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# Hello Gorleston!



Welcome to Issue **44** of **YOUR** award-winning, free community magazine.

Happy, happy New Year!  
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Great work to reach your fondest goals,  
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We hope for your fulfillment,  
Contentment, peace and more,  
A brighter, better new year than  
You've ever had before.

By **Joanna Fuchs**  
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Out with the old and in with the new!  
God bless you all and keep you safe,  
and we'll meet again in February!



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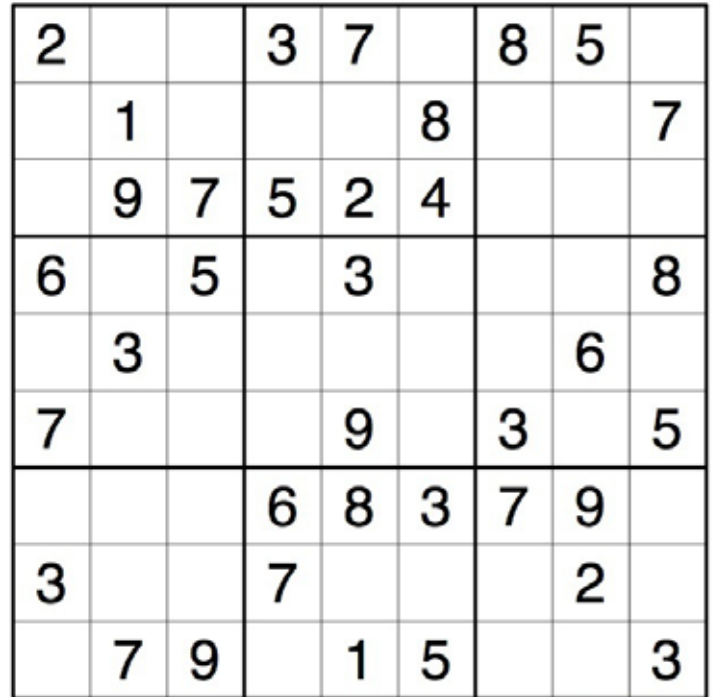
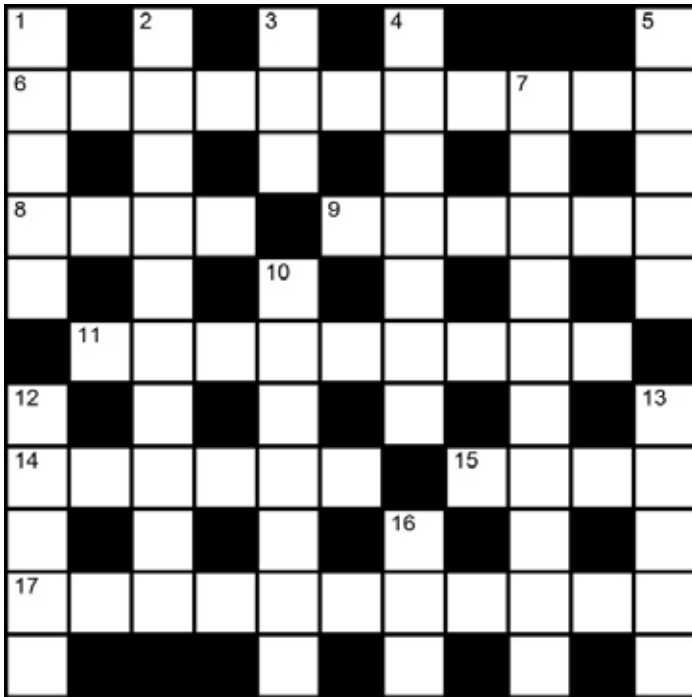
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# Coffee Time 1



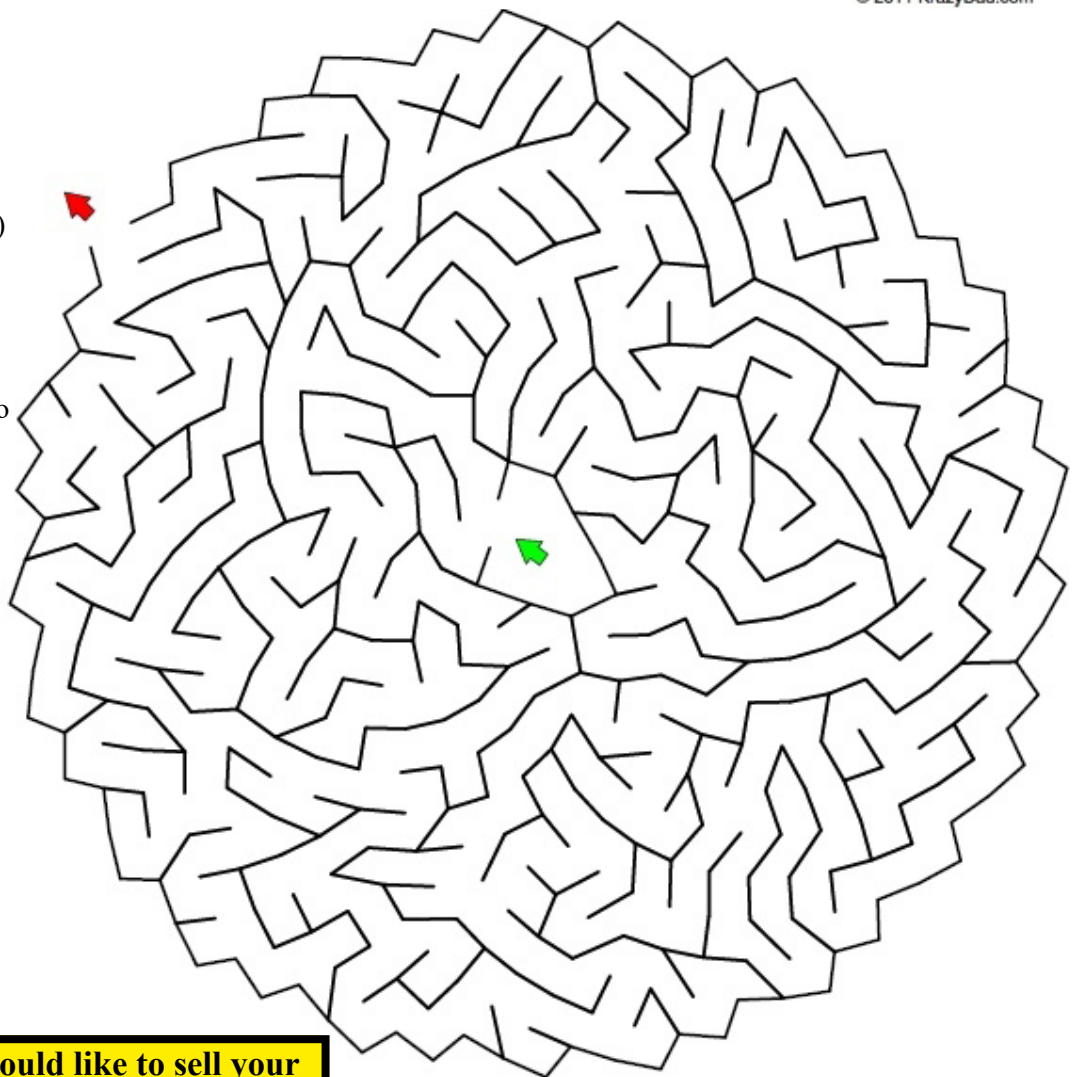
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# The Rockin' Rev

## Happy New Year Everyone!

Last year I shared with you my discovery that The Cambridge Dictionary named "quarantine" as its "Word of the Year" for 2020.

Since then, it's been another eventful and disruptive year for everyone around the world. Added to the ongoing challenges of living with and adapting to the impact of COVID-19 there is now a more widespread public awakening to the stark realities of climate change.

As the number of extreme weather incidents seemed to increase during 2021, from major forest fires and floods to tornadoes and landslides, it has become harder to argue against the reality of climate change. The realization of its negative impacts is likely to move this issue to the forefront of our attitudes and behaviours.

For the year 2021, Cambridge Dictionary announced that "perseverance" was its Word of the Year for 2021. The choice was influenced by a spike of searches as Nasa's Perseverance Rover made its final descent to Mars in February 2021.

The Cambridge Dictionary team described "perseverance" as "a word which perfectly captures the undaunted will of people across the world to never give up, despite the many challenges of 2021 - and, of course, global interest in the Nasa mission to Mars".

The word "perseverance" is defined by Cambridge Dictionary as "continued effort to do or achieve something, even when this is difficult or takes a long time" and has been looked up globally more than 243,000 times during 2021.

Requests for the word's meaning reached its peak on February 18th, 2021, when the Perseverance Rover descended onto Mars, where searches for the word totalled 30,487 on that day alone.

Despite the astronomical motif behind its selection, 'perseverance' has been used to describe much of the



public's lives over the COVID-19 pandemic. Cambridge Dictionary Publishing Manager, Wendalyn Nichols, said: "Just as it takes perseverance to land a rover on Mars, it takes perseverance to face the challenges and disruption to our lives from Covid-19, climate disasters, political instability and conflict.

In the Christian tradition the word "perseverance" captures the persistent will to never give in when difficulties arise and to live the life of faith in a determined and sometimes unreasonable way.

For the year 2022 I've chosen to make the following text from the Bible my "word from God" for the coming year:

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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...just humour him - he's hoping it'll help him reach the young people in his diocese...

