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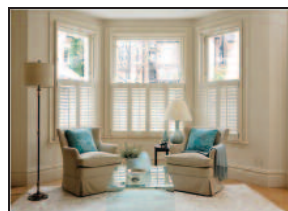
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A Note from the Editor

"Sweet April showers do spring May flowers." as Thomas Tusser said, and with the rain we have had, it should be a bumper year! But isn't it good to have light evenings and some sunshine at last?

With Easter over the Summer beckons with lots to do, gardens to tend to and bank holidays to look forward to. If you are looking for places to visit or activities to join, there are plenty in the magazine to tempt you.

22nd April is Earth Day, celebrating all things environmental, encouraging us to do our bit for the planet, so why not make a commitment to do one thing to benefit the planet? Use less single use plastic or take the bus rather than drive, start making your own compost or put up a bee hotel!

Whatever you are doing this month, enjoy your magazine.

Jo – editor.

Here are the deadline dates and publishing dates for the next 3 magazines.

Month	Copy deadline	Publishing date
May	Tuesday 5th May	Friday 15th May
June	Tuesday 2nd June	Friday 12th June
July	Tuesday 30th June	Friday 10th July

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News from Holt Lowes

Over the winter months the Norfolk Wildlife Trust has been working on Holt Lowes, using tractor-drawn machinery to clear areas of encroaching gorse to keep the heathland open. This is, of course, a never-ending task, a bit like painting the Forth Road Bridge, and takes place every winter. One notable task this year was, however, repairs to the dam at Soldiers' Pond. The pond was created, we believe, in the First World War when soldiers stationed on the Lowes dammed a small stream to create a swimming pond. Over the years the dam has been repaired several times and by last summer needed urgent attention. This winter the Wildlife Trust took on the task, and we hope that the new dam and outflow will last for many years. They also took the opportunity to dredge out the pond, which inevitably fills with silt, to restore open water - great habitat for frogs, toads, newts and dragonflies. As well as the Wildlife Trust, a group of volunteers have been working on the Lowes every month through the winter, as have groups of pupils from Gresham's, and the Trustees would like to thank all concerned.

Now that it is spring, we would like to remind dog owners that all dogs must be on a short lead at all times on the Lowes from 1st March to 31st July (and all year when near the ponies or the cattle) - this is a legal requirement on all 'access land' in England in order to protect ground-nesting birds and other wildlife (see www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land/use-your-right-to-roam). Dogs are generally not allowed to roam at will, but the same cannot be said for cats. While the Trustees do not want to provoke controversy, we would ask cat owners living in and around Holt 'do you know where your cat goes at night?' One of the special birds on the Lowes is the Nightjar, a summer visitor to Britain. It is usually one of the last migrants to arrive in late April and May and most British Nightjars winter in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Nightjars nest on the ground and are amazingly well camouflaged with beautifully marked plumage. They are also specially protected, but sadly a hidden camera monitoring a nest on the Lowes last summer recorded a tabby cat taking chicks from a Nightjar's nest.

The Trustees are again offering free guided walks on the Lowes, a great chance to find out more about the history and wildlife of this special place. This year walks will take place on Saturday 23rd May, Saturday 15th August and Saturday 12th September. Meet at 10.30am at the Mackay's Hill car park off the Hempstead Road. Walks are planned to last around 90 minutes, and you should wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Simon Harrap, Honorary Secretary, Trustees of Holt Lowes

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WHAT'S ON

APRIL

Friday 17

Friends of Kelling Hospital Quiz

Starts 7pm | Teams of 4-6 | £5 per person
Booking is essential: dawnstquentin@gmail.com

Saturday 18

Daniel Land

Doors 7pm | Starts 8pm
Tickets £10 | Door | Online | HCC

Tuesday 21

John Jarvis' Memory Swap

2pm - 4pm | Free entry
Donations greatly appreciated

Saturday 25

Red Leaf the Band

Doors 8pm | Starts 9pm
Tickets £10 on the door

Wednesday 29

WCC: The Universal Theory

Doors 6:30pm | Starts 7:30pm
Tickets £6.50 | Door | Online

MAY

Saturday 2

Bar Night

8pm - Midnight | Light music | Good company

Saturday 9

80s Disco with Chris Esposito

Doors 7pm | Starts 8pm
Tickets £5 | Door | HCC

Sunday 10

Malcolm's Tea Dance

2pm - 4pm | £5 including refreshments
Sequence, ballroom, latin and line

Wednesday 13

Cash Prize Bingo

Doors 6:30pm | Eyes down 7:30pm

Saturday 16

CD Deeds: AC/DC Tribute

Doors 7:30pm | Support starts 8pm
Tickets £10 | Door | Online | HCC

Saturday 30

Halo's Edge Band

Punk | Alt | Party anthems
Times and tickets TBC

See website for up-to-date details

Hello from the Centre Manager

Spring is in the air at HCC! I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our wonderful community. From the ever-active users of our fitness classes to the night-long rockers at our music events, and those who visit our Community Café week after week, your kindness and dedication make our centre a vibrant place for all.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our staff and volunteers, whose tireless work behind the scenes keeps HCC running day after day. Their commitment is what allows our centre to continue to grow and thrive.

Although you may not be able to tell from the weather, summer is fast approaching, and our event nights are ramping up too! In May, HCC's favourite record-spinning extraordinaire, Chris Esposito, will be transporting you back to the 80s for one night only. And on 16th May, CD Deeds will be bringing all the power and energy of AC/DC to the centre. Just two of many must-see events to come!

We look forward to welcoming everyone to enjoy the coming months, as they're filled with activities, events, and community spirit.

Here's to a bright and beautiful spring!

Sam Riches, Centre Manager

WCC: Finale and Fresh Beginnings

The current season from the Holt World Cinema Club will reach its finale at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 29 April, with *The Universal Theory* (Germany, 2023, run time 1 hr 58 min), a film which has had critics reaching for terms such as brooding and cerebral, gorgeous and lush.

It's 1962, and physicist Johannes has travelled with his doctoral supervisor to a scientific congress in the Swiss Alps. Here he meets Karin, a jazz pianist, who is suspiciously knowledgeable about him. A series of mysterious deaths occur, and the two set out to uncover the secrets hidden beneath the mountains. The story expands to include an Iranian guest, a strange cloud formation and quantum mechanics.

As usual, the film will be shown in the original language, with English subtitles. Doors will open at 6.30, there will be a pay bar, and the famous WCC ice cream tray will be doing the rounds, laden with goodies.

If you don't hold a season ticket, you still have the option of turning up on the night, for this final film, and buying a walk-in ticket, but do be aware that spaces are limited.

The programme for Season 3 of the World Cinema Club, 2026-27, was revealed at the March screening, with season tickets, again priced £25.00, available from April onwards. We once again need to sell a substantial number of season tickets to ensure the financial viability of the season.

Programme:

30 September 2026: *Perfect Days* Japan, 2023, certificate PG, 2h 5m

28 October 2026: *Untouchable* (Intouchables) France, 2011, certificate 15, 1h 52m

25 November 2026: *Rams* (Icelandic title: *Hrútar*) Iceland 2015, certificate 15, 1h 33m

27 January 2027: *Ida* Poland 2013, certificate PG-13, 1h 22m

31 March 2027: *The Eagle Huntress* Mongolia 2016, certificate G, 1h 27m

28 April 2027: *The President's Cake* (Original title: *Mamlaket al-qasab*) Iraq, 2025, certificate PG-13, 1h 45m

Season tickets are on sale now, at £25.00 for 6 all films, in person from the Holt Community Centre (payment by cash or card), via the Community Centre website <https://holtcommunitycentre.org/> or on the door on the night.

Once the season has begun, individual tickets (at a very reasonable £6.50) for individual films will be available online, or walk-in tickets should be available on the door on the night.

We hope to see you on Wednesday 29 April. Do come if you can!

Lynn Loader

Room to Rent at Holt Community Centre

We have a 5m x 3.5m office space available to rent at the front side of the building, ideal for small businesses or organisations. A space to work, connect and thrive!

The Save Benjamin Court Campaign

The Save Benjamin Court Campaign had a successful outcome to our very lively lobby of Norfolk and Waveney NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) in Norwich on March 25th. After we put our question to them demanding to know why Benjamin Court is still closed nearly three years on, the ICB said that they would now engage with us to discuss the future of Benjamin Court as part of wider discussions about locally based care in North Norfolk.

At the ICB meeting we read out this powerful testimony from a member of the public: I was discharged (from hospital) in a frail state and so far, have received no hospital- based or community-based rehabilitation, apart from some helpful support from the community dietician. Physio and OT support has been completely absent, with 2 appointments made for assessment and both cancelled on the day they were due. I have now heard nothing for 5 weeks. This is care that would have been supplied at Benjamin Court, local and accessible. In the meantime, I am getting weaker and less and less able to help myself.

In response, Mark Burgis of the ICB said: We are committed as an ICB to work with you, with partners across the system to improve health and wellbeing care for North Norfolk and across the whole of Norfolk and Waveney. We have always been that way, and we are absolutely committed to do that in the future. And I would like to do that with you going forward as well.

You made a point about the Government direction on the focus of community neighbourhood and we warmly welcome that. I personally think that is absolutely the right direction of travel with particular focus on preventing frailty and supporting those who are frail. I think there is a lot more that we can do and that is what I would like us to do, working with you in the future. We are also very supportive of the ambition to shift care out of acute hospitals into community to create a new neighbourhood service. I think that's very exciting. I think that's going to be presenting great opportunities for us all for our population to provide better services, better outcomes.

But we don't want to do that alone, we want to do that with you. We are also very conscious that Benjamin Court has provided very good services in the past and we know it's really valued by residents. I suggest there's some excellent facilities across Cromer and North Norfolk and given the context of the new Ten-Year Plan, I think since we last had detailed discussions on the subject, I think the world has moved on....so, I would warmly welcome.....to have an opportunity to meet with you and spend more time looking at some options because I think there are new options as the world has moved on since we last met..... We are listening. We are listening as an ICB, and we do want to work with you.

This is certainly a big change from the ICB's previous position of abandoning Benjamin Court and handing it over to NHS Property Services for disposal, and we consider it to be a significant step forward for our campaign. It is a tribute to all of those who have stuck by us over the last three years and reflects the overwhelming view of the North Norfolk community that Benjamin Court urgently needs to be reopened. Martin Booth, Save Benjamin Court Campaign.



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Over the past five years at Coastal Health and Wellbeing, I've seen how much can grow when services respond directly to people's needs. What started as the Old Cottage Hospital in 1910 has evolved to be a welcoming community hub supporting residents across the North Norfolk coast. Despite being on the edge of town, Coastal is now a vibrant centre where people can connect, access support, and take part in activities that improve wellbeing.

Our hub offers something for everyone. Weekly sessions include fitness and wellbeing classes such as yoga, Pilates, circuits, tai chi, and seated exercise, alongside mental health and talking therapy sessions. Social and creative groups—like the Art Café, Spanish-speaking café, Writing for Wellness, and stay-and-play for toddlers—bring people together and build confidence. Specialist services include physiotherapy, massage, foot health, orthotics, lymphedema, hearing, dementia support, Parkinson's groups, and cancer care talks.

At the heart of Coastal is the Hive Café and community gardens—spaces where people can relax, chat, and feel part of the community. The café also supports wellbeing by acting as a welcoming point for advice and guidance. Our Coastal Community Supermarket, the affordable food hub open to anyone with a permanent local address is supporting with rising living costs, it provides fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, meat, and store-cupboard essentials at lower prices, helping households manage budgets.

