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# Hello Gorleston!



Welcome to Issue 66 of **YOUR award-winning, FREE** community magazine.

Another month rolls around and here is another edition of the Gorleston Community Magazine. In the last few days, it feels like autumn has really begun to arrive and, I am sure, that as we head through November that feeling will only deepen - we might even begin to see the first signs of winter!

With November comes a focus of remembering - Guy Fawkes and the foiled plot on the 5th, those that have fallen or been injured in war on the 11th. There will also be the switch on of lights for Christmas in Gorleston high street as we begin to look towards the celebration at the end of December - I heard yesterday that it is only nine Saturdays until Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to contribute to the magazine -its wonderful to see, each month, everything that is going on in our town. Please do send in any news stories to editor.gorl.comm.mag@gmail.com. We'd love to feature more news. The deadline for each month's magazine is the 10th of the previous month!



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In the meantime, I hope you have a great November, whatever it looks like for you and enjoy reading this edition of the magazine. Look out for some of the events that are taking place this month too - there's a quiz night and a chance to mark Armistice Day, to mention just two! You'll even see some of the first details of Christmas events!

Have a great month and  
God Bless You All!



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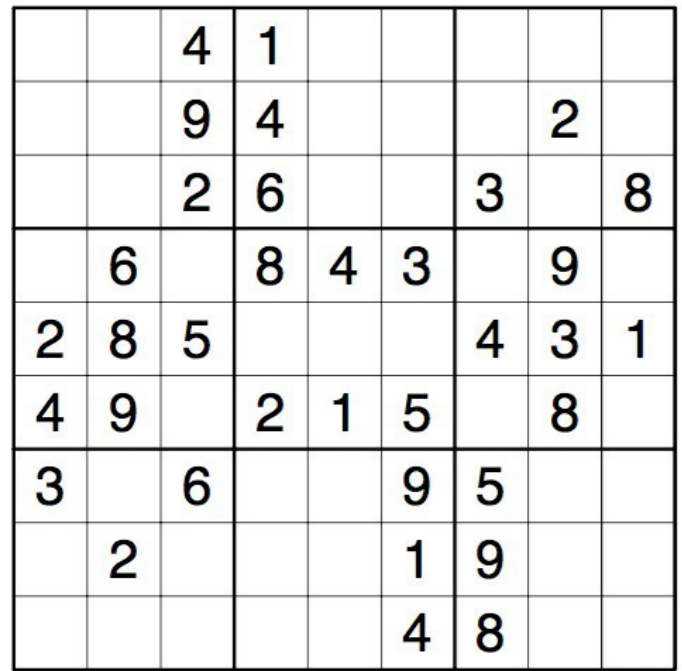
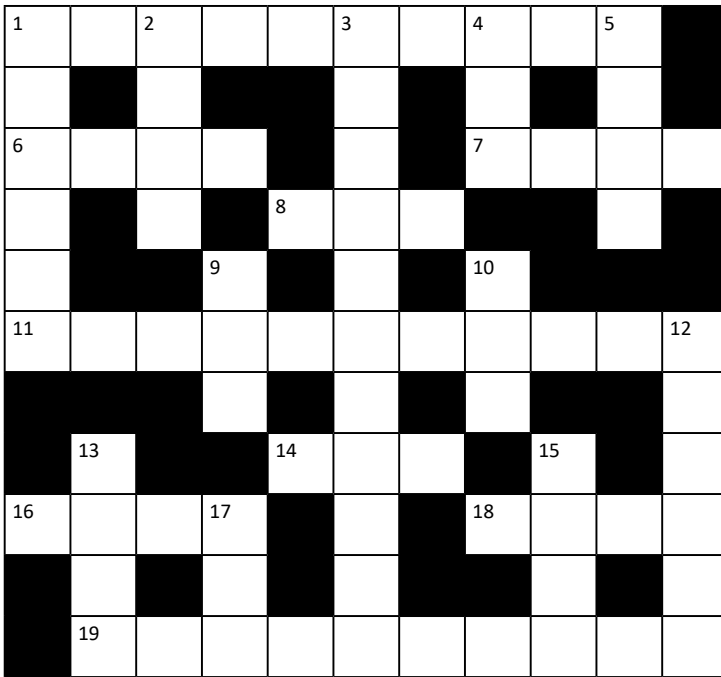
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month's front page picture

# Coffee Time 1



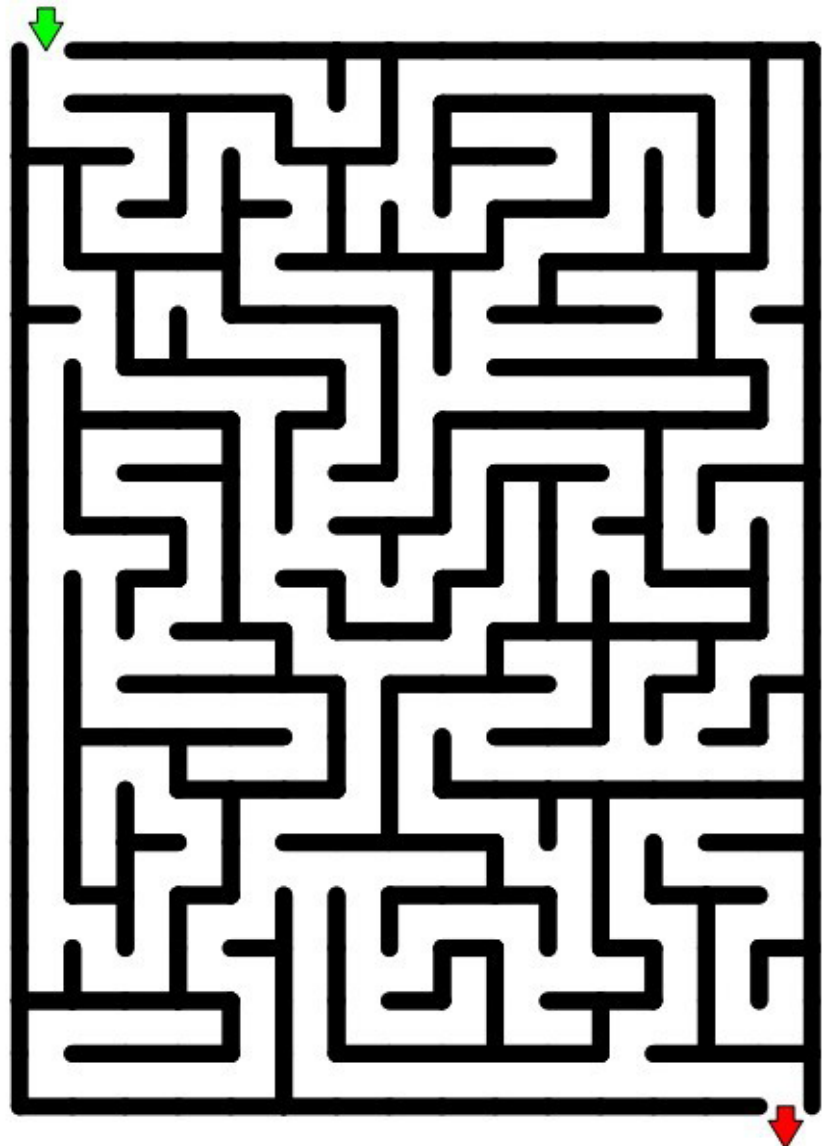
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## Across

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# From the Churches

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

## **This month we hear from the Rev'd Derek McClean, Minister of Cliff Park Community Church**



November is a month full of dates set aside for Remembrance. We remember and give thanks for faithful Christians of the past. We celebrate the foiling of a plot to destroy Parliament and assassinate King James I. We give thanks for all those who have paid the ultimate price by dying for our freedoms.

However, we also have one time of looking forward by celebrating the Kingship of Christ, and remember the call to look after the marginalised, poor, hungry and neglected. It's a very mixed set of festivals.

Through it all is the understanding that we are called to love one another, and bear one another's burdens. To weep with those who weep. To mourn with those who mourn. To laugh with those who laugh.

We can also reflect on the depths human nature can fall to. The slaughter of the battles in WWI. The failures in understanding that the Death Camps were real in WWII. The ongoing litany of war crimes in battles in the last decades since the end of WWII.

In the midst of a speech about his melancholy mood, Hamlet breaks out into intense sarcasm about humanity ("What a piece of work is man!" Act 2, scene 2). It is a reminder that humans are capable of some genuine moments of greatness, but also capable of great evil. Thus, Hamlet calls us the "quintessence of dust".

November allows us to reflect on this. To know that as creatures, made in God's image, we can produce and appreciate great works of Art. We can produce a Mozart and be deeply moved by his music. We can marvel at the works and genius of a Leonardo Da Vinci. And can rally to help end disasters, or put on huge worldwide rock concerts in aid of famine relief.

But we are also capable of great, great evil. Whilst we do have our Mozarts, we also have our Hitlers and Stalins and Pol Pots.

If ever Hamlet's phrase, "What a piece of work is man!" can be applied without sarcasm, it is applied to Jesus. If we wonder what it means to be the humans

God intended us to be, then we sit and read through the Gospels and learn what that means. We are called to be full of compassion, and love. To confront injustice, and break the chains that keep people imprisoned.

Jesus came to free us from our tendency to darkness, our sin, by paying the price, through His death on the Cross, and offering us forgiveness and the gift of His Spirit to transform us into being the people God intends us to be.

