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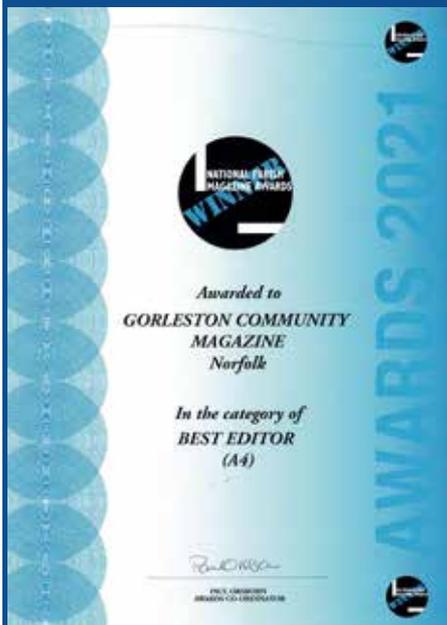
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# Hello Gorleston!



Welcome to Issue 43 of **YOUR** award-winning, free community magazine.

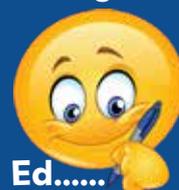


Fantastic news! Early in November we received an email from the National Parish Magazine Awards saying "Out of 330 entries, your magazine achieved 2nd place in the A4 Magazine Category and also winner of the Best Editor award."

This is the 43rd issue of the magazine and over the last three and a half years we have been truly blessed by the support that has been shown for the magazine from the good folk of Gorleston - it would be nothing without your support! As ever, if you would like to be involved with the magazine, whether financially or with content, please do get in touch.

With Christmas getting closer, we send Season's Greetings and pray for a happy and relaxing festive season for you all.

God bless you all and keep you safe,  
and we'll meet again in 2022!



Ed.....

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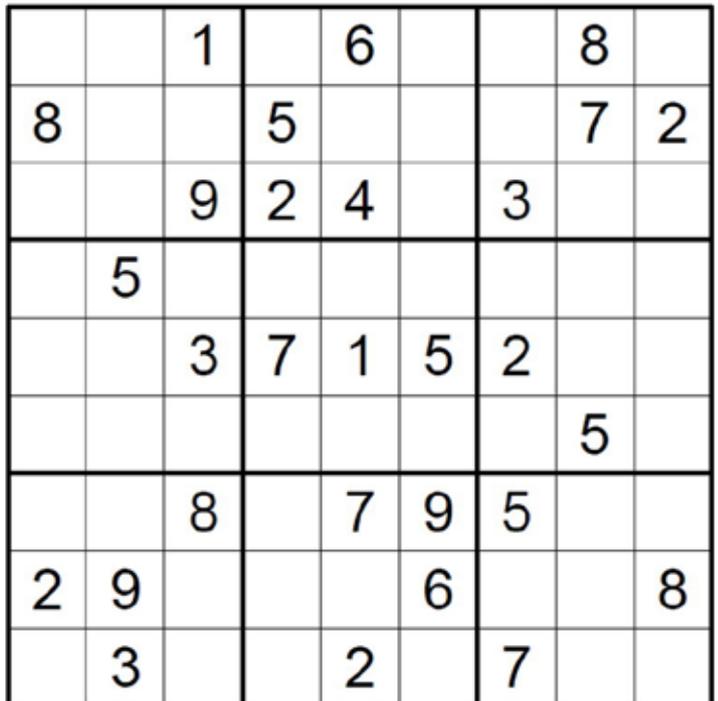
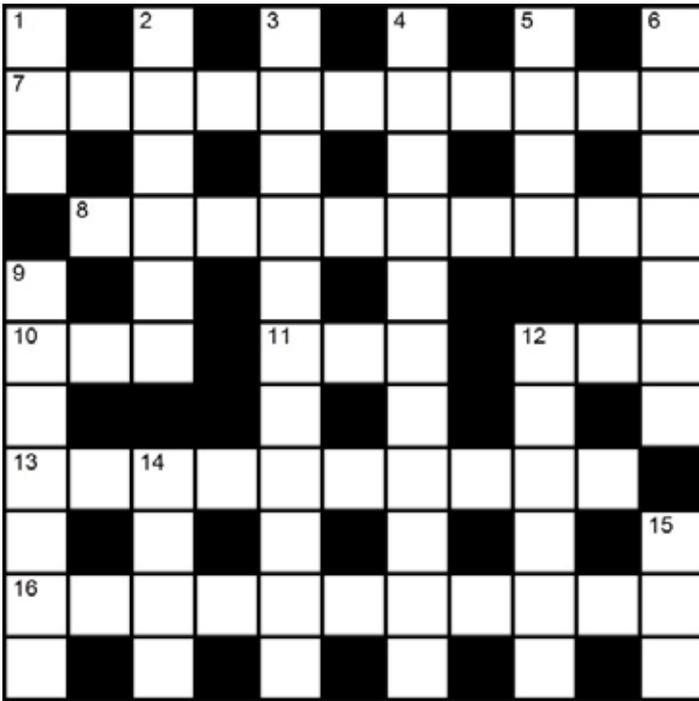
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Thanks to **Patrick Chilvers** for this  
month's front page picture

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# Coffee Time 1



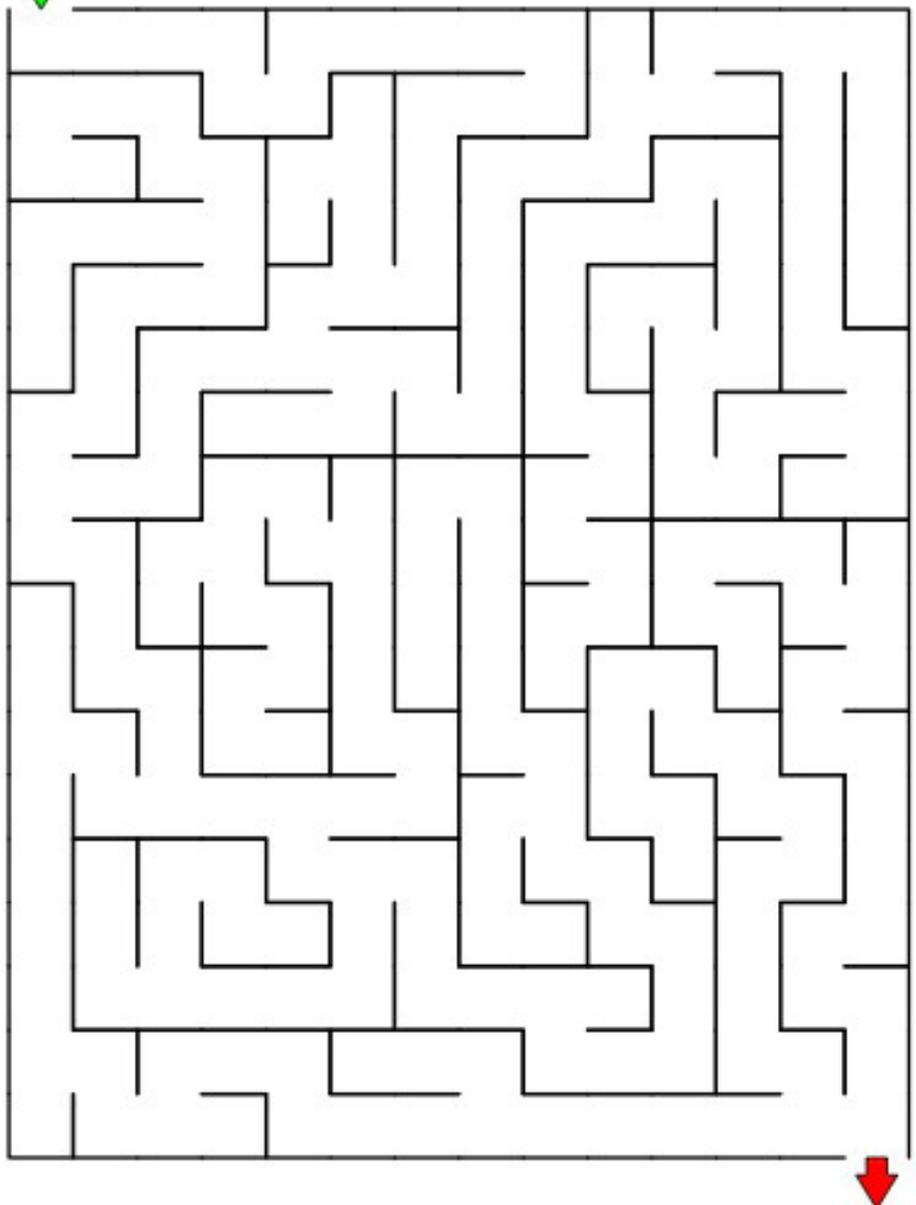
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# The Rockin' Rev

## What a Christmas!

The Bethlehem manger, shepherds, wise men, Jesus, Mary and Joseph – it's all so familiar to older people, who are shocked to hear that younger generations may be hazy or ignorant of them.

Yet what 21st Century Christians proclaim as arguably the most significant event in history began in a remote corner of the Roman Empire, without the pomp and publicity we associate with kingship and power. What modern media have called 'The Greatest Story Ever Told', escaped everyone's attention in first century Judea.

This year, Christmas is going to be a busier celebration than last year, but probably not yet back to the normal fuss we usually make each December.

