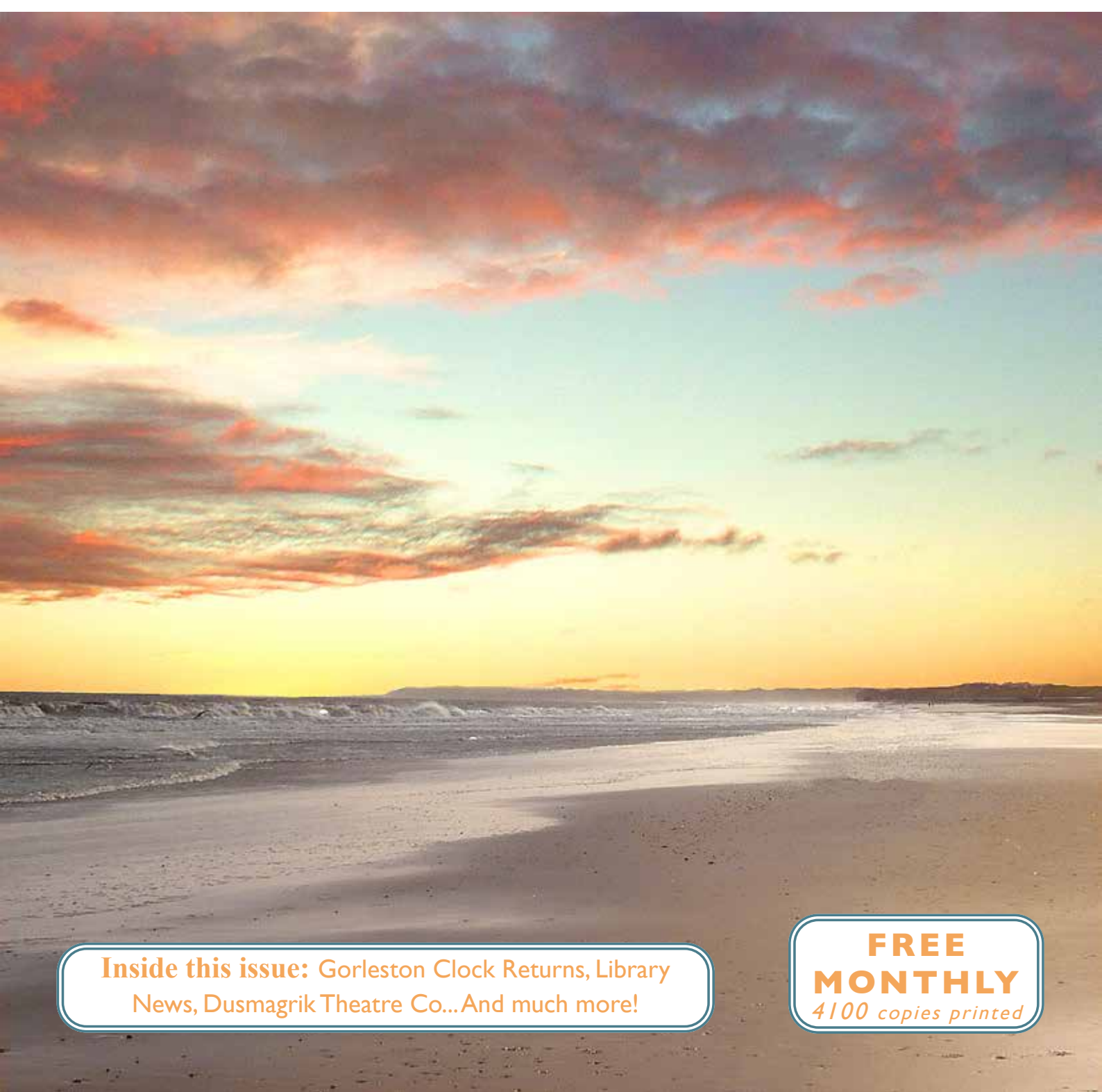


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Hello Gorleston!



Welcome to Issue 65 of **YOUR** award-winning, **FREE** community magazine.

The nights are drawing in and, as I write, we have just had the autumn equinox. Children and young people are back into routines and (whisper it quietly!) it's less than three months until Christmas. Perhaps it is a sign of me getting older, but I find myself wondering, where has this year gone?! I certainly find it hard to believe that we lost Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth over a year ago.

But, in all this change, some things remain. And we are delighted to bring you the next edition of the Gorleston Community Magazine. This month you will notice that Hair We Are is no longer a feature - as he mentioned in his column, Kevin's September contribution was his last. We are grateful for all the effort and time he has given to the magazine. Another constant of the town, which has been absent recently, is the St Andrew's Church clock. You can read about her arrival back in the town on page 25.

Do let us know how the magazine can be improved; we'd love to be entertaining and informing even more than we already are. We also welcome local news stories - you can find our contact details dotted around the magazine and the deadline for each edition is the 10th of the previous month.



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Have a great month and
God Bless You All!



Ed.....

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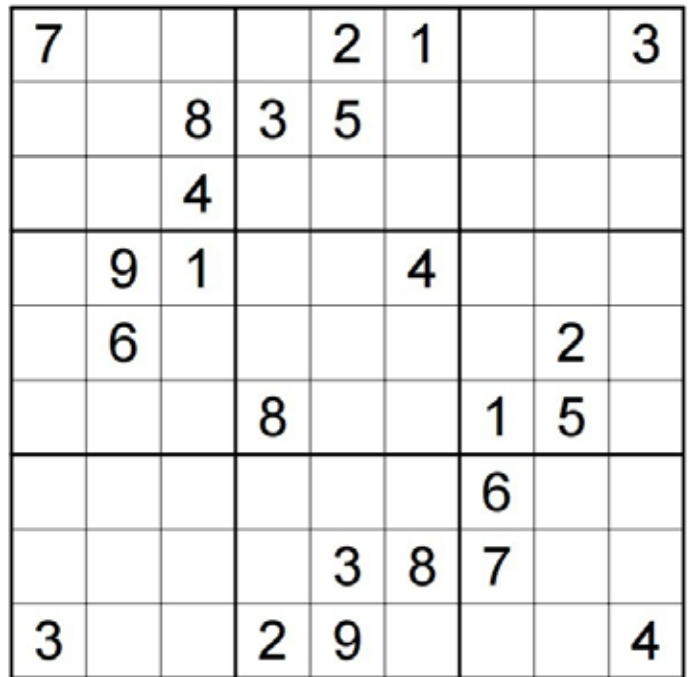
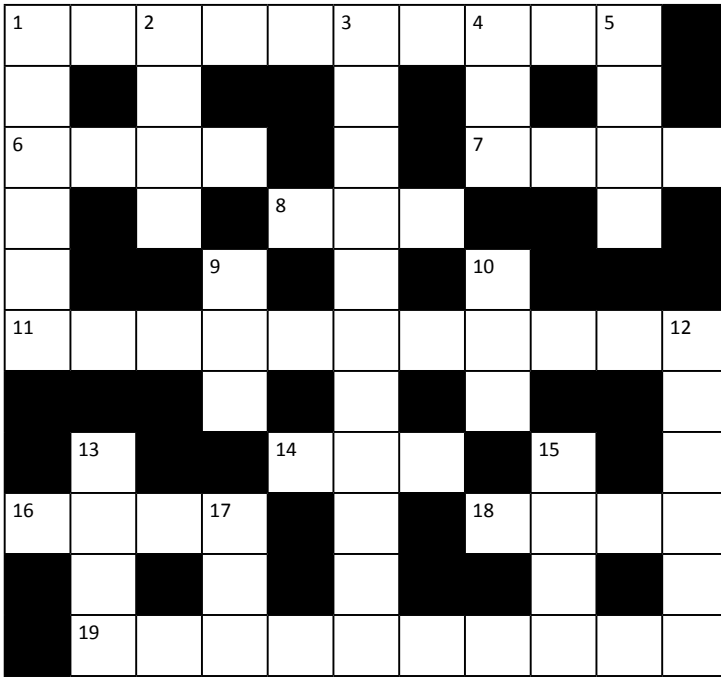
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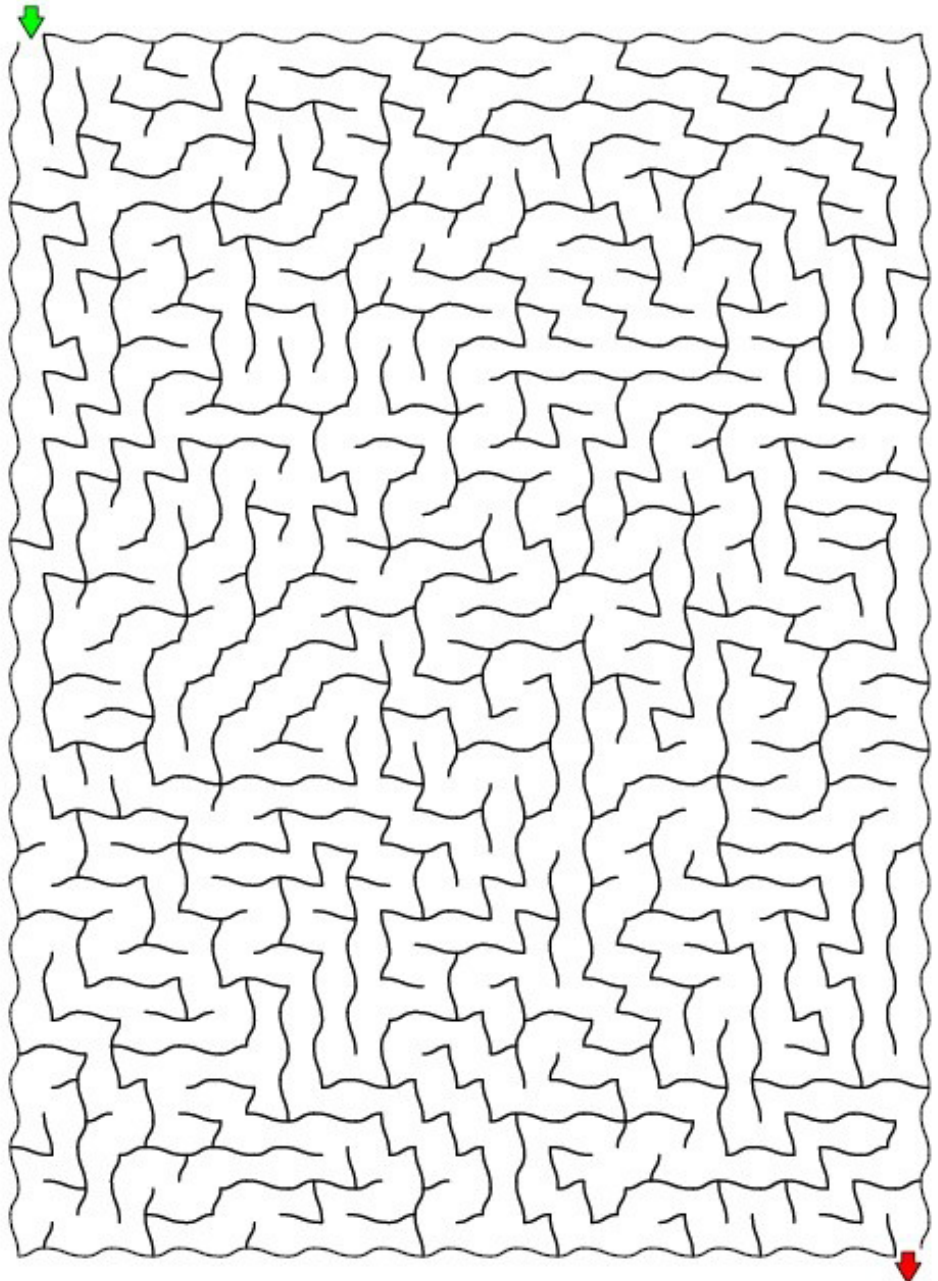


