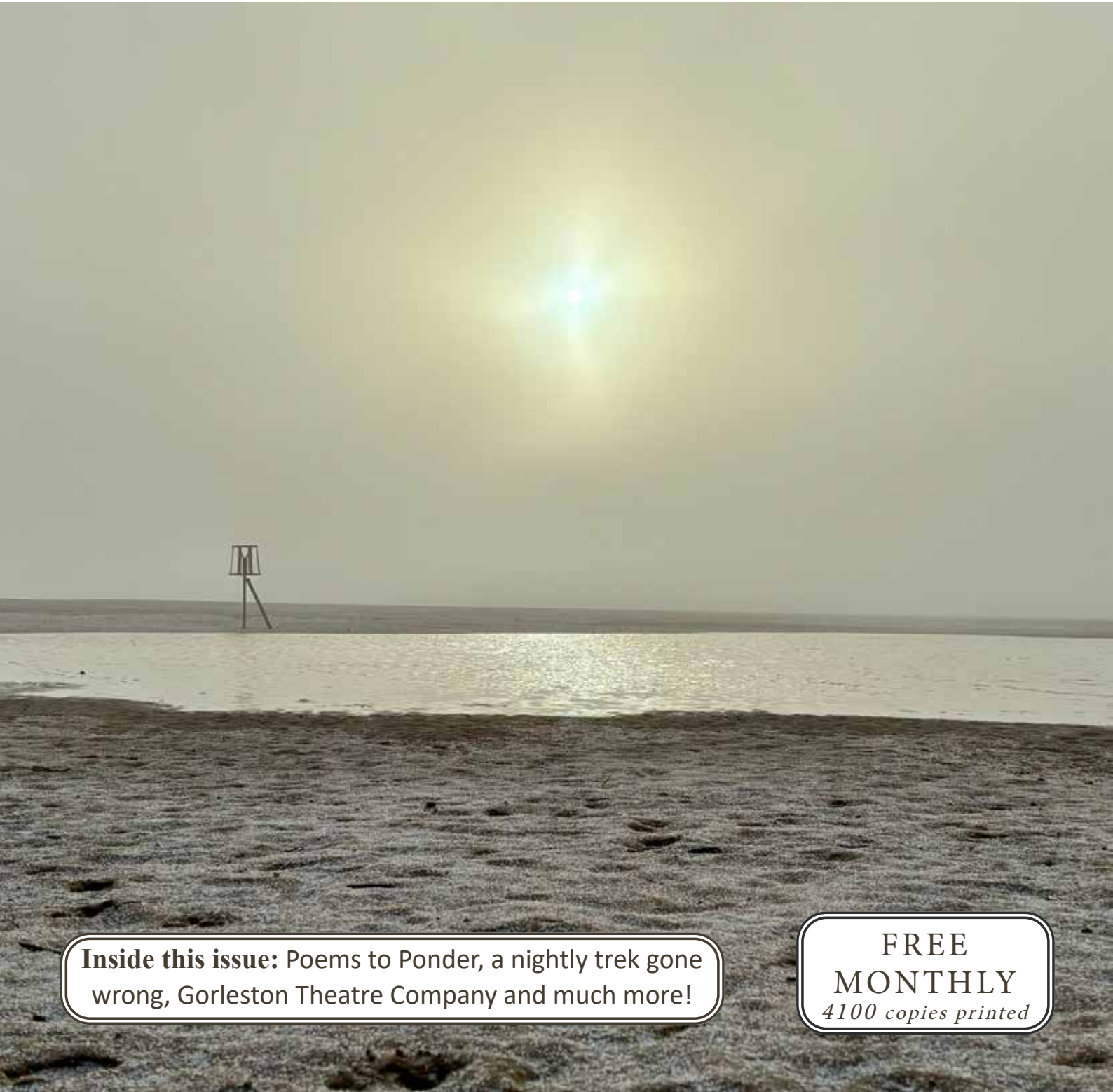


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Hello Gorleston!



Welcome to Issue 68 of **YOUR award-winning, FREE** community magazine.

2024 is here. We hope all of our readers enjoyed themselves throughout the celebrations for Christmas and the New Year, and that you're all ready and rearing to take on 2024 with renewed vigour.

In this issue, we have the latest from all our regular contributors, such as Creatures' Corner, the Ormiston Schools and the Grapevine. We also have a review by Tony Mallion for the production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat by Dusmagirk Young People's Theatre Company, which was featured in Issue 65, back in October, so if you didn't get the opportunity to watch it in person, why not give the review a read.

We're always eager to feature material from new contributors, so if you have an article, poem or photo you think would fit well into the magazine, by all means shoot us an email at editor.gorl.comm.mag@gmail.com with it attached, and we'll consider it for the next issue. A reminder that the deadline for submission for every issue is the 10th of the preceding month.



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To all our readers, we pray January sets an excellent tone for your 2024 and look forward to joining each of you in your journeys throughout the year.

Have a great month and
God Bless You All!



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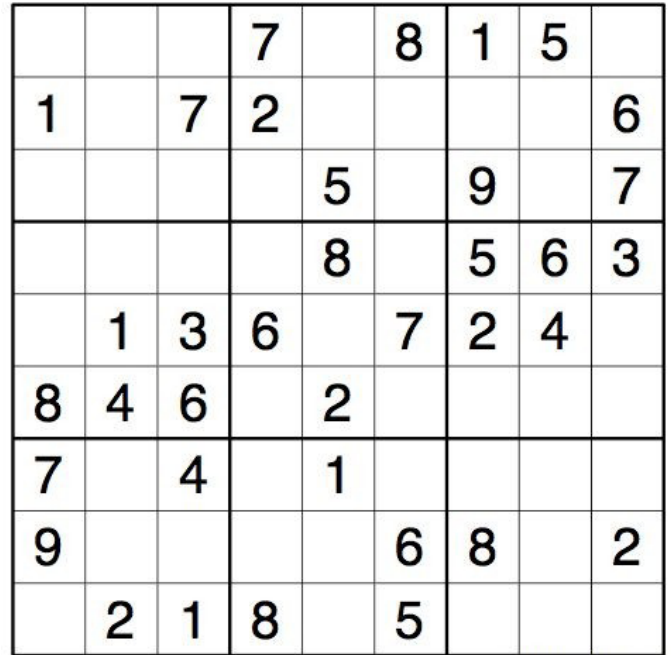
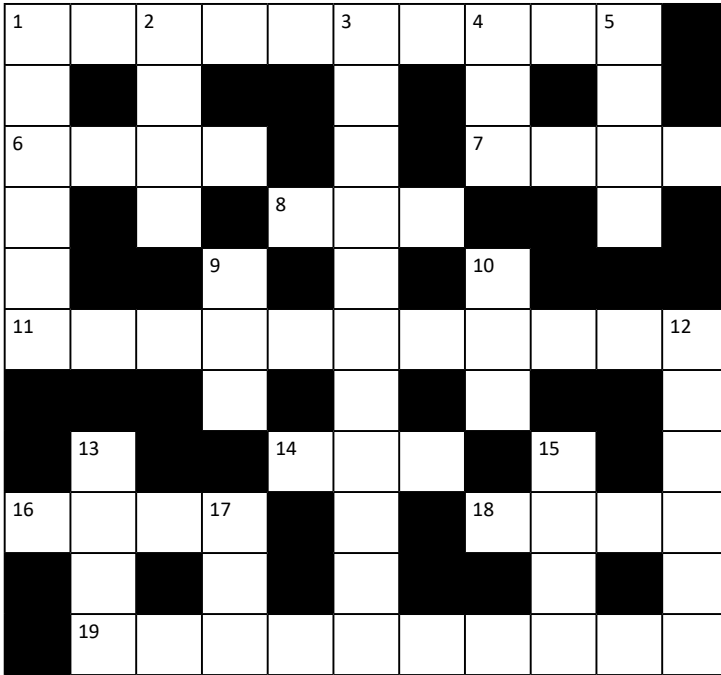
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Deadline for the February Issue
is **January 10th**

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month's front page picture.