The streets will be more crowded, but it's feared that shops may struggle with supplies. Parties will take place, but many people will feel reluctant to join in. Family gatherings are allowed again, but the vulnerable may hesitate. Christmas services will be held in church buildings, but singing has the potential for droplet and aerosol transmission.

Because of the ongoing impact of Covid-19 many will struggle to hold their 'usual' Christmas. Yet God does not neglect us. This may be the very opportunity to rekindle or deepen our faith in what really matters about Christmas.

Away from the hordes, perhaps completely alone this Christmas, we may sit quietly and allow our heavenly Father to draw near to us.

We may picture Mary inviting us to gaze with her at her son who was born to be a Saviour. In the silence of our imagination, we may join the chorus of angels announcing His birth to the shepherds:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests."

It was that chorus which inspired an American Minister, Edmund Sears, to write the Christmas hymn, 'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear'.

Sears, troubled by the world's turbulent history and failure to hear the Christmas message, was himself recovering from

a breakdown. Written in 1849, his words have a timeless ring about them, making them as relevant today as when they were first written:



Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love-song which they bring;  
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing.

Wishing you a happy Christmas.  
Rev. Brian.

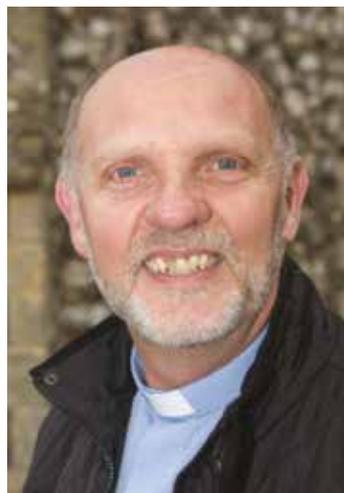
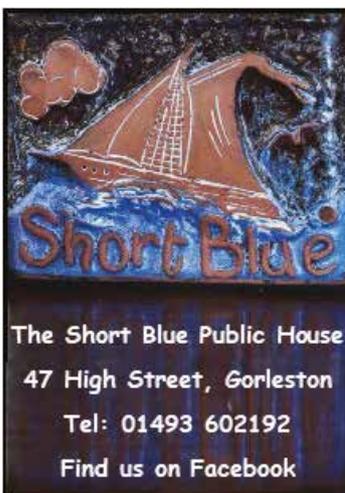
**Carols  
in the  
Churchyard**  
**at St Andrew's Church**  
**Thursday 16th December 6.30pm,**  
**Bring along a lantern (or a torch),**  
**Mince pies, cakes and hot drinks**  
**will be served.**

## 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:

Loving Jesus, your birth at Bethlehem causes us to wonder at heaven touching earth. Be for us this Christmas, and everyone whom we love, a living hope that lightens our hearts. Amen.





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# Ormiston Venture Academy

## Students at Venture Academy receive lifesaving first aid Training

Year 8 and 9 students at Ormiston Venture Academy, which is part of Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), have received vital first aid training.

The students took part in the training sessions that were run by Nigel Wildman from the British Red Cross, over a two-week period. The intensive training covered the core aspects of first aid, including helping the students to identify which personal qualities they have that are great for helping others in an emergency.

The training included various vital practical sessions, including one on how to deliver CPR and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). All of the students were incredibly well engaged and loved being able to be hands on, doing CPR on Resusci-Annes and getting to use practice AED's. This gave the students not only the skills but the confidence to use these techniques in a real-world situation.

Following on from the training, the academy plans to offer all their Venture Ambassadors the opportunity to train as First Aid Champions. The training is a certificated online course set up by the British Red Cross that will build on the basic skills the students have already been given and will further develop their abilities and confidence in first aid.

Providing the students with this vital opportunity has

been a fantastic way to support not just those at Venture Academy but will also help to keep the wider community safe. Overall, the training was a great success and has ensured that students are now prepared in the case of an emergency.

**Year 9 student Jessica said:** *"It was amazing to find out how to save a life and really good training."*

**Year 9 student Kayleigh said:** *"It is good to know what to do if you find yourself in that situation, with your parents or other family members in particular."*

**Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:**

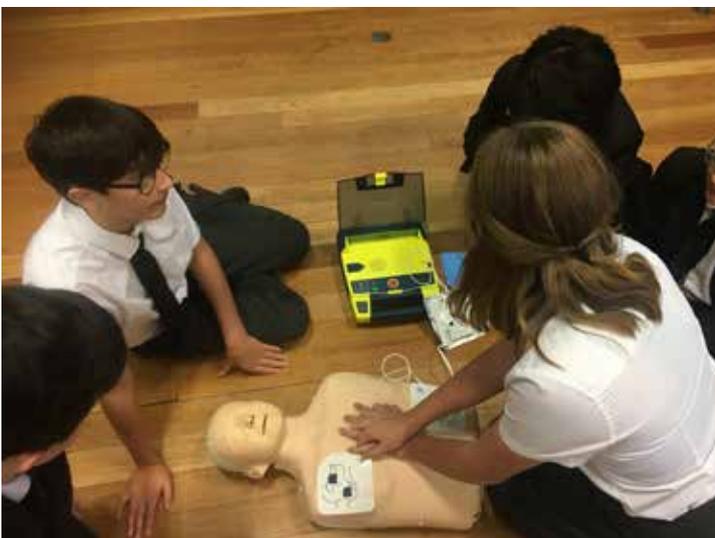
*"It is crucial to offer our students the ability to partake in life saving first aid training, to help keep them and the rest of our community safe."*

*"I am extremely proud of how they all showed great maturity, patience and kindness throughout the training and I am very pleased that they all understood and appreciated how valuable the information they were learning is."*

**Owen Cooper, Head of Student Support at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:**

*"This training was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn the basics in first aid. It is so important that*

*everyone has basic first aid training to allow them to have the skills and the confidence to deal with situations in a calm and responsible way. Hopefully, the students will never have to use these skills but if they do, then they will have the key knowledge to be able to save a life."*



JOSEPH BALLARD as 'MILLY'



# MOTHER GOOSE

*The Eggciting Family Pantomime*



Emily Forder  
'Spirit of Vanity'



Jonathon Hands  
'Jack'



Billie Bedford  
'Jilly'



Beverley Bishop  
'Spirit of Charity'



Chris Dilley  
'Fred / Goose King'



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# Panto News? "Oh Yes It Is!"

## Two Gorleston Girls Make It Good!

Ask Emily Forder (below left) or Billie Bedford (below right) what they want for Christmas and the same answer would come from both of them: "A decent part in Pantomime"

Both live in Gorleston, both went to Performance College in Essex and this year they both have great parts in Mother Goose at the Pavilion Theatre.

Emily has always wanted a characterful part in pantomime. She is playing the Spirit Of Vanity. She persuades Mother Goose to give her Priscilla, the goose in exchange for beauty. This year she can show off her acting skills as well as her singing and dancing ability.

Billie Bedford on the other hand plays Jilly Goose, Mother Goose's daughter and the love interest. Again her acting, singing and dancing skills are called on. She can't wait for her family, all locals, to come and see her in her first leading role.

Emily and Billie's training will stand them in good stead in the professional theatre. Join them for a great night out in Mother Goose at the Pavilion Theatre, Gorleston.

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**Left:** Beverley Bishop  
Spirit of Charity

**Centre:** Joseph Ballard  
Milly, Mother Goose

**Right:** Michael Friend  
Wardrobe Mistress

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more information)



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# Gorleston FC



The season has reached its halfway point with Gorleston FC still leading the pack at the top of the table.

The Greens have played three, won three in the league.

Newmarket Town and March Town United both visited Emerald Park. Against Newmarket, Connor Ingram struck in the opening minutes and Kyle Ingram (pictured below) in the last minute, with a Harrison Bacon goal sandwiched in between as the Jockeys were beaten 3-1.



Three goals in six minutes from Christy Finch, Joel Watts and Luke Goreham saw Gorleston race into a three nil lead against March. March pulled two back to set up a nervy final ten minutes but Finch settled the nerves with a fourth in the 90th minute.

Prior to the game against March, Gorleston's record scorer at Emerald Park, Gary Ingram, presented his sons, Kyle and Connor, with engraved plates to commemorate Kyle's 200th appearance and Connor's 100th goal (below).



The final league game was a difficult away trip to form side Mildenhall who were fourth and, with games in hand, could have moved within three points of the Greens.

Robbie Sweeney, a new signing from Stowmarket who made his debut in the March game, gave the Greens the lead but Hall equalised just after half time. However, a second from Sweeney and a late Finch goal gave Gorleston a 3-1 win.

Gorleston also made progress in the FA Vase. Travelling away to Hoddesdon Town, who were the first ever winners of the Vase in 1975, the match ended goalless and went straight to penalties. Despite missing the first penalty, Gorleston won the shootout 5-4

to set up a home game with Buckhurst Hill in the Second Round. Buckhurst reached that round by beating Yarmouth 5-1.

It won't get any easier during December as Gorleston have to travel to March, who ran them close at Emerald Park this month, although this game could be replaced by the FA Vase 3rd round game if the Greens beat Buckhurst Hill.

The Boxing Day Derby this year is on the 27th and away at Kirkley & Pakefield, the only side to beat the Greens in the league so far. They also have a home match against Norwich Utd, who are one of the title favourites.