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- 6 Noisy (4)
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- 8 Deer (3)
- 11 Quarryman (11)
- 14 Question (3)
- 16 Insect (4)
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- 1 Ethics (6)
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- 3 Making text slant (11)
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- 15 Cannabis (4)
- 17 Hill (3)



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 Matthew Price, Vicar of St Mary Madgalene Church in Gorleston.



The Season of Thankfulness

We are privileged to live in a beautiful part of the world - with both the wonderful (and awarding winning) Gorleston Beach and the Norfolk Broads on our doorsteps. Our little bit of Norfolk has much to offer!

And, as I look around and contemplate our surroundings myself, I am reminded of Paul (the Apostle)'s reminder to a

young man, Timothy, that "God... richly provides us with every-thing for our enjoyment." You can find his words in the Bible in 1 Timothy 6, verse 17 and following.

But, I wonder, is that what we think? That God gives us everything for our enjoyment?! Maybe, if we think about God at all, we think he is either utterly disengaged with our world or that his main interest is in rules; don't touch this, don't do that; make sure you behave in the right way. We might doubt that God has any interest in us having fun.

But this challenges that view. God gives us the good things we see in our world for our enjoyment. He wants us to enjoy his good gifts. God wants us to have fun. There is so much good around us - let's make sure we enjoy it.

Perhaps one of our challenges is that, because we live here, we end up taking for granted the wonderful things we have around us. And that was also the danger for Timothy's generation. So Paul also warned them "not to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God". It seems they were so busy enjoying the gifts that they'd forgotten about the giver, the provider, the host of the world's great party. Maybe there's something in those words for our generation too?

In the church's calendar, harvest-time is an opportunity to notice the good gifts that God gives us and express our thanks to Him for them. And, over the next few weeks, at St Mary Magdalene - and I am sure in other churches in the town too - we will have the opportunity to do that corporately.

One of the ways that we will express our thanks to God, for all that he has given us, is by remembering those that are less fortunate than ourselves. So, our harvest festival service will include a collection of dried and tinned goods for our foodbank.

The foodbank at St Mary Magdalene is part of the Yarmouth&Magdalen Foodbank which primarily serves the town of Great Yarmouth and the Magdalen estate here in Gorleston. And, very sadly, we are seeing the need for

the foodbank continue to rise as the pressures on family budgets rises with the cost of living crisis. Between just April and July of this year, our foodbank distributed 323 food parcels, supporting 733 individuals (226 of which were children).

Perhaps this month might be an opportunity for each of us to pause, give thanks for all the good things that we have and also to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. If you would like to donate to the foodbank, you will find details on page 28 of this magazine.

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:

Providing God,

We thank you for the beautiful part of the country in which we are privileged to live. We thank you too for all the good things you have given us - shelter, food to eat and friends and family to share life with. We are sorry for the times we have failed to recognise these as gifts from you and we pray that you help each of us to cultivate an attitude of thankfulness.

Amen.



Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy

At Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy we have enjoyed a very positive and successful start to the new academic year. Our reception children have settled in really well and are already enjoying their learning.



As the school year begins, we have been reminding ourselves of the importance of having high expectations of ourselves and of others and focusing upon the things that are important in our academy, in order to make sure that everyone can feel



happy and safe and learn well.

To help us with this, we began the year by looking at two special children's books. Our

youngest children, in Reception and Year 1, shared a book called 'The Big Umbrella' which helps to teach children about the importance of including everyone and being kind.



therefore delighted to hear that we have been awarded a Gold Award for the School Games Mark.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Blaxell for their commitment to developing so many fantastic opportunities for our pupils.

OAT Regional Student Voice Elections

In Key Stage Two we have been learning about the British Value of Democracy and what it means to live in a democratic society. We are taking part in the OAT Regional Student Voice elections in the hope that one of our pupils will be elected to represent the views of pupils at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy on the wider Student Voice Council. The children have been learning about campaigning and the important democratic process of fair elections.



We are very proud of the 6 pupils who have put themselves forward to run for election and were impressed by the speeches they gave, telling their peers about the issues that mattered most to them and what they would hope to achieve if elected.

Wednesday 20th is election day, and the results will be announced by the Trust via a live video link on the 29th of September!

We wish all our candidates the best of luck and are very proud that they had the confidence to express their views, represent their academy and show dedication to making a difference.

Mad Science visit

Year 2 have enjoyed an exciting visit from Dr Dee Enay, 'The Mad Scientist' who came to talk to the children about materials. The children had fun learning about whether materials are solids, liquids or gases and took part in some exciting experiments. A highlight of the workshop was when the children took part in a demonstration on how to create dry ice. It was an enjoyable and informative morning!



Our older pupils in Years 2 to 6 focused their learning around a book called 'What can you do with a chance?', which helped them to recognise the importance of making the most of every opportunity that comes their way throughout the school year ahead. The children really enjoyed contributing to beautiful displays, each of which celebrated their work and reflected the important messages within the books.

School Games Gold Mark Award

We are very proud of the excellent opportunities that we provide for children to take part in a wide range of sports throughout the year, both during the academy day and beyond through our variety of enrichment clubs. We were

Gorleston Theatre Company

Spooky Family Fun for Halloween

Rehearsals are underway on the most gruesome pantomime of them all! The cast are being put through their paces by Maureen Rogers (Director), Richard Ward (Musical Director) and Kirsty Wheeler (Choreographer) and are having a fun time. To join them get your tickets for Drac and the Beanstalk at the Pavilion Theatre, Gorleston.



In the little village of Hammer an alternative pantomime, evoking 'Jack and the Beanstalk', comes to life as the ghoulish residents engage in much panto music and fun. All the elements of traditional family entertainment are here: songs, laughter and



all things spooky. A brand-new script full of fun, slapstick and things that go bump in the night! Brought together by a sterling cast of named characters, ensemble and a group of young dancers from Isabella's Dance and Musical Theatre Company

To enter fully into the spirit of the panto, audiences are encouraged to come in costume and have the chance to win a prize.

