

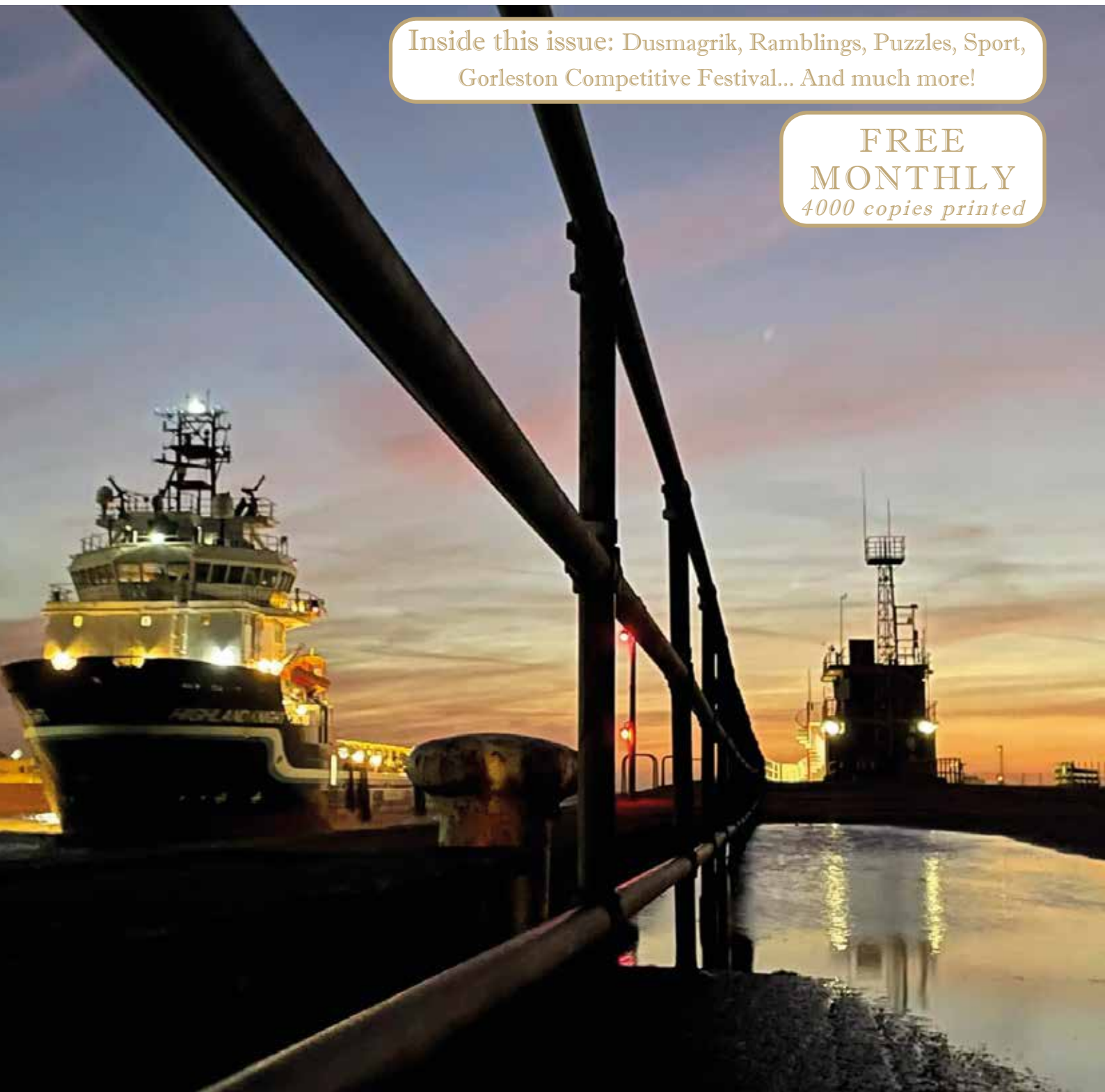
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# Hello Gorleston!



Welcome to Issue 54 of YOUR award-winning, free community magazine.



It's that time of year again when we remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives for the freedom of others. Thinking of the poppy, and all it symbolises, made me think of the past and history in general, whether it be personal, regional, national or worldwide. There is so much to be proud of when you look back through history, but also much that can shame us as individuals, as a nation and indeed as the human race. But that does not mean I believe in the current "cancel culture", "cancelling" people or events that do not live up to 21st century standards, particularly with the luxury of hindsight. It is said that you can

learn more from your mistakes and failures than from successes, and similar can be said about history. But, as German philosopher Georg Hegel said, "The only thing that we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history." So, rather than removing books, statues, names and events from society and our history lessons, and trying to erase all sign of them from the history books, instead shouldn't we be reminded of the past, in the hope that the mistakes and failures of the past will not be repeated. We need to learn from them so that we build a better present and future, and so that future generations will be more informed, will remember and learn from the mistakes of the past, and will reap the benefits of a more peaceful society.

World War I was supposedly "The War to End All Wars"(HG Wells), but only 21 years later there was World War II. Sadly war and conflict is a constant in the world, and our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are affected by war or conflict in any way.

Are there really any winners when it comes to war? That is a debate for another day, but we do know there will always be losers and those whose lives are lost or irreparably damaged. **We will remember them.**

**So, look to the future, with an eye on the past,  
and we'll meet again in December.**



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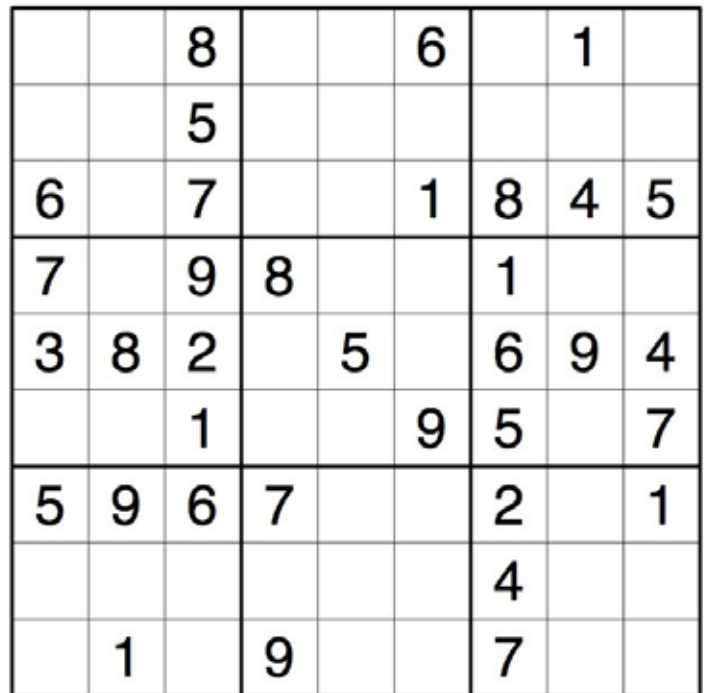
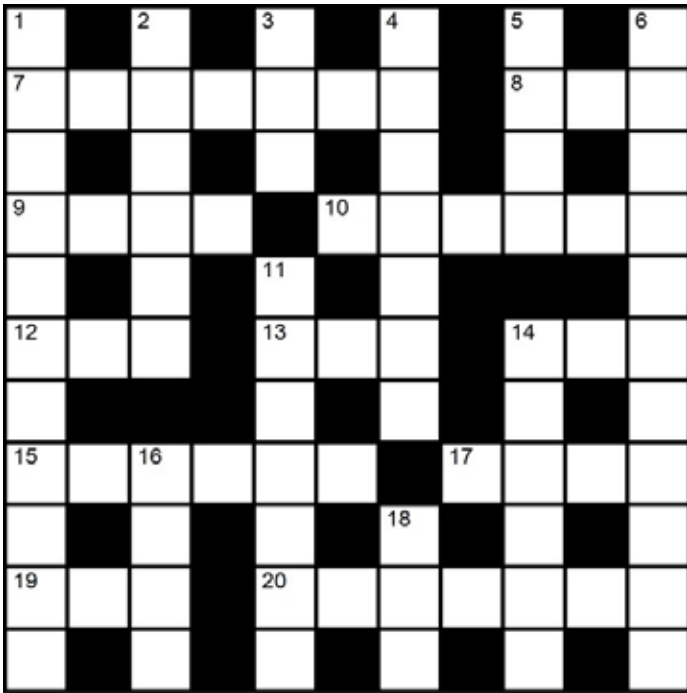
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# Coffee Time 1



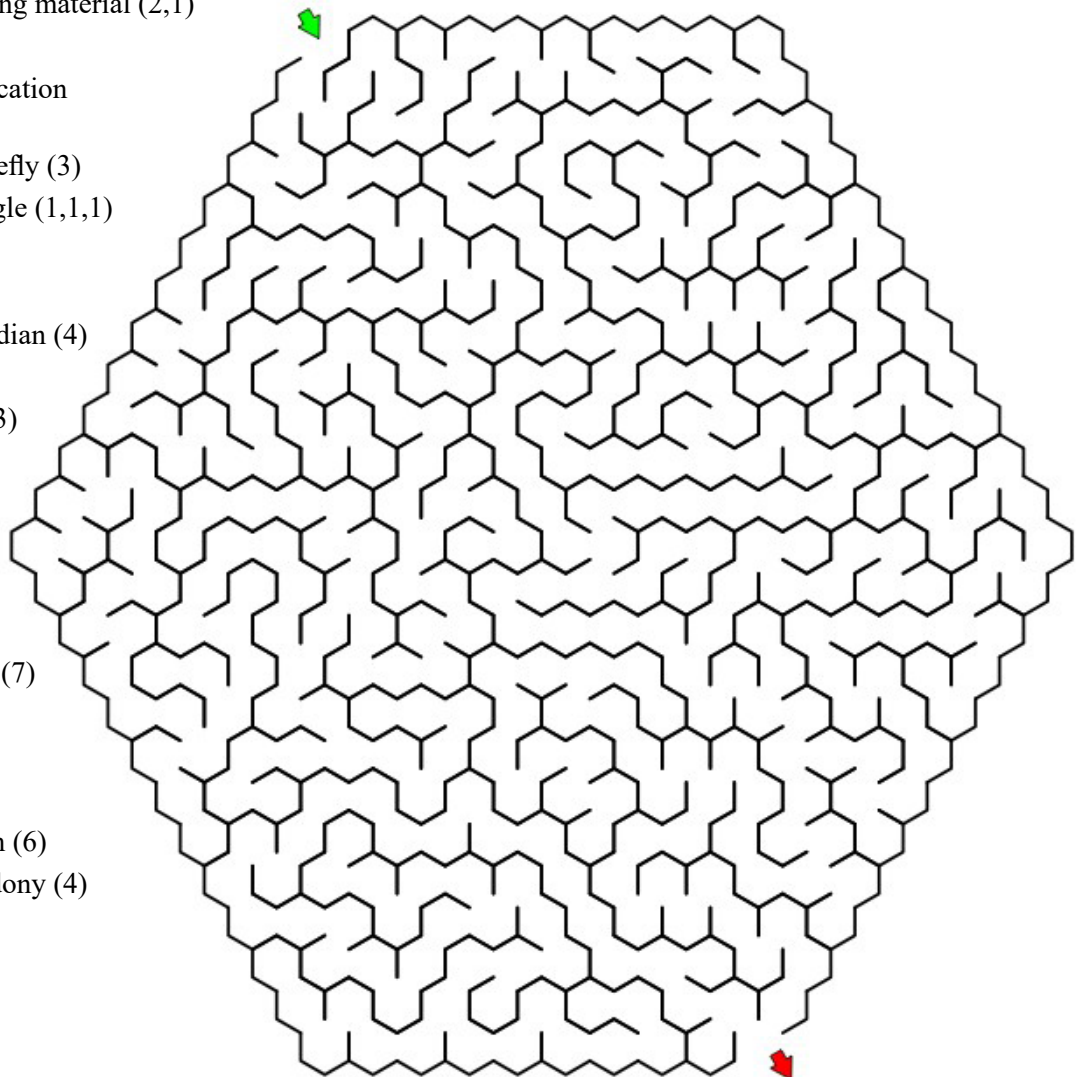
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# In The Interregnum

*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 John Kinchin-Smith, member of the ministry team at St Andrew's**



“Remember, remember, the fifth of November, Gunpowder treason and plot. I see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot.”

