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# Hello Gorleston!



Welcome to Issue 62 of **YOUR** award-winning, **FREE** community magazine.

As I write this, the summer has arrived, it is blisteringly hot, and as a typical Brit I have changed from moaning about the cold to moaning about the heat! But it's amazing how just seeing the sun lifts the mood and encourages a positive outlook. Here's a lovely, sunny poem for you, published in 1919!

## The Sun

Long before the postman comes  
The sun begins to rise,  
Far in the East if you should look  
You'd find it in the skies.  
At first it's just a streak of light  
Then all at once the world gets bright.

Then in the sky from East to West  
The happy sun goes on its way.  
And all day long it shines its best  
To give us pleasant day.  
Dear God, who made the day and night,  
We thank Thee for the sun's good light.  
*by Annette Wynne*

Have a great month, enjoy the sun,  
and we'll meet again in August.



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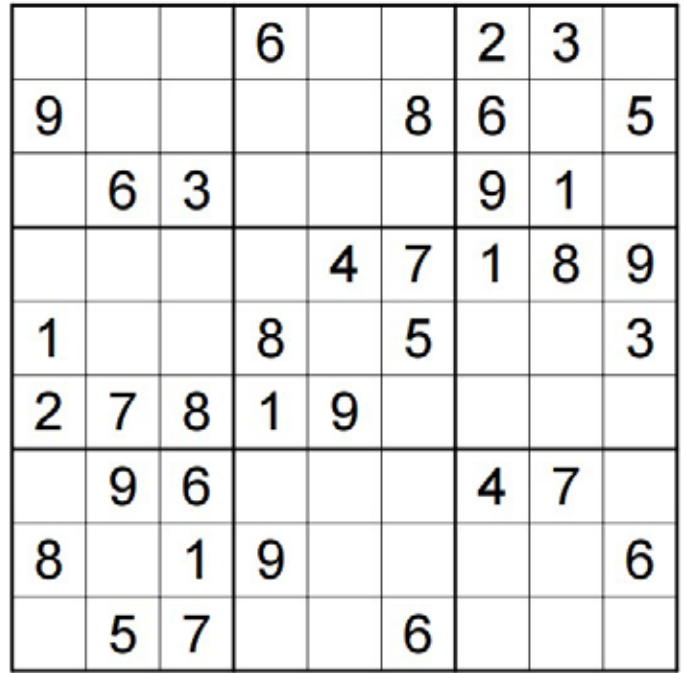
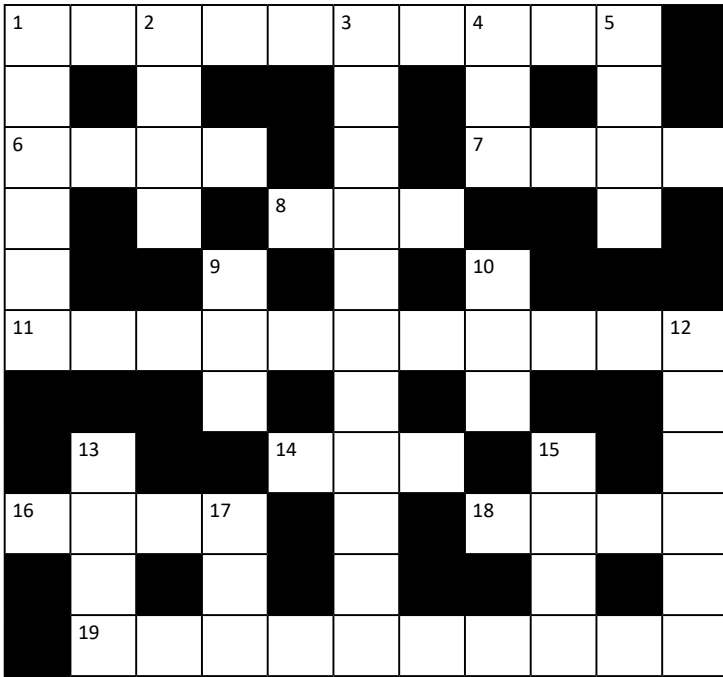
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# Coffee Time 1

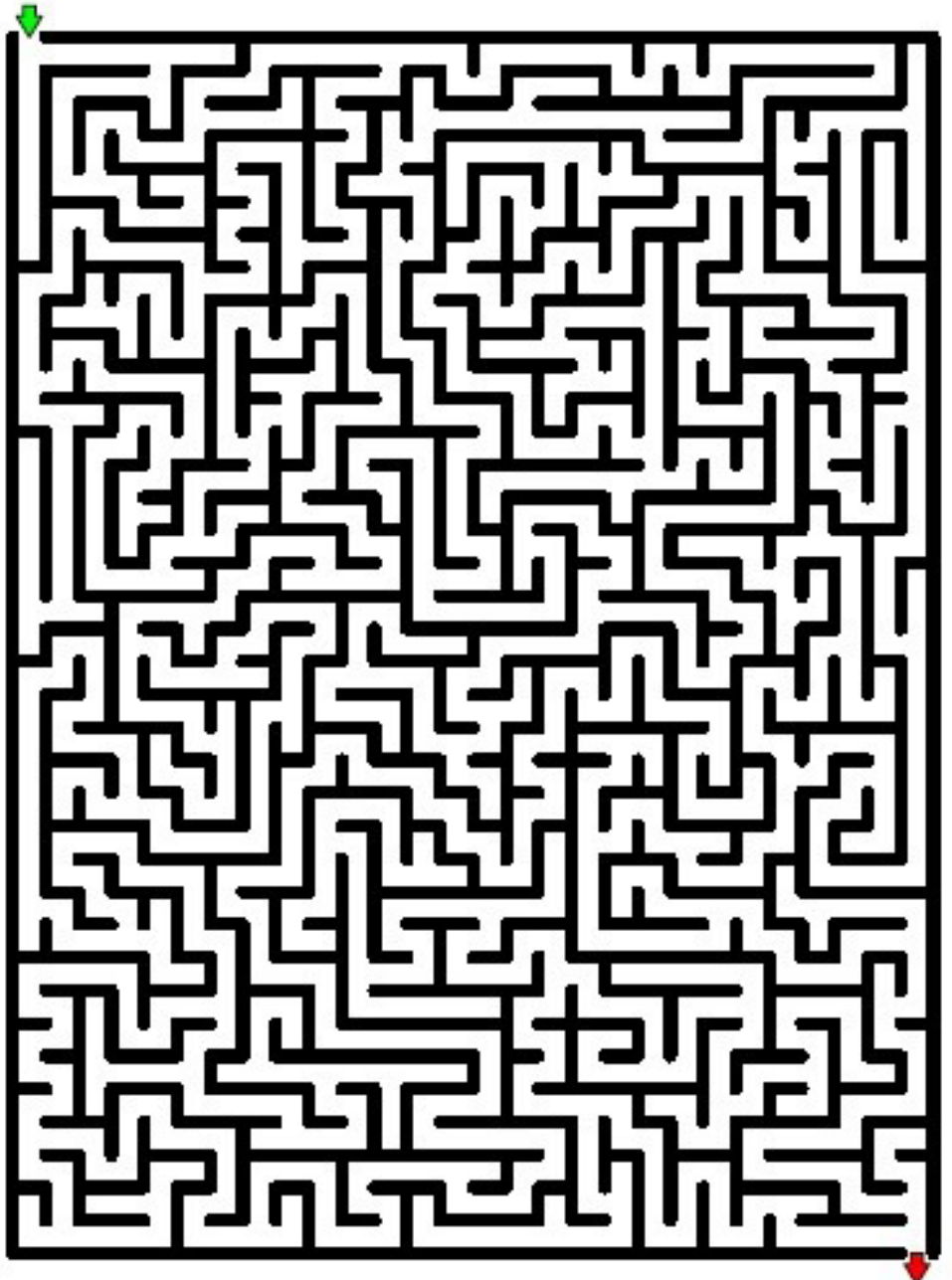


## Across

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- 7 Attendant (4)
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- 14 Aries animal (3)
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- 18 Female relative (4)
- 19 Airs (10)

## Down

- 1 Opportunity (6)
- 2 Length of measure (4)
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- 9 Church seat (3)
- 10 Belongs to us (5)
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- 13 Doing word (4)
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# In The Interregnum

*Whilst St Andrew's Church is in interregnum, this page will see a variety of authors from St Andrew's Church and the Diocese.*

**This month we hear from the Rev Suzie Ellis, member of the ministry team at St Andrew's**



Are you ready to revel in the summer, and welcome the holidaymakers coming to enjoy our beautiful award-winning beach? By July I hope I shall be; for as I write this, a sudden operation meant a time of weakness and need. My lovely daughter stepped in, rushing across from the Shropshire/ Wales border to spend 10 days with me, and my equally lovely granddaughter lives with me; so I've had plenty of support:

meals provided, washing and shopping etc all taken care of. And the brilliant team at the Paget have also been absolutely wonderful! Through everything, I've been surrounded by love and care.

But what of those, facing similar circumstances (or any other sort of trouble or trauma), but live alone without family at hand or able to offer support? Since living here I've come to know many people, born and bred in Gorleston, who still have family and even old school friends close by. For them, the sense of 'belonging', of having nearby support must be a strength and comfort. But others, who've come more recently may not yet have found a handy support network, especially if they've come from other countries .. possibly on their own.

It's surely obvious to us (and psychology confirms it) that people facing any sort of trouble cope better and recover sooner with good support from family and/or close friends. They know they're not alone, they're loved and valued, and their lives have meaning. But people need this, not only to cope in challenging times, but also in order to thrive and be resilient. 'It is not good for man to be alone', the story of creation tells us (Genesis ch2). For without companionship or loving support in our lives we're all seriously deprived.

Yet in the story of Joseph (the youngest but clear favourite of his father Jacob) he's seized out in the fields by his jealous brothers: who faked evidence of his death from wild animals then sold him to slave traders making for Egypt. Alone and friendless, as a slave in a foreign land, his life was tough for many years. No human support for him then! But what kept Joseph going in those dark days was his unshaken belief that God was with him, had chosen him and had a purpose for his life.\* It was this certainty that he was known, watched over and cared for that held him through it all.

But just as God was with Joseph in his troubles and brought him into better times (making him a wiser and better person as well!); so too, whether we realise it or not, God knows and sees us all; for each one of us is also deeply precious

to him. His very purpose for humanity: - to live in stable loving relationships, to care for neighbours and support the needy - is simply part of God's desire to enable all people to feel accepted, valued and supported by others in times of need. But even more than this, this God also actually longs for us to engage with him and discover for ourselves how precious we are, and to know that we belong in his love.

Lest you think this can't be true, let me quote words from a prophet called Isaiah. It's part of a message of love from God to all people: 'I have called you by name, you are mine' ... 'you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you' ... 'do not fear, for I am with you'. Knowing too that in this world troubles happen, God's word goes on to promise 'when you pass through the waters, I will be with you .. they shall not overwhelm you'. (All from Isaiah 43) I leaned hard on those words before my operation, and felt confident and safe every step of the way, and I'm now enjoying my recovery! Perhaps you've never given God much thought before, but why not just try quietly and slowly saying Isaiah's words to yourself, as God's personal message to you. And allow them to slowly work in you (like kneading yeast into dough and waiting for it to rise), it can take time to sink in! Then thank him.

