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Hello Gorleston!



Welcome to Issue 41 of YOUR free community magazine.

I love the English language and learning new words, and recently came across a word I had never even heard of, let alone knowing what it meant. Have you ever heard of a paraprosdokian? It is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and frequently humorous. Paraprosdokians appeal to my sense of humour, and I thought I'd share some examples with you here:

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it. - Groucho Marx

He taught me housekeeping; when I divorce I keep the house. - Zsa Zsa Gabor

I haven't slept for 10 days, because that would be too long. - Mitch Hedberg

Standing in the park today, I was wondering why a frisbee looks larger the closer it gets...then it hit me. - Stewart Francis

When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them. - Rodney Dangerfield

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak. - Alan Dundes

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public. - Bryan White

War does not determine who is right - only who is left. - Bertrand Russell

Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station... - William Faulkner

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong. - unknown

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



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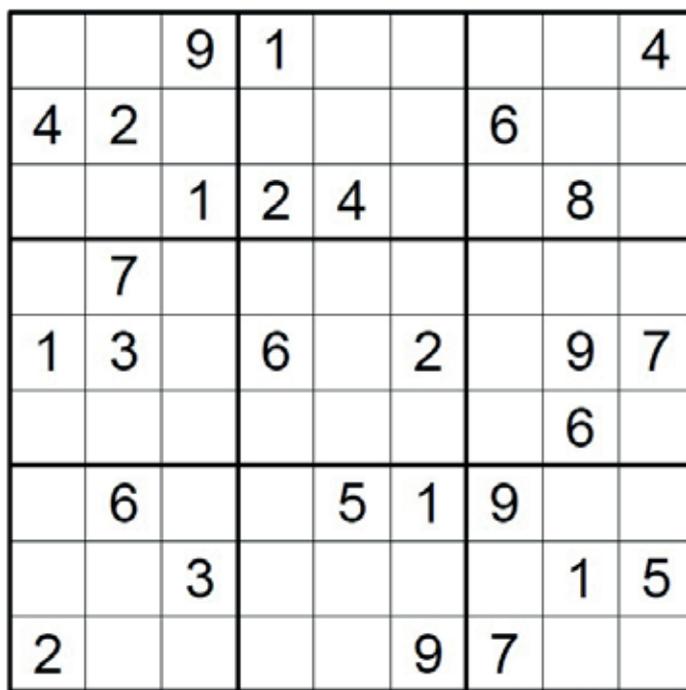
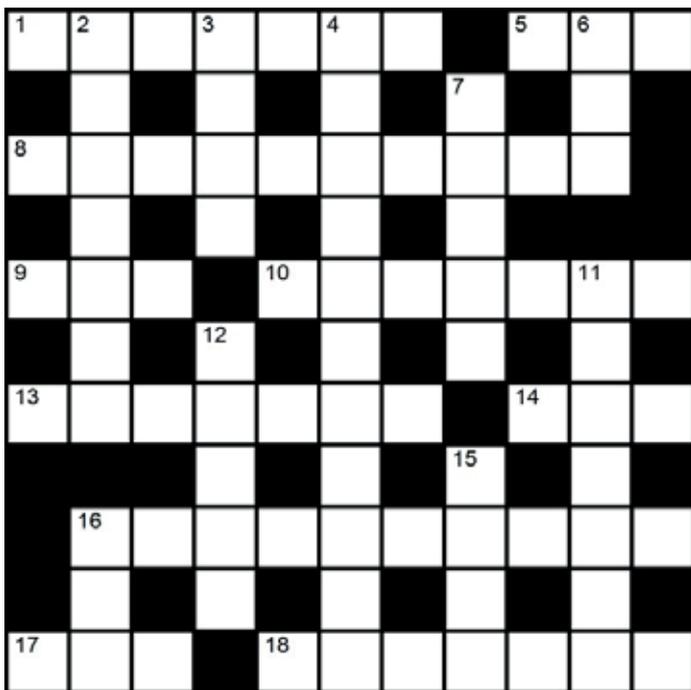
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Coffee Time 1



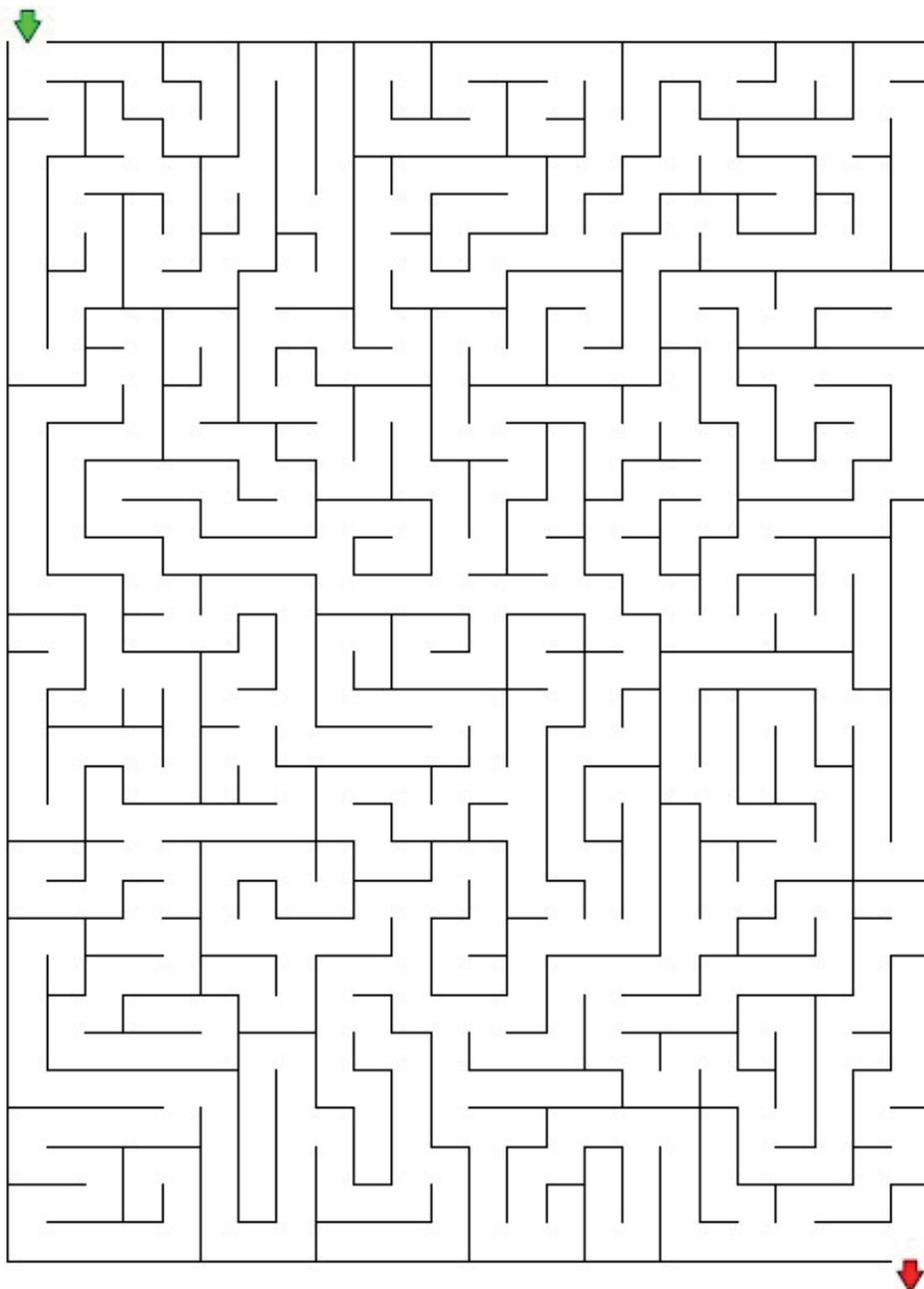
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Across

- 1 Trumpet flourish (7)
- 5 Ancient lifeboat (3)
- 8 Record bottom (3-4,3)
- 9 Round Table knight, son of Ector (3)
- 10 Coach (7)
- 13 Crop remains or new growth (7)
- 14 Travel a route regularly (3)
- 16 Study of the heart (10)
- 17 Monkey (3)
- 18 Self-importance (7)

Down

- 2 No fewer than (2,5)
- 3 Seizures (4)
- 4 Fixing up (11)
- 6 Uncooked (3)
- 7 Killed (5)
- 11 Accommodates (7)
- 12 Terminate at a premature stage (5)
- 15 Planar (4)
- 16 Upper limit (3)



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The Rockin' Rev

Meeting the needs of older people

These days there seems to be a day for everything. For example, there's "International Lego Day" (28th January), "World Water Day" (22nd March), National Pet Day-UK (11th April), and "International Chocolate Day" (13th September), to name but a few.

In addition, the United Nations' "International Day for Older Persons" is observed each year on 1st October. So perhaps October is a good month to think about meeting the needs of older people in the church and in the wider community.

Increasingly, many older people are feeling that they are beyond the interest and concern of their wider community and even, sometimes, their church. Many churches employ children's workers or youth leaders – but how many have appointed people to minister specifically to the older people in their congregation and beyond?