As we work through the festivals in November, let us reflect on what God has done for us, and ask His help to become the people He called us to be.

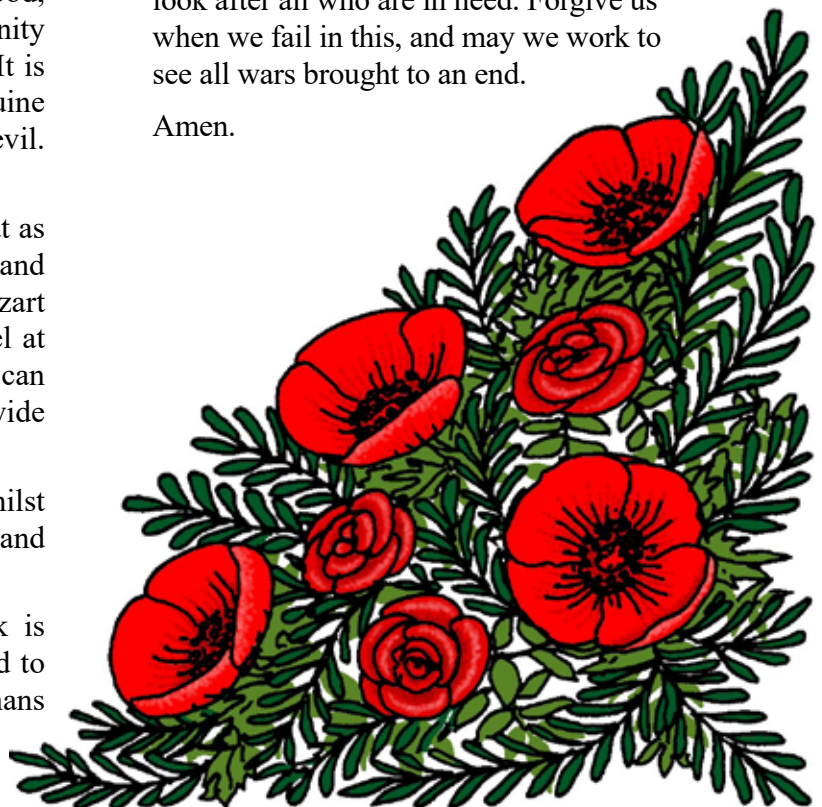
### Prayer Corner

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:

Almighty God,

We thank you for Your generosity in making us in Your image, and giving us all our gifts and talents. May we use them to look after all who are in need. Forgive us when we fail in this, and may we work to see all wars brought to an end.

Amen.



Cliff Park Community Church invites you to



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## Celebrations at St. Andrew's Gorleston

- 3rd Dec - Worship Together 10am**  
 Advent hymns, traditional and modern styles  
 Guest preacher - Archdeacon Steven Betts
- 10th Dec - Worship Together 10am**  
 Advent hymns, traditional and modern styles
- 15th Dec - Carols and Candles 5-30pm**  
 A memorial service to remember loved ones no longer with us
- 17th Dec - Holy Communion 10am**  
 Advent hymns, traditional and modern styles  
 - Lessons & Carols 6-30pm  
 Traditional service with readings, congregational carols and carols sung by the choir
- 24th Dec - Reflective Service 10am**  
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- 25th Dec - Holy Communion 10am**

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# Ormiston Venture Academy

## Exploring Textile Structures: A Day at the Time and Tide Museum

A recent excursion to the Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth proved to be an enriching and inspiring experience for Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Textiles students. The purpose of this textile-focused trip was to gather primary research, including photographs and sketches, for their 'Structures' themed coursework project. This educational adventure not only fulfilled its academic objectives but also left an indelible mark on the students' creative minds.

The main attraction of our visit was the 'Bare Bones' exhibition, a showcase that perfectly aligned with our coursework theme. However, we couldn't resist the opportunity to explore the entire museum, which housed a treasure trove of maritime history and local heritage. Miss Palmer, the

Teacher of Textiles who organized the trip, was effusive in her praise of the museum, stating, "The Time and Tide Museum is a lovely place to visit, and the Bare Bones exhibition was fascinating." Her enthusiasm was certainly echoed by every student on the trip, as they unanimously expressed their enjoyment.

For many of us, this trip marked our first visit to the Time and Tide Museum, and it did not disappoint. The museum's unique location in a former herring curing works and smokehouse, right on the edge of the historic quayside, provided an immersive setting for our exploration.

The highlight of our visit was undoubtedly the 'Bare Bones' exhibition, which delved deep into the intricate structures of textiles. From the skeletal remains of textile machinery to intricate patterns woven into fabrics, the exhibition unveiled the hidden beauty and complexity within textiles. Students

were captivated by the artistic and technical intricacies on display, and many seized the opportunity to take photographs and sketch these incredible textile structures.

Beyond the 'Bare Bones' exhibition, the Time and Tide Museum offered a diverse range of exhibits that deepened our appreciation of the local history and culture. From the atmospheric re-creation of a 1950s fisherman's cottage to the vivid stories of Great Yarmouth's maritime past, there

was something to captivate everyone's interest. These supplementary experiences not only broadened our horizons but also inspired fresh perspectives for our coursework projects.



In conclusion, the Textiles trip to the Time and Tide Museum was an huge success. Miss Palmer's words aptly summarised the sentiment of the day: "The Time and Tide Museum is a lovely place to visit, and the Bare Bones exhibition was fascinating." This experience not only expanded our knowledge of textile structures but also ignited a passion for creativity and exploration that will undoubtedly serve our students well as they continue their educational journey in the world of textiles. It was a day of learning, inspiration, and discovery, and one that will be fondly remembered by all who participated.





# Pavilion Theatre



Christmas is just around the corner and whilst our in-house production team is gearing up to turn the Pavilion into a pantomime wonderland, November is always the month where our young people take over the theatre.

Dusmagrik Young People's Theatre company and Stage Door Youth Theatre are rehearsing for their Autumn productions of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' and 'A Christmas Carol - With a Twist!'.

It's always so much fun to see the theatre buzzing with the excitement of these productions. It's so important that we support our young people as they work so hard to learn stage crafts and put on such fantastic productions each and every year. So I do urge you to buy your tickets and cheer on our young folk later this month.

We exist for our community and I'm really delighted to confirm that we're working hard on opening up the theatre during the winter months as a warm space and a place for people to come and socialise. We'll publish more details of this on our website and in the local press, so please do share this with those who you think would be in need of this.

Don't forget, our brand new production of Dick Whittington is now just a few weeks away, so grab your tickets today at [pavtheatre.com/panto](http://pavtheatre.com/panto)!

See you at the theatre again soon!

Alex Youngs

Chair of Trustees, Gorleston Pavilion Trust

## WHAT'S ON AT THE THEATRE IN NOVEMBER

**Friday 3rd:** Let's Twist Again

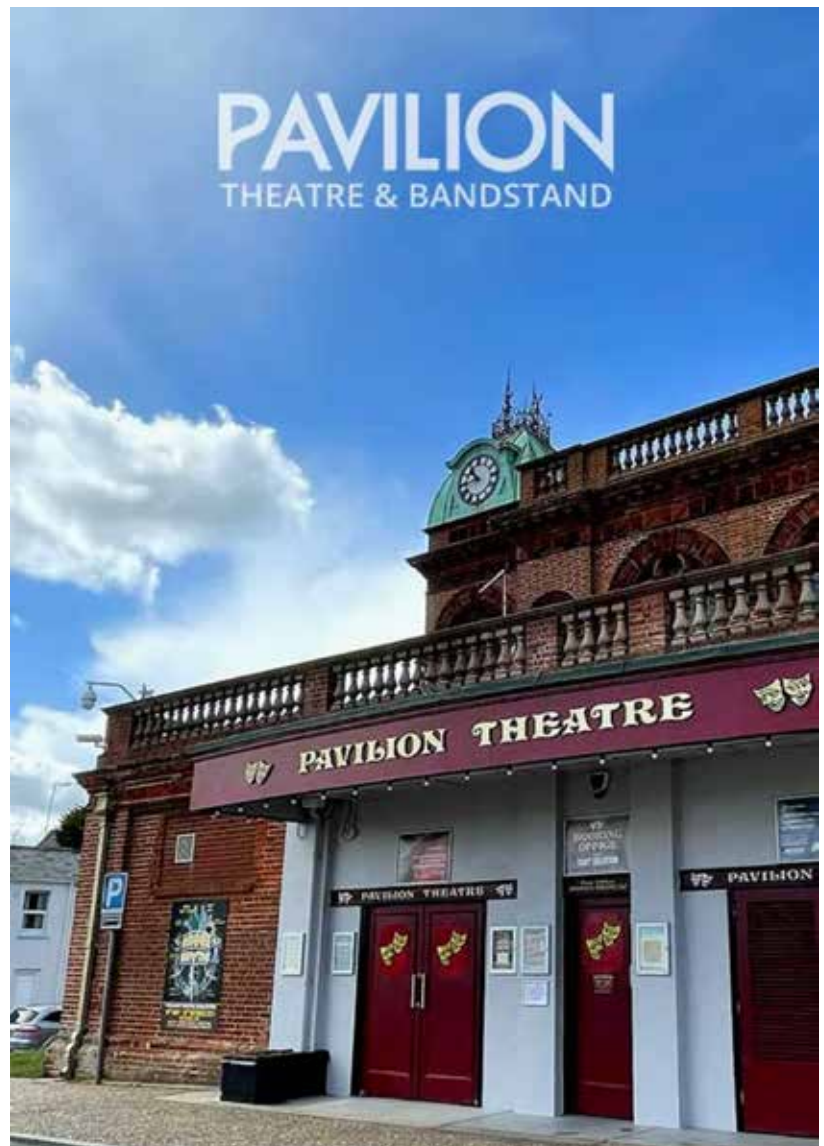
**Saturday 4th:** The Upbeat Beatles

**Thursday 16th - Saturday 18th:**  
Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

**Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th:**  
A Christmas Carol - With a Twist!

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

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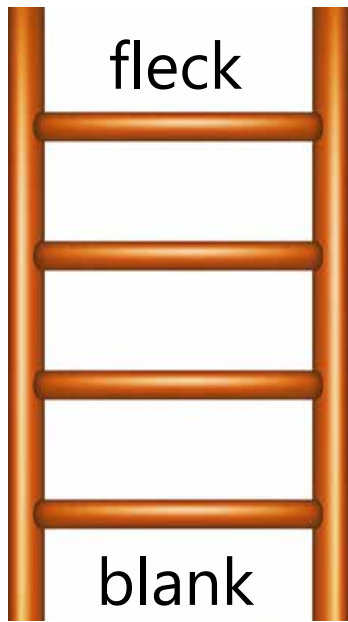