July: Summer will be with us, I'll be fighting fit again and visitors will be flocking to Gorleston. Let's all be willing to offer welcome, friendship and care to everyone around us: from the elderly neighbour living alone, to the family of holidaymakers nearby on the beach, and the foreigners in our street, for God loves all of us!

*\* As Jacob's story goes on to reveal (found in Genesis ch37 onwards)*

## 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:

Dear God, How wonderful is your love that knows me by name and cares for me, and honours me with the gift of choice in my life. Help me to know you too.

Thank you that I'm precious to you, that you're with me; and even in tough times you will not let me be overwhelmed by trouble.

Thank you: that, being loved by you you will help me lovingly welcome others. Amen.

# Gorleston Library

<b>Monday</b>	11 – 1pm 1-1:30pm 5:45-6:45pm	Just A Cuppa - Free cup of tea and a chat - all welcome Bounce and Rhyme - (Under 5's songs & rhymes-drop in) Spanish chat - First Monday every month
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30-11:30am	Mini Movers - Pre-school music and play (drop in)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10-12pm 10.30-11 & 1-1.30 2 – 4pm	Just A Cuppa - Free cup of tea and a chat - all welcome Bounce and Rhyme - (Under 5's songs & rhymes-drop in) Gorleston Library Craft Group Carnegie Room (bring your own crafts - all welcome)
<b>Thursday</b>	3-5pm	Lego Time - (Young children must be supervised at all times).
<b>Friday</b>	4-6pm	Learn My Way - Digital online learning for beginners - Drop in
<b>Saturday</b>	11-1pm 10:30-12pm	Learn My Way - Digital online learning for beginners - Drop in Children's Crafts - Different every week (all ages welcome)
<b>Sunday</b>	12-2pm	Adult drawing and art club - First Sunday of the month
<p><b>SUMMER READING CHALLENGE LAUNCHES on 8<sup>th</sup> July!</b>  <b>POP IN TO JOIN &amp; LOOK OUT FOR SUMMER READING CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT JULY &amp; AUGUST! (See in library posters or Facebook)</b></p>		

## Autism Just A Cuppa

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1 - 3pm**

Gorleston Library

Pop in for an informal meet up,  
have a cuppa and maybe do some  
colouring or Lego.

Friends, family, carers - all welcome.

## Employment help (Drop-in services)

Monday - Dial - Benefit help -  
10-5PM

Tuesday - Chances - 2-4pm (18+)

Friday - Dial - Employment  
services - 9-1PM

Money + Debt advice 2-5PM

## Just A Cuppa

Monday 11-1pm

Pop in for a cuppa and some  
conversation, there will be games  
and remembrance packs.

## Wednesdays Gorleston Library Craft Group

2-4pm

bring your own crafts and join in  
all welcome!



## Victor

We have another new addition to our PAT (Pets As Therapy) Dog team – this is Victor.

Victor is three years old and he's just starting his PAT dog career, with his first visit to our hospital on Tuesday, 23 May. He and owner Sarah popped in and, despite it being just a familiarisation visit

to start with, he was soon visiting patients on Ward 6 and our Ambulatory unit.

Sarah, from Bradwell, says; "He's so sociable and loves meeting people. He has such a calming effect and seems to naturally know when someone needs him."

Victor will join our other PAT dogs in making regular visits to our wards and departments, so please stop and say hello if you see him.



## Children's Ward Donation

Our Children's Ward has been presented with a cheque for over £2,000, raised in memory of a patient who was well known to the ward team.

The generous donation will now be put towards supporting children and young people who receive treatment on Ward 10 and our team are thanking those involved.

Lisa King, Matron for Paediatric Inpatient Services, said;

"Megan was known to the Children's Ward, Ward 10, for many years, and every admission she provided such fun and laughter to all the staff who cared for her. This is credit to her parents' commitment and dedication, and the relationship they developed with the ward team.

"It was so lovely to see them last week and share memories of Megan, and see the videos of her at Christmas with her family - a lovely way to remember her.

"Thank you so very much for the kind donation that you generously raised for us to purchase sensory bags for children coming into the service. These will really enhance the experience for children and young people with sensory needs."

**James Paget  
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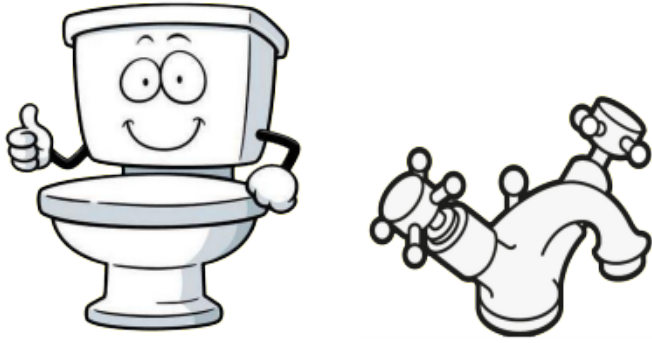
## Carers Week Afternoon Tea

On 7th June, carers and their families came together at the Louise Hamilton Centre for a delicious afternoon tea, hosted by Sue Francis and the team, to mark Carers Week.

Carers Week is an annual national campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support.

Cakes were donated to us by the Central Coop Members & Community Council, Central Coop Funeral, and team members Tami and Natalie came to help get the cakes set up and tea / coffee poured for our wonderful community.





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# Life Afloat

by Patricia West, who continues her reminiscences...

## Fine Dining



After the past recent brimful days

we were glad to find each lock was electronically driven giving a thrust to our steady progress. We took a break just the other side of Chalon sur Saone and Richard utilised the time giving the decks a thorough scrub while I carried out a mini spring clean below decks. By late afternoon we were able to relax making the most of the last rays of the late September sun.

At around 5.00. pm two boats, flying British flags, arrived a few yards from Pillage. We watched as the respective skippers eyed the gap, eventually decided it was safe to join us on the quay and finally, as was the case of 90 per cent of us boaters, they strolled towards us to say hello.

Of course we responded in like fashion and they clambered aboard Pillage. Out came coffee, beer and various titbits as we were introduced to Jenny and Phil travelling in an "Even Tide 27". Behind on the smaller craft was a smiling young man called Robert. They were from Manchester, all close friends since childhood, had gone to the same school and were colleagues in the profession of Social Workers. I had spent several years in the Probation Service and a noisy conversation ensued as we aired our different points of view.

They had been travelling for eight months on a plan similar to ours which was to live on the water for upwards of two years. Only Jenny was unsure about how long the enthusiasm would last. "Until the money runs out" laughed Phil.

He and Jenny had been able to maintain their mortgage and hoped their jobs would be on offer upon their return.

Robert had given up the tenancy of his flat and expected to still be travelling in five years time. He confessed the last thing he wanted was to return to "such a thankless job as a social worker".

Next morning our new ship mates invited us for an English breakfast and very good coffee. Exchanging our Post Restante addresses we promised to keep in touch. Cruising slowly

past, ready to leave we could see three young heads in the cockpit poring over maps, obviously charting their own next adventure.

The weather was glorious as was the countryside and the remaining 23 kilometres to Tournus were taken in our stride. Everywhere the fields were dotted with champagne coloured cows trying to graze on the scorched grass. It was so enticing and without a lock in sight we slowed to a snail's pace and enjoyed the scenery.

Finally, we reached Tournus. A make shift supper turned out reasonably o.k. and although feeling pleausrably sleepy we lingered late with a night cap and then ....

So to bed - as Samuel Peyps might have said.

Around ten o'clock next morning we were off to explore the cobbled streets, flag stoned squares and ivy clad walls of Tournus. Our guide book suggested we have a look at the underground ancient caves which were located in the middle of the town.

They were easily found and paying a small fee we descended into a centuries old warren now converted into a tangle of small shops, a veritable Aladdin's cave.

Hanging lanterns splashed the walls with silver shadows, and small sparkling lights festooned just about everything. There was a huge choice of beautifully made goods; silently persuading customers to buy things they never knew they wanted.

There was an array of exquisite jewellery, beautiful craft work, dainty lace, embroidered cloth and a hundred and one other things. Resisting temptation we bought just one item - for me.

In late afternoon we were back on board Pillage to prepare for the following day.

A day when we set out exclusively for our long planned stay in Macon now just 31 kilometres off. It had been on our radar since we left England and the wider plan

was to reach Macon by October 1st. We had made it with two days to spare.

For months we had eaten mostly in situ with nice enough food and wine but really it had been everyday fare.

Macon is famous for Gourmet food, their speciality is Boeuf Bourguignon. It is also known for it's fine wines especially Burgundy wine.

During the afternoon we hunted down the restaurant that most appealed, choosing a stately building in a side street we booked a table for 8.00 p.m.

At seven we spruced up in front of the mirror, on went our Sunday clothes, shoes were buffed and for me - it was also high heels and jewellery. Presenting on the dot, we were guided through a small entrance into a 17th century chamber with its beautiful carved ceiling.

Velvet tapestries draped the walls and log fires burned in medieval - style iron baskets.

On the snowy white table cloths burgundy-red candles shone and cut glasses gleamed in the fire light. Of course we ordered the specialities. (When in Rome and all that.)

Muted conversations drifted across the tables and fellow diners leaned in to exchange a few words. Far too soon the church bells chimed midnight. Nodding and smiling we bid adieu to friendly staff and the remaining diners.

The moon was up, an enormous creamy pearl. The evening had delivered all it promised and hands entwined, we knew we were in the right place at the right time.

Next month:  
This and that.



# GORLESTON CLIFFTOP FESTIVAL 1

## FIRST PRIMARY SPONSOR FOR GORLESTON CLIFFTOP FESTIVAL

The renowned Gorleston Clifftop Festival, an award-winning community event, is delighted to announce a significant milestone in its 24-year history. Following an extensive search for an overall event sponsor, Gorleston-based furniture store, First Furnishings, has lived up to its name and become the festival's first ever primary sponsor.

William Howkins of First Furnishings said:

*“Following in-depth discussions with Emma Flaxman-Taylor, First Furnishings are very excited to get involved and wholeheartedly support this fantastic community event. Having personally attended the festival in 2022, I was really amazed at how large and well attended it is. First Furnishings are very keen to help ensure our award-winning festival can continue to be put on for the benefit of our local community.”*

The 2022 festival's running expenses were around £34,000, whilst rising costs mean the 2023 final bill is expected to be higher still. Health and safety costs (including security and medical cover) now total more than £9,000 for this year so having such strong support from a sponsor is a real boost to the team of volunteers that make the festival happen.

To find out more about the festival get in touch with the committee by emailing [gorlestonclifftopfestival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gorlestonclifftopfestival@hotmail.co.uk) or message via the Gorleston Clifftop Festival Facebook page.

To keep up with our latest news please follow, like, comment, and share our Facebook posts on the Gorleston Clifftop Festival page as well as our posts on Twitter under [@clifftop\\_fest](https://twitter.com/clifftop_fest). You can also check in on the website at <https://clifftopfestival.info>



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*Left to Right: Emma Flaxman-Taylor (GCF volunteer),  
Kelvyn Foster (First Furnishing Store Manager),  
Vicky Webber (GCF Event Manager)*

## Poems to Ponder

### Roadworks

We've had so many roadworks  
We don't know where we are  
Diversions, closures, traffic lights  
It really is bizarre!

I planned to drive down that way  
But now I find that's closed  
So have to drive round helplessly  
To find a different road!

Temporary traffic lights  
Pop up without a warning  
I came across 3 different sets  
Whilst out the other morning!

It really is annoying  
But soon it will be done  
And our brand new river crossing  
Will be gleaming in the sun!