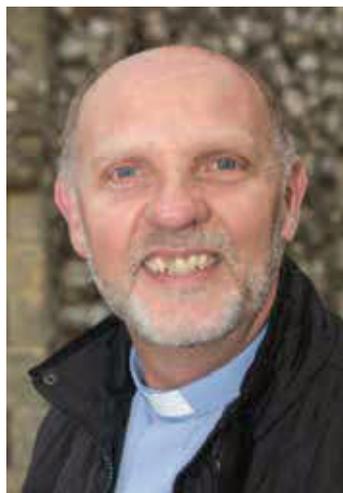
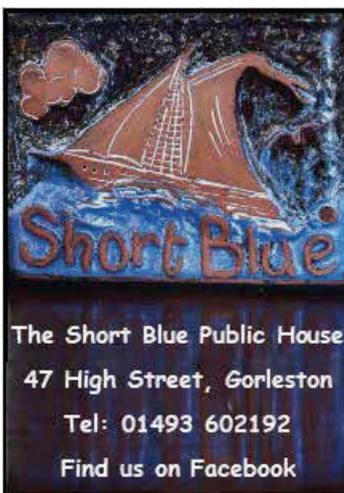
It recently came to my attention that in St Albans, north of London, two Methodist churches have joined together to recruit an 'Anna Chaplain' to help meet the needs of seniors in local church congregations and beyond. The new role is part of a growing network of Anna Chaplains, named after Anna, who appears in Luke's gospel. She was an elderly widow who, together with Simeon, recognised the baby Jesus as the Messiah and the fulfilment of God's promises.

The work of "Anna Chaplains" includes ministry in care homes and other settings where older people live or gather.

The development of "Anna Chaplaincy" comes as charities that work with older people have published research which shows how badly the pandemic has impacted those aged 60 and above and has raised questions about how well they will 'bounce back' after Covid-19.

Age UK has called on the Government to give the NHS and social care services extra resources to help older people

Rev Brian Hall
Vicar of St Andrew's Church



make the best possible recovery. With coronavirus now hopefully in retreat in the UK, the charity has also appealed to the wider public to keep supporting the older people in their lives.

Against this background, Maggie Dodd, the first Anna Chaplain in Hertfordshire, explained: "Our vision is that older people are cherished and supported within their church communities, and beyond, in the wider community. Often you have people who used to attend church, and they've become a little more frail and not able to attend or they've moved to a care home or sheltered housing, and they just lose touch with what's going on. They're not able to take themselves to church anymore."

I would like to think that St. Andrew's Church took meeting the needs of older people seriously and are prepared to explore ways we might do more widely and more effectively.



"But, Mum, if the vicar wasn't coming here Trick-Or-Treating, why did she still take the chocolates I gave her?"

Poems to Ponder

Changing Seasons

Summer slowly fades away
Autumn creeping day by day
No longer is it light till ten
Suddenly it's dark again!

Leaves are falling from the trees
Encouraged by the autumn breeze
Autumnal colours everywhere
Amazing sights for us to share.

Soon it's time to wrap up warm
Be ready for the coming storm
Harvests being gathered in
Ready for winter to begin.

by Val Raven

Calling all poets!

Do you have a poem you would like to share?
If so, email it to us at [gorleston.community.
magazine@gmail.com](mailto:gorleston.community.magazine@gmail.com)

Centurions Farewell

With Sword by my side now upon this ground I pray
Mortally wounded my Battle lost now dying this day,
Bodies spread on bloodied soil praying for their Home
My mind wanders with them from this field to Rome.

Beside me once my enemy but now in Death my Friend
Together we grasp our hands, and pray for this to End,
We gaze at each other and we both wonder for who and Why?
In this Bloody Field we lay and for what shall we Die

We Talk of our Homes and Family of peace and Love
As we look up to the sky the crow circles Above,
My son is Eight and just six years old his Daughter,
Now we lay waiting amongst the Blood and Slaughter.

I Tell him of my sister and my younger Brother
But most of all we both of us cry for our Mother,
With Bloodied Hands we Hold, our eyes just Stare,
And we think why now only in Death do we care.

By Paul Stone



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Pavilion Theatre

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FINAL SUMMER PERFORMANCES, LIGHTING UP FOR WINTER AND PAVILION MEMORIES

As the nights start to draw in we're running our final performances of Summer Showtime on the 5th and 12th October with a special charity fundraiser performance taking place on 13th October. This one off performance allows our cast and staff to let their hair down after a full season of shows, so expect lots of subtle (and not so subtle) jokes being played throughout the night!

Even though Summer is coming to a close, we're busier than ever with a fantastic range of shows across the month of October, from comedy to rat pack and even a spooky pantomime Pantostein!

We're also gearing up for our popular pantomime season, which this year is Mother Goose. Tickets are selling fast for these performances so whilst it feels too early to say, have a think about your Christmas plans now to avoid disappointment!

Lighting up for Winter

The Pavilion has been lucky enough to be included in a borough wide programme that is aiming to light up buildings of significance and our official switching on ceremony should be in October, please follow our social media for more information.

This will mark an important step in our 5 year restoration plan and will keep our building lit up into the winter evenings.

Send us your Pavilion photos and memories

As part of our restoration project we're making a call for anyone who has any old photos, programmes, newspaper clippings or even stories or memories of the Pavilion (the older the better!) to please send them in to us.

If you're able to scan them and email please send them to restoration@pavtheatre.com, or if you are willing to donate original copies (we can't return them to you) please drop them into the Box Office during our opening hours. Thank you!

As we enter the Autumn months we look forward to welcoming you back into the theatre for some cosy nights out.

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



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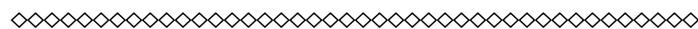
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St Andrew's Walking Group

We are now going into our eighth year as a group and what a lot of fun, enjoying each other's company and walking, we have had over the past seven years.

We continue to meet on Monday afternoons to enjoy our walks in different parts of our area. Walking and talking is a great way to get to know one and other better, and we think we have achieved this. Some of us have been part of the group since day one!

Although the past year has been a difficult one for everybody, we have tried to meet up for a walk whenever we can - socially distancing of course. And when we have

not been able to meet, we have kept in contact with one another by telephone.

We look forward to continuing our walks and companionship and we welcome anyone who would like to join us on a Monday afternoon. Please contact St Andrew's Church Office for further information - 01493 656078 or www.standrewsgorleston.org.uk/get-in-touch

To our current walkers, thanks for your company and for the fun and fellowship we share together.

Stay safe everyone and God Bless.

Pat, Jean and the walking group.

NEW CLASSES & MORE SPACES AT SPLIT LEAPS GYMNASTICS CLUB

Due to demand we have added an extra beginner class & spaces to existing beginner classes to help with demand.

New beginner class will run on a Monday 5:30-6:45pm, cost of the class will be our usual £18.00 per month.

With the creation of more first competitive and development level groups, we are able to free up some of our existing places on our beginner sessions which are now available to be booked for trials, so come and join us.

To book a trial at the club please contact us on :-

Facebook by going to split leaps gymnastics club

Instagram by going to splitleapsgc

Contact us directly on 07551904649 or email:- tinaamis@hotmail.co.uk

Monday

Beginners - 4:00pm-5:15pm
Beginners - 5:30-6.45pm (NEW)
Junior / senior elite - 5.30-8:30pm
Advanced - 5.30-8:30pm

Tuesday

Parent & Me play sessions -
10:00-10:45am / 11:20am-12:05pm
Beginners - 4:00pm-5:15pm
Tumble Class - 4:00-5:15pm
Beginners - 5:30-6.45pm
Junior elites - 5:30-8:30pm

Wednesday

Private Hire - 4:00-9:00pm
Broadway Bella's musical theatre

Thursday

Beginners - 4:00pm-5:15pm
Advanced Beginners - 5.30-
7:00pm
Mini squad - 5.30-7:30pm (NEW)
Advanced - 5.30-8:30pm
Senior elite - 5.30-8:30pm

Friday

Beginners - 4:00-5:15pm
Intermediates - 5:30-7:00pm
Junior elites - 5:30-8:30pm
Advanced - 5:30-8:30pm

Saturday

Beginners - 9:00am-10:15am
Beginners - 10:30-11:35am
Boys/girls development - 11:45am-1:45pm
Senior elite & all level gym - 3:00-6:00pm



Ormiston Venture Academy

Celebrating student achievements

Students at Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston are celebrating today following receiving their GCSE results, enabling them to embark on the next chapter of their education.

Staff and students joined together to celebrate the many achievements, at the end of what has been another challenging unusual year in light of COVID-19 and the cancellation of examinations.



Despite this, the academy, which is sponsored by Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), has seen continued success with some of the standout individual achievements including:

- Akshika Yogarajah is our Venture Gresham's Scholar for the year and will be taking up her place at Gresham's School in Holt in September. Akshika had



to undergo a rigorous selection process including interviews and entry exams, with the added complication of having to complete so much of the process remotely. She did superbly well to pip some very tough competition to the scholarship and continued to work hard to achieve 7 grade 7 or above.

- Maddison Lee who we are confident in any year would have been one of our top achievers receiving top grades across the board performed incredibly well across so many of her assessments throughout her time in the academy. Maddison is someone who excels equally in all subject disciplines and we are so excited to hear of what she goes on to achieve in the future, the world truly is her oyster.



