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LionLink preferred landfall site - Walberswick

To find out what this decision means for you, please attend one of our upcoming community drop-ins or webinar. These are not consultation events, but an opportunity to learn more about the project and meet our team of experts ahead of our formal statutory consultation expected to take place in Autumn/ Winter 2025.

Although no construction for LionLink will take place in Southwold, you are still very welcome to attend these events.

14 March 2025 2-8pm

Saxmundham Market Hall

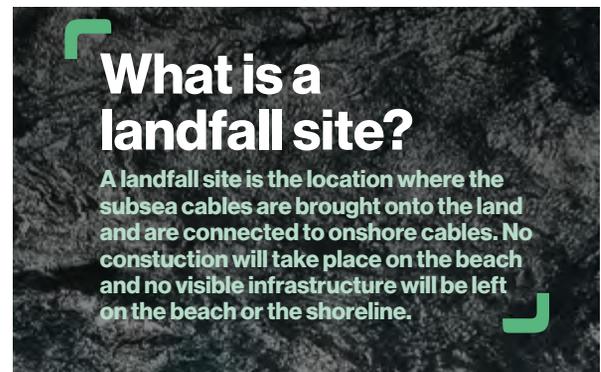
15 March 2025 10am - 4pm

Walberswick Village Hall

19 March 2025 6-7.30pm

Register via website:

nationalgrid.com/lionlink



What this means for you

Taking forward Walberswick as our preferred landfall location means that the Southwold option is no longer part of the planning process, and no infrastructure related to LionLink will be built in Southwold. As a result, we will not be sending further correspondence to communities in the Southwold area regarding the project's development.

While our focus has shifted to the preferred landfall site in Walberswick, we want to keep all communities informed about the LionLink project. If you wish to stay updated on LionLink, you can visit our website at www.nationalgrid.com/lionlink or scan this QR code.



Extracts from LionLink February 2025 Newsletter

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Before | **April 2024:** Remaining landfall, cable route and converter site options following our second public consultation.

After | **February 2025:** Preferred landfall, cable route and converter site options following landfall decision.

What is a 'search area'?

Search areas are the broad area in which infrastructure is being considered for development. For example, this means that works will not be required across the entirety of the converter, landfall and cable route boundaries shown on this map. The exact placement of our onshore infrastructure will be defined as part of our consent application.

SOUTHWOLD AND REYDON SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2025

At our February meeting, we were pleased to hear that the refurbishments at the Arts Centre are nearly complete. Following the installation of a new ceiling, the auditorium is currently being decorated by a small team of volunteers (two of whom are also members of our Executive Committee). The Arts Centre is always keen to recruit more volunteers for a wide range of tasks. It is notable that the Centre is largely staffed by volunteers with only one part time paid employee. An excellent programme of events is planned for the year ahead.

Many people in our community continue to be concerned about the plans for Sealink and Lionlink and the possible threats which these initiatives pose. Reydon Parish Council have called a meeting to consider the possible effects on both Reydon and Southwold. It will be held at Reydon Village Hall at 6.30pm on 21st February.

There has been some concern within our community about the planning application submitted by Adnams\ Bio Capital for an anaerobic digester at their site in Reydon. Adnams held a series of public consultation events at which further information was provided and members of the public were able to express their views. One of the concerns raised was about the increased movements of large vehicles in the vicinity. According to the East Anglian Daily Times, residents were told that there would be just 12 vehicle movements a day between 7am and 7pm. However, some residents have since noted that the Transport Statement which accompanies the planning application states that there will be 67 vehicle movements per day (49 of which will be HGVs). It would be helpful to know definitively which of these figures is correct.

The latest Harbour Management Committee meeting was held at the beginning of February but disappointingly, there was no announcement about the long-term strategy. There is still uncertainty about the future of the caravan site but the HMC is considering filling the 30 empty spaces on a temporary basis. The immediate challenges are to repair the road surface

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which has greatly deteriorated as well as the stages near the Harbour Inn. It is hoped a plan will be revealed at the March meeting.

The government have now confirmed their Devolution Priority Programme, and Norfolk and Suffolk are included. This means the 2025 County Council elections will be delayed and the date of the new elections will be on existing boundaries rather than the new ones. The first Mayor will be elected in 2026. Suffolk County Council will start on a detailed business plan for submission by September 2025. The government has reconfirmed the unitary authority should serve communities of 500,000. We will watch these developments and their implications for our community with interest.

We are pleased to know that Reydon Parish Council are planning to install some new play equipment at the 'Rec' in Reydon. The equipment is specifically designed for children aged 7+ and should be in place by the beginning of March.

The Committee were very sad to hear that David Woods of Reydon has passed away. For many years, David has maintained the beautiful floral displays at Reydon Corner which are so enjoyed by everyone in our community. We are very pleased to know that Reydon Parish Council are planning to install a bench at Reydon Corner in his memory.

Catherine Wiltshire (Vice-Chair)

Ipswich Chamber Choir Mark Padmore *patron*

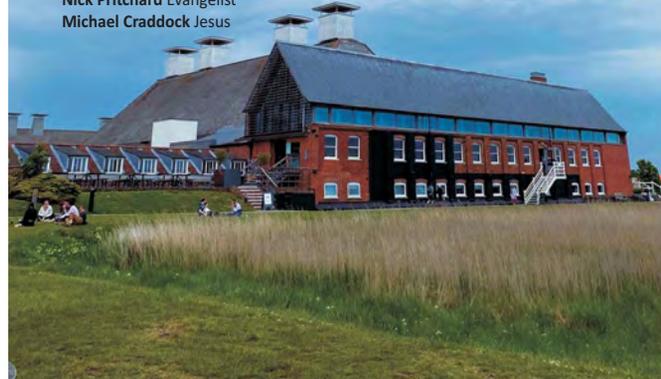
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New Suffolk Coastal MP Praises the Old Hospital Hub as an Incredible Community Initiative

On 7 February, Suffolk Coastal's new MP, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, who has a special interest in affordable housing and care of the elderly, toured Southwold and Reydon's Old Hospital Hub for the first time. Afterwards, she posted, 'The work SouthGen has done can't be given justice in a single social media post but this grass roots community initiative is incredible, supporting so many families across Southwold and Reydon and adjoining villages.'