*by Val Raven*

### Different Places

I must go down to the river again  
Where the willow tree washes her hair  
The whispering reeds, the sound of the grebes  
There's always a place for me there.

The forest I love, is a place for me  
Where the trees shade your head from the sun  
The creatures all hide and watch you go by  
Not knowing whether to run.

High on the moors where the eagle soars  
And the wind through the gorse  
A carpet of heather and changing weather  
A chance of a wild horse.

All these spaces and different places  
I must return before it's too late  
Out at sea there's a place for me  
I've got that one fried on my plate.

*By Bob Crook*



# Gorleston Links Bowls Club

Well, the season is now well under way, and we are not doing too badly.

The Ladies' seniors two woods first round match saw two of our teams play against each other. It was close at the

halfway point and went to a tiebreaker extra end as it was a draw after a good comeback, the winning team of Pauline, Rosemary and Susan won the tie breaker by one point! This led to the quarter finals and a team from St Lawrence near Kings Lynn came. Their members are National and County players, so it led to a very good match, this was also very close by halfway, but some awesome shots from them saw them score five and six off the next two ends. Our captain was full of praise for our side, it was a great match to play, in very testing breezy weather conditions.

The Ladies' Malta Cup started well, resulting in a 5-1 win!

Abi, Donna and Rosemary had an amazing day in the two woods blocks against Docking, and were treated to a buffet by their hosts after they won.

Jenny and Mike went to Norfolk Bowls Club to play in the next round of the National Mixed Pairs competition. They did really great, beating their opponents with a score of 18-5!! Onwards to the next round!

In the Men's competitions, the Jermy Cup saw us drawn against Acle, the rinks were very testing and we sadly lost by quite some way.

The Fermoy Cup is having mixed results. The men won by 32-29, the home block lost by 11-18, but the away block won by 21-11! On to the next round !!

The N.B.A. County League team beat Acle B 3(60) - 2(52) with John, Chris, Andy and Steve running away with a massive win of 33-7!! A fabulous result!

And, in the EBF matches, we won both against Ormesby Blue and Martham Harriers!

So, we are off to a winning start, let's keep it going!

On a lighter note, the late May Bank Holiday Monday saw us holding our 'fun day' on the green, with skill games all with a bowls theme. Teams of three were chosen, and played target bowls, where a target mat was placed on two rinks, each had consecutive rings with higher score areas, and the teams bowled to the targets, scoring or knocking out opponents bowls, not as easy as it looks!

Bottle tombola, where ticketed bottles were randomly placed on a rink. Players won a prize for every bottle knocked over.

Jack last, a twist on the usual game, players played their bowls, and a nominated player rolls the jack to hopefully land nearest their team's bowls.

Bean bag in the hole. A sloping board with a hole near the top. Players toss the bean bags from a distance, one point is scored if it lands on the board, two points if it goes through the hole!

French boules, this is a skilfull game, throwing the metal boules underhand to land as close to or on to the wooden

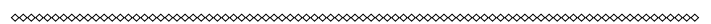
ball jack. It has become a very popular beach game round here recently.



We all sat out with our packed lunches and hot drinks whilst the scores were totted up. And 'Jimmy's team' were declared the winners! Well done John, Pauline and Jimmy. Pauline is hiding behind her winner's bottle of wine!



It was a great get-together, having fun whilst honing the skills. The weather was quite breezy, but it held, all had a great time.




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# GoSH

## Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group

### Capps & Sons Bathing Machines

The use of bathing machines, a kind of beach hut on wheels, originated in Georgian times out of the fashionable craze of sea water bathing for its health giving properties. The bathers could change out of their clothes within the privacy of the machine that could then be horse drawn into the surf. The occupants could then exit, away from prying eyes, from a door on the seaward side of the machine and enjoy the pleasures of sea water bathing.

Gorleston began to evolve into a seaside resort from the mid nineteenth century. By 1877 William Capps and his family had moved there from Wereham, a small Norfolk village near Downham Market. He was trading as a Bathing Machine Proprietor on Gorleston sands during the summer months of 1877. Capps was born in 1839 at Wereham. He married Sarah Ann Griggs at Downham Parish Church in October 1857. His occupation, according to the marriage record, was that of a "Chimney Sweeper." The couple's three children, were all born at Downham, William Isaac 1864-1911, Whitmore 1868-1946 and Gertrude 1873-1950.

The Norfolk News of Saturday 26th August 1882 reported that a large number of families were visiting Gorleston, the condition of the beach was excellent and that the "accommodation provided by Messrs. Capps & Cooper are all that can be desired." This short article indicates that Capps had a rival, William Cooper of Pier Marsh, who also appears to have had bathing machines on Gorleston sands. During August 1887, Capps was fined ten shillings plus costs for assaulting another Gorleston bathing machine proprietor, Henry Denton. A quarrel had broken out between the two men when a group of ladies had enquired about hiring a bathing machine.

The Gorleston Beach Committee in 1890 "resolved that the bathing machines should be placed in the same positions as in the past years. Mr Denton being given the northern position for his ladies's machines and Mr Capps the southern position for his men's bathing machines."

By 1890 William Capps had diversified further and he was the proprietor of refreshment rooms on Breakwater Terrace.

Annoyingly Henry Denton's wife Susannah also ran refreshment rooms on Breakwater Terrace. The Eastern Evening News of Saturday 3rd November 1894 reported that an altercation had taken place between William Capps and Susannah Denton, outside Mrs Denton's refreshment rooms on Breakwater Terrace. She sought to recover damages for wilful and malicious negligence resulting in personal injury. She alleged that Capps had driven a bathing machine along the kerb that collided with her wall. She was so frightened that she claimed to have had a paralytic stroke and had been unable to run her business for five weeks. The judge upheld her claim and awarded Mrs Denton four pounds six shillings by way

of damages.

It appears there had been frequent disputes between Denton and Capps and these often ended up before the bench of Great Yarmouth Magistrates Court each summer. In August 1891 Denton was summoned for abusing Capps and a cross summons was issued on behalf of Denton. The bench after deliberation decided to fine both parties £15 including costs. "The Mayor remarking that neither of the men were worthy of the position they were holding."

During August 1892, William Capps was again up before the bench, this time he was summoned for assaulting John Jones, the landlord of the Royal Albert beer-house, who was erecting a booth on Beach Hill for the sale of beer, when Capps came to him, as he had done to others in previous years, and insulted him in every possible way. Amongst other exploits he obtained a toy monkey, and dangled it in Jones' face. Capps then stood on his head, and made insulting gestures, after that he struck Jones under the chin with his fist. PC Day then intervened to protect Jones. Capps was fined ten shillings plus costs of twenty nine shillings and sixpence.

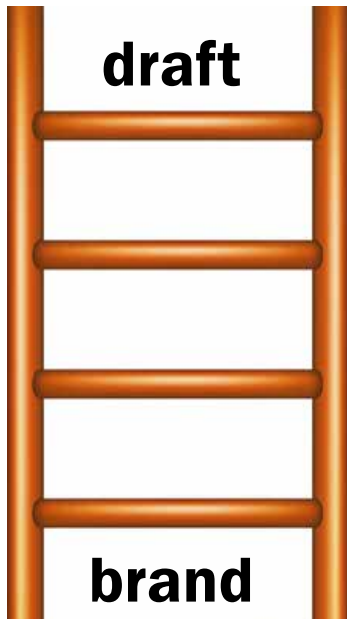
Whites Norfolk Directories for 1892 and 1896 records William Capps as a "Bathing Machine Owner" with premises on Pier Marsh. It seems likely that this address was where his bathing machines were stored in the winter months. It is also possible that Capps had dual occupations and was a chimney sweep in the winter and ran the bathing machine business in the summer months. His son William Isaac Capps seems to have worked as a full time chimney sweep at Gorleston, according to the 1891 and 1901 Census returns.

The use of bathing machines declined nationally from the beginning of the twentieth century and after World War 1 the use of beach tents for changing purposes had become more popular. William and Sarah Capps are both recorded on the 1911 Census as invalids living with their son Whitmore at number 20 Pier Walk. William Capps died at that address in 1913 age 74. He was buried in the Old Gorleston Cemetery, Section F Grave 13.



## 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	RO	TA	TE
2	OB		IN
3	CH		LY
4	BO		ER
5	RE		SH
6	BE		EF
7	AF		AN
8	MI		TY
9	OU		ET
10	JE		KI

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## Coffee Time 2

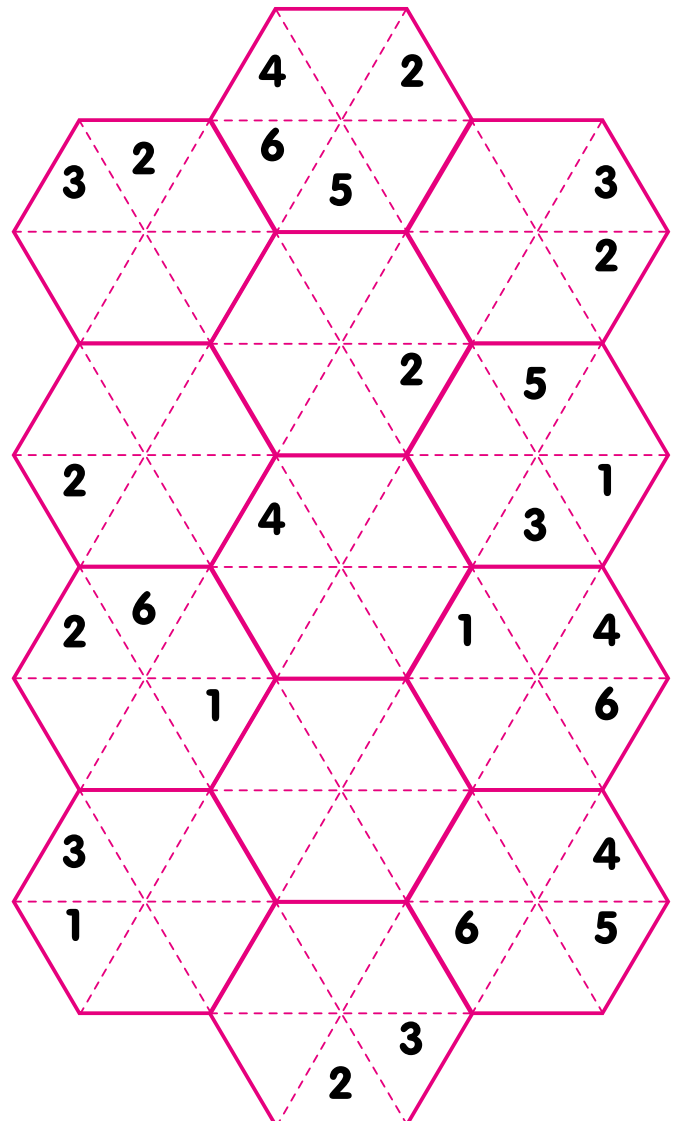
### Caught in the middle

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

family	.....	boat
the glorious	.....	night
ice	.....	comfort
vehicle	.....	return
heavy	.....	jam

### 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.



# 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 program, we provide a varied range of activities including sports, music, drama and the arts. In this edition we would like to celebrate some of the amazing extra-curricular activities that happen around our academy.