- Students across the cohort and across the whole country have had to face so many obstacles and challenges over the past 18 months, but some of the success many of our students have achieved despite significantly challenging personal circumstances is a testament to their dedication to learning and determination to succeed. Two of these students that stand out are Charlie Jordan and Joshua Kerrison (below). Charlie achieved an amazing set of results including 9 in History an 8 in three subjects including English Language. Charlie has received these through pure grit and determination and although she has had a turbulent year personally has shown hard work and resilience pays off. Joshua has achieved an incredible set of results including a 9 in English and four grade 8's. Joshua has suffered a loss this academic year which was particularly difficult, however he has shown an incredible amount of resilience and strength of character to get to where he is today. During this time Joshua has continued with his love of Karate where he has finally gained his Black belt and along with obviously studying hard he also borrowed a guitar from the music department and taught himself how to play. We are so incredibly proud of Charlie and Joshua and we know they will both go on to do themselves and their families proud.



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

"We are very proud of our students and the results they have achieved, which are hugely deserved. They have worked extremely hard over the last two years, and throughout their time with us, and it's brilliant to be celebrating their achievements today.

"It has been another unusual year with the pandemic but our students have shown brilliant spirit, resilience and motivation throughout. I would like to thank all our students, their families, our staff and the wider school community for their ongoing support and we look forward to seeing our students progress on to the next stage of their education and fulfil their goals."

This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Government decided that young people's grades would be determined by teachers, based on work students produced throughout their course. These grades were then moderated and assessed by external exam boards which awarded the final grades.

Coffee Time 2

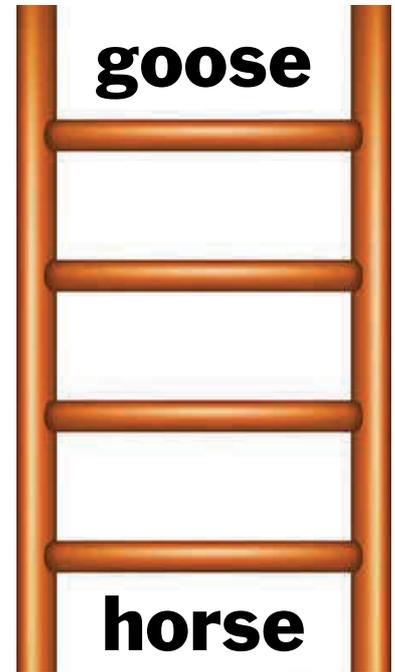
Fallen

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

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t	d	e	t	w	t	o	d	e	a
i	h	a	s	h	a	a	a	m	e
b	h	a	s	h	a	a	a	m	e

Word Ladder

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



Caught in the middle

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

- yellow pitch
- mother bumps
- golden reception
- lord superstar
- glass fan

Calling all puzzlers!

Would you like to set some puzzles for the magazine? They would have to be your own creation, not copied or sourced from the internet or other media but, if interested, please email us at gorleston.community.magazine@gmail.com

Crunch 'em

What is “?”

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{orange} + \text{pineapple} - \text{watermelon} = 13 \\
 \text{pineapple} + \text{pineapple} - \text{watermelon} = 11 \\
 \text{orange} + \text{watermelon} - \text{pineapple} = 7 \\
 \text{pineapple} \times \text{watermelon} - \text{orange} = ?
 \end{array}$$

Gorleston Theatre Company

PANTOSTEIN

Spooky Family Fun for Halloween from Gorleston Theatre Company

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 Natasha Bird (Choreographer) and are having a fun time. To join them get your tickets for Pantostein at the Pavilion Theatre, Gorleston. Come and follow Boris and Bertha as they investigate creepy goings on in Cemeteria, a mountain top village in the heart of Transylvania, where dark secrets and mad scientists dwell side by side. Dracula, Dr Frank N Stein and Igor as well as the Werewolf all play their part. All the elements of traditional family entertainment are here: songs, laughter and unspeakable violence. A brand-new script full of fun, slapstick and things that go bump in the night!

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.

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Ingredients

For the sauce

- 4 tbsp Chilli paste
- 5 cloves garlic
- 3 tbsp soy sauce
- 4cm/1.5in piece fresh root ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1½ tbsp sesame oil
- ½ tsp ground black pepper

For the lamb shanks

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 lamb shanks
- 400ml/14fl oz chicken stock
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 spring onions, thinly sliced, to serve
- 50g/1¾oz toasted sesame seeds, to serve

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 160C/140C Fan/Gas 3. Put all the sauce ingredients into a food processor and blitz until smooth.
2. To make the lamb shanks, heat the oil in a large heavy-based casserole dish with a tight-fitting lid over a medium

heat. Add the lamb shanks and brown all over.

3. Pour the sauce over the lamb and add the stock. Bring to the boil, then cover the pan tightly with foil and place the lid on top. Transfer to the oven and cook for 2½–3 hours, turning the shanks once or twice, until tender. Taste and adjust the seasoning, if necessary.
4. Meanwhile, put the potatoes and swede in a large saucepan of salted water and bring to the boil. Cook for 15–20 minutes, or until tender, then drain and mash with the butter and milk. Season well.
5. To serve, dollop some mash onto a large plate, sit a lamb shank on top and spoon over some of the sauce. Scatter over the spring onions and sesame seeds and serve.



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East Norfolk Sixth Form College has always been at the forefront of supporting young people to increase their skills and move into work that helps the local economy. With the introduction of T levels in Healthcare Science and Health, the College will be encouraging more young people to think about careers across a range of healthcare and science professions.

Students joining East Norfolk on T level programmes benefit from study programmes which include a range of assessment methods including examinations, employer-set briefs, and work experience. In addition, all students at East Norfolk can benefit from a wide range of ‘Enhance’ activities such as research and writing reports on various projects, journalism, presentation skills and more. Team sports, dance, and activities such as yoga also help the wellbeing of young people at College to make them able to look after themselves as they move onto university or directly into work.

Dr Catherine Richards Principal at East Norfolk believes that being part of the local solution for skills is extremely important. ‘Supporting our students into work has always been critical to what we do at East Norfolk. We are continually supporting and improving our delivery of academic skills and now with the adoption of T levels we can maintain and develop our support for our local economy to help Great Yarmouth and Norfolk to fulfil skills shortage areas and increase our prosperity locally.’

Deputy Principal, Dr Simon Fox, added: “T levels have



been established for two years now and the feedback for this exciting new course format has been really positive. At East Norfolk, we see the qualifications as the perfect combination of A Level theory combined with vocational practice incorporating gold-dust work placements. The teaching staff delivering the T levels are also able to bring their own personal expertise into the course, supporting students in exploring real life vocational pathways, which is really exciting for them as well as the students.”

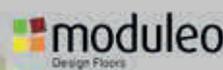
Through a range of capital bids, EN has secured and invested £1.6m in new classrooms and equipment to support the delivery of the expanding T level offer, and to ensure students have access to the best facilities, including a fully equipped healthcare suite, Virtual Reality lab, innovation hub and esports room.



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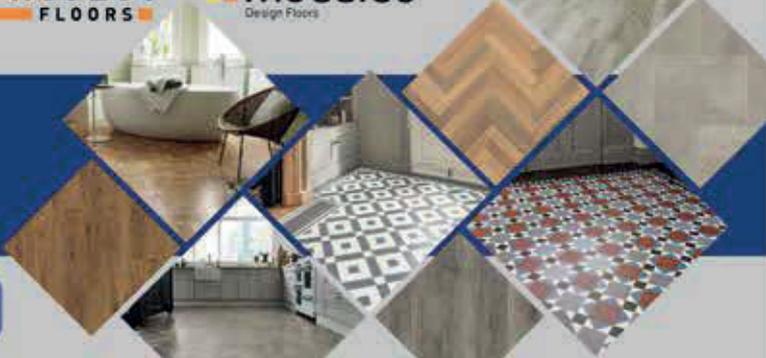
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GoSH

Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group

Postcard of Fisher Girls

This month we take a look at this postcard, from the collection of a GoSH member. It depicts “Fisher Girls At Gorleston-on-Sea” gutting herring. These women who were mainly Scots were once a familiar sight around Gorleston and Great Yarmouth during the autumn Herring Fishing Season. They were a hardy group who worked outdoors in freezing conditions gutting herring using a very sharp knife held in their bare hands.

The postcard has the usual divided back for postal use and has not been posted or written on. Scenes like this were often captured by local photographers such as Alfred Yallop or one of his assistants, but this card has “M. F. Salmon, Lower Cliff Road, Gorleston” printed along one edge of the postal side. It is not clear if M. F. Salmon is the photographer or the publisher of the card.

The card has been commercially printed using photomechanical methods using ink, rather than the more usual silver based photographic printing methods. This suggests a print run of thousands of cards rather than hundreds. The sending and collecting of picture postcards became a craze in Great Britain during the early 1900s and vast quantities of cards were produced by both local and national businesses to feed the public’s vast appetite for them.

A small amount of research has revealed that M. F. Salmon was Miss Muriel Florence Salmon who was born in Gorleston on the 5th September 1896 the daughter of Joseph Boyce Salmon and Sarah Ann Salmon. Joseph Salmon is recorded on the 1901 Census as a “Grocer and Shopkeeper” age 30 residing and trading from numbers 83 and 84 Lower Cliff Road, Gorleston. The record also shows Joseph’s wife Sarah, age 30, with no stated occupation and their two daughters Muriel age 4 and Alice age 1.