November is a month for remembering. It begins and ends in sombre mood, reflecting the season. All Souls' Day on 2nd November is a time when the Christian Church has traditionally commemorated the faithful departed, and is therefore

brought to reflect upon human mortality. November ends this year in the season of Advent when the Church traditionally begins its penitential time of preparation for Christmas with reflection upon 'The four last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell', hardly themes to bring cheer or to lift spirits! Between All Souls' and Advent Sunday, the Church and nation commemorate Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, and once again we are reminded not only of the courage and sacrifice of the fallen, but also that the causes of war, its horror and suffering, lie within the human heart itself.

These reflections upon mortality are particularly appropriate when memories of the death of Queen Elizabeth II and her funeral are still fresh. For many, the Queen's death brought back memories of other loved ones departed. Every funeral brings not only grief, but also thanksgiving for all that was noble and good in the life of the departed, for all the love they shared and the happiness they knew. But the death of a loved one also reminds us of our own mortality, and that the day will come when we shall have to give account for the way we have lived our lives. Some find it easier to convince themselves that this is the only life there is. But, "Let us eat and drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die" is hardly an attitude that brings hope, consolation or meaning!

November, however, actually begins in the Christian Church with the festival of All Saints' on 1st November, a festival of celebration that focuses on the lives of those whose lives have been marked by self-giving, sacrifice, generosity and love. The season of Advent itself is also a celebration of hope with its focus upon the dawn breaking into the darkness of the world with the coming of Jesus Christ both at Christmas and at the end of time. Indeed, all these themes are far from contradictory. The joyfulness of the Christian life is that it doesn't refuse to face the realities of sin, suffering and death, but faces them head-on with the facts of God's self-giving love shown in the person of Jesus Christ and the experience of that love in human hearts. I

have been moved over and over again by the peace with which Christian believers have faced enormous personal suffering or their own approaching death.

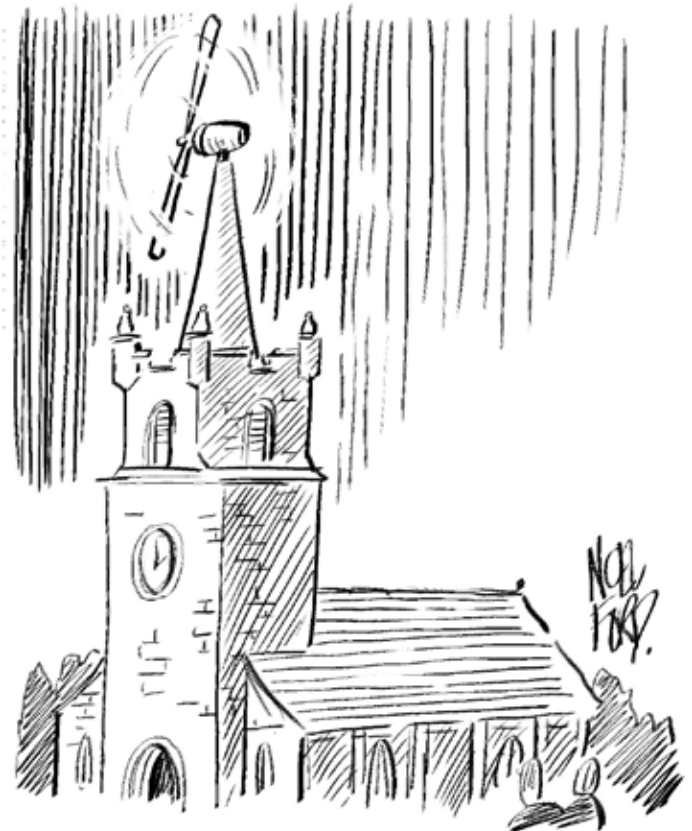
Indeed, if we cannot affirm that truth and love will one day prevail, and that life can be lived in the joyful awareness that God's love holds us both in life and also in death, then what sense can we make of it? Why not come and share these themes with us in church during November!

## 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:

Father of all, we remember with thanksgiving those whom we love but see no longer; and we pray that in them your perfect will may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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# Ormiston Herman Academy

Providing a rich and stimulating curriculum is an extremely high priority at Ormiston Herman Academy. As well as delivering an excellent academic program, we provide a varied range of activities including sports, music, drama and the arts. Here are some of things we have been up to within the last month.

## International Literacy Day

On Thursday 8th September, we celebrated International Literacy Day. International Literacy Day recognises that it is EVERYONE's human right to be able to read and write. To celebrate the day, we shared stories with each other - the older children visited the younger children and completed writing activities which included letter-writing; creating comic strips and designing book covers.



## Roald Dahl Day

On Wednesday 13th September, we celebrated Roald Dahl Day. Each year group focused on a classic Roald Dahl book and created work to go alongside this. The children enjoyed the day creating pieces of art and writing to go alongside the book they were reading.



## WELLness Wednesday

As part of our commitment to promoting wellness throughout the academy, all children took part in 'Wellness Wednesday' at the beginning of term.

We talked about the importance of looking after ourselves physically as well as mentally.

All children discussed their worries, and common worries will be addressed in classes.

The academy is also taking part in a pilot project with charity 'Lifting Limits' which aim to encourage children to challenge gender stereotypes. Over the course of the year children will take part in assemblies and lessons where they are taught to think about the 'gender lens' and challenge society.

## Enriching Lifestyles with Visitors!

Our 'Robotic Energy' group were extremely lucky and appreciative of their visit from Kerry and Heidi. Experts, from GYBC Rangers and Recycling, came in to chat with the group about their eco invention and helped them to build their prototype! The children got to share their ideas with people in the know and how it could make an impact on our world. Thank you to Kerry and Heidi for coming to visit and supporting the group



During our Lions Roar Inventors group, we were very lucky to have two Community Champions from Great Yarmouth Tesco who came to talk to our Einstein Engineers about their creative invention. The young inventors talked about their amazing tech gadget and how they planned



for it to help shoppers to navigate supermarkets, aimed at shoppers with additional learning or physical needs, people with dementia and those who find it difficult being in busy places. The Tesco's Champions brought along a map of the store to help the group with their planning and talked through all their ideas. Einstein Engineers would like to thank them for sharing their time to help them.

## Marvellous Chefs in the making!

Miss Manifold and Mrs Parmenter are running cooking this term, as part of our enrichment program! This week the children were making pizzas. The pizzas looked and smelt delicious and made some children very happy.



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# Hair We Are



with Kevin Huggins  
Owner of Fusion Hair  
Consultants and  
Chairman of the  
Gorleston Traders Association

Here we are now, well into Autumn and dare I say it Christmas looms just around the corner. It really has been a hard

few years for the people of Gorleston. First, we obviously had the Covid situation which lasted a good two years and caused mayhem to public life, obviously not just in Gorleston but everywhere. However, the constant road closures in the area have only hit Gorleston, what with Beccles Road and Burgh Road virtually completely closed we now have to deal with High Road being closed. The signage put up by the road authorities and Anglian Water really have not done us as a town any favours at all. The High Street was never closed, and businesses were trading as normal, but all the signs said High Street closed! The signs down the south end of the High Street, outside Lloyds bank, were totally out of order and were dangerous, making people heading North up the High Street to travel on the wrong side of the road, causing serious danger, especially to the taxis outside the Feathers PH, who pulled out of their rank to turn left. We also have our beloved football team at Gorleston, now without a home and playing first team games at Crown Meadow Lowestoft, with all the other clubs attached to Gorleston playing everywhere in the borough, so all in all not a great situation for our beloved town now. So we all thought, that's "Visit Great Yarmouth", "Gt Yarmouth Council" and our own Gorleston Traders Association, that for the first time in 3 years we needed to make Gorleston special this year at Christmas and return to having a spectacular 3 days in Gorleston to celebrate the opening of the Christmas season. Therefore, this blog is going to turn all the bad news into a positive tale for Gorleston, its community hub and hopefully all the traders in the area. Don't forget Gorleston Traders Association is what it says, not just the High Street but for any trader in the Gorleston area. This year a 3 day spectacular is being planned on Friday 18th November, Saturday 19th November and finally Sunday 20th November with the lights switch on at 5:00pm and finally the grand fireworks display from the cinema roof at around 6:00pm.

Firstly, let me thank Visit Great Yarmouth / GYTABIA who have funded the event and helped to bring you Gorleston Christmas Fair and Switch on.

Picture the scene... twinkly lights scattered in the trees, the comforting smells of hot chocolate, cinnamon and gingerbread wafting through the air and a magical festive atmosphere that can only be found at Christmas. If you would like your business to be part of the scene, we are

delighted to accept applications for our 2022 Christmas in Gorleston Market, as part of our Christmas in the Parks. Taking place in the beautiful Priory Gardens, located just off the High Street, over the long weekend of 18th to 20th November, we are offering small businesses the opportunity to sell their wares by applying for the use of one of our festival wooden chalets or space for their own gazebo/trailer/wagon. What is on offer? Costs below are shown for the full 3 days of the market. This is to ensure the market looks great and appealing to customers for the duration. Sunday is available as a standalone day and details are also included below.

- Wooden Chalet (3m x 3m) at £150. There are 12 festive chalets available and include Christmas decorations to the top ledge.
  - Bring your own gazebo space (3m x 3m) at £100. We provide the space, you provide the gazebo. Please note: if hiring space for a gazebo, these may not be practical if adverse weather is forecast.
  - Trail/wagon space at £11.50 per square metre.
  - Electricity supply at £20.
  - Lighting at £10 per pitch.
  - Sunday trading only available at £11.50 per square metre.
- All traders are required to provide their own stall and all pitches will be allocated along the High Street.

