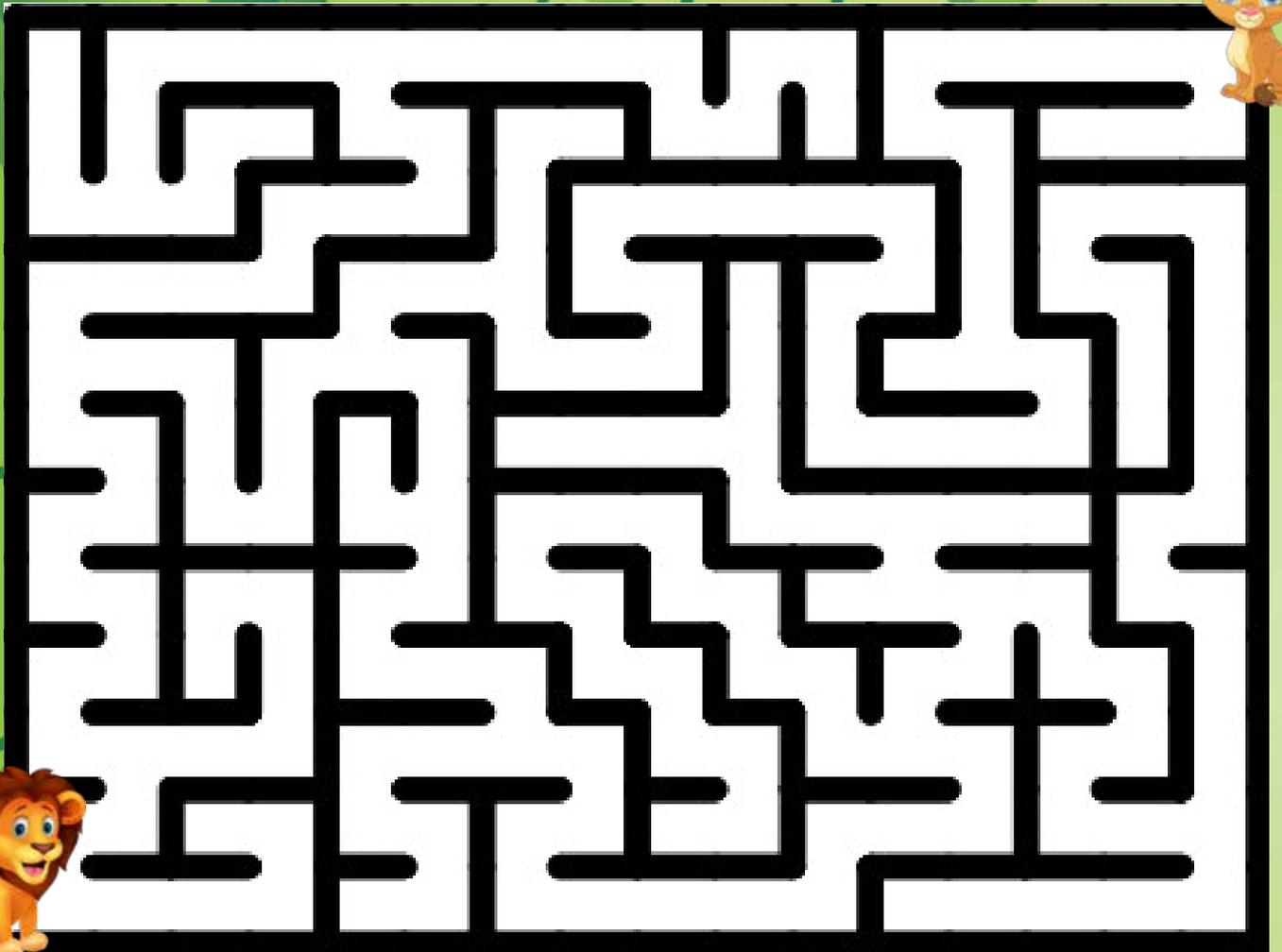
If there's anything you'd like us to try and help with, then please do contact me ctodd@eegreen.co.uk. Keep up to date with all our latest info on our Facebook pages for E.E. Green, L.G. Perfect MOT, Service & Repair Centre, and Folkes Plant & Aggregates. Wishing you all a marvellous May!