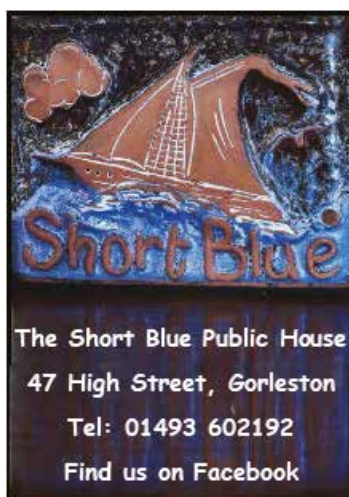
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## Prayer Corner

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:

God in heaven, when difficulties strike fear in my heart, when unwanted troubles arise out of nowhere, when the challenges ahead of me seem overwhelming, I come to you and ask that you make me stronger as I persevere. Amen.



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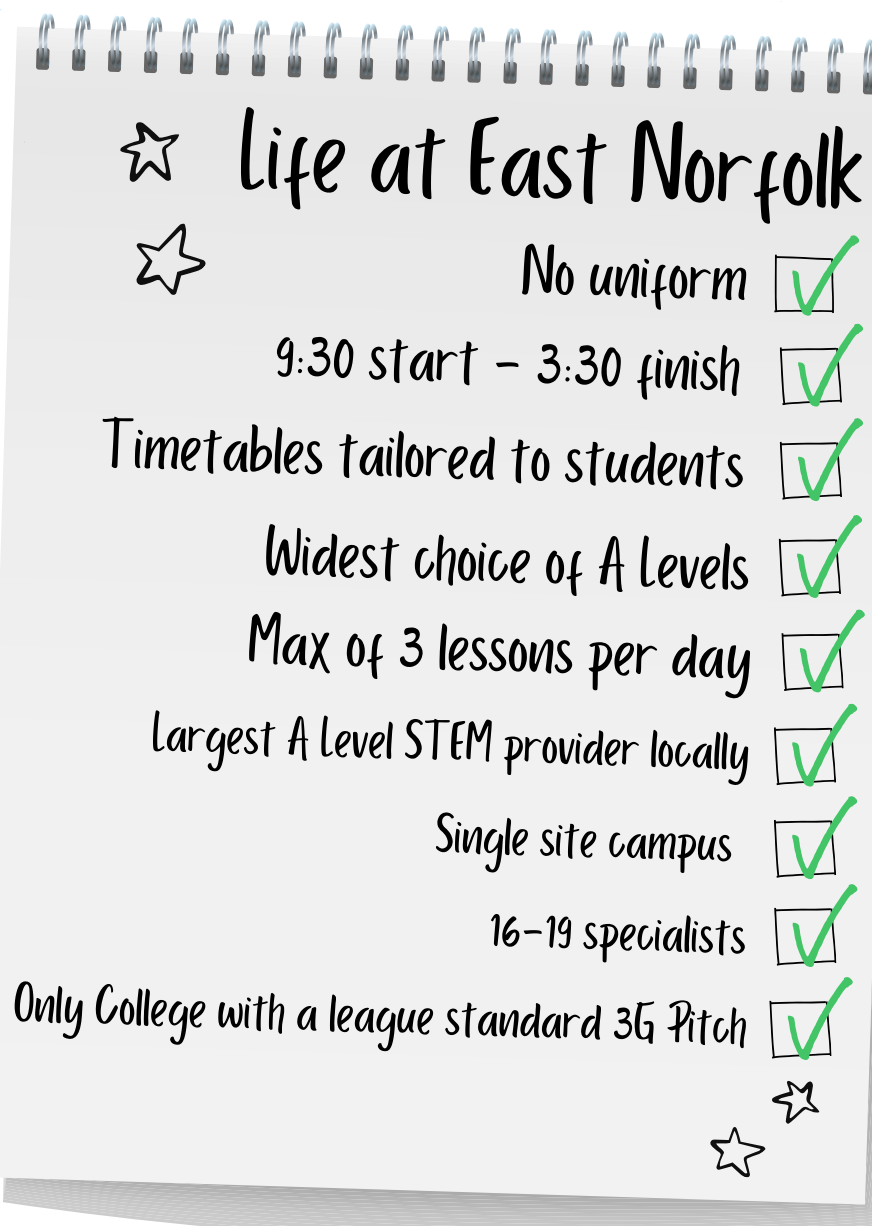
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Over these 40 years the College has continually developed into the strong and diverse organisation that it is today. The College serves over 26 different schools and ensures that young people, regardless of their backgrounds or circumstances, can strive to achieve their dreams.

During the pandemic students had excellent access to online learning and now we are learning face to face, the reassurance and commitment that all lessons are taught by our specialist teaching team and cover is provided if a teacher needs to be absent.

The number of young people gaining places at the most competitive universities all over the UK from Edinburgh to Exeter continues to increase which is particularly pleasing as these universities are the most difficult to enter and require a huge amount of dedication and effort.

The Combined Cadet Force that has rapidly grown to a 40+ strong contingent gives young people the chance to develop teamwork and leadership skills. The support of the military for young people who choose to take part is excellent and as the only state funded sixth form Combined Cadet Force in the country – Gorleston should be very proud to say it operates here!

Students at EN can take part in activities which help to develop their skills for work and for further study, whether that is through representation in Youth Parliament, Student

Voice and debating or be actively helping to improve where they live through the Student Action Group.

During this academic year, the College started delivering T Levels; the new technical qualifications that complement A levels and BTEC qualifications. Health, Healthcare Science and Digital T levels are only being taught at EN in our Borough with Finance, Accountancy and Engineering starting in September 2022.

East Norfolk has always been a Community Sixth Form College that seeks to continually adapt and meet the needs of our local community by giving our young people the skills that they need to help themselves and the local economy.

East Norfolk even a decade ago, was a very different organisation. Long gone are the temporary buildings in the car park and even the outdoor quad areas have been replaced with new IT classrooms and presentation spaces. This year will bring new courses, new ideas and the opening of these new buildings and facilities which will enhance the College further.

2022 is a world of opportunity for the young people of Gorleston and the local community should be very proud and reassured that the young people of East Norfolk are giving us all hope for the future.

If you would like to find out more about East Norfolk or have a visit to see how things have changed, please do get in touch.



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### Ingredients

- 1kg beef mince
- 2 large onions
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 2 tins chopped tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon chilli powder
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 tin kidney beans
- 2 peppers chopped
- 1 beef stock cube

### Method

1. Fry off the mince until browned
2. Chop onions, garlic and peppers and add to pan with mince. Cook for 10 minutes.
3. Drain kidney beans, wash and add to pan with the tomatoes.

4. Mix beef stock cube with 100 ml of hot water, add to pan to thicken. Leave to simmer for 1 hour 15 minutes.
5. Serve with rice or jacket potato.



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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."*

## Memories of Trams and Trolley Buses

My earliest childhood memory involves a London tram. No, not one of those horse-drawn trams you see on old photos, I'm not that old! They came in as far back as 1869 in London, with the tramway characteristic of having rails set into the road surface. Initially, the rails were set on top of the road but this was clearly a bad idea as it interfered with the movement of other road traffic. Soon, trams had tracks recessed into the road surface, much better for everyone else! Steam-powered trams arrived in 1885 and electric ones were in Croydon by 1901. However, the over-riding disadvantage of trams was that they had to go where the tracks went and over-taking was naturally a problem. So all the trams had disappeared from London streets by 1952 and the fleet became reliant on diesel buses and trolley-buses. If you want to see a London Tram, there is one in the East Anglian Transport Museum in Carlton Colville.

My personal memory is of running to catch a tram, probably in Ilford High Road, along with my mum. who did piece work at home, sewing together children's shoes on her sewing machine. Now when I say "running" I really mean being dragged by the arm, my feet barely touching the ground, as at 2 or 3 years old, I couldn't keep up with my mum. That is my memory, my right arm extended above me, a picture in my mind of mum's face and the rear platform of the tram getting closer. Did we catch it? No idea, the memory fades out!

Strangely, trams made a come-back in Croydon in the year 2000 as "Tramlink" and now trams run in a number of British and World cities, mostly with overhead electric power-lines, making them pollution free.

As for overhead power-lines, they were the requisite for trolley-buses which graced London's streets from 1931 to 1962. They picked up power using extending arms, called "trollies" on top of the bus. Powered by electricity and quieter than trams or diesel buses, their rubber tyres were less efficient than the metal wheels and tracks of the trams. Also they lacked the flexibility of diesel buses, that over-taking problem again! The overhead power-lines were regarded as an eyesore and a hazard to tall vehicles like large lorries and double-decker buses, so eventually they were all sold off to Spain and the oldest ones to Malaysia.

There are plans in some cities to bring back trolley-buses as they are more environmentally friendly than diesel vehicles. Modern battery technology means that they can operate away from the over-head wires, giving flexibility and allowing key streets to be free of the wires. Again, if you want to see a trolley-bus, there is one in the East

Anglian Transport Museum.

I was a member of the Boys' Brigade throughout my youth and I was an officer for years afterwards. We had a drum and bugle band and I was, at one point, the organiser of the Redbridge Battalion Band complete with a mace-bearer.

There was a possibly apocryphal story told in the band about one church parade led by the Battalion Band, sometime in the 1950s. The mace-bearer was a big lad, with great big hands, each with six fingers it is said. There may be no truth in this but it reminds me of the false story put about years after her death, that Ann Boleyn had six fingers on her right hand, a tale intended to discredit her daughter, Elizabeth I. Anyway, according to the Boys' Brigade story, the band was marching along Ilford High Road, when as a final flourish he tossed the mace high into the air (one of his favourite tricks), but it never came back down again as it was now neatly balanced across the trolley-bus overhead wires. True or not, it made a good story!