Gorleston Reserves have won one of their four games since last month. They lost to Stalham 4-2 (scorers: Sam Wooldridge and Joe Corby); East Harling 2-1 (Reece Tillet) and Sprowston 5-1 (Corby). The win came against Easton with the Reserves winning 5-0 (Sam Ellis (2), Declan Allan, Sam Wooldridge and Andre Martins).

The Under 18s have only played once since last month but sit second in the league. The young Greens won 4-1 away at Bungay with Tyler Hall (2), Harrison Hall and Vassar Loveland the scorers.

Its been a down and up month for Gorleston Women's. They lost 1-0 at Kings Lynn Social Club then went down 4-2 in a top of the table clash at Caister, Kelsi Adams and Rebecca Waters the scorers. But they rounded the month off with a 13-0 victory at FC Viking Valyries of Sprowston (Kelsi Adams (6), Sophie Brown (2), Sienna Saunders (2), Chloe Dobson, Mariano Lino, Joana Patricia da Cunha Teixeira).

To be in with a chance of winning some cash, and show your support for Gorleston at the same time, join the monthly GoLD draw. Full details are on the website or contact me (Dave Hardy), or email [gorlestonfootballclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gorlestonfootballclub@hotmail.co.uk)

For all the latest news, results and fixtures visit [www.gorlestonfc.com](http://www.gorlestonfc.com), follow @gorlestonfc on Twitter and Instagram, and Like us on Facebook.

We would like to wish all our supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

December Fixtures				
Date	Time	Competition	Team	Opponents (Home/Away)
02/12/21	19:45	League	Under 18s	Waveney (H)
04/12/21	15:00	League	First Team	Haverhill Rovers (H)
09/12/21	19:45	League	Under 18s	Kirkley & Pakefield (A)
11/12/21	15:00	League	First Team	March Town Utd (A) *
12/12/21	14:00	League	Womens	Horsford (A)
17/12/21	19:45	League	First Team	Norwich Utd (H)
19/12/21	14:00	League	Womens	KLSC (H)
27/12/21	11:00	League	First Team	Kirkley & Pakefield (A)
Reserves fixtures were not known at time of writing				
* Subject to change if Gorleston are in the FA Vase 3rd Round				

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# Monthly Recipe

from Fleetwoods Butchers

## ROAST TURKEY

Preparation time - 20 mins, Cooking time - 2-2 1/2hrs, Serves 6/8



### Ingredients

- 1 Turkey 4/5kg
- 100g butter
- 3 rosemary sprigs chopped
- 1 garlic bulb
- 1 lemon halved
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 large shallots
- 500ml chicken stock
- Cornflour (optional)

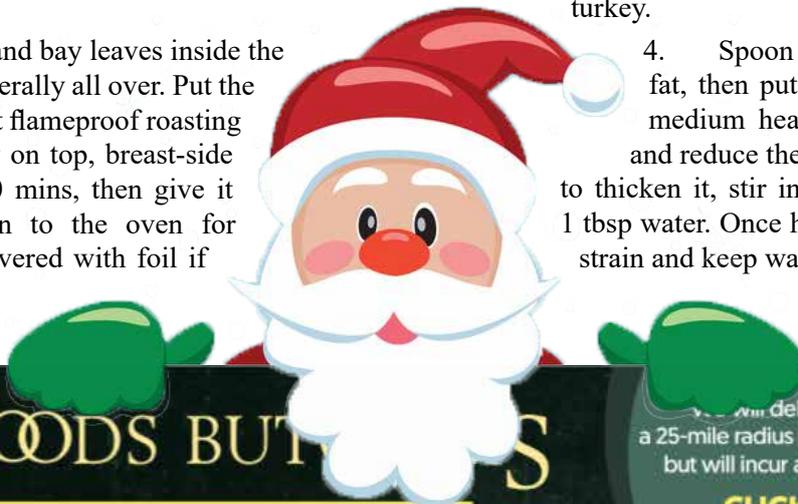
### Method

1. Take your turkey out of the fridge at least 1 hr before you cook it. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 and beat the butter with the rosemary. Starting from the neck of the turkey, carefully push your fingers underneath the skin until you can get your whole hand between the skin and the breast meat. Trying not to tear the skin as you go, spread the butter inside the pocket, squishing some into the crevice between the thigh and breast meat.
2. Put the garlic, lemon and bay leaves inside the turkey, then season liberally all over. Put the shallots in your largest flameproof roasting tin and put the turkey on top, breast-side up. Roast for 1 hr 20 mins, then give it a good baste, Return to the oven for another 30 mins – covered with foil if



the turkey is looking too brown. The juices should run clear when you pierce the thickest part of the thigh, or a thermometer should read 75C. If not done, carry on cooking for a further 5-10 mins.

3. Set aside the turkey on a board to rest for 1 hr, transferring the garlic and bay to the roasting tin for the gravy. If you want crispy skin, don't cover the turkey.
4. Spoon away most of the turkey fat, then put the tin on the hob over a medium heat. Then pour in the stock and reduce the gravy by half. If you want to thicken it, stir in the cornflour mixed with 1 tbsp water. Once happy with the consistency, strain and keep warm until ready to eat.



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*Dr. Seuss,  
How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*



## At the heart of Christmas

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### Traditional Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 12th December at 4pm

Electric lighting has been banned - come and soak up the atmosphere and celebrate together

### Christmas on the Mag

Saturday 18th December, 3-5pm, Magdalen Square

Christmas fun for all the family, with the Big Christmas Sing at 4pm led by the choirs of Peterhouse and Herman schools.

### Family Nativity Carol Service

Christmas Eve at 4pm

Come dressed as a nativity character or borrow a costume when you arrive.

### Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

Be the first to celebrate Christmas Day in traditional style

### Family Celebration with Communion

Christmas Day at 10.30am

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## St Andrew's Church



Services over the Christmas period:

- \* Thursday 16th December  
**6:30pm - Carols in the Churchyard**
- \* Sunday 19th December  
**10:00am - Nativity Service**  
**6:30pm - Lessons and Carols**
- \* Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve)  
**11:30pm - Midnight Communion Service**
- \* Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day)  
**10:00am - Christmas Day Holy Communion Service**

Services resume on Sunday 2nd January 2022

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**



## Carols in the Churchyard

at St Andrew's Church

Thursday 16th December 6.30pm,

Bring along a lantern (or a torch),

Mince pies, cakes and hot drinks will be served.



# Lockdown Musings

by Patricia West, who passed time in lockdown by scribbling away about various, small incidents in her life.

## Christmas Afloat



We had set off from Ramsgate in June aboard “Pillage” our 26 foot sailing Colvic, striking across the channel to Calais into the French canal system through Paris, Lyon, Avignon until six months later we were wintering the boat on the Canal du Midi.

Throughout the trip we met hundreds of people also seeking pastures new including Fran and Mike an American couple who became our Boating Buddies.

We met them in October as we came in to moor on the crowded pontoon outside the walls of Aigues-Mortes (Dead Waters) when a voice called “ there’s space beside us, throw us your ropes ” once we were safely berthed Mike invited us for drinks aboard their 30 foot craft, “Liberty”

He was a professor who, although he never acknowledged it, was the image of the film star James Stewart, Fran also worked in education. They hailed from Colorado and were taking a two year sabbatical to explore Europe. Aigues-Mortes was amazing so with Fran and Mike and the Camargue’s white horses and pink flamingos nearby our planned seven days stretched into twenty.

However the nights were drawing in and we needed to be further along to properly winter the boats. Thus on a chilly November morning we waved goodbye to lovely Aigues Mortes and cast off in convoy. About a month later we reached Beziers.

Our friends decided to stay put in a pretty cut on the edge of town while we pushed further on up the du Midi, one of the oldest and most beautiful canals in France.

It was a wrench leaving them and we arranged to stay in touch through the public telephone system. ( no mobiles then) Several days upstream and we too were wintering Pillage in a small boat yard at Portiragnes

During a ‘phone call they suggested we spend Christmas together and so on the 23rd December quite literally, we battened down Pillage's hatches and headed for the bus station.

Two hours later we were enjoying coffee and cake inside the warm comfort of “Liberty”. Later in the candle lit cabin Fran’s excellent cooking was on offer, delicious Beef Bourguignon washed down with red Bordeaux.

Talking, laughing, reminiscing, we relaxed and grew merry. It was old times again.

Christmas Eve morning was mild and sunny and we breakfasted outside in the cockpit exchanging the season’s greetings with the locals as they passed along the tow path. Then into festive Beziers to mingle with

other last minute shoppers. We purchased food, wine and goodies before separating to buy small gifts for each other. After a lunch of home made soup we ventured into a small wood where the men cut holly and greenery to decorate the boat while Fran and I wrestled down a loop of mistletoe. Eyes twinkling Mike said “ all This and Kisses too?”

Early evening we put on our glad rags and after successfully talking to our loved ones back home by ‘phone we made our way up a steep hill behind the canal to a popular restaurant where we had booked a table.

The dark night was mainly lit by our torches and it took over twenty minutes to reach our crowded Christmas bedecked destination. What a memorable evening. Our fellow diners were welcoming, friendly, and showered us with good will. The food was wonderful and we ate, drank and sang until Christmas Eve slipped into Christmas Day.

After prolonged goodbyes we stepped out into the velvet darkness. No moon, but the stars sparkled; thousands of them. Carefully we wound our way down guided by the distant lights shimmering on the water below. Suddenly – the silver arc of a shooting star falling gently, silently. We paused, unable to speak until finally I said, “ it just doesn’t get any better than this”. Back on board we agreed the evening had been magical; that we had felt the true meaning of Christmas and wished that it could always be so.