## Eco Garden Launch

On Saturday 27th May, Ormiston Herman launched their brand-new Eco Garden. Freshly Greated, a local project that aims to create fun, exciting and creative experiences in and around Great Yarmouth, created a hand-painted mural that was painted during the event. A multitude of stalls, activities and amusements were available throughout the day with all the proceeds creating sustainability for the Eco Garden. The children had the rare opportunity to soak members of staff from the Academy in the dreaded stocks too!

It was fantastic to see many local members of the community throughout the day and an amazing £1200 was raised! A big



thank you to all the members of staff, volunteers and members of the community that attended and special congratulations to Mrs Milham, Mrs Yeoman and



Mrs Harlow who have worked extremely hard to make this event successful.



## Reading Millionaires

Reading is an extremely high priority at Ormiston Herman and all children in Key Stage Two can read and quiz on thousands of books through a system called Accelerated Reader. This system calculates how many words every child has read when they finish and quiz on each novel. For every million words that the children read, they enter our Reading Hall of Fame in the Hall and receive a £10 Amazon Voucher. We currently have 6 Reading Millionaires with – Mohammed in Year 5 – already over two million words! Amazing work!

## French Celebration

Following Prithiv's stunning Spelling Bee victory across the Ormiston Academies Trust, Year 6 were treated to a French day. It started with Year 4, 5 and 6 enjoying a French theatre performance. Year 6 were then invited to 'Le Petit Café' where the children were able to order and taste some delicious French cuisine. To finish proceedings, a competitive quiz was given to test the children about French Culture.

A big thank you to our visitors from the Trust who delivered a wonderful experience for our Key Stage Two children.



## Year 6 Sats Celebration

Year 6 were lucky enough to spend their first Monday after SATs week, celebrating the end of tests. It was themed as 'Class Wars'. The day kicked off with a general knowledge quiz on 'Kahoot' with both classes aiming for the top five positions. After this, followed a closely fought rounders match and a game of tug-of-war between small and large groups. The last activity of the day was a 'Glow in the dark' dodgeball match. Every child was given glowsticks to wear and glow in the dark tape was used on the dodgeballs. The competition was extremely close, but Discoverers edged out Crusaders by one point! Well done to all of Year 6 and especially Discoverers!

## WeWillExplore Celebration

As the academic year draws to a close, our social action project is nearing completion too. #WeWillExplore has given valuable insight into the world of geocaching for Year 5 and created some sustainable and memorable links with Ormiston Venture. To celebrate their successes, Year 5 were invited to a meal and disco at Ormiston Venture. After receiving certificates and badges for any Social Action hours they have completed, Year 5 enjoyed pizza before heading into a disco. All the children who attended had a fantastic time and represented Ormiston Herman superbly. A big thank you to all the adults from Ormiston Herman and Ormiston Venture who came together to make this event happen.



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# Creatures' Corner

*“Gorleston born and bred, our writer has had a menagerie of pets over the years, including dogs, ducks, chickens, reptiles, rodents and spiders. In between looking after their own animals, they also support various animal charities and rescue centres.”*

Very recently I had to turn out the light for the last time on my Bearded Dragon Jasper, right, a sad moment after 13 and a half years of caring for and enjoying the antics of my gentle and busy little friend.

I found Jasper in need of some TLC when he was probably at least a year old, he was fully grown and living in not good conditions, underweight, lethargic and no heat source! The moment I got him home I fed him with Hoppers (young locusts) of which he ate 19 one after the other along with a small bowl of shredded cabbage, carrot and some tasty tomato, cucumber and red pepper pieces. I was amazed at his appetite over that first week, he ate pretty much everything that moved and was put in front of him (live food) and devoured fruit and veg in the same way – wow it made me wonder when he actually had his last meal.

Keeping reptiles has been a passion since the mid nineties and began with a little Berber skink, pictured below, called Giz (actually his full name was Gizard Puke after the Kenny Everett character – but I guess you really didn't need to know that eh!) Giz was a much more pleasant name to say out loud especially as he did need to go to the vets a few times. He had an abscess which grew in his front foot and at the time there was a lovely vet (Tim Rowe) at Willow surgery in Acle (he later moved to Norwich on the Drayton High Road) who successfully removed it. Later we found out that he was actually a she when she laid a few eggs – that was a surprise, nothing came of them of course as she was a lone lizard. She particularly enjoyed her daily



outings from the vivarium making her way up the stairs or running up my arm and investigating through my hair to sit on top of my head whilst I watched TV.

At one time I think I had 14 lizards, we actually converted our middle bedroom to have wall to wall vivariums, 6ft tall, 6ft wide, three of them housing Water Dragons and Bearded Dragons, plus smaller vivariums for the skinks and two large vivariums in the back bedroom for 2 Bosc Monitors, not forgetting the Major Plated Lizard (Hendrix) downstairs. Yes, definitely a lot to deal with, handle and give time to each, I did it though, not quite sure how and looking back it was very OTT but they each got everything they needed and I loved every minute. One time carrying buckets of water up to change out the large bowls for the Water Dragons I fell up the stairs, water everywhere (I certainly needed no shower that night). My husband called out from the front room “are you ok?” well I won't enlighten you on my response, suffice to say it was loud and full of colourful language. The Water Dragons also enjoyed their swim time in the bath where they got to fully exercise their fantastic skills on the water and under it, fascinating to watch it really was.

If you are considering homing a reptile there is so much more information now online and indeed through forums where feeding, health and habitat advice is widely available. We also have Koi Joy just down the road, we are so lucky in Gorleston to have them as they have been dealing with reptiles for longer than I first became interested. In fact, Koi Joy is where I started with little Giz.

Although I had so many reptiles at one time, I can honestly say it has always been my rule that I would never take on any animal that I could not afford to fully look after ie vet visits if necessary and of course food and habitat. It's so much different these days as everything is much more expensive and I do feel so sorry for those of us that are now finding it difficult to afford the pets we so much love.

My boy Jasper did have some health issues during the last 6 months of his life and had to visit Haven Vets to see Evangelos who was fantastic and helped him through a nasty mouth problem (at no point did Jasper's appetite subside I must say). Jasper has given me so many laughs and so much enjoyment, I do believe he had a happy life with us, he had an awesome character was always pleased to be out and about and bathing in a tray of warm water after his meal as part of his daily routine. My memories of him will always be happy ones but I will miss him badly for sure.

It is my intention to try to take on another Beardie in need of its forever home sometime soon, I will keep you posted.

That's it for now, see you next month.



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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."*

## Conversations with my Headmaster

I went to my local Junior School in Ilford and they entered me for a competitive full scholarship exam to a public school a few miles away out in Essex. I had the good fortune (or misfortune if you prefer) of winning the scholarship and so when we all left the Junior School, rather than go off to the local grammar schools with my friends, I had to go through the daily chore of two walks and two buses. It was a totally different experience of course from my previous schooling and I suppose that I made the most of it, especially the sport, including two games afternoons every week. I represented the school at some point in a variety of sports and was school captain in two of them.

My run-ins with the Head probably began early on. My older sister's boyfriend was a mod, noted of course for their stylish clothes, their parkas and their scooters. You can still see some mature mods here in Gorleston, at the Chalet café near the Police Station on a weekly basis. Then, as now, fashions came and went, and when they had gone, I got the hand-me-downs. I remember turning up at school in "winklepicker" shoes and a shirt with ludicrously long collars: "Bastille Points" I think they were called. We had to walk out of morning assembly past the Head. He didn't say anything (after all, outlandish clothing wasn't actually banned under school rules as nobody had thought it necessary!) but he gave me a very "hard look". My card was now marked!

When it came to A levels, I had signed up for Greek, Latin and Ancient History but I changed my mind on the very last day of the summer term and had to go and argue my case with the Headmaster. It was almost surreal. He had only one argument why I should stick to my original choice: "But you are going to be Captain of Chess aren't you? Well, the Captain of Chess always studies Greek, Latin and Ancient History!" My riposte was of course: "Until now sir!" and he backed down.

The school had an annual competition for reading. A team of three from each class would perform three recitations: poetry, poetry from memory and a prose piece. I was always in our team (possibly always seen as getting the "short straw"), but I enjoyed doing the prose piece and we won a few times (although the Headmaster always thought that choice of book prize was odd: always a book on cacti!). The most memorable competition was one when we were in the sixth form. I chose a particular piece by Charles Dickens written as one of his "American Notes", dealing with his first impressions of the crowded streets of New York. The joy of this piece was the opening line, summing up his sense of disgust at the swarming mass of humanity and the fact that there really were swine in the streets. You could take the eye of the judging panel; chaired by the Head and carefully start "pigs! Pigs! PIGS!". The audience of boys loved it, but strangely, we didn't win

that year. Perhaps it was my choice of prose, or maybe it had everything to do with a truly spell-binding reading of a ghost story by a boy from the year below us who went on to be an actor, a BBC Drama producer and now a prize-winning author.

One year I got into the Head's bad books as Captain of Chess because I had entered two teams (senior and junior) for the Sunday Times National Schools Chess Tournament and both had got to the area final in two different zones. The luck of the draw was that we had been assigned quite a few home matches and the Head's grouse was that providing the tea after matches had become unexpectedly expensive! He asked me: "What does the Master-in-Charge of Chess say about this?" My quite honest reply was: "There's a Master-in-Charge of Chess Sir? Nobody told me!"

Another run-in was at the school council when we were debating some proposal about whether "full school colours" should be awarded to "minor" sports as well as to "major" ones. I made my contribution to the discussion, starting "As the Captain of a minor sport . . ." arguing in favour of the proposal. The Head, chairing the meeting, was of course somewhat dismissive: "The Captain of a minor sport would make that argument of course. Let's hear from the Captain of a major sport". He had walked right into my ploy and my immediate response was "Speaking as the Captain of a major sport, I completely agree with the previous speaker!" He was not amused!