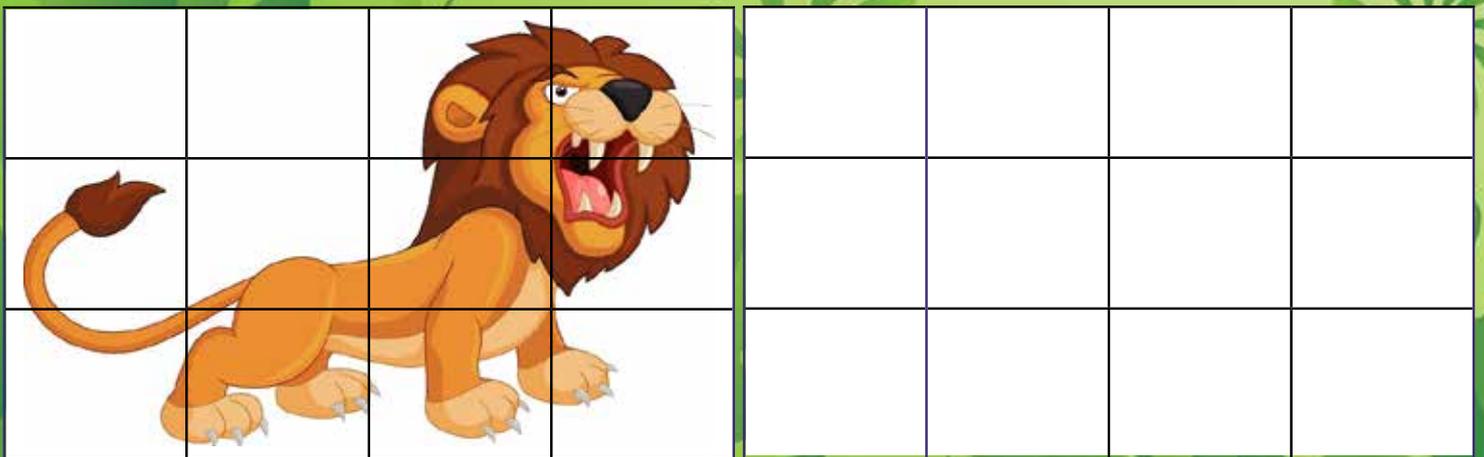
We'd like to thank Gorleston Crematorium, Glenda from Sprig of Heather and Henri from Arcade Florists for the most spectacular flower arrangements (picture left). To all the carers from Fuschia Healthcare, local district nurses, Millwood surgery staff, thank you so much for your care and selflessness.

Kids' Corner

Can you help the lion find his way through the maze to his cub?



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Lion Colouring Fun



Daniel Prays to God (Daniel Ch 6)

Daniel always prayed to God. It didn't matter that soldiers captured him in Jerusalem. It did not matter that they took him from his own country to Babylon. He still prayed to God. Even when the King of Babylon made it against the law to pray to God, Daniel still prayed. Because Daniel broke that law, he was thrown into a den of lions. But even there, Daniel prayed, and God kept him safe. The King of Babylon was so amazed, he set Daniel free saying "Your God is amazing."

God is amazing indeed! When things seem to go from bad to worse, don't give up, keep praying to God. He is in control and will do what is right, at the right time.

Gorleston Then & Now

by John McBride



Gorleston Baptist Church was founded in 1868 and they moved into their first tabernacle building, pictured left, on Lowestoft Road, between numbers 4 and 6, in 1876.

In June 1941 this building was destroyed in a German air raid during the Second World War. Following the loss of their building they found temporary accommodation at Stradbroke School and then in the former Nile Road Methodist Church.

Their new building opened in the vicinity, slightly further south of the old building, at 14 Lowestoft Road on 18th July 1951. The design of the three main front windows of the new building were sympathetically copied from the original church building design.

Gorleston Baptist Church offers a range of facilities, including a local Food Bank where donations are always welcome, particularly with the cost of living rises at this time.

Original photo and some information courtesy of Gorleston Baptist Church

6 to 12 Lowestoft Road,
in 2022, the location
of the original
Gorleston Baptist Church



Gorleston Baptist Church
in its new location,
14 Lowestoft Road



Opening THE Book

with
Reverend
John Kinchin-Smith

Christians believe that one day Jesus will return, often referred to as “Jesus’ Second Coming.” What does the Bible say about this? Luke, the author of Acts, records that 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples witnessed his bodily return to heaven but were told by two messengers (angels) that “this same Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven”. (Acts ch.1).

In fact, the Bible records Jesus teaching his disciples many times about his return “at the end of the age.” (See for example Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21). He also described the signs that would precede his return such as: wars, famines, earthquakes and pestilences, “days of distress unequalled from the beginning when God created the world”. Following this, there would be no doubt in anyone’s mind about who Jesus is because “as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man (Jesus) ... and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other”.

Sceptics ask when this will take place since 2000 years have already passed and Jesus has not returned. But Jesus warned many times that “about that day or hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son but only the Father”. It will happen, he said, suddenly and unexpectedly, “So keep alert, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come”. In other words, speculation about dates and times is both pointless and unhelpful.

The Bible therefore teaches very clearly that Jesus will one day return with both power and glory. But what does this mean for you, for me and for the world? More next month on what the Bible teaches, but for Christians, the belief in Jesus’ return is very definitely seen as “Good News”.



News from The Mag

with
Reverend Matthew Price



2022 is going to be a special year! Summer on the Mag is returning for the first time since 2019, because of the pandemic. But this year it will be bigger and better as we seek to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee as a community. It will take place on Magdalen Square on Thursday 2nd June (one of the additional bank holidays) and there will be all the usual rides, stalls and attractions.