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# Poems to Ponder

## The New Year

If we put our hand in God's hand  
As we enter this New Year  
Not knowing what the future holds  
But that our Friend is near

We shall not fear what lies ahead  
If He is by our side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If He will be our guide.

The Sinless One from heaven came  
To dwell with us on earth,  
He sought and bought us with His blood  
And offered us new birth.

Now as we travel through this year  
He knows the things He's planned,  
So let us trust and know just this –  
Our times are in His hands.

*By Megan Carter*

## Hope

It's a time of exultation  
When hope triumphs over fear  
And we're filled with jubilation  
At the turning of the year

As the clock begins its striking  
When we reach the midnight hour  
None can help themselves from liking  
Love and hope's stupendous pow'r!  
Forget the woes and tears and troubles  
Of the year that's just gone by  
Hope – just like the champagne bubbles  
Puts a gleam back in our eye!

Hold firm that hope although the pages  
From the calendar are torn  
Hear the counsel of the sages:  
Hope is every day reborn!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## Happy New Year

As we bid farewell to Christmas Day  
And decorations are cleared away  
The Yuletide tree which lit up the room  
Now removed leaving empty gloom.

January sales are in full swing  
As New Year bells begin to ring  
We wrap up warm against the cold  
To hunt for bargains being sold.

We dream of exotic holidays  
And fantasize about the sun's warm rays  
Here's hoping 2022  
Will be great for me and you!

*by Val Raven*

## Memories are made of this

The wreck was exposed more than I'd seen it before,  
a sea so calm, hardly lapping ashore.  
Bright sunlight glinted on the surf as it broke,  
observing the scenery, we hardly spoke.

The beauty of nature was there within reach,  
tide so far out exposing the beach.  
Groynes like statues, rugged angular and dark,  
within her promoted a "memory spark".

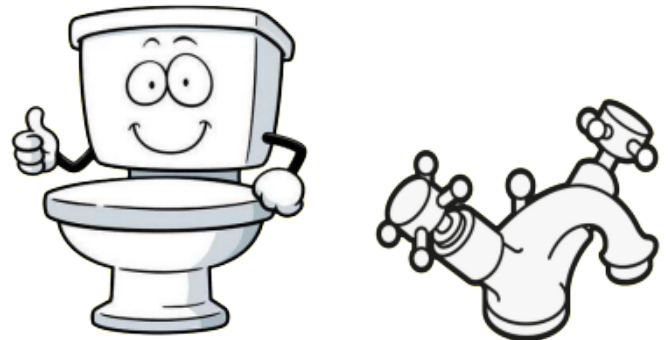
She recalled in her childhood how on such a day,  
they'd need to climb up and over to play.  
The groynes were then a formidable height,  
their job - breaking waves throughout day and night.

But today they are sunken very deep in the sand,  
dogs jump over, while lovers walk hand in hand.  
A family arrive with rods, bait and a chair,  
to ensure whilst they fish Mum is comfortable there.

Generations come and generations go,  
but the sea continues to ebb and to flow.  
God created the sea be it rough or flat calm,  
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*By Julie Shiret*

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# Hair We Are



*with Kevin Huggins  
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Chairman of the  
Gorleston Traders Association*

Last month we were just leading up to Gorleston's Christmas Market and Light switch on. As you are probably aware, we were beaten by the weather as winter started on that weekend. The Gazebos and lights were being put up on the Thursday, when the wind and rain started, we lost one Gazebo as it was blown across the park, with insurance policies refusing to cover us for winds above 25 mph, we had no option really but to call time and cancel the event for the weekend. We did however decide to keep the arrangements on the Sunday for the light switch on and fireworks.

A special mention for Laura Goodman and Wendy Takman and their team from the Council who put a massive amount of work into the event and the organising of the Christmas market in priory gardens. Also, to Neville and Harbour Radio for the entertainment on the Sunday night in the High Street before the fireworks, along with a special mention to his right honourable The Mayor of Great Yarmouth, Adrian Thompson, for turning out on what was a filthy day to do the Christmas Light countdown and then turn on the lights.

It was as if the gods were with us because the wind dropped, the rain and hail stopped on cue at 5:00pm to do the switch on, followed by an incredible firework display from the cinema roof. Many thanks to all at the cinema for allowing the display to go ahead.

The people of Gorleston never cease to amaze me though, where we normally have a street closure, rides and attractions, this year all we had was Harbour radio for entertainment and the fireworks, yet hundreds of locals turned out on the evening, for this I really would like to thank each and every one of you as it makes a strong case to have it again next year.

At present we are also facing a new strain of the pandemic from South Africa, Omicron B. I can't pretend that it is not worrying what lays ahead. Sometime ago I acknowledged the fact that Corona virus was here to stay and we needed to learn to live with it, however I have to say that it is the different variants that seem to come along that is making me nervous. I think what we are going to have to live with is facial protection, not only for ourselves but the fact we need to look after each other.

I watch our girls working in our shop, fully dressed with disposable

gowns, facial masks and visors. Those that have to wear glasses as well find it so difficult for their glasses not to steam up and yet we have people in other places not having to wear anything at all, it just does not make sense! It is the same with our magnificent National Health workers, what they have to wear and do their job to help keep patients healthy and, in some cases, alive. Yet others can walk into a pub and not wear anything. I watched the news this evening and people were getting off public transport without masks on and yet when asked the question "why are you not wearing a mask?" not one of them could come up with a sensible answer, for god's sake put your mask on, it is not all about you.

I am a keen Norwich city fan and although I was very sad to see Daniel Farke leave the club, I do think it was necessary. As far as the premiership is concerned, in my opinion, I always thought he was tactically inept and just did not know how to change the game when needed. The championship to me is a different league altogether and does not need so much tactical knowledge, Norwich gained promotion on two occasions by simply having better players that were fit and young. When you come up to the premiership it is a different kettle of fish altogether and managers quite simply out fox each other tactically and it becomes like a game of chess. Not only was Daniel Farke in a position of no experience of this, so was his backroom staff, all who came from the Bundesliga, which is a totally different ball game. When Norwich got promoted a couple of years ago, quite unexpectedly I have to say, I feel Norwich could have done a lot worse and employed a mentor for the Norwich management team, not to get involved with picking the side, but just to watch the games and advise Daniel afterwards where we could have changed things, someone like a Sam Allardyce, Kevin Keegan, Glen Hoddle or any ex-premiership managers that have retired and don't want the hassle of running a side. I feel that Daniel would have benefited when we went up this time, but unfortunately it felt just like déjà vu and ended up a complete repeat of the last promotion. It was a breath of fresh air to see Dean

Smith come in and in his first game against Southampton, a game in which we were completely under the cosh in the first half, tactically change the game in the second half and go on to win it. Good Luck for the season Dean, even though I still feel it will be a long hard season, we have a long way to go to get back in the mix and our goal difference is not going to help.

This only leaves me to wish you all a happy new year with your families and dare I say a fantastic 2022, see you all again in February.



# Coffee Time 2

## Fallen

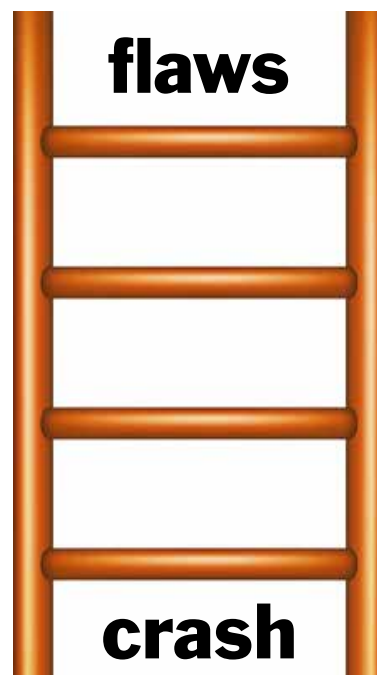
Letters have fallen out of their boxes, but are in the same column. Can you put them back in the right place to reveal a book and its author?

(Words may continue on the next line.)

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c	r	o	e	h	d	o	n	t	d	b
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## Word Ladder

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



## Caught in the middle

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

seventh ..... sent

sky ..... five













black ..... cube

flat ..... stone

front ..... frame

## Crunch 'em

What is “?”

	-		+		=	8
	+		+		=	12
	/2+		-		=	1
	+		+		=	?

## Calling all chefs / bakers!!

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# Gorleston Theatre Company

## GTC's January Revue Will Brighten Your January

If you are looking for something to brighten up dull January, why not add some sparkle to your night and join us for an evening of fun and happiness at the Pavilion Theatre?

Gorleston Theatre Company's January revue, 'A Sparkle in Time Reloaded' is a lively, vibrant journey through songs, dances and comedy from classic musicals and films from past to modern popular block busters. With a variety of dance styles; everything from Flashdance to ballet, Fame and Footloose it promises to be an evening packed with well-known tunes and song, dance, laughter and lots of sparkles!

In the words of one of the performers, 'This show is full of very talented singers, dancers and actors. Some will be familiar to audiences and there are others who are appearing for the first time with GTC. It's full of numbers that anyone who loves musicals will know and enjoy, together with some not so well known, but all have been given 'sparkle'; there's something for everyone.'

Rehearsals are well underway and it's all sounding and looking great so don't miss out - get your tickets now.

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# Gorleston Library

Happy New Year from Gorleston Library!