Coffee Time 1



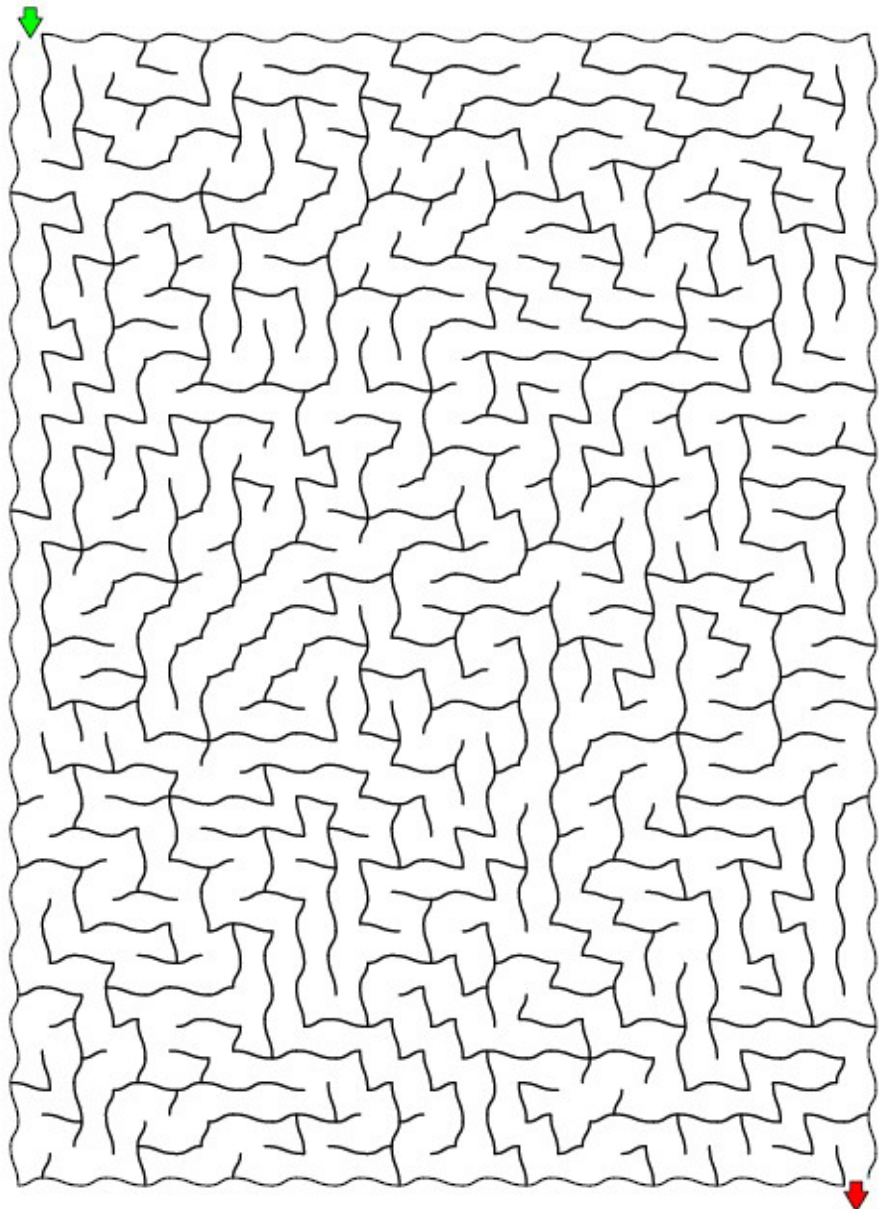
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From the Churches

Reflecting the new partnership between Churches in Gorleston, this column will now feature leaders from different churches in our town.

This month we hear from the Rev. Karl Ross, Assistant Curate at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Gorleston.



January tends to be the month of resolutions that are given up at the first challenge, and starts that fall at the first hurdle. It may well seem to be a month of disappointment. I know for me, I've gotten in to the second week of January for a number of years now kicking myself because I've not had the will power and self-control needed to keep my New Year's Resolutions.

It often seems that the more we try to change and do things differently the more frustrated we get with ourselves because we just can't seem to change. I our inability to change is two fold.

The first reason we can't seem to change is because we set goals that are way out of reach for us to get to. For example, I know because of my poor ability to swim I would not be able to take up sea swimming. However, if I set my goal to learn how to swim, I might stand a chance of getting that sea swimming goal in the future.

The second and perhaps more significant reason we can't seem to change is because we try to do it all within our own power. We believe that if we just pull up our boot straps and try a little harder we'll be able to make the change we want to see. Whenever we try to change in our own power, we're never going to be left satisfied. So who's power should we use to try and change if our own doesn't work? We are changed by God through faith, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Through faith and discipleship we are being made more and more into the image of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. I'd love to think that I would be able to do this on my own. For years I've tried to change in my own power and in my own way, and I've not got anywhere. My own efforts to change didn't make any difference. Those New Years Resolutions and even the "I'll sort it on Monday" resolutions, didn't make a difference. But Jesus did, in his life, death, resurrection, and glorious ascension. He made a way for us to change into the person who He wants us to be, holy and righteous, just like him.

When I've yet again tried to change in my own effort and

power, I'm often encouraged by Peter in the Bible. Jesus is constantly telling off because he puts his foot in it. He is the one who in one breath was the first to call Jesus the Messiah and then in the next telling him not to do the Father's will. Yet Jesus forgives and still uses him in incredible ways!

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 'May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who called you is faithful, and he will do it.'

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:

Lord,

I thank you for all you've done for me. Please guide my heart, and help me to grow into the person you want me to be. Rather than me following my own ways, please purify my heart and make me more like you. Holy Spirit help me not to follow my own wants and desires but Jesus'. In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen.



"The vicar really is taking all of January off to recuperate, then."

Ormiston Cliff Park Primary

Life in school is always vibrant and exciting and children at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy have continued to be involved in the many opportunities enriching learning recently. Notable events have included:

Exciting Learning Through a Roman Topic in Year 3

The children in Year 3 were challenged to create a piece of work that demonstrated their learning from our Roman topic in History. They produced some wonderful, high-quality outcomes including shields, stories, 3D models and many other examples.



A huge well done to the children and a big thank you to the parents for your support!

Sporting Achievements in Football

The U11 boys' team travelled to Flegg High to take part in the annual district 7-a-side tournament. Eleven schools competed for the chance to advance to the Norfolk County finals in the new year. We opened with 3-0 wins over North Denes and Caister before a 1-1 draw against Peterhouse. Needing to win our final match to progress to the final, we dug deep to earn a 1-0 victory over Moorlands. The final was played against Martham. Although the match was closely fought, Cliff Park created the better chances but were frustrated by a series of fantastic saves from the opposition goalkeeper. With the scores level at 0-0, the match went to a penalty shoot-out which Martham were able to win.

All at Cliff Park wish Martham every success in the next round!

The U11 girls' team travelled to Ormesby to play in the opening round of the girls' cup. It was a strong performance which saw the team take a 3-0 lead within the first 10 minutes. The game ended 4-0 and we will now advance into the second round which will be played against Caister in February.

The U10 boys' football team played their first match of the season against North Denes. The first half saw us control the ball for long periods but a combination of good saves from the North Denes goalkeeper and some wayward finishing meant that we led by only two goals at half time. The match ended in a 6-0 win for Cliff Park.

We are so proud of all our children for their commitment, skill, and team spirit. Well done!



Science Club Investigations

In KS1 Science club we enjoyed completing experiments and making different substances. We collect leaves and sorted them into different categories, and also grew our own cress seeds in a potato. We explored changing states by making playdough and mixing cornflour with water and made our own 'stained glass' by mixing food colouring, water, and glue. One of our favourites investigations was watching what happened when we put Skittles in warm water – we made our own rainbows! The children worked very hard and had a lot of fun engaging with science!

Visit to the Time and Tide Museum

Children in Year 2 had a fun filled learning experience at the fantastic Time and Tide Museum. As part of our history topic about Seaside we went to find out about Great Yarmouth as a tourist destination from Victorian times to present day. We met a lady from the 1860s and found out about bathing huts, steam trains and penny licks. We had the opportunity to explore artefacts in the museum. We were then transported the 1960s and found out about the Mods and Rockers who loved to go the sea fronts. We dressed up as a Mod or Rocker and had a dance off to find out who was the best. The highlight of the day was a Punch and Judy show which has been entertaining families for over 350 years. There was lots of laughing and shouting at a rather naughty Mr Punch!



A huge thank you to the Time and Tide Museum, it was a great day for everyone. They also gave each child a free ticket to the museum.

Theatre visits for Year 1 children

On Thursday 23rd November children in Year One went to the Playhouse Theatre in Norwich to watch the Gruffalo's Child on stage. This linked in with our learning in English. We were inspired by the characters and had a lot of fun watching and joining in with their actions on stage. The whole year group represented our Academy very well and we know that the children went home full of enthusiasm and stories to tell their grown ups.



Academy

Online Music Concert

Many of the children in the academy took part in a BBC ten pieces concert last week. Music was performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and the children got to see and discuss the different instruments in the orchestra. They heard different pieces of music that created emotions and even helped to compose and perform a new piece of music with young composer Emily Presto. Along the way, the children met some terrifying trolls, went to Space, and danced with cowboys!

Commitment to the environment- OCPPA Eco-Week

Our recent whole Academy focus was on our environment through an Eco Week. In particular children in Year 5 explored fossil fuels learning about the formation of rocks over millions of years and how fossil fuels are produced when material is extracted from the ground.

The children wrote non-chronological reports, detailing some common fossil fuels and how they are used in society. They also considered how fossil fuels can be detrimental to our environment and



offered suggestions on alternative, renewable sources of energy. It was clear that everyone approached this work reflectively and with great maturity, with wonderful work being produced across the year group. Well done to everyone in Year 5!

The Bookshelf

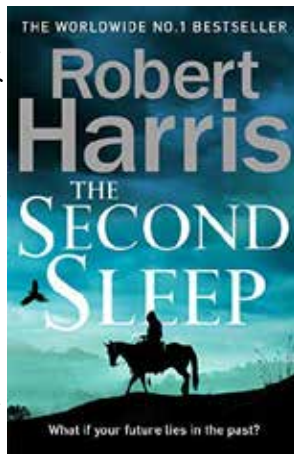
The Second Sleep

By Robert Harris

Thanks to Margret for this review

1468. A young priest, Christopher Fairfax, arrives in a remote Exmoor village to conduct the funeral of his predecessor. The land around is strewn with ancient artefacts – coins, fragments of glass, human bones – which the old parson used to collect. Did his obsession with the past lead to his death? As Fairfax is drawn more deeply into the isolated community, everything he believes – about himself, his faith and the history of his world – is tested to destruction.