HANNAH TITTERINGTON  
as  
Tommy the Cat

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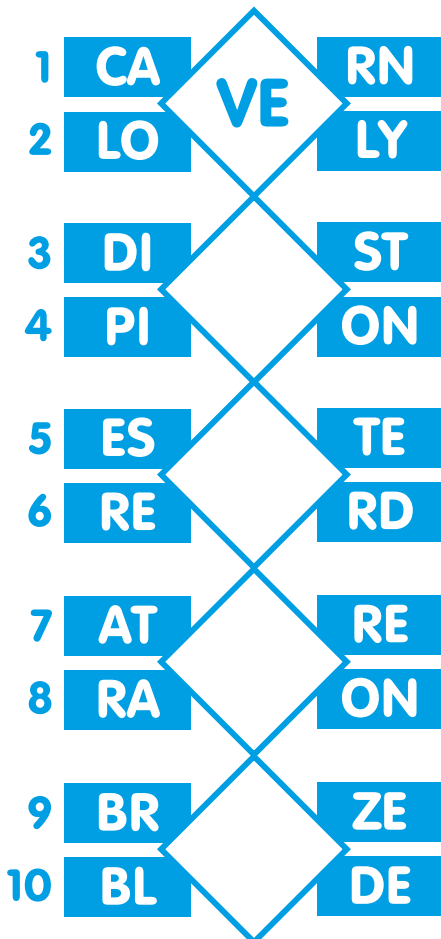
## Word Ladder

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



## 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.



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## Coffee Time 2

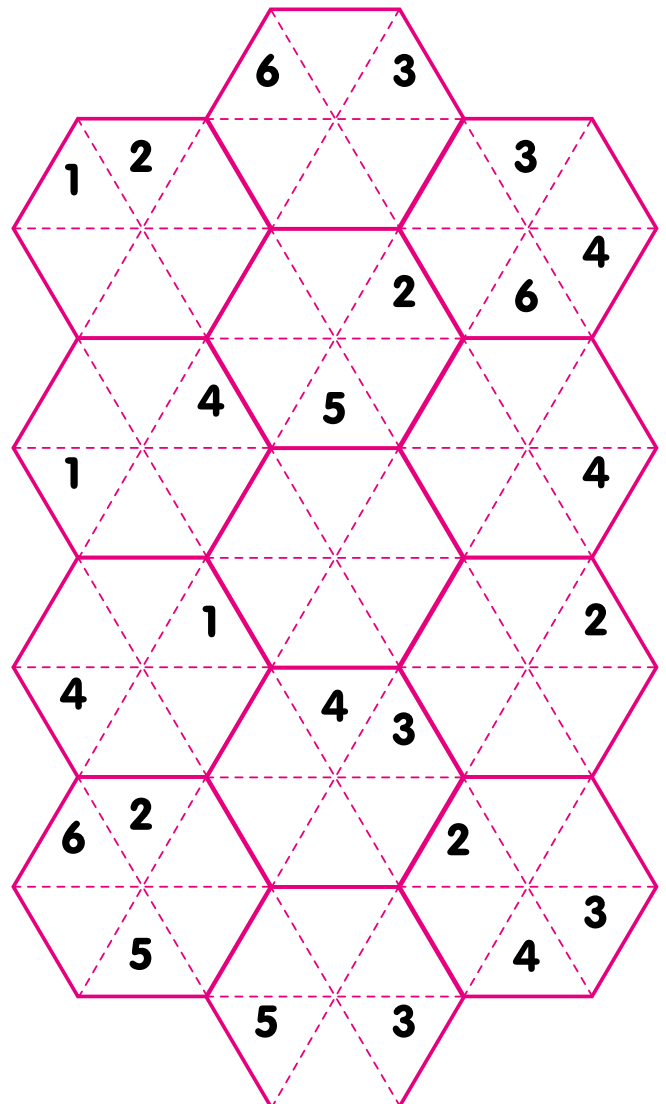
### Caught in the middle

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

mouse	.....	door
pepper	.....	condition
thin	.....	liner
personal	.....	game
thunder	.....	feeder

### Hexoku

Fit the numbers 1 to 6 into each hexagon so that where the hexagons touch, the numbers are the same. No number is repeated in any hexagon.



# Gorleston Links Bowls Club



As we head in to the latter part of the year, we will be holding our A.G.M. This year, with tenancies coming to an end, some members relinquishing their roles, or opting for other positions within the club, we will have a lot of changes so,

there will be plenty of voting, seconding, and acceptances. That is going to make it a very busy but interesting evening, along with the full agenda that meetings bring. We will let you know of our changes in the next edition.

In the meantime, some of the members have had a lovely time touring clubs around Essex, whilst staying at a great venue, with all inclusive entertainments. Members got to visit some new clubs in the county, where friendlies were arranged for our visit. A great time was had by all.

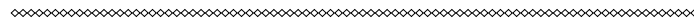
We have also had a very busy time as the season concluded, with all of the finals of our internal competitions, held over a long weekend. Three days of matches were held to decide the winners. Other members turned out to spectate and cheer on the players.

Congratulations to all of our worthy winners...!!!

Also, a big thank you to all who came to help, whether it was tea making, marking, helping with the marquee, or whatever,

all of your help is greatly appreciated .

Speaking of marking, we would like to thank Chris Evans, particularly. He has been in charge and overseen matches and competitions as our official marker for a few years now, and has decided to hand on the baton to someone else for next season. Thank you Chris for your calm, efficient, clear judgments. You will be a hard act to follow !



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I would like to start this month's GG with a very warm welcome if you're new to Gorleston. Gorleston is such a lovely community, and I hope you'll enjoy living here. I've been here for twenty years now and really wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I'm hoping that we can remain in gorgeous Gorleston, as we recently received the very sad news that our wonderful landlord, Mr

Brian Scruby, passed away at the end of August. Brian, was very well known around Gorleston and Great Yarmouth. He began his work life as a builder, then moved into the oil and gas industry, managing Expro in Great Yarmouth. Spent time living and working in Aberdeen and Cairo, but he always returned to Gorleston's Batley Avenue, to the home he loved with his family. He was passionate about golf, cars, travelling and entertaining, but most of all his sweetheart, his lovely wife, Barbara and his four children, Marie, Angie, Ricky and Carl. I attended his funeral at our Crematorium in September, along with hundreds of others, wishing to pay their respects. What a lovely service and such a brilliant speech by his girls featuring many cherished memories. Keep a Good Light Mr Scruby! Thanks so much for all your help and support when I needed it. Brian and Barbara had several properties around Gorleston they let out, and one was our house. They sold the rest over the last few years, however, very kindly kept their Bells Road one. The family has made the understandable decision to sell, so our house is currently on the market. If anyone, would like to buy, with fabulous tenants in situ, please do get in touch with Darby & Liffen Estate Agents.

We said a heartfelt goodbyes to Wilko from our High Street last month. I met the all staff on a very emotional evening out after their last trading day. Lots of hugs, tears, laughters and tequila was shared. You'll be delighted to know most staff have found new jobs, which is brilliant. We welcome two new businesses to Gorleston. Isla's Pie and Mash Restaurant, has now opened in the old Cozie's building, Baker Street. The first weekend was



**ISLA'S** traditional  
**PIE & MASH**

a tremendous success. Reports back say the food is delicious and authentic, I've yet to try. Another new business, is House of Vintage, selling vintage pre-loved



clothing and accessories. Right up my street, so I'll be popping in here soon Ladies. Also, more food for me to try at the new Four Seasons Gorleston Malaysian and Indonesian open now on Lowestoft Road. Owned by the lovely people who run Bamboo Mandarin on Church Road. Another great edition to our delectable taste-bud trial around Gorleston. More news from the High Street is that the old Bellyboos/Nat West building will become a tattoo parlour with flats above. I hear some say, what another tattooist, but surely it's better than having an empty store folks?