## Coming up this month:

**Gorleston Library Friends presents:** Laurie Poulson talking about William Grover Williams - 26th January - 2-4pm in the Pavilion Room - £2 - refreshments available

## Regular activities and events:

**Bounce and Rhyme** - Mondays 1-1.30pm and Wednesdays 10.30-11 & 1-1.30pm (drop in)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Colour Me Calm** – Wednesdays 4.30-6pm in main library (come along and have some quiet colouring time), materials available to use

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

**Learn My Way** – Digital online learning for beginners / Fri & Sat sessions available – call in for more details

**Homework Club** – Fridays 3.30-5pm in the main library – drop in – year 7 upwards – Starting January 7th

**Family Learning Sessions** – Thursdays 10-11.30am starting 20th January – For ages 0-4 – see Library / Facebook for details

## You can also:

- Collect **Lateral Flow Device** test kits
- **Browse** the shelves
- **Return items** through the drop box or self-service kiosks
- **Collect reservations**
- **Weigh your baby**
- Book a **private PC room** in order to use video conferencing for essential appointments or book one 60-minute or 90-minute **computer session** on a computer. To book a session or if you need any help using our computers call Gorleston Library on 01493 662156
- Collect Tricky Period and Toiletries To Go products
- **Book a Norfolk Reading Pathway coaching session** (support to learn to read)
- You can leave your details for **Test and Trace** at the door or you can use the QR code at the door
- You can now **hire a room for a meeting** - please call or pop in for details

**We would like you to wear a face covering** in the library and hand sanitiser is available

There are now **seats** for you to enjoy some more library time

## Opening hours:

**Open Library** is where you use your card and pin to access the library during reduced staffed times. This is now available between 8-10am Mon to Sat and all day Sunday. Please see staff for more information on how to sign up for this.

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# Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy

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It has been a really busy and successful term at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy, with a wide range of exciting events taking place to support children's learning!

## Visit to Norwich Playhouse Theatre

Year 1 enjoyed a visit to the Playhouse Theatre in Norwich to see a live performance of the much-loved classic book, *The Gruffalo*! As well as being a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all the children, their visit inspired some fabulous writing and art work back in school.

## Budding Authors!

This week, Year 2 pupils have been working with Nick Sharratt, as he talked about his new series of books about sharks and read his new book, 'Oh no! Shark in the Snow!'. The children really enjoyed finding out about illustrating and Nick gave them lots of tips!

## A Roman Visitor!



Year 3 have been learning about the Romans and were very excited when a Roman Soldier arrived in school to teach them all about life in Ancient Rome! They had great fun working alongside our visitor and even tried on some Roman armour! Their workshop has inspired some great follow up learning!

## Choir and Recorder Club

Our choir has been busy learning Christmas carols, ready to perform in front of the school community. They meet every Wednesday and really enjoy singing together.

We have recently started a new Recorder Club and lots of our children have been having fun learning how to play the recorder and how to read music.



## Artist Workshops

Our budding artists in Y3 were delighted to take part in a virtual art lesson with a real artist. This was a fantastic opportunity to learn about line drawing from an expert and we are confident that some of our pupils may well become professional artists themselves in the future!

## Keep Dancing....

From sporting stars to dancing stars.... Our new 'Keep Dancing' clubs have launched this term and have provided opportunities for children from 5-11 to learn a range of dances. It has been wonderful to see them practising their Cha Cha Chas and American Smooths and we are very excited to see their debut performances at our upcoming Outdoor Christmas Performances!

## Sporting Success



Our 'Sporting Stars' have been back in action as a team of pupils from OCPPA represented the Academy at the recent UEA Sports Park Athletics Competition. The children were great ambassadors for the Academy and gave 100% throughout the day, finishing in an impressive fourth position. We are very proud of all those who attended.



We would like to wish all our families a Happy New Year and thank them for their support throughout the year.

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# Gorleston Grapevine

with Carol Todd



Happy New Year Gorleston! Here's hoping that 2022 brings you all happiness, healthiness and freedom! Really hope you spent the festive period with your loved ones and enjoyed yourselves. We decided to remain in Gorleston, however, I made extra effort to

ensure that missing our family up North wouldn't hamper our festivities. We still partied on Hogmanay like we were back in Scotland.

I cannot believe that it's been 2 years of living with COVID. We decided to postpone our Christmas party last month and move it to when things will get better, whenever, that may be! Instead, I made lovely Christmas Hampers for all our clients and staff as a way of appreciating them all and a thank you for working so hard. A Christmas Breakfast was enjoyed by all of our employees instead, just without the alcohol!

I'd like to give a wee shout out to my beautiful Gorleston friend, Karen Donaldson. I haven't seen her for way too long. You know what it's like, life gets in the way, we all have commitments, however Karen very kindly took the time to message me to say how much she enjoys reading Gorleston Grapevine. I hope you enjoy it too, and if I can give anyone a mention, wish them well on your behalf, then drop me an email at the address below.



So proud of all our staff here at L.G. Perfect's. Not only can they fix, service and MOT your vehicles, but they can help save your life too. A huge congratulations to our top guys, Andy England (left) and Phil Hodds (below), who passed their

First Aid at Work with flying colours. Thanks so much to Daniel Dyball of Prior Power Solutions, who is a fantastic trainer. Both our guys were presented with their certificates recently.



I will be ensuring that we have many more trained First Aiders on site in the near future.

Our awesome E.E. Green team have been completing lots of work throughout our area. You might have heard already

that some idiots set the Growlers Café on Church Lane on fire back in November. Great Yarmouth Borough Council commissioned our team to strip it out, get rid of all



the rubbish and leave the remaining walls, ready for what the next plan of action is. Well done to all our team for their hard work! It's not great stinking of smoke and removing items in the pouring rain.

We've also been working with ELM Contracts on the renovation of Claydon Pavillion on Suffolk Road. It'll be really exciting to see what the finished project will look like. Something for all our Gorleston residents to enjoy in the future.



As some of you know, I live on the fabulous Bells Road in Gorleston. It's sad we have to say Goodbye to the wonderful Steve who ran Wrights Ironmongers. I really miss his store! A bulb went out the other day, and my first thought was oh I'll just pop to Wright's, but alas, it's been cleared out by the fabulous folk at East Coast Insulations. I believe it's being split into 3 different units for rent. Another awesome addition to the best road in Gorleston (in my opinion). Hope you're enjoying your retirement Steve!



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



# Kids' Corner

Can you find the 7 differences?

## Hope and Strength for the New Year from The Bible

6 Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray, always give thanks. 7 And God's peace will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. The peace that God gives is so great that we cannot understand it. *Philippians 4:6-7*  
9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." *Joshua 1:9 4:6-7*



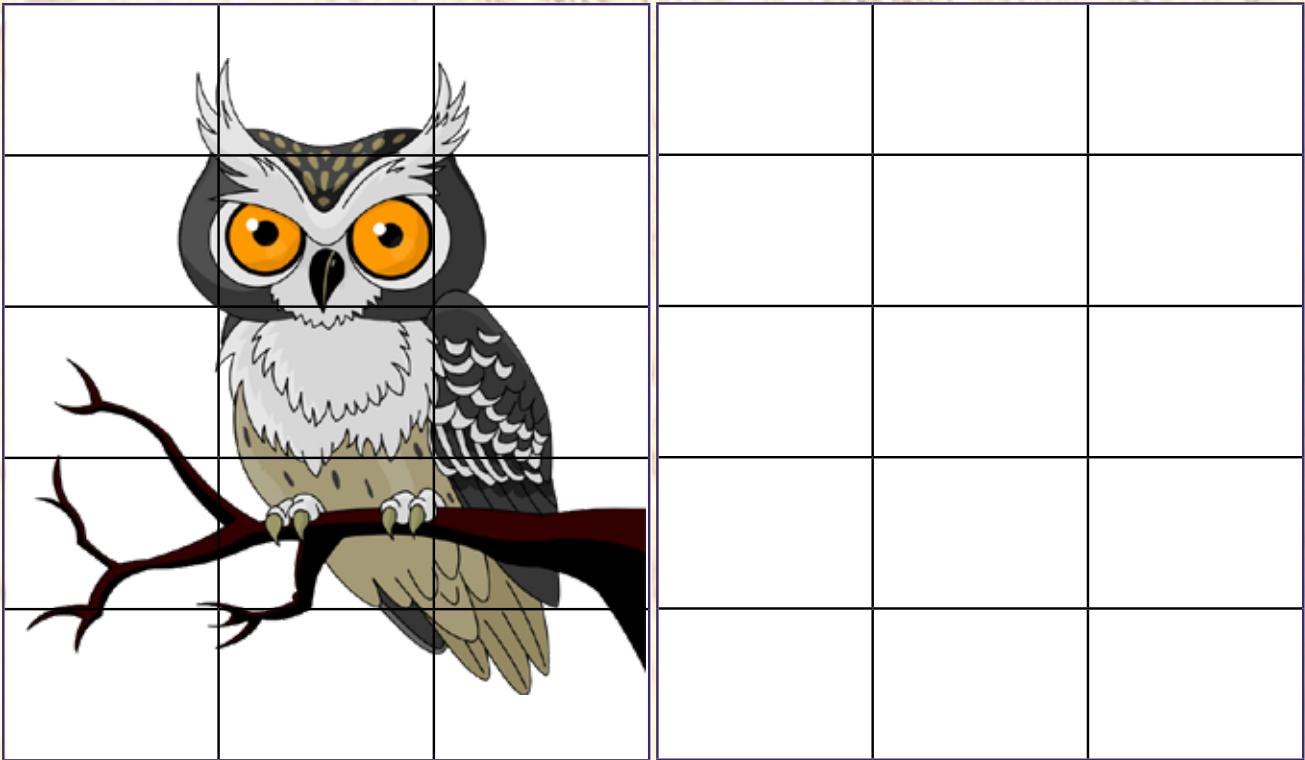
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# Gorleston Then & Now

*by John McBride*



The Links Hotel on Marine Parade, at the junction with Bridge Road, was built in 1939 by the local brewery Lacons, but it did not open until 1952 after the end of the Second World War. High over the main entrance was the Lacon's logo as pictured to the right. The Hotel was demolished in 1999 and several new houses were built on the site.