But this year we are also delighted to be working in partnership with the arts organisation, Freshly Greated (who some may know from their light display and recent 90’s parade involving a jazz band). Together we are planning to bring some innovative, interactive and fun artists to the event which will make it even more special. There’ll be installations to get involved in and musical and dance artists to enjoy watching.

So, as we gather to mark the extraordinary reign of Queen Elizabeth II, lets celebrate as a community. Don’t miss out on Summer on the Mag!

To keep update with all the details check out the St Mary Mags or Freshly Greated social media – Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



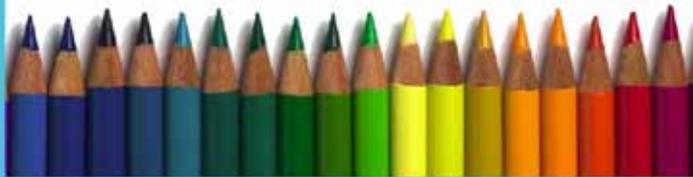


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Ormiston Venture Academy

Students Awarded Prestigious Scholarships

Mollie (pictured right), a student at Ormiston Venture Academy, which is a part of Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) has secured a place at a prestigious sixth form.

During the application process, the school considered her predicted grades, which A-levels she was planning to take and graded an essay she had written about herself, her future pathway, and a persuasive topic.

From this point, Mollie was invited to attend an assessment day at Langley School where she met the other 19 candidates who had been selected from the vast number of applicants. On this day, Mollie was assessed on her public speaking skills, leading a group activity, an interview and how she reacted within group conversations and projects.

Mollie was assessed by each teacher she interacted with and those who had the highest score were put forward for the scholarship. Two scholars were selected at the end and will be working closely throughout their time at Langley School.

Mollie will be joining Langley School's Sixth Form to study English Literature, History and Geography with Psychology as an EPQ.

The scholarship is being offered in conjunction with Nelson Spirit which will be providing personal leadership mentoring with Nigel Cushion as the whole day was assessed on leadership and the important factors of leaders in the world. Nelson Spirit is a leadership mentoring business that is involved with many business leaders within Norfolk.

In the future, Mollie is hoping to get an internship at a law company which will hopefully lead to a career in law and becoming a senior associate within a law firm.

Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal at Ormiston Venture Academy, commented:

"Mollie is an inspirational young person who has been a role model and representative for Ormiston Venture Academy and our community. She has truly changed our academy for the better leaving behind a legacy that will have a positive impact on our students for the years to come. I have no doubt she is destined for an amazing future



and this next step will support her on this path.

"At Ormiston Venture Academy we aim to instil ambition into all of our students to encourage them to achieve whatever they put their minds to."

Sama (pictured below with Douglas Robb, Headmaster of Gresham's, her parents, and Simon Gilbert-Barnham, OVA Principal), also a Year 11 student at Ormiston Venture Academy, has been awarded a scholarship to Gresham's School's Sixth Form.

During her time at Ormiston Venture Academy Sama has taken a particular interest in studying science and maths which she is looking forward to continuing at Gresham's School.

Sama is planning to take Psychology, Chemistry and Biology at A-level and will be taking classes at Gresham's School's new centre for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) education.

Following her time at Gresham's School, Sama would like to read Neuroscience at university, with a focus on Surgical Practice. She is hoping to then continue her studies and train as a doctor.

Outside of her interest in STEM, Sama is also keen to learn about Greek Mythology and French and would like to travel to New Zealand one day.

Simon Gilbert-Bahram, Principal at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"I am incredibly pleased for Sama; she has always been a highly aspirational and hard-working student and is very deserving of the Gresham's School scholarship. I am certain she will continue to exceed in STEM and will make a fantastic doctor one day.

"We are also proud to be working in partnership with Gresham's School to continue providing our pupils with every opportunity to unlock their full potential."



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)

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:

11-12pm Tuesday 3rd – Kids story and craft, Pirate
themed.

2pm Tuesday 10th – Thurne Mill on tour talk, £2
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10-12pm Wednesday 25th – Slipper swap/dementia club
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25th April onwards

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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."

Living in a Wetter Place

We moved to Norfolk over twenty years ago but in another of our lives' adventures, we lived for a few years in a much wetter part of the country, in the West Pennine Moors of Lancashire. Our house was in Haslingden, in Rossendale, situated between Bury and Accrington, with its weather dominated by the nearby presence of the aptly named Winter Hill, over towards Bolton. The local geography had the effect of giving Haslingden the reputation of being the wettest place in England. No, not in terms of the most inches of rain per year (an honour that goes to Seathwaite in the Lakes), but Haslingden takes the crown in terms of most wet days per year.

We used to look down the valley towards the golden skies above Manchester and wonder why we couldn't share their "lovely weather". The local lore was that if you looked down the valley to the Peel Tower, perched on top of a hill, you could tell what the weather would do. If you could see the Peel Tower, it was about to rain and if you couldn't see it, it was already raining!