Tickets are on sale now and with its sterling cast this lively show is sure to be popular so it's advisable to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

Tickets

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th
October at 7:30pm
Saturday 28th October
at 2pm & 7:30pm
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Gorleston Library

Monday	11 – 1pm 1-1:30pm	Just A Cuppa – Free cup of tea and a chat – all welcome Bounce and Rhyme – (Under 5's songs & rhymes-drop in) Spanish Chat* – 1 st Monday of each month 5.45-6.45
Tuesday	10:30-11:30am	Mini Movers – Pre-school music and play (drop in)
Wednesday	10-12pm 10.30-11 & 1-1.30 2 – 4pm	Just A Cuppa – Free cup of tea and a chat – all welcome Bounce and Rhyme – (Under 5's songs & rhymes-drop in) Gorleston Library Craft Group Carnegie Room (bring your own crafts – all welcome)
Thursday	3-5pm 4-6pm	Lego Time – (Young children must be supervised at all times). Digital Support/Learn My Way – supported drop in session
Friday	4-6pm	Digital Support/Learn My Way – Digital online learning for beginners – supported drop in
Saturday	11-1pm 10:30-12pm	Digital Support/Learn My Way – Digital online learning for beginners – Supported drop in Children's Crafts – Different every week (all ages welcome)
Sunday	12-2pm	Adult drawing & art club – First Sunday of the month
*Spanish Chat re-starts Oct 2 nd 545-645 – intermediate group, ideal for those who can already speak some Spanish and who would like to refresh/practice.		

Library Book Sales

Mon 2nd Oct 11-1

Mon 6th Nov 11-1

Mon 4th Dec 11-1

A variety of books and DVD's will be for sale, so why not grab yourself a bargain!

Just A Cuppa

Mon 11-1pm & Wed 10-12

Pop in for a cuppa and some conversation

Employment help (Drop-in services)

Monday – Dial – Benefit help – 10-5PM

Tuesday – Chances – 2-4pm (18+)

Friday – Dial – Employment services – 9-1PM

Money + Debt advice 2-5PM

Wednesdays Gorleston Library Craft Group

2-4pm

bring your own crafts and join in
all welcome!



Don't forget to check out our 'What's On In Norfolk Libraries' pages at www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries and follow us on: Twitter: @NorfolkLibs Facebook: @NorfolkLibrariesUK Instagram: @Norfolklibraries

Dusmagrik Young People's Theatre Company



One of the most enduring shows of all time, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is being brought to the Pavilion Theatre next month by Gorleston based Dusmagrik Young People's Theatre Company.

The show, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his eleven brothers, their father Jacob and the coat of many colours.

The lively musical is full of catchy songs in a variety of styles, from a parody of French ballads ("Those Canaan Days"), to country-western ("One More Angel in Heaven") and calypso ("Benjamin Calypso"), along with the unforgettable classics "Any Dream Will Do" and "Close Every Door."

Taking the title role will be eighteen year old Jamie Harrison from Gorleston. Currently a musical theatre student at City College Norwich, Jamie has been a member of Dusmagrik since he was six and has played a variety of roles over the years from a mouse narrator in "Babe the Sheep Pig" to Scrooge in last year's "A Christmas Carol". An accomplished musician himself, Jamie is really looking forward to this totally sung through show accompanied by a live band under the direction of John Stephens.

Directed by Mary Carter, the show will run from Thursday November 16th to Saturday November 18th at the Pavilion Theatre in Gorleston at 7.30 nightly with a matinée on the Saturday at 2pm. Tickets priced £15 for adults and £10 for children are available from the theatre box office 01493 662832 or book online www.gorlestonpavilion.co.uk.

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Gorleston Grapevine

with Carol Todd



In last month's GG I spoke about closing doors and new ones opening. Well, low and behold it's happened again.



Deeply sorry to hear of the sudden closure of House of Fun Nursery in Longs Industrial Estate on 7th September.

My thoughts are with all

the staff, the parents, and of course, the children who attended or were indeed on their first day of nursery. Parents and carers were called before lunchtime on the day to come and collect their children as soon as possible, as the nursery had to close its doors that very day. Parents had to leave work, arrange for family and friends to collect their very upset children.

One of my friends twins had just started that day and another dear friend, Chelsey, worked at the nursery too. Our Mechanic, Ant and his wife had paid a month's nursery fees for September, and will probably not get this back. Such a dreadful day for all involved. I do hope that all the lovely staff find other jobs quickly, the children settle into new nursery places, and of course the parents are reimbursed! My son attended after school and holiday club here too and loved his favourite lady there, Gil Mileham.

Just around the corner, the new Tesco Express Albion has finally opened its doors. I popped in on the opening day and the staff said they'd been very busy. Someone mentioned recently that Farmfoods might be moving into the Boots store once it becomes vacant.



At the time of writing GG, there was no news about the closure of the Wilko Gorleston branch, only Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft, fingers crossed our one will be rescued. Great news for fresh fish fans, the seafood stall I told you about recently is looking like a Spring/Summer 2024 opening if they can get council approval.

L.G Perfects very kindly donated a new mini bus to Kingfisher Boxing ABC a few weeks ago. You'll see it parked outside the club on Riverside Road when it's not being used to transport members to events. Andy Gray, who runs the club, is over the moon with our donation and our on going support of maintaining this new vehicle.

Here's Andy, pictured far left, accepting the keys from our MD, Philip Green. Andy says the club is thriving and he's delighted with the amount of girls and boys who are



attending sessions.

If you're a parent and would like to find out more about Kingfisher ABC, then just pop by or get in touch with the fabulous chaps over Facebook. It

really is a fantastic club.

We went on an amazing trip from Lowestoft to Scroby Sands to visit the seals recently with Lowestoft based, Jet Adventures. What an awesome trip. Fantastic to see our coastline from the water. The seals

are so curious and if you're lucky they'll come up to the boat. Boat trips are three times daily, you book in advance and sail throughout the year. We



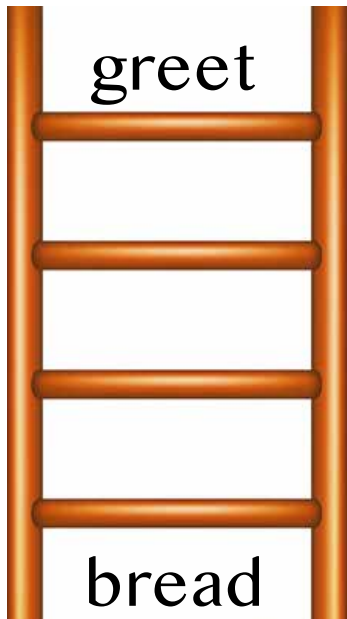
even visited the site of the shipwreck of The White Swan SS near Gorleston Beach. I never knew about that one. Learnt so much about our coast that day and our beach huts looked fabulous from the sea!

GG shout outs to; Best wishes to Salamander's, a new restaurant on our High Street (the old Berry's), must pop in, I'm such a foodie! Well done to Great Yarmouth's Green Gym volunteer's for tidying the gardens at The Ravine and around the cliff top area, you are superstars. My step son, Jamie McBride, of Gorleston Apiary, putting one his beautiful bee hives on the roof of The Pavillion Theatre. Watch all the bee action on the webcam on The Pavillion website. There's been thousands of visits already. Lastly, to the two chaps I met on Bells Road recently, who were on their way home from The New Entertainer. They stopped me to say how much they love reading our magazine and particularly GG. They were very surprised to hear my Scottish accent. I'm an adopted Gorlestonian now of nearly twenty years. Or are we Gorlestoners, Golvers? Let me know.

Have an absolutely outstanding October readers! If I can help with anything, please do get in touch, ctodd@eegreen.co.uk. Keep up to date with us on Facebook follow E.E. Green, L.G. Perfect MOT, Service & Repair Centre, Folkes Plant & Aggregates and Major Demolition.