The tour was organised by Better Society Capital, the UK's leading social impact investor, to showcase to the new MP one of the grass roots projects in her constituency that they had helped to realise. In one of the little-known chapters of the Old Hospital's on-going saga, when SouthGen was running out of money to pay for construction costs – these had skyrocketed due to the perfect storm of Brexit and Covid – Better Society Capital stepped in as a white knight to provide a £75,000 loan on favourable terms. This, along with a last-minute donations campaign that yielded another £50,000 from the community, got the Old Hospital Hub over the line.

Mrs Riddell-Carpenter was shown one of the social housing flats, the café, library, the Geography Fieldwork Academy, and also the Studio, the new community space created out of the former nursery, where Barclays Bank is now providing essential banking services three days a week. (This is proving especially helpful to elderly people who need assistance with digital banking.)

Jessica Jeans, who participated in the tour along with the Old Hospital's Business Manager, Sydney Barbrook, and fellow Trustee Paul Luke, said, 'The new MP asked many questions. She wanted to know how we had done it, about our partnership with Hastoe and the grass roots campaign which convinced NHS Properties to sell us the old hospital without putting it on the market, which would have jacked up the price so we would not have been able to buy it. She understands how Southwold and Reydon have pockets of hidden deprivation and that this is true throughout rural Suffolk, especially in high tourism areas where the number of second homes and well-off visitors disguises what is happening beneath the surface.'



Jenny Riddell-Carpenter (Suffolk Coastal MP) greeting Laura Bridgeland (Library and Information Advisor, Southwold Library)

Mrs. Riddell Smith, whose husband works in affordable housing, was also keen to learn about the transformative impact the Old Hospital's housing was having on the lives of its tenants and the community.

'We explained that we have nine children, new to Southwold, living at the Old Hospital and that eight of them are attending or will attend Southwold Primary, helping to preserve our local primary school. We also explained our tenants have all had such a positive impact on our local area, contributing to local employment and are actively involved in volunteering for local charities, including our own.'

Mrs. Riddell-Carpenter has promised a return visit to Southwold and Reydon when, in May, the Old Hospital launches a visual history of the story of the Old Hospital, going back to 1898. The history will include a plaque honouring the service of all of its former staff.

Funding top up for families most in need

Uniform banks in East Suffolk are invited to apply for additional support through a new funding scheme.

Following previous successful rounds of funding, East Suffolk Council has now allocated further funding to its East Suffolk Uniform Bank grant scheme and applications for 'top up' funding are now open.

Grants of up to £1,000 per application are available and can be put towards vouchers for shoes worth up to £15 per child and/or the purchase of new, branded uniform where supply is limited.

The funding is available for all existing uniform banks in East Suffolk, regardless of whether or not they have previously received funding from the grant scheme.

Nicole Rickard, Head of Communities and Leisure at East Suffolk Council, said: "Accessing new or branded uniform on a budget can be difficult for many families, particularly in rural areas. Uniform banks are a great initiative, not only to reduce clothing waste going to landfill, but also helping those most in need across East Suffolk. We are proud that more funding has been made available through this scheme and hope to work with local uniform banks to help as many families as possible."

This is a rolling grant scheme, and a panel will meet each month to discuss applications. The scheme will continue until all funds are spent or the scheme is reviewed.

To apply for this funding, please visit www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/uniform-bank-grant-scheme.

Successful applicants will be notified via email within five working days of the panel assessing their application.

Repair works to begin at Southwold promenade

12 February 2025 – for immediate release

Repair work to fill voids under a collapsed section of promenade at Southwold will begin later this month, ahead of planned repairs to the seawall.

East Suffolk Council's repairs and maintenance contractor, the Water Management Alliance, will begin work on the damaged section of promenade north of Southwold Pier from Monday 24 February. This follows the partial collapse of the promenade in December.

The WMA will be filling the voids under the promenade and replacing the collapsed slabs. This work will last approximately three weeks and will precede the planned repairs to the 'toe' of the sea wall. Erosion damage to the toe, which is usually underneath beach material, had

previously been identified and repairs were scheduled for later this year.

However recent erosion had exposed this area more quickly than expected, which resulted in the partial collapse of the promenade and the repair works have been brought forward as quickly as possible. Work on the sea wall will begin from Tuesday 22 April and is intended to be complete before the start of the school summer holidays.

Philip Ridley, East Suffolk's Head of Nationally Significant Infrastructure said: "Our coastal management team have worked with consenting organisations to bring the scheduled repairs to the sea wall forward, which in combination with the repairs to the promenade, will see this section of the seafront returned to its former good condition and re-opened once work is complete.

"The cordon to the north of the pier will remain in place until all works are complete and we would remind people to take extra care in this area and take notice of any signage and fencing."

A works compound will be sited in the council-owned car park at Southwold Pier, and whilst this will reduce the number of available parking spaces, both car parks north of Southwold Pier will remain open.

There will be no access to the promenade or the beach in the area where the works are taking place.





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Wildlife Wise announces new grant project support

A new small grant scheme has been announced by the Wildlife Wise team which will directly support Wildlife Wise priorities with projects that aim to prevent recreational disturbance and damage to the Suffolk Coast's internationally important wildlife and habitats.

Sam Kench, Wildlife Wise Delivery Manager said: *"The Suffolk Coast is one of the most important places in Europe for wildlife; particularly wildfowl and wading birds that live, nest, and breed in our coastal habitats through the seasons."*

"Therefore, this Wildlife Wise grant fund is all about working with interested organisations to deliver new projects that will practically make a difference to prevent disturbance across the Suffolk Coast's wildlife sites."

Small grants of up to £5,000 will be awarded to projects supporting priorities within the Suffolk Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy.

Organisations can also use Wildlife Wise grants as match funding for a larger project.

The Wildlife Wise fund will run throughout 2025 with the first round now open. Applications were requested by Friday 21 February and awards will be made by Friday 14 March.

The types of site-based projects might include implementing new signage, rerouting paths or making car parking improvements, creating new dogs off lead areas, or small areas of fencing to enable ground nesting birds to breed without disturbance and sensitive wildlife habitats to flourish without trampling, whilst still preserving access to the coast.

Further guidance for grant applicants and an application form can be found at www.wildlifewise.co.uk/wildlife-wise-project-fund. For more information, please contact email: info@wildlifewise.co.uk

A Life Working in Landscape



The February meeting of the local Blyth Valley and Southwold group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust welcomed Anne Westover to talk about her life-long love of working in the countryside. Trained as a landscape architect, Anne has worked in many areas, from the leafy sections of Welwyn Garden City, to Leeds, to Norwich County Council, and now to smaller, local projects. She was involved in the preservation of old and significant trees, and in the overall maintenance of green areas. The beautiful Kett's Heights, above Norwich, was restored recently by the council, together with volunteers, and

Anne designed the new metal gates there. It is well worth the climb. Keeping and planting screening trees was part of Anne's brief, and many of the pine trees at Sutton Hoo remain as a result, and are now very much part of that landscape.