The next place in the Rossendale valley, as you go up towards the top of the Pennines, is Rawtenstall. They say that if you live in Rawtenstall and tell people that you are going round to Haslingden, the traditional response is "Take tha overcoat".

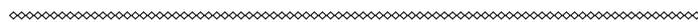
Living in Haslingden had its upsides of course. It had such friendly people, a lovely infants' school and a wonderful

Fell Rescue team of which I was proud to be a member. You just coped with the weather. After all we had triple glazed windows and under-floor heating. Even so, it was often cold and the snow could last for weeks on end, especially in the winter! It even snowed on occasions in the cricket season.

To emphasise the cold, I once told my colleagues over in Huddersfield on the other side of the Pennines: "One evening it was so cold that we were all sitting in the kitchen, huddled round the open door of the fridge, trying to get warm." I also told them that one of the benefits of living in Haslingden was that our boys all learned to swim whilst just playing in the back garden!

It could be bleak at times. One evening, after a typical Haslingden day where the clouds had just stayed and stayed, no sunshine but at least there had been no rain, the TV weather forecaster, at the start of the bulletin said: "I am going to start this evening with a satellite image which you may never have seen before. The whole of Europe cloud-free!" But, sure enough, if you looked very closely, the whole of Europe was indeed cloud-free, except for a tiny white dot of cloud, just big enough to cover Haslingden!

It is nice to live by the sea and to have so many dry days here in Gorleston. Of course it is, but I still miss the Lancashire hills and I would gladly put up with the rain once more!



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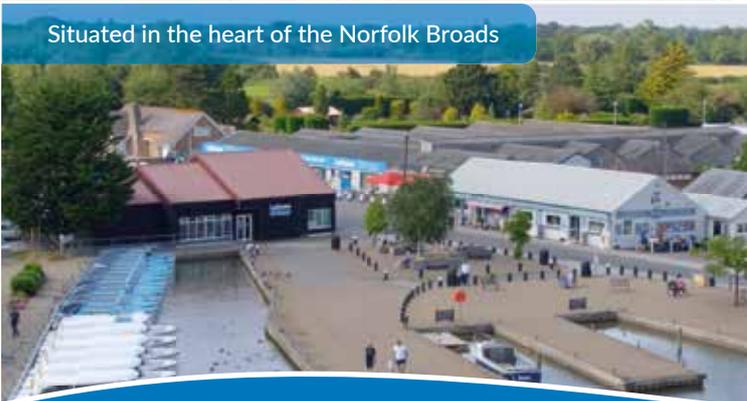
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Wordsearch

Can you find the words listed below?
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Gorleston FC



A famous football manager once described the end of season run in as “squeaky bum time” and, with three games remaining, it has got to that stage now for Gorleston supporters.

The Greens go into those final three games sitting top of the table, two points clear of Wroxham, knowing they will definitely finish in the top two and have a chance for promotion.

If they win their final three games they will automatically go up as Champions. Finish second and they could still be automatically promoted if they are one of the top ten second placed sides across the country, decided on a points per game basis. Currently, they would be in that top ten. Failing that, they will go into a play off game against a team from a higher level.

By the time you read this, it will have all been decided, including the play off match, so you can look forward to next month's edition to see if the Greens achieved their promotion dreams.

League Table as of 9th April 2022		
Team	Played	Points
Gorleston	35	78
Wroxham	35	76
Mildenhall Town	35	67

Gorleston's rise to the top is a result of just one defeat in seven games.

Firstly, Whitton Utd were beaten 3-1 at Emerald Park thanks to two goals from Ross Gilfedder (pictured right) and one from Connor Deeks. A month later, the Greens visited Whitton and, despite going a goal down, beat them again, this time 4-1 with goals from Mitch McKay, Christy Finch, Robbie Sweeney and Sam Knock – his first for the club.



League leaders at the time, Mildenhall Town came to Emerald Park and left, beaten 1-0 and knocked off top spot, thanks to a last minute Connor Ingram winner.



A partially hidden Connor Ingram slides the ball past the keeper for the winner against Mildenhall

Long Melford were the next visitors and Gorleston were brought back down to earth with a bump as Melford won

3-1, Finch the scorer. This was followed by a scoreless draw at Fakenham as title hopes faded.

However, the Greens reacted with a fine 3-0 win



away at Hadleigh where Finch (left) scored twice and Kyle Ingram hit the other.

Then came the big one. Gorleston v Wroxham. 2nd v 1st. With only one point between them.

The attendance of 546 was Gorleston's biggest crowd in almost 5 years and they witnessed another late Connor Ingram goal secure a 1-0 victory for the Greens which sent them two points clear at the top.

Gorleston Reserves drew 1-1 with bottom of the table Watton, Sam Wooldridge the scorer. They followed that up by losing 2-1 to Kirkley & Pakefield Reserves (Sam Ellis).