Ten years later the 1911 Census records that the Salmons were still living at numbers 83 and 84 Lower Cliff Road that has now also become a Sub-Post Office. Joseph now age 40 is the “Sub-Postmaster” with Sarah, also age 40 “assisting in the business,” Muriel and Alice were, at the time, both still at school. Kelly’s Norfolk Directory of 1916 has an entry for “Salmon B. Joseph, grocer and post office, 83, Lower Cliff Road.” The Yarmouth Independent of Saturday 1st June 1918 announced the death of Sarah Salmon at 83 Lower Cliff Road on the 19th May, age 47.

Kelly’s Directory for Great Yarmouth of 1930/31 records “Salmon Joseph Boyce, shopkeeper & post office” at number 83 Lower Cliff

Road. The 1939 Register indicates that Muriel had become the “sub-postmistress” and that her father Joseph and her sister Alice were assisting her in the running of the post office still at 83 Lower Cliff Road.

Joseph Salmon died at 79 Lower Cliff Road on the 18th January 1947. At some point between the taking of the 1939 Register and Joseph’s death in 1947 the sub-post office had moved to numbers 79 and 80 Lower Cliff Road that was on the southeast corner of Bells Road. This is where most locals will recall the Bells/Lower Cliff Road sub-post office standing. Numbers 79 and 80 Lower Cliff Road had been previously occupied by Mrs Florence Annie Ward, a florist, according to Kelly’s Great Yarmouth Directory of 1930/31.

Kelly’s Directory of Great Yarmouth for 1948 records that Miss Muriel F Salmon was a shop keeper running a sub-post office from 79 and 80 Lower Cliff Road. The same entry appears in all subsequent years that Kelly’s Great Yarmouth Directory was published, including the 1961 edition. By the time of 1965 edition of Kelly’s Great Yarmouth, the Post Office appears to have changed hands and was being run by E. Carter. Suggesting that the Salmon sisters had retired. They had moved to number 60 Lowestoft Road and Alice Salmon died at that address during the May of 1975. Muriel Salmon passed away a few years later in a care home at Lowestoft during the November of 1979.

It is believed that many Gorleston residents will remember the Salmon sisters and their sub-post office on the corner of Bells Road and Lower Cliff Road. However, Muriel’s postcard of the Fisher Girls is part of her legacy that provides a window into times past. If any reader of this article has any other postcards attributed to Muriel Salmon then please do get in touch with GoSH via the form on the contacts page of our website.

Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group hope to resume meetings soon. Please visit our website for further updates. <https://gorleston-on-sea-heritage-group.webnode.com/>



Mabel's Charity Run

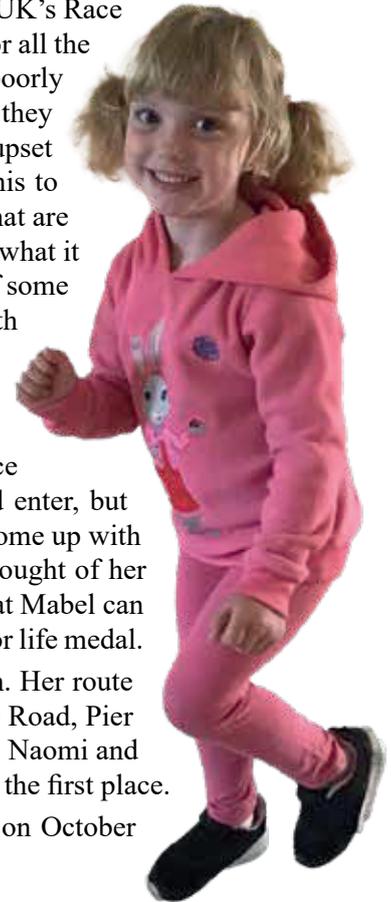
Leanne Shields, who recently beat cervical cancer, was going to enter Cancer Research UK's Race for Life along with her aunt Naomi Shields, as Leanne wanted to give something back for all the help and treatment she'd received. Sadly, Leanne's cancer has returned and she is too poorly to do the race. Leanne and Naomi's 5 year old daughter, Mabel, are extremely close and they want to see each other, but Leanne is shaving her hair next week and is worried this will upset Mabel. Naomi told Mabel what Leanne is doing and explained that some people do this to raise money for charity to help people who are poorly, to which Mabel replied "well what are we going to do then?" Naomi said she was taking part in the race for life and explained what it was about. Mabel thought and said, "but what can I do to help? What about if I get rid of some of my toys to get money?" Then she said "but what I'd really love to do is do the run with you mummy".

Unfortunately you have to be 6 to enter the race for life and Mabel isn't 6 until November (the race for life is October 17th). Naomi rang the charity and told them Mabel's story to see if there was any leeway in the rules. After speaking with her manager, the race for life representative Naomi spoke to said that if Mabel was over 120cm she could enter, but unfortunately Mabel is only 110 cm. The team at the race for life said that they had to come up with something as Mabel had really torn at their heart strings and they couldn't bear the thought of her getting rid of any of her toys. Apparently it's never been done before but they agreed that Mabel can enter the race for life at her own venue on a day that suits her, she will even get the race for life medal.

All being well, Mabel will be doing a 5k run on Monday 25th October at around 10am. Her route will include Church Road, Middleton, Road, Stradbroke Road, Lower Cliff Road, Bells Road, Pier Plain, and Riverside Road, so keep your eyes peeled and give her a wave if you see her. Naomi and her husband Mark are so incredibly proud of Mabel and of Leanne for setting this up in the first place.

Naomi along with her other niece, Beth Harrison, will be running in the race for life on October 17th. If you would like to sponsor 5 year old Mabel or Naomi and Beth the link is <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/leanne-naomi-race-for-life>

At the time of writing, £228 had already been donated!



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Lockdown Musings

by Patricia West

“Why didn’t I THINK?”



We have several small bird feeders dotted about our garden also a bird table and bird bath so we are regularly visited by a variety of garden birds.

I recently woke to a soft summer’s morning and the sound of a small bird cheeping seemingly from the kitchen

roof. I lingered to enjoy the peace and listen to Mr Cheep until reluctantly heading for the shower and on downstairs to prepare breakfast. I could still faintly hear the cheeps, perhaps his mum would come for him. My husband had already left for a stint at the Gym and I potted about tidying, washing up, etc before hanging out the washing. As I pegged away I glanced up but no sign of the little bird, just a few muffled cheeps. Was he in distress, surely he would be rescued soon.

Our ninety year old house retains some of the original features including black lead fire places. Going into the study, there it was again , cheep-cheep. Had he fallen down the chimney? Picking up a fire tong I poked about making soothing noises. No luck.

Beginning to feel upset I crossed the hall to the sitting room and there it was again. Oh no, was he trapped down this chimney. More poking and cooing, again no response. I felt utterly useless. Fleeing upstairs I got ready to visit some friends. Covering my ears I hurried down the stairs and set off to meet my husband at their house.

We were warmly greeted and guided into their pretty garden for delicious coffee and home made cake. These were old friends and the time slipped easily away. Except... I struggled a bit, the little bird was still on my mind, the little bird who I had abandoned!

I took some comfort in remembering I am often teased at having too soft a heart. Would I be making a fuss if I told them? Perhaps it was best to say nothing at all. Besides he might already have been rescued by a passing bird, his aunt, uncle, anyone!

I dragged my feet about leaving and am sure we outstayed our welcome. Finally we said goodbye and drove the short journey home. Pulling onto the drive we glimpsed our neighbour over the fence. He waved hello and my husband stopped to chat. I held my breath as I turned my key in the lock and went through the porch and into the hall,Cheep-Cheep.

Close to tears I picked up the ‘phone and rang our good friend Ray. Ray knows how to fix everything and is a whizz with all things practical.

Me - “ Ray, I don’t know what to do, it’s so upsetting” I proceeded to tell him everything.

Ray - “ And did you say the cheeps are still as loud as this morning?”

Me - Crying hard now,....."I think so – Yes"

Ray - "Well, let’s think about this" a long pause, then.. “ Hmm - maybe it isn’t a bird.... Don’t

you have smoke alarms on your landing and in the hall? Could it be they are beeping to warn you the batteries are low.? “

I am sure my hysterical laughter could be heard two doors down. Eventually I calmed down and in an attempt to cheer me Ray said ”well it is nice to know you have such a high regard for your fellow creatures “

It didn’t help much, however it does give us something to laugh about every time we meet.