There is much work being carried out at local level. Hedgerows that are over thirty years old now need permission to be grubbed out, and Suffolk hedges have been surveyed at a parish level to help provide this information. Local volunteer Tree Wardens help to propagate young trees, and involve the community in learning about and managing trees and hedgerows. Cemeteries can be havens for growing local species, and Wickham Market and Woodbridge were mentioned. Our native black poplar is in decline, and there are efforts to increase their numbers locally, for example, in Wenhaston.

Anne's job gave her a very wide brief, and her work with different councils gave us an idea of how decisions are made, and how tree and hedge management is carried out. It was an interesting and informative evening.

Penny Mansfield
contact us at swtblythvalley@gmail.com

Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 13th at 7.30pm. Simon Dudhill from the Hawk and Owl Trust will tell us about his work with barn owls and red kites. This is our annual visit to Wenhaston Village Hall, Hall Road, Wenhaston IP19 9EP. Entrance is £4, to include refreshments. All are welcome. Under 25's free.

Blyth Valley & Southwold Wildlife Group

Barn Owls and Red Kites
illustrated talk by
Simon Dudhill

from the Hawk and Owl Trust
7.30pm Thurs. 13th March
Wenhaston Village Hall
IP19 9EQ

Admission £4 inc refreshments
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What's On

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Council could pick up £2.7m bill for flood project



Work has already happened at the Benacre sluice to improve flood defences in the area. Image source, Richard Daniel/BBC

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An authority is due to be asked to pick up a multi-million bill on a major flood protection project to safeguard a key road.

Paul West, Suffolk County Council's lead for highways and flooding, will ask cabinet members to allocate an extra £2.7m from reserves toward the Benacre Flood Risk Management Project, external during Tuesday 25 February meeting.

The project is for the construction of two new pumping stations, drains and embankments between the A12 and the coast as well as the creation of 82 hectares of intertidal mud flats and salt marsh.

The council already agreed a £2m contribution toward the £59.1m project funded by the government and

Sizewell C - but the money would bridge a gap in the final costings.

The project would protect the A12 against a one-in-200 years tidal flooding event, for the next 50 years.

Currently, the key road is protected by a pumping station on an eroding coast expected to breach within one to two years.

The government has funded £32.1m toward the project while Sizewell C has funded £25m, reports the Local Democracy Reporting Service.

However, in December the final price was calculated at an extra £5m - after all cost-cutting and alternative funding streams were exhausted, the council report said, and a £2.7m gap was left.

The project was being promoted and constructed by the Waveney, Lower Yare and Lothingland Internal Drainage Board (IDB) and maintained by the Environment Agency alongside the landowner.

A council report stated that approving the money was vital, so the IDB can sign the main construction contract at the beginning of next month.

The money would only be used to offset any risks which materialised by the time of the project's due date, in March 2029, during which time the authority would continue to look for other funding.

Doing nothing, the council said, could result in a £235m loss over the next 50 years and compromise not only the A12, but also 200 domestic and commercial properties, and 450 hectares of farmland.

Image source, Sizewell C/Google



Sizewell C has detailed some of the flood work that will be undertaken, about 15 miles north of its site at Kessingland.

RSPCA SUFFOLK CENTRAL BRANCH

Reaching New Heights for a Pawfect Cause



Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Buster keeps an eye out for skydivers, image courtesy of the RSPCA

An animal charity near Ipswich has launched its first ever sky dive seeking thrill seekers to take the leap of a lifetime – all in a good cause.

The Suffolk Central Branch of the RSPCA, based in Martlesham, is hoping to raise £3,000 to reflect the 3,000 animals, from ferrets to French bulldogs, it helped in 2024.

The tandem sky dive from 13,000ft is taking place at Beccles Airfield on April 12.

Would-be jumpers pay a £50 deposit before raising a minimum of £395, with each penny going directly to the Martlesham Animal Centre.

RSPCA corporate and community fundraiser, Lorna Goodwin, said: *“No experience is necessary. Our team of*

certified instructors will guide you every step of the way, Whether you’re an adrenaline junkie or a first-timer, this is a unique opportunity to test your courage and give back in a meaningful way.”

The branch helps animals in need by rehoming and rehabilitation, last year it helped 300 animals find new homes, as well as providing access to low-cost vet care, treatment and medication for nearly 3,000 pets through its welfare clinics, subsidised neutering and microchipping programmes.

Family and friends are also welcome to attend the event at Beccles Airfield, Ellough, Suffolk with jump slots at 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm.

Those preferring to self-fund their jump, can pay the full price in advance, or make a £50 deposit and pay the balance on the day of the jump.

A former WWII airbase, Beccles Airfield - or Beccles Aerodrome as it is known locally – offers would-be flying enthusiasts the opportunity to try a number of exciting airborne experiences. To secure your place contact 01502 476131 or email fundraising@rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk



Sky divers take a leap of faith at Beccles Airfield, image courtesy of Beccles Airfield

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Wrentham Chapel

Wrentham Chapel is holding two special events in March.

On **Thursday March 6th** we will be holding a **Quiet Morning from 10am**.

This will be a time for reflection and restoration. Hot and cold drinks with light refreshments will be provided. This is a free event and anyone may bring a packed lunch if they would like to stay longer. During the afternoon, chapel members will be gardening around the chapel and anyone is welcome to help. Details from Revd. Ian Fosten 07791 068080.

On **Friday March 21st** we will host our **“Younger Than Springtime” Caedmon Evening**; celebrating the season is music, word and song; starting at 7pm. The programme will be a miscellany of items contributed by some of the audience on a “Bring and Share” basis. (All genres welcome). As usual, there will be a light buffet with wine and fruit juice. There is no charge for this but any donations towards the upkeep of our historic Chapel will be gratefully received. Details from Sue Hardy 07771 882738.



Speedier Spring Arrival



In 2015 it was estimated that it took an average of three weeks for spring to pass across the country. It moved at a rate of 1.9mph from the South West to the North East. 'An average of 1.2mph was recorded using data between 1891 and 1947 and 1.8mph using data recorded between 1998 and 2014' (How Fast Does Spring Travel? British Science Association, 2015). Different species events take different times to cross the country. Here are some averages:

Hawthorn leafing - 6.3mph
Swallows arriving - 2.4mph
Hawthorn flowering 1.9mph
Orange tip butterfly - 1.4mph
Oak first leafing - 1.3mph
Frogspawn - 1mph

It appears that spring is moving faster across the country than it used to. How this will affect the natural environment is hard to know.