Application forms are available from me at [kevin@fusionhair.org.uk](mailto:kevin@fusionhair.org.uk) or by visiting the website on <https://www.visitgreatyarmouth.co.uk/whats-on/christmas/gorleston-christmas-market>

Christmas in Gorleston will be promoted via the following channels: Christmas in Gorleston and other Christmas pages will feature on the Great Yarmouth Tourism website, [www.visitgreatyarmouth.co.uk](http://www.visitgreatyarmouth.co.uk), which received over 110,900 page views during October to December 2021. Successful stallholders will be given a free web listing on our Christmas in Gorleston website page. The stallholder's listing will include a short description of what they are selling, contact details and display up to 10 images. Promotion will be on our social media platforms (GYBC and Everything Great Yarmouth) including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Other marketing material as deemed appropriate including banners and posters.

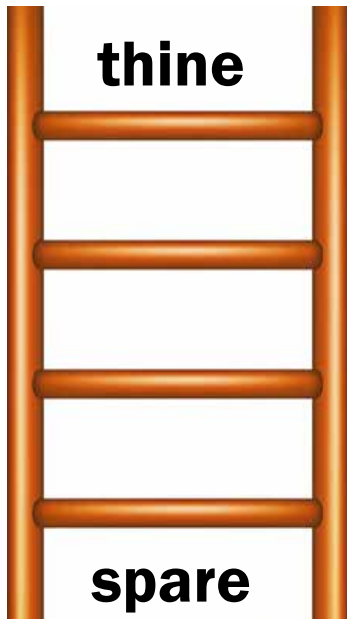
Christmas in Gorleston Market in Priory Gardens will be open on Friday 18th November through to Sunday 20th November 2022. Operating hours will be 10am to 4pm. Stalls placed on Gorleston High Street are encouraged to trade throughout Sunday evening for the Gorleston Christmas lights switch on which will take place at 5pm.

Enjoy the event, people and traders of Gorleston and let's have a great Christmas season, we might even have some more roads open then!!



## 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	TH	RE	AT
2	ST		AM
3	AP		AL
4	EX		RT
5	AC		ON
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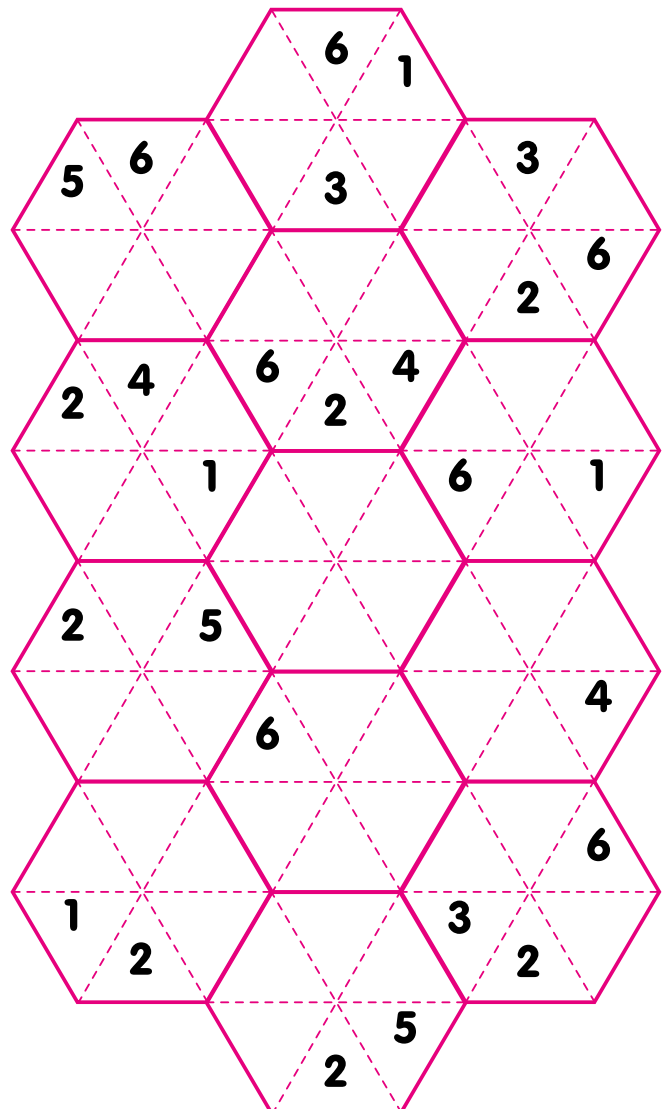
## Caught in the middle

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

bread	.....	takes it all
photo	.....	line
class	.....	stations
grand	.....	dunk
out	.....	out

## 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.





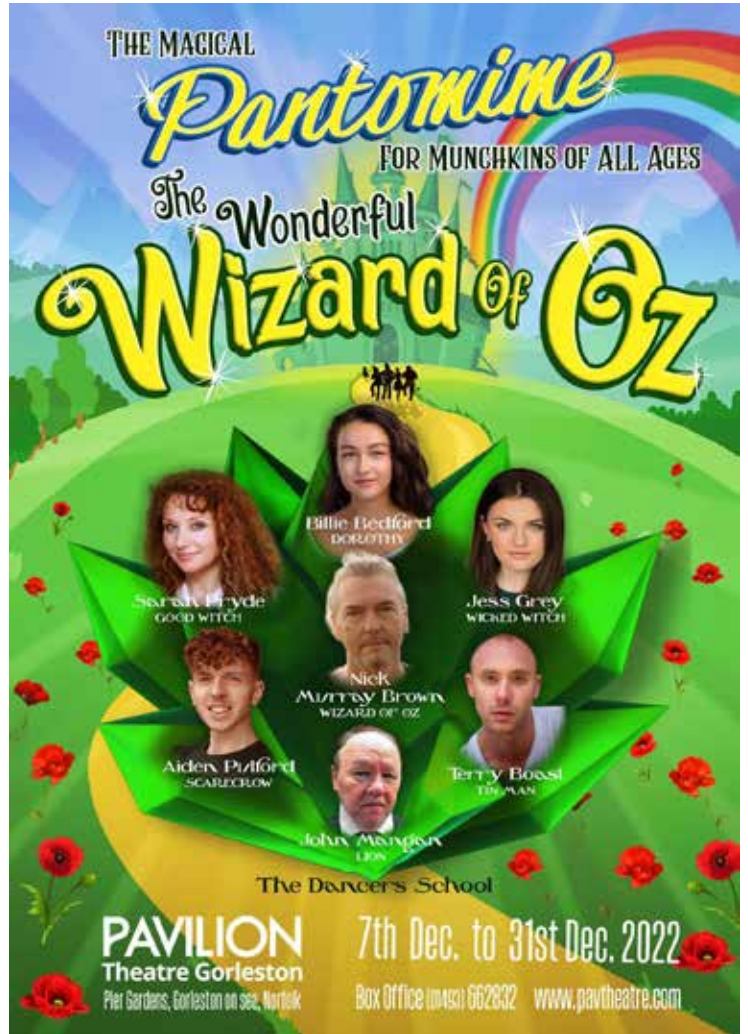
# Panto News? "Oh Yes It Is!"

HE'S SO VERSATILE



Nick Murray Brown is probably one of the most versatile actors around. This Christmas he is playing the title role in The Wonderful Wizard of Oz at the Pavilion Theatre in Gorleston. Not only the Wizard however but also Hank a Texan cowboy, Professor Houlihan an Irish medicine man and the Wizard, accent not decided yet.

Nick was born and bred in Lowestoft and was educated at the Pakefield Primary School. This school specialised in the Arts, music, acting and puppetry. This is where he learned to play clarinet. Subsequently he learned the piano, guitar and the accordion which he will be playing this Christmas in pantomime. His first acting job was



with Eastern Angles, playing an Archaeologist in "Fields". He hasn't stopped since. His favourite parts are Fagin in the musical "Oliver" and George III in a play called "In the Ruins" set in Windsor Castle.

This is Nick's 6th pantomime for Ohyesitiz Productions, but he has never played Dame. However he played the Headmistress in "Daisy Pulls It Off" (pictured left). That's what I call versatility. Join him on the yellow brick road to Oz this Christmas.

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# Gorleston FC



Gorleston are still waiting to pick up their first points of the season with six league games already gone.



*Christy Finch fires in Gorlestons goal v Coggeshall*

The Greens visited Brentwood Town but returned with a 3-0 defeat. They then bowed out of the FA Trophy losing to Coggeshall Town 6-7 on penalties after the game ended 1-1.

Chairman Jamie Humphries then decided that changes needed to be made so removed Scott Butler from the role of manager with Darren Cockrill placed

in temporary charge. His first game was against Bury Town where two soft penalties gave Bury the victory.

Next up, Lowestoft Town were the visitors to their own ground.

In front of a crowd of 549, the Greens gave themselves a mountain to climb almost straight from kick off as Lowestoft took the lead in the second minute. Nine minutes later Connor Deeks was penalised for a handball in the box and Lowestoft made it 2-0 from the penalty spot.



*Man of the match v Bury was Kanu Maxwell Ibenne*

One of his first tasks was to sign Henry Pollock on loan from Lowestoft.

November sees three games for the Greens two of which are at home against sides in the bottom half of the table.

Gorleston Reserves drew 3-3 with Thorpe St Andrew, Joe Corby scoring twice and Sam Wooldridge getting the other. Next they thumped Wells Town, 7-1 (Ross Gilfedder (3), Harrison Hall (2), Jack Cottingham, Kyle Ingram).

Bungay Town then beat the Reserves 1-0 before the Greens second string drew 2-2 with Fakenham Reserves (Sam Ellis, Harrison Hall).

Gorleston Under 18s were knocked out of the FA Youth Cup losing 2-3 on penalties to Mulbarton Wanderers after the game finished 1-1. In the league they have played three won three beginning with two 7-3 victories.

The first was against Kirkley and Pakefield with Bernardo Carneiro (2), Lewis Wing (2), Tyler Cutts, Tyler Hall and an OG making up the goals. In their next match, Bungay Town suffered the same fate. Carneiro scored five and Tyler Hall two. They then beat Diss 2-1 (Carneiro and Harrison Hall).

Gorleston Womens team have played two won two in the league so far.

They beat Mulbarton Reserves 4-2 (Hazel Saddington (2), Chloe Dobson, Joana Teixeira) then North Walsham 8-1 (Megan Bartlett (2), Sienna Saunders(2), Joana Teixeira (2), Kelsi Adams, Nyah White).

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 over £70 in prize money in September. 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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*Robbie Sweeney trying a trick v Lowestoft*



*Connor Ingram shoots over v Lowestoft*

Hope arrived in the 25th minute when Connor Ingram pulled a goal back. However, just ten minutes later, they went three one down. Three more Lowestoft goals in the second half made the final score Gorleston 1 Lowestoft 6.



Those second half goals caused Gorleston to sink to the bottom of the table on goal difference.