# Opening THE Book

with  
Reverend  
John Kinchin-Smith

I'm sure that many are hoping that 2022 will be a better year than last year. But there will continue to be many challenges ahead. Last October, Pope Francis warned that the interlinking crises of the pandemic and climate change have created "a perfect storm" about to cause havoc to human civilisation.

The Bible contains much sound advice for daily life, even in adverse circumstances. Much of the New Testament was written to Christians undergoing persecution. The Old Testament provides much good teaching about life: the Book of Proverbs for example. But the wisest advice is found in the New Testament, especially in the teaching of Jesus.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Encouraging our trust in our heavenly Father's love and provision, he said, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." On another occasion he taught, "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

St Paul, who wrote many of the Letters in the New Testament, gives this advice: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things...And the God of peace will be with you."

St John, the writer of a Gospel and three Letters, warns however, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." Happy New Year!



# News from The Mag

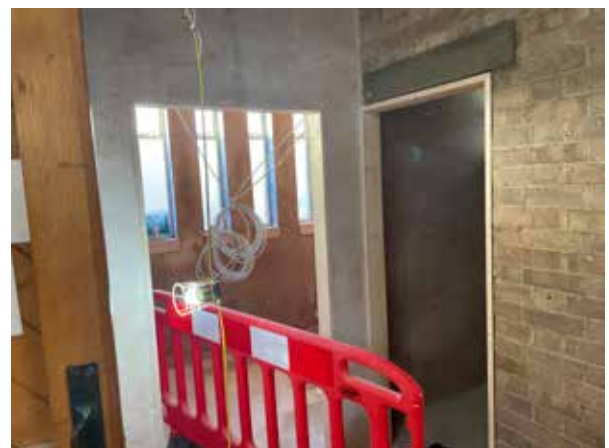
with  
Reverend Matthew Price



If you've walked past St Mary Magdalene Church recently, you might have noticed builders' vans outside on a regular basis. With funding from Norfolk County Council's Social Infrastructure Fund, we are making some changes to the church building so that it is more multi-functional, and therefore there is more space available to serve, and for use by, our wider community.



By the time you read this, the work should have been completed (or very nearly at least!). We have introduced a permanent hospitality area at the back of the church, renovated the toilets (which haven't had anything done to them since 1957!), including a new fully accessible toilet, and replaced the pews with lightweight stackable seating.




All of this is a very practical outworking of our vision as a church to be "seeking the peace and prosperity" of our community. The changes have already meant we've been able to launch our new parent and toddler group, Magpies, and we now host a slimming world group on a Monday afternoon and evening. We hope these will be just the beginning of wider community use of the space!

Why not pop along and check out the changes?

**Richard  
Routledge**



Our Soul Village weekend was a brand new event that was a massive gamble. Would people come to a new soul weekend when you had the big two (Caister and Southport) being so popular and had been going for years.

 We felt there was room for a small weekend with new and other well known DJs who were not being used. There were four of us, Kev James, Paul Clark, Ian Mortimer and myself.

We stuck our heads together and came up with a refreshing new DJ line up. Next was to find a venue. That was down to me and after a few weeks I found a lovely small camp in the small village of Corton between Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth.

The camp was perfect. It held about 350 people, was a great two floor venue, had a swimming pool, and it was right on top of a cliff looking out to sea.

Next job was to get the flyers done once the date was agreed, and then to start selling it. All four of us came from different parts of East Anglia - Kev from Colchester, Paul from Ipswich, Ian from Norwich and me from Bradwell.

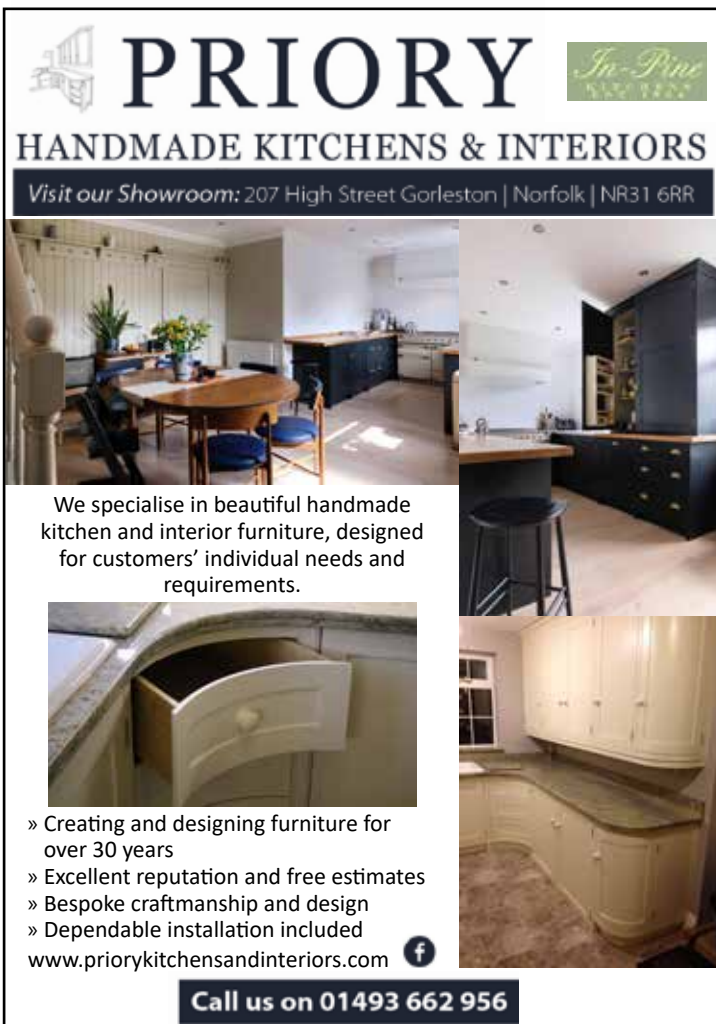
We all went out to clubs from London to all over the East of England. To be honest it was a slog but it needed to be done. Some of it was done online, but this was 2001 and Facebook was hardly there, so there was a lot of standing outside clubs in the early hours of the morning.

After a few weeks it started to sell and then it started to sell very well - a few weeks before the event, we had sold all the accommodation. I don't think we could believe it ourselves. The weekend was soon here, you then worry about sound systems, DJ times and just hope people like it.

The whole weekend was brilliant - great crowd, great DJs, and the sun shone for us. A few soul music magazines gave great reviews and Soul Village had arrived. The only problem we had was that we needed a bigger camp. In the next issue I'll explain how Soul Village grew.

Find Richard and What Is Hip on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WhatisHipGLSTN/>





## Dementia Befrienders - volunteers wanted

Our Dementia team are looking for special individuals who would be interested in joining our amazing Dementia Befriender volunteers here at the James Paget.

We would particularly love to welcome more men to the team!

Do you enjoy chatting, reading, listening? Maybe you are good at crafts, puzzles, or jigsaws?

While not involved in personal care, you will support patients with their meals and provide a friendly presence. You will receive training and ongoing support from the Trust and Dementia Team to develop your knowledge and understanding of dementia and the different effects patients may experience.

You would have an opportunity to meet our current Befrienders to hear their experiences and it will enable you to gain experience and confidence when seeking further employment or career opportunities.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed in line with Trust Policy.

If this is something you would love to consider, please give the dementia team or volunteer coordinator a call to arrange an informal chat about the roles and responsibilities. Please call Ali Thayne, Dementia Care Lead, on 01493 453735, or John Gilligan, Volunteer Coordinator, on 01493 453546.

*Please note, the Trust continues to follow national Covid visiting guidelines to keep everyone safe, whilst allowing reasonable adjustments for patients with dementia as appropriate.*

## Chief Executive steps down



Anna Hills will be stepping down as Chief Executive of James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to take up the position of Chief Executive at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust.

She will take up her new role in 2022 following her notice period.

Anna has been Chief Executive at the James Paget University

Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for three years, taking on the role as an Interim in December 2018 before becoming the permanent Chief Executive of the Trust in August 2019. She began her career in healthcare at the James Paget in 1992, working as a Clinical Orthoptist.

Anna has also worked at Ipswich and West Suffolk Hospitals and, after five years at Price Waterhouse Coopers, returned to the James Paget in December 2009 where she has held various roles including Director of Governance and Workforce and Deputy Chief Executive.

Anna led the Trust through its most recent CQC inspection, where the hospital continues to be assessed as 'Good',

## James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

and has steered the James Paget compassionately through the COVID-19 pandemic, leading the Trust's response to unprecedented challenges for health and care services, and representing the hospital at local, regional and national levels.

Anna Davidson, Chair of James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "I wish Anna the very best of luck when she takes up her new role next year at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust – this is a great opportunity for her, and we will all miss her very much!"

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, Council of Governors, and all staff working at the Trust, I would like to thank her for her tireless commitment to improving services for our patients, and for her leadership throughout her time at the hospital."

Anna Hills said: "The James Paget will always hold a very special place in my heart, it being my local hospital and full of such compassionate and caring staff.

"It has been an honour and a privilege to be Chief Executive to such an amazing organisation. I wish everybody well in this next phase for the Trust."