The book's real power lies in its between-the-lines warning that our embrace of the internet represents some kind of sleepwalk into oblivion.



Poems to Ponder

Flowers

By Robert Crook

There are many flowers in my garden
I know the names of them all
The buttercups and the daises
And foxgloves that stand so tall
The ones I do have trouble remembering
Are the flowers in the little green pots
Now let me think, what is their name
Oh yes! Forget-me-not.

Renewal

by Christopher Smith

A new year
Renewal

A time to start again
To grow, to build,
To change our lives
To cast away our pain.

The changes that we seek
Won't happen overnight
We cannot turn our life around
In the blinking of an eye.

We must show kindness
To ourselves
And not set ourselves to fail
The smallest change
Is progress
We can build upon each gain.

Evolution brought us here
It took millennia of time
Resolutions of revolutions
Must be brought back into line.

It's time to take one small step
The littlest act we can
And tiny step by tiny step
We can achieve
the grandest of all plans.

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The Paget Page



**James Paget
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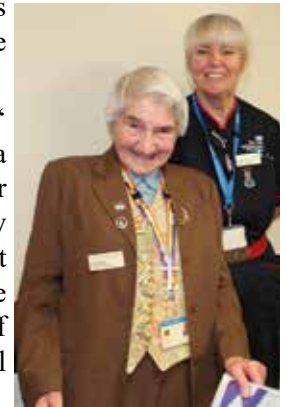
Seven players from Norwich City Football Club paid a visit to the Paget in December, spreading Christmas cheer by handing out Christmas gifts to patients and their families, as well as taking time to speak to staff on the ward.

The visit fixture has become a much-anticipated fixture of the James Paget festive calendar. The football stars who visited were Dan Barden, Przemyslaw Placheta, Adam Idah, Christian Fasnacht, Hwang Ui-Jo, Sam McCallum and Liam Gibbs.



Ferguson. Deputy Chief Nurse, Jacky Copping, who presented the certificates, said this: 'I've been working for the Trust for 39 year, so not only have you beaten me in long-service term, I've been able to see the input you have give to patients, staff and relatives over the years and how this means so much. Never be doubt about your v a l u e s to the hospital.'

Dusty, who is aged 88, said this: 'It's a privilege to be here. It's been a long journey that started as a prayer group and evolved into Chaplaincy volunteer work. The James Paget has always been my passion and I've loved working with parents and staff here – thank you for a wonderful experience.'



The Robot Appeal Calendar

A 2024 calendar has been produced to raise funds for the James Paget Hospital's Surgical Robot Appeal, which aims to raise £1.6 million to purchase a surgical robot, which will allow experienced surgeons to perform surgeries with through smaller incisions and with great precision, bringing many benefits for patients.

The calendar features photographs of local scenic landscapes,



taken and provided by Patrick Chilvers, and has been supported by a number of local businesses through advertising and sponsorships for each month on the calendar.

It is available for purchase from the main reception and charity office of James Paget Hospital, from Donnatella's, The Hair Base & Just

Designed on Gorleston High Street and from Mocha Coffee House on Regent Street & Arcade Florist on Northgate Street in Yarmouth, for the price of £9.99.

Hospital Volunteers Receive Thanks

A special Christmas event was held at the Louise Hamilton Centre on Wednesday 13th December to celebrate the hospital's volunteer team and allow people the opportunity to him give them thanks for what they do to support patients, staff and visitors.

Two volunteers in particular received certificates at this event, marking their achievement of serving at the James Paget for 40 years as volunteers. These were Dusty Miller and Iain



10 Weeks of Work Pay Off

A 10-week programme called Journey Through the Field of Art, run by local professional artist Lorenzo Barron, with the goal of boosting the confidence and well-being of people who receive support, came to an end in December.

The eight participants who took part successfully completed the programme and received certificates from Lorenzo, who has been running therapeutic art courses since 2017. In return, they gave him a gift to thank him for helping them unlock their artistic potential.

The programme was supported with funding donations from the Co-op Community Fund, Lloyds TSB and money raised at a charity fund-raising event.



Pavilion Theatre



Happy new year to all of the readers of Gorleston Community Magazine! We're still reeling from the huge success of our pantomime 'Dick Whittington', thank you so much to each and every one of you who came to support us. We are so very lucky to have such fantastic support.

Now that the festivities of Christmas and New Year are behind us, we are taking a moment to reflect on how much of a year of change 2023 turned out to be for us.

As many of you will know, we lost our long time theatre Director Kevin Lynch in January 2023 and it is difficult to comprehend that 12 months has now passed. We'll be spending this month supporting Stuart through this difficult milestone and looking ahead to how we can best continue his legacy.

There is plenty to come and see during the cold and bleak month of January, so take a look at our website for the full listings and hopefully we'll see you at the theatre again soon.

Alex Youngs
Chair of Trustees, Gorleston Pavilion Trust

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY:

Treasure Island - The Pantomime

Jack's in the Box - A Two Act Comedy Play

Footloose

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



Life Afloat

by Patricia West, who continues her reminiscences...



Avignon and Arles

After the drama of the mistral it was good to be heading towards Avignon and Arles. We set off with the intention of taking our time and after stocking up with provisions, water and passing through

two locks, we dawdled for a couple of days. As Avignon drew closer we charged up and reached our destination before dusk. Next morning, keen to see the delights of the city we were up and gone.

Avignon is famous for its 16th century bridge and accompanying nursery rhyme, 'Sur le Pont Avignon' which you are encouraged to sing once on the bridge itself. And yes, we followed folklore and sang heartily as we crossed over the water.

Our first stop was the beautiful Papal Palace curving down from a large park, leading on to shady terraces and the pitter-patter of fountains, while white swans dried off in the sun. Further along was an enormous square with shady trees bent low over the crowded pavement cafes and in one corner a rather grand building housing the local Town Hall.

We strolled the streets, sitting with a glass of local Pastis, admiring ancient ramparts which curled out of sight. It was fun to linger in the small cobbled lanes many of them dating back centuries, their charm enticing me into a shop or two.

Avignon exuded friendliness and I suggested we stay another day, then letting out a sigh when reminded we needed to keep to our schedule and that the warm late October days might be hiding the chance of sudden storms or a rogue frost, so next morning saw us heading towards Beaucaire and Tarascon, two pretty river towns we had been advised not to miss.

Stopping briefly for gas in a small village, we passed through a tiny lock just seven feet deep which made us laugh. Pausing for half an hour we were greeted by two young Dutch men, Werner and Rule. It was almost a given we would be invited onto their beautiful thirty five foot boat, "Integrity" to be plied with drinks and dainty nibbles. Resisting temptation we settled for their home brewed non alcoholic shandy.

Werner and Rule were so sweet it was hard to leave, however the thief of time raised his head, and with reluctant goodbyes we were again on the move. By 2.00 pm we were exploring Beaucaire's castle which was directly in line with Tarascon and its impressive fortress, each small town was divided by a narrow stretch of water.

After wandering three to four hours we finally sank onto a bench already occupied by a young woman, Claudette, who proudly displayed her English by explaining things of interest, including the time that Beaucaire and Tarascon briefly went to war against each other, guiding our eyes towards the damage made to both castle and fortress. Sounding apologetic Claudette said "but now all is good, many times we are serene, all are friends again, tre's bien?"

Early the next day, now in Provence, we swiftly covered eighteen kilometres to Arles arriving just after lunch. I wanted to cheer as we anchored Pillage in a small cutting, the fields and church spires drowsing in the warm sunshine amongst an abundance of Van Gogh's favourite greenery - the Cypress tree.

Keen admirers of the Dutch painter, we marvelled at being able to see in situ all this beauty which the artist was able to transfer to canvas. I conjured a picture of him enthralled by the luminous clarity all around, reaching for his brushes, never wanting to stop.

Next day, before sunrise we put together a large picnic, planning not to return till the moon was up. Suddenly, as we began our walk a small golden disc peeped over the horizon. Staring transfixed at this flood of light we watched as the cornflower blue sky became streaked with rose pink, lemon yellow, sage green, rich purple, turquoise.

It was simply breath taking.

Van Gogh was to stay two years in Provence; one of them spent in a nearby psychiatric clinic. During this short period his output was prolific, producing 200 paintings and sketches, but he badly missed his brother, Theo, living in Paris and the demons returned. During Christmas 1889 he took a monstrous step, cutting off part of his ear which led to a prolonged illness.

In early spring Vincent returned home to Auvers-sur-Oise.

Things improved, he was painting every day, Theo and family were again close by. It didn't last, gradually the storms gathered and at thirty seven Vincent shot himself and died on 29th July 1890.

Van Gogh left hundreds of drawings and over 900 paintings, almost all of them masterpieces. During his lifetime it is said he never made a sale except to Theo and a friend or two. Today his work is beyond the purse of just about every one. In effect - priceless.