By Helen Tworowski,
Tavistock branch, Devon Beekeeping Association



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Southwold Arts Centre



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Highlights for March are:

- 6 March: Crosscurrents in Art & Literature 1800-1930 (also 13/20/27 + 3 April)
- 7 March: The Beached Boys - capturing original sixties sounds of the Beach Boys
- 8 March: Tales From The Motherland - fEAST Theatre
- 11 March: Rodin Sculpture with David Worthington
- 12 March: Gladiator II - Cinema
- 14 March: Making Sense - Jazz, songs & poetry
- 15 March: The All Seasons live - Hits of Frankie Vallie & the Four Seasons
- 17/18/19 & 23 March: Shakespeare Festival (see below)

- 21 March: Dead on Cue - spooky thriller
- 22 March: Get Down Tonight - tribute show 70s & 80s Soul, Disco + Funk
- 26 March: The Critic - Cinema
- 28 March: Creedance Clearwater Review - tribute
- 30 March: Afternoon Recital with Rowan Pierce accompanied by Harry Sever (see below)**

Saturday 12 April at 7.30pm

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**SHAKESPEARE
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Four films of Royal Shakespeare Company productions

Monday 17 March - 2:30pm

JULIUS CAESAR

Filmed live at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in April 2017, with Andrew Woodall in the title role. Mark Antony is played by James Corrigan, Brutus by Martin Hitson.

Tuesday 18 March - 2:30pm

HENRY IV PART 1

Filmed live at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in June 2014, directed by Gregory Doran with Antony Sher as Sir John Falstaff.

Wednesday 19 March - 2:30pm

CYMBELINE

Filmed live at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in September 2016. Melly Still directs Shakespeare's rarely performed romance of power, jealousy and a journey of love and reconciliation.

Sunday 23 March - 2:30pm

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**Friday 28 March
7:30pm
Tickets - £20**

**An afternoon recital
with renowned
soprano
ROWAN PIERCE
accompanied by
HARRY SEVER**



We are delighted to welcome to Southwold Arts Centre the multi-prize winning soprano Rowan Pierce, for a wonderful programme of songs including Mendelssohn, Grieg, Stanford, Quilter, Coates and Schumann.

Some of the prizes awarded to Rowan include Britten Pears Young Artist, Samling Artist, Harewood Artist at English National Opera; winner of the Schubert Society Singer Prize, the Van Someren Godfrey Prize, the President's Award at the RCM. Rowan has performed at venues around the world, including the Wigmore Hall, Glyndebourne and the Royal Opera House. She made her Proms debut in 2017, and returned in 2019 and 2023. Although Rowan has been much acclaimed for her interpretation of Baroque and Early music, she has also been applauded for her performance of a wider repertoire, as her discography demonstrates. She was also the voice of the singer Siena Rosso in Bridgerton! Rowan is accompanied by BBC Music Magazine's 'Rising Star' conductor, Harry Sever. In recent seasons, Harry has worked with Scottish Opera, London Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Britten Sinfonia at Sadler's Wells.

"Pierce's voice is delicious: clear, strong, supple, with sparkling top notes and a warm, textured middle and low register..." BBC Music Magazine, 2019

**Sunday 30 March
2:00pm
Tickets - £12.50**

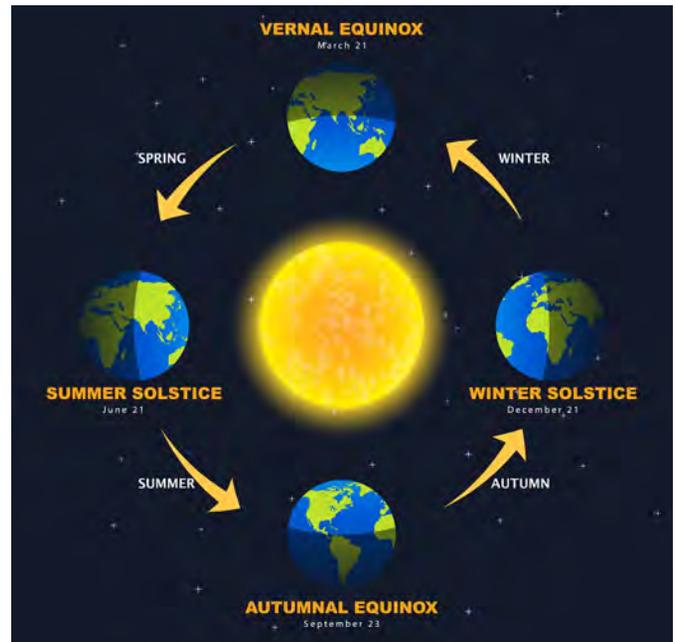
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March Trivia Quiz

The month of March makes us all think of spring, but the official start of the season does not arrive until the end of the third week of the month.

Spring Equinox: Thursday, 20 Mar 2025, 9:01am

1. Which famous god is March named after?
2. What are the birthstones of March?
3. What is the official birth flower of March?
4. What is the full moon in March called?
5. What are the two zodiac signs for March birthdays?
6. February, March, and what other month always start on the same day of the week?
7. Every year, March and what other month end on the same day of the week?
8. March is the start of the spring season in the Northern Hemisphere. What season does March usher in if you're in the Southern Hemisphere?
9. True or False: March used to be the first month of the year on early Roman calendars.
10. In early Roman times, the "Ides of March" was the deadline for what?
11. What does the superstition "If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb" mean?
12. According to weather folklore, if it's a rainy March, what other month will be rainy?
13. Oppositely, if it's a dry March, what month should you expect rain, according to weather folklore?
14. When does daylight saving time officially begin in March?
15. In the spring, do we gain or lose an hour for daylight saving time?
16. Why is Easter sometimes in March and sometimes in April?



- www.lovetoknow.com/life/lifestyle/march-trivia

Spring Equinox colouring

Quiz Answers are on page 22



Exciting news from Suffolk County Music Service



Press Release Issue Date: 10 February 2025

Our new choir, Fusion Voices, is starting soon at Northgate Arts Centre, Ipswich on Wednesday Evenings from 5.45-6.45pm during term-time. We're really excited to be starting this to cater for teens aged 13-18 as well as our regular Saturday Morning Choir 'South Suffolk Young Voices' for younger singers.