Connor Ingram salutes the crowd after netting the winner v Wroxham

Their penultimate game of the season produced a 4-1 win over Wells Town (Wooldridge 2, Lee George, Kanu Maxwell Ibenne).

Gorleston Under 18s finished their season with one win in their final three games and finished fourth in the table.

They beat Waveney 12-1 (Harrison Hall 4, Joe Corby 2, Samir Lamarti 2, Vassar Loveland 2, Malachi Lawson, Lewis Wing,) but then lost 3-2 at Kirkley & Pakefield (Ethan Kerswill, Sonni Potter) and finished with a 5-2 defeat at home to Bungay (Charlie Chandler, Tyler Hall).

Gorleston Women lost 5-2 in the league at Caister, Kelsi Adams scored both. They then beat Horsford Women 9-1 (Adams, Megan Bartlett, Hannah Halfnight, Mariana Lino, Sienna Saunders, Rebecca Waters 4). The Women have a fixture scheduled for May with a visit to Freethorpe on the 8th, kick off 2.

Congratulations go to the Gorleston Under 12 Tornados who beat Loddon Utd Real 2-0 in the NSYL U12 Cup Final at Norwich City's The Nest.

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 £80 prize money in March. Full details are on the website, contact me (Dave Hardy), or email gorlestonfootballclub@hotmail.co.uk

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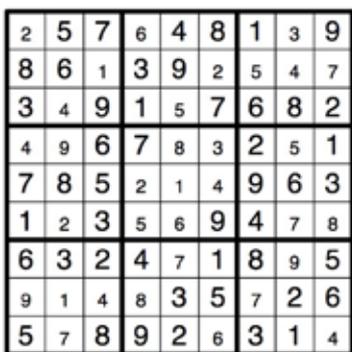
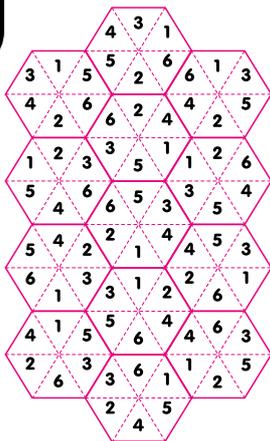
Coffee Time Answers

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Seeing Double:
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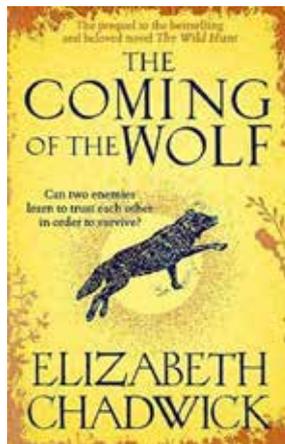
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The Bookshelf

The Coming of the Wolf

Thank you Laura for this review!



Set in the Welsh borders in 1069, Ashdyke Manor is attacked and lady Christen is forced to witness her husband's murder and her brother's capture. She is offered a deal, her brother's freedom for her hand in marriage to Miles Le Gallois, Lord of Milnham-on-Wye. Leader of the enemy side.

This book takes you through their complex relationship; You quickly become invested in these characters and start to root for them. It is filled with battle scenes and intimate moments between the characters. I found it hard to put this book down, and as it is a prequel to 'The wild hunt' I won't need to.

If you want a historical read you can get lost in, I would highly recommend any of Elizabeth Chadwick's work.

101 Great Big Questions About God and Science

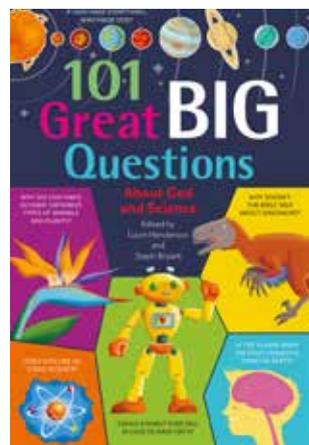
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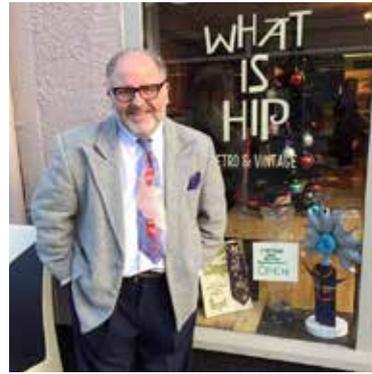
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Richard Routledge

"The life and times of"



I had been working as a postie for 16 years and I noticed every now and then my hip seemed like it was clicking out of its joint for a few seconds. It didn't hurt, but it made me feel uncomfortable for a while when going on my round.

I was fine with it for a while, but it started to happen more often, so off to the doctors I went. So one day the answer was not good news, my hip was starting to give me a problem, the doctor sent me to the local hospital and I found out my hip was going to need replacing.