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	AL	PA	CA
2	UN		ID
3	RE		AL
4	SU		RB
5	CI		US
6	PA		EL
7	BE		EF
8	SP		NT
9	GY		UM
10	LA		ES

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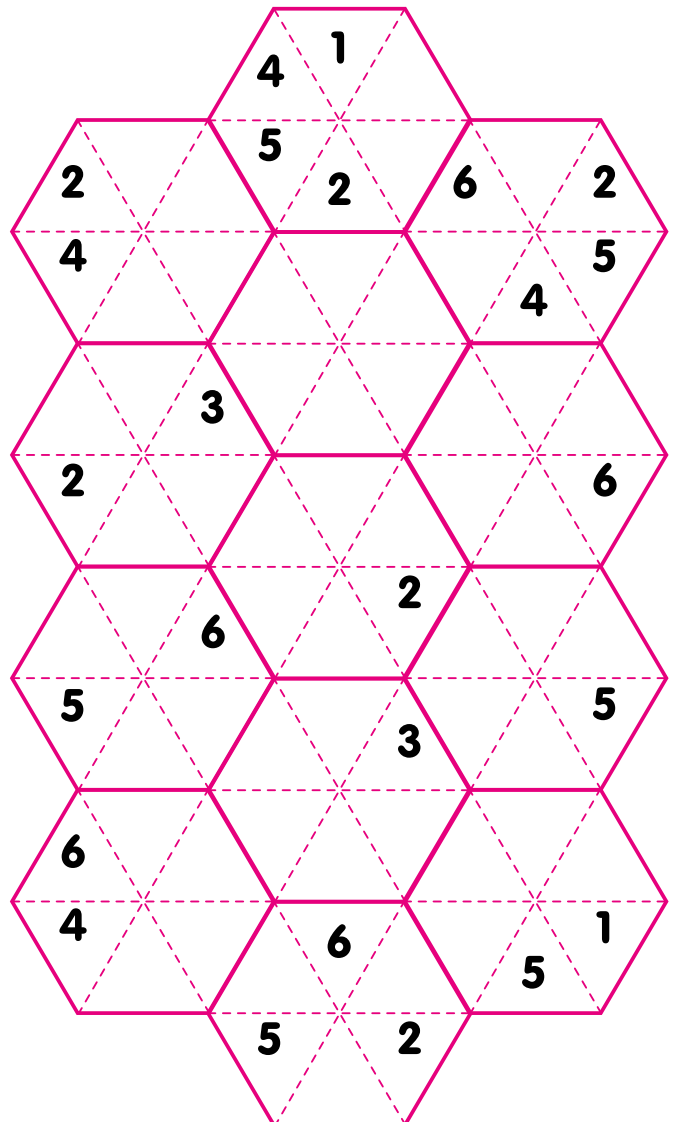
Caught in the middle

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

sink	.....	in one
prince	.....	blake
traffic	.....	jar
west	.....	woolf
escape	.....	service

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.





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Gorleston FC



Gorleston's season has begun well with just two defeats so far. In the FA Cup, after beating Heacham in the Extra Preliminary Round, the Greens then travelled to Woodbridge Town where a late Connor Ingam goal gave them a hard fought victory and another away trip in the First Qualifying Round, this time to Heybridge Swifts.



A little against the run of play, Heybridge took a first half lead. Four minutes into the second half, Luke Johnson was fouled in the penalty area and he converted the penalty to equalise.

Rather controversially, both sides then had a player sent off for a minor off the ball incident but Gorleston took the lead in the 74th minute, again through Johnson, and Johnson completed his hat trick in injury time.

Gorleston will now play in the FA Cup Second Qualifying Round for the first time since 1992. Their reward for beating Heybridge is yet another away tie, this time to Bedford Town in mid-September, result next month.

There wasn't to be the same joy in the FA Trophy as the Greens bowed out in the first qualifying round for the second season running since their return to the competition.



A long Friday night trip into Essex to take on Bowers & Pitsea saw Gorleston take the lead in the 8th minute. But the hosts equalised within a minute and had established a 3-1 lead before half time. With Jacek Zielonka sent off for picking up a second yellow card during the second half, Gorleston couldn't get back into the game.

In the Isthmian League North, Gorleston have played three games.

They opened up by beating New Salamis 3-1. Luke Johnson scored twice with Ryan Curtis getting the other. Their first away game of the season was at Grays Athletic and Gorleston gained a 2-0 win with Johnson and Curtis again the scorers.

Next came Lowestoft at The Wellesley on August Bank Holiday Monday where Lowestoft narrowly won 2-1, Nathan Stewart with the Gorleston goal.

Gorleston Reserves have

played five games so far and are yet to be beaten.

They opened their season in the Anglian Combination Premier Division at Norwich CEYMS, drawing 1-1, Sam Wooldridge the scorer.

Next, Acle Utd were beaten 3-0 (Wooldridge 2, Dec Allan). A week later the Greens second string gained another 3-0 win, this time away at East Harling (Sam Ellis, Lee George, Kanu Ibenne) then drew with Scole Utd 1-1 (Brad Woolston).



They also made progress in the Mummery Cup, beating Easton 5-0 (Wooldridge, Allan, Woolston, George, Ibenne)

The Under 18s have won one, lost one so far this season.

First, an away win at Kirkley & Pakefield where goals from Tyler Hall, Bernardo Carneiro and Lucas Barnes gave them a 3-2 win. Then the youngsters lost 4-2 at Bungay (Carneiro 2).

Gorleston have 18 boys teams and three girls sides that all got underway during September so good luck to them all for the season.

To be in with a chance of winning some cash, and show your support for Gorleston at the same time, join the monthly GoLD draw. The draw pays out over £50 a month in prize money 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

For all the latest news, results and fixtures visit www.gorlestonfc.com, You can follow @gorlestonfc on Twitter, Instagram and TikTok, plus Like us on Facebook and subscribe to our You Tube channel for match highlights so you will never miss a thing!

October Fixtures (subject to change)				
Date	Time	Team	Competition	Opponents (Home/Away)
3.10.23	7.45pm	Under 18s	League	AFC Royals (Wellesley)
7.10.23	2.30pm	Reserves	League	Waveney (Home)
7.10.23	3pm	First Team	League	Brentwood Town (Away)
10.10.23	7.45pm	First Team	League	Bury Town (Away)
12.10.23	7.45pm	Under 18s	League	Beccles Town (Away)
14.10.23	1.30pm	Reserves	Mummery Cup 2R	Fakeneham Reserves (Home)
14.10.23	3pm	First Team	League	Bowers & Pitsea (Wellesley)
17.10.23	7.45pm	Under 18s	League	Beccles Town (Wellesley)
21.10.23	3pm	First Team	League	Maldon & Tiptree (Away)
24.10.23	7.45pm	First Team	League	Heybridge Swifts (Away)
26.10.23	7.45pm	Under 18s	League	AFC Royals (Away)
28.10.23	3pm	First Team	League	Witham Town (Wellesley)
31.10.23	7.45pm	Under 18s	League	Gt. Yarmouth (Wellesley)

Lions at the Library



Great Yarmouth Lions Club continue to provide Message In A Bottles at the James Paget University Hospital. You can find them in out patient departments and A&E.

These bottles are a simple idea which are a HUGE help in an emergency!

Simply complete the medical form that's enclosed inside the bottle - including your medication needs, medical details and emergency contact details - the place it in your fridge door. You will find 2 stickers inside, put one on your fridge door and one inside your front door. Emergency services are aware of this scheme and will know where to find it. Additional pages can be added in the bottle and make sure you keep the details updated.

The bottles are so simple and they are FREE! Also available from Gorleston Library, GY Library, Caister Library and DIAL.

For more information contact Gt Yarmouth Lions via their Facebook page or email jaime@cdsign.co.uk



Gorleston Flower Club

Our next meeting is on Monday October 16th at the Magdalen Way Methodist Church, doors open at 1.30 for 2 p.m. start.

An old favourite, David Wright, is the demonstrator and his theme will be "A Vision 20 - 20". You have a chance of winning one of David's colourful arrangements as well a hamper containing "Everything Orange".

We offer a friendly welcome to members and guests, the charge for guests is £5, and we look forward to seeing you all for an afternoon's entertainment. If you would like more details please phone Margaret Colman (01493) 663590.



Pictures from the last demonstration, entitled, "Junk and Jumble Sale"

The Big Quiz Night

2023

Saturday 14th October

7pm

St. Andrew's Gorleston

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Pavilion Theatre



Well, we've definitely got that back-to-school feeling here at the theatre. The building is a buzz of rehearsals and preparation for all of the fantastic productions coming up this Autumn and Winter, not least our brand new

pantomime 'Dick Whittington', produced by an all-new creative team here at the theatre. We're also rounding off our 26 week Summer Showtime production with a final performance on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October - catch us if you can!

Life is so fast paced here at the Pavilion that I often take a moment or two to stop and reflect on all of the fantastic things our team has achieved. We've had an absolutely brilliant Summer and more recently a fantastic Heritage Open Days Festival season running our backstage tours and of course our hugely popular Pride day.

This year is bittersweet of course because we are still mourning the loss of Kevin Lynch, one half of the Stuart-and-Kevin duo who have been at the helm for the last near 30 years. Stuart has decided to step aside in order to take a well deserved break and to allow the team that has worked alongside both him and Kevin to take the reins under our charitable organisation the Gorleston Pavilion Trust and we're so pleased and proud to have the opportunity to do that. Stuart will still be a huge part of our theatre family and his next project is to direct this year's Adult Pantomime.

It has been an absolutely fantastic Summer season and we hope you've enjoyed everything that has been happening over at the bandstand as well as here in the theatre itself. We'd love to hear your comments and feedback directly, so please email us or pop in to let us know what you think of how we're doing!