Looking ahead, we're tackling key priorities this year, including community transport, the Youth Wellbeing Project, and developing our online affordable food hub and delivery service. We'd love support in any form—sharing ideas, volunteering, donating, or joining our fundraising events. This year we have quiz nights, our summer Dog Show, and the Flower and Produce Show—fun ways to get involved



while supporting Coastal's work.

Coastal Health and Wellbeing is more than a service—it's a place where people connect, feel heard, and support one another. It's a privilege to help build this Coastal community, and we welcome anyone from across the area to come along, join in, and be part of it.

Emma Johnson Operations manager
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Spend a Penny

Fundraiser Launched to Support Wells Carnival 2026

The Wells Carnival Crew are already busy planning the 2026 event, but rising costs mean the team could face a significant shortfall if funding remains at a similar level to last year. To help bridge the gap, the Crew have launched a new community fundraising campaign called "Spend a Penny." Crew member Elisa is leading the effort with a personal challenge — walking 100 miles throughout April to raise funds towards the cost of the additional toilets needed during carnival week. Walking routes are currently being planned, with the aim of passing by as many of the carnival's main sponsors as possible along the way.

The Crew are also inviting organisations that benefited from Wells Carnival's 2025 community grants to join Elisa for part of the walk and help highlight the positive impact the carnival has across the community. In addition, local schools, clubs and community groups are also being encouraged to support Wells Carnival by organising simple fundraising activities such as a "Wear Fuchsia" multi day, bake sale, raffle, coffee morning, plant sale or car wash, with proceeds donated to Wells Carnival.

Every contribution, big or small, helps ensure the carnival can continue to bring the community together for years to come. For more information on how to get involved email: wells carnival@live.co.uk OR to sponsor Elisa in her endeavours visit: <https://gofund.me/a7f4fa8f6>



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Featuring musicians of international acclaim alongside established professionals from across Norfolk, the Festival provides five days of high-level concerts and events.

Featured artist for 2026 is international cellist Guy Johnston, bringing to Norfolk his current UK tour of Bach and Britten Cello Suites as well as appearing in recital with Festival Artistic Director Brenda Blewett and resident string quartet, Chaos Collective.

The big Festival highlight promises to be a spectacular evening given by Classical Brit Award winners, Blake in the magical setting of Bayfield Hall. Expect rousing music, popping corks and all in the setting of one of Norfolk's most beautiful estates.

Also hear award-winning young musicians in concert, and acclaimed duo 'Flutes and Frets' in atmospheric Glandford Church. Witness a family concert with live illustration by James Mayhew or hear Schubert's haunting tale of The Fair Maid of the Mill, sung by Julian Godlee, in collaboration with Letheringsett Mill. Chaos Collective give a Cocktail Concert, and Cley Church becomes a jazz café for a night. A celebratory Festival Finale features Norwich Baroque and trumpeter Simon Munday in a feast of Baroque concertos.

Five Churches Festival is thrilled to announce its first patron is celebrated countertenor Michael Chance, CBE. In the 2026 Festival Michael will talk about his distinguished operatic career and give a public vocal masterclass.

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Guy Johnston

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Editor's Recipes

With Easter over and all the Easter eggs eaten, I thought it might be good to have a recipe for something light. Crustless quiche is quick to prepare and is so versatile, suitable as a Sunday morning brunch, lunch or a light supper. The second recipe is a blondie recipe with a twist, for all you Jammie Dodger fans, always a winner with a cup of tea.

Spinach Crustless Quiche

Serves 4

You will need a 9–10 inch baking dish.

Ingredients

1 tbs olive oil
1 large onion, thinly sliced
2 cloves of garlic, minced
150g fresh baby spinach leaves, roughly chopped
6 eggs
300ml double cream
160g mature cheddar, gruyere or other cheese of your choice, grated
salt and pepper



Method

Preheat your oven to 180C/160fan/G4

Drizzle the oil into a large frying pan. Gently fry the onions for about 2 -3 minutes until soft but not coloured. Add the garlic and fry for a further minute, stirring constantly. Add the spinach and allow to heat through until wilted. Take off the heat and set aside to cool a little. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs and cream together, add the cheese, (reserving a little for the top of the quiche) and mix well, season with salt and pepper. Put the spinach mixture in your baking dish, pour over the egg mixture and mix to ensure the spinach is well distributed. Sprinkle with the reserved cheese. Place in the oven for about 30 minutes and remove when the quiche is golden brown and still slightly wobbly in the middle. Leave aside to cool a little, then serve with salad or your choice of vegetables.

Glaven Caring April News

We are changing our opening days in April – so please make a note and share with your friends and neighbours.



Happy Mondays, join us for lunch - two courses for £8.00, book early – Monday 20th and 27th April.

Tuesday Chatty Cafe mornings with raffle 10.00 to 12 noon - donations please for delicious teas and coffees - 21st and 28th April

Sunday 26th April – Bluebell Walk - Join our yearly stroll to view the bluebells round Kettle Hill, Langham Road, Blakeney NR25

7PN///coil.brimmed.roadways -12 noon to 5pm. All welcome, children walk for free, with dogs with on leads please! Drinks and cakes available. Creake Plant Centre plant stall. £5 per adult and donations welcome – all supporting Glaven Caring

Also – Glaven Caring has new opening hours – we are now open four days a week – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Closed on Wednesdays.

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Jammy Dodger Blondies

Makes 16

You will need a 9-inch square brownie pan lined with baking parchment

Ingredients

200g unsalted butter (melted)
250g light brown sugar
3 medium eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract (optional)
275g plain flour
150g chopped white chocolate or chocolate chips
200g raspberry jam
16 Jammie Dodgers (you will need 2 pkts)

Method

Preheat your oven to 180C/160fan/G4

In a large bowl, add the melted butter and sugar and whisk until smooth and pale. Add the eggs

and vanilla and beat again until smooth. Add the flour and beat the mixture is thick and smooth (best done with a wooden spoon). Add in the white chocolate and mix again.

Put the mixture into the tin and spread out evenly. Spoon on the jam in lines and swirl through the mixture with a knife or skewer. Top with the Jammie Dodgers (see picture) and bake in the oven for about 30 minutes. When done, place the tin on a cooling rack until completely cold, then place in the fridge to set.

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Diary of a Wildlife Garden

I love this time of year, and I never cease to marvel at everything growing and bursting into life.

Inevitably there will have been a few losses over the winter due to frost, water logging or deer damage, but it is encouraging when suddenly last year's plantings start to show. My meadow patch is growing well, still



hard to believe I might have a mini meadow by the Summer, but I'm hoping.

Early spring flowers are in abundance (pictured), and the queen

bumble bees are everywhere feeding and looking for burrow sites. I have put my bee hotels up (pictured) and added a couple extra around the garden.

Nesting season has begun and I have a rather splendidly constructed magpie nest at the top of a sycamore tree (pictured). It is about a metre in width with a side entrance, the magpies are very busy, in and out and I'm told by an expert friend, inside there will be a large bowl made from mud for the female to lay her eggs in. We had three chicks last year, so it will be interesting to see how many they will have this year.



The pond has been looking rather lacklustre



over the Winter but is starting to look better now. Sadly, no frogspawn this year but the first marsh marigold is in flower (pictured).

Blanket weed was a problem last year, so this year I intend to add more floating plants to cut down the sunlight on the water and introduce some pond snails to see if that helps.

I had an interesting email from a couple in Holt who are very keen on garden wildlife. Heather and her partner Russell

regularly get Red Legged Partridge feeding in their garden and sent me some photos, the one pictured here is affectionately known as Alan (pictured) and is a regular visitor.



It just goes to show, if you make a space for wildlife, you never know what is going to turn up.

Jo – editor.



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Butcher Andrews is pleased to announce four promotions across the firm, with effect from 1st April 2026, demonstrating the firm's investment in career progression and commitment to providing an exceptional service to clients.

Commenting on the promotions, Julia Buckingham, Senior Partner, said: "Congratulations to everyone on their well-deserved promotions, which reflect their growing expertise, experience and wider contributions to the success of the firm. I am delighted for them and look forward to continuing to support their career progression and watching them flourish at Butcher Andrews".



l-r: Olivia Leeper, Lydia Larkman, Chloe Daisey, Amanda Nudds

Olivia Leeper becomes an Associate in our Commercial and Litigation team. Since joining the firm in 2023 Olivia has worked hard to build up a strong client base providing advice on a wide range of Corporate and Commercial matters from setting up or restructuring companies and partnerships, to drafting commercial agreements. She also undertakes litigation and employment work.

Lydia Larkman becomes an Associate in our Residential Conveyancing team. Her practice covers a broad range of transactions, including property sales and purchases, remortgages, transfers of equity and auctions.

Chloe Daisey becomes a Paralegal in our Residential Conveyancing team. Chloe, who joined as a Legal Secretary, has recently achieved excellent results in her CILEX exams.

Amanda Nudds, Head of Litigation, has been promoted to Equity Partner in recognition of her significant contribution to the firm, leadership and commitment to client service.



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A Busy Time for The Holt Society



On Easter Sunday the Holt Society took part in Holt's very successful Sunday Market. This is always a very important event for the Society, and it enabled some hardy committee members to brave the cold and gusty wind to meet and chat to people about our aims and how we can

contribute to life our delightful town.

Later in the week we had our AGM, but since this came after copy day for the Chronicle, a full report will appear in the next edition.

Our next open event will be in the Venue at the usual time of 6.30 for 7.00 on Friday 22nd May, when we will welcome chainsaw artist Matt Darge to talk about his work. Examples of this can be seen at Holt Country Park, or alongside the A148 at Aylmerton.

Admission will be £4 if paid up to two days in advance or £5 "on the door". Advance bookings for this event can be made using one of the methods given below.

Watch out for details of further events later in the year.

1. Bank transfer Account name: Holt Society, Sort Code: 203081: Account Number: 90492655, Reference: Event.
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Art Together

At the day centre we have been working on creating a mural inspired by our seaside town of Sheringham, guided by local artist Jennie Picton, a qualified and experienced art teacher. We have been fortunate to have secured a grant from Love Norfolk part of Norfolk Community Fund which has enabled Jennie to plan this amazing art project where individuals work together on a shared piece of artwork which Jennie is calling 'Our Sheringham: A living Map'



This art therapy project has been specially designed to offer a calm and supportive place to explore creativity. The theme has sparked many memories and conversations allowing individuals to share experiences and encouraging social interaction whilst sitting together relaxed at a table.

Clients have been creating familiar coastal scenes including the sea, cliffs, train lines and poppy fields, to name a few. These images have been made using paints, collage, printing, fabrics and clay works. Jennie has ensured that everyone is involved in a way that feels comfortable and every contribution is valued, helping to build confidence and a sense of achievement.

Once completed, the mural will become a bright and meaningful feature within the day centre, celebrating both creativity and the positive impact of art therapy. Jennie's website can be found at jenniepictonartist.com if you would like to see more of her work.

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FROM THE RECTOR.

Dear Friends,

It's not over yet!

Easter may be over in a weekend for many people but for the Church, Easter lasts for fifty glorious days. Concluding on the Feast of Pentecost on the 24th May, the Easter season is one continuous celebration of the joy of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Yet for many people today the joy of Easter is overshadowed by the fear of war and the anxiety of the uncertain times we live in. Robbed of joy and peace people are denied the right to live in harmony with their neighbour and to experience joy of being alive. Therefore, in this deeply troubled world where are we to find joy, true joy that last longer than a fleeting moment of happiness.