I can say "Christmas" now right?? Please do try to shop as locally as you can and support our businesses. There's oodles of opportunities to purchase gift vouchers; beauty, hair, tattoos, meals out, as well as, Beach Hut, afternoon tea and wine tasting experiences. When sending gifts to my family back in Scotland, I order gift boxes from local producers, particularly love, Fen Farm Dairy in Bungay, or I make my own with honey, chutney, cheeses etc. and post them. The girls at the Mag Post Office love me, I'm fondly called The Hamper Lady. Totally appreciate the ease of internet shopping, however, if we can, we must support and shop local. Date for your dairy, Gorleston's Christmas Light Switch Event, performances, music, stalls and fun on Sunday 19th November, lots of opportunities to purchase locally. Talking of experiences, bought my son, Alexander, a flight simulator, Spitfire Experience for his 15th Birthday. So much more than we expected, and worth checking out if you're looking for something a bit different. Sim2Do, are online, on social media, based in Mildenhall, Suffolk. You can choose to fly Lynx Helicopter, 737 Jumbo Jet, Spitfire and a F35 Fighter, all under the expert supervision of well experienced Pilot, Kenneth M o c k f o r d . Kenneth's Great Grandfather, invented the M a y D a y distress call.



GG would like to congratulate the gorgeous J a y n e Biggs from Heart2Heart Norfolk who won the Anglia East Fundraiser of the Year Pride of Britain Award. If you don't already know of Jayne's tireless journey to ensure that our area is awash with Defib's after her lovely daughter, Violet, suffered a heart attack when she was just seven years old. Jayne's defib's have saved





three lives so far. If you can help support Jayne in her continuing journey of Defib installations, then please do get in touch with her. You'll find Heart2Heart Norfolk on Facebook.

Have a really nice November my friends, especially Nick and Christian! 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.

## Gorleston Flower Club

Christmas comes early when on Monday November 20th we meet at Magdalen Way Methodist Church, doors open at 1.30 for 2 p.m. start.

The demonstrator is Barbara Collins giving us a display of the Colours of Christmas in flowers. You have a chance of winning one of Susan's festive arrangements as well as a hamper full of Christmas goodies.

We look forward to welcoming members and guests to our last meeting of 2023. There is a charge of £5 for guests. If you would like more information please phone Secretary Margaret Colman (01493) 663590.



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## The Bookshelf

**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.

This book is about the strength and resilience of women, the value of female friendship and the unbreakable bond between mother and daughter. A powerful, stirring, windswept story.



## Poems to Ponder

**Halloween**  
by Val Raven

There are times of the year  
That some of us fear  
And others love to bits!

Halloween with it's spooky theme  
Ghouls and ghosts that make us scream  
It is a strange time indeed!

Some people like to dress themselves up  
And decorate their places  
While others fear that they'll open the door  
To spookily made up faces!

All Hallows Eve is approaching fast  
Filling some of us with glee  
Others are more sceptical  
Those like you and me!



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# Gorleston FC



Gorleston took their longest journey along the road to Wembley for 39 years as they made it to the 3rd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup.

In the FA Cup Second Qualifying Round the Greens travelled to Bedford Town. Bedford took the lead two minutes into the second half but Alby Matthews equalised six minutes later. Henry Pollock made it two and Matthews scored his second with eight minutes remaining. Bedford pulled a goal back in the first minute of seven added on but Gorleston



held on.

The Third Qualifying Round is just two wins from the First Round Proper and this was the first time Gorleston had got that far since 1984.

The Greens were drawn at home against Hemel Hempstead Town from the National League, two levels higher than Gorleston play.

Gorleston had some great chances and twice hit the woodwork but it was Hemel who won the game 2-0 with two goals in a six minute spell.

Back to league action, Gorleston travelled to Brentwood Town and returned with a 1-1 draw after taking the lead through Luke Johnson.



Gorleston Reserves have begun their season well and moved to the top of the Anglian Combination Premier Division.

First was a 5-0 win at Blofield Utd with goals from Jerry Dasaolu (2), Lee George, Sam

Wooldridge and Tyler Malley-Chambers.

Wroxham Reserves were then beaten away 3-1 (Wooldridge, Malley-Chambers, Harrison Hall). Another away match saw the Greens second string beat Beccles Town 4-2 (Sam Ellis, George, Michael Pywell, Kanu Maxwell Ibenne) before a home tie, although it was played in Norwich due to issues with FDC Flegg,

saw a top of the table clash between Gorleston Reserves and Waveney which, despite going down to ten men, Gorleston won 2-0 (Wooldridge, Ibenne).

The Gorleston Under 18s have played three games since last months edition, losing two of them 4-2 at Diss Town (Bernardo Carneiro, Jonathan Udeh) and Gt Yarmouth (Ashton Rogers, Jaylen Coe) but beating Waveney at home 2-0 (Samuel Remedio, Coe).



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## November Fixtures (subject to change)

Date	Time	Team	Competition	Opponents (Home/Away)
4.11.23	3pm	First Team	League	Walthamstow (Away)
9.11.23	7.45pm	Under 18s	League	Waveney (Away)
11.11.23	3pm	First Team	League	Ipswich Wanderers (Home)
18.11.23	3pm	First Team	League	Basildon Utd. (Away)
25.11.23	3pm	First Team	League	Redbridge (Home)

The Reserves fixtures has not been release at time of writing

# Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy

At Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy we have enjoyed a very successful start to the new school year!

## Regional Student Voice Elections



Following our recent elections to decide our Regional Student Voice representatives, we were delighted to announce that Harry French and Chloe Wright have been elected on behalf of our academy. It was a very close race, and we are very proud of all the candidates for having the confidence to put themselves forwards and make a speech in front of their peers. We

look forward to updates from Harry and Chloe as they join the OAT Regional Student Voice Team. The opportunity to take part in a real-life election has helped to support our pupils' understanding of the importance of democracy and the important role that it plays in our society.

## Sporting Successes!

*Boogie Bounce* – On Thursday 21st September the Academy organised a 'Boogie Bounce Day' to celebrate the fantastic start the children have made to the new academic year. This involved taking part in fitness and dance activities whilst bouncing on a trampoline! The children all enjoyed taking part!

*U11 Girls Football* - Our U11 girls' football team began their season with an impressive 8-1 win against Moorlands. The girls played brilliantly as a team and several players were also able to have the opportunity to play in their first match for the academy.



## East Norfolk School Sports Partnership Opportunities

Over the past few weeks, small groups of pupils have represented our academy in a wide range of sporting competitions organised by ENSPP. We were delighted to celebrate a win for our bowling team in their first competition together. Pupils from Year 3 and Year 4 represented the academy in an athletics



competition. A group of pupils from Year 6 were also able to take part in a sailing activity at Oulton Broad Sailing Club.

On each occasion, the children had fun learning new skills and developing teamwork whilst also being excellent ambassadors for the academy.

## International Music Day

On Monday 2nd October, Year 5 celebrated International Music Day. This was a fantastic opportunity to appreciate the values of music and how it means so much to many people around the world. We explored a range of different musical genres, from polka to samba and incorporated our geographical skills when looking at their origins. We had the chance to listen to



the different styles and reflect on our emotions, communicating how they make us feel. We discussed the range of instruments that were being used around the world. It was a pleasure to share in this musical experience across the year group.

## National Poetry Day

We celebrated National Poetry Day across the academy on Thursday the 5th of October. As part of our celebration, the children enjoyed listening to favourite poems, chosen by teachers and found out lots of information about different forms of poetry as well as some tips for writing good poems. Pupils in Year 1 and 2 were very good at guessing famous children's book titles hidden within short Haiku poems!





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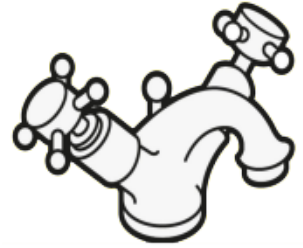


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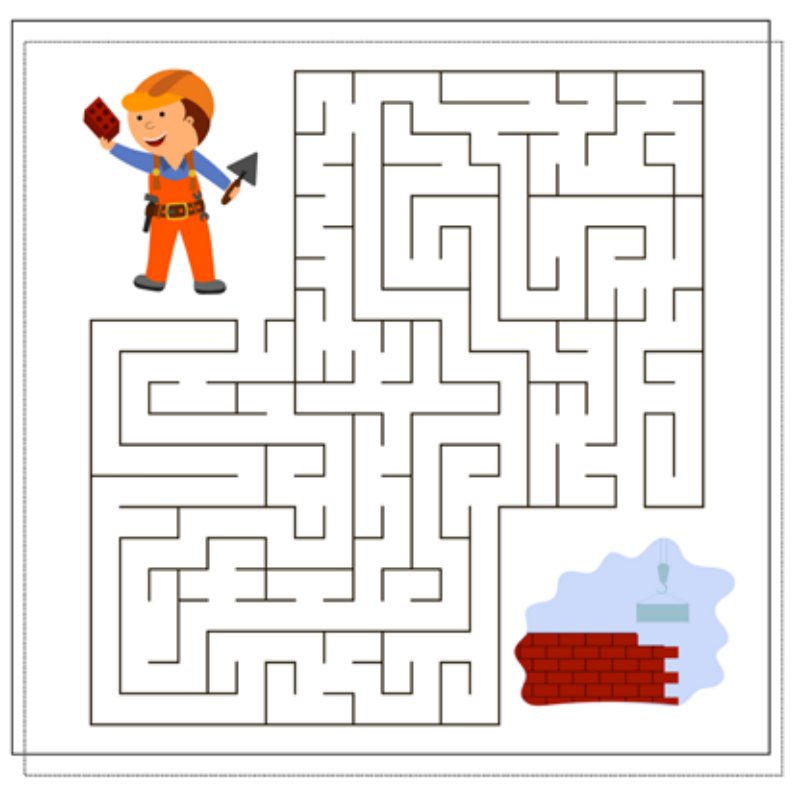