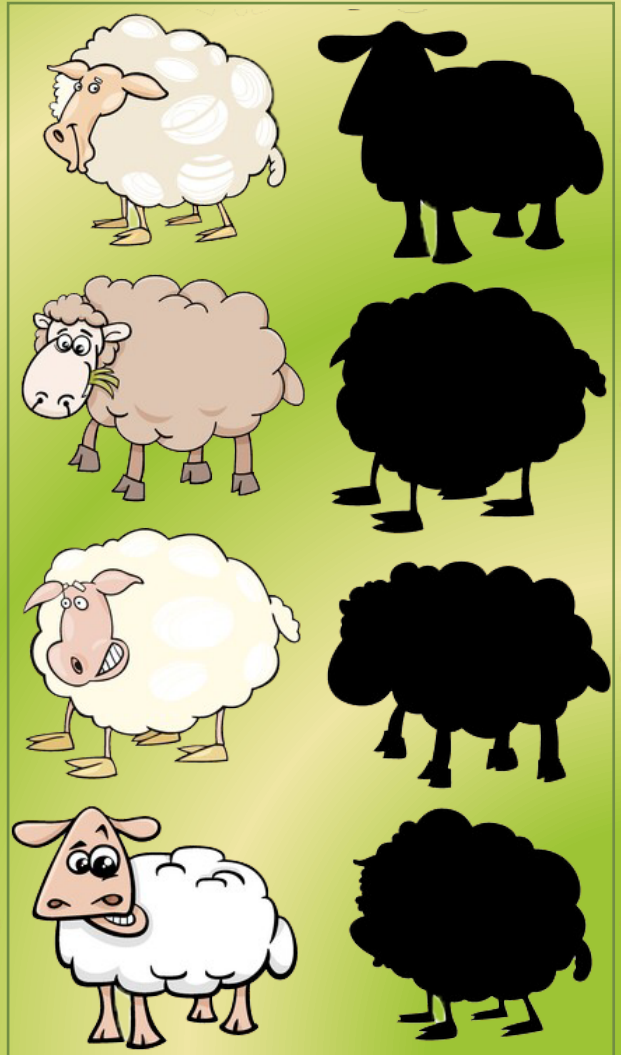
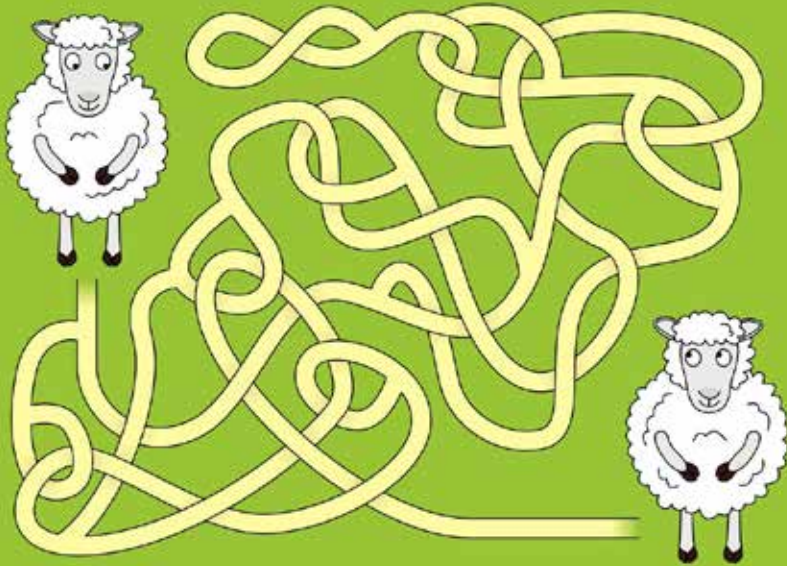
The final run-in was in my last summer term at the school. We did athletics before Easter, whereas all the championships were in the summer term, so for years the athletes had asked to be allowed to train instead of doing cricket during that term. This was always refused until I, as Captain of Athletics, got him to finally agree, as long as I took "total responsibility" to ensure that they didn't just skive off on games afternoons! Now, it wasn't that we athletes didn't like cricket, quite the reverse, but we wanted to train for the championships. So, we all decided to form our own cricket team and play friendly matches on Sundays against local pub teams. The Head got to hear about these matches and I was summoned. He claimed that we might lose a match and local teams might tell the community that they had beaten the actual school team, rather than just a bunch of athletes, and so "bring the school into disrepute". The outcome was that after years of having to play cricket and being banned from athletics, we were now banned from playing cricket and could only do athletics! No doubt the irony of this was not lost on the Head!

Still, we continued to get on well, I think that he enjoyed the verbal sparring. He did make me a Senior Prefect and trusted me to collect and handle all the cash from the stalls at the school's huge summer fayre. And he gave me a good reference for my first teaching job, so we ended up as "friends" or at least, declared a truce!

# Kids' Corner

Can you match the sheep to their shadow?

Can you guide the sheep through the maze to meet each other?



Can you find the one of a kind?

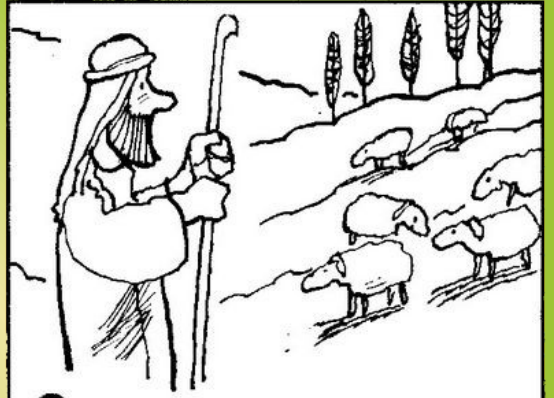
# The tale of the Lost Sheep

Baa!  
Baa!

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ALL ABOUT A GOOD SHEPHERD.



WHO TOOK GREAT CARE OF ALL HIS SHEEP

THE SHEPHERD WOULD ALWAYS MAKE SURE EACH SHEEP WAS SAFE.



HE WOULD COUNT THEM AT THE END OF EVERY DAY

BUT ONE NIGHT HE REALIZED A SHEEP HAD GONE MISSING

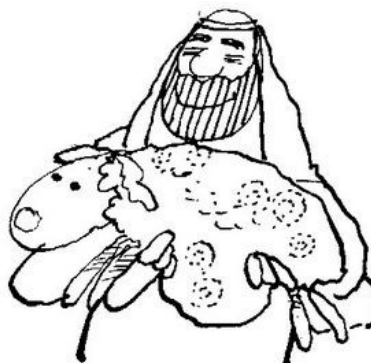


THE SHEPHERD SET OUT TO SEARCH FOR THE LOST SHEEP

HE SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW



AT LAST THE LOST SHEEP WAS FOUND!



THE SHEPHERD COULD NOT HAVE BEEN HAPPIER!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT GOD LOVES US IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD LOVES HIS SHEEP.

# Gorleston Then & Now

*by John McBride*



Many people think of 1953 as the year of the floods in Yarmouth and Gorleston. There have however been many floods throughout the centuries. This one pictured here was on 7th January 1905. This is Pier Road looking from the top of the White Lion Steps. The shop on the corner of Pier Road, at 26 Beach Road, in the lower right of the photo, was for many years a confectionery shop or general store. By 1959 it was a private residence. The tops of the turrets on the Pavilion are visible in both pictures. The Pier Hotel outline can just be made out in the 1905 picture while it is obscured by tree growth in today's picture. Many more of the buildings are now obscured by trees and new buildings. The righthand half of the steps, as we look at them here, was damaged by a landslip during building work to adjacent properties in 2012, which remains unrepaired although there has recently been talk that they are to be reinstated.





# Opening THE Book

with  
Reverend  
John Kinchin-Smith

Last month we began to discover what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit (also called the Spirit of God, The Spirit of the Lord or the Spirit of Christ). We discovered that while the Holy Spirit is the way God acts in the world and equips and empowers people, the Bible also teaches that the Holy Spirit is a “person”. St Paul, writing to the church in Rome, states that “if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ” (chapter 8 verse 9). But in the same chapter he goes on to teach that it is through the Holy Spirit that we come into a personal relationship with God. He writes, “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father’. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children... heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.”

Two other key passages of teaching about the Holy Spirit are also from St Paul. In his first letter to the church at Corinth chapter 12, he teaches that the Holy Spirit gives special gifts to the believer. These are “spiritual gifts” (rather than “natural gifts”) and are given so that the Church can continue the work of Jesus in the world. Among them he mentions gifts of healing, prophecy, messages of godly wisdom and knowledge and miraculous powers.

St Paul also teaches that once a person has given his or her life to Jesus, the character of Jesus begins to be formed in that person through the Holy Spirit. He writes, “We all are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18). Elsewhere St Paul refers to the transformation as “the fruit of the Spirit” in a believer’s life: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (Galatians 5:22).



# News from The Mag

with  
Reverend Matthew Price



This month, at St Mary Mags, we are celebrating five years of our youth club, Mags. Operating fortnightly on a Friday between 6pm and 7.30pm the club is for anyone who is school year 6 or above, and everyone is really welcome. Subs are just 50p per week.

We have a committed team of volunteers and regular activities include tennis, football or basketball, table tennis, table football, pool and air hockey. There’s also space to chill out with friends (and access to wifi!) and enjoy the tuck shop with hot and cold snacks and pick-and-mix sweets on offer. Each meeting there is also a short “gathering” time when we have a thought-for-the-day from the Bible and opportunity for discussion.

This month we are pleased to be welcoming any young people who are currently in year 5, but will be going into year 6 in September to give the club a try. Mags will run on 7th and 21st July. If you would like your young person to come along, you can find out more details by checking out [www.stmmgorleston.org.uk/mags](http://www.stmmgorleston.org.uk/mags) or by texting 07477 905 770 to book a space for them – we will then send you an online permission form to complete (which is also accessible via the website).



# GY and Gorleston Lifeboat

Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Lifeboat Station recently had a visit from Mark Dowie, CEO of the RNLI. He was welcomed to the station by members of the crew, the guild and the shop staff and the Management team.

Mr Dowie had a tour of the station before sitting down to a meeting to discuss life at the station and any issues that have arisen and to thank all concerned for their amazing work.

Our Lifeboat shop is still very active with new stock arriving regularly, you can find us in the basement of Margo's Lounge, we are open Tuesday to Friday 10-2 and Saturday 10-3. Find us on Facebook for up to date news on the shop and the station

We would just like to take this opportunity to thank Carolyn and her staff at Margo's for taking us in when we were homeless and looking after us so well, thankyou!



*Left to right: Des Malion, Jenny Rice, Lee Staff, Lindsay Wigmore, Rod Wells, Andrew Mason, Mark Dowie, Neal Duffield and Darren Hunt.*





# Ormiston Venture Academy

## Venture Perform commands the Videopolis Theatre stage in Disneyland Paris.

40 of our wonderfully talented students successfully auditioned to take part in a professional performance in Disneyland, Paris. After around 7 months of intense rehearsals, we put together 5 performance pieces in a range of styles. The performance pieces were created by our student choreographer Isla-Jade alongside Miss Smith in Performing Arts, we selected a range of tracks that reflect the magic of Disney as well as our Venture spirit.

We were so lucky with the students we had on this adventure as they were all bursting with the Venture Values we hold dear. They showed so much patience when the travel didn't go quite to plan! And neighbourliness in making new friendships across year groups to make sure everyone had the best time they possibly could. The resilience they showed in times of intense performance pressure was inspirational. All members of staff, including our lovely coach driver Andy, watched the performances and were amazed with the high-quality professional levels of work they produced. As the lights dimmed and the music started, we drew a large crowd of spectators to cheer on Venture Perform.

Prior to our afternoon performance on 1st April 2023 the students took part in workshops with Disney Imagineers in the disciplines of Musical Theatre and Dance. These workshops gave our students an insight into elements of Disney careers and what it is like to perform with these industry professionals. The musical theatre group learned 'A Friend Like Me' adapted from the Aladdin number that is used within the parks and parades, and the dance troop learned 'Stand Out' which is usually performed alongside the character Max on stage in the parks. The students loved this opportunity, and it has sparked some to research careers within character performing.

Within all subjects at Venture, and speaking from a Performing Arts perspective, we encourage our students to take risks and remind them "You must not let anyone define your limits because of where you come from. Your only limit is your soul" – Ratatouille

Mrs Roper-Cornwell who supports the Creative Arts department in organising all trips said, "I work behind the scenes in putting the performances and trips together, and I am always aware of how hard the students are working, but seeing it for the first time live on stage at Disney was truly memorable, and I will look back on this for many years to come with my heart full of pride for these wonderful students who I have enjoyed working with in their academy career. In the words of Moana I look forward to seeing "how far they'll go"."

By offering a trip to Disneyland we help the students realise that sometimes their inner child needs to come out and they need to enjoy the magic. "That's the real trouble with the world, too many people grow up. They forget." – Walt Disney

Isla-Jade student choreographer wanted to say "I asked Miss Smith if I could support with

developing the choreography for the Disney performances, I enjoyed the opportunity and challenge to be able to choreograph dance numbers for all students with a wide range of dance ability. It was an interesting way of being able to connect with other students and fulfil my role as dance captain. The whole trip experience was one I will never forget, my passion is dance and I hope to work in the industry as soon as possible, and this trip has inspired me to research career opportunities within the Walt Disney Company as it was something I had not considered before learning a routine from the dance captain in our workshop."