Before leaving Arles we visited the clinic where Vincent had hoped for a miracle. It had been ransacked, a wreck, overgrown and every window smashed.

Somehow it mirrored his last months of despair and helplessness. A tortured mind longing to be free. A genius who remained unrecognised in his life time.

As we left I cleared a small corner and laid flowers, picked on the way.

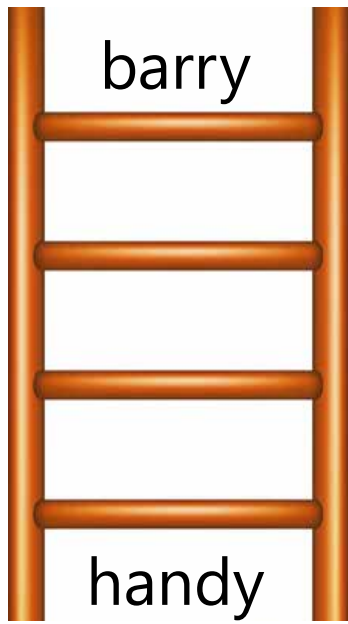
So many years have passed. Hopefully that ravaged space has become a flower filled garden.... or, a beautiful Art Gallery!

Next month:
Aigues Morte



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	UM	PI	RE
2	RA		ER
3	BO		AI
4	CE		US
5	EN		EE
6	BE		AY
7	TR		LE
8	SN		ER
9	FI		TA
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Coffee Time 2

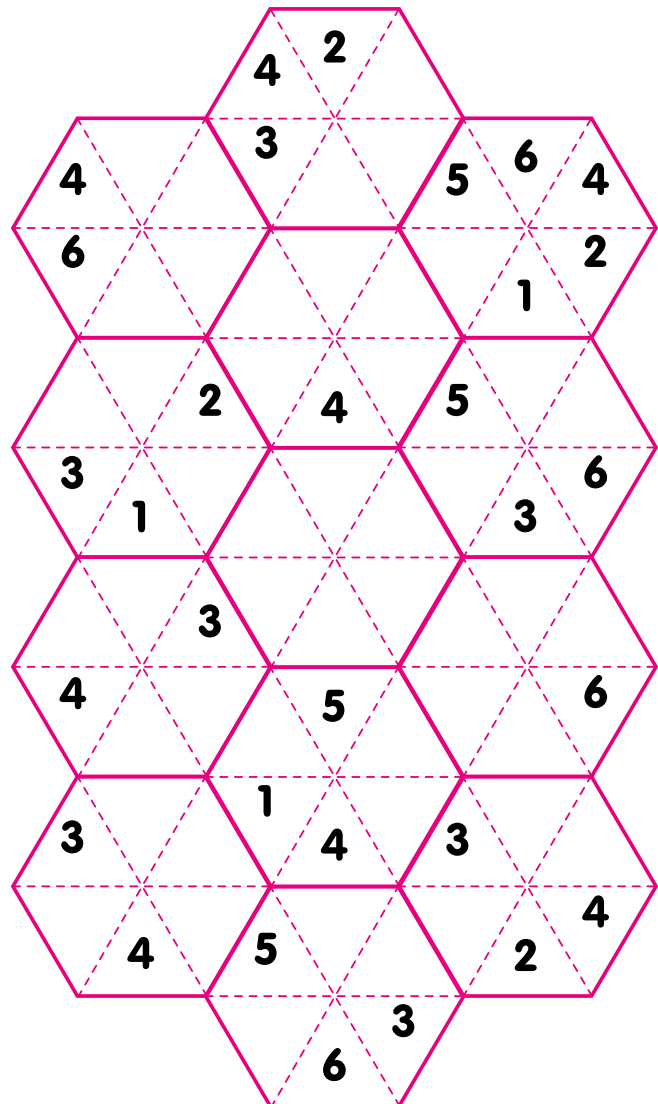
Caught in the middle

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

whole	.....	thing
track	.....	case
sugar	.....	houses
band	.....	dust
flea	.....	share

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.



Gorleston Links Bowls Club



Hello all. Well, we recently held a very busy AGM (Annual General Meeting), which saw new wording and rules being added to the club handbook. Some points that were discussed led to the Committee

having a discussion on clarification. New legislation was agreed on, which included the word ‘ Chairman’, being changed to ‘ Chairperson;’ speaking of which, we now have a new Chairperson, David, who took his place at the table for proceedings.

A few other roles within the club have changed hands, as tenures came to an end. Some posts were voted in unopposed, others were nominated on the night, and others were decided by ballot. We send a very big thank you to all of our outgoing Club Captains, Secretaries and Treasurer. Your work and help is very much appreciated. There is a lot of work that goes on in the background of any organisation, they are real unsung heroes.

We welcome the new hosts in the positions, and wish them continued success and good luck in their ventures, supported by all in the club.

We look forward to welcoming new players and members

for our outdoor season, which starts in April. We do ‘ Roll up’ sessions on Sunday mornings, where you can come and try out a game. We hope you enjoy. Equipment is on hand, all we ask is that you wear flat shoes, and maybe bring a jacket, as it can be a bit breezy up on the cliffs. A warming cuppa and biscuits in the Pavilion afterwards is a nice way to round it off. Everyone from first time triers to the seasoned professional is more than welcome.

Our annual Ladies Christmas afternoon tea was postponed, due to the busy schedules of many, so one of our Ladies, Pat, came up with the idea of a New Year get together, still with games and a lunch, but Secret Santa was replaced with bringing a gift for a nominated charity to send in one big bundle. What a lovely idea! We have a day of laughs and good company, whilst helping others feel a little better too.

We hope you all had a good Christmas, and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year ahead.

Gorleston Flower Club

Our Annual General Meeting is on Monday January 15th 2024 at Magdalen Methodist Church, doors open at 1.30 for 2 p.m. Following the business part there will be a short demonstration by Rachael Borenkova, who is a trainee demonstrator. You can win one of her arrangements. We look forward to welcoming all who are interested in the world of arranging flowers, there is no charge for this meeting.

If you would like more details about our future programme, please contact secretary Margaret Colman (01493) 663590.



GoSH

Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group

Royal Visits to Gorleston Part 1

Once again Chris Wright has shared his research on all things Gorleston and this time he has written this article about Royal visits to Gorleston that we will showcase in 3 parts over the next few months.

The Borough of Great Yarmouth has received numerous royal visitors over the centuries. The first in April 1257 saw Richard, the second son of King John, depart, with fifty ships, to Germany, to be crowned King of the Romans. Several royals have visited Gorleston, although some may have not been recorded. The royals may have just passed through as they travelled to and from London, to embark from the port of Yarmouth on their way to Europe. There were also opportunities to view royals as they passed through the Yarmouth Roads. Visits, where Gorleston is recorded are:-

King Charles 1st, on 27th September 1671, stopped at the New Inn in Bradwell en route with his retinue and royal bodyguards to Yarmouth to inspect the defences. He was accompanied by the Duke of York, (who became King James 2nd), the Duke of Buckingham and Duke of Monmouth.

Prince William Henry (who became King William the 4th) landed at Great Yarmouth on 1st July 1785, coming ashore from the captured former French frigate "Hebe" which was en route from Portsmouth to Scotland while undertaking survey and fishery protection work. "After taking a view of the town and driving to Caister and Gorleston, the Prince returned on board "Hebe" the same evening". It is likely that he visited Captain Garnham at Hill House (now Koolunga) on High Road as he had served with him in the navy.

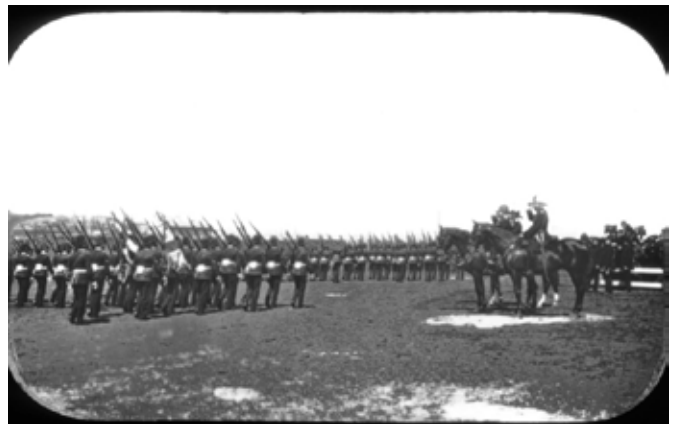
Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, as Admiral of the Naval Reserve, inspected the Gorleston coastguard station on 22nd May 1880. En route, the Duke stopped at Mrs Garnham's Hill House. Captain Aldrich, who he had served with, had organised an inspection of the Duke of Edinburgh's Pipe and Drum Band and a meeting with Captain Harris, a veteran of Trafalgar. On the 21st, he had enjoyed Byron's play, "A Weak Woman" at the St Andrews Hall in Priory Street.

The eighth official visit to Great Yarmouth by the **Prince of Wales** (King Edward 7th from 1901) took place on 25th May

1899. The following day, he reviewed the Prince of Wales Own Artillery Militia on the South Denes as their Colonel in Chief. After lunch and seeing gun practice, he went on a private visit to Gorleston to the new Cliff Hotel. He toured the building and "expressed admiration for the situation of the hotel and its luxurious accommodation" and was impressed with Gorleston.