The Trust will begin recruitment to the Chief Executive position in due course.

## Hip Fracture Surgery

James Paget surgeons have recently undertaken a training workshop to learn more about a modern hip implant to fix hip fractures in older patients.

Hip fractures are a growing concern amongst the Orthopaedic surgeons. The treatment of hip fractures in older patients involves either replacing the hip joint or fixing the broken bits, and this often requires several days stay in hospital. Fixation of hip fracture in fragile bones is a huge challenge and Orthopaedic surgeons are constantly looking for new avenues to meet this challenge.

Earlier this month our orthopaedic team organised a very successful session to train our surgeons around the use of a new hip implant to fix hip fractures. This implant allows hip fracture patients to walk next day and this can facilitate early discharge from the hospital, improving overall outcomes for patients.

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Mr Sunil Garg, Clinical Lead for the James Paget's Trauma and Orthopaedics department, said; "The hospital treats approximately 400 hip fractures every year with average length of stay for patients of 14 days. We are always looking for developments that can help patients, including things that may reduce the length of stay in hospital, and these workshops help to improve the quality of care and drive excellence in this area."

# More Coffee Time!

## Codeword

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

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## ***and More Coffee Time!***

## Wordsearch

Can you find the words listed below?

Words occur in the grid forwards, backwards and diagonally.



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Celery	Gourd	Sage
Chard	Kale	Soy
Chili	Leek	Swede
Cole	Maize	Tomato
Corn	Okra	Yam
Cress	Onion	

An advertisement for Bradwell Car Clinic. The top half has a white background with the text 'BRADWELL' in large blue letters with an orange outline, and 'CAR CLINIC' below it in the same style. To the right is a white hatchback car. Below this, a blue horizontal band contains the text 'Call Tony Pace on:' in orange, followed by the phone number '01493 603 754' in large white letters with an orange outline. The bottom half of the image has a grey background with the text 'Unit 2, Shuttleworth Close, Gapton Hall, Gt. Yarmouth, NR31 0NG' in black.

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# GoSH

## Gorleston-on-Sea Heritage Group

Gordon Stone Photographer

A regular reader of the Gorleston Community Magazine has kindly given this photograph to a GoSH member. It appears to have been taken in the 1940s or 1950s and depicts herring being unloaded at Great Yarmouth Fish Wharf with Ocean Hunter YH296 in the background. This photograph was the work of the Gorleston photographer, G W Stone.



Gordon William Stone was born in Hastings on the 8th April 1885, the son of William John and Beatrice Stone nee Herrington. The 1891 Census records William, Beatrice and Gordon living at 25 Western Road, Bexhill-on-Sea and by 1901 the Stones had moved to Great Clacton in Essex and were living at Lilly Cottage in Wellesley Road.

Ten years later the 1911 Census tells us that they had moved to Gorleston and were residing at 103 High Street. This property was a tobacconist's shop that doubled up as the Stone family home. This business had previously been run by Mrs Florence Gaylish according to Kelly's Directory for Norfolk of 1908. The head of the household was William John Stone, a married man, age 54, who was born at Ewell in Surrey and was living on "private means" along with his wife Beatrice age 50 a "tobacconist" who was born at Twyford in Berkshire and their son Gordon William Stone, a single man, age 26 who was also a "tobacconist".

Beatrice Stone rented the property from George Thurlby at a rent of £16 per annum according to an advertisement in the Yarmouth Independent of Saturday 5th June 1909, when local auctioneer Ernest Glanfield had been appointed to sell the late Mr Thurlby's assets by auction at the Star Hotel. The property was described as a freehold shop and dwelling house, containing a front entrance and two side entrances, a front shop and two sitting rooms, a kitchen, large storeroom, conservatory, yard, 3 bedrooms, WC and a coal house.

Previously in 1906 at the age of twenty years and ten months, Gordon Stone joined the Norfolk Militia and stated that his next of kin were his father William and his mother Beatrice, both of 68 Upper Cliff Road, Gorleston along with his brother Bertie (Henry Herbert Stone born 1903) who appears to be living in Yorkshire. By 1907 Gordon had purchased his discharge from the Militia and in 1909 he signed up for four years with the Territorial Force, the 5th battalion of the Norfolk Regiment. On his attestation form

he declared that he was employed as a Tram Conductor for Great Yarmouth Corporation and was living at 103 High Street, Gorleston. He was re-engaged for a further year in 1913 and again in 1914. He was promoted to corporal in August 1914 and to sergeant in October 1914. But by the December of 1914 he was declared to be medically unfit for service, owing to defective sight. Undeterred in 1917 he joined the Royal Naval Reserve and served on HMS President II, a shore-based establishment that appears to have been based at Great Yarmouth in 1918. He was then transferred into the Royal Naval Air Service that was absorbed into the Royal Airforce in 1918. Gordon served as an Officer's Steward until he was discharged in 1920. His RNR record shows his civilian occupations to be a "tobacconist" and a "waiter".

Gordon's father William John Stone died at the Cottage Hospital, Gorleston on the 30th January 1921 and he was buried in the Old Cemetery at Gorleston on the 2nd February 1921. Section Q Grave no 364.

It is believed that Gordon, during his return to civilian life in Gorleston, had become interested in photography and began taking photographs professionally in partnership with his mother Beatrice, trading as B. Stone & Son. They did take wedding photographs etc but they are mainly remembered for their postcard size photographs of fishing vessels departing from or returning to Great Yarmouth harbour.

For many years, Gordon with his camera must have been a familiar sight standing on Gorleston Pier. In July 1934, while on one of his many photographic expeditions to the old wooden pier, he witnessed a dramatic incident when James Bonney, a thirteen-year-old pupil at the Alderman Leach School, got into difficulties while bathing in the surf



off the Spur Breakwater. Bertie Beavers of Upper Cliff Road, a pilot boat driver, jumped into the sea and rescued the boy. The Gorleston Volunteer Lifeboat, Elizabeth Simpson, was giving pleasure cruises and did come out of the harbour but was not needed. Beavers had got the boy to the pier and was, by many willing hands, pulled up the side of the pier. Artificial respiration was administered by Coastguard Hayes, and, when James reached consciousness, he was conveyed to the Cottage Hospital by ambulance but was released later that evening.

The 1939 register records Gordon as a "Master Shopkeeper" and his mother Beatrice, a widow, living on "Private Means" both residing at 23 Upper Cliff Road, Gorleston. Beatrice died on the 3rd July 1946 at Attleborough Emergency Hospital. She was buried in the same grave plot as her husband William at the old Gorleston Cemetery on the 8th July 1946.

Following the sad loss of his mother Gordon continued running the family business as a tobacconist. However, if the maroon rockets were fired by the RNLI lifeboat station at Gorleston, to summon the crew, Gordon would quickly close his shop and run down to the pier to photograph the action. He displayed his marine photographs at his shop pinned to display boards. Our example of the Fish Wharf has drawing pin holes in each corner.

On the 1st February 1953 he was out and about with his camera around Gorleston taking photographs of the aftermath of the east coast floods. Many of these photographs are now iconic images of this disaster and

are often reproduced in more recent publications about the 1953 floods.

Kelly's Great Yarmouth Directory of 1952 listed B Stone & Son as the occupant of 103 High Street. By the time the 1959 edition of this directory had been published the occupier of the tobacconist's shop at 103 was Mrs E M Taylor. It would appear that Gordon had retired at some point between these dates (he would have been 65 years old in 1950) and disposed of his business to Mrs Taylor. He did however continue working in photography at A&S Yallop Ltd's developing and printing works at the Woodlands in the High Street. Ernie Bell who was the manager of Yallops during the 1950s and 1960s remembered Gordon working at the Yallop works for about five years in the 1950s.

Gordon died during August 1969 at the age of 86 in the Northgate Hospital. He was buried in the adjoining plot to his parents' grave at the old Gorleston Cemetery on the 6th August 1969 in Area Q Grave no 363. Gordon's lasting legacy lies in the hundreds, possibly thousands, of photographs that he took of fishing vessels from Gorleston Pier, that today are highly prized by marine historians and collectors. In his time, he had probably photographed nearly all the fishing vessels that were based in or were visiting Great Yarmouth.

*The next GoSH meeting will be held on Tuesday the 8th February 2022 in the Brackley Room at the Shrublands Youth and Adult Centre, Magdalen Way, Gorleston, NR31 7BP, but please do check our website <https://gorleston-on-sea-heritage-group.webnode.com> in case of any last minute changes.*



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# Gorleston FC



At the time of writing, Gorleston still sit top of the Thurlow Nunn League table by a point, with a game in hand on second placed Wroxham, and these two sides will meet in what promises to be a scintillating clash in the first match of 2022.

With half the league games played, Gorleston have already reached the 50 point mark, which is nine more than they achieved in the last fully completed season before Covid.

Due to the amount of rain in late November/early December, the Greens have only managed two games since last month's magazine.



In the league, Ely City took the lead after just 100 seconds but were eventually beaten 4-2. Connor Ingram, pictured left, scored a hat trick and Mitch McKay celebrated his

200th appearance by scoring the other.

But there was to be no such joy or long journey along the road to Wembley in the FA Vase.

Buckhurst Hill visited Emerald Park in a lively encounter. They took the lead just after half an hour and went 2-0 up in the 63rd minute. Four minutes later they had a man sent off.



*Harrison Bacon pulls the ball back v Buckhurst Hill*

Gorleston piled on the pressure, pulling a goal back in the 83rd minute through Ross Gilfedder. In the third minute of stoppage time, Emerald Park erupted as Robbie Sweeney, pictured below, equalised.