This year Christmas is lining up to be bigger and better than ever before, so whether you've seen a pantomime here before or not, please give our brand new production team some support and come along to enjoy our MAGICAL new production of Dick Whittington. Performances start on Thursday 7th December and run through until early January. Tickets available at pavtheatre.com/panto.

There's plenty to get excited about this coming Autumn and Winter so please follow us on our social pages and our website to see what's coming up and how you can get involved.

See you at the theatre again soon!

Alex Youngs

Chair of Trustees, Gorleston Pavilion Trust

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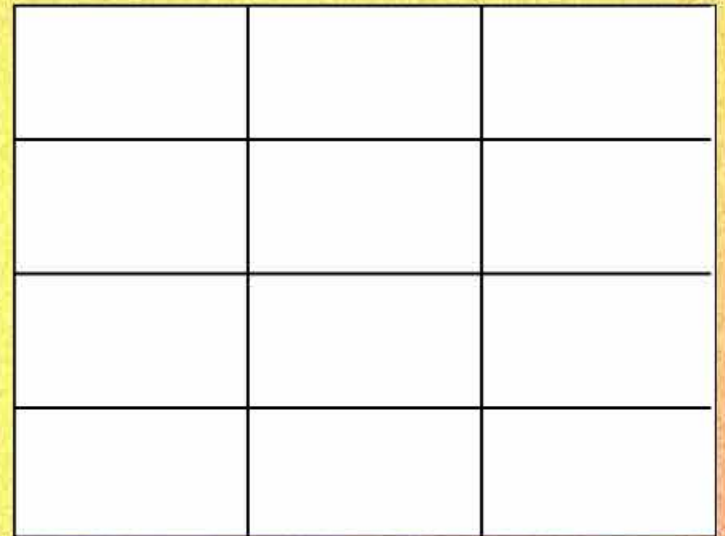
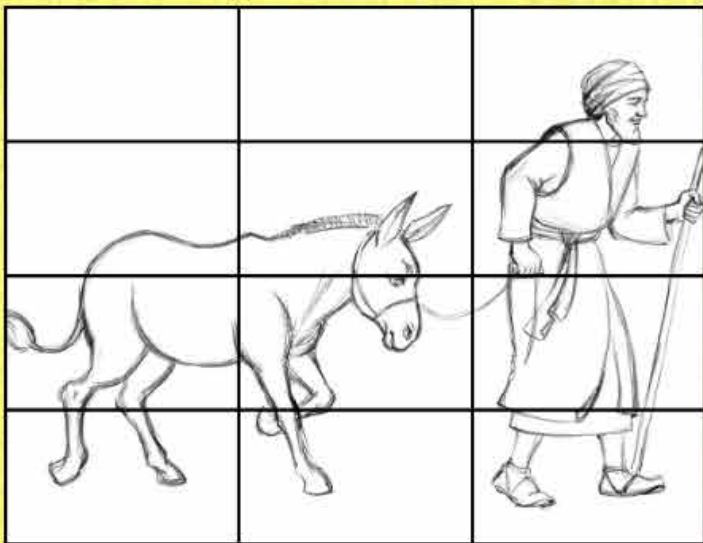
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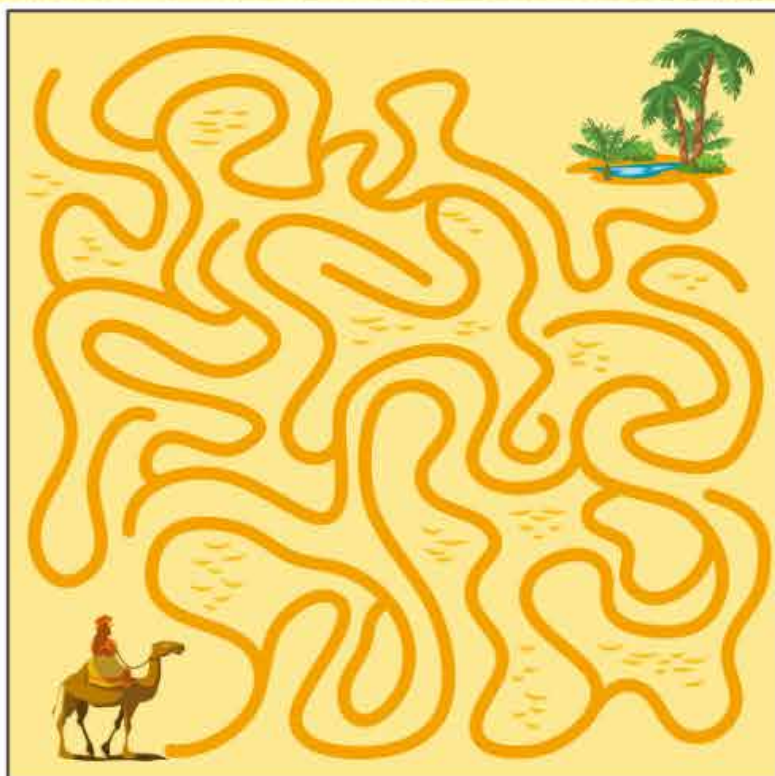
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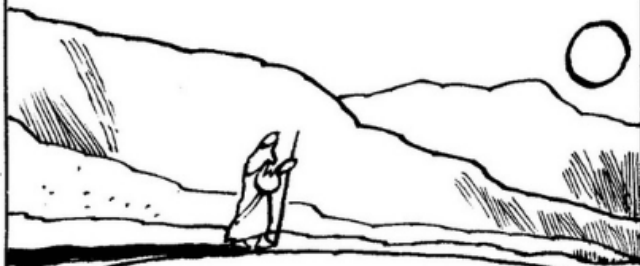
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BUT A MAN FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY STOPPED TO HELP THE INJURED MAN. HE DRESSED THE MAN'S WOUNDS, AND EVEN PAID FOR HIM TO STAY AT AN INN.



JESUS THEN ASKED "WHO WAS THE NEIGHBOUR?"

- PRIEST
- TEMPLE MAN
- FOREIGN MAN

WHICH DO YOU THINK WAS THE ONE THE LAWYER CHOSE?



The Paget Page

Special visitors to new concept wards

Great Yarmouth Mayor Penny Carpenter and Lowestoft Town Mayor Sonia Barker have been visiting our hospital this afternoon to see our new concept ward, to view ward improvements and talk to patients and staff.

The mayors carried out a joint visit and were given a tour of several areas of the hospital, including our children's ward, by our Deputy Chief Nurse Jacky Copping.

They saw some of the improvements that have been made to Ward 6, including infection control bays, and then viewed the recently opened concept ward which features mostly single-room ensuite accommodation.

They also met with our Chief Executive Jo Segasby before speaking with staff and patients on the wards.



Organ Donation Week

In September, the James Paget Hospital celebrated Organ Donation Week. The front of our hospital was lit up pink along with other landmarks in the Great Yarmouth area. The Organ Donation team also held a coffee morning for staff and donor families in the Burrage Centre, offering teas, coffees and sweet treats to those who popped by.



ED Staff take on challenge for Air Ambulance

A team of 30 staff from the Emergency Department (ED) took part in the East Anglian Air Ambulance 'Only The Brave' event at the end of September – tackling a six-mile muddy obstacle course to help raise funds for the air ambulance service.

The Accident & Emergency team from the James Paget competed in two teams of 15 - made up of adult and paediatric nurses, doctors, advance care practitioners, healthcare assistants, porters, paramedics, and more, who all work within the department - in the event held at Euston Estate in Suffolk on Sunday, 24 September.

The hospital's ED team provide 24 hour emergency care to residents in, and visitors to, Norfolk and Suffolk and work closely with the East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA), the 365-day-a-year helicopter emergency medical service (HEMS) which covers both counties plus Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Some of the hospital staff also work as part of the EAAA team too.

The two 15-strong teams from the Paget were called 'The JPUH A&Ethletes' and 'The JPUH A&Erobic Amblers' and were a mixture of ages, abilities and roles.



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Gorleston THEN & Now

by John McBride



Here we have the White Horse junction in about 1967, before the roundabout was built. Traffic lights controlled the junction in those days. The bus shelter was still there in the picture above, although buildings around it were being demolished on the west side of Beccles Road, to make room for the new roundabout and the dual carriageway.

The junction and later the roundabout, were named after the public house on the corner of Burnt Lane and Church

Road. Today the whole of what was the left hand side of this part of Beccles Road, including nearly all the houses, is covered by the northbound lane of the A143 dual carriageway.

The houses on the eastern side of Beccles Road appear not to have changed. Recently the roundabout has acquired the name Stone Cross Roundabout, after the new housing development on the former White Horse pub site.