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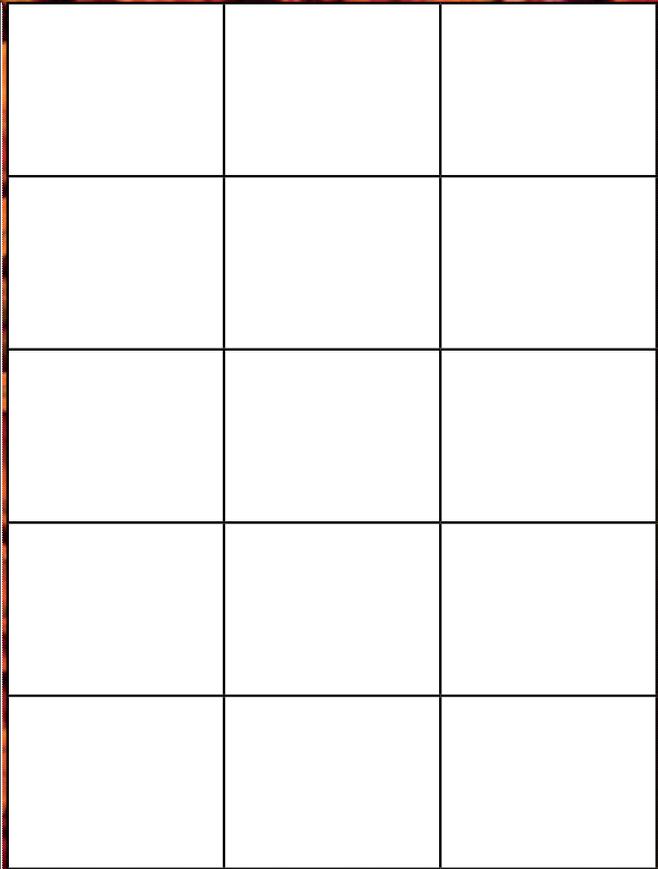
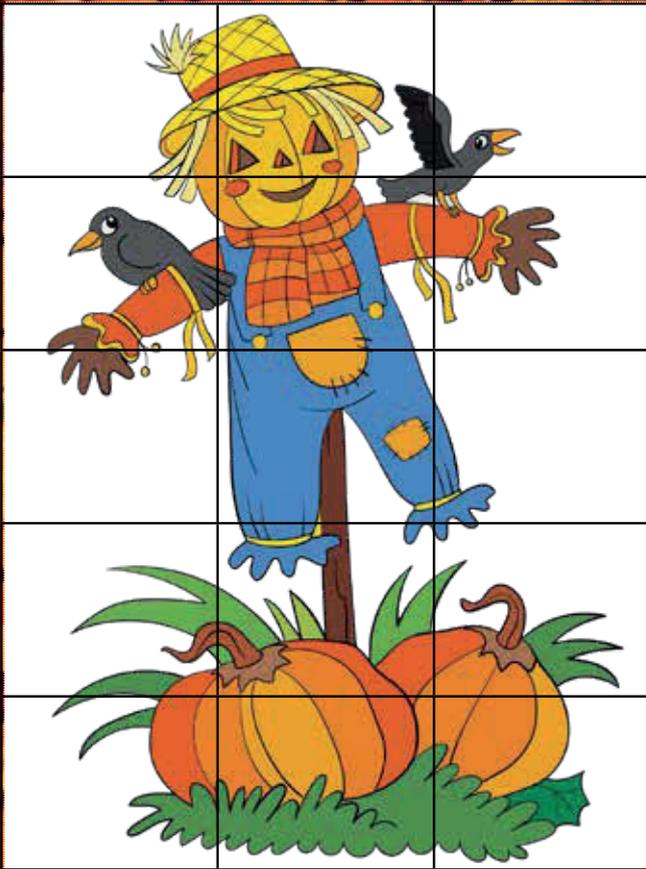
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Abraham and God's blessing

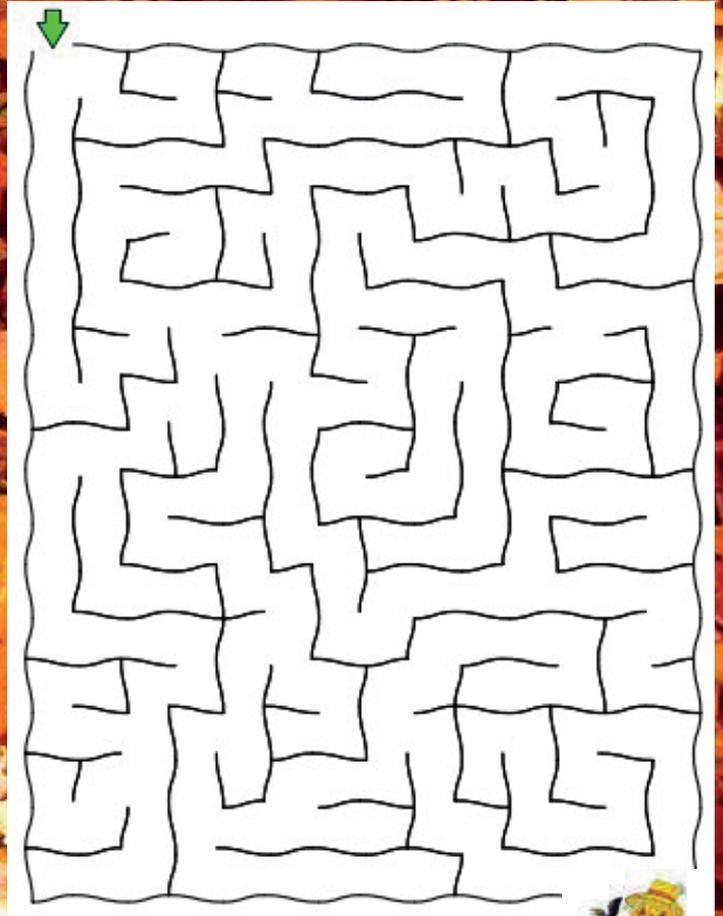
In the first book of the Bible - *Genesis*, we read that God made an agreement with a man called Abraham. He told him that he would have children, his children would have children, those children would have children and so on, until, in the end his family would be as many as the stars in the sky. And they would be a blessing to everyone.

Abraham had a choice to believe God or not believe Him. He chose to believe God. The Bible later says in the Book of Romans, chapter 4, that, by choosing to believe God, Abraham was accepted by God and seen as right in His eyes.

That chapter goes on to say that, we are accepted and seen as right in God's eyes in the same way, by believing God - that His son Jesus died for all the things we do wrong, to make us right with God and that God raised Him from the dead.

What is the blessing that comes to us by believing God?

"It is a great blessing when people are forgiven for the wrongs they have done, when their sins are erased! It is a great blessing when the Lord accepts people as if they are without sin!" (Romans Ch 4:7-8 ERV)



Find your way
through the maze
to the scarecrow



Gorleston Then & Now

by John McBride



The GUY FCX double decker bus in Church Lane en-route to Gorleston Beach indicates that this picture was taken after 1928, but probably not too long after. These short-lived buses had double axles at the rear and were originally in maroon and cream livery, the same as the trams, rather than the later 'blue bus' livery. The church and cottages of Church Terrace remain remarkably similar to the current picture. On one front gable of the cottages there is a name plaque with the date of 1914. The style of the bus has changed considerably over the years though, and the roadside trees have long gone.





Opening THE Book

with
Reverend
John Kinchin-Smith

In one of his letters, St Paul says that he would much rather die and go to be with the Lord, “for that is far better”, than to continue to live this life. (Philippians chapter 1 verses 21-22). He continues “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain”. I wonder how many of us could ever say that. Do we not hold on to life in every way we can and do everything in our power to avoid death? Yes, there is great sadness for those loved ones left behind when someone dies. Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus (John’s Gospel chapter 11). But why be sad for the one who has died?

The answer, of course, is that most people think that this life is the only life there is and that heaven is “pie in the sky”. We therefore cling to life and to material things. We envy the rich, the powerful, the successful and the beautiful. Often we reach for these things at the expense of others. Yet throughout history there have been those who have willingly given their lives for others believing that something far better awaits them. Were they mad, deluded or mistaken?

The Bible is very clear that this life is not the only life, that there is a far better life to come. In John’s Gospel chapter 14, Jesus promises that heaven is his Father’s house with many rooms – room for diversity, room for differences. Nothing will be stereotyped in heaven, nothing ordinary. Heaven will be full of surprises, full of discoveries, full of wonder and full of mystery.

Heaven is therefore a place of fulfilment, the place where we become all that we were created to be – all those aspirations we never achieved, all those skills we never perfected, all those tasks we never completed – heaven is the place where all our potential of gifts and character become perfected and fulfilled, where all the pain and wounds of life are healed and where all the love and beauty and goodness of our lives are made complete.

And because it’s the Father’s house, it’s “home”. Home is the place where we’re truly loved for ourselves, the place where we’re loved to the end, never forgotten and always welcome. In heaven we’ll truly be at home. Isn’t that something to look forward to?



News from The Mag

with
Reverend Matthew Price



Magpies is a new parent and baby/toddler group which launched at St Mary Magdalene at the end of last month. The group meets every Monday during term time, from 10am and is for parents or carers and their children under 3 (although exceptions may be possible where families also have pre-school children who are over 3).



The new group is co-led by Matt and Hannah Ashpole who are members of St Mary Magdalene and have a daughter Emmaus, who is almost 2. Explaining the motivation behind the new group, Hannah says, “The idea came as a result of our experience of becoming parents for the first time during lockdown. Opportunities to mix with other parents with young children was limited. We could see that there was a great need for us and parents like us to meet with others in a similar situation. Since we are currently in a situation where we have the time to do something to meet this need, we decided there was no time like the present!”



Sessions will last 60-90 minutes and there will be lots of opportunities for children to enjoy themselves including soft play and outside bikes. There will be an optional time together of nursery rhymes, story and craft and a snack time with homemade treats for the adults and healthy snacks for the children.

If you’d like to get involved you need to get in touch with Hannah on Hannah.ashpole@stmmgorleston.org.uk or via the Magpies facebook page [facebook.com/MagpiesBabyandToddler](https://www.facebook.com/MagpiesBabyandToddler). In order to manage numbers, booking is required.