With a penalty shoot out looming, Buckhurst were given a free kick in the 96th minute, thirty yards from goal. It was hit goalwards and, with the curl deceiving keeper Jake Jessup, the ball found the net to dump the Greens out of the competition.

Gorleston were drawn at home to Wells Town to begin their defence of the Norfolk Senior Cup. This game also fell foul of the weather and had not been rearranged at the time of writing. Should the Greens win the rearranged tie, they will be away to Mattishall in the next round in January.

Gorleston Reserves are now under the management of Ryan Gowing and have played three, won three, all away from home, since last month's edition, moving up to seventh in the Anglian Combination Division 1 table.

Firstly came a 6-0 win at Norwich Utd Under 21s with Ross Gilfedder hitting a hat trick. Joe Corby, Nicholas Davis and Sam Wooldridge scored the others. Fakenham Reserves were beaten 3-0 (Wooldridge 2, Declan Allan) then came a 2-1 win at Attleborough Town where Peter Lambert scored both goals.

The Under 18s are also battling with Wroxham at the top of their table, this time the Yachtsmen having the lead. The young Greens have only played once since last month, winning 9-1 at Diss Town. There were hat tricks for Joe Corby and Samir Lamarti, Harrison Hall scored twice and Lewis Snowling hit the other.

Gorleston Womens team have played one league game, winning 12-0 at Freethorpe (Kelsi Adams 6, Rebecca Waters 2, Megan Bartlett, Jenifer Martins, Sienna Saunders and Hannah Halfnight). They went out of the League Cup, losing 1-15 to Long Stratton, Rebecca Waters the scorer.

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

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January Fixtures				
Date	Time	Competition	Team	Opponents (Home/Away)
03/01/22	3 PM	League	First Team	Wroxham (H)
08/01/22	3 PM	League	First Team	Walsham le Willows (H)
09/01/22	2 PM	League	Womens	Loddon Utd (A)
15/01/22	3 PM	League	First Team	Fakenham Town (A)
22/01/22	3 PM	League	First Team	Mildenhall Town (H)
W/c 22/01	TBC	Senior Cup 3	First Team	Mattishall (A)*
23/01/22	1 PM	Plate	Womens	Beccles Town (H)
30/01/22	2 PM	League	Womens	Red Rose (A)
Reserves fixtures not known at time of writing				
Under 18s fixtures not known at time of writing				
* If Gorleston beat Wells Town in the 2nd Round				



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# Ormiston Venture Academy

## Venture students support children's charity through shoebox appeal

Students at Ormiston Venture Academy, have been supporting young people in Eastern Europe and Africa through their annual shoebox appeal.

Following the launch of this year's shoebox appeal, students across the academy have been busily packing items ready to provide some Christmas cheer for those less fortunate. The Samaritans 'Operation Christmas Child' is where shoeboxes full of gifts are created and then delivered to children who need them most, as Christmas presents.

A shoebox gift provides a connection between different cultures, backgrounds and nationalities. It bridges the gap between those who have something to give and those who can't wait to receive it. Students at Venture were told that over one million shoeboxes were sent out from the UK and Ireland again in 2020, with 5,000 UK volunteers helping to prepare the shoeboxes for delivery in fourteen different countries again in 2021.



With 2020 being such a difficult year for everyone, the Samaritans 'Operation Christmas Child' Appeal was perhaps even more important than ever, with even more young people across the world struggling to provide basic necessities, let alone gifts at Christmas time.

Students, teachers, administration staff and parents packed an impressive 43 shoeboxes that were then delivered to the local drop off point in Norwich. The whole Ormiston Venture community was delighted to be involved in something so interesting that will bring so much joy to so many young people in parts of the world they may never visit. With the shoeboxes from 2020 arriving in Romania for Christmas,



everyone at the academy is excited to see which country they will have helped in 2021.

Spencer Doggett, Director of Learning Cultures at Ormiston Venture Academy and who launched the appeal again in 2021, said:

*"Tutors showed a video about the shoebox appeal and it clearly hit home. It makes students realise that life in Great Britain is perhaps far less difficult than it is in other parts of the world, even after the pandemic. Despite another tough year for our own communities here on the East Coast, we have managed to pull together and hope to better last year's total number of boxes, providing even more young people who our students will never even meet, something to smile about on Christmas Day 2021"*



# Giggle Box

by Michael Howard

A man walks into an art gallery containing all of one artist's paintings. The manager asks if he's interested in any particular painting? The man replies "I am interested, but there is one question I need to ask. If the artist suddenly dies, God forbid, would his paintings be worth more?" "My goodness," replied the manager, "possibly treble the value!" "In that case I will buy all of his paintings" said the man. The next day the artist in question visited the gallery and found all his paintings gone. He questioned the manager who told him one man had come in and bought them all. "Do you know who the buyer was?" asked the artist. "Yes" replied the manager "he was your doctor".



A farmer living in a remote village had a hundred cows, whereupon he supplied all the local shops and supermarkets in the area with all their dairy products, i.e. milk, cheese, and butter. He rose from his bed one Monday morning to call the cows in for milking, but, to his utter shock, a freak weather condition overnight had frozen all the cows solid, to the ground. He was at his wits end, when he noticed a person at the far end of his field, slowly walking in between each of the cows, touching them and bringing them back to life. As this person got closer and closer to the house, he could see this person was a woman and she had touched all one hundred cows back to life. "It's a miracle" said the farmer. "Whatever is your name?" The woman replied "Thora Hird".



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# Gorleston Rotary



## Is Gorleston Rotary Club Membership your New Year's Resolution?

Gorleston Rotary Club has been in existence for more than 50 years, and even the pandemic has been unable to stop the Club raising funds and supporting our members with fellowship and support even during these difficult times.

Donations received through the Club's Wishing Well and other fund-raising activities have ensured that great charities have been supported. These have included the Sue Lambert Trust, Kids out, Young Carers and Smoke Alarm Project amongst others.



Children in local primary schools have also been given dictionaries and a donation was made to Mind. The Club has sponsored a local young person with their studies in the Netherlands and children's golf events organised at Gorleston Golf Club.

International causes such as the Cleft Lip Charity and Lend with Care have also received funds to help people across the world.

Plans are already in place for more fundraising this year including a musical event at the Gorleston Pavilion Theatre on 18 March 2022 which will also be supporting the

Pavilion Restoration Fund – please do get your tickets early.

A Queen's Jubilee Lunch is also planned for 5 June 2022 at the Bandstand with many other ideas in progress.

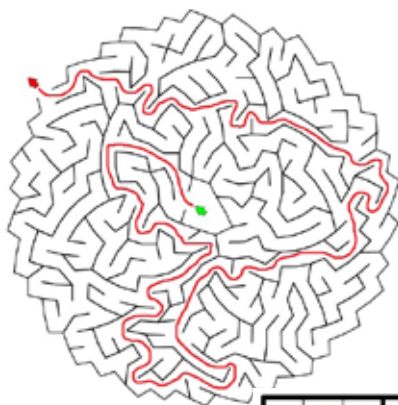


Gorleston Rotary Club meets every Thursday at the Pier in Gorleston at 6.15 pm each week and all are welcome.

If you are interested in meeting new people, gaining new friends from a wide variety of backgrounds, being part of an active community, giving back something to your area and enjoy sharing ideas while you eat a delicious two-course meal at the Pier, Gorleston Rotary Club is for you!

Find out more about the Club by accessing our website [www.gorlestonrotary.org.uk](http://www.gorlestonrotary.org.uk) and send us a message on the contact page. President Susan Page will be very pleased to hear from you and joining the Club will be a great way to give something back to your community – a great New Year's resolution!

## Coffee Time Answers



### Fallen

Crime and Punishment  
by Fyodor Dostoevsky

### Word Ladder

crash, clash, class, claws, flaws

### Caught in the middle

heaven, high, ice, cap, door

### Crunch 'em

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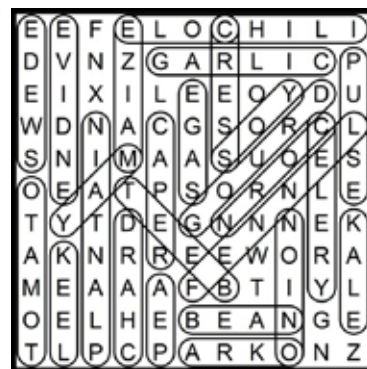
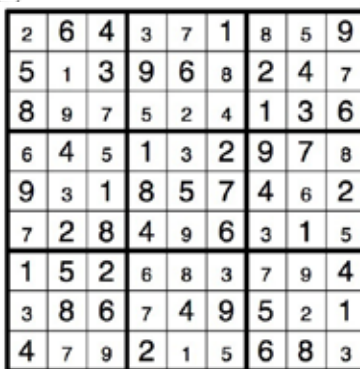
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# Ormiston Herman Academy

Happy New Year! Everyone at Ormiston Herman would like to wish our students, parents, guardians, Governors and local community a very Happy New Year!

Providing a rich and stimulating curriculum is a very high priority at Ormiston Herman Academy. As well as delivering an excellent academic program, we provide a varied range of activities including sports, music, drama and the arts. These are some of the highlights from the Autumn Term.

## Our Curriculum during the Autumn Term

### **Sporting Achievements**

A big well done to our Athletics and Football teams who both competed in competitions recently. We are pleased to announce that our Athletics team finished in 6th place, showing great sportsmanship and determination in all of their events held at the UEA. Our Boys' Football team finished 3rd in their group at a football tournament held at North Denes Primary.