27th August 1912 saw **Queen Alexandra** (widow of King Edward 7th who had died in 1910) and her daughter, **Princess Victoria** with **Prince Christopher of Greece**, who were en route for Christiania (Oslo) when the royal yacht, "Victoria and Albert", had to shelter in the Yarmouth Roads during a heavy gale. The Princess Victoria and Prince George of Greece landed at Gorleston.

King George 5th visited Yarmouth and Gorleston on 13th April 1916. The King, in admiral's uniform, arrived by car from Lowestoft. After inspecting the Naval Base at Gorleston, he travelled to Great Yarmouth where crowds greeted the royal car as he went to see the Air Station and Naval Reserve. Crowds turned out at Gorleston in Baker Street, High Street and Feathers Plain while employees of mills and yards in Southtown cheered as his car passed by.



Pictured above: The Prince of Wales inspects the Prince of Wales Own Artillery Militia on the 26th May 1899 at Great Yarmouth.

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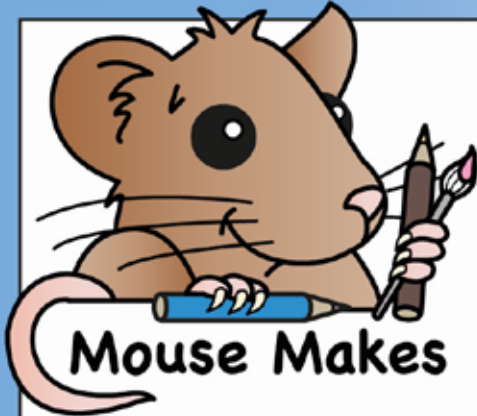
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Mouse Makes

EPIPHANY is the time in the Church year that we remember when the 'wise men' or 'Magi' followed a star that led them to the Christ child Jesus. They bowed down, worshipped him and left *three* special gifts.



Where was Jesus born?

Luke 2:1



What three gifts did the wise men give Jesus?

and -----
Luke 2:11



Who was the king?

Luke 2:1

Where did the wise men come from?
the -----
Luke 2:1

How were the wise men warned not to return to Herod?
In a -----
Luke 2:12

What had the wise men seen?
a -----
Luke 2:2



Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks, find them in the word search then look for the words opposite.

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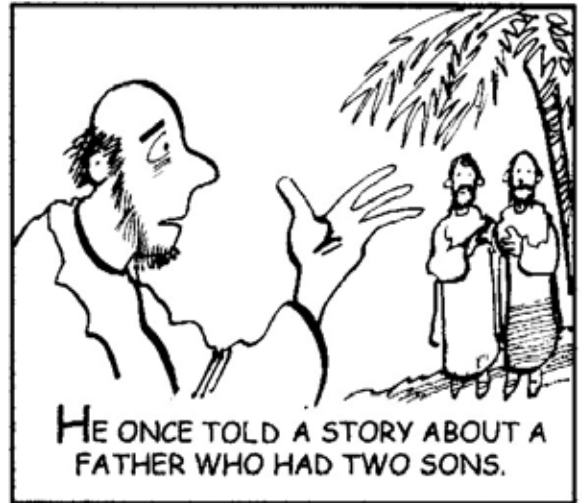
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How many other words can you make from the letters in EPIPHANY?

The tale of the Two Sons



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



HE ONCE TOLD A STORY ABOUT A FATHER WHO HAD TWO SONS.

THE FATHER WENT TO HIS OLDER SON AND ASKED HIM TO WORK IN THE VINEYARD



'NO I WON'T!' SAID THE OLDER SON...



...BUT THEN HE CHANGED HIS MIND AND WENT AND HELPED.

THE FATHER THEN WENT TO HIS YOUNGER SON AND ASKED HIM TO HELP IN THE VINEYARD TOO.



'OF COURSE I WILL!' SAID THE YOUNGER SON. BUT HE PROMPTLY FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT....

...AND DIDN'T DO A STROKE OF WORK!



'WHICH ONE DID WHAT HIS FATHER WANTED?' ASKED JESUS...



'WHICH DO YOU THINK IT WAS?'



Gorleston Grapevine

with Carol Todd



As we welcome another New Year my friends, let's take a little time to plan ahead. It's lovely having things to look forward to throughout the year. That's why January is the most popular month for booking holidays. It can sometimes be a little depressing for some after all the excitement of

Christmas. So why not make some plans to look forward too. They don't need to be as expensive as booking holidays. You can arrange to meet friends out, or just invite them around for tea, especially if you cannot get out that often. Join some new groups, take up a new hobby, check in on friends you haven't seen for a long time, do the things you keep putting off. How about a trip to the movies this month? I've heard "Wonka" is brilliant, and starring our very own last surviving steam drifter, The Lydia Eva. She is also staying open this Winter because of the movie, so if you haven't visited her before, then she's well worth a tour. Our wonderfully talented friends at Freshly Greated will be doing everything they can to keep your January sparkling,

as the light up The Mag Square this month with their glowing trees, yes you heard me right, sparkly, twinkling lights aren't just for Christmas you know. The Mag will be glowing this month to lift your spirits and banish those January Blues. Follow Freshly Greated's Facebook page for more details.



So to the news of more doors closing and opening in Gorleston. I'll start with the sad news that Isla's Pie & Mash and Salamander's Restaurant will not re-open. Both restaurateurs say this is for family reasons, so sorry to hear their news, and really hope that both properties are not empty for very long. On a brighter business note, I am delighted to let you know that local business entrepreneur, Jackson Harmer, owner of the very successful Ink Asylum, located on the corner of Avondale and Lowestoft Road, has taken over the former Bank/Belly Boo's building on the High Street. Jackson and his team are currently working on much needed improvements to his new creative urban community hub, The Vault, which will feature a tattoo lounge, creative art areas for his social enterprise, an urban café and a new barber. The Vault is already working with hundreds of our young people, as well as students from East Norfolk's Sixth Form, inspiring and encouraging them to create art, bringing out the best of their talents, building their confidence and reach their full potential. If you'd like to get in touch with The Vault to

see how you could contribute, then do pop in and see Jackson. He's there on site, currently laying around 10,000 one pence pieces for his new floor! You can follow The Vault's progress on their Facebook page too. Another new business opening soon is Dr. A's, based on Church Road, this was the former One-2-One Home-care building. Owned and operated by former East Norfolk Sixth



student, Adam Devany (pictured right). Adam was also a Consultant surgeon at James Paget, before moving into medical aesthetics, having recently been based at London's Harley Street, he has returned to rejuvenate life back into the old building and create the area's premier well-being and aesthetics clinic. Adam will look to introduce hair transplantation and physiotherapy in the coming months. You can find out

more information about Adam's services on his website www.dradamclinic.com. More super news for families of pre-school children, the excellent Scribbles Nurseries have purchased House of Fun Nursery in Longs Industrial Estate. The Wheelwright Arms has re-opened under new management, and if singing is your thing, then I hear they're hosting a fabulous Karaoke Evening every Friday from 7pm. Get in contact with them too if you're a food vendor, as they're keen to have one in their large outside area. The King William Pub has finally been sold at auction. Selling for £325K, rumours are people who operate The Cliff Hotel have purchased it.



I'm so delighted to tell you that our L.G Perfect Christmas Raffle and Tombola has already raised over £1000 for Forget-Me-Not Dementia Group. The group, ran by the wonderful Lesley Ballie, visited our team recently and explained how overwhelmed they were with all our efforts in getting so many fabulous prizes! Thanks to all our customers and suppliers, honestly, you are simply the best. If you would like to attend Forget-Me-Nots group, they meet on the first Monday of each month, it's free, and it's for people with dementia, their carers and family. Do get in touch with Lesley on 07580 005722. I'll update you next month on winners and the total amount the team at Perfects has raised. If there's anything you'd like me to feature in forthcoming GG's or that we can help with, then please do get in touch on email ctodd@eegreen.co.uk. Have the most joyous January my friends, let's kick the blues out of the park!





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Gorleston FC



It's been a stop start period for the Greens because of the wet weather with Gorleston only managing three games since last month's edition.

They began with a 2-0 win over Ipswich Wanderers at the Wellesley. A goal from Ryan Curtis just after the half hour mark set them on their way. Joe Jefford scored his first for the club just before the hour to secure the win.

This was followed by two away defeats, although their opponents were third and second in the league at the time.

A trip to third placed Basildon United saw Gorleston take the lead early in the second half through Curtis. However, Jacek Zielonka was harshly sent off just after the hour and Basildon equalised five minutes later. Basildon scored the winner in additional time that had been added on to six minutes of stoppage time and it wasn't without controversy either as George Keys appeared to have cleared the ball off the line but the assistant deemed it to have crossed the line.

Two weeks later a trip to Felixstowe & Walton Utd also saw a pointless return but no controversy with this one. Gorleston were still in the game at half time having created plenty of chances but finding themselves one down from a breakaway goal. But the hosts raised their game in the second period and added three more goals. Although the Felixstowe goalkeeper was named man of the match.