Joy is defined as the state of being that allows one to experience feelings of intense, long-lasting happiness and contentment of life. Joy is to be found in personal, meaningful relationships, in the connections we have those with whom we share our lives. Sharing moments, creating memories with those we love is an important and reliable source of joy. Joy comes too from a sense of belonging, not just to family but to the community in which we live and to those we live among. Being connected to others and being part of a community is important in helping to nurture a sense of wellbeing and joy.

Joy can also be found in the simple pleasures of life, our favourite food, the beauty of the natural world around us, in the garden or out in the countryside or on the coast. It comes with that ability not to take things or people for granted and to appreciate the present moment, giving thanks for that which we have. Joy comes from making the most of our lives, rejoicing in the things we accomplish each day, large or small. When we immerse ourselves in here and now, and free ourselves from distractions or worries about the future then our hearts will be filled with joy.

For Christians true and lasting joy is to be found in the risen Christ, who meets us in the present moment and assures us that we are loved. Knowing that we are loved by God gives us meaning, purpose and worth.

The sadness, sorrow and despair the first disciples experienced on Good Friday was turned into joy and hope when they encountered the risen Christ on that first Easter Day. Their hopes and dreams which had been shattered by his death were restored and they were to experience a real and true joy that would last for an eternity. So too, for us when we meet the risen Christ in Word and Sacrament, in prayer and praise and in one another. May that same joy, which last forever, be yours this Eastertide and always.

Every blessing.

Fr. Howard

Easter Joy

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING: Sunday 3rd May 11.45am (a short meeting following the Parish Eucharist) for the election of Churchwardens.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: Tuesday 26th May 7.00pm for the election of PCC Members, Deanery Synod Members and to consider the annual report and accounts.

JIGSAW RACE: Friday 24th April 7pm in the Parish Church Hall.

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NEPALESE EVENING: Friday May 22nd, 7pm. Come and find out a bit about this wonderful country and the work of KASIN (Kids at School in Nepal). Fundraising for Holt St Andrews and KASIN. Tickets available: 01263 713479 standrewsholt@btinternet.com



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FAMILIES AT ST ANDREWS: Young families are always welcome at Church. Every Sunday at the 10.30am service provision is made for children and they are able to make use of the children's corner. Families are also encouraged to approach us to have their children christened.

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FROM THE REGISTERS.

Baptism:

4th April: Peter Westmore

19th April: Orson Bates

Funerals:

22nd April: Ivy Humphries

TIMES OF WORSHIP:

Sunday Services

8am Book of Common Prayer Eucharist

9.15am Said Eucharist at All Saints, High Kelling

10.30am Parish Sung Eucharist.

5.00pm Choral Evensong (2nd Sunday of the month)

Community Charity Launches New Wellbeing Activities Across North Norfolk



The Healing Harbour Charity is expanding its programme of free wellbeing activities for people living with life threatening or life shortening health conditions, such as Dementia, Heart Failure, Kidney Failure, Pulmonary Fibrosis, Frailty, and Cancer, as well as their families that care. The Healing Harbour is a North Norfolk volunteer-led charity, people from the community offering support to others in their community 'Bringing People Together'.

New Tai Chi Qigong class begins 13th April

A new Tai Chi Qigong class will begin on 13th April, led by instructor Beth White (info@harmonywellness.co.uk). Tai Chi Qigong is a gentle, flowing mind body practice that can be done seated or standing, making it accessible to people with limited mobility, fatigue, or long term conditions. The class is free for those living with serious health conditions and for their family that cares. Sessions will take place at Later Life Care, Cromer Road, Sheringham.

The charity is also offering a variety of regular wellbeing sessions (please see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/thehealingharbourcharity>), including:

- Drum Circles with the Icenis Drum Circle, held monthly in Hempton and Bodham, providing relaxing, group activity suitable for all abilities- no experience is necessary, drums are provided. Tel: Claire 0758 447 4450
- Guided Meditation sessions in North Walsham, supporting relaxation and emotional wellbeing.
- Arts, Crafts and Coffee/Chat gatherings once a month in Sheringham, offering a friendly space for creativity and connection.
- Wellness Walks, in various locations to suit people with different levels of mobility and fatigue to participate in walking for wellbeing.
- Community Awareness Training/ Workshops in topics related to palliative care including memory making, bereavement and loss, advance care planning and end of life care. Our next training is April 22nd 9.30-11am Advance Care Planning

Holistic Therapies

Thanks to the generosity of a local family run business 'Later Life Care', who have donated the use of a therapy room, The Healing Harbour continues to provide a range of holistic therapies in Sheringham such as Reflexology, Naturopathy, Bowen Technique, Reiki and Craniosacral therapies. In addition, at the Cromer Renal Dialysis Unit, the charity's complementary therapists offer reflexology to support comfort and wellbeing during dialysis. Powered by volunteers

None of this would be possible without its dedicated team of volunteers, who give their time, skills, and compassion to support people across North Norfolk. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or attending any of the activities or workshops we offer please contact the charity on thehealingharbour22@gmail.com or Tel: 07585 586 469 or pop along to one of our community drop in coffee afternoons- a warm welcome awaits.



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26th April, 10th & 24th May - 4pm - 5pm Bodham Church. Come and join us for our lovely, welcoming Church Service.

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23rd April - 2pm - 4pm NNU3A Music Appreciation Group. For more information visit www.northnorfolk3a.org.uk

24th April 8th & 22nd May - 10am - 1pm Sewing Group

28th April - 10:30-12:30 Bodham Art Workshops - Experimental Drawing (Taster Session) with Art teacher Jennie Picton for a relaxed, inspiring Experimental Drawing session at Bodham Village Hall. This workshop is especially welcoming for beginners.

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Don't let your aches and pains stop you this spring, come see us at Holt Holistic Centre and we would be happy to help you on your journey to recovery.

We offer a range of holistic treatment to suit every individual, working with the soft tissues using massage techniques and acupuncture, working with postural alignment, and offering a soft and gentle approach to Physiotherapy to enable you to get back outdoors again without the worry of flare up and continued pain. If you've got any new or old discomforts that you would like taken care of, please contact Holt Holistic Centre on **01263 711898** or contact me directly on **07948 463944**.

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Holt Art Projects Announce First New Event in May

Holt Art Projects is a new initiative that continues the artistic legacy of Holt Festival, which for more than fifteen years brought high-quality visual art, music and performance to Holt in North Norfolk.

Rather than a single week of festivities in July, we'll now present a series of events throughout the year - spanning music, theatre, visual art, comedy, dance and conversation.

Our ambitious new programme starts with our very first event in May. Tickets are now on sale via the new Holt Art Projects website - www.holtartprojects.com - for The Gesualdo Six concert at St Andrew's Church in Holt on Friday 15th May at 7.30pm.

The Gesualdo Six are probably the best all male vocal ensemble performing today, they feature regularly on Radio 3, and this is a performance you will not want to miss. We are thrilled to present the world premiere of SummerSuite by former Holt Festival artistic director and composer, Tony Britten. The remainder of the concert will be taken from The Wishing Tree - a collection of works ranging from the madrigal through folk song to the contemporary, all referencing the beauty and pleasure of the summer months. It will truly be a magical evening to remember. We intend to run other events throughout the year, with performance poet



Luke Wright on Thursday, 17th September at St Andrew's Church and a Comedy Night in Holt, organised by our good friends the Red Card Comedy Club, on Friday 13th November, always a sell-out.

Alongside events, our visual art awards programme continues and is now live for entries from our website, and it's going to be a bumper year. We are offering no less than seven awards; in addition to the internationally recognised Sir John Hurt Art Award, the Charlotte Fraser Ceramics & Glass Award, the Helen Herbert Portrait Award, the Sworders Emerging Artists Award and the Sworders Young Artists Award, we are adding the Mannington Nature Award and the Benjamin Hall Photography Award. The shortlist exhibition for all the prizes will be held at St Andrew's Church, (and at Glandford) opening to the public on Monday 20th July and closing on Saturday 1st August with a number of artist talks and associated events throughout the two weeks.

Anwen Hurt, Creative Director of Holt Art Projects comments: "I am truly delighted and proud that Holt Art Projects is up and running and open for business! Huge thanks to everyone who has helped along the way, and I look forward to welcoming you all, both to our events and art award exhibitions in 2026."

Sheringham & District Philatelic Society

Trolls, women doing notable things, war with Russia – these could be taken from news headlines in 2026. Peter Boyce of Norwich entertained our March meeting with a display of Finland philately [try saying that when you are tired]. Tove Jansson's Moomintrolls have become popular around the world, and the Finnish post office celebrates accordingly. Finnish women poets, sporting achievers, performing artists and medical pioneers remembered on stamps. In 1917 Finland gained independence from Russia – and clear national pride and identity is obvious. Maybe their stamps reflect the Finns' reputation for being the happiest nation on Earth.

Our meetings will continue to be on the second Mondays of each month. Between April and September, we continue to meet from 7.30 p.m. – for our summer programme. Advance notice of change: between October 2026 to March 2027 inclusive we will meet from 2 p.m. – our winter programme. Venue is West Runton Church Hall.

On May 11th our own Paul will celebrate his Birthday on stamps – a most unusual thematic collection. Guests are welcome to all of our meetings.



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Protecting a vulnerable person's inheritance

By Kieran Athow, Senior Associate, Hayes + Storr.

When considering your will, it's important to think not only about how much you leave to loved ones, but also how and when they will receive it, particularly where a beneficiary may be considered 'vulnerable' – for example, due to illness, disability, addiction, or financial difficulties. Without proper planning, an inheritance intended to provide long-term security could be spent too quickly or used inappropriately.

One effective tool is the use of a trust, including but not limited to a fully discretionary trust or a Disabled Person Discretionary Trust.

Discretionary Trusts

A discretionary trust allows you to leave money or assets in the hands of trusted individuals (the trustees), who then decide how and when your chosen beneficiaries receive support. Instead of one person inheriting a lump sum outright, the trustees can manage the funds and release money gradually or as needed.

This flexibility can be invaluable where a beneficiary's circumstances may change or where unrestricted access to funds could be harmful. Trustees could adapt distributions to meet changing needs, for example, by delaying payments, releasing funds gradually or to pay the beneficiary's essential living costs directly, without giving that individual access to cash.

The trust's structure can also protect the assets from any claims by the potential beneficiaries' respective creditors or former spouses and from adversely affecting any means tested benefits they may receive. Fully discretionary trusts are typically subject to the Relevant Property Regime, a set of rules that governs how such trusts are taxed. This can sometimes result in higher inheritance tax charges and increased income or capital gains tax.

Disabled Person Discretionary Trust

A Disabled Person Discretionary Trust operates in a similar way but is designed primarily to benefit a qualifying disabled person, by restricting the trustees' ability to provide for anyone else during the beneficiary's lifetime, subject to statutory exceptions.

To qualify, the trust must meet the statutory requirements under S.89 of the Inheritance Tax 1984 and, further, the primary beneficiary must be deemed incapable of managing their property/financial affairs due to a 'mental disorder' as defined by the Mental Health Act 1983 and/or be in receipt of certain disability-related benefits.

These trusts are not subject to the usual tax rules under the Relevant Property Regime.



With the right election to HMRC, the trust's income and gains can instead be taxed as if they belong to the disabled beneficiary, who will often benefit from lower tax rates and higher allowances.

Choosing Trustees and Letters of Wishes

The effectiveness of a trust depends heavily on the trustees appointed, who must be chosen with care. Many clients choose a mix of family members and a professional trustee to balance personal insight with technical expertise. Alongside the trust deed itself, a detailed 'Letter of Wishes' is strongly recommended. Whilst not legally binding, it acts as a vital guide for your trustees in setting out how you would like the trust to be managed in practice.