### **Maths Week**

Mrs Longman led an assembly encouraging children to think mathematically and the children spent the day solving problems and finding different mathematical ways of answering them. Each class read a story which had a Maths focus and then produced some wonderful work to go alongside it.

Children in Key Stage Two took part in the 'England Rocks 21- Times Tables Rock Stars Competition' and we are delighted to say that Ormiston Herman Academy was the top performing school out of all the Ormiston Trust Primaries! Great work everyone!

### **National Science Day**

The children enjoyed learning about famous scientists and their topic specific work. Year 2 completed an experiment using ice cubes and learnt about the effects of climate change. The Principal was very impressed with the range of technical vocabulary that they were able to use.

### **Year 4 Pirate Wow Day**

Year 4 have been reading the classic story Treasure Island by the author Robert Louis Stevenson as their class novel. This linked to their Geography topic around map skills. The children and staff came to school dressed as pirates. Throughout the day, the children took part in many activities including; vocabulary games; making a pirate hat; creating a pirate map using symbols; a treasure hunt and creating their own pirate name. They all had a fantastic day!



### **The Great Yarmouth Lions Club Appeal - Spectacles**

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already donated glasses for The Great Yarmouth Lions Club appeal. The collection box is in the Academy Entrance, if anyone has any glasses they no longer need.

### **Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks!**

The children certainly did us proud last month, wearing a wonderful variety of socks. When they were asked why they were wearing mismatched footwear, they could clearly explain why, which is incredibly important.



### **Interfaith Week**

The children had the opportunity to learn about other faiths that they may not know much about. There has never been a more important time to address barriers that can be caused by a lack of understanding of different faiths and those with no faith. Herman pupils know that we expect them to be respectful of each other, whatever the background, culture



or faith. At Ormiston Herman Academy, we actively promote the British Values of Democracy, Law, Liberty, Respect and Tolerance and expect pupils, staff, Governors and parents to practice these principles.

### **Remembrance Day**

All children at Ormiston Herman Academy joined in a short assembly, observed a two minute silence and donated generously towards the Poppy appeal. Year 6 walked up to Gorleston Cemetery with other schools in the local area and paid their respects to the fallen and wounded. They represented the Academy impeccably. We received a wonderful email from a member of the public who was a pupil at Herman in the 1950's. He wanted to tell us how impressed he was with the respectful way that our Year 6 pupils conducted themselves. Well done to everyone involved!



### **Community and Events**

#### **12 Days of Christmas**

As we were unable to have a Christmas Fayre, members of staff led by Miss White and Miss Manifold, organised 12 days of Christmas at Ormiston Herman. There were stalls outside the Academy office every day with a range of activities and games including; a Christmas tombola; a toy stall; a hamper raffle and Christmas craft! Well done to everyone who joined in and thank you for all your generosity.



# **The Bookshelf**

## **Cartes Postales From Greece**

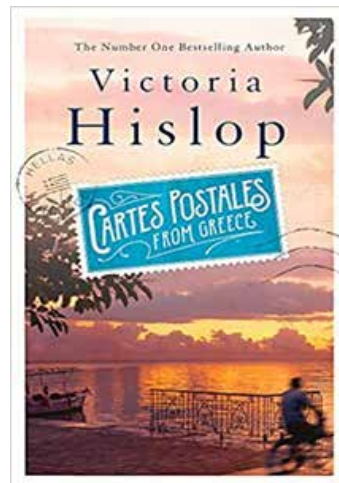
**by Victoria Hislop**

reviewed by Margaret Evans

Week after week the postcards arrive, addressed to someone Ellie does not know; each signed 'A'.

These alluring postcards of Greece begin to brighten her life and eventually she decides she must see this country for herself.

On the morning of her departure, a notebook arrives telling the story of a man's odyssey through Greece. A's tale unfolds with the discovery not only of a culture but also of a desire to live life to the full once more.



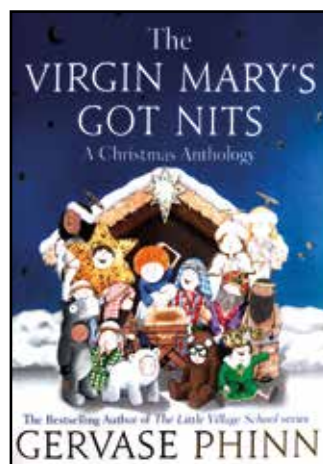
This is a delightful tale of love, struggle and redemption, which takes you on a magical journey – it's the perfect escape.

## **The Virgin Mary's Got Nits**

### **A Christmas Anthology**

**by Gervase Phinn**

reviewed by Karen Bryant



I am a great fan of Gervase Phinn and this little book which was first published in 2014, is a permanent resident on my bookshelf enabling me to dip in and out when the mood takes.

"Nits" is both funny and touching, with many laugh out loud moments interspersed with emotional "aahs". It is packed with stories, poetry and reminiscences relating to Christmas with many involving the children Gervase met in his time as a Yorkshire school inspector.

You'll be glad to know "Nits" is still available to purchase!

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# Life Afloat

*by Patricia West, who continues her reminiscences...*



Happy New Year! Hopefully you read my December offering "Christmas Afloat" and as we start a new 2022 I would like to change tack. Perhaps you will come with me as I revisit the mini adventures aboard "Pillage" so many years ago.

To begin at the beginning...

It was a glorious summer's evening and we were having supper outside in the courtyard when Richard dropped his bombshell. The air was so still the sounds of the practising church bell ringers could be heard hanging in the soft warm air. Pouring the wine, averting his glance, Richard began to speak...he was disenchanted with his job; of his too easy life style and wanted to sell our 17th century cottage, buy a boat and explore pastures new.

Staring in disbelief I could barely take it in until finally he said "The point is I am forty and slowly sinking into fat contentment buried here in the country." My heart was racing... what was wrong with fat contentment in this lovely place? For five years I had happily lived in Saxted with its friendly pub and large village green two miles outside Framlingham.

Bridge Cottage had masses of beams, two inglenook fireplaces, a huge garden full of flowers, vegetable patch, a chicken run for Daisy our bad tempered black hen and her three chicks Tansy, Pansy and Mustard. Added to the mix were Jessica the pigeon and our duck Jacob. Jessica had fluttered onto our lawn with a broken wing and a sickly Jacob was left behind by his mum and siblings when they crossed the road on a cold March morning and he failed to keep up.

Warming Jacob's feathers with my hair dryer set to low, and placing him in a basket before the fire, he slowly recovered. Two swimming lessons in our bath and Jacob's initiation as a duck was complete. Richard was able to mend Jessica's wing although sadly she would never again fly above seven feet. This Menagerie included the dogs Holly and Gulliver and cats, Slarty and Zephod whose names we had taken from "The Hitch Hikers' Guide to the Galaxy". Just as in Noah's Ark our animal kingdom lived side by side in reasonable harmony.

We baked bread, made wine from the sloes and fruits gathered in the hedgerows near Framlingham castle, ferrying the bounty home on our bicycles. I spent many happy hours in the kitchen listening to music or The Hitch Hiker's Guide while bottling fruit, making jam and spicy chutneys.

Every November 5th there were fireworks on the green with a huge bonfire complete with Mr Guy Fawkes, while baked potatoes wrapped in tin foil were hooked from the fire and handed out to everyone.

We joined in fully with village life attending summer fetes and fairs, purchasing goodies from long tables buckling under home-made cakes, crafts, cards, works by local artists,

knitted items and of course the ubiquitous jams and chutneys.

The people who lived in the big houses around the green arranged Strawberry Cream Teas and Cheese and Wine evenings. All the proceeds went to charity and we sat on various chairs rain or shine, happily helping to raise funds for - the village hall, equipment for the scouts' hut, cancer relief, catteries, dog homes, et al.

Down in Saxted Bottom where we lived, the residents were mainly artists or musicians who were quite laid back and mostly vegetarian. They had their own good causes and on most summer Sundays one household or another would raise money for "Save the Whale" or "Stop Sizewell B", offering "Nut Roast, two Veg and a Home brew" for a modest contribution". The spicy herb-laden food was delicious, and you could count on two or three musicians to arrive, and soon afterwards the melodic sounds of Bob Marley through to Bach drifted over surrounding fields and fences.

Across the road lived Jeff in a converted Victorian school house who put on evening fundraisers. Jeff was fully vegan so his enticement was "Jazz, Home brew and Nine Salads." Known as Mr Super Chef, Jeff also strummed a mean double bass and was in demand to play at every local gig. His garden was littered with carcasses and spare parts from vintage cars. Jeff's aim was to restore the vehicles to sell for charity. Despite his best efforts I don't recall a single engine that ever fired up.

In the week before Christmas the world and his wife gathered in Framlingham Square. An enormous Christmas tree and a mile of fairy lights made for a very festive scene. We mingled and sang carols, lots of us muffled in hats and scarves bought at the summer fetes. Christmas felt very near as we tucked into mulled wine and mince pies. The evening was traditionally rounded off with a night cap before blazing log fires at "The Recruiting Sergeant" or "The Crown".

All this flashed before me as these alien words began to penetrate my secure little world. Leave the animals? My Family? The cottage, the garden? Sail away? To Where? I didn't know anything about boats.

What I said next is some kind of testimony to what the heart can persuade us to do. "Where would we start?" Had I said that? – apparently I had.

Days later Richard's notice had been handed in and Bridge Cottage was up for sale.

The adventure had begun!





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Pedicures from	£24.50
Tinting from (skin test required)	£6.50
Waxing from	£6.00
Spray tan from	£10.00

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