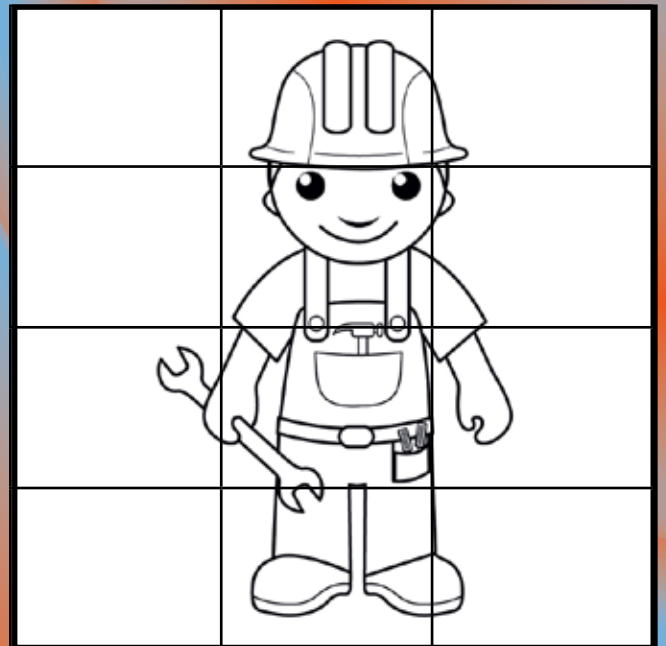
# Kids' Corner

Read the parable and then colour in.

Help this builder find the wall he needs to mend.

Can you spot six differences between these groups of builders?



Copy and colour the builder so he is ready for work.

The  
Tale of the  
**TWO  
BUILDERS**



JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO  
BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES

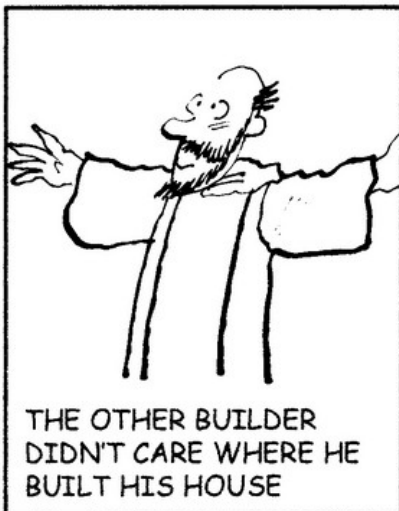


THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH  
AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON  
WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.

AT LONG, LONG LAST HE  
FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.



SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.

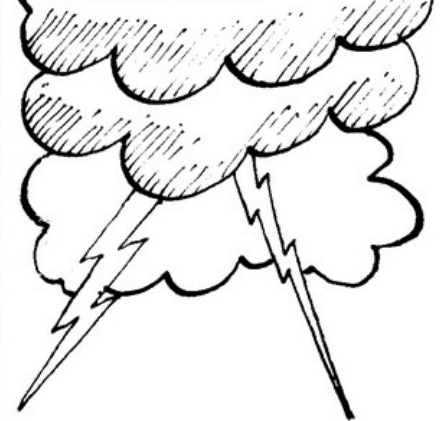


THE OTHER BUILDER  
DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE  
BUILT HIS HOUSE

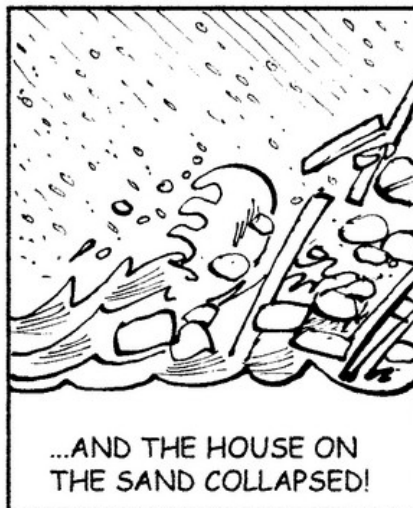
HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND  
WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.



BUT ONE DAY THE  
STORM CAME...



...AND THE WIND BLEW...AND  
THE RAIN FELL....



...AND THE HOUSE ON  
THE SAND COLLAPSED!

BUT THE HOUSE ON THE  
ROCK STOOD FIRM.



JESUS EXPLAINED -  
IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE  
A FIRM FOUNDATION.



## Paget's People

October 6th saw an evening of celebration for the staff and volunteers working at James Paget University Hospital: the 2023 Paget's People Awards were held at the Ocean Rooms on Gorleston Sea-front.

Over 270 guests attended the ceremony to see winners announced for 14 awards from a pool of more than 600 nominees, put forward by both patients and staff, the highest number received in during the awards' over 10 year history.

The nominees ranged from individual staff members and volunteers to entire wards and teams who work at the James Paget Hospital; even those with four legs were recognised for the incredible help they provide for patients, as the Hospital's Pets As Therapy Dog team were listed among the finalists announced on the Paget's Facebook page in the run up to the awards.



Jo Segasby, the Hospital's Chief Executive, said: "Once again, our Paget's People awards have highlighted all that is great about our organisation - compassionate care, dedication and going the extra mile for patients.

"Every year, the awards give us the chance to celebrate the achievements of our staff – and once again, we've enjoyed a ceremony which has shown what a talented and caring workforce we have at the James Paget.

"I'd like to congratulate all our finalists; they are stars in a team which is committed to both providing excellent care for our patients while supporting their colleagues across the hospital."

The ceremony was made possible by the donations of some generous sponsors from around the wider Great Yarmouth area and was livestreamed on the Paget's Facebook page; at time of writing, it is sitting at 9, 100 views.



# Gorleston Library

<b>Mon</b>	11 – 1 1 – 1:30	<i>Just a Cuppa</i> <i>Bounce and Rhyme</i>	
<b>Tues</b>	10:30 – 11:30 11 – 1 1 – 3 5:45 – 6:45	<b>Mini Movers</b> <b>Just a Cuppa</b> <b>Autism Just a Cuppa</b> <b>Spanish Chat</b>	(Third Tuesday Monthly) (First Tuesday Monthly)
<b>Wed</b>	10 – 12 10:30 – 11 & 1 – 1:30 2 – 4 5 – 6	<b>Just a Cuppa</b> <b>Bounce and Rhyme</b> <b>Craft group</b> <b>Zine Club</b>	(First Wednesday Monthly)
<b>Thurs</b>	11 – 1 3 – 5 4 – 6 5 – 7	<b>Just a Cuppa</b> <b>Lego</b> <b>Learn My Way</b> <b>Menopause Group</b>	Digital Support (Last Thursday Monthly)
<b>Fri</b>	12 – 2 4 – 6	<b>Just a Cuppa</b> <b>Learn My Way</b>	Digital Support
<b>Sat</b>	9 – 10 10:30 – 12 11 – 1	<b>SEND Saturday</b> <b>Children’s Crafts</b> <b>Learn My Way</b>	(Third Saturday Monthly) Digital Support
<b>Sun</b>	12 – 2	<b>Art and Drawing club</b>	(First Sunday monthly)

## Library Book Sales

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 11-1

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 11-1

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

## Employment help (Drop-in services)

### Friday at Gorleston Library

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# Gorleston Then & Now

by John McBride



Photo courtesy of Peter Jones

The picture above shows Gorleston Garage at 1 Victoria Road with a window sign stating 'This business under entirely new management'. In 1922 the garage was being run by A. V. George, who also ran the estate agents further along the road at number 5. By 1930 the garage was being run by Fredk. W. Willing, so possibly the management change was during this period. It also mentions car sales and hire and as pictured, lots of vehicles were kept there. When I first started driving, my employer had their own hand operated petrol pump, similar to the BP one in the right of the top photo, to supply their vehicles. I was able to buy petrol at 4s 6d per gallon, equivalent to a little under 5p per litre. How times have changed, however the garage site is still repairing cars today.



Gorleston Garage vehicle showroom / storage.

Photo courtesy of Peter Jones





# Opening THE Book

with  
Reverend  
John Kinchin-Smith

The first “Opening the Book” article appeared in June 2018 and I hope you have found these articles helpful and informative. After five years, perhaps it is time to recap something of what we have learned. As I wrote in the first article, I believe that the Bible is the most true and trustworthy book in the world and that it answers the most important questions in life, questions like: “Why am I here? What’s the purpose of life? Why is there evil in the world? Is there a God? Is there life after death? Why do innocent people so often suffer? Is there right and wrong?” The Bible is not like any other book because it gives us the answer to these and many other questions about the meaning and purpose of life.

The Bible says of itself that every part of it has been inspired by God himself so that, when we read the Bible, it is God himself speaking to us through the people who wrote its pages (Second Letter to Timothy 3:16). It is also vital that you get hold of the Bible in a modern English translation. There are often spare copies in your local church that can be lent, or you can borrow one from the Public Library.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about the Bible is that you can actually come to know God through its pages. This has happened to countless people in countless countries over the centuries. David Suchet (Hercule Poirot), for example, came to know God through reading the Bible he found in a hotel bedroom. The Bible also teaches that God longs to have a relationship with his children as intimate and personal as any human relationship, and that if you really wish to know him, you only have to ask. Jesus said, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened...how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!” (Matthew’s Gospel, chapter 7 verses 7-11).