For expert advice about making provision for vulnerable beneficiaries, contact Kieran Athow in our Private Client Team on 01263 712835 or email kieran.athow@hayes-storr.com

This article is for general information only and does not constitute legal advice. The law may have changed since publication.

Meet Our Family Law Team...

Carly Sullivan is a family solicitor specialising in children law, advising on divorce, separation and child arrangements, including legal aid for children's services matters.



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High Kelling Garden Club

On Monday 9th March, our club resumed its monthly evening meetings with a talk about bats by Jane Harris from the Norfolk and Norwich Bat Group. The group is affiliated to the Bat Conservation Trust and helps to monitor bat populations through various surveys, including those at breeding and hibernation roosts, as well as giving advice about bat boxes and habitat management.



Bats make up twenty percent of all mammal species and there are around 1,400 different species worldwide, just 17 or 18 species in Britain and 12 in Norfolk. Some of these are rare but all bat species have declined because of insecticides, habitat degradation and destruction of roost sites. They are one of our oldest mammals, with fossils dating back 52 million years. All our bat species are insectivorous and will eat midges, mosquitoes, flies, beetles, moths, spiders and even large chafer bugs. These they find by echolocation, each species of bat emitting calls of specific high frequencies, duration and patterns, which can be identified using a bat detector.

In April, they start waking in their hibernation roosts, ravenously hungry, and by May they are looking for their traditional maternity sites. In June they give birth to a single pup which is furless with closed eyes and attaches to the nipple. By July, the youngsters are stretching their wings ready for their first flight – if they haven't built strong enough muscles, this is when they can become stranded on the ground. In September, they seek out mates, the males uttering specific calls to attract the females, then they look for hibernation sites as the days get colder in late October.

In our suburban gardens, we are most likely to come across our smallest bats, the pipistrelles, weighing only 4-5 grammes. Despite their tiny size, they can each eat 3,000 midges a night! They will roost in bat boxes and

crevices in trees and buildings. Another common garden bat is the brown long-eared bat which plucks larger insects from the foliage and finds a perch to eat them. This makes them especially vulnerable to cats. They prefer to roost in large roof voids.

If you find an injured bat or stranded pup, use gloves to put it in a lidded shoe box (although you need a license to legally handle bats, you may do so in a medical emergency), add a piece of cloth that the bat can hide in and a bottle cap containing water. Then call the Bat Conservation Trust helpline on 0345 1300 228 who will advise you of the nearest rescue volunteer or veterinary help.

Sheringham and District Society

Thursday 30th April is the Society's AGM which will be followed by a short knot-craft workshop with Barry Blacklock. Members of the public are welcome to attend but cannot vote at the AGM.

This is followed on Thursday 28th May with a talk by Mike McConnell on Earth Buildings in Norfolk & Suffolk. More information on that to follow in the May edition. Coffee mornings take place at St Andrew's Church Hall, Cromer Road. Doors open at 10am for a 10.30am start. Admission is by donation, and tea, coffee and cake are included.

Our two venues, The Peter Coke Shell Gallery and the Fishermen's Lifeboat Museum, are now open for the summer season. We try to open daily from 11am to 3pm depending on volunteer availability. Would you be interested in becoming a Volunteer Steward this season? We are actively recruiting for stewards to welcome our visitors to the museum & to the gallery. Stewarding typically involves a weekly shift of 2 hours, and we currently operate with one steward in each area.

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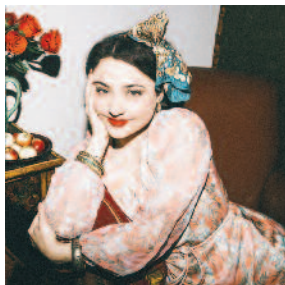
Top New York Jazz Singer Returns to North Norfolk

Top New York jazz singer Tatiana Eva-Marie returns to Norfolk as part of a rare UK tour when she will be joined by a trio led by international jazz harpist Ben Creighton Griffiths. Last May she performed at Cley Church and is delighted to return to the same venue this year. Tatiana's musical style is rooted in the Django Reinhardt tradition of 1930's French gypsy jazz, and she has enchanted audiences around the world with the gentle clarity of her voice and her joie de vie style of delivery. She has 12 albums to her name and has accrued an impressive 100million YouTube views.

Tatiana was born in Switzerland and with both parents being professional musicians she was immersed in music, quickly developing a love of 1930's jazz. While studying medieval literature at La Sorbonne in Paris she continued to develop her passion for jazz when a chance arose to go and perform in New York and her career path was set. She formed the Avalon Jazz Band with violinist Adrien Chevalier which quickly became a favourite on the vintage jazz scene there. Since then, she has become popular worldwide and tours extensively in Europe and the U.S. Although Tatiana rarely comes to the UK so this is a great opportunity to see the world's most popular gypsy jazz singer backed by some of the U.K.'s finest jazz musicians.

The trio backing Tatiana is led by Ben Creighton Griffiths who is recognised as one of the world's leading jazz harpists, and if jazz and the harp don't seem to naturally go together then think again! Ben's precise and virtuoso playing takes harp playing to another level as he brings a new perspective to familiar numbers.

Sunday 31st May at St Margaret's Church Cley
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April - May 2026



All walks commence at 10.00am unless otherwise stated. If you wish to bring a dog on any walk, please contact the Leader beforehand. Please check our website for further details and any last-minute changes.
<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/sheringham-district-group>

Sunday 26th April: 5.5-mile circular walk led by Stuart & David commencing from the Bure Valley Railway car park in Buxton. Nearest Post Code NR10 5EG. Free parking.
 Walk Difficulty: Leisurely. Contact: 07818 453379.

Wednesday 29th April: 5.3-mile linear walk from High Kelling to Sheringham led by Stuart & David. Meet at Wykeham, Morley Road North, Sheringham, NR26 8JB at 09:45 ready to catch the bus from Sheringham (remember to bring your bus pass) at 10:05 from Tesco. Nearest Post Code NR26 8JB. Street parking Walk Difficulty: Leisurely. Contact: 07818 453379.

Sunday 10th May: 7.9-mile circular walk led by Graham commencing from the Plough Inn, Marsham using quiet roads and footpaths via Fengate and Marsh Plantation to meander around Marsham Heath. Return via Little London to Marsham. Lunch stop in Marsham Heath. Please bring a packed lunch.
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Wednesday 13th May: 4.9-mile circular walk led by Paul commencing from Trimmingham Village Hall onto the coastal path along the cliff top to Sidestrand and then back via field paths to Trimmingham. Nearest Post Code NR11 8HU. Parking at the village hall (donations please).
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Applicants should live locally, must have their own car and be computer literate. The successful applicant will be DBS checked.

Interviews will be held in the first week of May, with a start date shortly after. There will be two full days of training, scheduled for May 13/14th.

For a full job description and to apply, please email Greenhoe100@gmail.com and join us for an informal drop in event at The Victoria, Holkham on April 15th anytime between 5:30 & 7:00 pm to learn more about the role and Greenhoe's ambition.

All applications will need to be received by 12.00 noon on May 1st 2026.

North Norfolk Studios Returns for 2026



Get ready for the biggest open studios event in Norfolk this year!

Artists are gearing up to fling open their studio doors in what is set to be the biggest open studios event in Norfolk this year. In celebration of the area's artistic talents, makers and creators will be showing visitors how and where they work as part of North Norfolk Studios.

A record-breaking 173 artists will be taking part, offering visitors a rich and rewarding insight into their working spaces – from studios and gardens to spare rooms and garages, shared spaces and sheds. Artists at all stages of their careers will be taking part, from emerging talent to established masters of the county's creative scene.

Visitors will find painters, ceramicists, printmakers, woodworkers, sculptors, textile artists, jewellers, photographers, furniture makers, metal workers and lots more throughout the varied and stunning landscapes of North Norfolk.

The applications from artists to take part this year were so high the event has created 14 areas of artists across the district, so visitors can enjoy several studios in one day, planning their trips around artists they already love and artists they have yet to meet and chat with – all while exploring and enjoying the stunning scenery this area of Norfolk has to offer.

Potter Kat Wheeler, whose work is quietly informed by the open beaches, wide skies and surrounding countryside of North Norfolk, said: "I've taken part in North Norfolk Studios since the very first year, and it's something I genuinely look forward to every time. I love opening up my working studio and sharing how pieces are made, not just the finished work. There's something special about the conversations that happen when people see pots in progress, shelves mid-cycle, and the reality of a working practice rather than a polished gallery setting.

North Norfolk Studios is a unique opportunity for visitors to browse and buy directly from artists in their own creative spaces, while also picking up inspiration along the way. North Norfolk Studios annually attracts thousands of visitors who flock to studios across the diverse and rich landscape which has been an inspiration to artists for centuries. Jo Pluckrose, who draws inspiration from the countryside around her studio, makes nature-inspired sculptures from wire, she said: "North Norfolk Studios is the last remaining, widespread open studios event in Norfolk; I feel it's vitally important to support an event run by artists, for artists and I feel incredibly excited and privileged to be a part of the biggest art exhibition art lovers will get to see in Norfolk this year!" North Norfolk Studios will take place between 23rd May and 7th June 2026. All studios are free to visit and a brochure detailing all the locations will be available towards the end of April and on the event's website.

For more information visit <https://www.northnorfolkstudios.co.uk>



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Aylsham and District Flower Club

Our May meeting is on Wednesday 13th May at Aylsham Town Hall, NR11 6EL, 7pm for a 7-30pm start. Our demonstrator will be Lee Berrill, his demonstration title is "Summer Daze" looking forward to warmer days.

There will be tea and coffee on arrival, the "Flower of the Month" competition, the sales table and a raffle for the arrangements. This is also our month for our plant stall and cake stall so more to enjoy.

Please come and join us for fun, friendship and flowers, visitors are always welcome, £8. We look forward to seeing you then. For more information please contact: crystaldyball57@gmail.com

Celestial Songs

Serenata is delighted to be invited to perform a multilingual programme of Celestial Songs by composers and lyricists across the ages and from around the globe, at Binham Priory, Norfolk on 25th April 2026.

Conducted by Andrew Foxley, Serenata is a vibrant chamber choir of women, drawn from across the East of England, who love to sing music for female voices, arranged in rich harmony.

This concert follows closely on from performances of our springtime repertoire in Spain at Barcelona's Sagrada Familia and Girona Cathedral.

Our celestial themes encompass sacred and secular pieces, ranging from Forbes' warm arrangement of Ave Maria and John Taverner's exquisitely intimate and spine-tingling setting of William Blake's The Lamb, to eclectic musical evocations of sun, moon, stars and light, including the poignant poetry of Sarah Teasdale and the dynamic and dramatic Lady of the Evening Star from Singapore-based composer and conductor Darius Lim.

Do join us for this scintillating celebration of all things celestial! Tickets available on the door or from Wells maltings Box Office, 01328 710885

Congratulations HTC

Dear Jo,

Can I please compliment all parties (including Holt Town Council) for the enhancement of Chapelyard. The sympathetic surfacing materials, creative seating and planters, all look lovely. Chapelyard is no longer the poor relation. I am confident that the scheme will appeal to visitors and encourage foot-fall. Well done to those who had the vision, developed the design and secured the funding. Regards, Nigel Steer

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Airbnb Grant Funding Helps Heritage Railway Invest in Accessible Travel

The North Norfolk Railway has announced that it has received funding of £50,000 from Airbnb's new Best of British Fund. The Fund, launched in partnership with Visit Britain, sets aside £1 million to help support local hospitality and seeks to celebrate traditions and experiences that make British tourism unique and unforgettable. The heritage line applied for support with its upcoming project to convert an existing coach into an accessible saloon, allowing visitors with additional mobility needs to enjoy journeys into the past with facilities purpose-built to support them.