Opening THE Book

with
Reverend
John Kinchin-Smith

What does the Bible teach about “Giving”? First and foremost, the Bible teaches that everything we own and everything we have comes from God. So, when we give, we simply offer him a small portion of the abundance he has already given to us. ‘Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father.’ (James 1:17) Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God. God instructed Old Testament believers to give a tithe, a tenth, because this ten percent represented the first, most important portion of all they had. The New Testament does not suggest a certain percentage for giving, but simply says for each to give in keeping with his income. ‘On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income.’ (1 Corinthians 16:2) Notice that the offering was set aside on the first day of the week. When we are willing to offer the first portion of our wealth back to God, then God knows he has our hearts. Then, the Bible teaches that we are blessed when we give: ‘... remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”’ (Acts 20:35) God wants us to give because he knows we will be blessed when we give generously to him and to others. The Bible also teaches that when we give freely to God, we receive freely from God. ‘Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.’ (Luke 6:38) God promises to bless us over and above what we give. But, if we hold back from giving with a stingy heart, we hinder God from blessing our lives.

The Bible also teaches that we should give cheerfully and not under compulsion. ‘Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.’ (2 Corinthians 9:7) Finally, the value of our offering is not determined by how much we give, but how we give. A little incident in Mark’s Gospel illustrates this well, when a poor widow gives out of her poverty all she had to live on. (Mark 12:41-44)



News from The Mag

with
Reverend Matthew Price



I am always amazed at the hidden talents amongst people I meet. So many people are able to make the most incredible works of art by knitting or embroidering or crocheting. It’s not something I have ever learnt to do, so I find myself in awe of the talent.

But I am also struck that such past-times can often be quite lonely. Hours spent with knitting needles or a crochet hook can often be alone.

With that in mind, we have recently launched our weekly Open House morning at church, encouraging people to bring along craft projects that they might be working on, so that they can enjoy one-another’s company whilst they work.

There’s a limitless supply of coffee and freshly baked treats to enjoy each week too. And everyone is really welcome! I don’t want to be unnecessarily stereotypical (male knitters are becoming increasingly common-place; perhaps inspired by the likes of Tom Daley), but we are also hoping to expand what we offer in the coming months to include a community shed, which will allow wood-work and other projects! Watch this space for more news of that.

So, why don’t you come along and bring your latest project too. And, if you’re not a crafter, you’re also welcome. There’s also board games and adult colouring books or just plenty of people to chat to. I look forward to seeing you there.

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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.”

As the season of all things spooky and dark is fast approaching I thought it appropriate to give a mention to our little (sometimes not so little) eight legged friends SPIDERS!

I have always, always, been terrified of them when they run across the floor or pop out from a cupboard unexpectedly. Over the years I have become more tolerant of those little beasties mainly due to the fact that I am indeed the keeper of three beautiful and rather graceful Chile Rose Tarantulas. Two of them I actually inherited from a relative but one was purchased as a spiderling at about the size of a new ten pence piece around 26 years ago.

My interest in spiders began only due to looking after two (a Chile Rose female fully adult and a Mexican Red Knee male probably a year old) whilst my relative went away to live in a much colder climate – unsuitable for the needs



of such a spider. It's fascinating to watch a spider shed its skin, this takes about 24 hours and involves them flipping completely over onto their back, then gradually they pop or crack the top part (called cephalothorax and abdomen) and begin to pull themselves out of the old skin. During this time, they are very vulnerable as the new exoskeleton is very soft until they are fully out and taken in air to grow a little more and toughen up so to speak. I remember the first time I saw the Mexican Red Knee laying upside down (the one I was looking after) I was in a state of panic – thought I'd managed to kill it somehow!

Spiders in captivity happily eat Hoppers, Locusts, crickets etc but can easily tackle Roaches too. They also drink water, so a shallow lid for this purpose is required along with the occasional spray of water into the habitat to give a little moisture/humidity. My spiders all live in separate homes, with suitable substrate and a flowerpot to hide in. They floor web rather than make hanging webs like house and garden spiders. To eat their prey they grab it with their front legs and bite it with their fangs, inject venom to paralyse said

victim and enzymes that turn it into liquid that the spider can eat – gruesome eh!

Well, if you are not quite creeped out enough yet let me tell you about a very recent experience I had whilst trying to replace a piece of guttering. This, may I say, was around my front porch, not the top of my house – if it was that I would have needed the Fire



Brigade to get me down as I'm no good with heights these days. Steps out, up I went and quite easily managed to remove a guttering joint apart from getting sprayed with dirt and grit from the roof area. To get perspective the steps reached to a height so I was just about eye level with the guttering. It would of course have been better if I was looking from slightly above to avoid the debris getting all over me. At one point I felt something hit my ear, thinking it was a just a bit of dirt I shook my head, brushed at my ear with my free hand and carried on with my repairs.

Job done and all was good until I was putting the rubbish away. As I bent over, suddenly the sound in my left ear was much like when you get water in there at the swimming pool – everything kind of echoed. Still thinking it was dirt I tried poking down there with a cotton bud (something I know very well you are not supposed to do) however the sound went back to normal so I thought no more of it. Now later as I was cooking dinner, I felt a very strange tickling in my ear and then became 100% certain something was moving in there. A quick, very leaning over to the left, run to my husband to get him to have a look confirmed a small spider had taken up residence – ahhhhhh!

Off to the bathroom to sit on the edge of the bath whilst he poured what felt like gallons of water into my ear, nothing. Next, he tried with a syringe (no needle of course, left over from a medicine bottle), water shot into my ear this time and out it came, landing in the bath – not so little though, approximately 1.5cm and definitely female. My guest turned out to be a Noble False Widow that usually resides in guttering. Well, that's the last time I try DIY at eye level, guess I was lucky it didn't bite me as its one of our most venomous spiders but google says it doesn't normally bite humans, phew!

Give spiders a break if you can, remove them from your house with a little kindness, some of them are actually doing you a favour whilst they are there. Keep a look out for the wonderful webs in the autumn months when the dew and frost is on them, they are very intricate.

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



Gorleston Clock Returns

Hello Gorleston, we're back, it's us, the clock faces from St Andrews Church Tower!

We are so pleased to be back in place, what a traumatic and exciting year we have had. We know we shouldn't say this, but we DO look rather splendid with our new shiny faces and hands. As for our mechanism, well 21st century or what?!? We can't wait for the British Summer Time to end as we will automatically change the hour! We wonder what that will be like - a strange tickly feeling I should think.

That will be nothing after what we have been through this year, abseiling up and down, carted off to a factory to be spruced up, sitting in the church memorial chapel where strange people kept coming and having their photo taken next to us, all saying "ooh isn't it big" while we waited for the right weather to come for our ascent back into place. The photo shows the reflection of stained-glass window in the chapel.

Well, that's the end of our little saga, it's been fun sharing with you all, hope you enjoyed it. We'll just settle down now and keep silently watching over our lovely town of Gorleston.



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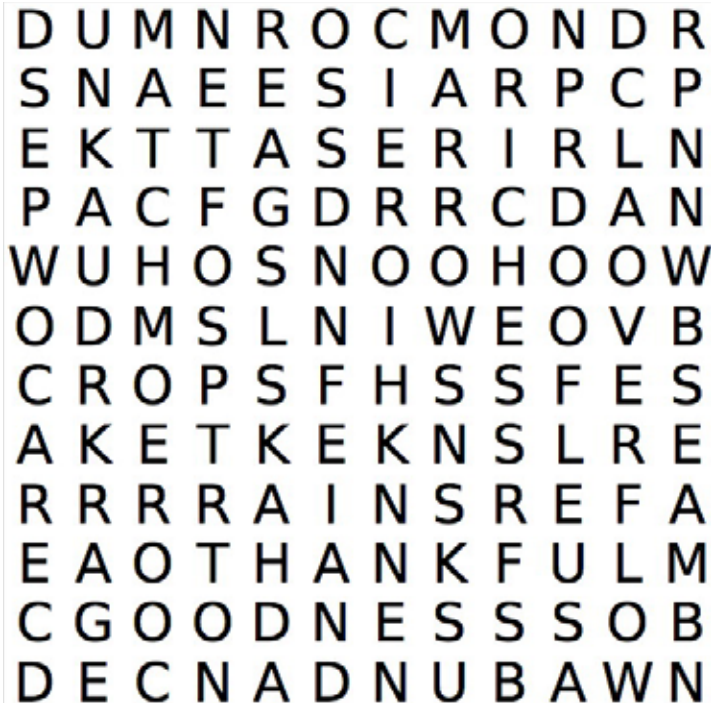
Wordsearch

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

Words occur in the grid forwards, backwards and diagonally.

Harvest

October brings us Harvest, and Psalm 65 expresses it perfectly: "You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it... You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance... the hills are clothed with gladness, the meadows are covered with flock and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing."