Christmas morning; in a small church we attended the holy service lingering to mingle and take wine with members of the congregation. Then a return to “Liberty” to exchange presents and finally, Christmas dinner - Fran and I had prepped ahead and spread the whole works on the table where we sat for hours, finishing off with mince pies - sent from Margaret in England - and of course, cognac. Mike got out his guitar and we sang along to our favourite carols and melodies. Fran tried to hum through her comb but it was terrible and we collapsed in uncontrollable giggles until someone went to make a calming pot of tea.

Boxing Day and a lighter menu. A lazy morning, a gentle afternoon walk then Fran and Mike glammed up before departing to a nearby posh restaurant. They were celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary! We waved them out of sight and now it was just Us, raising our glasses to the happiness of the past few days and the affection and kindness of friends.

On the 27th reluctantly we said our goodbyes. Comfortably settled on the bus we fell silent for most of the journey, lost in our thoughts of a Christmas we would remember all of our lives.

I am still in touch with Fran and Mike.

# Coffee Time 2

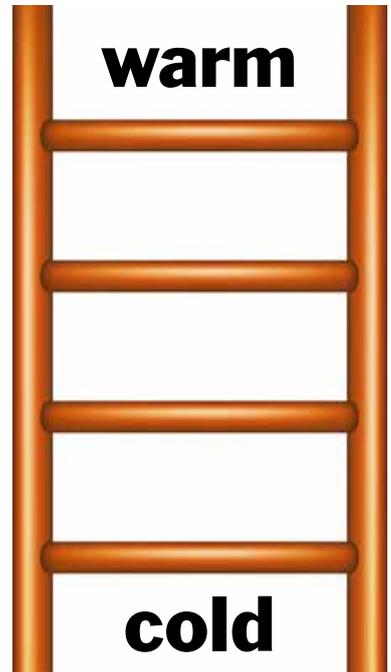
## Fallen

Letters have fallen out of their boxes, but are in the same column. Can you put them back in the right place to reveal a book and its author?  
(Words may continue on the next line.)

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## Word Ladder

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



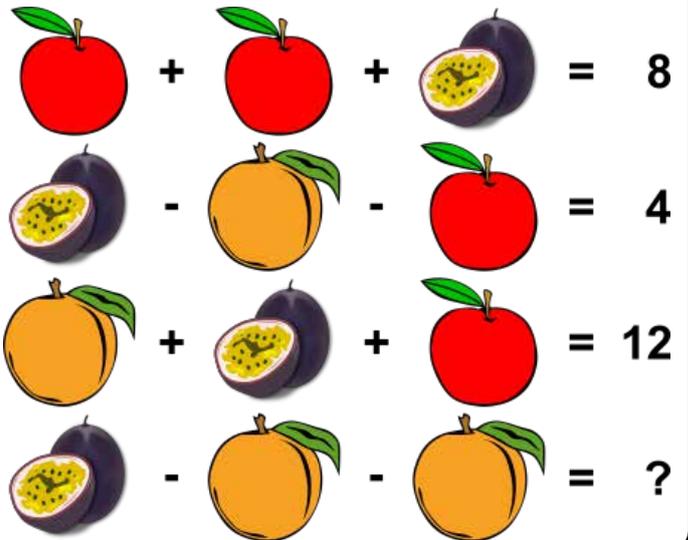
## Caught in the middle

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

- Christmas** ..... **Top**
- Icing** ..... **Lump**
- Spa** ..... **Salts**
- Mixer** ..... **Dance**
- Sand** ..... **Vault**

## Crunch 'em

What is “?”





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# GoSH Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group

## Festive Display Awards

The Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group has now resumed meeting, after a gap of seventeen months due to the COVID19 pandemic.

The Group has been giving some thought to the continuation of their Festive Window Display Awards, which have been made annually for about the last ten years. The members have decided that these have now largely achieved their aim of encouraging shops and businesses, in all parts of Gorleston, along with their staff, to create attractive festive shop window displays.

Home Stylz was awarded first place last Christmas (2020) and in the previous two years, a hat trick! The membership of GoSH have therefore decided to discontinue making these awards for the time being and allow Home Stylz to hold on to the trophy. Our members have been exceedingly appreciative of the Home Stylz window displays for different occasions including Armistice Day and Christmas. We hope that all shops and businesses in Gorleston will continue to create displays that give a great deal of pleasure to Gorleston shoppers. The committee and members of GoSH wish all readers of the Gorleston Community Magazine a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

The next GoSH meeting will be held on Tuesday the 8th February 2021 in the Brackley Room at the Shrublands Youth and Adult Centre, Magdalen Way, Gorleston, NR31 7BP, but please do check our website <https://gorleston-on-sea-heritage-group.webnode.com> in case of any last minute changes.



Jason and his team at Home Stylz were the overall winners of the GoSH Festive Window Display Competition in 2018. GoSH Chairman Les Cockrill presented the Trophy and framed certificate.



In 2017 the overall winner was the High Street butcher's shop Keith's. Les Cockrill and Vice-Chairman Violet Bell presented the trophy and certificate to the team at Keith's.

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# Ormiston Herman Academy

Providing a rich and stimulating curriculum is a very 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 the activities that have taken place this month.

## Football Fever!



A group of eight Year 6 girls took part in the latest School Sports Partnership (SSC) competition on Tuesday 2nd November at Flegg High School. This was their first taste of competitive football together as a team. There were ten teams in total and Ormiston Herman finished 5th overall! What a fantastic effort from a newly formed team. Well done girls!

## Raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital (G.O.S.H)

On Wednesday 13th October, the whole of Ormiston Herman Academy took part in a fundraiser for Great Ormond Street Hospital - the 'Race for Kids.' Every child in the academy wore 'sporty' clothing to celebrate the day with £1 being collected



from each child. Raising just £120, could cover the cost of a play team member for a whole day, which helps ensure that a child's experience of hospital is as stress-free as possible.

Our idea was to get every child 'moving' to raise money. An assault course was set up on the field for each class to take part in. This involved; agility ladders; hoola hoops; weaving



poles; a coned track; spot movements and hurdle jumps of all sizes! The children were asked to complete as many laps as possible. Overall, we raised more than £300 for a fantastic charity. Thank you to everyone who helped to support us!



## Kensuke's Kingdom Wow Day

Year 6 have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom by the author Michael Morpurgo, as their class novel and as a result have completed a lot of learning about the Pacific War and the battles that took place between Japan and America.

Within the story, the main character Michael is stranded on an island with an unlikely companion, an ex-Japanese Doctor from World War 2 called Kensuke, With Kensuke's support, Michael learns a range of survival techniques.

To conclude the topic, Year 6 took part in a Bush Craft event led by Jonathon at 'Back to Basics Bush Crafters'. During the day, the children participated in many activities, including: fire lighting, water filtering, foraging and creating shelters. They had a fantastic experience, which helped bring to life Michael's experiences on the island.



## A Rocket has crashed!

Our very smallest learners in Nursery were in for a surprise when they arrived at school yesterday morning. They found the remains of a rocket that had crash landed in the Early Years Garden area. As yet, they have not managed to locate the driver of the vehicle, but if they are spotted around the Gorleston area, please alert the Academy as soon as possible.