When complete, the newly converted coach will give the line the opportunity to also welcome visitors with additional mobility needs aboard their ever-popular dining trains for the very first time. North Norfolk Railway General Manager, Graham Hukins commented "We are delighted to have received this support which will allow us to better welcome all our visitors. When these carriages were first built in the 1950s and 60s accessibility was not considered as it is nowadays, and with many specialist skills needed to complete a project such as this it would simply not be possible without external funding support. With the overall project set to cost around £250,000, grants of this nature really are invaluable. Our team are continuing to seek out other funding opportunities and we're looking forward to being able to share this new coach with our future visitors." The line is one of 25 winners from across the UK and was awarded their grant under the category of "Culture & Heritage". Other winners were drawn from "Food & Dining", "Music & Arts" and "Nature & Outdoors". Luke Impett, Partnerships and External Affairs Senior Manager for Airbnb UK, said "Congratulations to North Norfolk Railway on being named a winner of Airbnb's Best of British Fund. Affectionately known as the 'Poppy Line', it offers a truly special way to experience the beauty of the Norfolk coast—bringing together heritage, storytelling and unforgettable journeys through stunning landscapes.

"Run largely by passionate volunteers and loved by visitors from across the UK and beyond, it's a brilliant example of how local communities come

together to preserve and celebrate their history. We're proud to support its continued work—helping more people step back in time, connect with Britain's rich railway heritage, and discover remarkable destinations like North Norfolk."

The North Norfolk Railway celebrated its Golden Anniversary in 2025, marking 50 years since the line first operated steam services out of Sheringham Station during the preservation era. The line now looks forward to the next 50 with a full calendar of daily services, monthly special events and a broad range of dining trains planned for 2026. More information is available via the line's website www.nnrailway.co.uk.

Fakenham Choral Society

Fakenham Choral Society will perform Vivaldi's Gloria and Mozart's Coronation Mass at its summer concert on Saturday 20 June. Vivaldi's Gloria was composed around 1715 during Vivaldi's employment at the Pio Ospedale della Pieta, a home for orphaned girls, renowned for its advanced all-female choral ensemble. Mozart wrote the 'Coronation Mass' in 1779 at the age of twenty-three, a commission from the Archbishop of Salzburg. The mass appears to have acquired the Coronation Mass nickname in Vienna, in the early 19th century, after becoming the preferred music for royal and imperial coronations.

Chair of FCS, Rosemary Dear, says: 'This will be a concert of choral works which are well loved by both singers and audience and very much in the tradition of music that FCS has performed over the years. It is therefore a fitting concert for Mark Jones's final concert as our music director.

Details are as follows:

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Holt WI

The March meeting for Holt WI was quite a busy one. The speaker was Wally Webb who talked about his forty years broadcasting for Radio Norfolk. He had a very interesting career and showed photos of the celebrities he had met and told us some funny stories.

The Lunch Club had an outing to The Village Inn at West Runton. Everyone enjoyed lovely food and a chance to catch up with friends.

Plans are taking place for our 90th birthday year celebrations so there are lots to look forward to. You could be joining in if you come along to a meeting and decide to become a WI member. There are interesting speakers, different clubs and lots of friendly people! We meet the third Wednesday of the month 2-4 at the Community Centre.



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Hedgehog Haven

When I went out shopping on Saturday 28th March, I came back with more than I thought! Just meters from home a car had its hazard warning lights on, and a lady was standing in the middle of the road with a hedgehog at her feet, so it was meant to be that I then came along picked up said hedgehog and got it straight into care.

Weighing 700grms it's an adult just out of hibernation, there are no visible signs of injury but sometimes they cannot be seen, so she is on medication and I'm monitoring her closely.

If you find an injured Hedgehog it is important to ring for help straight away as early intervention can make a difference between life or death.



Holt & District Dementia Support



The Easter Raffle Draw

The draw to win this stunning quilt, made and donated by a local person, is to take place at Poppy Café on Tuesday 7th April, coinciding with the time that this article is about to be published! Therefore, details of the winners will be published next month.

Dementia UK's 'Campaign to walk 1km a Day'

In February Alan and Phyl Styles took on the challenge, although Phyl decided that they would increase it to 2km a day, with the aim of raising £500 for the charity. Despite some bitter weather conditions, they far exceeded their target and by the end of the month the amount of funds they raised for Dementia UK topped £1,100 and their stalwart efforts took them over 200km. What a great achievement! Well done, Alan and Phyl.

London Marathon

On 26th April, a supporter is bravely running in the London Marathon. In the link: Clare Christmas is fundraising for Holt & District Dementia Support, she writes, 'I've chosen to raise money for Holt & District Dementia Support as Dementia is something that has impacted my family. I've seen first-hand the impact it has on not only the person suffering but also the friends & family of the sufferer ...' We wish you well Clare!

The charity is grateful to those who have kindly contributed to the success of these events and, of course, to all volunteers who give freely of their time to assist in providing the services offered for those living with dementia.

Holt & District Dementia Support's services include a twice-weekly Poppy Café held in the Meeting Room at St. Andrew's Church, Holt; Poppy Home Visiting, allowing respite for carers; a monthly Lunch Club; and Poppy Friends, a monthly Support Group for Carers.

Further information:

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If you would like to speak to John or make an appointment, please call us on 01263 711712.

Older Adult Exercise Classes in Bodham

One in three people living in North Norfolk is aged 65 or over - and with many asking how they can stay active for as long as possible, local man Steve Banks has stepped up to help.

Steve started Forever Fitness to bring older people together for fun and fitness every week. Classes have proved a huge hit in Sheringham, Cromer, North Walsham and Holt and in April a brand new class starts in Bodham Village Hall.

"Experts agree that regular exercise should be part of every adult's life right through old age," said Steve. "Keeping joints supple, the heart pumping, the muscles strong and the brain active is the key to a long and enjoyable later life for men and women alike."

The exercises can be done seated or standing, so almost everyone can join in. As well as the workout, people enjoy a chat and a nice cup of tea and a biscuit or two afterwards. "Social interaction is a vital part of keeping mind and body in shape," says Steve. "The importance



of a natter and a few laughs cannot be overstated. A warm welcome is guaranteed for all". Bodham Forever Fitness classes start on Tuesday 21st April at 1.00pm at Bodham Village Hall. No booking is necessary and classes cost £6 on the door. E-mail foreverfitnessnorfolk@gmail.com or call 07493 624 851 for more details.

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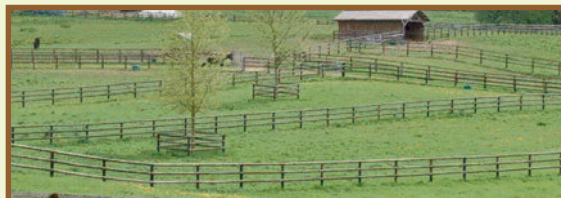
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Statutory Sick Pay Changes from April 2026 & What Employers Need to Know



Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) will undergo major reform from April 2026 as part of wider employment law changes. These updates represent one of the most significant shifts in decades and will affect employers of all sizes, particularly SMEs. The aim is to

strengthen worker protections and reduce “presenteeism”, where employees attend work while unwell due to financial pressure. The reforms expand eligibility, so more workers qualify for SSP, removing rules that previously excluded many part-time, casual and low-paid staff.

What is changing in April 2026?

Key reforms include:

- Removal of the three waiting days
- SSP payable from day one
- Abolition of the Lower Earnings Limit (LEL)
- Percentage-based SSP for low earners
- Broader eligibility for irregular and part-time workers
- Increased administrative responsibility for employers

Current SSP rules (pre-April 2026) Currently, SSP is paid from the fourth consecutive day of sickness, with the first three days unpaid. Employees must earn at least the LEL (£125 per week in 2025/26) to qualify, and SSP is paid at a flat weekly rate (£118.75 for 2025/26). Those earning below the LEL are not entitled to SSP. Payments can continue for up to 28 weeks per sickness period.

New SSP rules from April 2026 - SSP will be payable from the first day of absence, requiring employers to calculate and process payments immediately. The LEL will be removed, extending entitlement to an estimated 1–1.3 million workers who currently earn too little to qualify. A new pro-rata model will apply to low earners:

- Higher earners will continue to receive the flat statutory rate.
- Lower earners will receive 80% of their average weekly earnings if

this is below the flat rate.

This ensures low-paid workers receive financial support where previously they may have received none.

What employers need to do now Although the changes take effect in April 2026, early preparation is advisable.

Update policies: Handbooks, contracts and absence procedures should be reviewed to reflect day-one SSP entitlement and the removal of the LEL.

Update payroll and HR systems: Systems must calculate SSP from day one, remove LEL checks and incorporate percentage-based calculations for low earners.

Training managers and HR teams: Those handling sickness absence must understand the new rules to avoid errors and disputes.

Budgeting and cost planning: Wider eligibility and day-one payments may increase SSP costs, especially for employers with large part-time or high-turnover workforces.

Risks of not preparing Failure to comply may lead to unlawful deduction of wages claims, tribunal proceedings, breach of statutory rights, HMRC issues, reputational damage and employee relations problems.

How employment solicitors can help Employment solicitors can review policies, update contracts, advise on payroll compliance, train HR teams and support implementation. Early legal advice can help prevent costly mistakes.

Staying ahead with Clapham & Collinge: The 2026 SSP reforms significantly expand eligibility and remove long-standing restrictions. Employers should act now to review policies, update systems and prepare staff. Our employment law team can support organisations across all Norfolk branches.

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enlightened others. The first Quiz Night of the year, held every 3 months at Weybourne Village Hall, saw an amazing £560 raise for the Macmillan Cancer Centre at Cromer, an invaluable local facility saving Cancer patients a long journey to Norwich for treatment.

Previous Quiz Nights organised by Alan and Sue Cook of Weybourne over the last 3 years, have seen all profits donated to the Weybourne Village Hall Management Committee for use within the local community, but future events, although held at the Hall, will raise funds for other local charities and good causes.

Alan and Sue offer their thanks to all the volunteer helpers in setting up the Hall, collecting entrance charges and selling raffle tickets, cooking and serving supper, and clearing up after the event. A great team effort which ensured the evening ran smoothly. But of course, much appreciation goes to those participating who, through attending and purchasing raffle tickets, have contributed a fabulous amount to our charity donation. Thank you all.

The dates for forthcoming Quiz Nights are Friday, June 12th, September 11th and December 11th, 2026, held at Weybourne Village Hall, Beach Lane, Weybourne. Doors open at 6.30pm for prompt 7pm start. Tickets £10pp - CASH ONLY please, to include hot supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Raffle tickets available for good prizes and the winning and losing teams also receive a prize. Maximum team size is 6. All profits will be donated to local charities and good causes. Tickets go fast for this popular event, so contact Alan Cook on 07379 487230 or alancook101@aol.com

Sheringham Hedgehog Hotel

Gabrielle is going home! She is one of a number of hedgehogs that arrived last autumn, underweight, dehydrated and needing medication. However, just as they finished their treatment and were big enough to release, the weather cooled and many started hibernating in their hutches.



To be released in the winter, hedgehogs need to be a good weight and shape to survive hibernation. The weather also needs to be 5° Celsius or above for five consecutive nights, so they can settle back into the wild.

Hedgehog hibernation usually ends in March or April and is triggered by rising temperatures and food availability. It can take several hours or days for a hedgehog to fully wake up, leaving them wobbly and vulnerable.