Richard Routledge



In the last issue I told you how I was setting into my job as a postman. After a good while I was put on the main sorting frames. This was a big square metal frame with lots of pigeon holes for the different areas of Great Yarmouth.

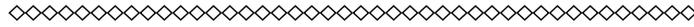
There was a lot of banter in the main sorting office and you soon learnt to get a thick skin very quickly. Everyone had a nickname and it seemed once you had got yours you felt like a part of a big family. As I already knew a lot of people there, I got a lot of

banter aimed at me and my legs would be red raw after a morning's banding from under the lettering frames (having elastic bands pinged at me). I can tell you that from close range it hurt a lot. This is how I got my postie nickname "The Bear". When they banded under the letter frames I would dance around trying to avoid the zinging pain being put in my direction.

First of all they called me Wayne Sleep because I danced about like a ballet dancer. That was only for a little while until one day someone said it was more like Simon Smith and his dancing bear. After a few months, it went down to dancing bear and in the end they just called me "The Bear". I now felt like one of the crew and after a while the banding stopped. The banter stayed though and someday I would go home with aching sides because I had been laughing so much.

In the next issue the birth of Soul Village.

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Saying "Goodbye" To Our Summer Term with Icy Treats!

Before the 2020-21 academic year came to a close, we gave our pupils some well-deserved goodies.

Thanks to DiMascio Ices, the children (and some hungry staff!) enjoyed ice creams and lollies to celebrate the end of an amazing and very challenging year. With the world still reeling from the pandemic, and most of our pupils having experienced at least 6 months of home learning, we decided that the perfect remedy to a hot summer's day at the end of term would be icy-cold sweet treats.



We start the 2021-22 academic year with excitement and hope for yet more great things from our whole community, and maybe the promise of some more ice-cream at some point in the near future!

Our Garden of Sustainable Flowers

Final Infant and Junior Academy Eco Activities Become Very First Of Our Primary Academy

At the end of last academic year the academies organised an eco-project where pupils were tasked with creating flowers out of the bases of used plastic drink bottles, to avoid them going to waste.

This project has tied into the academy's commitment to becoming an 'eco-school', which requires them to not just teach the children about the importance of being environmentally friendly but also engage them with different sustainable projects.



In addition to being sustainable, the activity was a fantastic way to celebrate the bringing together of both academies as one community. All year groups were a part of the project and had time set aside for them to be able to paint the flowers with any colours and design that they wanted. The children all really enjoyed spending time with their classmates and being able to decorate their flowers.



Our Principal, Kate Rutherford:

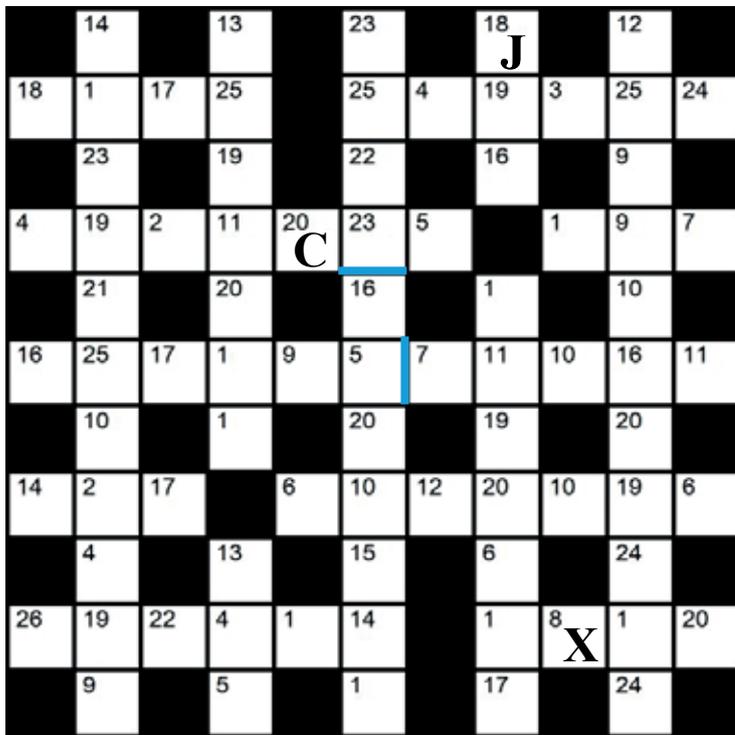
"It was lovely to see all the children, across both our academies, come together to have fun and create the beautiful flowers. We aim to incorporate sustainable practices into every aspect of our pupils' education, and the project was a great way to do this. We also got to celebrate the growth and evolution of our academies by officially marking us coming together as one with a great unity project."



More Coffee Time!

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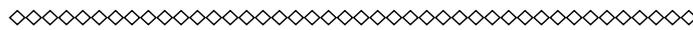
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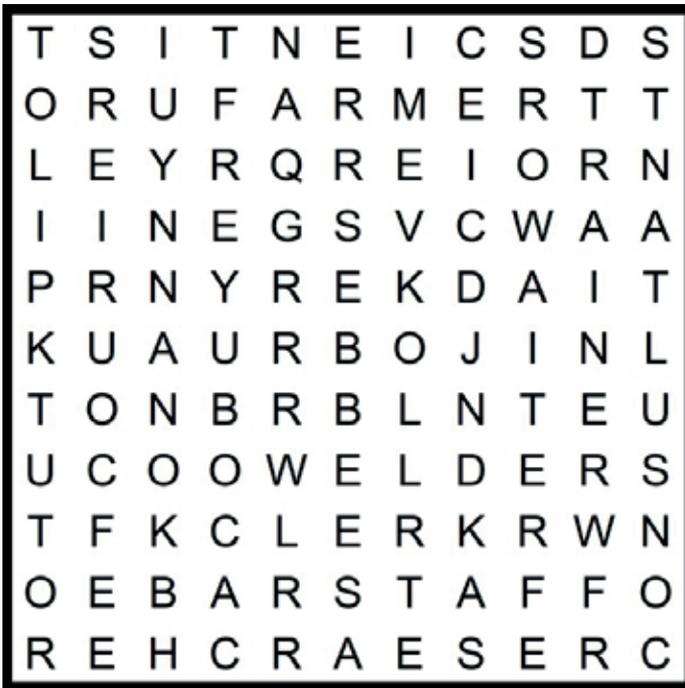
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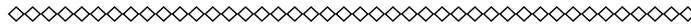
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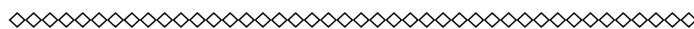
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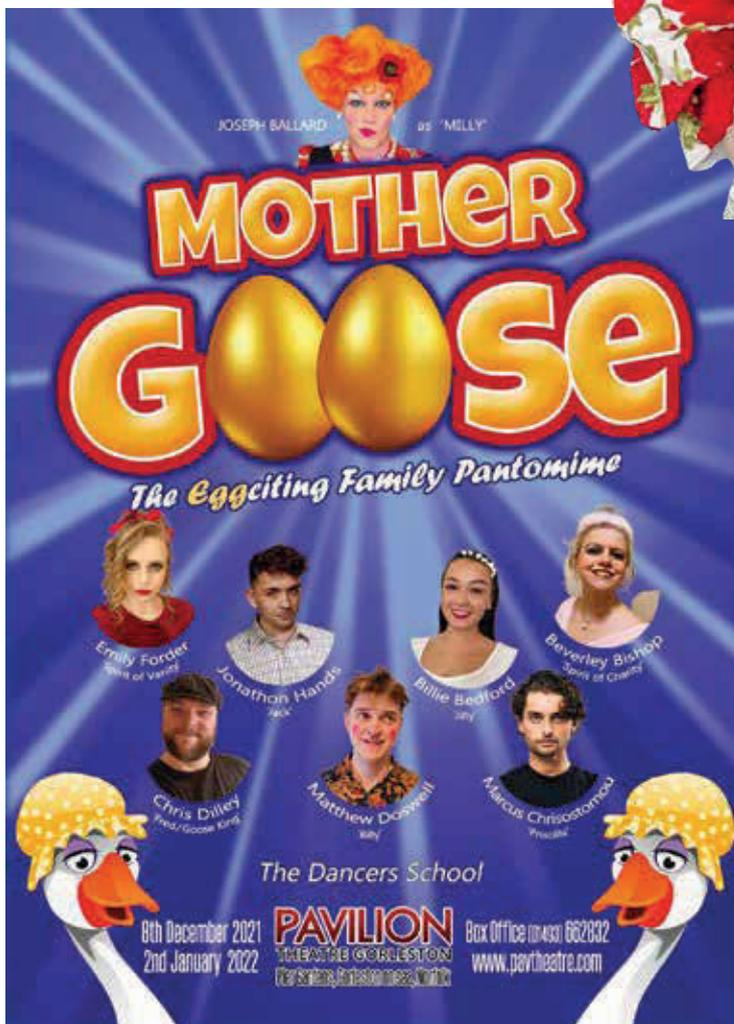
There is nothing like THIS Dame

Joseph Ballard was born in Enfield but moved to North Walsham when he was 6 so now regards himself as a true "Norfolkian" born and bred.

His first stage performance was when he was 7 singing "I'm Shy Mary Ellen I'm Shy" and he continued singing that song till he was 17 when he went to Lancaster University to read Theatre Studies. The path was set for a career in show business.