# Kids' Corner

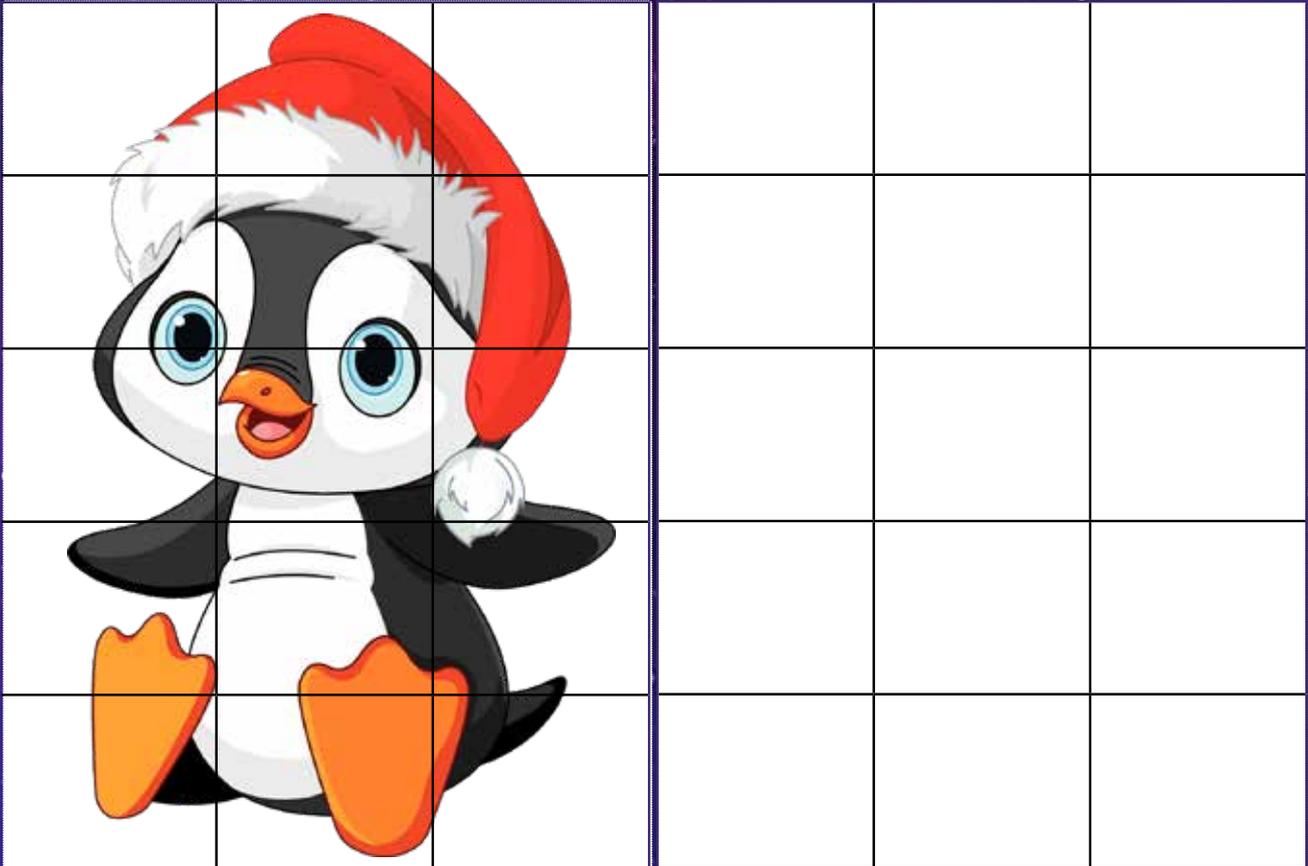
## Christmas Colouring Fun



**For unto us a child is born!**

In the books of Matthew and Luke, both in chapter 2, we can read about the birth of Jesus. Christians particularly focus their thoughts on this at Christmas time. Why do they do this? Well, in the Bible book of John (chapter 3, Verse 16), we are told that God sent his one and only son into the world so that everyone who believes in Him would not be lost but would have eternal life. How did He come into this world? Just the same way as you and I. His mother Mary gave birth to Him, He became a toddler, a young child, a teenager and an adult just as we do. Christians can and do think about this all the time, and Christmas is as good a time as any! When Jesus was born He brought joy to the world for all those who will believe in Him. Believe in Him today and remember always that God sent him to us and for us!

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## Christmas Wordsearch

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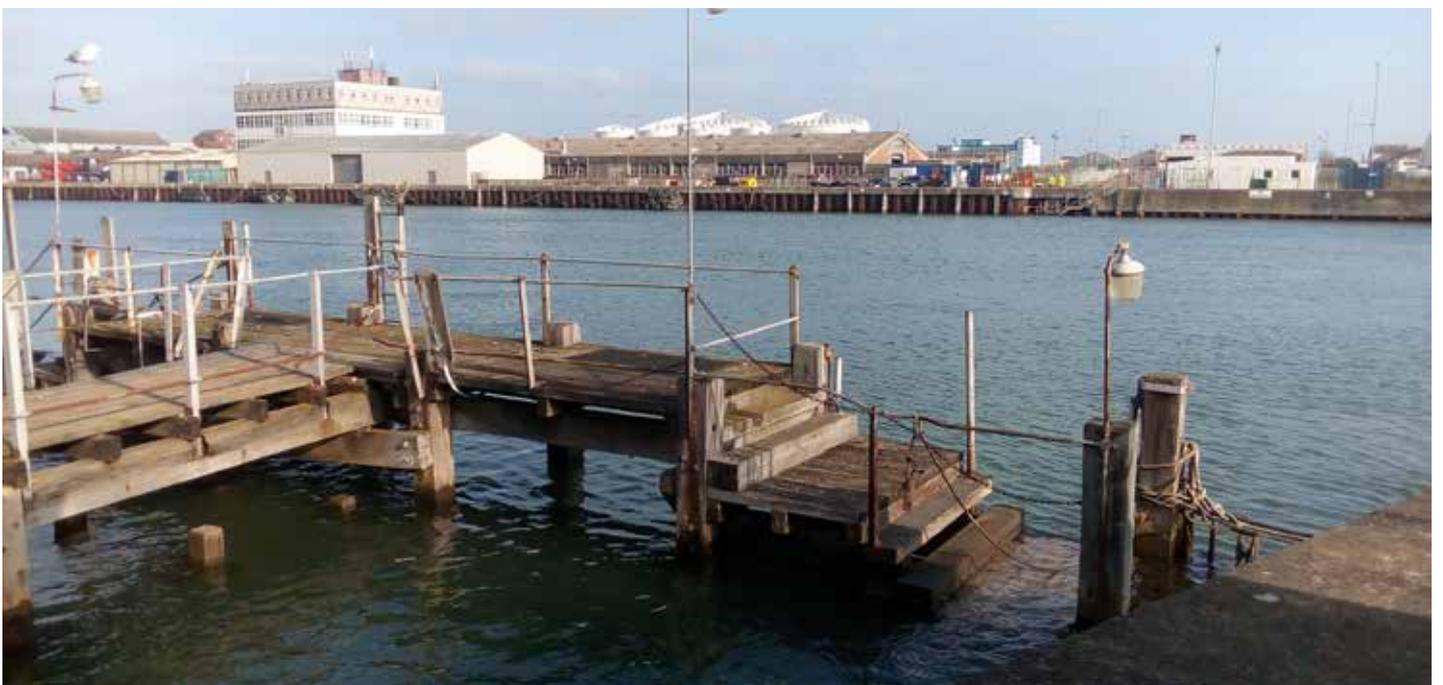
Gifts

# Gorleston Then & Now

*by John McBride*



The former lower ferry was a very convenient route to work for many workers living in Gorleston and working in one of the many businesses on the Yarmouth side of the River Yare such as Birds Eye Foods, Erie Resistor, Hartmanns, the power station and many more. It ran from opposite Salmon Road in Yarmouth to near the junction of Ferry Hill and Riverside Road on the Gorleston side. Before the Gorleston Relief Road was built all traffic travelled along Southtown or Suffolk Roads and over Haven Bridge, the only bridge over the river. Delays were common. This was known as the lower ferry, because previously there was an upper ferry higher up the river at Ferry Lane, and later Portland Lane, both off Southtown Road.





# Opening THE Book

with  
Reverend  
John Kinchin-Smith

The Christmas story, the birth of Jesus, is found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospels, chapters 1-2. But how many of us will make the connections with our real every-day life or as it comes into our homes through our newspapers or televisions?

Think of the shepherds, for example, poor rural working folk - no prospects, low income, harsh conditions. This addresses the harsh economic realities of the workplace and speaks to all who face a bleak or boring future or an empty retirement.

The animals in the stable were traditionally an ox and an ass, not cuddly pets but working animals. They speak to us of the truly important issues of rural life today: poverty and isolation, low incomes, high unemployment, struggling farms, lack of transport, the closure of schools, shops and post-offices.

Then there are Mary, probably a teenager, and Joseph, who will be step-father to Mary's child. This speaks to every broken family and struggling home. Add to this the squalor of the setting of the child's birth and we see the situation of the world's poorest people.

One could go on to speak of those strange wise men with their eyes on the stars, reminding us of all those who look for hope or meaning in 'new age' or occult ways, yet who found their inner yearning finally satisfied in a small child; or of the wrath of king Herod forcing the family to become refugees, reminding us of the harsh realities faced by so many in other parts of the world.

Such was the setting of the birth of Jesus. And yet the birth was attended by glory, too. Above the hills surrounding the small town of Bethlehem we are told that the sky was briefly lit by awesome light, armies of angels and heavenly music. For this was how God chose to come to the children of his creation, not avoiding their misery and hopelessness, but coming right down into it in order to share it and to make a difference.

Whatever circumstance we find ourselves in, however hopeless or grave our situation or that of the world appears to be, the Christmas story connects if we have eyes to see. For somehow in that manger scene, lying in straw, is revealed the answer to every condition of life, every yearning of the heart, every cry of brokenness and despair.



# News from The Mag

with  
Reverend Matthew Price



Gorleston turned out in force to mark Armistice Day as around 350 people gathered at the war memorial in Magdalen Old Cemetery to remember and mark the silence at 11am on the 11th of November. It was my privilege to lead the short service which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress, along with representatives of The Royal British Legion, the East Norfolk Combined Cadet Force unit, local schools and the wider community.



Wreaths were laid by the Mayor, on behalf of the people of the Borough, Colleen Walker, President of the Great Yarmouth Royal British Legion, East Norfolk Combined Cadet Force, East Norfolk Sixth Form College, Lynn Grove Academy, Ormiston Venture Academy, Peterhouse Church of England Primary Academy, Ormiston Herman Academy, Gorleston on Sea Heritage Group and Arthur Jary & Sons (who also supported the event by providing the orders of service free of charge).



Well done Gorleston for making this event so special and a fitting tribute to those who have lost their lives in conflict down the years.

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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."*

## Walking across the Water

In the 1970s, Jenny and I lived on the North side of the River Thames in London but I worked in the Further Education College in Woolwich, on the other side of the river. To get to work I used to drive down to the river via the bascule bridge at the Eastern end of the King George V dock.

I could of course have used the Woolwich Free Ferry to get across the river and then have driven along the Plumstead Road to the college. The downside of this plan was the uncertainty of timing. It was a question of queuing for the ferry, waiting for the chance to get loaded for the short crossing. So it would always be a matter of leaving home just that little bit earlier, just in case.