A hedgehog out in the day is very vulnerable, particularly if wobbly or lethargic. They should be captured and placed in a high sided box with newspaper and an old towel for warmth. Contact a hedgehog rescue centre as soon as possible for advice. In conjunction with local trusted vets, the rescue centre will be able to provide treatment and rehabilitation.

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Mouseman ash tray any offers. 01328 864643

Hush Puppies navy blue ladies' loafers. Never worn, still in box with label on. Size 5, £20. Holt. 07787 931999

Casio Casitone electric keyboard. Ex. Cond. £70. **HP printer,** new and unused, but old. ENZY5020, £35. **Brother electric typewriter,** little used, £35. **Asus Chromebook,** new, £80. **Karrimoor rucksack,** Airspace 30, blue, good condition, £30. No offers. 01263 838744

Book Reader Digest HRH Duke of Windsor His memoirs 1951 and others, £20 the lot. **1500w single boiling ring,** £20. **Electrical items, long cables, plugs,** timer, wire on new safety box, £20 the lot. **Reclining armchair to 43",** fabric and wooden arms, £20. **Haynes Morris Marina book** + spares, 2 alternators etc. £20. 01263 710067

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Forthcoming Events

Friday 17th April. Holt Methodist Church are holding their afternoon tea from 2 - 4 pm. There will be the usual stalls and a selection of delicious homemade cakes.

Saturday 18th April. Curious About Buddhism?

Come along to our free talk by SGI-UK, about chanting and how it can help transform any adversity. 11.15am-12noon Saturday 18th April at Corpusty & Saxthorpe Village Hall. Heydon Road, NR11 6QQ.

Sunday 19th April. Folk at Weybourne Village Hall, NR25 7AH at 3pm until 6pm. Singers, musicians in the folk style and audience all welcome. Join in the choruses or just listen. Special guests this month 'Adam Clark and Nic Zuppardi'. Top quality songs and tunes on mandolin, guitar and banjo. Bring your own drinks/snacks if you wish. Tea/coffee available. Entrance £5.00 (sorry, we can't take cards).

Further details from Tony Baylis 01263 588781 or tonyandcarmen@btinternet.com or johnandpaulinmusic@gmail.com

2nd-4th May. Art exhibition by local sisters at Wells Maltings, 11-4pm. Walks in Wells' is an art exhibition by Sue Rainsford and Linda Patrick. Sue stitches beautiful textile pictures inspired by boats and local views. Linda paints bold, colourful landscapes using a palette knife and thick textures. Do come and see this vibrant exhibition and bring your friends and family.

Saturday 9th May. Fakenham Choral Society is holding its Come & Sing day at Fakenham Academy. Led by Mark Jones the music will be 'Glorious Glorias'. The day starts at 10.30am with a free concert at 4.30 pm. More information and registration: www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org (follow the C&S links).

Friday 15th May. Holt Methodist Church are holding their afternoon tea from 2 - 4 pm. There will be the usual stalls and a selection of delicious homemade cakes.

Saturday, 23rd May. St. Andrew's Church, Great Ryburgh at 9.30 - 12 noon. Spring Fair and Book Sale. Plants, gifts and heritage displays. St. Andrew's Pantry will be open. Details from 01328 829413

Saturday 20th June. Fakenham Choral Society will perform Vivaldi's Gloria and Mozart's Coronation Mass at its summer concert at 7.30 pm at Fakenham Parish Church. Details and booking: www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/forthcoming-1

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Date	BST	Height	Date	BST	Height	Date	BST	Height
16-Apr	06:30	5.30 m	28-Apr	05:24	5.00 m	09-May	11:38	4.40 m
	18:29	5.50 m		17:16	5.10 m		00:50	4.10 m
17-Apr	07:07	5.50 m	29-Apr	06:04	5.10 m	10-May	12:55	4.30 m
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26-Apr	03:23	4.50 m		22:43	4.50 m	27-May	08:41	5.60 m
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Blakeney Church of England Primary School are starting a Stay and Play group for pre-school children and their parents/carers. Every Thursday 9-11am during term time. There will be toys, refreshments, craft activities and stories in our friendly village school. For more information contact Trace on 01263 740531.

Binham Village Hall social evenings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm. Bar, jacket potatoes, games.

Abacus Bridge Club meets **every Thursday at 6.30pm** at the High Kelling Village Hall. Play begins at 7 p.m. and finishes between 9.30 and 10. We play traditional Duplicate Bridge and welcome all players and new members. Table money is only £2 per session and includes refreshments. The first three sessions are free. For further information please contact the Chairman, Robert Smith on 01328 822120 or the Hon Secretary, Gillian Bolam on 01263 822070.

The North Norfolk Backgammon Circle (NNBC) meets once a month in Gresham Village Hall, usually the 3rd or 4th Sunday in the month. All skill levels are welcome from beginners to experts. For dates and details call Chris on 07434 989228.

Open Circle, an informal women's group, meets to learn, make new friends and support local charities on the second Thursday of each month at 7.15 pm in Binham Village Hall. For further information: Shirley Collyer at collyershirlley@gmail.com.

Your Choir Holt, meets weekly at The Venue on Friday mornings, 10am-12pm. Contact Mike on 07485706345 or visit www.yourchoir.co.uk

Weybourne Bridge Club. A friendly Bridge Club held every Tuesday afternoon, 1.45 p.m. for a 2.00 p.m. start - 5.00 p.m. at Weybourne Village Hall, NR25 7AH. We play Chicago Bridge so no need to bring a partner. All standards welcome. Please contact Michelle at theacolbridgeclub@hotmail.com or 01263 585049

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Scottish Country Dancing takes place at Blakeney Parish Hall Nr25 7NG on Monday afternoons 2pm to 4pm. Please contact Penny Ransome on 01263 741026.

Open Circle: We are informal group of women based in and around Hindringham and Binham who get together to make friends, learn new things and enjoy local outings. If you would like to be part of the group, please contact Shirley on collyershirlley@gmail.com.



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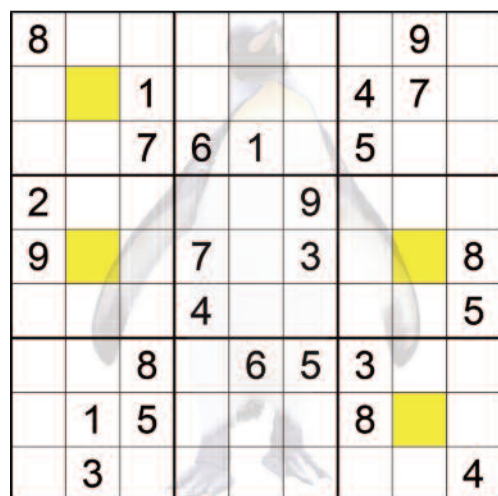
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THIS ISSUE'S PUZZLES

SUDOKU Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box. The numbers in the four yellow boxes are the ones needed as the answer that will be published in the next issue.



The 25th April marks world Penguin Day. This issue's word search theme is 'Penguins'. Between **FOUR** and **TWELVE** letters. One or more words. There are 13 entries in this issue's **CHRONICLE WORDSEARCH**. How many can you find?

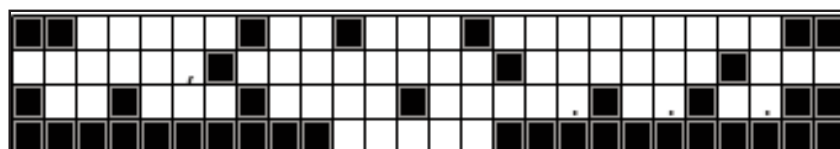
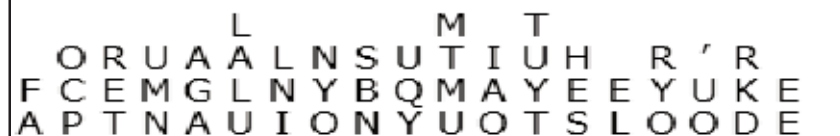
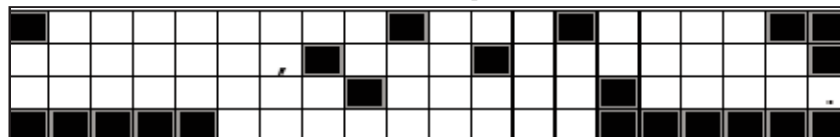


NUMBER CRUNCHER

9 1 2 14 7 16 = 19

Using all FIVE arithmetical signs, + - x ÷, fill in the spaces to make the equation true, as if they were being entered into a calculator.

All the letters in our grids below have fallen out and mixed themselves up, although they are still in their original columns. Can you put them back in their rightful place to reveal a QUOTATION and the NAME of the person who said it.



The Last Issue's Answers

The **FOUR YELLOW SQUARES** in the **SUDOKU** were 7 5 1 2

The **FALLEN PUZZLE** answers were:
OF ALL THE BEWILDERING THINGS ABOUT A NEW COUNTRY, THE ABSENCE OF HUMAN LANDMARKS IS ONE OF THE MOST DEPRESSING AND DISHEARTENING.
WILLA CATHER

IN MARCH WINTER IS HOLDING BACK AND SPRING IS PULLING FORWARD. SOMETHING HOLDS AND SOMETHING PULLS INSIDE OF US TOO.
JEAN HERSEY

The 'World Landmarks' themed words featured in last issue's

CHRONICLE WORDSEARCH were:
ACROPOLIS
ANGKORWAT
BIGBEN

CHICHENITZA
COLOSSEUM
EIFFELTOWER
GREATWALL
MACHUPIC-CHU
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PYRAMIDS
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The **NUMBER CRUNCHER**

18 ÷ 6 x 10 + 1 + 5 - 12 = 24

There may be others.



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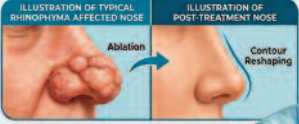


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The Clinical Standard: Laser Precision

Under the guidance of Dr. Sanjay Gheyi, a specialist with over 20 years of surgical and laser experience, the clinic has moved away from traditional "cold" surgery in favour of CO2 Laser Ablation. This technique is widely considered the "Gold Standard" for several clinical reasons:

- **Vascular Control:** The CO2 laser naturally seals blood vessels as it works. Given that the nose is highly vascular, this ensures a nearly bloodless field, allowing the surgeon to maintain perfect visibility and symmetry.
- **Layered Sculpting:** Unlike a scalpel, the laser allows for microscopic tissue removal. Dr. Gheyi can effectively "sculpt" the nose back to its original proportions without damaging the underlying cartilage.
- **Rapid Healing:** Because the thermal energy stimulates a controlled healing response, the nose typically regenerates new, smoother skin within **7 to 14 days**.

The Patient Experience: Localized and Efficient

One of the most compelling aspects of the Coltishall protocol is the move toward minimally invasive settings. Treatments are performed under local anaesthesia, eliminating the risks and recovery time associated with general sedation. For those navigating the challenges of rhinophyma, the expertise found at Coltishall Clinic offers more than just a medical procedure; it offers a path to reclaiming one's reflection through the synergy of surgical experience and advanced laser technology.

Often early changes can be kept under control and reduce oil glands/discharge, redness and inflammation with gentle laser treatments. Contact us on 01603 736487 or log on the website www.coltishallclinic.co.uk

Corpusty & Saxthorpe Village Hall

At Corpusty & Saxthorpe Village Hall in April. The monthly breakfasts and lunches are popular; April date is on Tuesday 21st lunch noon till 2pm. A big event to put in your diary is Saturday 18 July at 3pm when The Core will be playing their music on the station platform. We'll have food on sale, and the bar will be open. It promises to be a very enjoyable afternoon. For all the regular groups and future events at the village hall see our website at www.corpustyandsaxthorpevillagehall.org.uk.