He spent a few years after leaving Uni in theatre management. He set up companies all over the country including March in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and also North Walsham, in the county he loved.

Although he excelled at Theatre Management, acting was his first love and he went to the Contact Theatre, a very prestigious theatre in Manchester in a play called "Sparrow's Nest". He continued as an actor till 2012 when his theatre management skills were called upon once more in connection with the Cultural Olympics in the UK.



Norfolk was firmly in his blood and he formed a company in North Walsham at the Atrium Theatre. putting on all sorts of entertainment. He had seen Des Barrit in pantomime at the Theatre Royal in Norwich years before which fired his interest in pantomime. As a result he put on "Beauty and the Beast" in North Walsham in which he played the Prince, the Beast and the Baddie. Talk about versatile! This was followed by a Concert Tour all over the country including the Birmingham Hippodrome. Film work included the part of Titania Truss in "Absolutely Fabulous".

Joe hasn't stopped since. Working in all aspects of entertainment has taken up his time and he has also set up the Gay Pride celebrations in Norwich. What next? Playing Mother Goose in the pantomime of the same name at the Pavilion Theatre in Gorleston. All this and he is still only 38. Well done Jo!

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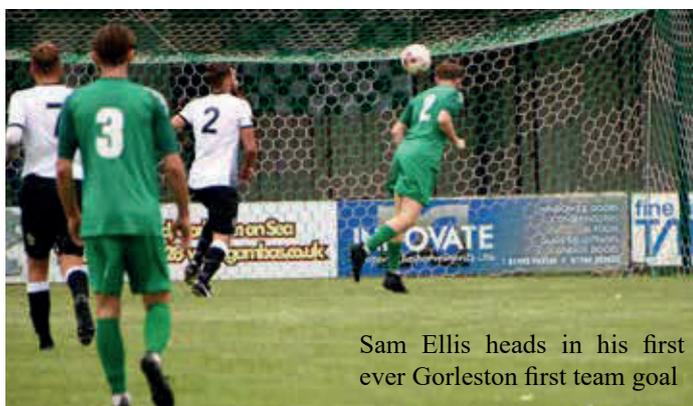
Gorleston FC



Gorleston FC are still unbeaten in the league this season and, at the time of writing, are sitting second in the table. With almost a quarter of the fixtures gone already, Wroxham are top with a 100% record whilst Newmarket are third, also with a 100% record, so it is shaping up to be an exciting season.

Norfolk rivals Fakenham, Thetford and Swaffham all visited Emerald Park and they were all beaten. Goals from Connor Deeks, Christy Finch and Connor Ingram saw off Fakenham 3-0. Ingram and Finch scored again against Thetford and another from Joel Watts gave Gorleston a 3-2 win.

Next, the Greens handed out a thumping to Swaffham beating them 6-0. Harrison Bacon and Sam Ellis (pictured below) scored their first goals for the club whilst Ingram and Finch hit a double each.



Sam Ellis heads in his first ever Gorleston first team goal

A trip to Norwich Utd came next where Gorleston haven't won since 2013. However, despite an early goal for the hosts, it was Finch and Ingram at the double again as Gorleston won 4-1.

A repeat of the Senior Cup Final followed with Mulbarton Wanderers visiting Emerald Park and there were two more goals for Christy Finch. Not only did that ensure a 2-0 victory for Gorleston, they also brought up Finch's 100th Gorleston goal, the ton coming in just 125 appearances.

Gorleston dropped their first points of the season when Hadleigh came to Emerald Park. That man Finch (pictured below) scored early then Hadleigh scored twice either side of half time before Finch struck an equaliser with just three minutes left.



October promises to be an exciting month as Gorleston take on both the other teams in the top three in the space of four days. They visit Wroxham on the 12th whilst Newmarket will travel to Emerald Park on the 16th. Gorleston also begin the quest to get to Wembley in the FA Vase on the 23rd but the opposition is not yet known with the draw being made on 27th September.

Gorleston Reserves have had mixed fortunes in the league, beating Attleborough Town and East Harling but losing to Sprowston and Wells Town. They also went out of the Mummery Cup when they lost at Heacham.

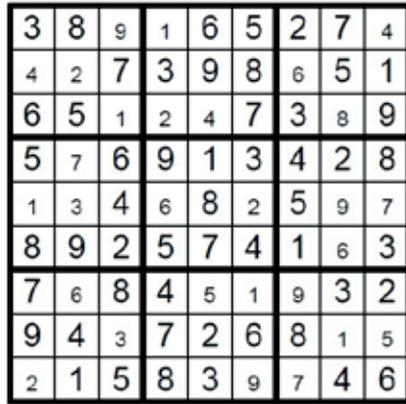
The Under 18s have played three, won three since the last time of writing. Kirkley & Pakefield were beaten 5-1 and Diss Town 5-0. In the derby against Gt Yarmouth, the young Greens won 3-2 with the goals by Joe Corby, Sonni Potter and Lewis Snowling. Interestingly, the official attendance for this game was 164 which is higher than there has been for any of the first team games so far, which are averaging 116. So, as Delia would say to her supporters, "Where are you? Let's be having you!"

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October Fixtures				
Date	Time	Competition	Team	Opponents (Home/Away)
02/10/21	15:00	League	First Team	Ely City (A)
03/10/21	14:00	League	Womens	UEA (H)
07/10/21	19:45	League	Under 18s	AFC Royals (H)
09/10/21	15:00	League	First Team	Walsham le Willows (A)
10/10/21	14:00	League	Womens	Bulldogs (A)
12/10/21	19:45	League	First Team	Wroxham (A)
14/10/21	19:45	League	Under 18s	Beccles Town (A)
16/10/21	15:00	League	First Team	Newmarket Town (H)
17/10/21	14:00	League	Womens	KLSC Firsts (A)
21/10/21	19:45	League	Under 18s	Wroxham (H)
23/10/21	15:00	FA Vase R1	First Team	To Be Drawn
28/10/21	19:45	League	Under 18s	AFC Royals (A)
30/10/21	15:00	League	First Team	March Town Utd (H)
31/10/21	14:00	League	Womens	Caister (H)
Reserves and A Team fixtures not known at time of writing				

Coffee Time Answers



Fallen Phrase
 The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Word Ladder
 horse, house, mouse, moose, goose

Caught in the middle
 fever, goose, wedding, Jesus Christ, ceiling

Crunch 'em
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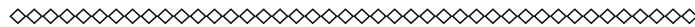
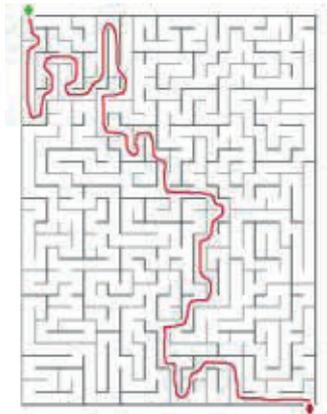
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Hair We Are



Another month gone and Summer is gradually turning into Autumn, however there is still time left to have some glorious weather and here's hoping for a good old Indian Summer. Then I thought, that's a good point, what is an Indian Summer, so started to delve into the real meaning, and guess what that adage came up, Is Indian Summer

politically correct?

I found the following article and read it with interest, the author asked to share it, so here goes.

"The notion of political correctness declares certain topics, certain expressions, even certain gestures, off-limits. What began as a crusade for civility has soured into a cause of conflict and even censorship." – George Bush

"My ruminations meander today because their scope is so broad. My thoughts regarding political correctness began simply enough. I was working on an assignment that explored the origins of Indian pudding. As I read through my notes, I stopped when I came to the expression Indian summer. Back in the day, we were taught that Indian summer referred to a warm spell that followed the first frost of autumn. I never for a moment considered it might be offensive to Native Americans, and thought it was a lovely way to describe the final flush of summer. Then I started to think. That's always a mistake and it never fails to get me into trouble. I live in a liberal community where political correctness is taken seriously. Sometimes I, by extension, take it too seriously. I had no problem with the expression Indian pudding. It was a recognized dessert that's been served in American homes for years, but for some reason the expression Indian summer made me uneasy. As it happened, I met with some local writers that day and shared my hesitation with them. Out came the iPads and before you know it, my research became a group project.

As it turns out, my definition of Indian summer was only half right. I correctly identified the weather conditions necessary for its occurrence, but I missed its date component. Seems a true Indian summer occurs only when a late warm spell follows a frost that occurs between 1st through to the 20th of November. Similar weather conditions occur throughout the world but they are given other unique names. It's known as "gypsy" or "poor man's summer" in Bulgaria. In the mountainous regions of Europe it is called the "old women's summer," and in Slavic countries it is known as "women summer." No explanation was given for these name variants, but I'd love to hear the story behind "old woman's summer." Our initial research didn't solve the issue of political correctness, though it gave us clues that helped resolve the issue. The first reference to Indian summer dated from 1778. It described, but did not explain, the phenomenon. According to the Farmer's Almanac, the most likely explanation can be traced to settlers in New England who welcomed cold wintry weather because they could leave their stockades unarmed. They feared warmer weather would invite attack, and they coined the expression "Indian summer" to describe the weather conditions that might make them more vulnerable. Save for this supposition, we found no evidence that the

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expression was meant to defame Native Americans. So, unlike the expression "Indian giver," "Indian summer" is politically correct to almost everyone. Despite that, the women in my group thought the expression should be avoided whenever possible, so I now must find another way to poetically describe a spell of warm weather following a frost in November.