# News from The Mag

with  
Reverend Matthew Price



November brings around a season of Remembrance. On Remembrance Sunday itself (this year on 12th November) the local focus will be on the war memorial in St George’s Park in Great Yarmouth. There the borough ceremony will take place with local dignitaries and members of the armed forces (past and present) paying their respects to those who have given their lives for our country in war.

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

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

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

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



Providing a rich and stimulating curriculum is an extremely high priority at Ormiston Herman Academy. As well as delivering an excellent academic program, we provide a varied range of activities including sports, music, drama and the arts. In this edition, we would like to celebrate some of the amazing extra-curricular activities that happen around our academy.

### Roald Dahl Day

At Ormiston Herman Academy, we started the new school year with a fizz-bang! On Wednesday 13th September, we celebrated Roald Dahl Day. We started the day with a whole school assembly; learning facts about Roald Dahl and a 'guess the character' quiz. Then, each year group had a focus on a popular Roald Dahl text, from Matilda to The BFG. Children were writing persuasive letters to Mr Willy Wonka and measuring potions to make George's Marvellous Medicine. In the afternoon, the children created artwork to go with their writing - this included a giant collage of Mrs Twit! It was a fantastic day and a great way to start the new academic year.

### Book Fayre Success

Earlier this year, we held our Autumn Term Book Fayre. With the help of our parents and carers, we raised a staggering £900 from book purchases. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Book Fayre.

### Elections Reading Ambassadors

A Reading Ambassador's main role is to raise the profile of reading across the academy and to embed a reading for pleasure culture within the children. This will be achieved by developing the children's abilities and enthusiasm for talking about books in the form of 'author of the month', book recommendations display, competitions, outdoor reading area and recognising and taking part in National reading events. They will also make a wide range of up to date, high quality texts readily available to the children and staff, that will be paid for by fundraising events.



A big congratulations to Maheshwar, Imogen, Millie, Isabella, Lylah, Joanna, El, Tommy, Daniele and Teddy.

### School Council

Every year, Ormiston Herman appoint new academy representatives for our School Council. These children meet on a weekly basis to discuss improvements, ideas and themed activities for the whole academy to participate in. Our new representatives are: Conor, Korey, Imogen, Maheshwar, Lily, Grace, Rory, Isabelle, Lola, Ellen, Maddie and Matei. Well done to all the new representatives.

### Magdalene Convenience Store



We are very proud to tell you that we are now selling produce from our garden at the local community shop. Some of the children visited to the shop to take the fruit and vegetables to be sold. Profits will go back into the Eco Garden.



### Football Team First Game success

Herman started football this year with a training session that allowed Herman to use an expansive style of football. All the children involved gave it their all and this showed in the first game of the season. Herman played Moorlands and put everything they had gone over in training into the match fixture. A sporting performance from Moorlands made the game exciting. Herman started the game quickly with the first goal in a matter of minutes from Kyle. Another goal quickly followed just before half time with Kyan. The



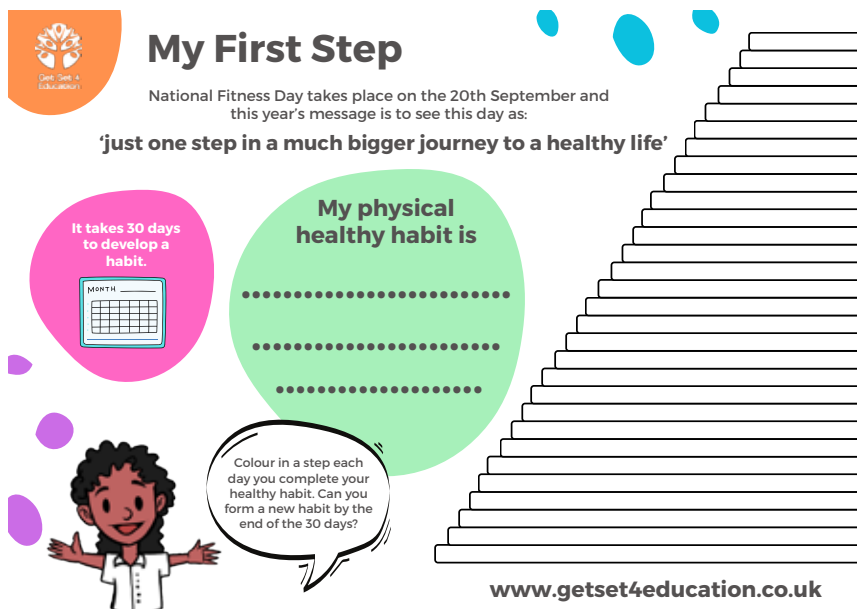
# Herman Academy

half time discussion was simple, keep going! The Herman boys quickly scored another goal just after half time which was a lovely header into the bottom corner from Curtis. The game finished with a great strike from just outside the box by Ethan. FT Herman 4 - 0 Moorlands.

## National Fitness Day

On Wednesday 20th September it was National Fitness Day. The theme this year was 'Just one step in a much bigger journey

to a healthy life'. To celebrate, each class discussed different ways we can become healthier during their class assemblies. The children have chosen a new way they are trying to stay healthy for the next 30 days! Every child in the academy was given a National Fitness poster to keep track of their successes tackling a new healthy challenge.



**My First Step**

National Fitness Day takes place on the 20th September and this year's message is to see this day as:

**'just one step in a much bigger journey to a healthy life'**

It takes 30 days to develop a habit.

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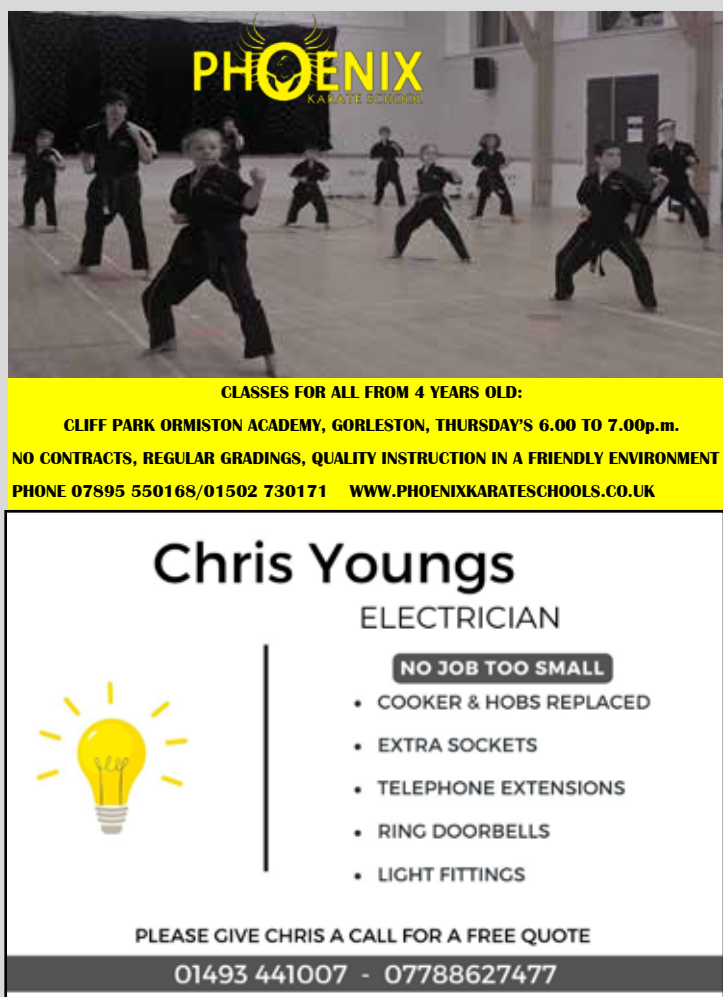
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# Creatures' Corner

*"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."*

For me November is a stressful time – well early November anyway. Bonfire night now stretches for approximately two weeks and causes my family dog endless torment.

Trying not to be a killjoy with this one as I remember being young and adoring the fireworks in our garden, holding sparklers, eating hot dogs and watching the guy we had made burn on the bonfire. Dad would be the one to set up and light the fireworks and I remember him going back to relight one that didn't go off (something we are all warned not to do) suddenly it whooshed up into the night and poor Dad nearly lost his eyebrows – Mum went crazy but my brother and I were in fits of laughter, Dad thought it was funny, Mum got even more angry! Mum particularly hated fireworks (thunder too as it happens) so another occasion when she was both panicked and angry was when a Jumping Jack headed straight indoors and started leaping around the kitchen – Mum cooking the hot dogs – she screamed and Dad rushed in and began doing some weird kind of pixie dance trying to stamp it out, another huge laugh for us kids of course. Happy, fun and cherished memories and I certainly would not wish any child to miss out on that.

Unfortunately, nowadays fireworks are let off so randomly from the beginning of November, if not before, through bonfire night and carry on for what seems an eternity, even going off before its dark or a sudden explosion of them late at night just when you think the quiet has returned.

Looking back to my very first dog, a Parson Jack Russell who had a huge attitude in general but the minute a firework went off he would stop in his tracks and hit the deck. If we happened to be out walking, I would have no choice but to carry him home as he would walk no further. I remember many occasions when he would pee on the floor indoors as he was terrified to go outside and he could obviously hold it no longer.