The old Corpusty & Saxthorpe Railway Station building is available to rent for private parties. Ideal for small parties, although there is plenty of outside space to erect a marquee for an event such as a wedding or a larger party. Bookings can be made by contacting Caroline Randell at caroline.randell@hotmail.co.uk. For further information see our website at corpustyandsaxthorpevillagehall.org.uk

The railway station was first opened in 1883 and many villagers would use the train for a shopping trip to Norwich, getting to school at Melton Constable or Fakenham, a day out at Yarmouth beach, or simply getting wherever they wished, sometimes changing to a different line for onward travel to, say, Wells next the Sea. Corpusty Station was also important for transporting various local produce - lemonade from Pinchins Factory, gladioli, bunches of radishes, fertilizer, sugar beet, other crops and animals. At the time nobody thought the line would ever close. But close it did in 1959.

The station is owned by the villages of Corpusty and Saxthorpe; the village hall and station building being on the same plot of land.

The station was refurbished in 2025 and early this year the kitchen facilities were improved. It is an historic building with a special atmosphere.



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Cheaper Energy - Energy Local Club (Blakeney, Holt, Melton Constable Area)

An Energy Local Club is a Cooperative set up by a group of local households who form a Club with local renewable energy generators to use this power in order to get a better deal for everyone. Energy producers in the area are able to sell their surplus energy at better rates than they would get from their energy suppliers and local consumers are able to buy excess energy produced, again at more favourable rates – a better deal for both producers and consumers.

Further an Energy Local Club can

- Increase awareness of, and contribute to, promoting sustainability and the reduction of carbon emissions
- Encourage new local renewable generation
- Help shift demand to when renewable output is high
- Help keep economic value within the local community

If we are able to secure adequate funding, Blakeney Village Hall is hoping to install an array of some 76 solar panels on the roof. There will times during the day when excess energy will be produced and in the normal way this would be sold back to our supplier. If, however, an Energy Local Club were formed, the excess could be sold at advantageous rates to local consumers and for the Village Hall.

Blakeney is within the Stody Primary Substation area and to form an Energy Local Club producers and consumers have to be within the same area. The area covers local villages and extends east to Holt (or at least part of it) and south to Briston and Melton Constable.

(A map can be found at <https://ukpowernetworks.opendatasoft.com> – you will need to sign up.)

I am writing this because I would like to hear from consumers and green energy producers in the Stody Primary Substation area to explore the possibility of setting up an Energy Local Club. More information about how an Energy Local Club works can be found at <https://energylocal.org.uk/>.

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Holt and District Probus Club

Holt and District Probus Club met at The Feathers in Holt on the 4th March and after the usual excellent lunch were introduced to Malcolm Baker, a 9th generation member of the Baker family and a Director of Bakers and Larners.



Bakers and Larners of Holt has sat in the heart of Holt since 1770 as an independent, family-run store with 8th and 9th generations of the Baker family actively involved in the business today.

Malcolm talked about the flexibility of this business, transitioning and combining businesses over time to develop the enterprise.

The property at 8 Market Place, Holt, was originally built in 1631. It has continuously served the area as a shop since 1730 or thereabouts, with the involvement of the Baker family beginning in the 1760's or 1770's. In the 1970's Larners was acquired, and the business evolved to Bakers and Larners, the Department Store that is there today.

With a varied history of change from carpenters to brewers, agricultural seed stockists to undertakers and now a Department Store (Bakers and Larners) with builders' merchants (CT Baker) and a parallel pair of general stores under the trading name Budgens. The adaptability and resilience of the family business have made for a rich and resilient legacy.



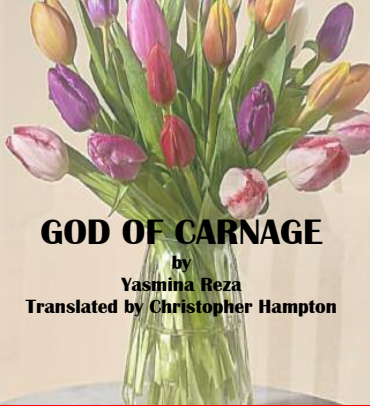
Holt Probus Club meets for lunch followed by a talk on the first Wednesday each month at The Feathers Hotel in Holt. Always on the lookout for new members, any interested gentlemen should contact Dave Wyeth at dave.wyeth@icloud.com or find the club on the web at holtprobusclub.com.

God of Carnage with Stage Direct

Stage Direct will be performing the modern classic comedy/drama of God of Carnage by Yasmina Reza. This show will be held on the 15-16th May 2026 at Sharrington Village Hall.

Tickets are cash sales on the door on the night or from TicketSource online. Tickets cost £11.00.

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GOD OF CARNAGE
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Representations should be made by 6/5/2026
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This application may be viewed during office hours at the above offices.
N.B It is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale (£5,000), under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.

A Nice Thing for Holt!

Celebrating 3 Years of Winter Talks.

St Andrew's Eco Church & Greening Holt's first set of Winter Talks started in January 2024 followed by events in February and March.

What we wanted in setting up these talks were:

- to raise awareness of green issues
- a relevance to Holt and Norfolk
- changes we can all try to make to protect our environment
- to learn from what is happening in our county and beyond

What we got:

- first talks informed topics for 2025 and 2026
- willingness of speakers to do presentations
- a team of volunteers who support organising events
- attending and refreshments continuing free with donations welcomed

• an extended refreshment break to enable connection with others, often a welcome thing in the depths of winter!

- a warm and relaxed venue of the Meeting Room at St Andrew's welcoming all
- generous donations mean we can offer donations to charity speakers or to a speaker's chosen charity and helps cover heating and lighting costs across events
- connections made between individuals and organisations such as tree advice for the new Holt orchard and a Bat Society survey for Hunworth Common

Topics ranged from:

- toads, hedgehogs, eels, bats, bugs
- plants that grow in walls, seeds that grow in revitalised farm ponds, looking after the green spaces around Holt,

garden design spanning Holt and Chelsea!

- conservation management of Norfolk churchyards

We even strayed into showing a locally made film on Marsh Farm and Deepdale Conservation Trust that went down exceedingly well! We have been fortunate to have enthusiastic amateurs (their own

descriptions!) and experts in their field presenting entertaining and educational talks, and, we already have speakers lined up for 2027!

With thanks to all who left warm homes to brave cold nights to sit on seats or stand to speak!

Trish Parkin, Coordinator



Entertainment and Events at Weybourne Village Hall

Weybourne Village Hall is an ideal venue for family functions and parties, look at our website for more information, www.veybournevillagehall.org.uk

Film Night: Friday 17th April 2026. Please see website or posters for film title. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30 start. No booking necessary. You are welcome to bring drinks and nibbles with you, and please bring your own glass. Ice creams available to buy. Proceeds to Village Hall. Next film Friday 15th May.

Tea and Tech: Wednesday 22nd April 2026. Hollie, Community Tech Coach from NCC, will be available between 2 and 4 pm to help you with online shopping, banking, NHS services and more. Bring your device and charger with you, or if you don't have a device NCC may be able to help you. Tea and coffee provided; the session is free but donations welcome. For more information email secretary@weybournevillagehall.org.uk



Bingo: The next session will be on Friday 24th April 2026. Doors open at 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. No booking necessary. £1 entry with tea and coffee provided. Please bring other drinks and nibbles if required and your own glasses. Proceeds to Village Hall.

Table Tennis: every Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30 am. Interested in playing? Come and join us at the Village Hall, Beach Lane, Weybourne, NR25 7AH. We are a friendly and sociable group who play to a reasonable standard. We welcome players of all ages. So, if you want to keep active, meet others and enjoy yourself come along and see if it is for you, or for more information contact Phil Sheridan on 07799 500278 or Mick Bowman on 07710 606100.

Please see our website for the regular schedule.

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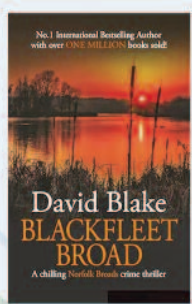
Fakenham Library
Wednesday 29th April
2pm - 3.30pm

Tickets are £3 (includes refreshments)
 Booking essential - to book call 01328 862715 or pop into the library.
 A Fakenham Library Friends event

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Author Talk

David Blake

David Blake, author of the bestselling DI Tanner series based in Norfolk, will be giving a talk about his books and writing at Wells Library. David will also be doing a book signing at the end of the event.

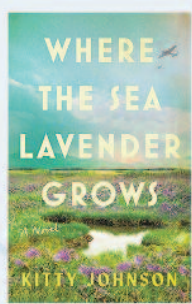
Wells Library
Saturday 25th April 4pm

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Author Talk

Kitty Johnson

Kitty Johnson, author of the North Norfolk based book *Where the Sea Lavender Grows*, will be giving a talk about her books and writing at Wells Library. Kitty will also be doing a book signing after the talk.

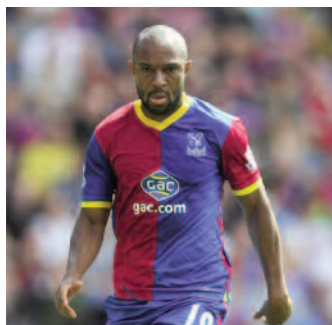
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Footie Quiz – Some really tough ones

- 1 In which country are PFC Neftchi Baku based?
- 2 Who were the last champions of East Germany top league?
- 3 What nationally is former West Ham player Daniel Gabbidon?
Pictured
- 4 Who was manager at Arsenal prior to Arsene Wenger (for four matches)?
- 5 What nationally is former Liverpool player Daniel Agger?
- 6 Who has made the most appearances for Norwich City?
- 7 Who was Gary Lineker playing for when he won his first England cap?
- 8 Who was David James playing for when he won his first England cap?
- 9 Who was Teddy Sheringham playing for when he won his first England cap?
- 10 Who was Norwich's record home attendance of 43,984 against?



Answers are upside down in this issue elsewhere
- No cheating!

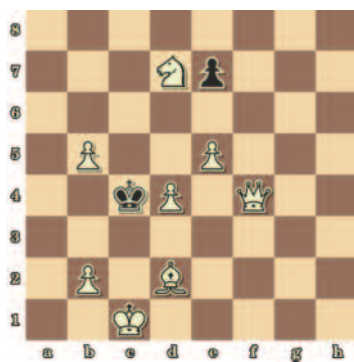
CHESS PROBLEMS by Dr Cedric Lytton

349. Michael Lipton
1. Prize, Segal Memorial Tourney, 1962

350. Cedric Lytton
The Problemist, May 1963



349. Mate in two moves



350. Mate in three moves

Solution to No. 349: 1. Kd3+ and now 1... Kf5 2. g4 (hence not 1. Kf2+? self-pinning the white Pg2); 1.. Kf7 2. gxf8Q (hence not 1. Kd4+?, with similar effect); 1... Kd7 2. c8Q (hence not 1. Kf4+?); 1... Kxd5 2. c4 (hence not 1.Kd2+?; in the diagram, set 2. Ba3, an attractive extra feature). White K star-flight of tries countered by black K star-flight, white the actual key (to a plus-flight) avoids injurious self-pins. A rare exception to the convention that the solution to a short direct-mate problem should never start with a check.

My No. 350 is (literally) an extension to the Star-Flight theme, the black K being allowed to prolong rays in all directions. With that hint, **difficulty 3**.

Solutions and comments to me at 16 Lime Grove, Sheringham NR26 8NX, or e-mail to lestershaw7@gmail.com

Holt Youth Project Award

We were incredibly proud to be unexpectedly awarded Best Activity Provider 2025 by Norfolk County Council, Big Norfolk Holiday Fun and Active Norfolk.