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| ABUNDANCE | FOOD | BLESSING |
| GOODNESS | CROPS | MEADOWS |
| RICHES | SOFTEN | FLOCKS |





Gorleston Links Bowls Club

This season is flying by. It's hard to believe we are talking about the indoor season already! It only feels like five minutes ago, we were

talking about heading out for the summer outdoors season. But we still have plenty to look forward to. We will soon be hosting a team from the beautiful town of Stamford in Lincolnshire. Two of our team will be playing for them - that should be interesting!

Lots of competitions are also reaching their conclusions. Our NBA County League team came third with 33.5 points, only Thorpe Rec had the same points as us, but had a better shots difference. We fared far better than usual here - a great achievement!

We are at the finals stage of the round robin games for our Novice Cup, played by members who have been with us for less than three years, or have not won a competition trophy. Congratulations to Maria for winning this year's Platten Plate, after beating some stiff competition. Well done to our runner up, Debbie.

Abi and Leo finished runners up in the junior mixed pairs at the Nationals, held at Leamington Spa recently. Well done to both of them!

Our County President and club member, Pat Smith, went to see through all of the games and matches at Leamington,



along with visits from some of our members. She is also organising a regular practice fixture with some members to coach and learn the roles and duties of each member of a team. They are thinking about: who marks, measures and calls as well advice, etiquette, queries, and the differences in how EBA and EBF rules apply to matches, like minimum or maximum lengths of jacks or allowed shots etc. It will come in very handy to newer members, as well as sharing knowledge and brushing up the skills of the more experienced players.

Coming up shortly will be our tour of Essex that some of our members are embarking on next month. After hosting visiting teams, it will be nice for us to be the visitors.

On a recent match at Oulton Broad we had some interesting background noise that was a bit different. We arrived on a gloriously sunny Thursday evening. Families were enjoying themselves in the play areas or wandering the gardens and greens of Nicholas Everitt park.

But before long the air was filled with zooming sounds from the speedboat races taking place on the broads! It was an amazing noise, accompanied by the heady but heavenly mix of teasing smells from barbecues and fresh coffees. It really was a pleasant distraction whilst trying to play a bowls match. Definitely a different setting to many clubs we visit. And lovely to watch after the match!



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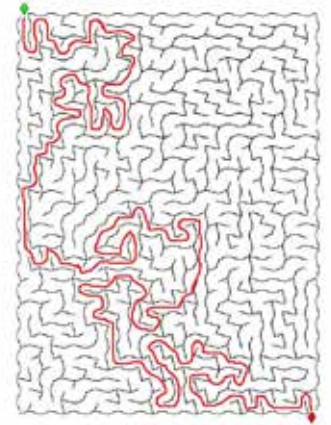
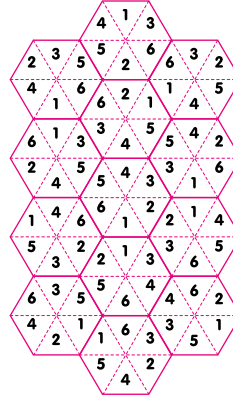
Coffee Time Answers

Word Ladder: bread, tread, treat, great, greet
Caught in the middle: hole, william, jam, virginia, room
Seeing Double: alpaca, unpaid, repeal, superb, circus, parcel, belief, splint, gypsum, lapses
Mystery keyword: paperclips

Across: 1 villainous, 6 loud, 7 fame, 8 elk, 11 stonecutter, 14 ask, 16 gnat, 18 mesh, 19 pyrography
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Life Afloat

by Patricia West, who continues her reminiscences...

Verity and Jess

Reader, perhaps you will recall our meeting with two young people in the September issue when at Verity's suggestion Jess tipped their mugs and plates

into the river.

I closed September's edition with us inviting them aboard Pillage for supper. It was a very merry evening and we were kept constantly amused with the youngsters regaling us with countless stories of their adventures. Keen to tell their tale Jess began by explaining how it all started.

Driving through a stormy night near Christmas he picked up Verity who was hitch hiking round England on a sabbatical from her native Australia.

Stopping at a road side transport cafe they shared a fry up and a couple of cokes. Then with steaming cups of coffee they moved into a small corner and talked until midnight. They slept in the car, returning to the cafe for an early breakfast and thereafter had remained inseparable.

By June Verity was pregnant, in July they had married. Apparently it had been a riotous affair. When the registry asked for Jess's occupation he had replied "the best rubbish dealer in England". The Registrar hastily wrote down "Collector of Goods"

Jess confessed he had no particular trade or profession but seemed able to successfully put his hands to almost anything then, flashing a broad wink he said "just call me an opportunist"

Initially they had lived in a gypsy caravan and Jess was quickly able to undertake a sizeable amount of wheeling, dealing, buying and selling at local auctions.

With some hand made flyers they knocked on doors where Jess offered painting, decorating and general all round jobs. Meanwhile Verity picked fruit and earned extra money walking a couple of dogs. Their income mounted nicely and on a whim they had flown to Paris to buy a boat. Excited and impatient they purchased almost the first one they looked at – this unfortunately turned out to be one of Jess's few mistakes. Their small craft looked set to collapse any minute. "Doesn't matter", he said, "we will probably sell it when the baby comes".

Richard and I avoided eye contact - sell it? More likely have to pay someone to collect the little boat for scrap.

They were full of fun and it was one a.m. before we could fall exhaustedly into bed. Next morning after we'd had a lazy coffee together we hugged our goodbyes.

Half an hour later Pillage was on the move and loud voices could be heard drifting through the air. Verity as usual was having the last word – "no you did not! because last time it was me making scrambled eggs remember? it IS your turn to make breakfast"

More uncontrollable laughter from us. How could we ever forget them?

Covering thirty kilometres we reached Vienne just after five p.m. having encountered only one ten foot lock. How different to my first shaky introduction many months earlier. Now having acquired "sea legs" and with around two hundred locks under my belt I leapt about fearlessly

like the old hand I had become.

Next morning, having moored beside the four lane motorway which ran parallel with the river, we darted back and forth across the busy road, my task was to fetch a couple of gallons of clean water from the drinking fountain in a nearby park.

Meanwhile Richard made similar journeys to a nearby garage ferrying many cans of diesel.

These two items were essential and each of them were running dangerously low.

We had missed the last chance to fill up at Lyon. Obviously we all make mistakes.

As I dodged in and out of the fast flowing traffic drivers hooted angrily. They had every right to do so. What were we thinking ?

Actually as I write I shudder at our casual approach. Did we think that because we were now ace in boating that we were invincible? We were lucky to have escaped unharmed.

After our exertions we took just a gentle stroll along the river bank, after which with a nod to the cooler evenings I cooked a hot supper.

Since Paris the budget had remained steady, there had been no charges for using the locks, or for any basic moorings nor for the use of water. However, although Marinas were lovely they were also expensive and our budget so far had only allowed us to enjoy their luxury twice.

The crops in the fields had been profuse, our coffers were helped hugely by an endless yield of fruit and vegetables growing along the hedge rows and on the edges of fields. We were observed gleaning on many occasions yet were never challenged.

After a while we realised the farmers' tractors rarely picked to the edge of the fields. Who knows perhaps we were more of an asset than a nuisance?

The local butchers, large super markets, Soda Prix and Super Marche I discovered them all, regularly taking advantage of their special offers and deals.

On one particular occasion there was an enormous offer for some up market tinned chicken and I bought up as much as I could carry.

Our subsequent menus included chicken soup, chicken curry, chicken baked, stir fried, with chips, salad, in omelettes; you name it we ate it.

These days I hardly ever eat chicken, possibly because of the French and their enticing "Offeres Fantastique"

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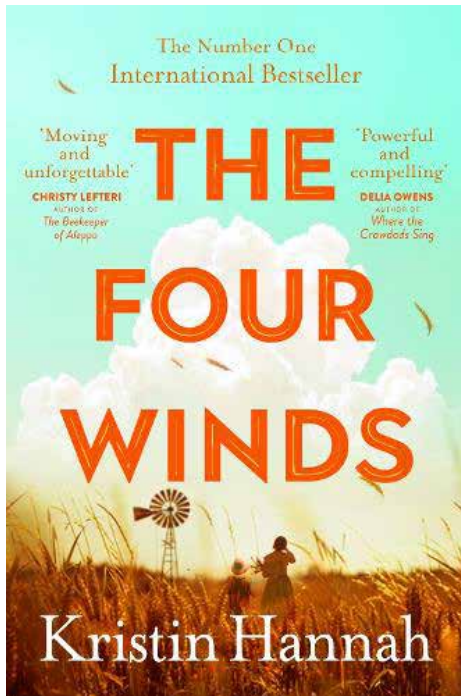
The Four Winds
by Kristin Hannah

Thanks to Margaret for this review

Elsa had the life she'd always yearned for until it was shattered to the winds.

An incredible journey of survival, hope and what we do for those we love, set against America's Great Depression of the 1930's and the Dust Bowl.