I had reprieve with my second boy, big ole gentle giant he was with a heart of gold, full of love for everyone and everything and had absolutely no fear of fireworks or anything else – well apart from perhaps a floating balloon which tended to make him a little skittish. He would go outside to do his business and look up and watch the fireworks going off then plod back in without a care in the world, I could walk him during a thunderstorm – nothing bothered him.

Now we come to my present 4-legged friend – he is beyond terrified. He has to be fed and let out or walked well before dark because once the dreaded bangs begin that's it my beautiful boy turns into a quivering mess. Shaking and panting uncontrollably, we shut all windows and curtains, turn up the TV, put the radio on in the kitchen, put the



washing machine on, cooker hood fan on but he still hears them. We tried doing the opposite so that he can hear them clearly, tried to let him watch from the window so he knows where the noise is from but nothing eases his pain. Just about the only thing that comforts him (although the shaking and panting continues) is if two of us sit on the sofa with him in the middle and cover him with a blanket. Of course, once the noise has finally ended usually later in the evening, he does calm but each day that follows he will not go out of the house from dusk till dawn and each day the fireworks start we go through the same nightmare.

I worry for him as he gets older, how he will cope and how much longer he will be able to hold that bladder! Right now, he manages to hold on from around 3.30pm to sometimes 6am – unbelievable but it cannot be doing him much good. If only fireworks were for one or two days as it used to be – I can only dream I guess.

Ok, so enough about the woes of my dog and on to the things to remember.....

Please check bonfire piles for our prickly friends the hedgehogs, they can quickly build a home within such a construction and once the fire is lit they will have no chance.

Make sure cats are in early for at least the main event nights.

Outside pets like rabbits and guinea pigs should be well secured up perhaps with some sort of heavier covering to dull the sound.

Chickens and ducks need to be in their coops/huts too.

I'm not sure how fireworks affect wildlife at this time of year I guess they hide and wait, I do feel for them.

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

# Wordsearch

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

Words occur in the grid forwards, backwards and diagonally.

This month, on 30th November, Scotland remembers one of the very first disciples of Jesus. St Andrew is honoured, not for any mighty deeds of his own, but for his love of introducing people to Jesus. He went straight off and introduced his brother Peter to the Saviour, and followed that up by bringing Nathanael/Bartholomew to Jesus. 'Better Together' seems to have been his slogan, too! 'We have found the Messiah!', he told them, unable to keep the good news to himself. Andrew's connection with Scotland dates back to the claimed translation of his remains from Patras in Achaia to Scotland in the eighth century. The church in Fife where these remains were buried became a place of pilgrimage during the tenth century. All of this may be no more than pious legend, but that St Andrew was highly regarded in Scotland and became its patron saint is beyond doubt.



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Jesus  
Andrew  
Honoured

Patras  
Archaia  
Eighth  
Remains  
Translation

Peter  
Nathanael  
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# Ramblings of a Displaced Cockney

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

## The Joy of Walking Along the Beach



One of the many delights of living in Gorleston, maybe the greatest joy, is to be able to walk along the beach and to marvel how it can be a different experience every time.

Living just one house from the beach near the Marine Parade car park means that we can just nip through the alley from Buxton Avenue and be on the cliff top in two minutes. Effectively, we

find ourselves right in the middle of two different beach-side walks. We can turn left and walk along the clifftop with excellent views out to sea from that vantage point, and a chance to admire all the joys of the top of the cliff like the putting green, the bowls club, tennis courts, fitness trail, flower beds and of course the ever-popular pirate ship, beloved by my grandchildren!

Or one can turn left and walk the length of the prom with its choice of watching people enjoying the sand or just people-watching the stream of walkers, joggers, cyclists or exuberant children on their scooters. It's always a delight to see the well-deserved popularity of JJ's café and to see the staff keeping it busy through the dark Covid times. Then hopefully a glance down at all the kids having a great time in the water splash area and model boaters enjoying the pond. Then maybe lunch at the Pier Hotel or afternoon tea at the Cliff before the totally different experience of a homeward journey via the peaceful path along the old railway line.

Or we can cross the sand and turn left and walk along the shore-line. This is when the changes become most evident. The wild storms of the early Spring in 2021 made a dramatic alteration to the ever-changing beach. A vast amount of sand disappeared almost overnight and a small cliff-line appeared along most of the length of the beach, almost five feet high in places! More areas of pebbles have appeared close to the water. Now, writing a few months later, the sand cliff has been eroded to only a couple of feet. The lagoon in the middle of the beach is fading to a memory again. At the pier end of the beach there is still a wide expanse of sand but will the sand return to the whole length of the beach? It has come back in the past after other winter storms, but we shall see.

One of the many nice things about the beach was brought

home to me when I promised the grand-daughters that I would walk the length of the shoreline and collect all the rubbish that I found. I stuck to the task with a careful inspection of every bit of the water's edge. By the time I had finished the walk, my entire collection consisted of one (yes only one!) piece of plastic from a cotton bud. I was amazed but delighted!

So much for turning left. If we turn right when we get to the cliff and head towards Hopton, a different world appears. Here the cliff is not protected by the built-up prom but merely by the deteriorating wooden defence structure running parallel to the shore. In front of this there are lots of groynes running out into the sea. These create some lovely little spaces which can vary on a weekly or even daily basis with some of them being pure sand from the cliff right out into the waves, delightful! These lovely "bays" are made even nicer by their relative inaccessibility at times because most of the sets of wooden steps which cross the defence line are long since deteriorated beyond use. This makes it mostly a matter of climbing over groynes, the ease of which varies according to changing sand levels!

Many of these "bays" are awash as the tide rises and then the walk to Hopton is limited to the cliff side of the sea defences. This can be fascinating as the cliff face is exposed in places, with millions of years of geological history laid out in front of us. There are layers of mudstone (lovely London clay!) under the sand deposited as river sediments. Then there are amazing striations of different layers of sand laid down on the sea bed long ago. At one point, cliff erosion has exposed a metre thick layer of dark material, large lumps of which have fallen to the beach, containing chalk pebbles washed into it by river activity after the end of ancient ice ages. This layer (the Cromer Forest Bed) stretches from North Norfolk to Kessingland. It dates back to between half a million and two million years ago. It is famous for fossils such as the West Runton mammoth and for the oldest human footprints outside Africa which were found at Happisburgh. We haven't seen anything like that in our cliffs, but we have found worm-cast and squid-like Belemnite fossils in lumps of sandstone lying on the beach. So on to Hopton and a return stroll along the footpath through the golf course.

Turning left or right when starting the walk doesn't really matter, it's a joy to walk along the beach either way every time!

# Life Afloat

by Patricia West, who continues her reminiscences...



## Wolkenwille

I have now shared 24 episodes of our adventures afloat and in case any of you should feel like undertaking something similar - here are a few basic tips

While the constant rain in the Marne valley and regular negotiation of locks might be irksome, the beauty of France will entrance you with its wonderful landscapes and amazing buildings; certainly you will be captivated by the gems you will find tucked around a host of hidden corners.

So - you will need to display the French Tricolour at all times.

You may also fly a small flag of your own country.

Maps and local Guidebooks are highly recommended

Generally the Speed is five to twelve knots.

The skipper Must have an International Certificate, regular checks are made.

Try to Give way to Larger craft, especially Barges and their master; after all they have a living to earn.

Keep mainly to the Right. Have at least one Boat Hook – preferably Two.

Store extra Food and Bottled Water, – in case you are stuck.

Candles and Torches plus Water Proof clothing are highly advisable

To Anyone steering the boat, Drinking Alcohol is an absolute No Go.

Remember - the above relates to Our experiences in the Nineteen Nineties.

Above all stay Safe and have Fun!

And now a return to adventures from the past.... Valance had slid by and the compass set for Montelimar.

Each autumnal morning brought a carpet of dew as the rich smell of wood smoke infused into the damp air. John Keats describes it beautifully..... “Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, Close bosom friend of the Fast maturing Sun” his poem bringing thoughts of home; the family, red pillar boxes, Norfolk’s vast skies and its roaring grey/brown sea.

Was it perverse wanting to be home curled up before a blazing log fire, the rain sleeting against the windows. Shouldn’t I be making the most of travelling through the loveliest parts of France experiencing so many adventures. Should I not be living in the moment? Times such as these might never come again, after all no-one had made me undertake our Big Adventure, no heavy hand had been placed on my shoulder and frog marched me onto the deck of Pillage.

Richard was living his dream - he’d asked me to be part of it, I had elected to come.

On such occasions I damped down my feelings. To whinge and mope would spoil everything. These bouts of homesickness were few and far between and a long walk or a good book usually levelled my sense of perspective.

For heavens sake, I would mutter, don’t be pathetic, we are in Europe not the ends of the earth and what a story to tell future

grandchildren.

Such self chiding did the trick – well mostly!

Sunday morning, another bluest of blue skies, the silence broken only by the tweeting of small birds and gently lapping water. The peacefulness meant a lengthy breakfast and random discussions of how to spend the day, a decision was made, we would just dawdle along stopping when it took our fancy.

An hour in we were caught up by a handsome 32 foot boat named “Wolkenwillie”. On board were two equally handsome Swiss youngsters, Heidi and Pieter.

They spoke flawless English and continued beaming and chatting as we ambled along, passing through a couple of locks until around 1.30. the four of us agreed to stop for lunch. Remaining in situ we enjoyed an hour eating and talking across the small gap between the vessels.