The Chairman then decided to make Darren Cockrill (left), the manager on a permanent basis.

November Fixtures				
Date	Time	Competition	Team	Opponents (Home/Away)
3rd	7:45pm	League	Under 18s	Wroxham (A)
5th	3pm	League	First Team	Witham Town (A)
6th	2pm	League	Womens	FC Viking Valkyries (A)
12th	3pm	League	First Team	Gt Wakering Rovers (H)
13th	2pm	League	Womens	Freethorpe (Mill Lane)
20th	2pm	League	Womens	Thorpe St Andrew (A)
26th	3pm	League	First Team	Tilbury (H)
27th	2pm	League	Womens	Horsford (A)
Reserves fixtures not known at time of writing				



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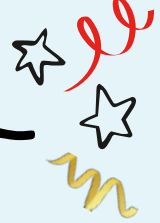
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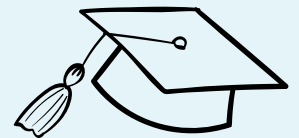


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The group connected their work to 3 Eco-Schools topics of Energy, Waste, Healthy Living.

Activities included implementing new recycling bins across the site, taking part in the beach litter clean up, attending a sustainability conference with other schools sharing best practice around sustainability in education. In addition, all curriculum areas integrated a sustainable topic into their lessons during the academic year.

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "Earning an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award takes passion, commitment and a desire to make a difference. The students should be proud of their great work. They're an inspiration



*ENSFC Principal, Dr Catherine Richards  
with Eco-Schools Green Flag*

and it makes us feel heartened and positive about the future of our planet."

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# Gorleston Library

## Library Services Events

**Mondays** Bounce and Rhyme – 1-1.30pm (Under 5's songs and rhymes-drop in)

**Tuesdays** Mini Movers – 10.30 – 11.30am (pre-school music and play – drop in)

Writing Group – Last Tuesday of the month – 4-530 quiet writing time/530-7 group discussion

**Wednesday** Just a Cuppa – 10am – 12 all welcome, Bounce and Rhyme 10.30-11 & 1-1.30pm

Gorleston Library Craft Group 2-4pm Carnegie Room (bring your own crafts-all welcome)

**Thursday** Lego Time– 3-5pm (Young children must be supervised at all times)

Learn My Way – Digital online learning for beginners 4-6pm & **Saturday** 11am-1 drop in

**Saturday** Children's Crafts 10.30am – 12 (all ages) – please book your place in advance

Family Learning Sessions for 0-5's – ask in library for details

**Sunday** First of the month-Adult drawing and art group 12-2pm

Norfolk reading pathway information drop in  
10/11/22 5-7PM

If you/someone you know struggles with reading, pop in to find out how we can help.

### Gorleston Library Friends presents:

7<sup>th</sup> November – GLF Children's Storytime and creative activities, 11-12pm in the children's area.

30<sup>th</sup> November – Simon Partridge, Director of how Hill Trust, will give a talk:  
Introduction to the Victorians.  
2pm in the pavilion room,  
£2 entry and refreshments afterwards.

### Employment help (drop-in services)

Tuesday Chances – 2-4pm (18+)

Wednesday Future Projects 11-1pm (25+)

Friday Dial – Money + Debt advice 2-5PM

Dial employment services 9-1PM

For information on eligibility and resources available please pick up a leaflet at Gorleston Library.

## Non-Library run events/activities

### Adult Learning

Enrol at:

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/adult-learning](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/adult-learning)

(Ask library staff if you need help)

### Floristry for Wellbeing

Christmas themed – 3 week course  
1/11/22-15/11/22 – Tues 6-8PM

### Soon to be parents

Different topic each week  
10/11/22-8/12/22 Thursdays 1-2:30PM

Stop Motion Animation-  
Photography for beginners  
8/11/22-12/12/22 Tues 2-4pm

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### Pencil Art group

(Hosted by EN6th form college)  
16/11/22 – 4:15-5:15PM

Book online via  
Norfolk Libraries  
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Ages 7-10



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# Ormiston Venture Academy

Ormiston Venture Academy supports Macmillan Cancer Support with coffee and cake sale

Ormiston Venture Academy, which is part of Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), welcomed their community for an exciting bake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

During the day, hundreds of cakes were made and brought into the academy for a bake sale which took place during break time. The event had been organised by the Union of Venture Students, who decided that because this was a cause close to their hearts, they wanted to raise awareness of the outstanding work and support the charity offers.

The academy also opened up for those in the community to join staff members and students at the end of the day for coffee and cake in the Learning Resource Centre, where they were treated to some of the finest cakes available – including extra special home baked brownies.

Everyone at Ormiston Venture Academy is incredibly grateful to all of the students and their families who donated cakes for the event and were very proud to raise over a hundred pounds that will go towards supporting an important cause.

Ian McNally, Assistant Principal at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

*“It was fantastic to see our students, staff and community join together for such an incredible charity that means so much to so many. The effort and commitment our community has gone to providing and baking cakes is tremendous, and we thank them dearly.”*





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# Life Afloat

by Patricia West, who continues her reminiscences...



And so back to the marina “ the Arsenal de l’Pleasant”. After making full use of the facilities we set off to do the tourist bit. It’s a cliché I know but there is something about Paris. It’s on the breeze, in the air, the smells and wonderful sights.

It was Adrian’s first visit and we happily allowed him to tramp us all over the city. In the evening we wandered through Montmartre climbing ever higher to the Sacre Coeur of Paris joining the crowds on the steps of the basilica gazing at the lights spread out below. Then time for a special alfresco supper a thank-you from the skipper to his crew. At 2.00 am we began the long walk back to Pillage and sat together one last time, watching the moon slowly fade and the sun’s round disk nudge itself over the horizon.

We were pleased Adrian had reached his destination unscathed and would soon be joining his young friends for their pre-arranged holiday. With his growing knowledge, youthful enthusiasm and easy manner he had made an excellent first mate. Certainly he’d saved my blushes many times so I was glad to help him pack his few belongings. I smiled affectionately as he carefully wrapped his posh glass and stowed it amongst his socks. Then one last hug and Adrian accompanied by Richard headed for the metro.

Left to myself, too excited to sleep, I began thinking ahead as it gradually dawned that with Adrian gone I was now First Mate. Oh dear!

Within an hour the skipper was back, hot showers were on offer and the whole of Paris was waiting. Climbing aboard Richard said... “Finally It’s Just Us” - I replied - “Alone At Last! “ as I struggled to stifle a giggle. Suddenly it all seemed so funny. Richard caught my mood and began to chuckle. Wave after wave engulfed us and we clung to each other helpless to stop. Each time I attempted to speak we started off again. Why were we laughing? Slowly wet faced and breathless we grew calm as the sound of our happiness filled the boat.

First stop was the amazing wonders of Notre Dame. Then the Louvre to see The Mona Lisa, Leonardo da Vinci’s masterpiece painted in 1503. Enthralled we continued to linger staring hard as Mona Lisa stared straight back at us, just as the legend had promised. I did climb to the top of the Eiffel Tower but my bravery only lasted a few minutes. Next a stroll through the beautiful Tuileries where we paused to sip coffee and cognac and watched the world go by.

Reshuffling the budget we extended the holiday, revisiting little restaurants where we beamed happily when the staff remembered our names. On the fifth day we tore ourselves away; my skirts yellow sundress and strappy sandals were put aside as shorts and tee shirts returned. One thing - it was great to go barefoot again.

Moving swiftly and neatly through the marina’s small lock and making a fair job my end Pillage was once again on the Seine heading for the Marne valley.

With the next big lock two hours away I stretched out on the cabin roof for some serious sun bathing. Fifteen minutes in there came a tremendous jolt followed by a loud curse.

Lulled by the relatively quiet stretch of river Richard had nonchalantly guided the tiller with his knees while deeply engrossed reading the map and predictively had hit a sand bank.

First morning and we’d run aground! After several minutes pushing and panting we yielded. Hugging mugs of coffee we waited hopefully for a friendly passing craft which had the time to spare.

Within twenty minutes help was at hand as a black motorised rubber dinghy came foaming towards us it’s sides bearing a sign “Fluvial Gendamerie”..... River Police.

On board were two policemen also dressed in black. Using their ropes and with a loud revving of the dinghy’s engine they swiftly pulled us clear.

The young officers admonished us with wagging fingers but they smiled broadly as they escorted us a couple of hundred yards to check our capability then with a cheery wave they roared off spraying their creamy wake in every direction.

Watching them disappear we were shocked to see a gun was slung from the back of each officer’s belt

Today on television and spread across the newspapers we have sadly become inured to the violence and cruelty around us.

However, in those calmer times the general public had little knowledge of such horrors and certainly if guns were used in England most of us were unaware of it.

Therefore on that Sunday morning in the most peaceful of settings, with the chiming of church bells our only distraction, we had flinched in shock at such a chilling sight.

With effort we put aside what we had seen and recovered the day until at dusk we came into moor beneath the lacy pattern of a large tree.

Lighting the paraffin lamps, listening to our favourite music with supper spread on a red checked cloth we deemed ourselves lucky indeed – but with only a fifth of our journey complete and possibly 300 more locks to face perhaps tomorrow we would find a church and light a candle to St Christopher the patron saint of travellers – just in case.

Next month -  
The days slip by.





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## Our Paget's People Awards Winners

Outstanding achievements, dedication and quality care were celebrated at this year's James Paget University Paget's People awards.

More than 200 guests attended a glittering awards ceremony, held at the Ocean Room, Gorleston, on Friday night 7th October.

This year saw more than 360 nominations from patients, their families and staff for the awards.

Ward Of The Year winners Ward 22 - some of the team (below), who are dressed up for the event, posed in front of our Paget's People backdrop which is a gold yellow with dark purple stars and writing on.

The winners in each category were as follows:

- Ward of the Year: Ward 22 (below)



- Team of the Year - Clinical: Department of Medicine
- Team of the Year - Non Clinical: Cancer Care Navigators
- Employee of the Year: Dr Aban Dasgupta
- Clinical Individual of the Year: Rachel Dance; Maxine Howes
- Non Clinical Individual of the Year: Chris Callow
- Inspiration Award: Dr Vinod Shenoy
- Volunteer of the Year: Casey Shephard
- Apprentice of the Year: Sophie Pegg
- Governors' Award for Outstanding Service: Front Desk Volunteer Team (below)



- Partnership Working Award: Emergency Department
- EDP Gold 'Patients' Choice' Award: Tara Brown and Ricky Berrisford
- Chair and Chief Executive's Commendations: Katie Annison; Joanne Horne

## James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

For the first time, the event featured a Fundraiser of the Year award, which went to joint winners Christopher Liao, Vamsi Velchuru and Lokesh Surparaju, who raised more than £2200 for our hospital charity after completing a London to Brighton cycle ride; and Tara Kent, who scaled England's highest peak on Frontline Workers Day to lead the National Toast to NHS staff and others who worked through the pandemic, raising almost £1000 for our hospital charity in the process.