We ask all of our students to "Venture outside your comfort zone, the rewards are worth it" – Tangled

Miss Smith trip leader and teacher of performing arts said "Although as a department we run a lot of trips per academic year, this was our first experience organising and running an international trip and I can honestly say it has been one of the most memorable parts of my career at Venture. It is a running joke among students and Mrs Roper-Cornwell that I cry at everything and seeing our Venture Perform group perform makes me cry every single time. I have to make a note for the Year 11s who attended this trip as they have been a core part of all performances I have had the pleasure of working on, and the stage in Disney will be the last time they perform for us as part of Venture. I look back often on how far they have come since Year 7, and students who never believed in themselves or thought they would ever pick Performing Arts as an option can now add this momentous experience to their CV with pride. With every trip I run I am always listening out for the students who are talking about never being outside of Norfolk or the buzz of excitement with the plans for the day(s), and in the words of Belle from Beauty and the Beast, I hope our students continue to seek "Adventure in the great wide somewhere." I can talk all day about their talent and quality of their work but without the support of other staff in the building, their friends or support networks at home these events would not happen, so I would like to end with thanks to every single person who helped us bring this to our students, I hope they remember this trip as fondly as I will."

This experience is one we hope to continue offering to our students across the academy over the coming years as it truly was an amazing weekend full of laughter and making magical memories.

"When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are. Anything your heart desires will come to you" – Pinocchio.



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# Hair We Are



with Kevin Huggins  
*Owner of Fusion Hair Consultants and  
Chairman of the  
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Here we are at the end of June and already halfway through the year. As I am writing this blog, we have just gone through one of the worst Mays for weather that I can remember. It was so cold with the north-easterly winds blowing and the constant cloud covering. Oh how we are praying for a warmer and sunnier rest of summer. I really do believe that the seasons are changing and have changed dramatically just in my lifetime. I can remember as a young boy in Martham, during the early 1960s we annually had skating competitions on the ice that lay in the fields up Somerton Road. There used to be 20 or 30 of us meet up and have great fun slipping and sliding across those fields. Needless to say we didn't have skating boots or anything like that, just wrapped up well with normal shoes and away we would go. The weather was that cold there was no such thing as mud whilst the ice was about, just frozen crispy dry weather, ahh great times that I remember so well. It is amazing how these sort of memories stick out in your mind when you think back, and most certainly the weather and the seasons are prominent in my mind, very hot summers and freezing cold winters. One of my favourite and respected television scientists was David Bellamy who has written over 35 books and was appreciated for his exciting enthusiasm. David was taken off TV for the reason that he stated he did not believe in man-made global warming. Well I tend to agree with him. He stated that in every year since 1998 world temperatures have been getting colder, yes colder! And in 2002 Arctic ice actually increased. Unbelievably we never hear anything about that! As Bellamy

says climate change is all about cycles, it's a natural thing and has always happened throughout time. In Roman times, when they lived in Britain, they were growing very good red grapes and making wine on the borders of Scotland. It was evidently a lot warmer in those days and not much CO2 emissions either. If we could go back 10000 years, we would all be under ice, so thank God for global warming then or none of us would be about now. A couple of examples that have been used about global warming is that the lakes in Africa are drying up. But that is not global warming, it is because the simple reason is most of them have dams built around them. Another example was the Aral sea in Uzbekistan was drying up because of global warming, but everyone knows that the Russians had started to grow cotton in the area and for every ton of cotton produced massive amounts of water are used. Bellamy goes on to say that Mother Nature will balance things out, but destroying rain forests etc will not help. That is where the main catastrophe could occur for the planet. I am a firm believer that the earth moves very minutely on its axis every year, which is why we are not only seeing climate change, but also season change. In my eyes winter now really starts in January through to the end of March, Spring is April May and June, Summer is July August and September with Autumn being October, November and December. That is my theory and as I have said I totally agree with what Bellamy said all those years ago. On another subject I recently sat through the Britain's Got Talent programme on the television, that showed the semi-finals in the first week of June and ended with the final on the Sunday Night. What a disappointment to see who won and is going to appear in front of the Royal family. There was some really

good young British talent on show this series and I just can't see how Britain's Got Talent can be won by a Norwegian?

I also watched the FA Cup Final on the television, something else that brings back many happy memories as a child. Cup Final day would be up early, telly on and the rest of the day was the lead up to the Cup Final, always 3:00pm on a Saturday afternoon then. Watch the match and then without any social media, telephones, texting etc, we would all meet down at Martham playing field to replicate what we had just watched during the day, amazing times. Congratulations to Manchester City on winning the final and in fact achieving the double as of writing this blog we have the Champions League Final coming up, so we must wish them luck in that as well and that they go on to equal what their neighbours Manchester United achieved, the formidable treble.

Whilst on the subject of football, I finished last season on a low with the performance of my team the Canaries, but I have to say I am now so looking forward to next year's championship. What a cracking league that is going to be, right from the three teams promoted from League 1, Plymouth Argyle and Sheffield Wednesday, and renewing our old East Anglian derby with the Tractor Boys, Ipswich Town. It has been over 4 years since we last played them, and won 3-0, it could be a different story this time! With the three teams relegated from the Premier League, Southampton, Leicester and the mighty whites, Leeds Utd, what a season we are in for this year. The crazy thing is we only have just over 4 weeks from this magazine coming out until the start of the season, and then here we go again, but at least with no World Cup interruption this year!

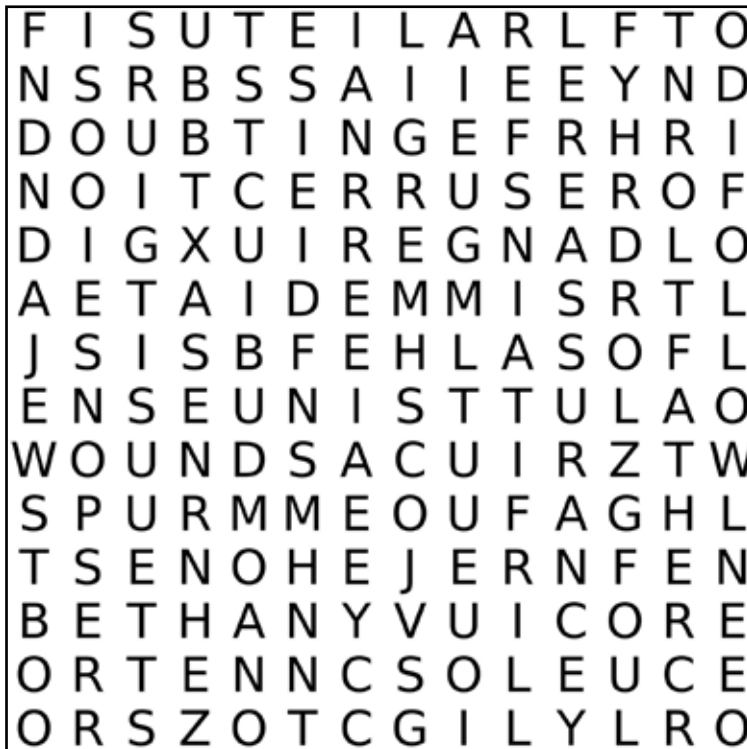
# Wordsearch

Can you find the words listed below which have been taken from the text?

Words occur in the grid forwards, backwards and diagonally.

## Doubting Thomas

On 3rd July the Church remembers St Thomas, also called Doubting Thomas, because he would not believe his fellow disciples' news of the Resurrection. But 'doubt' did not mean that Thomas did not love Jesus! Only a few weeks before, Thomas had urged his fellow disciples to follow Jesus to see Lazarus in Bethany, despite danger from the Jews. "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus had brought Lazarus back to life. Thomas was sometimes very confused about just where Jesus was headed. But in John 14:5 Jesus untangled his confused commitment: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me." Finally, after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Thomas, showing him the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was electrified, and his response immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:26ff). Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of people down the centuries.



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| JULY         | BETHANY  | CRUCIFIXION |
| THOMAS       | DANGER   | RESPONSE    |
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| DOUBTING     | LIFE     | GOD         |
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# Pavilion Theatre



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## WHAT'S ON AT THE THEATRE IN JULY

- Summer Showtime Variety Show - Every Tuesday at 7:45pm
- Stuart & Kevin - A Celebration - Fundraising Gala
- East Norfolk Sixth Form College - Performing Arts Showcase
- Bootleg Shadows
- ELO Encounter
- The Nicest Kids in Town
- Soul Kinda Wonderful

June was a fantastic month for open air events with the return of the Local Flavours Gorleston Seafront Festival as well as some excellent Sunday afternoon acts as part of our season of Summer Bandstand Concerts.

We also sponsored a fantastic Beach Clean called 'Pick for Pride', organised by the lovely Emma Sturman of Norfolk Beach Cleans. Both Luke and I spent the morning chatting to others within the group and we managed to clear 21kg of rubbish in total! These beach cleans take place on the first Sunday of every month, so we'll see you at the next one!

### CHARITY RESTORATION PROJECTS

We're always fundraising for our charity to help the restoration of the building and to push forward our educational ambitions in the arts and heritage of the building and local area.

We've got plenty of exciting plans for the next 5-10 years and we'd love to share them with you. Keep an eye on our website for details of an open evening that we'll be planning to present these plans in more detail and to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you at the theatre or bandstand again soon!

Alex Youngs  
Chair of Trustees

### WHAT'S ON AT THE BANDSTAND IN JULY

- 2nd July: Great Yarmouth Brass Band
- 9th July: Cawston Band
- 16th July: Taverham Band
- 23rd July: The Shanty Buoys
- 30th July: Norwich Ukulele Society (also includes free shows from Hanton's Punch & Judy - all part of the Clifftop Festival fun!)



Full details of the Pavilion's schedule of plays, musicals, pantomimes and concerts can be found at [pavtheatre.com](http://pavtheatre.com) or by calling the box office on (01493) 662832.



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# Gorleston FC

Gorleston finished their season by lifting the Norfolk Senior Cup (below) for the eighteenth time after beating Dereham Town 3-0 in the final played at Carrow Road.



The Greens took the lead three minutes before the break when Jacek Zielonka's corner was turned onto the bar by the Dereham keeper but Connor Deeks (below) followed up to pass the ball into the net.



Gorleston doubled the lead just after the hour mark when Connor Ingram squared for Craig Parker (below) to strike the ball into the net from twenty yards.



The game was made safe with fifteen minutes to go when Nathan Stewart was sent through and he slotted past the advancing keeper.

Gorleston are now just one behind Kings Lynn Town in the list of all time winners of the Senior Cup.

The Greens recently held their end of season Presentation Night at the Tramways pub. The winners were:

## Under 18s

Supporters' Player - Malachi Lawson; Top

Goalscorer - Bernardo Carneiro; Players' Player - Malachi Lawson; Management Player - Tyler Malley.

## Reserves

Supporters' Player

- Vytautas Lasevicius; Top Goalscorer - Harry Hall; Players' Player - Lee George; Management Player - Travis Canham.

## First Team

Supporters' Player - Connor Deeks; Top Goalscorer - Connor Ingram; Players' Player - Adam Tann; Management Player - Dom Docherty.