On Sunday 23 March Suffolk Youth Orchestra will be performing at the request of West Suffolk Council Chair, Councillor Pat Hanlon at the Apex, Bury St Edmunds. The afternoon will be raising funds for The Chair's chosen charities, the Accessible Learning Foundation and REACH Community Projects, and Suffolk Youth Orchestra's charity, Suffolk SMART. Tickets are available directly from <https://tinyurl.com/2wnuxcep>

There are loads of exciting things happening, or due to be happening with us around the county and we are especially pleased to announce our bigger involvement in the Folk East Festival for 2025. We can't give too much away yet but having had a productive meeting with the team, we can say that there will be lots going on, so watch this space!

We're really pleased to say that we have now raised two thirds of our fundraising target for our St Elizabeth Hospice Leveret. We have had so many amazing entries sent in for our 'Design a Star' competition from children all around the County, their winning designs will give the Wow Factor to our Art Trail leveret. Keep a look out for more activities over the next few months to inspire our children & young people. These events will also include further fundraising to help raise vital funds for

St Elizabeth Hospice. Donations can be made on the Suffolk County Music Service/St Elizabeth Hospice Enthuse Page <https://shorturl.at/feHtz>

Please visit our website www.suffolkcountymusic-service.co.uk, where you can learn more about the wide range of activities we offer your children and young people at different locations across the county.

Follow us on our social media pages for more updates and find out how you can join in!



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"The biggest short play festival in the world" *The Times*

The ninth edition of the annual INK Festival takes place in the market town of Halesworth, Suffolk from Thursday April 24 to Sunday April 27 with the INK Youth Festival on Monday April 28.

This year's programme is the most ambitious to date featuring over 70 original short plays, a selection of performance poetry, radio plays, stand-up comedy, short film screenings, industry Q&As, writers' workshops, and a host of activities for children.

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The plays are performed two or three times per day in rep over ten different venues from the conventional main house at the Cut Theatre to a campervan for Poetry On Wheels. The atmosphere is not unlike a mini Edinburgh fringe festival.

But unlike any other festival in the UK, INK produces all of its featured plays ensuring the highest quality of work by hand-picking professional directors, actors, crew and creatives. The magic of a short play is its sheer flexibility. The value of the short form is that it provides a rare platform to see the talent and ideas of the future. The joy of short plays is that they rarely outstay their welcome.

There were over 1000 submissions this year; there were just 15 when INK first took flight in 2014. We have been blessed over the years with original short play contributions by some stellar writers including Richard Curtis, Miranda Hart, Alexei Sayle, Jan Etherington, Libby Purves, Anthony Horowitz, Arthur Smith, John Boyne, John Canter, Louis de Bernières, Kate Moss, and Charlie Mackesy.

This year we have contributions from Mark Ravenhill, Nigel Planer, Simon Evans, Simon Nye, and Benedict Nightingale. As ever we are fabulously blessed in our patrons: Helen Atkinson Wood, Esther Freud, and Luke Wright who is also performing.

Festival sidebars include the film director Paul Greengrass in conversation with Tom Shone; an evening of Suffolk Short films; a performance by The Comedy Store Players; an evening with Paul Sinha from The Chase; a special INK Quiz Night with Sam West; and Q&As with playwrights Josie Rourke, Lucy Kirkwood, and the legendary theatre critic Benedict Nightingale.

The INK Youth Festival Day (Monday April 28) is a rare opportunity to connect live theatre to school age audiences. Over 500 secondary school students will be able to enjoy the entire repertory of festival plays for free. There will also be Q&As with the directors and actors after the performances, and tours backstage to see how it all works.

Free live events include Sunday Funday (April 27) a day-long celebration of music and arts in Halesworth Market Place with live music, hands-on activities, and theatre based family activities.

Tickets & Accessibility Tickets for INK Festival 2025 are now available. Student discounts and free entry for carers are offered, alongside individual and four-day ticket options.

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Southwold Town Mayor's Charity Concert

Friday 2nd May, 7pm, St.
Edmund's Church

The Southwold Town Mayor will host a special concert on Friday 2nd May 2025 in St. Edmund's Church, Southwold, in aid of the Southwold Music Trust. The charity aims to make music a central part of Southwold by staging concerts, supporting music-making within the community, and providing weekly music activities in Southwold Primary School.

The concert will begin at 7pm and last just under one hour. The programme will be performed by local musicians, including young people, adult amateurs and community groups – rather than 'jetting in' professionals from elsewhere! The audience will be amazed at what high-level and varied music will be performed, all by members of our own community!

Tickets can be purchased now at www.ticketsource.co.uk/southwoldmusictrust or by calling the box office on 0333 666 4466. Ticket prices range from £7 to £20 and children aged 16 and under are completely free. Recent concerts in St. Edmund's have been completely



sold out well in advance, so booking quickly is strongly recommended. Help us fill the church, enjoy the skills of musicians within your community, and support music within Southwold!

For more information and to keep updated please visit www.southwoldmusictrust.co.uk

Brain Tumour Charity



The local monthly lottery for The Brain Tumour Charity took place on Saturday 1st February at 17:30, with Fred & Kate Assmann being present to adjudicate.

There were 247 entries, making a total prize fund of £123.50. 1st prize of £61.75 with ticket number 175 went to Richard Edwards, 2nd prize of £37.05 with ticket number 44 went to Kate Ben-Dyke and 3rd prize of £24.70 with ticket number 237 went to L Knights. Congratulations to each of them.

If you would like a monthly flutter, whilst supporting The Brain Tumour Charity, please email John Huggins at thebtclottery@btinternet.com and he will be in contact. You can even call him on 07873 376168 if you don't do email.

The lottery is regulated and licensed by East Suffolk Council LOT02110. The next draw will take place on Saturday 1st March 2025.

Every penny raised goes to The Brain Tumour Charity and I'm pleased to say my family and friends have raised over £58,900 from our various events since losing our 8 year old family member Sophie.

Our next big fundraising event was - Counterfeit Quo, a tribute act to Status Quo on 21st February 2025.



Southwold Town Mayor's Charity Concert

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Friday 2nd May 2025

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How Southwold lost its W Thanks to an intrepid Reydon emigrant

While researching the history of emigrants to the New World from Ipswich in the 1630s, I came across the story of John Youngs. Youngs was born in Reydon in about 1598, where his father Christopher was vicar. Christopher subsequently became vicar of Southwold and a brass tablet on the floor of the chancel in Southwold records his death in 1626.