Once I found this out they sent me to the Royal Mail doctors who said the same. After a few months I was given easier rounds, or smaller ones where I did not have to ride a bike or jump in and out of vans.

After a year of this they decided I was too much of a risk to do a round, so I was put on sorting duties which was great for a while but a bit boring. In between all this I was taking more time off as the pain was getting worse and I could not face going in, as I was finding it hard to do my job.

A few more months went by and they offered me a new role on the computer, doing hazards on people's walks, which I enjoyed, but knew it would not last for ever. It gave me an insight to what went on when we were out on our rounds. It would not last for ever, so one day the union rep came in to see me about me coming out of the post office.

That was a tough one as for nearly 18 years I had a great job with some great people. They were not forcing me out, but the union pointed out what the package would be for me to leave. What a hard decision, but it had to be made, so in the end I decided after 18 years, and with my bad hip, it was time to go.

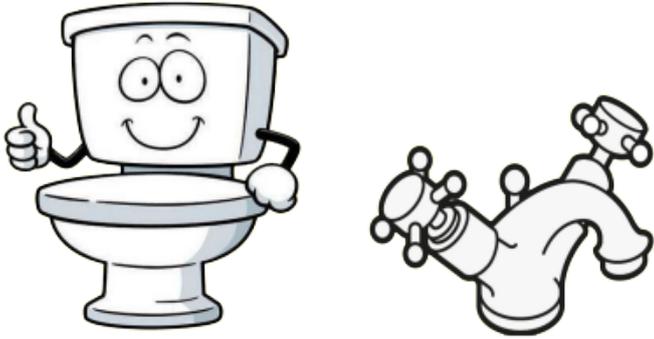
Once the package had been made and my post office pension sorted, it was time to go, but I didn't realise how quickly. As usual on the Monday I went to work and was told to go to my locker, get my things and leave the building. I was in shock, 18 years and I was being escorted out of the building, being told all your money will be sorted out during the week. To be fair it was, my leaving package was in my bank within two days and my pension payments all sorted.

It was odd one minute in work and within hours I was out of work. Next time the new passage in my life, and a surprising one!

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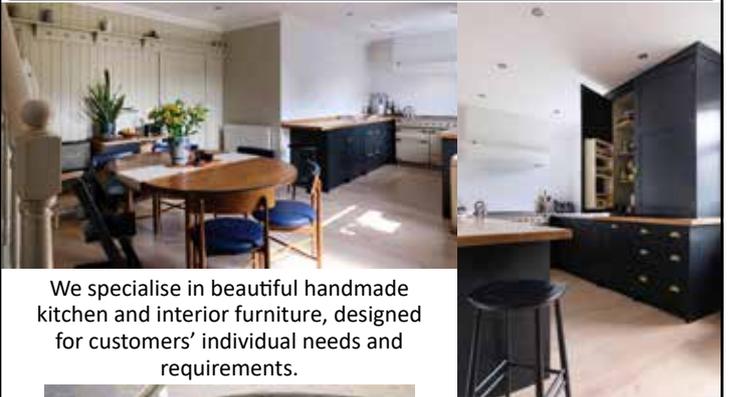
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Life Afloat

by Patricia West, who continues her reminiscences...



After our eventful first day we awoke to a hot Sunday morning of clear blue skies and the distant sound of church bells. We had moored overnight outside a small village near Coulogne, an area where the locks didn't open on Sundays. As these would occur approximately every three kilometres there seemed no point in attempting to travel and we lazed over breakfast of ham and eggs before walking into the village for milk, bread and other food stuff. The French bake their bread throughout the day, it is delicious fresh from the oven, but becomes stale very quickly (hence us having to make hundreds of trips to successive bakeries throughout the trip). We also bought an insulated container for ice cubes which helped keep drinks reasonably cool and prevented butter and cheese turning into bright yellow pools.

I finished unpacking and cleared up below decks before rustling up a light lunch of crusty bread, pate and olives, after which the skipper and his mate tinkered with the engine and spent time lowering the guard rail to take into account my small frame. Meanwhile, I tackled our first batch of laundry hauling buckets of cold clean water, and pounding the clothes and spreading them on the surrounding bushes to dry. I closed my mind to the gleaming washing machine standing idle back home – now I knew how my grandmother must have felt.

Chores complete we settled down to relax and chew over the events so far, the consensus was we were doing fine. Hazy afternoon drifted into balmy early evening and we took a stroll through the rolling fields, returning around eight to enjoy a supper of shellfish and, thanks to the new ice box, a huge crisp salad and coldish glasses of French White. Also, because it was a Sunday, we indulged in delicious pastries too.

Poring over maps and guide books we made plans for the next few days before settling down to sleep under a breathtakingly beautiful pale yellow moon.

The following fourteen days saw us using muscles we didn't know we had - leaping about the boat as if we'd been doing it all our lives. We walked many kilometres into nearby towns and villages, and were repaid with fit, lean limbs and suntanned skin. We also passed through many small locks most of these manned by middle aged ladies. Richard and Adrian offered help which was always turned down, leaving me wondering if they could possibly survive the next working barge.