This exercise did, however, point out that we might be on the verge of becoming too politically correct. We all know how words can become racist, but I, for one, am not sure how a word can become derogatory or politically incorrect. I do know that once that happens, a new word will be found to replace it. Ironically, in time there is a chance that the new descriptor will also become politically incorrect as it did in the progression of crippled to handicapped to disabled. The word "lame" describes a condition as well as a behaviour. Should it really be considered politically incorrect? While it might be fun, I won't go near expressions like Polish sausage or Greek yogurt. I would, however, like the following offensive expression addressed. I want you to know that I am not old. I am not a senior citizen. I am chronologically advantaged. Got it? If you're at all interested in other expressions that are politically incorrect and need revision, do read the list below. It will either outrage you or make you smile.

Black sheep – Outcast

"Guys" (when referring to a mixed group) – Friends; folks; group

Oriental (when referring to people) – Asian

Manhole – Utility hole

Chairman – Chair

Gifted children – Advanced learners

Acting blonde – No alternative

Half-breed – Multi-ethnic

Blacklisted – Banned

"Manning" the project – Staffing the project

In the meantime, the teams at the University of Oregon are called the "Ducks," and an industry has sprung up selling paraphernalia associated with the teams. We are on the horns of a dilemma here. Should ducks – the ones that quack – ever find an activist who finds the use of their name offensive – the industry will be brought to its knees. Oh, the humanity."

I found that whole passage interesting and just about sums up this crazy world that we live in today and just to show that you never stop learning.

I would also like to thank Gt Yarmouth in Bloom for the amazing show of flowers in Gorleston this year, although the flowers were provided by Gt Yarmouth in Bloom, they were paid for by "Greater Yarmouth Tourism and Business improvement team, or as we know it "The BID", who will also be helping to fund the three-day Christmas market, planned for Priory Gardens on November 26/27/28th.

That's all for this month and lets all hope we just enjoy a late Summer this year before we have the Happy Holidays, the new politically correct term for Christmas time

"It's considered politically correct to say Happy Holidays, so it's just considered insensitive to say Merry Christmas to other people who aren't from this country that don't celebrate it, "

See you in November.

Vets and Pets



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Just like other pets, rabbits benefit from regular vaccinations and health checks to keep them fit and well. Did you know they can be **vaccinated** against two potentially fatal infectious diseases?

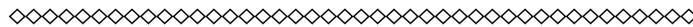
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Gorleston Flower Club

Gorleston Flower Club is starting up again on Thursday October 28th, 7.30 p.m. at Magdalen Way Methodist Church. There will be a floral art demonstration by Lorraine Thompson, the arrangements will be raffled off at the end of the meeting. We look forward to welcoming back our members and friends. There is a charge of just £5 for friends. As well as the floral art raffle, you can win a luxurious Pamper Hamper.

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Ramblings of a Displaced Cockney

The Joy of Cats

When my sister and I were young we had dogs. First a delightful Collie-cross called Lassie, with a lovely calm nature. Later we had a Sealyham terrier

called Scamp who had an altogether more “dynamic” personality, stubborn and independent.

When Jenny and I got married we went as far as having a tropical aquarium, which was fine until the tank didn’t survive one of our house moves. When the boys came along we had the usual hamster and gerbils as we felt that, despite their entreaties, a dog would be just too much of a commitment in our busy lives.

I do remember one morning discovering the hamster in bed with David who claimed that: “It must have let itself out of its cage, climbed the stairs, pushed open my bedroom door and got into bed with me!” Of course it did!

When we moved to Gorleston in 2000, we still had the two youngest boys with us and we had promised them that they could have a cat as a pet. We rationalized that with a cat flap and automatic feeding and water systems, we would have the flexibility to get away without worrying.

So Tom and I were trusted by Jenny to go to the rescue centre in Norwich and find a cat. However, that trust was slightly misplaced. There were these two cats, siblings, one male and one female, the pets of an old lady who could no longer look after them. Tom fell for them and convinced me that they just couldn’t be separated. So we arrived home with Buck and Twiki (or “Tweaky” as we spelled it), as they were now called by Tom, after “characters” in the old TV show “Buck Rogers in the 25th Century”.

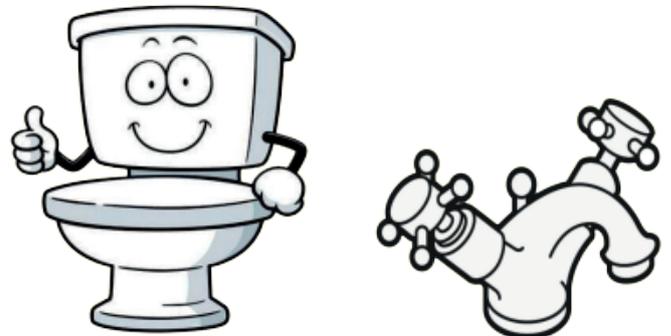
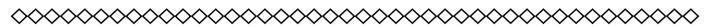
It was amazing that two cats from the same litter could be so different in every way. Buck was large, timid, placid and very dependent on Jenny. Tweaky was tiny, brave, curious and independent. Different as they were, each seemed very attached to the other. Tweaky once went missing for 8 days. It was the day when Tom’s band was playing in the “The Battle of the Bands” in Great Yarmouth and we had loaded up a couple of cars with all the gear. Having subsequently searched everywhere and asked neighbours to scour their gardens and sheds, all in vain, our surmise was that in her curiosity she had hitched a ride to Yarmouth and got out to explore there. However, eight days later she suddenly appeared, sauntering across the lawn as if nothing had happened. She was not hungry but was

very, very thirsty. We never did find out where she had been all that time!

Despite her natural independence, it was Tweaky who, when we had been out, would seem to recognise the sound of the car approaching along the road and would run out onto the pavement to welcome us home, or maybe just to ask “Where’s my tea?”

The two cats survived a long time, till Tweaky succumbed to a kidney infection. In Jenny’s last months, Buck liked to just sit with her. I have a lovely photo of Jenny lying fast asleep on the sofa and Buck stretched out, equally fast asleep, across her. Maybe it was just a coincidence but Buck only outlived Jenny by a week. It left an extra hole in the life of our family.

No, I won’t be getting another cat. I get away from home more these days and we always felt a twinge of regret when we left the cats to fend for themselves (not that they ever seemed bothered about it). I’ll just settle for some happy memories of the company and comfort that they provided to us.



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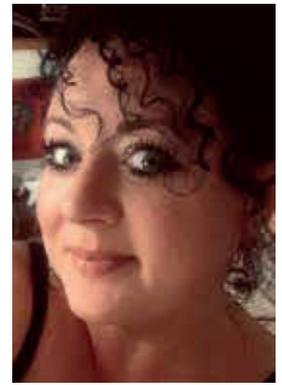
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Gorleston Grapevine



Hello Gorleston... it's so good to be back! Did you miss me last month? It really was for the most important reason. We returned home to Scotland to visit family for a few weeks. Our last time "back home" was December 2019. During Lockdown, I'd become an Auntie for the first time to this beautiful boy, Tommy McAlistair Todd, isn't he adorable? Just so good to spend time together with my family and friends. I'll never take that for granted again.



So the news you've all been waiting for...dah dah DAH! Who won the SMART TV from our recent Euro Football Manager Competition. We were absolutely bowled over



by the amount of entrants. Thank you so much Gorleston! You really do love a wicked Word Search and delighted you all got it correct. The missing Manager was SOUSA and the Winner was Ali Croft, from Gorleston. Well done Ali, enjoy your prize! Readers, keep your eyes peeled for more competitions coming soon.

Team Green and Team Major Demolition are working really hard on development projects on Marine Parade in Gorleston. It can be difficult for some locals to see older properties being demolished, as they have fond memories. Some buildings just cannot be saved unfortunately. They're just not sustainable or energy efficient, therefore, demolition may be the only course of positive action. It's very exciting to see what will be created in the coming months.



Over in Perfects, it's all about the MOTs. Remember drivers received a 6 month MOT extension during lockdown? Well, that's now ended and low and behold, we have thousands of drivers with no MOT or nearing the expiry date. Team Perfects are working flat out to help you all as much as they can. So chuffed to tell you that we've won more new business fleet contracts recently. Oh and remember our STAN, who retired in June? He's a bit bored and coming back two days a week, how brilliant is that? I just think he missed us all that much, but doesn't want to say. To celebrate Team Perfects hardwork and success, we organised a "Celebration Brunch". There was A LOT to celebrate. Our mechanic Jamie Bardwell married his sweetheart, Shanice. Sonny, our Apprentice, passed his Level 2 Car Mechanics at East Coast College and has started his 3 year HGV Mechanics Apprenticeship at Suffolk New College Otley Campus. Sonny and Ant completed their Fork Lift Driver Training Courses.



Our Burgh Castle quarry, Folkes Plant & Aggregates, and Team Green are both working with the fantastic people who operate Pathways Care Farm in Gunton. This is such an amazing place that helps people with all sorts of disabilities enjoy horticulture, spending time outdoors and looking after their therapy animals. Our teams are helping create a "Secret Garden" for clients who suffer from PTSD. This will be a quiet therapeutic area with water and stone features. Once it's complete, I'll show you before and after photographs in a later issue.



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