All the awards were presented by Chief Executive Joanne Segasby and Trust Chair Anna Davidson, with the exception of the Governors' Award which was presented by governor Harry Hicks, and the EDP Gold 'Patients' Choice' award which was presented by Chief Nurse Paul Morris.

Joanne said: "It was fantastic to be able to highlight some of the teams and individuals who have made a real difference to our patients and supported colleagues through what have been some tough times.

"With more than 360 nominations, our Paget's People judges had great difficulty in selecting our finalists and winners, all of whom did something exceptional that was recognised by a colleague, a patient or a family.

"I would like to congratulate all the individuals and teams who made it through to the finals by demonstrating their dedication to patient care and great teamwork."

Anna said: "After a two year gap - and a virtual awards ceremony last year - it was great to be back at the Ocean Room to recognise the exceptional work of some truly remarkable individuals that make us all proud to be part of the James Paget University Hospital team."

"I would like to thank all those involved in organising the event - and all the sponsors for helping us make this year's ceremony so memorable."

Paget's People 2022 was supported by the NHS Ride of Respect, which sponsored the Ward of the Year and Employee of the Year awards; Carl Annison Paving, which sponsored the Clinical Team of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards; John Sitek, who sponsored the Non Clinical Team of the Year award; the Rotary Club of Great Yarmouth Haven, which sponsored the Clinical Individual of the Year award; the Norfolk Broads Lions Club, which sponsored the Inspiration and Apprentice of the Year awards; Farrans, which sponsored our Partnership Working Award; Bradie Hubbard and the team and customers at Tesco in Caister, who sponsored the new Fundraiser of the Year award; Mr Sitek also supported the Chair and Chief Executive commendations, which received a generous donation from RWE.

The ceremony included a three course meal for guests and a disco.



# Kids' Corner

## The Kingdom of God (Matthew 13)

From the Bible - Matthew Ch5

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and when He was seated, His disciples came to Him.

2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3 Blessed are the poor in the spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens!

What did Jesus mean by this?

Well, to be blessed was understood as meaning to be happy, and to be poor in the spirit was either to be helpless or humble before God - in both, recognising the need for God and His help. The Kingdom of heaven, being the place where God dwells, is the place and source of real and true happiness.

Jesus was saying that those who were helpless or humble, who were willing and chose to rely and depend on God, could take heart and be happy, because the Kingdom of heaven was theirs.

Are you humble or feeling helpless? Are you willing to recognise your need of God and His help? Then take heart, the Kingdom of heaven is yours and that is where real and true happiness lies, with God!

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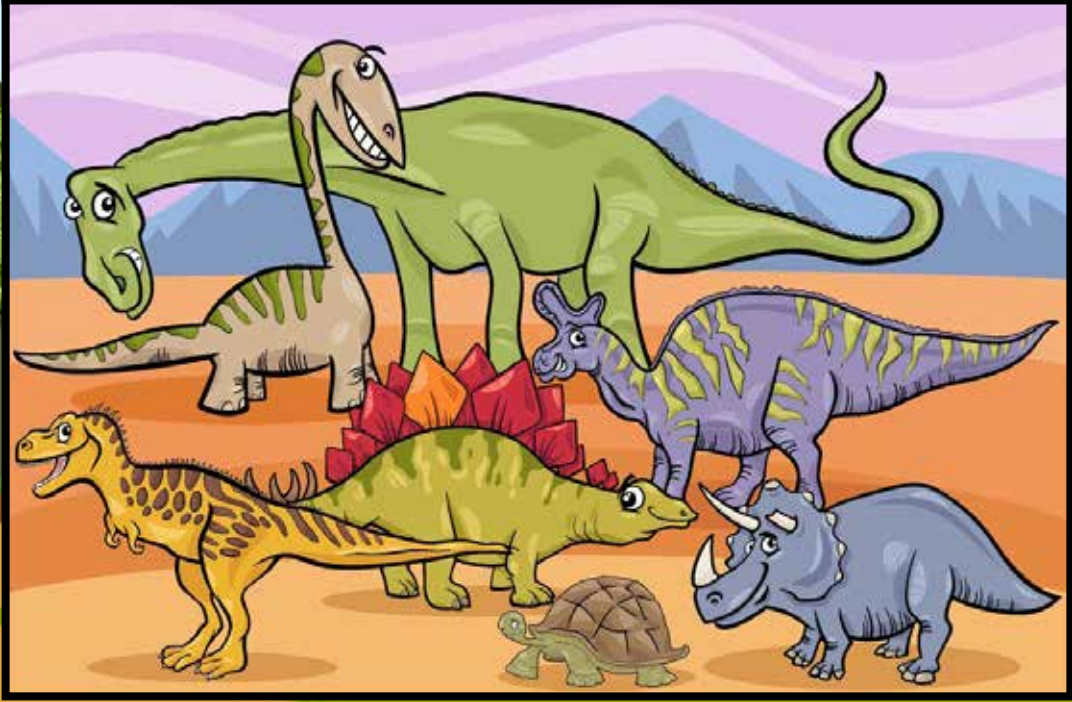
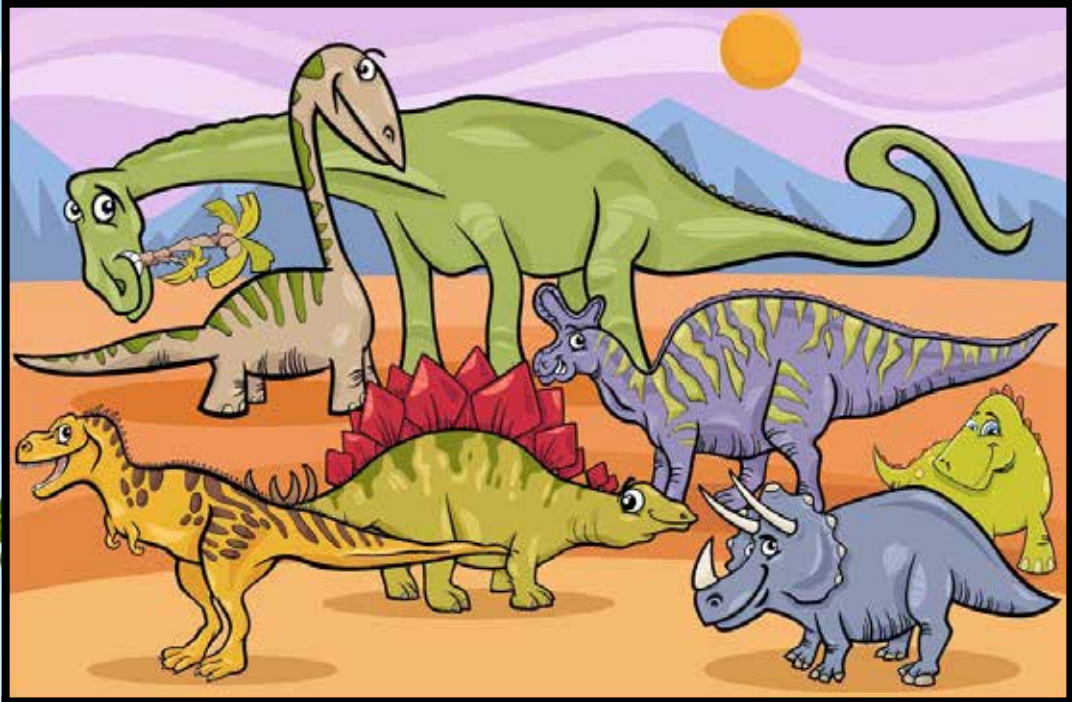
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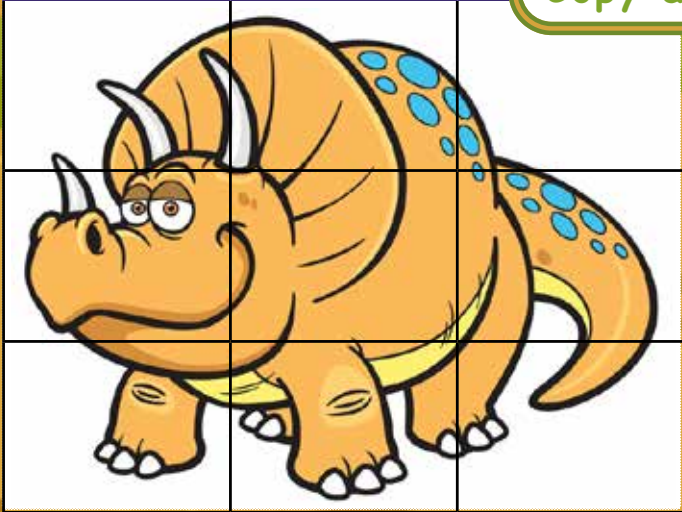
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Can you find 10 differences?



Copy and Colour






# Gorleston Then & Now

by John McBride



This shows Beach Road and Cliff Hill prior to 1920 but after 1905. These dates can be determined from the fact that in the foreground there are tram tracks in Englands Lane which were installed in 1905 and the date the postcard was posted in 1920. The tramlines were removed in 1933. The building in the centre of the junction of Beach Road and Cliff Hill is Brett & Sons - Fish Stores and was still being run by Geo. Brett & Son in 1936 as a fried fish shop according to Kelly's directory. These premises are still in the catering trade today.







# Opening THE Book

with  
Reverend  
John Kinchin-Smith

As we have learnt, the Bible consists of two halves: the Old Testament and the New Testament. (These words also mean Old and New “Covenant”, important concepts we shall explore on another occasion). The Old Testament contains thirty-nine books and historically ends at least 200 years before the birth of Jesus. The New Testament contains twenty-seven books beginning with the four Gospels which give an account of the life and teaching of Jesus. People sometimes ask, “Why do we need the Old Testament? It has much that is hard to understand, strange laws and statutes that seem irrelevant today and some pretty gruesome history. Surely all we need are the teachings of Jesus?”

It is true that the New Testament understands and teaches that the events of Jesus’ life are the most significant and pivotal moment of history. However the New Testament also teaches that Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament – what are known as “The Law” and “The Prophets”. In other words, the whole of the Old Testament points to Jesus. It is therefore impossible to understand who Jesus is, why he came and the significance of his life without the background of the Old Testament. Here is one example, written by the Prophet Isaiah some 600 years before Jesus was born (from chapter 52:13-53:12):

“See, my servant...He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

There are many other reasons why it is important to read the Old Testament. We shall look at some of these next month and also begin to answer the questions, “Then, how should I read the Old Testament and where should I begin?”



# News from The Mag

with  
Reverend Matthew Price



November brings around a season of Remembrance. On Remembrance Sunday itself (this year on 13th November) the local focus will be on the war memorial in St George’s Park in Great Yarmouth. There the borough ceremony will take place with local dignitaries and members of the armed forces (past and present) paying their respects to those who have given their lives for our country in war.

But did you know there is also a war memorial in Gorleston?