The first team management of Darren Cockrill, Olly Willis and Stevie Bramble have all agreed to stay on and they are currently working hard to improve the squad for the forthcoming season. There have been some players leaving but some exciting new signings too. Full details of all departures and arrivals should follow next month.

The Reserves have been promoted to the Anglian Combination Premier Division and last year's management of Ryan Gowing and Jordan Read with Luke Goreham will be staying on and joined by Danny Pinheiro. The Under 18s will be managed by Luke Goreham, Ryan Huggins, Paul Rogers and Wes Soloman for the new season.

Meanwhile, pre-season fixtures have been released and are shown further on.

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 £120 in prize money in June. Full details of the draw and how to enter are on the website, contact me (Dave Hardy), or email [gorlestonfootballclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gorlestonfootballclub@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Pre-Season Friendly Fixtures (subject to change)

Date	Time	Team	Opponents (Home/Away)
5th	7pm	First Team/ Reserves	Gt Yarmouth Town (The Wellesley)
8th	1pm	First Team	Thetford Town (The Wellesley)
8th	3pm	Reserves	Norwich CBS (The Wellesley)
11th	7pm	First Team/ Reserves	Leiston (The Nest)
14th	7pm	First Team	Sheringham (The Nest)
15th	1pm	Reserves	Beccles Town (FDC Bowthorpe)
18th	7pm	Reserves	Martham (The Nest)
18th	7:30pm	First Team	Harleston (A)
22nd	1pm	First Team	Norwich Utd (A)
22nd	3pm	Reserves	Norwich Utd (A)

# The Bookshelf

## Gorleston Football Club, The Emerald Park Years

by David Hardy



A new book has been written which documents a particular period of Gorleston Football Club's history.

'Gorleston Football Club, The Emerald Park Years' contains all of Gorleston's first team results from their first game at Emerald Park in August 1982 right up to the final, title-winning, game of the 2021-22 season.

There have been a number of ups and downs during the Emerald Park era and they are all recorded in the book. There are stats, records, news and stories from that period in the club's history as well as plenty of pictures.

Written by David Hardy, the club's Fixtures Secretary and a Gorleston supporter for fifty years, the idea for the book came about whilst the Greens were clearing their former ground.

"We came across a copy of *Evergreen* by Brian Bunn, which was the history of Gorleston FC up to 2001 and I thought that the leaving of Emerald Park would be a good time to bring it up to date and document a particular period of Gorleston FC's history.

"As well as all the results and scorers from the Emerald Park era, there are new stories and more details about the reasons and time immediately prior to the move, as well as up to date records and honours."

The book is available in hardback or paperback, priced at £20 and £10 respectively, plus postage, and can be obtained from Amazon at <https://amzn.to/3qk9JH8> or by entering 'Emerald Park Years' in the Amazon search bar.

Alternatively, if you don't want to order online, you can order direct from David by emailing [emeraldparkyears@outlook.com](mailto:emeraldparkyears@outlook.com) for further details and to arrange payment and delivery.

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## Dear Mrs Bird

by A J Pearce

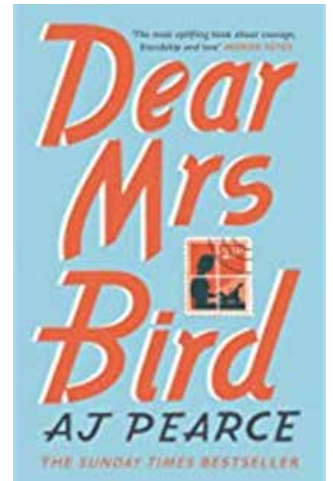
*Thanks to Margaret for this review*

London, 1941 amid the falling bombs, Emmeline Lake dreams of becoming a fearless Lady War Correspondent but instead she finds herself employed as a typist for the formidable Henrietta Bird, the agony aunt at Woman's Friend magazine.

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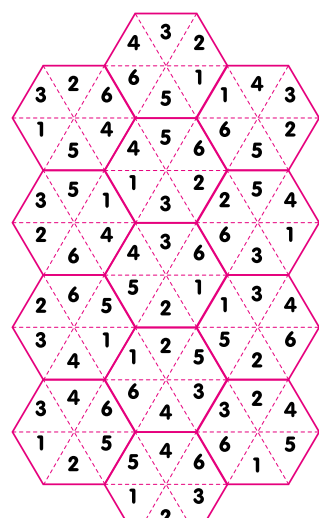
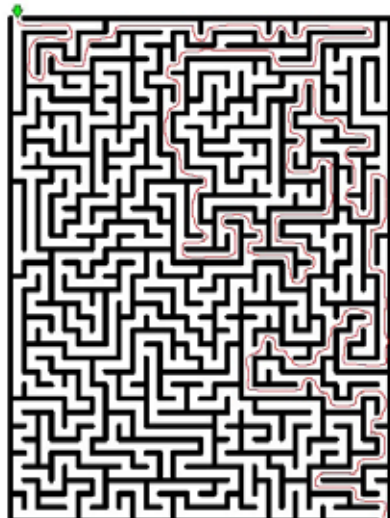


# Coffee Time Answers



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**Word Ladder:** brand, grand, grant, graft, draft  
**Caught in the middle:** house, twelfth, cold, tax, traffic  
**Seeing Double:** rotate, obtain, chilly, boiler, relish, belief, afghan, mighty, outset, jetski  
**Mystery keyword:** tail lights



**Across:** 1 chimpanzee, 6 arch, 7 page, 8 pry, 11 endeavoured, 14 ram, 16 weir, 18 aunt, 19 broadcasts  
**Down:** 1 chance, 2 inch, 3 abbreviated, 4 zip, 5 edge, 9 pew, 10 our, 12 dittos, 13 verb, 15 dubs, 17 rho





# 75 Years as a Chorister

In June of this year I will have been an active member of St Andrew's Church choir in Gorleston for 75 years. I am extremely proud of this anniversary and feel privileged that for the majority of my junior and adult life I have had such a close association with what I call MY church.

People say to me surely you must get bored with going through the same rituals week on week, but my answer to them is that if anything I enjoy the renditions of choral music, and the rehearsals that precede them, even more now than I did when I was an 8 year old probationer, waiting to be awarded my first surplice and eagerly anticipating entry into the stalls proper, rather than sitting on a chair behind the established choir members.

When my mother first took me to church it was to see whether I would like to become a boy scout or a chorister. Thankfully I chose to become the latter but in those days there was a waiting list to get into the choir (how things have changed) and I had to wait for a year before the Choirmaster, at that time the renowned Redge Durrant, rang my parents to say that there was now a vacancy and I would be welcome to attend my first ever choir practice on a Monday night (for boys only) and also one on a Friday night where the men joined the boys.

I hasten to say that in those days the choir in total numbered some 50 people with the boys themselves contributing over 30.

My first practice involved me being put through a ritual of being literally thrown into a holly bush and then the contents of a fountain pen being drip fed into my face whilst I was held down on the ground by what I later learned were the senior choirboys. Every boy at that time had to endure this treatment and I suppose I was all the better for it, and in fairness meted out the same treatment when I became a senior boy.

I absolutely loved everything about the choir and rehearsing choral music. By the age of 11, as well as the church choir, I was in the Grammar School choir and seemed to do ok, judging by the amount of solos I was given. I became head boy at Gorleston and very proudly took my place at the head of the stalls. There were services for the choir to attend on a Sunday morning and evening, and guess what we got paid? I was therefore paid for two practices and two services each week, and the quarterly payment for full attendance was about 15 shillings and a bag of apples at harvest. In addition the choir was paid for attendance at weddings and funerals so I was well pleased.

I made some really good friends in the choir, some of whom I still see today. There was a tremendous bond between us and rivalry against other churches with choirs, particularly in those days St Nicholas Church in Great Yarmouth. Gorleston had and still has a reputation for producing fine choral singers, and as well as being affiliated to The Royal School of Church Music, on at least three occasions I can recall deputising for the choir in Norwich Cathedral when their resident choir was on holiday.

I can recall when still only 11 that a man called Hubert Crook conducted a choir school and workshop in St Andrew's. As a result of this I was invited to attend a choir school at Addington Palace

which was then the headquarters of The RSCM. There were 60 boys at the choir school from churches all over the country, and as well as feeling home sick (I had never been away from home before) I felt somewhat overawed by the quality of the voices. I need not have felt this way for in an examination at the end of the five day course I came second with the examiner saying that my renditions of Psalms was as good as he had ever heard. This was entirely due to the training that all choristers received at Gorleston in those days, which was the envy of choirs around, and not particularly down to whatever ability I may or may not have had in those days. Hubert Crook asked me to attend a seminar where choristers were to be selected to sing as a resident at St Paul's Cathedral. I was selected but my parents were not prepared to let me leave home! How different my life would have been if I had upped sticks and gone.

The problem with all sopranos is that at the age of around 13-14 the voice starts to break. This happened to me but I was able to join the altos and later the tenors when my voice finally settled down.

Had it not been for Gorleston Church Choir my later life in music could never have taken place. Through pursuing musical activity wherever possible, I joined and later became The Secretary of the now defunct Great Yarmouth Chorale Society under the inspiring conducting of John Roper and latterly John Stevens. Four members of St Andrew's decided one Sunday morning, whilst having a drink in The Cliff, to form a separate group which was to be known as The Breydon Chorale. There were 16 really experienced singers in this group and it lasted for over 25 years, offering all genres of music which require SATB arrangements (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). Our last conductor was Mr Brian Blake (a headmaster at Cliff Park School) who I am pleased to say is still alive and well.

Previous to all this going on, aged 16, I was asked to play the tenor lead in a Grammar School production of HMS Pinafore. This spawned my love of G&S and I went on to play tenor and baritone parts in the majority of G&S operas put on in full scale by The Great Yarmouth Gilbert and Sullivan Society under the direction of another legend Jeannie Gunn. This Society ceased performing in 2008 but I am proud to say that the society morphed into The G&S Singers for which group I have had the pleasure of being Chair for over 15 years. This group is still performing to this day, and yes, we do still include some Gilbert and Sullivan items, but now with a much more varied programme.

On the back of The Breydon Chorale another festival sprang up known as The St Andrew's Festival. I did become Chair of this group for a while and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is still operating. I wish them continued success.

As to the present, of course I still sing in St Andrew's Church choir, brilliantly led by Tony Jaye, each Sunday but during lockdown when Gorleston chose not to have a choir I was invited to join as a guest singer at St Nicholas Church (now known as the Minster) under their esteemed conductor Michael Nicholas, the organist emeritus of Norwich Cathedral. I also guest sing with the choir of St Margaret's Church in Lowesoft who have a wonderful choir ably led by their choirmaster Jonathan Williams.

From this you can see that Church Music has been ever influential in my life and I would not have had it any other way.

Robert Boardley.

# Gorleston Flower Club

Our next meeting is on Monday July 17th at Magdalen Way Methodist Church. Doors open at 1.30 for 2 p.m. start. Our demonstrator is Jenni Baker, her theme "Here I Go Again". You have a chance of winning one of Jenni's colourful arrangements as well as a hamper full of goodies for you to enjoy "Christmas in July". We look forward to welcoming members and guest, for guests there is a charge of £5. Tickets will be available for the Fish'n'chips'fun event on Monday August 21st costing £10 each. If you would like more information please phone Margaret Colman (01493) 663590.



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We have enjoyed another busy month at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy, with lots of exciting learning taking place, both inside and outside of the classroom.