Gorleston have some tasty ties to look forward to at the Wellesley during January with Suffolk sides Stowmarket and Bury visiting and probably promotion chasing Brightlingsea Regent too but that game has yet to be confirmed. Plus, they have a short trip

over the border to last season's home pitch at Crown Meadow.

The Greens also need to visit Fakenham in the Senior Cup with the game provisionally scheduled for Saturday the 27th but, again, this is yet to be confirmed.

Gorleston Reserves have won two out of three and drew the other one to remain unbeaten in the Anglian Combination Premier Division with a 13 point lead at the top, although others have games in hand.



Firstly, the Reserves won 3-1 at Acle Utd where Kanu Maxwell Ibenne, Sam Wooldridge and Harry Hall were the scorers. Next was a 2-2 draw with Wroxham Reserves who had ex-Canary Grant Holt on the

scoresheet for them. Wooldridge hit both the Greens goals.

Then came a hard fought 1-0 victory over UEA where Jacek Zielonka netted the winner.

At the time of writing, Gorleston Under 18s hadn't played since early November.

For all the latest news, results and fixtures visit www.gorlestonfc.com.



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To show your support for Gorleston, and maybe win yourself some money at the same time, why not join the Gorleston Lucky Dip draw? It is only £5 a month paid by a Standing Order so, once set up, you are good to go with a better chance of winning than on many other draws. The GoLD draw paid out £150 in prize money at Christmas but the more who are in, the more you can win. Full details of the draw and how to enter are on the website, contact me (Dave Hardy), or email gorlestonfootballclub@hotmail.co.uk

January Fixtures (all League unless indicated otherwise) (subject to change)			
Date	Kick Off	Team	Opponents
01/01/2024	3 pm	First Team	Lowestoft Town (A)
06/01/2024	3 pm	First Team	Stowmarket Town (H)
10/01/2024	7:45 pm	First Team	Redbridge (H)
11/01/2024	7:45 pm	Under 18s	Wroxam (A)
13/01/2024	3 pm	First Team	Enfield (A)
17/01/2024 (TBC)	7:45 pm	First Team	Brightlingsea Regent (H)
20/01/2024	3 pm	First Team	Bury Town (H)
23/01/2024	7:45 pm	Under 18s	Kirkley & Pakefield (H)
27/01/2024 (TBC)	3 pm	First Team	Fakenham Town (A) (Senior Cup)
30/01/2024	7:45 pm	Under 18s	Bungay Town (H)
Reserves fixtures not known at time of writing			

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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."

Did you know that Chickens are probably one of the loveliest companions you could wish for along with the fact that on average they produce one egg per day for many years of their lives.

I had an interest in keeping these beautiful birds after visiting a friend's house one time about 20 years ago where she had transformed her back garden into an open area for about 6 chickens and a couple of geese. Now, I was not going to subject my neighbours to the noise that would surely be loud from geese, but I did decide that probably a couple of chickens would suit our family.



I soon got to work on finding the perfect coop and run which was good to house up to 6 chickens, this was built and placed in the garden without issues. Off we went to pick out our new friends however we ended up coming home with 3-day old chicks which were much too young to be outside and instead became guests in our living room inside a heated tank. We put a makeshift pen around the tank and would let them into the pen often so they could run around and we could handle them. Oh, they were so cute and very soon became quite confident and busily investigated the activities we put in to keep them occupied. Twice daily cleaning was required as they pooped so much, I guess we had them indoors for about 10 weeks until they were large enough and fully feathered.

Once our girls were outside in their 5-star accommodation they very quickly devoured all the grass that was in the run and grew quickly. I don't think they were even fully grown when I began getting concerned that the coop and run was not going to be big enough (in my opinion anyway, I do like all my little friends to have adequate housing). Luckily my husband made a 10ft by 6ft wired off pen to surround the original with a walk-in door and an enclosed wire roof which was fantastic (later my brother helped me partially roof this pen so the girls had more shelter).

It was 20 to 25 weeks old when we found our first egg! I remember letting them out of their coop one morning and checking the nest box (which I had checked several times a day for weeks) and there it was a little brown egg – wonderful. How happy and excited I was as I rushed in to inform the whole house at the top of my voice, although I really wanted to try it, I waited only one more day and we had another two so we could enjoy one each and did we indeed. The eggs were always so much tastier than those bought from a shop, was it because they were from backyard chickens fed on a good food mixture called Garden Blend, or that they had daily access to grass in the garden or was it just because they were ours – I'm not sure but I do know that we had no need to buy eggs for all the years they produced, in fact we were often giving them away to friends and relatives as we had an abundance.

My little friends were indeed just that, I would spend time with them daily, in the morning when I opened the coop they would rush out and start pecking around at their food, the little noises they made I can still hear in my mind now; it was almost as if they were actually talking to me. I would crouch down and they would jump up onto my knee or on my back to investigate my hair. When I opened the pen to let them into the garden they would follow me around, sometimes they would fly around the garden which was adorable to watch. Yes, chickens can fly up to around 6 feet! I had heard that some people clip the wings to prevent them escaping the garden but I never fancied that, as long as I was out there with them, they were not going to venture away.

My chickens were so much more to me than egg producers, the weather didn't stop me spending time with them, even in the snow I would set up a garden chair in the pen, put on my warmest clothes and sit with them to give them the interaction they had become accustomed to. The Beast from the East that hit one year was awful though, I was terrified they would die of cold so for several days we set them up holiday accommodation back in the conservatory area (unheated of course but with more shelter than the coop).

I lost my girls a year apart, first Hope she got an infected crop, I did try hard to save her by taking her to All Creatures Vets in Norwich where she underwent an operation to remove contents of her crop. The op went well and once again she was indoors in a little hospital recovery area we set up in the back bedroom. Unfortunately, the next day whilst I was tending to her she passed away in my arms – I was devastated.

Samantha seemed OK on her own, she had always been the more dominant of the two but it was less than a year when I could tell she just wasn't the same, she wasn't eating as much and she seemed stressed. I tried different types of food, a few vet runs and moved her indoors but she kept deteriorating until I was forced to make that difficult decision.

Both girls had finished laying eggs well before they passed so they were pretty old but I don't think I will ever stop missing their little faces and listening to their chatter when I am in the garden.

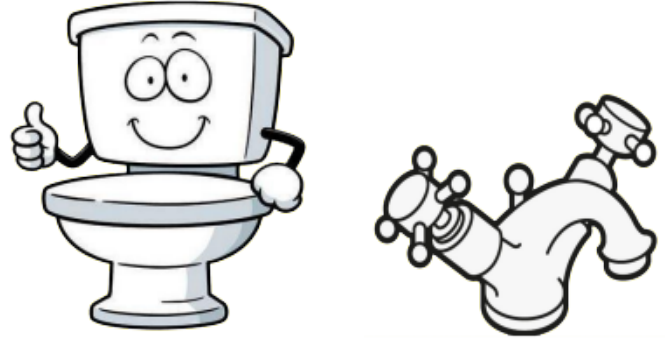
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Gorleston Then & Now

by John McBride



This post card shows the premises of Stanley & Co., Book & Stationery Depot and Lending Library, at the corner of Lowestoft Road and Elmgrove Road. Stanley & Co. were listed here in the 1908 to 1916 Kelly's Directories, although without any road number. Prior to this in 1900 to 1904 Frederick Russell - Tobacconist was there. The 1927/28 Kelly's shows Mrs Lilian Hart, Confectioner & Post Office here, hence the post box which is still outside. Lowestoft Road was renumbered in 1934 when this building became number 152. There were various owners here continuing the confectionery trade; 1930/31 Kelly's - Wm. Lang; 1936 Ethel Silvester; 1938 Ernest Cheason. From 1955 to 1971 a café operated from here. By 1973 it was Seaman's Fruiterer & Greengrocer. Today the property is residential and is situated on a short section of Lowestoft Road, separated from the rest of that road, following the construction of the Gorleston by-pass. On the opposite corner is the building that used to be the Station Hotel. As seen below the area is much more developed today.





Opening THE Book

with
Reverend
John Kinchin-Smith

The Bible tells us that on one occasion when the disciples (close friends and followers) of Jesus have watched Jesus praying, they said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke’s Gospel chapter 11). They had seen something in the relationship of Jesus and God that they really wanted for themselves. Jesus answered, “When you pray, say: Abba (Father), hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”

A longer version of this prayer is found in Matthew’s Gospel chapter 6. It’s the prayer we know as ‘The Lord’s Prayer’. Why is this prayer so important? Because it teaches us so much about God and life and ourselves and about our true needs. First of all the prayer acknowledges that God is real and that God is holy and wishes us to have a perfect Father/child relationship with him. It teaches us that because God is holy (completely good and pure), we are to hold him in reverence and awe. The prayer also acknowledges that God has a perfect purpose for us and his creation (his kingdom) and that we can be a part of that by living our lives according to his perfect will. It is therefore a prayer of our commitment to his will. The prayer acknowledges moreover that everything in the universe comes from God and belongs to God including our daily needs. It therefore expresses our dependence upon God and our gratitude.