Tucked away inside Gorleston Old Cemetery there is a war memorial to those who gave their lives in the two world wars from our town. Begun a few years ago by the Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage group (GOSH), who also write in this magazine, there is now an annual ceremony on 11th November at 10.55am.

The ceremony, which will include the two-minute silence at 11am, has been growing in size in recent years. Last year it was attended by the Mayor and local borough councillors, members of the Royal British Legion, a detachment of the Combined Cadet Force from East Norfolk Sixth Form, pupils from Lynn Grove, Ormiston Venture, Peterhouse Church of England Primary and Ormiston Herman academies and members of the wider community. In all about 300 people gathered.

This seems to me to be a significant event in the life of our town, and if you are available, can I invite you to join this year? We will gather from 10.30am, with the ceremony beginning at 10.55am.

When you go home tell them of us and say,  
‘For your tomorrows we gave our today.’





# Richard Routledge

*"The life and times of"*



We were now open for our second season at Little Joe's icecream shack. Every morning I would arrive to open up about 9am to pull up the hatches at 10am.

My first job was turning on and filling up the whippy icecream

machine, then I would brush round the crazy golf and turn on the waterfalls. Hatches up it was time for a quick cuppa, look out to sea and get geared for the day.

Next I would get all our 50s garden tables and chairs out, these were fabulous, all in different colours. March was normally quiet, as it could be a bit wet and windy, but the weekends could be better as the families would be about.

By now I was doing 15 flavours of scoop, but only 1 out of the machine. This season I decided to rent a new freezer for the scoops as the old one was starting to be a bit iffy. As April and May came round, trade was picking up, the crazy golf was doing well, and I was in a happy place, my dream job working for myself. The golf was great fun, we had clubs from kiddie to adults, and you got a pencil and a score card. The one good thing about the golf was it was a real family game, so you could have a 5 year old beating his grandad, it was a joy.

As we hit the summer months, trade was getting busy, so I had to get some staff and luckily two of my friends' daughters needed summer jobs. At first I was a tad worried I had made a mistake but the 2 girls worked really hard and were a great asset to me.

With all the work now finished opposit the shack, it helped the shack get noticed, as we had more space to the sea wall. As the days got longer, so the queues got longer, and the tills were ringing. The only problem I would get with the whippy machine was if I had a long line of customers it would suddenly stop and ask for a rest. It meant I would have to stop for 10 minutes for it to get its breath back.

The other thing we did was to invite groups of kids like special needs or cubs or other groups like them, to have special rate nights for the crazy golf with a free cone at the end. I loved those nights leaving those kids with big smiles.

We had a fantastic summer on our second year, boiling hot so the icecream sales went through the roof. I was in heaven, my dream job, and working for myself!

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# Ramblings of a Displaced Cockney

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

## The Queen and London Buses

I met Queen Elizabeth back in 2002 on an unusual day when that event happened twice in one day.

The first was in the morning, when the Queen was in Norwich for the official opening of the new Forum building which replaced the old library which had burnt down in 1994. Because of the educational aspects of the new facility, the Principals of the six post-16 Colleges had been invited to play a part in the formalities of the day. We were lined up and were introduced to the Queen with the opportunity to have a brief conversation. My personal chat was about the value of sixth form colleges like ours at East Norfolk here in Gorleston. This is an area of education that is outside the experience of most of our establishment figures and indeed most members of the Government, be that local or national.

I recall representing the Norfolk Colleges at an event in County Hall when a Norfolk County Councilor asked me where East Norfolk Sixth Form College was located: "Is it in King's Lynn?" he asked! He was out by just 70 miles and 90 minutes by car! I always thought that the clue was in the College's name: EAST Norfolk!

On another occasion I was able to explain to the then Prince Charles about sixth form colleges. East Norfolk had joined the Prince's Education Trust and I had been invited to a meeting in Clarence House. We have a very successful "BTEC Uniformed Public Services" course at our college and at that time the students had been made an honorary unit of the Parachute Regiment at Colchester. As the College Principal I was technically our officer-in-charge and was awarded the Paras' wings lapel badge. As Prince Charles was Colonel-in-Chief of the Paras, I wore it to the meeting, wondering if he would notice it. Of course he did and this

led to a very long discussion about the purpose and value of the whole sixth-form college sector.

The second time that I met Queen Elizabeth was on the afternoon of that first meeting in Norwich. This time it was at the Garden Party at Sandringham. I was invited and had been given the opportunity of bringing a small group to represent our college. I wanted that group to represent all aspects of college life, Governors, staff and students. From the Governors I invited the Chairperson. I asked the members of the teaching staff and the support staff to put their names forward if they would like to attend and each group had a draw to select their representative. For the students it was easy. There were two members (one male and one female) of the "Student Association" who had put themselves out enormously in organising things for the student body throughout their time at college, they were a shoe-in!

When we got to Sandringham, they stood out a mile. The male student was also an NCO in the local air cadets and was dressed in his smart blue uniform. The female student was dressed in the most eye-catching, brilliant-green sari and really stood out against a background of grey suits! The other reason that they stood out was that they appeared to be the only two young people present! They were excited about the prospect of seeing the Queen so I button-holed the Equerry in charge of things and said: "The Queen would really love to meet these two and hear about their plans in life!" He liked the idea and lo and behold they were introduced to the Queen and, ever gracious, she had long conversations with them. They deserved it!

So, there it is: meeting the Queen twice in one day is a bit like what they say about waiting for buses in London. "You wait for ages for a bus and then two come along together!"

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# More Coffee Time!

## Codeword

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## Wordsearch

Can you find the words listed below?  
Words occur in the grid forwards, backwards and diagonally.

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# Dusmagrik

Members of Gorleston based Dusmagrik Young People's Theatre Company are busy putting the finishing touches to their latest production – a stunning musical version of that all time seasonal classic “A Christmas Carol” which they will be presenting at the Pavilion Theatre from November 17th.

The show, written by Chris Blackwood with music by Piers Chater Robinson, is set in Victorian London and faithfully follows the original story by Charles Dickens. Interspersed with rousing chorus numbers and delightful solos the talented young cast will be accompanied by a live band under the direction of John Stephens.

Taking the lead role of Ebenezer Scrooge will be one of Dusmagrik's most experienced seniors, Jamie Harrison. Currently a second year musical theatre student at City College Norwich, he delighted audiences last year playing Captain Hook in “Peter Pan” and he says he's really looking forward to the challenge of playing another baddie, this time the “squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner”!

Directed by Mary Carter, the show will run from Thursday November 17th to Saturday November 19th at the Pavilion Theatre in Gorleston at 7.30 nightly with a matinée on the Saturday at 2pm. Tickets priced £13 for adults, £10 for students and £8 for children are available from the theatre box office 01493 662832 or book online [www.gorlestonpavilion.co.uk](http://www.gorlestonpavilion.co.uk).

*Photos show Tiny Tim and the Cratchit family, and Bob Cratchit with Ebenezer Scrooge*



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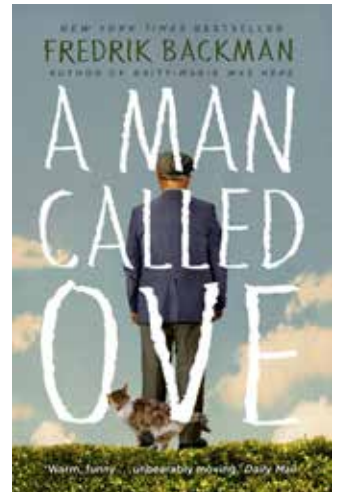


# The Bookshelf

A man called Ove  
By Fredrik Backman  
reviewed by Gorleston Library

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On Saturday December 3rd we are taking part in the Christmas Fayre at Gorleston Library, when we will be selling both natural and artificial table arrangements to decorate your home at the festive season. If you would like more details please phone Margaret Colman on 01493 663590.



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# Poems to Ponder

## Headstones

The rows of headstones silent stand  
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 That we, in Britain's peaceful land  
 Must silently salute.

Our peace was bought at dreadful price  
 Through rain and fear and mud –  
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 So twice the cost in blood.

Each headstone bears a single name  
 A single husband, son,  
 Who, when the call to duty came  
 They did what must be done.

So, think upon those rows of stones  
 Be silent, still as they  
 Remind us of those silent homes  
 From when they went away.

Yes, spare a while to think of them  
 It's just two minutes' time;  
 And say aloud, just once again  
 That well-remembered rhyme:

They grow not old as we grow old,  
 Nor do the years condemn;  
 But as the days and nights unfold,  
 We will remember them.

*by Nigel Beeton*

## Sharing Feelings

Many things happen as life goes by  
 That make us laugh or make us cry  
 It's great to laugh and share a joke  
 Or shed a tear with other folk

Happiness is a wonderful thing  
 But feeling down can be very grim  
 Often laughter is shared but tears shed alone  
 Things are much better when empathy's shown

Let's celebrate our ups and downs  
 Our smiley faces and sullen frowns  
 Just sharing a poem can lift our mood  
 Whether it's funny or sad or rude!

Sharing feelings is good to do  
 And I hope this poem has proved it to you!

*by Val Raven*

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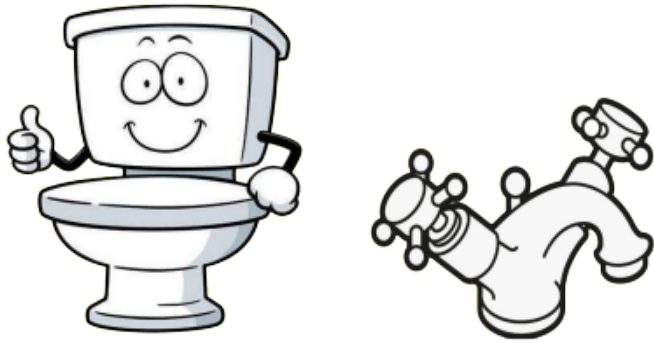
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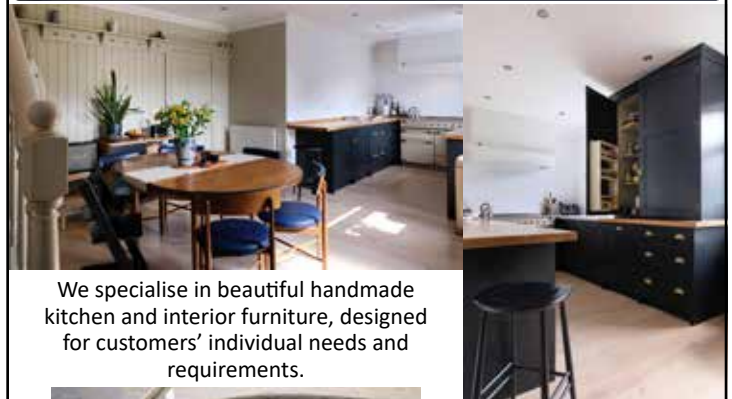
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Every year, we elect new School and Eco Councils, which consist of pupils from Reception to Year 6! These are important roles as they promote pupil voice across our academy and ensure that the children play a key role in decision making as well as helping to make sure that we are being as sustainable as possible in our academy environment. We would like to congratulate our newly elected councillors for 2022/23 and say thank you and well done to the children who put themselves forward for these roles.



At Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy, we really enjoy learning our times tables! The children regularly take part in friendly competitions between our classes on our Times Tables Rock Stars programme, where the children compete to complete the most calculations and for the fastest calculation times. Last week, we had lots of fun, when we held our annual Times Tables Rock Stars Day, when children and staff came to school dressed up as Rock Stars to celebrate the launch of our latest competition. Here are some of our fantastic outfits!



## Reception Crazy Hair Day

The children in our reception classes had lots of fun celebrating Crazy Hair Day as part of their learning based around the story of 'Hugh's Shampoo'. Here are some of their incredible hairstyles!



## Sporting Success!

Our U11 boys' football team made a fantastic start to their season. They ran out 8-2 winners against Ormesby in the first round of the Great Yarmouth Schools' Cup. As well as playing St George's in the second round, the boys will compete in the Great Yarmouth Schools' League between now and the end of May. We hope that this year's team can emulate the success of last year's, who ended up as double winners!

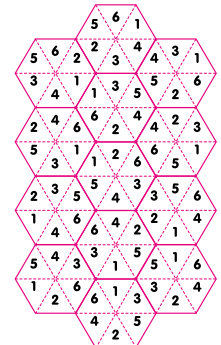
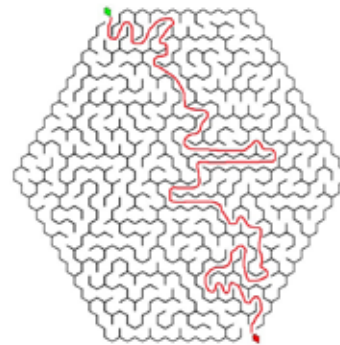
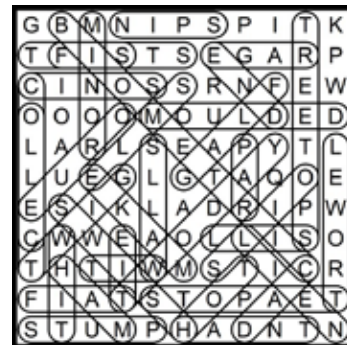






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# Coffee Time Answers



**Word Ladder:** thine, shine, spine, spire, spare  
**Caught in the middle:** winner, finish, action, slam, take  
**Seeing Double:** threat, stream, appeal, expert, action, entice, notify, attire, sponge, bronco  
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# Bygone Days of a Drummer's Past

Music Nostalgia from the Grenfell Room of Gorleston's Cliff Hotel (1960s-1970s)

by Joseph Harlow

My recollections of the Grenfell Room at the Cliff Hotel in Gorleston begins in what they called the swinging sixties, and it was also during the 1960's when I developed an interest in music and I began learning to play the drums, taking lessons from local drummer Arthur Brighton, a friend of my dad. I then later went on to take drum lessons from well known drummer/bandleader Colin Copeman of The Trevor Copeman Band which was resident at the Tower Ballroom in Great Yarmouth and the Samson and Hercules ballroom in Norwich throughout the 1960s and 1970s. Sadly Colin passed away on March 17th 2019 at the age of 86. The Grenfell Room had two entrances one from inside the Cliff Hotel adjacent to the dining room and the other a separate entrance outside the hotel at the other end of the building. The Grenfell Room was free entrance and open to the general public as well as the hotel residents back in those days and I also remember seeing a billboard in the hotel car park advertising the entertainers who were appearing there. Back in the sixties resident entertainment in the Grenfell Room was mainly organ/drum duos.

Enter pianist Artie Lind, real name Arthur Linford, originally from Dagenham in Essex with his "Party with Artie" act and his slightly off-key playing and singing, telling jokes and cracking gags. Instantly recognisable was Artie with a pencil moustache (Cookie Duster), three-piece suit, bow tie and trilby hat. Artie was an old-style entertainer, a real character, he only played in the key of C but a wonderful entertainer just the same. Unfortunately I never got to play with Artie but I did get to play with Artie's son, guitarist Alan Linford. I recall Alan and I playing a residency together during the 1970s in Great Yarmouth at The MOONRAKER Nightclub on Apsley Road. I remember also returning to that same venue a couple of years later after the nightclub changed hands and was renamed WHEELS NIGHTSPOT, playing with The Roy Reymo Band, a well known Norwich based band that I played with for many years. Artie enjoyed a seven year residency at the Cliff Hotel in the sixties when organist Tony Graham came in following Artie and played the Grenfell Room well into the next decade.

Enter Tony Graham, originally from Grimsby in Lincolnshire, who was a wonderful player and a fine singer playing standards and current sounds of the day. I remember watching my drum teacher at the time, local drummer Arthur Brighton, a friend of my dad playing with Tony at the Cliff Hotel in the late 1960s. I myself finally got to play with Tony in the Grenfell Room of the Cliff Hotel in the Autumn of 1974, having just finished playing a short residency in Great Yarmouth at the Carlton Hotel with The Johnny O'Bryan Orchestra.

About a couple of years later in 1976 I came into contact with pianist/organist Bruce Clarke who offered me a

weekend summer season residency playing with him at the Cliff Hotel in Gorleston. Talk about fate, by this time I heard that organist Tony Graham had moved on to pastures new and returned to his home town of Grimsby. Bruce was a fine player who back in the old days had a musical partnership with



well known Irish singer Val Doonican back in Ireland long before Val became famous. Bruce also features in Val's autobiography (Val Doonican My Story My Life).

For the Grenfell Room gig at the Cliff Hotel, apart from myself on drums, Nikki a female drummer/vocalist was also playing with Bruce during the week who I found to be a very good player and so once again I found myself playing in familiar surroundings. Bruce suggested a drum solo would sound good for the weekends, something a little different for the local natives to gravitate towards, hopefully bringing them a little ray of sunshine. We played two tunes that included the drum solo, the first was CARAVAN an old Duke Ellington standard and the second tune was WIPEOUT recorded in the sixties by American surf band The Surfaris featuring Ron Wilson on drums. For me it was always about the music never about showboating but that was what folks back then wanted to see. The season went very well, Bruce was a wonderful musician who was always a pleasure to play with. I came into contact with Bruce again some years later I'm glad to say, and played together one more time.

Back then during the 1960s-1970s the Grenfell Room at the Cliff Hotel also hosted country and western nights with compere Jim Woodcock. Trad Jazz nights were also popular featuring star attractions Chris Barber and the man they called the guvnor, Ken Colyer and His Jazzmen, who I was fortunate to see playing in the Grenfell Room at the Cliff Hotel in 1970 with his then drummer at the time Malc Murphy playing in the traditional New Orleans Trad Jazz style.

Well folks these were my recollections of music in the Grenfell Room at Gorleston Cliff Hotel a trip down memory lane.

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# Gorleston Grapevine

with Carol Todd



I can say the “C” word now surely? It’s nearly Christmas time, yipeee! My family always made Christmas extra special, as it’s my birthday too, yes I am officially a Christmas Carol. Hence, my nickname here at E.E. Green, is CHRISTMAS! I’m definitely not organised or even thought about gifts this year as yet. Always been important for me though, as it is for many of our colleagues here, to spend our hard earned money buying gifts from local businesses where we can. We’ll be celebrating at home here in Gorleston this year

as we caught up with family back in Scotland in August. Hopefully, I’ll be able to afford to have the heating on to keep me and Alexander cosy! There’s lots of local business gift ideas for you this year – with gift vouchers available from many. We’ve got plenty of options locally, The Good Life and Gro on Bells Road packed full of original gift ideas, along with many of the other stores, and businesses in Gorleston. Last year, we bought a client a Hair Voucher, which she loved more than the wine gift we always used to get her...turns out she didn’t like wine either. Something really different and original, is a personalised Beach Hut Christmas Voucher



in a bottle (pictured right). How beautiful do they look, thanks to the creativity of Michaela Davies. Or how about some art? You could visit No. 36 The Art Workshop, and see what unique paintings they have on offer. Speaking of original artwork, Stradbroke Primary Academy held a pupil art exhibition recently. Absolutely amazing works of art on display, check out Tilly’s and Joseph’s paintings, below, inspired by Pablo Picasso. Photos courtesy of Tilly’s mum, Jade and Joseph’s mum, Shani.



Finally work has started on “The old Albion” Pub on Lowestoft Road renovating into a brand new Tesco Express. It’s been closed for ten months now and many thought it was being demolished, however, there were no plans submitted to GYBC Planning Department for this. Sure we’ll all be watching the development over the next wee while.



News from the Gorleston Cliff area is that the last of the Beach Huts have been delivered and now all in place and most of them are sold, unlike Lowestoft’s. The tennis courts and basketball courts are set for a much needed spruce up shortly. Funding was sourced by Government and the Lawn Tennis Association. They’re still looking shabby so let’s hope work will commence soon and locals can start using the facilities again. Thanks to Lisa Want for the use of her photo (left)

A new physiotherapist is set to open soon in the old Foster Clinic premises. With clinics already in Fleggburgh and Martham, we look forward to welcoming Physiotherapy Health Solutions to Bells Road. This is a life line for those of us who require help and support with injuries.

I had a brilliant time being pampered recently at The Bee Hive Salon on Bells Road. The before and after shots are fantastic aren’t they? My hair stayed in all night. First of many treatments to be booked with the very talented Beena Chauhan of The Bee Hive. Good to hear and see that many males are booking the waxing treatments. Get rid of those hairy noses and backs boys!



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# Gorleston Links Bowls Club

Hello reader, well, as you can see by all of the pictures, we have had a busy and fantastic time with the culmination of our season's competitions and league finals.

We send many congratulations to all of our winners, and a great thank you to all that took part.

We certainly have had the best of the summer's weather for most of the times that we played, with the occasional breezier days.

We have played host to two lovely visiting teams, one from St Crispins and Cogenhoe (pronounced cookner), who were on tour in the area from their home in Northamptonshire. And a team made up from clubs around Leicestershire.

We held our welcoming tea and biscuits in our marquee that was set up on the green by the rinks.

Then, afterwards, we took team photos, held a raffle and prizegiving.

The visiting teams have a quirky but fun idea for their members whose team came last in the game. They were given medallions to wear with the motto 'You are the weakest rink!'. A play on words from Anne Robinson's catchphrase on The Weakest Link programme. Players have to wear the medallion until they play the next match, if they are spotted not wearing it, they get a club fine and forfeit. An incentive to keep playing well!

There are a few changes upcoming within our club committee, as our club secretary Ken Tickner has decided to step down from the role, giving someone else the opportunity to take over and keep our club name out there, organising matches, social events, as well as keeping members informed of things that are happening within the club.

We would like to thank Ken for all his hard work and diligence in this important role for us.

Now he can concentrate on enjoying being a member.