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A Poem to Ponder

The Square Moon

Did you see the moon last night?
I'm sure that it was square
It could have been the wine I had
Or pollution in the air
I must ring N.A.S.A. and let them know
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Glamour, excitement, and an abundance of talent filled the air at the Academy, as the school held its prestigious Venture Stars Awards. This red carpet event celebrated the outstanding achievements of over 60 students who were awarded the highest honour, the Venture Star, for their excellence in a specific curriculum or extracurricular area during the academic year.

The selection process for these coveted awards was rigorous, with only one student nominated from each year group across 16 different categories. The nominees stood out among their peers, showcasing exceptional work ethic, commitment, positive attitude, and academic accomplishments. They were truly the shining stars of the academy.



on Venture Academy

Adding even more prestige to the occasion, one student from each category received a special commendation award, offering them additional recognition for their exceptional performance. The atmosphere was electric as the nominees eagerly awaited the announcement of these commendations, with their friends, families, and the entire school community cheering them on.

However, the highlight of the evening was the presentation of the OAT Outstanding Achievement Award, bestowed upon a single student who had received the most nominations and demonstrated remarkable accomplishments across multiple categories. The 2023 Outstanding Achievement Award winner was none other than Kelsey, a remarkable Year 7 student who had left an indelible mark on the school. With a beaming smile and a glimmer of pride in her eyes, Kelsey graciously accepted her award from the academy's principal, Mr. Gilbert-Barnham.



The Venture Stars Awards were not only a celebration of the students' achievements but also an opportunity to acknowledge the support of the local community. Several awards were sponsored by esteemed local companies and organisations, including EE Green, the Pavillion Theatre, LG Perfect, Thompsons Food Service, Ting Dene Lifestyle, NCFC Community Sports Foundation, Norfolk County Council Library Service, Crazy Hippo Crochet, and Folkes Plant & Aggregates. The sponsors, recognizing the importance of nurturing young talent, attended the event and personally presented the four Venture Stars and special commendation awards in the categories they sponsored. Their presence added a touch of elegance to the evening and demonstrated the strong bond between the academy and the local community.

One notable guest at the event was Millie Daviss, captain of Norwich City Women's football team, who represented the NCFC Community Sports Foundation. Millie, a shining example of determination and success, hails from Bradwell, a testament to the extraordinary achievements that can be accomplished by individuals in the local community. In her

inspiring keynote speech, she shared her own journey to success, motivating the Venture Stars to exhibit resilience and perseverance in their pursuit of greatness.

Dave Richards, the Vice Principal of Ormiston Venture Academy, expressed his gratitude to the sponsors and presenters for contributing to the incredible atmosphere that permeated the event. He also extended his heartfelt thanks to Millie Daviss for her empowering words of wisdom to the award winners. Mr Richards acknowledged the exceptional qualities possessed by each Venture Star, emphasising that these young individuals exemplify the Venture Way and make the academy community immensely proud.

As the curtain fell on this unforgettable evening, it was evident that the Venture Stars Awards had not only recognised the remarkable accomplishments of the students but had also showcased the unwavering support and dedication of the academy, its staff, and the local community. The stage was set for the next generation of leaders, innovators, and achievers to continue shining bright, inspiring others, and leaving their mark on the world.



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.



I have always had a love of cricket, despite never being very good at it! Perhaps the love came from the basic mathematical nature of cricket matches: scorecards, batting and bowling averages, all those records and all the historical data from test matches long ago.

My ambivalence towards the game probably comes from my really poor eyesight, my difficulty of focussing in on the

moving ball, which, as you may imagine, is a fundamental problem when batting. I never claimed to be much of a batter (as the contemporary phrase has it) but always saw myself as a bowler. The essential point of being a bowler is that there is a moment for all bowlers when one knows exactly where the ball is: it's in your own hand!

I have played the game since I was small: my dad taught me to bat and bowl before I went to school. This was a real plus, because at my infants' school in Ilford we had a tarmac playground with walls on two sides. There were brick pillars along the walls, each with a set of cricket stumps painted on them. I could immediately join in with the older boys and their games in the playground. It is possible, of course, that they tolerated this little one because the school only had outside toilets. Every now and then the tennis ball we played with would be hoicked up on to the roof of the toilets. The way to retrieve it was to shin up and down a drainpipe. Strictly forbidden of course but that was where I came in. The older ones would create a distraction for the member of staff on playground duty while I nipped up and down, and the game continued!

Later, an element of disillusion crept in. When we were on the way to our first away cricket match for my secondary school, the master-in-charge was still working out who we were. He asked me "What do you do?" My reply was "I'm a bowler", so I got to open the batting and not bowl a single ball!

Most of my cricket matches were at school or against other Boys' Brigade companies locally. As a sprinter, I really fancied myself as a fast bowler, tearing up to the crease and hurling the ball down the wicket, always hopeful for the wonderful sound of the ball rattling the stumps! My best performance was the summer evening when everything went absolutely right and I ended up with 9 wickets for 17 runs: magic! But not magic enough, because a few years later, when umpiring a later generation of BB lads, a

mere 13-year-old (with the memorable name of Ossie Tull) skittled the opposition with 9 wickets for only 2 runs. He was a classic example of what talent can be missed in our education system. He had the most glorious natural ability, a beautiful run-up and delivery, but as far as I know he went to a local secondary modern school which didn't have a cricket team and when he left the BB that was the end of his cricket!

Two of the boys in our company also went to that school and were good enough to be successive Captains of the all-London BB representative team. A great honour when you don't even have a school team! Just imagine the talent that our system can miss when those who go through state schools are not thought worthy of having the money allocated by the State to be spent on them in developing skills in cricket or chess or music or the theatre or dance .

I remember when I was preparing for my teacher training year in London after graduating. I had to get a bit of experience in a local school before starting the course, so I went back to my old Junior School in Ilford. It was still my own old teacher in top Juniors who was my mentor. The first task he assigned me was to take the class down to the tarmac playground and "teach them the forward defensive batting stroke!"

When I was teaching in my first job, I was expected to umpire cricket matches on games afternoons in the summer. One of the things about cricket is that sometimes batting seems so easy that you wonder how anyone will ever get themselves out, and at other times the bowlers are so on top that it looks almost impossible to score any runs. I was umpiring a match between two teams of 13-year-olds. The team batting first were completely out-classed and were all out without scoring a single run. When the other side batted, they scored a leg-bye on their first ball to win the game. So this was a match in which not a single run was scored off the bat. I really wish that I had kept the scorecard, I surely could have submitted it to the Guinness Book of Records!



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Blue Plaque on Hewett's Score

On a wet and windy morning on 9th May 2023, a small group of GoSH members braved the elements to watch local historian and GoSH member Peter Allard unveil a GoSH blue plaque on the wall of the entrance to a narrow footpath with steps leading downward, known locally as Hewett's Score. The score leads from the eastern side of Gorleston High Street down to the riverside and was used from 1862 until 1903 by the crews of fishing vessels belonging to the Short Blue Fleet owned by the Hewett family. The Hewetts were deep sea fishermen (cod, haddock, plaice etc) and were originally based at Barking near London. Barking was one of the largest fishing ports in England during the nineteenth century. But with the arrival of the railway at Great Yarmouth in the mid-1800s, Samuel Hewett saw the opportunity to land fish at Yarmouth and the possibility of quickly transporting the catches to Billingsgate fish market in London by train. The name of the Barking Smack public house on Marine Parade, Great Yarmouth serves as a reminder of the days when the men of Barking were landing fish on Yarmouth beach in the 1840s. It is believed that the Short Blue Fleet at its height, owned the largest fleet in the world, with 220 vessels.

Ice Houses, a dry dock and a wharf were constructed on the Gorleston side of the River Yare, many families left Barking and moved to Gorleston permanently. The Short Blue Fleet employed nearly two thousand people at sea and on the shore at Gorleston in the mid 1890s but by 1903 the business had closed. Fortunately, the herring fishing industry was just beginning to expand and most of the buildings found new uses and many of the workforce managed to find employment. There are still reminders of the

Short Blue Fleet around Gorleston with the Short Blue public house in the High Street only a few doors away from Hewett's Score. The Dock Tavern in Dock Tavern Lane that was built near Hewett's Dock. The Barking Fishery, a former public house in High Road. Blackwall Reach, a narrow road running parallel to the High Street. Also, in the High Street near the junction of Trafalgar Road East is The Tower, the former home of Mr Harvey-George, the manager of the Short Blue Fleet. Harvey Harvey-George lived there from 1890 until 1898 when he retired due to ill health. Also in the High Street, on the western side, is the Jubilee Cottage Hospital, the first hospital in Gorleston, that was officially opened by Mr Harvey-George in 1888. Look out for the GoSH blue plaque over the front door. The Cottage Hospital plaque was the first to be mounted on a Gorleston building by GoSH. That was in 2015 and since that time a further eleven have been placed on various Gorleston properties.

The Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group is grateful to Peter Allard for sharing his research with them.



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