This recognition means a huge amount to our team, and reflects the hard work, dedication and passion that goes into supporting the young people in our community every week.

A big thank you to everyone involved, from our staff and volunteers to the young people who make what we do so rewarding. We're very proud to accept this award and look forward to continuing to provide opportunities, activities and support for young people in our area.



Give Bowls a try, it will surprise you!



Great excitement has been building with the anticipation of our wonderful green opening early April for practice. As you can see from the photo the green is looking superb!

We are starting the season with the 'grudge' match between the Ladies and Men on Saturday **18 April 2026, 2pm** we are combining it with a fund-raising event for Breast Cancer UK, so for the one and only time this season the green will be awash with pink tops, trousers, hats, it makes a wonderful sight. The match will be followed by afternoon tea. If you would like to come and watch and join us for tea, please let our chairman know. Our latest social event was held on the 27 March 2026, for a Ploughman's lunch, quiz, and raffle. The quiz got our brains ticking over, and the raffle raised fund for the improvements to the club.

The pre-season meeting was well attended on Tuesday 31 March, with lots of interaction and questions from the members, all champing at the bit to get bowling again outdoors.

A reminder to anyone who would like to try bowls for the first time, on **Saturday 2 May 2026**, we are holding a taster session. If you are a complete Novice, all you need is a flat pair of trainers or shoes, we will supply the bowls. We have qualified coaches on hand to give advice and club members to encourage you.

The Indoor competitions are continuing to be played, with the National finals at Lincoln starting on 21 April 2026. Congratulations to all the Norfolk finalists, we are hoping for some National titles to be brought back to Norfolk.

Holt Bowls Club is thriving and welcomes all bowling and social members. If you would like more information and are considering trying bowling or returning to bowling, please contact Holt BC Chairman Philip Fergusson 07548 030652.

Look on our website for more information about our club.

www.holtbowlsclub.co.uk



The Arts Society Glaven Valley



The Arts Society Glaven Valley meets at Cley Village Hall for lectures on arts-related subjects once a month on the third Tuesday, at 2.15 pm. New members are welcome, and you can find out more about us and how to join on our website www.theartsocietyglavenvalley.org.uk

Next meetings

Tuesday 21st April The Stirling Prize. The Stirling Prize is the UK's most prestigious award for architecture, celebrating buildings that have made a significant contribution to the evolution of the built environment. Some winners, such as Norman Foster's Gherkin, have become enormously successful and appreciated by the wider public. Others have proved harder to love...Our lecturer is Brian Slater, a former Senior Teaching Fellow at University College London and accomplished photographer.

Tuesday 19th May Renoir: How someone so disabled could produce works of such extreme beauty is a mystery even to his own son. This lecture focuses on the development of Renoir's rheumatoid arthritis and how that affected his life and art. It's one of a series of lectures that distinguished Epidemiologist Professor Alan Silman has developed on the impact of disabling disorders on prominent artists.

Visitors are welcome to attend either lecture on payment of £10: please email our secretary at tasgvsecretary@gmail.com.

The Write Stuff

The Write Stuff creative writing group met on 20th March in Holt, including two new members: Louise and Peter, but we can still accommodate more writers - see below.

We had previously set writing prompts for this meeting as "Sunrise" or "New Horizons" which generated pieces on romance, murder, sci-if and humour. It's always great to see the breadth of interpretations! Readings this month:
Monica Tobias: "New Horizons".

Peter Merrill: "Sunrise" (2 poems - one of which we agreed to copy to the Holt Chronicle, shown below).
Steve Lee: "A Winter Dawn", "Vulcan" and "Steam-hammer Sam".
Marilyn Roberts: "Undercover Women: New Horizons".
Next Meeting: Friday 17th April 2026, in The Gallery Room, Holt Community Centre 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We set a prompt of "Loss". Let's see what we can all make of that!

We still have room for more members in our group, so if you think we might be the right stuff for your writing (any standard / experience!) contact Steve Lee the coordinator: steveleeresources@gmail.com

"Sunset"

Here it is (sunset)
I missed it again, even though the tv told me twice.
My missus said it was wonderful and glorious.
I said "that's nice!"
"I will be there tomorrow waiting to make sure that I see".
But of course it was cloudy and raining.
I'm quoting here from my tv.

Peter Merrill

Volunteers Needed for Foodbank

Do you live in or around the Holt area?
We are looking for a couple of volunteers who can cover the occasional Friday afternoon on our rota, to assist people when collecting their food parcel. You must be able to lift 15kg, and driving would also be an advantage.
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Miss Bulwer's Embroideries

Jenny Knights, an Aylsham writer, has recently published a historical novel based on the many yards of extraordinary embroidery created by Lorina Bulwer a woman born in Beccles and later committed to Great Yarmouth workhouse as a lunatic in the 1890's whose stitchwork is now exhibited at Gressen-hall workhouse.



After a long career as a criminal lawyer Jenny now volunteers at the National Centre for Writing, based at Dragon Hall in Norwich. In the spring 2024 this led to her taking part in the "Stitch Our Stories" project. Jenny says "Participants were encouraged to use catch stitch and shown examples of this technique in Miss Bulwer's scrolls where she sets out her grievances against her family, the citizens of Yarmouth and a Dr Pinching.

Before this I had never heard of Lorina Bulwer and was amazed that a supposed lunatic was allowed access to needles and scissors in that era. I discovered that sewing was permitted as an early form of occupational therapy and that some of the embroideries are preserved in the Norfolk Museums collection. As I read these Lorina and a fictional character Amy began to "speak" and demand that I write their stories of love and loss and betrayal in Victorian England."

Jenny says "Over my years working with repeat offenders and witnessing the corrosive effects of locking people away without purposeful activities my aim is to raise funds for Fine Cell Work, a UK based rehabilitation charity which aims to transform the lives of prisoners one stitch at a time."

Jenny is happy to give talks to local groups about her research into the life of Miss Bulwer and others who sought solace in needlework when imprisoned. Contact: jennyknightsauthor@gmail.com

Miss Bulwer's Embroideries available priced £10 from Holt Bookshop.

The advertisement for Goff Heating Oil features a large image of a white and orange Goff heating oil tanker truck parked on a street. In the top left corner, there is a red circle with the word 'GOFF' in white, followed by 'HEATING OIL' in red. On the right side, there is a large red box with white text that reads: 'Deal direct & save on your heating oil', 'Get a quote', 'Call our team 01953 713555', and 'or order online'. Below this text is a QR code. The background of the entire advertisement is a photograph of the tanker truck and a residential street.

Little Vintage Lover Fair

Join us for a curated day of vintage shopping at Mannington Hall on Sunday 10th May, 10am-4pm, at Mannington Hall, Mannington, Norfolk. NR11 7BB where we've invited 50 vintage dealers offering a fine selection of treasures, ranging from clothing, accessories, and homewares to salvage, curiosities, and eclectic finds from the 1920s to the 1980s.

The Garden Cafe will be open for refreshments, alongside a great selection of street food vendors, and special guest DJ 'Three Bits of Rhythm'. Entry. Adults £5, accompanied children under 15 free.

For more information visit: littlevintageloverfair.com.



From Steff Aquarone MP

It was fantastic to see the number of people out and about in North Norfolk over the Easter weekend, enjoying our fantastic beaches with friends and family. Firstly, I want to thank all of those emergency services whose work allows people to enjoy their holidays safely. From our volunteer lifeguards who patrol our beaches and stand ready to help in all weather, to our police and fire services as well as our healthcare staff who give up their bank holidays to make sure that excellent urgent care is on hand when crowds increase.

I spent much of my own childhood on Norfolk's beaches, spending precious weekends and holidays exploring the coast with my mum and my sisters - and I wanted to share a proud achievement with you that's very close to my heart. New data just released shows that spills are down in two of North Norfolk's worst-hit sewage spots - Knackers Wood and West Runton. Many of you will know that campaigning for investment in cleaning up our waterways and oceans has been at the very top of my list, and I've been putting pressure on Anglian Water to invest more in North Norfolk's sewage infrastructure for years. After securing an £83million investment, the first positive changes are taking hold. Knackers Wood, the worst-hit sewage spill spot in North Norfolk in 2024 - has seen spills drop by a staggering 95% from 4359 to 204 after campaigning resulted in Anglian Water investing £2.3m in infrastructure improvements. A further £1.2m investment was secured for West Runton, where sewage spills have now dropped by 94% from 116 hours in 2024 to just 7 hours in 2025. That's what real investment delivers for North Norfolk,

and what real action looks like. This is a great achievement that will positively impact the people of North Norfolk who deserve clean water and safe oceans to swim in. We've made real progress, but we're not stopping there and I'll keep on fighting until sewage spills drop off altogether in my constituency.

So many of you have written to me about the rising cost of heating oil, and I have secured a debate in Parliament to challenge the government on the steps that they have taken so far, and to urge them to go further. I know that a third of homes in my constituency rely on heating oil and I have called on the government for a price cap.

I am taking the fight further to ensure that your concerns are taken seriously and are addressed with the same urgency that the government gives to electricity and gas. I will keep you updated on their response.

Finally, I have just closed my 15,000th case. That's 15,000 times North Norfolk residents have placed your trust in my team and me to support you in resolving an issue or listen to you and take your views seriously. I want to remind you that making your life a little bit easier is a huge part of my job - and nothing makes me happier than being able to help, whether you need advice, feel overwhelmed by red tape or simply want a friendly ear to listen.

As always - please get in touch - steff.aquarone.mp@parliament.uk.
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Cristine Frost

North Norfolk Photographic Society: Whiskey Galore!

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We started with a brief introduction from our host Katy Nelstrop before our members were treated to an amazing guided tour by the Master Distiller himself, Chris Waters. We had a great time photographing the whole whiskey making process with all of its unique equipment and traditional methods.



Bob Johnson

Following the shoot our members gathered in 'The Grain Kitchen' restaurant for a very nice lunch and to share the morning's fantastic experience.

Outside events like the whiskey shoot are in addition to our regular meetings at Bodham and offer our members the chance to visit and photograph various interesting venues. If you would like to know more about these visits and our friendly camera club, then do come along to one of our meetings. Your first visit is free of charge with no obligation to join and the meetings take place on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month from September to June starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bodham, NR25 6AD



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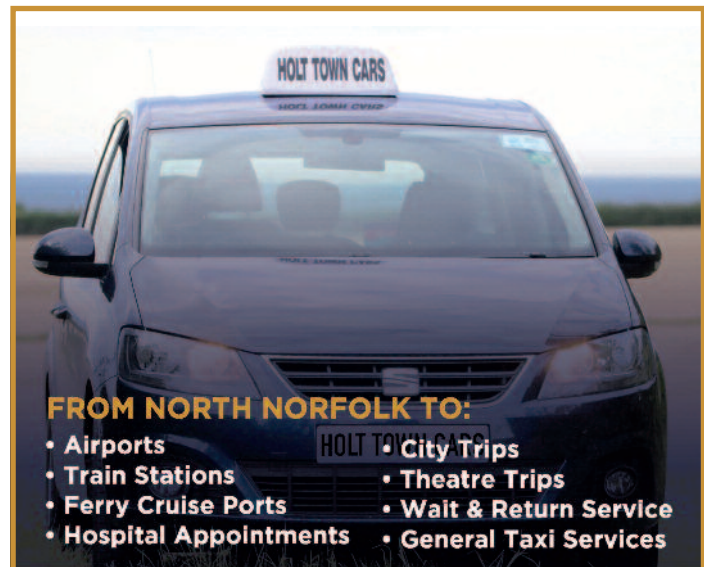
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