It transpired most locks had originally been managed by a husband and wife team, and the living quarters went with the job. Therefore, as the family males became sick or sadly died, in order to keep her home the wife was obliged to become chief lock keeper and all which that entailed.

These dwellings built of stone circa 1850/60 were identical in design, including large central oak doors and many windows to allow an advanced view of approaching craft.

Most keepers kept ducks, chickens, goats or grew a variety of veg, fruit and flowers, leading to the sale of fresh eggs, cheese, goats milk and colourful bouquets. Occasionally there would be offerings in large straw baskets of home spun lace, knitted items, and beautifully sewn table cloths and other linen. All of these for just a few francs – on our tight budget we jumped at the chance of such cheap booty.

Around that time these lovely old cottages came on the market for 60,000 francs. How many times did we ask ourselves WHY we hadn't bought one of the cottages, £6,000 quid! What a missed opportunity for a cheap holiday home.

The number of working barges was a surprise. Their main cargo was corn, oil, sand and coal. Most vessels had a wheel-house proud of the deck with spacious living quarters within the heart of the boat. On board were entire families including wives, girlfriends (and who knows maybe both together), children, cats, dogs, budgies and once a large green parrot swinging merrily in a gilded cage. As the bargees passed we could clearly see into their living quarters - creamy lace curtains, beautifully knitted blankets, gleaming brass including many brass beds, obviously brass is a must if you live on the water - but think of the cleaning!

On one enormous barge we caught sight of a small baby grand piano actually being played in the saloon which left us wondering what kind of a bargee HE could be.

Tubs of flowers dotted the decks and baskets overflowing with crimson geraniums hung from every conceivable space. Nearly all barges had a bicycle or two – some were big enough to carry a small car safely lashed to thick wooden posts.

Usually the French nation are rather cool towards the British. However, the combination of large and small boats seemed to create a kind of bond and we regularly exchanged friendly greetings as our vessels criss-crossed the water.

Our regard for bargees and their families was high, not only for the deftness of the former in the way they operated their cumbersome craft, but also for the beautifully maintained floating homes. We never failed to give way to them, especially in the queues at the locks. After all... they had a living to earn while WE were on a permanent holiday.

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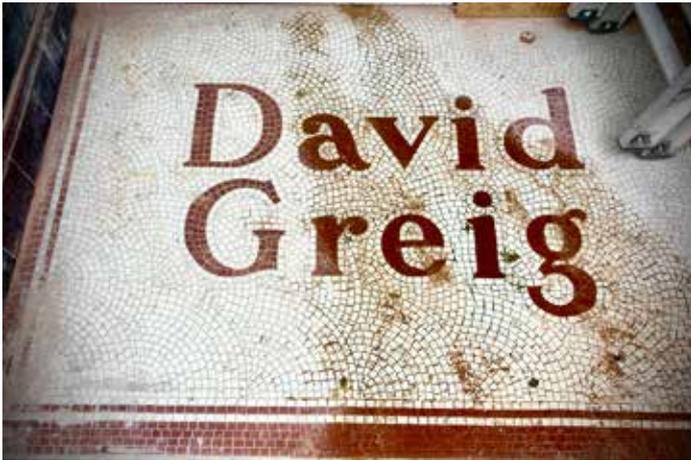


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David Greig, Lower Cliff Road

The recent redevelopment of the old Wright's DIY store on the corner of Lower Cliff Road and Bell's Road has uncovered this shop entrance floor mosaic in one of the doorways. David Greig Ltd was a chain of grocery and provision stores. By the time the founder of the business, David Greig, had died in January 1952, the company were managing over 200 retail shops, mainly in the south of England. The business had been established in the 1880s by David Greig, when he took over his mother's shop, that she had been running since the 1870s, at Hornsey in London.



During 1917 David Greig Ltd. acquired a business from the estate of the late Harry Adolphus Blagg (1850-1916) who according to Kelly's Norfolk Directory of 1912, had grocery and provisions shops at 16a and 18 Market Row, 167 King Street and 35-36 Lower Cliff Road, Gorleston. The business had been established in the 1830s by Harry's father Thomas Herring Blagg (1817-1870) in Market Row, Great Yarmouth.

Harry Blagg married Eliza Barker (1851-1881) at Gorleston Parish Church in 1872, they had two daughters Katie (1875-1954) and Beatrice (1879-1959). Eliza Blagg died in the most tragic of circumstances in July 1881, when she was run over on Southtown Road by a moving railway truck. One of Eliza's children was with her, the child had fallen between the wheels of the truck and was not injured. At the inquest the Jury, after a short deliberation, decided that the death was caused accidentally, but added that they did not think the public were sufficiently protected at the crossing. In January 1887 Harry married Ellen Susanna Hammond (1863-1956) they had two children, Nellie (1890-1949) and Frances (1892-1970). Ellen's brother was Philip John Hammond (1866-1913) the Gorleston ironmonger.