Little is known about John's life before he became a minister at St Margaret's Ipswich – next door to the dissolved Priory of Holy Trinity, now Christchurch Mansion. In 1637 he set sail with his family on the ship the *Mary Anne* at Ipswich, bound for a new life in the Americas. With him were his second wife Joan, his five children and his step-daughter Anna Palgrave. Other passengers included the families of John Thurston, a carpenter and Thomas Paine, a weaver, both from Wrentham, William Cockram from Southwold and Benjamin Cooper of Brampton, with a number of

servants. All told 33 of the 72 passengers were from one small corner of Suffolk.

After a five week crossing the *Mary Anne*, captained by William Goose, landed safely at Salem in Massachusetts, where the Youngs remained for three years joining other members of the family who had sailed there in 1635. In 1640 John took his wife and children across Long Island Sound and established a new town which he named Southold (without the w). Purchased from local Indians, this was the first permanent English settlement in what is now New York and at the time was within the province of Connecticut which allowed freedom of worship (unlike New Haven which was ruled by puritans). As well as the Youngs, the settlement consisted of the families of Peter Hallock, Barnabas Horton, John Budd, John Conklin, John Swazy, William Wells, John Tuthill, and Matthias Corwin. The settlement flourished, reaching a population of some 180 within 10 years. Within the modern town's limits there is still an area called Reydon Shores, recalling Youngs' birthplace, now a prestigious and sought-after residential community opposite the Hamptons.

Southold is in the eastern half of Long Island, the western half then being settled by the Dutch.

While the Dutch and English navies were at war in the North Sea, their settlers across the Atlantic were also fighting for supremacy. A year after the Battle of Sole Bay, and having captured New York, the Dutch assaulted Southold in 1673 but were repelled, and New York retaken in 1674. James Duke of York then transferred the town, along with Eastern Long Island, to the province of New York – Connecticut had sheltered three of the judges who had sentenced Charles I to be executed. He had not forgiven them.

The history of the Young family in America was researched extensively by their descendant Selah Youngs and published in 1907. He summarised his ancestors as follows: "Two noticeable characteristics of the family are sobriety and longevity. Many have lived to ninety years of age, several to more than ninety-five, and one to beyond her hundredth year; but their distinguishing trait is their strong religious feeling, which they inherited from their English ancestor. This has persisted through the generations and almost universally been the controlling influence in their lives, moulding their characters and making them peaceable, law-abiding citizens, many of whom have had a prominent part in the development and history of the country."

James Winterbotham

MAPPING OUR SHARED HISTORY



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A new Historic Towns Trust map of Ipswich

We are fund-raising for a project to create a new historic map of Ipswich, one of England's wealthiest ports in the Middle Ages and thought to be England's oldest permanently inhabited town.

The map will be academically rigorous but accessible, summarizing the most recent knowledge of Ipswich's history from the archaeological, documentary and physical evidence.

The map will be a physical fold-out paper map of standard Ordnance Survey size, based on a digitized pre-war OS map covering the centre and extending north to Christchurch Park, east to the Felixstowe branch line, south to Stoke and West to Portman Road, with possible insets on the reverse. It will show all the significant features of Ipswich's 1,500 year history, from rivers, streets, fortifications, churches and other buildings, using a clear and immediately comprehensible set of legends.

A gazetteer on the reverse will give a brief history of Ipswich and descriptions of the major buildings and features shown on the map, plus rare images and early photographs.

Historic Towns Trust



The Historic Towns Trust is a charity that since 1967 has been producing maps and atlases to record, compare and promote urban history in Britain. Our belief is that the story of our towns is should matter to everyone: it tells of where we came from and who we are.

The urban environment shapes the way we live, and knowing more about the past of towns helps to make them better places to live in now and to plan them well for the future.

We have produced 16 maps to date of towns such as Cambridge, Bristol, Hull and Coventry. In 2024 we will add Perth, Bath and Ripon, and have an exciting programme to map all the major towns of Great Britain.

Why an Ipswich map?

We believe that creating a new map of Ipswich is an opportunity to celebrate this town's unique history, bring it to a wider audience locally and nationally, and provide a platform for educational and outreach programmes that will bring the community together and foster pride in this remarkable town.

Reydon Community Quiz

The February Community Quiz was held on the 21st of the month, and we welcomed Charlotte Clark to take the role of quizmaster for the evening. With a wide range of questions, and a few surprising answers along the way, Charlotte's quiz kept everyone entertained!

Winners were 'What, No Broadside' with 136 points, in joint second place 'Treacle Tart's and 'Three's Company' with 126 points, and just behind 'What the Ecc' with 125 points.

Together with proceeds from the raffle, the evening raised a generous £330. This was donated to FOSL (Friends of Southwold Library) and presented to Charlotte with the sincerest thanks for her hard work at the library and in our community. What a brilliant job she does!

Messages of thanks were received from the Beavers/ Cubs/Scouts group and the Rainbows/Brownies, who were recipients in January. It is lovely to hear how our fundraising will enhance the children's experiences.

A huge thanks as always to our loyal quizzers, for their generosity, participation, and support, to hosts Sole Bay Bowls Club and raffle helpers. Thanks also to Southwold Press for providing paper for the quizzes.

The next quiz will be on Friday March 21st.

The following one will be on Friday April 18th (TBC as it is Good Friday).

If there is enough demand, there will be one on 16 May.

There is sometimes space for another team so do contact me if you are interested in joining us, on ahumphry@talktalk.net

Save the Date! Help2 Ukraine

What: Southwold Dog Show and Mini Fete for Ukraine.

When: Easter Saturday 19th April 2025, 11am-3pm.

Where: The Paddock, the Common, opposite the Roman Catholic Church. IP19 6AH.

Why: To raise money to take more ambulances and medical supplies to Ukraine.

Last year a group of us under the name Help2Ukraine held a fund-raising auction and then drove four ambulances stuffed full of medical equipment and supplies to Ukraine.

This year we are holding the Dog Show and a mini fete with tombolas (both human and doggy), a raffle, tea and cakes, hot dogs and beer, doggy portraits and children's games. Please come and support, with or without pooches!

More details to follow in April's edition.

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A word from Rosedale.....

For some, the beginning of a new year can be a good time to make changes in life. A new year brings the possibility of a fresh start. Many people commit to new fitness or dietary goals or re-assess career direction. In January, estate agents report a surge of properties coming onto the market as people decide to make changes to their living arrangements.