Of course, those of us who lived along the river had a soft spot for the Woolwich Ferry, not just for its interesting history but also for its place in all our childhoods. Local folklore was committed to the "old-wives tale" that travelling backwards and forwards across the river on the ferry was a sure-fire way of dealing with whooping cough. I am not aware of any scientific basis for this idea, but in those days we all went through this "treatment".

Anyway, the best method of arriving at work at college on time, was to park in one of the residential streets on the North bank and, as I have always described it: to "walk across the water"! I know that this sounds somewhat pretentious, with its mental image of me skipping lightly across the top of the waves, as I dashed across to the other bank. In reality, it was rather more prosaic.

Near the Woolwich Ferry was the Woolwich Foot Tunnel, dating back to 1912. Walking through it was always an experience in its own right. It was dimly lit and damp, maybe even wet in places (although apparently recent renovation means that it is now "leak proof"). At the other end of the tunnel was the stop for the bus to college and its regularity meant that I always got to work on time (probably).

The tunnels under the Thames are an interestingly mixed lot and throw light on London's changing history. First was the "Thames Tunnel" designed and built by Marc and Isambard Kingdom Brunel and opened in 1843. It was initially used for pedestrians, then underground trains and currently for mainline trains as paradoxically part of the London Overground network!

Then there was the Tower Subway which was opened in 1870, predating Tower Bridge and which once had a million paying customers per year. It is still there but now just carries water mains under the river. Then there was the first Blackwall Tunnel in 1897, the Greenwich Foot Tunnel in 1902, the Rotherhithe Tunnel in 1908 and of course the

first Dartford Tunnel in 1963.

In fact there are over thirty tunnels (or sets of tunnels) under the River Thames, with more to come. These are used by the London Underground, high speed trains, Crossrail, the Dockland Light Railway, road traffic, foot traffic and various utilities. You might know the quiz question: which London Underground line crosses the Thames most times? It's the newest line, the Jubilee Line which goes under the river through four tunnels.

It is a long time ago I know, but I still have very happy memories of my time working in Further Education in Woolwich and, no doubt, those daily walks across the water formed a key element of those fond memories!

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# Poems to Ponder

## Christmastime

Much has been written of Christmastime  
Stories, carols and festive rhyme  
And as the season is drawing near  
We wait for familiar things to appear  
Sparkly trees and decorations  
Help to encourage expectations  
Christmas music in every store  
Making us want to buy even more

Yuletide carols being sung  
Make us think back to when we were young  
At this time of year there is such a good reason  
For us all to give thanks for this wonderful season  
And even though costs increase each year  
Here's to plenty of Christmas cheer!

*by Val Raven*

## Magic

The tiny light daintily danced around the room,  
pausing just for a moment - then off it went - "zoom".  
Flitting hither and thither but staying nowhere,  
Look - there on the door - no, it's gone to the chair.

What fun we had simply watching it play,  
the weather was "iffy" so it cheered up our day.  
It's only a reflection we sussed in the end,  
but to us it was fairy dust and Tinkerbell our friend.

*by Julie Shiret*

# Letter to the Editor

I always read the Rockin' Rev and this month's piece on Remembrance Day interested me greatly as my Late Father was British Army and served in WW2.

This is always a hard time of the year for me. As we move towards Remembrance Sunday I recall my late Father who served in the British Army for most of his life. He joined up in India as a boy and fought in Burma and the Far East in WW2. He finally retired at the Rank of Major Quartermaster to Chilwell Nottingham with my late Mother and myself.

He in fact died shortly after Remembrance Sunday many, many, years ago. I found it somehow significant that he should die so soon after this special day. It was physically very cold, dark and the trees were without leaves. He was cremated and yes, like all of us when we suffer the loss of loved ones I was devastated. I was almost inconsolable. I am an only Child and was so close to my Father.

After he died I honestly think even my first Wife would report that I was close to having a mental breakdown.

Yes of course I have asked and we all ask 'why does a loving God allow suffering?' My Dad knew of Prisoners tortured by the Japanese Army, his generation liberated the concentration camps, he saw stuff that was heart breaking, he witnessed first hand 'man's inhumanity to man' and yet he maintained his faith and trust in Christ our Lord.

He suffered in his later life through chronic illness and congestive heart failure and he, like me, could never pin down a 'reason' for suffering.

The closest I can ever get is 'it just happens' It's the nature of the way the world is and nobody, not even Christians, are exempt.

We follow the 'suffering servant' as our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Remember when the soldiers came to take him in the Garden and Peter chopped off the ear of a Roman Servant with his sword? Instantly Jesus said to him 'if you live by the sword, you will die by the sword' and then he instantly healed the servant's ear.

I think Peter was willing to accept Christ's Lordship, his glory, the absolute authority given to him by God the Father but he wouldn't accept his death where he was put to death as what the Romans saw as a criminal and one who would not worship their Gods.

Maybe Peter would have even accepted that Christ had to suffer but not that he should die. I think Peter was expecting some kind of revolutionary who would set his people free from the tyranny of Rome.

Not a Saviour that through his suffering and his resurrection would pay the penalty for my / our sins and restore me to fellowship with Almighty God.

*Anthony Linford*

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The thing that we are most thankful for is you, our audience. You have stuck by us through the worst time in our history and we've been consistently amazed at how supportive and generous you have been in bringing us back to life after our darkest days.

The best way that we can properly say thank you is to continue doing what we do best, which is to bring you the best entertainment and experiences and to keep our beautiful Pavilion Theatre building alive and at the heart of our community.

Our 2022 What's On brochure has well and truly landed, so if you haven't got your copy, head to the box office or download a digital copy from our website at [pavtheatre.com](http://pavtheatre.com).

### It's Panto Season!

**Mother Goose** is our panto this year and we couldn't be more excited to get into the Christmas spirit after missing out on presenting it to you last year!

To bring an extra bit of fun to proceedings, we have a brand new **Mother Goose** mobile game available to play in our iOS and Android app. Search for **Pavilion Theatre** to download and start playing for points by throwing golden eggs to Mother Goose to catch!



What better way to spend a Christmassy afternoon or evening out with the family than by heading to the warm

and cosy Pavilion Theatre, with extra special touches like getting mulled wine delivered to your table throughout the performance you can't go wrong!

In the new year the panto fun doesn't stop, as Triple T Productions present Aladdin, so get your tickets now and get 2022 started in style and keep the panto fun going!

From all of us at the Pavilion, we wish you a warm, safe and happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in 2022.

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

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# Richard Routledge



A new weekender was born! Soul Village was unleashed to the soul weekender public and at first the ticket sales were a tad slow, but after a few weeks it really picked up and all the chalets were sold. It felt so good to have DJs who were not at the long going Caister

soul weekend - it was like we had been set free. The music policy was whatever the DJs wanted and I think that's what made it so special. We also had our own camp radio station and I remember us sitting in the radio room looking out to sea at 3am in the morning with Bob Jones playing jazz and vodka jellies being passed round.

The first Soul Village weekend had been a huge hit - the reviews came out in the magazines a few weeks later and gave us a big thumbs up.

Over the next few months we started to do Soul Village nights in London with the likes of Soul Shack and they were packed out. The other weekends hated us and we were banned from flying outside any of their events. It could be funny, sometimes I was outside the Egg Club in London giving out flyers at 3am in the morning and the other young flyer people looking out for me as I was old enough to be their dad!

Back in Great Yarmouth I was still doing my Richard's Parties and they were doing well. At the Royal Mail I was settled in with my job as a postie and life was getting back to normal.

In the next issue Soul Village goes bonkers!

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# Louise Hamilton Centre

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## Update to services running from within the Louise Hamilton Centre.

Whilst the Centre is currently a hub for the Covid vaccinations the original Louise Hamilton Centre staff are on site continuing to provide ongoing vital services for people with life limiting and progressive illness, their family and carers.

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Working in partnership with a variety of organisations to provide a range of services.

The Centre provides welfare advice, information about health conditions, support for carers including the return of some of our evening support groups for carers, Counselling and Lymphoedema clinic appointments. We continue to offer ongoing telephone support. Please call for further information or support.

*The Louise Hamilton Centre supportive care staff would like to wish all readers a peaceful Christmas. However for some this can be a difficult time. We would like to let everyone know we are here to support those undergoing difficult times.*

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## Our Christmas Services are as follows:

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| <b>Sun</b><br><b>12th Dec</b> | <b>4:00pm</b>  | <b>Carols by Candlelight</b><br>Take time out before the Christmas rush                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Sat</b><br><b>18th Dec</b> | <b>4:00pm</b>  | <b>Christingle Service</b><br>Yes the one with the orange! A short service especially for the younger members of our community (and those young at heart)                                                                                          |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>19th Dec</b> | <b>5 - 6pm</b> | <b>Carols on the Mews Green</b><br>Enjoy a glass of mulled wine & a mince pie. Bring a torch! (Will be cancelled in the event of bad weather) Park on Mariners Compass and walk inwards to the green which is bordered by The Mews <b>NR31 6TW</b> |
| <b>Sat</b><br><b>25th Dec</b> | <b>10:30am</b> | <b>Short Service Celebrating Jesus' Birth</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sun</b><br><b>26th Dec</b> |                | <b>No Service</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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# Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy

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## Mental Health Awareness Week

At Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy, we have been busy celebrating 'Mental Health Awareness Week'. The last eighteen months have taught us all the importance of looking after our well-being and supporting the well-being of others and we have enjoyed taking part in a wide range of activities to promote feeling well!