The final part of the prayer is an expression of the best kind of humility, admitting that our lives are far from perfect (our sin) and that true liberation comes from our sorrow over our sin and our forgiveness of others. It admits the ease by which we are tempted and the hard testing that can come our way and asks for help and protection. The Lord’s Prayer therefore is not only a prayer to recite, but also gives the shape and pattern for our relationship with God.



News from The Mag

with
Reverend Matthew Price



January can be a dark month. The festivities of Christmas and the New Year are behind us, but both the mornings and the evenings are still dark. It’s no surprise, then, that the third Monday in January has earned the title, “Blue Monday.”

Originally devised to help a travel company sell holidays, it has become synonymous with everything that is depressing. Credit card bills from Christmas land on the doormat (or in the inbox); the year seems to be stretching ahead interminably; and its dark both when you leave for and return from work!

That’s why we’re delighted to be working with our friends at Freshly Greated to bring you some light into the darkness this January. Glow Your Own Way will be a festival of light and projection, taking place on Magdalen Square, including in our building, across the weekend of 20-21 January. At the heart of the weekend will be a light procession, beginning at 4.30pm outside Lydia Eva Care Home and heading towards Magdalen Square.

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Ormiston Herman Academy

As we enter a new calendar year, everyone from Ormiston Herman would like to wish you all a prosperous and happy 2024!

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.

Norfolk School Games – Cross Country Finals

On Wednesday, Susie in Year 3 and Harry in Year 6 took part in the Norfolk School Games – Cross Country Final at High Lodge in Thetford. We are very proud of both of their achievements – Susie placed 59th and Harry placed 19th. Fantastic athleticism from them both. Well done.



Super World Science Day

At Herman, we strive to deliver an excellent academic program that celebrates international events. As part of this, the whole academy celebrated World Science Day. It started with an inspirational assembly delivered by a 'Science Boffin', which introduced the children to the awe and wonder of science. Later that week, the children had the opportunities to complete some science experiments of their own, making sure they noted down some careful results. As an academy, we have focused on why it is important to have scientists whilst understanding how a scientist needs to work.

Fundraising Champions

All students at Ormiston Herman are encouraged to take part in social action events as often as possible. Recently, the whole academy has been raising money for national and local charities. Our most recent fundraising campaign saw the children completing as many 'Bearpees' (a play on words of the fitness task Burpee) as possible. The children had one week to complete over 1000 Bearpees! As an academy we smashed through the 'Bearpees' target and accumulated 1741 altogether! The children raised a magnificent £1621 across the week. A big thank you to everyone who helped us reach this target.

French Linguists!

Throughout the Autumn Term, all Year 5 and 6 children have been practising their French phonics with the aim to take part in a French Spelling Bee. Each class had the difficult task of whittling down the entries to two per class. The lucky 8 that were chosen, were entered into the Spelling Bee, and were competing for two positions in the National competition. After

some incredibly close rounds both Lily and Logan, in Year 6 and Year 5 respectively, were victorious and presented with a winner's certificate and badge. We wish Lily and Logan the best of luck in their national competition later this year.

Anti-Bullying Week

Ormiston Herman Academy kicked off Anti-Bullying week with Odd Socks Day, which is a day to recognise how our differences make us special. The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying week was 'Make a Noise about Bullying.' To do this, we invited parents into the academy to



learn about the differences between 'bullying' and 'banter' and looked at how we can resolve conflict between friendships. Some parents even got to join in with a sing and dance with the official Anti-Bullying week song!

Ormiston's Got Talent

After the success of Ormiston's Got Talent last year, it was decided the competition would be launched again; with Phase 5 of the competition in spring 2024. All students, from any Ormiston academy, were invited to audition for Phase 1 of the competition. Every child or group needs to create a two-minute audition of their talent. Herman was inundated with entries and each class had to hold mini auditions to select their top two entries. To complete Phase 1, a mini-talent competition was held to select the 3 performers who would represent Ormiston Herman. Well done to everyone who took part at any stage of the competition, and we look forward to hearing about Phase 2 of the competition.

Key Stage 2 Choir

Our KS2 Choir had the privilege of singing at the opening of Great Yarmouth Christmas Fayre, which was held at the Minster, during December. The audience commented on how beautifully they sang and how they are a credit to the Academy. In addition to this, they sang another set of beautiful songs during the Christmas at the Church celebrations. We are very proud of their fantastic singing.



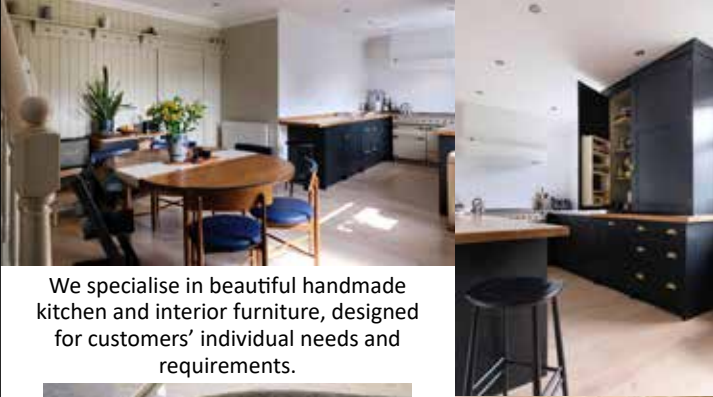


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Ramblings of a Displaced Cockney

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.

An All-Night Ramble



I was sitting and musing one evening, thinking about times long past and friends last seen an age ago, when my mind turned to a much-remembered event over half a century ago.

When I was at University in Nottingham, I was a member of “PresbyCong”, the Society for students who had a Presbyterian or Congregational Church

background. Apart from the Church-based aspects of Society life we also planned lots of social events such as dance evenings, mixed cricket matches, theatre visits, dance evenings, group holidays and even an all-night ramble.

This last event was a sort of end of summer term celebration of another year of university- life passing. In Nottingham, we had access to the wonderful Sherwood Forest, or rather what was left of a much larger Royal Forest and Hunting Ground which has been wooded ever since the last ice-age and which once covered a quarter of the whole County and extended into neighbouring ones. When the Domesday Book was written in 1086 it still covered an area nearly twenty times larger than the modern forest. No wonder that the legendary outlaw Robin Hood found it easy to hide from the Sheriff of Nottingham’s men!

So, we chose an expected dry night, with a bit of a moon, for our ramble which was planned to see us walk across the Forest on a circular route, ending up for breakfast where we had left our transport.

Initially, everything went smoothly. At that time of year, it gets dark late in the evening and it is light again in the early morning. In between, it is really quite surprising how much you can see around you, once your eyes are accustomed to the darkness.

We were ambling along sometime around midnight, when we were suddenly surrounded by armed soldiers and arrested at gun-point. In those days there was still an occasional military exercise allowed in the Forest and, unbeknown to us, this was just one of those rare nights.

I explained that we were just a harmless bunch of eccentric university students celebrating the end of the academic year, but it was of no avail and we

were “escorted” to their headquarters’ encampment. The officer in charge was summoned from his tent, apparently quite cross because he may have been concentrating on his planning, possibly with his eyes shut on his camp-bed!

He explained why we had been arrested. Apparently, the Sherwood Foresters were tasked with guarding a “mid-European wooded area” against an incursion by a group of terrorists (played by a Guards Regiment) who would be disguised as a group of students. I had to think quickly or our ramble would be significantly curtailed.

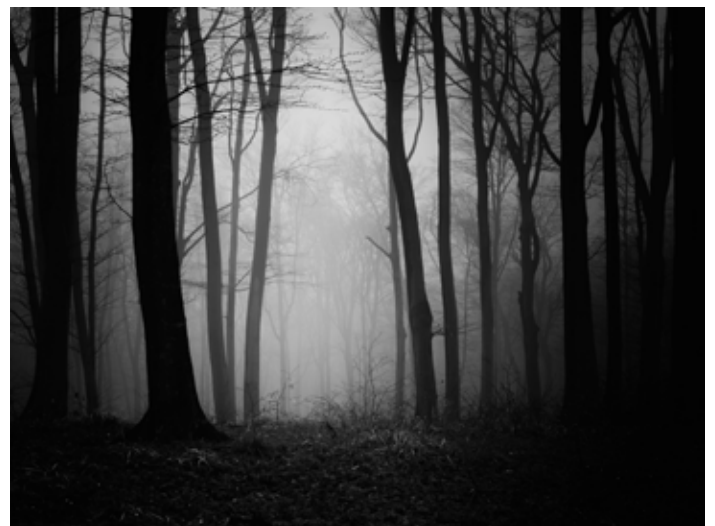
My girlfriend at the time, Liz, was on the ramble and she was about five feet two tall. I called her over, tucked her under my arm and triumphantly said to the officer: “This is Liz. Does she look like a six-foot Guardsman in drag??”

He thought about this for a moment and replied: “I see what you mean. Be on your way.”

Trying to be helpful, I suggested that they might want us to go off in a particular direction, but he told us to just stick to the route we had planned and the soldiers would be warned ahead of our arrival. For the rest of the ramble, we played a game of “Spot the Squaddie” as “hidden” in the bushes, they hastily stubbed out their fags as we approached!

Yes, we got to our breakfast spot without further alarms and camping stoves were put to good use for a cooked breakfast followed by dancing among the trees to my old wind-up gramophone playing Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis and Little Richard on 78s!