On a smaller scale, I like to take stock of my bookshelves, kitchen cupboards and wardrobe. There is something therapeutic about re-organising our personal space and clearing out things that are surplus to requirements. It feels good to donate clothes and books to charity shops, knowing that someone else can benefit from things we no longer need, whilst also making money for worthy causes. This form of recycling is also good for the planet.

For those who are bereaved, a new year is often not a cause for celebration but a reminder that the future must be faced without their loved one. For some, this fear can be quite overwhelming.

At our bereavement groups, we like to remind participants that they do still have a future (even though it might look very different to what they had planned.) None of us know the future or what good times may lie ahead.

We also remind our participants that they are still individuals of worth (even without their loved one) and they are still important - friends, family, colleagues etc, still need them.

No matter our circumstances, we all have something to offer. We each have a unique set of skills, characteristics and abilities that are needed in the world.

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Most importantly, we all need to be reminded that we are not alone. Everyone is part of some kind of community, whether that be a family, a friendship group, neighbourhood, church, workplace or hobby club. At the most basic level, we are all part of the human race and have a part to play in making the world a better place.

I'll finish with a little story..... Whilst looking at some of the comments beneath an Instagram post about mental health, a doctor had commented that he was losing hope and didn't feel his life had a point anymore. I encouraged him to keep going and that I believed he had a unique combination of skills and abilities that no one else had. I reminded him that the world needed what he had to give. He replied with 'Thank you, I really needed to hear this today.'

We don't know what difficult situations someone else might be facing but we can all do a little something that might make a big difference - a smile, a helping hand, a kind word, or an act of generosity.

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This article written by Sarah Howard, Rosedale Funeral Home Bereavement Support Group Facilitator

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Southwold Library

We live in hope the weather is warming up as the activity is ramping up at Southwold Library this year. In February we welcomed two great authors for two amazing events. The first was Simon Mayo for a sold out event at Reydon Village Hall. The DJ and accomplished novelist was talking about his latest crime thriller "Black Tag" and then we ran an event at the beautifully newly refurbished Southwold Arts Centre with the lovely Elly Griffiths. A return visitor, Elly was launching her new crime series "The Frozen People".

So in March we welcome legendary author **Simon Scarrow**. Simon Scarrow is a Sunday Times No.1 bestselling author with several million copies of his books sold worldwide. After a childhood spent travelling the world, he pursued his great love of history as a teacher, before becoming a full-time writer. His books - which have sold 6 million copies - include two earlier Berlin thrillers featuring CI Schenke, "Blackout" which was a Richard & Judy Book Club Pick and a Sunday Times bestseller and "Dead of Night" which was a top 10 bestseller. Simon is also the author of a quartet of novels about the lives of the Duke of Wellington and Napoleon Bonaparte, "Young Bloods", "The Generals", "Fire and Sword" and "The Fields of Death"; a novel about the 1565 Siege of Malta, "Sword & Scimitar"; "Hearts of Stone", set in Greece during the Second World War; and "Playing with Death", a contemporary thriller written with Lee Francis. He also wrote the novels "Arena" and "Invader" with T. J. Andrews. Simon will be talking about his writing and his new book "A Death in Berlin" featuring CI Horst Schenke fighting crime against the backdrop of wartime Berlin. Simon will be appearing at **Reydon Village Hall on Wednesday 19th March at 6.30pm** and tickets are £6 with free glass of wine/ juice - available from Southwold Library 01502 722519



or www.ticketsource.co.uk/suffolklibraries. And watch this space because "**Slaughter in Southwold**" our Crime Writers Festival will be back on the **14th & 15th June** this year with authors Kate Ellis, Robert Goddard, Chris Hammer, Barbara Nadel and Tim Sullivan confirmed so far. Visit www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/slaughter to sign up to the mailing list to be the first to hear about the festival.



Over February Half Term we had fun with lots of families at both our Emergency Services Crafts (and thanks to the local Police for popping by with stickers for the kids) and the Suffolk Trainmaster train sessions. We have plenty of fun planned for the Easter Holidays so watch this space. In the meantime on **Saturday 22nd March** it is Suffolk Libraries Days and we invite families and everyone to take part in our **Treasure Hunt**. Our fun treasure hunt leads you on a circular walk around Southwold as you solve the clues to uncover our hidden message. It's £3 per hunt and the first prize is Adnams vouchers! Plus there's a lolly for every child that finishes the hunt. The hunt starts at 10am and you have until 5pm to bring them back to the library. If you don't fancy the hunt there is also a **Cake Stall** all day at the library and a **Quiz Night 7pm** that evening at the Cardinal Newman Hall. It's teams of 4, £3 per person, bring your own drinks & snacks, and a raffle! Book early to avoid disappointment as there are limited places. Contact Southwold Library, 01502 722519 southwold.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk

We are still continuing our fundraising for St. Elizabeth Hospice and our little leveret. Southwold Library is pledged to raise £650 for St Elizabeth Hospice (as part of their Hop-to-It statue trail 2025) in exchange for a Little Hare statue to decorate & keep. During February the kids helped us decorate our hare but we are still raising funds selling a variety of handmade hare crafts & hare merchandise at the library with a hare quiz sheet for sale



Simon Scarrow

**Wednesday 19th
March 6.30pm**

Author Talk with Simon at Reydon Village Hall

Simon Scarrow is a Sunday Times No. 1 bestselling author with millions of copies of his books sold worldwide. Simon was a history teacher before becoming a full-time writer. His books include two earlier Berlin thrillers featuring CI Schenke, "Blackout", which was a Richard & Judy Book Club Pick and a Sunday Times bestseller and "Dead of Night", which was a top 10 bestseller.

Simon is also the author of a series about the Duke of Wellington & Napoleon & novels about the 1565 Siege of Malta & Greece during WWII Plus several series about the Romans including "Eagles of the Empire", "Arena" & "Invader".

Simon will be talking about his writing and his new book "A Death in Berlin" featuring CI Horst Schenke fighting crime against the backdrop of wartime Berlin.



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and Guess the Name of the Hare competition to help us raise the funds so do pop in and see how you can support us and St Elizabeth Hospice.

Other Upcoming Events

Coding Club Volunteer Wanted @ Southwold Library. Could you help teach children how to code? Equipment provided (we have laptops and BBC micro:bits) and coding sessions will fit around your availability. If you know about coding then please get in touch.

Southwold Arts Centre & Southwold Library Present: **Southwold Community Cinema** (see advert below)

Kids, Come & Read to Ash the PAT Dog. Thursday 13th March 3.30pm @ Southwold Library.