A famous person once said, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" and we all got our hands dirty during this week, when each of our children planted a spring bulb which we hope will grow together to create a beautiful garden. Buried deep under the ground, our bulbs represent a symbol of hope for the future. The children will care for their bulbs over the winter, and we look forward to them bursting into glory in the Spring! As the children planted their bulbs,



they each buried a worry alongside each bulb. It has been wonderful to see the children working together on this project to improve their school environment, both for themselves and for wildlife.

We've also been thinking about the importance of exercise to improve our well-being. All classes have been busily walking laps of our 'Golden Mile' trail to see who could walk the furthest!



## Charity Visit

Years 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a visitor from Nelson's Journey, a local charity who support bereaved children across Norfolk. The children really enjoyed learning about their role as a Children's Bereavement Counsellor.

## Fundraising Efforts!

At the end of Mental Health Awareness Week, we celebrated "Green Friday" where staff and children came to school wearing something green to raise money for another local charity, The Benjamin Foundation, who support children's mental health in Norfolk. We were delighted to be able to raise £333.25 and are very grateful to all those who donated to this very worthy cause.

## Mad Science Day!

On Friday 22nd October, the children in Year 4 enjoyed a special Science Day. They had a chance to see a Van der Graf in action provided by our fantastic visitor, Dr Dee Enay from 'Mad Science'. The children also had more fun exploring static electricity with a variety of balloon experiments. To round off the day, each pupil made their own electrical game. It was a truly electricalastic day!

## Year 2 Fire Crew Visit

Just before Half term, Year 2 were very excited to receive a visit from a group of local Fire Fighters. It was fascinating to learn more about their role and to find out about some of the special equipment that they use.



## Environment Week

This week, as the COP26 Conference takes place in Glasgow, we have been celebrating Environment Week. We have focused on the 3R's – reuse, reduce and recycle! All the children have enjoyed a range of activities, stories, songs, challenges and competitions, all of which have supported their understanding of how they can contribute to combatting Climate Change. We have also recently elected our first Eco Council, who will represent each of our classes



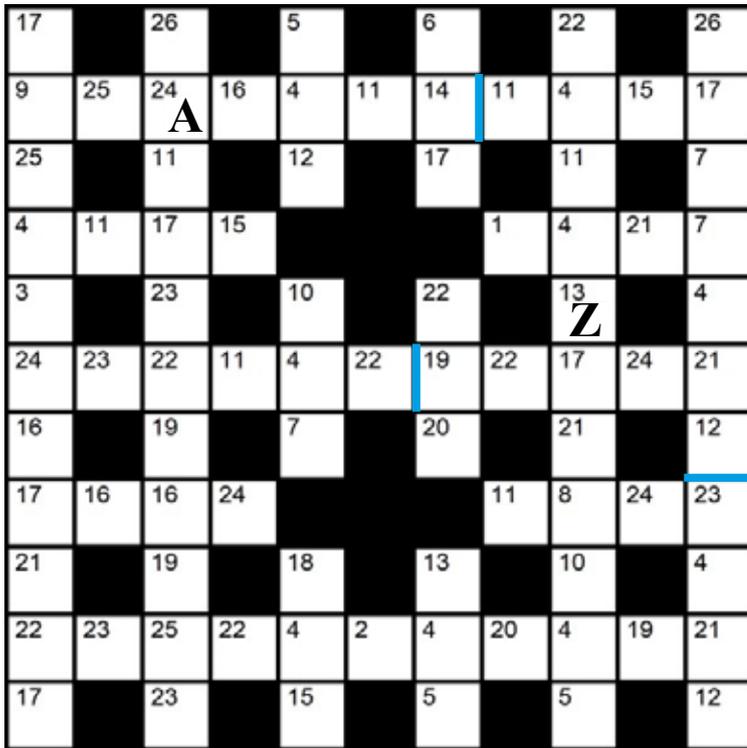
to work together to make a positive difference in promoting environmentally friendly changes within our school community.

Children in Year 3 have been busy clearing up litter to improve our local environment.

# More Coffee Time!

## Codeword

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



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# and More Coffee Time!

## Wordsearch

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



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**Lego Club** - we are looking for a volunteer so please get in touch if you are interested

**Just a Cuppa** - weekly on a Wednesday 10am - 12

**SEND Storytime (once a month)** - See library/facebook for info

**Saturday Children's Crafts** 11.15-12.20 (all ages) – please book your place

**Mini Movers** (pre-school music and movement) – Tuesdays 10.30 – 11am (drop in)

**Spanish Chat** – see library for information (intermediate chat group)

**Colour Me Calm** – Wednesdays 4.30-6pm (come along and have some quiet colouring time)

**Gorleston Library Craft Group** – 2-4pm (bring along your crafts and join in the group – all welcome)

There may also be **regular one-off events**, please see noticeboards / Gorleston Library Facebook page.

**Gorleston Library Friends** will be running the following events:

**Talk by Simon Partridge** Dec 1st 2-4pm - £2 / refreshments available/ Max of 30 people on the day

**Christmas Storytime and Craft** (pre-school age) Dec 14th 10.30 – 11.30am (please book in advance)

**Christmas Tabletop Sale** Dec 2nd 10-2

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# Gorleston Theatre Company

More Sparkle from GTC in January

It had been a long-held dream of Charley Green and Louise Griffiths to put on their own show, having been members of Gorleston Theatre Company for several years and having taken part in many productions. Their dream became a reality when they directed **A Sparkle in Time** in January 2020 at the Pavilion Theatre, Gorleston (bottom picture). The show was a highly successful, lively, colourful step through time with songs and dances from old and new movies and musicals, all with a glimpse of glamour and sparkle.

Following that success, Charley Green and Louise Griffiths are again directing for GTC with Natasha Bird as Choreographer, to bring you a revue which is a journey of iconic film and stage tunes to reload your memories from the past to the present (this year's dancers pictured below).

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# Coffee Time Answers

**Across:** 7 Disgruntled, 8 Tina Turner, 10 Cat, 11 G D P, 12 Tan, 13 Optimistic, 16 Low-interest.  
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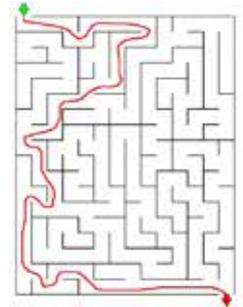
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 How The Grinch Stole Christmas  
 by Dr Seuss  
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# Hair We Are



by Kevin Huggins  
*Owner of Fusion Hair  
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Chairman of the  
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Another month has flown by and believe it or not by the time you are reading this blog we will be heading towards December and Christmas.

Hopefully this year we can have a more normal time with our family and friends and enjoy the festivities, instead of hiding in our homes frightened of what we might pass around to each other.

By the time this magazine is out we would have had our Xmas Market in Priory gardens, of course we are praying for decent weather and a successful event in the gardens followed by the lights switch on and the fireworks.

As I was starting to write this month's blog and what to cover in this edition, I heard a very strange sound, One I have not heard for some time, believe it or not it was the house phone! To be honest I had quite simply forgotten all about it, nobody calls us on that house number anymore. How strange I thought, and it reminded me of one of my very last jobs whilst working with and managing BT Payphones and the consequences of it.

BT Payphones had been suffering for some time with the onset of the mobile phone era. The public were using the Payphone on the street less and less, in fact I can honestly say, particularly in major cities, the only people using payphones were Businessmen and prostitutes, not necessarily calling each other either! The reason for this was the land line the payphone used and the discreetness of it. The mobile network was new, and privacy was yet to be assured, I am not even sure that it is now, but you get my point.

BT Payphones were taking less and less money, yet the payphones were still costing quite a lot to keep on the street and more to the point to keep them working to their normal standard. BT Payphones had a policy and that was the remotest payphone in the UK would have the same facilities as ones in the centre of our major cities.

We had asked the UK government at the time to help us keep them running by subsidising the cost, but that got turned down and in fact had an opposite effect as new companies were starting to get licences to put private payphones on the street in the major cities, especially in London. One of these companies was "New World payphones" they were recognisable, as the housing units were painted black.

In the end BT payphones were not being maintained properly, most of them were not working and they started to look a bit of a state as well, as money was not there to keep them in the condition that they should be. It was such a shame as the London Phone box was iconic and they must appear on millions of tourist photographs

I am taking you back now to July 7th 2005 and I had just finished a morning meeting, when the news came of a terrorist attack in central London underground, then another on the underground, then another on the underground, then finally one on a bus in Tavistock square.

Central London was thrown into chaos on a day that would become known as 7/7. BT had a notice that all tiers of mobile phone networks were to be switched off, leading to the only people being able to use mobile phones were the emergency services.

Panic set in, members of the public needed to inform loved ones and friends that they were ok (unfortunately 52 who were killed couldn't make those calls along with over 700 others badly injured)

With no normal mobile phones working, just how was the public going to call their loved ones? I know, they all thought, we will use a payphone, to no surprise to anyone they were not working.

A major operation then was put into action by BT, we sent a payphone engineer to every payphone in central London, with the instructions to stay there and make sure the payphones were working, so that every member of the public who wanted to make a call could, until the chaos was over.

This absolutely proved a point of how important these payphones on the street could be, but despite our business cases and plans there was still no help coming in from the government. Therefore a major business case was put in place to start removing payphones from the street right across the country, that was cities, towns, and worst of all villages, all to help balance the books.