A memorable night indeed!



Venture so far this year have had lots of sporting fixtures success, here are some of them so far.

U16 Norfolk County Finals Netball at the University of East Anglia

It was a pleasure to see the Venture team play some fantastic Netball against some historically brilliant Netball teams from other schools in Norfolk. The Venture team was Emiliya (team captain), Emily, Isla, Sienna(Y11s), Tiwa, Ruby, Elisa, Abi and Taylor (Y10s). The first game was really close with many interceptions and some amazing defending from all players on the team, but Ruby and Tiwa in particular were exceptional. This game finished 4-3 to Aylsham. The second game was against Norwich School and although there were some challenges in this game, the team overcame this and managed to win the second half of the game. This game finished 10-3 to Norwich School. After working really hard in the previous game the team came away with a win in the final game, 2-1 to Venture versus Springwood. The team finished in 3rd place in their pool, a fantastic achievement. I am really excited to see the Year 10s progress and play in this tournament next year.



Year 7 football

Ormiston Year 7 Cup: A Day of Football and Camaraderie

Norwich City Football Club's under-21 scholars recently organized the Ormiston Year 7 Cup at the Sport Park, UEA, bringing together young talents from various academies for a thrilling day of football. Among the enthusiastic participants were two teams from Ormiston Venture Academy: Venture Vipers and Venture Vulcans. The event featured mini games that determined the team placements into three divisions, followed by intense 10-minute 7-a-side matches and exciting knockout rounds.

In the highly competitive Division 1, Venture Vulcans showcased their skills, reaching the semi-finals before being knocked out on penalties. Despite the heartbreak, the team displayed incredible sportsmanship and determination

throughout the tournament. On the other hand, Venture Vipers triumphed in the conference division, clinching the trophy and bringing glory to their academy.

Reflecting on the event, Callum, a Year 7 student from Ormiston Venture Academy, shared his excitement, saying, "We had a really good day and enjoyed playing against other OAT academies. I was pleased I (just about) scored my penalty in the shoot-out. It was cool being coached by a Norwich City player." Callum's enthusiasm echoed the sentiments of many young players who relished the opportunity to compete and



learn from their peers.

Mr. McNally, Assistant Principal of Ormiston Venture Academy, praised the students for their dedication and teamwork, saying, "The boys worked hard for each other and played in a wonderful spirit. It was excellent for them to spend time with scholars and role models to look up to." His words highlighted the positive atmosphere and camaraderie that permeated the tournament, reinforcing the importance of teamwork, discipline, and respect on and off the field.

The Ormiston Year 7 Cup not only provided a platform for young football enthusiasts to showcase their talent but also served as an inspiring experience, allowing them to interact with professional players and coaches from Norwich City Football Club. The event was a testament to the power of sports in fostering friendships, instilling values, and nurturing the next generation of athletes

Venture Year 7 boys vs Ormiston Denes Academy

6-a-side football tournament - at Ormiston Denes Academy under floodlights on their 4G pitch.



Venture Academy

at Venture

Venture took some of the boys who have been attending the year 7 training regularly on a Thursday after school, some of which made their debut for the Academy.

Dawson and Bailey from year 7 managed the 2 teams, making formational and tactical decisions and subs when they felt necessary. Future Peps!

Keegan, Phoenix, Harry A, Harry R, Harrie J, Mason, Shaye and both goalkeepers Alfie and Joey all managed to score!!

The boys had a wonderful experience working together and enjoyed the atmosphere singing their hearts out on the minibus on the way home.

Year 8 Football

Year 8 County Cup game against Broadlands High Ormiston Academy

Venture Elite Year 8 squad: Jack, Shay, Ollie, Luca, Frankie, Riley, Dawson, Sully, JJ, Danny, Indi, Declan

Ormiston Venture Academy V's Broadland High Ormiston Academy in the Year 8 County Cup football fixture (away). Final score was 8-0 to Ormiston Venture!!

Hatrick scored by Jack, two goals from Shay, two goals from Will and a goal scored by Luca. Defence worked super hard to keep a clean sheet and special mentions to Dawson and Sully for playing a year up. Classy performances all round.

Ollie year 8 commented: "It was a quality performance from all the boys, it was a brilliant game!"

Mr Bentley, Teacher of PE said: "Every member of the Venture Elite squad represented the academy in an outstanding manner with a classy performance in their county cup victory over Broadland High. I am beyond proud of each of them and believe this group of players have what it takes to go all the way in this competition."



The Year 8 Venture Elite squad are through to the next round of the county cup. We have been drawn against Kings Lynn Academy in the next round.

Year 8 Venture football squad vs Great Yarmouth Charter Academy

Venture's 5-1 victory in the football fixture against Great Yarmouth Charter Academy. A massive well done to the students, who played through the torrential rain and thunderstorms, each of them demonstrating exceptional resilience.

Year 8 Venture Elite Squad: Shay, Jack, Luca, Fankie, will, Riley, Indi, JJ, Danny, RILEY, along with Year 7 boys Dawson, Sully, Bailey and Luigi. A well done to the Year 7s selected who played a year up.



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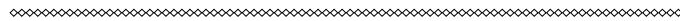


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Joseph and the Amazing Musical

Former BBC Radio Norfolk presenter and theatre reviewer Tony Mallion gives a thumbs up to the Dusmagrik Young People's Theatre company annual musical at Gorleston Pavilion.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat was written almost 50 years ago for a school concert in West London. So who better to serve it up fresh and bursting with energy than the Gorleston based Dusmagrik Young People's Theatre Company? Composers Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber would have been proud to see how the group brought their timeless hit musical to the Pavilion stage.

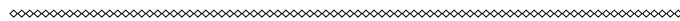
The way Dusmagrik directors Mary Carter and Janice Harvey managed once again to brought out the best from this large cast of youngsters. As a sung-through show with no dialogue it relied heavily on the musical ability of the entire cast including a delightful on-stage 13 piece choir (the youngest of whom was just seven years old). Musical director John Stephens deserves much credit for what was achieved both on stage and in the orchestra pit, filled with the cream of local musicians. Months of hard work had clearly paid off. Three cheers to the three directors.

The set was simple but effective, the costumes excellent and

the Pavilion tech team of Tom Darnell on lighting and Elliott Scott-Greenard on sound did so much to add professional polish to this lively couple of hours.

Dusmagrik last staged Joseph a decade ago when Jamie Harrison was a small junior member of the cast. Ten years on having risen through the ranks he embraced the starring role of the title character with a winning smile and a powerful West End belter of a voice. What a performer. The part of the narrator is also vital and here we were in the good hands and vocal chords of Emily Wymer. Masin Sparrow proved that Elvis was definitely in the building with his confident appearance as King Pharaoh (doubling up to play Jacob too); Blake Carter was memorable as both brother Judah and the Egyptian official Potiphar while Keanan Earle provided a highlight with his cameo role as Reuben with a convincing French accent in the number Those Canaan Days. And anyone confused so far that the Bible story of Joseph could include an Elvis impersonator and a French onion seller on his bike be assured - it works!

The opening night's full house delivered a well-deserved roar of approval which was no doubt repeated for the rest of the short run. Dusmagrik did it again, sending us out on a drab November night happy and probably humming the familiar tunes in our heads for days after.



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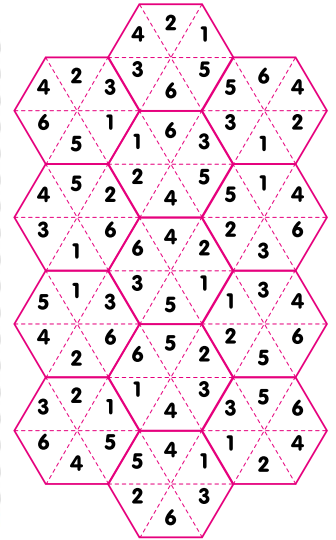
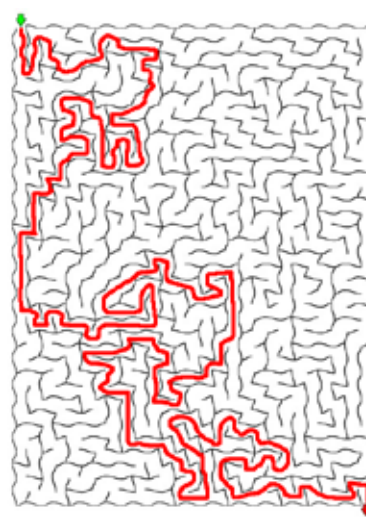
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Local daily newspapers, refreshments, and games will also be available and there will be a member of the ACE team on hand to give advice or support if needed.

"We know that many people are struggling with the rising cost of living, and we want to make sure that everyone has somewhere warm to go this winter," said Lou Gardiner, CEO

of ACE. "The Community Hot-Spot is a place where people can come together, socialise, stay warm and get support if they need it."

The Community Hot-Spot is part of a wider initiative by Norfolk Community Foundation to create warm spaces all over the county. The foundation has provided funding for a number of organisations across the county to open their doors to people who need to stay warm during the cold winter months.

Anyone who would like more information about the Community Hot-Spot can contact Roy Cooper on 01493 262299.

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