Our upcoming AGM will elect a new club secretary and give everyone a chance to have their say in the club.

It has been a busy year for all involved, from welcoming and integrating new members, through to organising and sorting teams and dates for the indoor short mat season which now begins. Our home for this will be Gorleston Baptist Church hall, just as last year, a great venue.

Some new teams will be playing, coming up with fun team names.. alongside the coastal league matches. This will keep us together right through until we head outdoors again next year.







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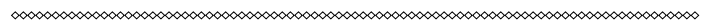
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## Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group

### Ethel Leach the Forgotten Pioneer

This month Chris Wright tells the story of Ethel Leach, a pioneer for women in the borough and a campaigner for the parliamentary vote for women, but today is all but forgotten.

Ethel was born 17th June 1850 at Victoria Road Great Yarmouth. Her father, William Appleton Johnson was a carter. She was baptised in St Nicholas parish church as Mary Ann after her mother. At 19, she married John Leach (age 42) at the Unitarian Church in Middlegate. John had moved from Wandsworth to open an oil and colour shop at 20 Market Place in 1868. They lived above the shop. John went on to develop a successful business taking over No21, 113/114 King Street and opening two shops in Norwich. They had one son, Bruce, who was born in 1870. In 1872, a serious fire caused major damage and could have caused an explosion as the property next door held explosives.

John was involved in public life on the Board of Guardians and encouraged Ethel to seek election to the School Board in 1881. Education needed reform with a lack of places, poor kindergartens, poor attendance, low standards and poor teaching. Ethel took up the challenge as the first woman member and secured reforms. In 1895, she was appointed as vice chairman having won the respect of the members. Mrs Leach also served on the Committee of the Education Association. She was on the management committees of the Boy's Grammar, Girls High, Stradbroke and East Anglian Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

In 1884, she was elected, as one of the first female members, to the Board of Guardians which over saw the Poor Law and the workhouse in Northgate Street. She found no proper nurses and children living alongside the inmates. She clashed with the Secretary. After being banned from their office on South Quay and told to read documents outside, she sought an Inquiry. The Inquiry ordered the Secretary be dismissed and reforms were made. She did not seek re-election as the battles had affected her health.

In 1884, the couple with their son Bruce, moved to Stradbroke Villa on Lowestoft Road, Gorleston. This was a large five-bedroom home with a coach house and two acres of garden. They employed two servants and Dr Arnott had previously lived there.

In 1885, she was agent for Helen Taylor in her campaign to stand for Parliament even though this was not allowed. The returning officer refused to accept her nomination.

In 1903, the School Boards were abolished, and she was co-opted, as one of the first women to serve, on the Education Committee. In 1908, she became the first woman in the borough to stand, unsuccessfully, for election to the council in the Gorleston ward. This featured in the Daily Mirror.

In 1920, she became the first woman JP in the borough although she had concerns about the justice system.

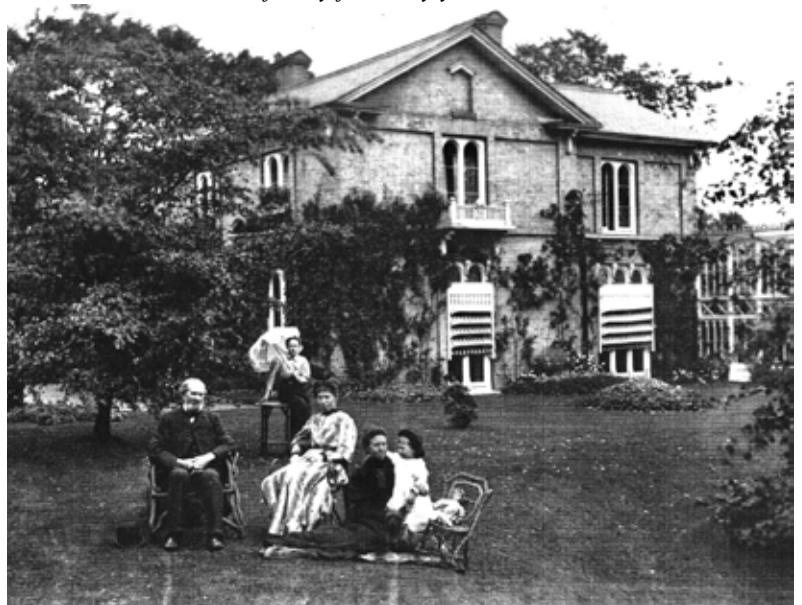
At the age of 74 in 1924 she was unanimously elected as the first female Mayor of the borough and had a busy year with public engagements and council work whilst continuing as a JP. In 1925, Mrs Leach was elected to the borough council for the Gorleston St Andrews ward. In 1929, she was elected as the first female alderman on the council. In 1932, the Alderman Leach school (now renamed East Norfolk College) was named after her.

Ethel Leach had a major role in the local campaign for the Parliamentary vote for women. In 1879, she joined the Norfolk Committee for Women's Suffrage and became the secretary for Great Yarmouth. The following year, she supported a Grand Demonstration in Manchester. In 1893, she formed the local Women's Liberal Association to promote the cause. In 1909, she set up the Great Yarmouth Women's Suffrage Society to promote a non-political party approach. She arranged numerous public meetings to espouse the cause and big names in the movement spoke at the Town Hall. These included Christabel Pankhurst, Mrs Pethwick-Lawrence, Dr Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Cicely Corbett, Mary Sheepshank and Muriel Manners who had served time in Holloway for chaining herself to the grille in the Commons. She disliked the militant tactics of the Suffragettes who caused several fires in the town.

She also campaigned on Irish issues and was involved in a sit in on Lord Ponsonby's estate and was nearly arrested. She was also involved in a dispute over the funding of church schools and withheld her local tax (Rates) and was taken to court.

Mary Ethel Leach died at home on 10th April 1936 and is buried in Gorleston Old Cemetery. Her once impressive grave is in ruins, and it is hoped that it may be restored, and her name remembered again.

*Below: Stradbroke Villa on Lowestoft Road was the home of the Leach family for many years*







# Pavilion Theatre

## IT'S PANTO TIME! OH YES IT IS...

We can't quite believe how quickly this year has whizzed past us and that we're now looking forward to returning to Pantoland here at the Pavilion!

This year the team will take you on a magical journey along the yellow brick road in 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz'. Like previous years, the show comes from the big heart of panto royalty (and did we mention Olivier Award winning actor?) Desmond Barrit.

It's also that time of year when we welcome back to the stage local stalwarts Dismagrik Young People's Theatre Company and Stage Door Youth Theatre who are both presenting their annual autumn productions. Our fantastically talented Pavilion Players are also returning to the stage with a brand new play.

We're off to go and find the Christmas decorations and in the meantime look forward to welcoming you into the warm and cosy theatre during the cold winter months!

From Alex (on behalf of Stuart, Kevin and Luke and everyone at the Pavilion)

### WINTER BANDSTAND CONCERTS

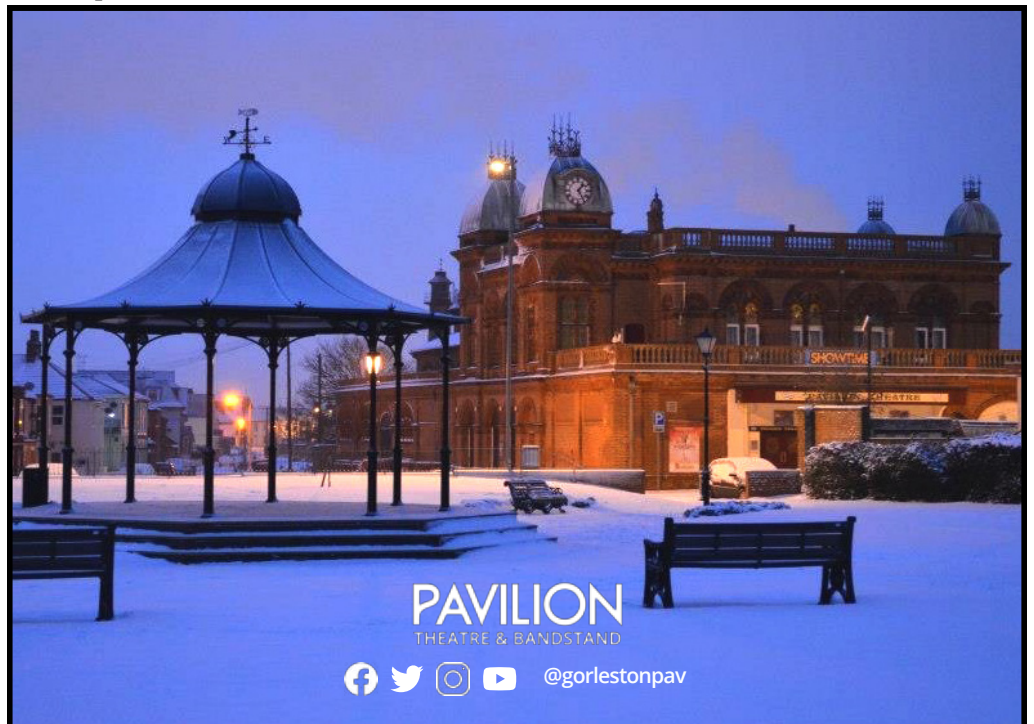
Following a hugely successful series of FREE Summer Bandstand Concerts, we are now organising a brand new set of FREE Winter Bandstand Concerts! Admittedly the

weather will be a little chillier, but we'll be encouraging everyone to wrap up warm, grab a mulled wine and join in the festive fun as we approach Christmas. Details of when these concerts will take place will be announced in due course.

### WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

- Bootleg Shadows
- Between Darkness and Dawn
- A Christmas Carol
- Annie JR.

Full details of the theatre's schedule of plays, musicals, pantomimes can be found at pavtheatre.com or by calling the box office on (01493) 662832.



# Gorleston Competitive Festival



Many people will remember taking part in the Gorleston Competitive Festival (known as the Gorleston St. Andrew's Festival) in St Andrew's Church. Hopefully for those older participants they still feel a huge sense of pride for their

performances and achievements.

When the Festival was threatened with closure the current committee felt that the event was so important it needed to carry on. The festival moved to Magdalen Way Methodist Church while building work was occurring in St Andrews.

The first "new look" festival was held in 2017 and was a great success and the committee enjoyed the challenge and steep learning curve to get the festival running in a new building. After St Andrews ran the event for 46 years so we

had a lot to live up to. We got the event to its golden 50th and then Covid struck. 2023 sees the return of the festival with all the excitement and enjoyment of previous years.

Our aim is to ensure that everyone enjoys coming to the festival whether it is to sing, act or play an instrument. All are welcome and actively encouraged to carry on with their artistic talents. There is a competitive element but which makes it exciting for some people. It is "never the winning but the taking part" which is important and everyone is valued for their performance. We do not allow anything but positive comments and everyone gets a pencil and a sticker, which seems to help with the nerves.

We always manage to maintain a positive, constructive and supportive atmosphere which is what the Festival should be all about.

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