Southwold Library **Jigsaw Swap Shop.** Come and help yourself to a jigsaw at Southwold Library.

Blyth Poets "The isle is full of voices". A poetry group meeting at Southwold Library. Friday 7th March 2.15-3.30pm. First Friday of every month. All welcome to read or just listen. We invite contributions of original work or well-loved poems.

Mah-jong Group. Friday 14th & 28th March 2.15-4.15pm. 2nd & 4th Friday of the month

Scrabble Club. Thursday 13th March: Second Thursday of Every Month 2.15pm.

Crochet & Craft Club. Every Wednesday 2.15-4pm. £2 each. A friendly group for all crafters as well as those who crochet (to any ability). Hot drinks supplied.

Lego Club! Sundays 12.15-1.00pm. Open to kids (and adults) of all ages. This Spring we're building: Wonderful Wildlife.

Southwold Library Reading Group. This month we are reading: "The Details" by Ia Genberg. Thursday 27th March 6.30pm @ Southwold Library.

Baby Bounce & Tot Rock Southwold Library. Every Sunday & Tuesday 10.30-11.00am.

Realise Futures Walk-In Advice & Guidance. Every Thursday @ Southwold Library, 10-12noon. Contact: Anita Fiddy Service Locality Coordinator (East) Phone: 07598 582955 Email: anita.fiddy@realisefutures.org

Charlotte Clark

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Blyth Valley Rotary



Blyth Valley Rotary host 2024 Christmas Swim Awards

On a beautiful sunny afternoon on the last day of January, Blyth Valley Rotary President Colin Coe had the pleasure of presenting three outstanding charities with cheques from the record amount of money raised at the Southwold Christmas Day Swim. An amazing 420 swimmers braved the North Sea to take part in this annual fun event and raised a fantastic amount of money for charity. A crowd of over 2500 people also got up early to witness proceedings. A brilliant effort and much appreciated by all involved.

Representatives from the R.N.L.I and the Sole Bay Care Fund were there to receive cheques for £3200 each.

Also present was Reuben Digby and his family. Reuben was there to receive a cheque for the same amount on behalf of the Little Princess Trust. The amount, when added to the £1200 that Reuben aged 6 had raised himself, (not to mention the hair he donated), will provide more than enough to make 6 real hair wigs for children undergoing chemotherapy.

Colin finally thanked 'Stay in Suffolk' for sponsoring the event and Southwold Sailing Club for hosting the awards.

Blyth Valley St Felix Rotakids off to a flying start!

At the beginning of February, RotaKids President Hugo Spalding chaired his first meeting of the newest RotaKids club in East Anglia. 2 Blyth Valley Rotary members, Alan Hardwick and Colin Coe, were present to help guide the meeting and help with project ideas. The members were very enthusiastic and soon offering ideas for fundraising.

With a little bit of research and keen to help the environment, it was decided that they would like to

recycle old library books for the project 'Children's Book Project' <https://childrensbookproject.co.uk/>

Ten days later Blyth Valley St Felix RotaKids along with President Colin Coe and Rotarians Chris Caswell, Ronnie Carter and Alan Hardwick, boxed, bagged and crated up the contents of their library (over 1000 books!) which is due for refurbishment.

The books were then taken to the nearest collection hub, Winkworth Estate Agents in Southwold, where the staff helped to unload the van for the books to be collected by the charity.

Our thanks go to Mrs Nicola Fisher at St. Felix School, the staff at Winkworth Estate Agents and course the Rotakids.

Well done everybody at St Felix! Your excellent project will mean that these books will continue to be read and enjoyed by many more children both in this country and possibly abroad.



Please Note: the AGM will takeplace at 1.45pm prior to this meeting

The Arts Society Southwold invites you to a lecture on Tuesday, March 11th at 2pm in Southwold Arts Centre, St Edmund's Hall

RODIN SCULPTURE
David Worthington



Rodin is one of the heroic figures of 19th century art history and was internationally celebrated during his lifetime. After his death, his reputation slipped and there were questions about his use of the female image. Now that is very much being reassessed. This lecture surveys his work showing why he is one of the greatest sculptors ever, looking at his work in relationship to 19th century sculpture as well as assessing his continuing relevance

David Worthington has been drawn to abstract sculpture since seeing a Barbara Hepworth in a school history book aged 10. He graduated from Oxford University in 1984 with a degree in Philosophy and Theology, then studied fine art in London, Barcelona and New York. He is a Fellow of The Royal Society of Sculptors and has carried out public commissions in the UK, America and Japan. He has had solo shows at the Lefevre Gallery, Sladers Yard, Horatio's Garden, the William Bennington Gallery, the Glyndebourne Festival Opera and at the Lightbox Gallery Museum, Woking.

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VHC Curry Night

Friday 14th March

Dinner served at 7.00pm

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Chicken curry with Yellow rice with spices.
or
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or
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 the imperturbable waders patrol the mere,
 teal and pochard and wigeon,
 their colours sharp in my binoculars.
 What to make of these scenes? What symbols, what
 glib metaphors?
 A moment of light in a darkening world?
 No, let them just be,
 the birds,
 the towsy fields,
 the pewter sea.

Alan McLean
 Southwold, 1.ii.25

MARCH TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Mars, the Roman god of War, 2. Aquamarine and bloodstone, 3. Daffodils, 4. The worm moon, 5. Pisces and Aries, 6. November, 7. June, 8. Fall/Autumn, 9. True, 10. Paying off debts, 11. If the weather is roaring at the beginning of the month, it will be calm by the end of it, 12. June, 13. May, 14. On the second Sunday of the month, 15. Lose an hour, 16. The date is determined by the first full moon, following the spring equinox. Easter occurs on the first Sunday following this event.



Southwold Town Council

Monday 10th March 2025
at 9.50am
at Gun Hill, Southwold

The Town Mayor, Cllr Simon Flunder will be reading messages from His Majesty The King, Head of the Commonwealth, and the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations followed by the Commonwealth Affirmation, prior to the raising of the flag at 10am.

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Sun 9th Mar at 6.00pm
Wed 12th Mar at 7.15pm

A COMPLETE UNKNOWN 15

Thurs 13th Mar at 7.00pm

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Wed 19th Mar at 3.00pm

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Wed 19th Mar at 7.00pm
Sun 23rd Mar at 3.00pm

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Wed 26th Mar at 7.15pm

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Wed 26th & Sun 30th Mar at 3.00pm

TWIGGY 12A

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Tues 1st Apr at 3.00pm & 7.15pm
Wed 2nd Apr at 7.15pm

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