## Year 6 End of Key Stage Tests

We are extremely proud of the effort and commitment that our Year 6 pupils demonstrated as they took their end of Key Stage Tests last month. All of the children worked incredibly hard and gave their all both during the run up to the testing week and throughout the week itself. All of the children felt proud of what they achieved, and it was lovely to see them working in support of one another throughout the week.

To celebrate their achievements, Year six have enjoyed visits to the local beach, taking part in sand sculpting activities as well as enjoying an ice cream and they are looking forward to their exciting events programme in July to ensure that their remaining weeks in the academy are filled with special memories.

## Year 5 Bikeability Training



We were delighted to be able to offer a group of our Year 5 pupils the opportunity to undertake Bikeability training, aimed at equipping them with the skills to ride more safely and considerately. We

are very grateful to Outspoken Training, who provided very enjoyable and informative sessions for the children involved. All of the pupils had fun taking part and left the course with a greater understanding of how to ride more safely.

## Mental Health Awareness Week

Last month, we celebrated Mental Health Awareness week by working in collaboration with our local Mental Health Support Team to teach the children about the different feelings that we all experience from day to day and some tips for times when feelings become difficult to manage. Special assemblies also promoted the importance of sharing worries with trusted people. We finished the week by taking part in the nationwide 'Wear it Green Day' to highlight the importance of taking care of our mental health.

## EYFS Superhero Project

Our youngest children in EYFS have been learning about the special people who help us in our community – our real-life Superheroes! They enjoyed a visit from Simon, a local Paramedic, who told the children all about his role. The children really enjoyed looking at some of the special equipment that he uses and seeing his ambulance! We were also lucky enough to receive a visit from a local Police Officer PC Dave Haworth, who told the children all about their jobs and showed them around their special vehicles. We are delighted to hear that lots of our reception pupils would now like to become Paramedics or Police Officers when they grow up!

## Year 4 Orienteering Workshops

To support their learning in Geography, Year 4 enjoyed a visit from Active Outdoor Education. They worked together to learn how to use a compass to set a simple bearing and how to measure distances by pacing. They then had the opportunity to use these newly acquired skills in a special orienteering challenge.

## Year 1 Medieval Day

In Year 1, our children concluded their learning about castles by enjoying a special Medieval Day. The children have been learning about the different types of castles and comparing and contrasting their features.

During the Medieval Day, history was brought to life as the children dressed as someone who might have lived or worked in a castle.



They had fun learning about the different roles that people might have taken and even tried their hand at Medieval dancing and games and listened to some traditional music. The children finished the afternoon in style with a Medieval Banquet, served by Medieval Servants (their teachers!). This special event brought together all of the history learning from across the half term and the children really enjoyed finding out about life in a Medieval castle!

## Golden Mile Challenge

We are currently taking part in the Ormiston Trust Golden Mile Challenge, which is encouraging schools to have the highest percentage of pupils taking part in walking as many miles as possible. All of our children are involved in this event and parents and carers are also welcome to come along to join in the fun after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Tesco Token Collection

We were delighted to hear that our application to Tesco for funding towards the next phase of our Woodland Walk project has been successful at the first stage. This means that in four local Tesco stores, our appeal is being highlighted by the token boxes over the next few weeks. We would be enormously grateful if anyone earning tokens in the relevant Tesco stores could donate their tokens, using one of the four Cliff Park Woodland Walk appeal stations!

## U11 Boys Football

Our U11 boys' football team recently played the Great Yarmouth Schools' Cup semi-final against Caister. They played brilliantly and ran out 6-1 winners. This means that they will play in both the league and the cup final later this month, having already finished first in the South League. We



are so proud of the children and their achievements; it has been a very successful year which has so far seen them go unbeaten and win eight out of their nine fixtures across the borough.

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Things were going OK in the shop, no dramas, and the events were going well. But we did not see what was coming round the corner. The horrible monster was of course COVID!

It was a slow build-up before we had to close properly, but about two weeks before the date, trade started to go down and I started to get a bad feeling about it. Then the bombshell news we did not see coming, we were going to have to close for three months.

I kept thinking, three months, what's the point we might as well close for good. It was a nightmare thing to deal with. I remember closing the shop door and thinking now what, how do we manage for money, can we pay the rent or our suppliers?

We got home and to be honest I was not in a great place. How could this happen just when things were going well. Luckily, son Mark saw things with a younger head and said "Dad, let's go online or at least give it a go". I was never a fan of online, as I thought it was the death knell of the High Street. But over the next couple of weeks, we got in touch with our suppliers who were more than happy to help, and Mark set up our online shopping site.

The house became a warehouse, and you know what? The orders trickled in at first, and then they started to really come in. I could not believe it, then we had the good news that the government were going to help us with some grants. I started to relax a bit and could see a way back. And in the meantime, I discovered we had a garden which I could relax in as the weather was fantastic.

I was being taught online and the High Street *could* live together. After the three months away we could open again, and the footfall was fantastic, also the online kept up too. But this was all too shortlived as it wasn't long before we had to lockdown again, but at least this time we were prepared. It was only a month this time and when we got back, we all wore masks and only allowed a certain amount of people in the shop at any time. Once again footfall and takings were well up, and the online was still doing well to the point we now sell all over the world.

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# GORLESTON CLIFFTOP FESTIVAL 2

## INNOVATIVE LITTER ARCADE TO MAKE A SPLASH AT GORLESTON CLIFFTOP FESTIVAL 2023

The Clifftop Festival committee is thrilled to announce an exciting new addition to this year's festival line-up: the Litter Arcade by Precious Plastic East. Inspired by Yarmouth's arcades, the Litter Arcade transforms arcade favourites like the penny pusher to incorporate plastic litter. With its innovative approach and engaging gameplay, the Litter Arcade promises to captivate festival-goers of all ages and contribute to the festival's environmental objectives of maintaining a clean and tidy clifftop area.



"We are constantly on the lookout for new and exciting experiences to keep our festival fresh and the community engaged," said Event Manager, Vicky Webber. "The Litter Arcade is a perfect fit for our goals, providing an interactive and educational gaming experience that encourages festival attendees to actively participate in the responsibility for our local environment."

A Precious Plastic East initiative, the Litter Arcade transforms the mundane task of cleaning into an enjoyable adventure, inspiring children to get involved in keeping their surroundings litter-free. Equipped with Precious Plastic East' litter pickers, young participants embark on a fun quest to discover hidden litter treasures scattered throughout the clifftop area.

Organiser of the Precious Plastic East Litter Arcade, Dan Harper said: "We're thrilled to bring the Litter Arcade to the Gorleston Clifftop Festival. Our recent involvement at the

First Light Festival and the East Point Pavilion beer festival have shown the positive impact the Litter Arcade has on minimizing post-event litter. We're confident that this collaboration will leave a lasting impression on festival-goers and contribute to a cleaner, more sustainable future."

Integrating the Litter Arcade into the Clifftop Festival aims to treat festival visitors to an entertaining real-world gaming experience while simultaneously promoting environmental awareness. This collaboration between Precious Plastic East and the Clifftop Festival will undoubtedly help foster environmental consciousness within the festival community. The result is an educational and fun experience for youngsters, that inspires a more sustainable and responsible future for all.

Dan Harper said, "Following on from Litter Arcade's successful 2022 appearances at the First Light Festival and the East Point Pavilion beer festival, I am thrilled that it will now be part of the 2023 Gorleston Clifftop Festival. I am genuinely excited to introduce this immersive experience to festival-goers and to help the festival ensure a clean and tidy clifftop both throughout the festival and after it closes."

To learn more about the remarkable Litter Arcade by Precious Plastic East, please visit their website and follow them on social media channels.

To find out more about the festival get in touch with the committee by emailing [gorlestonclifftopfestival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gorlestonclifftopfestival@hotmail.co.uk) or message via the Gorleston Clifftop Festival Facebook page.

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# Gorleston Grapevine

with Carol Todd



Let's start this month's GG with some absolutely gorgeous baby news.. We welcomed the first Green Grandchild to the family on 3rd April. Gorleston, meet baby Sebastian James Denman-Green. Isn't he just the most adorable baby? He arrived four weeks earlier than due date, weighing in a healthy 7lb 3oz and has the most wonderful parents in Sian, Mr & Mrs Green's second child, and her fiance Jimmy. Sebastian's

already been in the office charming us all with his cuteness. I'm currently trying to persuade the boss to let me turn one of our offices into a creche, that'd be so much fun!

My gorgeous friend, Elaine and I spent a wonderful evening "bee-ing" entertained at The Bee Hive recently. A fine wine tasting evening hosted by Tim from Gorleston's Via Vigna and treatments of our choice provided by the wonderfully talented Beena Chauhan. We were treated



to glasses of Spumante, white, rose and red wines to smell, taste and rate 1 to 5. Tim told us all about the history and the wineries

near his family's home in Southern Italy. So wonderful to meet new people, enjoy great company and delicious nibbles. This is the first of many VIP evenings they'll be hosting together, so do get in touch to book in for the next one, as spaces are very limited. You can follow both Via Vigna and The Bee Hive on Facebook. If you're interested in having a small social event at The Bee Hive (doesn't have to be wine tasting) then do get in touch with Beena. We even got a fabulous goodie bag to take home, thanks to The Bee Hive on Bells Road. Have to say I slept like a baby that night, so relaxed!

If beer and ciders are more your thing, then great news for you as The Thirsty Crow is now doing takeaways. You take in a bottle, or they have 2 pint ones available for only 30p. You'll even get 10% off the beers/ciders of your choice. Why not have your own tasting event, take back home and enjoy. Perfect if you're having friends round for dinner, or even a BBQ in the garden.

Another superb fundraising event to go to this month is Rebecca Bentley's "An Afternoon of Song". Rebecca's mum, Lorraine, was very poorly, and at one time it was very touch and go with her outcome.



However, after a successful liver transplant, I'm delighted to report that Lorraine, is back to full health. Rebecca wanted to give back and say a massive "Thank You" to the Liver Department by raising much needed funds. You can make a

donation at the concert or there's a pot at Oddfellows should you be popping by for a refreshment.

So what's been happening around our lovely town recently? There's been some healthy debate about "No Mow May" and the embankments down at the beach now blossoming with beautiful wild flowers, encouraging more insects and bees to the area. Some of you are not happy about this at all, while others are in support of leaving the wild look. According to the Natural History Museum, flying insect populations in the UK have declined by a staggering 60% in the last 20 years due to fragmented habits and rising temperatures, so surely we should be doing all we can to help rectify? I suppose we'll never please everyone. However, shouldn't we be more concerned about the stolen moped set on fire in the fabulous "Yesterday" shelter that local artist Greater Than created with the help of our community?? That's certainly a blooming eyesore!! I'm sure some assessments will need to be made before redecoration to see if the shelter supports have been completely damaged. So disappointing and hope the culprits are caught. The old shoe shop on Bells Road is soon to be a private home. Budgens Fish shop has been taken over by Willow Tree Stores as a storage unit. Kier Construction are working on restoring Riverside Road, just up from the Pilots offices. Gabions filled with recycled stone, crushed concrete will support the river bed and road, once dug out properly. Have a jolly fantastic July! If I can help with anything, please do get in touch, ctodd@eegreen.co.uk. Keep up to date with us on Facebook follow E.E. Green, L.G. Perfect MOT, Service & Repair Centre, Folkes Plant & Aggregates and Major Demolition.

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