Morale amongst engineers and managers themselves was very low, after spending years looking after the payphone housing and mechanism and believe me each engineer had his patch and took pride in looking after them, finally the payphone housing as we knew it started to decrease massively. When I worked on Payphones and managed in it, during the 1980s and 90s we were looking after over 130,000 payphones both in the UK and Holland and Belgium and that didn't include what we called managed sites, Pubs, Hospitals, caravan sites etc. By the time I put my hand up to retire and leave a desolated industry in 2007 there were less than 60,000. Now I understand it is down to under 10000, although many iconic housings are still out there on the street but not with payphones in them, some are holding defibrillators and some are even holding books, like a small library for book swaps, very sad!

Which brings me back to the beginning of this blog, are we too reliant on Mobiles, Sat Navs and other electronic devices? Ahhh that's why I have a home phone line then! If my mobile stops working for any reason, I can still communicate through a hard pair of copper wires that go all the way back to the local Exchange and then on to every corner of the world and in a confidential manner, and Amazon and Facebook won't know I am making the call!!

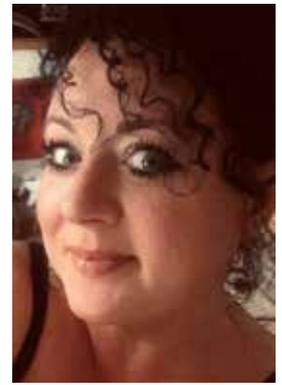
This country could be brought to a standstill at any time by any other country, just by shooting some of those little objects that float around the earth, into oblivion. Just think, no mobile calls, no satellite television, no navigation, no apps. What would our children do? How would they find places? How would they learn with no google to help?

Yes, I believe we are a little bit exposed. Must go, house phone is ringing again !!!!



# Gorleston Grapevine

with Carol Todd



WOW, where did that year go, it just flew by! Another tough year for lots of Gorleston residents and businesses as COVID still continues to be part of our daily lives. I always do try to be positive and “look on the bright side of life” (as Monty Python said) Extra effort has been made in staff appreciation over the last couple of years and we’re actually looking forward to having a Christmas Party this month, so get your dancing shoes on team Green, Perfects and Folkes! We have lots to celebrate from this year, including our Perfect’s Mechanic, Ant Piggot finally marrying Dale, his fiancée of 12 years. Their wedding was postponed previously due to COVID.



fantastic workshops here recently. Decorating skateboards, light installations, and rainbows along the Magdalen Methodist Church fence, all so impressive and encouraging our community to come together safely, get out again, express themselves through arts and crafts and perhaps improve their mental health.

Work is scheduled to start soon converting The Albion Pub on Lowestoft Road into a Tesco Express. Lidl will be building a new larger store on Thamesfield Way (Old Perenco building/Trafalgar School). Not sure yet what will



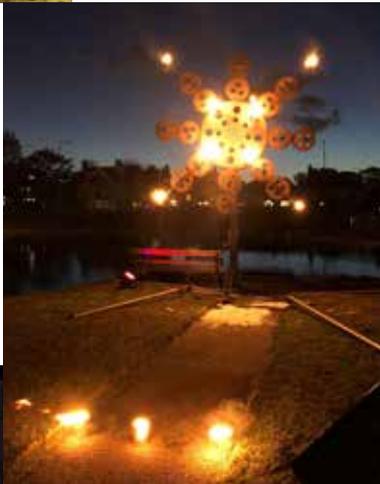
happen to the original Lidl site. Still waiting to hear from planning about Lidl Store and 200+ new Lovell Partnership homes planned for Links Road down to Hopton. We’ve been continuing with demolition work all around the area and have many more projects in place next year. Our teams at EE Green are so busy digging, crushing and screening, making the finest aggregates in town. Our amazing 360 Excavator driver, Marcus, took this awesome photo at one of our sites in Gorleston, love it!

I’m so proud to also be a Trustee of the brilliant arts charity Out There Arts, who are responsible for lots of events and community activities, including the UK’s largest free Street Arts Festival, The Out There Festival and the recent Fire On

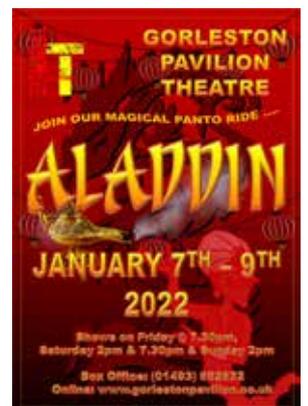


The Water Experience at The Venetian Waterways. So many local Gorleston people attended and we sold over 40,000 tickets, plus giving away 3,000 complimentary tickets to local schoolchildren and their families. It was so successful that it

looks like it will return in 2022, even bigger and better. Great Yarmouth Borough Council has just announced another £40,000 fund to go towards improving arts, activities and events in our area too. Development work will



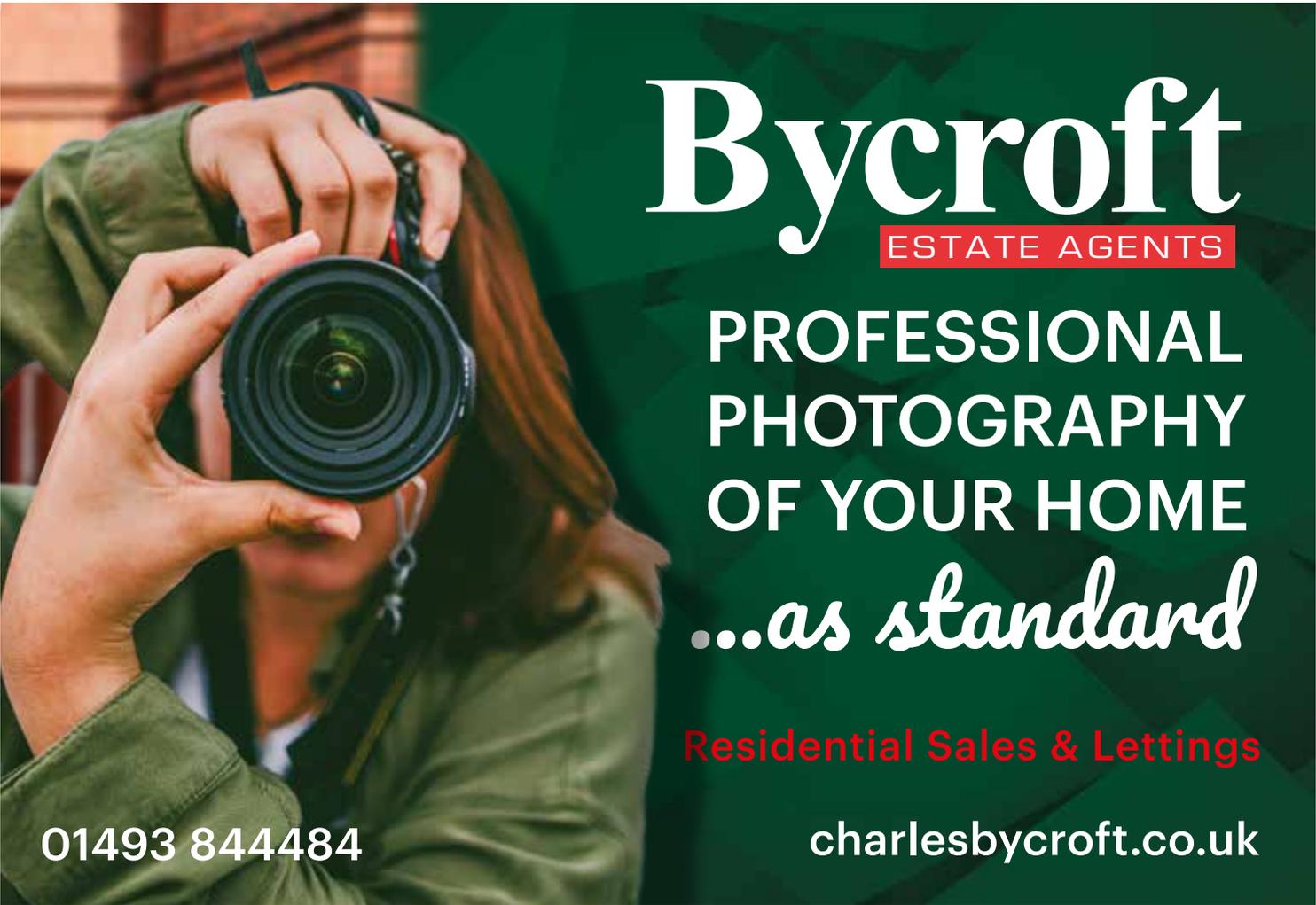
Oh we do love a good Panto here...Oh yes we DO! So some of the team will be heading off to The wonderful Gorleston Pavillion next month to see our fun loving friend, David from ELM Contracts, starring as Abnazar in Triple T Productions of Aladdin. Guaranteed to lift your spirits and deliver some good laughs to start 2022. Tickets available from Gorleston Pavillion Box Office or online.



If there’s anything you’d like us to try and help with, then please do contact me [ctodd@eegreen.co.uk](mailto:ctodd@eegreen.co.uk). Keep up to date with all our latest info on our Facebook pages. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year my Gorleston friends. Look out for more competitions and events coming soon in 2022. We are always here to help you.

be starting soon on our beloved Ice House, the only original Ice House remaining in the UK I believe. This will be another new venue for community use. Which brings me onto Freshly Greated and their absolutely





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