Harry Blagg died at his home, 261 Southtown Road, on the 25th August 1916. He had been in poor health for some time and his death was not unexpected. He had been a Conservative town councillor, representing the St George's Ward and had sat on numerous council committees. The flag at the Conservative Club on Hall Plain was flown at half mast as a mark of respect. He had also been a Freemason and was the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Friendship (100) on two occasions. Harry was an Eminent Preceptor of the Royal Plantagenet Preceptory and was given a "Knights Templar's Funeral" conducted by the Vicar

of Gorleston the Rev. Forbes Phillips, the Prelate of the Royal Plantagenet Preceptory, who wore the hat of the Preceptory. Following the service the interment took place at Gorleston cemetery, the Masonic Brethren dropped sprigs of acacia into the grave as a fraternal tribute.

The earliest reference found relating to Harry Blagg trading from Lower Cliff Road is from Kelly's Directory for Norfolk of 1904. In 1913 he was advertising in the Yarmouth Independent of Saturday 6th September of that year:- CHOICE CHEDDAR, CHESHIRE and GORGONZOLA CHEESE. BLAGG'S STORES, MARKET ROW, KING STREET, and LOWER CLIFF ROAD, GORLESTON.

Six years later the business was in the hands of David Greig "The Tea Specialist" of Lower Cliff Road and they were advertising their "Great Sardine Sale" of tinned Sardines in the Yarmouth Independent of 18th January 1919. In 1924 David Greig Limited had opened a new branch at 175 King Street, Great Yarmouth.

By the late 1960s David Greig's shop on Lower Cliff Road was very much as it had been in the 1910s. It was fitted out with decorative ceramic wall tiles and was delightfully old fashioned with counter only service. Cheese was cut with a wire cutter to the customer's requirements, and bacon was sliced and weighed to order. The butchery department was in a separate shop that could be entered from the provisions shop or by a separate entrance in Bell's Road, this is where the floor mosaic still survives today. But changes were coming, the supermarket style of self-service shopping had after World War 2 become the preferred model. David Greig's shop in Lower Cliff Road was closed down and a much larger new David Greig supermarket was opened at number 115 High Street, Gorleston that today is occupied by Peacocks.

The Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group will not be meeting on Tuesday 10th May. But instead they are holding a public exhibition about the life of Whimsical Walker, the world famous circus clown who lived the later part of his life in Gorleston. This will be at the Shrublands Youth and Adult Centre, Magdalen Way, Gorleston, NR31 7BP and will be a one-day-only event open from 11.30 until 14.30 on the 10th May.

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# Cliff Park Ormiston Academy Goes Green

Accelerated sea level rise, most of Yarmouth and Gorleston predicted to be under the annual flood level by 2030, a decline in pollinators making food production more difficult, all shocking statistics about the climate crisis. So what can be done? This is the question that students at Cliff Park Ormiston Academy have been asking themselves and a group of eco minded young people have come together to form the Student Eco Council. Their goal: to raise awareness of green issues among teachers and classmates, and to bring sustainability to the forefront of all practices around the school.

During their regular meetings, the eco council have been looking at how their school day affects the environment and what changes they can make to ensure the school is as green as it can be. With support from the head of the Humanities department Miss Katie Adcock and the ICT Network Manager Mr Peter Oram, the students have decided to focus on three key areas for this academic year: Improving the school grounds, Biodiversity and Waste Management.



The first task is to ensure there are a wide variety of plants and trees to support the local wildlife. To support this objective, on Friday, the members of the eco council

were given special permission to be excused from their last lesson of the day to plant 15 tree saplings along the borders of the school field.

Led by Miss Adcock and Mr Oram, 16 students along with deputy head Mr Steve Sorrento and school governor Mr David Smail were all enthusiastic to get their hands dirty (literally) to get the trees in the ground.

"The young people in our academy today are the generation that will inherit the earth [...] it is so important that young people receive the best possible education about the environment to help restore our planet" said Mr Smail.

Unfazed by some worms and a couple of maggots, the students had planted all of the trees by the end of the school day and had much fun naming them after some of the teachers at the school. Among the frivolity, the seriousness of the activity was not lost on year eleven student JP Wojtowicz "Trees are the lungs of the earth - it's a small difference, but it's still a difference" he explained.

In the coming weeks and months, the students will monitor their newly planted trees as they continue to engage in further eco activities.

"Our next target will likely be around recycling" says Mr Oram. "The children of today will be facing the most severe effects of the climate crisis so we all have a responsibility to do what we can to avoid disaster, not least so that we can look our children in the eye when they ask, what did you do while there was still time?"

Members of the Student Eco Council span all academic years which perhaps highlights how universal the concern for the environment is among today's young people, and while the year eleven students will soon be occupied with their GCSE exams, the lower years are not short of their own ideas and are poised to take a more leading role.

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