Heidi and Pieter had been afloat the same amount of time as us, their goal was to head to the bottom of France, winter “Wolkenwillie” then cruise the French Riviera in the spring. To complete their plan they hoped to tip into Italy where they would decide whether to venture further or, set sail for home.

Casting off, Heidi suggested we stay in tandem till dusk followed by an invitation for Richard and I to share supper aboard Wolkenwillie – yes please, we said.

However the best laid plans of mice and men.... without warning sulky black clouds rolled up from nowhere, the skies opened and within two minutes we were absolutely drenched; Time to seek cover.

Fortunately not having travelled very far we were able to do a swift about turn and head back towards the Marina at Port de Plaisance de l’Eperviere.

Usually Marina prices were beyond our purse but the inclement weather and our fellow travellers had set the pace. Budget! What budget?

Thus with Pillage leading, four bedraggled boaters anchored in the comfort of Plaisance Eperviere just after 3.30 pm

What luxury to stand under hot showers using warm towels, knowing the morning would offer a Cafe Breakfast and the use of a washing machine! Hurrah!

With an excellent reception on the radio we were delighted to catch an episode of “The Archers” a rare treat indeed and eight pm saw us aboard Wolkenwillie clinking glasses of Burgundy wine before sitting down to an excellent supper and exchange many stories. Oh dear! their adventures made us sound like novices.

A night at the Savoy couldn’t have been better. More comfortable? Maybe!

The meal tastier? Possibly! But more cosy, more friendly? Never! It was suggested we stay another day and spend it together.

Midnight; tired, content, feeling secure we were asleep before our heads reached the pillows.

Next month: Our first Mistral



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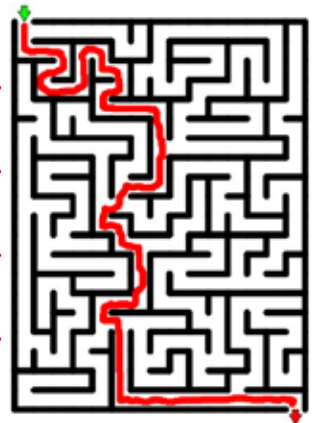
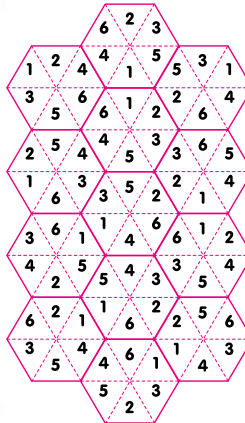
# Coffee Time Answers

**Word Ladder:** blank, black, block, flock, fleck  
**Caught in the middle:** trap, mint, air, computer, bird  
**Seeing Double:** cavern, lovely, digest, pigeon, estate, retard, attire, ration, bronze, blond  
**Mystery keyword:** vegetation

**Across:** 1. Dangerless, 6. Iced, 7. Beam, 8. Pep, 11. Yatchswoman, 14. Zoo, 16. Boat, 18. Liar, 19. Middlebrow  
**Down:** 1. Dainty, 2. Neep, 3. Recessional, 4. Ebb, 5. Scam, 9. Phi, 10. Tot, 12. Narrow, 13. Zoom, 15. Pier, 17. Tad



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### Coliseum Cinema Part 3

This month we return to the topic of the Coliseum Cinema. Parts 1 and 2 were published in the Gorleston Community Magazine way back in the January and March of 2021. There was also a bonus article, published in the August of the same year, illustrating an old Coliseum printed monthly programme from 1938, that is still available to view on the GoSH website.

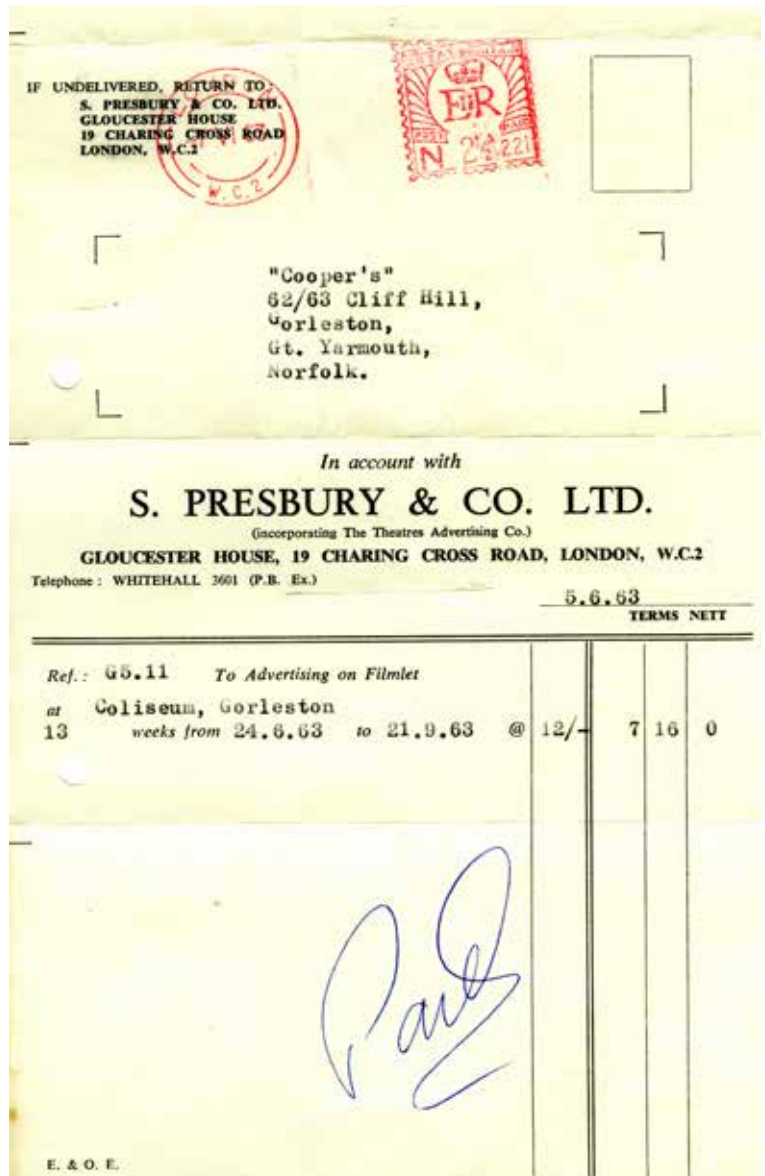
An advertising film reel would often be shown during the interval between the films at most cinemas including the Coliseum. National businesses would advertise their products on the reel, but local firms could also buy space on the advertising reel. The local business of Cooper's, who sold fashionable women's clothing and fancy goods among other things, had a shop at numbers 62 and 63 Cliff Hill and were one of the advertisers at The Coliseum. A recently discovered invoice in GoSH member Julie Grint's collection, was sent to Cooper's by S Presbury & Co of Gloucester House, 19 Charing Cross Road, London, and is dated 5/6/63. The invoice is for an advertisement on the "Filmlet" from 24/6/1963 to 21/9/1963 at a cost of twelve shillings per week. There is no indication of the running time, but an earlier invoice, also in Julie's collection, probably sent in the 1940s by Younger Publicity Service Ltd, of 16 Harman Drive, London, NW1, states that Coopers were purchasing an advertisement that consisted of approximately 20 feet of film to be shown at the Coliseum for 52 weeks at six shillings per week. It is estimated that twenty feet of film would run on the screen for ten seconds. Younger Publicity were formed in 1925 and merged with Pearl and Dean in 1955. Pearl and Dean are still in the cinema advertising business today.

Returning to the Attree family, according to the recently released 1921 Census, Douglas Attree and family, plus his in-laws, William, and Mary Littlewood, were residing at number 144, Lichfield Road, Southtown. Douglas' occupation was recorded as a "Theatre Manager" at the "Grand Cinema, Lowestoft" and he was employed by "East Anglian Hotels Limited." Eighteen years later the 1939 Register records the Attree family living on Lowestoft Road, Gorleston, with Douglas senior a "Cinema Proprietor" his wife Gertrude, son Douglas William an "Electrical Sound Technician and Projectionist" and daughter Gloria a "Stenographer." When war was declared in 1939, all cinemas were ordered by the Government to close, but they were quickly reopened when their true value was appreciated for the public's morale and well-being. Cinemas were also useful to the Government as a way of distributing its propaganda and news bulletins regarding the progress of the war.

Douglas Attree senior died after the war, at Gorleston Hospital, during November 1946 and his son Douglas Attree junior took over the management of the Coliseum. In 1955 a panoramic screen was fitted so that the then new wide format films could be shown. Saturday children's matinees had been

a feature of the Coliseum for many years and in the 1950s Christmas matinees were very popular. Father Christmas would distribute sweets among the children. At Easter there were Egg matinees when the price of admission was just one egg. The eggs were distributed amongst the children's homes in Gorleston.

In 1969 it was announced that the Coliseum would close and the last film "Monte Carlo or Bust" was shown in January 1970. Later that year the wrecking ball of demolition moved in, and the site was cleared ready to build two retail shops. Sadly, Douglas William Attree died at Lowestoft during April 2001, at the age of 90. Today part of the former Coliseum site is occupied by the frozen food retailer Iceland. The other part, until recently was occupied by Boots the Chemist and is presently a vacant shop unit.



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